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South Lyon OKs 1 mill tax increase for roads, may ask voters for more

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South Lyon residents will see a tax rate increase this year.

A request for even more may be coming to voters this November.

The city council approved a 1-mill increase to be included in the 2021-22 budget during their May 24 meeting. The increase keeps the city under the total millage rate approved by voters years ago and will add in its first year a little more than \$400,000, to be directed to improving roads.

But it's far from enough and it's up to the city's residents to provide their own rescue, with an estimate of more than

\$40 million needed to fix South Lyon's failing road system.

"Regardless of state or federal (funds), we are way behind the eight ball," Mayor Pro-Tem Glenn Kivell said. "We are at a long stretch to find a solution, this is just the first drop in the bucket. We need to fix the roads."

Councilman Steve Kennedy agreed, citing the housing market crash in 2008, in which property valued dropped dramatically, and tax increases have been subsequently restricted at the rate of inflation for 13 years.

"We are woefully behind even if we hadn't experienced the Great Recession," Kennedy said. "We are (among the) 3% of municipalities in Michigan

that do not levy the full millage we are authorized to levy."

He then made a motion to support the millage rate resolution, amended to levy a total of 17.9307 mills, which includes a 1-mill increase to general fund operations. The increase is to be directed solely to street improvements.

The motion was supported by Kivell and also received approval from Mayor Dan Pelchat and Council member Lisa Dilg. Council members Maggie Kurtzweil, Carl Richards and Rose Walton voted no.

Kurtzweil said she wanted to see what would be coming from state and federal funds and recalled former long-time South Lyon City Manager Rod

Cook, (retired in 2008) who had budgeted "very carefully for road repairs," with a fund at one point "close to a million dollars."

"Then the Great Depression hit, some call it a recession, and it's interesting to see what happened to that road money as used by various city managers to fund items — in other words, it was shifted," Kurtzweil alleged. "I'm not in favor of raising any mill for roads when that fund has been robbed. I don't think the city has the appropriate checks and balances in place."

Zelenak said the city council decides and approves the budgets, and he and

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TIFFANY 'CUPCAKE' GETS A HEART, NEEDS HELP ON HER HIGHLAND HOME

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Tiffany Henry's nickname is "Cupcake," but while she is sweet and has a penchant for breaking into song, her 7 years of life have certainly not been a piece of cake.

On a recent day as the weather warms and the pandemic eases, Tiffany is on lockdown in a Southfield hotel room with her mom. She is waiting for her Highland Township home to be safe enough to welcome her after receiving a new heart in February.

"I don't give justice to what she has been through," Beth Henry, Tiffany's mom, said. "She is a heart warrior."

Tiffany is Beth's miracle child in every way. Beth Henry has polycystic ovarian syndrome and was told she wouldn't be able to have children. Tiffany was a welcome surprise.

The full-term pregnancy was without complications and all seemed well. However, Tiffany made a nearly silent entry into the world on July 12, 2013, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and was whisked away immediately.

"She was a blue baby and they said she had transposition of the great arteries," Beth recalls. "But that was the tip of the iceberg."

Within two hours of her birth, Tiffany was airlifted to Children's Hospital in Detroit, where Beth and Tiffany's father Matt



Beth and Tiffany Henry, 7, inside their Highland Township home on May 19. The home is being renovated to mitigate excessive mold and to make it easier for Tiffany to get around after her heart transplant surgery. JOHN HEIDER / HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Sakura Novi project moves forward again

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The Sakura Novi development is moving forward again, albeit without planned anchor One World Market.

The development, originally imagined with an Asian village theme, squeaked out an important rezoning approval from city council May 24 in a 4-3 vote. Mayor Bob Gatt, Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Staudt and Council members Julie Maday and Hugh Crawford voted yes. Council members Laura Marie Casey, Justin Fischer

and Andrew Mutch voted no.

"I still have the vision, hope and desire to see Sakura built," Gatt said, adding that the pandemic was a once-in-a-century event that no developer in his lifetime had been faced with. "Here we are coming out of (the pandemic) and we're talking Sakura as a reality. Let's pretend we turn it down and what is it now? Dirt, an eyesore in the middle of our great city and I don't want to see that two years from now. I want to see Sakura. I want to see an Asian village in whatever form we can get."

The development will look quite different after six amendments to the original purchase agreement for the 15-acre parcel of property on the north side of Grand River, east of Town Center Drive and south of 11 Mile Road.

Robert B. Aikens and Associates, LLC originally proposed purchasing the property from the city for \$3 million, with an enticing vision of a village of Asian-themed restaurants and retailers with a pond and Japanese gardens, an-

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Maybury State Park's pond on the park's east side. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER / HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 22, 2021, at 5:30 o'clock p.m., at Northville High School, Northville, Michigan, [and/or electronically through Zoom, with identification number 952 7998 9087] the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2021-2022 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2021-2022 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2021-2022 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at Old Village School, 405 W. Main Street, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Roland Huang

Secretary

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Spring announces its beautiful return at Maybury State Park

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Maybury State Park features almost 1,000 acres of gently rolling terrain, open meadow, mature forest, a variety of wildlife, abundant wildflowers and a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities.

Maybury State Park is a busy day-use park in Northville. The state acquired the land in 1971 from the City of Detroit following the closure of the Maybury Sanatorium that once occupied the site.

The park, located 49601 Eight Mile Road in Northville, is open daily.



A patch of golden ragwort occupies a patch of forest at Maybury State Park.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE ELECTRONIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **June 23, 2021** at 7:00 P.M. on the Zoom Video Conference electronic meeting platform to consider **LAKEVIEW JSP 18-16 FOR FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO) AGREEMENT. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY HAS BEEN REZONED TO RM-2 (HIGH DENSITY MID-RISE MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL WITH A PRO.** The subject properties are approximately 3.15 acres and are located on the east and west side of Old Novi Road, south of Thirteen Mile Road (Section 10 and 11). The applicant has received approval for 20 single family, detached residential site condominiums. At this time, in order to be able to accommodate new home styles, the applicant wishes to remove or modify the condition in the PRO Agreement that states front-facing garages must be set back a minimum of 5 feet from the front porch of each unit.

Plans are available for review by contacting the Community Development Department at the following email address: bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org



Subject Parcel IDs: 22-10-232-001, -002, -003, -004, -005, -006, -007, -008, -009, -010, 22-11-109-001, -002, -003, -004, -005, -006, -007, -008, -009, -010

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Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

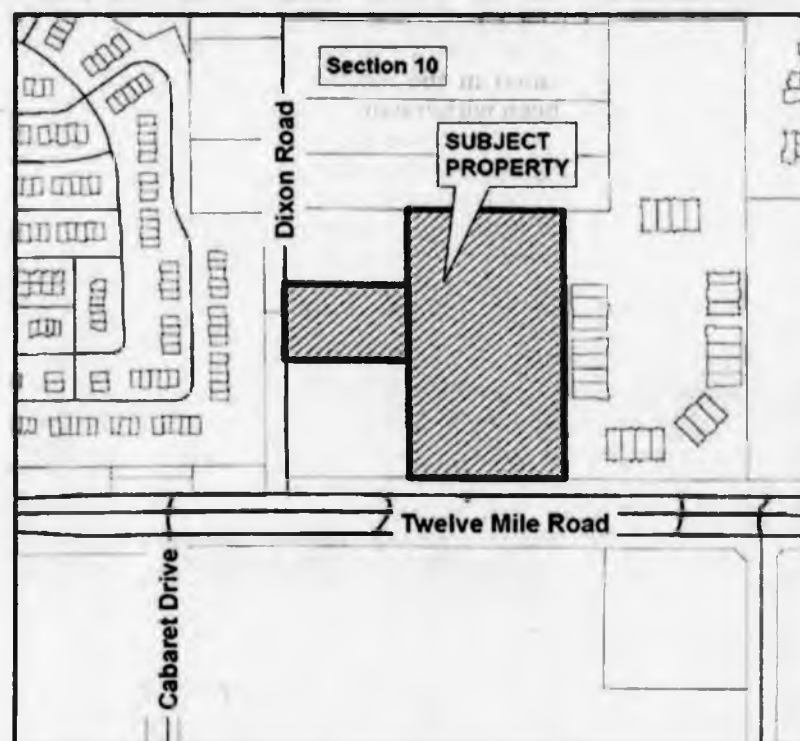
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE ELECTRONIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. on the Zoom Video Conference electronic meeting platform to consider **JSP19-22: FOUNTAIN VIEW PROFESSIONAL CENTER, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLAND USE PERMIT, WETLAND USE PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL.** The subject property totals approximately 5.45 acres and consists of two parcels, parcel 50-22-10-400-067 and parcel 50-22-10-400-012, located east of Dixon Road and north of Twelve Mile Road (Section 10). The subject property is zoned OS-1 (Office Service District). The applicant is proposing to construct three medical office buildings. Building A is proposed to be a total of 13,300 square feet and one-story in height. Building B is proposed to be a total of 27,940 square feet and two stories in height. Building C is proposed to be a total of 8,725 square feet and one-story in height.

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Novi market expanding into Japanese experience

Food hall planned with bakery, eateries, pub

Susan Selasky Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

One World Market, a well-known Japanese grocery store on Grand River in Novi, is planning a big expansion of the market that will also include a Noble Fish and White Wolf Japanese Patisserie, both Clawson-based businesses.

Plans are for the market to expand into the building formerly occupied by the Library Sports Pub & Grill next door.

The new concept is branded as Noble Village and will house One World Market, Noble Fish and White Wolf Japanese Patisserie under one roof. A food hall concept with a theme or entertainment aspect is planned. All three brands are owned by True World Group, a New Jersey-based supplier of Japanese seafood and other products.

The planned expansion, said Doran Brooks, founder of White Wolf Japanese Patisserie and the project's development director, is in the early development and planning stages.

"It's a whole Japanese food experience coming into the building," Brooks said of Noble Village. "The building will have a big beautiful sushi counter re-branding the sushi portion of Noble Fish. We are going to have a bakery which will be White Wolf."

A lease was recently signed to take



Mikio Tanimoto stocks a case full of sushi varieties for sale at the popular One World Market Japanese Grocery Store in Novi on May 24. The store is about to expand into what used to be its neighbor, The Library Sports Pub and Grill, to become the newly branded Noble Village, which will house Noble Fish, White Wolf Japanese Patisserie and One World Market Japanese Grocery Store. The new complex will give a complete Japanese shopping and culinary experience.

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over the Library Sports Bar and Grill space, which permanently closed at the end of March citing 2020 as "being the most difficult."

The planned concept is similar to Eataly markets, an all-things-Italian experience under one roof, from food products to restaurants and cooking classes.

Eataly was founded in Turin, Italy. Eventually, Eataly markets made their way to several U.S. cities, including New York and Chicago.

"(Eataly) meant in this way to educate people in this beautiful Italian food experience. We want to do that with Japanese cuisines and other influences from Southeast Asia as well, but the main core is the Japanese food experience. We want to create that here as our pilot for that type of food experience."

There will also be some type of noodle concept, he said, either ramen or udon, a Japanese sandwich concept, a fried chicken concept, and a Japanese pub. The complex will have a middle main entrance between the former Library Sports Pub & Grill space and One World Market. One World Market's current entrance will become the exit for the complex.

On the second-floor space of the pub will be a community center for birthday parties, private events and conferences that can hold about 400 people.

During renovations and expansion, One World Market will remain open, Brooks said. Starting immediately, the outdoor patio at the former Library Sports Pub will be open to customers who want to sit outside and enjoy one of the many One World Market grab-and-go options.

"The goal is to create something from entertainment, from a food experience

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chored by One World Market.

Now, Scott Aikens, as well as Robertson Homes and Sakura Novi Land Development, LLC, have proposed a mixed use development with up to 132 multi-family residential units in 20 townhome buildings, as well as office uses, restaurants and retailers, although the commercial tenants are undetermined and One World Market is out, deciding to expand at its current location across the street, into the space formerly occupied by Library Sports Pub.

Mutch said the residential component now appeared to be the main driver of the Sakura Novi project. While he did not object to establishing more housing in the area, he didn't want to see the commercial pieces tacked on as an afterthought.

"We had a vision of a vibrant, mixed use development where all pieces were tied together, and the concern is a year down road, we'll have the residential piece, and not anything else, except for what (the developers) are obligated," he said. "A year down the road, significant portions of the project could be undone and we have no mechanisms to make it happen in the way we want to see it happen."

Aikens said that coming out of the pandemic, there had been an increased desire in establishing businesses with an Asian theme in Novi, and he believed having them in the Sakura development would be "much more impactful than having operators defused along Novi Road."

"This truly is an exciting opportunity," Aikens said. "We need to start negotiating leases unless they will not proceed."

A 13,000-square-foot strip building has been proposed to be built first now, instead of the 25,000-square-foot specialty market.

While a specialty market remains a possibility, one isn't proposed at this time and adjustments have been made to previous buildings proposed



Some of the property that may become Novi's Sakura development. JOHN HEIDER / HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

for the property to accommodate new users. A community room to be located in the market has been withdrawn.

While there is a verbal agreement from the developers that at least 80% of restaurant tenants will have an Asian theme, there is nothing in writing. There is also no time-

line given in the planned rezoning overlay agreement for completion of the retail strip building or for construction of any of the remaining commercial buildings, nor for the order in which they will be built.

Jim Clarke of Robertson Homes said the council's approval gives a

"jump start" to move forward, turning an "eyesore into a beauty."

Although the council gave a spark to the project, it's far from blazing a trail through the former Anglin property, which housed a car wash and garden center. Decades of chemical runoff contaminated the property, Mutch said. He also cited concerns about financial impact on the city as the developer seeks what he called tax subsidies.

Environmental clean-up is estimated to cost upwards of \$1 million and the developer has not yet received a crucial brown-field designation nor a commercial rehabilitation district designation.

The clock is ticking. The first deadline the developers have to meet is July 21, either to meet or waive the conditions represented in the conditional purchase agreement. A final closing on sale of the property

would then need to be done by Aug. 21.

"We made it clear that this is final sales agreement extension we were going to be provided," Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Staudt said. "I will not vote for another extension... We have done everything we have promised."

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MDOT hosting public meeting for major I-275 project

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The Michigan Department of Transportation plans to start a major reconstruction of Interstate 275 in July. Work will span across four years, covering 24 miles of the highway between Will Carlton Road and 6 Mile Road. MDOT plans to spend \$257 million on the project. The project area runs through Wayne County communities including Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Northville. "We're very excited; we can't wait," said Jeff Horne, MDOT's project manager

for I-275. "We've been thinking about this every day for the past year." This year, crews will focus on concrete repair between Will Carlton and Northline roads as well as culvert replacements between Northline and Five Mile roads. Work is scheduled to start in July and will continue through November, costing about \$15 million. Drivers will have access to the stretch at all times but can expect lane and ramp closures from time to time. Joggers and cyclists can also expect the I-275 Metro Trail, which runs alongside the interstate, to close at M-14 and Schoolcraft for a short time this summer. "We are going to repair the M-14 and

Schoolcraft bridge, so we have to close that part of the trail for a short period of time while we work on the bridge," Horne said. The rest of the 24-mile area will be repaired over the next three years:

- 2022: Road rebuilding on the south-bound lanes between Northline and Five Mile roads.
- 2023: Road rebuilding on the north-bound lanes between Northline Road and M-14.
- 2024: Road rebuilding on the north-bound lanes between M-14 and Five Mile Road.

 The department is hosting a public

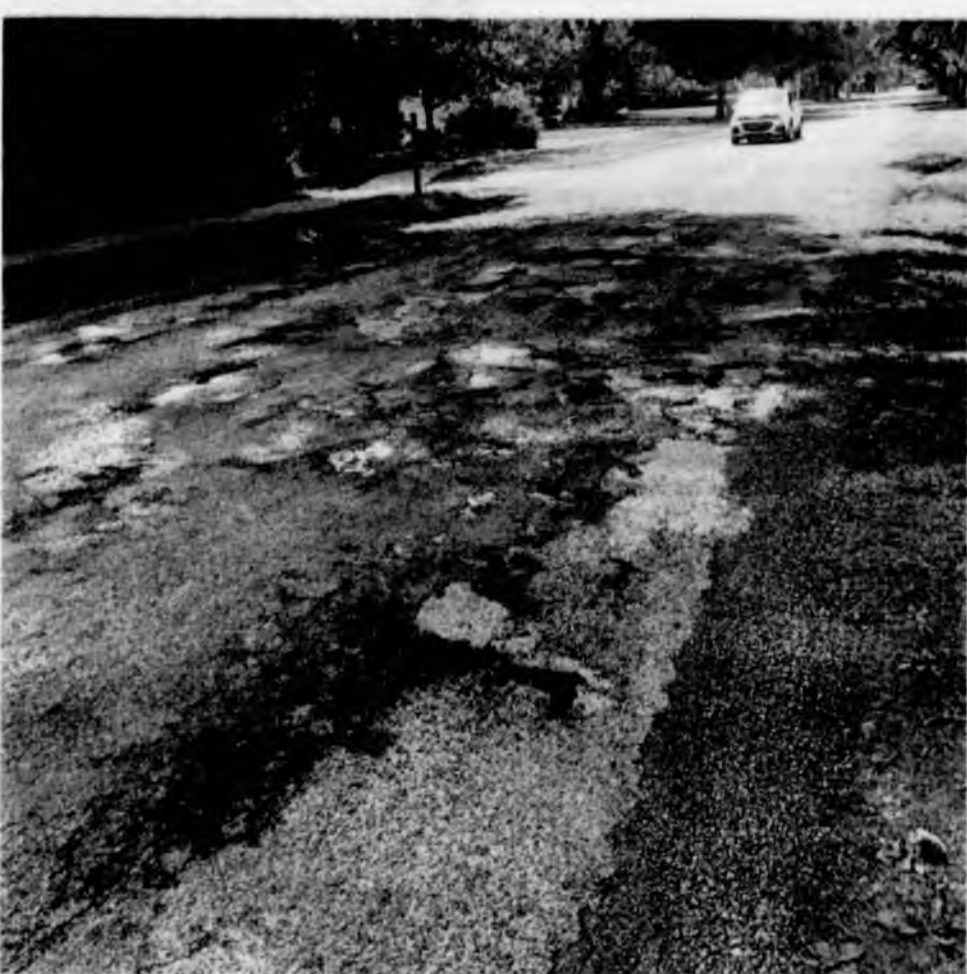
webinar June 8 where people can hear Horne speak about the project and ask him questions. People can visit revive275.org for details on how to log in. "We want to have public engagement, we want to notify our stakeholders and we want everyone to be well-informed of this project," Horne said. "A way to do that is have a public meeting and answer questions people may have." The public is encouraged to visit revive275.org, where MDOT will organize the project's details. Drivers can direct questions to MDOT by calling 248-275-8375 or emailing MDOT-275feedback@michigan.gov.

Taxes

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staff must adhere to the council's direction in their fiduciary responsibility to the city. "We need \$40 million. This (1-mill increase) will only raise \$417,000 in the first year and that's not even a drop in bucket, we need to do \$2-3 million per year to do repairs to subdivisions in place for 40 years," Zelenak said. "This can't be tied to what is going on with the federal or state legislature." Following the approvals of the 2021-22 millage rates, as well as budget (which passed, 6-1, Kurtzweil voting no), Zelenak presented a road improvement plan in which he pitched two possible solutions to the council: a millage request of voters, or funding of road improvements through special assessment districts. The council does not favor special assessment districts, which Pelchat said looked like "a possible disaster on trying to collect those funds." Instead, he hopes to bring a ballot initiative to voters in November. "I feel the urgency to do this, because we need as much firepower as we can to start attacking this roads issue," he said. "Infrastructure at this point in time as

we're coming out of the coronavirus pandemic has to be one of our top priorities because it is only going to get worse. Voters should be able to speak on it and I am very hopeful this will be on the November ballot." Pelchat said the number of mills is still being discussed and will continue to be addressed at each council meeting likely at least up until ballot language is decided. That language must be submitted for approval to county and state officials by the end of July to be put on the November ballot. Currently, Pelchat said the number "sounds like a mix of two or three mills." "That would give us the type of money to fight this, or make progress in a good way," he said. "It would be enough to start the program hopefully." In his presentation, Zelenak said each 1-mill increase raises revenue by \$415,000. For residential property owners, 1 mill equates to \$1 for every \$1,000 of a home's taxable value, which roughly equates to half of a home's property value. A South Lyon home with a taxable value of \$125,000 would pay about \$125 a year in additional taxes for each 1-mill increase. Contact reporter Susan Bromley at sbromley@hometownlife.com or 517-281-2412. Follow her on Twitter @SusanBromley10.



The 300 block of N. Hagadorn Street in South Lyon is one of many roads in the city that could use some repairs. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Tiffany

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Henry met her for the first time. A cardiology team explained Tiffany had multiple complex congenital heart defects, including hypoplastic ascending aorta, aortic arch atresia, Ebstein's anomaly, and hypoplastic right ventricle.

She had her first surgery when she was 3-weeks-old, and her first "crash" two days later. She was on a ventilator for three more weeks and came home to Highland at 3-months-old with in-home nursing care. Her second surgery was at 6 months.

Tiffany, listening to her mother recite a story she has heard many times, chimes in: "She was oh-so-happy to see me," adding that she has her own stethoscope.

The day after her third birthday, Tiffany had her third surgery — a completion of the Fontan procedure that re-routed her blood for more oxygenation and to close some previous holes surgeons had made. She came home after a month and then had a couple "really good years."

New heart needed

But this past summer, right before she started first grade homeschooling, Tiffany was vomiting daily with a side effect of heart surgery known as protein-losing enteropathy, and in September, her heart rate got up to 198 beats per minute after a day of playing outside, and she and mom rushed to the hospital.

As the heart team prepared Tiffany for a cardioversion, a shock to her heart that would loosen a large blood clot, but not without risk, Tiffany's heart rate suddenly dropped to a normal 98 beats per minute and she sat up.

"She started talking like crazy: 'Hey, I'm hungry, what are you guys all doing in here, can I get some food?' The doc said, 'Someone's watching over her,'" Beth Henry recalls.

Beth and Matt Henry had been told that many people can live with a single heart ventricle into their 30s. But after that episode, doctors told the Henrys that Tiffany's little heart was not going to keep going like this.

Right before Christmas, Tiffany underwent a variety of tests on her organs to see if she was a viable transplant



Tiffany Henry, 7, outside her Highland Township home on May 19. Tiffany had a heart transplant last fall after being born with defective heart valves and undergoing numerous heart surgeries before she was 3. JOHN HEIDER / HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

candidate, and passing the tests, she was put on the list, nearly three years before the Henrys had anticipated their daughter would be eligible.

It was also three years they thought they would have to make improvements to their home needed for an immune-compromised heart transplant patient.

"We don't have a lot of money, but we knew we would have to fix up the house, and I had got to pitching stuff, figuring we had two or three years," Henry said.

Beth Henry had worked as a dog groomer and dog sitter. Matt Henry worked as a chairlift operator at Alpine Valley Ski Lodge in the winter and worked at restaurants during the summer. He currently works as a technician at Bob's Tire in Brighton.

Both have health issues—Beth has osteoarthritis and Matt suffers from muscle issues and a stomach ailment she said is similar to Crohn's disease.

Their Highland home has numerous issues that makes it inhospitable for their daughter, including a 1970s furnace and extensive mold. The kitchen



Beth Henry smiles as she talks with her daughter Tiffany outside their Highland Township home on May 19. The Henrys have gone through a lot in Tiffany's seven years, including a heart transplant surgery last fall. JOHN HEIDER / HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

counters were falling apart and the siding was badly damaged from a hail-storm six years ago. Even the backyard was tainted from chickens that previ-

ously lived there.

"It was just a wreck and we couldn't catch up, we were barely making the bills every month," Beth said.

Ready or not

On Feb. 5, Tiffany had her scheduled heart catheterization, and with the results doctors wouldn't let her leave.

Beth had only printed up an application for a housing development loan, and one week later, Tiffany's cardiologist and the Children's Hospital transplant coordinator walked into her room and told Beth Henry they had found a dream match.

"They said, 'You can accept or we need to wait a little longer,'" she recalled. "Who says that? That's crazy. Of course we accepted."

The biggest surgery of Tiffany's short life started at 1 a.m., Feb. 13 and her mother prayed until the sun came up.

"I know what she has gone through and her insides are not in tippy top shape, they are horrific and surgeons won't tell you that unless they have to," Beth said. "It was scary, but we had already had some talks and said she would come through like she did with everything else..." Beth trails off, crying, before continuing:

"If this is God's will. And that was the discussion on what ifs."

When the medical team came with an update, it was to tell the Henrys their daughter was a very sick little girl. She would be on ECMO, a life support machine for the heart and lungs for three days, and dialysis for three weeks until she regained kidney function.

Coming off the dialysis, Tiffany began making her comeback, learning to walk and talk and be a kid again. Beth Henry is speechless with gratitude for the organ donor who has given her daughter life once more. All she knows is that Tiffany's new heart came from an older teenager. She hopes to one day write a letter to the teen's family.

"I don't have a word to describe the thank you I want to give them," she said. "I can't imagine going through the loss. Well, I have imagined, but you don't know unless you go through it... I just feel like thank you is not enough, for them, for the doctors."

Beth is in tears again, but Tiffany can be heard singing in the background,

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that's unlike anything else you will find in this region," Brooks said. "Our goal is to use this as a blueprint and as a concept so that we can eventually copy and paste this around the country."

Brooks, 37, oversees Noble Village's collection of brands in Michigan. He hails from California and has worked all over the world. He received his culinary

education in Australia as a classically French-trained chef.

For the first part of his career, Brooks devoted himself to cooking and previously worked for Iron chef Masaharu Morimoto at his New York City restaurant. Working as the production manager for the pastry department for Morimoto's restaurant influenced Brooks' interest in French-influenced Japanese pastries. In mid-September 2019 Brooks opened White Wolf Japanese Patisserie on 14 Mile Road in Clawson, next to Noble Fish.



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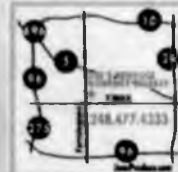
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Northville rowing makes history, wins three state titles

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At the Division 1 state championship regatta in Grand Rapids, the Northville rowing team took home some hardware.

For the first time in state history, the Mustangs took home all three champi-

onships: the overall team state title, the overall girls state title and the overall boys state title.

Northville earned gold medals in three events: the Men's 2V/JR 8+, in which Radhika Ajmera, Leyton DeMeo, Shivang Kapoor, Drew DeFrancesco, Will Mack, Kareem Abbasi, Daniel

DeAlmeida, Ben Kemnitz, Aaron Kimnitz earned the win; the Men's freshman 4+, including Lillie Gregory, Avery DiFrancesco, Daniel DeAlmeida, Kareem Abbasi, Joe Siddall; and the Women's 2V/JR 4+, which included Hannah Sondreal, Elizabeth Hartigan, Natasha Kobelsku, Riley Finn, Brigita Sumskas.

Northville's Ava Kehoe finished as a runner up in the Women's 1x, while Kiana May and Makala Hande earned silver medals in the Women's 2x. May, Hande, Kehoe and Annika Zaar also finished second in the Women's 4x.

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Northville senior Nick Lauderback faces off against Huron Valley United. DAVID DONOHER / SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

NORTHVILLE LACROSSE STORMS BACK, BEATS HURON VALLEY UNITED IN REGIONAL SEMIFINAL

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Northville took awhile to find its groove in the regional semifinal.

Facing a Huron Valley United team they had beaten already once in 2021, 16-10 on May 7, the Mustangs boys lacrosse team came out slow in the game that counted most.

Titans junior Ryan Davis passed the ball over the heads of each of the Mustang defenders, landing directly into the stick of Logan Gillis, who fired for the score, the first of four for Huron Valley United in the first 12 minutes.

Northville head coach Shaun Dicken knows success comes from the effort shown, something that Huron Valley had the advantage in.

"It has to be obvious that we are putting out the best effort," Dicken said. "At the beginning of the game, it was Huron Valley without a doubt. We just made that effort to pick up every single ground

ball and that's what turned around the game."

Northville (9-4) outscored the Titans, 9-3, in the final three quarters of play, beating Huron Valley United (7-9), 10-7, in the Region 4 semifinal and advancing to the regional final for the first time since 2018.

"We came out, I think our nerves got the best of us in that first quarter," senior Luke Wierengo said. "We huddled as a group, picked the things we had to work on and we worked on it."

Eighty-eight seconds into the second half, Northville shifted the momentum for good.

Trailing by three goals, senior attackman Luke Tardich found senior Colton Kuehl for the Mustangs' second goal of the game. The one goal opened the seal for the Mustangs, scoring five goals, including two by Tardich, to hold onto a 6-6 tie heading into halftime.

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Huron Valley United junior Brendan Dale tries to find an opening against Northville. DAVID DONOHER / SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

South Lyon United lacrosse shuts down Walled Lake United in regional semifinal

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If someone had asked South Lyon United boys lacrosse head coach Justin Boughton at the beginning of the sea-

son that his season would culminate into a chance at a regional title, he would have told them it wouldn't happen.

He only had two returners coming back from the 2019 team that finished

15-6 and first in the Lakes Valley Conference, and took the field in 2021 with double-digit sophomores and freshmen who had not played varsity lacrosse before.

But Boughton found himself watch-

ing his team contend for a chance he never felt was possible. And South Lyon United was doing everything he wanted to see.

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Livonia Churchill soccer passes rival Franklin, advances to district semifinals

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Christopher Burnette is a Livonia Franklin alum, coaches the Patriots boys soccer team in the fall and has a daughter, Reagan, on the Patriots girls soccer team in the spring. But when he arrived at the high school, clad in black and red, he knew he had a job to do: stop Franklin's playoff run.

In the first round of District 11 play, though, there was no guarantee. Burnette, the Churchill girls soccer head coach, had not lost to Franklin in 2021, but held only a one-goal advantage against the Patriots over two meetings.

That one-goal advantage was all Churchill (8-8-2) needed to get the job done on the road, beating Franklin (6-10-1), 2-1, for its first playoff win since the 2015 season.

"I knew it would be a tough game," Burnette said. "No matter what, we play each other hard. It depends who's the better team really at the end of the game."

After holding onto a two-goal lead for the majority of the game - accumulated through goals from junior Kate Heston and sophomore Rebecca Rohmfeld, who was called up from the junior varsity team for that game - Churchill nearly lost it in the final 10 minutes.

Franklin had been trying to claw its way back throughout the game. Freshman Alyssa Simmons-Dindelley and sophomore Leah Kuhn formed multiple chances in the first half of play, each either stopped by a crossbar or by the hands of Churchill goalkeeper Trinity Vallejo.

"Trinity has been key for us all year," Burnette said. "When we do make those mistakes, we need that goalkeeper to do what they do and make those extreme saves."

Patriots senior Madison Marano found her opportunity with 8:27 left in the game, recording a goal across her body to cut her team's deficit to one.

With 45 seconds left, Franklin saw itself in a prime position to tie the game, earning a foul within the 40-yard line, leading toward a free kick by Grace Distrlrath.

"I've seen her do it all year. She has



Livonia Franklin junior Grace Distrlrath tries a free kick late in the first round of District 11 play against Livonia Churchill. COLIN GAY / HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Livonia Churchill head coach Christopher Burnette addresses his team after its 2-1 win against rival Franklin. COLIN GAY / HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

multiple goals from that spot. That's her spot. Stars aligned," Franklin head coach Dean Kowalski said. "And the second she hit it, my assistant coach goes, 'It's going. It's in.'"

"I've been doing this a long time. I really thought it went in."

The ball sailed over the head of Vallejo,

but also over the top of the goalpost to secure Churchill's one-goal victory.

Kowalski had high expectations for his group coming into its first playoff game. The team was young, yet confident, knowing what it had in its arsenal could put the Patriots in a position to beat Churchill for the first time in his ten-

ure. To him, this playoff game was the "fork in the road" for the program, what could prove to be the turning point for Franklin soccer.

"If we want to take that next step where we are mentioned with the Churchill's and the Stevensons... and not just the third high school... it's going to take performances like this and an offseason to build on it," Kowalski said.

At Churchill, Burnette advances, earning his first playoff win of his time with the Chargers.

Burnette was honest. He would have been excited for his daughter to advance in the postseason. He's coached her his whole life. But they had a mutual understanding that, when on the field, it was strictly soccer.

"She's like, 'It could go either way,'" Burnette said. "When we come out here, it's all business. She wants to beat me and I want to beat her."

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Baseball

May 25

Lakeland 4, South Lyon 2: Tate Farquhar earned the win on the mound going 6.1 innings giving up one earned run. Kevin Krill has a three-run home run while Trey Rowley added a solo home run.

Lakeland 9, South Lyon 2: Matthew Hanneman earned the win on the mound. Dom Slone had a two-run home run and scored three runs while Nolan Hull, Tyler Moore and Kevin Krill each had hits.

May 22

Clarkston 6, Lakeland 4: Gavin Meehan went 3-3 with an RBI. Tate Farquhar was 1-2 with an RBI. Caden Dureya, Kevin Krill and Matthew Hanneman each had hits. Lakeland 15, Clarkston 5: Andrew Potter earned the win on the mound. Brandon Abrey was 3-4 with an RBI. Kevin Krill, Matthew Hanneman and Tyler Moore all had two hits in the winning effort.

May 19

Lakeland 12, Walled Lake Northern 7: Gavin Meehan earned the win on the mound in relief, giving the Eagles a gutsy 4.2 shutout innings. LHS pounded out 18 hits led by Kevin Krill who was 3-4 with five RBI including a home run. Tate Farquhar was 3-3 with a walk, Ryan Abrey was 3-4 while Caden Dureya, Andrew Platt and Dom Slone each added two hits.

May 18

Lakeland 9, Walled Lake Northern 2: Tate Farquhar picked up the win on the mound going six innings scattering five hits and striking out six. Ryan Abrey went 2-2 with two RBI and Nolan Hull also had two hits.

Walled Lake Northern 3, Lakeland 1: Kevin Krill, Caden Dureya and Trey Rowley all had hits.

May 15

Lakeland 7, Northville 6: Jake Held earned the win on the mound in relief. The Eagles scored five runs on the top of the seventh to take the lead. Dom Slone was 2-4, Matthew Hanneman recorded one hit with three RBI. Kyle Zavinsky had the big two-RBI single for the go-ahead runs.

Novi 4, Lakeland 1: The Wildcats handed the Eagles its second loss of the season,

scoring four runs in the bottom of the third inning. Freshman left-hander Brendon Bennett threw six innings, allowing one run on four hits, four walks and seven strikeouts. Dom Slone took the loss on the mound for Lakeland. Caden Dureya recorded two hits.

May 14

Lakeland 7, Milford 1: Tate Farquhar earned the win on the mound, throwing a complete game scattering just four hits and striking out nine. He also scored two runs and hit a triple at the plate. Kevin Krill was 2-4 on the day while Gavin Meehan hit a huge two-run homer off the tree over the left-field fence.

Lakeland 4, Milford 2: Caden Dureya earned the win coming on in relief. The Eagles scored all four of their runs on the top of the seventh inning for the come-from-behind win. Andrew Platt has the big blow with the two-out, two-RBI triple to plate the go-ahead runs. Mason Brown added two hits in the victory.

May 12

Lakeland 8, Waterford Kettering 0: Matthew Zarembo picked up the win on the mound, throwing five innings. Caden Dureya pitched the final two scoreless innings to combine for the shutout. Andrew Platt, Ryan Abrey and Brandon Abrey each had two hits. Tate Farquhar had an RBI triple in the first inning to start the scoring and Kevin Krill and Gavin Meehan each had two RBI.

May 11

Lakeland 10, Waterford Kettering 0: Tate Farquhar picked up the win on the mound throwing five shutout innings including six strikeouts. Gavin Meehan and Nolan Hull each recorded two hits at the plate while Tyler Moore added a hit. Lakeland 13, Waterford Kettering 3: Kyle Zavinsky picked up the win on the mound going four innings. Kevin Krill was 3-3 with four runs scored and Caden Dureya was 2-2 with two walks and five RBI. Andrew Platt also had two hits in the contest.

May 8

Lakeland 10, Chippewa Valley 2: Andrew Potter earned his first varsity win on the mound. Kevin Krill had four hits in four at bats with three RBI. Tate Farquhar was recorded two hits with three runs scored and Brandon Abrey had two hits in two at bats with an RBI. Lakeland 13, Livonia Franklin 3: Dom



Northville golfer Griffin Blackman participates in an event at The Loop at Forest Dunes. COURTESY OF KURT BRAUN

Slone earned the victory on the mound. Caden Dureya and Mason Brown each recorded two hits and an RBI while Kevin Krill, Matthew Hanneman, Brandon Abrey and Jake Werth all had hits in the victory.

May 5

Lakeland 12, Walled Lake Western 0: Tate Farquhar threw a complete-game shutout on the mound striking out seven in the six-inning mercy-shortened contest. The Eagles banged out 16 hits including three each by Andrew Platt, Kevin Krill and Nolan Hull. Matthew Hanneman contributed with a double and three RBI. Lakeland 5, Walled Lake Western 0: Kyle Zavinsky and Matthew Hanneman combined for the shutout on the mound. Kevin Krill and Tate Farquhar each had two hits while Trey Rowley had a hit and RBI.

Boys golf

May 1

Northville splits squad, golfs events at Huron Meadows and The Loop at Forest Dunes. The Mustangs split their squad this past Saturday for events at Huron Meadows and The Loop at Forest Dunes. The Mustangs posted a team score of 323, led by Mason Sokolowski's seven-over par 77 at

The Loop, an event that featured some of the State's top teams.

All four of Northville's remaining players (Greg Braun, Michael Gallagher, Ryan Gallagher, and Griffin Blackman) carded scores of 82 on the day. Catholic Central captured the team title by 20 strokes, shooting an impressive 289.

At The Highest Honor Invitational at Huron Meadows Golf Course, Northville finished seventh out of 19 teams, posting a team score of 320. Jack Thallman continued his solid play, carding a team-best 78. Nathan Blazo finished with an 80, and Nick Tokarz and Ashrith Mummadi capped the scoring, each recording an 81. Novi won the event with a score of 305.

Softball

Girls soccer

May 13

South Lyon East 0, Waterford Kettering 0: Despite several injuries, the Cougars could not connect on any of its offensive opportunities, earning their third tie of the season.

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Samantha Maday learns lessons from three Novi varsity sports

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The start of Samantha Maday's spring season was not normal.

As a junior, she was one of the only Novi girls soccer players that came in with any varsity playing experience, working with a group getting its first taste of the top level of action.

Maday didn't play much her freshman year. She was called up late in the year after goalkeeper Abbey Pfeiffer was shut down due to an injury, starting for the Wildcats at goal for the remainder of their 2019 state championship season.

But as a freshman, she gained some varsity experience, not something most freshmen can say. And she knew what was expected of her at that level, playing for the Novi girls basketball team in the winter.

These were the lessons that went through her mind each time she took the soccer field in 2021, lessons she learned from the players that came before her no matter what sport she was playing.

"Being that freshman on varsity basketball and freshman on varsity soccer, it was kind of an eye-opener to see how they treated me, how they were welcoming, how all of that played out in my freshman year," Maday said. "I have been able to take what I have learned from the older kids that came before me and use it and just help the younger kids, help them get better at whatever sport I'm doing."

The junior said it starts and ends with communication. No matter what sport she's in, she wants her and her teammates to be in each other's heads, to know each other's strength and weaknesses on and off the court.

Maday knows better than anyone that this doesn't change in each of the three sports she plays at Novi: basketball, soccer and, for the first time this past season, football as the Wildcats' starting kicker.

Football was not originally in the cards for the Novi junior, but a close relationship with her physics teacher -



Junior Samantha Maday has been one of Novi girls soccer's main veterans in 2021. PHOTOS COURTESY OF SAMANTHA MADAY

former Novi head football coach Jeff Burnside - and the logic of "I can kick a soccer ball, I might as well try to kick a football," placed Maday on the field for the Wildcats in the fall.

At first, it was a weird and uncomfortable experience for Maday, not because it was a team filled with guys, but being treated a bit differently as the only girl. However, the outcome was the same when she stepped up to kick each extra point: the focus was there and the support was there from the sideline.

"Eventually, everyone was cheering me on, everyone was doing the same thing my other two sports teams do: making me a better player for that sport," Maday said.

On the soccer field, that means knowing that no one can play as an individual. Instead, it's a team-focused sport - more so, Maday said, than football and basketball - and that everyone has to do their specific job in order for the whole team to play well.

This is what has kept Maday involved in sports since she was young. No matter the season, the Novi junior is playing two sports, juggling high school and club athletics at the same time.

Heading into her final year of high school and approaching college, Maday doesn't know what relationship she will have with her sports in the future. As she looks into potential college homes, Maday is making sure each has an opportunity for her to continue playing basketball or soccer, whether it's for the school or for a club team.

The idea of being a normal student appeals to Maday, of watching football games in the stands with her friends as a senior. But she knows the impact Novi soccer and basketball have made on her, and that's not something she plans to give up any time soon.

"As much as I love being an actual student sometimes," Maday said, "I don't think I could leave any of my sports behind."



Maday has been a four-year player for Novi's girls basketball team.



Maday joined the Novi football team in 2020 as its kicker.

Athlete of the Week results

Maday won the Hometown Life Athlete of the Week poll the week of May 17, earning 11,451 (35.29%) of the 32,450 total votes cast.

Northville lacrosse senior Colton Kuehl earned 9,410 votes (29%) for second place, while Northville track and field senior Yasmine Mansi finished third with 7,106 votes (21.9%).

Livonia Stevenson softball player Jannie West finished fourth and Novi track and field senior Miles Brown finished fifth.

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Rowing

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The Mustangs placed second in

three more events: the Women's 2C/JR 8+ (Email Guan, Nora Bhandari, Paige Bobak, Olivia Spradlin, Allison Phillips, Mahita Parulekar, Abigail O'Connell, Taylor Zeimen and Kayl), the Women's Freshman 4+ (Adriana Rudolphi, Mahita

Parulekar, Allison Phillips, Olivia Spradlin and Claire Collyer) and the Men's 1V8 (Emily Walker, Adam Bis, Michael Jeromski, Russell Kobelsky, Thaddeus Felosak, Nathan Bennett, Charles Huddy, Seth Sharples and Kyle Walter).

Jacob Mallabo earned a bronze medal in the Men's 1x, while Charlie Huddy, Kyle Walter, Seth Sharples and Nathan Bennett finished third in the Men's 4x.

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Northville

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The Mustangs held its ground against the Titans in the second half, keeping Huron Valley United scoreless in the third quarter, while adding two scores by freshman Kaili Hayami and senior Nick Salamone, who scored Northville's final two goals of the first half.

Instead of the momentum shifting back toward the Titans at the beginning of the fourth quarter when junior Brendan Dale found the back of the net 34 seconds into the period, Northville kept the Titans offense at bay, scoring twice — one by Tardich, who ended the game with three goals and an assist, and one by senior Evan Surman — and beating the Titans by three.

"The biggest thing honestly was just keeping our heads in it," senior Nick Lauderback said. "We knew that everything we worked on in practice, our

game plan was good. We just had to get the game under control. It really came down to settling down into the game, letting our skills take over. I thought we were the better team towards the end of the game."

Dale finished the game with three goals and an assist for the Titans.

To Wierengo, Northville is finding its groove at the right time, getting rid of the nerves early in games and firing when necessary.

But only after 13 games played together, the senior said that there is not a group he would rather be playing with at this point.

"Every single guy is a part of the team," Wierengo said. "We've really found ourselves and meshed together as a team and win big games and battle hard next to all the guys."

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Scoreboard

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May 11

Novi 2, Canton 1

May 6

South Lyon East 3, Milford 2

May 4

South Lyon East 5, South Lyon 2: Trailing 1-0 after a penalty kick by South Lyon, the Cougars recorded three goals in the span of 20 minutes, adding two more in the second half to remain undefeated.

Boys track and field

May 6

Novi 78, Northville 59: Despite winning three of the four relays, the Mustangs managed to take first place in just two other events. Connor Lee easily won the long jump with his leap of 18-11.00, leading a Northville sweep in the event. Arthur Zhao (17-6.00) and Brian McCallum (17-0.75) also scored. Northville finished first in the 400, 800, and 1,600 relays

while Novi won the 3,200 relay.

Girls track and field

May 6

Northville 88, Novi 48: The Mustangs remain undefeated after their 40-point win against Novi, winning all four relays and sweeping the 400, 1,600, shot put, and high jump. Freshman Abby Byers took first in the 100 hurdles in 18.10. Yasmine Mansi led the way in the 1,600 in 5:18.84.

Girls lacrosse

May 20

Birmingham 19, Grosse Pointe South 10: Abbie Caza led Birmingham with five goals, while Gwyn Wineman and Grace Hupp each added three, giving Birmingham its first playoff win and advancing the team to the second round of the MHSAA tournament.

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New shop, ice cream parlor and watercraft rental opens along Huron River

Jennifer Timar Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

It was time for something new for a family with strong roots in the Portage Lake area.

Kerry Klave and his family sold Klave's Marina to new owners earlier this year. Last month, Klave, his daughter Melissa Kunnert and Anna Teachworth began a new adventure.

They opened NautiMI on the River, a new shop and hangout featuring Michigan products, an ice cream parlor and kayak, canoe and paddleboard rentals on the Huron River near Portage Lake.

They expect their customers to show up by car and boat.

The shop is located at 9260 McGregor Road in Dexter Township near a public boat launch, less than a mile south of the Livingston County line in Washtenaw County.

Kunnert said she hopes it will become a hangout for neighbors and vacationers who come to the river and chain of lakes.

"This area is so mixed. A lot of people made cottages their homes. We're hoping to see a lot of regulars, and we'll be open year round," she said. "There are also a lot of bed and breakfasts and vacation rentals, and then you get people launching (boats) just for the day or the weekend."

The shop features products by mostly Michigan-based companies, including some from the local area.

"About 90% is Michigan-based. A lot of vendors are very local, from Pinckney, Gregory, Dexter, and all over Michigan,"



From left, Melissa Kunnert, dad Kerry Klave and Anna Teachworth hold shot glasses made of silicone on May 12 at the NautiMI on the River store on the Huron River in Dexter Township. GILLIS BENEDICT / LIVINGSTON DAILY

Kunnert said.

The shop features about 45 different vendors of clothing, jewelry, glassware, home décor and gift items.

Several of the vendors are from Livingston County, including Linda Locher, who makes art dolls, and Hannah Marshall, who started the Silverlake Soap Co. and makes soaps, lotions and body care products.

Kunnert said she had considered selling products from Michigan companies at the marina before the family sold it to Wonderland Marine West in March.

"I'm a strong proponent of supporting business-to-business growth," she said.

The ice cream parlor features Hudsonville Ice Cream.

Customers can eat their ice cream indoors, in a covered outdoor tiki area or in chairs set up along the river.

Kunnert said they are planning to add a bonfire pit and cornhole boards outdoors in the future.

Kayak, canoe and stand-up paddleboard rentals have not started yet, but Kunnert is hoping to launch them by the

end of the month.

People renting watercraft will be required pick them up and drop them off from at NautiMI on the River. While the shop does not plan to provide transports, renters are allowed to transport the watercraft by vehicle themselves.

"People could park a car in Ann Arbor and bring them back or take them and launch from Bruin Lake," Kunnert said.

Beginning in June, yoga instructor Emma Grace of Root SUP Yoga will teach standup paddleboard yoga classes on Thursday nights.

Opening a shop and ice cream parlor was not the original plan.

Klave said he considered purchasing the property and using it for boat rentals for the marina.

"The people who purchased this building approached me to see if I wanted to expand the marina," he said.

He said he considered keeping ownership of the marina in the family, but ultimately decided to sell.

"It morphed into, we need a plan with the marina closing," Kunnert said.

They signed a lease in October.

Kunnert said the shop's name has two meanings.

"It's a play on the words nautical and Michigan, but we also wanted to be a little snarky," she said.

She said they will sell t-shirts that read "Get Nauti on the chain," a play on the word naughty.

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Obituaries

Kenneth Earl Hutchinson

NORTHVILLE - Kenneth Earl Hutchinson, age 91, longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully on May 26, 2021. He was born on February 25, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan; son of Douglas Earl and Mabel (nee Ashley) Hutchinson. While attending Fordson High School, Ken made the decision to serve his country and join the United States Navy. Immediately after his Honorable Discharge from the Navy, Ken was drafted into the United States Army; he proudly served during the Korean War. He was a life member of the VFW Post 4012 and the American Legion in Northville.

Ken was united in marriage to Geraldine K. Angove on May 3, 1958; celebrating their 63rd Anniversary just a few weeks ago. He worked as a computer operations manager for Citibank for many years until he retired in 1989. Ken enjoyed playing games on his computer, playing cards with friends and family, and taking care of his yard. He liked to mow the grass and tend to his garden. His favorite pastime was camping. Their family started camping using a pop-up camper and over the years evolved to an RV. They traveled throughout the state of Michigan, experiencing many of the State and local parks. Visiting the U.P. was on the list of favorites, but the trip out west also created wonderful memories. In the later years, Ken and Geri would travel south to Texas during the winter months. Ken was extremely outgoing and had a great sense of humor. He loved talking to anyone who listened and made friends easily.

Ken is survived by his loving wife Geri; his children, Curtis (Kathy) Hutchinson, Lisa (Ray) Hendrikson, David Hutchinson, and Vicki (Don) Garon; his grandchildren, Elek (Rachael) Hutchinson, Gwen Hutchinson, Jessica (Steven) Tomlinson, Sarah Garon, and David Garon; and his great grandchildren, Harrison, Claire, and Delilah. He was preceded by his parents and his sister Dolores McCormick.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 2pm at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road, Holly, Michigan 48442. The cemetery requires masks be worn if you are not fully vaccinated.

Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

Cabinets Express expanding

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A Brighton cabinet business is branching out. Cabinets Express, an offshoot of home remodeling firm KSI Kitchen & Bath, is expanding to two new stores.

"It's like a fresh start," said Matt Norton, sales director for Cabinets Express.

Norton is overseeing the two new stores, including one coming soon to 9962 E. Grand River Ave. in Brighton Township. Their first design center opened in Sterling Heights last year.

It's the first time Cabinets Express has operated standalone design centers. The company is currently

located in warehouse space at KSI's corporate headquarters in Green Oak Township. KSI is planning to move its headquarters to Wixom. Cabinets Express will use warehouse space at the new location.

Norton said he expects the Brighton store for Cabinets Express will open in the 1,850-square-foot space around the end of June.

While there are some kitchen display models set up in the warehouse on Maltby Road, the new stores are designed to be sleeker and more inviting for customers.

"We're going to have vignettes, so people can actually visualize more. We're going to have examples of

products, like a fully-functioning kitchen with all the accessories in the cabinets," Norton said.

He said Cabinets Express, which has been around about 15 years, has seen sales increase year after year, and the new business model is a reflection of that growth. He said he has seen an uptick in certain types of home remodeling projects that include new cabinets, countertops and accessories.

Cabinets Express specializes in fully assembled and ready-to-assemble cabinets. They offer pickup and home delivery. They do not offer installation services, so their products typically appeal to DIY home remodelers and contractors.

What to do if you're working and taking IRA distributions at same time



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Dear Rick

I am 75 years old and have been retired for nearly 10 years. My wife passed away a few years ago, and since then I have been bored. My son recommended that I go back to work part time, even though I don't need the money.

So, here I am working about 15 hours a week. I was told that because I am working, I do not have to take minimum required distributions from my IRA; is that true? In addition, is there a limit on how much money I can put into my IRA? My employer does not have a 401(k) Plan so contributing to an IRA is my only retirement-account option. I'm not sure this is important but in 2020 with my pension and investments, I earned a little over \$100,000.

Thank you, Daniel

Dear Daniel

Unfortunately, you must continue to take minimum required distributions out from your IRA. The fact that you are working is immaterial when it comes to required minimum distributions. What you are confused with is minimum required distributions from a 401(k) Plan. There are provisions that while you are employed, you do not have to take required distributions from that company's 401(k) Plan.

The exception does not apply to

IRAs. In addition, the exception for 401(k) Plans may not be available if you are an owner of the company.

With regards to new contributions into an IRA, yes, you are eligible to make a contribution. For 2021, the maximum IRA contribution is \$6,000; however, because you are over 50, the maximum is \$7,000. Therefore, if you earn at least \$7,000 annually, you can put the maximum away. If you earn less than \$7,000 then that amount, the amount earned from your wages, would be the maximum allowed contribution.

In making your IRA contribution I would recommend that you use a Roth IRA, which has many benefits for you. First, Roth IRAs are not subject to the minimum required distribution. Therefore, you can let this money grow tax free for as long as you choose. In addition, you have the benefit that if you should pass away with a balance in your Roth IRA, your beneficiaries would be able to withdraw that money income tax free.

Typically, in a traditional IRA, if you should pass away with a balance in your account, your beneficiaries would have to pay income tax on that money. Furthermore, because of your income, more likely than not you would not qualify for a tax-deductible traditional IRA; therefore, using the Roth IRA is a slam dunk.

Traditionally, many working seniors were not eligible to contribute to a traditional IRA. Seniors who were over 70½ and were taking minimum required distributions were prevented from contributing to tradi-

tional IRAs. However, that has changed because of the Secure Act.

The Secure Act, which was passed in 2019, removes the age restrictions with regards to contributions into a traditional IRA. Therefore, working seniors are now eligible for traditional tax deductible IRA contributions. However, like everything else in tax laws, nothing is straightforward. For seniors who are making qualified charitable distributions to a charity from their traditional IRA, there are some complexities about tax deductible IRA contributions after 70½. Therefore, if you have made a qualified charitable distribution, you should talk to your tax advisor before you make a tax-deductible IRA contribution.

For those of you who don't know, qualified charitable distributions are a way for seniors to donate to charities using their minimum required distributions. This is a great tax saving strategy for someone who currently donates to charity and is not itemizing their deductions.

For seniors who are still working, particularly as in the situation at hand, where money is not the issue, contributing into a Roth IRA can be a very good strategy. Not only does it allow you to have money grow tax free, it is also money that is not subject to minimum required distributions.

Good luck.

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Novi girls lacrosse blasts Salem in first round of regionals

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It has not been too long since Novi had last seen Salem, and Wildcats head girls lacrosse coach Kaitlyn West knew her team could have played better.

In Novi's 19-18 win against the Rocks May 13, she said her team got "frazzled" by certain situations. West did not want to see that again in their rematch in the first round of the MHSAA playoffs, focusing her practices all week to not let that happen.

When Novi took its home field for the final time in 2021, it proved to be a different team.

"This was the game that I knew they were capable of playing," West said.

Novi (9-9) exploded against Salem (7-7), beating the Rocks, 22-8, for the program's first 20-goal game since April 17, 2019.

Just over a minute into the first half, Alaina Smythe showed Salem quickly what the game was going to look like. Holding onto the ball, the Novi senior raced down the field, garnering the attention of a slew of Rocks defenders. Instead of taking the contested look, Smythe dumped the pass off to junior Alyssa Welch for the first score of the game.

It proved to be the first of many, as Novi scored 15 goals in the first 25 minutes of the game, scoring as many or more goals in the first half against Salem as it had in 13 games this season.

Much of that had to do with the play



Novi scored 22 goals in the first round of regionals against Salem. COLIN GAY / HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Anna Werth.

The Novi senior, in her fourth year with the varsity team, scored five goals in the first half while also assisting a score by Allyson Smolarek to help the Wildcats take a 12-goal first-half lead. Werth finished the game with six goals and an assist.

"Anna is a very tenacious player," West said. "She just wants it. She's also super positive. She loves lacrosse. This girl eats, breathes, sleeps lacrosse."

"I think she adds team chemistry, one, but also a drive to go to goal and amp up the attack. So as you watch her

charge to goal or do all these things on attack, she's also like leveling up that level of play and making everyone else more amped too."

In the second half, Smolarek took a step up in the offensive game plan, scoring three of her five goals in the final 25 minutes to help the Wildcats to a 14-goal victory, tying the Wildcats' April 9 win against West Bloomfield for the largest margin of victory for the season.

Smythe, who scored two goals in the first half, added four assists for the Wildcats, while sophomore Haylee Pendergraft scored each of her three goals in

the first half.

"I think we realized it was a regional game, so we were just having fun with it because, what can we lose now? If we lose a game, we're done," Werth said.

Salem's offense started and ended with freshman Mileena Cotter.

Scoring four of the team's eight goals and adding an assist, Cotter always seemed to have the ball in her stick, racing down the field with Novi defenders crashing at her every which way, something Salem head coach Damien Butler has seen all season.

"She is the ball hog, and that's not a negative," he said. "She has an eye for the ball. She knows where the ball is, knows how to get to the ball. And she has an eye for the goal. She has that aggressiveness, so it's hard not to have the ball when you're that aggressive."

Even through her team's losses in 2021, West said other teams around the state have begun to notice Novi. She knows her team is in the process of building something special.

To open the playoffs with a 22-goal performance, West said, sends a message to the rest of the Wildcats' region: Novi is capable.

"I think Novi's always been on that cusp and always been that one step under," West said. "We're starting to break through."

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Lacrosse

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"Kids came out hungry. They know there is no next game, and they wanted to get after it," Boughton said. "That's all we want to see: our kids battling through everything, working through adversity."

South Lyon United (12-4) earned the 10-4 win against LVC co-champion Walled Lake United (13-6) for a date in the Region 4 final against Northville June 2.

South Lyon United knew what it was going to see out of Walled Lake United. The teams faced off twice in 2021, each earning a win with Walled Lake holding a one-goal edge in the regular season, 25-24.

But in the regional semifinal, senior goalkeeper Gus Taylor and the rest of the South Lyon defense didn't allow the opponent to get anywhere close to what they had previously done.

South Lyon allowed only five goals to a Walled Lake United team that averaged over 10 goals per game, shutting down the attack with physical play in transition and with Taylor standing guard at the net.

To senior Andrew Goodrich, it was on brand for a team that has won six games this season in which the defense has allowed five goals or less.



South Lyon United senior Andrew Goodrich scored five goals in his team's 10-goal day against Walled Lake United. DAVID DONOHER / SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"We have a very diverse group of football players, wrestlers and hockey players," Goodrich said. "Coming into this season, I knew we were going to be pretty physical."

Goodrich, on the other hand, was able to step up offensively, using off-ball movement to beat defend-

ers and get clean looks.

He scored five of South Lyon United's 10 goals against Walled Lake United, assisting another score by junior Andrew McCarthy in the final two minutes of play.

"He's a very talented young man," Boughton said. "He has a great supporting cast around him helping him out. He's a great senior leader. We have a lot to lean on him for. He likes to put the team on his back and help carry, but he's also a great teammate and willing to go the extra mile for each of his guys."

Goodrich was not sure South Lyon would get to this point either, pointing to his team's 4-3 start to the season, including a loss to Walled Lake United, before winning nine of its next 10 games.

"We struggled early in the season. We fought back hard," he said. "It feels good to be a part of this team, and especially to lead them."

While it was not a familiar group for Boughton to coach, who has been in the role for six seasons, it was a group he's seen blossom.

"These young men are amazing," Boughton said. "It's just been an honor to watch and see them grow and see the hunger ability they have for this game."

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If you don't have any intention to stay, don't waste their time — or yours — and politely decline. But if you're open to it, here's how to handle the question, "What will it take for you to stay?"

Be gracious

The fact that your company is trying to keep you on board signals that it values your contributions. While this may be a stressful time for you, it will also be an intense

few days for your boss and the human resources team. It is especially important to show your thanks since there is a chance you may continue working with them.

Go big

You're in the driver's seat for this negotiation: You already have a job elsewhere and have the chance to stay. A 1% raise and an extra vacation day aren't going to cut it. For salary, ask for at least 5% more than what you would make at your new job. Then think about the other things that are important to you. That could include more time off, work from home flexibility, additional responsibilities, a new title, subsidized classes, a better workspace or anything else. If you want it, ask for it.

Give them 24 hours

Be clear that while you are open to staying, time is of the essence. The clock is already ticking down to the first day at your new role and if you are going to stay, you'll need to decide as soon as possible. Ask them to provide the details of their offer by the next day.

Alert the other company

If you decide to accept the counteroffer and stay with your current employer, let the other company know immediately. It's the right thing to do and will allow them to make other plans. (And they'll find out eventually!) They may be disappointed, or they may give you another counteroffer. Consider the benefits of what you

can get against the risk of ruining your relationships with either of the companies or its people.

Be prepared

Half of employees who accept counteroffers to remain at their current companies leave within a year anyway. Be sure that you are staying for the right reasons, and don't be surprised if the initial excitement of the new benefits you negotiated wears off.

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