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## FARMINGTON HILLS

# City further restricts hookah lounges

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## Smoking lounges in Farmington Hills have more rules to follow if they want to stay open.

City council added extra restrictions to smoking lounge businesses after po-

lice raised concerns of repeated crime issues at hookah lounges. Restrictions include allowing police to temporarily close a facility after a crime, requiring closure by 11 p.m., banning alcohol and requiring a manager be on site at all times during hours of operation.

Smoking lounge owners are already

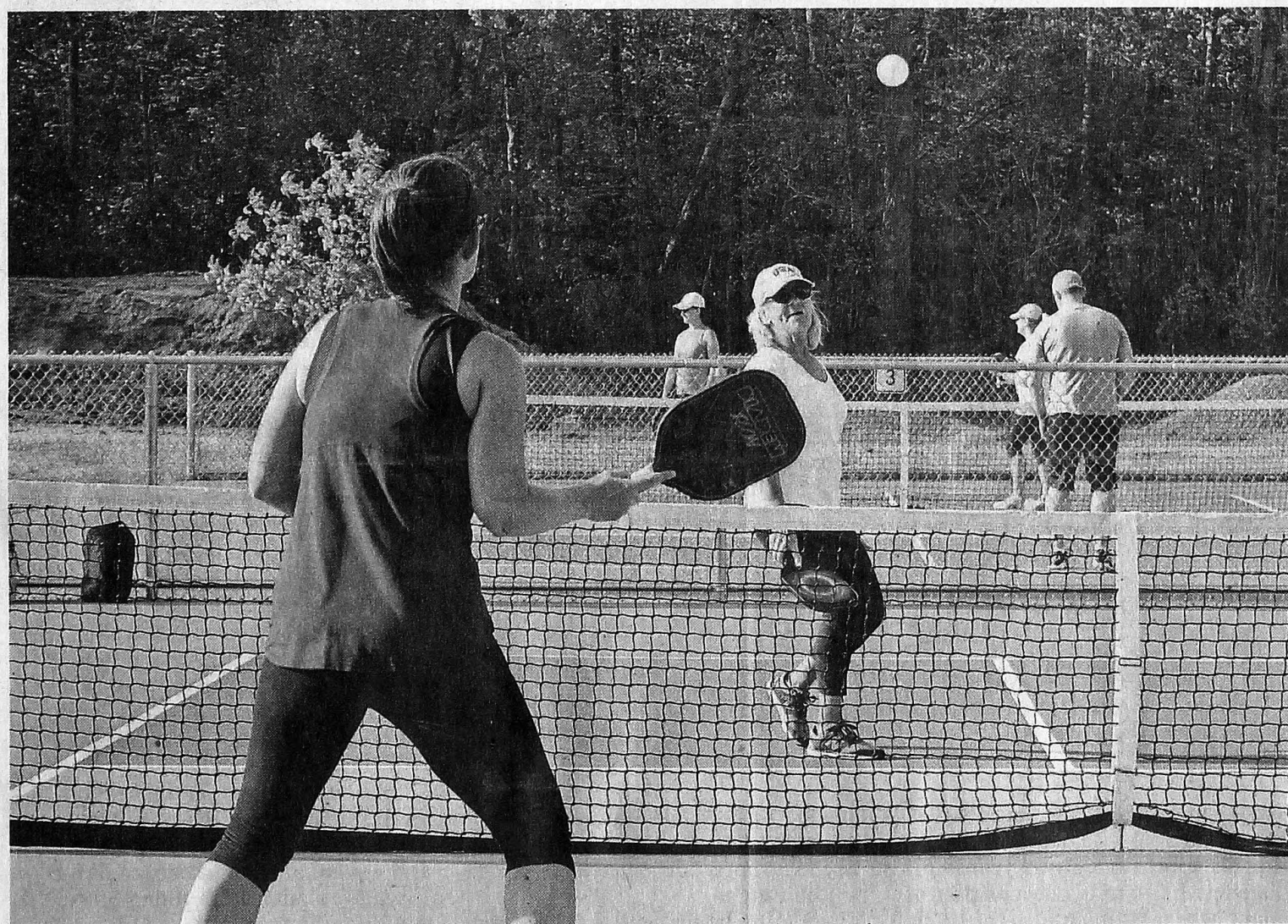
required to obtain a license, a rule the city says most don't follow

Police have performed educational outreach to smoking lounge owners multiple times to inform them of the requirement, but no other enforcement has taken place.

Industry representatives and some

council members felt the 11 p.m. closure requirement would be fatal for hookah lounges, which usually stay open into the early morning hours. Several council members suggested revisiting the issue in a year.

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**Members of a Livonia pickleball league play May 16 at Bicentennial Park.** SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Communities add pickleball courts to meet rising demand

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When Jeremy Cybulski's friends learned he made his own pickles, they joked that he should try pickleball.

The Livonia resident already knew how to play tennis. In his 40s, he fell for the sport he considers a perfect amal-

gam of tennis and ping-pong.

"It's a lot of fun," he said, preparing for league play at Livonia's Bicentennial Park. "It's good exercise."

"I'm glad to see there's been such a big interest in the game over the last couple of years."

Yes, indeed. Pickleball is growing in popularity across metro Detroit, and

communities are working hard to respond to requests for more pickleball courts.

Older athletes like the sport, but the chance to ace a pickleball serve and not get pickled (ahem, not score a point) is drawing athletes of all ages.

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## PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

# New police chief a local for nearly 30 years

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James Harrington Knittel spent nearly three decades living in Plymouth Township before he became the community's police chief.

The investment obviously paid off, and he'd like to embrace the community even more as the township's No. 1 law enforcer.

In his early 50s, Knittel wants to reach out to community members to figure out what's weighing on their minds and look at different programs that could help his community deal with problems like vaping, identity theft, distracted driving, workplace violence and school violence.

"With the issues that happened up in Oxford, I think school safety is paramount," Knittel said. "That's going to be one of my first priorities. The three high schools are in Canton, but with our grade schools and middle schools, what are we doing to protect our kids."

"The community engagement piece is where I really hope that I'll be able to leave my mark."

Knittel replaces Tom Tiderington, who is looking forward to spending more time with his family at a new cottage up north. He worked major drug cases in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with the Drug Enforcement Administration before he returned north to keep the township safe.

Both Knittel and Tiderington come from Detroit police families, and they came to know each other through their

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# Pickleball

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“We feel like we’ve met the need quite well,” said Ethan Engel, Livonia’s athletic coordinator.

Livonia has 12 dedicated pickleball courts found on both the north and south ends of the city. The city installed the first courts to Compton Park and then repurposed Bicentennial Park’s tennis courts for pickleball a few years ago. Shelden Park also has tennis courts lined for pickleball.

Canton Township, Farmington Hills, South Lyon and Novi also offer pickleball courts, and Birmingham is doing its best to provide outdoor pickleball courts as soon as possible.

Officials there wanted to use bond money for new pickleball courts at Kenning Park, but they ran into some snags that included a design contractor withdrawing his services.

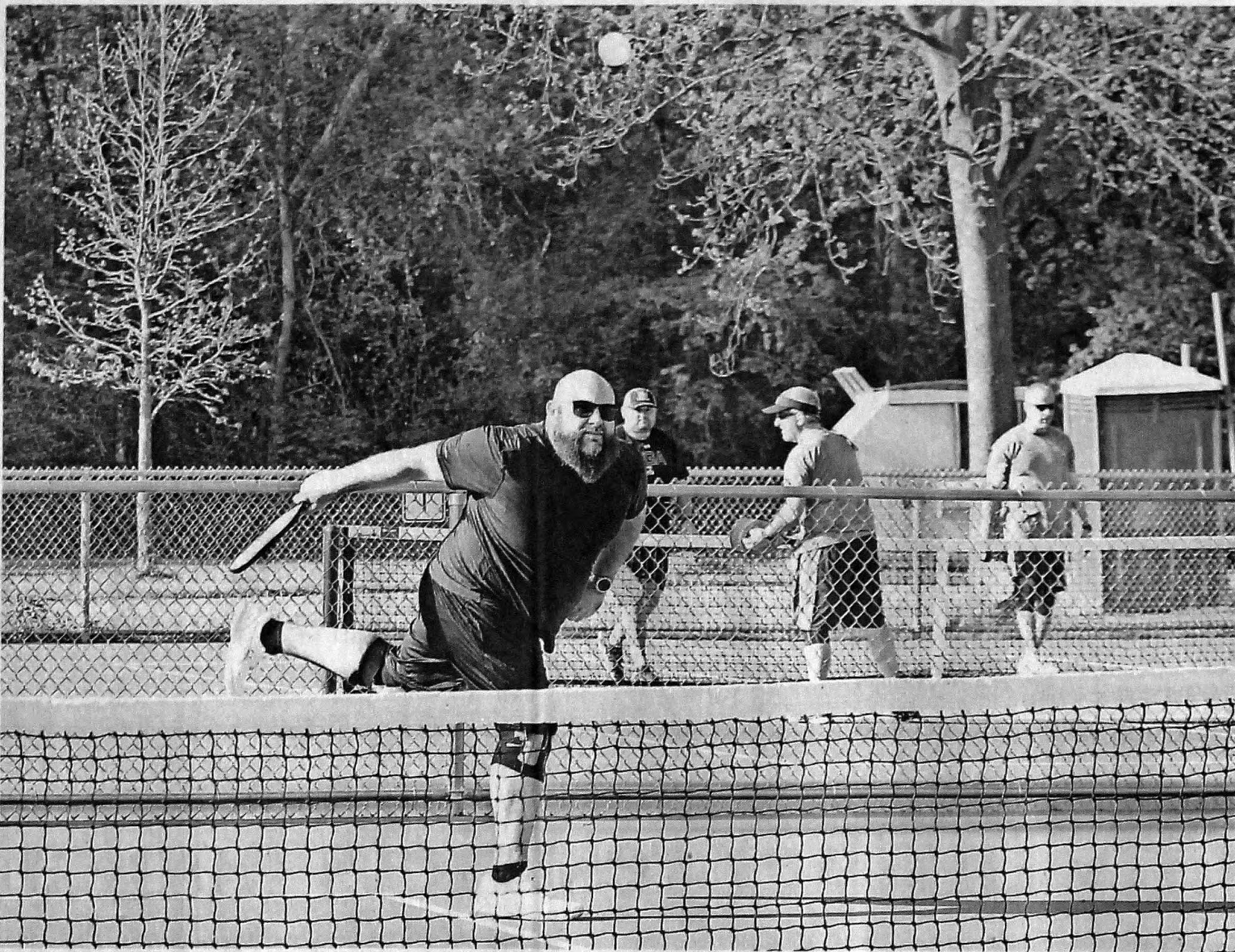
Last month, they agreed to have pickleball lines painted on the Crestview Park tennis courts as a temporary measure and proceed with a bidding process for a proper conversion.

“Robust interest deserves robust action,” Mayor Therese Long said during the commission session. “Given interest and the number of people served for recreation, pickleball should be the priority. We have had the pickleball community asking for an outdoor court for a decade.”

The Birmingham Next senior center continues to offer indoor pickleball. Because of demand, the center has increased pickleball hours to about 25 hours a week. Athletes can play five days a week.

The Sports and Fitness Industry Association estimated that there are nearly 5 million pickleball players nationwide. According to the association, the activity is the nation’s fastest-growing sport.

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Greg Morris, Novi’s recreation supervisor, said he’s offering more leagues and lessons because of demand from pickleball players.

A pickleball court has smaller dimensions than a tennis court and is known for less demanding play and fewer injuries. The ball still moves fast.

“Obviously, it helps to still be athletic, but a 55-year-old can play a 20-year-old

and be on the level,” Morris said. “I just think it’s going to continue to expand and become one of the more popular sports not only in the area but in our state, maybe even the country.

“It just seems to keep growing. It’s really exciting to see.”

Septuagenarian Sharon Manthey said pickleball was her salvation through the pandemic. Playing kept her healthy and she was able to socialize

with players on and off the court.

“I just adore it,” she said. “I play basically five or six days a week. The more you play, the better you’re going to get.”

Manthey began playing because a friend loved it. Then she convinced Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Township to start hosting matches.

The church continues to be a place for pickleball.

# Police chief

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professional networks.

“I think Jim will do a great job and take over a great department,” Tiderington said.

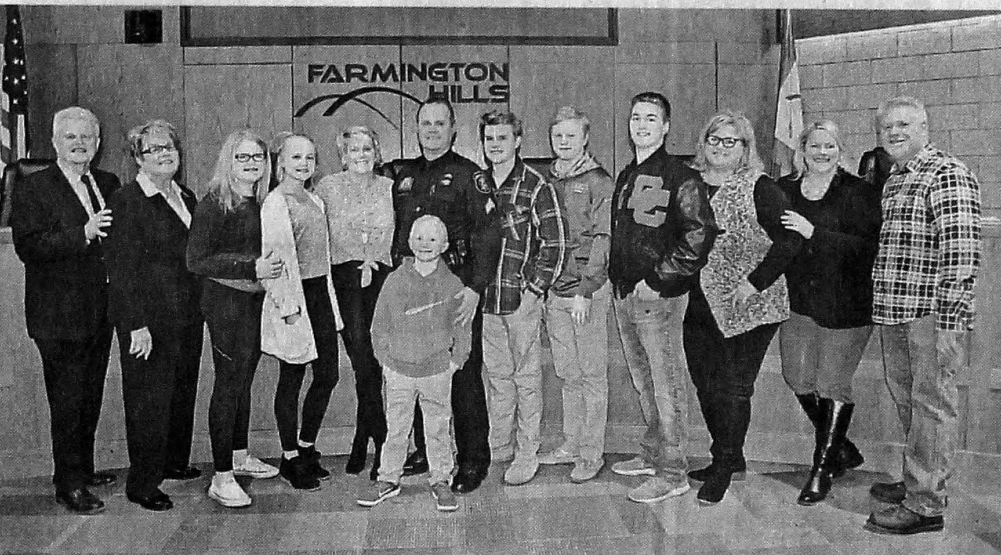
Knittel is thankful for the praise. “I’ve learned a lot from the chief over the years,” he said. “He’s probably one of the most respected law enforcement executives in our region. Seeing him police Plymouth Township for all these years and living in the township, he’s been kind of a mentor to me.”

Knittel knew as a young boy growing up in Detroit’s Brightmoor neighborhood that he wanted to be a police officer just like his dad.

“The integrity that I saw, the honor that I saw,” Knittel said. “When my father worked for the Detroit Police Department, it was one of the best police departments in the whole country.

“I could see the pride that he had, the pride that his friends and coworkers had. I wanted to be a part of that. I just thought it was fantastic. The opportunity to protect and serve has always been a calling of mine and I learned it from my father.”

He attended St. Agatha High School in Redford Township before pursuing studies at Henry Ford College and earning his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Madonna University.



New Plymouth Township Police Chief James Knittel, center, with his family. COURTESY CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

Knittel joined the Farmington Hills Police Department as a police cadet. During his approximately 30 years with the agency, he rose to the position of sergeant, was instrumental in the DEA’s largest heroin seizure in Michigan history and became one of the department’s most decorated officers.

He then became part of the University of Michigan’s Dearborn campus, where he served as sergeant, interim police captain and deputy chief.

While living in the township, he and his wife Jacqueline sent their children to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The couple found favorite restau-

rants like Karl’s Cabin and Lee’s Famous Recipe Chicken. They golfed and continue to do so as part of a league at Hill-top Golf Course.

And Knittel runs with a friend, covering ground in both the township and city.

He’s been interested in the chief’s job for many years and told Tiderington he’d be interested in replacing him upon retirement.

“This job came open,” Knittel said. “The opportunity to protect and serve my community was just an outstanding opportunity and I was very excited about it.”

The new chief has been finishing up a master’s degree in criminal justice and public administration while getting to know his new department.

At the helm, he’ll oversee a deputy chief, lieutenant, five sergeants, 18 officers, a dispatch center for the city and township, three detectives and two task force officers for DEA investigations and homeland security.

The township allocates about \$5 million for the police department, \$5 million for the fire department, and \$1.5 million for dispatch, according to online budget documents.

“One of my goals as police chief here is that when our citizens call and they have an issue, that we’re able to come out and help them with that issue no matter how big or how small that issue is,” Knittel said.

“We always hope for the best but we always prepare for the worst. This community, I would say, is a low-crime area and a very safe community to live in.”

Knittel’s advice for young officers is to put family first.

“Family is the most important thing,” he said. “To come in every day, do a great job, serve the community. Then, when you leave at the end of the day, go home and spend that quality time with your family and your friends. Put the work out of your mind. Enjoy life and have friends.”

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# Lounges

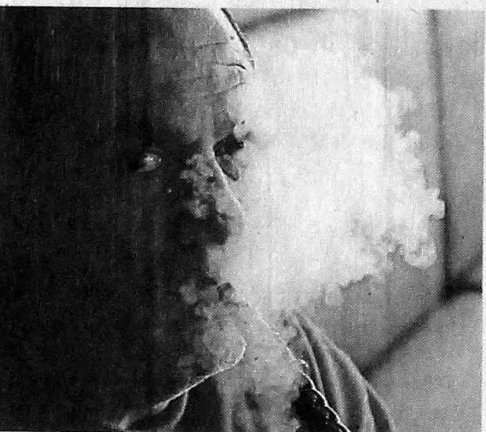
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“This is one of the most difficult decisions I’ve had to make sitting up here, but I have to support this ordinance with the potential of maybe being able to revisit it,” Mayor Pro Tem Mary Newlin said.

According to Farmington Hills police, more than 100 incidents requiring police intervention have happened at hookah lounges in the city since 2014. Police say crimes at hookah lounges generally take place after 10 p.m. and have increased since 2018. Only one of the six lounges that have opened since 2014 has seen no crime issues.

Roy Orah, an owner of Lush Hookah Lounge on Orchard Lake Road, said the restrictions felt like a personal attack. The parking lot of that shopping center was the site of a shooting in 2019. The suspects entered Lush to use the bathroom prior to the incident.

Since 2018, police have been called to Lush 18 times.



Smoking lounges in Farmington Hills have some more rules to follow after repeated crime issues.

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Orah said an 11 p.m. closure would make it difficult for him to keep his business open. He said most patrons come in around 8:30 p.m. and stay for a few hours.

“If they’re going to close us at 10 o’clock, 11 o’clock that means, ‘Hey guys, close your business,’” he said. “If they’d told us we were going to have to close at

(11 p.m.), I’d say I’ll take my half a million to Novi. I’ll go to Livonia.”

Police Chief Jeff King said efforts to work with Lush ownership fell flat with no response from the company. That revelation led some council members initially skeptical of the ordinance — namely the 11 p.m. closure requirement — to vote “yes” anyway.

“The more I hear from fellow council members and, more in particular, the more I heard from Chief King ... it would be difficult for me at this juncture to not approve the ordinance because of the 11 p.m. closure,” Councilwoman Jackie Boleware said.

City leaders expect the requirements will help tamp down crime and keep smoking lounge establishments safe.

“I would be afraid to go to a restaurant next to you because of the gunshot, the trafficking and the other illegal activity happening outside your door,” Mayor Vicki Barnett said to Orah. “That’s disturbing to me because that harms the entire business climate in the community of Farmington Hills. For that reason, I think this ordinance is essential.”



# Westland restaurant serves up authentic Mexican fare

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The tacos don't get much fresher than those prepared at one of Westland's newest restaurants.

The corn tortillas are made fresh in front of your eyes. They're pressed and cooked. They're then brought out on a plate, covered in delicious toppings.

That's how things are done at Taco Macho, 35495 Ford Road. Located in the former Capitol Coney Island storefront, the new restaurant opened in mid-May serving up authentic Mexican fare.

Rosie Eschamilla, the owner, said she felt it was time to open her own place in the United State after moving to Michigan years ago from northern Mexico.

"Back home, we own Mexican restaurants there, and then we moved to Michigan 11 years ago," the Canton Township woman said. "Eleven years later, here I am."

She began working on the space several months ago, transforming the former diner into a spot celebrating Mexican cuisine. The counter sports a new look, and décor lines the walls celebrating the foods of Eschamilla's homeland.

It's taken a little bit to get it up and running, especially with the backup from the county health department stemming from the pandemic.

"Because of the pandemic situation, it's really hard to have inspectors come," she said.

The menu consists of dishes created by Eschamilla, including tacos, enchiladas, bowls and more. Their signature dish, she said, comes in the form of their al Pastor tacos. These come topped with marinated pork, cilantro, onion and pineapple.

"I think the al pastor is our specialty, and also our homemade tortillas," she said. "I think that is something that will (set) us apart."

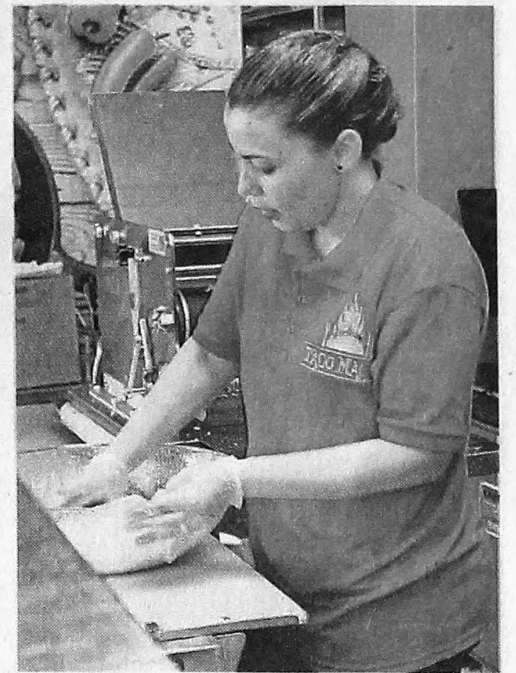
The restaurant is just her first, but she hopes her concept can grow into a recognized brand across the area. But for now, Eschamilla is just focusing on finding her footing at Ford and Wayne roads.

"Let's dream about it," she said.

The restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. More information can be found at [tacomachoinc.com](http://tacomachoinc.com).



Al Pastor tacos, topped with marinated pork, cilantro, onion and pineapple.  
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Rosie Eschamilla, owner of Macho Taco, rolls out dough for tortillas.

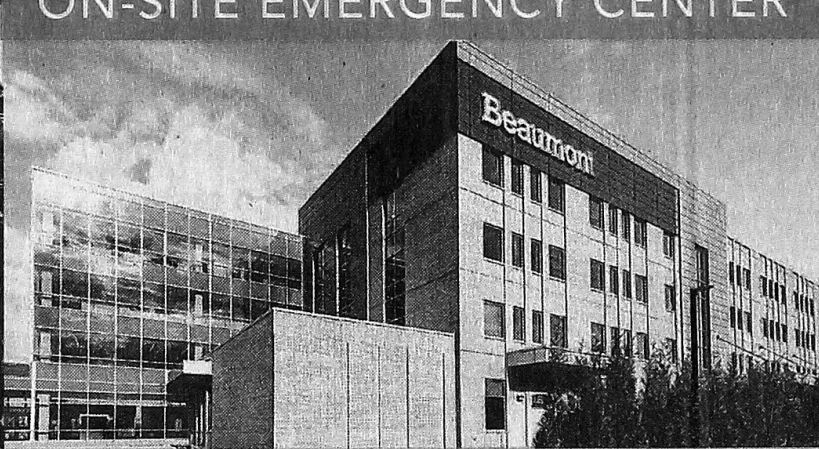


Claudio Herrera places tortillas on the grill at Taco Macho in Westland.

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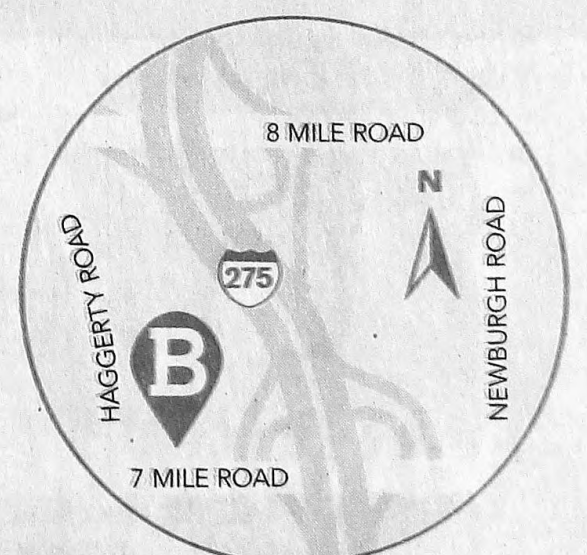
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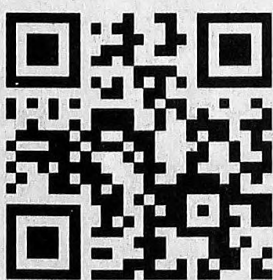
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Facilitating artist Tom Kin, of Troy, left, talks with Jacob Barron, center, of Farmington Hills, and Mack-o, of Birmingham, as they work on art at The Dresner Foundation Soul Studio in West Bloomfield on May 16. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

# Studio offers special-needs artists place to grow

Duante Beddingfield Detroit Free Press  
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Artists with special needs are thriving in a studio in West Bloomfield that provides them with community and creative outlet and has remained an important touchstone throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Local nonprofit Friendship Circle provides assistance and support to 3,000 individuals with special needs and their families through recreational, social, educational and vocational programming. The organization, which also offers support to individuals and

families struggling with isolation, addiction and other family-related crises, was founded in 1994.

At the group's Soul Studio location, 5586 Drake Road, exhibitions of artworks made in-house are regularly held, and artists are given numerous paths to growth and connectivity.

Jacob Barron, of Farmington Hills, one of Soul Studio's artists, has been visiting the center for four years. Tall and lanky, he towers over everyone he speaks with, often sporting an enormous grin despite his shyness. His large, splashy works are popular sellers and were a hit during last month's

"Drawn Together" exhibition.

"It makes me feel really great," he said. "Very happy."

"One thing I really like about coming here is the environment. And I really love waking up every day and making art. Also, I've made a ton of friends coming here, and then there are other people I've been friends with for quite a while that decided to come here."

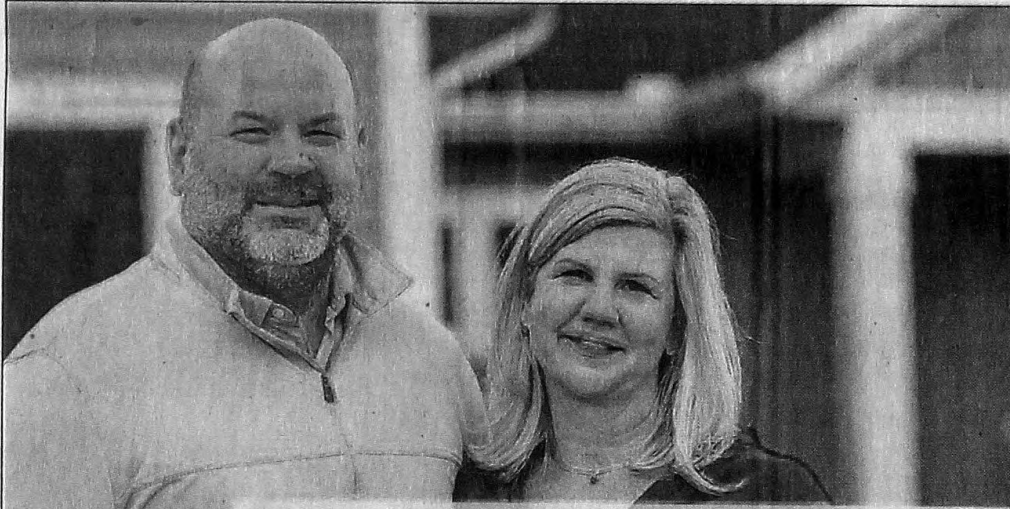
Friendship Circle founder Bassie Shemtov said the organization provides a place where everyone feels welcome and needed, can be empowered and can even receive job training. She believes the greatest gift individuals with special

needs can give is to teach others about how to live life.

"One of our artists, Carly, has cerebral palsy and is in a wheelchair," said Shemtov while citing a favorite memory. "She's a very bright girl, super positive, just a ray of sunshine. One day, during a lunchtime social with participants, everyone was asked, 'If there was anyone in the world you could be for one day, who would it be?' Everyone shared, then it was Carly's turn, and she said, 'Carly!'"

"I was really in shock, because I think a lot of people would probably say some

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## Joe E. Buckson

**SOUTHFIELD** - Joe Elliott Buckson went home to be with the Lord on May 31, 2022. He was 82.

He was born on April 26, 1940, in Chester County, South Carolina to Thomas and Annie (Barber) Buckson, the second oldest of five children. Joe graduated from Finley High School in 1958 where he played baseball and football. He also drove the school bus during his high-school years. He then married his high-school sweetheart Lillie Mae Feaster in September 1958. They moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1960.

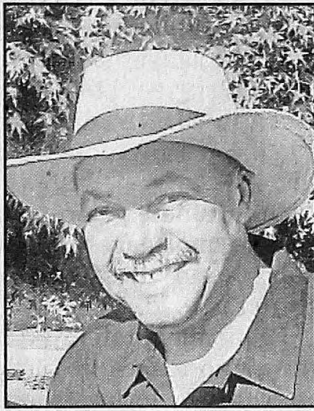
Once in Detroit, Joe worked a few years at Firestone, and then he began to work at Associated Truck Lines in 1965 from where he spent most of his career and retired as a supervisor. Early on, Joe attended Wayne State University specializing in Labor Studies. He was active in Union Leadership throughout his career and appreciated court proceedings and legal pursuits. Joe was an entrepreneur, small business owner, and procured several residential properties in the Detroit metro area. Later in life, he started a second career as a Security Guard and worked for Allied Security for 15 years.

Joe was a people person. He enjoyed helping others and relished conversation. He liked researching aspects of history and sharing his community and family lineage. Joe never forgot where he came from nor those who helped him along his way. He always paid it forward. He was a protector, a provider, and was passionate concerning his family. He raised his sons to respect others, work hard, and appreciate the value of a dollar. His legacy continues in his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, the family he loved very much. He was affectionately known as "Papa". Most importantly, Joe accepted Christ as Lord and Savior, and he was a member of the Gathering Ministries Church of God in Christ.

Survivors include his Children: Brian (Cheryl) Buckson of Detroit; Mathias (Debra) Buckson of Ypsilanti; Bruce Buckson of Detroit; Grandchildren: Kela Hinton, Charmaine Tharpe, Bruce Buckson II, Bryce Buckson, and Brian Buckson II; 15 Great-grandchildren; 2 Great-great grandchildren; Siblings: Tommy Lee (Betty-deceased) Buckson of Edgemoor, SC; Charles (Mary) Buckson of Detroit; Annie Bell (George) Lindsay of Charlotte, NC; Shirley (Charles) Hills of Charlotte, NC; and a host of other brothers/sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and friends. Joe was preceded in death by his wife of almost 62 years, Lillie Mae, and his parents.

Funeral / Celebration of Life services will take place Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 1:00 PM at The Gathering Ministries Church of God in Christ, 16219 Meyers Rd., Detroit, MI 48235 with Pastor Stephan L. Jackson, Sr. officiating. Family Hour will be at the church, prior to the service, from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Visitation will be Friday, June 3, 2022, from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the O.H. PYE III Funeral Home, 17600 Plymouth Rd., Detroit, MI 48227.

Memorial contributions may be made to: The Gathering Ministries



## Helen Mary McKenna

**STUART** - Helen Mary McKenna, 98, of Stuart, Florida and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, died peacefully on May 31, 2022.

Helen was first and foremost the matriarch of the McKenna clan; loving wife of the late Sidney F. McKenna, and mother of Lynne (Robert) Hoss, Dennis McKenna, Patrick (Carolyn) McKenna, Mary Beth (Mark) Raimondi, Maureen (Joe) Anderson, and Christopher (Laura) McKenna. She was also the proud grandmother of 17 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Helen was known for her various creative endeavors, ranging from dance, to sewing and gardening, as well as painting, sculpture, metal and glass work. Helen was a devoted and loyal friend to many, and a gracious and elegant hostess for many gatherings with friends and family. She generously and tirelessly shared her time, talent and treasure with many organizations, including St Regis, St. Christopher, Marian and Brother Rice High Schools, The Christ Child Society, the Shawl Ministry of Mariner Sands Country Club, and the Dunbar Early Learning Center. She was a committed follower of the faith, with a special devotion to Mary and the rosary.

Helen will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

The rosary will be held in the Marian High School chapel (7225 Lahser RD, Bloomfield. Park in front and use the front door) at 7 pm on June 14th, with visitation at 6pm.

The funeral will be held at St Regis Church (3695 Lincoln RD, Bloomfield Hills, MI) at 10am on June 15th, with visitation at 9:30 am, at the church. The funeral can be watched live online through this link: "<https://stregis.org/video/live/>"

In lieu of flowers, donations in remembrance of Helen would be welcomed by Marian High School([marian-hs.org](http://marian-hs.org)), St Regis Catholic Church([stregis.org](http://stregis.org)), St Christopher Catholic Church ([stchrishs.com](http://stchrishs.com)) and VITAS Hospice ([vitas.com](http://vitas.com))



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# When is a reverse mortgage a good investment?



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

**Dear Rick:**  
I am in my early 80s and I have a pension and Social Security. This covers most of my needs and when I am short I take money from my investment account. My problem deals with my daughter, who is in dire financial straits. I am planning to give her \$150,000. I have two options as to where to take the money from:  
1 Sell some of my investments  
2 Take out a reverse mortgage  
I have spoken to a reverse mortgage company and they said I can easily take out \$150,000.  
Given where the market is, do you think it makes sense to take out a re-

verse mortgage rather than sell my investments? I am aware of the cost of the reverse mortgage and do not intend to have my daughter reimburse me. My house is paid off and even after the reverse mortgage, I would still have equity in the house.  
**Thanks, Bob**  
**Dear Bob:**  
Based on your situation, I think a reverse mortgage is the best option. There are pros and cons to each alternative, but I believe the pros outweigh the cons when it comes to the reverse mortgage. Generally, I do not like to sell into weakness. That is why I constantly encourage investors to have a diversified portfolio and maintain an emergency fund of money. Diversified portfolios allow you to free up cash without having to take a significant loss. Unfortunately, the market has retreated this year, and it is not a great time to sell stocks. Therefore, by taking the reverse

mortgage, you give yourself time for stocks to regain their strength. In fact, when stocks do regain their strength you will have the option at that point in time to pay off the reverse mortgage. Just like any other type of mortgage, you can pay it off when you choose.  
Many people are not fans of reverse mortgages because they believe that reverse mortgages take advantage of seniors. I disagree. I believe reverse mortgages are like any other financial tool in that if you use it properly it can be a benefit.  
Unfortunately, too many people use reverse mortgages to fund frivolous things, and thus it causes problems down the road.  
I generally prefer that people use reverse mortgages to cover cash flow problems or to improve the quality of their life. I generally oppose reverse mortgages for things such as investing, loaning money to family and friends or

even to finance grandchildren's college educations. Not that these things are not important, but reverse mortgages are generally not the tool to accomplish these goals.  
For seniors who are considering a reverse mortgage, the current economic conditions are favorable. Interest rates, although they have increased, are still very reasonable and home valuations are still high.  
If you are interested in a reverse mortgage, remember to always pay attention to the fees associated. In addition, just like you shop around when you get a normal mortgage, I think it also pays to shop around for reverse mortgages.  
Good luck.  
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## Studio

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super famous person, or someone they're inspired by. She can't walk, you know? And here, Carly, in her pure innocence and joy of life, all she could say was 'God created me, and I am meant to be Carly.'  
"How much," Shemtov asked, "would our everyday lives be better if we learned from these souls?"  
Soul Studio manager Elisabeth Lockwood joined the team in autumn 2021.  
"This work is the best exhaustion I've ever had," said Lockwood. "From the moment (the artists) show up, it is engaging and enlightening. They create beautiful pieces of artwork, and I'm lucky to see the backstories before we show the finished results to the world."  
"I feel most successful when there are relationships formed between the participants—true companionship, as friend, as mentor, as a support."  
Caryn Martel, of Farmington Hills, is another artist whose work was on display in Soul Studio's "Drawn Together"



Facilitating artist Victor Williams, center, talks with Caryn Martel, left, of Farmington Hills, as she works on a drawing at The Dresner Foundation Soul Studio in West Bloomfield on May 16. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

exhibition. Chatty and quick to laugh, with a bright purple streak in her hair, she also spoke to the social enrichment aspect of Friendship Circle.  
"It's changed my life," she said.  
The "Drawn Together" exhibition was curated by studio instructor Victor Wil-

liams, who took the first-time approach of hanging art at multiple levels including at wheelchair height for visitors with physical disabilities.  
"I love seeing how the artists about able to uplift one another," he said. "They're very encouraging; it's heart-

warming. Every day here, you get three or four heartwarming experiences.  
"There's a gentleman named Jesse who comes in, and he's mostly nonverbal. But he's transitioning out of sign language into speaking, and we've gotten to the point where he'll tap me on the shoulder and do an elbow bump — instead of a high five, for sanitation — and it just makes you feel really good. Because he's excited to see you."  
Inside the Soul Studio location is its own restaurant, Soul Café, where adults with special needs undergo job training and work as baristas, cooks and cashiers.  
A warm, brightly lit environment, Soul Café is also home to one of the world's only kosher Starbucks franchises. On any open day, people from the local community can be seen networking during business meetings, working on laptops, lunching with friends.  
"Soul Café is our window into society, so to speak," said Shemtov. "What I love about the concept is, right next door, here is our natural opportunity to invite the general public into the world of our special-needs individuals."

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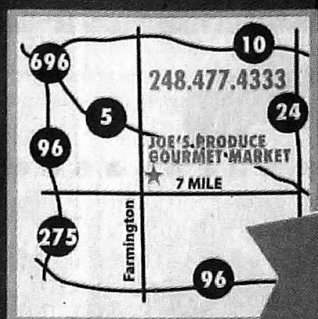
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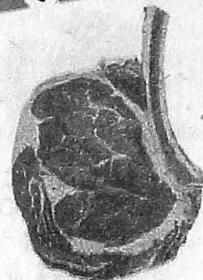
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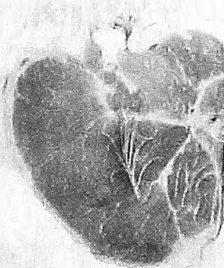
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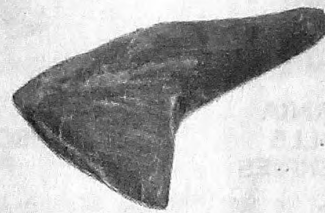
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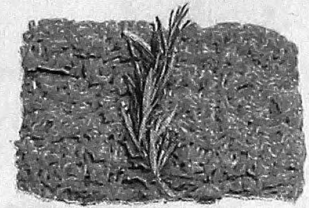
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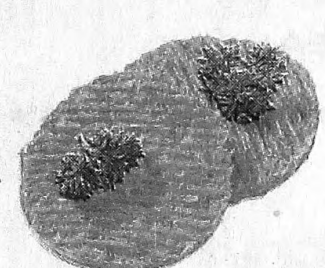
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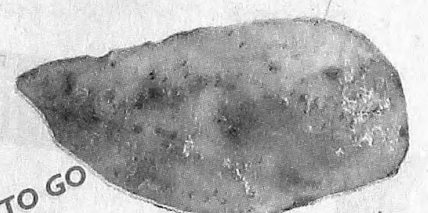
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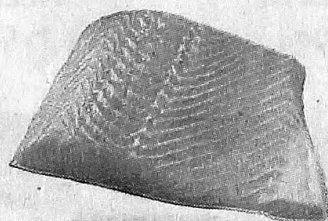
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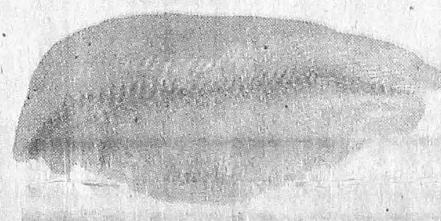
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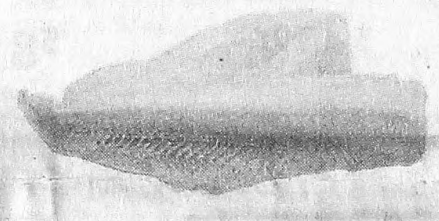
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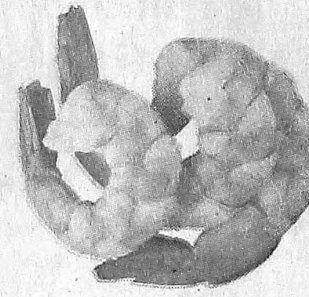
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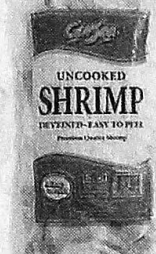
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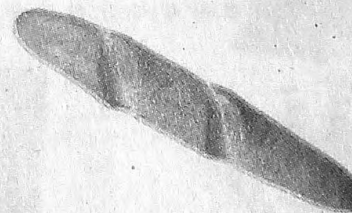
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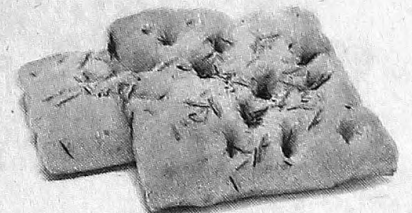
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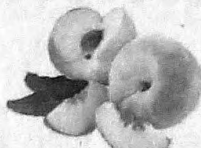
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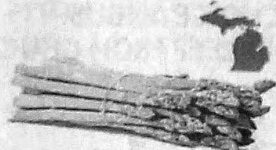
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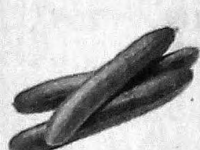
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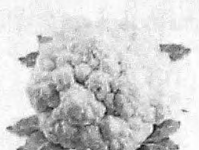
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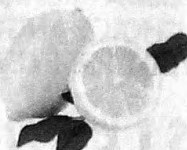
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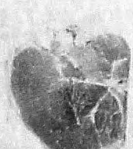
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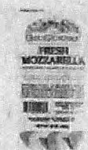


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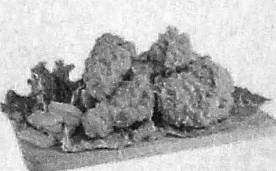


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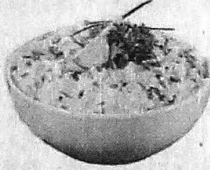
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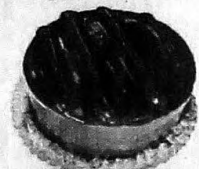


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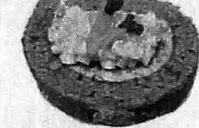
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# SPORTS

## HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

# Stevenson wins 1st district title since 2006

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Something was different about the Livonia Stevenson softball team during winter workouts. That’s one thing sixth-year coach Kevin Hannigan had noticed, for sure.

He couldn’t quite put his finger on it, though. But he sensed a newfound air of confidence in those sessions. And then during one meetup, his four seniors approached him about an important topic. They had finally figured out what the catchphrase for the team would be this spring.

And they decided on the rallying cry “next.” “At first I was like, ‘OK, you mean shake off the bad play, bad at-bat and concentrate on what’s next,’” Hannigan said. “Of course, I was like, ‘I love it,’ but Janie West and Kaitlin Trantham, our senior captains, were like, ‘No, coach,

we mean let’s take the next step and win a district.” That makes sense for most programs, especially in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. Most teams have the same grocery See **STEVENSON**, Page 4B

## GIRLS SOCCER

# Making program history



Bloomfield Hills’ Esther Rosett scores a goal during the Division 1 regional semifinal against Lake Orion on June 7 at Novi. The Black Hawks won, 4-2, moving on to their first-ever regional final. COURTESY OF SUSAN ADAMS PHOTOGRAPHY

## Around for only 8 years, Bloomfield Hills in 1st regional final

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Bloomfield Hills girls soccer coach Alan Zakaria paused. And then he continued to think about it for a second or two longer. “We haven’t really talked about it,” the eighth-year coach said with a whiff of epiphany in his voice. “But we’ve been taking it one game at a time and focusing on our next opponent. “Yeah, we haven’t really been discussing that. But it’s been an outstanding season, and we’re looking forward to our next challenge.” And what’s that thing Zakaria hasn’t been thinking about? The No. 12 Black Hawks beat Oakland

Activities Association-Red rival Lake Orion, 4-2, in Tuesday’s Division 1 regional semifinal at Novi. They advanced to face defending state champion Hartland in Thursday’s championship. This is the first time they’ve ever made it to a regional final in program history. And you might think, “Wow, that’s surprising.” But, actually, it’s been only eight years since Andover and Lahser merged into one giant school — Bloomfield Hills. So, in terms of high school sports, Bloomfield Hills (12-2-3) is still a baby. It’s still learning to take its first steps. And there are schools that have been See **HISTORY**, Page 2B

“We knew Lake Orion would be a challenge. ... We expected a battle, and it was a hard-fought game. ... It’s totally difficult to play a team a second time when they’ve seen you and had a chance to adjust what they do against you.”

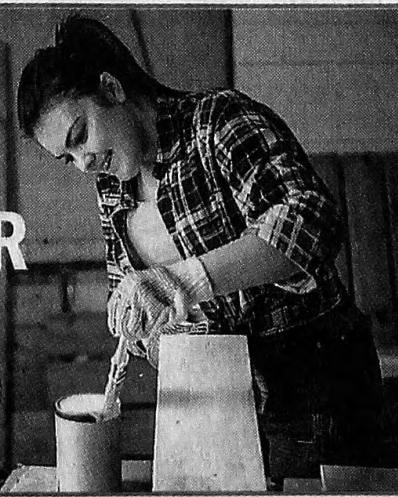
Alan Zakaria  
Bloomfield Hills girls soccer coach

## Senior’s goal allows Marian to escape Cranbrook in district final

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It’s hard enough beating the No. 2-ranked Bloomfield Hills Marian girls soccer team. You know, winners of the last four Division 2 state championships. The Mustangs’ roster is littered with future college players and some of the best club stars in metro Detroit. You’ve got to do everything you can do to limit your mistakes against them if you want to win. And one important thing you can’t do is let Ange Briggs touch the ball on stoppage plays. It doesn’t matter what it is. Corner kicks, penalty kicks or free kicks. Even wide-open shots near midfield. If the senior defensive mid is lining up for a boomer, you better hope your goalkeeper has Shaq’s wingspan because there’s a good chance the St. Francis College-Brooklyn signee is sailing one in. You never, ever — NEVER! — want Briggs to touch the ball in moments like those. And that’s exactly what happened to Cranbrook Kingswood in the June 2 district championship. The eighth-ranked Cranes packed it in and went with a strong defensive presence because, hey, somebody has got to slow down Marian’s star forwards such as Michigan State commit Isa Agrusso, Elle Ervin and Lucy Kinna. And, for the most part, it worked. They limited Marian’s scoring chances and made every touch an absolute dogfight. And Cranbrook goalkeeper Mya Duhart didn’t shy away from contact on runs. The junior played as well as the Cranes could’ve hoped for her to play in the net. It was a back-and-forth affair until the 37th minute, just 3 minutes before halftime, when a stoppage set up Briggs with a freebie from 35 yards out. See **MARIAN**, Page 2B

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Bloomfield Hills' Avary Hall scores during the Division 1 regional semifinal against Lake Orion on June 7 at Novi. PHOTOS COURTESY OF SUSAN ADAMS PHOTOGRAPHY

# History

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around for 100 or more years that have never made it this far in the postseason.

So this is a pretty big deal for, basically, a brand new school.

Zakaria, a longtime assistant at Lahser, who left behind his head coaching position at Berkley to take over Bloomfield Hills when the school opened, has been along for the Black Hawks' entire ride.

They're playing in their first-ever regional final, and that could easily make this the best team they've ever fielded.

"It wasn't easy, especially in the beginning, but it's nice our culture has grown, our mentality has grown," he said. "Year in and year out, we're competing for championships now, and I love what we have established."

"It's exciting to finally be competing for a regional championship."

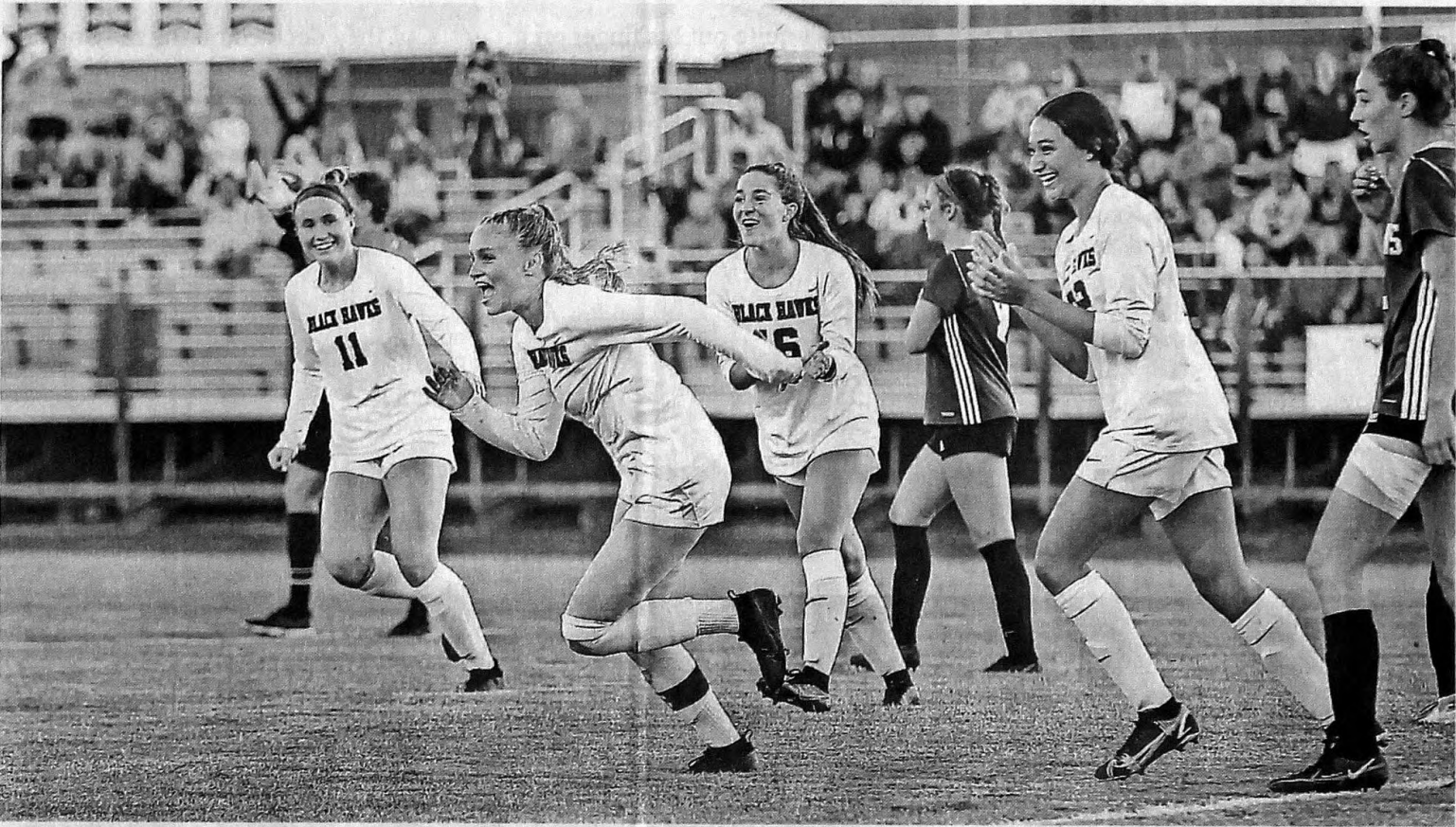
Getting past Lake Orion wasn't easy.

Yeah, the Dragons finished dead-last in the OAA-Red and didn't win a single league match.

But look at who is in that league. Five of the seven teams finished ranked in the final Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association poll. The top two OAA-Red teams (Rochester and Troy Athens) were ranked in the top five.

Lake Orion still won a district title. It earned its right to be in the regional tournament.

But Avary Hall buried a goal to give



Bloomfield Hills' Drew Martin celebrates a goal against Lake Orion. The Black Hawks won, 4-2.

the Black Hawks a 1-0 lead entering halftime.

After the break, the squads traded goals, including Drew Martin scoring for Bloomfield Hills.

And then Esther Rosett scored back-to-back goals to put away the game.

Emma Merchant finished with a pair of assists, both coming off corner kicks.

"We knew Lake Orion would be a challenge," Zakaria said. "We knew they were a good team, and it's tough to beat a team twice in a season. Our girls came in with the right mentality and didn't underestimate them."

"We expected a battle, and it was a hard-fought game. We were happy to pull it out. It's totally difficult to play a

team a second time when they've seen you and had a chance to adjust what they do against you."

The Black Hawks keep making program history.

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# Marian

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Much like old NBA legend Robert Horry checking in off the bench and burying a game-winning 3-pointer in the waning moments of a playoff game, Briggs' moon shot went right in. It was a no-doubter.

Because, much like Horry, that's just what she does. That's her signature play, especially in high-stakes matchups.

That wound up being the lone goal in the 1-0 victory at Livonia Clarenceville.

"My thought process was kind of like: I missed a few, but I was feeling good, and that's like my spot, *right there*, too," Briggs said. "I knew I could hit this. I think (Marian coach Reid Friedrichs) wanted me to chip it in, but I just wasn't sure how that was going to go. The goalie had some good coming-out saves."

"So I just figured I'd try to curl it out a little bit, and that's what made the big difference. She just went one way, and it kind of skimmed her hand."

You couldn't have asked for a better matchup for a district final.

It was No. 2 vs. No 8 in the final Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association rankings.

It was the Catholic League Bishop tournament champions vs. the CHSL Cardinal tournament champions.

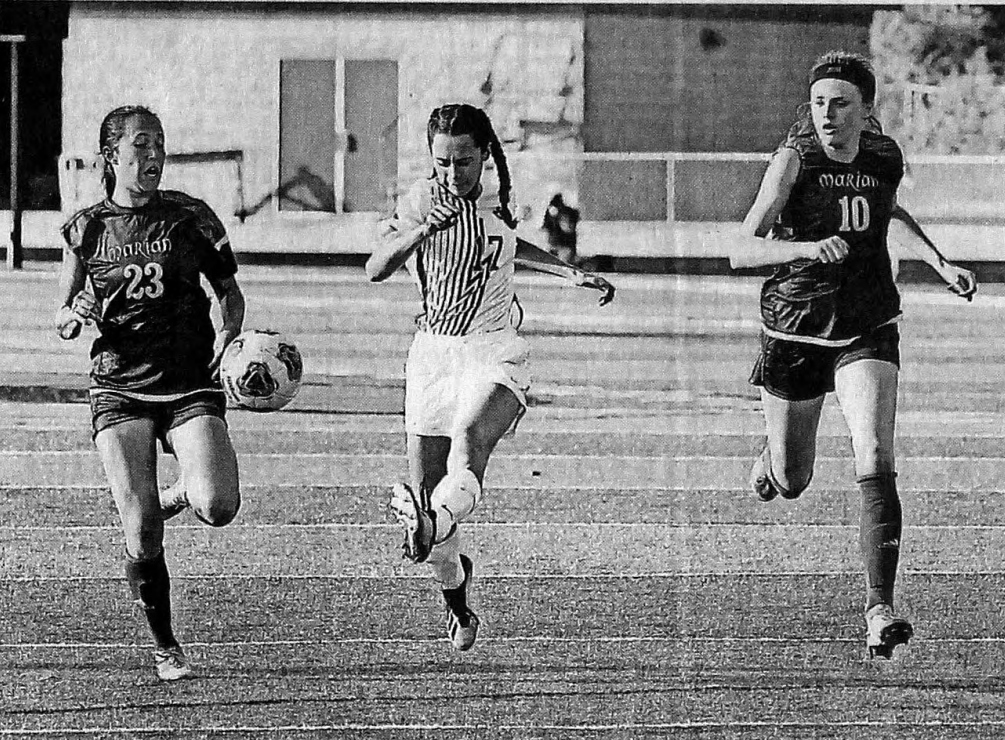
It was some of the best college recruits in metro Detroit vs. some more of the top prospects around.

And it was a chess match between old pals. Friedrichs and Cranbrook coach Chad O'Kulich were teammates on Michigan State's men's soccer team in the 1990s. Friedrichs was the goalie, and O'Kulich was the star midfielder.

That, right there, proved the district final was going to be can't-miss.

And, for the most part, it was.

But just 7 minutes into play, Liverpool ECNL club star Daelyn Short slid in for a tackle near midfield and wound up injuring her knee. She was helped off by



Cranbrook's Mackenzie Behnke (center) slows down a fastbreak by Bloomfield Hills Marian's Isa Agrusso (left) and Elle Ervin during the Division 1 district final on June 2 at Livonia Clarenceville. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

O'Kulich while nursing her right leg.

The Cranbrook forward, arguably one of the Cranes' two best players, striker Rachael Claxton being the other, never returned to the field.

Cranbrook was already at a disadvantage on offense by playing a heavy defensive formation. But losing Short almost completely neutralized Claxton from finding any breathing room for her own fastbreak attempts.

The Cranes (14-1-1) struggled to drum up a single shot attempt without the dynamic duo leading the offense.

"I just felt bad for her," Friedrichs said of Short, one of his club players at ECNL, going out. "I know what she's feeling, and I know what she's been through with her knee. ... I hope everything is OK. That's the only thing I thought of. ..."

"And we prepared defensively for them (Short and Claxton). They shoot the ball from anywhere on the field, and they didn't have a shot on goal, so I

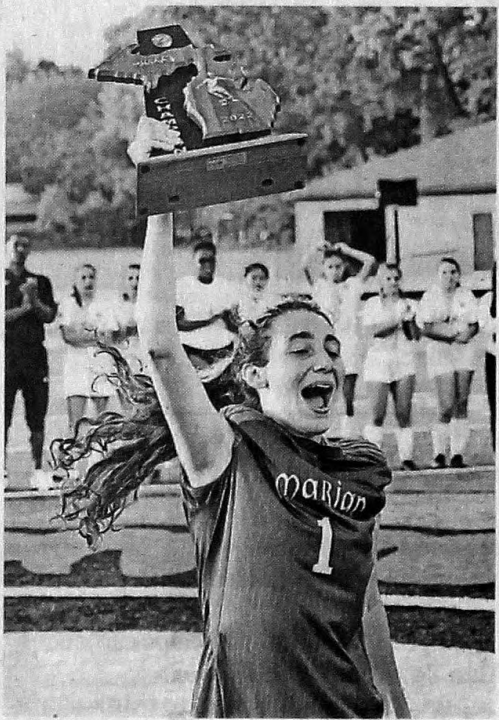
thought we did a good job."

If anything, Friedrichs said he wants to "find a way to be a little more dangerous" offensively. He didn't like that his team couldn't find an insurance goal or two late to for a comfortable victory.

"We didn't hit a lot of our chances, but to have the ball for 80-90% of the time like we did, and for them not to have any chances or shots on goal, we felt good," Friedrichs said. "Obviously, we wanted to score more to have a little more comfort at the end, but their goalie played great."

As the seconds ticked away, Briggs was the first to celebrate the victory, hoisting her hands into the air and then later starting an impromptu hug-fest in the south corner of Shaw Stadium.

The Mustangs are hoping to win their fifth-straight state title. Thanks to Briggs' boomer in the first half, they're only five more wins from achieving that goal.



Bloomfield Hills Marian's Ange Briggs celebrates with the championship trophy after the Mustangs defeated Livonia Clarenceville, 1-0.

## Local scoreboard

### Division 1

Farmington Hills Mercy 1, Livonia Stevenson 0 (F/OT)

Bloomfield Hills 2, Walled Lake Northern 0

Northville 1, Salem 0

Hartland 3, South Lyon 2

### Division 2

South Lyon East 2, Pinckney 1 (F/SO)

Bloomfield Hills Marian 1, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook 0

Dearborn Divine Child 1, Garden City 0

### Division 4

Plymouth Christian 3, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 2



# Hartland still defending state soccer title

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NOVI – It was a game Hannah and Emma Kastamo may have played at home numerous times as little kids.

After all, who hasn't played a rousing game of rock, paper, scissors with their siblings?

So, when they disagreed who should take an important free kick with the score tied during a regional semifinal soccer game Tuesday night, there was only one way to settle the issue.

Emma brought the scissors.

Hannah's rock smashed the scissors.

The older sister would take the kick from just outside the box, which resulted in a dangerous scoring chance with 12 minutes remaining in the second half.

"Me and Emma always fight over the kicks, who gets to take them," Hannah said. "She's like, 'I get it.' I was like, 'Nope, we're playing rock, paper, scissors.' I won it, but I should've let her take the shot."

Emma agreed with that last part.

"She beat me, but I should've took it," she said.

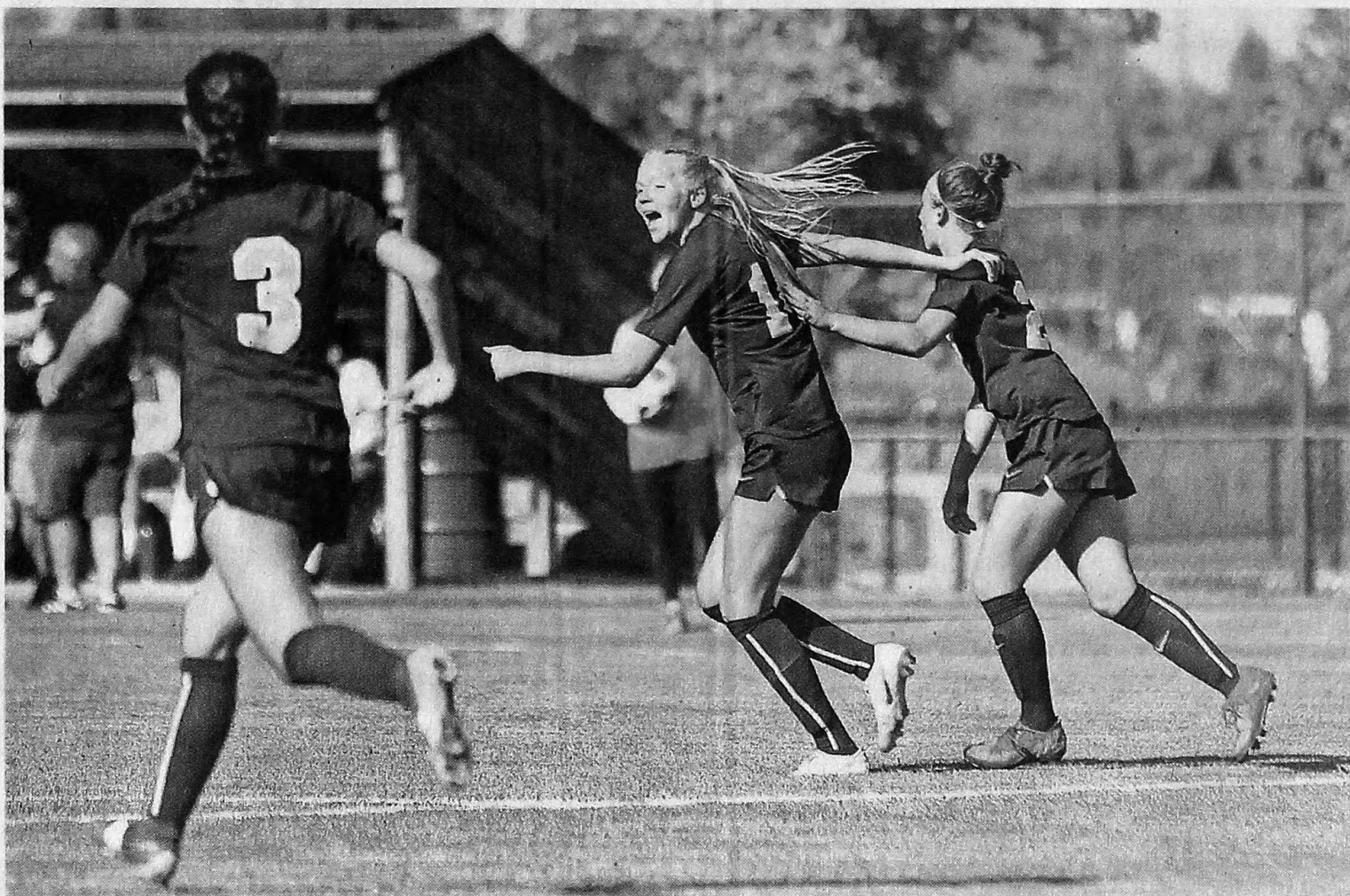
Really, there was no bad choice in this scenario.

Each Kastamo sister scored huge goals for Hartland, which is still defending its state Division 1 championship after rallying from a 2-0 halftime deficit to beat Farmington Hills Mercy, 4-2, in overtime.

Hannah sparked the comeback by scoring with 33:47 left in the second half. Emma tied it with 19:33 remaining in regulation time, then gave the Eagles the lead by scoring 1 minute and 3 seconds into the first of two 10-minute overtime periods.

Amanda Roach provided an insurance goal with 2:36 left in the first overtime. Hartland successfully played another childhood game — keep-away — throughout the second overtime.

"The first goal is always important, because we had multiple chances in the first half, but we weren't finishing them," Hannah Kastamo said. "Once you get the first goal, it starts to open up. Emma got two more and Roach got a good one at the end that we really needed."



Hartland's Hannah Kastamo (center) celebrates after scoring the first goal in a 4-2 overtime victory against Farmington Hills Mercy in a regional semifinal game June 7. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

Although Hartland had more high-danger chances in the first half, Mercy went into the break with a 2-0 lead. Kirsten Fitzgerald scored 3:45 into the game, then was fouled in the box with 20:33 remaining in the first half. Fitzgerald was injured on the play, so Soraya Puerto-Khalil took the successful penalty kick.

It was the first time Hartland had trailed during its 10-game postseason winning streak.

"We practiced in our last practice getting to the 50-50 balls, which we weren't doing good in the first half," Roach said. "Probably why we were losing was not getting to the ball. We turned that up. We got more positive as the second half went on."

"In basketball, when we were down going through our run (to the state

championship game), we got down on ourselves at halftime, but we always kept positive and we knew if we kept positive, we could come out with a win."

Getting big goals from Hannah Kastamo and Roach is nothing new for Hartland. Kastamo has a team-high 13 goals in 13 games, while Roach has seven goals.

Emma Kastamo's goal-scoring ability was a revelation. She scored only one goal all season, primarily because she played a defensive role until late in the year.

"She played the first half of the season as our center back, which is what she played last year in the tournament run," Hartland coach Andrew Kart-sounes said. "Then we moved her to defensive center mid, then just recently we've moved her to offensive center

mid. She's had a couple goals and an assist here and there. She's been playing better and better up there."

"It was kind of a late-season find, kind of working her up into more offense."

Hartland outshot Mercy, 15-6, and had a 6-1 advantage in corner kicks.

Third-ranked Hartland (14-2-3) will face 12th-ranked Bloomfield Hills (12-2-3) for the regional championship at 6 p.m. Thursday at Novi's Parkview Elementary. The winner will face No. 9 Portage Central or No. 2 Hudsonville in the state semifinals at 6 p.m. June 14 at Grand Ledge.

The victory was Hartland's first in a tournament game that went into overtime since a 5-4 shootout victory over Pinckney in a district title game in 2000.

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# Stevenson

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list of goals they want to cross off before they check out.

Win the division title.

Win the league championship.

Win the district final.

Those are three admirable goals. But achieving each of them is doable in any given season.

Except that hasn't been the case around Stevenson.

Entering this spring, the Spartans had won only three district championships. Like ever. They won titles in 1975 and 1983, and then this year's current senior class was 2 years old the last time they won one in 2006.

So when West and Trantham said the Spartans are "next," just know that's one hell of a statement.

And Stevenson (26-11) had a chance to back up that talk during Saturday's district final.

The Spartans found themselves in a 1-1 stalemate with rival Livonia Churchill, a squad they beat earlier this season to capture their third-straight City championship as the best team in Livonia.

But seven innings weren't enough for either squad to snap the tie.

And then Brinley Eckerman got it going for the Spartans in the eighth.

She singled to right to get on base and then advanced to second on a throwing error.

And then Elaina Braunschidel bunted to move Eckerman over to third and get on base as well. Braunschidel proceeded to steal second base.

OK, here we go! The Spartans had two runners in scoring position with Gabby Krekeler, one of those seniors who helped coin the phrase "next," stepping into the batter's box.

And Krekeler did it. She doubled to center to push in both Eckerman and Braunschidel for a pair of runs.

All Stevenson had to do was get three outs on defense, and the championship was theirs.

Fortunately, the Spartans had pitcher Lily Malamis in the circle. She had been lights-out all game. She had thrown a two-hitter and given up just one run to the Chargers in the third inning.

And her arm was a key in keeping Churchill off the base paths as Stevenson attempted to tie it at 1, which the Spartans eventually managed to do in the fifth.

And, once again in the eighth, Malamis and her defense did it, getting through the three outs with ease.

Stevenson 3, Churchill 1.

They had won just their fourth district title ever.

Now they'll face Brownstown Woodhaven in the 10 a.m. regional semifinal on Saturday at Allen Park with a chance to add another trophy to their collection.

"During the season, we have been down in a lot of games, only to come back and win most of those games," Hannigan said. "Down 1-0, the focus from the seniors every inning was to stay together, focus on the next pitch or the next play. ...

"As we took the field in the eighth inning, with three outs away, all I kept saying to myself was, 'This is our time. This group has done everything I've asked. Just stay together for three more outs.'" Hannigan called celebrating with his team a "special moment."

And it's easy to see why. This cham-



Stevenson senior Gabby Krekeler hit a double to center June 4 that won the game against Churchill, 3-1. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

**Livonia Stevenson 3, Livonia Churchill 1 (8 innings)**

Advances to the 10 a.m. regional semifinal against Brownstown Woodhaven on Saturday, June 11, at Allen Park.

**Garden City 11, Dearborn 0**

Advances to the noon regional semifinal against host Allen Park on Saturday, June 11.

**Farmington Hills Mercy 7, Farmington 0**

Advances to the 10 a.m. regional semifinal against Grosse Pointe North on Saturday, June 11, at home.

**Walled Lake Northern 2, White Lake Lakeland 0**

Advances to the noon regional semifinal against North Farmington on Saturday, June 11, at Oxford.

**North Farmington 10, Bloomfield Hills 5**

Advances to the noon regional semifinal against Walled Lake Northern on Saturday, June 11, at Oxford.

**Division 2**

**Detroit Country Day 9, Wixom St. Catherine 0**

Advances to the 10 a.m. regional semifinal against Imlay City on Saturday, June 11, at home.

**Dearborn Divine Child 18, Redford Union 1**

Advances to the noon regional semifinal against Flat Rock on Saturday, June 11, at Carleton Airport.

**Division 3**

**Canton Prep 15, Dearborn Heights 0**

Advances to the 10 a.m. regional semifinal against host Algonac on Saturday, June 11.

**Division 4**

**Westland Huron Valley Lutheran 9, Lutheran Westland 0**

Advances to the noon regionals semifinal against Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Saturday, June 11, at Riverview Gabriel Richard.

pionship was 16 years in the making.

Retiring athletic director Lori Hyman presented Hannigan with the championship trophy, and she, too, knew just how big of a moment it was for the program.

"At the mound, she could tell I was emotional and simply said to me, 'You promised to build this program back up and bring it to the next level,'" Hannigan said of his conversation with Hyman.

"There was that word again — next."

## Local scoreboard

**Division 1**

**South Lyon 12, South Lyon East 0**

Advances to the 10 a.m. regional semifinal against Ypsilanti Lincoln on Saturday, June 11, at Northville.

**Novi 4, Plymouth 2**

Advances to the noon regional semifinal against Dexter on Saturday, June 11, at Northville.

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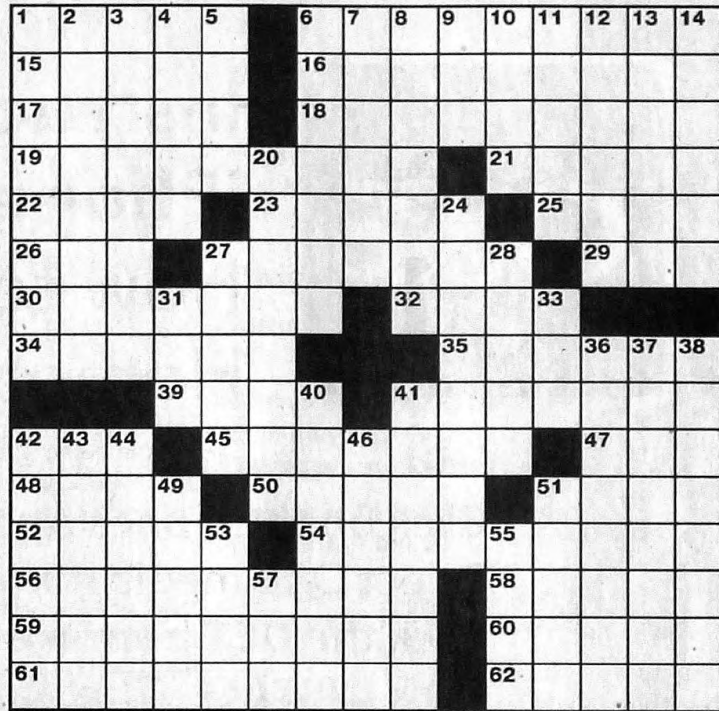
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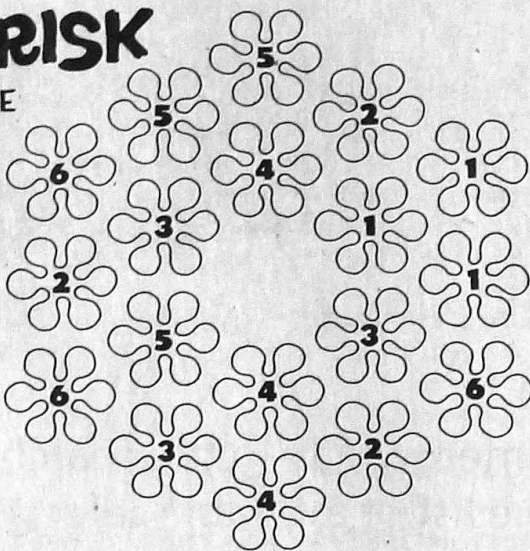


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TO SOLVE THIS PUZZLE ALL ASTERISKS OF IDENTICAL NUMBER MUST LIE IN A STRAIGHT LINE. ~EXAMPLE: ASTERISKS MARKED 4. THIS MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY REMOVING ONLY SIX ASTERISKS AND REPOSITIONING THEM IN THE SAME SIX POSITIONS.



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Insert numbers 1-9 in each box with every row, column and 3x3 box containing the digits just once. Difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest) **RATING: SILVER**

TODAY'S ANSWER

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## ZipRecruiter Report Finds Red Hot Job Market for 2022 College Grads

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### ZipRecruiter

Today ZipRecruiter released its inaugural report, "The Class of 2022: The Job Market Outlook for Grads" revealing that newly minted college graduates are entering a sizzling job market with two job openings for every unemployed person. Employers are rolling out the red carpet to grads with perks like signing bonuses (nearly 800% growth in recent years), remote work options, help with student loan payments, and vacation stipends.

"Young people spend a large share of their income on food, rent, and gas, so inflation is hitting them hard. But new grads are well-positioned to go after job opportunities now that can set them up for long-term success," said Ian Siegel, ZipRecruiter Co-Founder and CEO. "Fortunately, the class of 2022 is entering a very favorable job market. If you graduate into a slow market, the negative effect on your earnings can last 10-15 years. But if you graduate into a hot job market like we're seeing today, the benefits can last a lifetime."

Report highlights include:

#### • The Pandemic Has Lowered Barriers to Entry for Recent Grads

– To combat labor shortages, employers have lowered the experience requirements for millions of roles, making new graduates eligible for jobs that were once out of reach: 9% of job postings in 2022 listing a bachelor's degree requirement vs. 13% in 2018.

#### • Workplace Benefits New Grads Love—and Where to Find Them

– The two-thirds of new graduates who borrowed for college have about \$28,400 in student loan debt, on average, and employers are taking note. 90k job postings now offer student loan repayment as a perk.

#### • Internships: The Missing Rung on the Post-COVID Opportunity Ladder

– The traditional internship model needs to change in the new world of remote and hybrid work. Currently, 1% of all internships nationwide are remote and many programs remain on hiatus, leaving key learning opportunities for developing job seekers on the table.

#### • Show Me the Money: Expectations vs. Reality

– Those who successfully complete a college degree can expect a wage boost, with new college grads earning 59% more than workers with only high school diplomas. College grads are also underselling themselves with the ability to command \$10k more than they expect to earn.

#### • What New Graduates Want in a Job

– There is a clear generational divide in the workforce, with first-time hires caring substantially more about learning opportunities and diversity and inclusion efforts vs. traditional perks like retirement. Interestingly, 21% of first-time hires said they prioritized finding a low-stress job as part of their search efforts.

#### • Why Younger Workers Want Remote Work

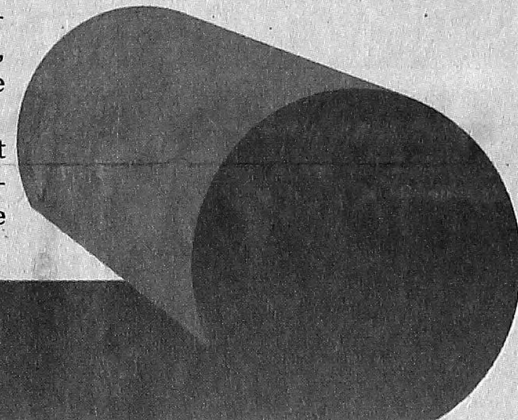
– Working remotely allows young people to save on transportation costs and rent by living at home, or allows them to combine a full-time job with freelance or gig work.

"More than 6 in 10 job seekers want remote jobs, but only 1 in 10 jobs is remote. So if you're applying for remote

jobs, expect more competition and send more applications. If, on the other hand, you're prepared to work in an office, the odds swing to you."

The report also details the hottest job markets in the U.S. for 2022, top entry level jobs for new grads, most common industries for first-time hires, and what skills are most in demand. "Different parts of the country are best for different kinds of careers. Choose wisely. Starting a career in health care at a top-ranked hospital in Massachusetts, for example, could expose you to best practice and innovation, setting you up for lifelong career success," added Renata Dionello, ZipRecruiter Chief People Officer.

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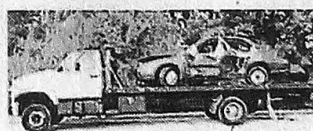
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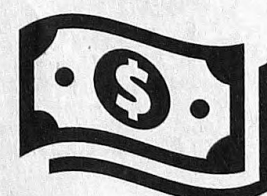


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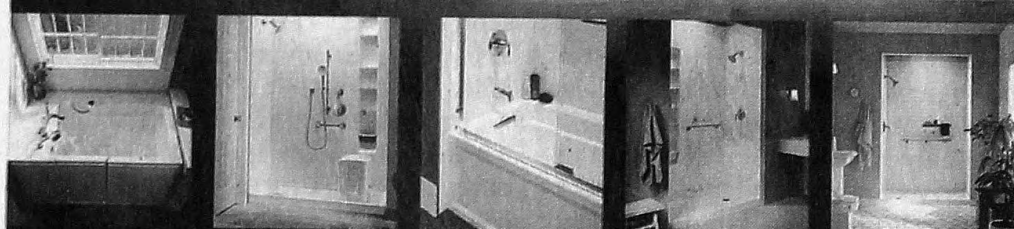
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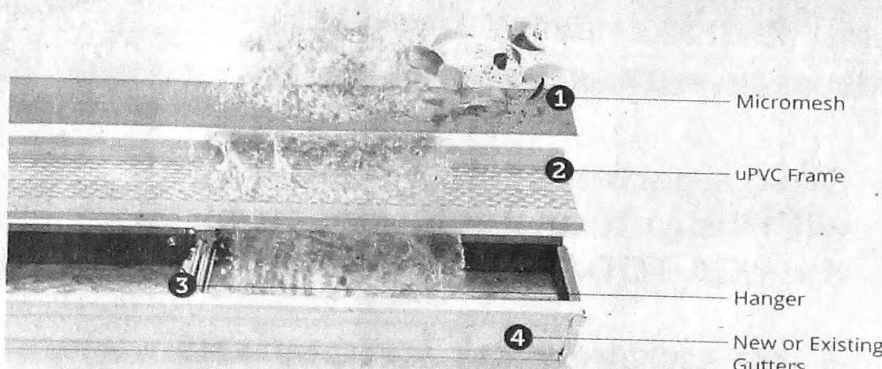
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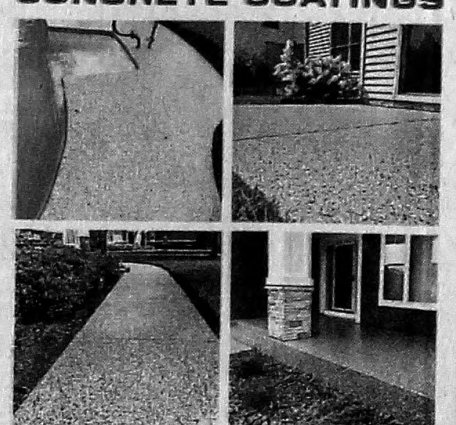
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