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Livonia voters approve millage for local roads

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Livonia voters overwhelmingly supported a local roads tax that will fund projects on the city's neighborhood and major roads for the next 10 years.

According to unofficial results from Tuesday's primary election, 20,072 people voted in favor of the millage and 5,094 people voted against it.

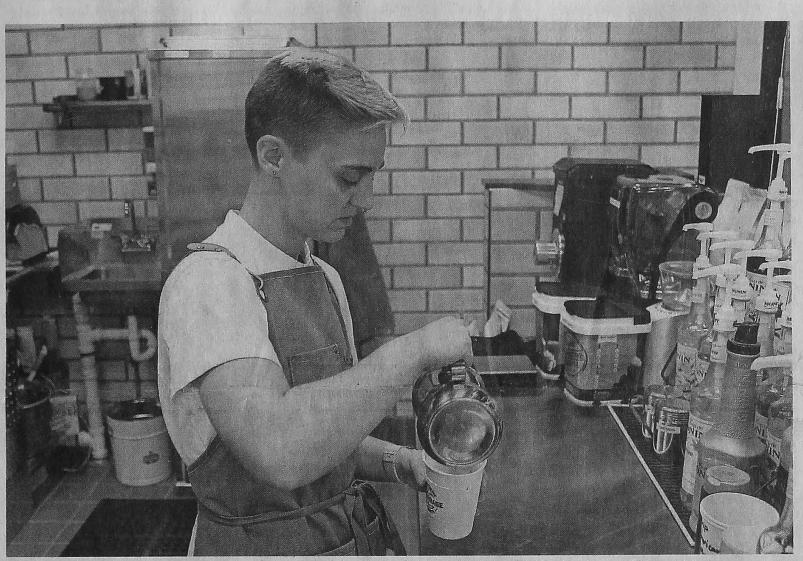
All election results are unofficial until certified by the Wayne County Board of Canvassers.

The tax replaces an expiring roads millage voters passed in 2012 and would require residents to pay a little more the current millage rate is 0.8773 while the new one is 0.89 — for local roads. A mill is \$1 for every \$1,000 of taxable value on a property.

The current millage generates about \$3,552,000 annually.

This year, the millage is helping pay for neighborhood improvements and for work on some city-controlled major

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Coffee shop manager Kaitlin Park prepares a drink inside The Garage Cuts and Coffee in Plymouth Township. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Former garage reopens for haircuts and coffee

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The signs have been up for seemingly forever at the old garage along Ann Arbor Trail advertising a new business.

Now, after years of work, the Plymouth Township building has new life, energized by shampoo and espresso.

The Garage Cuts and Coffee opened this summer, offering haircuts and cups of joe at 40600 E. Ann Arbor Trail.

The building has special meaning to owner John Sabbagh: it's been in the family for decades.

"I bought it from my grandfather, so it's been in my family since the late

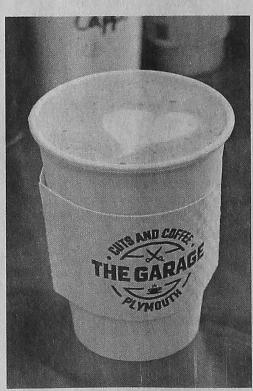
'70s," he said. "He wrenched out of her until about 1989, and then after 1989, he rented it to lots of different people."

After acquiring the building, Sabbagh originally had the idea of renting it out. But when he lost his job in the hotel industry due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he began to look at the building differently.

"I bought the garage in November of 2019. It was going to be a side hustle," he said. "I thought I was going to rent it out to a restaurant or something. I wasn't really sure what I was going to do."

But then the idea of the combination

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A drink made with love.

Canton Twp. wants more sidewalks, starting near schools

Laura Colvin Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Big. Huge. Monumental. Canton Township officials had no shortage of words on what it means to address the many miles of sidewalk gaps within the community.

In 2021, the Canton Township Board of Trustees set a goal to create a connected, pedestrian-friendly community. Over the past year, township engineering staff has assessed the issues related to making that a reality.

A new Sidewalk Gap Program report identifies 54 miles of missing sidewalk along the township's major paved roads, along with 48 locations that require a bridge or other water

The report outlined criteria to consider for priority: school zones, density of population, significant places of gathering, foot traffic, whether sidewalk exists on one or both sides of the street and consideration of complaints.

Of the 54 miles of missing sidewalk along major paved roads in the community, 8.7 miles exist within a quarter-mile of a public or private school.

"We've identified some projects and some priorities," said Jade Smith, Canton's municipal services director. "A lot of our priorities are going to (include) school zones to start with and then connecting the sidewalks to our existing trail network."

Smith noted the township will work with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to identify priorities in neighborhoods surrounding the schools.

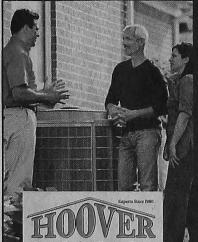
A rough estimate on costs, spread over many years - or perhaps decades came in ranging from \$29 million to

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Livonia law dept. calls flag ordinance 'problematic'

Policy would require unanimous approval

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Livonia's law department cautioned against a proposed ordinance that would require mayoral and unanimous council approval for non-government flags flown at city hall.

Through discussion and some public backlash, council seems to have moved away from considering the ordinance.

It appears Livonia's city council will consider two other ideas for when specialty flags may be flown.

Council will have two options when it meets Aug. 8. It can give a first reading to a third-party flag ban suggested by Councilman Rob Donovic or follow Councilman Brandon McCullough's suggestion to put the topic of flags into committee for further discussion.

A first reading would go for final approval on Aug. 22.

In a report to city council written prior to its July 25 meeting, the law department stated it cannot find a similar law requiring a unanimous vote at any level of U.S. government. City Attorney Paul Bernier noted the department's search was not exhaustive.

"This procedure would be even more stringent than amending the Constitution of the United States, the State of Michigan, or the Charter of the City of Livonia," a report from a lawyer reads. "While we could not find anything that precludes this, it is tantamount to a



A crowd awaits the public comment portion of a Livonia City Council meeting July 25. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

complete ban on other ceremonial flags being flown."

The department also noted the city requires very few supermajority approvals — five of the seven council members — and all instances of that requirement are related to zoning.

"This supermajority requirement would suggest that the flag ordinance is more important than all other votes before the council and effectively ties the hands of most of the council and the mayor," the report states. "Thus, a small minority can dictate their will to the majority."

Councilman Scott Bahr, who originally proposed the ordinance, said he views flag raising as different, not more

important, than the council's typical business. Neither Bahr nor his colleagues offered a motion to advance his proposal, and Bahr indicated support of Donovic's proposal.

"It's not that I see this as more important, I see it as different. ... We're not talking about a business decision here, we're talking about government speech," he said.

The topic of flags drew much public comment during council's July 25 regular and study meetings. Many spoke about the city's recent LGBTQ+ Pride flag ceremony.

Bahr said his proposal was not related to the Pride flag ceremony but was prompted by Brosnan's reversal of an

earlier policy to not fly third-party flags. Some residents who spoke, however, still questioned the proposal's timing, noting the city has been flying thirdparty flags for years.

Livonia flew the Albanian flag in April and, according to council, has been flying the Italian flag on Columbus Day for decades.

"I would have been pursuing this if that ceremony had never happened," Bahr said

Brosnan's office told Hometown Life in June she changed course on thirdparty flags following a deeper review of the recent Supreme Court decision that cities should take the same stance toward all third-party flags, which had prompted her original policy.

Residents and the city's human relations commission had also requested the Pride flag be flown.

One man, Darrell Smith, read Hometown Life's recent article on the issue as most of his public comment at the July 25 meeting. Bahr and Councilwoman Kathleen McIntyre used part of their comments during the meeting to criticize Hometown Life.

Some residents said any third-party flag shouldn't be flown because it will exclude someone. Others felt extra flags simply aren't necessary.

"I support the police. I support my gay friends," Alex King said. "I don't need to see either of those flags."

Livonia's current policy is either the mayor or a council majority can choose to fly a third-party flag at Livonia City Hall for 24 hours.

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Millage

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roads like Gill Road, West Chicago Street and St. Francis Street in future years.

Garden City, Redford results

In Garden City, voters passed a \$15 million, five-year bond to improve city streets.

On average, property tax payers can expect to pay 4.7746 mills a year. Unofficial results show 3,399 people voted for the proposal and 1,855 people voted against it.

Voters in the Garden City Public Schools district approved a 19.1786 operating millage for local schools.

The millage will be levied between 2024 and 2028 and replaces a tax expiring in 2023. Unofficial results show 3,236 people voted for the tax and 1,754 people voted against it.

Garden City voters also participated in a mayoral primary, advancing Mayor Randy Walker and Mark Jacobs to the November election.

Walker received 2,279 votes and Jacobs garnered 1,700. The third candidate, John Murray, received 765 votes.

In Redford Township, voters approved a 2-mill tax that will fund operations at the Redford Township District Library for the next 20 years. The tax will also fund a renovation of the library's mostly unused second floor.

The proposal received 5,765 approving votes and 2,676 denying votes.

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Garage

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coffee and barber shop came up and he spent time renovating the old building to house his new vision.

It took several years of work, but he's restored the building completely, bringing high-end barber chairs and a coffee bar.

The barber side has several chairs in the former bays, offering male-focused haircuts with products from companies such as Detroit Grooming Co. and Suavecito.

The inside is filled with artifacts from years past found in the garage: radios, tools, car parts. A slew of old license plates adorns part of the wall across the shop, giving the building a very industrial but clean feeling.

Historic photos of the building line another wall, going all the way back to its time as a Mobil gas station.

With a high-end building comes a high-end experience, Sabbagh said: the shop offers a wide range of products and services.

"To experience hot lather shaves and all the higher-end stuff really, I just always really loved that," he said.

As for the coffee, Sabbagh said he gets his beans from a local roaster and serves a whole host of drinks, including Americanos, cappuccinos and plenty more you'd typically find in a coffee shop.

It's more designed for takeout, though guests can sit on one of the couches inside or on the patio created outside by the garage doors.

More information can be found at thegaragecc.com.



John Sabbagh recently purchased the former garage building on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth Township and remodeled it to house a barber shop and coffeehouse. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Business has begun picking up in the weeks since he opened, with some barber shop customers already returning for a second cut. Sabbagh hopes to continue to grow, becoming a destination for a unique experience in a beautiful space celebrating the building's past.

"I really believe once people come inside and once they experience the great barbers that we have and the great coffee that we have, then we'll get a lot of repeat business," he said. "There's nothing really close by, so it's good to have something."



The Garage Cuts and Coffee.

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Sidewalks

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\$46 million, based on varying factors, including engineering costs and easement acquisition.

The report noted a bridge or water crossing can range from \$250,000 to \$350,000.

Canton is set to receive \$750,000 in state funding to put toward closing sidewalk gaps in the community. The funds in the state's 2022-23 budget bill, recently signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, were secured with help from Sen. Dayna Polehanki and Rep. Ranjeev Puri.

The township has also earmarked \$500,000 in general fund dollars for the program this year.

"We are so grateful to announce the launch of the Sidewalk Gap Program that has been nearly two years in the making," Canton Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak said. "With these funds, we will be able to help provide a more connected and walkable community."



The Canton Township Board of Trustees, along with state Sen. Dayna Polehanki and Rep. Ranjeev Puri, introduced the Sidewalk Gap Program on July 30.

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Ticket buyers had big dreams before last week's \$1.3B Mega Millions drawing

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People were making big plans before last week's \$1.337 billion Mega Millions drawing, which was won through a ticket purchased in Indiana.

At the Speedway gas station on Woodward in Birmingham, customers lined up to pay for gas or buy a ticket that might help them with their fuel fund.

Dee McCoy, 60, bought a Mega Millions ticket, his fourth in three days, at the Speedway gas station on Woodward in Birmingham.

He expected to be flying out to Dubai last weekend had he won.

"I'll use my own money 'til I get back," said McCoy, an Oak Park resident and retired CBS cameraman who now works part-time for FedEx. "I'll really retire and travel the world. Nowhere cold; somewhere with sand and palm trees. I'll move to Hawaii. With that much money, there's nothing you can't do. I'll adopt 100 kids. I think I could afford to put 100 kids through school."

He was one of millions hoping luck would be on his side.

Kenny Lee, 37, spent \$10 on a ticket to try his luck, though he doubted winning would drastically change his life.

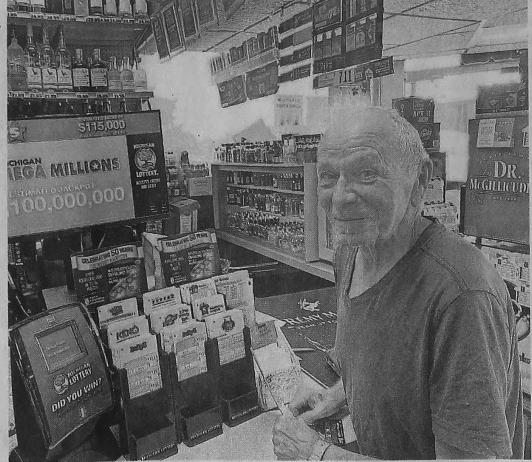
The Beaumont Hospital operating room nurse who moved into a newly-built home in Birmingham about a year ago said he would take a vacation, but would continue to work.

"I like my job and I'm too young to stop," Lee said.

Justina Ruggero, the lead assistant manager at the Birmingham Speedway, was busy selling dreams to customers. She said on the day of the previous drawing, the station sold \$4,000 in Mega Millions tickets.

The 28-year-old spent \$10 on her own ticket. Ruggero dreamed of trading her apartment for a house, traveling to Colorado to see the mountains, maybe even of taking care of giraffes and living in a treehouse.

Michael Faust, 74, bought a Mega Millions ticket at Bottles n Stuff on New-



Michael Faust, 74, of Livonia buys a Mega Millions ticket at Bottles n Stuff on Newburgh in Livonia, where he plays lottery games daily.

PHOTOS BY SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

burgh Road in Livonia, where he plays

lottery games daily.

"I don't know what I'd do," said the Livonia resident, who retired from the city's Department of Public Works nearly 20 years ago. Then thinking more, he devised a plan.

"I'd take a big vacation and buy an island in the south. All the movie stars own islands in the Bahamas," Faust said, adding that he would buy an oven for a woman he met in the store who needed one, and donate to schools for Native Americans.

Chris Karana, owner of the Bottles n Stuff store, said a recent customer bought \$500 worth of Mega Millions tickets and returned to purchase another \$1,000 worth of tickets for his family.

"I just take the money and if they are

happy, I'm happy," Karana said, adding the high jackpots bring a lot of customers to his business, which sold a \$1.1 million scratch-off winner about a year and a half ago, and a \$250,000 Mega Millions winning ticket to a group of Livonia teachers about 12 years ago.

The store had about \$2 million in lottery tickets sales last year.

As for himself, he said he would give all but \$20 million of it away and help his employees who want to pay off student loans.

"My kids would be taken care of, but \$20 million, or \$200 million, or \$1 billion — it would be the same life," he said.

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Justina Ruggero, lead assistant manager at Speedway in Birmingham, sold a lot of Mega Millions tickets before last week's drawing, and bought one for herself as well.



Dee McCoy, an Oak Park resident, shows the Mega Millions tickets he purchased, some from the Speedway gas station in Birmingham on July 28.



Chris Karana (second from left), owner of Bottles n Stuff party store in Livonia, with employees Allie Isaacson, Samantha Kula and Joseph Kula.



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Local theater group presents 'The Sound of Music'

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Nearly 80 community members of all ages are partnering with students from Madonna University's School of Music to present "The Sound of Music," which features the songs "Do Re Mi," "My Favorite Things" and "Edelweiss."

Set in Austria at the onset of World War II, "The Sound of Music" tells the inspirational tale of the von Trapp family, which is inspired by true events. The production includes two casts, due to the wealth of talent that arrived at auditions this summer.

"The Sound of Music" will be the ninth show produced by On Top of the World productions on the Madonna University stage.

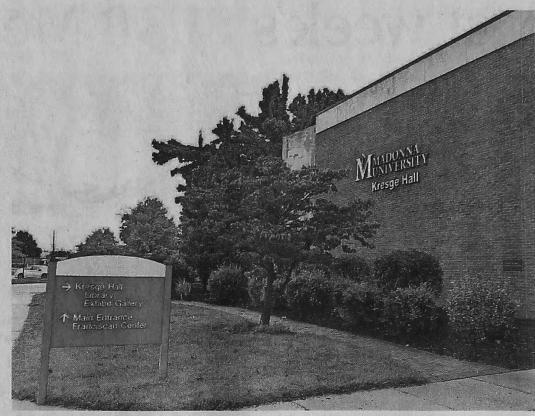
Oakland University sophomore Cayla Stus (Rodgers) and Madonna alum Emily Dunford (Hammerstein) will star in the role of Maria. Michael Rea (Rodgers) and Scott Dunford (Hammerstein) will play Captain von Trapp. The remaining cast members hail from Livonia and the surrounding areas, including students from Madonna University, Livonia Franklin High School, Walled Lake Western, Gabriel Richard and many other schools. The production is also a family affair, since many of the cast and crew are participating with their family members.

The musical is directed by Brittany Dimmitt, with choreography from Shivonne Delaney and music direction from Rachel Hiatt. "The Sound of Music" is presented through a special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

"The Sound of Music" will run Aug. 11-13 and 18-20 with a curtain time of 7 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings and 1 p.m. on the Saturday matinee at Kresge Hall in Madonna University.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission at on-top-of-the-world-productions. square.site/s/shop.

Contact Dimmitt at ototwproductions@gmail.com for more information.



Kresge Hall at Madonna University in Livonia. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

How to handle estate planning when your partner isn't interested



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Dear Rick:

I have a couple of estate planning questions I hope you can help me with.

I'm twice divorced and have one child from each of my previous marriages. I've been in a committed relationship for about 10 years but we have no intentions of marrying.

She also has two children from a previous marriage. She absolutely refuses to do any estate planning and that is why I am proceeding without her. We keep our assets separate and split most of the bills although I end up paying more.

In addition, we have issues with our children.

What legal responsibility do I have to

her as my significant other and to her children? Our house is jointly owned, and the deed says tenants in common. What happens to the house upon my death or hers?

I want to make sure that if I leave her money in my estate, that upon her death, the money doesn't go to her children. How can I do that?

Thank you, Steve

Dear Steve:

With regard to your first question, you do not have any legal responsibility upon your death to your significant other or to her children.

If you had some sort of cohabitation agreement with your significant other, that potentially would have legal implications, but since that isn't the case and you are not married, you're under no obligation to her. In other words, you do not have to leave your significant other, nor her children, anything from your estate.

Regarding your house, because you

own the property as tenants in common, that means upon either one of your deaths, the deceased's ownership share goes to their beneficiaries. Therefore, if you passed, your share of the house would not go to your significant other but rather, to whomever you named as your beneficiaries.

For example, if you named your children as beneficiaries, they would upon your death, own 50 percent of the house and your significant other would own the other 50 percent of the house. If you both decided that upon your death you wanted the house to go to each other, a simple fix would be to redo your deed and change tenants in common to joint tenants with the right of survivorship.

What that will mean is, if you pass and are survived by your significant other, she will then own 100 percent of the house. It would also work the other way, that if she passed before you, you would own the house 100 percent.

If you are interested in leaving your

significant other money that she can use during her lifetime, I would recommend a living trust. You can provide in the trust how money can be used by her during her lifetime. The trust can then terminate upon her death and any money remaining would go to whomever you choose.

Unfortunately, in many relationships, one party wants an estate plan and the other doesn't. My belief is that every adult in Michigan needs some sort of an estate plan to make sure that when you eventually pass, or if there is a family emergency, things are as easy as possible. Inevitably, death always occurs at the wrong time, and it's always emotional. If you can make things easier on your survivors, why not?

Good luck!

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Judith Levin Cantor

Judith Levin Cantor, 93, died on July 26, 2022. A 4th-generation Detroiter,



lian Keidan Levin and Professor Samuel M. Levin, she was married 71 years to Bernard Cantor.

She taught us to live with strength and fire, the importance of family, community, and roots, and about being a Jewish woman. She passed on her love of travel, adventure, and learning. Teacher, entrepreneur, archivist, exhibit curator, and editor.

Author of Jews in Michigan: Discovering the Peoples of Michigan; recipient of many honors including the "First Lady of Michigan" award by the State of Michigan, the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan's Leonard N. Simons History Award, the Eight Over Eighty Award from Jewish Senior Life of Metro Detroit, and the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

She will live on through the beautiful community and family she created for us all: Bernard; Children: Glenn (Inge Eriks), Cliff (Pauline), Jim (Susan), Mark (Karen), and Ellen, who predeceased her in 2013; Grandchildren: Lani (Stig Vatland), Alida (Travis Pritchard), Clara (Juliette Larmier), Dan (Anna), Emma (Josiah Brown), Tilly (Tadd Pearson), Lauren, Brian, Erica; Great-grandchildren: Lily, Kai, Arthur, Leo, Luca, Max, Aya; and mentor and honorary mother to many more.

A service will be held on Sunday, July 31, 1:00 p.m., at the Ira Kaufman Chapel, in Southfield MI, followed by burial in Clover Hill Park Cemetery, Birmingham, MI. A video link will be available.

Remembrances may be sent to the American Technion Society to support mental health telemedicine for Technion students, 55 E 59th St, Fl 13, New York, NY 10022 or to the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, 33228 W 12 Mile Rd #349, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

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Beverly Rowley

LIVONIA - Beverly A Rowley, age 85, went to be with the Lord on July 28, 2022. Beloved wife of Melvin, Daughter of Claire (Pence) Blanke and Albert Miller; Sister to Thomas (all deceased.)

Beverly was born on September 27, 1936, in Detroit, Michigan and graduated from Bentley

High School, Livonia, Michigan, in 1954. On August 3, 1957, she married Melvin Rowley.

Together they had six sons; Mark (Carol), Greg (Darlene), Scot (Tracy), Robert, Brian, and Jeff Rowley; ten grandchildren; Jackie, Michelle, Kevin, Greg Jr., David, Christopher, Tiffany, Allison, William, and Amanda; and four great-grandchildren; Khloe, Thomas, Elijah, and Lucas.

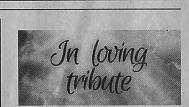
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Always musical, Beverly enjoyed playing the piano and organ, and singing in the St. Genevieve Parish choir. As a former high school cheerleader, Beverly served as Director of Cheerleading for the Livonia Eagles Football Program, as well as a CCD teacher for St. Genevieve Church. She was also very active with the parish bowling league and pinochle club. Beverly worked in the Livonia Public School System for over twenty years as an administrative accounting clerk. After retirement, she loved spending time at the Six Mile Lake Cabin amongst the wildlife, bird watching and spoiling her grandchildren. Her favorite activities included watching movies, golfing, and playing games.

Visitation will be Monday, August 1st at 10:00 am, with an 11:00 am Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church located at 207 Nichols St. East Jordan, MI 49727. Funeral procession immediately following, with a return to the church for a memorial luncheon. Donations can be made in memory of Beverly Rowley to: Maryknoll Ministries, P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545. To leave condolences, please visit: https://www.penzienfh.com/

May peace be with you

in this time of sorrow.



Lois Joy Wood

CHARLEVOIX - Lois Joy Wood, 95, of Charlevoix, passed away on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at her home surrounded by loved ones. She was born on August 15, 1926 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Carl and Bernice (Sinicki) Housler.

Lois graduated from Cass Tech High School



in 1944, and shortly thereafter, she married the love of her life, Stuart E. Wood. They raised their family together in Bloomfield Hills before making Charlevoix their home over 30 years ago. Lois mainly took care of the home and her children, but she also found the time to put her artistic abilities to work selling her watercolor artwork as well as doing some advertising work.

When they were living downstate, Lois was a quiet philanthropist in the community; she volunteered her time at the community pool, their church, and several other areas, but she never wanted the recognition. She would also spend countless hour knitting caps and blankets for those less fortunate. Lois loved her grandchildren dearly and cherished each moment she was able to spend with them.

Lois is survived by two children, Carol (David) Peterson of Birmingham and Doug (Whitney) Wood of Birmingham; seven grandchildren, Sarah (Jason) McGovern, Stuart (Cristina) Peterson, Alyssa Wood (fiancé Kevin Kritzman), Shannon Wood, Joseph Peterson, Jacob Peterson, and Katelyn (Michael) Tenerelli; and three great-grandchildren, Matilda, Zachary, and Anthony.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Stuart Wood; her brother, Harry Housler; and her sister, Barbara Wendell.

For information regarding a memorial service for Lois, please reach out directly to her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Community Food Pantry of Charlevoix, 100 W. Hurlbut St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 or Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Elizabeth MacKay Saylor

TRAVERSE CITY - Elizabeth MacKay Saylor of Traverse City, Michigan, died July 10, 2022, at the age of 91. She lived in Traverse City for more than 30 years. For many years she had lived in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, outside of Detroit.

She was born in Detroit on October 24, 1930, the daughter of Lisle K. MacKay and Laura Boyd MacKay. Her father was a teacher and high school principal in the Detroit public school system. After attending Detroit Southeastern High School, where she was captain of the swimming team, she graduated from Michigan State University in 1952.

She worked for many years as a church secretary and for a variety of social services agencies in the Detroit and Traverse City areas.

She raised a family of three children, who remember her as a warm, active, and supportive mother who encouraged their differing interests. She was a devotee of crossword puzzles and a fearsome card player who loved a game of hearts or bridge. She also enjoyed cooking and baking, and for many years baked and decorated tins of gingerbread men at Christmas that she delivered to neighbors and family members. And she often surprised her children with unexpected displays of talent, such as the time she won a dance contest doing the Twist.

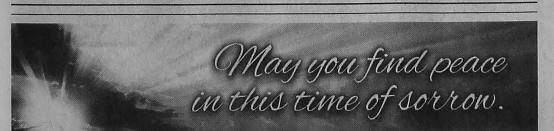
When she was a young girl, her parents bought property on the west side of Torch Lake in Antrim County, where they built a camping shack and eventually a cottage. Her family spent summers at the lake, picking cherries on local farms in the early years to supplement her father's salary as a teacher. The original property, together with some adjacent properties, are still owned by members of her extended family. She spent many of her happiest days at the lake with her grandchildren and other family and friends.

She is survived by her children Nancy (Robert) Eitzen of Cedar, Michigan; Dennis Saylor (Addie Fiske) of Weston, Massachusetts; and Laura (John) McCallion of Savannah, Georgia; and her grandchildren, Carolyn Eitzen, John Saylor, Charles Saylor, Alexander Saylor, Jack McCallion, Joseph McCallion, and David McCallion. Her marriage to Frank D. Saylor III ended in divorce. Her brother, Robert A. (Rita) MacKay, of Walnut Creek, California, predeceased her.

A memorial service will be held at the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City on Sunday, August 21, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. The family asks that contributions in her memory may be made to the Torch Lake Protection Alliance at tlpa.com.

Memories and condolences may also be shared on Elizabeth's tribute page, www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

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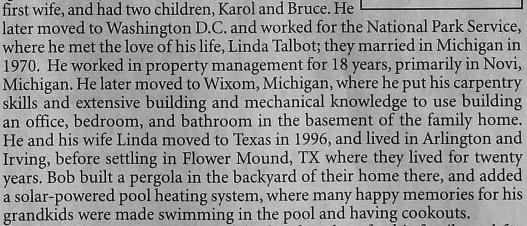


Robert Earl Steiner, Jr.

DENTON - Robert Earl Steiner Jr., known as Bob, Dad, or Papa to his grandkids, passed away on Wednesday, July 20th, 2022, at 79 years of age from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Bob was born in Cleveland, Ohio on March 18,1943 to Marie Emerson Steiner and Robert Steiner Sr. He and his three younger siblings, Jim, Marcia, and Pam, grew up in Orville, Ohio. He attended Orville High School and graduated in 1961.

Bob moved to Michigan to attend Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, where he married his first wife, and had two children, Karol and Bruce. He



Bob will be most remembered for his deep love for his family and for the way he demonstrated his love through his actions. Whether it was his attendance at his kids' sporting events and activities, which he always video taped, planning road trips to take with his family, selling video equipment so he could take his kids to Disney World, or helping his grandkids with their projects and interests. He enjoyed raising Cichlids (fish native to Africa), and attended meetings of the American Cichlid Association, and was able to pass on his interest to his grandkids, helping them get started in their own fish hobby. He taught his grandkids about woodworking and how to use tools, they helped him with projects around the house, and he helped them make plans and build various projects they dreamed up. He looked forward to when his grandkids stayed over for the weekend, and they enjoyed Papa's tradition of making homemade waffles when they woke up in the morning.

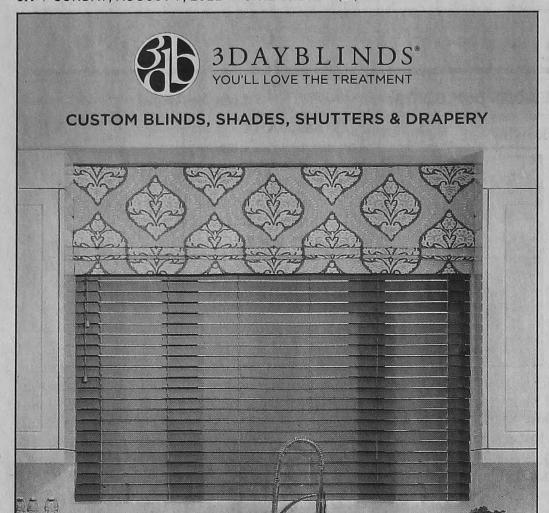
Bob is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Linda, son Jim and daughter-in-law Maria, daughter Nicole, son-in-law Gil, and grandchildren Zach, Luke, Maddie, Max, and Milo, and son Adam and daughter-in-law Jody, daughter Karol and grandchildren Elizabeth, Brendan and Nicole, son Bruce, daughter-in-law Kim, and granddaughter Sarah. In addition, he is survived by his brother Jim and sister Marcia. He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert Sr. and Marie, and by his sister, Pam.

The family will hold a memorial service on August 11th at 1:00 pm at Trietsch Memorial Methodist Church, 6101 Morriss Road Flower Mound, TX 75028, and request donations to The Alzheimer's Association in lieu of flowers.

"The best portions of a good man's life is his little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and love"-William Wordsworth

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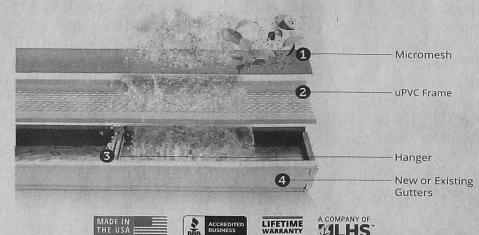
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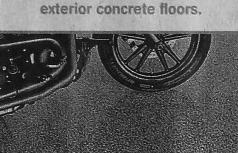


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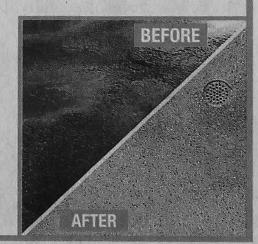
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SPORTS

Canton woman retires to join Tigers staff

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Canton firefighter Maureen Stoecklein has switched gear from public safety to professional sports as the Detroit Tigers nutrition coordinator.

She was invited to become a crucial member of the professional baseball team's support network in late 2021 and officially retired from firefighting duties this summer to focus on the Tigers' fuel from food.

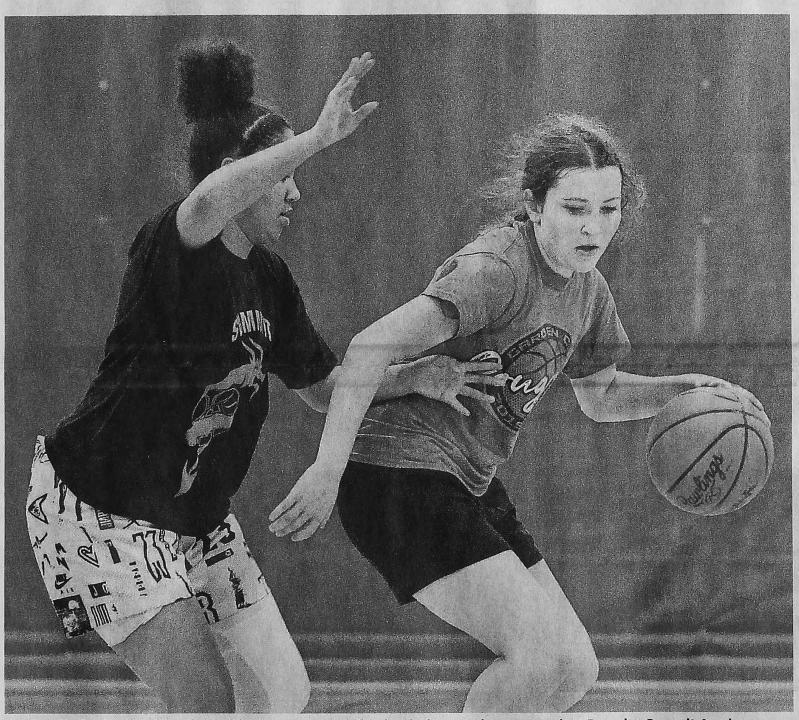
Stoecklein works with a team of chefs and dietitians to make sure they're eating and enjoying the

right combination of foods throughout the day.

"First of all, I am honored to be working for the hometown team. That is like the coolest thing, because I grew up watching the Tigers (and) going to Tiger Stadium for games," she told Hometown Life in June, during one of her last shifts as a Canton Township firefighter. "The Tigers are really going places with nutrition. We're really growing a cool depart-

"Our culinary and nutrition department is combining and doing some really fun, cool and great things. I'm just really excited to be working with likeminded people that are on the same page as me as far as providing really great tasting food that's going to help them perform at their best."

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Garden City's Siena McNitt, right, dribbles around a defender during a scrimmage against Romulus Summit Academy
North on July 27. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Garden City guard among metro Detroit's best players

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Siena McNitt once received an invite to join one of the most prominent AAU teams in metro Detroit.

The problem was the cost was too steep. Not just the price to join the team but all the expenses of traveling around the country, staying in hotels and all the extra stuff that goes with playing on an elite circuit.

So the 5-foot-5 Garden City point guard has been doing this recruiting thing the hard way, and that likely makes her one of the most underrated recruits in Michigan entering her senior year.

And that's not hyperbole. She recently attended a Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's showcase that included the state's top 100 players.

She's got the skill set to play at the next level. She's just not that well

known because she lacks exposure

from not playing travel basketball.

The three-time All-Western Wayne Athletic Conference selection is hoping to pick up more interest on the recruiting trail and find herself a spot on a college roster by the time the 2022-23 season wraps up next March.

"I think it's my last season to really prove I can play college basketball."

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South Lyon East wrestler storms back to become All-American

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

How's this for an underdog story? It was the double-elimination portion of the USA Wrestling 16U Women's Freestyle National Championships last month in Fargo, North Dakota, and South Lyon East's Isabella Cepak had lost her first match.

She shook it off but then found herself trailing, 8-0, just 1 minute into the second round of her next 117-pound bout, this time against Melanie Val from Tennessee. All Val needed to do was score two points, and the match was over. And in the process, Cepak's run at North Dakota State University would be over as well.

The points never came for Val, who was pinned by Cepak with 1 minute, 21 seconds left in the round.

The comeback victory proved to be just the shot in the arm Cepak, who just wrapped up her freshman season wrestling for the Cougars, needed to rip off an incredible run on the national stage.

Cepak went on to pin her next five opponents to qualify for the medal round.

And then in the seventh-place match, she pinned Jessa Joiner from Missouri in just 2:23 to become the first South Lyon East wrestler, boy or girl, to become an All-American.

What's more, she left the tournament with the most pins out of all 518 girls competing at the FargoDome.

"When we had a minute to talk with coaches, (Alma College coach Kaitlyn Pizzo) told me to just bring it back," Cepak told Hometown Life. "I looked at the scoreboard and knew I had to slowly do whatever I could to score points or do what I usually do, which was go for the pin to get the match over with. It's probably the easier thing to do in that situation, and it just feels better to get the pin anyway."

It was a trip of a lifetime for Cepak, as she represented Michigan and

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Wrestler

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competed under some of the top women's coaches in the state. That included Pizzo, Michigan Revolution's Mario Flores (Highland), Michigan national team coach Jaime Stenz-Smith and Albion College assistant Zach Wood.

She suffered just two losses. The first was to Ashley Naranjo from Washington, who placed fourth. The other was to Kira Cole from Ohio, who was the fifthplace finisher.

"At the end of the tournament, I was like, 'Wow, I actually did *THAT*,'" Cepak added. "I can't even remember the last time I came back from a (point deficit) that was that bad. But I just remember I wasn't too stressed out about it. And now it definitely feels like an honor because I couldn't believe it when it happened. It really took me a second to think about what I had achieved. Not a lot of people get to do it, and I feel honored to do that."

It's been quite the summer for Cepak since her admirable effort for the Cougars during last winter's Michigan High School Athletic Association state tournament.

In March, she finished third in the state in the 115-pound girls division after losing in the semifinals to Fowlerville's Margaret Buurma, who went on to win the individual state championship. Coincidently, Cepak and Buurma are training partners at Michigan Revolution in Highland. And Cepak actually traveled with the Buurma family to Fargo because her father, South Lyon East coach Matt Cepak, couldn't make the trip because of work responsibilities.

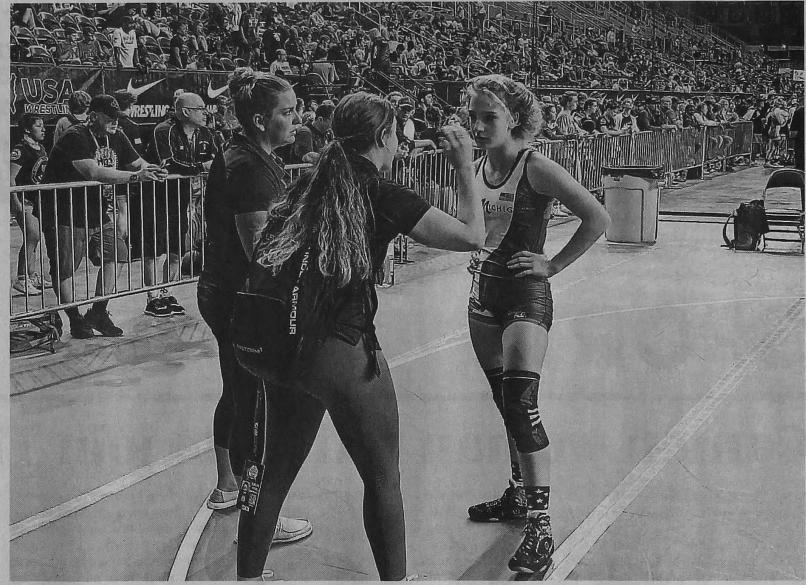
Cepak went on to win the 122-pound division at the Ohio Tournament of Champions. And then she went undefeated during the Tulsa Team Duals while representing Team Michigan.

She followed up those outings with a third-place effort at the Central Regional Championship in Fort Wayne, Indiana, which qualified her for the Freestyle National Championships in Fargo.

Counting her three wins and two losses in the Junior Division tournament, she went 9-4 in North Dakota.

Cepak's older sister, Olivia, who wrestled at the University of the Cumberlands in Kentucky, went 1-2 when she represented Michigan at the Freestyle National Championships years ago. And their brother, Matthew, who currently wrestles for Siena Heights, never made it out west because he doesn't focus on freestyle.

So it's been a heck of a year for the brandonj.



South Lyon East's Isabella Cepak (right) gets coaching from Jaime Stenz-Smith and Kaitlyn Pizzo during the USA Wrestling 16U Freestyle National Championships in July. COURTESY PHOTOS

Cepaks, especially for Coach Cepak, who also guided East sophomore Tyler Swanigan to a girls state championship at 130 pounds in March at Ford Field.

"It's just amazing. Just amazing," said Coach Cepak, who's entering his fifth season leading East. "That feeling you get when one of your wrestlers achieves something at that level. ... words can't even explain it. It took us a little bit of time to realize exactly what Bella did at Fargo by becoming an All-American there. Tyler got to be a state champion, and now Bella is an All-American. It's just great for our program."

Bella said her goal is to win a state championship over the next three seasons. And, of course, she'll have to get through Buurma, one of her close friends, to achieve that. But now she's got the confidence of becoming an All-American to inspire during her journey to get back to downtown Detroit.

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Cepak placed seventh in the national championships.

Guard

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she said following last week's scrimmage against Romulus Summit Academy North. "I've been getting college interest, but it's definitely a challenge getting noticed when I play in a smaller league. It's hard getting that exposure when I play against smaller competition, and it's hard for colleges to judge just how good you are. And not playing AAU has definitely been a challenge, too, and that's probably been a downfall on my side of things (with recruiting)."

McNitt has been in touch with instate schools such as Albion College, Alma College and Michigan Tech as well as Columbia University and SUNY Canton in New York. If those sound like challenging academic schools, you're right. She carries a 4.028 grade-point average thanks to all the advanced placement classes she has aced.

So a stellar repertoire as a point guard, plus some good grades should make her quite marketable on the recruiting trail. And she's not unfamiliar with how recruiting works.

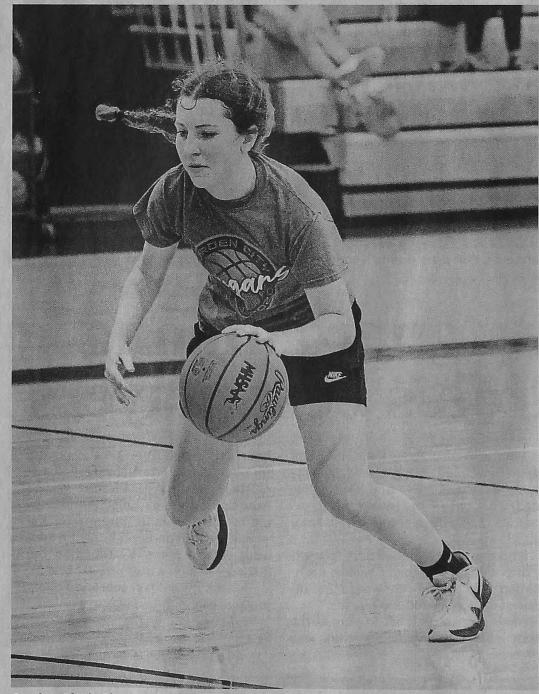
She remembers college scouts coming to her soccer games in the eighth grade. At one point, she was one of the best soccer recruits in the state, but, alas, basketball is her true passion. In the seventh grade, she elected to make basketball her main sport and she hasn't looked back since.

She's played just one season of varsity soccer at Garden City because of the pandemic canceling one season and a broken nose keeping her from playing in another. But in her debut with the Cougars this past spring, she totaled 17 goals and helped them advance to the Division 2 district final against Dearborn Divine Child.

So she's a truly talented athlete who

can get it done in two sports.

And to be that good, you've got to make the most of your off-seasons, and that's exactly what she has done. Because she's not playing AAU, she attends individual skill camps and showcases around the state. Plus, she works



Garden City's Siena McNitt drives to the hoop during a scrimmage against Romulus Summit Academy North on July 27. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

individually with Garden City coach Michele Tyree and athletic director Tobias Tuomi during open gyms. She even worked with those two on the outdoor courts at Farmington Elementary during the pandemic.

The extra work has paid off for her. This past winter, she averaged 16.5 points, 4.9 steals and 3.4 rebounds. Despite missing time with an injury, she

totaled 297 points in 18 games. That included her scoring a career-best 29 points in one game.

She enters this school year as one of the best players in the WWAC, and Tyree hopes McNitt can help the Cougars compete with Romulus for the league title. Romulus was undefeated in WWAC play a year ago.

ay a year ago. What's more, Garden City drops

down to D-2 for the district tournament, so it'll have a more competitive playoff draw vs. past years when it generally faces bigger schools from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

"She works on basketball in her driveway, and she comes in and puts time in here, too," Tyree said. "She scores for us from the inside by penetrating to the basket, and she has a nice touch from the outside. She does look for her teammates and is good at distributing the ball. She just enjoys playing.

"So we definitely want to be competing for a league championship with her leading us. Romulus is always a tough team in our league, but we want to compete for a league championship and be competitive for a district championship."

McNitt won't be asked to do it alone for the Cougars.

While they graduated a few key contributors from a year ago, they actually return seven seniors who should add plenty of depth.

Aside from McNitt, they are expecting to bring back Amia Sykes, Kenda Smith, Brianna James, Cheyenne Buhro, Nevaeh Roberts and Margaret Wroblewski.

"We're pretty senior-heavy," said Tyree, who's entering her 11th year as head coach. "Amia has a good instinct for making passes, and she'll be able to help with cuts, scoring and distrubiting the ball. Kenda Smith is another one of our solid players, and she plays several positions for us. Maggie Wroblewski is our lone returning post player, and we're not very tall, but she does a good job passing from the inside. We get good help-side defense from Brianna James, and Cheyenne Buhro is one of our better outside shooters, and Nevaeh will be a big contributor, too."

An improved effort in the WWAC should lead to more wins for Garden City. In turn, that should lead to more eyeballs on the Cougars' games, and, hopefully, for McNitt, some of those eyes are from college scouts.

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Pushing for change

Hartland national champion wants more for women's wrestling

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

If Eliana Bommarito was a male wrestler, she would be heading to Iowa, Michigan, Ohio State, Oklahoma State, Penn State or some other national powerhouse.

Those are expected destinations for a two-time national champion and four-time state champ.

But as a female heavyweight wrestler, options are limited for the 2022 Hartland High School graduate.

She will be taking her considerable talents to Indian Hills Community College in Iowa because there isn't a place for female heavyweight wrestlers at the NCAA or NAIA level.

Bommarito recently won the 225-pound junior (18-and-under) national championship in Fargo, N.D., for the second time, doing so in her typical dominant fashion.

She used the platform to advocate for a 235-pound weight class, holding her award in one hand and a sign that read "Add 235 wt. class, #GrowWomensWrestling" in the other. Currently, the heaviest weight class is 191 at four-year schools and 235 for junior colleges.

Her desire to see a heavier weight class in college isn't entirely selfish.

"I feel it for other people who are coming in to wrestle," said Bommarito, who is ranked seventh nationally pound for pound by USA Wrestling. "I can imagine some of the friends I have in the lower weight classes who are so obsessed with wrestling. I think about girls in my weight classes. I get angry for them because they're so invested in the sport. There needs to be something for them."

Bommarito said there is a stigma attached to being a heavier female athlete.

"Nobody considers girls can be as tall and as strong and equal in weight to men without being overweight and inactive," she said. "That's something others need to realize."

Hartland coach Kyle Summerfield hopes a change is made before it's too late for Bommarito to compete beyond her two years at Indian Hills, the twotime defending national junior college champion.

"She pinned her way through nationals, pinned every girl in the first period," Summerfield said. "She's the Gable Ste-



Hartland's Eliana Bommarito.
BILL KHAN/LIVINGSTON DAILY

veson of girls wrestling but, yeah, they don't have a weight class for her right now in D1 or D2."

Steveson won an Olympic gold medal last summer before returning to win his second NCAA heavyweight championship at the University of Minnesota.

Bommarito is prepared to move on if an opportunity doesn't open up in two years.

"I'm able to consider my other options," she said. "I could start focusing on my career choices or go to rugby if I wanted. I could do sports on the side with my club team for fun and could focus on my future career. I'm still undecided (about a career). I'm thinking more towards medical forensics or something about fitness training."

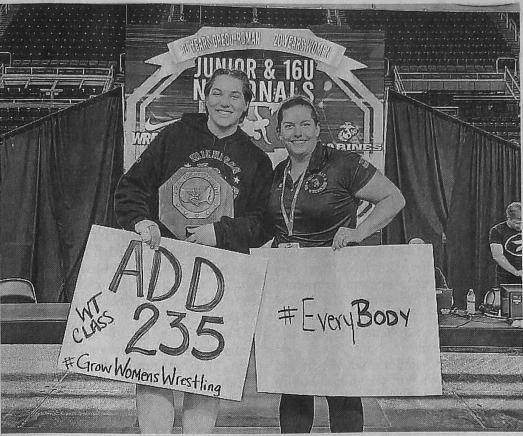
Bommarito was dominant against the top wrestlers in the nation in Fargo.

She pinned her first three opponents by the 40-second mark and got the pin in 1 minute, 20 seconds in the semifinals. She allowed a rare four-point move to Dasia Yearby of South Carolina in the championship match, but quickly regrouped to get the pin in 1:21.

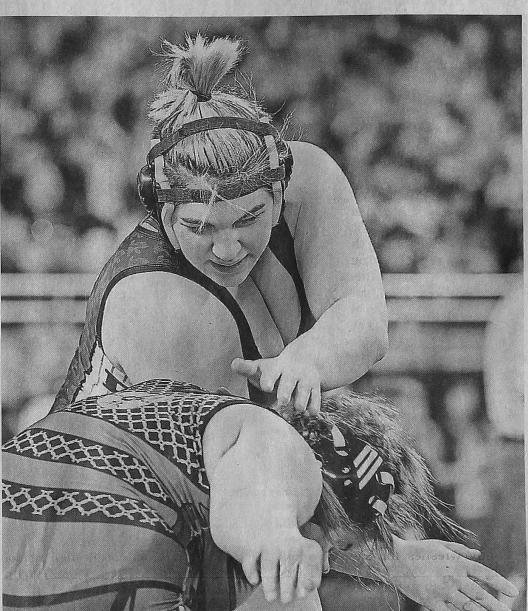
A year ago, she won her four matches in Fargo with two pins, an 11-0 decision and an injury default.

"This is my last year," she said. "It's kind of nerve-racking. I wanted to finish it out with a good ending. I didn't really want to lose. There's that pressure. I never stress out too much about it. I always have my coaches.

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Eliana Bommarito (left) poses with Jaime Smith, the head coach at Frankfort High School, after winning a national championship in Fargo, N.D. COURTESY



Bommarito added a second national wrestling championship to a resume that also includes four state titles. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

Tigers

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Stoecklein, 48, has loved athletics, being a part of a team and helping others for most of her life. She grew up in Livonia, attended Mercy High School in Farmington Hills and played softball and volleyball for Madonna University.

She received a degree to become a registered dietitian nutritionist and was able to work in that field for a few years. She became a Canton firefighter in 2000 because she missed physical work and being part of a team.

She remained athletic and focused on nutrition, eventually juggling her firefighting duties with dietitian work for Mike Barwis, who owns a performance center in Plymouth and has some serious connections in the professional sports world.

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She met and married another Canton firefighter while working for the township. Married for almost a decade, they

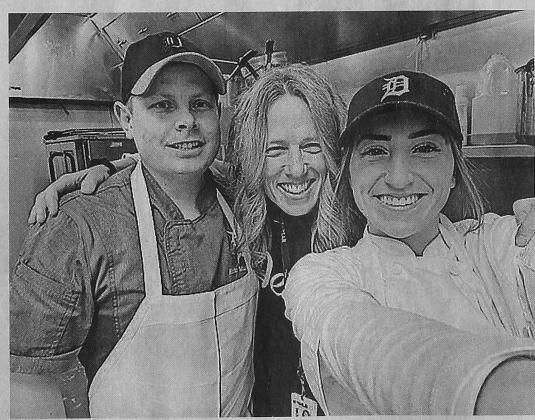
"Maureen has served our community with hard work and dedication for 22-years," Fire Services Director Christopher Stoecklein said when announcing her retirement. "She has set our department on a new path that promotes fire-fighter wellness — a component of the fire service that had been overlooked in the past but has since been proven to be beneficial to the employees as well as to the community we serve..

"I am especially proud to also call this kind-hearted, and professional retiree my wife."

Throughout her years with the department, Maureen "Mo" Stoecklein remained athletic and nutrition focused. Besides working at Barwis, she started helping other firefighters and police officers become more fit.

Challenges for the first responders include stress on the job and never knowing when they'll have to be in peak condition during their shifts.

"It might be in the middle of the night. It might be right before you go



Canton firefighter Maureen Stoecklein, center, has been moonlighting as a registered dietitian for the Tigers. Here, she is between Executive Performance Chef Eric Madden and Performance Prep Cook Alyssa Benvenuti. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

home," she said. "I feel like your body has to be in a constant state of readi-

"You can't arrive dehydrated, under fueled, under rested. All those things have to at least be a part of your lifestyle in order to be at your best, to serve your community as best you can. Athletes are taught that. Police officers and firefighters maybe aren't instilled with that as much."

Then Barwis, the New York Mets' senior advisor of strength and conditioning and Detroit Red Wings' sports science and human performance director, shared some news. The Mets were looking for a registered dietitian.

Stoecklein worked with the team from 2017 to 2020 before taking a break. She was focused on teaching wellness and nutrition to first responders when the Tigers called.

Now in her first full baseball season, Stoecklein shared that the Tigers enjoy

a post-batting practice meal – otherwise known as a pre-game meal – about two hours before game time. This is a light meal perhaps including chicken breast or wrap sandwiches.

"We always have plenty of healthy snacks around, too," Stoecklein said. "A lot of them just eat a peanut butter and jelly. Toasted peanut butter and jelly is really popular.

"They also have a post-game meal within minutes of coming off the field. Sometimes, that's at 11 o'clock at night. That's still an important meal for them to have to recover to be able to do the same thing over the next day."

She wants the Latin American players to still enjoy familiar dishes and to present fun foods like hamburgers, chicken fingers and sweets in a healthier way.

"It's challenging, but it's really a cool

challenge to have," she said.

For those hooked on improving



Stoecklein retired from firefighting to focus more on her job with the Tigers.

themselves, Stoecklein advises small, mindful lifestyle changes that can be done with others, like decreasing sugar intake from beverages.

She's not so big on using the word "diet" or counting protein grams. She does like fruit, hard-boiled eggs, trail mix, seeds, nuts and cheese sticks for healthy snack options. She's a fan of the RX and Kize bars.

The Tigers registered dietitian recommends protein shakes and apple sauce packets and fruit chews for carbohydrates sources that provide sustained energy.

Stoecklein shared some more advice for first responders and others who test their physical fitness at extreme levels.

"Recovery nutrition is a big piece that gets kind of neglected when you're in a position of public safety," Stoecklein said. "When you get back from a fire (or) back from a big event, are you resupplying your body with what it needs?

"That's where a lot of fruits and vegetables – that colorful stuff – comes in because that has a lot of those micronutrients that we need for recovery along with making sure you have some pro-

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Change

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"They're very clear about being OK with whatever happens and are just very supportive."

Also repeating as a national champion in Fargo was Sabrina Nauss, who is entering her junior year at Brighton. This time, however, Nauss was a double champion, winning the 16-and-under and junior titles at 180.

Nauss cruised to the championship match in both divisions before facing strong competition for the titles. She won her first four 16-and-under matches with three pins and a first-period technical fall and her first five junior bouts with three first-period pins and two technical falls.

In the 16-and-under final, she trailed 8-7 to Kali Hayden of Oklahoma before getting the pin in 2:28.

Nauss was down 8-5 against Alivia White of Washington before rallying to

get the pin in 3:25. A year ago, Nauss lost 14-13 to White in the junior quarterfinals before taking third place.

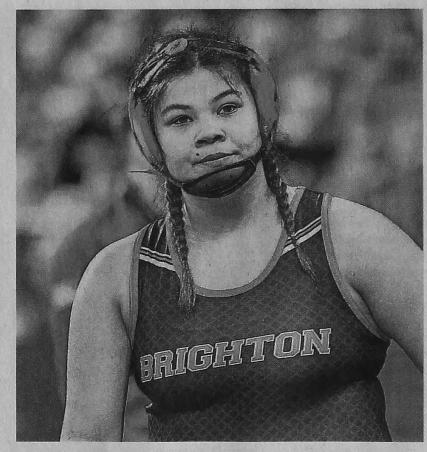
"It was great, especially since last year I fell short of my goal," Nauss said. "To get both feels really good.

"For my 16U, I'd never seen the girl before. I didn't know how to wrestle against her style. That was one of the challenges with her.

"In juniors, I wrestled that girl quite a few times. It was a matter of not letting her defend me."

Bommarito and Nauss were two of the three Michigan girls to win national championships, the other being Romeo junior-to-be Mishell Rebisch at 152. Rebisch also won both divisions. All three train together at Michigan Revolution Training Center.

"You can share the victory with someone else on your team," Bommarito said. "It's just another experience to be able to see your team grow with you and succeeding alongside you. It's a family kind of creation. You're happy to see everyone grow around you."



Sabrina Nauss, who will be a junior at **Brighton** in the fall, won the 16-and-under and junior national wrestling championships in Fargo, N.D. TIMOTHY ARRICK/ FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

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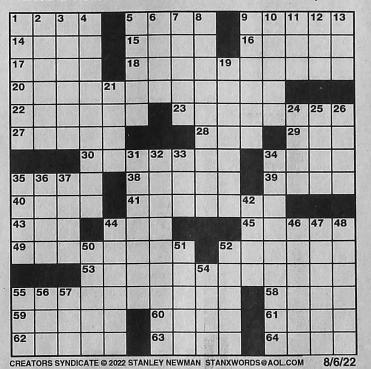
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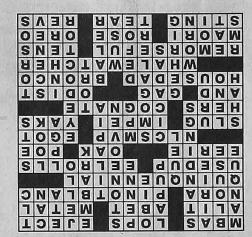
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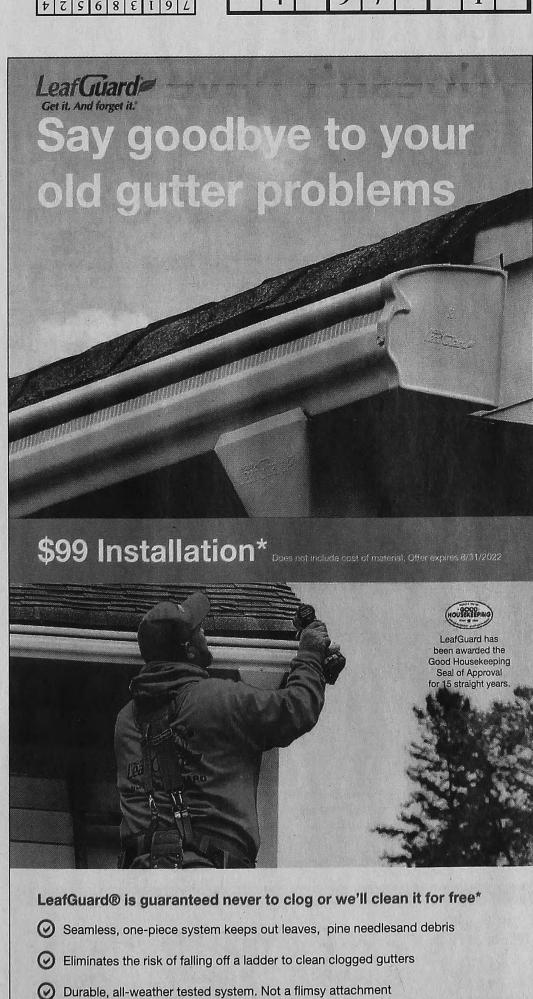
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