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CLARENCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

## Security guards, police to join students

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Clarenceville High School students may notice two security guards patrolling their Middlebelt Road campus, building and hallways by the end of March.

There's also a school resource officer planned for the fall.

"It is reactive to a degree because of Oxford obviously, but, I'm saying from a local standpoint, it's not reactive. It's more proactive," Superintendent Paul Shepich said. "We're going to look for somebody that has people skills, some-

body that can relate to kids, (and) who likes kids... all kids."

High school administrators, counselors and teachers were noticing some restless tendencies in students no longer accustomed to sitting at desks and being in classrooms after a few years of pandemic learning. There also were

some fights.

Then, only an hour away, four Oxford High School students were fatally shot and several others were injured. Oxford student Ethan Crumbley is facing terrorism and first-degree murder charges

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## Release your inner Paul Bunyan



Legendary Axe bar construction foreman Bryan Jones tosses an axe at a target at the Westland attraction March 7.  
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## New ax-throwing bar opens in Westland

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Creating Westland's newest entertainment complex takes another step — err, throw — forward this weekend.

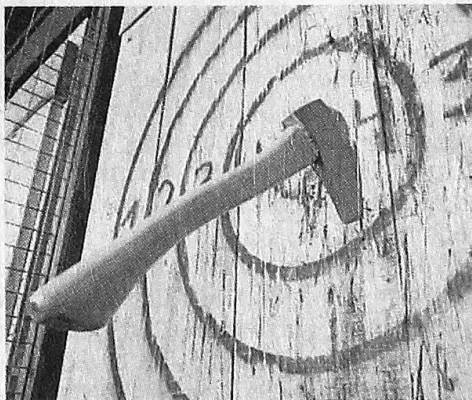
After several years of work with construction delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Legendary Axe opens its doors. Located at 37750 Cherry Hill in the former Skateland skating rink, the ax-throwing bar is ready for guests to

enjoy a drink and throw some hatchets.

"It's a popular attraction, and we wanted to be able to add something that was year-round to the location but also that we could fully theme out and make it more than what other ax-throwing bars are," Owner Cody Bailey said. "That was one of the main goals of it. It's getting there."

The bar has been in the works since

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A wooden-handled axe sticks into a target at Westland's Legendary Axe.

## Livonia lists plans for 2022 road projects

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com  
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In a state like Michigan, time is of the essence when warm weather decides to show up.

The City of Livonia is responsible for 373 road miles and, even though it's still chilly outside, city road crews are already trying to make improvements where they can.

"We've usually got April to mid-October," City Engineer Todd Zilincik said. "So, they've been out. They've got hot patchers out there working to fill those potholes. During the summertime, they're out there fixing things."

A long slate of local roads and two Wayne County roads in Livonia are set for rebuilds or repairs this construction season. Here's what the city has on tap:

### Merriman, Farmington, Eight Mile roads getting TLC

Wayne County plans to repair Merriman Road, one of the city's bumpiest roadways, between Five Mile and Schoolcraft roads as well as Farmington Road between Plymouth Road and Orangelawn Street.

Zilincik said the city plans to pick up 9% of the cost for those projects, but the county hasn't given a cost estimate yet.

Wayne County is also planning to repair Eight Mile Road between Farmington Road in Livonia and Taft Road in Northville. Details of that project should be included in the complete project list the county releases in April.

The only work MDOT will do in the city this year is part of the ongoing Interstate 275 project.

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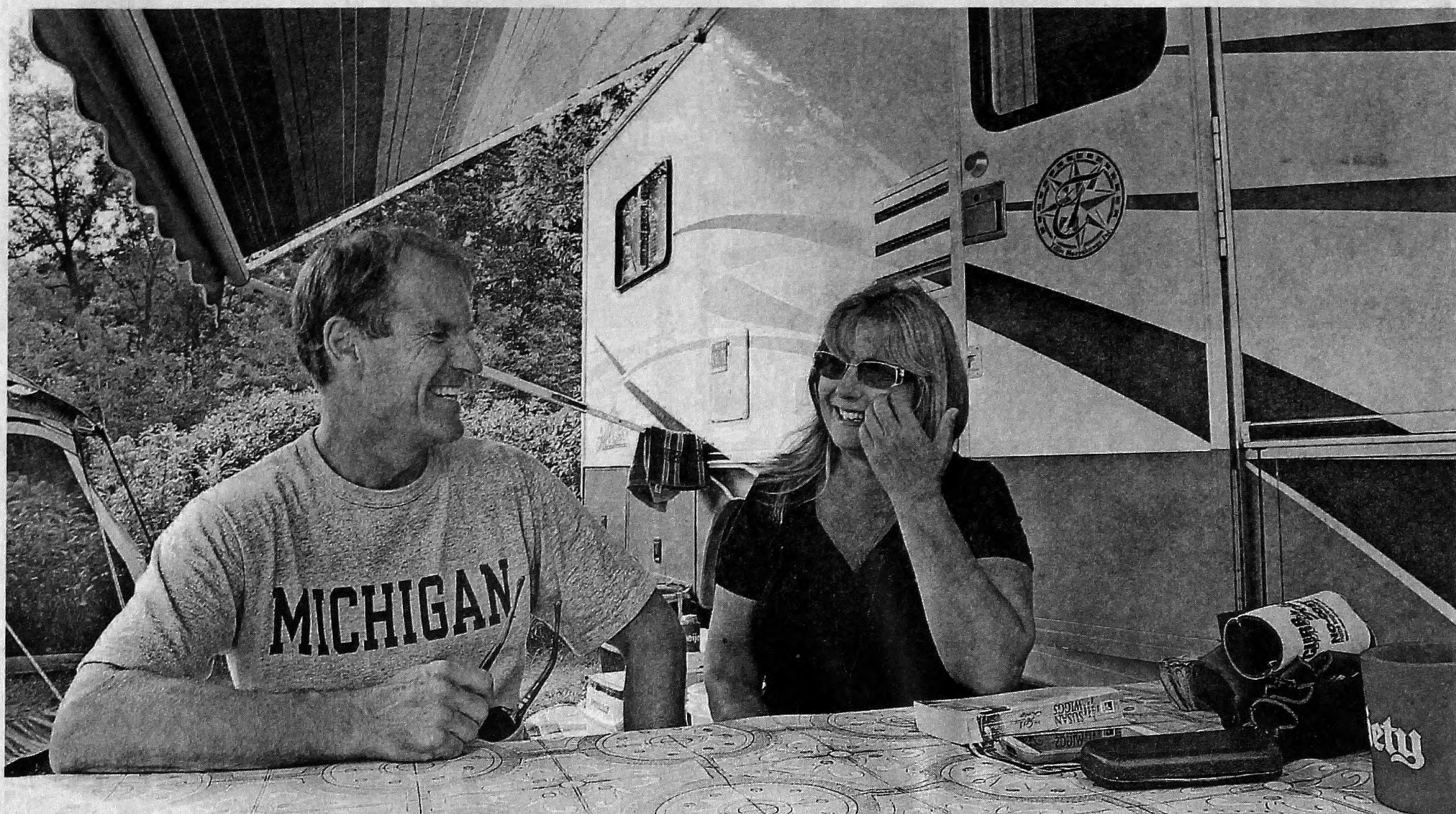





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Jeff Toole and Pamela Wickstandt said in 2021 that camping at Brighton Recreation Area is the perfect getaway, because you can still work and be social in Detroit. Camping at Michigan State Parks broke state records in 2021. LIVINGSTON DAILY PRESS & ARGUS FILE PHOTOS

# What to watch for, avoid when making campground reservations at state parks

**Tanya Wildt** Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

It's only March, but if you're a Michigan camper, you're probably already feeling pressure to get site reservations set for the summer.

The COVID-19 pandemic led to a surge in new campers and remote work made it easier for anyone to set up shop at Michigan campgrounds. Camping at Michigan State Parks broke state records in 2021.

It has created a bit of a mad dash to secure prime sites before they're gone.

So, save yourself some time. Here's what you need to know about state park campground reservations and closures this season.

We've got tips on parks to keep an eye on and others you may want to avoid.

And don't be surprised when your camping trip costs a little more this season.

## Campsite costs increase

In November, the Department of Natural Resources adjusted campsite and lodging fees to help fund state park operations. State park campsites costs have generally increased between \$2 and \$8 per night, rustic campsites increased by no more than \$5 per night and overnight lodging increased by \$10 per night, according to the DNR. The increase was the first in four years.

## Keep an eye on Aloha State Park

The temporary closure of Aloha State Park, which sits on Mullett Lake in Cheboygan, is an opportunity for campers still looking to score a peak summer reservation.

The campground will be closed through at least June 23 for construction.

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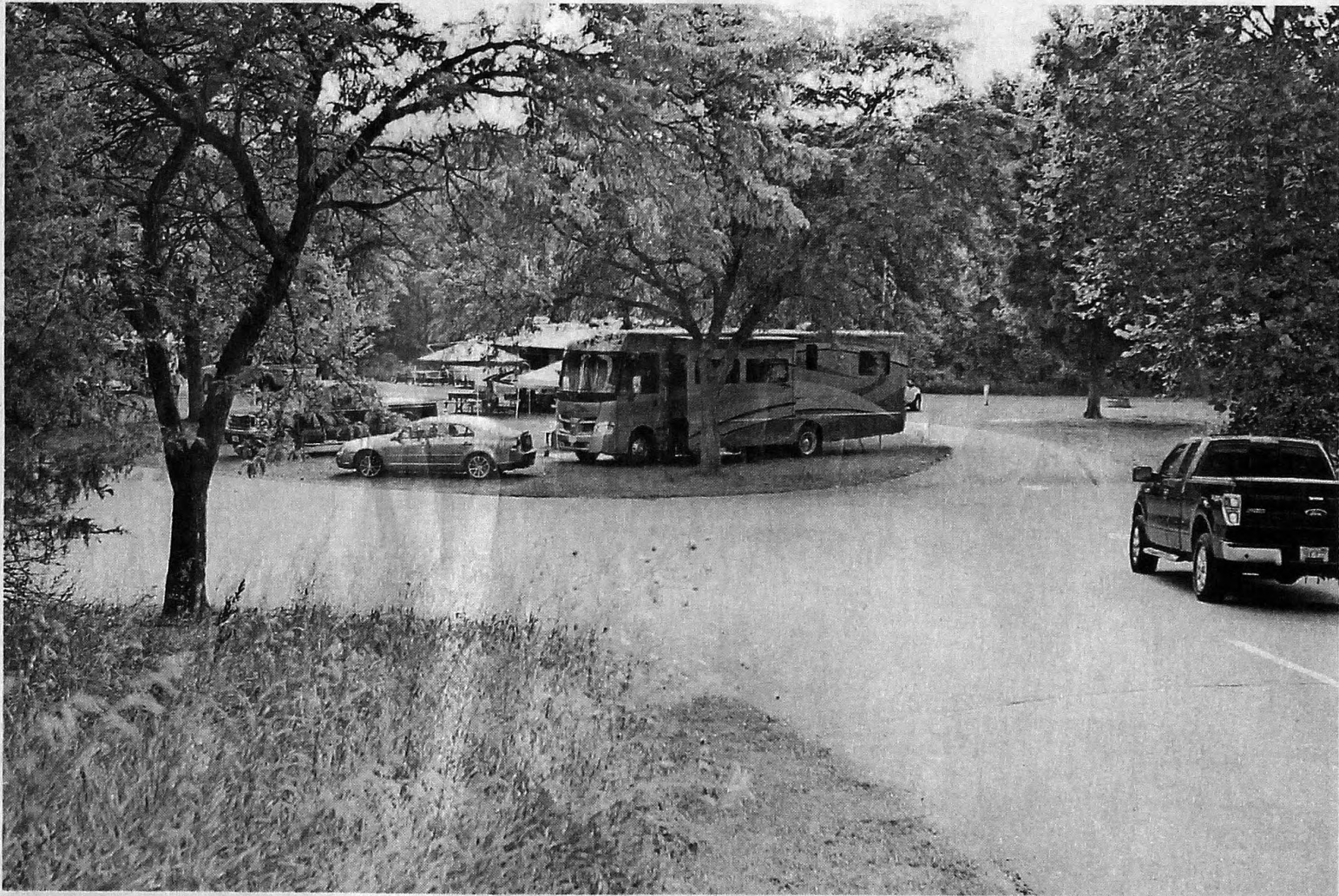
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Camping became more popular in the past two years as people looked for more outdoor activities.

tion. All sites within the South campground will be upgraded to full hookup. The South campground's bathroom will also be eliminated and sewer and water lines will be replaced at the park.

The DNR has not allowed any reservations for the South campground for the 2022 season until a definitive opening date is set. This means when the South campground reservations become available, all the dates for booking should be wide-open.

You'll probably want to act quick. The updated sites will be quite the draw since only eight other Michigan State Park campgrounds offer full hookup.

Campers should check the DNR website on or after March 12 for an update on the South campground.

## U.P. campground reservations could be tough starting in August

A waterline replacement project will force Fort Wilkins Historic State Park in Copper Harbor to close sites 1-81 in the East campground and the East campground laundry facility in August. The closure is tentatively scheduled to start Aug. 1 and run through the end of the season. Sites 121-124 may also intermittently close Sept. 15 through the remainder of the season.

The closure will leave only half the park's sites available for reservation.

## More campground closures

### Brimley State Park

Brimley State Park's modern campground will be closed to replace three restroom and shower buildings. It's slated to reopen June 30, but it could be

longer. Campers who already have reservations will want to watch in case the closure extends beyond June 30.

### Interlochen State Park

Interlochen State Park's modern campground in Brimley also won't be available until June 30. Construction of a wastewater treatment plant means the campground and sanitation station will be closed. The park's rustic campground opens April 25.

### Ludington State Park

Construction delays to replace two bathroom buildings and part of the electric system at Ludington's Beechwood campground in Ludington will force it to remain closed until at least July 1.

### McLain State Park

Beginning Sept. 6, the bathrooms at McLain State Park's campground in Hancock will be closed to replace water, sewer and electrical systems. Portable water will be available through the parks spigots and at the sanitation station. However, dumping at the sanitation will be unavailable. Other dumping options are available in the village of Lake Linden and the city of Hancock campgrounds for a \$5 fee. Campers can also use Baraga State Park's sanitation station on the day of their departure from McLain, but a camp permit must be provided.

### Otsego Lake State Park

Otsego Lake State Park's North campground in Gaylord will close June 2-15. The park will undergo roof, parking lot and road enhancements. The South campground will remain open.

### Straits State Park

Reservations will not be taken at Straits State Park's Upper campground in St. Ignace after Sept. 6 due to a project

to replace the restroom and shower building.

### Van Buren State Park

The modern campground at Van Buren State Park in South Haven closed Sept. 12 for the construction of new bathroom and is scheduled to reopen July 1.

### Wilderness State Park

Wilderness State Park's East Lakeshore Campground in Carp Lake will remain closed into the 2022 season due to significant delays with the campground redevelopment project.

## Water levels impacting sites

Harrisville State Park on Lake Huron in Harrisville will continue the closure of lakefront sites (94, 96, 97, 99, 101, 102 and 103) into this season due to high water levels.

## Sanitation station closed at Holly Recreation Area

You'll need a new plan if you usually use the sanitation station at Holly Recreation Area in Holly. The station is closed while the DNR works to replace the drain field. Campers can use walk-up mini dump stations, third-party sanitation services (Sundays only) or empty tanks at other state parks. The closest locations are Metamora-Hadley in Metamora and Proud Lake in Commerce Township. Campers must present a camping permit that expired within the last 24 hours to use those dump stations at no additional cost or pay a \$10 sanitation fee. Using the station at Seven Lakes in Holly is not an option because it's closed to non-Seven Lakes campers.





School resource officer Andrew Curry demonstrates the effects of “drunk goggles” to Plymouth-Canton students. COURTESY

## Longtime Canton police officer retires

Courtesy of Canton Township Police

The Canton Police Department announces the retirement of Officer Andrew Curry this month.

Curry began his 25-year career as a police officer in March 1997. He was assigned as a road patrol officer responding to calls for service, initiating contact with individuals and participating in the department’s community policing and engagement practices.

In addition to his patrol duties, Curry was also a long-standing instructor of the TEAM (Teaching Education and Mentoring) program in Canton’s elementary and middle schools.

As an instructor, he provided age-appropriate curriculum to thousands of students, promoting responsible citizenship and positive character traits.

Curry expanded on his training with school-aged youth, serving as a School



Curry

Resource Officer (SRO) for three years at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. In this role, he was responsible for contributing to the development of safety programs and educational opportunities for high school students and faculty.

In 2016, Curry and his SRO partners were awarded with a Model Agency Award from the National Association of School Resource Officers. This prestigious award recognized the group for exemplary training, policies and standards while demonstrating creative and innovative approaches to school-based policing.

Throughout his career, Curry has received numerous awards and citations, including a Life Saving Award from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

for his heroic efforts in rescuing the pilot of a Cessna aircraft that had crashed on a neighborhood street in Canton in 1998.

Officer Curry has served the Canton community with professionalism and pride. To his fellow officers, he was a solid and steady partner, who was valued for the knowledge and compassion he brought to the job.

“In his 25 years, whether working in the schools or as a patrol officer, he was a symbol of the core values of the Canton Police Department, which starts by operating with the highest level of the professional poise—at the same time, striving for excellence while working as a team member and serving with integrity and courage,” Police Chief Chad Baugh said. “Officer Curry lived these values, and our police department will miss him. We wish him all the best in his retirement.”

## Lee’s Chicken to expand with new location in Wayne

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USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

A popular taste of Plymouth is crossing the road on its way south to Wayne.

Lee’s Famous Recipe Chicken plans to open a franchise location at 34250 E. Michigan Ave., on the edge of downtown Wayne in the former Brownies Diner building.

“I’m sure many of you have stood in line at Lee’s Chicken on Ann Arbor Trail. We’re absolutely ecstatic to know that Lee’s Chicken is coming to the City of Wayne,” Lori Gouin, city director of planning, said during a city council meeting last month. “This is something that is long overdue. We have a great tenant and a very stable tenant going into this building.”

Lee’s Chicken, a national franchise chain with one metro Detroit location found in Plymouth, is known for its fried chicken and other items. This new location would include space to dine in, as well as a drive-thru.

That drive-thru requires some changes to the property’s zoning, which were reviewed and approved by the city council March 1. Both were done during city council meetings at Wayne City Hall.


A site plan is expected to return before the city council before work begins.

Leo Gonzalez, one of the people planning to open the location, said he hoped the Wayne restaurant would be the first of many he hopes to open in metro Detroit.

“We’re pleased to pick this location. We’re very confident with the brand,” he said. “We’ll be launching the brand from Wayne and expanding throughout the southeast Michigan market.”

Several city council members were pleased with the decision to open the restaurant in the city. Mayor John Rhaesa said his wife “has an addiction to their sweet tea.” He said Lee’s Chicken would be a great addition to the city.

“I think it’s going to be great,” he said. “I think people have been looking forward to seeing something like this.”  
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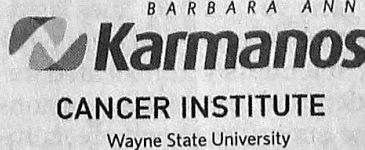
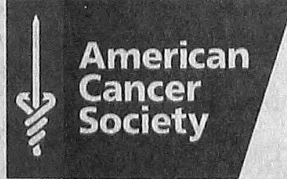


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# Cars may soon prevent drunken driving

## Critics decry device expected to check for intoxication

**Bill Laitner** Detroit Free Press  
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It's not as earth-shaking as 1966, when every new car sold in the U.S. suddenly needed seat belts.

Still, the latest auto-safety gizmo has car buffs ranting about freedom versus "the nanny state."

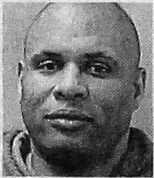
New cars sold in 2026 are expected to need a techno-spy onboard, checking whether the driver is too drunk to drive. Critics, including some fans of the magazines Car and Driver and Road and Track, say that amounts to Big Brother spying on Americans.

"We can't idiot-proof this world!" ranted one online naysayer. Enforcing laws already on the books should be enough, others said.

For some motorists caught inebriated behind the wheel, the criminal justice system does seem to work. For others, their drinking and driving don't stop with one arrest, or two, or even half a dozen. Despite laws and sentences that grew increasingly stiffer since the founding of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in 1980, some habitual drunks keep going and going, especially if they can hire good lawyers.

Consider the case of Derrick Okonmah, of Clarkston, who is himself a lawyer. Actually, consider the 11 cases involving alcohol in which Okonmah, 44, has been pulled over since 2010. Through his attorney, Okonmah declined to comment for this story.

Okonmah hasn't killed or even injured anyone. So he hasn't attracted the attention of the Kentucky man who died in a deadly crash three years ago that wiped out an entire Northville family returning from Disney World. That crash drew nationwide attention, spurring U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell, who knew the family, to sponsor a law signed late last year by President Joe Biden. It requires automakers to install sensors on future models that will disable a car being driven by someone who's inebriated or otherwise unable to drive.



**Okonmah**

The driving history of motorists such as Okonmah shows a pattern of serial offenses that MADD says almost invariably leads to crashes, and that Dingell determined must be stopped. Okonmah has racked up driving arrests involving alcohol in at least 11 locales in Oakland, Washtenaw, and Clinton counties. According to police reports and court documents, he has been clocked at 100 mph on U.S. 23; repeatedly exhaled blood-alcohol levels that Michigan law calls "super drunk" — at or above .17, which is more than double Michigan's threshold for drunken driving of .08; and he has often been caught with open bottles of alcohol in his vehicle.

His latest arrest was in Ferndale early last year, when he blew .19 on a Breathalyzer, more than double the threshold for drunken driving. He was pulled over at 11 p.m. for driving without headlights after leaving a strip club on 8 Mile Road, Ferndale police Capt. Dave Spellman said. Okonmah admitted that he was driving with his driver's license suspended, Spellman said. Inside the console of his 2011 Honda was a 23.5-oz. can of Four Loko Hard Seltzer, "which was open and half-empty." This beverage has the same 12% alcohol strength as most wines.

He has been charged with operating under the influence of alcohol, third (or more) offense, and continuing to drive without a valid license. He awaits trial in Oakland Circuit Court after half a dozen adjournments requested by his defense attorney. Okonmah is wearing a court-ordered tether equipped with a sensor that detects whether the defendant has consumed alcohol, his defense attorney, Dov Lustig, said.

"The client has done the right thing and has not used any alcohol" since his arrest, Lustig said. As shocking as Okonmah's string of OWIs (operating while intoxicated) may sound, he simply has "an ongoing substance-abuse problem," said Lustig, who specializes in defending motorists charged with operating under the influence of alcohol.

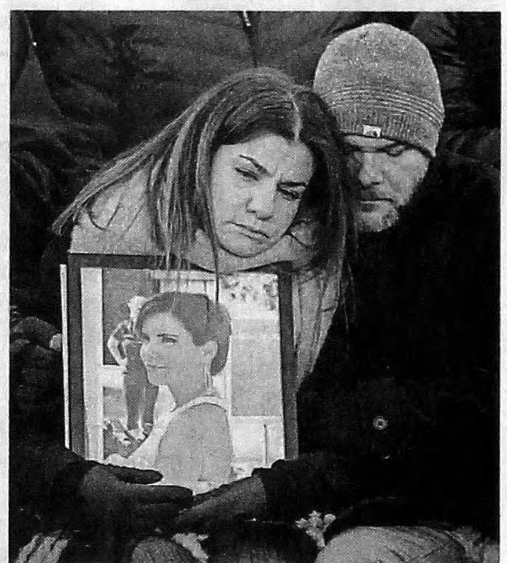
Plenty of other motorists habitually drive while under the influence of alcohol, sometimes consuming alcohol as they drive. According to police and prosecutors, suspending such drivers' licenses does little to stop them. In Royal Oak last month, police responded to a tipster who said a driver had barely missed striking parked cars. When po-



Sobriety checkpoints have been used by law enforcement as a way to catch impaired drivers before they were involved in an accident hurting themselves or others. GETTY IMAGES



Students sign their pledge and name to one of the minivans parked outside of Ferndale High School in Ferndale on April 18, 2005. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE PHOTOS



Rana Abbas Taylor holds a photo of her sister, Rima Abbas while being comforted by her husband, Tom, during a candlelight vigil for the Abbas family at the Ford Field Park in Northville on Jan. 11, 2019.

lice caught up, it was a 47-year-old Royal Oak resident who had an open bottle of vodka in the car. She was arrested for Operating Under the Influence, third offense.

In Troy, where patrol officers receive advanced training for detecting impaired drivers, police arrested six drunken drivers on just one recent night in January. They included a 32-year-old man from St. Clair Shores who took a Breathalyzer test and blew .16, double the Michigan threshold for "drunk"; a 37-year-old Troy woman who fled on foot after rear-ending another car, then was arrested at her home, intoxicated, after she admitted to driving without a license suspended; a 40-year-old Detroit man found passed out with his Cadillac's engine running and the car scattered with a partially full beer and liquor bottles, and who then blew a sky-high blood alcohol level of .26 at the police station, and a 39-year-old Sterling Heights man who, after striking curbs and nearly hitting other cars with his pickup, told police he'd had too much to drink and hadn't had a valid license in 20 years.

All were repeated alcohol offenders, according to police reports. Each could've caused a fatal crash.

For more than 40 years, MADD has campaigned for an end to the annual carnage caused by drunken drivers. Despite decades of progress, leaders say it's not enough. Even with tougher sentencing, billboards and TV ads, school programs, and the words "Drink Responsibly" on beer cans, the nation's drunken drivers are responsible for at least 10,000 highway deaths a year, including about 1,000 children. No matter how much society tries to educate about the reasons not to drink and drive, and no matter how harshly it punishes offenders, some people will just keep doing it, said Alex Otte, MADD national president for 2021-22.

"We hear all the time about these egregious offenders. I was in Washington state recently hearing about someone who had 17 DUI arrests," said Otte, who lives in Lexington, Kentucky. Drunken-driving deaths have gone down by about 50% since MADD was founded in 1980 by a California woman whose daughter while walking to a church fes-

tival was fatally struck by a serial drunken driver.

"But the movement has stagnated for the past decade, and with the pandemic, it's gotten worse," Otte said.

### Pandemic drinking

Deaths due to drunken-driving collisions increased by 9% in 2020 compared with 2019 despite the fact the vehicle miles traveled fell by 13% due to COVID-19, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Data for 2021 is expected to show a similar spike in drunken-driving deaths, Otte said.

"We knew that we needed something really different to turn this around. We believe this technology is going to do it," she said, referring to the in-car sensors called for by Michigan's congressional delegation. Not only was the initial idea pushed by Dingell. The innovative law was championed by Michigan's U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, who was honored in January with MADD's "Legislative Hero" award "for his commitment to eliminating drunken driving with automotive safety technology." Peters, who chairs the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, "was a vital cosponsor of the RIDE Act in the Senate," said Rana Abbas Taylor, whose sister died in the crash that traumatized Dearborn and alerted Dingell to the issue.

Another family member of a drunken-driving victim has spent nearly 25 years, thousands of hours and much of his own income trying to educate and scare drivers into driving sober. David Easterbrook said his efforts haven't been a failure but he agrees wholeheartedly with MADD, Dingell, Peters and researchers who've studied the issue: Something more was needed to stop the hard-core, relentlessly intoxicated repeat offenders and to stop the occasional first-time super-drunk who feels invulnerable, even at high speed and without a seat belt.

On a fateful night in 1997, Easterbrook, then a marketing executive with Kmart, stood on his front lawn in Troy and screamed in grief after a police officer told him that his daughter Ashley had been killed. She'd died along with

two of her friends when a drunken driver ran a red light at what police estimated to be nearly 100 mph. The teens had been driving home from getting ice cream. It was five days before her high school graduation. The other driver died hours later on a hospital operating table.

### Ashley's dream

"It was a very tough time for me. It was, 'She's not allowed to live, I shouldn't be,'" Easterbrook said. Soon, though, he channeled his grief and marketing know-how into founding Ashley's Dream, a foundation to combat drunken driving. In the 25 years since his daughter's death, the nonprofit group has raised money for signs and billboards (one batch said "Drunk Driving — You Can't Afford It"); paid nearly \$1 million in college scholarships and school programs; and had Easterbrook and his son Alex giving speeches to countless school groups.

He received heartfelt thanks from other parents, from prosecutors and judges, teachers and principals, and from MADD. Still, he readily admitted, it wasn't enough.

"People are still dying," he said from Atlanta, where he and his wife, Gail, relocated to be close to grandchildren, and where he operates a trio of auto dealership supply firms called AME Companies. Its name has his daughter's initials. Last month, one of his employees' sons, a teenage boy, played in a lacrosse game and, afterward, the boy's teammate was walking home when "a drunk driver ran up on the sidewalk, ran over and killed him," Easterbrook said.

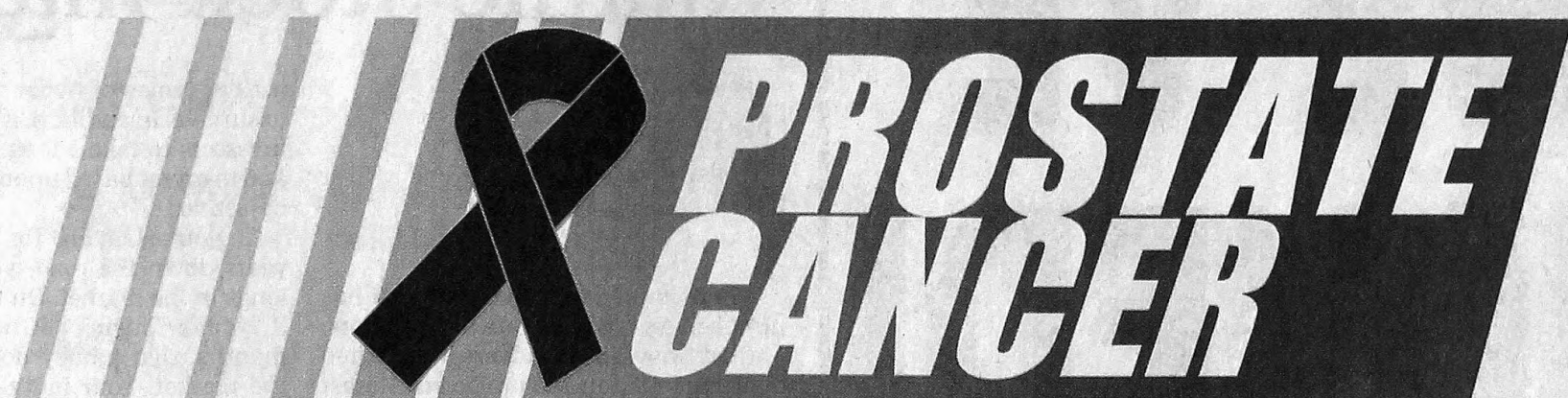
"Turned out, the guy who killed him has a son on the dead kid's football team. And then, three days later, the father commits suicide. It's so tragic, and it runs so deep, and it's so preventable," he said.

Easterbrook said he's delighted to hear about the prospect of a computerized cop coming to the inside of every vehicle dashboard.

"I love that technology," he said, adding: "We can put a man on the moon, right? You'd think we could stop a drunk guy from driving."

Free Press staff writer Todd Spangler contributed to this report.





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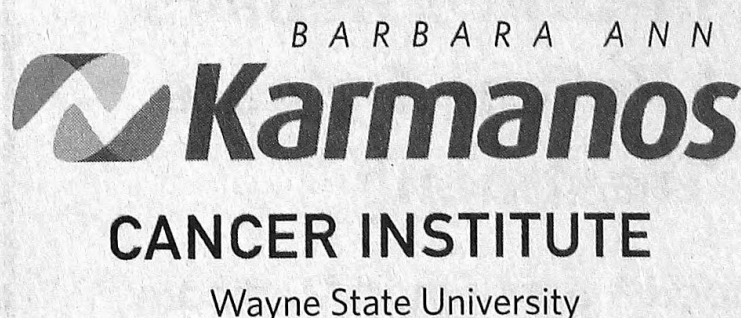
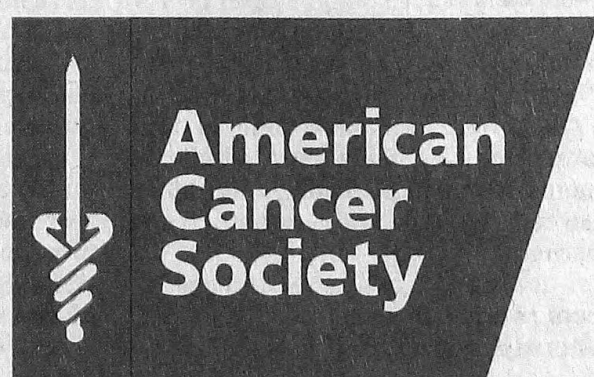
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## How to deal with a volatile stock market



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There is no doubt that this year has not been a very good one for investors. Markets have been adversely affected by rising inflation and projected interest rate increases. Now, with Russia's invasion of Ukraine markets have become even more volatile and uncertain.

How long this volatility continues is anyone's guess. However, I do know that mistakes investors make during times like these can take years to correct. It is always important to proceed with caution when investing, but it is even more important to be cautious during volatile times.

Whenever there is extreme volatility in the market, TV personalities make it seem like what is happening is unprecedented. It reminds me of winter storms here in Michigan. Whenever a storm is on the way, meteorologists build it up like it will be the storm of the century... and then we only get a few inches of snow.

Unfortunately, the same thing happens when it comes to the stock market. To investors, it's important to remember that selloffs are not unusual, and they happen all the time. In fact, many experts will tell you selloffs are good for the market. Whether they are or not, I'll leave that for others; however, it's important for investors to realize that selloffs are common and that 100 percent of the time whenever we've had market selloffs, market corrections or market crashes, the market always comes back. It may take some time, but markets always rebound.

During these volatile times, it is important not to panic or let fear dictate your investment decisions. I have said this for decades – fear and greed are devastating for investors. Do not let short-term comfort cause you long-term pain.

For the average investor, the best way to deal with volatile times is to prepare by building all-weather portfolios. Portfolios that are diversified and balanced tend not to have as much volatility,

making times of hyper volatility easier to survive. In addition, it's important for investors to take a long-term approach and to invest based upon their goals and objectives.

If you're saving for retirement 20 years down the road, your money belongs in the market. On the other hand, if you're buying a house in three months, that money doesn't belong in the market. Your individual goals and objectives and the timeframe you have to achieve them is key to financial success. If you focus on your goals and not what's happening in the market on a day-to-day basis, you will be more successful.

Lastly, investors always need to be concerned about risk. As I've said many times in the past, there is no such thing as a risk-free investment; it doesn't exist. However, there are ways to manage your risk. Before investing, all investors must determine what risks they are comfortable with and to invest accordingly. Diversifying your portfolio with investments that have different risk levels, is a good strategy to managing risk.

Although, we have no idea how long this volatility will last, smart investors look at taking advantage of the opportunity. If you have extra cash and your goals are long term, this may be a great time to add that money to the market. After all, the markets are on sale – isn't that where we should go shopping?

If you are considering converting existing traditional IRA into a Roth IRA, now is the time. With the markets down, investors are able to convert money at a lower tax cost. All too often, people wait until the end of the year to make a Roth conversion when they don't have to.

We all know that being an investor is not easy; however, you can make it easier on yourself by investing according to your goals, objectives, and risk tolerance level. By maintaining a diversified and balanced portfolio and having the discipline of not worrying about the market on a day-to-day basis, you can survive the volatility and achieve your goals and objectives.

Good luck.

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Bainbridge Avenue in Livonia is among the roads the city will improve this year.  
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## Roads

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The project, in the second of four planned phases, includes a rebuild of roughly 10 miles of southbound lanes between Five Mile and Northline roads this year.

### Local roads will see concrete, asphalt work

The city has roughly 60 local roads projects that it estimates will cost about \$9.6 million between concrete, selective slab and asphalt. Local road repairs are partially — Livonia gets federal, state and county funds where it can — funded by a local roads millage. The city is asking voters to approve a new road millage later this year.

"We do reconstructs, rehabilitation and maintenance," Zilincik said. "It's changed a little bit because of budget concerns. But, we try to keep as many roads on the list as possible."

Highlights this year include Bainbridge Avenue, which is southeast of

the Seven Mile and Merriman roads intersection. That road will see asphalt rehabilitation.

"Bainbridge has been one of the critical ones," Zilincik said. "That's one we've been trying to get at."














Other local highlights include scattered asphalt work throughout the neighborhood southwest of the Farmington and Seven Mile roads intersections. Filmore Street, Irving Street and Myron Street will see the most work.

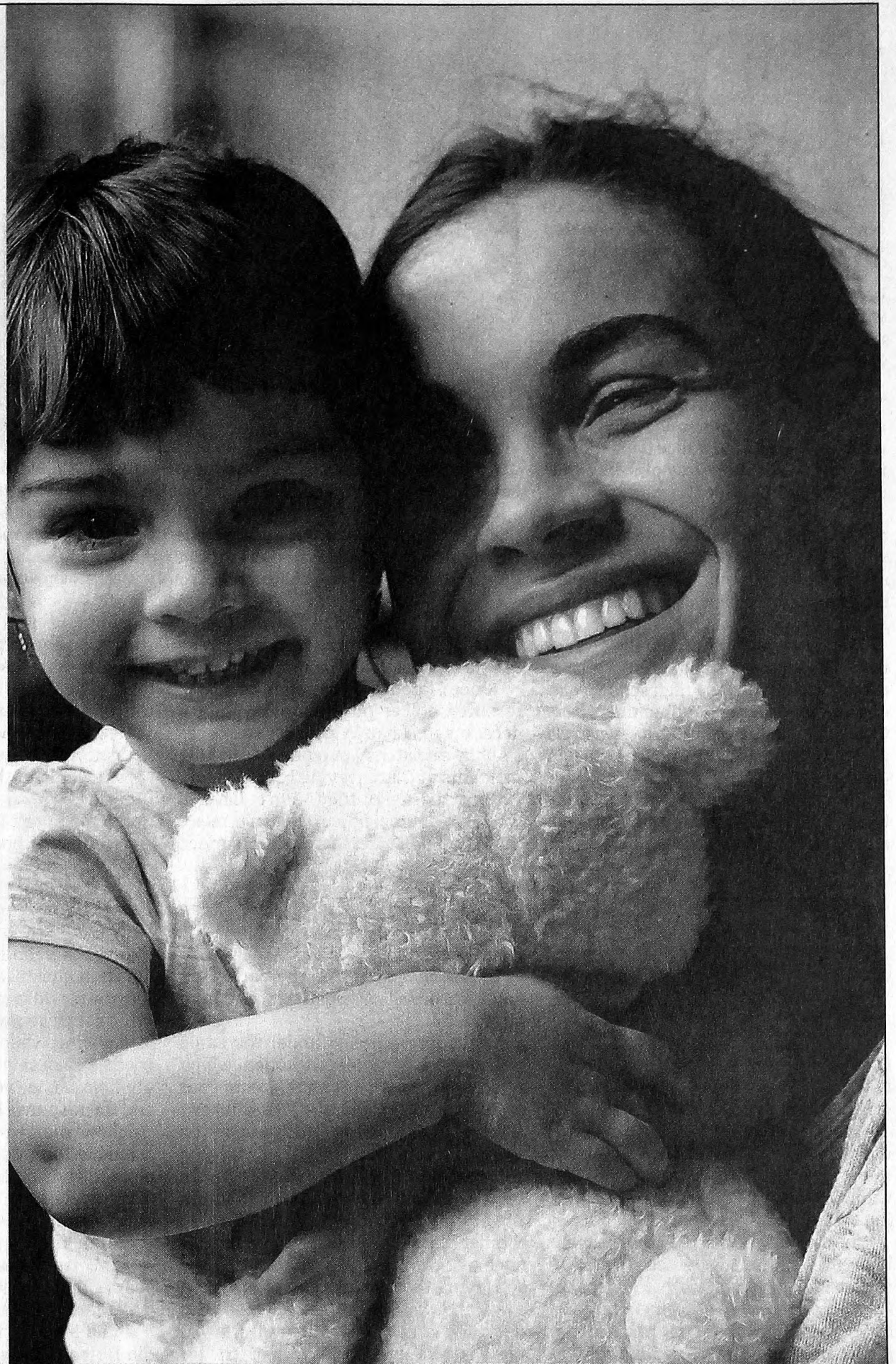
The city has also worked to further reduce its impact on trees, a concern some residents brought to light last summer. It reduced its planned tree removal from 60 trees to 41 and, on average, plants 550 trees a year. Doug Moore, assistant director of public works, said tree removal is usually to remove a dead tree or keep one from dying.

"We try to do the right thing before something happens," he said. "It's proactive rather than reactive. With trees, being reactive is a bad thing. If something comes down, it will cause damage."

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Security

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in those Nov. 30 deaths.

In the aftermath, school officials actually wanted a Livonia police officer to become Clarenceville's school resource officer, a position the district funded years ago until budget cuts prevailed.

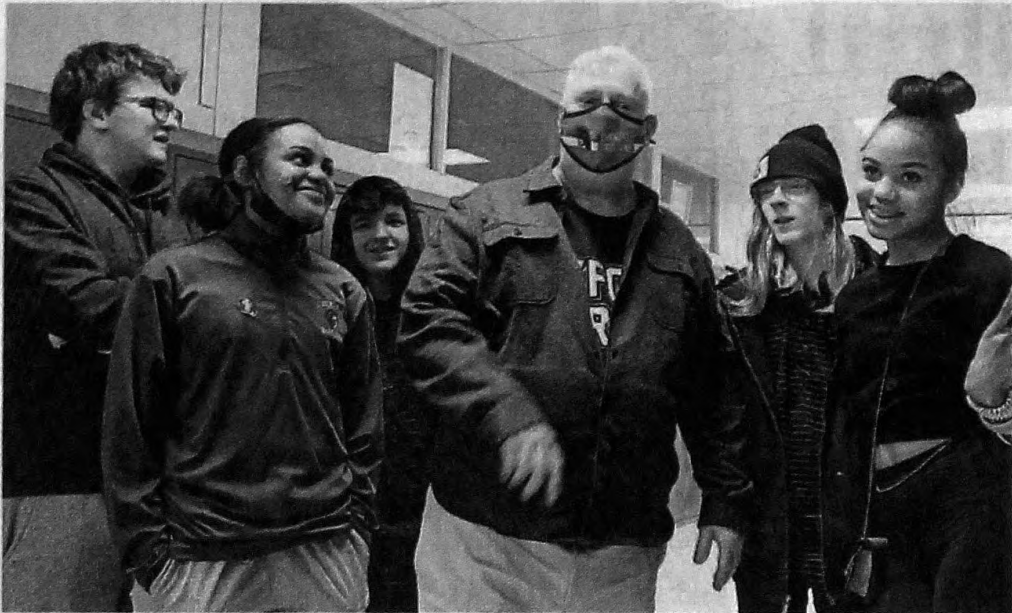
Shepich said the officer's goal would be to earn trust and build relationships with students, maybe give some search and seizure lessons while handling other criminal justice responsibilities.

Shepich and new Livonia Police Chief Thomas Goralski started talking. Clarenceville turned to security guards when he learned the police department, for now, doesn't have any officers available for Clarenceville.

But Shepich said he's been told the department has several new officers who could train and apply for a school assignment this summer, when Shepich hopes to select a new student resource officer.

Most school districts in the Hometown Life area have school resource officers or security for the high schools and sometimes other school buildings, too. Clarenceville School District was the outlier with no assigned police officer in the district.

Livonia Police Lt. Charles Lister confirmed discussions taking place so the school district has a school resource of-



Clarenceville School District Superintendent Paul Shepich hangs out in the hallway March 4 with some high school students. Because the Oxford High shooting has unsettled students, Clarenceville school administrators have been pushing for more security. Security guards are likely to appear at the high school this month, and Shepich hopes to hire a school resource officer from the Livonia Police Department over the summer. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ficer like Livonia's other high schools as early as next school year.

Since Clarenceville slashed its school resource officer position more than a decade ago, Livonia police have occasionally dispatched personnel to handle incidents at Clarenceville High School.

"Just because they don't have a school resource officer doesn't mean that they don't get immediate service

from the department to investigate a school threat," Lister explained, emphasizing the close relationship between the police department and Livonia and Clarenceville school districts. "I think it's going to maybe get even better in Clarenceville in the coming years. Stay tuned."

Shepich said the high school has a larger student body than when he was

principal there 2004-2014 because of schools-of-choice options.

When he was principal, the ninth-through 12th-grade building had at least 500 students, compared to today's more diverse population of about 750 students.

"We're bringing in Blue Line security for the rest of the school year... not because of any major issues," Shepich said. "We feel like there's a need to have more patrolling of our hallways. Our student population is growing at the high school so much."

"We just want more presence," Shepich admitted. "For whatever reason, when you bring in somebody who wears khakis and a blue shirt that has a title on it, people — even the adults — feel better. (There are) more eyes, more ears, more adult people moving through the building, getting kids to where they belong so that things can't start."

Shepich expects the district to pay Blue Line Protection and Investigations about \$64,000 for the two high school security guards. He's unsure about the cost to station a Livonia officer, but the position last cost about \$80,000 a year when Clarenceville last had the position. He's hoping a safety grant will help cover the costs.

The SRO is expected to replace the security guards next school year.

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Bar

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2019, a year after a fire forced the skating rink closed. Bailey said he hoped originally to open in 2020, but shutdowns at the onset of the pandemic dashed those plans. They then took the time to work on the space, getting throwing lanes together, as well as seating and a private party area.

The star of Legendary Axe is the eight lanes for ax throwing, which guests can register for time via the bar's website. Guests can reserve a lane, usually for an hour, and throw 12 feet toward a target painted on cottonwood. Four different games can be played through the scor-

ing system.

In addition to drinks, the bar serves small dishes like appetizers and pub fare.

Legendary Axe sits under the same roof as Hush Haunted Attraction, which relocated from its former space on Ford Road in 2019. Legendary Axe will continue to operate when Hush is open in the fall.

Legendary Axe becomes one of a few such entertainment venues to open in the Detroit's northwestern suburbs. Similar bars operate in communities such as Novi, Canton and Detroit.

Having the bar in a community like Westland was a goal to keep people local when looking to get out and enjoy a night out, Bailey said. He expects the reaction from the community will be

strong based on the feedback he's gotten from guests looking forward to visiting and from a handful of private events they've ran in the bar already.

"Booking-wise so far, it's been pretty good," Bailey said. "I think it'll be pretty busy. So far, we've had two events here and the response has been pretty good."

There are two types of hand axes available for throwing. Bryan Jones, a builder who helped construct the space, said the biggest challenge some may have is getting the ax to the target.

"From the events we've had so far, the only issue I've noticed is that some people, they're just missing the strength to get it down the lane," he said.

In addition to the two attractions in the former skating rink, Bailey said he wants to continue growing the space

into a true entertainment zone. That includes a new bar in the space where queuing happens for Hush at other times of the year, as well as a speakeasy-style bar inside the haunted house.

The goal is to allow people to have a pub crawl-style evening without ever having to go outside.

"So people can come out to different bars. It's not like it's downtown Plymouth where you can walk around to multiple different bars," Bailey said. "Instead, you can walk through our building."

More information on Legendary Axe, including how to book a timeslot, can be found at legendaryaxethrowingdetroit.com.

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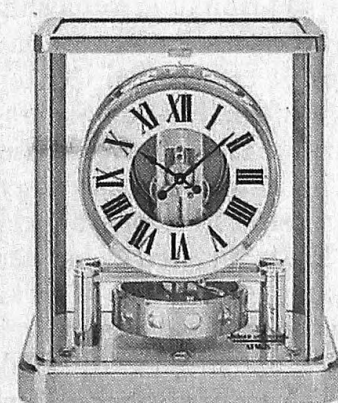


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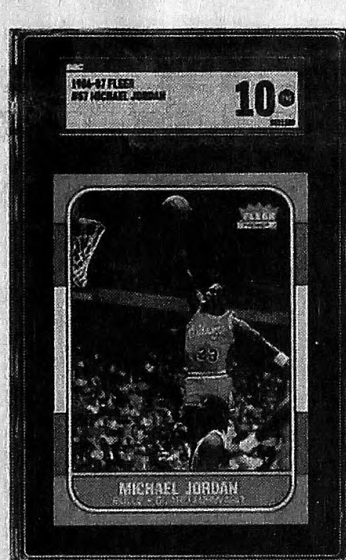
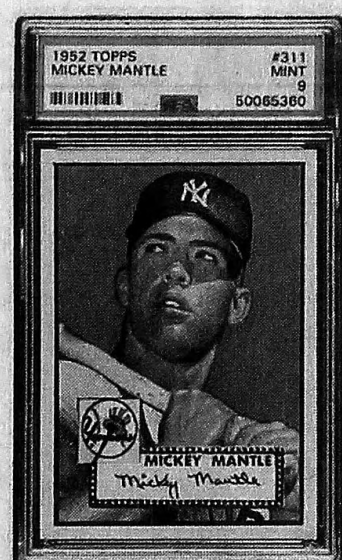
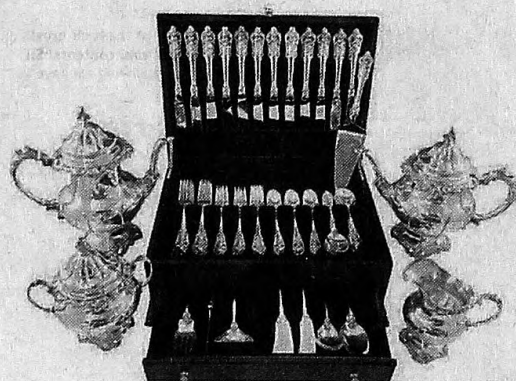
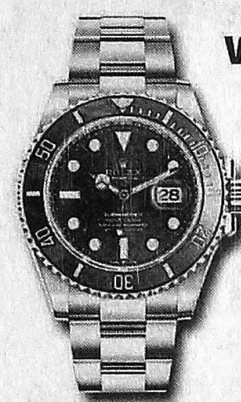
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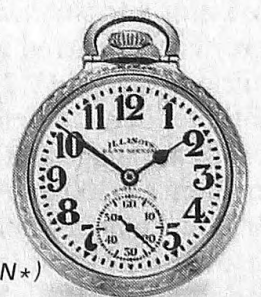
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### James Dale Harrington

James Dale Harrington "The Coach" was born January 30, 1939 and passed away at age 83 on February 21, 2022. Beloved husband of Pamela Harrington for 53 wonderful years. Loving father of Kenneth (Cheryl) Harrington and Katherine Riker. Cherished grandfather of Candes and Kyle Harrington and Josh Riker, James was reunited in Heaven with his beloved granddaughter Mary Kate Riker. Dearest brother of the late Sharon Padar, Janice Sylvester and Vince Harrington. Dear uncle of Jennifer, Janice (Genti), Patti (R.I.P.), Jimmy (R.I.P) (Kelley), Judy (Scott), and Kurt (April).

Visitation, Friday March 11th from 3PM- 7PM at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. Funeral service, Saturday March 12th at 11AM also at the funeral home. In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Safe Haven Women's Shelter- c/o Mary's Gift: 132 State St., Elkhart, Indiana 46516 or the Wounded Warriors Project.

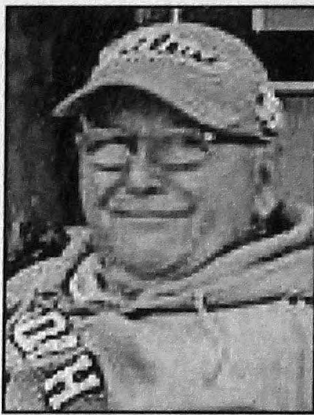
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### Evelyn Jane Strebel

Evelyn Jane Strebel (nee. Humbert), 95, formerly of Bellevue, KY and Livonia MI., passed away on Tuesday, March 1st at Rosedale Green, Covington. She was a homemaker and a member of Sacred Heart Parish, Bellevue until 1967. She was a very active member as a Team Leader for funeral luncheons at St. Maurice Parrish in Livonia and later loved sending homemade pies to the Friday Lenten dinners at St. Genevieve-St. Maurice until moving back to KY in 2016.

Evelyn was also a proud life member of the Livonia "early risers" Kiwanis serving as secretary for many years. She enjoyed delivering the dictionaries the Kiwanis gave to the elementary school children. She worked at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Detroit. At St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia she was Head Supervisor in the Out Patient Dept. and Assistant Supervisor at the Medial Centers in Livonia. She thought of the Felician Sisters and co-workers at St. Mary's as family as well as friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John & Margaret (nee. Brosemer) Humbert and husband, Louis Strebel. She is survived by her daughters, Sue Ellen Feldkamp, Anita (Gary) Feldkamp Heidenrich & Alice (Mike) Feldkamp Hoobler; sons, John (Robbie) Feldkamp, David (Connie) Feldkamp & James Feldkamp; Stepson David L (Patricia) Strebel, stepdaughters, Carol (Bob Dinsler) Strebel, and Melinda (Steve Schutz) Turner, and 20 grandchildren, and more than 20 great and great-great grandchildren. Visitation and a Mass of Christian Burial were held at Divine Mercy Parish/Sacred Heart Church, Bellevue, KY on Friday March 11, 2022. Evelyn was laid to rest at St. Stephen Cemetery, Ft. Thomas, KY. Memorials are suggested to Congregation of Divine Providence, 5300 St. Anne Drive, Melbourne Ky. 41059 or Livonia Michigan Kiwanis Club, 33233 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, Michigan, 48154. Online condolences can be given at [dmeffuneral.com](http://dmeffuneral.com). Dobbling, Muehlenkamp-Erschell Funeral Homes are serving the family.



### Teresa Holder

WAYNE - Teresa Holder finally found peace on March 1, 2022 after a long battle with both COPD and emphysema. She was just 59 years old.

Loving daughter of Sharon (deceased) and Jerry Holder, she passed away in her sleep at her childhood home. It was here that she lived with her ex-husband Bobby Vincent. Teresa was a selfless woman who was always able to find time for her friends and family but often struggled to justify taking time for herself. She had a deep strength and conviction that helped her fight her illness for years and compelled her to help those around her. It was her love of God and her Granddaughters that buoyed her in her final months.

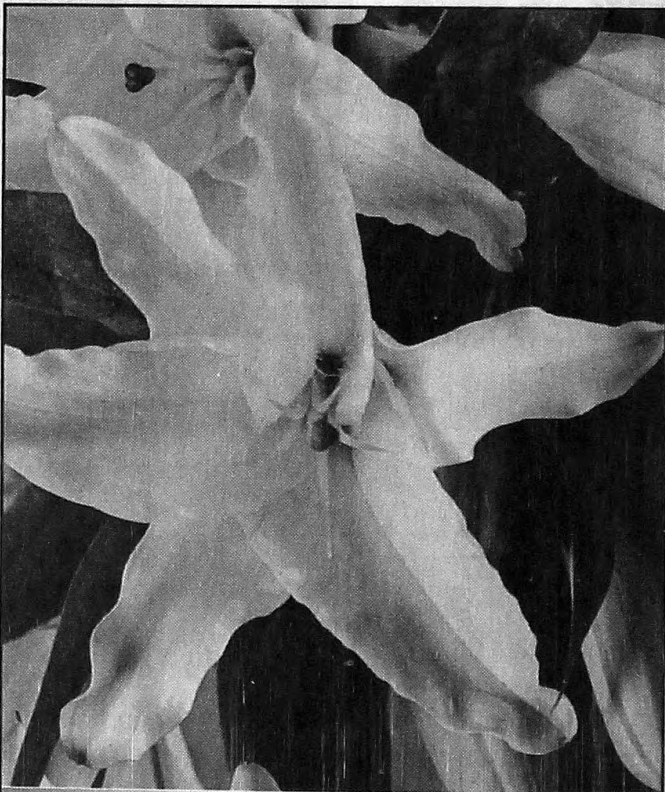
Teresa is survived by son, Robert Vincent; granddaughters, Valerie and Vivienne Vincent; two brothers, Van Holder, Michael Holder; and sister Chrissy Holder.

### Nancy Scappaticci

PLYMOUTH - Scappaticci, Nancy, March 7, 2022 age 83 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Marcello. Loving mother of Marco (Helena), Lori, Diana (James), and Linda (Peter). Proud grandmother of Nick, Wade, Kyle, Kevin, Whitney, Raylynn, Amber, Sean, Neal, Anthony, Nathan and Marissa, and the great grandmother of Ava, Matthew, Roman, Enzo, Dominic, Nico, Luna, Bri, Cameron, Clayton, Chloe, Chase, Serena, Zoey and Cory. Dear sister of Wilma (Frank), and Frank (Merrie). Visitation was held Wednesday, March 9th at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth. Funeral Mass was held Thursday, March 10th at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Pl, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-9959. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfh.com](http://vermeulenfh.com)

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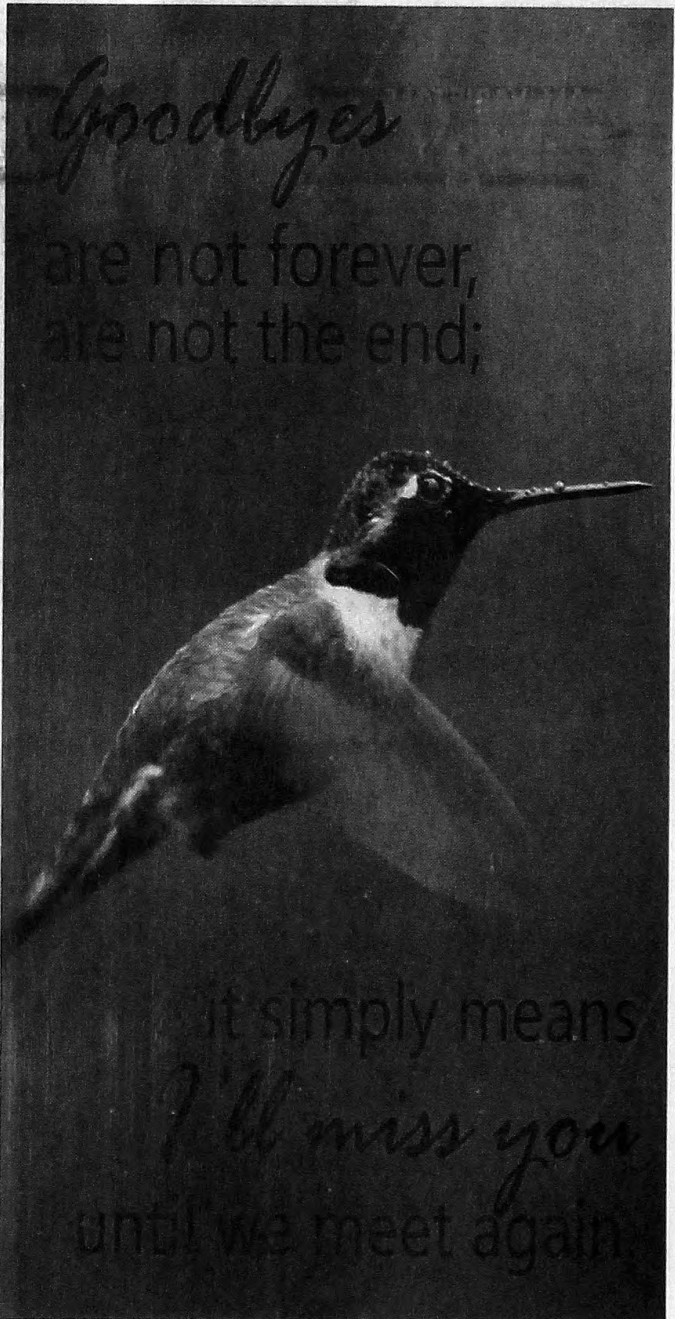
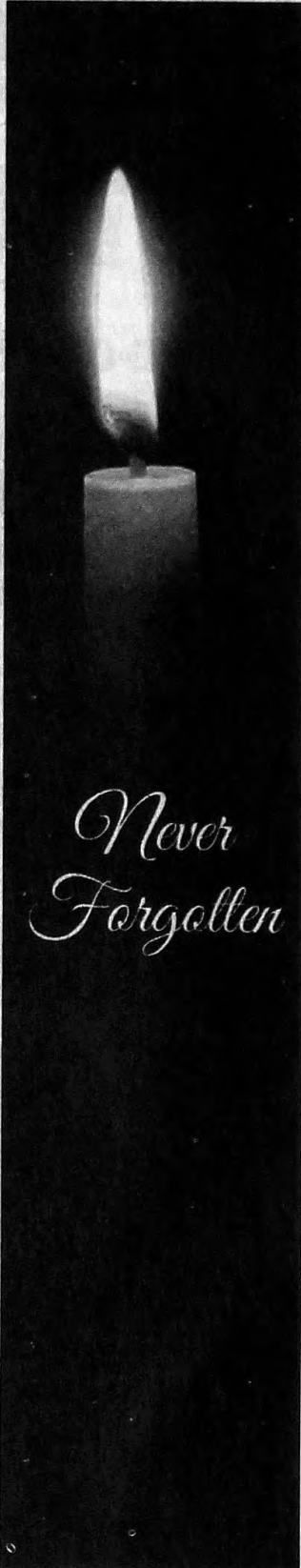


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### Kathryn (Kate) E. Stewart

SOUTH LYON - Survived by her husband, Mike Perfetto, her father, William Stewart, her sister Ann Stewart-Akers (Jay Akers), her nephew, Kyle Akers, her Aunt Margie and Uncle Chuck and numerous cousins and friends. Preceded in death by her mother, Judith Stewart.

Kate was born in Parma, OH and moved to Livonia, MI where she attended Hull Elementary, Frost Jr High and graduated from Churchill High School. She got BS degree in Home Economics and Consumer Services from Miami University, OH. She enjoyed numerous outdoor activities including kayaking, hiking, riding her horses, motorcycle rides with her husband and cross-country skiing to name a few. Kate was a friend to everyone and had a large circle of friends that will miss her dearly. She was adventurous and kind. A protector of all animals, including her beloved pets: Rico, Smidge and Trix. A celebration of life will be held in her honor at a future date.



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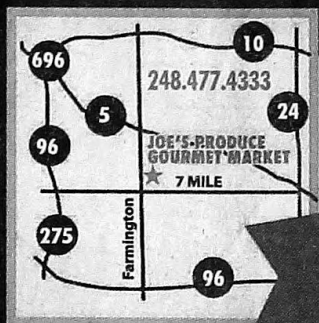
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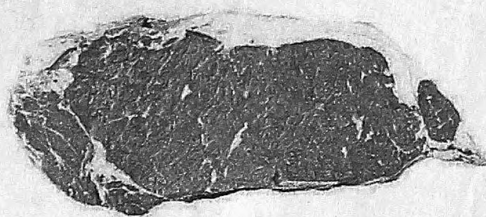
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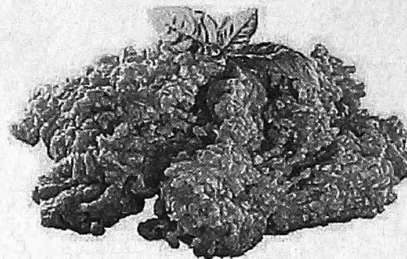
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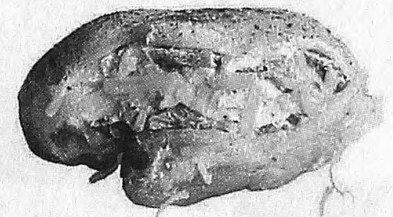


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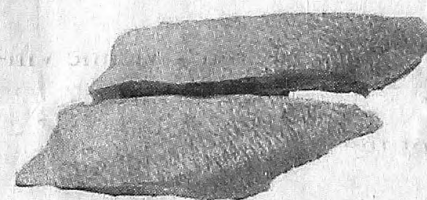
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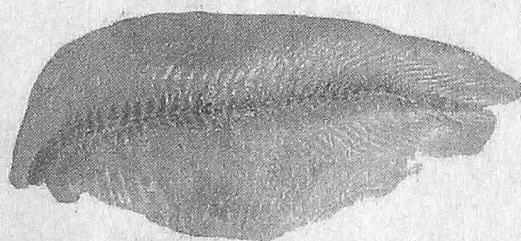
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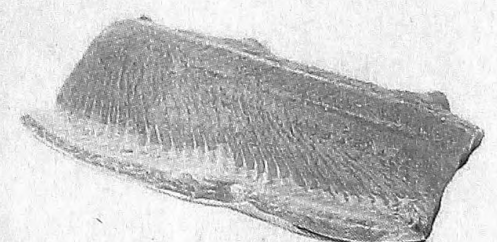
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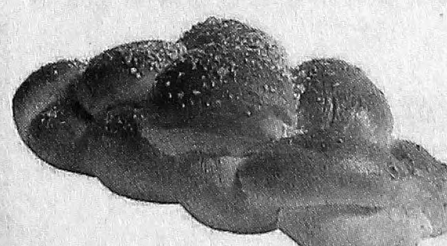
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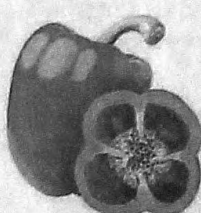
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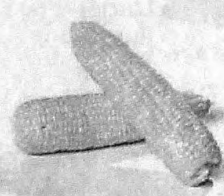
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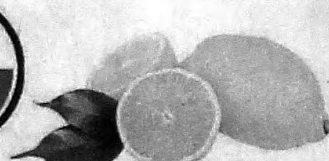
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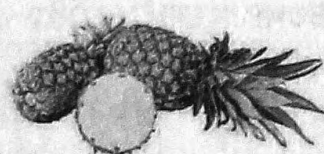
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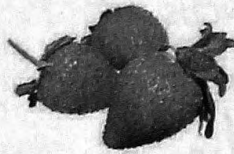
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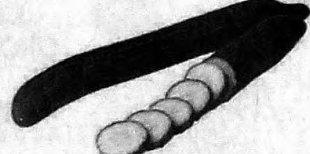
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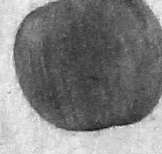
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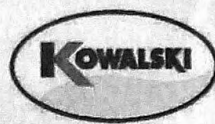
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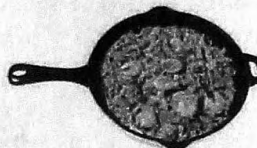
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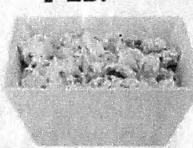
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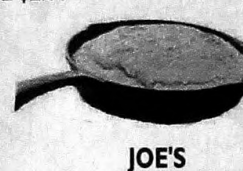
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# SPORTS

## How Bloomfield Hills won the OAA-White

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Bloomfield Hills boys basketball coach Phil Kurajian looked more nervous than he should've been. The fourth-year coach stood at the north end of Stoney Creek's arena wait-

ing for the JV game to finish. Up next was the Black Hawks' final game of the regular season. The Cougars entered the matchup as the worst team in the Oakland Activities Association-White, record-wise, and the last time the two teams met, Bloomfield Hills won by 18 points.

Surely, this was going to be another easy win for Kurajian's boys. Except this wasn't just any old league game. Bloomfield Hills needed to beat Stoney Creek to capture at least a share of the White championship with Lake Orion. And to win the title outright, it need-

ed the Dragons to drop their finale to Birmingham Groves, which, coincidentally, was being played at the same time as the Black Hawks' game. "Is anyone going to give you Lake Orion score updates throughout the

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## From roughhousing to winning it all



South Lyon's Kailyn Garrett takes the mat during the MHSAA individual wrestling state finals March 5 at Ford Field. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## South Lyon senior becomes first-ever MHSAA girls wrestling champion

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It was just a playful spat between the two — nothing too serious. But Kailyn Garrett had had enough of her uncle, Matthew Allard, picking on her that night.

So, right there in the living room, Garrett jumped Allard and the two started wrestling. Garrett, just a middle schooler then, had no trouble getting her 6-foot-2 uncle on the floor and pinning him. "This 13-year-old should not be pinning me!" Garrett recalled Allard saying

to her other family members while he struggled to free himself. "You need to get her into wrestling!" That's all it took to plant the seed. Garrett couldn't get that comment out of her mind. So she worked up the courage to attend practice with the Michigan Mat-

cats Wrestling Club, South Lyon's local youth wrestling program. "I loved it," she said of her first experience with organized wrestling. "I finally found a sport that fit me." That was five years ago.

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## Hartland grad goes from walk-on to Navy soccer team captain

**Bill Khan** [Livingston Daily](#)  
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On some teams, being named a captain means more. To wear the "C" for a team at one of the United States service academies carries greater weight, because the na-

ture of each institution means each team is filled with potential leaders. Olivia Foster of Hartland has been selected captain of Navy's women's soccer team for next season, a distinction that is even more meaningful considering she's a walk-on who hasn't been a starter during her first three seasons.

"It feels like a pretty big responsibility," Foster said. "At the end of the day, it's just a privilege to be able to step in front of my team and have their trust that they believe in me to lead them throughout the season and everything. At an institution like this where we're all leaders, it feels pretty special. It's still

kind of surreal." Captains at Navy are voted on by players. Each team has only one captain, except for football. Players who are named captains get an extra stripe on their military uniforms because they

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# OAA-White

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game tonight?" Kurajian was asked. Kurajian quickly crossed his arms in disagreement. "We are not paying attention to any of that," he responded. "We've got to be locked in. We've got to get through tonight first. We'll find out if they lost after the game."

Bloomfield Hills *did* get through the night. It had no trouble putting away the Cougars, 62-35.

The Black Hawks (16-4, 6-2) secured a share of the White title, ensuring they repeated as the league champions.

As the players and coaches lined up for the post-game handshake line, Lake Orion and Groves were still playing.

"Are they still up by 10?" Kurajian asked as he got in the line.

Clearly, someone had been feeding him those Lake Orion-Groves score updates while he coached the game. And, no, the Dragons were up by just nine at that point.

"How much time is left?" he said while bending over to pick up his coat and backpack from behind the bench. "Six minutes? OK, we'll see..."

It's almost unfathomable to think about Bloomfield Hills even being in a position to worry about what Lake Orion was doing across the county.

The Black Hawks won their first two White games against Troy and Groves convincingly in January, but they lost to Lake Orion by 14 points a week later.

And they somehow lost to Troy, a team they had already proven to be better than, the week after that.

The Dragons took control of first place in the standings, and Bloomfield Hills went from the top of the mountain to almost being out of the title race.

But Lake Orion, too, took an unexpected loss to Groves, which meant the meeting between the Black Hawks and Dragons would ultimately decide Bloomfield Hills' fate.

Bloomfield Hills 52, Lake Orion 50. Noah Adamczyk scored 17 points in the fourth quarter, and Ben Canty won it all with a pair of free throws in crunch time.

"The message was: Adversity doesn't define you, it's how you respond to adversity," Kurajian said of turning the season around. "I thought this group responded unbelievably. Our backs were against the wall after we lost to Troy, and we regrouped and rattled off five-straight and put ourselves in a good position going into districts.

"We have a bunch of competitors, us coaches included, so we had to fix that. We had to fix some things on the court. We had to fix some things with our attitude. We really bonded together, and that's a credit to our guys, especially our seniors."

And the season finale could've been a trap game. Bloomfield Hills could've slipped up and given the league to Lake Orion.

But it didn't. "The most dangerous teams are the ones that have nothing to lose, and we had everything to lose," senior Julian Manna said of preparing for Stoney Creek. "So we just had to keep our minds



Bloomfield Hills coach Phil Kurajian talks to his team in a timeout break March 3 during an Oakland Activities Association-White boys basketball game against Stoney Creek. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Bloomfield Hills' Derrick Lee dunks.

focused. We had a hard practice yesterday. We usually take it lighter before games, but we practiced hard yesterday. We had to keep our minds right, and we knew what we had to do."

It was Derrick Lee (12 points) scoring on drives to the hoop and in transition.

It was Manna burying a trio of 3-pointers from the corner and finishing with nine points.

It was Carson Brodsky banging under the basket for a hard-fought seven points.

It was the bench guys such as CJ

Jackson, Ahmad Taylor and Jordan Holman, among a handful of others, hustling for loose balls and rebounds and making key jumpers when needed.

And it was Adamczyk proving once again why he's one of the best in metro Detroit. The junior guard scored a game-high 15 points on steals, jumpers and drives.

As the second quarter was coming to a close, Bloomfield Hills held the ball for the final shot of the first half, so, of course, it was going to be Adamczyk taking the shot.

Stoney Creek's student section purposely started counting down the waning seconds well before the buzzer was actually going to sound.

"Three, two, one!" they all shouted, despite there still being 3 seconds left.

Adamczyk called their bluff anyway and buried a 3-pointer from the volleyball line. He backpedaled back on defense, threw up three fingers and then waved toward the student section as the buzzer finally sounded.

The effort gave Bloomfield Hills a 31-16 lead entering the locker room, all but securing the victory right there.

These weren't the Black Hawks who were upset by Troy. These were the league champions.

"We had to reassess ourselves back at Troy," Lee said. "We also had to get ready for this game. We couldn't underestimate them. We basically just picked each other up after Troy and worked even harder."

In the locker room, Kurajian handed out white and purple league champion shirts to his players and gave them one final talk before they exited to take a team photo in their new shirts in the gymnasium.

The Lake Orion-Groves game had just gone final by the time Kurajian walked out of the locker room.

"Groves lost by 15," Kurajian was told.

He shook his head but wasn't upset too long.

And then he cracked a smile while talking about his boys.

"Our No. 1 goal this entire season was to win our league and go back-to-back," he said. "I'm beyond happy to say that we did that. I'm proud of them. They should enjoy that tonight. They earned it. They earned the right to say that. It's really hard for a team to win a league title and then to do it back-to-back. They believed that they could do it. So they get to enjoy that now."

# Captain

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hold a leadership position.

"It's a leadership institution," said Carin Gabarra, a former national team player who has coached Navy since 1993.

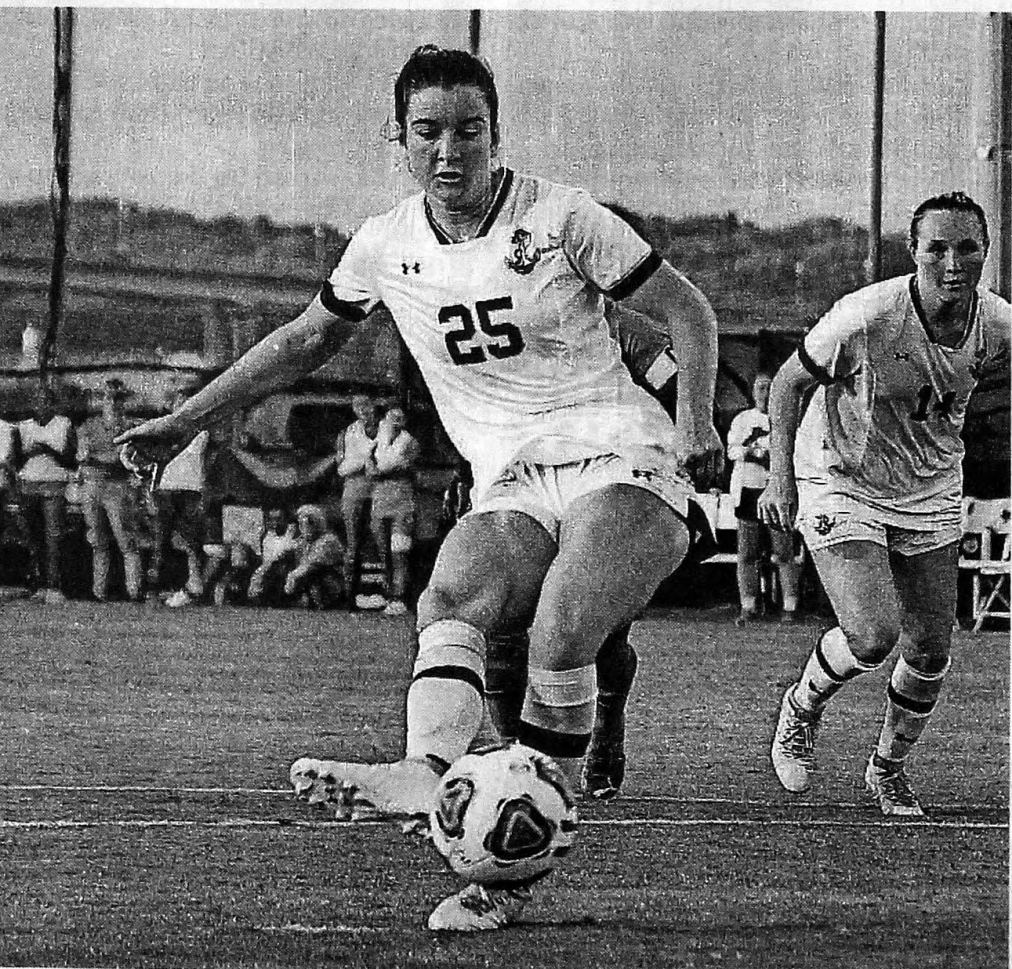
"It's part of the fabric and mission of the Naval Academy. Everybody's a leader here. It's pretty special to be named captain, and by your peers. In all my time here, the voting has been really good. Players aren't just voting for their friends; people are voting for who they think will be the best leaders. It's a very big honor."

Foster has rotated at several positions during her time at Navy, playing wherever the team needs her. She has appeared in 10 games in her career, scoring a goal on a penalty kick against Delaware State last Oct. 4.

She made the Patriot League academic honor roll for 2020-21.

"Some of the intangibles Olivia brings to this team are as good as we've ever had in our 28 years as a program," Gabarra said. "She is incredibly intrinsically motivated every day. She plays with this heart and passion that's unmatched and brings others with her. She's incredibly inclusive and collaborative."

It's remarkable that Foster is playing NCAA Division I soccer, let alone as a captain, because she was ready to give



Olivia Foster made Navy's soccer team as a walk-on coming out of Hartland High School. MAX BUENO/UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY ATHLETICS

up the sport after graduating from Hartland in 2019.

She moved between forward and midfield as a senior at Hartland, tying

for second with seven goals on a young team that was building toward a state championship two years later. Foster was a first-team All-Livingston County

selection after making the second team as a junior.

And it looked like that would be it for Foster, who didn't plan to continue her career in college.

Despite her success playing for a large school, the only offer she had was from Kalamazoo College.

She already planned to attend the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, with the ultimate goal of becoming an officer in the Marine Corps. Her father, Wade, is a retired Marine who coaches basketball and soccer at Hartland.

"I was completely prepared to give it up," Foster said. "But my senior year after we lost to Novi in districts, I kind of felt like I still had a lot of gas left in the tank; I just needed to do something with it. I didn't feel like I was completely done. I felt like I owed it to myself to give it one more shot."

Foster, who attended soccer camps at the Naval Academy growing up, sent an email to an associate coach expressing her interest in playing for the Midshipmen.

But even Foster had her doubts. "I kind of put off the whole soccer thing here," she said. "It's a super good D1 team. Who am I to think I have a shot to play here?"

Foster was invited to play during a sports period at boot camp heading into her freshman year, then was given a tryout when the full team began preseason practices. She made the team, which Gabarra said is rare for a walk-on.



# Champion

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Now Garrett is the best 190-pound female wrestler in the state.

That fact can't be disputed.

She competed in the individual state championship tournament at Ford Field. It was the first time the Michigan High School Athletic Association had ever made room for the girls to compete alongside the boys.

The senior pinned her first three opponents each in around 1 minute or less to qualify for the championship match.

And that final bout wasn't typical.

Garrett participated in the march to the mat where the MHSAA has every state qualifier walk out of the same tunnel the Detroit Lions use for their pregame introductions. The wrestlers circled the north end of the field before standing together on a set of five wrestling mats for the singing of the national anthem.

The crowd was packed. The stadium lights shined brightly on the mats. The wrestling world was focused on Ford Field.

And, most importantly, the MHSAA did it the right way. Since it was the first time the girls were present at the state finals, it put them on the center-most mat, the best mat in the house for spectators, regardless of where they sat.

What an experience.

Garrett was in the second match of the evening, so she waited as Brighton's Sabrina Nauss became the first-ever girls individual state champion recognized by the MHSAA.

Garrett took the mat against Marcellus sophomore Gabriella Allen and turned her final high school match into quite the point-collecting exercise.

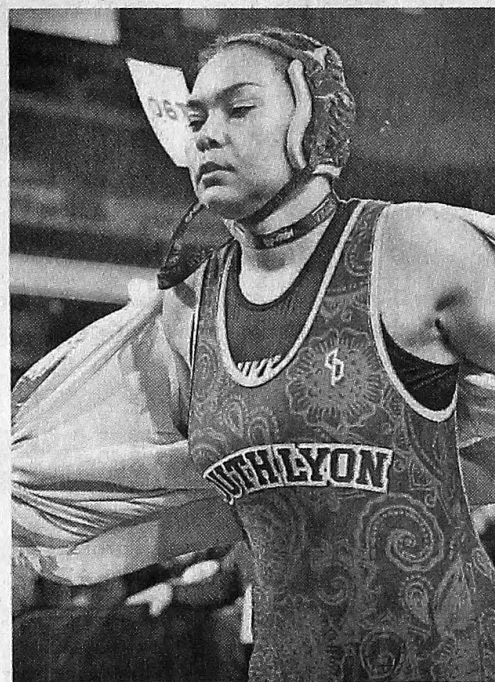
The Albion College signee grappled back and forth with Allen, picking up point after point until the three periods finally ended and she was up, 19-9, good enough for her to secure the state title by major decision.

She wore a bright smile when she talked about winning it all. But she was also happy with her pioneering effort. She can forever say she won a state title the first year the MHSAA let the girls play.

"It's completely different here because (at girls-only state tournaments) I had a quarter of the people here watch-



South Lyon's Kailyn Garrett grapples with Marcellus' Gabriella Allen during the MHSAA individual wrestling state finals March 5 at Ford Field. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Garrett takes the mat.

ing me," she said. "And now to be able to do it alongside the men is just crazy to me.

"I am just proud. It's awesome being able to have the shot to be here. We nev-

er had this before."

The win was obviously Garrett's first MHSAA championship, but it was her second state title, as she also won a championship as a sophomore through Michigan Wrestling Association.

However, the manifest destiny of girls wrestling hasn't been the easiest experience for Garrett.

Yes, she was a state finalist as a freshman and a champion the following year. But she's been doing all of this as the only girl on South Lyon's high school team. She's had to practice with the boys, wrestle against the boys and even dual against the boys.

She competes at 190 pounds in the girls tournament, but she's faced 189- and 215-pounders when she lines up across boys. In fact, she recently took sixth place at 215 pounds during the Lakes Valley Conference championships.

That hasn't always been the easiest experience, but it's toughened up her mindset.

What's more, she suffered a torn labrum injury as a junior. But she battled back from the setback to place at last year's girls state finals.

She's just determined to win.

"The girl just wants it," South Lyon coach Zachary Makowski said. "She works hard. She's very talented and skilled. She's in the heavier weights here, but she doesn't go out and always want to dance and do the upper body stuff. She takes shots, and she's a very skilled wrestler.

"She's made an immediate impact in our program. She's been in our varsity lineup for all four years here. Out of the gate, I knew she was going to be good and fill a role on our team more than just being in the girls tournament. This year, she has been lights-out and unstoppable the last few weeks leading into regionals. Her integrity and the way she practices and handles her nutrition and weight just sets her apart."

Garrett celebrated with Makowski immediately after winning it all.

After the two wrapped up interviews with reporters, Garrett said she was excited to talk with her future college coaches at Albion, who were watching in the stands.

But, first, she had to find her family sitting in a different section. She needed to hug her uncle.

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Detroit King's Chansey Willis Jr. (2) moves with the ball during King's 66-38 win in the PSL championship game at Oakland University on Feb. 21.  
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# Meet the 2022 Michigan Mr. Basketball finalists

**Mick McCabe** Special to Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

The clock is running down, you are down by a point and you need someone to take the last shot.  
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The five finalists for the 42nd annual Hal Schram Mr. Basketball award are players who live for making the winning shot for their school.  
Jack Karasinski of Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Treyvon Lewis of

Ferndale, Kareem Rozier of Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Chansey Willis Jr. of Detroit King and Kyler Vanderjagt of Grand Rapids Northview have all been go-to players since the day they entered high school.  
They are the finalists for the most prestigious award a male high school athlete in Michigan can receive. The state's Mr. Basketball award is named for Hal Schram, the former Free Press sports writer who covered high school athletics for over 40 years.

It is given annually to the state's top senior by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan in conjunction with the Free Press.  
This is another typically good year for high school talent; narrowing the field was not easy for Steven Norgrove, chairperson for the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Mr. Basketball award.  
"It's an honor to be part of the process," he said. "We do our due diligence as a basketball association to uphold the integrity of the process. There were a lot of great candidates, but these five stood out and they are all very deserving."  
"I am very pleased with the candidates this year."  
While all of the finalists are excellent scorers, they are anything but one-dimensional players.  
Rozier is only 5 feet 8, but he also leads St. Mary's in rebounding. The same can be said for Willis, who is 6-2

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# Finalists

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and close to averaging a triple-double for the Crusaders.

Lewis is a flat-out shooter, but he can attack the rim.

Grand Rapids has a pair of finalists in Vanderjagt and Karasinski; they play on the wing, but aren't afraid to go inside and are capable of scoring and defending in the paint.

Only BCAM members are permitted to vote. The voting runs March 8-12 and the winner will be announced March 21.

Here is an alphabetical look at finalists:

## Jack Karasinski

**Grand Rapids Catholic Central, 6-7 College:** William & Mary.

**Averages:** 17 points, 6 rebounds, two assists and two blocks.

**Biggest area of improvement:** Defense.

**Best move:** While handling the ball, he stops for a pull-up jump shot.

**Favorite athlete:** Michael Jordan.

**Top opponent:** Jason Drake (Ferndale).

**Favorite book:** "Freak the Mighty" by Rodman Philbrook.

**When my basketball career is finished I will:** "Own my own business."

**Overview:** You may remember him from last season when he led CC to the Division 2 state title. He is making plays at both ends of the court now. He blocks shots and takes the charge defensively. He has worked to perfect his jump shot, and with the elevation he gets, it is almost impossible to block. He also finishes plays above the rim.

## Treyvon Lewis

**Ferndale, 6-5**

**College:** Loyola (Chicago).

**Averages:** 23 points, 11 rebounds, four assists, two blocks.

**Biggest area of improvement:** Rebounding.

**Best move:** Uses a hesitation dribble with a crossover for a drive to the basket or a step-back 3-pointer.

**Favorite athlete:** Devin Booker.

**Top opponent:** Rozier.

**Favorite book:** "The Mamba Mentality: How I Play" by Kobe Bryant.



St. Mary's guard Kareem Rozier (3) looks before making a pass against Brother Rice guard Jonathan Blackwell (5) at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory High School in West Bloomfield Township on Jan. 14.

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**When my basketball career is finished I will:** "Be a detective in the criminal justice system."

**Overview:** A natural scorer, he notched 50 points last season in a victory against D-4 champ Detroit Frederick Douglass. He takes the ball to the basket with authority and easily knocks down 3-pointers. He has become a better defender this season and has developed into a rim protector as well as a guy who can snare difficult rebounds.

## Kareem Rozier

**Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 5-8**

**College:** Duquesne.

**Averages:** 14.8 points, 6.4 rebounds, eight assists.

**Biggest area of improvement:** Perimeter shooting.

**Best move:** Users a crossover to get by a defender for a jump shot or a drive to the basket.

**Favorite Athlete:** Chris Paul.

**Top opponent:** Jalen Terry (Flint Beecher).

**Favorite book:** "Michael Jordan: The Life" by Roland Lazenby.

**When my basketball career is finished I will:** "Be a college basketball coach."

**Overview:** Point guards with a 2-to-1

assist-to-turnover ratio are good. A 3-to-1 ratio is elite-level. Magic Johnson's ratio was 3.9-to-1. Rozier's? An amazing 8-to-1.5. It is almost impossible to stay in front of him when he has the ball. His improved strength has enabled him to effectively finish his drives to the basket.

## Kyler Vanderjagt

**Grand Rapids Northview, 6-4.**

**College:** Belmont.

**Averages:** 24 points, seven rebounds, six assists.

**Biggest area of improvement:** Interior scoring.

**Best move:** Coming off a screen, he catches the ball and shoots a jump shot.

**Favorite Athlete:** LeBron James.

**Top opponent:** Kobe Bufkin, Grand Rapids Christian.

**Favorite book:** "Pain — the Gift Nobody Wants" by Paul Brand and Philip Yancey.

**When my basketball career is finished I will:** "Become an anesthesiologist."

**Overview:** A four-year starter, he has gradually developed into a complete player. He always had a knack for scoring on perimeter jump shots, and this season he has become tough to handle



Ferndale wing Treyvon Lewis (5) dribbles against Oak Park during the first half at Oak Park High School in Oak Park on Feb. 25.

in the paint, where he is effective with his back to the basket. He has also worked hard over the course of the season to become an elite passer.

## Chansey Willis Jr.

**Detroit King, 6-2**

**College:** Undecided.

**Stats:** 25 points, nine rebounds, nine assists, four steals.

**Biggest area of improvement:** Rebounding.

**Best move:** Coming off a screen, he rolls and makes an opposite diagonal pass to set up an open jump shot.

**Favorite Athlete:** Stephen Curry.

**Top opponent:** Fletcher Loyer (Clarkston).

**Favorite book:** "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" collection by Jeff Kinney.

**When my basketball career is finished I will:** "Create my own business in the sports field."

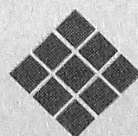
**Overview:** Perhaps the state's best athlete, he is following his all-state football season with an all-state basketball season. He has always been coachable, and now he has become more of a leader in helping King win another PSL title. He doesn't take plays off defensively. He is averaging nearly a double-double and beats you scoring and passing.



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# Recession risk ‘uncomfortably high’

## Threats to economic recovery piling up

Paul Davidson  
USA TODAY

The U.S. economy is still climbing out of the COVID-19-induced downturn as a robust job market powers it to cruising speed.

So why is talk of recession in the air? Some top economists are raising the odds of a slump within the next year or so amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine, rising energy prices, historic inflation, the stock market sell-off and the prospect of aggressive Fed rate hikes.

"The risk is uncomfortably high," says Mark Zandi, chief economist of Moody's Analytics.

Since the Ukraine war began, Zandi has increased his estimate of the chance of a recession in the next 12 to 18 months from 15% to 30%.

Former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers puts the chance if a recession within the next 30 months at above 50%, according to Forbes magazine.

Fears of a slide may seem incongruous with an economy that's still benefiting from strong consumer spending as vaccinations rise and COVID-19 ebbs. Employers added a booming 678,000 jobs in February and the unemployment rate fell to 3.8%, the Labor Department said Friday. Retail sales surged in January despite the spread of the coronavirus omicron variant.

And while the economy is set to slow this year from 5.7% growth in 2021 – strongest since 1984 – to a 3.5% to 4% gain, that's still historically healthy. Americans are depleting their savings from stimulus checks and enhanced unemployment benefits but severe worker shortages continue to drive sharp wage growth.

Yet storm clouds have been gathering.

Energy prices were already on the rise when Russia's invasion pushed them higher on fears that U.S. sanctions on Russia – or retaliation from Russia – could propel them into nosebleed territory. The U.S. benchmark crude price closed at about \$108 a barrel Thursday,



Fears of a slide may seem out of place with an economy still benefiting from strong consumer spending, but storm clouds have been gathering. GETTY IMAGES

up 42% so far this year. Average unleaded gasoline is at \$3.73 a gallon, up from \$3.41 a month ago, according to AAA.

If sanctions actually do disrupt global oil flows, crude could top \$125 while pump prices reach \$4.50 or higher, Zandi says. That could intensify overall inflation and prompt Americans to pull back spending, which makes up about 70% of economic activity.

Such a scenario likely would tip the

economy into recession, Zandi says.

### Is the Fed going to raise interest rates?

But the more likely road map for a downturn is a Federal Reserve that hikes its key interest rate, now near zero, too rapidly in an effort to curtail inflation, Zandi and Summers say, dampening borrowing and spending. That's

what led to two recessions in the early 1980s. In December, Fed officials estimated they'll hoist rates three times this year but many economists expect four to seven hikes, or even more.

The Fed boosts rates to discourage borrowing, temper an overheated economy and head off spikes of inflation. It lowers them to spur borrowing, economic activity and job growth.

"Inflation is too high – we understand that," Fed Chair Jerome Powell told the House financial services committee this week. "It'll take some time but we're going to get it under control."

Summers says the Fed was too complacent about inflation last year and is now determined to catch up. Raising rates enough to rein in price increases without nudging the economy into a tailspin is no simple feat.

"It's not like turning the dial on a machine," Zandi says. "It's very difficult."

Add a tumbling stock market to the mix of threats to the economy, Zandi says. The S&P 500 index is down 8.5% this year on worries about Fed rate hikes, the war and higher energy prices. A reeling market can batter consumer confidence and spending as well as business optimism, hiring and investment.

Joseph LaVorgna, chief economist of the Americas for research firm Natixis, believes the Fed will lift rates just two or three times this year as the economy slows. A bolder campaign, he predicts, will cause a recession. He has boosted his recession odds from 15% to 25%.

LaVorgna notes that since 1970, each time the oil price increased 90% or more over the previous year, the nation was in a recession, or about to enter one. The exception, he says, was last year but only because oil was coming off a depressed level.

Crude prices are 76% above their year-ago mark.

Zandi, though, says high oil prices are less of a burden for the economy than they were 50 years ago because the U.S. is among the world's top crude producers and the oil industry benefits even though consumers are hurt.

And so spiking prices for a year "don't necessarily signal a recession dead ahead," he says.

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# The Labor Force Participation Rate for Persons With a Disability Is Up

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Labor force participation dropped sharply at the start of the pandemic, and has still only partially recovered. Most population groups have seen substantial declines in employment and labor force participation. But there are

a few notable exceptions, some of which are highlighted in the annual "Persons with a Disability: Labor Force Characteristics" report published today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Here are three takeaways from today's release:

**1. Labor force participation for people with a disability fully recovered even before the end of 2020**

At 22.8%, labor force participation among people with disabilities is now nearly 2 percentage points higher than it was in February 2020, which is remarkable considering that the labor force participation rate for people with no disability is still 1.8 percentage points below the February 2020 rate.

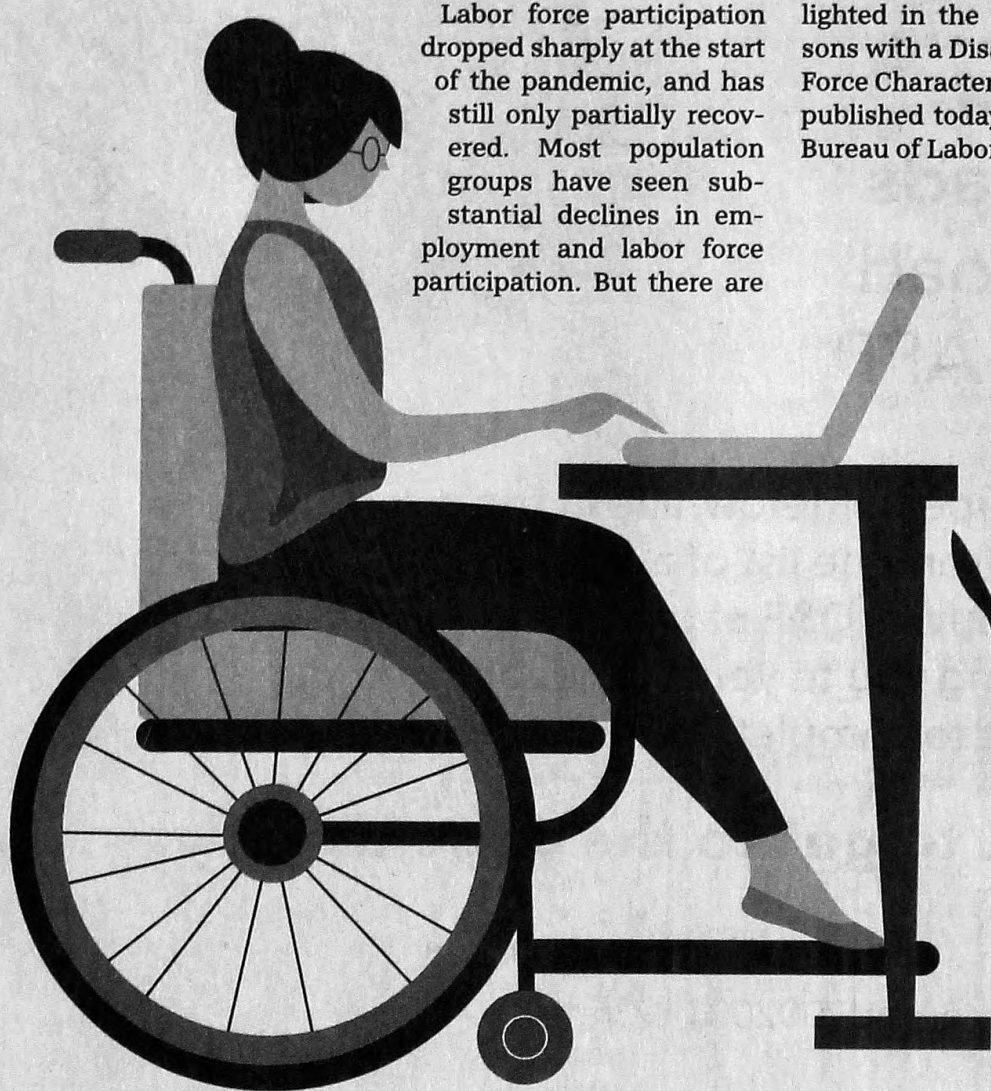
**2. Increased remote work opportunities have opened doors for workers with disabilities**

People with disabilities faced the same struggles as the rest of the workforce during the pandemic, with one exception: the shift to remote

work made employment opportunities vastly more accessible to them, even as overall employment declined. A massive number of jobs became virtual within days, and a large spike in the share of job postings allowing remote work changed the landscape for homebound job seekers with disabilities and chronic health conditions.

**3. Women have been particularly responsive to the expansion in remote work opportunities**

The surge in labor force participation among workers with disabilities is being fueled by women. Compared to pre-pandemic 2019 levels, the labor force participation rate for men with a disability is 1.2% lower, whereas it is now 6.2% higher for women. Across gender and disability status, women with a disability are the only segment that has surged ahead of pre-pandemic employment trends, let alone fully recovered.



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Super Crossword

CONFORMITY

- ACROSS
- 1 Competitor
- 6 Least hilly
- 14 Spring birds
- 20 Adult insect stage
- 21 Irish moss or nori
- 22 Insect's egg capsule
- 23 Steady job, say
- 25 Money, slangily
- 26 Egg on
- 27 See
- 110-Across
- 28 One — kind
- 30 Israeli politician
- 31 Waikiki locale
- 33 Catholic liturgy
- 35 Steak/lobster combo dish
- 39 Leave behind
- 41 Aquarium shop supply
- 42 Endowing organization
- 45 Didn't allow to pass, as a bill
- 50 Swimmer Gertrude
- 51 "— the night before ..."
- 54 Novelist — Stanley Gardner
- 55 Pass, as a bill
- 59 "Lady Love" singer Rawls
- 60 Really hate
- 62 Jeans brand
- 63 Recline lazily
- 64 Regulating system
- 67 Main nun
- 69 Nest egg abbr.
- 70 Estevez of "Tex"
- 71 Attractive
- 78 Tesla's Musk
- 79 Volley starter
- 80 Flora and fauna
- 81 GPS display
- 82 Vogue thing
- 83 Uruguay's Punta del —
- 84 Good buds
- 85 Campout fuel
- 87 Suffer from hunger
- 89 Like an attention-grabbing actor
- 96 Unrefined petroleum
- 99 Eppie who's known as Ann Landers
- 100 Home-state candidate
- 104 Skillful feat
- 106 Clodhopper
- 107 Pitcher Hershisier
- 108 Grassy tract
- 109 Deceive
- 110 With
- 27-Across, makeshift sheds
- 112 Theater area
- 114 What the starts of seven answers in this puzzle might do?
- 121 California beach city
- 122 Online merchants
- 123 Sharpens
- 124 Appraise
- 125 Sign on a dead-end street
- 126 Start
- DOWN
- 1 Grafton's "— for Ricochet"
- 2 "If u ask me ..."
- 3 Singer Sarah
- 4 Bad way for a ship to run
- 5 "Livin' La Vida —" (1999 #1 hit)
- 6 Swing to and —
- 7 Some jabs in the ring
- 8 "Ciao!" in Chihuahua
- 9 Gets bronze
- 10 Special attention, for short
- 11 Conceit
- 12 Singer Cooke
- 13 Start a golf hole
- 14 Longtime Russian dynasty members
- 15 Large gametes
- 16 "Carmen" composer Georges
- 17 D-Max pickup truck maker
- 18 Appellation bestower
- 19 Neck warmer
- 24 Halley of Halley's comet
- 29 — Schwarz (toy store)
- 31 Clodhopper
- 32 — Dhabi
- 34 San — (Texas city near Abilene)
- 35 Ungodliness
- 36 The Trojans of the NCAA
- 37 Musical beat
- 38 1950s prez
- 40 Losing effort?
- 41 Add-on charge
- 43 Cal's twin in "East of Eden"
- 44 Fill to excess
- 46 More itty-bitty
- 47 Redenbacher of popcorn
- 48 Omission of a syllable
- 49 Archbishop Tutu
- 52 Affliction
- 53 Projectile path
- 55 Slips by
- 56 Most majestic
- 57 Calgary locale
- 58 Meat cutter
- 60 Large artery
- 61 Ho-hum
- 62 Hasty escape
- 64 2000-15 CBS drama
- 65 Prison melee
- 66 Laugh half
- 68 ND-to-LA dir.
- 72 Rockets' gp.
- 73 Actor Gerard
- 74 Chucks out
- 75 Art Deco artist
- 76 Summers, in Somme
- 77 Dr. Seuss' title turtle
- 82 Warty hopper
- 84 Very risky
- 85 Hit sketch show since '75
- 86 Tattooing tool
- 88 Outmoded TV adjunct
- 90 Aviary sound
- 91 A, in Berlin
- 92 Classic Chrysler
- 93 Heat-attached patches
- 94 Prefix with natal
- 95 Mutt's threat
- 97 Adaptable truck, in brief
- 98 Stun with sound
- 100 Pro — (perfunctory)
- 101 Opera songs
- 102 Osso buco meats
- 103 "Kukla, Fran and —"
- 104 Carpentry peg
- 105 — nous
- 109 Stallion-to-be
- 111 Iterate
- 113 Samantha Bee's station
- 115 Southern Sioux
- 116 Thai tongue
- 117 Lucy of TV's "Elementary"
- 118 1940s prez
- 119 Really little
- 120 July hrs.

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For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com.

SUDOKU

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Here's How It Works:  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

SMELL IT?

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.

A	S	C	D	S	O	C	K	S	S	K	O	O	B	D	L	O
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ANSWER KEY

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- AMMONIA  
APPLES  
BACON  
BREAD  
CEDAR  
CHOCOLATE  
CIGAR  
CLEMATIS  
CLOVES  
COFFEE  
DAPHNE  
FISH  
FREESIA  
GARLIC  
GINGER  
GRASS  
HAY  
HYACINTH  
JASMINE  
LEATHER  
LEMON  
LILAC  
LILIES  
LIME  
OLD BOOKS  
ONIONS  
ORANGES  
PEPPERMINT  
PERFUME  
PINE  
ROSES  
RUBBER  
RUM  
SAGE  
SEAWEED  
SHAMPOO  
SMOKE  
SOAP  
SOCKS  
SPICES  
TEA  
THYME  
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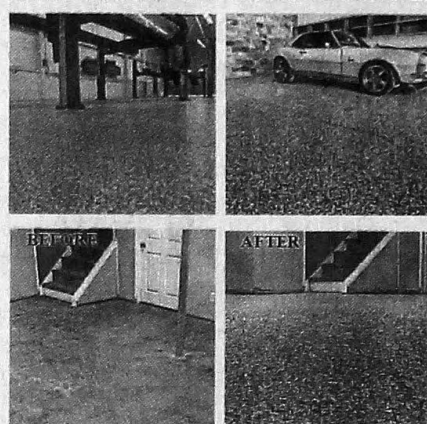
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