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Former psych hospital buildings set for demo

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The last remnants of the former psychiatric hospital in Northville Township are expected to be removed in the near future.

A contract for demolition of the 11 remaining buildings on the property along Seven Mile west of Haggerty was approved by the township board of trustees during its May 12 special meeting. That contract calls for awarding demolition to Asbestos Abatement Inc., the second-lowest bidder that submitted a bid.

With the awarding of the contract, work is expected to begin later this year. Bob Belair, township director of public services, said the original plan calls for removing six buildings by the end of this year, though the plans now include the

removal of all 11 remaining buildings. "We can tell them any order we want," he said. "Our preference is to get those first 6 done immediately and follow up afterwards."

Those six buildings are expected to come down before the end of the year, with the remaining buildings being removed by summer 2023.

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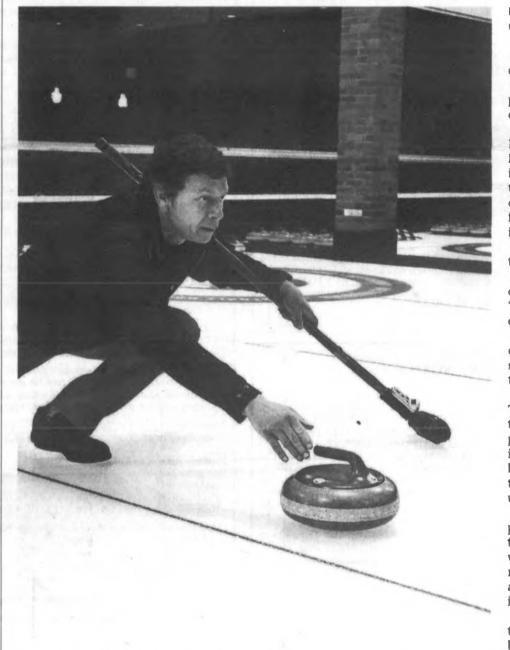
A dormitory building at the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital site. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Hundreds attend vigil to remember Highland friends killed in White Lake

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

They showed up early, ready to celebrate the lives of their friends Cameron Duckworth and Drake Mancuso, near the pond where they were found shot to death the morning of May 21.

Try curling, ax throwing, more at new HUB Stadium in Novi



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Could the next Olympic curling champion learn the game in Novi?

That's a possibility, as one of the first public sheets opened at the city's newest entertainment venue.

The HUB Stadium opened in early May in the space formerly occupied by Lucky Strike at 44325 W. 12 Mile H-160 inside Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk. The center contains a wealth of options designed especially for group fun, including curling sheets, ax throwing and football bowling. But curling is perhaps one of the center's more unique features. "Everyone's excited," Ashley Sharma, director of sales for the company, said. "You don't get to go to many places and curl."

The reunion behind the clubhouse at Cedarbrook Estates in White Lake Township was one where Duckworth, 20, and Mancuso, 16, probably would have blended in, wearing comfortable clothes, eating pizza, listening to music and bonding with the good friends who knew them best.

By the end of the night, 200 or more of their friends, family and supporters wandered from a parking lot down to the pond for a candlelit vigil filled with prayers and stories about two friends remembered as good kids who deserved more than to be killed at such a young age.

Releasing balloons into the night air, they shouted farewells to their friends from Milford High School.

"Long live Cameron and Drake!" "I love you!"

"I love you, buddy!"

There were tears and hugs but also an insistence on celebrating the Highland Township friends who were hanging out together at the manufactured home community before their

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Travis Powers tries some curling May 24 at HUB Stadium in Novi. Powers helped to set up HUB's curling lanes in place of the building's former bowling alley. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The center took months to transform, completely changing the space. It sports several private gathering spots for parties, corporate events and more.

Curling is perhaps the big highlight at The HUB, Sharma said, especially since there aren't many places open to the public to do such an activity, especially in the summer. Travis Powers, a member of the Detroit Curling Club, works at the curling manager for The HUB Stadium.

"Usually the first end is kind of a practice. After that, people are starting to get stones in place," he said. "Just watching people do it and getting their rocks in play and some into the house and putting scores on the scoreboard, it's very gratifying."

In addition to the entertainment options, there are a multiple area to get a bite to eat. Looking for a higher-end experience? Try The Concession Stand, which, despite the name, is The HUB

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Livonia police, Save Our Youth host 5K to raise awareness around substance abuse

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Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition invites the local community to join it in its Run 2 Save Our Youth event on Saturday, June 4 at Livonia City Hall.

The event starts at 8 a.m., with festivities and packet pick up beginning at 7 a.m.

Every participant will receive a finisher medal and prizes will be awarded to top finishers.

Whether you are a competitive runner or looking for a fun family activity, this is an event for everyone.

A bounce house, disc jockey and face painter will be part of the familyfriendly events along with a food tent featuring Jimmy John's and a nonprofit expo tent highlighting the work of nonprofit organizations from the surrounding area.

Run 2 Save Our Youth, sponsored by Headlining Sponsors: Bill Brown Ford, The Center for Urban Youth and Family Development, Cruz Clinic, D&B Landscaping, Growth Works and Masco will help support substance abuse awareness and prevention in the community.

For more information or to registerfor Run 2 Save Our Youth, visit livoniasaveouryouth.org/run.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH LYON AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY PROPOSED 2021-2023 FY BUDGET

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on the proposed SLARA budget for fiscal year 2022-23 at the SLARA Offices at 23333 Griswold, Suite 100, South Lyon on June 29, 2022 at 2:00pm. Contact Cristin Spiller at cristin@slrec.com or call (248) 437-8105 for more information.

A proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority office at 23333 Griswold, Suite 100, South Lyon, MI., 48178 on June 10, 2022 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Written comments are welcome and should be received prior to 4:00 pm, June 24, 2022 at the **SLARA** location.

Cristin Spiller, Recreation Director

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NOTICE **CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU22-0008**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for RICK-MAN Construction is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary lay down yard for GLWA Water Transmission Line Project for parcel 50-22-14-451-026, North of Eleven Mile Road and West of Meadowbrook Road from June 21, 2022, through June 21, 2024. The properties are zoned I-1 (Light Industrial) and the use is contrary to 3.14 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.



"Run 2 Save Our Youth" takes place Saturday, June 4 at Livonia City Hall. Proceeds from the run go directly toward substance abuse prevention activities in the Livonia community. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

VILLAGE OF MILFORD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Milford Liquor License Review Committee will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday. June 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Village of Milford offices located at 1100 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381.

The purpose of the PUBLIC HEARING is to consider the following requests for transfer of ownership of a Class C liquor licenses with Sunday sales and outdoor service:

- located at 327 N. Main, Milford, MI 48381, Oakland County
- located at 212 Union, Milford, MI 48381, Oakland County

Application and reasons are on file in the Office of the Village Clerk. Public comments, either oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing.

Physically challenged persons needing assistance or aid should contact the Village Offices, 248-684-1515 during regular working hours seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.

DEBORAH S. FRAZER, CMMC Assistant Manager/Clerk Village of Milford

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Novi Community School District 2019 Bond

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

A public hearing will be held at 9:00 am on June 21, 2022, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the Mayor's Conference Room. All written comments should be directed to Nina Schaffrath and must be received prior to Monday, June 20, 2022, by 3 P.M.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **June 22, 2022**, at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Čivic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **MICHIGAN CAT PRO JZ21-22 FOR PLANNING** COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION OF A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO) CONCEPT_PLAN_ASSOCIATED_WITH_ZONING_MAP_AMENDMENT_18.734. TO REZONE FROM I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO I 2 (GELLET INDUSTRIAL). The subject site totals approximately 5.29 acres of the 32.39 acre site and is part of Parcel 50-22-23-351-065, which is located east of Novi Road and north of Ten Mile Road (Section 23) The site is proposed to be used as outdoor storage for construction equipment related to Michigan CAT's shore and pump operations. The equipment will be a maximum of ten feet tall in height and will be stored year-round.

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



Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-23-351-065

All interested persons are invited to attend this in-person meeting. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary

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SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Novi Community School District, 2019 Bond, Bid Package #7B, consisting

Bid Package #7B - ROAR Center Renovations - Phase 2 will be received through Building Connected until 1:00PM on, June 23rd. 2022.

- 1. All proposals shall be submitted electronically through Building Connected: https:// app.buildingconnected.com/public/5ae227ade0d395000fd24541 (McCarthy and Smith Plan Room)
- 2. For instructions on how to submit a bid please go to the following link: https:// buildingconnected.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360010222793-How-tosubmit-your-bid-through-BuildingConnected-

Bids submitted after this time and date will not be considered or accepted. Faxed and/or E-mail proposals will not be accepted. Sealed Bids will be publicly opened, read aloud and tabulated, beginning at approx. 1:00PM on. June 23rd. 2022. Bid Opening will be publicly conducted via a Zoom meeting.

Zoom Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87861308879?pwd=aDVmeDMzWGxIV094MlQ5cTd2Nloy dz09

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This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed Bids for the following Bid Divisions:

108: Carpentry/General Trades 114 Aluminum Entrances/Storefronts/Glass/Glazing 141: Fire Suppression 142: HVAC 143: Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture. will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Builder's Exchange, Lansing.

Bidding Documents will be available beginning on Thursday, June 7th, 2022 via Building Connected.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting on Tuesday, June 15th, at 3:00 PM. at Novi ROAR located at 41500 Gardenbrook Rd, Novi MI 48375. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project bid documents & schedule, and to answer any questions bidders may have. Following the meeting, the bidders will have the opportunity to visit the project site. The prebid meeting is not a mandatory meeting however, bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

All bids must include the Familial Disclosure Affidavit (Section 004205), the Iran Linked Business Affidavit (Section 004210), and the Criminal Background Check Affidavit (Section 004220)

All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the Bid, payable to Novi Community School District, as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the School District is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the Bid or failure of the Bidder to enter a Contract for performance, Further, the Bidder will execute the Contract, provide the required insurance certificate(s) and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract but prior to Work commencing. If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price.

Novi Community School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the lowest

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No censure for Novi school board member

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A video showing Novi Community School District board member Willy Mena touching the hair of a student was shared with people who should never have seen it.

Those individuals, acquaintances of Mena, saw the video in direct violation of district and board policy protecting student privacy. They also saw it prior to that governing board, the intended audience - the Novi Board of Education.

Superintendent Steve Matthews said all requests for the video under the Freedom of Information Act, including one by Hometown Life, were denied as "the video constitutes an education record of the student depicted."

However, Matthews said, the video was given to Mena's attorney, not under FOIA, but as disclosure.

"The video was disclosed for the sole purpose to allow Mr. Mena due process to defend himself against the misconduct allegation," Matthews said. "We did not contemplate that this unredacted video would be shared by Mr. Mena or his attorney with other people because it was clearly not redacted video, and Mr. Mena knows that we have an obligation to protect the student's rights.

Mena's attorney, David Landry, said during a May 19 school board meeting that his office and Mena "did not release a copy of the video to anybody.

He then acknowledged to the school board that the video was "shown to a couple people."

It was that action, as well as a public statement Mena made May 5 regarding the February incident, for which censure of Mena was sought by Board Secretary Bobbie Murphy, Treasurer Kathy Hood and Trustee Tom Smith

The motion May 19 failed in a split vote, as board President Danielle Ruskin, Vice-President Paul Cook,



The Novi Board of Education discusses a motion to censure member Willy Mena during its May 19 meeting. The motion failed in a split vote. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

and Menavoted no.

Trustee Mary Ann Roney was absent.

Mena did not abstain from this vote, unlike an earlier May meeting in which the board determined in a 5-1 vote (with Roney voting no) that Mena had violated board ethics by touching a student's hair.

Murphy said Mena attempted to influence public opinion by releasing video of the incident to members of the community before the board had seen the video in closed session.

"Mr. Mena was not open or honest about his part in the release of the video in spite of questions that arose," Murphy said. "... I recommend a decision to censure Mr. Mena as the only option we have as a board. It is not within our legal power to remove him from his role as a trustee. That power is only afforded to Mr. Mena himself at this point."

She said if Mena stepped down, she would fight for his right to continue volunteering in the district as she did not believe him to be a threat to students.

Hood supported censure citing the showing of the video and Mena's statement in which he revealed details that could possibly identify the student, including naming a small group in which the student takes part.

Those actions could create a retaliatory environment against the student and others, Hood said, and brought dishonor to the board, as well as violated the student's privacy rights.

"The board of education is here to foster community of unity and well-being," Hood said. "This is impossible when a member of the board sets about undermining the work of this board and facilitating exposure of private information of a student after that student comes forward with a complaint. This district and the community have suffered from the actions of Mr. Mena."

Ruskin and Cook voted against censure.

Ruskin questioned if Mena's May 5 statement was intentional retaliation against the student and breaking that student's privacy. She added that if it was, she may have also broken the student's privacy by a remark she had made regarding the grade the student is in

'Was it alarming that (the video) was shared before the board could view it?" she asked. "I think I would call it more that I was taken aback and wanted to know the facts. I looked at the facts and am still not 100 percent clear, but what I am clear on is there was some mistakes made in multiple areas. After listening to the evidence I don't think Mr. Mena intentionally identified the student. ... I think Mr. Mena made a mistake." Cook said the facts he saw didn't constitute cen-

sure.

"The punishment far outweighs what he did: making a public statement, showing a video that some say was FOIAed, some say it was not. I do not believe censure is appropriate for what has taken place.

Contact reporter Susan Bromley at sbromley@ hometownlife.com or 517-281-2412. Follow her on Twitter @SusanBromley10.

Cryptocurrency crash a reminder that investing is long-term process



Nearly every investor has been adversely affected by the current market conditions. In fact, this is one of those rare times in history where stocks, bonds and cash have all been hurt by current market conditions. However, young investors have been hurt more than any other group

now worthless. Some investors used debt to finance crypto purchases, which means that many are now in a difficult financial situation. Unfortunately, this ex-

perience has soured young investors from future investments. I would rather this experience serve as a lesson and teach people to be better investors in the future.

Here are some of the mistakes I think the young investors made.

The first issue is portfolio diversification. Many inexperienced investors put the bulk of their money into cryptocurrency. I don't care how good an investment may seem, you never want all your money in one area. A diversified portfolio spreads risk over a wide variety of investments so that your exposure to any one investment or area of the lesson a lot of young

CITY OF NOVI

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a public hearing on Wednesday, **June 22, 2022**, at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **JSP21-27: SHELTER BAY ANIMAL HOSPITIAL.**

FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL. The subject

property, 39581 Twelve Mile Road, totals approximately 3.15 acres and is located west of

Haggerty Road and south of Twelve Mile Road (Section 13). The subject property is zoned

B-3 (General Business). The applicant is proposing to renovate a former Ruby Tuesday Restaurant into an animal hospital and ghost/catering kitchen. Minor improvements are

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Development Department at the following email address, bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org.

the economy is limited. Of course, it doesn't mean that your portfolio won't have losses, because even today, investors with diversified portfolios are hurting; however, it does provide protection over the long run.

Second, it was not unusual for young investors to use their credit cards to finance cryptocurrency purchases. I don't think investors should be borrowing to invest, particularly from a credit card. I believe it can lead to financial disaster.

Many young investors

investors learn from the cryptocurrency crash is that you should never gamble with your investment dollars.

Too many young investors never considered the risks associated with cryptocurrency. They saw the investment going

up and assumed it could never go down; that is a mistake. Every investment has risk, and the prudent investor makes sure they understand that risk before they invest.

I hope young investors who lost on cryptocurrency do not sour to investing. Investing is important and can make your financial future much brighter if done responsibly. The key is to learn from your mistakes and become better inves-

Good luck. Rick Bloom is a fee-

only financial advisor. His website is www.bloomadvisors.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomadvisors.com



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disproportionate A number of young investors have jumped into the cryptocurrency craze and unfortunately, they have learned a tough lesson. As cryptocurrency markets have crashed over the last few months, many have found that their investments are

proposed to the exterior of the site.

jumped into cryptocurrency with the idea of making fast money. I have always believed if you invest to make fast money, you could lose money even faster. Investing is not a strategy to make a quick buck, but rather, a long-term process. I hope

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HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

The next regular election for Board members will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Four seats on the Huron Valley School Board will be filled during the election

One position is to complete a partial term, effective after the election is certified to December 31, 2024. Three positions are for a six-year term from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2028.

To be included on the November 8, 2022 ballot as a candidate, residents must submit the following to the Oakland County Clerk's office no later than 4:00 PM TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022:

- 1. an affidavit of identity AND
- 2. file a nomination petition (with a minimum of 40 eligible signatures) OR
- 3. pay a \$100 non-refundable filing fee.

They are both available online at www.oakgov.com/clerkrod/elections.

Due to specific size requirements of the petitions, they are not available online. Original petitions may be obtained directly from Oakland County Elections Office.

You can also request a candidate filing information packet by calling the Elections Division at 248-858-0564

Oakland County Elections Division office is located in the Oakland County Court House, 1200 North Telegraph Rd, Dept. 417, Pontiac, MI 48341.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LYON – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Lyon Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at the Township Hall at 58000 Grand River, New Hudson, MI 48165. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments at the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Walbridge, 777 Woodward Avenue, Suite 300 Detroit, MI 48226. Sidwell #21-10-200-003. Property located on the west side of South Hill Road, south of Grand River Avenue. Applicant requests a variance from Section 36.02 (Schedule of Regulations) of the Zoning Ordinance, which allows a maximum building height of 45' in the 1-2 (General Industrial) District. Applicant is requesting a maximum building height of 52'. Therefore, a variance of 7' is being requested.

Copies of this application are available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours

All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments. Written comments concerning the proposals may be submitted prior to the meeting to the Township Clerk at the address noted above

Michele Cash, Clerk **Charter Township of Lyon**

Tony Raney, Chairperson Zoning Board of Appeals

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Twelve Mile Road =

Section 13

Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-13-200-015

All interested persons are invited to attend this in-person meeting. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

SUBJECT

PROPERTY

Novi Planning Commission

Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Art on the Grand returns to Farmington in June

Courtesy of the City of Farmington Hills

Art on the Grand will take place 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 4, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 5, along Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington. The fine arts and craft fair is celebrating its 13th anniversary this year.

The festival features free admission and an array of high-quality art in a variety of price ranges and disciplines including ceramics, jewelry, painting, photography, wood, wearable art, glass, sculpture, and more.

Kids Art Alley, located within the art fair next to Sunflour Bakehaus and KickstART Gallery, features young local artists in grades 6-12 selling their own creations. Kidzone offers fun activities for young fairgoers.

Arrive early on Saturday and visit the weekly Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Riley Park.

Art on the Grand is presented by the Farmington Hills Special Services Department's Cultural Arts Division in partnership with the Farmington Downtown Development Authority. This event is sponsored by SMART Flex **Ride and Jaguar Land Rover of Farming**ton Hills, with support from Fresh Thyme and Starbucks.

For more information or to see samples from the artists, visit artonthegrand.com.

Summer concert schedule packed in metro Detroit

Philip Allmen Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Summer traditions continue coming back to metro Detroit communities, more than two years after everything essentially stopped at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Free outdoor music concerts are returning this summer to the region several days of the week. Picnicking is allowed at most locations, and many with groups or businesses offering beverages and snacks to purchase.

Here are some of the nearby concert series

Tuesday

Tunes on Tuesday is a free program, sponsored by the Northville Downtown **Development Authority and Northville** Parks and Recreation. Concerts are held at Town Square in downtown Northville (across from the clock tower) 10:30-11:30 a.m

Don't forget your water bottle, hat & sunscreen. Concerts are: June 21 (Janet Marie & m'Archibald), June 28 (Beverly Meyer), July 12 (Guy Louis), July 19 (Gemini), July 26 (Funny Dumplings), Aug. 2 (Kevin Devine), Aug. 9 (Susan Harrison) and Aug. 16 (Earth Angels)

Novi holds its Sizzling Summer Series, which includes the Tuesday Tunes events. It's a new event starting at 6:30 p.m. June 21 (Geff Phillips and Friends), July 19, and Aug. 9. The band performs 7-8 p.m. All performances take place at Fuerst Park

The Sounds Like Summer concert series takes place 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Vet-



erans Park at the corner of W. Livingston and John streets in Highland Township. Concerts start at 7 p.m. Dates and times were not yet posted.

Wednesday

Lyon Township is kicking off its Music on the Grand summer concerts this year 6-8 p.m. at Inspiration Park, 56730 Grand River Ave. Concerts run every other week June 15 (Concreteslim, blues) and 29 (Kitty & Cougar Band, reggae), and July 13 (Forge the Sun, Motown) and 27 (Austin Scott Band, country).

Thursday

Downtown Milford fills each week for the popular Concert in the Park series at the LaFontaine Family Amp in Central Park The free concerts are hosted by **Milford Township Parks and Recreation** Commission with support from the MilThe members of **Power Play gather** in their Livonia garage-studio practice space on Jan. 25. From left are guitarist Michael Smith, singer April Hudson, drummer Bob Olds, and **bassist Gary** Kosten. JOHN HEIDER/ HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ford DDA and the Village of Milford.

All concerts run 7-9 p.m. The series runs June 2 with Randy Brock Group (blues rock), June 9 with Trilogy (variety), June 16 with Power Play Detroit (greatest hits all eras), June 23 with FunHouse (classic rock/top 40), June 30 with The Phoenix Theory (top 40 dance rock), July 7 with Magic Bus ('60s tribute), July 14 with Fifty Amp Fuse (greatest hits), July 21 with The Persuasion Band (dance top 40), and July 28 with Rockstar, LLC (arena rock).

Friday

South Lyon Concerts in the Park series takes place 7-8:30 p.m. at the gazebo at McHattie Park, 300 Dorothy St. The series is scheduled to start in July. The City of South Lyon web site did not have the weekly list of performers posted yet.

Demo

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Some hiccups have come up: a recent fire at the property is expected to delay some of the removal.

The demolition contract is expected to cost about \$8.5 million. The project is funded by bonds sold by the township in 2021.

"The funding for the demolition and subsequent inspections come from the \$12 million bond sale Northville Township completed in late 2021 before interest rates rose," said Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo in a statement. "The township will repay the bonds with revenue collected by a **Brownfield Tax Increment Financing** district created earlier. No money from the township's general fund will be used."

The psychiatric hospital closed its doors in 2003 after it was shuttered by then-Gov. John Engler. Since then, the buildings have been vacant, attracting people to the site illicitly throughout the years. Plans for the property include transforming it into Legacy Park, which will include trails and bicycle paths.

The demolition will complete the removal of buildings on the property. Several other buildings have already been removed, including the main hospital building back in 2018. Northville Township acquired the property through a millage election back in 2009.

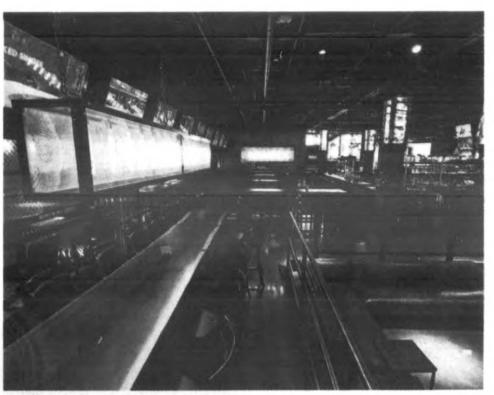
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A guest prepares to throw an ax in one of the competitive cages at the new HUB Stadium entertainment spot in Novi. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Hub Stadium's lower level. About 1,700 people can be in the building at any given time between private events and other activities.

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Stadium's sit-down steak-and-seafood restaurant.

Looking for more traditional pub fare? Hit up the bar in the middle of the entertainment section for items such as burgers and appetizers.

The space is a perfect attraction for booking larger events, something Sharma said has gotten a lot attention, even before it opened.

"We've had a lot of party bookings. We've had a lot of interest since last year," she said. "We're already beginning to sell out of December dates."

The ax throwing also sports a different feel than other spots that have recently opened. Instead of markings directly on the wood, the throwing stalls have computers that beam lights onto the target, allowing participants to play a variety of games. HUB Stadium boasts stations both for smaller axes and larger axes.

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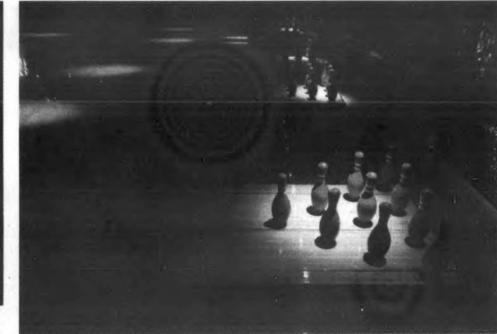
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The former Lucky Strike lounge is ready to welcome guests with football bowling, ax-throwing, and curling.

the company, which began five years ago. Its first location is in the former Big Buck Brewery building seen along Interstate 75.

Sharma said The HUB Stadium is a perfect fit for the Twelve Mie Crossing at



The football bowling area at HUB Stadium.

Fountainwalk complex.

"I know Lucky Strike back in the day was a hit. I know this plaza has really transformed into an entertainment complex. You've got movie theaters, dining," she said. "At night, if you're

driving through here on a Friday or Saturday that Fountainwalk just has a life to it."

Those interested in booking a space can do so by visiting thehubstadium. com.

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Teens face charges in White Lake shooting deaths

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

An armed robbery may have led to the shooting deaths of two young friends in White Lake Township, prosecutors allege.

Steven Dean Morrow of Highland Township and Jesse James Wright of White Lake Township, both 18, were arraigned Wednesday, May 25, on eight counts each that could lead to life in prison if they are convicted. They each face two counts of homicide, four weapons charges and two counts of armed robbery.

Judge Joseph Fabrizio of the 52-2 District Court in Clarkston said prosecutors allege the armed robbery was over money, backpack and a watch.

Morrow and Wright apparently were acquainted with the deceased Cameron Duckworth, 20, and Drake Mancuso, 16.

According to White Lake police, Morrow and Wright devised a plan to rob Duckworth and Mancuso. They all drove to Cedarbrook Estates and agreed to visit a wooded area near the pond within the manufactured home community along LeGrand Boulevard, south of M-59.

Shrouded by woods, Morrow allegedly drew a pistol and fatally shot Duckworth and Mancuso. Morrow returned to the vehicle that Wright was driving, and they apparently fled from the area to dispose of evidence.

Fabrizio denied bond for both Morrow and Wright during the hearing. Some in the packed courtroom supported the bond decision by uttering "yes."

Fabrizio also scheduled the duo's next court appearances for June.

Parents of Duckworth and Mancuso declined comment.

Their children were found dead from multiple gunshot wounds near the Cedarbrook Estates pond the morning of May 21.

They had been hanging out the night before.

Vigil

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Friday night turned deadly.

Two men, Steven Dean Morrow and Jesse James Wright, both 18, were arraigned Wednesday, May 25, on eight counts each in connection with the deaths.

At the vigil, young people and their parents remembered Duckworth as a teddy bear who had a lovable personality and liked to laugh. Mancuso, they said, had a good heart.

"Every day Every day, Drake would text me, 'I love you'," his father Marcus Mancuso said. "That's my baby ...Forever, he's my baby."

Adreana Cox was Cameron's cousin and inspired some laughter by remembering Cameron as a bit of a "Tasmanian Devil" with robust energy for having fun and enjoying his surroundings.

She revered with the crowd a younger Cameron who, during a birthday party celebration, ran around a cornfield with his brother while playing with water balloons and a bucket of water.

"I will just always remember just being so proud of the person he became," she said. "Cameron has overcame so much in his life. He's never really even had a strong father figure. He's really broken so many generational curses just to even graduate. We were just so proud of him. I just want everyone else to be proud of him, too."

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During the vigil May 24, Cameron Duckworth's mother, Emily Duckworth, urged others to share their stories about him and his friend Drake Mancuso. PHOTOS BY SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Adreana Cox speaks about her cousin Cameron Duckworth at the vigil.



More than 200 people, mostly teens, visited Cedarbrook Estates in White Lake Township to remember their friends.

Vigil

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Touched by so many at the vigil, Emily Duckworth confessed to still feeling numb standing near the pond where her son was found the morning of May 21.

Cameron and Drake were part of a large group of friends, Emily Duckworth said, and Drake had responded when Cameron asked who wanted to hang out the night before. A person she met recently picked them up.

Then her son didn't return home. He wasn't responding to her calls. Then she connected with one of her son's friends, who said Drake was dead and Cameron was with him the night before. She called police and local hospitals.

The police detectives arrived. They showed her a picture and she knew it was Cameron's. She would later identify his body. The Oakland County Medical Examiner ruled both deaths a homicide.

"His personality just brightened your lifeand his laughter... everything about him," Duckworth said, detailing what she wants people to remember her son for. "He gave the best hugs and he was a really, really, really nice kid. I'm sorry he died out here by himself."

One of Cameron's cousins has started a GoFundMe campaign to help pay for burial costs.

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Levin, Stevens face off in debate ahead of primary

Democrats differ on health care, fundraising

Clara Hendrickson Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Democratic incumbent members of Congress, Reps. Andy Levin and Haley Stevens, who share similar positions on many issues from abortion rights to gun control, tried to highlight their differences during a debate Tuesday ahead of a closely watched primary in a newly drawn district in Oakland County.

Levin, of Bloomfield Township, and Stevens, of Waterford, sparred over the course of the 90-minute debate attended by about 400 at Oakland University in Auburn Hills.

The debate was the second one between the candidates.

The two sparred over a range of issues from the future of the Supreme Court and whether it requires reform to how to address the student debt crisis.

Levin didn't hesitate to call for expanding the Supreme Court while Stevens said she was open to changing the court but didn't specify which reforms she would support.

Stevens has taken a more moderate approach on some economic and health care issues. Levin has suggested his progressive stances will have greater appeal among the voters in the new district.

That divide was clear on the issue of student debt when Levin said he opposes means testing for student debt relief that would take into account students' socioeconomic status. Stevens took a different stance.

"Jeff Bezos' kids do not need to go to college for free," she said.

The pair are the only incumbent members of Congress in the Democratic Party running against each other in Michigan. Other sitting Democrats either moved to avoid primary challenges against each other or resigned.

The upcoming Aug. 2 primary will likely decide whether Levin or Stevens will represent the newly drawn 11th Congressional District in Oakland County that includes Troy, Farmington Hills, Pontiac, Royal Oak and surrounding communities. President Joe Biden won

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the solidly Democratic district with 60% of the vote in the 2020 election.

The debate kicked off with reflections on the nation's latest gun massacre at an elementary school in Ulvalde, Texas, that killed at least 18 children and one adult.

Stevens called it a "break glass moment" and said she called the White House before the debate began to urge Biden to call for a national emergency.

Levin said that both he and Stevens have backed gun control legislation that has stalled in the Senate. "We have to end the filibuster in the Senate so we can pass things by majority ruling," Levin said, citing polling that suggests a majority of Americans support common sense gun control measures.

Stevens later joined Levin in stating her support to end the filibuster, characterizing it as an impediment to taking legislative action on issues including voting and women's rights.

Levin said Stevens' stance on filibuster marked a sudden change in her position "in the heat of this campaign," prompting Stevens to say that she signed a letter last year calling for the end of the filibuster.

Stevens helped lead the auto task force that helped save General Motors and Chrysler in 2009. Levin is a former labor union organizer and leader who comes from one of the most well-known political families in Michigan.

will face off in the Aug. 2 primary for a newly-drawn district in Oakland County. PHOTOS BY ANNIE BARKER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Levin highlighted his own labor background in making the case that he should be reelected at a time the country has seen a surge in unionization efforts.

meanwhile, represents corporate interests, stating that Stevens has received contributions from the Amazon PAC, contrasting that with his own support of Amazon workers' unionization campaign in Alabama.

Stevens said her votes "are not bought and paid for" and that Levin only made the decision to stop taking money from corporate PACs last week.

Health care reform also emerged as a key divide between the two.

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ance and said Tuesday that his own congressional bid was inspired to advocate for single-payer health insurance as a two-time cancer survivor.

During her 2018 campaign, Stevens advocated for Medicare but campaigned instead on a public option two years ago.

During the debate Tuesday, she called for a public option, a governmentsponsored program that would be available alongside private plans through the Affordable Care Act's exchanges.

Levin said a public option would still leave millions without health insurance.

Both Levin and Stevens were first elected to Congress in 2018. Levin easily won the Democratic-leaning district he currently represents while Stevens faced a tougher race, flipping a GOPdrawn district traditionally held by Republicans.

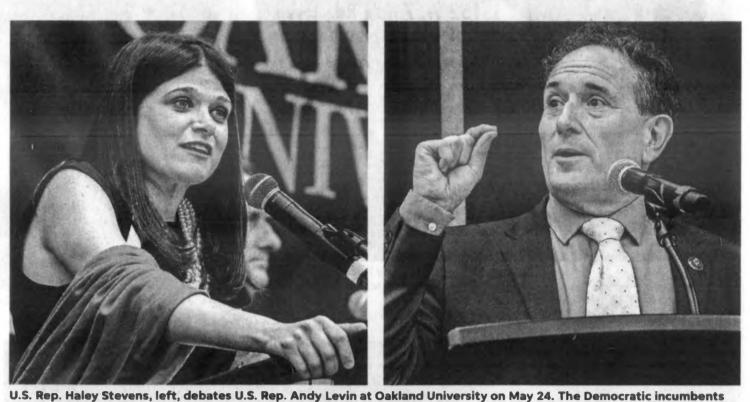
While Stevens has previously suggested that she is a better fit for the new 11th Congressional District, she took a more muted tone on the debate stage Tuesday, calling the primary between her and Levin "unfortunate."

"No one asked for this," she said.

"It's my life. I'm the union organizer

in Congress," he said. He suggested that his opponent,

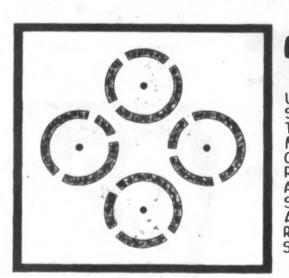
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Northville claims league championship

No. 1-ranked girls soccer team last won 8 years ago

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If Jeannine Reddy had it her way, she'd probably do away with it all. For the second-straight week, the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association ranked Northville No. 1.

The Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West standings on the Michigan High School Athletics Association's website still prominently displays the

Mustangs' undefeated record. And news outlets such as Hometown Life continue to write articles hyping

the team's success this spring. All that is great stuff for state-wide

soccer fans and the Mustangs faithful watching from the stands.

But it can be an absolute nightmare for coaches trying to limit outside distractions.

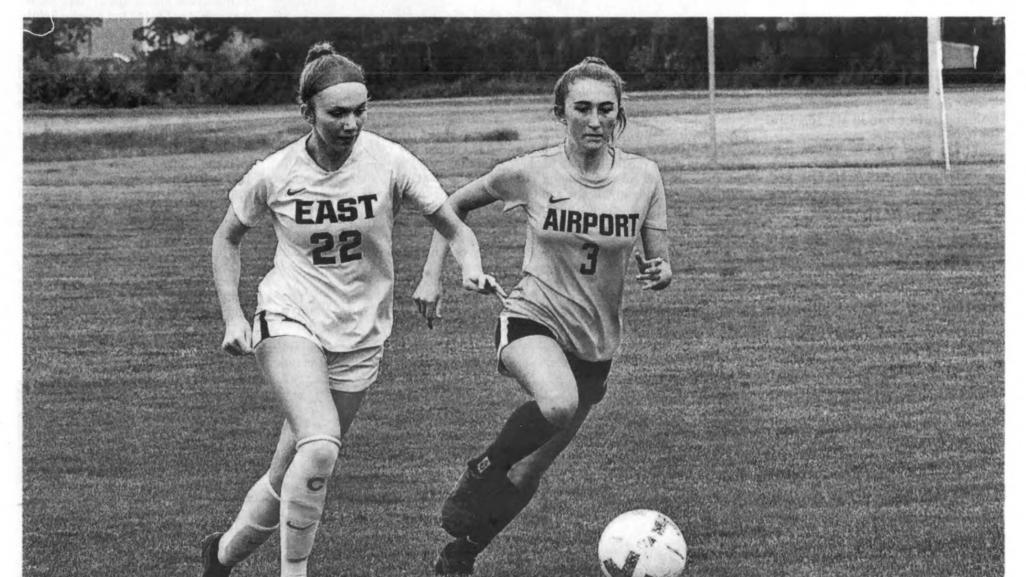
In her first season leading Northville, Reddy is currently one of those coaches, and all that noise frustrates her at times.

Take the May 23 KLAA championship, for example.

The stakes couldn't have been any

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South Lyon East's dual star rising



South Lyon East's Emma Pompo, left, goes on a breakaway during the Division 2 girls soccer pre-district May 25 at Carleton Airport. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Senior led Cougars to first-ever LVC title and qualified for states in track

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Emma Pompo sailed a wide-open 20yard shot just outside of the left post. She missed it by about 1 foot.

"Don't force it, Emma! Don't force it!" South Lyon East girls soccer coach Pete Stoyanovich hollered at her from the bench area. "Let the game come to you!" Five minutes later, Pompo, the Cougars' star striker, did, in fact, let the net. "Push it, Emma!"

game come to her.

The senior found herself on a breakaway during the Division 2 pre-district May 25 at Carleton Airport. She outran a few of the Jets' defenders and then had a choice to make. She could either shoot the ball with a defender hanging on her or try to get a pass to Kate Mazur, who was open near the left post.

"Push it, Emma!" Stoyanovich hollered at her as she dribbled closer to the

Pompo then lined a soft touch pass in front of Airport goalie Natalie Mumbower, and Mazur tapped in the gimme goal on the backside, good enough to put the 10th-ranked Cougars (13-3) ahead 5-0 in just the 18th minute.

They had no trouble the rest of the way, finishing with an 8-0 mercy-rule victory by halftime.

Pompo also assisted on the second and third goals. She sailed a pass toward the left post that Alyssa Melquist See STAR, Page 2B

tapped in right before Mumbower could dive toward the ball. And she also placed a perfect pass to Jessica Boulard, who headed in a tough goal in traffic.

Whether it's scoring her own goals or finding her teammates for theirs, Pompo, who is signed with Cleveland State, is one of the top players in metro Detroit. Now here's the catch: Soccer isn't her

only sport.

Bloomfield Hills Marian girls soccer nabs league title

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The speakers at Bishop Foley's stadium started playing "We Are the Champions" by Queen right as the Bloomfield Hills Marian girls soccer team circled for their post-game chat.

Star striker Elle Ervin started singing along. The sophomore ultimately inter-

rupted coach Reid Friedrichs as he was beginning his brief skull session.

A couple more Mustangs joined her for an impromptu karaoke night. Friedrichs' talk would have to wait.

This was a much, much different tune than the one Marian was singing the last time it faced Warren Regina.

In fact, the last time the No. 2-ranked Mustangs had faced the Saddlelites,

there wasn't much lip service from any of the players afterward.

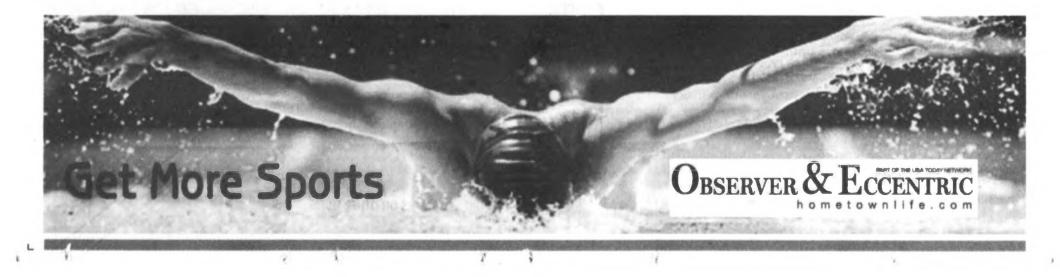
That Catholic League-Central match on May 10 saw Regina score a pair of early goals and then they seemingly held on in the second half to upset Marian, 2-0.

And, yeah, Marian rarely loses in the regular season.

'Yeah, it was no good," Friedrichs

said. "It was no good at all. Ever since the whole thing has been: How do you respond to it because I was OK with us missing a couple of chances and open nets in that Regina game. And, early on, they scored, and that happens, too. It was OK because they (Regina) played really well.

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She's also a member of the track and field team this spring, and she's not just any regular ol' name on the roster. She's actually quite talented as a runner as well.

And a week ago is a time Pompo will likely never forget.

On May 18 she helped East edge Walled Lake Central, 2-0, to win the program's first-ever Lakes Valley Conference title in girls soccer. Two days later, she was on two of East's sprint relays teams that qualified for the Division 1 state final on June 4 at Rockford.

She helped the 400-meter relay team place third during the regional at Milford, as her foursome crossed the finish line in 50.34 seconds to not only record a season-best time but also meet the Michigan High School Athletic Association's additional qualifying standard to punch their ticket to the big dance.

Her 800 relay squad came in fourth, but their time of 1:45.96 also met the additional qualifying standard.

This won't be Pompo's first trip to the state final. As a junior, she joined Ella Penndorf, Lanna Lewis and Ella Kruschka in placing 11th (1:44.87) in the 800 relay.

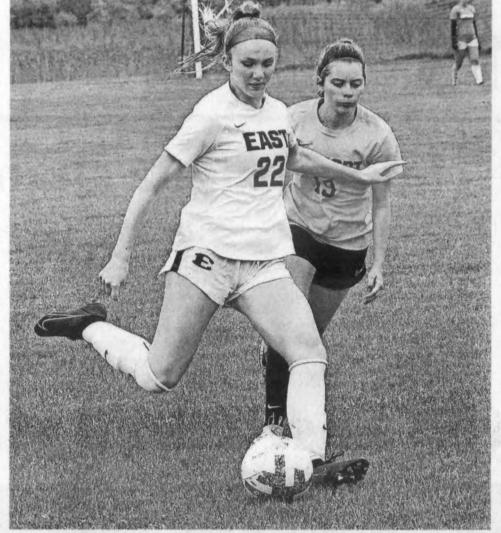
But this will be the first time she's made it to states in multiple events.

This sets up another busy, exciting week for her, as she'll look to win both a district championship with the soccer team and try to nab an all-state medal at the track state final.

"She's been doing it for 4 years now," Stoyanovich said. "She's a terrific player. We give her all the support to do both soccer and track. She's a gifted athlete. She deserves all the accolades that she's getting.

"She's had a tremendous career at our high school, and we're not quite done yet. We've still got some unfinished business, but she's a great athlete.'

Playing multiple sports does come at



South Lyon East's Emma Pompo shoots during the Division 2 girls soccer pre-district May 25 at Carleton Airport. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE COM

a cost, both on and off the field.

She can deal with putting her hobbies to the side while starring for two teams. But she said she misses hanging out with her friends dearly. If she's not at soccer or track practice, she's playing in a match on weeknights or competing at meets on the weekends.

And because she's headed to play Division I college soccer, she already knows her entire summer will be spent training to join the Vikings in the fall. Those bonfires and beach trips will have to wait.

But there are more sacrifices than just that. She's always choosing which sport to be at. Sometimes track meets fall on the same days as soccer practice. If she misses a practice, she doesn't get to start in the Cougars' next match. If she picks soccer over track, her relay team doesn't get to work on their baton exchanges.

It's a catch-22, for sure.

But that's life for Pompo, who's been doing this every spring for the past 4 vears.

"I make sure to put school first because that's the most important thing," Pompo said. "But then I don't have a lot of time to do fun things. I'm just always putting in extra work with soccer and track."

She probably wouldn't have had this kind of success in both sports if it wasn't for her coach.

Yes, Stoyanovich is hard on her, as evident by his coaching that was highlighted at the beginning of this story. But he understands just how talented she is and how important she is to the Cougars.

He's also been in her shoes before.

He played both soccer and football at Dearborn Heights Crestwood. And he was a star there. So much so, in fact, that he went on to do both sports at Indiana. And then he was selected in the 1989 NFL Draft and went on to have a 12-year career kicking as a member of the Miami Dolphins, Kansas City Chiefs and St. Louis Rams.

He's booted game-tying field goals in the NFL playoffs, and he's kicked lastsecond game-winners against AFC rivals.

If anyone understands the pressure Pompo is dealing with right now, it's Stoyanovich, and he hasn't taken the responsibility of being her mentor lightly. He's inspired her to do her best, whether that's on the pitch or in a running lane.

"Emma understands how important she is to our team," Stoyanovich said. "I think soccer is a priority for her. Myself and the track coach (Sonita Harris) get along great, and we have an understanding of what's expected of her and where she needs to be."

If the Cougars can get past the district tournament, they'll have Pompo all to themselves, as the track season will be done by the time regionals rolls around. Hopefully, she doesn't forget to take off her all-state medal before kickoff.

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Northville

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higher for a regular-season game. It was the top-ranked team in Michigan on the road vs. No. 8 Livonia Stevenson, which entered 16-1 and as the winner of the East division.

So much was on the line, and the Spartans were hungry for an upset. "I try to keep them humble and make



sure we play every game like it's the last game - like it's the last 5 minutes and you're down 1-0," Reddy said. "Sometimes I have to really drill that into their heads that this is the way we have to play every time because everybody wants to beat you. So you have to work that much harder."

That wasn't how Northville played in the first half, though

Caroline Doody pushed in a goal in the 14th minute to give the Mustangs a quick lead, but, as Reddy described, they looked "out of sorts" at various points of the opening 40 minutes.

So much so that Stevenson knotted the score before halftime. Mackenzie Gregor corralled her own rebound near the left post, deked a Northville defender with a dribble move and then smashed a pass to the opposite side of the net for Kelsey Ware, who tapped in a gimme goal in the 26th minute.

"At halftime, we readjusted things and talked about communication and what roles certain people had and what we needed them to do in this game," Reddy said.

There weren't many scoring opportunities in the second half. It was a true battle of top-10 teams. And it was a physical, physical matchup, certainly worthy enough to call itself the KLAA championship.

But the Mustangs started playing like their whole season was on the line, just how Reddy wanted them to play.

That's why it wasn't a surprise to see them capitalize on the best opportunity they got to win it all.

Off a corner kick, Abby Park toed in a goal, finding the ball with her left foot at the perfect time among a scrum of players to give Northville a 2-1 lead with 14 minutes left.

That one-goal advantage stood until the final whistle.

For the first time since going 23-0 and winning the state championship in 2014, Northville won the KLAA.

"I saw a tiny opening in the corner of the net, so I just shot it there and placed the ball there," said Park, a forward. "I've been waiting for this moment for a long time. Now that I'm a senior, I'm so happy that everything is finally happening, and I hope we win it all this year.

Northville celebrates a goal during the Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship May 23 at Livonia Stevenson. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Northville celebrates after beating Stevenson 2-1.

"It's so exciting because I've never had this happen before (winning a KLAA title), so I'm happy, and I love it."

The Spartans' attack pushed for the equalizer in the final 10 minutes.

They just couldn't get many throughballs past Northville's backline to set up a scoring chance.

There wasn't much they could do to erase the two goals they gave up earlier

"Both of their goals were restart goals," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "It's hard to swallow, but we just didn't defend great in front of our own goal in those moments, and that was the difference. ...

"It's hard, but the game was excellent. When you play against good teams, someone wins and someone loses. My girls did everything they could, and I have no problem with the way they played today."

Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman presented Northville (13-0-5) with both the KLAA championship trophy as well as a smaller trophy for winning the West division.

Quickly afterward, the Mustangs lined up to snap a celebratory team photo. Grace Koski clutched one trophy, while Park, who undoubtedly earned



Stevenson's Jenna Barbour looks to pass against Northville.

the opportunity to do so, held onto the other one. And then they all flashed championship-caliber smiles.

Sure enough, these pictures will circulate on Instagram and Snapchat.

Northville is guaranteed to enter the playoffs as the No. 1 team in the state. Its record will remain undefeated.

The Mustangs won't be escaping any distractions just yet. But that's what makes things interesting for Reddy's girls.

"They, for sure, keep you on edge for 80 minutes," she joked. "But they all just worked really hard. I'm super proud of them."

All work, no play for Farmington Hills Mercy pitcher

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Kaitlyn Pallozzi is still trying to figure out how high school softball works.

No, not the pitching and hitting part. The Farmington Hills Mercy freshman definitely has that down pat.

We're talking about the most important side of the sport.

You know, the celebrating after big wins and the showboating after even bigger plays — all the fun stuff that comes with being the star pitcher on the No. 6-ranked team in Division 1.

The May 24 matchup at Detroit Mercy is a perfect example of this.

Pallozzi rifled an absolute laser of a strike past Riverview Gabriel Richard slugger Megan Ratkewciz to record the final out of a 7-0 victory during the Catholic League Bishop tournament championship.

Instead of whipping off her facemask and tossing her glove toward the heavens, Pallozzi did a nice, slow jog to home plate and then softly slapped five with her assistant coaches and catcher Kat Burras.

And, well, that was it. It was like watching Barry Sanders flip the football to the side judge after scoring a rushing touchdown at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Come on! This is the CHSL championship we're talking about. Gabriel Richard is the fourth-ranked team in D-4. You're playing on a Division I college softball field. The stakes couldn't have been any higher!

"I never celebrate!" Pallozzi said while blushing and laughing. "I never know what to do.

"Yeah, I kind of am (still figuring it out)."

Well, when you're too busy practicing to be the best in the pitcher's circle, it's understandable if you're not exactly the fastpitch version of "Neon Deion" Sanders when you're touching 'em all.

And that's where Pallozzi's story starts (and continues) — with lots and lots of hard work.

She entered her freshman year at Mercy with 5 years of travel experience. Though, she admits her first two seasons were spent riding the bench.

But once she joined the Texas Glory Midwest club, things just took off for her. She's traveled around and has faced



Farmington Hills Mercy pitcher Kaitlyn Pallozzi smiles in the dugout. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

some of the top batters in the nation. When hitters were having their way against Pallozzi, her club coaches kept her in the games and encouraged her to pitch out of the jams.

"That really pushed me to be better and to know my place and the expectations for myself," Pallozzi said. "They really pushed me to be a better pitcher. When I was struggling, I learned to have confidence in myself, which is the confidence I have today.

"So that's really how I got here."

That confidence has come in handy plenty this spring (but we'll touch on that later).

Marlins coach Corey Burras was excited when he learned Pallozzi was enrolling at Mercy a year ago. He had heard of the solid pitcher from Wixom and was familiar with her skillset.

But he didn't know what he had on his hands until he started working with her in January during throwing sessions for catchers and pitchers.

And neither did Kat Burras, Coach Burras' sophomore daughter, who is the team's starting catcher.

Three workouts a week turned into

hangouts outside of throwing sessions. Wash, rinse and repeat.

"This is our first year working together, and I think working on and off the field has really helped our relationship," Kat said. "She's definitely a tough pitcher to catch for. She's got a great rise ball. Her fastballs are crazy. So practicing with her at every practicing and bonding outside of softball has been a way for us to hone in (our chemistry) during games."

And, yeah, the duo created instant chemistry. Like from the get-go.

Pallozzi threw a no-hitter in her debut start.

And only 3 days later, she tossed a perfect game — 21 strikeouts! — in a 1-0 win at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

"It hurt a little bit after," Kat said of her glove hand following Pallozzi's big game. "But you know what? It's going to hurt no matter what I do when I'm catching for her."

Fast forward to today, and the duo is still working just as hard.

Pallozzi tossed another no-hitter in the CHSL championship, striking out 19 Pioneers through seven innings. However, it wasn't as easy as it looks on paper.

Twice, during the third and fifth innings, Pallozzi stranded runners at first and second bases.

But it was nothing for her and Kat to get through the jam together.

"Kaitlyn makes Kat look good, and Kat makes Kaitlyn look good as well," Coach Burras said. "She's comfortable throwing those pitches (that get us out of jams) because she knows Kat's going to be a wall."

The funny thing is we've made it this far and haven't even talked about Pallozzi's moxie at the plate.

In fact, it was her sacrifice single to second base that drove home Izzy Chaput for the game's first run.

And, with the Marlins clinging to just a 3-0 lead in the fifth inning, Pallozzi blasted a two-run home run to left-center to bust open the game and practically ensure Gabriel Richard wouldn't have any chances of a comeback going forward.

Other highlights throughout the evening included Villanova signee Kendall Spivey singling through the third baseman's legs to push home Chaput in the third inning, Chaput sending home Charlie Lambert with a stand-up double that went about 195 feet in the fifth and Lambert securing the victory with a two-run homer in the sixth.

Pallozzi had plenty of breathing room when she took the circle for the final frame.

"I really trust my infield, and I know they can do it," she said of pitching in big moments late in games. "I know they can make the plays, and I know they have my back."

Following the Marlins' post-game chat with Coach Burras, Mercy's players reached into a cooler to choose from an assortment of ice cream cones and other frozen treats. Leading the charge was Spivey, who was wearing a bright red clown's nose and joking while posing for pictures.

Now *that* is the way to celebrate a win. Hopefully the senior can give the rookie a few tips about letting loose after a big win before the season wraps up because Pallozzi has definitely earned the opportunity to let her hair down.

Maybe she will after the district final next week?



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Livonia United boys lacrosse went from being 'scum of the league' to winning a playoff game

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When the Livonia United boys lacrosse team established itself as a program four years ago, it dealt with plenty of frustration and challenges

But all of those headaches and growing pains early on are starting to pay off.

It's no longer an unproven, unknown upstart. It's now a respectable opponent.

That was evident May 19.

Senior Josh Nowack, who's signed to play at Muskingum University (Ohio), netted five goals to push the co-op squad between Livonia Stevenson, Li-

vonia Franklin and Livonia Churchill to a 15-2 win over Farmington United.

That victory in the Division 1 regional opener went down as LU's first playoff win in the program's short history.

You have to peel back the curtain and look at where the program was when it started to truly appreciate just how amazing it was for LU to celebrate a playoff win.

'That first year was pretty hard for everybody," senior goalie Connor Reed said. "There were people on that team, even some of the seniors, who had never played lacrosse before. We were the scum of the league at that point. We were really new, and none of the teams

"Looking back at it, it was kind of a weird experience, but I appreciated it because we got to start something new. We just had to roll with the punches. When you start a team from square one, you kind of have a say in where the team is headed in the future. So it was cool having a hand in creating the culture and all the traditions."

Scum of the league? Really!?

Yeah, they kind of were.

When Reed and his younger brother. junior back-up goalie Owen Reed, were playing for the local youth travel lacrosse program Livonia Raptors, they had no idea if playing in high school would be an option for them.

But Livonia Public Schools pounced on the idea to create a co-op team between the three high schools in 2018.

That first season in 2019 was abysmal. They went 1-14 overall. They lost a pair of one-goal heartbreakers in overtime, including losing to West Bloomfield 7-6 in two extra frames in the regional opener.

They were outscored 50-171, with their lone win coming against Royal Oak, 10-5.

"Looking back on it, you can kind of put it into perspective," said Connor, who's signed with Division II St. Thomas Aquinas College (New York). "It was a pretty big deal to even have a team. I didn't think about it much, but it was a big deal to be part of the first team in Livonia. Every single team in the future will be looking back at us as the ones who started it all. I'll be one of the few to say that I started with the program as a freshman and have seen the program grow until my senior year. It kind of makes you appreciate it."

Livonia didn't get to play the following year as the COVID-19 pandemic forced the Michigan High School Athlet-

(LU's opponents) knew what to think of ics Association to cancel all spring sports in 2020.

> But the team has gotten progressively better in each of the past two seasons. And it continues to grow as well.

2021 saw Livonia United open on a three-game winning streak and finish with an 11-6 record. The squad even won six games against Kensington Lakes Activities Association opponents. Its firstever league win was over Salem, 7-5.

Fast forward to today. Livonia United currently holds an 11-7 record.

And, on top of finally winning games, Livonia United has enough players to field a junior varsity team.

But, that, too, was a bit of a headache when the JV played its first season in 2021

"It was rough," said Owen, who was the JV's goalie a year ago and one of the few players with extensive playing experience. "There were kids who literally had never played lacrosse before just trying it out.

"Getting put on the JV, it was hard, and we did the best we could last year. We finished with a winning 6-4 record as a first-year JV program, so it was pretty cool. And I guess it's pretty cool to be able to establish a JV program because some teams in our league have been around for over 10 years and still don't have a JV team."

Even 'the scum of the league' has to start somewhere, and Livonia is well on its way to becoming a competitive program. It's only a matter of time before it competes for both a league title and a regional championship.

Connor and the rest of his senior teammates will be rooting for it to happen. He's grown fond of seeing Livonia United tackle those "first-ever" accolades the past four seasons. He'll be looking forward to seeing them be successful even when he's playing in college.



Obituaries

Paul Phillip Herrmann Sr.

ST. LOUIS, MO - Paul Phillip Herrmann Sr, 80 passed away peacefully on May 11, 2022, in St Louis, Missouri.

Paul was born on October 4, 1941 in Highland Park, Michigan to Peter G. Herrmann and Mae (Matero) Herrmann and was their only child. He grew up in Livonia, Michigan.

Paul graduated from Bentley High School Class of 1959. During high school, he met Edythe Anne Bosak. Paul graduated from the Electronics Institute of Technology, Detroit, MI and began his career with General Dynamics in the aerospace division

in San Diego, California. He returned to Michigan and married Edythe on August 3, 1963. In 1968, he co-founded E.A.S.I. (Electronics Application Specialists Incorporated) which provided electronic solutions to the major auto manufacturers and other industries. Paul retired in 2000 after 32 years.

Paul and Edythe lived in Novi and welcomed their first child, Anne Marie in 1965, followed by Karen Lynn in 1966, Paul Jr. in 1967, and Nancy Beth in 1972. They moved to South Lyon where Paul lived for 48 years.

He loved all things electronic and could fix and build anything. He was also a licensed amateur radio operator and an active member of the South Lyon Area Amateur Radio Club for many decades. His call letters N8BHT made thousands of contacts around the world, and all of his kids remember working the annual Ham Radio Field Days all night along with him. Paul was also active in the Boy Scouts and was Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 38. Paul's love of fun, adventure, and laughter was contagious, and he passed this on to his children and grandchildren.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents Peter G. Herrmann and Mae (Matero) Herrmann, wife Edythe Anne (Bosak) Herrmann and his daughter Anne Marie (Herrmann) Bernay. He is survived by daughter Karen Lynn (Herrmann) Shipley, son Paul Phillip Herrmann Jr. (Amy) and daughter



Nancy Beth (Herrmann) Mueller (Scott); son-in-law Steven Blase Bernay; grandchildren Clare Justine Bernay, Peter Jacob Bernay, Logan Wyatt Mueller, and Sophia Avery Mueller; and many extended family members and friends. He will be interred at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia, Michigan in a private family gathering. Donations in his memory can be made to American Cancer Society. To view Mr. Herrmann's complete obituary, go to Bopp Chapel website: www.boppchapel.com



John "Jack" **Anthony Bailey**

John "Jack" Anthony Bailey was born on February 27, 1941, in Northville, Michigan. He spent his childhood in Northville and graduated from Northville High School.

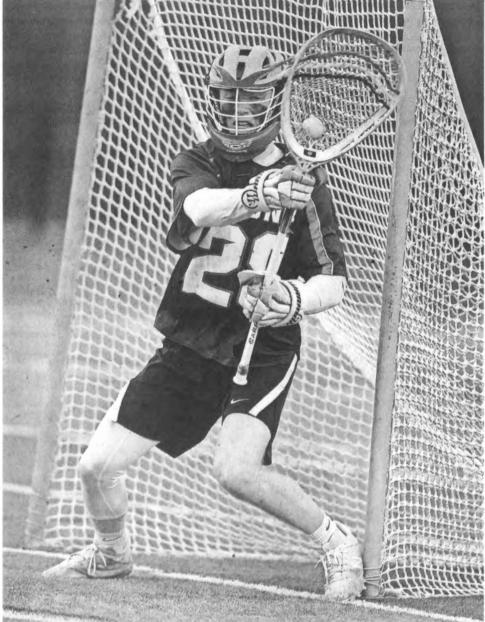
Everywhere he went he not only made people laugh, but he also made them feel heard, valued, and understood.

Jack is survived by his loving wife Carolyn, his four children and their loving families. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday June 4, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, Formal Remembrance at 12:30. www.mannsfuneralhome.com for more information.

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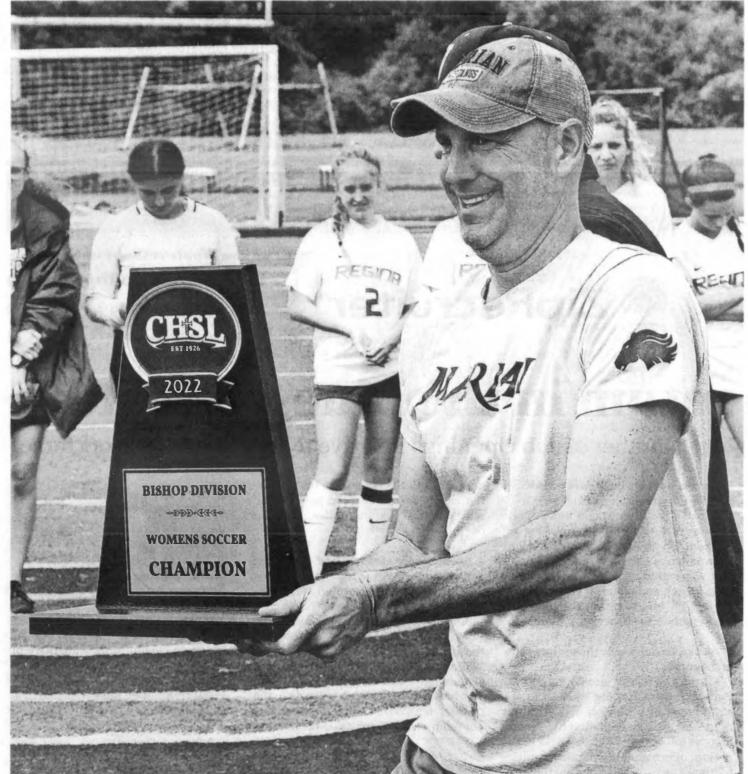


Brothers Connor, left, a senior, and Owen Reed, a junior, are both goalies for Livonia United lacrosse. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Connor Reed makes a save during warm-ups before a game May 5.

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Bloomfield Hills Marian coach Ried Friedrichs accepts the championship trophy May 21 after the Mustangs beat Warren Regina 2-0 in the CHSL tournament finale at Bishop Foley. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Bloomfield Hills Marian's Lucy Kinna (left) pushes the ball against Warren Regina's defenders.



Bloomfield Hills Marian's Elle Ervin juggles the ball against Warren Regina.



Bloomfield Hills Marian players celebrate a goal.

Marian

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"But our response in the second half of that game was really, really poor." And it was.

The Mustangs (12-1, 10-1) are chock full of future Division 1 college soccer stars who know better.

But they resorted to playing hero ball in that second half. The communication



stopped. Passes to open teammates were neglected. It didn't look like a team gunning for their fifth-straight Division 2 state championship.

"All what we talked about afterward was how poor our response was physically, emotionally and mentally in the second half and how do we correct it?" Friedrichs added. "We watched video in the classroom and were on the training field trying to correct our mistakes mentally and physically. We did a pretty good job of that.

"We looked pretty ready to go today. Yeah, we were ready."

St. Francis College-Brooklyn signee Ange Briggs booted in a moon ball off a free kick near midfield in the 28th minute to notch the winning goal during the CHSL championship against those dreaded Saddelites.

Marian looked much improved and even more motivated.

By the time Michigan State commit Isa Agrusso pushed in her goal in the second half, it was clear all chances of a comeback were out of reach for Regina during the 2-0 victory for the Mustangs.

They were not going to back down. Not after getting embarrassed 11 days earlier. Not with their 20th program league title on the line.

"We knew we had to come out hard and match their energy because they came out hard and wanted it more than we did the last time," Agrusso said. "We needed to come out hard both physically and mentally. In the last game, we had way too many fouls and knew we had to play more composed.

"It was kind of a redemption moment, so it felt good."

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The Mustangs gave up two goals to Regina earlier this month.

Since then, they've won four straight, including blanking both rival Farmington Hills Mercy and the Saddelites in the CHSL playoffs. They've outscored their opponents 15-0 in the last two weeks.

Following last week's 5-0 victory at Detroit Country Day, Briggs called that loss to Regina a "wake-up call."

The Mustangs have certainly received a shot in the arm.

"You don't learn anything from escaping victories like how we were escaping them a couple of times," Friedrichs said about close-call wins over



(left) shoots against Warren Regina.

the likes of Regina and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard earlier in the season. "We just kept thinking we were much better than we were. When we understand we are beatable, like every other team, we can be pretty good. If we start trying to think that we're some great soccer team, it'll be very hard for us."

So what did that loss to Regina cost Marian? For one, the No. 1 ranking in the state. Marshall has since taken that spot from the Mustangs. Plus, they no longer have an undefeated record.

Oh well. That's OK. Now they're more focused. They realize they, too, are human just like every other team in Michigan. And now they're the Catholic League champions.

Someone queue more Queen songs.

Bloomfield Hills Marian celebrates beating Warren Regina during the Catholic League tournament championship.



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This month's Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey recorded 11.5 million job openings across the U.S., a new record high. And a record 4.56 million workers quit their jobs. This week's state-level data provide more detail and show us where employers are facing the most acute labor shortages and retention challenges, and-on the flipside-where job seekers can find the most favorable hiring conditions.

Here are the highlights of the State **Employment and Unemployment Re**port and the State Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey from this week:

1. Kentucky led the nation in job openings in March.

There is great momentum in Kentucky's business environment right now. Month after month, the state has ranked in the top 10 with the highest number of vacancies. According to the State JOLTS report, the state's employment level could grow 9.8% if employers were able to fill all their job openings.

The world-known Kentucky Derby had a hand in boosting demand for labor. Since the beginning of 2022, growth in online postings for seasonal jobs has outpaced growth in jobs overall in the Bluegrass state. According to ZipRecruiter's internal data, the number of active online postings for seasonal jobs increased by five-fold in March accounting for 4% of the state's job

2. Kansas workers experienced the greatest degree of job security.

Current labor shortages have made employers rethink firing or laying off workers, given how challenging it has been to replace them. Amid rapid nominal wage growth, which is especially high for job switchers, it can cost employers far less to retain their existing workers than to attract new talent.

3. Alaska workers quit their jobs at the highest rate.

Alaska's workers aren't giving up. Rather, they're trading up due to the abundance of other job opportunities right now. The state posted the second highest job openings rate (9.2%) in the nation, offering plenty of opportunities to Alaskans who are exploring their options.

However, Alaska's wages have yet to respond to the tightest labor market conditions in state history. At 3.4%, wage growth in the state is almost half the national average of 6.7% (as measured in 2021 Q3, the most recent state level

data from BLS). Wages are only growing slowly in the seafood production, and oil and gas industries, keeping overall wage growth low.

4. Seventeen states reached their lowest unemployment rates on record.

With 1.9% unemployment rates, Nebraska and Utah are tied in the race for the lowest jobless rate in the country. They are among 17 other states with the lowest unemployment rates since 1976, when data collection began. Not surprisingly, both Nebraska and Utah also have the tightest job markets in the country with 3.6 and 3.8 job openings per unemployed person, respectively.

States with record-low unemployment rates

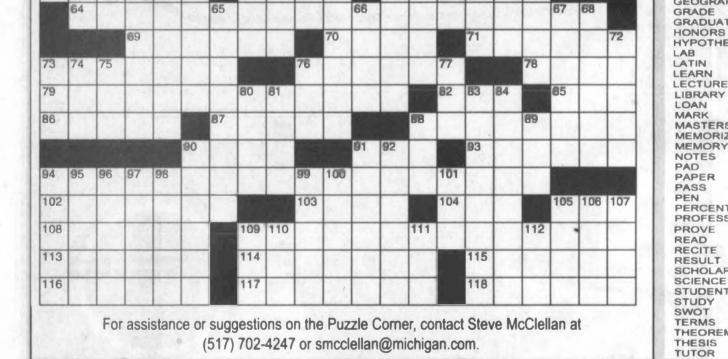
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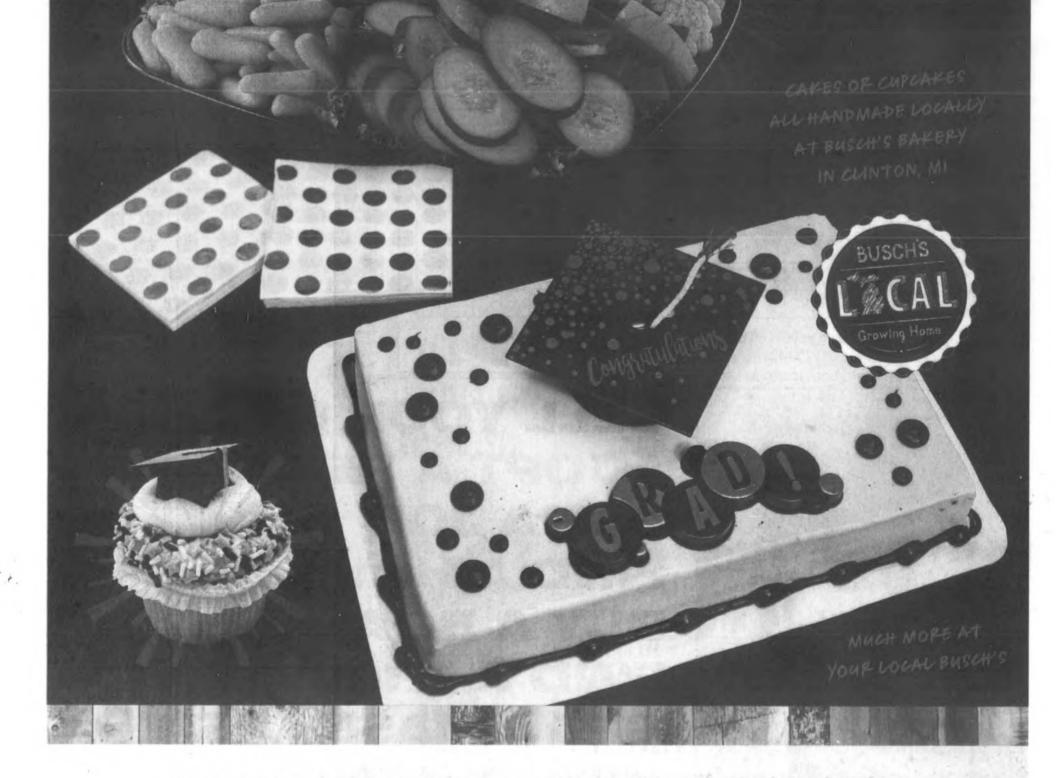
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