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Lawmakers ask for \$23M in federal grants

Local projects include helping families and upgrading parks, trails, infrastructure

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Metro Detroit's representatives in Washington, D.C., are asking for federal

money intended to help local government and community assets.

The requests are made through federal earmarks, a practice reinstated in 2021 that allows congress members to

request funds for projects in the communities they represent.

Requests must target not-for-profit entities and must be something the representative doesn't have a personal financial stake in.

In metro Detroit, Westland and Canton caught the attention of lawmakers and racked up the most earmark re-

quests, also called community project funding requests.

These requests are for fiscal year 2023, which begins Oct. 1.

Here are the project requests from Hometown Life area representatives, who all happen to be Democrats:

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Four-year-old Cameron is a frequent visitor at the Westland splash pad. He's a fan of the geyser-style features.

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Westland opens renovated splash pad in Tattan Park

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Four-year-old Cameron Hargis is happy as a clam at Westland's updated H2O Zone splash pad at Tattan Park.

His mom Joleen Hargis said one of

Cameron's favorite aspects of the park are the geysers that will shoot cool water at his face on a hot day.

H2O Zone, at Ford Road and N. Carlson Street, recently reopened after undergoing a \$390,000 renovation this spring. The park now has a dinosaur

theme and new amenities. But, fan favorites like a dump bucket are still in place.

"I like it. It's fun and he likes the dinosaur theme," Hargis said.

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What you should see at Livonia Spree

As the Livonia reporter for Hometown Life, it's gotten a little embarrassing to tell people I've never been to Spree.

I'm a Genesee County native who had just started my five-community beat when the 2019 event took place and we figured I could go the next year.

Then 2020 happened. And then 2021 happened.

So I've never been. Sue me.

Since the beloved event is back June 21-26 at Livonia's Ford Field this year, we wanted to tell people what they can most look forward to. But, alas, I have no advice to give.

So I asked some of my sources, all of whom have lived and/or worked in Livonia for a long time, what they think a first time Spree-goer like me should check out.

Do some basking and enjoy community

Paul Shepich, the superintendent of Clarenceville Public Schools, said a first timer should do as much meandering as possible.

"I think it is important to just take it all in and enjoy the entire experience," he said. "Ultimately, you will gravitate toward the things you like to do, eat, drink and learn about."

Delisha Upshaw, an organizer with Sunup Livonia, had similar advice.

"Between the food, the rides, the live music and games, there is literally something for everyone," she said.

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Roundup: What businesses opened, closed

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Warmer weather means more activity. It also seems to bring more business to town.

There's been a flurry of business moves across the region the past month, with plenty of new shops openings and closing their doors across the Hometown Life area. Here's what opened and closed its doors this past month as flow-ers bloomed and sunnier days arrived.

Did we miss one? Have a business opening or closing soon? Let us know by emailing dveselenak@hometownlife.com.

Milford

The village recently gained a new restaurant, with Chino Loco Eats relocated to Milford from Highland Township in early May. The restaurant — serving dishes such as tacos, quesadillas and nachos — recently moved to 240 Summit in the Mill Pond Plaza.

Also new to town is the first brick-and-mortar location for a local clothing brand. Dreamy Daze Boutique recently opened its first in-person retail shop at 115 W. Commerce. The shop, which began as an online retailer, specializes in women's clothing, including tops, skirts dresses and graphic tank tops.

Farmington Hills

There are some new places to grab something to eat in Farmington Hills these days.

Those include BurritoBar, a new fast-casual franchise that opened at 12 Mile and Halsted. The shop, the second one of the Canadian brand to open in the United States, serves up a variety of

dishes inspired from south of the border.

Also open is a new Uno Pizzeria and Grill, which replaced the previous restaurant at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Detroit Novi at Grand River and Halsted. Known for its Chicago-style pizza, it joins its other location in Sterling Heights as the two Uno Pizzerias in metro Detroit.

In addition, there's a new place to fill prescriptions in town as well. Open more than a month ago, Quality Care Pharmacy operates in the medical building at 28300 Orchard Lake. The pharmacy is open five days a week and offers both prescriptions and over-the-counter medications.

Farmington

While it's not new, a local business has a more prominent location in downtown Farmington.

All About Women, a boutique that can help with bra fittings for breast cancer patients, relocated to a space next to the CVS on Farmington Road in downtown Farmington. In addition to fittings for women of all kinds, they also sell accessories, clothing and other items.

Plymouth

Joining a growing list of closing long-time downtown Plymouth businesses is Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth, which announced earlier this year it would close its doors after decades in business. The shop, which relocated to its current home on Ann Arbor Trail in the early 2000s, announced it would close some time in June after some of the family members decided it was time to move on and either retire or continuing working at a different shop.

Joining the downtown Plymouth business community is Belle Lavende, a new shop dedicated to selling plenty of products packed with the purple plant. The shop is the brainchild of the Mack family of Livonia, who harvest the lavender from their farm in Stockbridge. Products include drinks made with lavender, as well as a host of personal care products such as soaps and lotions.

Livonia

Find the next historical treasure at the city's newest vintage shop.

Vintage Vibes recently opened in a strip mall off Middlebelt between Five Mile and Six Mile, providing antique and vintage sellers a place to display their wares. It offers a wide range of items that changes on a frequent basis, so guests can expect to see new items all the time.

After hitting up the antique shop, perhaps head up to Eight Mile for lunch and try some food at the new Falafel & Company. Open in the Philmar Plaza just west of Farmington Road, the fast-casual restaurant serves up plenty of Middle Eastern cuisine, as well as coffee for those looking for a kick in the afternoon.

To wrap up a busy day, head to east-



A Hub Stadium guest prepares to throw an ax in one of the Novi entertainment location's competitive cages. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ern Livonia and grab a drink. There's a new spot to grab some locally-made spirits: the simply-named Distillery, a tasting room serving up liquor made by BBS Distilleries. Located in the former Subway, the owners say they are the first to legally make spirits in Livonia since the 1850s.

Westland

If it's authentic flavor you're looking for, head to Westland and try out one of the city's newest restaurants.

Taco Macho opened in mid-May in the former Capital Coney Island near the Wayne and Ford Road intersection. It serves up plenty of Mexican delicacies, including tacos whose tortillas are made on site. The restaurant offers both sit-down and carryout service.

New Hudson

Things are happening near Grand River and Milford Road. One of those new changes comes with the resurrection of a former church building that now houses a vintage shop.

Jodea Bella relocated its store from the southern end of Lyon Township to the former church building along Grand River east of Milford Road. The shop is filled with plenty of treasures from yesteryear, including furniture, décor and more.

If you're looking for a bite to eat,

there's a new place to snag some chicken. Wing Snob recently opened in the shopping center along Milford Road. Known for its chicken wings, it joins another Wing Snob in Livonia in the area.

Northville

A pair of shops have opened up in the city's newest mixed-use building.

Open at 345 E. Cady across from the Tipping Point Theatre are two new shops, both ran by Rebecca Grewal: Revir, a clothing retailer specializing in trendy outfits and accessories, and Mithai & Chai, a coffee shop serving up Indian drinks and food. The two shops complete the filling out of the new building on the corner of East Cady and Griswold, which also contains a law firm on the upper floor.

Novi

Get ready for a fun night out at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk's newest attraction.

The HUB Stadium opened in early May, bringing a plethora of fun group activities, from football bowling to ax throwing to curling. It has plenty of rooms for private events, including showers, corporate events and more, as well as a full-service restaurant and bar area.

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Shop takes a pop at iconic Faygo ice cream flavors

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A popular local ice cream spot has introduced six Faygo ice cream flavors with some delicious twists.

Browndog Barlor & Restaurant, known for its small-batch ice cream and boozy milkshakes, has teamed up with the makers of Faygo pop to create the new flavors.

Browndog, with locations in Farmington and downtown Northville, unveiled the new Faygo flavors with an ice cream base that tastes just like the Detroit-born pop at its Northville location.

The idea for Faygo ice cream came about with the pandemic when the restaurant was doing to-go orders, said Greg Richards, Browndog Barlor and Browndog Creamery's chief sales and marketing officer.

"We did Faygo floats to go with ice cream and a bottle of pop," Richards said. "Then I wonder what it would be like to make (Faygo) ice cream."

Richards pitched the idea to Faygo officials, whom he said responded favorably.

"I went with the intent with doing one flavor, like Rock & Rye," Richards said. "Then I pitched the idea of a six-pack ... fast forward and here we are."

Flavors in the new line of Browndog Faygo "craft ice cream" are: Unicorn Swirl, Citrus Mist, Peaches & Creme, Motown Jam, Groovy Grape, and Choc & Rye.

With most of the ice cream, you can taste the pop flavor first, followed by a mix-in of Browndog's creative spin finish. The exception was the Choc & Rye with chocolate fudge and brownie pieces which had a Rock N Rye finish.

A favorite is the Unicorn Swirl after Faygo Cotton Candy pop. It has a pleasant, not overly sweet cotton candy taste, with a pink marshmallow crème mix-ins finish. Motown Jam was another surprise with red pop ice cream and a chunky peanut butter mix-in finish. Citrus Mist is refreshing with Faygo's Moon Mist and Peach.

"The base of the ice cream is the true Faygo flavor and then we put our creative spin on it," Richards said. "It's not like it tastes like Rock & Rye — no, it is Rock & Rye."

Richards is proudest of Groovy Grape.

"Grape ice cream is hard to make," he said. "We added in vanilla sandwiches and weren't expecting it to work and it did."

Owner Brian Scherle loves the idea of turning iconic Faygo into ice cream.

"I grew up on Faygo," Scherle said. "It's fantastic and amazing. It's kind of what we do here, get creative with our own ice cream."

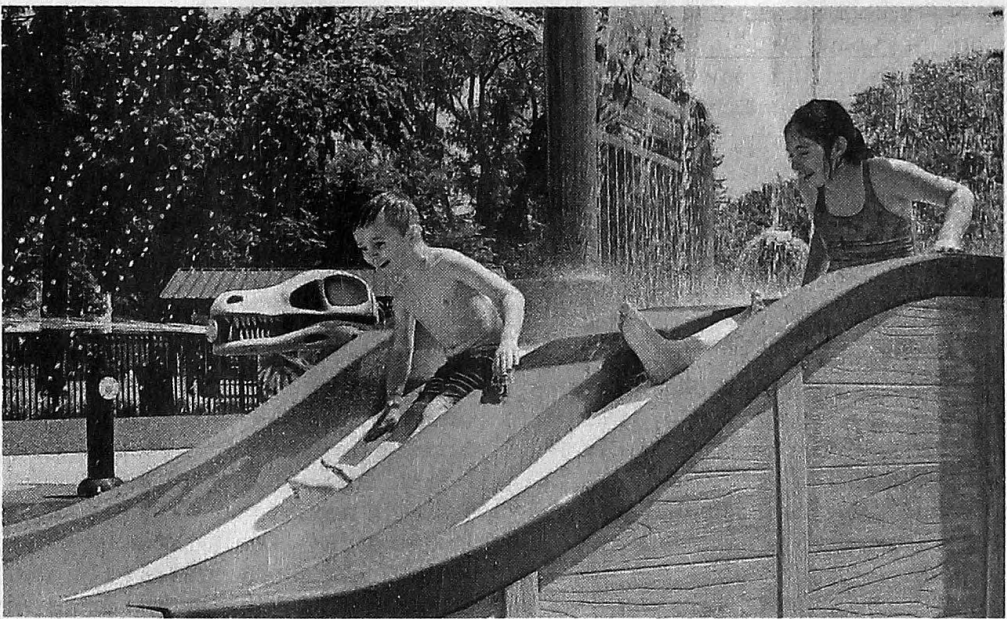
Groovy Grape, Unicorn Swirl, and Choc & Rye will be available by the scoop. Richards said Unicorn Swirl will be offered in its boozy shake line and called the "Plastered Pony."

Eight flavors of Faygo were used to make the six different ice cream varieties.

Browndog got its start in 2015 as an artisan ice cream parlor. According to its website, its ice cream is still handmade in small batches. From its ice cream beginnings, Browndog added a bar and restaurants. Each location focuses on craft cocktails made with Michigan spirits and twists on classic bar foods. Its bakery items are all made from scratch.



The fan-favorite dump bucket soaks kids, like Mia, who are brave enough to take on the cold water at Tattan Park in Westland.



A small water slide is the most popular amenity at the splash pad.
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Splash pad

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The park has been open to the public for a few weeks.

Hargis said she's a fan of the new

structure but would love the city to add some shaded areas for adults.

"They used to have some shade, and I miss that," she said. "So, if they could add a little shade, I think we would be a little better."

She said she hopes to see the city add more amenities like its splash pad so

Westland residents of all ages can enjoy recreation a little closer to home.

"I grew up in Westland and when I was a kid we had the Bailey Center, we had a pool and I think they need all of that again," Hargis said. "I want to have all of that close."

"I think we need, as a community,

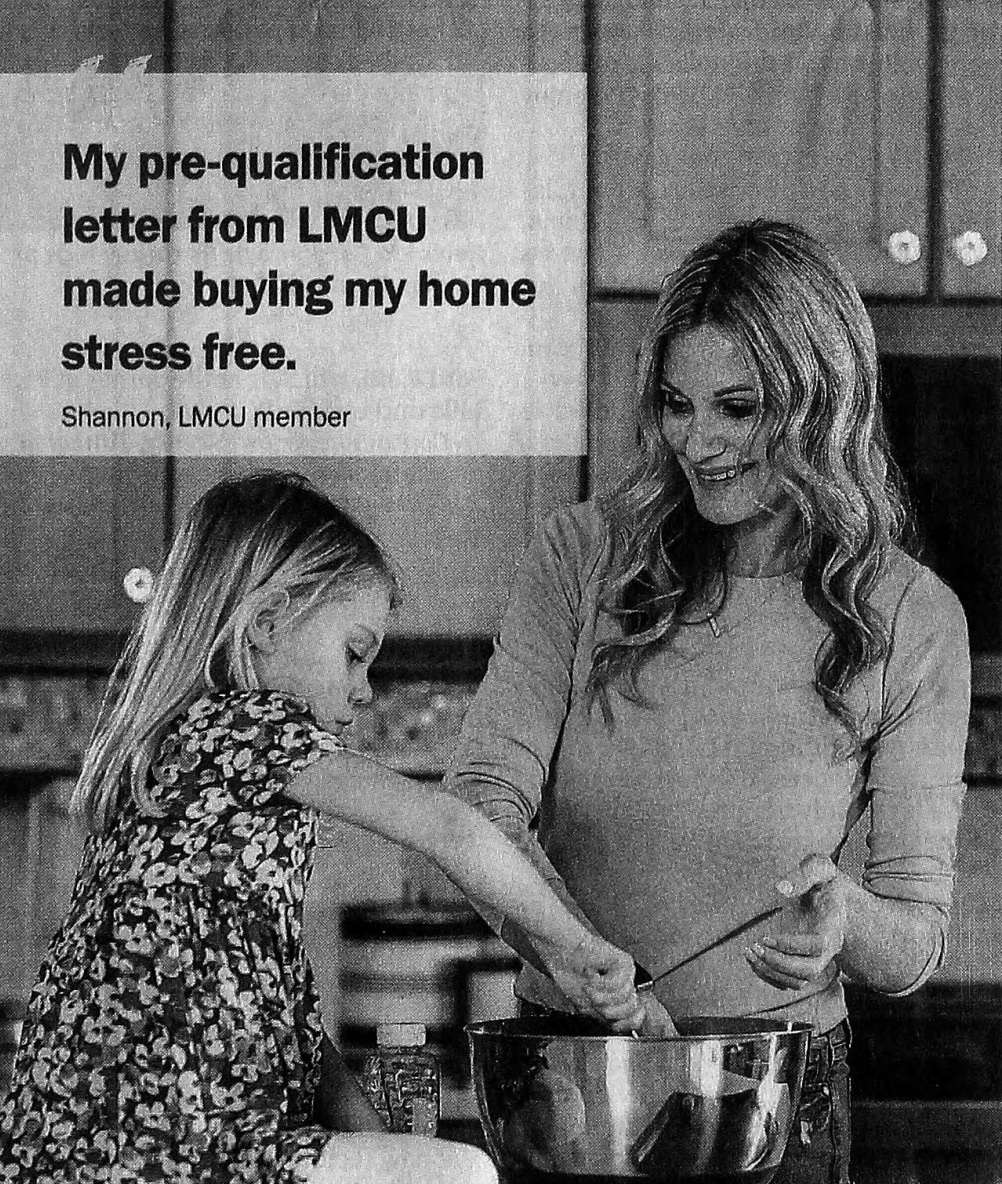
more things like this. I love all of this."

Residents pay \$3 for a day pass to the H2O Zone or \$40 for an annual pass. Non-residents pay \$10 for a day pass and \$80 for an annual pass. Annual passes cover a family of up to six people.

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LIVONIA SPREE EVENTS

The 70th Livonia Spree runs June 21-26 at Livonia Spree at Ford Field, 33841 Lyndon.

Tuesday, June 21

Festival hours 4-11 p.m.
Second Wind performs at Main stage, 7-11 p.m.
Petting Farm 4-9 p.m.
Pig Races 5, 6, and 8 p.m.
Duck Races 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22

Festival hours 2-11 p.m.
50 Amp Fuse performs at Main stage, 7-11 p.m.
Kids Zone pie eating contest, 6:30 p.m.
Strolling Entertainment with clowns 3:30-7:30 p.m. and costume characters 6-9 p.m.
Petting Farm, 2-9 p.m.
Pig Races 3, 5, 7:30, and 9 p.m.
Duck Races 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 8 p.m.
Ice arena "Family Pizza Night 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, June 23

Festival hours 2-11 p.m.
Killer Flamingos perform at Main stage, 7-11 p.m.
Strolling Entertainment with clowns 3-7 p.m. and costume characters 7-9 p.m.
Petting Farm, 2-9 p.m.
Pig Races 1, 3, 5, 7:30, and 9 p.m.
Duck Races 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 8 p.m.
Ice arena "Family Pizza Night 6-8 p.m.

Friday, June 24

Festival hours 2-11 p.m.
DTour Band performs at Main stage, 7-11 p.m.
Kids Tent with the Amazing Clark puppets, 5-6 p.m.
Strolling Entertainment with clowns 3-8 p.m. and costume characters 7-9 p.m.
Pig Races 1, 3, 5, 7:30, and 9 p.m.
Duck Races 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 25

Festival hours noon to midnight
Sunset Blvd performs on Main stage, 7-11 p.m.
Kids Tent with Baffling Bill the Magician and Maze Family Fun Show
Strolling Entertainment with clowns 3-8 p.m. and costume characters 7-9 p.m.
Petting Farm, noon to 9 p.m.
Pig Races 1, 3, 5, 7:30, and 9 p.m.
Duck Races 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 26

Festival hours noon to midnight
Car Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
5K run/walk, 8:30 a.m.
Main stage church services, 8:30-11 a.m.
Steve King and the Dittilies on Ball Diamond stage, 6-11 p.m.
Atomic Radio performs on Main stage, 7-11 p.m.
Strolling entertainment with clowns 9-11 a.m. at pancake breakfast and costume characters 7-9 p.m.
Petting Farm, noon to 6 p.m.
Pig Races 1, 3, 5, 7:30, and 9 p.m.
Duck Races 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 8 p.m.
Fireworks, 10:15 p.m.



People walk through the 2019 Livonia Spree festival grounds. After being canceled for two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event returns June 21-26. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE PHOTOS

Spree

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"The joyful squeals of children, couples holding hands, folks dancing like nobody is watching — that's the best part. Take a minute to watch and listen and feel grateful for life and for community."

Listen to the local talent

Live music is a highlight of any summer festival and, apparently, Spree is no different.
Sgt. Stacy Hayne with the Livonia Police Department said the live music is one of her favorite aspects of the week. She recommended checking out the Killer Flamingos, a Detroit-based cover band that people love. They're playing 7-11 p.m. Thursday night.
Other performances include Dtour, Atomic Radio, Sunset Blvd. and 50 Amp Fuse. All are Michigan-based acts.
Toni LaPorte, the city's library director, recommends grabbing a beer — or, if you're me, a hard seltzer — before hitting one of the shows.

Find a favorite local restaurant

A few people recommended first timers check out Taste of Spree which, unfortunately, isn't happening this year. But I think sampling the local fare is good advice nonetheless.
Livonia leaders like to brag that the city has so many small businesses, and I'm looking forward to seeing some of those folks out and about at Spree. It's fun to see the local offerings along with the fresh lemonade and elephant ears that really highlight a community's personality.
When I was growing up, I looked forward to a Bayou Billy's snow cone at Lapeer Days. If Hometown Life's coverage of previous years is anything to go by, it seems Spree has local foodie favorites of its own for first timers to

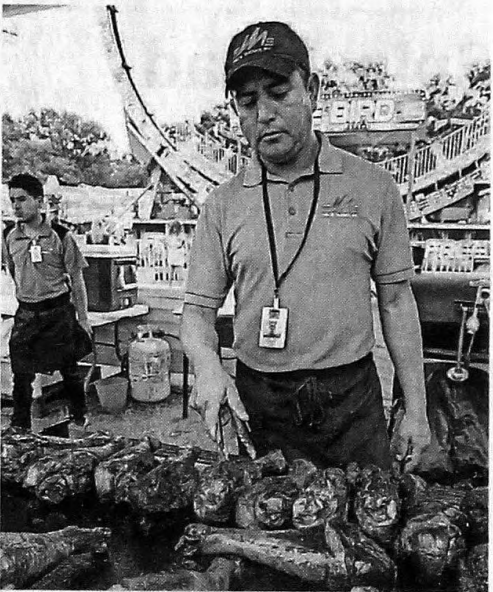


Landon Grodzicki, 5, feeds the goats at the petting zoo.

find.

See the fireworks Sunday night

Most of the people I spoke to for this article and just about every Livonia resident I've ever talked about Spree with mentioned how great the fireworks are.
"One of my favorite parts of Spree is the fireworks, of course," Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan said. "They are the grand finale of a weekend celebrating all things Livonia, and a time when the many volunteers who make Spree possible each year get to sit back and enjoy the culmination of their work."
Others agreed with the mayor.
"Fireworks on Sunday is the culmination to top off the event," Todd Zilincik, Livonia's city engineer said. "Always nice to see everyone with their families at Ford Field."
The show starts around 10:15 p.m. Sunday.
There's obviously so much more to Spree, including a craft show, car show and various competitions. Folks can see the full schedule of events at livoniaspree.com. Most of the event is held at



Bertoldo Perdomo grills turkey legs at Livonia Spree in 2018.

Ford Field, which is at the corner of Five Mile and Lyndon.
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Grants

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City of Westland

Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib requested \$3.5 million for Westland's proposed community center at the former Marshall Upper Elementary. Sen. Gary Peters is also asking for \$2.5 million for the project. City officials expect a retrofit of the old school into a recreation and community center, which Westland currently doesn't have, will cost around \$15 million.
Peters also requested funds for other Westland projects including \$30,000 for the city's strengthening families program, which focuses on tweens and their parents, and \$75,000 for a license plate reader camera for the police department.

Canton Township

Congresswoman Haley Stevens asked for \$1 million for extensive work on Patriot Park in Canton. The township has been working to upgrade the park, near Ford and Ridge roads, since 2020. Funds would go toward things like a playground, sledding hill, nature center, trail system and more.
Peters asked for \$1 million to fund clean energy at Canton's Fire Station #4. The money would help add solar and geothermal energy infrastructure to the building.
Sen. Debbie Stabenow requested \$1 million for the township's Michigan Avenue Innovation Network program,

which will be used to create lab space for collaboration between local businesses, nonprofits and schools.

City of Livonia

Schoolcraft College's manufacturing and engineering center is the target of a \$1.025 million request by Stevens. The funds would pay for training enabling Schoolcraft students to enter the manufacturing industry able to use the most up-to-date technology.
Schoolcraft opened a new manufacturing center last year.
Stabenow requested \$2 million for Livonia's bike/walk program. The program is intended to expand non-motor travel options, like bicycle trails, throughout the city.

City of Farmington Hills

The Zekelman Holocaust Memorial Center, near the corner of Orchard Lake and 12 Mile roads in Farmington Hills, is the target of several requests. Stevens asked for \$550,000 to expand outreach services like teacher training and transportation for school visits.
Stabenow also made a \$1 million request for the center to update its permanent exhibit, which has been in place for almost 20 years.
The Holocaust Center is the only museum of its kind in Michigan and attracts about 65,000 visitors annually.

City of Novi

Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence requested \$1.4 million for Sanctum House to expand its center in Novi.

Sanctum House, which supports survivors of human trafficking, is looking to acquire two additional buildings to expand the services it offers. Sanctum House is the only nonprofit of its kind in southeast Michigan.

City of Northville and Northville Township

Stevens requested \$560,000 for a drainage repair project in Northville. The city is looking to repair two drains that serve residents in Northville and Novi. The drains are deteriorating and connect to the Rouge River in Northville and have caused some erosion and safety concerns.
Stevens also asked for \$135,359 to fund two behavioral health clinicians that police departments in Northville, Northville Township and Plymouth would share. The funds are requested for the Northville Township Police Department.
The clinicians would co-respond with police officers on mental health calls and provide telehealth services.

City of Farmington

Stevens requested \$2.1 million for a project that would improve the connection between downtown Farmington and Shiawassee Park. The project would improve accessibility to the park by replacing the stairs and bridge at the park while also adding a boardwalk and bridge.

City of Birmingham

Stevens requested \$1.3 million for a

sewer system rehabilitation project in Birmingham. The city has been working to replace or repair about 150 sewer segments since 2019.

Garden City

As Garden City plans to turn Schoolcraft College's Radcliff building into a community center, Tlaib is asking for \$2.1 million to help the project.
The city purchased the Radcliff building earlier this year and plans to move most of what's currently in the Maplewood Community Center there. The new facility would include city services like the senior alliance, youth assistance programs, Meals on Wheels and a community garden as well as new additions like a gymnasium.

City of Wayne

Peters requested \$75,000 for upgrades to the Wayne Police Department's multipurpose room.

Redford Township

Tlaib requested \$2 million for the creation of recreation and wellness center in Redford. The township currently doesn't have a recreation center, and the proposed facility would include things like a gym, indoor track, classrooms, a fitness facility and more.
Tlaib's proposal notes a township-run center would provide a more affordable wellness option for many residents.
Contact reporter Shelby Tankersley at stankersle@hometownlife.com or 248-305-0448. Twitter: @shelby_tankk.

Obituaries

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Linda Wochna Olow

OCEANSIDE, CA - Linda Wochna Olow passed away at home in Oceanside, California, at the age of 59 from endometrial cancer. She was surrounded by family and loved ones.

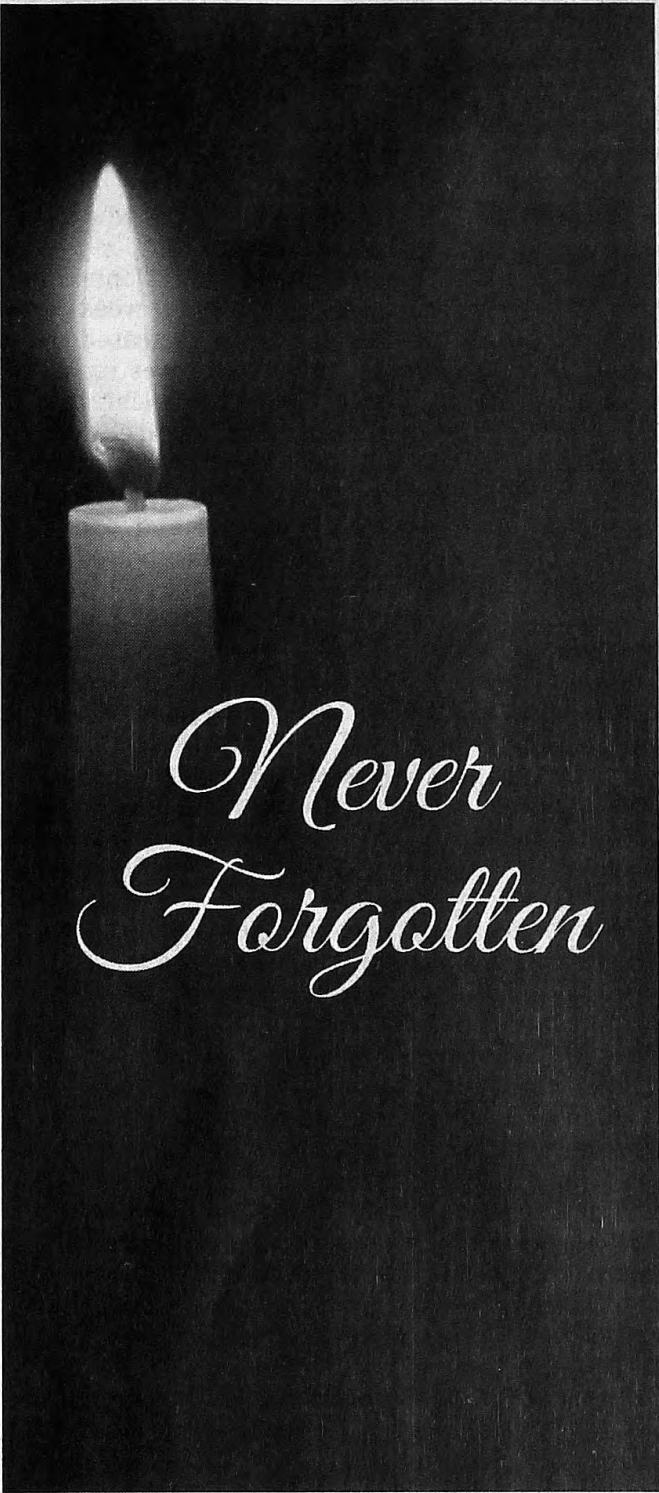
Linda was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. She grew up in multiple mid-western states, but spent most of her childhood in Canton, Michigan where she graduated from Salem High School in 1981. She attended Purdue University and finished her BS in Business Administration (Information Systems) at San Diego State University in California. She spent most of her career working 26 years for Qualcomm as a Business Systems Analyst.

She married Matthew Olow in 1985 (divorced 2006) and had 3 children: Natalie, Zachary and Alyssa. She lived with her family in Poway, California until June, 2020.

Linda was deeply rooted in her Christian faith and was an active member at the Church at Rancho Bernardo where she led both the Divorce Care and Depression support groups for years. She also privately counseled and ministered people to bring them closer to God and occasionally even opened her home up to people in need.

Linda lived her life in service to others. She had an amazing spirit and playful personality that would light up a room and make every event joyful. She was competitive, yet not overly serious about it. She lived her life to the fullest and touched so many people's lives. She is survived by her mother, Norma Jean Wochna, her father Alfred T. Wochna, her children Natalie Olow, Zachary Olow and Alyssa Olow Castaneda (spouse Lance), her grandchildren Hailey Rivas and Zion Castaneda and her siblings Deborah Skertic (spouse Robert), Douglas Wochna (spouse Cindy) and Laura Oh (spouse Ken).

A memorial service will be held at the Church at Rancho Bernardo in San Diego, CA, on June 27, 2022 at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, please



Roland "Lundo" Anthony Ruscitti

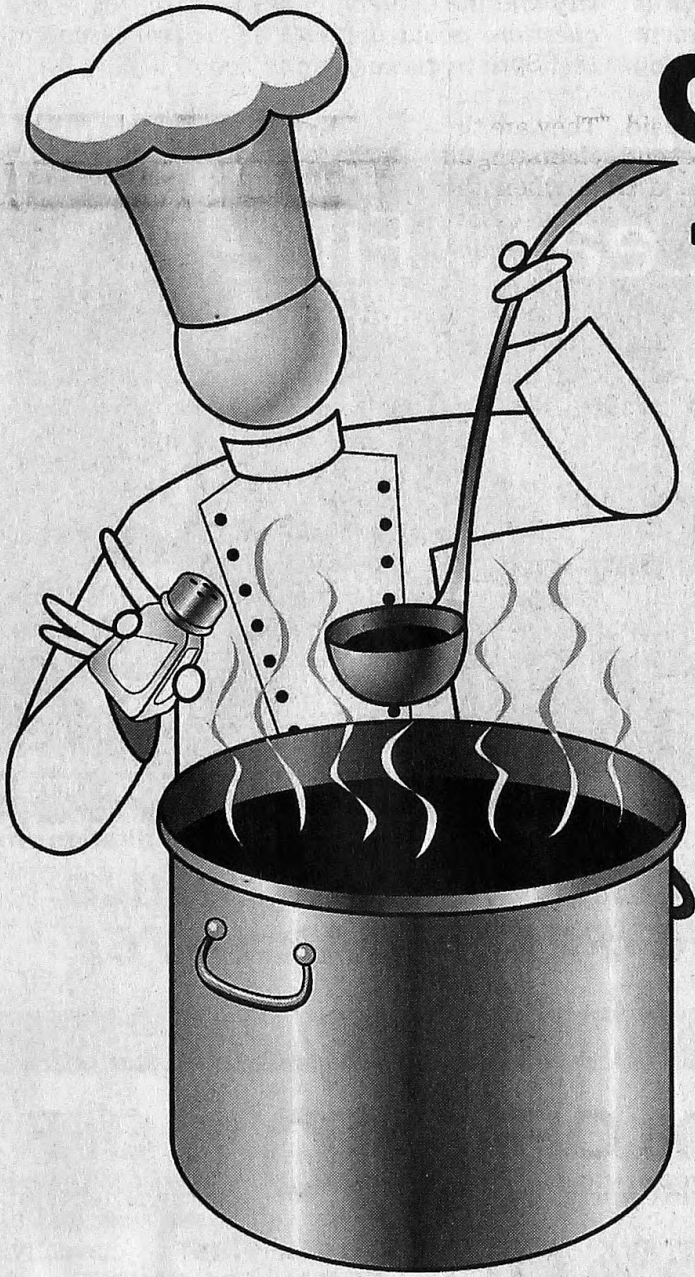
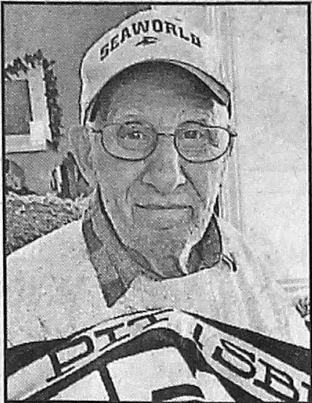
PLYMOUTH - Roland Ruscitti, age 91, went home to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Saturday, June 11, 2022.

Roland was born to Frank and Fannie Ruscitti on July 13, 1930 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. He met his beautiful wife, Mary Horvath, at a local diner near his own family restaurant, the Peasant Village, where he served the local community and his family long and well. The two married on May 12, 1953 and went on to have 5 children: Desiree, Roxanne, Michelle, Melanie, and Frank Roland.

Roland was a Korean War Army Veteran and learned the art of cooking during his service in Europe. He was handsome, strong, charming, had a wonderful sense of humor, and he loved his family. He enjoyed cooking, bowling, children, and loved being outdoors, whether hunting, gathering wood or just sitting in his rocking chair chatting with the neighbors.

Roland is preceded in death by his beloved wife Mary, his precious daughter Roxanne, his parents, and his brother Donald. He is survived by 4 children, their spouses, 10 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and beloved sister Donna.

Memorial service arrangements are pending.



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COVID-19 case tracker for Wayne, Oakland counties

Mike Stucka
USA TODAY NETWORK

Michigan reported 18,453 new cases of coronavirus in the week ending Sunday, down 5.5% from the previous week. The previous week had 19,535 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked 28th among the states where coronavirus was spreading the fastest on a per-person basis, a USA TODAY Network analysis of Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the latest week coronavirus cases in the United States decreased 0.9% from the week before, with 753,773 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 2.45% of the country's cases in the last week. Across the country, 31 states had more cases in the latest week than they did in the week before.

Wayne County reported 3,631 cases and 22 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 3,720 cases and three deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 435,780 cases and 8,041 deaths.

Oakland County reported 2,934 cases and 15 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 3,048 cases and two deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 315,618 cases and 3,892 deaths.

Across Michigan, cases fell in 52 counties, with the best declines in Macomb County, with 1,711 cases from 1,881 a week earlier; in Clinton County, with 130 cases from 244; and in Oakland County, with 2,934 cases from 3,048.

Within Michigan, the worst weekly outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Washtenaw County with 314 cases per 100,000 per week; Schoolcraft County with 297; and Mackinac County with 287. The Centers for Disease Control says high levels of community transmission begin at 100 cases per 100,000 per week.

Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 3,631 cases; Oakland County, with 2,934 cases; and Macomb County, with 1,711. Weekly case counts rose in 29 counties from the previous week. The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in Saginaw, Berrien and Oceana counties.

In Michigan, 131 people were reported dead of COVID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 50 people were reported dead.

A total of 2,565,819 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and 36,538 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the United States 85,515,795 people have tested positive and 1,011,275 people have died.

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



Boguslaw "Bogy" Czesak, 60, center, stands with his girlfriend Donna Duthoo, left, and son Anthony Czesak at Bogy and Donna's house in Pekin. Bogy became so seriously ill from a COVID-19 infection last November that doctors planned to take him off life support until his son intervened.

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separately from Michigan counties.

Michigan's COVID-19 hospital admissions falling

USA TODAY analyzed federal hospital data as of Sunday, June 12.

Likely COVID patients admitted in the state:

- Last week: 1,057
- The week before that: 1,121
- Four weeks ago: 1,239

Likely COVID patients admitted in the nation:

- Last week: 59,343
- The week before that: 56,290
- Four weeks ago: 49,207

Hospitals in 30 states reported more COVID-19 patients than a week earlier, while hospitals in 31 states had more COVID-19 patients in intensive-care beds. Hospitals in 29 states admitted more COVID-19 patients in the latest week than a week prior, the USA TODAY analysis of U.S. Health and Human Services data shows.

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

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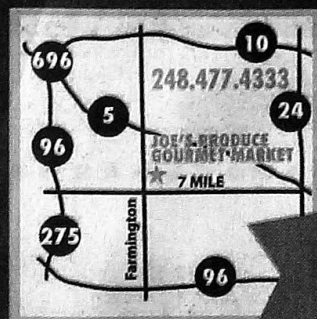
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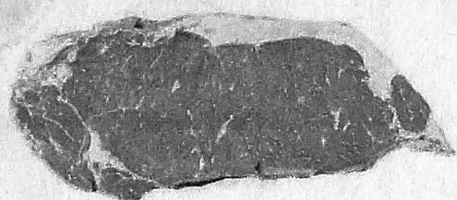
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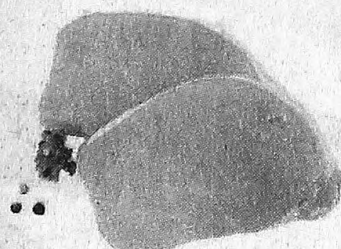
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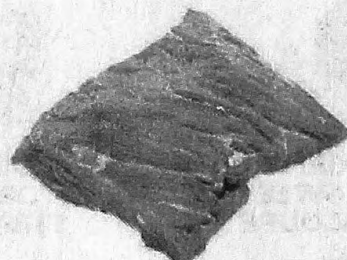
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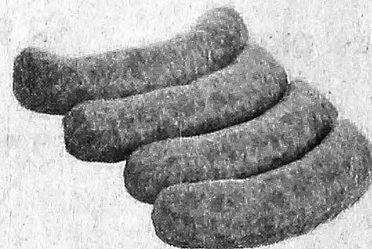
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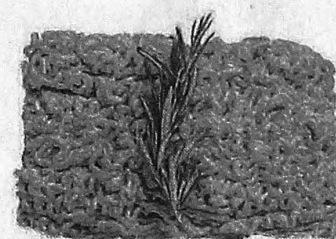
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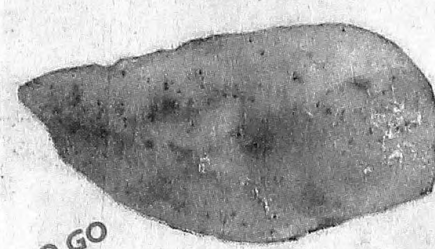
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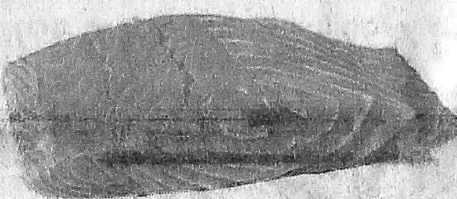
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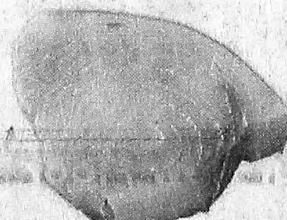
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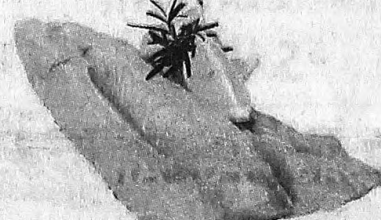
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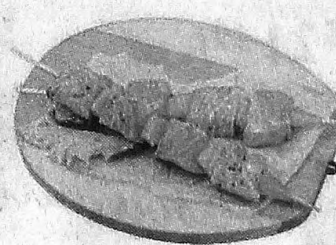
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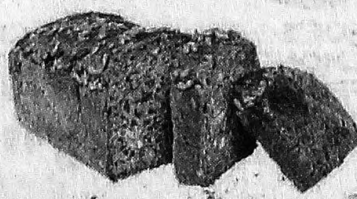
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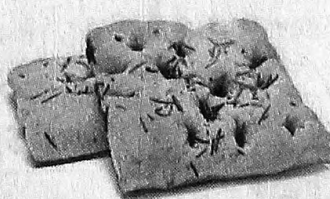
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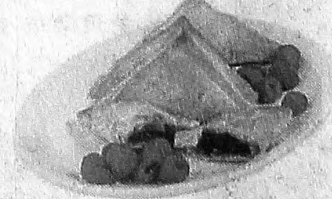
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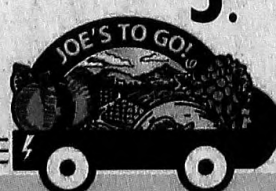
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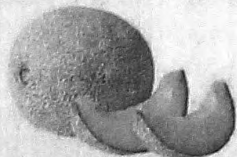
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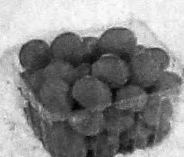
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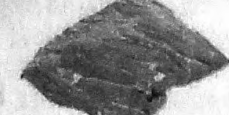
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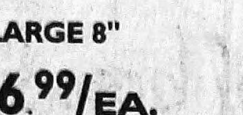
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Bloomfield Hills teammates celebrate scoring a goal against Hartland on June 9 during the Division 1 girls soccer regional final at Novi Meadows. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Bloomfield Hills beats Hartland to capture first-ever regional title

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

You'd be hard-pressed to find a more physical match around Michigan on June 9 than the Division 1 girls soccer regional final at Novi Meadows.

There was pushing. And shoving. There was tackling. And tripping. Yellow cards were handed out to both sides.

And Bloomfield Hills junior Charlotte Carleton even lost a tooth.

Well, sort of. It's still kind of dangling in her mouth thanks to her braces.

And then there were the collisions near the net.

Esther Rosett ran over Hartland goalie Morgan Seog, who slid in to stop Rosett's breakaway in the second half.

And then Seog and Rosett scrummed hard, rubbing shoulders while fighting for another loose ball a few minutes later.

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Bloomfield Hills' Drew Martin (left) beats a Hartland defender to a possession.

Marian takes down St. Clair 5-0 in regional semifinal

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USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Cliff Freeland was consoling one of his players, with his left arm squeezing her shoulder, pulling her in closer as she bawled her eyes out, as the two exited Dearborn Divine Child's stadium.

He sported a bright smile, but his shaking, clenched right fist said it all.

"We wanted to play a one-goal game," the St. Clair girls soccer coach said.

Yeah, this is Hometown Life. This is the Birmingham Eccentric. But to tell this story, we need to head to the Blue Water Area and reflect on what the Saints have gone through.

Exactly a year ago, eventual state champion Bloomfield Hills Marian absolutely trucked St. Clair, 5-0, in the Division 2 regional championship. The match was never in doubt as Elle Ervin scored four of the Mustangs' five goals and looked about as close to Pelé as a freshman at an all-girls school could look.

And that was a catalyst moment for Freeland, as he hugged good-bye his seniors in the Mustangs' parking lot just outside of Feldman Field.

Working with athletic director Sandy Rutledge, Freeland beefed up his schedule as best as he could. Those blowout wins did nothing to prepare the Saints for the postseason — and they were far from ready to compete with Marian.

This past spring, the Saints added several tough opponents to their schedule. They play in the Macomb Area Conference-Blue, a third-tier division of the MAC, which they won as the second smallest school this past spring. But when they were out of conference, they were playing as many schools from the MAC-Red and White, the first- and second-tier teams in that league, as they possibly could.

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GIRLS LACROSSE

After 3 straight state finals losses, Brighton finally wins

Tony Garcia Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

If the third time isn't the charm, there's always the fourth.

Saturday marked the fourth consecutive state championship appearance for the Brighton girls lacrosse program.

Each of the past three ended in tears.

It appeared as if that was going to happen again Saturday, with Brighton trailing by six goals early in the second half.

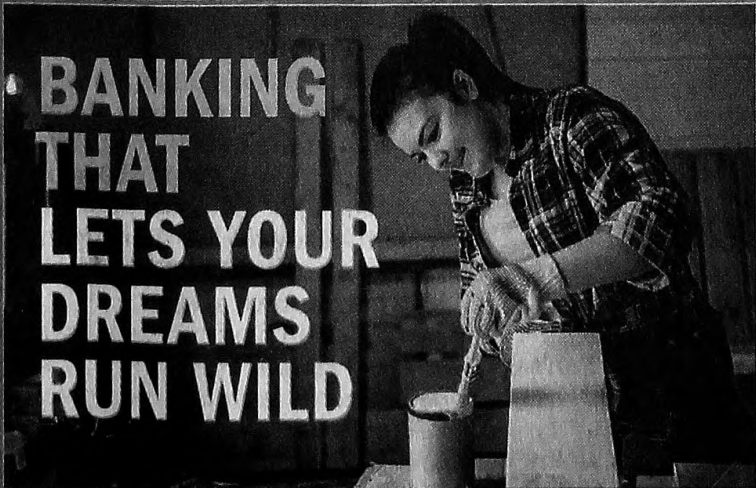
Instead, the Bulldogs rallied in the final two quarters, scored the game-tying goal with less than two minutes to play and topped Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern/Eastern in overtime, 12-11, to win the Division 1 state championship at Rockford.

Brighton (15-5) entered postseason play ranked No. 6 in the state after earning a share of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association West title under

first-year coach Ryan Skomial and now has its second state championship in program history, the first time was in 2011.

The Bulldogs trailed, 8-2, after an early third quarter goal by the Huskies,

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Hills

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But the most physical play came with 22 minutes left.

Rosett pushed the ball toward the right post, barely getting by Seog and then her shot trickled in for a goal.

As the senior turned to celebrate with the Black Hawks, in came Ava Badallo, who grabbed Rosett underneath the armpits, gripped hard and flung her down to the pitch like a tackle from Jack Lambert and the Steel Curtain.

It was a hard, tough form tackle. Bloomfield Hills football coach Dan Loria would’ve been proud of it.

And then a dogpile ensued. First, Brooke Green jumped on Rosett and Badallo. And then Alice Spiegel. And then in came Emma Henry, Avary Hall and Carleton.

In a matter of seconds, everyone on the field but goalie Jenica Opdahl was piled on top of Rosett and Badallo.

“I really didn’t even feel Ava tackling me because I was just so excited, and I was all in the moment,” Rosett said. “It was all adrenaline. It was an exciting moment.”

And what was that moment?

Well, that goal went down as the game-winner.

Yeah, No. 12 Bloomfield Hills won, 2-1, to not only upset defending state champion Hartland but to also win its first-ever regional championship in program history.

Badallo’s tackle was well worth it. And it wasn’t her only one of the evening (and we’ll get to that later).

In an absolute knock-down, drag-out war, Bloomfield Hills came out on top.

“It was great. Just being able to withstand that. They gave us a great battle, ya know?” Black Hawks coach Alan Zakaria said of the match’s physicality. “It’s what you expect in a regional final. Two teams just going at it and really giving everything that they have. It was really physical out there, and I’m really, really pleased with the effort and composure of our girls to see the game out.”

Bloomfield Hills controlled the possession for most of the game, but it was Hartland’s Hannah Kastamo who went on a fast break and buried a 20-yard shot to put the Eagles ahead 1-0 in the 13th minute.

The Black Hawks (13-2-3) didn’t

Local scoreboard

Division 1

Northville 5, Belleville 0
Bloomfield Hills 2, Hartland 1

Division 2

Bloomfield Hills Marian 1,
New Boston Huron 0
Haslett 6, South Lyon East 5 (F/SO)

Division 4

Plymouth Christian Academy,
Royal Oak Shrine (Saturday)

flinch, though, as Drew Martin buried a long free kick to knot the score 10 minutes later and ensure a 1-1 tie entering halftime.

They put together run after run in the second half, really applying the pressure on Hartland’s back line.

And then, finally, everything lined up just right for Bloomfield Hills.

Badallo, who’s signed with Division II West Virginia Wesleyan, received a pass near midfield, turned to look toward Hartland’s net and, WHOAH, there was Rosett, sprinting toward the goal seemingly unmarked.

Badallo laced a perfectly-placed through-ball toward Rosett, which split Hartland defenders Sophia Pietila and Mela Hammond, hitting Rosett’s toes in stride.

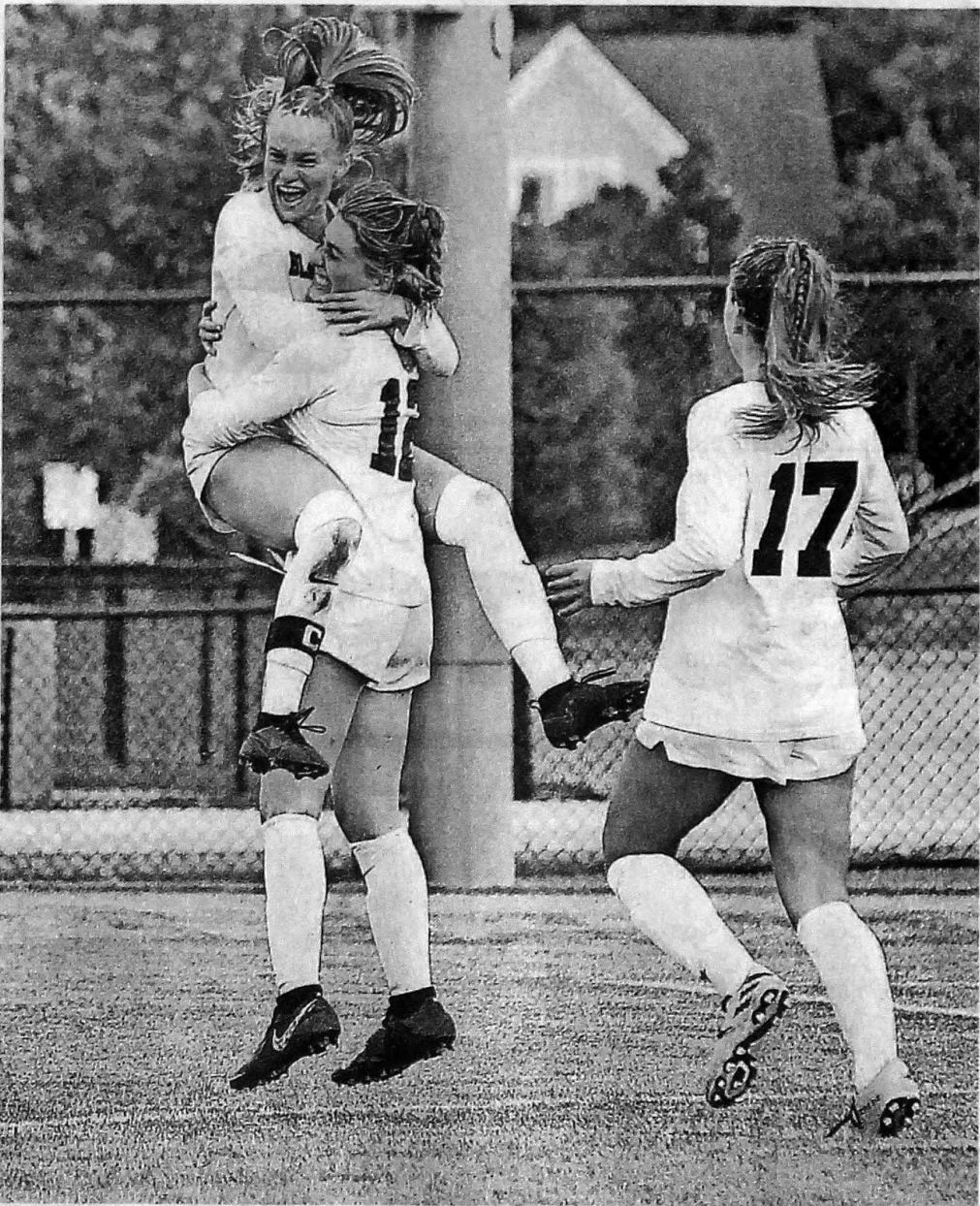
Rosett made one move to deke Seog, and then the senior blasted her shot toward the right post.

“The ball just went to me, I turned. I saw it. I was like, ‘I *have* to play Esty. I’m playing this!’” Badallo said. “I had no doubt she was going to blast it into the back of the net. Thank God it hit the post and went in. Boom!”

“We’re celebrating, and we’re up, 2-1, which is, like, truly insane. We just beat last year’s state champs! It feels incredible!”

Added Zakaria: “It’s beautiful! They’re great players, and that’s the style of play that we practice and train for, ya know? We try to play that way. We look to get in behind teams. It was just a great play by two great players, and I think it was the difference in the game.”

While Badallo’s pass will go down as the catalyst for the goal, we can’t over-



Bloomfield Hills’ Drew Martin (left) and Esther Rosett (center) celebrate a goal during the Division 1 regional final against Hartland on June 9 at Novi Meadows.
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look Rosett’s determination.

She had been battling Hartland’s defense all night. She had a handful of opportunities, including the one that saw Seog rob her of a breakthrough chance.

Rosett wasn’t going to miss this attempt.

“I was so determined to get one in,” she said. “Right when I saw the opportunity, I knew I was going to get one in at the end. It was a perfect pass. They (Hartland) were a good team, so I knew that was going to be one of the only opportunities, so I had to get one. I had two good chances, and I had to get one.”

Rosett, who won’t be playing in college, said it was the best match she’s

ever played in her life, and she’s been playing soccer since she was 2 years old.

She also called it the most fun she’s ever had on the pitch.

And it was likely the most physical match she’s ever played in, too. Because, sure enough, as soon as the final whistle sounded, Badallo tackled a few more teammates and started another pile-up near Bloomfield Hills’ bench.

Shortly afterward, Novi athletic director Don Watchowski presented Zakaria with the championship trophy.

The eighth-year coach didn’t hesitate to hand it immediately to his seniors.

“Captains, the honors are yours, baby,” he said, smiling.

Marian

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We’re talking Macomb Dakota, Utica Ford and Fraser.

They even added a game against Lake Orion, a D-1 district final winner from the Oakland Activities Association-Red, a league that finished with five of its seven teams in the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association’s final top-10 poll.

“We want to win the first-ever regional title in St. Clair history,” Freeland said. “It’s our goal. And you’ve got to get through Marian to get there. You’ve got to play the big-boy schools to get yourself ready for them.”

Yeah, that’s right.

The Saints (15-5-2) just ran through the gauntlet, all to prepare themselves to rematch Marian in the regional tournament. Playing the Mustangs was their Super Bowl.

Imagine that.

Marian is enroute to winning its fifth-straight state championship. The Mustangs have bigger and better goals. And St. Clair is dedicating their spring to getting ready for this one third-round matchup.

“I would, too, if I were them because you always want to strive to be a little bit better,” Marian coach Reid Friedrichs said. “But we’re just trying to get better ourselves. We don’t view ourselves that way. We kind of view ourselves as a work in progress as do other people. We have these goals we want to get to, and we’re just trying to watch film, train a little bit and get a little bit better.”

St. Clair had the game plan. It wanted to slow down Marian’s attack as much as possible.

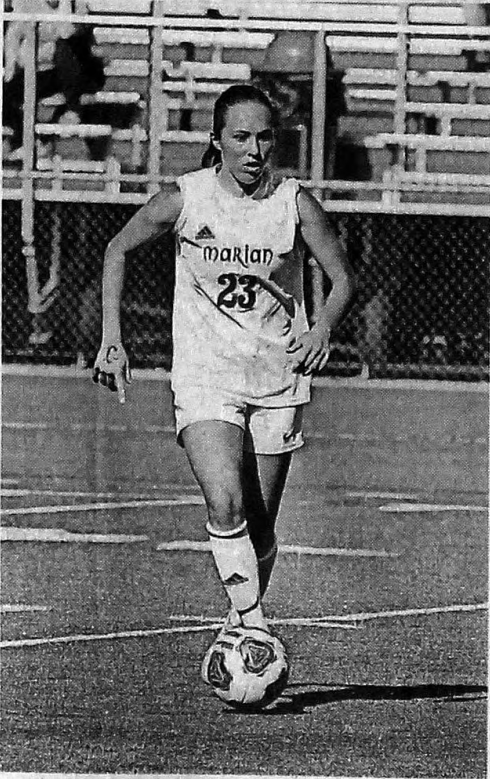
And it did for a while in the first half of the regional semifinal June 7.

But then a pair of the Saints’ starters limped off the turf with injuries. That forced Freeland to shake up his lineup, put players in unfamiliar positions to fill the vacant spots and, mercifully, pray they could keep it close.

It was a 0-0 battle for the opening 30 minutes, despite Marian (15-1) controlling most of the possessions.

And then it finally happened.

Michigan State signee Isa Agrusso attacked the right post, barely slipping a pass past St. Clair goalkeeper Abigail Perry that wound up at the feet of Ervin,



Marian’s Isa Agrusso moves the ball.

who tapped in the gimme goal.

And with 90 seconds left in the half, Ervin repaid the favor by assisting Agrusso on a score that made it 2-0.

“On film, last year, I wasn’t very nervous about them,” Friedrichs said. “I was just worried about us. We’ve watched quite a bit of film on them (this spring) and have watched how they play. I thought they had some good ideas. They thought they could attack in some good numbers.

“But, again, I think we played well enough where they had no shots on our first goalie. They had one shot on our second goalie, so we were happy with how we defended and how we attacked.”

Playing shorthanded proved to be too much for the Saints in the second half, as Marian booted in three more goals to make it another 5-0 victory over St. Clair.

Freeland had the right approach to taking down the No. 2 Mustangs.

St. Clair just couldn’t pull off the upset.

“I really thought we could play with them,” Freeland added. “We had a couple of girls get banged up, and we had to play a couple of girls in different positions. I knew if that happened we might be in trouble, but my team can play with anybody, and we’ve played with some



Bloomfield Hills Marian’s Elle Ervin scores a goal June 7 during the Division 2 girls soccer regional semifinal against St. Clair at Dearborn Divine Child. Marian won, 5-0. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

big teams. I thought if we would’ve stayed healthy and didn’t have to make any changes, I thought we could’ve made it a hell of a game.

“I really did.”

Once again, it was Ervin having a stellar outing.

Early in the second half, Agrusso got into another close call with the goalkeeper, this time colliding with her. Though, she did get off a pass to Ervin, who tapped in another gimme goal.

Ervin netted her hat trick shortly afterward, smashing a shot from the left post directly at the goalie. The rebound somehow trickled into the net.

Bella Musachio bicycled in Marian’s final goal with just over 20 minutes left.

“You can never really know what the level is going to be like in two different

years,” Ervin said of comparing this St. Clair squad to last year’s. “Every team is different every year. It was nice to kind of go back at them. They were thinking they’d have some extra fire against us because it was on turf, but we definitely shut down that thought.”

And to be St. Clair’s Super Bowl?

“That’s probably the best compliment you can have, just knowing we’re the climax of their season,” the sophomore added. “I just think we were really ready for it, ready to shut them down.”

Freeland said he expects to return 16 of his 18 players next spring.

Let’s try again next June, shall we?

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OLSM pitcher named Gatorade baseball POY

Tony Garcia Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Brock Porter may go down as the most dominant high school baseball player in the history of the state of Michigan and on Tuesday, he got some hardware to back up that claim.

Porter, the Orchard Lake St. Mary's standout, has been named the 2022 Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year. He is just the second player from the state to win the award in its 37-year history, joining Brighton's Drew Henson in 1997-98.

On Tuesday, New York Mets star Francisco Lindor met virtually with Porter to present him the honor of being the nation's top baseball player.

"Yeah I had no idea this was happening," Porter said via zoom Tuesday afternoon. "All of a sudden I see Lindor on the screen and people walking in with a big trophy and it was a huge surprise to me, I had no idea anything was going to happen."

The 6-foot-4, 215-pound right-hander is committed to Clemson and expected to be a first-round pick in next month's MLB draft.

Some analysts believe he will be the first pitcher taken.

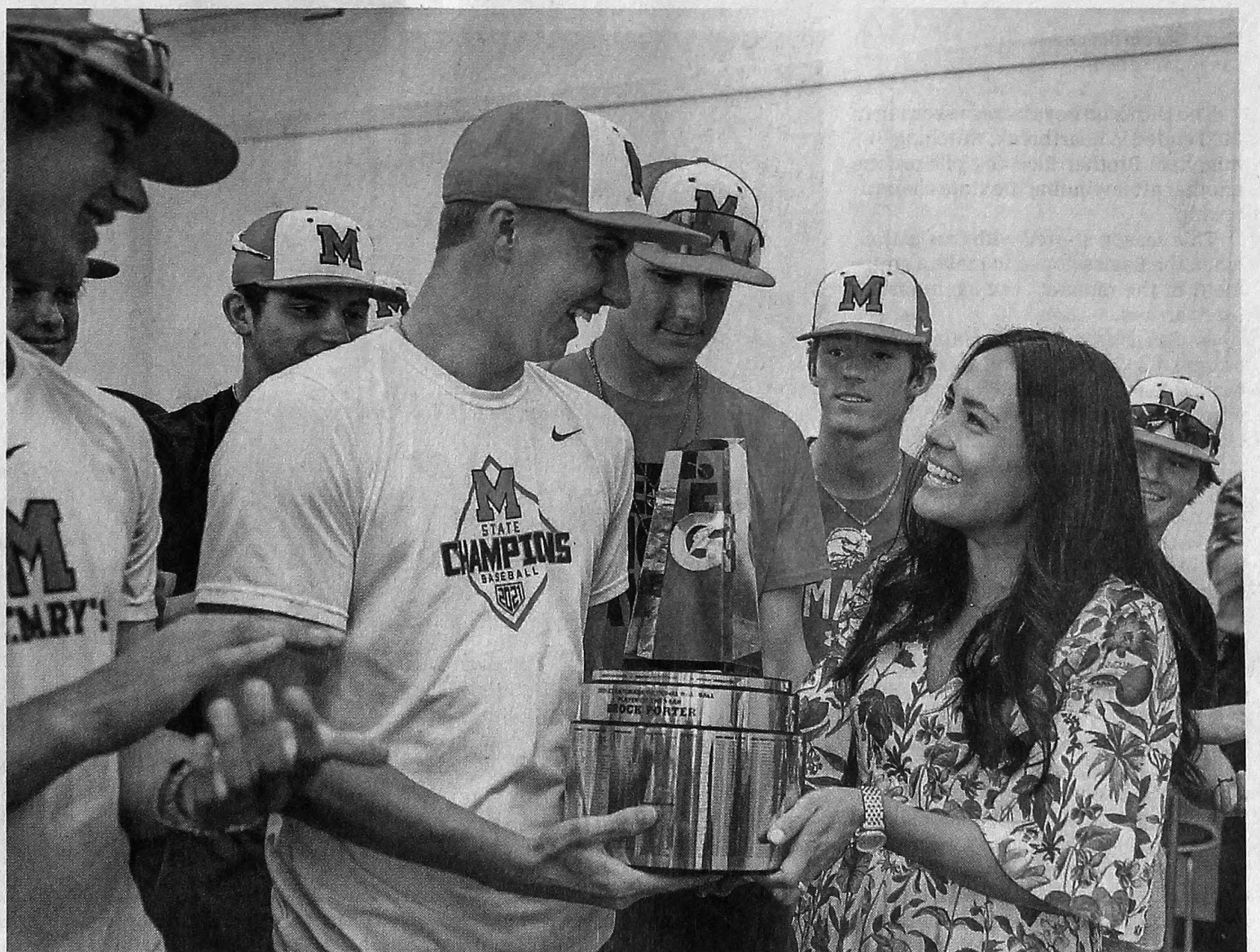
The award "recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Porter as the nation's best high school baseball player."

When selected earlier this month, Porter had a 6-0 record on the mound with a 0.17 ERA and 87 strikeouts compared to just 17 walks in 42 innings.

He posted a WHIP of 0.476 while opponents hit a microscopic .024 against him — Porter said it was the development of a new breaking ball that really took his game to the next level.

"My slider has gotten a lot better, that's kind of a newer pitch for me and I think all my pitches have just grown so much since my freshman year," he said. "Continuing to get them better and have them work in the games has been really nice."

He was also a force at the plate, hitting .517 with four home runs, 17 RBIs and a 1.528 OPS in 29 at-bats. Porter is



Orchard Lake St. Mary's pitcher Brock Porter is presented with the Gatorade National Player of the Year award on Tuesday. PROVIDED BY GATORADE NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ranked the No. 7 prospect in the nation by Perfect Game and No. 12 by Baseball America.

"Brock Porter is such a deserving winner of the Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year Award," said Jim Callis, senior writer for MLB Pipeline. "He's the best high school pitcher in the country, potentially the first pitcher to be selected in the 2022 draft, and a driving force on one of the best high school teams in the nation."

The Eaglets, who won Division 2 state championships in 2019 and 2021 (there was no 2020 season due to COVID-19) have advanced to the state

semifinals in Division 1 this year, are undefeated and are ranked the No. 1 team in America.

OLSM is 112-1 in its last 113 games.

"I think it's everything I pretty much hoped for," Porter said of his high school career that has one final weekend left. "All the hard work I put it over the years, it's all kind of paying off now and hopefully it continues to pay off."

"I think I just need to keep working hard and getting better and good things will happen."

Gatorade National Baseball Players of the Year have combined for four MLB MVP awards, 42 All-Star appearances

and 27 MLB first-round draft picks.

Among the most notable names on the list: Gary Sheffield, Alex Rodriguez, Zack Greinke, Justin Upton, Clayton Kershaw, Rick Porcello, Lance McCullers Jr. and Bobby Witt Jr.

"I was just told some of the names that were on it and I didn't know before," he said. "It means the absolute world to me and juts to have my name on that is a completely prestigious award and I'm super excited and honored to be named."

Current Detroit Tigers manager A.J. Hinch won the award while playing in Midwest City, Oklahoma, in 1991-92.

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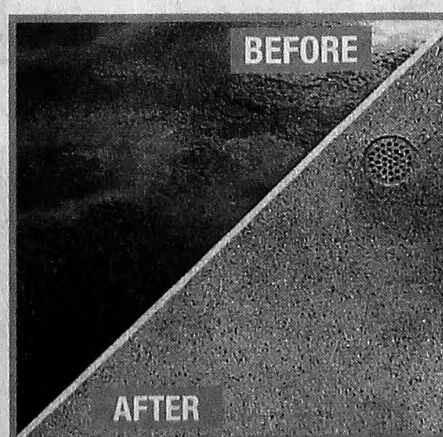
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BOYS LACROSSE

Hartland makes history, topples Brother Rice for crown

Tony Garcia Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

The Hartland boys lacrosse season in 2021 ended in heartbreak, watching Birmingham Brother Rice dog pile on one another after winning the state championship.

This season started with frustration, when the Eagles hoped to make a statement in the rematch, but again lost to the Warriors.

On Saturday in Howell, Hartland exorcised its demons, beating the No. 1 ranked team in the state, 11-10 in overtime, to win Division I for its first state championship in program history.

Hartland (18-4) came into the state playoffs ranked No. 4 in Division I after winning the Kensington Lakes Activities Association West championship. Its only in-state losses in the regular season were against Brother Rice and Division 2 champion Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central.

The extra period didn't last long. After a few empty possessions, Bo Lockwood started with the ball behind the net, ran around the right side, cut between three defenders in front of the net, pump faked and buried it around the goalie to clinch the championship.

Trailing 6-4 after halftime, the Warriors scored three quick goals to open the third quarter by Luke Washe, Sam Klein and Cashton Papadelis, all in the first five minutes of the period to give Brother Rice its first lead of the game.

The sides exchanging goals until Drew and Bo Lockwood had consecutive goals just 30 seconds apart, giving Hartland a 10-8 lead entering the final quarter.

That's when Rice's defense stepped up. The Warriors didn't allow a single goal in the final quarter, giving enough time for McNulty to cut the lead in half and Klein to score the equalizer with 3:55 left in regulation to force overtime.

Brother Rice (15-6) falls in the Division I state championship for just the second time — the Warriors lost to Novi Detroit Catholic Central, also by the score of 11-10, in 2018.

They've won every other title since 2005.



Hartland's Bo Lockwood moves the ball across the field as Catholic Central's Cal Taulbee pursues in the Eagles' 8-7 victory June 8 in the state Division 1 semifinals at Parker Middle School. Hartland went on to defeat Brother Rice, 11-10, in overtime on June 11 for its first state championship in program history. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

Forest Hills Central reigns in Division 2

Forest Hills Central has played in the state championship game eight times in the past 12 seasons and for a moment looked to be in trouble, when Birmingham Detroit Country Day took an early three-goal lead.

But Forest Hills came storming back, scoring seven of the next 10 goals in he first half and pulling away late to win the Division 2 state championship, 11-8, on Saturday in Howell.

Forest Hills Central finishes the year a perfect 25-0 with wins over each of the other top seven teams in the state in Di-

vision 2 and five of the top 10 ranked teams in Division 1.

After falling behind early, senior Nathan Sarjeant and junior Jonah McConnell scored the first two goals for Forest Hills Central. After the sides traded early goals in the second quarter, John Tomscheck set up Sam Sneider for an easy goal to tie the game, 4-4.

After Country Day (19-2) reclaimed the lead, Magnus Salmon and Tomscheck scored consecutive goals to pull level at six before McConnell netted a spinning goal late in the first half to give FHC the 7-6 lead going into the locker room.

The Rangers wouldn't trail again.

DCD's Caden Daley tied the score on a power play midway through the third quarter, before Jake Koning found the back of the net for FHC to make it 8-7.

Sarjeant's second of the day made it a two-goal game, but the Yellowjackets' Talon Gam cut it to one early in the fourth.

Less than two minutes later, FHC's Miles Duiven scored on a fast-break with 8:24 to play before McConnell scored the game's final goal — even though FHC was a man down — to make it 11-8.

Country Day's only losses this season came to Forest Hills Central and Hartland (Division 1 champion).

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Brighton's Amanda Granader, center, hoists the championship trophy while the Bulldogs celebrate after beating Forest Hills Northern/Eastern 12-11 to win the Division 1 girls lacrosse title June 11 at Rockford High School. NICK KING/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

Brighton

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before Amanda Granader — first team all-state in 2021 — netted a goal to start chipping away. Gabriela Mainhardt would score the next two to cut the deficit to three with just more than 15 minutes to play.

After a Forest Hills Northern/Eastern goal with 15:50 remaining, Mainhardt, Ella Boose and Granader all scored in less than two minutes to make it a 9-7 game.

The Bulldogs forced a turnover minutes later leading to a Boose goal, fol-

lowed quickly by Granader who tied the game 9-9 with 10:38.

The two sides traded goals over the ensuing three minutes, before Forest Hills Northern took an 11-10 lead with less than three minutes to play. But as they did all day, the Bulldogs responded, when Granader ripped a shot from the slot into the side netting to tie the game at 11 with 1:39 to play.

Boose scored the lone goal of the extra period with 1:33 left in the first overtime — which Brighton was playing at a one person disadvantage because the team had been assessed four yellow cards during regulation — as the Bulldogs held on for the victory over the top-ranked team in the state.

Forest Hills Northern (17-1) took first in Ottawa-Kent Conference Tier 1 and Saturday was the program's first state title appearance after combining forces with Forest Hills Eastern last season.

Regulation was not enough to decide the Division 2 title, but after two extra overtime periods, East Grand Rapids outlasted Birmingham Detroit Country Day, 12-11, to win the Division 2 state championship on Saturday in Rockford.

This is the program's eighth state championship and the second in as many years.

The Pioneers also won it all in 2019 (there was no season in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic), had a stretch of five straight from 2012-16 and took run-

ner-up in 2017.

The Pioneers scored three goals with less than six minutes remaining in the first half to take a 6-3 lead, then netted another just more than one minute into the second half to go up by four.

But Country Day would respond in a big way. The Yellowjackets scored five consecutive goals in less than five minutes of game time and all of a sudden took an 8-7 lead.

The Yellowjackets scored two goals 29 seconds apart to knot the game at 10 with 10 minutes to play, before the sides exchanged goals to force overtime. The Pioneers netted the sudden-death winner in the second three-minute overtime period.

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The April JOLTS report released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics points to a robust and vibrant labor market, and the tightest on record. There were 11.4 million job openings—63% more than before Covid, and almost twice as many as the number of unemployed job seekers. And 4.4 million workers quit their jobs. Both of those numbers are near their all-time record highs.

Meanwhile, layoffs and discharges fell to 1.2 million, well below the pre-Covid average of 1.9 million and a new record low—an indication that employers are hanging onto the workers they have in a tight labor market where replacing them is unusually costly. On top of that, blockbuster job openings figures from the record-breaking March report were revised upwards.

Here are the key takeaways from the report:

Employer demand for workers remains extremely high

- Job openings were at record levels in the midwest, as well as in construction and manufacturing (both durable and nondurable).
- Compared with pre-Covid levels, job openings are up 152% in manu-

facturing, 129% in other services, and 96% in transportation, warehousing, and utilities.

- Job openings for small businesses with 10 to 49 employees are at record high. With 3.3 million job openings, small businesses have 111% more vacancies than before the pandemic.

U.S. workers are enjoying unprecedented employment security

- Most workers are at-will employees who can be laid off or

fired at any time with limited notice. But in this tight labor market, employers are proving reluctant to terminate employees, even when employees—or the businesses themselves—are underperforming. Employers know that replacing workers now will be more time-consuming and costly than usual, given a job fill rate of 57.7% (the number of hires completed in a month divided by the number of job openings) which is well below

the pre-Covid average of 1.2.

- Layoffs and discharges overall fell to 1.2 million—37% below their normal pre-Covid level.

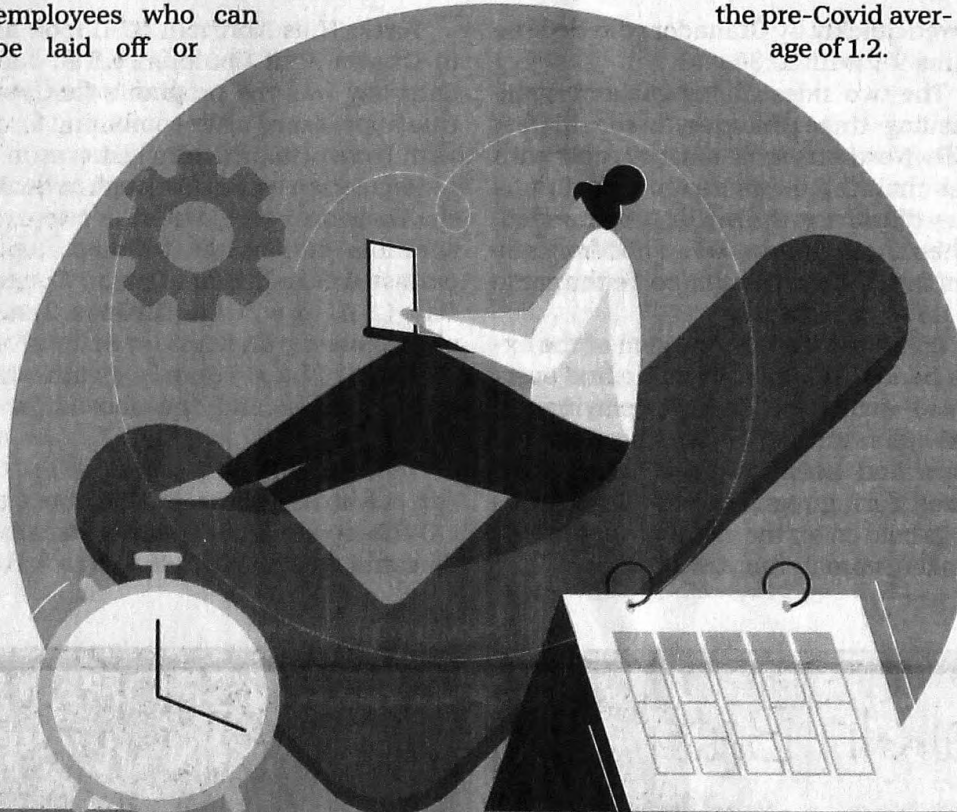
- Layoffs hit a record low in small businesses with 10 to 49 employees with only 0.7% of their workforce being terminated involuntarily in April. Small business employment is typically relatively precarious, but it is now more stable and secure than ever before on record.

The Great Resignation is not yet letting up

- There is still tremendous churn in the labor market with about a million more workers quitting their jobs each month than usual. The vast majority are trading up, leaving their jobs for better ones in an environment marked by more numerous, more attractive, and more accessible opportunities.

- Compared to pre-Covid levels, quits are up 93% in real estate and rental and leasing, 84% in manufacturing, 49% in construction, and 38% in state and local government.

- Small businesses with less than 50 employees suffer more in the Great Resignation compared to other size classes. With nearly 2 million small businesses, employees quit their jobs in April, accounting for almost half (48%) of all job hoppers in the economy.



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TODAY'S ANSWER

Wine usually runs out

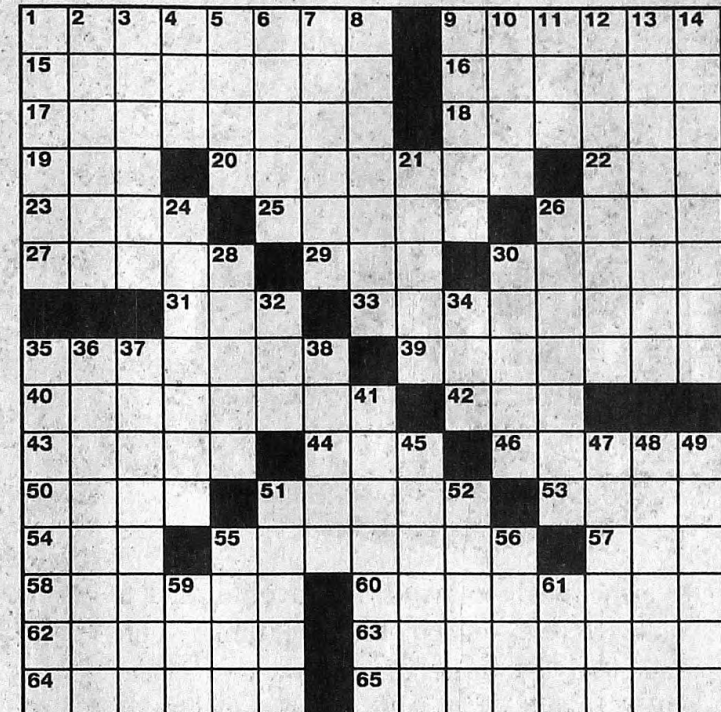
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NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1 For quite a while
 - 9 Museo de América locale
 - 15 World's largest volcano by volume
 - 16 Swindle
 - 17 Twitter message
 - 18 Break in the proceedings
 - 19 Onetime major news-photo source
 - 20 1776 character
 - 22 Pick
 - 23 On the way
 - 25 Word on mazes
 - 26 Toon bruin
 - 27 Stock-market stats
 - 29 Shakespearean preposition
 - 30 Worries
 - 31 Ruling source
 - 33 Article starter
 - 35 One of Victoria's titles
 - 39 Picks
 - 40 *That's Not All, Folks!* autobiographer
 - 42 Teriyaki option
 - 43 Rule material
 - 44 Big name in electricity
 - 46 White-tailed toon
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 - 54 Paid pitches
 - 55 British toast
 - 57 Sort of break
 - 58 Western predator
 - 60 Spumoni alternative

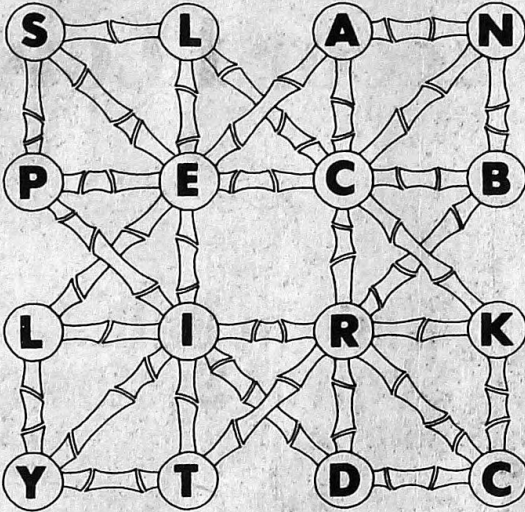
- 62 Poles are raised there
 - 63 Broadcasting now
 - 64 Sort of plain
 - 65 Give up
- DOWN
- 1 Western plot element
 - 2 Asian capital
 - 3 Drawing in
 - 4 Outcome
 - 5 Its website has an ozone resource page
 - 6 Shapeless masses
 - 7 Marquee time
 - 8 Drawn
 - 9 Excellence
 - 10 Ice Age novelist
 - 11 Century-ending year
 - 12 Subject taught by Aristotle
 - 13 Federal job
 - 14 Won't go anywhere near
 - 21 Tracts
 - 24 Whom a humor-writing prize is named for
 - 26 Gerald Ford alma mater
 - 28 Common sense
 - 30 Star
 - 32 Free TV spot
 - 34 Shape of some office desks
 - 35 Gaps in typography
 - 36 Dealt
 - 37 It's fun
 - 38 Result of soft-palate vibration
 - 41 Cornmeal product
 - 45 Place for slips
 - 47 Zealot
 - 48 Word on São Paulo stamps
 - 49 Foul
 - 51 Semicircular canal count per ear
 - 52 Foul
 - 55 British sluggard of the comics
 - 56 Where *Lost* was filmed
 - 59 DC designation
 - 61 Target audience for *Shave* magazine



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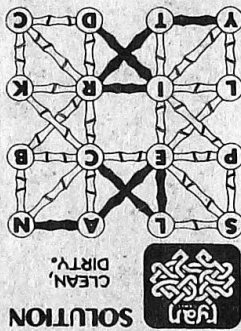
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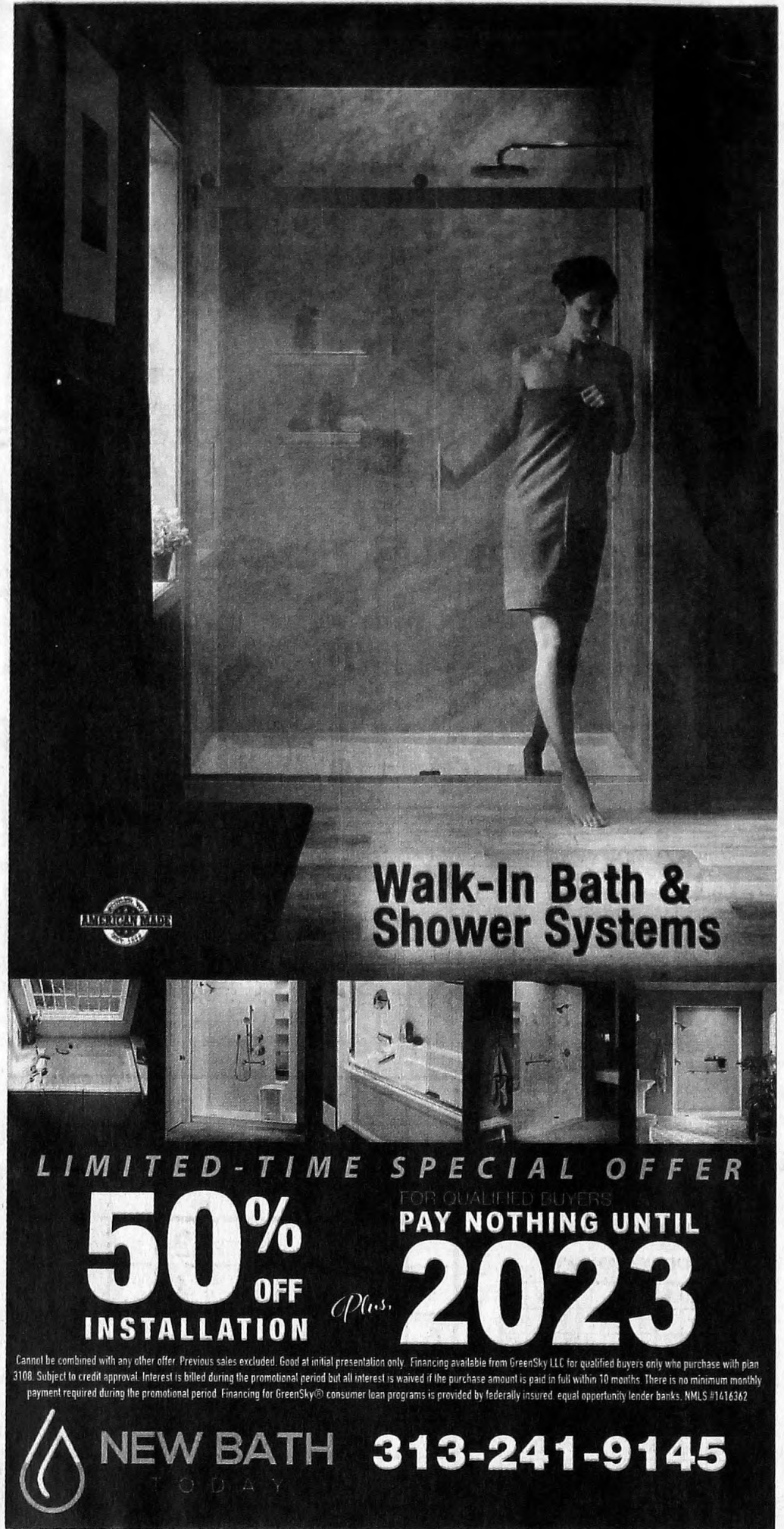
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