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## 2020 CENSUS

# Canton surpasses Livonia in latest data

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Lyon Township deserves a star on local census maps highlighting notable population surges.

The Oakland County community totaled 23,271 residents in the 2020 decennial count, which was 60% more

than the township count in 2010.

"All you need to do is drive around and you can see the building boom," said Sheri Rogge, a township resident for about 20 years.

If she had any concerns to air, they would include the number of dirt roads and the need for a bigger Lyon Township Public Library, where she serves as a

board trustee.

Otherwise, she loves being close to the highway and recreational facilities like Kensington Metropark.

On the other end of the spectrum, Livonia and Highland Township were the only Hometown Life communities that lost population in the 10-year, 2010 to 2020 span.

Kurt Metzger, a demographer, business consultant and Pleasant Ridge mayor, said Livonia is governed by its demographics — with a noticeable segment being white and older. He advised community leaders to focus on ways to attract younger families, particularly

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Dairy King employee Hannah Hestor pulls a cup of soft ice cream at the Plymouth shop. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Downtown Plymouth road work will take months

Ed Wright [Hometownlife.com](http://Hometownlife.com)  
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The "no pain, no gain" reality of road construction will create up to three months of inconvenience-coated pain for business owners and regular travelers of downtown Plymouth's Harvey Street (between Penniman Avenue and Ann Arbor Trail) beginning this week.

Representatives of Wade Trim, the municipal infrastructure firm overseeing the reconstruction of Harvey Street and underground water main replacement, and the city of Plymouth released details of the project during an outdoor informational meeting Aug. 10.

"The hope is that the project is completed by the end of October or early

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## After going to court, plasma donation center to open in Westland

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A consent judgement reached in Wayne County Circuit Court will result in a plasma donation center locating in Westland after originally being denied by the city.

After the city rejected a petition for Octapharma to locate in the former Rite Aid building on the southeast corner of Wayne and Ford roads, the company filed a lawsuit. After heading to court, the two sides reached a consent judgement earlier this spring, which

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## Take our ice cream stand tour

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The dog days of summer are here. But that doesn't mean the warm weather activities has to end, right?

Before grabbing that pumpkin spice latte and putting on that hoodie, enjoy the last remnants of summer, arguably one of Michigan's best qualities.

How best to do that? Ice cream.

There's something magical about getting ice cream, no matter where you

are. Perhaps it's the memories of childhood or just how it makes you feel after a long, hot day.

It's no different in our communities. Deciding it was important to celebrate this wholesome summer activity, I went on a tour of some of the area's most iconic ice cream stands to sample their wares.

My criteria was simple: I stopped by a stand in each of the areas Hometown Life covers in both Wayne and Oakland counties. I aimed to visit shops/stands

that just sold ice cream (though that rule had to be broken for one location; I'll explain why then). And while there's plenty of options such as Dairy Queen, Coldstone Creamery and other national companies with shops in our area, I opted to avoid them for more local names.

The smaller shops tend to have nostalgia, so I tried to stay as local as possible.

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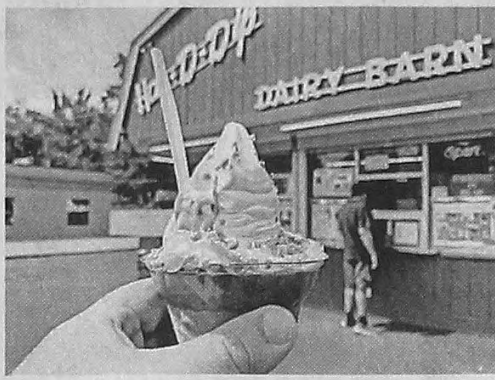


# Ice cream

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Without further ado, here's the Hometown Life summer ice cream tour:

## Wayne County



**A peanut butter sundae from Hand-D-Dip Dairy Barn in Livonia.**

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## Livonia

**Han-D-Dip Dairy Barn, 32624 Five Mile**

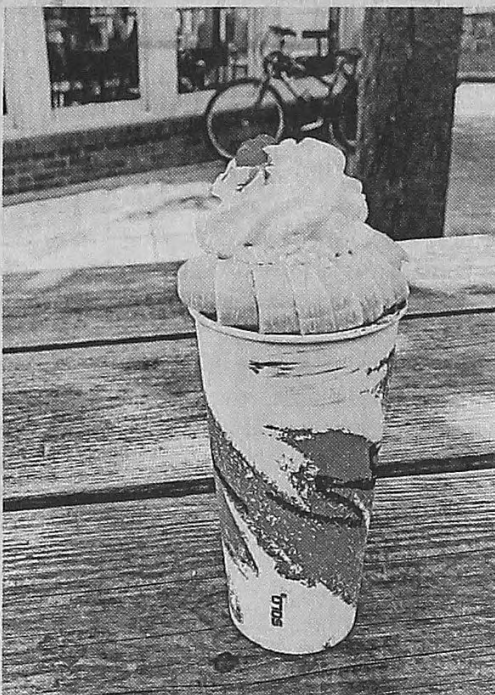
**Visited:** Aug. 5

**Purchased:** Peanut butter sundae with whipped cream and nuts

Few things mark the beginning of summer each year in Livonia like the opening of the Han-D-Dip Dairy Barn.

It's as classic a hometown ice cream stand as it could be: it's shaped like a barn with plenty of signage in the window advertising the available goodies. Opting for something a little different, I went with a small peanut butter sundae, topped with whipped cream and nuts. It was everything I could have asked for when it came to a sundae, and had a great price tag on it as well. It's also got many of the standards of an ice cream stand, including cones, flurries, slushes, banana splits, you name it.

The highlight of Hand-D-Dip, though, is its charm. It's got plenty of character, from the trash cans painted to look like ice cream cones to the written-out lyrics of a modified "Old McDonald had a Farm" about the stand in a side window. There's ample seating available, though it's probably best to try and walk or bike to the stand, given the size of the parking lot. A gem of Livonia indeed and worth a visit before the leaves begin to change color.



**A banana split cup from Dairy King in Plymouth.**

## Plymouth

**Dairy King, 232 S. Main**  
**Visited:** July 20.

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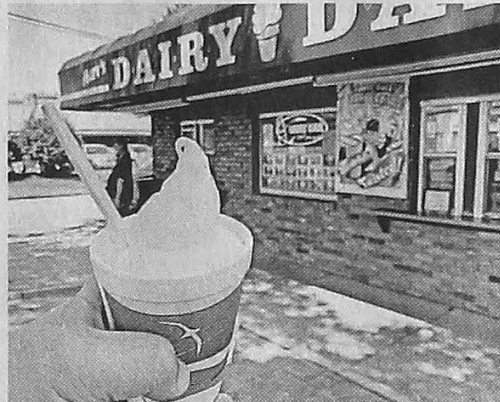
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**Purchased:** Banana split cup, made with banana, ice cream, chocolate sauce, pineapple, etc.

Dairy King makes it easy for newcomers to get acquainted with its products: there's space both inside and outside with a window right along Main Street. The menu board is diverse, with both soft serve and hand scooped ice cream, which comes from nearby Guernsey Dairy. There's the usual suspects, including flurries, shakes and malts, but I went with a converted classic easy for sharing: the banana split cup, a smaller version of the classic treat. This came with soft serve and chocolate sauce, along with strawberry and pineapple toppings layers deep in the cup. Top it with whipped cream, sliced banana and a cherry and you're in for a classic American experience that's not quite as heavy as the full thing.

As good as the ice cream was, the best thing about the shop was what I noticed when I left. To help mark off space for social distancing outside, painted orange lines wrapped around the building. On those lines were sayings fitting for a world where COVID-19 is still a reality. My favorite one: "Forms of payment: cash, credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay & toilet paper." Classic.



**A cup of lime Dole Whip at Marv's Dairy Dan in Westland.**

## Westland

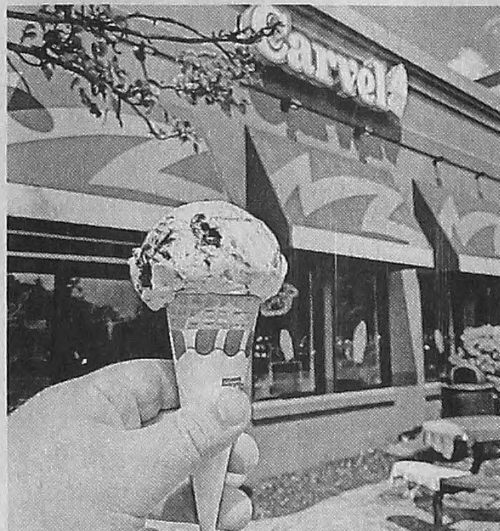
**Marv's Dairy Dan, 6950 N. Wayne**  
**Visited:** July 22.

**Purchased:** Cup of lime Dole Whip  
Dairy Dan is a popular name in Westland: the western Wayne County community boasts two ice cream stands that don the name. I decided to head to Marv's Dairy Dan, located at 6950 N. Wayne Road in the city's Shop and Dine district.

This space is a popular hangout: in addition to several vehicles wrapped around the parking lot hitting up the drive-thru, people of all ages and backgrounds walked up to the window when I visited one weekday afternoon, which also included three on-duty Westland police officers looking for an afternoon snack.

While there's many of the usual suspects on the menu for a stand like this, several differences stood out. That included some creative names for sundaes, such as Goldmine (a sundae with hot fudge, peanut butter and brownies) and Cookie Dough Monster (a sundae served in a cup that resembles a trash can, cookie dough bites and a candy face). After a few visits elsewhere that involved chocolate, it was time for something a little lighter and different: lime Dole Whip.

For those who haven't had Dole Whip, it's a dairy-free soft-serve that's made with fruit. Pineapple is the most-known flavor, but there are others as well. Marv's Dairy Dan recently posted about the lime Dole Whip on its Facebook page, and it sounded like the perfect escape. It's light, it's fruity and it's great for a hot summer day.



**A scoop of cookies and cream ice cream from Carvel in Canton.**

## Canton

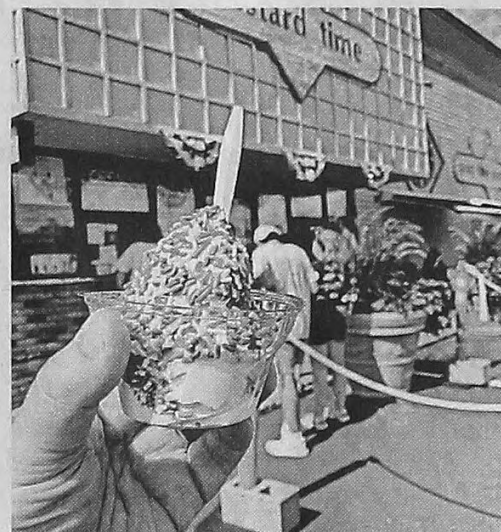
**Carvel, 41990 Ford Road**  
**Visited:** Aug. 3.

**Purchased:** cookies and cream hard ice cream in a sugar cone

In searching Canton, I could not find a shop dedicated to just selling ice cream that wasn't part of a larger chain. So I decided I'd bend my rules and visit Carvel, which runs several ice cream spots across the country but just one in Michigan, this one along Ford Road.

Despite its name as a national chain, I felt more of a small-town feel when I walked into the parlor. Yes, it's attached to a Buffalo Wild Wings, but once inside, it feels like any other small-town ice cream shop. And considering it's been in the Canton community for years, it felt like a natural fit.

Carvel offers both soft serve custard and hand-scooped ice cream, as well as novelties such as sundaes and their Flying Saucer, an ice cream sandwich made with cookies. Opting for a cookies and cream cone, it tasted a bit thicker than ice cream you'd find elsewhere, which was a plus. I sat down on a bench outside the shop where there were several benches and enjoyed the cone. For those looking to avoid hot or inclement weather, there was plenty of seats inside as well.



**A vanilla frozen custard topped with sprinkles from Custard Time in Northville.**

## Northville

**Custard Time, 547 W. Seven Mile**  
**Visited:** Aug. 2.

**Purchased:** Small vanilla custard with sprinkles in a cup.

Custard? Ice cream? What's the difference? Apparently a lot, especially in the flavor department.

A quick search indicates custard is made with egg yolk and tends to have less air in the mix, leading to a denser, richer, creamier product. All those were true when I sampled Custard Time's vanilla custard.

Opting for the standard cup with sprinkles, this was a treat well worth the few dollars paid for it. You can enjoy your treats right at the stand, which has several benches and tables near the stand, which is connected to a small strip mall just west of Northville Road. If custard isn't your thing, there are plenty of other options on the menu you'd expect to see at a stand like this, including flurries, sundaes and slushes, to name a few. Be sure to give yourself time when visiting, especially during peak hours: there's quite a queue set up for those looking to line up for a cool summer treat.

## Oakland County



**An Oreo brown flurry from Silver Dairy in Farmington.**

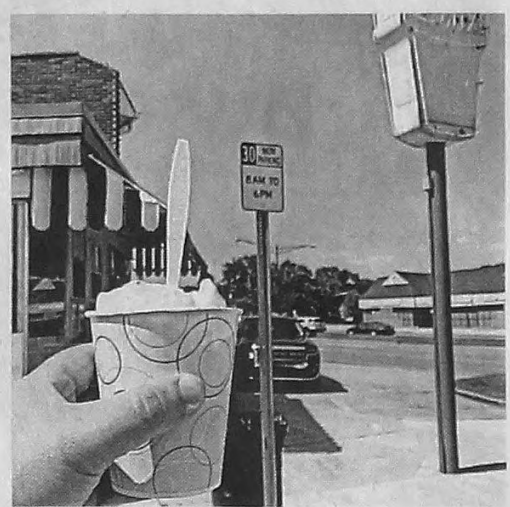
## Farmington

**Silver Dairy, 32323 Grand River**  
**Visited:** July 19

**Purchased:** Oreo brownie flurry  
Silver Dairy is nothing short of your classic ice cream stand, but with a small twist: it has a drive-thru, perfect for those days you want something to go, or if it's raining.

It's got several tables and chairs at its stand at 32323 Grand River on the outskirts of downtown Farmington. Around since 1949, the stand has gone thoroughly modern: in addition to the drive-thru, there's also a QR code on the side of the building to access the shop's menu on a smartphone.

The item of choice this visit was a flurry, blended with Oreo and brownie pieces. It tasted exactly how I expected it would: it blended the soft serve well with plenty of Oreo and brownie chunks.



**A cherry pop tart flurry from Dairy Deluxe in Birmingham.**

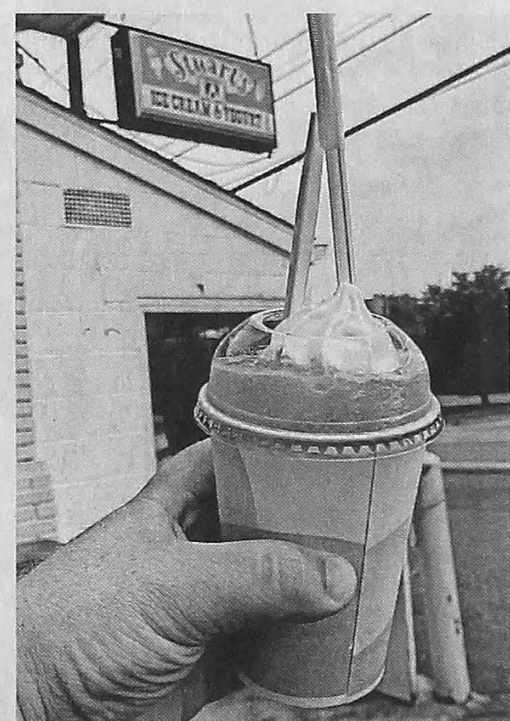
## Birmingham

**Dairy Deluxe, 33201 Woodward**  
**Visited:** July 26

**Purchased:** Cherry Pop Tart flurry  
The sign on the side of Dairy Deluxe simply says "Think ... Memories." That's exactly how I feel when I visited this stand, located on Woodward Avenue just north of 14 Mile in Birmingham. This is the lone ice cream stand on this list I have visited before, though it's been probably close to 20 years. I remember my father taking me and my siblings here after visiting our grandfather in Bloomfield Hills many years ago, so this trip provided plenty of nostalgia.

The first thing one notices visiting Dairy Deluxe is the menu. The entire front of the small building is covered with lists of items to select from, a daunting task. Looking for something a little more offbeat, I opted for a flurry made with cherry Pop-Tarts, something I hadn't seen elsewhere, and it lived up to its name.

I took my treat and moseyed over to the most logical place to eat it: a traffic barrier on nearby Bird Avenue, which blocks through traffic along the street. Not sure how long that barrier's been there or why it's there, but it's clear that barrier makes that area a safer place to enjoy a cone, especially since there are not any tables or chairs nearby.



**A watermelon slushy with vanilla soft serve from Stuart's in Novi.**

## Novi

**Stuart's Ice Cream & Yogurt, 41390 W. 10 Mile**

**Visited:** July 27

**Purchased:** Watermelon slushy with vanilla soft serve

It might be because the stand is covered, but this ice cream place has always intrigued me whenever I drive by. Perhaps it's the green-and-yellow color scheme that draws my eyes, but I was excited to stop by this shop at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook in Novi.

Stuart's is just the latest name for this stand, which has existed for several decades. Formerly Cone Zone and Twist & Shake, Stuart's is named after a Boston terrier adopted by the owners of the stand. The ordering window is enclosed, allowing you to stay out of the elements. There's plenty to pick from, including shakes, malts, flurries, the usual suspects.

Like several other stands, the menu is vast. Displayed on electronic boards inside, it makes it easy for them to change the items, and for a visitor like me looking at the "most popular" section was exactly what was needed. Craving something different, I went with a watermelon slush with some vanilla soft serve in the middle, a fascinating combination.

Typically soft serve seems all the same, but this version felt a bit firmer and creamier than usual. Couple it with watermelon slush and it hit the spot on a warm summer day. Plenty of outdoor seating is available on both the west and east side of the building, though be warned: the intersection can get pretty loud.

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# Wayne, Oakland counties' COVID-19 cases, deaths increase

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New coronavirus cases leaped in Michigan in the week ending Sunday, rising 33.8% as 10,029 cases were reported. The previous week had 7,495 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked 46th 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 20.3% from the week before, with 914,968 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 11% of the country's cases in the last week. Across the country, 46 states had more cases in the latest week than they did in the week before.

Wayne County reported 1,626 cases and 13 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 1,433 cases and 13 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 171,056 cases and 5,229 deaths.

Oakland County reported 1,363 cases and eight deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 1,081 cases and eight deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 122,774 cases and 2,485 deaths.

Within Michigan, the worst weekly outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Delta, Menominee and Branch counties. Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 1,626 cases; Oakland County, with 1,363 cases; and Macomb County, with 847. Weekly case counts rose in 69 counties from the previous week. The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in Kent, Oakland and Wayne counties.

Michigan ranked 31st among states in share of people receiving at least one shot, with 54.2% of its residents at least partially vaccinated. The national rate is

59.7%, 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 78,696 vaccine doses, including 48,830 first doses. In the previous week, the state administered 78,865 vaccine doses, including 52,231 first doses. In all, Michigan reported it has administered 9,971,999 total doses.

Across Michigan, cases fell in 11 counties, with the best declines in Branch, Alpena and Marquette counties.

In Michigan, 63 people were reported dead of COVID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 33 people were reported dead.

A total of 1,028,630 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and 21,284 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the United States 36,678,753 people have tested positive and 621,635 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.

USA TODAY analyzed federal hospital data as of Sunday, Aug. 15.

Likely COVID patients admitted in the state:

- Last week: 1,053
- The week before that: 861
- Four weeks ago: 450

Likely COVID patients admitted in the nation:

- Last week: 122,551
- The week before that: 103,585
- Four weeks ago: 52,507

# Detroit Eatz in Farmington closes its doors

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A relative newcomer to the Farmington dining scene is the latest area restaurant to close its doors.

Detroit Eatz, 32704 Grand River, posted on its Facebook page it was shuttering its operations permanently.

"Due to staffing issues, we are permanently closed," the post made Aug. 12 reads.

A sign on the door of the restaurant also indicated it was closed permanently. A message was sent to the restaurant's ownership but was not returned.

The restaurant opened less than two years ago at the site of a former Burger King along Grand River between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. It brought a unique concept to the area: in addition to items like burgers and fries, the restaurant served plenty of deli options. Dubbed a "drel," or drive-thru deli, its ownership looked to carve a unique niche not offered by many other restaurants.

Detroit Eatz is the latest area restaurant to cite employment issues as the reasoning behind its closure. Other area restaurants have closed, including Hector and Jimmy's and Milford House Bar & Grill, both in Milford. Many other restaurants, including independent, chain and fast-food restaurants, have reduced their hours across the region due to a lack of employees.

Closures and reductions in hours have become commonplace across several industries, including restaurants. A recent survey conducted by the Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association indicates 9 in 10 restaurants are understaffed to meet consumer needs.

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# Farmington Hills police investigate shooting death

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Farmington Hills police are investigating a shooting death in the 35000 block of Concord Lane, northeast of 12 Mile and Drake roads.

A 40-year-old man transported to the hospital succumbed to his injuries the morning of Aug. 13.

According to police, they received a 911 call shortly after 4 a.m. The suspects were gone when police arrived at the Concord Lane home.

Paramedics provided some aid to the victim before

he was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Those who talked to police said they saw a SUV with two unknown subjects leaving the area of the shooting before police arrived.

The suspected getaway vehicle is a dark-green 2006 Chevy Trailblazer.

An early investigation indicates this was not a random act. Still, uniformed patrols of the neighborhood are being increased for the time being.

Anyone with information is asked to call the police command desk at 248-871-2610.

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# Patt Kirksey, 'Mrs. Livonia,' dies at 90

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Even though they'd retired from public life, Jack and Patt Kirksey could still be seen at many a city event prior to the pandemic. City leaders continue to talk about the Kirksey family with fondness.

Patt Kirksey, who was Livonia's first lady for 16 years, died Thursday. She was 90 years old.

Local leaders who knew her say she was feisty, caring and incredibly smart.

"There's so much I could say," said Livonia Council Vice President Scott Bahr. "She was a remarkable woman."

Kirksey was an educator in the Livonia Public Schools district for 36 years and a parental counselor. She was a supervising teacher for Livonia schools and ran the "Prep Program" geared toward parenting young children. Her specialty and passion was in early childhood education.

"She was so conscientious about helping young people and educating them," Livonia Councilwoman Laura Toy said. "She was a very open, honest, straightforward person. I admired her so much. She just embraced people, especially young people."

Kirksey also played an integral role in her husband's political success. In 2016, she and her husband were awarded the Livonia First Citizen Award by Hometown Life for their service to the community.

"Patt and Jack were a political team," Toy said. "You never wanted to get on the bad side of either one of them, because they were so skilled at doing various things in politics. Politics was a big part of their life."

The couple had three children, Amy, Matt and Jay, and have a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Bahr and Toy said the couple's adoration for each other was always evident, and Patt was Jack's biggest supporter throughout his years in the public eye.

"They were, without a doubt, Mr. and Mrs. Livonia," Toy said. "They really were, and they always will be. They were a power couple."

Bahr agreed that their marriage was nothing short of inspiring.

"The thing that stands out to me beyond any of the community service is



Mayor Jack Kirksey honors First Lady Patt Kirksey. Patt died Thursday at age 90. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE PHOTOS



Jack (right) and Patt Kirksey following Jack's mayoral loss to Bob Bennett.



Patt Kirksey and her great-grandson Asher Wendt in 2016.

just the total devotion the two of them had to each other," he said. Anybody who spent any time with them saw just a deep and abiding love and a commit-

ment to one another."

Patt is survived by her husband, Jack, as well as their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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# MI residents scramble to get last Walking Liberty Rolls

Once Michigan residents got wind that Michigan State Restricted Bank Rolls filled with Silver Walking Liberties dating back to the early 1900's were being handed over, there was a mad dash to get them. That's because some of these U.S. Gov't issued silver coins are already worth hundreds in collector value.

"It's like a run on the banks. The phones are ringing off the hook. That's because everyone is trying to get them before they're all gone," according to officials at the National Mint and Treasury who say they can barely keep up with all the orders.

In fact, they had to impose a strict limit of 4 Michigan State Restricted Bank Rolls. So, if you get the chance to get your hands on these State Restricted Bank Rolls you better hurry because hundreds of Michigan residents already have and you don't want

to miss out.

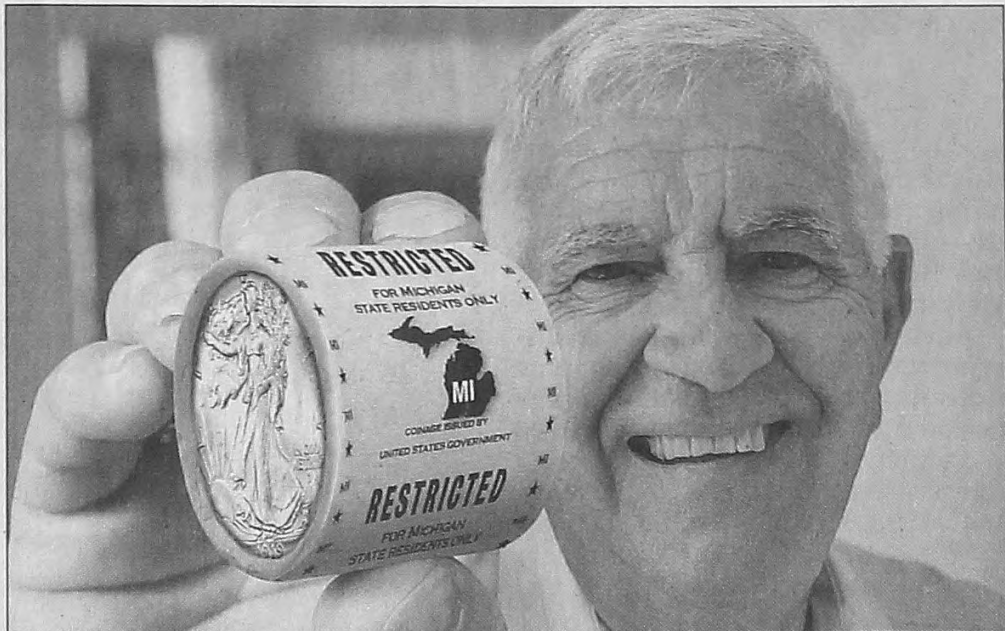
You see, the U.S. Gov't stopped minting these Silver Walking Liberties in 1947 and there can never be any more which makes them extremely collectible.

And here's the best part. The rolls are unsearched so there's no telling how much they could be worth in collector value.

That's why at just the \$39 state minimum per coin set by National Mint and Treasury it's a deal too good to pass up.

But you better hurry because these Michigan State Restricted Bank Rolls are the only ones known to exist and Michigan residents are grabbing them up as fast as they can.

That's because they make amazing gifts for children, grandchildren and loved ones. Just imagine the look on their face when you hand them one of the State Restricted Rolls — they'll tell everyone they know what you did for them.



■ **GOT 'EM:** Residents all across Michigan who get their hands on these State Restricted Silver Walking Liberty Bank Rolls are definitely showing them off. That's because they are the only ones known to exist. And here's the best part, these Bank Rolls are loaded with U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberty coins some dating back to the early 1900's and worth up to 100 times their face value so everyone wants them.

## Last State Restricted Silver Walking Liberty Bank Rolls go to Michigan residents

Michigan residents get first dibs on last remaining Bank Rolls loaded with U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberties dating back to the early 1900's some worth up to 100 times their face value for the next 2 days

► **STATE DISTRIBUTION:** A strict limit of 4 State Restricted Bank Rolls per MI resident has been imposed

"It's a miracle these State Restricted Bank Rolls even exist. That's why Hotline Operators are bracing for the flood of calls," said Laura Lynne, U.S. Coin and Currency Director for the National Mint and Treasury.

For the next 2 days the last remaining State of Michigan Restricted Bank Rolls loaded with rarely seen U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberties are actually being handed over to Michigan residents who call the State Toll-Free Hotlines listed in today's newspaper publication.

"I recently spoke with a numismatic expert in United States of America coins and currency who said 'In all my years as a numismatist I've only ever seen a handful of these rarely seen Silver Walking Liberties issued by the U.S. Gov't back in the early 1900's. But to actually find them sealed away in State Restricted Bank Rolls still in pristine condition is like finding buried treasure. So anyone lucky enough to get their hands on these Bank Rolls had better hold on to them,'" Lynne said.

"Now that the State of Michigan Restricted Bank Rolls are being offered up we won't be surprised if thousands of Michigan residents claim the maximum limit allowed of 4 Bank Rolls per resident before they're all gone," said Lynne.

"That's because after the Bank Rolls were loaded with 15 rarely seen Silver Walking Liberties, each verified to meet a minimum collector grade of very good or above, the dates and mint marks of the U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars sealed away inside the State of Michigan Restricted Bank Rolls have never been searched. But, we do know that some of these coins date clear back to the early 1900's and are worth up to 100 times their face value, so there is no telling what Michigan residents will find until they sort through all the coins," Lynne went on to say.

And here's the best part. If you are a resident of the state of Michigan you cover only the \$39 per coin state minimum set by the National Mint and Treasury, that's fifteen rarely seen U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberties worth up to 100 times their face value for just \$585 which is a real steal because non state residents must pay \$118 per coin which totals \$1,770 if any coins remain after the 2-day deadline.

The only thing Michigan residents need to do is call the State Toll-Free Hotlines printed in today's newspaper publication before the 2-day order deadline ends.

"Rarely seen U.S. Gov't issued silver coins like these are highly sought after, but we've never seen anything like this before. According to The Official Red Book, a Guide Book of United States Coins many Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars are now worth \$40 - \$825 each in collector value," Lynne said.

"We're guessing thousands of Michigan residents will be taking the maximum limit of 4 Bank Rolls because they make such amazing gifts for any occasion for children, parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones," Lynne continued.

"We know the phones will be ringing off the hook. That's why hundreds of Hotline Operators are standing by to answer the phones beginning at 8:30 am this morning. We're going to do our best, but with just 2 days to answer all the calls it won't be easy. So make sure to tell everyone to keep calling if all lines are busy. We'll do our best to answer them all," Lynne said.

The only thing readers of today's newspaper publication need to do is make sure they are a resident of the state of Michigan and call the National Toll-Free Hotlines before the 2-day deadline ends midnight tomorrow. ■

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### HOW TO CLAIM THE LAST STATE RESTRICTED BANK ROLLS

If you are a Michigan State Resident read the important information below about claiming the State Silver Bank Rolls, then call the State Toll-Free Hotline at 8:30 am: **1-800-979-3771 EXT: RWB1646**

**Are these Silver Walking Liberties worth more than other half dollars:**

Yes. These U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberties were minted in the early 1900's and will never be minted again. That makes them extremely collectible. The vast majority of half dollars minted after 1970 have no silver content at all and these Walking Liberties were one of the last silver coins minted for circulation. That's why many of them now command hundreds in collector value so there's no telling how much they could be worth in collector value someday.

**How much are State Restricted Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls worth:**

It's impossible to say, but some of these U.S. Gov't issued Walking Liberties dating back to the early 1900's are worth up to 100 times the face value and there are 15 in each Bank Roll so you better hurry if you want to get your hands on them. Collector values always fluctuate and there are never any guarantees. But we do know they are the only Michigan State Silver Bank Rolls known to exist and Walking Liberties are highly collectible so anyone lucky enough to get their hands on these Silver Bank Rolls should hold onto them because there's no telling how much they could be worth in collector value someday.

**Why are so many Michigan residents claiming them:**

Because they are the only State Restricted Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls known to exist and everyone wants their share. Each Bank Roll contains a whopping 15 Silver Walking Liberties dating back to the early 1900's some worth up to 100 times their face value. Best of all Michigan residents are guaranteed to get them for the state minimum set by the National Mint and Treasury of just \$39 per Silver Walking Liberty for the next two days.

**How do I get the State Restricted Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls:**

Michigan residents are authorized to claim up to the limit of 4 State Restricted Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls by calling the State Toll Free Hotline at **1-800-979-3771 Ext. RWB1646** starting at precisely 8:30 am this morning. Everyone who does is getting the only State Restricted Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls known to exist. That's a full Bank Roll containing 15 Silver Walking Liberties from the early 1900's some worth up to 100 times their face value for just the state minimum set by the National Mint and Treasury of just \$39 per Silver Walking Liberty, which is just \$585 for the full Bank Rolls and that's a real steal because non state residents are not permitted to call before 5 pm tomorrow and must pay \$1,770 for each Michigan State Restricted Walking Liberty Silver Bank Roll if any remain.



# Grieving children learn coping skills at camp

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For two gloriously sunny days last month, 77 grieving children ages 5-13 learned how to reduce the heart-wrenching weight of losing a loved one during the third annual "Grief Is Messy" day camp hosted by Northville-based New Hope Center For Grief Support at Maybury Farm.

Attendees — all of whom had experienced the death of a loved one, some as recently as three months earlier — participated in specially-designed games and activities (one involving an obstacle course, five-pound sacks of potatoes and backpacks stuffed with marshmallows) that organizers designed to help ease the burdens that accompany unimaginable grief.

"The camp is designed to help the children learn how to better understand grief, learn healthy coping skills and start to grow in their grief journey," explained New Hope Executive Director Jennifer Frush. "As the day goes on, the kids become more receptive to the activities. There are a few tears shed, but tears are a sign of healing."

"Most of the kids have lost someone close to them within the past three to four years, some within the last three or four months. What's nice is that someone who lost a parent three months ago can talk to someone who lost a parent two years ago and the one who suffered loss two years ago can help the other realize that it does get better."

According to the Childhood Bereavement Estimation Model, one in 12 children in Michigan 18 or younger will experience the death of a parent or sibling.

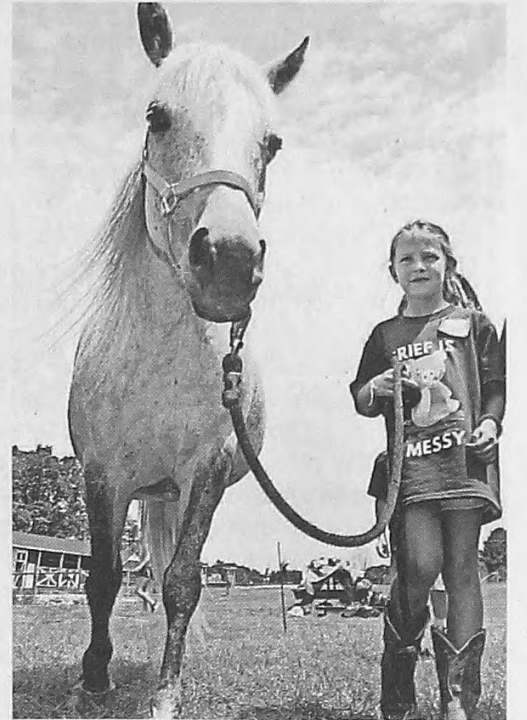
"The majority of the kids at this year's camp lost a parent, some from COVID-19," said Frush. "When you look at the statistics, there are, on average, two kids in every school classroom that are experiencing a loss, so it's becoming a bigger concern. Our No. 1 goal is to make sure they know they are not alone."

Camp activities were creative and educational at the same time.

"We have an obstacle course that the kids run through: the first time with a five-pound sack of potatoes on their back and the second time with a back-



Campers exit the barn during the New Hope Center for Grief Support Kids Camp on July 22 at Maybury Farm in Northville. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Miley Kirby leads a pony around an enclosure during the day camp.

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Jennifer Frush  
New Hope Executive Director

pack filled with marshmallows," Frush said.

"When they carry the potatoes — which represent the grief-related burdens that bring us down — it's heavy, awkward and challenging. Carrying the marshmallows was way easier. We want to teach them how to take the heavy burdens that come with grief and make them marshmallows."

The farm's animals play a significant role in the camp. One activity allows campers to share space with animals who have suffered loss.

"We talk about how animals grieve and through their grief they manage to

remain resilient, move forward and even thrive on the farm," Frush said. "The kids get to touch and hold the animals, something that gives them a special connection."

Seventeen-year-old Mallory Kirby attended her first "Grief Is Messy" camp three years ago, just months after her mother's sudden death. Kirby, a former resident of Livonia who is entering her senior year at Howell High School, served as a counselor at this year's gathering.

"This camp has been a life-changer for me," Kirby said. "It brings so many people together who have lost someone so important to them. It's an incredible experience because I never imagined there were so many kids going through the same horrible thing as I was."

As a counselor, Kirby said she gained the most satisfaction from simple conversations with campers.

"I don't ask them too much, because I realize from my own experience how sensitive the topic is," she said. "Everybody reacts to it differently. When I was sitting in a wagon with a few kids and asked them what makes them feel better, it was cool to hear them start to tell stories about the loved ones they lost."

"It's sad to see how young some of the children are who have to go through the same thing I did at a slightly older age (Kirby was 14 when her mom died), but at the same time it's gratifying to know I'm there to help."

Among the 40 volunteers at the camp was Northville Township Public Safety Officer Andrew Domzalski, a two-year veteran of the camp.

"For me, volunteering at this camp is the most gratifying experience ever," Domzalski said. "Having gone through loss myself, I understand grief is a very serious issue and never easy to overcome."

"When you have phenomenal resources like New Hope to help kids, it makes it that much easier to work through the grieving process and move forward with their lives."

David Kirby, Mallory's younger brother, summed up the purpose of the camp perfectly.

"I feel like I'm not alone when I come here," the seventh-grader-to-be said. "I can hang out with kids who know what I'm going through. It's just a good time."

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## Stone Temple Pilots will headline Arts, Beats & Eats, set for Labor Day weekend

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DETROIT — Arts, Beats & Eats has landed the biggest music act in its 23-year-history, booking Stone Temple Pilots to headline the 2021 festival's opening night.

The veteran rock band is one of 200-plus national and local performers announced for the Labor Day weekend fest in Royal Oak, officially named Soaring Eagle Arts, Beats & Eats Presented by Flagstar Bank.

STP will top a Sept. 3 national stage lineup that also features Canadian classic rock band The Guess Who and Detroit soul-blues mainstay Thornetta Davis.

Other main stage performers for the weekend include pop-rock quartet Neon Trees and Starship Sept. 4, with R&B singer Bobby Brown and '90s hitmaker the Gin Blossoms to close the fest Sept. 6. The fest's Sunday headliner hasn't been set, but the day will include appearances by country acts Justin Moore and Frank Ray.

Stone Temple Pilots' latest lineup features Michigan-bred Jeff Gutt on vocals, alongside founding members Dean DeLeo, Robert DeLeo and Eric Kretz.

Gutt — a Marine City native and "X Factor" alum who performed solo at the 2014 Arts, Beats & Eats — was named STP lead singer in 2017, following the deaths of Scott Weiland and Chester Bennington.

On the local front, AB&E will feature its typical genre-spanning array of metro Detroit bands and solo acts playing on seven stages, along with a stage devoted to children's entertainment.

A "Performance Pit" area hosted by new cannabis sponsor House of Dank will include an assortment of local acts, including nighttime DJs presented by the Movement festival.

At a Wednesday news media event revealing festivals details, officials said they have increased payments to local musicians by 10% — one year after many performed for free as part of AB&E's virtual event during the pandemic.

Arts, Beats & Eat also revealed its



Arts, Beats & Eats returns to Royal Oak on Sept. 3. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

2021 food details, including the 50-plus restaurants participating in the event. Newcomers include Mexican cantina Tequila Blue and fine-dining establishment ImaginATE. Additional eateries are expected to be named.

The festival previously announced it is eliminating its longtime ticketing system for food and beverage purchases, moving to pay-as-you-go for all concessions.

Beaumont Health has signed as sponsor of AB&E's juried arts show, which will feature more than 100 artists and craftsmen working in a variety of media.

Arts, Beats & Eats admission prices will jump to \$10 and \$5 for most of the weekend — up from \$3-\$7 in 2019.

Fest-goers can get in free before 5 p.m. on Sept. 3's opening day, which means early arrivers can catch Stone Temple Pilots for free that night. Admission is \$10 after 5 p.m. that day.

For the rest of the weekend, admission is \$5 before 3 p.m. and \$10 after that.

Patrons who donate three or more canned goods at participating Flagstar Bank locations can receive a coupon for \$5 off admission. The effort is part of AB&E's annual food drive in coordination with Gleaners Community Food Bank.

For full details, including participating restaurants, art-show booths and family activities, go to [artsbeats-eats.com](http://artsbeats-eats.com).

## Police seeking tips after driver forces vehicle off I-275 in Canton

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A female traveling Canton Township's northbound Interstate 275 contacted police alleging another driver slammed their vehicle into hers repeatedly.

Canton Township police said the vehicular assault reportedly happened at about 9:15 p.m. Aug. 7.

According to a report, the female driving a Jeep Grand Cherokee saw a small sedan try to merge from the Michigan Avenue ramp to northbound I-275.

The sedan apparently tried to merge in front of the Grand Cherokee but failed. When it merged behind her vehicle, she said the sedan then rear-ended her twice.

Pulling to the left side of her, she told officers the sedan collided with her front side followed by a collision to her rear, forcing her off the roadway.

She then struck a speed limit sign before coming to rest on a grassy area of the highway's shoulder.

She never saw the driver and told police the other vehicle may have been white.

An eyewitness also contacted police to report that a sedan rear-ended the Jeep, causing it to briefly lose control. He also said that the sedan moved to the Jeep's left and struck the Jeep's driver's side before it left the highway. He thought the sedan was dark in color.

Police confirmed that the incident was considered an attempted assault. The Jeep had two collision points on its rear bumper and a possible collision point on the driver side, plus front-end damage from striking the speed limit sign.

Anyone with information is asked to call Canton Township police, 734-394-5400.

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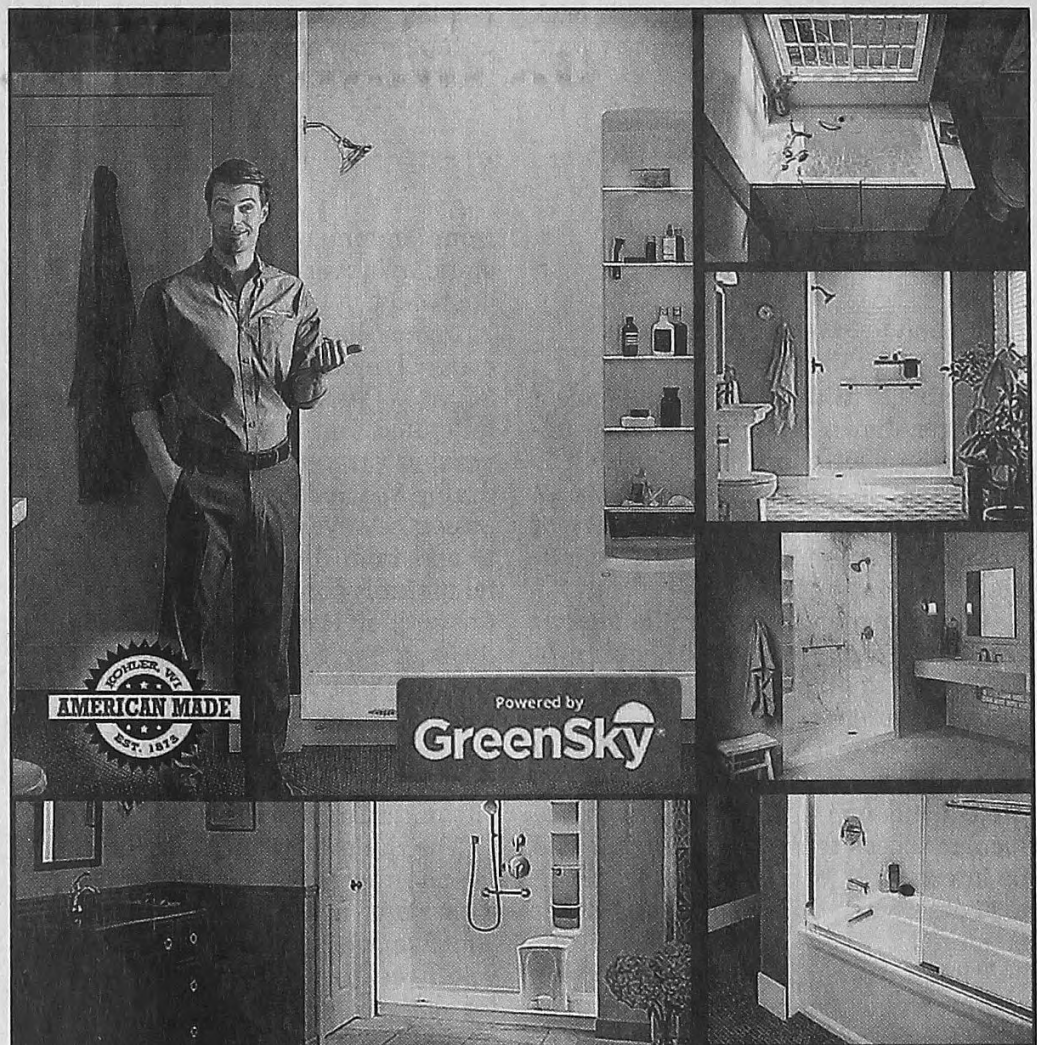
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## Census

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non-white households.

"We expected that we were going to lose residents," Livonia City Council President Kathleen McIntyre said. "You can see it in the demographics of our school-aged children. We have a lot of empty nesters in Livonia, and we don't have a lot of new housing stock."

"We're always, always looking to add residents. We're always looking for places where we can add additional residential, where it makes sense and where it's attractive for a developer to do so. We are never, ever resting on our laurels."

Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan focused on population gains made in recent years.

The U.S. Census Bureau counted about 1,900 more people in 2020 than it did in 2019.

"So there is growth," Brosnan stressed. "We expect this trend to continue. As we begin implementing our community-inspired, resident-driven Livonia Vision 21, I know Livonia will be the place our children want to come home to."

Canton, with 9 percent growth in the decade, passed Livonia, making it the third largest municipality in the county behind Detroit and Dearborn.

Proximity to the highway seemed tied to other big population spurts in western Wayne and Oakland counties.

According to U.S. Census Bureau figures, Novi grew by 20%; Farmington, by 12%; and Birmingham and Canton and Milford townships, by 9%.

"Growth, over the last couple decades, has concentrated around express-

ways — particularly the 696/96 corridor," Metzger said. "The location allows for easier commuting."

"Western townships also offer larger homes and lots with lower property taxes. This works well for larger families — and they also have the choice of very good school districts."

Detroit's loss of at least 10% was more than Metzger expected, but he liked seeing the growth in the "inner ring suburbs" and "usual exurban winners."

Novi's 20% increase surpassed City Manager Peter Auger's expectations.

While attaching many positives to the growth rate, "one that makes me most proud — and obviously the increase in population demonstrates others feel it, too — is Novi's openness and acceptance toward people of various backgrounds and cultures that work to assimilate and be a part of Novi," he said.

Farmington Mayor Sara Bowman called the city's 12% population hike a fantastic representation of the city's encouragement of growth.

"It's very sustainable, the rate that we're at," she said, emphasizing that her city doesn't have the room to grow that Brighton and Howell have. "It's our diverse and affordable housing stock that I think has always been something that's just so beneficial to folks in terms of looking for new places to live but also retention."

"We've done a lot of work over the last 10 years to relax some of our zoning requirements for housing so that folks can move into a house and then be able to build onto it so you don't have to go anywhere else to get that second floor, to get that additional bathroom."

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## Metro Detroit communities growing

	2020 Population	Growth
Lyon Township	23,271	60%
Salem Township	7,018	25%
Novi	66,243	20%
Farmington	11,597	12%
Green Oak Township	19,539	12%
Northville Township	31,758	11%
Canton	98,659	9%
Milford Township	17,090	9%
Birmingham	21,813	9%
Bloomfield Township	44,253	8%
Milford	6,520	6%
Farmington Hills	83,986	5%
South Lyon	11,746	4%
White Lake Township	30,950	3%
Beverly Hills	10,584	3%
Plymouth	9,370	3%
Northville	6,119	2%
Redford	49,504	2%
Westland	85,420	2%
Plymouth Township	27,938	2%
Wayne	17,713	1%
Highland Township	19,172	Loss of less than 1%
Livonia	95,535	-1%
Oakland County	1,274,395	6%
Wayne County	1,793,561	-1%

"All you need to do is drive around and you can see the building boom."

Sheri Rogge, Lyon Township resident

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## Center

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will allow the company to go ahead with plans to open a new center in Westland.

Mohamed Ayoub, the City of Westland's planning director, said the city decided to move forward with the agreement with Octapharma after seeing more of what it planned to do with the building.

"There was a lot of things that came together after the fact that made us back off a little bit," he said. "We didn't want to get into a lawsuit."

The city's planning commission originally recommended denial of the proposed plan to transform the former Rite Aid building — which has been vacant for several years — into a plasma donation center. Issues surrounding the use in that part of town factored into the commission's recommended denial.

The city council voted last September to formally deny the proposal, which led to the lawsuit, filed last fall in the circuit court in downtown Detroit.

Several conditions are spelled out in the consent judgement, obtained via a records request. Among them are that Octapharma must remove the drive-thru canopy of the former pharmacy,

not utilize any outdoor storage lockers and make improvements to the exterior of the building. The company must also join the Westland Chamber of Commerce within a year of opening.

There's no timetable for when the center could open, though crews have been seen in recent weeks working on the building. A request for more information on the development sent to a representative from Octapharma was not returned.

The company operates several plasma donation centers in Michigan, including in Redford Township, Southfield, Ypsilanti, Madison Heights, Pontiac, St. Clair Shores and Kalamazoo. Its

website indicates it runs about 80 clinics nationwide, employing more than 3,500 people.

Ayoub said it's always encouraging to see a company look to locate in Westland, especially given what will be done to the currently-vacant building.

"I think generally speaking that they are going to significantly improve the property," he said. "They are going to bring some, I assume, decently paying jobs. All of those things, in my opinion, are a positive."

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## Road work

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November," said Wade Trim Project Manager Shawn Keough. "But construction is an ever-changing thing that is dependent on the weather and — especially these days — the availability of materials and subcontractors' schedules."

Work on the affected traffic signals will likely carry over to the spring of 2022 due to the availability (or lack thereof) of materials.

Access to residences in the affected area will be maintained throughout the project, Keough assured, although vehicular access to drive approaches will be interrupted for approximately seven to 10 days when the new curb and gutter is poured.

"Notice will be given in advance of interruption so that people can get their cars out of the driveway," Keough added.

Keough emphasized the importance of safety for pedestrians and motorists who are traveling through the construction zone.

"We urge everyone to use caution, whether they are walking, jogging, biking or driving in the area," he said.

The gain part of the project is multi-layered. In addition to the reconstruction of three lanes of Harvey Street from Penniman Avenue to Ann Arbor Trail and the adjacent curbs, a water main that runs beneath the roadway will be replaced and some storm sewer and sanitary sewer sections will be upgraded.

Several aesthetic improvements are also planned, Keough said, including the installation of new mast arm traffic signals and pedestrian crossing signals at both intersections affected, and decorative lighting along the east side of Harvey.

"The city's sanitary system is in very good condition along this stretch," Keough said.

Keough noted the start date could be delayed if an order of road construction signage is not delivered in time.

"Once the signage is set up, we will begin by removing two lanes of Harvey

from Penniman to roughly where I'm standing (near 354 S. Harvey)," Keough said.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok, Plymouth Director of Municipal Services Chris Porman and Keough all reiterated that Plymouth's downtown parking structure will remain open during the reconstruction of Harvey Street; however, the entrance and exit to and from the parking facility may temporarily connect to Ann Arbor Trail (instead of Harvey Street) based on the stages of the construction.

Keough said contractors may have to work on replacing the water main during evenings so that businesses in the area are not affected by water shut-offs during daytime business hours.

The water main enhancements will include the installation of a new 12-inch water main, with 13 new valves and two fire hydrants, ensuring new water services up to the property line for all businesses.

If any lead water services are discovered, residents/businesses will be contacted and Wade Trim will coordinate the installation of a new copper water service at that time, Keough added.

"We're trying to keep as much open as we can, with the emphasis being the safety of people traversing the area during construction," Porman said.

New sidewalks will be constructed on both sides of Harvey to improve Americans With Disabilities Act compliance and for aesthetic reasons.

Downtown Development Authority Director Tony Bruscato explained in an email that the construction project will be similar to one that was completed on Plymouth's Fleet Street several years ago.

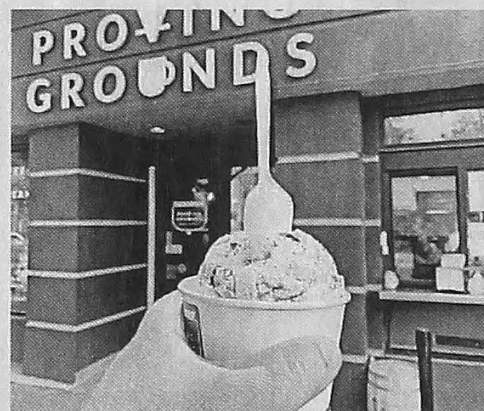
"It will be highly inconvenient at times, but we are working to make it as palatable as possible," Bruscato noted.

A website, [plymouthmi.gov/road-construction](http://plymouthmi.gov/road-construction), has been developed to provide residents and business owners with important updates, traffic patterns and information regarding garbage pick-up and deliveries.

Residents should call the Department of Municipal Services (734-453-7737) if they have specific questions.

## Ice cream

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A single of Browndog Creamery's Salty Dog ice cream from Proving Grounds Coffee & Ice Cream in Milford.

### Milford

**Proving Grounds Coffee and Ice Cream, 369 N. Main St.**

**Visited:** Aug. 4

**Purchased:** Single cup of Browndog Salty Dog

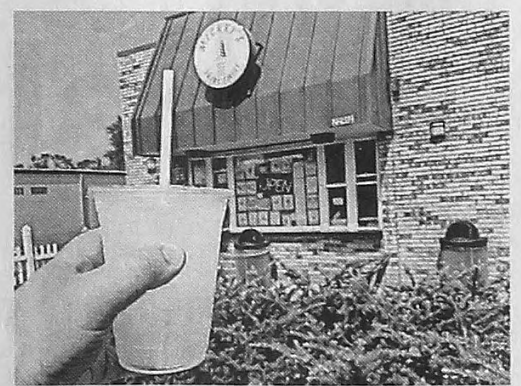
There appears to just be one place in downtown Milford to grab ice cream now after Milford House Bar and Grill closed down earlier this month: Proving Grounds Coffee and Ice Cream.

While there's several spaces in the area serving up ice cream — Press and Scoop and Snack Attack in Highland come to mind — but I opted for the most walkable location. There's a small window outside the shop that serves, and customers can also go inside the shop and order.

It's a small selection but hails from Browndog Creamery, a local company which operates a restaurant in Northville and soon (again) in Farmington. Several flavors were available the day I stopped by the walk-up window and opted for a single cup of Salty Dog, which Browndog claims is its no. 1 seller. It's a salted caramel ice cream made with pecans, brownies, and caramel sauce. It's tasty, but it's a lot to handle, so be prepared.

A single from Proving Grounds was

more than enough, and I struggled to finish it: they're generous with their servings. There are a few tables and benches to sit outside, but honestly, it's almost best to stroll downtown Milford while enjoying the ice cream. There's so much to see and do downtown after easily grabbing a cone or cup at Proving Grounds.



A frozen lemonade from Mickey's Dairy Twist in South Lyon.

### South Lyon

**Mickey's Dairy Twist, 22912 Pontiac Trail**

**Visited:** July 28

**Purchased:** Frozen lemonade

For being a small town, there sure are a lot of places to grab ice cream in South Lyon. There are big names like Dairy Queen and TCBY, and smaller names such as the new Curvin's Family Creamery, which recently opened along Pontiac Trail just south of downtown. But for this visit, I opted for traditional: Mickey's Dairy Twist.

This stand anchors the King Plaza on Pontiac Trail, which contains other shops like Toarina's Pizza and Prefurred Pet Salon. The stand has all the makings of a traditional standalone stand, including plenty of tables to sit down at. As many other stand employees have told me, their popular items include flurries and sundaes. Instead of those, I opted for something I haven't found everywhere: frozen lemonade. It's a perfect, light option for those hot summer days we can expect for another month or so.

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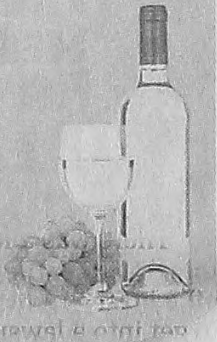
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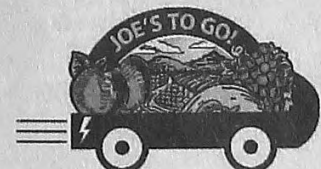
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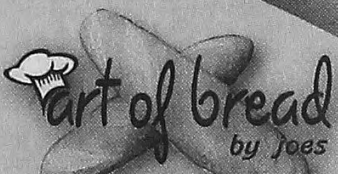
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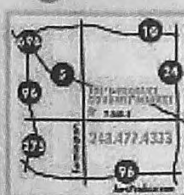
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# SPORTS

## South Lyon wants to continue last season's late run in 2021 campaign

Colin Gay [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The clock is ticking. Two weeks until South Lyon football opens its season against Walled Lake Western. And the defense was feeling the pressure.

Throughout Thursday's late afternoon practice, the Lions offense was giving it fits: the option sweep, the post to the middle, the streak down the sideline. With each missed play, head coach Jeff Henson let his unit know: "0-1. 0-2. 0-3."

As the practice continued, the defense eventually found its rhythm. The quarterback snapped the ball. South Lyon's experienced secondary didn't allow a receiver to get open. The Lions' inexperienced defensive line provided quick pressure, leading to an assistant coach

to call "sack" and Henson to shout an encouraging, "Atta boy D."

This is what South Lyon has been: consistent, on both sides of the ball.

Since 2010, the Lions have been to

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## Young boxer, coach forge mentorship at Livonia gym

Colin Gay [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
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Darnell Baldwin had boxing in his blood. But while his grandfather boxed and his uncle earned a bronze medal in the sport, the Detroit native's personal path was a bit more unique.

Baldwin's father ran a martial arts school. He remembers becoming a conglomerate of everything his father taught: kickboxing, boxing, kung fu. His father wanted his son to be versatile, to use his whole body when fighting.

Baldwin's foundation was not traditional, but it was competitive, something he brings to every sparring session, every round in the boxing ring at the MMA House of Champions on Schoolcraft and Inkster in Livonia - a school that showcases the same variety Baldwin was brought up in.

"Even if you want to come in here and don't want to compete, we still teach you like you're competing," Baldwin said. "I'd rather you have it and be able to use it if you need it than me just trying to teach you commercial. I'm still going to give you something you can use."

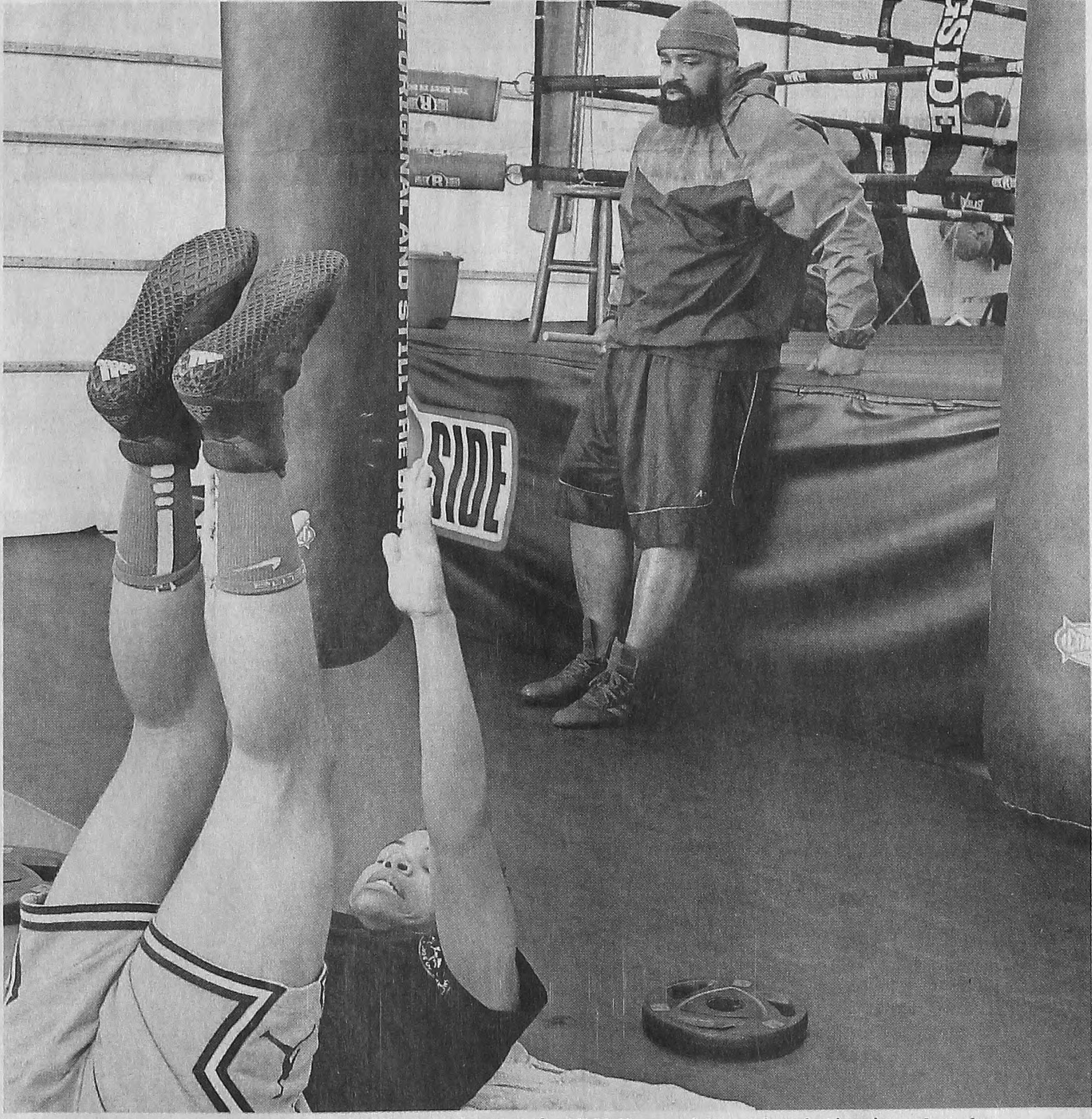
"I learned it as a competitor, I learned it as a fighter, so I have to teach it like that."

Jakari Shepherd is competitive. He's also one of Baldwin's latest projects.

Shepherd remembers meeting his coach at the Crowell Recreation Center in Detroit at 16, dropping the basketball he was using and walking into the boxing gym and falling in love right away.

Now 18, Shepherd's love for the sport has only grown, helped by the simple request of his coach: work. After three fights, that work seems to be showing up as Shepherd has recorded three knockouts, including two at the Detroit Golden Gloves competition to help him earn the Most Outstanding Junior Boxer Award, given to the top novice fighter.

"He's developing good," Baldwin



Trainer Darnell Baldwin, right, works with some students at the MMA House of Champions in Livonia on Aug. 4.

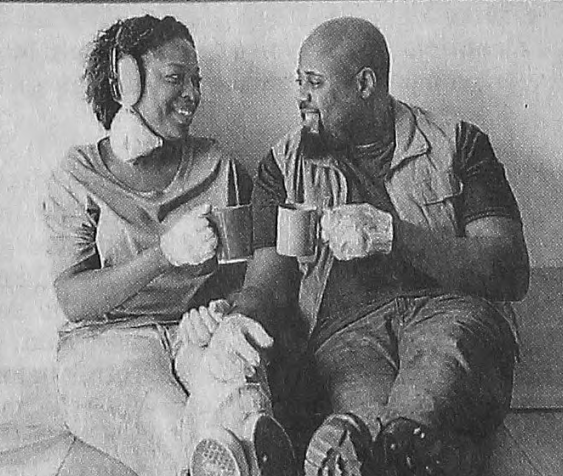
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People practice in the full-sized boxing ring at Mixed Martial Arts Academy in Livonia. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Gym

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said. "He wants to do it. It's easy. He's got talent, but he works hard... And he's still a long way away, but a lot of people see the potential in him."

For the last year-and-a-half, Shepherd's goal is not just to be good or to win a few fights. He wants to be the best. A regional champion, a national champion, an Olympian.

"There's just something in me that makes me want to go harder," Shepherd said. "Nobody else. I want to be the top man."

On the mat, Baldwin says Shepherd is extremely aggressive and strong for his size.

But what sets the 18-year-old apart is his mentality. It's his demeanor. He can't be rattled in the ring.

"He's so calm, one of the calmest people I have been around, and that's kind of shocking," Baldwin said. "It's a good asset: nothing shakes him up. I'm pretty tough on him, and nothing shakes him up."



MMA House of Champions on Schoolcraft and Inkster in Livonia.

Shepherd is motivated, though. After he graduated from high school at Bradford Academy in Southfield, he moved out of his parents' house, took a job with Walmart at Middlebelt and Plymouth

roads and dedicated the rest of his time toward boxing.

The dedication began three years ago. Shepherd's 5-year-old brother died in a car crash, and he just ended up in a

gym. It was his outlet to let off steam.

And when he started training consistently, Shepherd said it's become his home.

"When I first started boxing and got in the ring, (Baldwin had) seen something in me. I seen something in myself, too," Shepherd said. "All these other guys here, I'm halfway better than them and I haven't even been here. Just being in the gym, developing my skills, just progressing."

As a coach, it's not about what Baldwin wants Shepherd to do moving forward. It's about guiding Shepherd along, helping him achieve those next steps to become a renowned boxer.

The coach said Shepherd's already almost there. He just needs the experience. If the 18-year-old remains humble and continues to work, Baldwin feels good things will come.

"I don't have to make him do stuff," Baldwin said. "Do you know how many people get up at 1 o'clock in the morning and run? And he asks me so many questions. If he don't know, he's like, 'What do I have to do for this?'"

"You can look at his eyes, it's real genuine."

## South Lyon

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the playoffs seven times and have finished first in their respective divisions twice: the KLAA Central in 2014 and the LVC in 2018.

But last season, South Lyon didn't end the season on its own terms, forfeiting its district final game against North Farmington due to COVID-19. Henson knew that South Lyon was playing its best football at that point, beating LVC foes Millford and Walled Lake Western for a chance at its first district title since 2004, the year the team advanced to the state semifinals.

"I think we were playing as a true team at that point. I think we were rolling on all cylinders," Henson said.

In 2021, Henson knows he has to start over. Even though he's bringing back eight starters on each side of the ball, he knows that chemistry will not return immediately.

Senior wide receiver and defensive back Quinn Fracassi remembers how that team felt when it was all over in 2020: The Lions were confident. They had swagger.

Now, the players have a chip on their shoulder.

"We couldn't control what happened last year, but now we have an extra chip to show everyone that we're here to be the best and go out and win the district championship this year," Fracassi said.

Offensively, South Lyon has something to build on from 2020.

After taking over for senior quarterback Evan DeFrank two games in, Dawson Skupin came into game as the guy behind center, not throwing his first interception until the Lions' playoff win against the Warriors.



After making a reception, South Lyon's Quinn Fracassi leaps over South Lyon East's Drew Moyer, who had gone for the tackle. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Along with pieces like Fracassi and junior running back Tommy Donovan, South Lyon's offense is looking to improve upon its average of 23 points per game a season ago, eclipsing 30 points only twice.

Fracassi said he and his senior quarterback have already been working, building on the chemistry they started to create a season ago. The receiver said

he's seen drastic improvement from Skupin, from his throws to his ability to dissect coverages.

"It feels like we're already midway through the season with each other," Fracassi said. "We've all played with each other before and just feels normal."

While he may have plenty of skill players on both offense and defense to work with, Henson said South Lyon's

success depends on the development of young linemen, following in the footsteps of Gus Taylor, who anchored both lines as a senior in 2020.

"They have had a really good offseason," Henson said of his linemen, led by senior Tyler O'Connor. "They are physical, tenacious. They are still learning, but at least they have those things that they are not afraid to go after it."

For the Lions' defense, the experience will be opposite what it was in 2020, having a plethora of veterans in the defensive backfield, including senior cornerback Dakota Blackwell, who returned from a team that allowed only 19.5 points per game last year, the lowest since 2014.

Henson has an idea of what he's going to get in 2021. He has experience with many players on his current roster. He just doesn't know how soon it's all going to click, saying last season it didn't happen until four weeks in.

As the first practice neared its end, South Lyon's players lined up in a line. An assistant coach stood at the 30-yard line and Henson blew a whistle. Back-and-forth the players ran, passing the finish line each time.

The Lions don't know when it's all going to click. But during practices, they are aiming for Week 1 against Walled Lake Western.

Fracassi doesn't feel its too much to ask.

"We just have something about us that's like no one can beat us," the senior said. "We have a swagger that no one can touch. We feel we can beat anyone, anywhere. We're just so confident in ourselves and each other."

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# Michigan senate bill is targeting transgenders

Brad Emons Special to Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Canadian soccer player Rebecca Quinn made history in August at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics becoming the first openly transgender and nonbinary athlete not only to medal, but also capture gold.

Quinn's gold comes on the heels of New Zealand weightlifter Laurel Hubbard becoming the first trans athlete to compete in an individual Olympic event.

The 43-year-old Hubbard, who finished last in the over 87-kilogram division in Tokyo, transitioned from a man to a woman in 2012 at age 35 after training and competing in male weightlifting competitions since she was a teenager.

Transgender athletes' inclusion — or in other cases exclusion — has wrought debate, not only globally, but locally. In Michigan, a Brighton state senator introduced legislation that would mandate schools to require students to only compete against those assigned the same biological sex at birth. Michigan is one of more than 20 states that has seen such legislation.

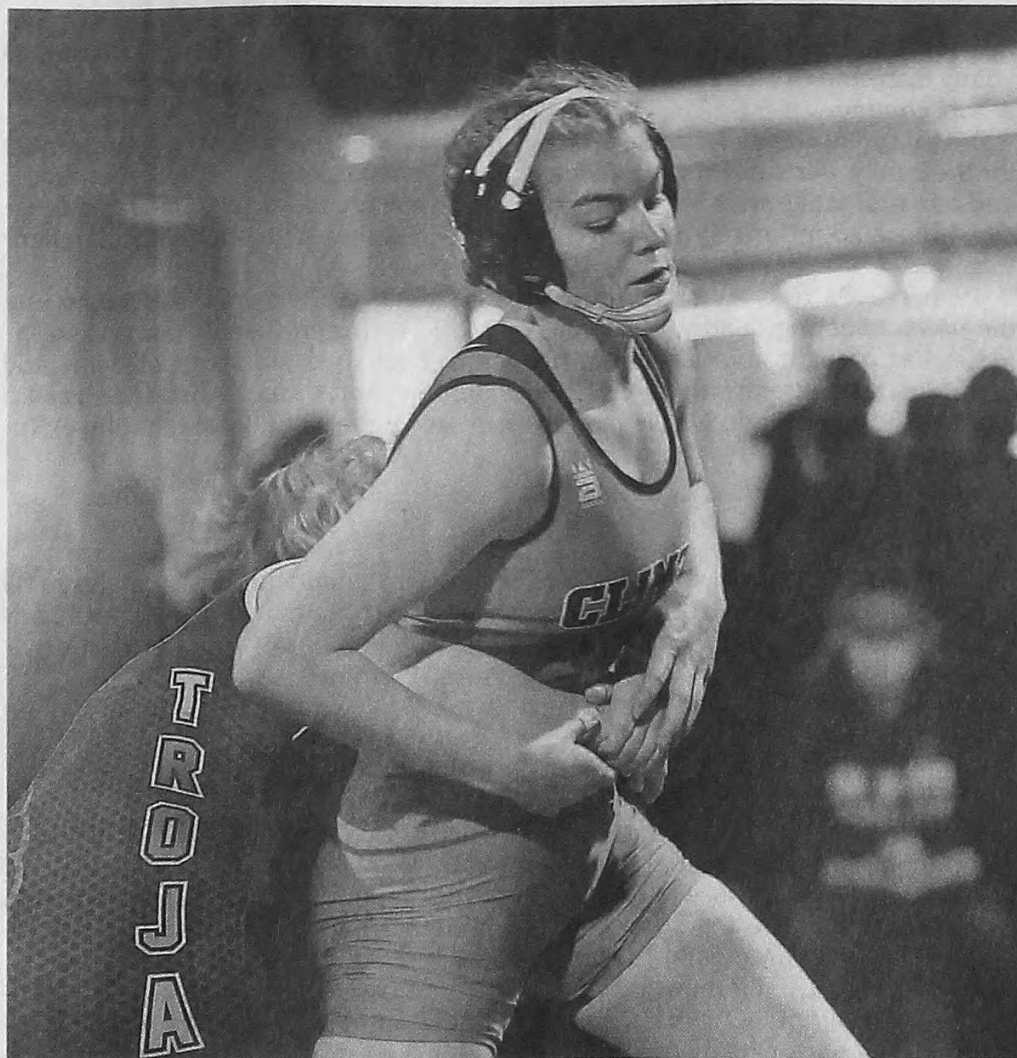
Senate Bill 218, currently sitting in the Education and Career Readiness Committee and introduced by Sen. Lana Theis, has been co-authored by 11 other Michigan Republicans.

The bill would prohibit girls and transgender boys from competing on boys' teams, and boys and transgender girls from competing on girls' teams. However, the Michigan High School Athletic Association, which has a policy to deal with such situations, has called the bill "unnecessary."

The MHSAA currently allows for girls to participate on combined sports teams including football, wrestling, golf, tennis and swimming.

Despite repeated attempts to reach Theis through her administrative staff, she has only issued a statement about her pending legislation through a press statement on her official website.

"As a society, we fought for generations to ensure girls and women, through Title IX, have an equal opportunity to compete in athletics on a level playing field," Theis said. "Sadly, today, identity politics threatens all that was



Taylor Randolph of Clinton escapes from Isabel Worthing of East Jackson in the 138 pound championship match going onto pin her for the win of 2021 Michigan Wrestling Association High School Girls Championship held at Michigan Revolution in Highland. TOM HAWLEY/THE MONROE NEWS

sacrificed and gained. Across our country, biological females are losing opportunities at titles, records, scholarships and, at times, participation itself.

"Something must be done to preserve the legacy of Title IX — a staple of American society. So, very simply, my bill will ensure that, in school sports in Michigan, student athletes will compete against one another according to their biological sex — females against females, and males against males."

It's unclear where this issue has sprouted in the state.

State Sen. Jeff Irwin (D-Ann Arbor/Saline) has taken a stance against the bill. He said he has not had any direct discussions with Theis regarding her

trans athlete piece of legislation.

"I think it victimizes a lot of kids in our state," Irwin said. "I think it's unfortunate when there are so many important issues for the legislature to talk about — or how we can improve education, how could we take care of our elders, how we can protect our Great Lakes. Instead, you are talking about a bill that accomplishes nothing and one that is already victimizing vulnerable children."

#### What Theis' law says

Laws banning transgender females from participating in organized sports have been signed in Florida, Tennessee,

Arkansas, Mississippi and Montana.

The Theis release goes on to say Senate Bill 218 would require Michigan school districts to establish and maintain a policy that satisfies both of the following:

- If the school designates a team as a girls', women's, or female team, a requirement that each pupil who competes for a position on that team or who is selected to compete on that team must be female based on biological sex; and

- If the school designates a team as a boys', men's, or male team, a requirement that each pupil who competes for a position on that team or who is selected to compete on that team must be male based on biological sex.

The bill defines biological sex as "the physical condition of being male or female as determined by an individual's chromosomes and anatomy as identified at birth."

As of now, if a transgender female student wants to participate on a girls' team, or vice versa, the MHSAA requires documentation indicating the student's listed gender on school or medical forms and whether the student has or is taking hormones or undergone surgery. The MHSAA reviews those records on a case-by-case basis.

"I say high school sports is about being young people that actualize themselves, see themselves in a positive way, build self-esteem, build teamwork and leadership skills," Irwin said. "I think that's what is important to high school sports. I think these bills or this bill are running in the opposite direction of all of that."

#### The effect on transyouth

Eli Herrmann — a transgender male teenager — doesn't play MHSAA sports but sees athletics, such as the recreational boys' soccer team he plays for, as vital.

"The ramifications (of Senate Bill 218) would be 100% negative," said Herrmann, who plans to graduate from Community High School in Ann Arbor next January said. "I cannot think of a way which this law could be positive at

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# CC sophomore dies after collapsing on practice field

Colin Gay [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
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Detroit Catholic Central sophomore Stephen Sylvester died Aug. 7, a statement from the school confirms.

The football player and track and field athlete collapsed on the practice field five days before his death, leading to a prayer request listed on the school's website that he was "experiencing a health challenge."

Catholic Central released this statement:

"We are incredibly saddened by the passing of Stephen. He was a bright young man, and a valued member of our school community.

"At this point we ask for some privacy for the family, our students, our faculty, and our staff while we work to support all of those so intimately impacted by this loss."

Principal Patrick Fulton confirmed the news, tweeting: "Sadly, Mary Alma Mater has brought another one of her Shamrock sons into the loving embrace of our Heavenly Father. Please pray for

the repose of the soul of Stephen Sylvester '24 and for the Sylvester family as they struggle with the loss of their son and brother."

Sylvester threw shot put and discus for the Shamrocks as a freshman.

Sylvester, 15, of Livonia was a long-time member of St. Michael the Archangel Parish.

He was the beloved son of Robert and Marie; loving brother of Thomas and Sarah; cherished grandson of John and Shirley Aerts, and Diane Sylvester; adored nephew of Elizabeth (Steve) Ru-

so, Christine (John) Aerts, Suzanne Gajeski, Angela (Erik) Richards, Fr. John Aerts, Ronald (Iris) Aerts, Gregory (Jeannette) Aerts, Aric Aerts, Peter (Deb) Aerts, and Karen Sylvester.

Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Livonia handled arrangements. A funeral was held Saturday. Memorial donations may be made to Lifespan as well as Association of the Miraculous Medal.

Contact reporter Colin Gay at [cgay@hometownlife.com](mailto:cgay@hometownlife.com) or 248-330-6710. Follow him on Twitter @ColinGay17.

## Transgenderers

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all because barring people from the sports that they love, it's harmful."

Shakti Rambarran, advocacy director of the Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health, held a town hall-style meeting this spring in Washtenaw County to discuss the proposed bill.

"Legislators opposed to the bill were showing their frustration and anger to even having this bill in the first place because it is very harmful, especially trans youth to see their identities and their experiences being negotiated ... ultimately what it was it's just not serving anybody," Rambarran said.

"I think it's necessary to spark panic, especially those people most affected by these kinds of bills because it can be terrifying. It's like, 'Holy hell, I'm being vilified again.' Again, this is creating a hostile environment even among trans youth and their peers. They already have high rates of being harassed because of transphobia. And because (special interests groups) weren't successful with the bathroom bills, they went to trans athlete bills."

### How this bill can hinder successful wrestling program, female wrestlers

In March of 2022, the MHSAA will implement its inaugural girls individual wrestling finals, but will continue to al-

low females to compete with boys — as they have in the past — during the regular season and in the team tournament.

The MHSAA has allowed girls to play on boys' teams, according to a current policy in place since 2012.

During the 2018-19 MHSAA athletic calendar year, the MHSAA reported more than 800 girls participated on boys' teams. Many of those participants crossed over because the sport wasn't offered for girls, particularly in smaller school districts around the state.

But if Senate Bill 218 is adopted, many of those girls would have no place to play.

Casey Randolph, co-coach of defending MHSAA Division 4 team wrestling champion Clinton, had seven girls on his 2021 squad

His daughter Taylor, a junior, was 7-0 during the boys' season while also winning Michigan Wrestling Association girls individual title last March at 127 pounds. Randolph, who has served as president of the Michigan Wrestling Coaches Association, called the bill "short-sighted" because it, in effect, takes away athletic opportunities from girls.

"If somebody wants to identify as themselves whether I agree with it or not, it's not my choice," Randolph said. "But when it comes down to giving someone a competitive advantage or a disadvantage, that's where we have to draw the line. If it takes away opportunities for girls by doing that, for example — a lot of schools, especially smaller

schools, depend on those females to fill out a lineup. Some females have qualified for the boys (individual) state finals and they're really good."

### About that competitive advantage ...

Politics or public opinion aside, a 2017 study by a group of University of Sydney professors measured strength and flexibility characteristics in hundreds of children and adults.

The researchers collected 12 functional outcome measures — including the 6-minute walk test, vertical jump measurement, timed stairs test and balance and dexterity tests — from 1,000 healthy individuals ages 3-101.

Up until age 12, female and male participants had little difference in gross motor tasks (walking, running, jumping, etc.). These measurables, as expected, increased until adulthood before plateauing and eventually declining.

Balance did not differ between the sexes, but the study found male participants generally performed better at gross motor tasks. Female participants did better with dexterous tasks.

The findings have been used in an effort to make some Australian girls and boys junior sports mixed gender, but stops short of advocating the same at higher levels, "after which the hormonal changes of puberty mean boys tend to perform better in sports and tasks requiring strength and speed," according to an article about the results.

The authors of the study did not respond to additional questions about the research concerning the differences in teenagers.

### 'A policy in place that works'

According to the MHSAA, there's no need for a law preventing transgender high schoolers from playing in a sport that aligns with the student's identity.

During the last five years, 10 student-athletes have used the association's transgender athlete policy, according to Geoff Kimmerly, the MHSAA's Communications Director. All 10 were found in compliance and allowed to play.

"We believe this legislation is unnecessary — compared to 180,000 high school athletes we have annually, these requests are the tiniest of percentages — and we have a policy in place that works for our schools and has been followed without issue," Kimmerly said in an email.

Even if Senate Bill 218 clears committee hearings and will be introduced before the full chamber of both Michigan houses, it still faces challenges.

Rambarran, like many others, does not expect that Gov. Gretchen Whitmer would sign the law.

"We don't anticipate the legislature will have enough to override (the veto). Even if we expected it to pass, it would go on to the courts," Rambarran said. "Within this debate there's also the consideration of President Biden's executive order combatting trans discrimination and sexual discrimination."

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 2, 2021 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

1. Application 1629, 78-054-99-0012-704, 9901 McClumpha, (Tabled from 8/5/2021), R-1-H zoning district is requesting one variance to construct a detached garage. The proposed garage is 15' feet in height measured mid-gable down, whereas the maximum allowed is 12' feet in height measured mid-gable down. *The variance requested is 3' Feet in height.*
2. Application 1633, 78-058-03-0008-000, 9206 Brookline, R-1 zoning district and is requesting one variance for a 11' eleven-foot side yard setback whereas 25' twenty-five feet is required to construct a new home. This is a non-conforming lot in Green Meadows. *The variance requested is 14' fourteen feet in the side yard.*
3. Application 1634, 78-014-02-0142-302, 45325 Polaris CT, IND zoning district and is requesting one variance for building height from 35' feet to 40' feet with a side yard setback of only 25' feet. *Variance requested is five (5) feet of building height.*

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. online via Zoom to consider the following:

Z21-16 Non-Use Variance Request for 123 N. Union  
Side yard setback  
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential  
Applicant: Michael and Kimberley Zydeck

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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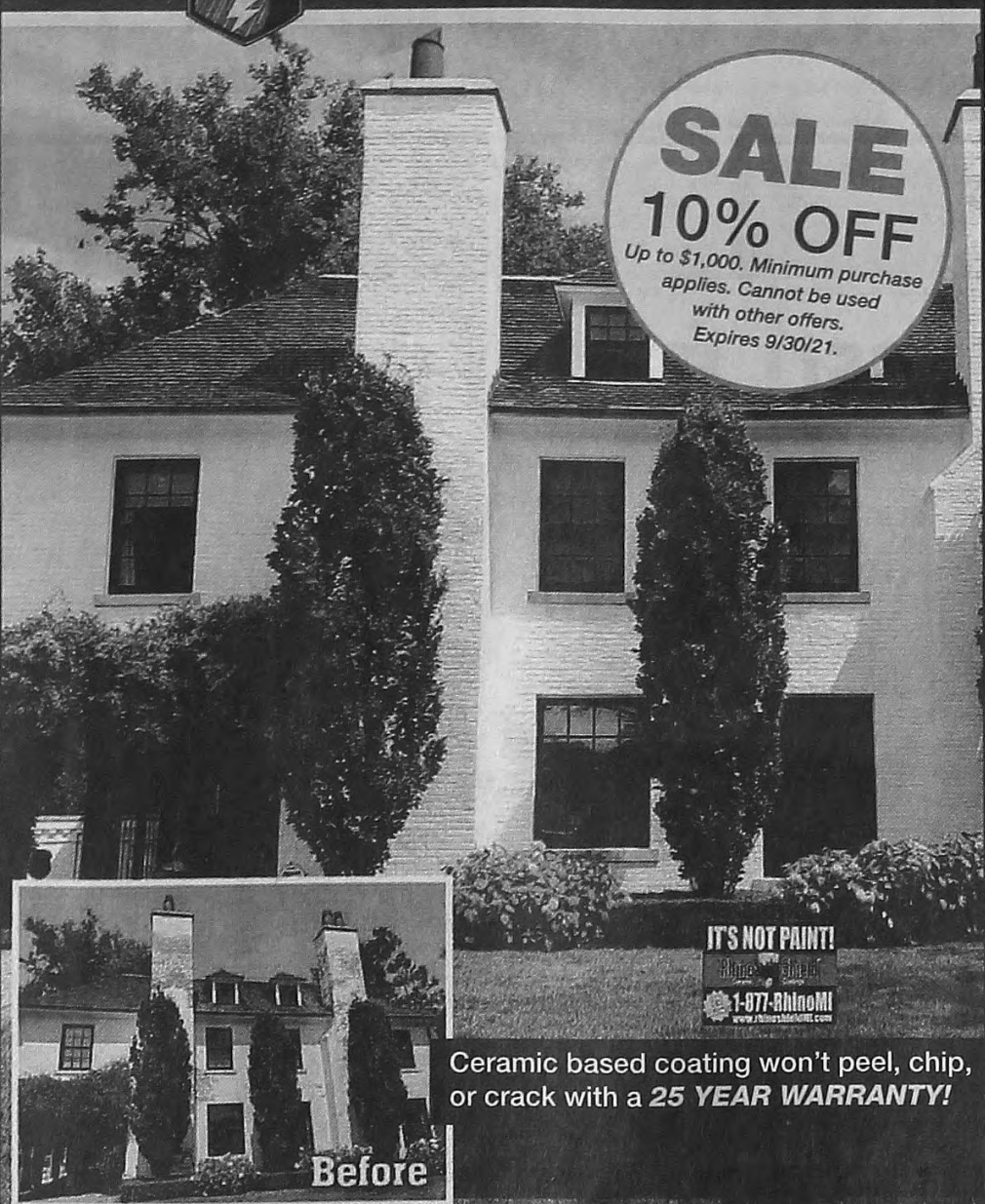
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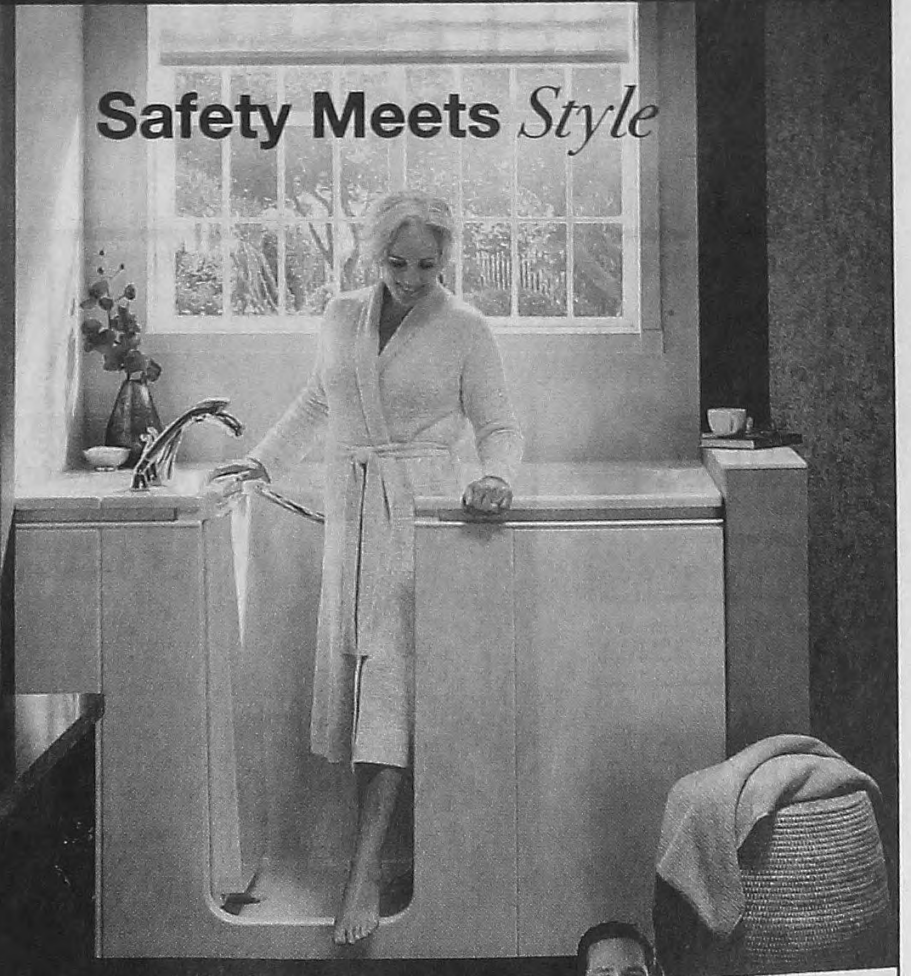
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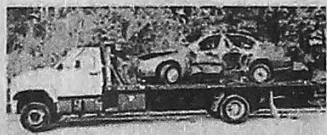
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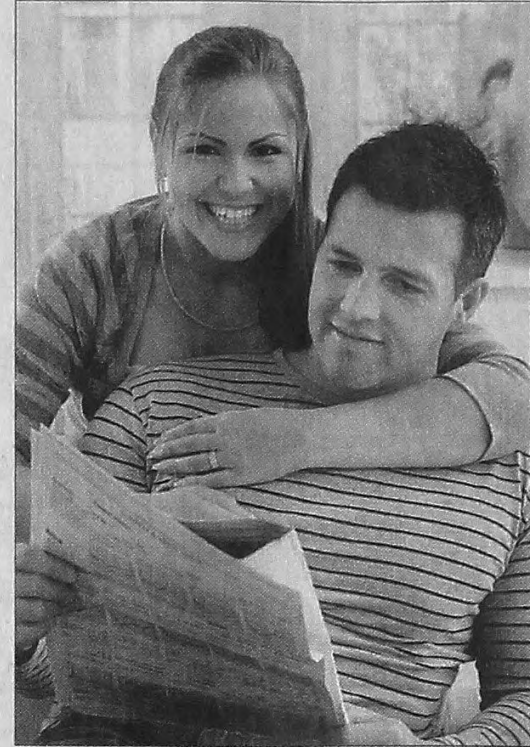
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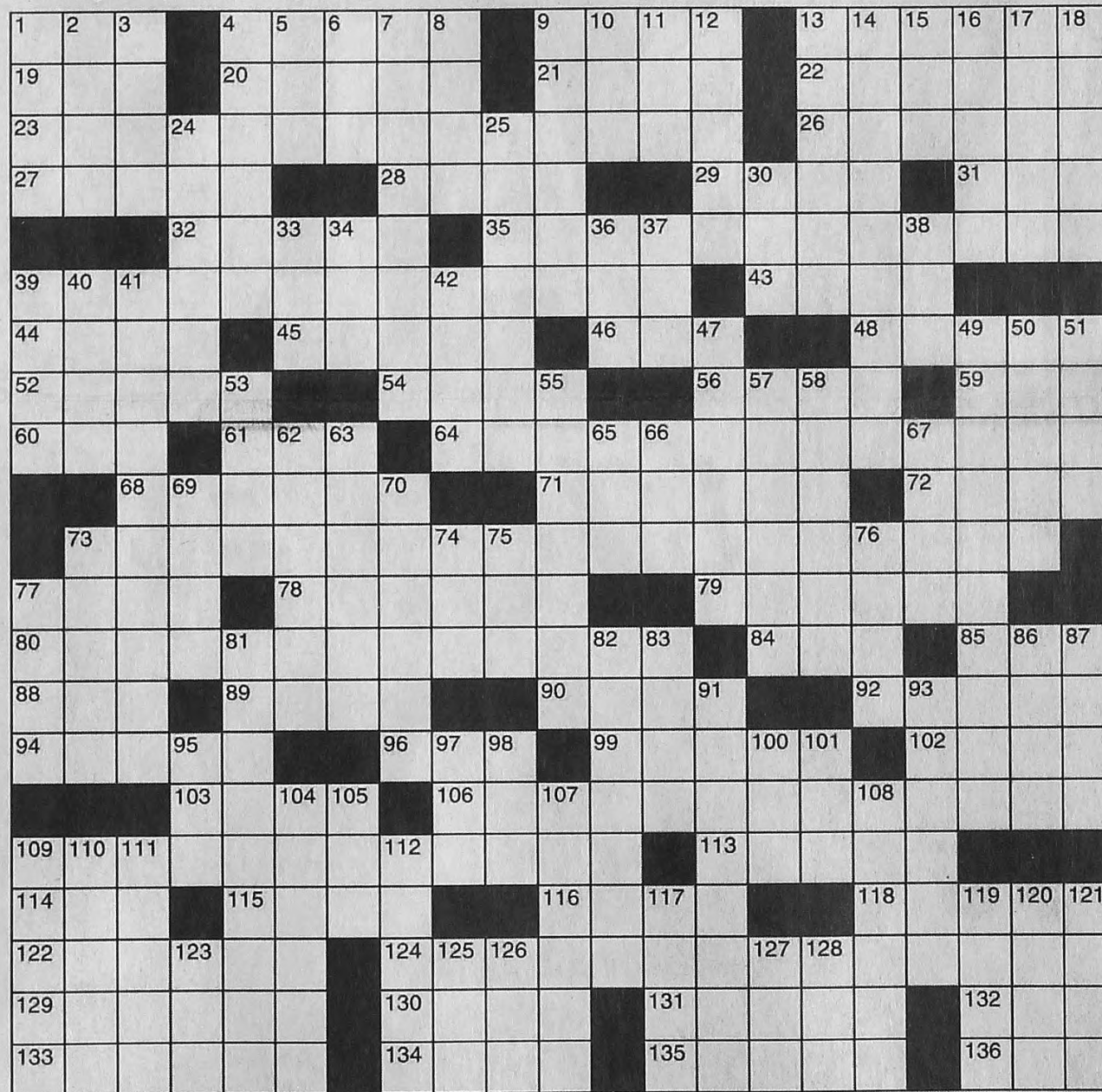
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| 1 By means of   | 54 Fluctuate wildly                       | 99 Imitated a sheep                                      | 3 Similar                        | 41 Coercing                            | 83 2021 is one                 |
| 4 Seizes suddenly                                     | 56 Cole — (shoe brand)                    | 102 — -pedi  | 4 Car radiator covering          | 42 Edifice topper                      | 86 Diner list                  |
| 9 Niche religion                                      | 59 Curious pet                            | 103 "It's My Turn" singer Diana                          | 5 Toon pal of Stimp              | 47 "Let's suppose ..."                 | 87 Sale rack caveat            |
| 13 Cousins of rumbas                                  | 60 Gift label                             | 106 Small, floating cephalopod                           | 6 "The Ice Storm" director Lee   | 49 Like the study of habitats          | 91 Pursued speedily            |
| 19 Noah's craft                                       | 61 Pro- (some)                            | 109 Device used in cardiology                            | 7 Plastic pail or shovel, say    | 50 County in the Bay Area              | 93 Key related to C major      |
| 20 Zellweger of "Bee Movie"                           | 64 Sport fish also known as "little tuna" | 113 Actress Eve  | 8 Toxin fighters                 | 51 "Undo" mark                         | 95 Bungle                      |
| 21 Assistant of Frankenstein                          | 68 "Them's the breaks!"                   | 114 Everything   | 9 Form a rough judgment of       | 53 Bryn —, Pennsylvania                | 97 Lead-in to center or dermis |
| 22 Mount where the 19-Across landed                   | 71 Title word before "Inferno" or "Peak"  | 115 Venus de —   | 10 Vanity                        | 55 Info that's not up to date          | 98 Do lunch                    |
| 23 1987 comedy starring Nicolas Cage and Holly Hunter | 72 Came to rest                           | 116 9-to-5er's shout                                     | 11 With 15-Down, flimflaming guy | 57 Pub spigot                          | 100 Gift for music             |
| 26 Set fire to  | 73 Atlanta daily since 2001               | 118 Of a junction point                                  | 12 "Lady and the —"              | 58 Preposterous                        | 101 Clunker                    |
| 27 Streisand musical film                             | 77 "Game of Thrones" actress              | 122 Gazed angrily  | 13 Rum cocktail                  | 62 Domestic household                  | 104 Wee bit                    |
| 28 Diner relative                                     | 78 Charlotte — (Virgin Islands capital)   | 124 Principle of capitalism                              | 14 Evita's land                  | 63 Hit hard, as the brakes             | 105 Note above fa              |
| 29 Portion (out)                                      | 79 Turning out                            | 129 Showing on TV  | 15 See 11-Down                   | 65 Airline to Copenhagen               | 107 Very strong                |
| 31 Part of "GWTW"                                     | 80 Windy City airport                     | 130 Work to make   | 16 Big name in faucet filters    | 66 Apnea-treating doc                  | 108 One of a bowler's targets  |
| 32 Mosque God   | 84 Adobe Acrobat file                     | 131 Second-largest city of India                         | 17 Solemn vows                   | 67 Abel's brother                      | 109 "Horrible" cartoon         |
| 35 Black-and-yellow stinging insect                   | 85 "— believer!"                          | 132 — out a win (just prevail)                           | 18 Expensive                     | 69 Blacklisting org. of the 1940s-'50s | 110 Actress Kemper             |
| 39 1993-2004 Chrysler sedan                           | 88 Almond-hued                            | 133 Distant  | 24 Veteran                       | 70 Petting zoo animals                 | 111 Fire alert                 |
| 43 Thing to fly in the wind                           | 89 Actress Olin                           | 134 California, par exemple                              | 25 Casual statement of sympathy  | 73 2008-12 Mets pitcher                | 112 Credit card lure           |
| 44 Pertaining to                                      | 90 Plaintiff                              | 135 Stellar hunter                                       | 30 Comic shriek                  | 74 Roman 151                           | 117 — -Chinese                 |
| 45 Seat in a bar                                      | 92 Turns toward                           | 136 Abbr. that can precede nine key words in this puzzle | 33 Fleur-de- (iris)              | 75 Suffix with planet                  | 119 God, to Gigi               |
| 46 Seat in a church                                   | 94 Darling child                          |  | 34 Kitchen pest                  | 76 Petty quarrel                       | 120 Inquires                   |
| 48 Things   |   |  | 36 Fabric flaw                   | 77 Eight: Prefix                       | 121 Some blue jeans            |
|   |   |  | 37 Bardic verse                  | 81 Doled-out share                     | 123 Brazilian city, in brief   |
|   |   |  | 38 Rainy                         |  | 125 Hamelin pest               |
|   |   |  | 39 Juicy gossip                  |  | 126 Slice of time              |
|   |   |  |                                  |  | 127 Yale attendee              |
|   |   |  |                                  |  | 128 Pi-sigma link              |



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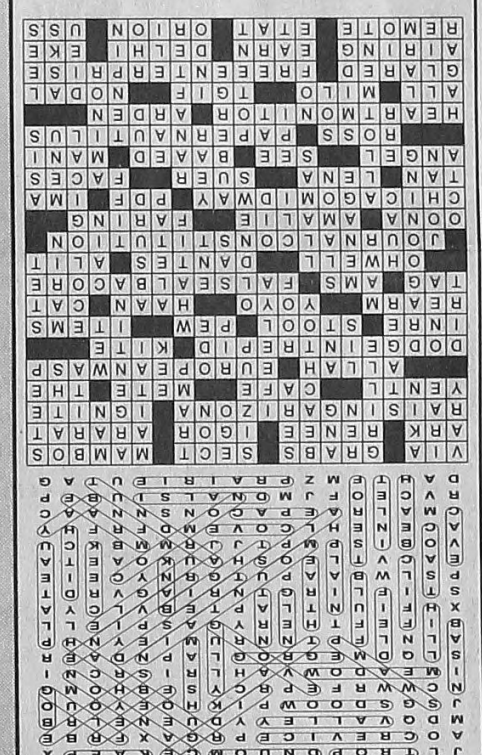
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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

S S W A L C K I T T Y A M A N X G  
 S L E L P X J I C F U R M E A T B  
 U T L S T A N L T R A F R U Z G O  
 P O I C E A W Y N T E F T E P E B  
 H R C O F T I S L M E A G C G W C  
 U T K U H S L L F O N N M H H I A  
 N O L G A C U P A N G O Q S I A N T  
 T I V A T R P E M G I V S V R N S  
 I S E R E A E Z S I L K P A C I L  
 N E D F E T R B X E E L U W A K E  
 G S A L H C S A F R M G R M Z L O  
 F H L M C H I S S D A R E A Z I P  
 E E A F O V A K K J M S U P N M A  
 L L M B S U N E S J E N M B U S R  
 I L R M O T S T Y B B A T U F R D  
 N P A N T A C E N T P A N T H E R R  
 E Y M O C E L O T C I T S E M O D

- AFGHAN
- BASKET
- BOBCAT
- BURMESE
- CATNAP
- CHEETAH
- CLAWS
- COUGAR
- CREAM
- DOMESTIC
- FELINE
- FUR
- HUNTING
- JAGUAR
- KITTENS
- KITTY
- LEOPARD
- LICK
- LION
- LYNX
- MALTESE
- MANX
- MARMALADE
- MEAT
- MILK
- MOGGIE
- MOUSE
- OCELOT
- PANTHER
- PAWS
- PERSIAN
- PUMA
- PURR
- PUSS
- SCRATCH
- SIAMESE
- SNARL
- STEALTH
- TABBY
- TAIL
- TIGER
- TOM
- TORTOISESHELL
- WHISKERS



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

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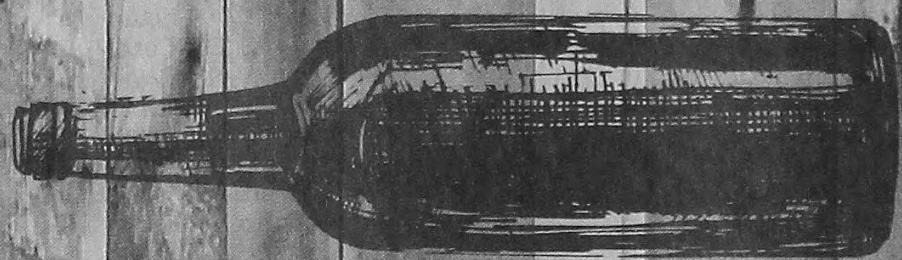
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