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Brewery would serve craft beer, smoked meat

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Another place to raise a glass of locally-made beer is coming to downtown Farmington.

Residents Ryan Kavanagh and Shawn Tanner hope to open their new

concept Heights Brewing in the former Page's Food and Spirits at 23621 Farmington.

Kavanagh, a homebrewer who has worked at Draught Horse in New Hudson, as well as Dragonmead and Kuhnenn breweries in Warren, said he's excited to bring his own spin on a brewery

to the community they call home.

"I've wanted to branch out and start my own brewery and no better place than in this beautiful city here," he said.

The brewery would feature a different look on the exterior, which requires some approvals from the city. The project went before the city's planning

commission July 11, which recommended approval of the plans.

The brewery would feature an array of beers crafted by the brewery, as well as drink options such as wine, mead and more.

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Bernard Smiley, of Detroit, receives a pedicure from Joanne Byrd at Just For Hym in Livonia on June 16.

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Canton bank building could see new life as credit union

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Plans to bring a metro Detroit credit union to a former Canton Township bank building have stalled over the appearance of the building's brick color.

Clinton Township-based Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union proposes to locate a new branch inside the former Huntington Bank building at 44530 Ford Road. The plans call for the credit union to use the current building, but with some modifications. Those include removing the front columns and the addition of a new glass vestibule, as well as staining the existing red bricks of the building to match the branding colors of the company to a more tan look.

"The color that we're proposing, we've used in other locations that we have," said Steve Brewer, chief financial officer for the credit union. "All of our other branches have this branding."

The proposal went before the township planning commission at its meeting July 11. Several commissioners had concerns over the proposed brick staining, saying they feared what it would look like on the building.

"I appreciate what you're trying to do, and I would be a hypocrite if I said that I don't like the staining of the brick or the color or whatever because I've been one in past meetings (saying) that I'm tired of everything being brown in the township," said Commissioner Doug Weber. "The color of the actual brick there is actually more palatable to me."

"This kind of looks like a McDonald's to me."

The Huntington Bank branch closed last October, according to signage on the door of the building.

The addition of a new branch for the credit union would be just the latest expansion for the company.

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Livonia nail salon pampers men

Couple looks to offer 'wonderful' experience

Chanel Stitt Detroit Free Press
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Bernard Smiley recently bought himself a new pair of sandals because his recent pedicures have refreshed his feet to the standard he wants them to be.

He has been going to a nail salon called Just For Hym, which provides manicures, pedicures and facials, but with a twist — services are only for men. The list of services also includes beard trimming, eyebrow arching and dermaplaning (gets rid of facial "peach fuzz"), all performed with complimentary wine and water.

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Co-owners of Just for Hym, Rodrick and Joanne Byrd, are shown at their new nail salon for men in Livonia on June 15. It is located at 28422 Five Mile Road, and it has been operating since May 26.

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Livonia council eyes city hall flag ordinance

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It appears flying any kind of non-government or public safety flag at Livonia City Hall is about to be the most difficult thing to get through the city's government.

Council is considering a rule requiring any non-government, military or public safety flag to receive unanimous council approval and the mayor's OK before it's flown at city hall.

No other council action requires unanimous council approval and mayoral approval in Livonia city government.

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan said she thinks the proposal is overly restrictive.

"Requiring unanimous approval for a council resolution on this issue would be an unprecedented and irresponsible step for a municipal legislative body to take," Brosnan said. "It gives any individual council member veto power over the votes of their duly elected colleagues and the voters who elected them."

Councilman Scott Bahr suggested the rule after the city raised the LGBTQ+ Pride flag in late June. Bahr did not reference the Pride flag directly.

The Pride flag ceremony drew a large crowd and was described by several local officials, including Brosnan, as a "small step" toward making the city



A crowd gathered to see the Pride flag fly outside Livonia City Hall in June. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

more inclusive.

"In my opinion, the only flags that should be flying at city hall are the U.S., the State of Michigan, City of Livonia and, perhaps, some other military or

public safety organization flags," Bahr said.

Council recently voted 4-3 to direct the city's law department to draft a resolution for Bahr's proposal to be voted on at a later meeting. Bahr as well as members Kathleen McIntyre, Rob Donovan and Scott Morgan voted in favor.

Council President Jim Jolly, Council Vice President Laura Toy and Councilman Brandon McCullough cast the dissenting votes.

Livonia has flown the Italian flag and the Albanian flag at city hall per the requests of community groups. Livonia's 16th district court, which is near city hall but independent of city rules like the one proposed, has flown the Irish flag and a Michigan State University flag.

Additionally, all of Livonia's marked police vehicles have thin blue line flag decals affixed to them. That design is a black-and-white version of the American flag with a single blue stripe.

McCullough said he thought the proposed approval process seemed "slippery."

"This is something that, I think, puts too much policy on it," he said. "I think that recent ceremony we had pushes our city forward, and I'd like to see more of that."

Brosnan's office agreed, noting the city's law department has been unable to find a similar rule at the local, state or federal level.

"For decades the City of Livonia has

raised flags honoring important groups within our community, and only now, following the rising of the Pride flag, do we see council take interest in this matter," the mayor said.

Currently, the city's policy regarding non-government flags at city hall requires mayoral approval or a city council resolution. The decision to fly the LGBTQ+ Pride flag came from Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan. Brosnan also noted the current rules give council the ability to allow flags its members approve.

Livonia currently flies non-government flags for a single 24-hour period after they're raised.

Bahr said he is uncomfortable with the mayor — elected in 2019 by Livonia residents — speaking on behalf of the city government, saying the Pride flag ceremony implied the city's values.

Livonia has a "strong mayor" government, in which the mayor serves as the city's chief executive officer running the city's day-to-day operations and represents the city in a variety of ways. Other nearby communities that have strong mayors include Westland, Dearborn and Detroit.

Brosnan said she plans to continue trying to make Livonia inclusive for all of its residents.

"I will continue to advance our community's inclusive, welcoming values, and I invite the council to join me in that work," she said.

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Wayne puts major tax hike on Nov. 8 ballot

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Property tax payers in Wayne are being asked to allow another major tax.

Wayne City Council recently voted, 5-2, to put a 5-year, 8-mill levy on Nov. 8 ballots. The tax would help fund the city's pension obligations to retired public safety employees.

A mill is \$1 for every \$1,000 of taxable value on a property, which should be no more than half a home's market value. For example, if the tax proposal passes, the owner of a home worth \$200,000 would pay about \$800 annually.

Wayne's pension obligations are, city leaders say, too great to bear. Roughly 40% of the city's annual budget is dedicated to pension payments, and that isn't enough to meet the near \$16 million the city expects to owe over the next two years.

City Manager Lisa Nocerini said the

city has 202 retirees collecting pension payments and 76 current employees paying in, which creates the disparity. In late 2020, a judge ordered the city to levy more than 13 mills to pay its pension costs.

But, even if the millage passes some leaders noted there's no way to guarantee another order won't come from a judge.

"People are living longer," Nocerini said. "Health care is better. There's factors that are out of our control that are going to continue."

Council members Kelly Skiff and Phil Wagner both voted against putting the millage before voters, saying they can't support a new tax.

"Putting this on the ballot is being done for all the right reasons," Wagner said, saying he'd prefer another court judgement. "However, I have a problem with voting for any new taxes."

Several residents expressed frustration with the decision, noting Wayne already taxes residents as much as it can

under state law. At one point during council's July 12 meeting, public comment became so raucous council called a recess and Mayor John Rhaesa left the room.

"The tax thing is already high enough in Wayne," William Tengen said. "You guys can't charge any more, and that's why all of these have to go to a millage in the first place."

Wayne voters, according to the city, have voted against this kind of millage twice in the past.

These pension struggles aren't unique to Wayne. According to the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, most major cities in Michigan don't fully fund their pensions.

Michigan dedicated \$2.6 billion toward public pensions as part of its 2023 budget for which cities like Wayne can apply.

"I don't think that we should count on that as our savior," Nocerini said. "... We're going to be competing ... for that money."

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Livonia council votes to allow mayor's office more buying power

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Livonia's city council gave the city administration more buying power that will, according to Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, help the city work more efficiently.

Council approved raising the purchasing threshold needed to trigger council approval from \$15,000 to \$20,000 during a recent meeting. The move passed 5-2, with members Kathleen McIntyre and Scott Bahr voting in dissent.

That means the administration can spend up to \$19,999 on a product or service without needing council's OK. The change also requires the mayor to notify council of purchases more than \$15,000 but under \$20,000.

"The cost of purchasing is going up, and yet the threshold for approval has remained constant," Brosnan said. "In Livonia, that threshold hasn't changed in 27 years ... Let's take manhole covers, for example. We purchase hundreds of those every year and the cost keeps going up. So if you need to replace a block of them on an emergency basis and have to wait for council approval, that's going to hold things up."

The mayor said this will most benefit emergency purchases, like road salt, when they're needed. Right now, prices are up 9.1% from 2021 in the United States. According to the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index, that's the highest hike in 40 years.

Some council members indicated

"Costs have gone up so much, whether you're in business or you're trying to run a city. It makes some sense, but I like the additions (related to lobbying), so maybe we could bring that up at another point."

Laura Toy Livonia City Council member

they'd like to revisit the mayor's purchasing limit in the future, as well as explore requiring any lobby service, regardless of the dollar amount, to undergo the council approval process. That process generally takes four weeks or more to complete.

Earlier this year, council unanimously approved \$43,500 in lobbying services to advocate for American Rescue Plan dollars be awarded to Livonia from Wayne County.

"Costs have gone up so much, whether you're in business or you're trying to run a city," Councilwoman Laura Toy said. "It makes some sense, but I like the additions (related to lobbying), so maybe we could bring that up at another point."

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Former Marquette House reopens as retirement home

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Following 22 years in Westland, the former Marquette House was set to close in May 2021.

But after changing hands and undergoing some renovations, the new Westland House at 36000 Campus Drive is looking to be the go-to middle market senior living center that includes licensed care in the area.

The 98-unit building features new carpets, lobbies, dining area and renovated rooms. Most of the units are studios, but the facility has a limited number of one- and two-bedroom options, as well.

"When we researched this market, we saw a huge void for affordable licensed care," said Chris Schott, the executive vice president of Alcore Senior Management. "It's not very often that you run across something like this, so we wasted absolutely no time."

Serving the middle market — people who don't qualify for government-provided healthcare but cannot afford expensive senior living centers — is Alcore's specialty. Schott said the company works to help people find benefits they're qualified for and recently held a benefits seminar at the Westland Senior Friendship Center.

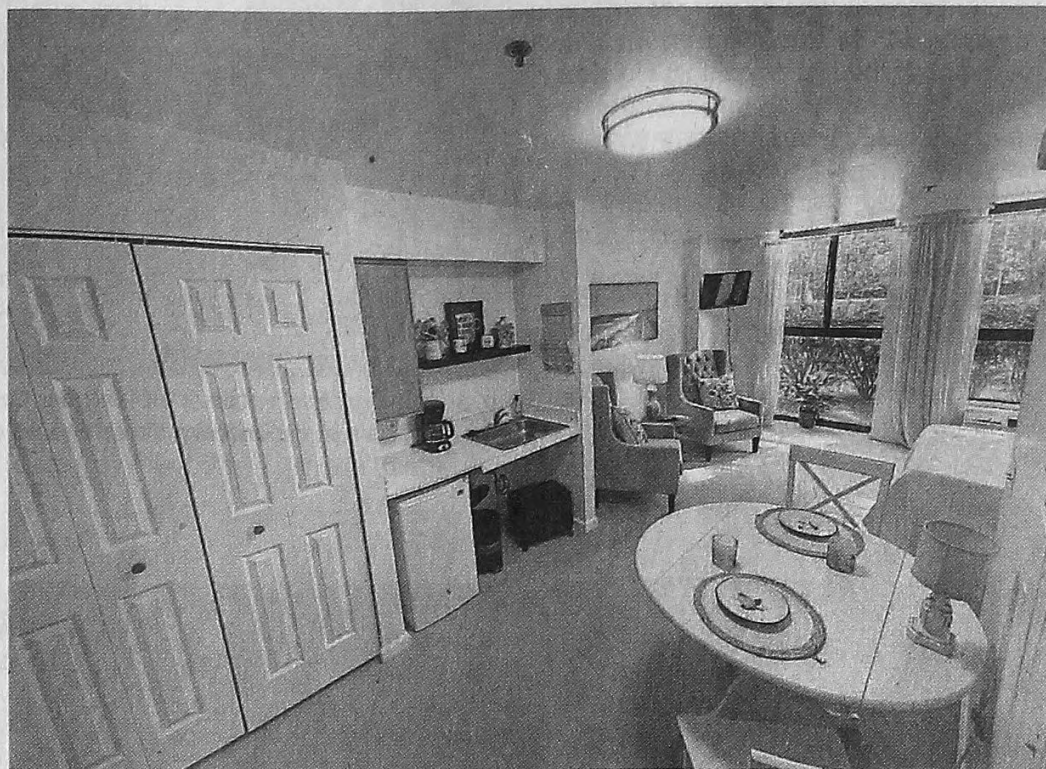
"We study all the benefits everywhere we go to make sure we can help people access those benefits," Schott said.

According to seniorliving.org, the annual Michigander requiring nursing home care can expect to spend about \$9,000 a month this year. At Westland House, prices start at \$2,775, which includes care. Alcore estimates the average resident will pay roughly \$3,900 monthly.

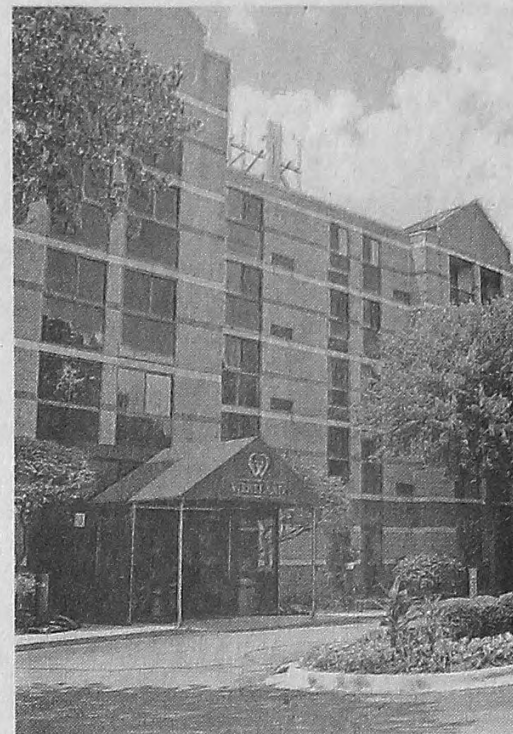
Because the center carries a lower price tag, the gyms, salons and bars people will find in upscale retirement homes aren't at the Westland House. Alcore also did away with the memory care unit the building used to have.

Building Administrator Wanda Kreklau said she has an activities director on staff who runs afternoon and evening events.

"That's how we stay affordable," Kreklau, a Westland native who's worked in the building for 22 years, said.



A studio apartment at the Westland House. PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHRIS SCHOTT



The home is at 36000 Campus Drive. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The 98-unit building features new carpets, lobbies, dining area and renovated rooms.

"We don't have all the bells and whistles because that's not really what seniors are looking for. Most people want a

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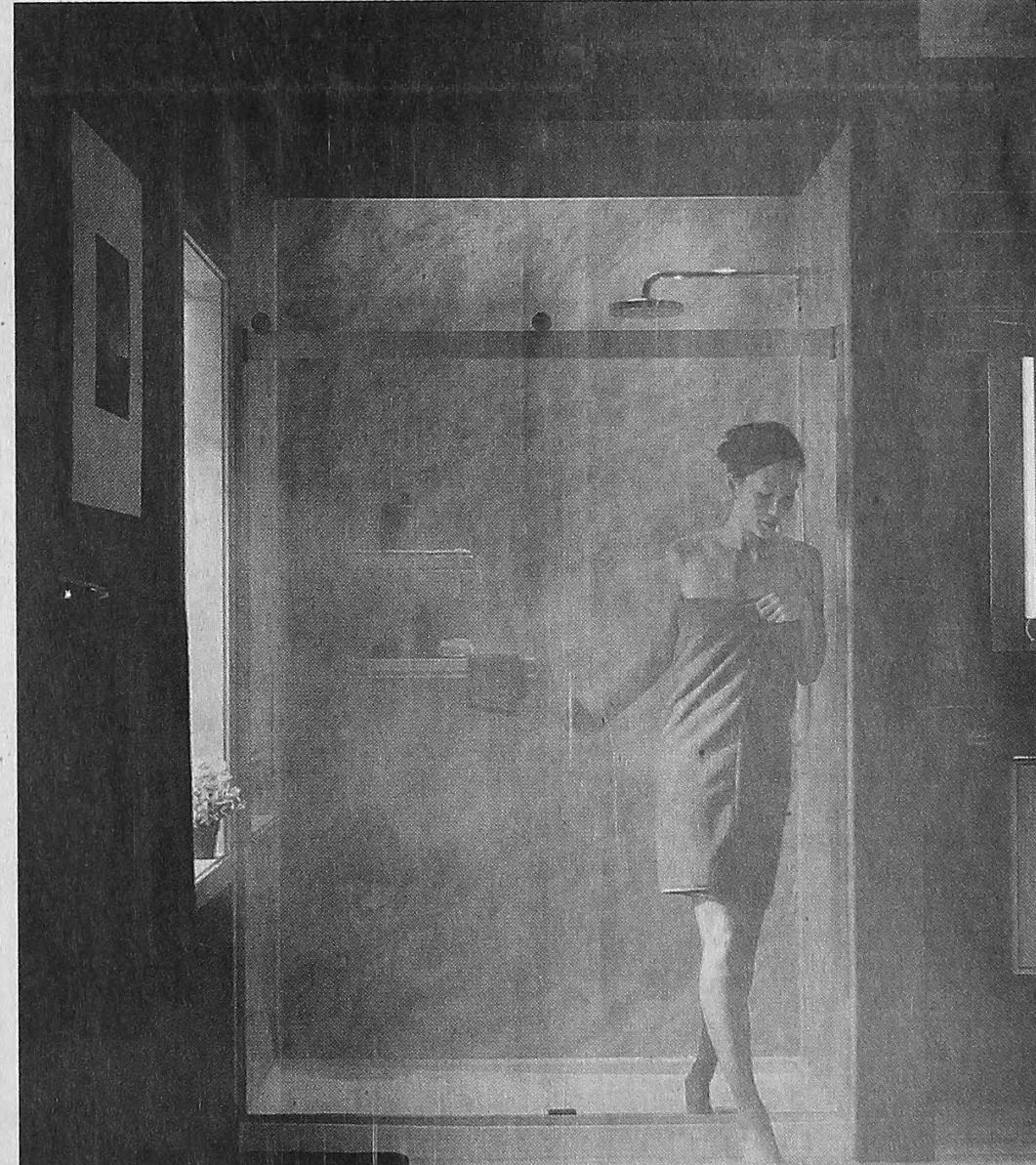
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Brewery

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It would also serve up a host of smoked dishes such as ribs, chicken and more. The restaurant will also have a small section of outdoor seating as a part of the renovations.

Page's Food and Spirits opened in the 1980s downtown and closed more than a year ago. The building has remained vacant since.

Planning commission chair Steve Majoros questioned whether the ongoing streetscape construction could af-

fect work, including the outdoor seating. Kevin Christiansen, city economic and community development director, said the streetscape work would be completed before the brewery opened. It appeared the timeline for Heights Brewery calls for work to be complete sometime in late winter/early spring of next year.

Majoros said everything looked well put together and he looked forward to seeing a new option in town.

"The aesthetics area really nice, the materials are really nice, the look is really nice, the light, etc.," he said. "We look forward to it. Best of luck as you move forward in the process."



A rendering of the exterior of Heights Brewing, which plans to open in the former Page's in downtown Farmington. COURTESY OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON

Salon

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The salon's goal is to provide a judgment-free space for men who want to partake in these services. The space is owned by married couple Joanne and Roderick Byrd, of Canton. It is located at 28422 Five Mile Road, and it has been operating since May 26. So far, it is bringing in about 30 customers a week, including Smiley, who is on his third visit.

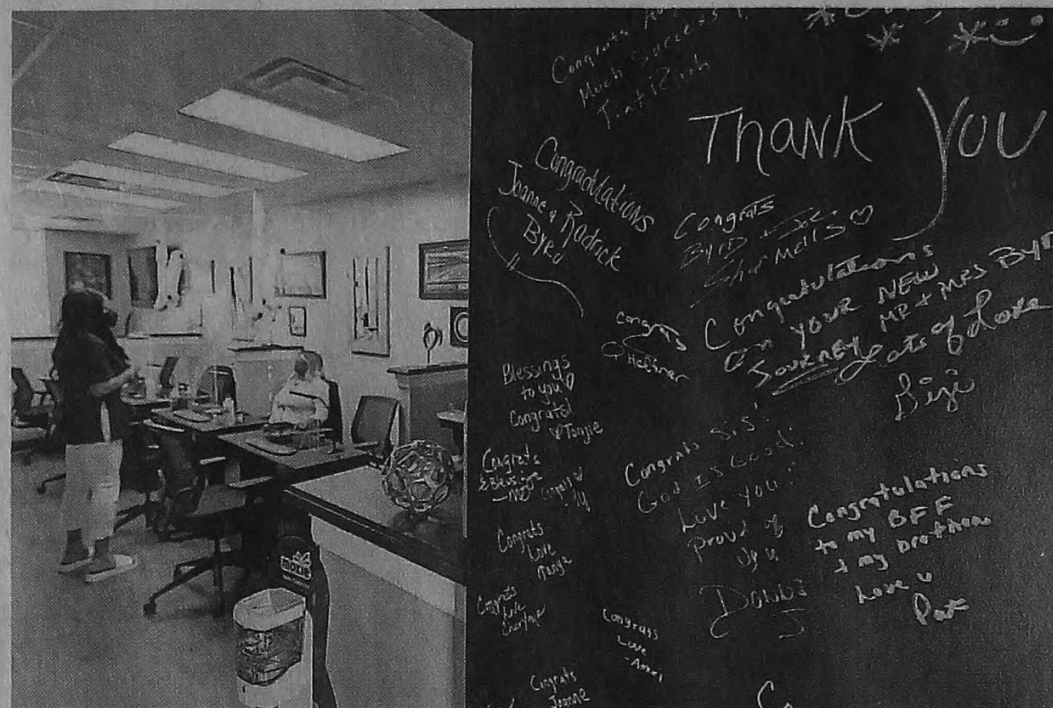
"Mrs. Joanne is attentive," said Smiley, 55, of Detroit. "I've never been to another salon that she puts the socks on your feet, moisturizes them — she gives you a hot rock massage with it. It's so much for the money that you pay."

The space is full of TVs with sports on screen, an NBA arcade game in the corner and a couple of chess boards. And Joanne Byrd tries to make sure to get a photo of the customer before they leave.

She said she wants her customers to "... leave out saying, 'Oh, wow, that was wonderful.'"

Eventually, she wants the business to become a one-stop shop for men. Employees are women who make customers feel catered to. The salon is in the process of finding a barber that is a woman as well.

"Now, we can have a spot for ourselves," Roderick Byrd said, "And we could talk about things like sports, and things of that nature, that men talk about, and it'll be all just men. So we can all throw the ship together as men and



A wall of thank you's and well wishes from customers near the back of Just For Hym, a nail salon for men, in Livonia on June 15. ERIC SEALS/DETROIT FREE PRESS

"I've never been to another salon that she puts the socks on your feet, moisturizes them — she gives you a hot rock massage with it. It's so much for the money that you pay."

Bernard Smiley Detroit resident, on Just For HYM

speaking the same language."

He wants hesitant customers to come visit the space.

"Some men that have never had pedicures and manicures and things of that nature — they come in here, they won't have to be judged," Roderick Byrd said.

"The only (person) that's gonna see their hands and their feet is gonna be the people that work in here."

Roderick Byrd said he would go get a manicure and pedicure at other spaces and always brought up to his wife that the environment was mostly serving

women. At the same time, Joanne Byrd had a goal to find a business that would support the couple through retirement.

"So I just said, 'What if we do something pertaining to men only,'" Joanne Byrd said. "He said, 'That's an excellent idea and I'm going to help you get it going.'"

Roderick Byrd said some customers come in with problems that need fixing over time. Smiley can attest to this.

Smiley is a husband and father of two who works at Michigan Dairy, where they make cottage cheese, milk and water for Kroger stores. He's been working there for 30 years. He also works as a security guard at Ford Field. So Smiley is constantly on his feet. He wears rubber boots while he works at his dairy job.

He grew up in a house full of women, and he said he learned early on to take care of his nails and feet. He stopped going to his prior salon about three years ago because the services weren't up to par. But he is now confident and ready to wear sandals again.

"I'm not a guy that wears sandals, and so I told her (his pedicurist), if she gets these dogs together by the time for me to go to Myrtle Beach, which is in a couple of weeks, she's got a client for life," Smiley said. "And she has succeeded in that."

Roderick Byrd said the couple wants to open another location and possibly franchise the business in other states.

"This is our first experimental type of shop, so me and my wife have talked about other ideas for another location and doing some things a little different," he said.

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City continues review of plans for Northville Downs site

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If there's one thing that can be said about the expected redevelopment of the Northville Downs site, it's that city officials aren't rushing the process.

The city's planning commission continues to spend multiple hours during meetings discussing the project. The most recent subject? The public spaces, parks and farmers market at the site.

"The open space that has been provided comprises almost one third of the total development project," said Randy

Metz, a landscape architect with Plymouth Township-based Grissim Metz Andriese Associates.

The planning commission reviewed several presentations on those areas during its July 5 meeting. It was just the most recent discussion held on the massive redevelopment project, which seeks to take the current Northville Downs property and transform it into residential units, a new farmers market and several parks.

Also at odds is the 1936 log cabin on the Downs property. Plans now call for the relocation of the structure to another

site on the park. That plan was crafted earlier this year.

The commission discussed plans for the farmers market, which would locate in a planned building on Seven Mile.

Susan Haifleigh, one of the task force committee members, said the Northville farmers market on a normal day can attract people from dozens of surrounding ZIP codes. She also said the committee was looking at a bill that would bring \$45 million to local farmers markets.

More discussion was expected to take place at the next planning commission meeting July 19.



A rendering of the proposed farmers market that could be constructed on the Northville Downs property. COURTESY OF THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE

Asian-themed development in heart of Novi will bring homes, retail, offices

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The Asian-themed mixed-use development in Novi continues to push forward toward reality, even after several years of discussion and changes to the site.

The most recent move? The recommendation of approval of the preliminary site plan for the Sakura Novi development, which is expected to consist of retail, office and residential units on property east of Town Center Road and between Grand River and II Mile.

"We hope we have done enough to move forward," said Scott Aikens, one of the developers. "We have numerous businesses that are interested in the site."

The development includes the commercial properties closer to Grand River, with apartments closer to II Mile. A pond incorporating walkways and a Japanese-style garden is also part of the development.

Several changes have been made since the initial proposal of the village several years ago, including the removal of the anchor tenant, One World Market. That store decided to stay in its current location and expand into the former Li-brary Sports Pub



A sign advertising the proposed Sakura Novi development along Grand River. Several changes have been made since the initial proposal. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

& Grill that closed. Several additional residential units could occupy a part of the property that was designated as a parking lot as well.

"They may need that parking," said Lindsay Bell, a planner with the City of Novi. "The PRO agreement does allow up to 15 additional units in that area."

The movement by the planning commission is the first major action by the city since last year. The property was rezoned by the city council in May 2021, with the property being purchased by Sakura Novi LLC last summer.

Development is expected to happen in phases, with the retail storefronts and some residential going up first, fol-

lowed by more apartments in the second phase. The first phase could be completed by the spring of 2024, Aikens said.

Planning commissioners were supportive of the site plan, with several saying they were excited to see work begin and the project go from a concept to a reality.

"I'm kind of getting antsy wanting to see it get up and running," said Commissioner Michael Lynch. "I see no reason to reject it at this time."

The city council will next take up the preliminary site plan and make a determination on it at a future meeting.

Building

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Other branches in the region have opened in recent years, including in Livonia, Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Township and Commerce Township. The Canton branch is one of three the credit union recently announced would open, with the other two planned for Ann Arbor and Pittsfield Township.

The planning commission delayed a decision on the site plan, with many commissioners expressing similar concerns over the staining of the brick. Chairman Greg Greene said he was uncertain before the meeting about the brick, but understood after hearing Brewer's presentation the color change had to do with the credit union's branding.

He said he was not opposed to all the changes, but wanted to see brick that was not stained.

"I love the idea of changing the entrance. That part looks great," he said. "It's the emulation I have a real problem with. What I'm feeling is you're basically going to throw a look into Canton. Ford Road is much too important to go that route and I would love to see this proposal turn around with new brick."

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Divers retrieve man's prosthetic leg from lake

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Brandon Smith was devastated when he saw his prosthetic leg fall into Sunrise Lake and sink out of reach.

The Milford Township man dove after the artificial limb, but the laws of density and water drove the prosthetic leg toward the murky depths faster than Smith could swim.

While he wrestled to stave off the anger, frustration and depression that came with his lost leg, Smith's wife and father-in-law got busy reaching out to people who could help.

A few days later, on July 13, the whole back yard was filled with Oakland County Sheriff's vehicles. Smith had pinged the location where his leg sunk during family time on the lake. After 10 minutes in the water, a dive team member broke the lake's surface holding Smith's leg.

Nicole Smith, 44, and relatives not including her husband, 46, were on a boat watching the recovery. She jumped and began to scream with thankfulness.

"We have a leg," she texted her husband.

"It was a huge relief," he said. "I'm just beyond thankful for them getting it and finding it, I really am. I never anticipated anybody doing something like this for me."

He wanted to put on the prosthetic leg, despite possible discomfort, to show the dive team what a difference they made. Smith is reliant on crutches and a wheelchair without the leg that was built for years of use. He had just received the new leg worth thousands of dollars weeks before.

Nicole Smith said the sheriff's office responded to the family's requests for help the day the prosthetic leg fell in the lake. Sgt. Brian Burwell, who leads the dive team, met with the family, used Smith's GPS coordinates to determine details for a search and promised to return. Divers found the leg 48 feet down below, two days later.

"Our dive team does an amazing job in a variety of conditions and circumstances," Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said in a statement. "In this incident, they were able to make a big quality of life difference for this gen-



Brandon Smith prepares to work in his Milford Township garage. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Justin Wiegand recovered Smith's \$80,000 prosthetic leg. COURTESY OF OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

tleman who obviously would be greatly negatively impacted by the loss of his prosthetic leg. I'm proud of their work every day and especially in this circumstance."

Brandon Smith's right leg shattered

in 2015 when he was hunting. He was checking on a tree stand about 20 feet up when the tree stand fell from the tree and took him with it.

At the time, he was a father, Ford employee and reserve police officer.

Multiple surgeries and sicknesses preceded the family's 2018 decision to amputate. This latest prosthetic leg is not Smith's first, but it was the one intended for years of fishing, swimming and "water family" activities.

He has noticed some wear and tear from the leg's time in the water but was wearing the limb when speaking to Hometown Life. He had make an appointment with his University of Michigan doctors to make sure it's OK for continued use.

Smith, who has undergone 18 surgeries because of his leg, said he's still not sure what caused the prosthetic leg to

separate from his body on the lake.

The artificial leg relies on a vacuum suspension system that has a locking pin.

He guessed he may have struck the prosthetic leg against something while trying to move from a floating raft near the family's boat, causing the limb to dislodge.

"Next thing you know, it just disappeared," he said. "It was the worst feeling. It was so bad. I had no idea what to do."

Jim McIntosh is looking forward to seeing his son-in-law return to his normal activities.

"He's gone through so much. This was just another one of those gut punches," McIntosh said. "I can't say enough about the Oakland County dive team. They've been amazing. I'd love for them to get as much credit as possible."

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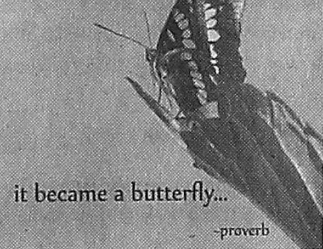
NORTHVILLE - Passed away July 14, 2022 at the age of 95. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Loving mother of Robert (Stacy), Cheryl (Richard) Schairer, Debra (Glen Hanson) McGill, and DawnMarie (David) Ozog. Cherished grandmother of 7 and great-grandmother of 8. Dear sister of Shirley Kirby. A memorial service was held at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

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Peggy Price

CANTON - Peggy Price, age 85 of Canton, passed away July 14th, 2022. Peggy was the beloved wife of Eldon for 55 years. Loving mother of Cindi (Dave) McClenaghan, Mitch Gephart, Jeff (Lisa) Walker and stepmother of Greg Price, Terry (Julie) Price, and Kim (Rick) Schaffer. Cherished grandmother of 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Price residence, Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 12 - 3 pm. Peggy will be laid to rest in Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over,



it became a butterfly...

-proverb



Marilyn Ruth Van Giesen

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Marilyn Ruth Van Giesen, 94, of Bloomfield Hills passed away on July 2nd following a stroke. Loved ones were beside her at the time of her passing.

Marilyn was born on October 26, 1927, to Earl E. and Ruth Norman in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a teaching degree and music minor. Marilyn married her high school sweetheart Jim Van Giesen, a successful, loving family man. She taught elementary school before devoting herself to her children. The family made many moves to several states and Canada before settling in the Oakland County area where she taught private flute and piano lessons. After the kids were grown, she worked for florists Moss Lipinski, Green Plant Design, and Eaton Nursery.

Marilyn was an independent, optimistic, kind, determined, multi-talented individual. She built her beloved cottage in Glen Arbor after the hardship of Jim's premature passing because it was a shared dream. Marilyn was the foundation of the family, hosting beautiful gatherings with great food, music, and love. A favorite time was 4th of July fireworks at her house on Hammond Lake. This is where she was fortunate to meet her wonderful second husband Dr. Robert James. They had two great years of travel and fun before his unexpected passing.

Marilyn never backed down from a request for assistance or a challenge especially when it benefited others. She raised funds to help students attend U of M through Dollars for Scholars and her Alumni Council and volunteered at Goodwill for many years. She was an active member of many musical groups including Oakville Symphony, Quintet, Birmingham Musicale, Flute Choir, Clarkston Senior Band, and Rainbow Rhythms. Her performances brought joy to family, friends, and community. Marilyn was a member of the



Village Club and loved hosting Easter brunch for the family there. She was a member of Kirk in the Hills for decades, serving as a deacon, participating in Kirk Seniors, and volunteering as a docent for Open Door.

Marilyn's passions included traveling, bridge, gardening, decorating, music, art, nature, Interlochen Arts Academy where she attended summer camp, anything maize and blue or Wolverine related, and gatherings of family and friends. She has shared her passions and passed many down to children and grandchildren. Marilyn will be deeply missed.

Marilyn was predeceased by her parents Earl E. and Ruth Norman, sister Eleanor Norman, brother Doug Norman, husbands Jim Van Giesen and Dr. Robert James, and brother-in-law Robert Van Giesen.

Marilyn is survived by daughters Jill Van Giesen, Darby McEvilly, Gayle Trudell, son-in-law Patrick McEvilly, sisters-in-law Arlene Norman and Joyce Van Giesen, grandchildren Sarah Rohlfs (Luke), Caitlin Rosenbach (Michael), Kelsey Reinhold (Michael), Jimmy McEvilly (Heather Colohan), and Ava Coram, great grandchildren Jude Rohlfs, Wesley Rohlfs, Darby Rosenbach, Lila Reinhold, Connelly Rosenbach and Francis McEvilly, nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service for Marilyn at Kirk in the Hills on Wednesday July 20th at 11:00am, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

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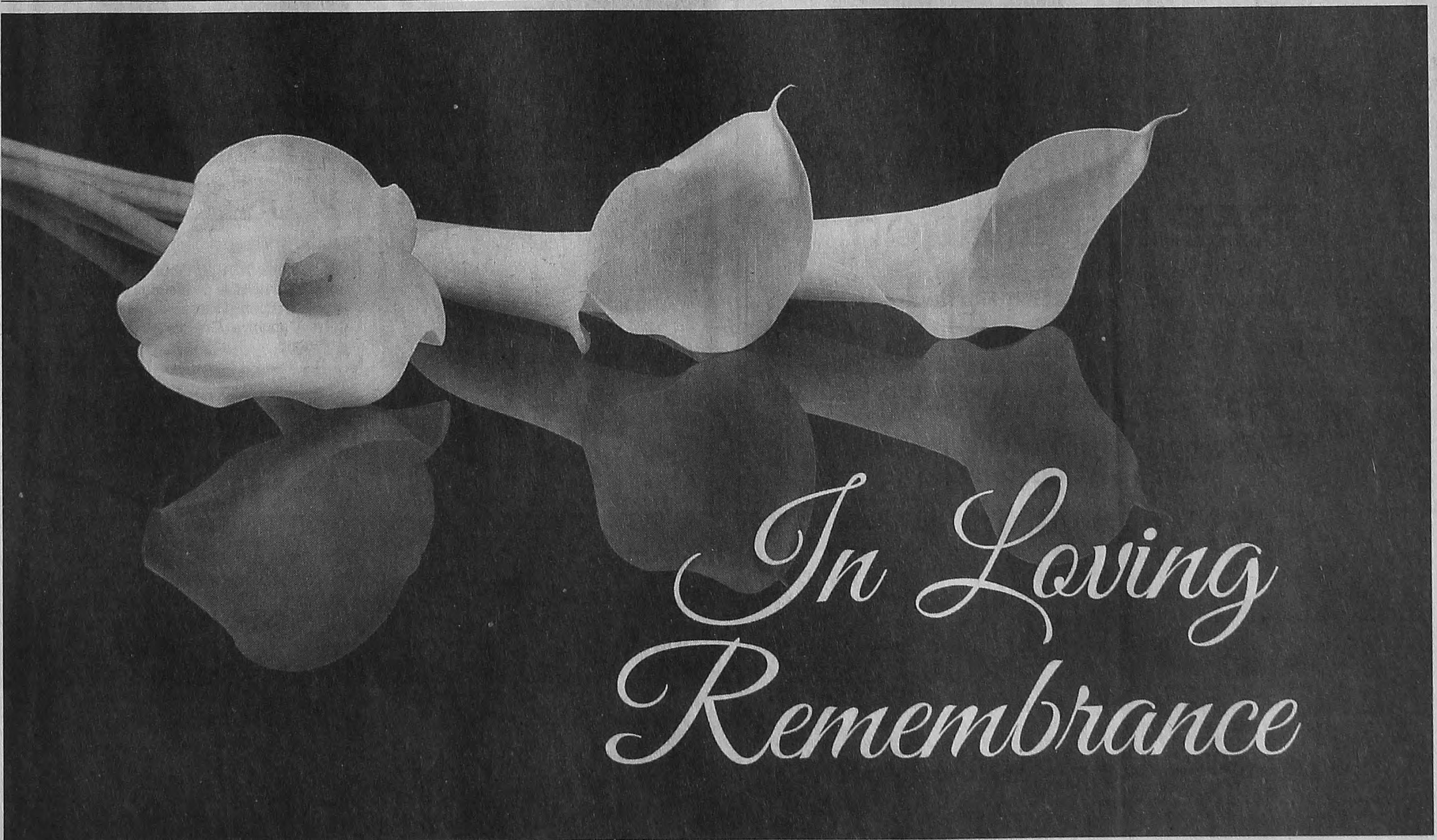
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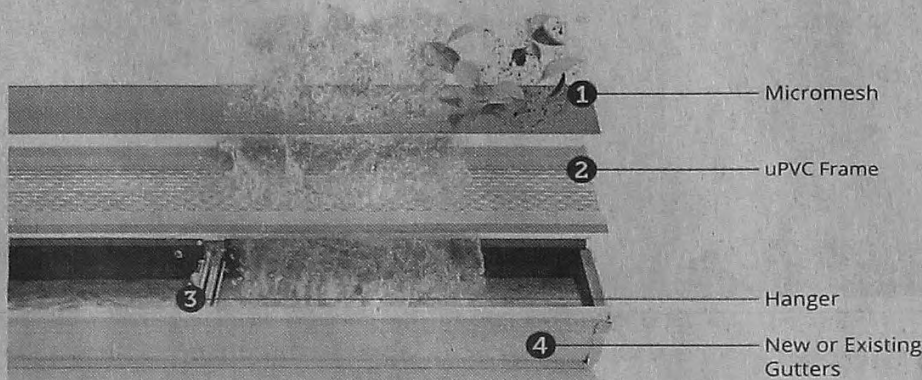
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SPORTS

Groves guard 'ready to give it my all'

Senior led Falcons in scoring after missing 8 weeks for illness

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

One of the more unbelievable things that happened during last winter's girls basketball season was Kaitlyn Sanders being voted as an All-Oakland Activities Association-Red first-teamer.

And you might say, "Yeah, so what? Good players make all-conference teams every year."

Well, let's gloss over how Birmingham Groves was on its third head coach in as many seasons and was playing in the same league as the eventual Division 1 state champions, West Bloomfield, a team absolutely loaded with future college basketball stars.

Truly, the Lakers' starting lineup alone could've made up the entire All-OAA-Red team.

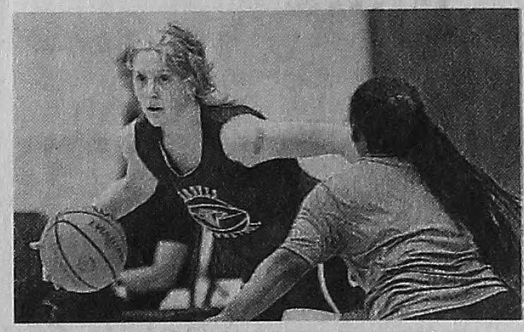
No, it's unbelievable because Sand-

ers missed eight weeks while battling mononucleosis.

She still posted 225 points in 17 games and averaged 13 points and four rebounds per night.

She was the team leader in steals and blocks, recorded three double-doubles and even scored a career-high 29 points in one game.

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Groves' Kaitlyn Sanders during the Derrick Coleman Elite showcase against Detroit Mumford on June 15. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

MLB DRAFT

Rangers feel they got steal in selecting OLSM pitcher

Tony Garcia Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Texas Rangers general manager Chris Young admitted he didn't get much sleep between Sunday night and Monday morning.

As he laid down, all he could think about was how a game-changer could be available with his next pick, but he'd have to get fortunate.

The Rangers drafted former Vanderbilt star pitcher Kumar Rocker at No. 3 overall and then the waiting game began; the organization forfeited its second-round selection by signing Corey Seager and did the same with its third-round pick for the acquisition of Marcus Semien.

But the baseball stars aligned for the Rangers, because waiting for them Monday with their fourth-round selection at pick No. 109 — Orchard Lake St. Mary's Brock Porter, arguably the best prep arm in the country and Baseball America's No. 7 ranked prospect.

"We're thrilled to have the opportunity to draft Brock Porter," Young said. "Our room was really, really excited when it became clear we were going to have the chance to draft him."

The Rangers had their eye on Porter for years, said senior director of amateur scouting Kip Fagg.

Fagg saw him in-person three times in the 2021 season while also scouting his teammate, shortstop Alex Mooney, before watching him a handful more on the summer circuit.

"It's unbelievable, for us to land (Rocker and Porter) I never thought that would be possible coming into this year," Fagg said. "Knowing these players gives a lot of comfort that getting these guys was going to be the best thing for the Rangers, which is very exciting for us."

Fagg described Porter as a "big, physical, power arm" who played for

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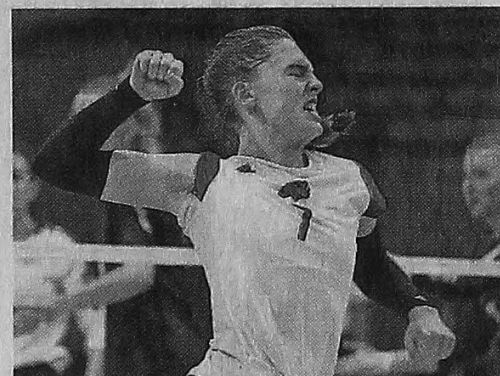
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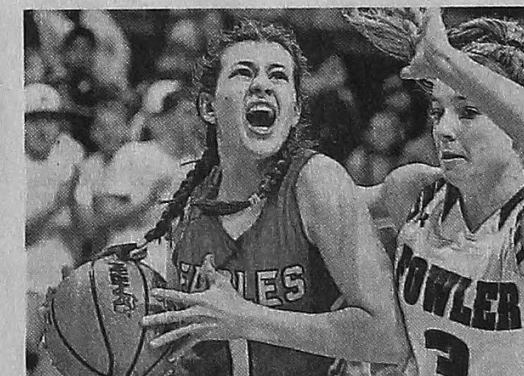
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Vote for best among 33 seniors

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The 2021-22 school year has finally come to an end.

We celebrated conference, district and regional champions. We even celebrated a handful of state titles won right here in the Hometown Life coverage area.

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There's no question seniors are some of the most important players on the team. They bring leadership, experience and talent.

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They're the vocal ones in the locker room and are sometimes even the

chauffeurs for the younger players.

Below is a list of 33 seniors from around our coverage area. It's your turn to pick which one is Hometown Life's Senior Athlete of the Year.

Voting ends at 10 p.m. Thursday, July 28.

Let's take a look at who was nominated for this honor:

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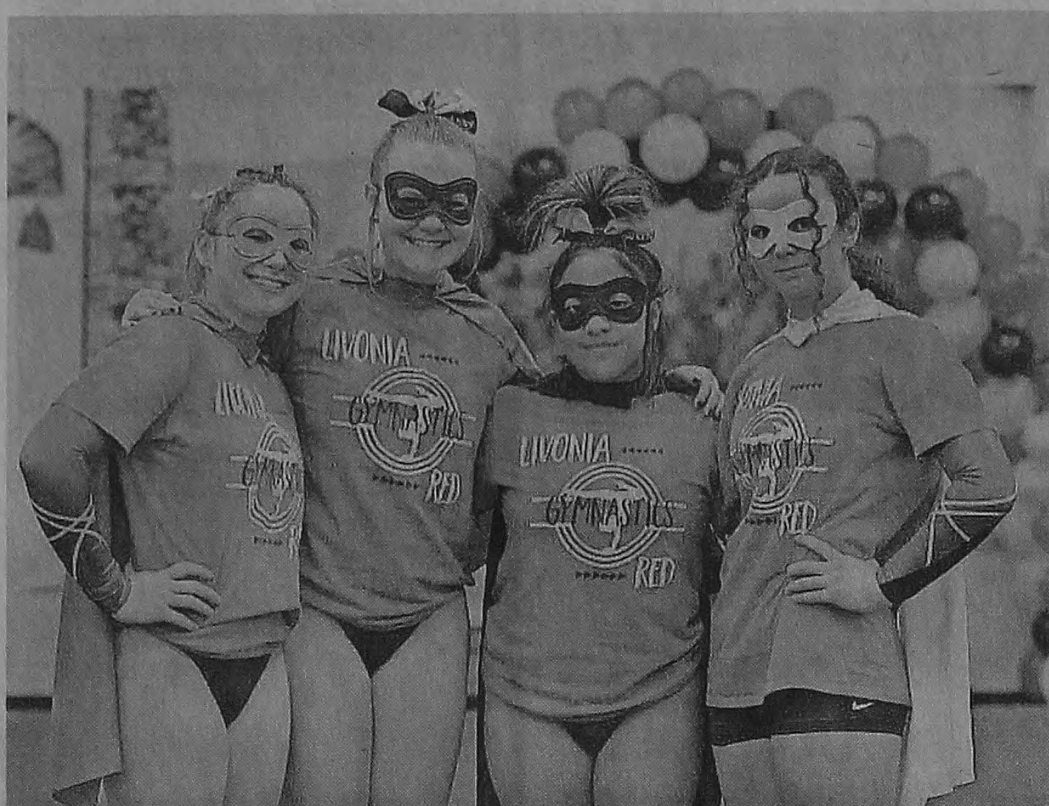
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Novi's Kotoko Blair, Emily Lowman, Laurel Wasiniak and Emily Roden with coaches Robert Jenrow and Mark Winter. COURTESY OF BRETON BLAIR

Seniors

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Karen Austin, Birmingham Groves

The Buffalo swimming signee was the state runner-up in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4 minutes, 56.20 seconds. She also placed sixth in the 200 individual medley (2:06.46) and helped a pair of relay teams place in the top eight during the state championship.

Jane Wineman, Birmingham Seaholm

Helping the Maples become the state runner-ups in tennis, she teamed up with junior Tatum Hirsch to win a state title in No. 3 doubles. The pair topped Grand Rapids Forst Hills Northern's Tanishka Shenoy and Maya Echninaw in the finals (6-2, 6-3).

Drew Martin, Bloomfield Hills

The Western Michigan signee was the heart and soul of the Black Hawks' state championship girls soccer squad. Not only was she an MHSSCA All-State first-teamer but she also made the Dream Team thanks to her 14 goals and 10 assists as well as her knack for showing up in a big way in important games.

Isabelle Burg, Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart

Not only was she co-valedictorian as a senior but she also returned to the No. 1 singles state championship in tennis. This year she was the state runner-up after losing to University Liggett's Mady Zampardo in the finals (6-1, 6-0).

Charlotte Brown, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

The Cranes won their 17th state championship in tennis, including their first since 2015, after getting help from Brown, who repeated as an individual champion in No. 2 singles. She defeated Chelsea's Anne-Marie Begola in the finals (6-0, 6-1).

Ava Brizard, Bloomfield Hills Marian

The NC State signee won all the awards you could win. She was Miss Volleyball. She was the Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year. And she was key in helping the Mustangs repeat as state champions.

Scarlett Shaya, Bloomfield Hills Roper

She was All-MIAC first-team in volleyball but probably her most impressive feat was returning from injury during the girls basketball playoffs and scoring a career-high 25 points to go with 10 rebounds in a 60-22 win against Frankel Jewish Academy, earning the Roughriders a trip to the district championship.

Kelsey Nader, Canton

The Northwestern signee was an MHSSCA all-state first-teamer, made an appearance in the MHSSCA all-star game and was a member of the 2019 Chiefs' squad that made it to the state quarterfinal.

Lana Haddad, Detroit Country Day

The No. 1 doubles tennis player won her second career individual state championship for the Yellowjackets. This past spring she teamed up with sophomore Peja Liles to beat Cranbrook's Chloe Qin and Gaby Levine in



Plymouth High School's Bridget Boczar. COURTESY OF KEVIN NIEMIEC

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the finals (7-6, 6-2). In 2019, Haddad joined Ruhe Wayak in beating Cranbrook's Rose Feinbloom and Simrin Nagaraju for a state title in No. 2 doubles (6-2, 6-0).

Madilyn Beckwith, Farmington

The shortstop and outfielder was one of just four female Falcons to sign to play college sports this past school year. She'll be joining Madonna University after being one of the top softball players in Oakland County.

Kendall Spivey, Farmington Hills Mercy

The Villanova signee was the lone senior on a young Marlins' softball team that captured Catholic League, district and regional championships. Their run ended in the quarterfinal against eventual state champion Allen Park.

Jurnee Kennedy, Garden City

The track and field sprinter is one of the fastest in school history. She recorded the fourth-best 100- (13.11 seconds) and 200-meter (27.13) sprints and was also on two relays that were among the best in Cougars' history. She's also on the record board in the discus and shot put.

Abby Lueck, Livonia Churchill

Not only was she a state finals qualifier in the pole vault in track and field but she was an MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award finalist and she also helped the Livonia Red gymnastics program go undefeated in the regular season, win the KLAA and qualify for the state finals.

Kendra Pearson, Livonia Clarenceville

Not only was she an All-MIAC first-team selection in girls soccer but she was also all-league in competitive cheer. That included her being named the league's MVP.

Kalin Bates, Livonia Franklin

She's headed to Madonna University for both basketball and track and field because she was the top Patriot on the hardwood and a state finals qualifier with a pair of spikes on. It's no wonder she was named the Female Athlete of the Year by Franklin's athletic department.



Wayne Memorial's Davai Matthews. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

McKenzie Siroky, Livonia Stevenson

Not only did she win an individual girls swimming state championship in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.85) but she also became the first girl ever to score a goal for Livonia Stevenson's boys hockey team.

Caroline McGuire, Lutheran Westland

The school's valedictorian was also the top player on the hardwood, as the center was an All-MIAC-Red first-teamer and an honorable mention on Hometown Life's All-Area team.

Taylor Mitchell, Milford

The outfielder was a second-team all-state selection and also earned a spot to play in the MHSSCA all-star game.

Kayla Shuk, North Farmington

The Aquinas women's soccer signee was an All-OAA selection and appeared on Hometown Life's All-Area team.

Megha Vallabhanen, Northville

Her individual third-place finish at the state finals was impressive, as she shot rounds of 75 and 71 for a two-day 146, finishing behind only the Boczar twins from Plymouth. But what was more impressive was her effort pushed the Mustangs to the team state title for a fourth-straight year.

Kotoko Blair, Novi

The Northeastern signee placed fifth in a pair of events in the swimming and diving state final, including setting a school record in the 100-yard freestyle (51.50).

Bridget Boczar, Plymouth

The Oakland University signee was

an individual state champion in golf and captured Michigan's Miss Golf honor in the process. She, as well as her sister, Grace, helped the Wildcats place second at the state finals.

Anna Fernandez, Plymouth Christian Academy

The Wheaton College (Illinois) signee was the heart and soul of the Eagles' state runner-up squad. She totaled 1,418 points career points en route to being named Hometown Life's Player of the Year. What's more, she was also a role player on a girls soccer team that won a district championship.

Alaya Moss, Redford Thurston

She was one of the most consistent scorers for the track and field team, and she left with her name on the program's all-time leaderboard six times.

Diamond Daniels, Redford Union

The track and field star will go down as one of the best in Panthers' history. She graduated featured 10 times on the all-time leaderboard. That includes her recording the fourth-best time in the 200-meter dash (27.95 seconds) and fourth-best effort in the long jump (12 feet, 10 inches) this past spring alone.

Asia Cochran, Redford Westfield Prep

The guard was a 1,000-point career scorer and is signed with Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina.

Ava Holloway, Salem

Despite playing in arguably the best conference in Michigan, the fourth-year goalkeeper recorded seven shutouts en route to earning MHSSCA All-State honorable mention honors, the second-straight year she was an all-state soccer player.

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Seniors

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Kailyn Garrett, South Lyon

Not only did the Albion College signee become her school's first-ever girls wrestler to win an MHSAA-sanctioned state championship but she was also one of the first-ever girls to win a state title in the girls' ranks. Period. This was the first year the girls were allowed to wrestle alongside the boys at Ford Field.

Emma Pompo, South Lyon East

The Cleveland State signee pushed her girls soccer team to a repeat appearance in the regional finals, plus she helped the Cougars win the Lakes Valley Conference for the first time. What's more, she qualified for the state finals in track and field during the same season as well.

Davai Matthews, Wayne Memorial

The Long Beach State (California) signee was the go-to leader on this year's final four team. She averaged 18.1 points and 12.3 rebounds en route to first-team honors on Hometown Life's All-Area team. She made three trips to the Breslin Center while playing for the Zebras.



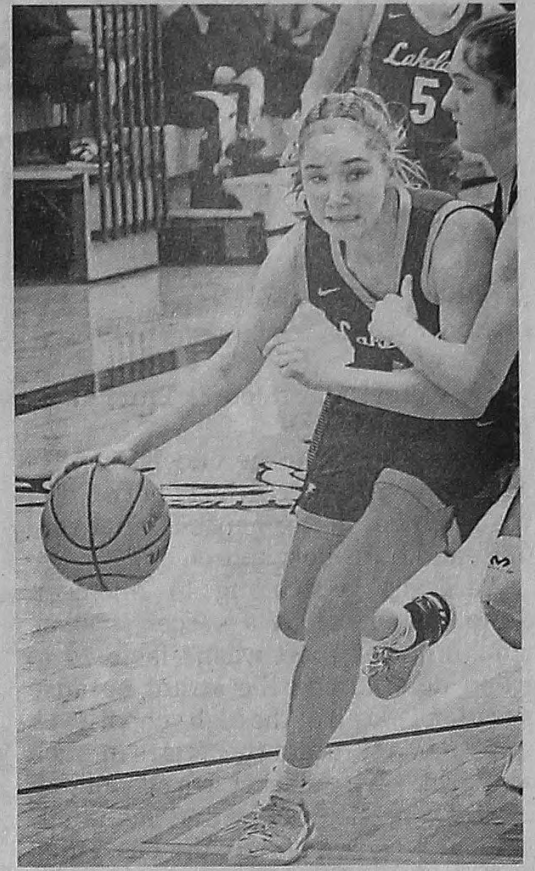
South Lyon East's Emma Pompo. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Alyssa Lemke, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran

The three-sport star made it a clean sweep in her final season with the Warriors, as she was first-team All-MIAC in volleyball, basketball and track and field.

Paige Thaxton, Westland John Glenn

The Michigan Academy of Gymnastics star was a national finisher on the beam and a national champion in the uneven bars. She is signed with the University of Michigan.



White Lake Lakeland's Molly Libby. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Molly Libby, White Lake Lakeland

Not only was she an all-state guard on the basketball team but she was also named her school's Female Athlete of the Year.

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Guard

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And she missed four league games, which was just an unreal feat for the almost 6-foot guard.

"What we noticed when she wasn't on the floor is we lost our team composure," second-year coach Alison Hidey said following a Derrick Coleman Elite Summer League game in June. "I don't think our team realized how much composure she brought to our offense until she was gone. She was the glue. When she wasn't here, we looked more frazzled, and it was no secret that we were struggling to score. We were minus 15, 20 points on average when she wasn't there. When she came back, we, as a whole, played more composed and looked a lot more comfortable. I would say that's what is special about her, offensively."

Sanders actually played the first month of the season with mono before she realized she even had the infection.

She said it didn't hamper her play on the court, but it impacted her everywhere else off of it.

She'd return home from school, take a nap before her games, go and play and then return home and head straight back to her bed. It wasn't until winter break that she was diagnosed with the condition.

"I lost a lot of weight and a lot of endurance," Sanders said. "It was definitely hard because I was isolated over winter break when there was big tournament play for our school. Not only could I not be out there but I couldn't even go for a run because my spleen was swollen, and I was just in fear of getting it hurt."

Sanders spent weeks laying in bed. She'd watch Grove's games on HUDL and review the film to pass the time. That's something she has been used to doing because this wasn't the first time she's missed time throughout her three



Birmingham Groves' Kaitlyn Sanders dribbles during the Derrick Coleman Elite showcase June 15 against Detroit Mumford. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

years on varsity. She's had concussions, ankle tears, turf toe and ear infections, among other ailments, before.

When her mom wasn't watching,

she'd lift small free weights, but she realized it wasn't the smartest idea to work out while battling mono.

Groves lost four straight in January

while she was gone. When she returned, they won three of their next four games.

The night she returned, during a 62-25 loss to Rochester Hills Stoney Creek on Jan. 25, she played only 8 minutes as Hidey wanted to ease her star point guard back into the action. And Sanders still led the team in scoring.

"Teenagers always amaze me," Hidey said. "Everyone I know who has had mono is out for 6 months. When she recovered, she recovered. She played 8 minutes, it wasn't a full game and by the next game, she was ready to go."

Sanders said competing during the track and field season has helped her build up her endurance again. But she admits that she still gets winded while battling the infection.

While that limits her play at times, she still uses her skill set to be one of the best players on the floor. And that also includes using her height at the position. She can see the entire floor and make passes to get out of traps and pressure defenses when she brings up the ball.

She has a smooth shooting motion and can also get to the rim with her dribble.

If she can stay healthy this winter, Hidey expects Groves to compete for second place in the OAA-Red. Obviously, even Hidey knows West Bloomfield is still a notch-above most teams in Michigan. But the Falcons, 10-11 overall in 2021-22, graduated just two players and finally have some cohesion with Hidey back for a second year.

Sanders is excited about what should be a stellar senior year.

"My goal is mainly to get stronger and get healthier," Sanders said. "I don't want to have to be out sick or injured again. I haven't had a high school season where I haven't had one or the other. I just definitely want to get out there and give it my all."

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Pitcher

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"one of the better high school teams I've seen in the past couple of years."

He touted Porter's off-speed pitches, saying his changeup is elite, his slider is very good and that his fastball, usually 94-97 mph but can get up to 100, makes it possible he has "three plus pitches".

With so much talent, why did Porter fall so far?

"I don't want to get into the specifics of that," Fagg said on why he believes Porter was still available. "We're just fortunate we had an opportunity to pick him. In the draft, sometimes you get fortunate with certain players and we feel very fortunate to be able to have Brock Porter."

Secondly, do the Rangerstruly believe they will be able to sign him and keep him away from Clemson, where he's already enrolled in school?

"We intend to sign everyone we drafted," Young said.

The slot value of Porter's pick is

around \$560,000, though the expectation is for Texas to land him it will need to pay the reigning Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year between \$3.5-4 million.

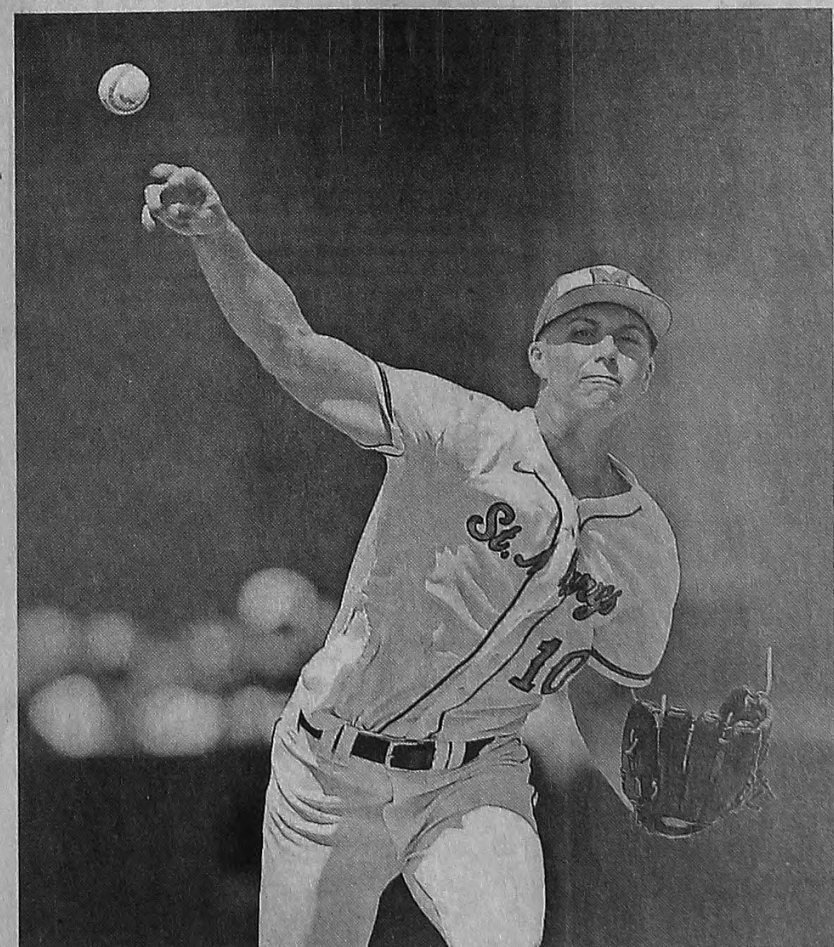
The majority of that difference could come from the money they've reportedly saved on the Rucker deal — inking him for around \$5.2 million, when his slot value is \$7,587,000 — though the club said they could not comment on that on Monday.

However they did say, landing Porter in the fourth was not the "plan" and the acquisition of Rucker had nothing to do with Porter.

Fagg even said earlier this week he didn't believe it would be possible to get both.

But they're glad they did.

"When I went to bed it was a restless nights sleep for me, knowing he was there and may be available but we'd have a lot of picks we needed to pass before we had the opportunity," Young said. "But in the end, we had a chance to draft a player, we're very excited and we're looking forward to welcoming Brock to the Rangers organization."



Orchard Lake St. Mary's pitcher Brock Porter throws to first base in a pickoff attempt against New Boston Huron. The Texas Rangers selected Porter in the fourth round of the MLB Draft this week.

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Record-setting Hartland star named Female Athlete of the Year

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How great an athlete is Emmy Sargeant of Hartland?

Great enough to be chosen Livingston County Female Athlete of the Year based on her performances in her second- and third-best sports.

Sargeant is heading to Michigan State University on a soccer scholarship, but that sport wasn't factored in when determining the award because she didn't play it at the high school level.

She did represent the Eagles in track and field, where she set five school records during her career and made all-state as a senior, and on the basketball court, where she was a lock-down defender for a team that reached the state championship game for the first time in school history.

Sargeant competed at a high level for those Hartland teams while occasionally missing time playing soccer for the Michigan Jaguars, an elite club based in Novi.

"It was definitely challenging, mostly for basketball season, because basketball is more of a team sport," Sargeant said. "You have to be at the practices. I definitely had to make a sacrifice during basketball season."

"We weren't playing as many games for soccer. I would miss a lot of (soccer) practices I had to make up when basketball season was over."

"I'm very glad I did it. I wouldn't have had as many great experiences as I did if I didn't take time off from soccer to play basketball. Track, since it's more of an individual sport and because I wasn't on any of the relays, I wasn't at certain practices. The coaches were really understanding."

Basketball coach Don Palmer and track coach Matt Gutteridge each said Sargeant was great about communicating well in advance when she would have a conflict with soccer. She missed three basketball games and some lesser track meets.

"When I knew she was gonna miss, we could plan around it," Palmer said. "She was always up front and told me when she was going to miss way ahead of time, but there were repercussions. It worked out. We knew we weren't going to get her as much as we wanted, but we wanted her in the program. This year, it really paid off."

Sargeant was called up to the varsity basketball team late in her freshman year, but she played sparingly because there was a logjam of players in the Class of 2022 ahead of her. That changed midway through her senior



Hartland's Emmy Sargeant became the first Livingston County girl to break 57 seconds in the 400-meter run in 2022.
DAN ZEPPA/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

season when Palmer put her in the starting lineup primarily as a defensive stopper.

Her first big assignment was to hound Howell senior Maeve St. John, the county's Player of the Year for girls basketball.

"She's quietly intense," Palmer said. "I remember we threw her at Maeve. In the locker room, I said, 'Listen, she's going to make you look silly a few times. She's gonna beat you. She's gonna do this and that.' Rob Sharpe, one of the assistants, was observing the talk. He said, 'I could tell in her expression when you were talking to her she was thinking, no, no, no; nobody's making a fool out of me.'"

Sargeant went out and scored a career-high 14 points that night while holding St. John to 13 points in a 48-36 victory. She didn't come out of the starting lineup, helping transform Hartland from "a very good team to a team that could make the next step," Palmer said.

Spending most of her basketball career in a backup role wasn't something to which Sargeant was accustomed as a

star athlete in her other sports.

"I really feel the years before taught me how to be more of a team player, which will help me in the future," she said. "The team was so good and it was such a great environment that it wasn't something I was upset about. It made it more of an experience when Palmer finally gave me a chance to play."

"It was great, because I knew I wasn't going to be a big scorer. It's not something I work on like the other girls work on year-round. The fact I could make an impact on the other end of the ball because of my athleticism was really great."

Hartland lost 51-42 to West Bloomfield in the state championship game, but finishing her basketball career on the Breslin Center court was special.

"One of the soccer coaches even came to watch," Sargeant said. "It was very cool to be able to go there and play. Just making it there was one of the best experiences of my life. To do that with all my friends, I won't ever forget it."

Two days following the loss to West Bloomfield, Sargeant was on the track to

begin training for her spring sport.

Sargeant was great throughout the spring, but had two particularly amazing days.

On May 7, she set school records in the 200-meter dash in 25.24 seconds and the 400 in 57.37 at the New Balance Invitational. She also ran the second-fastest 100 in school history (12.60).

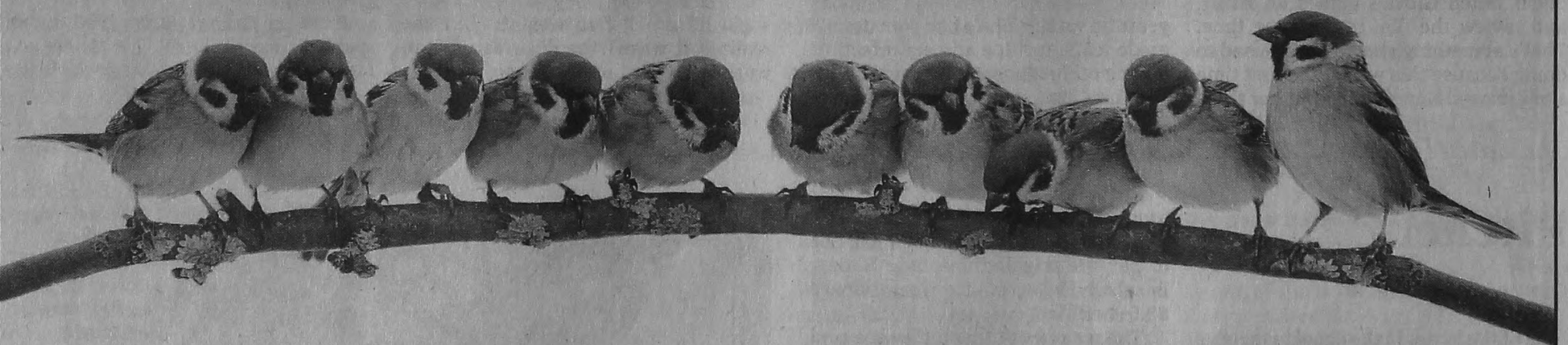
Six days later, she won the 100, 200 and 400 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association meet.

In the state meet, she became the first girl in Livingston County history to break 57 seconds in the 400 with her fifth-place time of 56.76. The top eight finishers made all-state.

She finished her career with five school records, matching Lindsey Strutz for the most in Hartland history.

"I just love competing," Sargeant said. "It's something I really enjoy doing, just the feeling of racing people and being able to place in the top two or something like that. That's why I stuck with it. I'm very competitive. I just like how it helped me for soccer to be more fit and to get faster."

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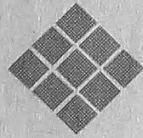


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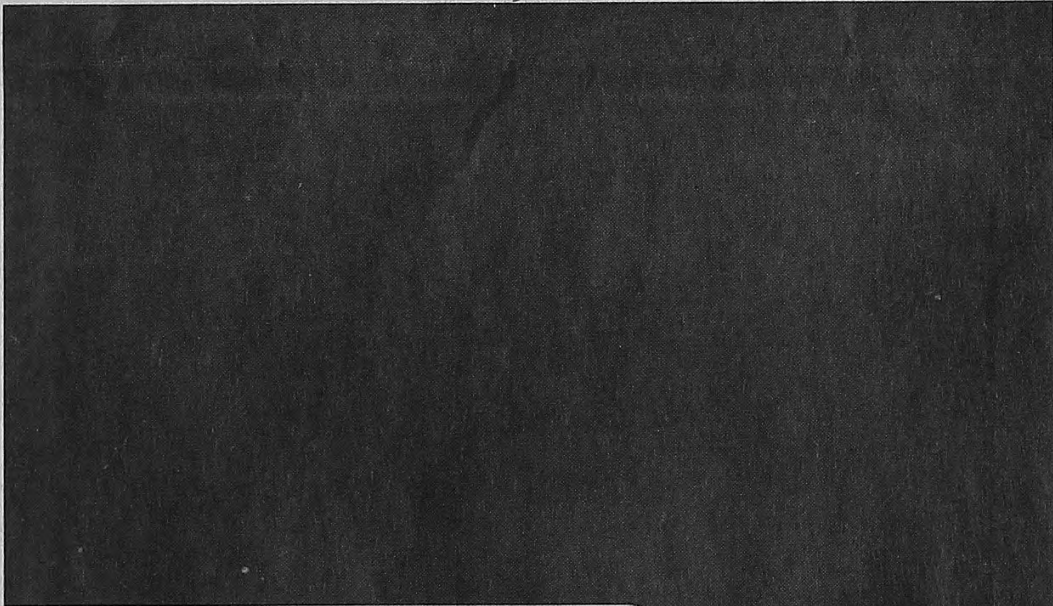


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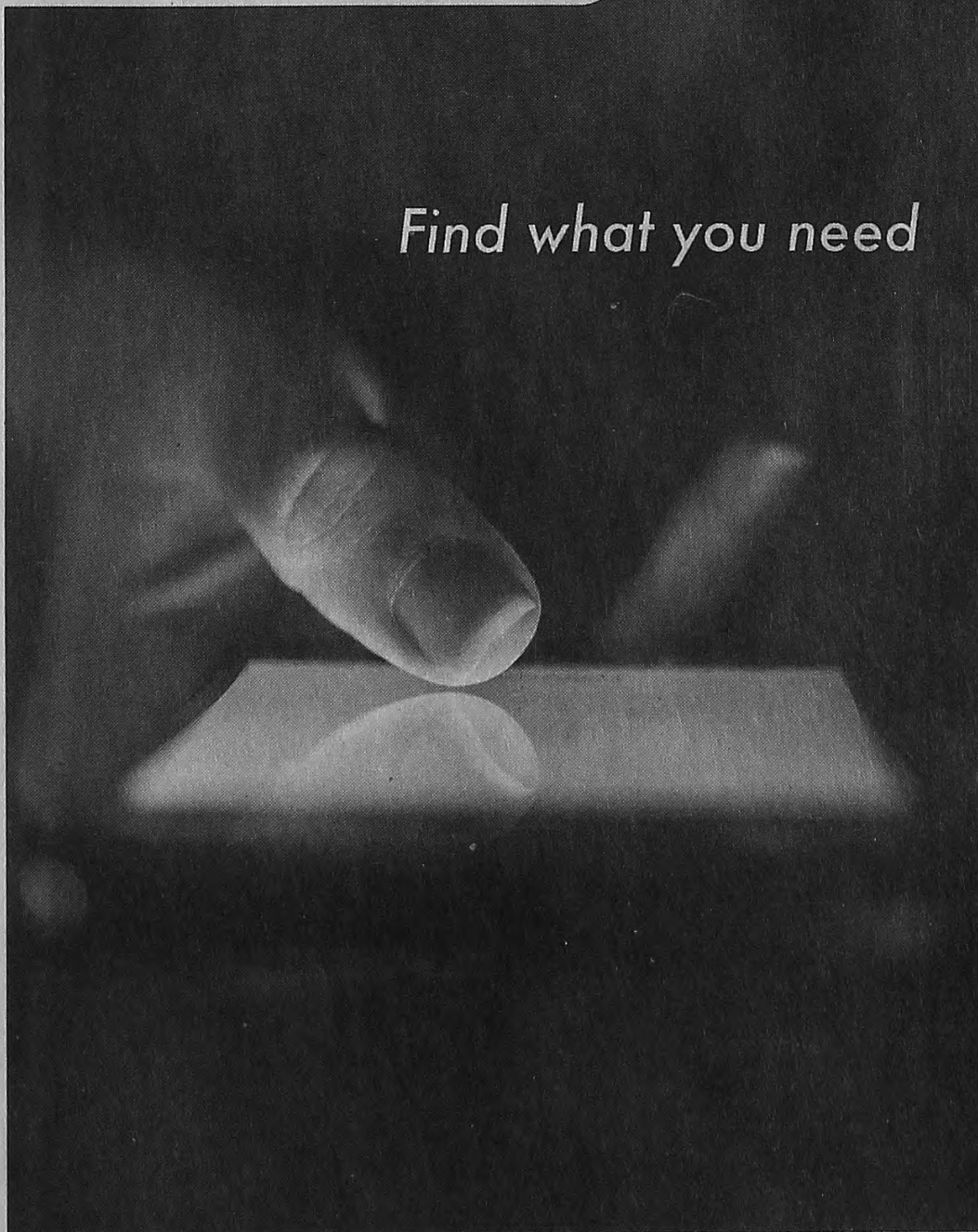
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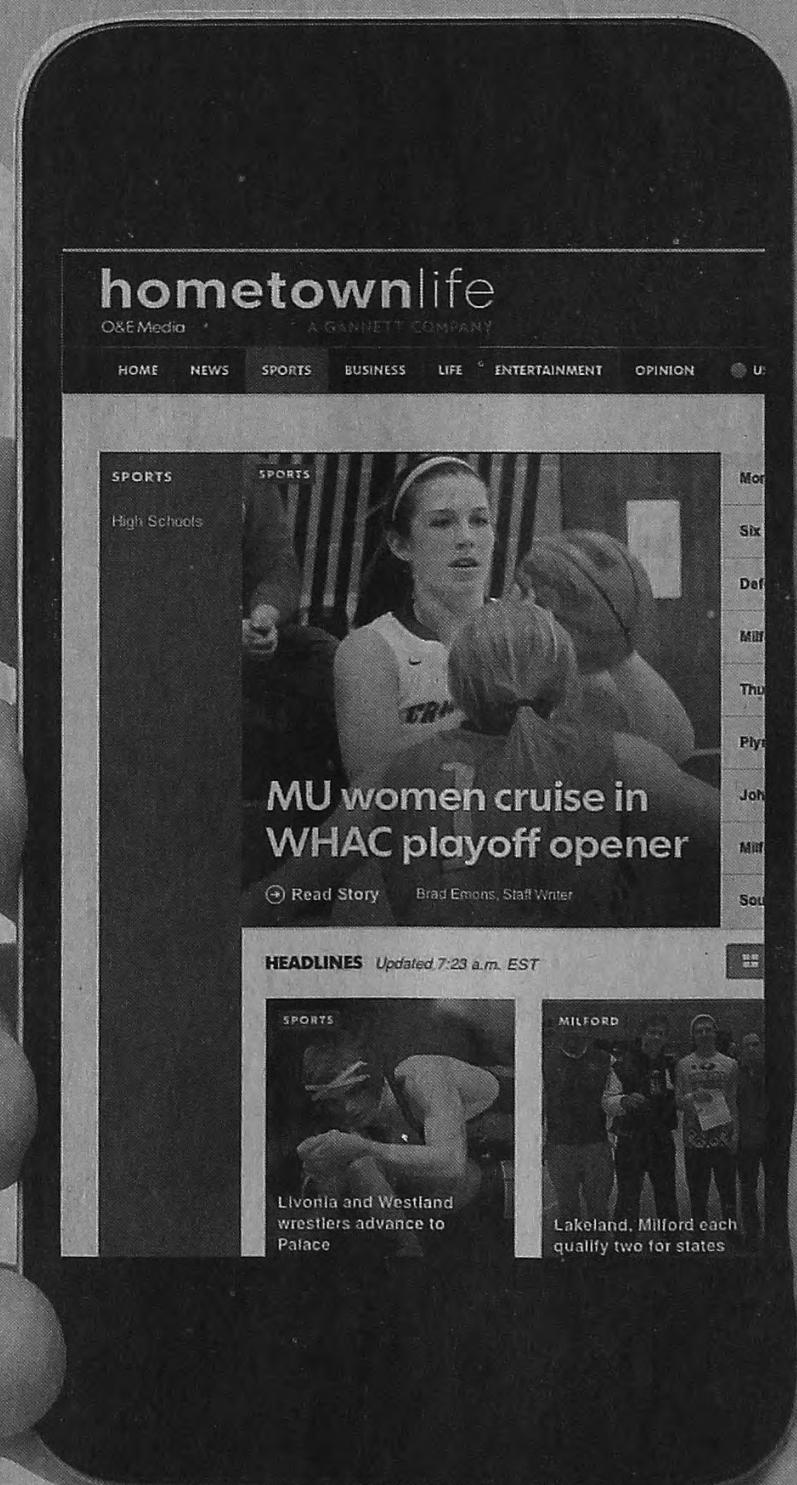
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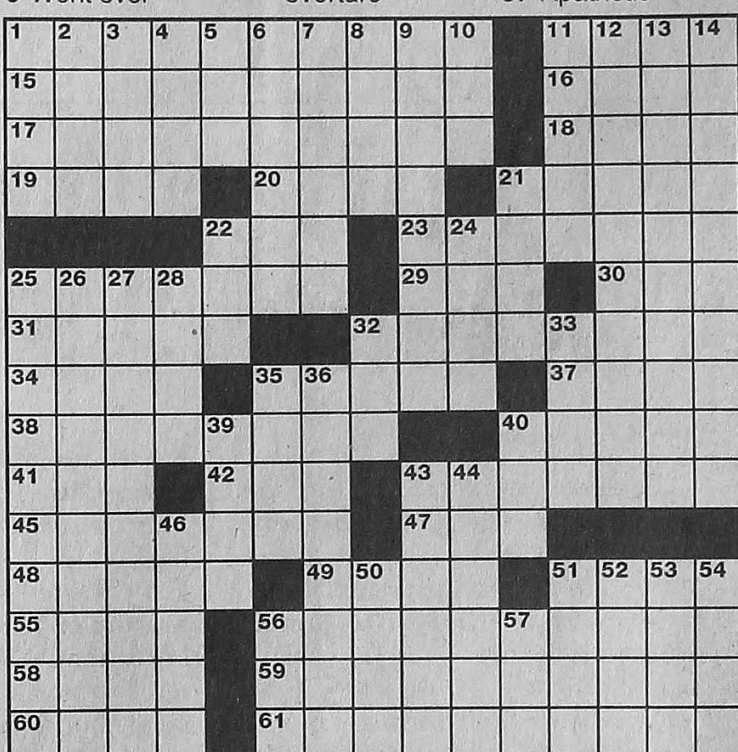
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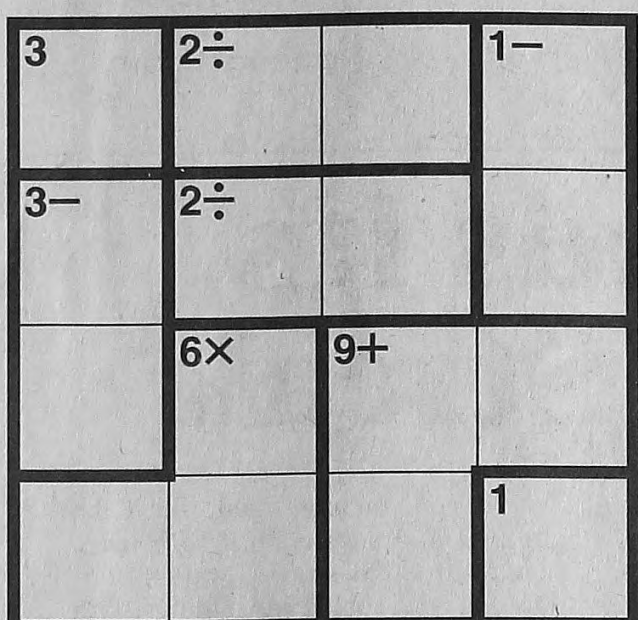


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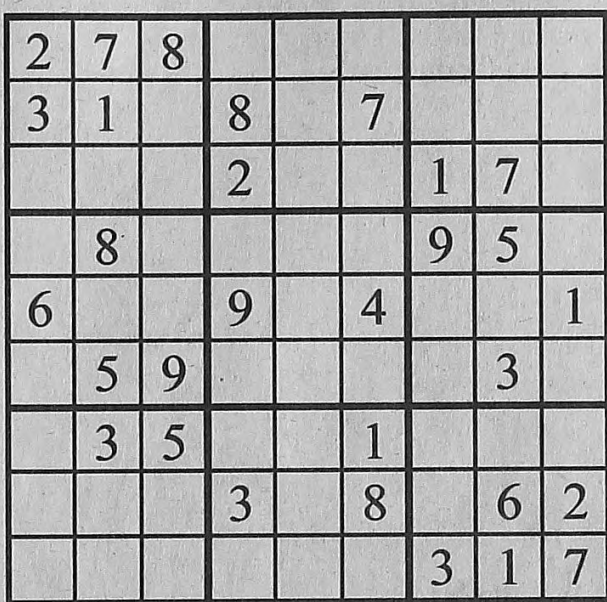
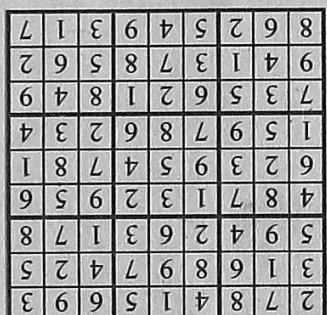


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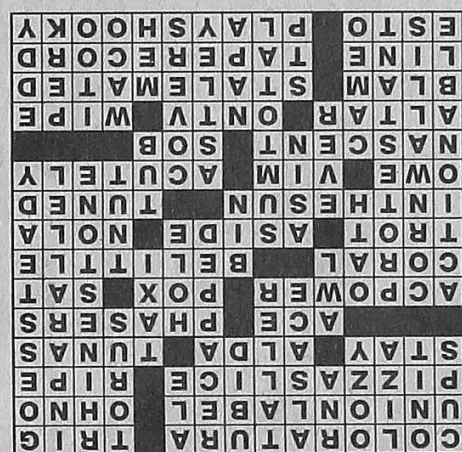
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Labor Market Extends Its Record-Setting Heat Streak

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The labor market conditions Fed Chair Jerome Powell has described as “extremely, historically” tight and “unsustainably hot” persisted in May, according to the May JOLTS report released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

We have now had 6 straight months of more than 11 million job openings and 12 straight months of more than 4 million people voluntarily quitting their jobs—a sign of high job seeker confidence signaling continued upward pressure on wages and likely future increases in labor force participation.

There were 11.3 million job openings—61% more than before Covid, and almost twice as many as the number of unemployed job seekers. And 4.3 million workers quit their jobs. Those numbers are near their all-time record highs.

Meanwhile, layoffs and discharges remained historically low at 1.4 million, well below the pre-Covid average of 1.9 million—an indication that employers are hanging onto the workers they have in a tight labor market where replacing them is unusually costly. Job openings/quits figures from the April report were revised upwards.

Here are the key takeaways from the report:

Small business demand for workers remains intense, with job openings reaching an all-time record high.

- At 1.8 million, job openings are at a record high in small businesses with fewer than 10 employees. According to NFIB’s small business jobs report, labor shortages continue to be a challenge with 51% of small businesses reporting job openings they could not fill in May, near the 48-year record high set in September. 92% of those owners hiring or trying to hire reported few or no qualified applicants for the positions they were trying to fill. Overall, two in three small businesses reported hiring or trying to hire in May, up eight points from April. So small business demand for labor is showing no signs of cooling.

There is no evidence of mass layoffs in tech, but labor market conditions in the tech sector do appear to be cooling slightly.

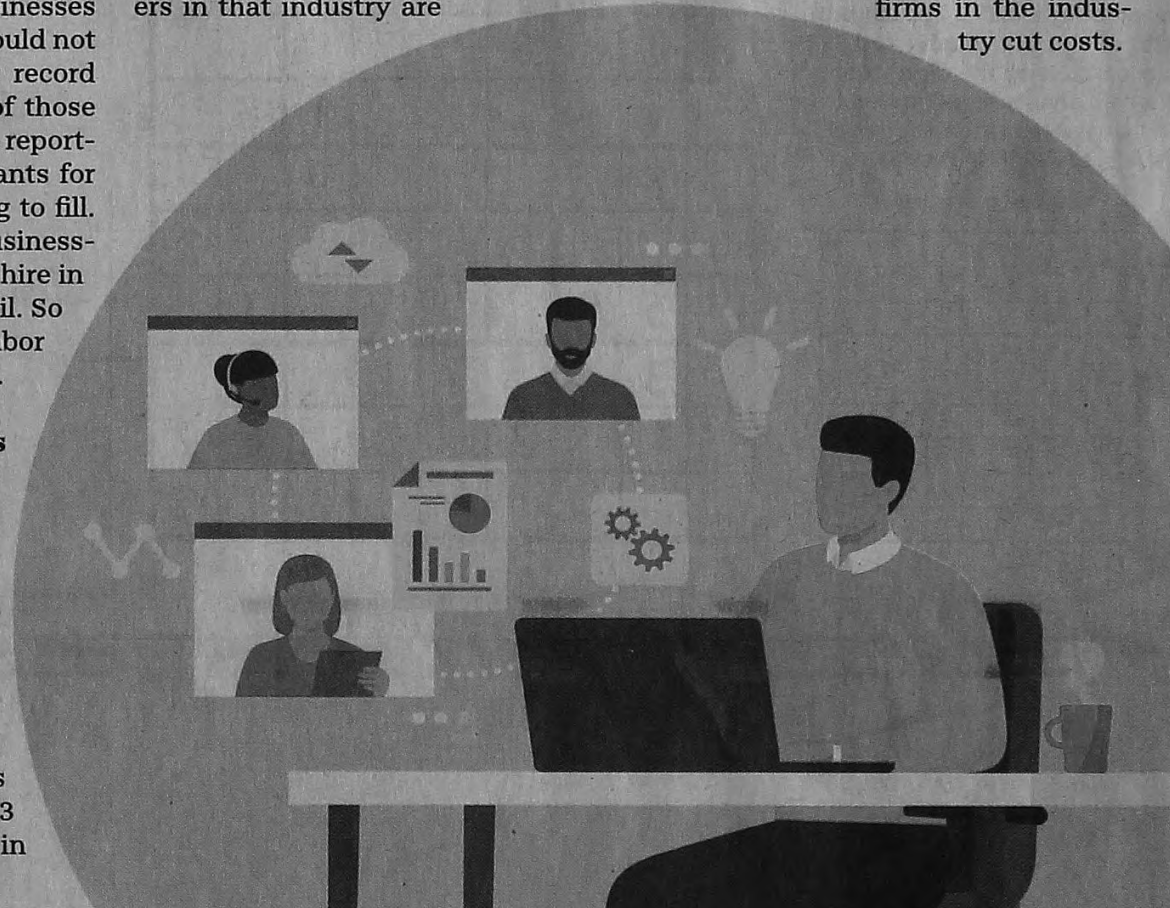
- The job openings rate in the information sector slowed in May to 7.4% from 8.4% in April, and the hires rate declined slightly to 3.4% from 3.5%. The layoff rate has been picking up for the last 3 months (0.8% in March, 0.9% in

April, 1.0% in May), however it is still lower than the 2021 average of 1.1%.

The rapid increase in mortgage rates is dampening worker confidence in real estate and financial services.

- Quits fell 41% in real estate and rental and leasing—a sign that workers in that industry are

no longer confident that they’ll be able to find a new job if they leave their current positions. Market conditions have cooled very quickly, with large declines in home purchases and mortgage applications, as mortgage rates have risen faster than ever before. Layoffs also spiked 71% in finance and insurance as some firms in the industry cut costs.



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