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Project may help rekindle downtown allure

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Even though some friends thought he was crazy, Brian Larson was excited to sign a 20-year business lease in Novi. He opened Larson Jewelry Design on

Main Street in 1999, the first retailer to move into the city's newly-created downtown.

More than two decades later, he looks out the window at empty sidewalks and vacant storefronts and acknowledges this is not what he signed up for.

"We are a downtown jeweler without a downtown," Larson said. "This was supposed to be the first of eight buildings up to Novi Road, there was supposed to be a skywalk, a development across the street. It was a grandiose

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> Instead, Novi's downtown looks like a ghost town: tables and chairs outside of restaurants lacking diners, no pedestrians shopping or even out enjoying the warm, sunny weather.

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Lawmakers ask for \$23M in federal grant funds

Local projects include upgrading infrastructure

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Metro Detroit's representatives in Washington, D.C., are asking for federal money intended to help local government and community assets. The requests are made through fedMilford '22 grad breaks **Down syndrome barriers**



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Molly O'Connell graduated along with hundreds of other Milford High School students and, like many of them, is college-bound this fall.

And yet, this accomplishment puts her in a class by herself.

Molly has Down syndrome, and she's breaking stereotypes and antiquated ideas about what those born with her genetic disorder are capable of. The 17year-old has earned her certificate of

eral earmarks, a practice reinstated in 2021 that allows congress members to request funds for projects in the communities they represent.

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

In metro Detroit, Westland and Canton caught the attention of lawmakers and racked up the most earmark requests, also called community project funding requests.

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

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

City of Westland

Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib requested \$3.5 million for Westland's proposed community center at the former Marshall Upper Elementary. Sen. Gary Peters is also asking for \$2.5 million for the project. City officials expect a retrofit of the old school into a recreation and community center, which Westland currently doesn't

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As her mother Laura O'Connell, left, listens, Molly O'Connell talks about her education in the Huron Valley Schools system. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

completion and will soon be a Concordia University student.

"I am proud of myself," Molly said. "And I'm proud of my mom and dad, too and my siblings."

Laura and Tim O'Connell are extremely proud of their daughter, as are Molly's six siblings, which includes her fraternal twin Erin. All of them have been champions for a mainstreamed, inclusive education for Molly.

"The lesson is: Raise the bar," Laura O'Connell said. "Have expectations for all children, regardless. A lot of parents have lowered their expectations. Any kid will accomplish what they are expected to."

She knew different challenges would face each of her twins, one neurotypical and one not, but she was determined they would not be separate in their education

Individuals with Down syndrome are born with an extra chromosome which affects both mental and physical development. There are three types of the genetic disorder and Molly has the rarest, mosaic. Tested at birth, 20 percent of her cells were found to have the extra chromosome while 80 percent did not.

The O'Connells started significant early interventions, and Molly had a "mirror" in her twin Erin.

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Northville woman earns state award for drunken driving prevention work

Courtesy of Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission.

Rana Abbas-Taylor of Northville is being recognized by the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission for being a tireless advocate for drunken driving prevention.

Abbas-Taylor was honored May 24 during the Traffic Safety Awards Virtual Ceremony. The commission recognizes organizations, programs and individuals for outstanding involvement in traffic safety.

Nominated for an Outstanding Traffic Safety Achievement Award, Abbas-Taylor is commended for successfully building support among the public,

to 132 residential townhomes

"This progress would not have been possible without Rana (Abbas-Taylor) turning her family's tragedy into a mobilizing force for change ..."

Allison LaPlatt MADD Volunteer Resource Specialist, when nominating Abbas-Taylor for the award

policymakers and auto industry to have drunken driving prevention technology installed in new cars.

On Jan. 6, 2019, five members of Abbas-Taylor's family were killed while traveling on Interstate 75 from Florida to their home in Michigan. A driver, whose blood-alcohol level was nearly four times the legal limit, drove on the wrong side of the interstate and hit the Abbas family's vehicle head-on.

After learning that more than 200

drunken and impaired driving prevention technologies currently exist for vehicles, Abbas-Taylor chose to channel her loss into helping end America's drunk-driving epidemic.

She worked with Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Congress to get legislation passed that would make it mandatory to have drunken and impaired driving prevention technology installed in all new vehicles.

Abbas-Taylor also testified at a U.S. Senate traffic safety hearing, spoke at events with members of Congress, and told her story during news conferences and interviews.

Called the Honoring Abbas Family Legacy to Terminate Drunk Driving Act, the legislation eventually became part

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City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on July 12, 2022, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider: PZ22-0028 (RN Construction) 41934 Aspen Drive, West of Meadowbrook Road and South of 10 Mile Road, Parcel 50-22-26-254-001. The applicant is requesting variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance section 3.1.5 for a rear yard setback of 21.74 feet (35 feet required, variance of 13.26 feet). This variance will accommodate the building of a new screened in porch. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ22-0029 (Steve Kolis) 23956 Presidio Lane, West of Beck Road and South of 10 Mile Road, Parcel 50-22-29-227-051. The applicant is requesting variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance section 3.1.5 for a rear yard setback of 30.27 feet (35 feet required, variance of 4.73 feet). This variance will accommodate the building of a new screened in porch. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-3).

of the infrastructure bill that was signed into law in 2021.

"This progress would not have been possible without Rana turning her family's tragedy into a mobilizing force for change that will keep other families in Michigan and every state from suffering the devastating traumatic loss Rana has experienced," said MADD Volunteer Resource Specialist Allison LaPlatt in nominating Abbas-Taylor.

The Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission was formed in 2002 to serve as the state's forum for identifying key traffic safety challenges and developing and implementing plans to address those issues.

The commission includes representatives from the departments of state police, transportation, education, state, and health & human services, as well as the Office of the Governor, the Aging and Adult Services Agency, and the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

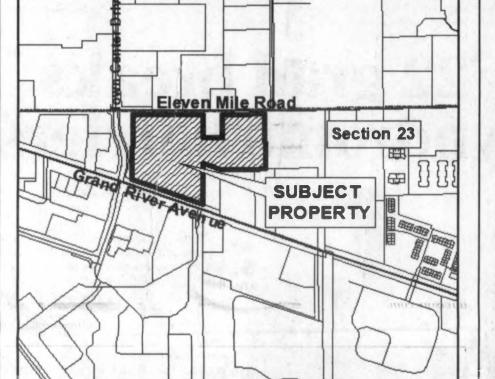
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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FOR SAKURA NOVI JSP 22-09 PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, SITE CONDOMINIUM, PHASING PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS ZONED TC-1 WITH A PRO AGREEMENT. The subject property is approximately 15.4 acres and is located north of Grand River Avenue and south of Eleven Mile Road, east of Town Center Drive (Section 23).

The applicant is proposing a mixed-use development with retail, office, and restaurant uses and up

Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

Subject Parcel IDs: 50-22-23-126-018

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Plan Review Center, 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, **July 13, 2022**.

Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary

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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, Ml 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, July 13, 2022.

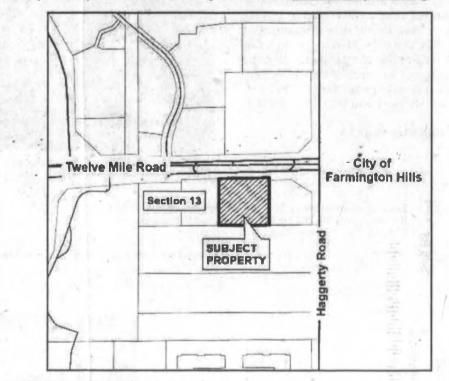
Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary Publish: June 23, 2022 PZ22-0030 (Singh Development) East of Novi Road and South of Grand River Ave, Parcel 50-22-23-151-039, 50-22-23-176-035. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance from Section 3.6.2.H to allow a 20-foot building setback adjacent to the RM-2 District (117 feet required, variance of 97 feet); and Section 5.10 to allow perpendicular parking on a major drive, which is not permitted. This property is zoned Town Center-1 (TC-1).

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



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, July 13, 2022.

Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Novi, Westland first responders plan youth academies

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Metro Detroit's first responders want you ... Yeah, you! There in the middle of your summer vacation from school.

Novi, Westland, and Canton and White Lake townships are some of the communities hosting youth academies for those with professional aspirations.

Police and firefighters want to build leadership skills as they host classes that feature tours and fun exercises to get students thinking about their proper place in the world of emergencies and criminal justice.

Novi Police Detective Julie Warren, who also serves as the department's school resource officer, said the city's youth academy for young teens had about 30 participants last year.

An essay and recommendation letter are needed, but those who do the work can expect to learn more about what first responders do. That includes working with canines, ripping apart vehicles and doing some physical training and team building.

Participants should expect some laughs since this is an opportunity for police officers and firefighters to share the cheerier aspects of their personalities.

June 27 is the deadline for this year's July 25-29 academy. The city has been hosting a summer youth academy for more than 10 years.

"Often times, kids want to come back year after year," Warren said. "It's just a really great program for kids to be a part of.



Nia Mackerl, of Novi, learned how to roll a fire hose in 2019 at the week-long Novi Police and Fire Youth Leadership Academy. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

"It's just a really good opportunity for kids to gain some leadership skills and to branch out and be around kids they might not normally hang out with in the summer and see what police officers and firefighters do."

Westland Police Department is hosting a Police

Youth Academy for eighth- through 12th-grade students for the week of July 18. The deadline is June 24.

One goal is to get participants interested in becoming police service aides and eventually Westland police officers.

K9 demonstrations, mock traffic stops, a visit to Schoolcraft College's police academy and exposure to evidence tech work is part of the plan.

"I've already got in the last week about 10 applications. We've already gotten off to a good start," Sgt Brandon Paris said, noting that Wayne-Westland schools helped publicize the summer learning opportunity.

Here's more information about this summer's youth academies:

Westland Police Youth Academy: Eighth- through 12th-grade students can apply. June 24 is the deadline for this July 18-22 event, which will run 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day. The application can be found by clicking here

Novi Police & Fire Youth Leadership Academy will run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 25-29 for students 13 to 16 years of age during the time of the academy. The deadline to complete the application is June 27.

Canton: Application deadline has passed for this June 27-30 event.

White Lake Township: Application deadline has passed for this July 25-29 event.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Follow her on Twitter @susanvela.

Should politics influence estate planning?



Rick Bloom Guest columnist

Dear Rick:

I am in the process of updating my estate plan. I am divorced, in my mid-70s and have two adult children.

In my previous estate plan, my two children received my entire state equally; however, I want to make a few adjustments

My son's political beliefs have become so different from mine that I am afraid of what he'll do with the money. I don't support his political causes and therefore, I

tant to make this change for me.

He believes I should consider how this change will impact the relationship between my son and daughter.

Do you think it's appropriate for the attorney to question my wishes? If he won't make the change even though he drafted my previous estate plans, is it easy to hire another attorney?

Thank you, Marty **Dear Marty:**

Your attorney is more than an order taker. Remember, your attorney also acts as your counselor, and you want him to play devil's advocate.

Part of his job is to question you to make have decided to disinherit sure you understand the him and leave everything consequences of any ac-

My attorney is hesi- timately, the final decisions are up to you.

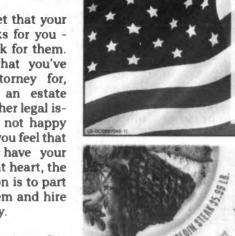
An estate planning attorney asks the client questions so the estate plan can be drafted in a way that is legal and meets the clients' needs. You can always change attorneys; it happens all the time.

Whenever a client wants to disinherit a child, I try to explain the associated consequences. I do this to make sure they have thought the issue through and are not making an emotional decision.

As an estate planning attorney, I make sure that the estate plan reflects the client's wishes and is drafted in a way that will be legally enforced. I want to make sure that the client understands

Never forget that your attorney works for you you don't work for them. No matter what you've hired the attorney for, whether it's an estate plan or any other legal issue, if you're not happy with them or you feel that they do not have your best interest at heart, the simple solution is to part ways with them and hire a new attorney. Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a feehim at rick@bloomadvisors.com.



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 2, 2022. The test will be conducted at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456. 	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. July 21st, 2022. Bid Opening will be publicly conducted via a Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Novi who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at <u>www.expressSOS.com</u> . The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, July 18, 2022. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the City of Novi Clerk's office, located at 45175 Tep Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 at the following times:	This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed Bids for the following Bid Divisions: 101: Sitework 114: Aluminum Entrances / Storefront/ Glass & Glazing 102: Asphalt Paving / Site Concrete 115: Meta Studs / GPDW / EIFS 103: Selective Demolition 118: Carpet / Resilient Tile Flooring 104: Concrete Footings & Foundations 120: Painting ^ 105: Interior Concrete Flatwork 128: Casework 106: Masonry 140: Plumbing 107: Steel 141: Fire Suppression 108: Carpentry / General Trades 142: HVAC 109: Roofing / Sheetmetal 143: Electrical Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture. will be available for public inspection
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Coffee shop, clothing store fill new Northville building

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Northville is known for its historic buildings. But two of the city's newest businesses call its newest building home.

Mithai and Chai, an Indian coffee shop, recently opened on the ground floor of the new building at 345 E. Cady St., across the road from the Tipping Point Theatre. It joins Revir, a clothing and accessory store, on the first floor of the building.

Rebecca Grewal, owner of the two shops, said the new building was needed for Grewal Law, husband Mick Grewal's law firm, which previously operated in a smaller space in Northville and needed more room.

"It's experiencing growth. It has been for the last five years or six years, so this was just a really nice addition," she said. "And it allowed us to put kind of a headquarters here. And it's just beautiful."

The coffee shop and retail store opened earlier in June.

Grewal said the coffee shop prides itself on making unique drinks that are popular in places like India, England and elsewhere.

"This is what you would get in an Indian home. And we wanted to share that," she said. "The process of making it is a lot different. There are no syrups or concentrates in ours. It's the old way."

While she wants to bring flavor to Northville, Grewal also wants to bring fashion. A fashion designer who spent time working in New York, she returned to her native Michigan and began creating clothing here. Several pieces in Revir are her own creation, manufactured at her warehouse near Lansing.

She realized she wanted to be closer to home and decided to return to Michigan several years ago. Once here, Grewal said she worked to build up a fashion industry here, finding employees and designing clothing.

It's the first brick-and-mortar location Revir clothing can be purchased: she's had an online store for about a year.

She's worked at creating fashion pieces out of Michigan Fashion Proto for more than a decade, though she said she did halt production and switch to creat-

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Inside Revir in downtown Northville, the first brick-and-mortar storefront for fashion designer Rebecca Grewal. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ing personal protective equipment to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Her facility helped make gowns and masks to provide to health care professionals of all kinds.

"We wound up supplying, I think it was over 75 different facilities," she said. "And then we wound up getting to them all the dentists, because everyone forgot about them."

Grewal said she hopes to continue to grow her brand and expand, opening in other communities similar to Northville. That feeling, she said, is what she wants to experience at each of her stores.

"The hope is to grow into more locations in charming towns in Michigan," she said. "Everything I've done since I moved back from New York is about Michigan.

"This town was the perfect place to start it."

Contact reporter David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.



Grewal owns both new businesses.



The new building at 345 E. Cady St. in downtown Northville houses a law office on the upper floor, with Revir and Mithai and Chai on the first floor.



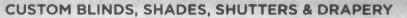
A variety of teas at Mithai and Chai.



Lauren Kroll, a cafe associate, preps an order at Mithai and Chai in Northville.









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The city council hopes that will change with Singh Development's Townes of Main Street project, a 196multi-family unit development contained in 32 townhome buildings

"The fact Singh is saying (they) are going to build this is probably one of the biggest stories of the year so far, and we have a lot of big stories in Novi," Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Staudt said. "Ten to 12 years ago we probably would have been wringing our hands (over) so much density and so many people squeezed together, but you know what? That is the way of the world now."

Todd Rankin, speaking on behalf of Singh, said The Townes of Main Street would be an important addition to the downtown area.

The developer shared a vision "to create a dynamic, attractive city core" in the project which will fill about 18 vacant acres on the north and south sides of Main Street east of Novi Road.

Mayor Bob Gatt was excited about the prospect, particularly as he recounted that more than a decade ago Main Street was deemed a blighted failure after a convoluted condo project failed, the economy hit the dirt and businesses closed.

"Finally before us is a bunch of homes and a bunch of people that will live there," Gatt said when the council approved a preliminary site plan for the project. "I see robust, vigorous growth and a boom to Novi and every business in that area

"I want everyone to know, I am 1,000 percent behind this and it's the best news I've heard in many, many years."

Complicated history

Kathleen Mutch, a 51-year resident of Novi and former chair of the city's historical commission, said downtowns normally emerge or develop from existing residential settlements. Churches, butcher shops, tailors and more spring up to fill a need in areas where homes are clustered together.

But that didn't happen in Novi, where large farms dotted the landscape.

'The village of Novi just wasn't big with a concentrated area of residents," Mutch said. "As close as the Begole

house is to Novi Road, there would have been a church, maybe two houses. Eventually there was a gas station there.'

As she pondered why Novi didn't naturally evolve a downtown like Northville, Farmington or Milford, Mutch said it was a "convergence of issues, especially in the '70s when Novi was just starting out as a city."

It wasn't until 1985 that county and city officials began developing a plan for a "traditional" downtown. Then, almost a decade passed that included a recall effort against council members who supported the plan, before Vic's World Class Market opened as an anchor for the development.

In 1996, a ribbon cutting ceremony opened "Main Street Novi." The following year, tenants began moving into the Main Street Village apartment complex, a Singh development. But in the years that followed, the "traditional" downtown didn't attract celebration.

A July 2004 special report in the Novi News, "Creating Novi's Downtown," begins by stating Main Street Novi had struggled to achieve the success origi-

nally envisioned, with lawsuits between the developer and tenants, foreclosures, bankruptcies and distressed properties. The young downtown also was shunned by some businesses in favor of the thennew Fountain Walk development.

downtown Novi. The area hasn't attracted the number of visitors Brian Larson expected when he signed the lease in 1999.

"We are a downtown leweler without a downtown." he said. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The article quotes then-Mayor Lou Csordas saying he saw a "significant turnaround" coming for the downtown with the addition of several new businesses.

and gone, along with a great many of their replacements.

Mainstays still around include Larson Jewelry Design, the first store on Main Street. Bd Mongolian Grill, featured in a photo in the 2004 report, stands in the same location.

But other storefronts have "for lease" signs in the windows, or in the case of the massive building formerly occupied by Michigan Beer Company and DUEL Novi piano bar, a message that the businesses closed after five years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The council was overwhelmingly optimistic about the new development finally realizing the potential for the downtown, but Mutch acknowledged personal mixed feelings about it. The new development will be good for existing businesses in the area, but she feels it's unlikely to attract outsiders.

The low visibility of the downtown from both Novi and Grand River is a potential pitfall, as are the lack of a library, post office, or government offices found in other downtowns.

'When you're looking to change from However, many of those have come a ghost town, you have to wonder why developers didn't take interest," Mutch said. "I think the biggest challenge will be to get (residents of the Singh apartments or townhomes) to actually be interested in the kinds of businesses located there now or that developers will draw in the types of businesses these people would patronize."

> Larson is cautiously optimistic for the new plans. He knows that existing businesses and new ones need more foot traffic to survive.

"We need people," he said. "The downtown I've always wanted and envisioned needs people."

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With every typical early childhood milestone, Molly was just steps behind, Laura said.

When it came time for kindergarten, Laura objected to Molly being placed in a contained, special education classroom with children who could be nonverbal or aggressive or a variety of other needs unlike her daughter's.

While Down syndrome is not a unique disability, it is much less common than autism, which impacts one in every 48 students, said Teri Thompson, director of student support services for Huron Valley Schools.

Thompson said "mainstreaming" students with special needs into general education classrooms is a practice that became more common in the 1990s.

"The goals for students who are mainstreamed might look different, yet there are benefits to integrating students into general education with their non-disabled peers," she said.

Among those benefits are developing friendships with same-aged peers from whom students with unique disabilities also see the standard of social and learning expectations, Thompson added.

But there are challenges with placing students who have different learning abilities in a typical classroom, including parents who object to some atypical behaviors. Mainstreaming also requires thoughtful collaboration among educators as content teachers are not as familiar with special needs and can require reallocated resources including paraeducators.

Molly was able to stay with her twin in fully inclusive classrooms throughout elementary school.

For middle school and high school, Molly's education would be a 50-50 split between general education and special education classrooms, getting extra help in reading and math.

But her education extended far beyond academics.

"I have friends," Molly said. "We had mock elections and I got a trophy for the Heartbreaker Award."

She enjoyed all the social aspects of high school, including football games and dances, especially homecoming and prom.



Molly O'Connell, left, with her mom Laura, sister Meghan, twin Erin, dad Tim, and brother Matthew on graduation day. COURTESY OF PICASA

"The lesson is: Raise the bar. Have expectations for all children, regardless. ... Any kid will accomplish what they are expected to."

Laura O'Connell Molly's mother

Milford High School Special Education Teacher Ana Berumen said that social integration has been essential to not only Molly, but to other students with disabilities, who now realize that they can go to homecoming dances and other extracurricular activities, too.

"I've seen more attendance and par-

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ticipation in school events, and I attribute that to Molly," Berumen said. "They are more comfortable now talking to their gen ed peers. They see Molly has friends in the hallway and they can have friends in the hallway, too."

Molly, who works as a hostess at the Highland House and is learning to drive,

is also helping in the TIES program, offering peer support for other students with individual education plans.

"It's hard helping the kids in TIES, but I like helping them," Molly said. "I like helping people."

Berumen said there were plenty of times that Molly helped her. The teacher recalls that whenever she had to step out of her classroom to deal with the day-to-day situations that would arise, she would put independent, responsible Molly in charge, "the one I could count on."

Molly taught Berumen something new, too, when she was applying to AbleLight College at Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

The special education teacher had not heard of AbleLight, a new certificate program designed to meet the higher education needs of students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in an inclusive environment.

"Molly is the first of my students to do something like this," Berumen said. "I didn't know anything about it. This is a new opportunity for not just her, but all my kids... It really shone a light on the need to research and make these accessible.'

Laura O'Connell encourages parents of children with intellectual disabilities to do more research into post-secondary education.

"I am so grateful and blessed that she's had the experience she's had and has the opportunity to continue in an inclusive environment," O'Connell said. "This next step will be the most rewarding."

Molly is excited for the future, but maybe a little conflicted, too. In one moment, she notes she is "grown up and not a kid anymore," while the next she admits she is sad to leave her parents, even as she reassures herself that she will be home for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Berumen has no concerns about her star pupil.

"I am super proud of her and we will miss her and wish her success in the future," she said. "I don't worry about her. She will be fine and flourish...She just wants to do, and be, and conquer."

Someday Molly will help others do the same, but as a preschool teacher.

"I want to help the little ones," Molly said, adding with a laugh, "High school teaching is a little crazy.

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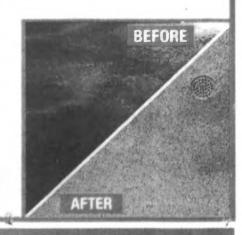




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have, will cost around \$15 million.

Peters also requested funds for other Westland projects including \$30,000 for the city's strengthening families program, which focuses on tweens and their parents, and \$75,000 for a license plate reader camera for the police department.

Canton Township

Congresswoman Haley Stevens asked for **\$1 million for extensive work on Patriot Park** in Canton. The township has been working to upgrade the park, near Ford and Ridge roads, since 2020. Funds would go toward things like a playground, sledding hill, nature center, trail system and more.

Peters asked for **\$1 million to fund** clean energy at Canton's Fire Station #4. The money would help add solar and geothermal energy infrastructure to the building.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow requested \$1 million for the township's Michigan Avenue Innovation Network program, which will be used to create lab space for collaboration between local businesses, nonprofits and schools.

City of Livonia

Schoolcraft College's manufacturing and engineering center is the target of a \$1.025 million request by Stevens. The funds would pay for training enabling Schoolcraft students to enter the manufacturing industry able to use the most up-to-date technology.

Schoolcraft opened a new manufacturing center last year.

Stabenow requested **\$2 million for** Livonia's bike/walk program. The program is intended to expand non-motor travel options, like bicycle trails, throughout the city.

City of Farmington Hills

The Zekelman Holocaust Memorial Center, near the corner of Orchard Lake and 12 Mile roads in Farmington Hills, is the target of several requests. Stevens asked for \$550,000 to expand outreach services like teacher training and transportation for school visits.



Schoolcraft College's manufacturing and engineering center is the target of a \$1.025 million federal grant request made by Congresswoman Haley Stevens. The new manufacturing center opened last year. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Stabenow also made a \$1 million request for the center to update its permanent exhibit, which has been in place for almost 20 years.

The Holocaust Center is the only museum of its kind in Michigan and attracts about 65,000 visitors annually.

City of Novi

Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence requested **\$1.4 million for Sanctum House to expand its center in Novi**. Sanctum House, which supports survivors of human trafficking, is looking to acquire two additional buildings to expand the services it offers. Sanctum House is the only nonprofit of its kind in southeast Michigan.

City of Northville and Northville Township

Stevens requested \$560,000 for a drainage repair project in Northville. The city is looking to repair two drains that serve residents in Northville and Novi. The drains are deteriorating and connect to the Rouge River in Northville and have caused some erosion and safe-ty concerns.

Stevens also asked for \$135,359 to fund two behavioral health clinicians

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that police departments in Northville, Northville Township and Plymouth would share. The funds are requested for the Northville Township Police Department.

The clinicians would co-respond with police officers on mental health calls and provide telehealth services.

City of Farmington

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

City of Birmingham

Stevens requested **\$1.3 million for a** sewer system rehabilitation project in Birmingham. The city has been working to replace or repair about 150 sewer segments since 2019.

Garden City

As Garden City plans to turn Schoolcraft College's **Radcliff building into a community center**, **Tlaib is asking for** **\$2.1 million** to help the project.

The city purchased the Radcliff building earlier this year and plans to move most of what's currently in the Maplewood Community Center there. The new facility would include city services like the senior alliance, youth assistance programs, Meals on Wheels and a community garden as well as new additions like a gymnasium.

City of Wayne

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

Redford Township

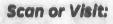
Tlaib requested **\$2 million for the** creation of recreation and wellness center in Redford. The township currently doesn't have a recreation center, and the proposed facility would include things like a gym, indoor track, classrooms, a fitness facility and more.

Tlaib's proposal notes a townshiprun center would provide a more affordable wellness option for many residents.

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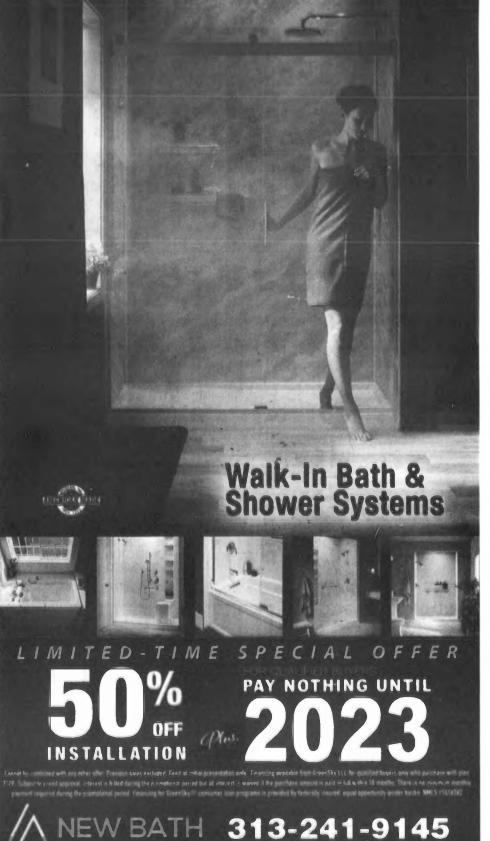
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Michigan has less than a dozen drive-in theaters left

Paula Wethington Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

The drive-in theater found its heyday in the 1950s and 1960s.

At such a theater, visitors pull up vehicles in a parking lot, facing a huge outdoor movie screen, purchase concession snacks, set up a radio or a speaker device to listen to the audio, and enjoy a show (often a double feature) that starts after dusk.

According to the website of The Capri Drive-In Theater in Coldwater, there were 110 drive-ins in Michigan during 1958, considered the peak of the trend.

There are now less than a dozen. Here's a roundup of where the traditional drive-ins can be found.

Hi-Way Drive-In Theater

2778 E. Sanilac Road, Carsonville One of Michigan's oldest operating outdoor movie venues, dating back to 1948. Sound is available through FM car radio. They've also participated in some drive-in livestream concert events.

Schedule: The box office opens at 7:30 p.m. and the movies start at dusk; new movies start on Fridays.

Capri Drive-In Theater

119 W. Chicago Road, Coldwater Opened in 1964, with a second screen added in 1986. Sound is available through AM and FM, or you can rent a portable radio on site. Was named "One of Ten Drive-Ins Worth a Detour" in 2001 by USA Today and The New York Times.

Schedule: The box office opens at 8 p.m. with shows Friday through Sunday; movies start at sundown.

Ford-Wyoming Drive In Theatre

10400 Ford Road, Dearborn Opened in spring 1950. Because the 70th anniversary happened during the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the theater postponed the public celebration and rescheduled it for May 19.

Schedule: The seven-day season has started. Box office opens 7:45 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 8 p.m. Sundays-



An aerial view of the Highway Community 2 Drive In Theater screen and field in Manistique. COURTESY OF U.P. FILM UNION, MANISTIQUE.

Thursdays. New movies and showtimes posted weekly.

5 Mile Drive In

28190 M-152, Dowagiac

Built in 1961. Radios are available to loan out if your vehicle does not have FM. Playground on site. Private party rentals available.

Schedule: Shows on Friday and Saturday nights, gates open at 7 p.m., movie begins at dusk. Occasional midnight showings on Thursdays.

US 23 Drive-In Theater

5200 Fenton Road, Flint Audio heard through FM radio, rentals available.

Schedule: Seven days a week. Gates open at 7:30 p.m. Movie selections change weekly.

Sunset Drive In

69071 Red Arrow Highway, Hartford Opened in 1948. Sound is via FM radio, loaners are available. According to the website, pets are also welcome.

Schedule: Friday and Saturday nights. Gates open at 7 p.m. with first movie at dusk. Occasional midnight showings on Thursdays.

Cherry Bowl Drive-In Theater

9812 Honor Highway, Honor

Opened in 1953, with a playground and mini golf on site. According to the website, other events include pony rides, clowns, classic car cruises and more. Sound available via FM radio or speakers mounted on posts.

Schedule: Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Showings begin at dusk.

Highway 2 Community Drive In Theater

5885 W. US Highway 2, Manistique

The only drive-in theater currently operating in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Opened in 1953, closed in 2001; then, the founding members of the Upper Peninsula Film Union started to host movie nights in 2016. The Film Union acquired the property in 2018. Admission is free. Donations welcomed. Nonprofit groups host the concession stand.

Schedule: Four movie nights have been announced for the 2022 season, starting June 25.

Memory Lane Drive-In Theater

6501 N. Monroe St., Monroe

The theater opened in 2021 after several years of planning. It is on the site of the former Denniston Drive-In that closed in 1985. Movie sound is by FM radio. Playground on site.

Schedule: Box office opens at 8 p.m.

Getty Drive-In

920 E. Summit Ave., Muskegon This drive-in has four screens with radio sound. Playground on site. It's part of the Celebration Cinema theater group

Schedule: Gates open at 8 p.m. New schedule usually starts on Fridays.

Summer Drive-In at USA Hockey Arena

14900 Beck Road, Plymouth The drive-in shows take place in the USA Hockey Arena parking lot. Radio sound.

Schedule: Wednesdays through Sundays. Gates open at 7:30 p.m. Showings begin at dusk.

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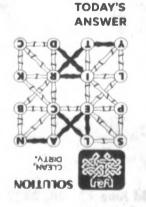
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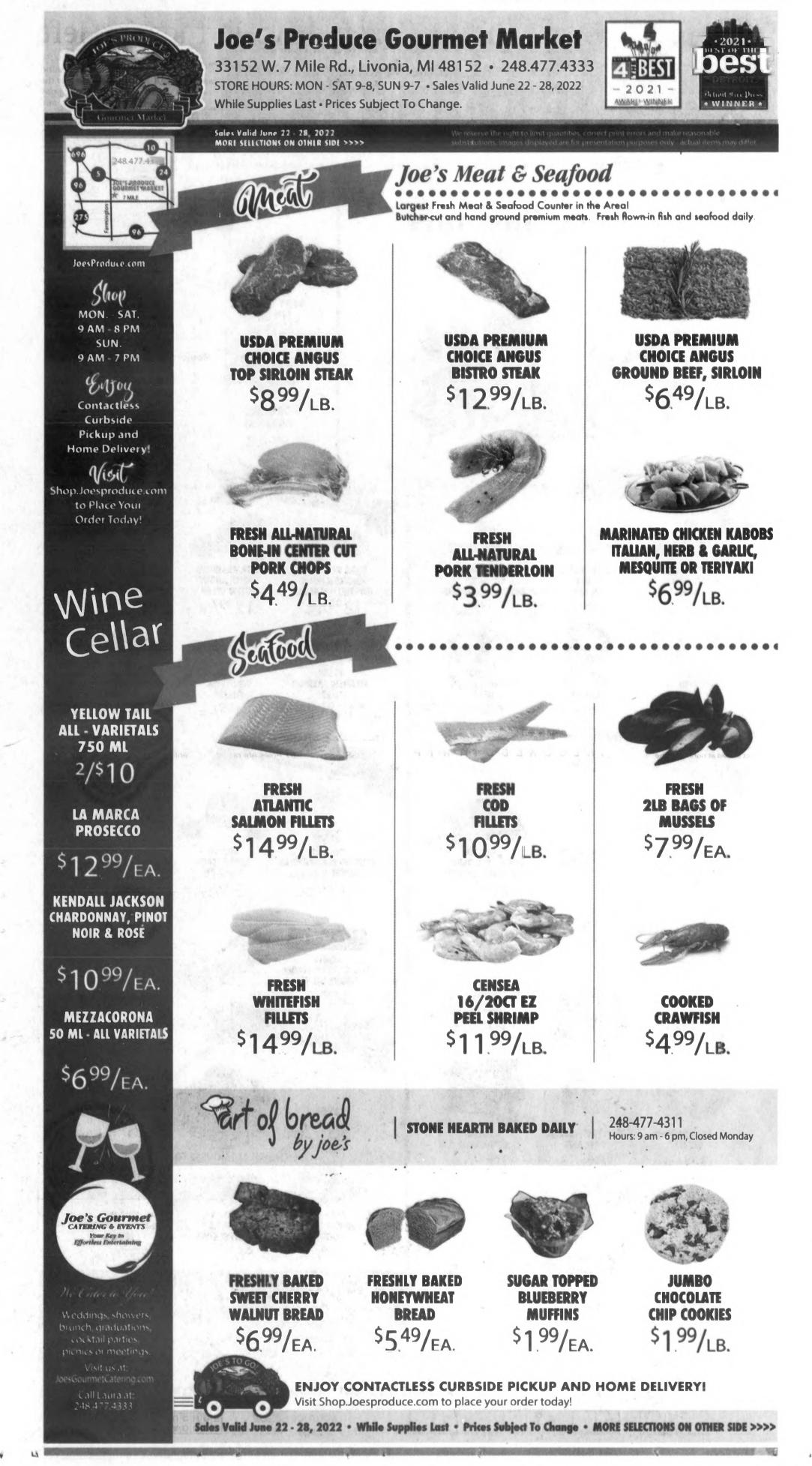


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Six locals part of MHSFCA all-star game

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The lineups for the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's annual summer all-star game were announced this week.

Four players local to the Hometown

Life coverage area, as well as two coach- CB Josh Brown, Livonia Churchill es, will compete for the east team.

The East vs. West matchup is slated for 1 p.m. June 25 at Lawrence Tech Uni-

versity. Here's who we're excited to watch

once the game kicks off:

Vitals: Senior, 5-foot-10, 180 pounds. Stats: Six pass breakups and two interceptions (one returned for a TD); Totaled over 1,000 all-purpose yards, including 411 yards and four TDs receiving

and 322 yards and three TDs rushing;

Averaged 41 yards per kickoff return.

Accolades: Two-time All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East first team, two-time All-Region, twotime All-State, three-year starter and team captain.

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Mercy motivated by loss to Allen Park



Farmington Hills Mercy's Izzy Chaput snags a throw at second base during the Division 1 quarterfinal against Allen Park on June 14 at Wayne State University. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Ten-run rally from Jaguars decides quarterfinal

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Getting to the gym will be a hassle at times this coming winter.

There will be snowstorms.

The temperatures will drop below 10 degrees.

The roads won't be plowed well enough.

And there will be fun holiday get-togethers with the family.

Whatever excuses you can come up with, they'll be available for Farmington Hills Mercy's softball players to make.

But it's doubtful any of them will be

using them.

They'll all be at off-season throwing sessions. They'll all get in that valuable time hitting in the batting cage.

It's unlikely anything will get in their way from showing up.

Why?

The number 10.

As it should, that number will haunt the Marlins for the next year or so. But it also should be a motivating factor for their program to go from pretty good to elite, elite enough to win their first state championship since 2016.

"I hope," coach Corey Burras said. "You've got to decide if you hate to lose more than you like to win. So this is plenty of fuel for the fire. If they handle this the right way, this could be the fuel to make them better next-level players."

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LOCAL MHSAA TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

Thousands of athletes competed in the Michigan High School Athletic Association track and field state championships June 3.

There were 39 all-state performances from athletes in the Hometown Life coverage area. That includes a pair of athletes and a relay team winning state titles.

Note: To earn all-state honors, an athlete/relay team must finish in the top eight of their individual event.

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Division 1 boys at Rockford

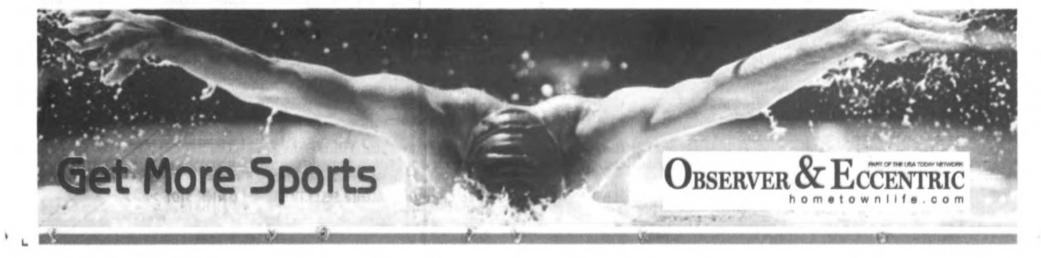
Team finish

2. Farmington (31 points) 6. Northville (22) T15. Highland-Milford (15) T25. Canton (10) T37. Bloomfield Hills (5) T37. North Farmington (50) T42. Novi (4) T64. Plymouth (1) 100-meter dash 6. Evan Knox, senior, Bloomfield Hills -

11.07 200-meter dash 7. Evan Knox, senior, Bloomfield Hills -22.45 400-meter dash 4. Jordan Johnson, senior, North Farmington - 49.23 800-meter run 7. Brendan Herger, sophomore, Northville - 1:55.81 1,600-meter run 4. Brendan Herger, sophomore, Northville - 4:10.65

7. Peter Baracco, senior, Farmington -4:12.19 3,200-meter run 3. PeterBaracco, senior, Farmington -9:07.12 8. Sean Byrnes, junior, Plymouth -9:12.58 **110-meter hurdles** 6. Brayden Kennedy, sophomore, Highland-Milford - 15.28

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Livonia Churchill's Josh Brown. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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College:Signed with Saginaw Valley State University.

QB Zac Olesuk, Livonia Franklin

Vitals: Senior, 6-foot-1, 185 pounds. Stats: 1,226 yards and 11 TDs passing; 686 yards and 15 TDs rushing.

Accolades: Two-time All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association, twotime team offensive MVP and team captain.

College: Signed with Alma College for both football and baseball.

WR Cole Lacanaria, Brother Rice

Vitals: Senior, 5-foot-7, 150 pounds. Stats: N/A.

Accolades: Two-time All-Catholic League, all-state honorable mention and voted team's special teams player of the year.

College: Signed with Lawrence Tech University.

OLB Sean Field, Detroit Catholic Central

Vitals: Senior, 6-foot-1, 220 pounds. Stats: Totaled 79 tackles (34 solo, 25



Livonia Franklin's Zac Olesuk picks up some yards.



Brother Rice's Cole Lacanaria. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Detroit Catholic Central's Sean Field, right, goes up against Bloomfield Hills.



Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert addresses his team.

for loss), 24 QB pressures, six sacks, two pass breakups, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

Accolades: Team captain, All-Catholic League, MHSFCA first-team all-state and Defensive MVP of Legacy All-Star Game after totaling three tackles, one sack and one pass breakup.

College: Uncommitted but holds offers from Hope College, Kalamazoo College, Lawrence Tech University, Oberlin College (Ohio), St. Norbert College (Wis-

consin) and Valparaiso (Indiana).

Assistant coach Chris Kelbert, Livonia Franklin

Vitals: Entering his 22nd season leading the Patriots as their head coach. This past season he guided them to an appearance in the Division 2 state semifinal, which includes district and regional championship victories. He also teaches for Livonia Public Schools.



Franklin teacher, track and field and football coach Aaron Moran, left, with Michael Mackiewicz. COURTESY OF KRISTY MACIEWICZ

Assistant coach Aaron Moran, Livonia Franklin

Vitals: A triple-threat at Franklin as he has been an assistant on the football team since 2015, the head track and field coach since 2016 and a teacher at the high school since 2018. He previously coached track and football at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

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Motivated

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And what's that number, 10, all about?

That's how many unanswered runs the Marlins gave up over a two-inning stretch during the Division 1 quarterfinal at Wayne State University.

It was a total meltdown.

They saw their 3-1 lead over Allen Park absolutely erased with defensive mistakes in the fifth inning.

And more trouble defensively allowed the Jaguars to tack on another four runs in the next frame.

Before Mercy knew it, it was trailing by eight and its hopes of advancing to the state semifinal at Michigan State were absolutely crushed.

What should've been a close battle between the sixth-ranked Marlins and No. 2 Allen Park ended with the Jaguars exiting Gary L. Bryce Field with a convincing 11-3 victory.

"They put a number on us, and they just took the momentum," Burras said. "And we weren't able to bounce back."

So how did this happen?

Villanova signee Kendall Spivey, Mercy's lone senior, drew a walk to load the bases in the fifth.

And then Charlie Lambert drew another walk to push in a run. And then Asia Barbato pushed in one more run without needing to put the ball in play either.

Just like that, the Marlins led 3-1 and were in a perfect position to play tough defense to close out a win.

Instead, Allen Park responded by loading the bases in the bottom of the inning.

And then a wild pitch by freshman star pitcher Kaitlyn Pallozzi allowed the Jaguars to knot the score at 3.

Madison Hool doubled to left-center to score two more for the Jaguars, who ultimately never looked back at that point. They exited the inning with six runs and a 7-3 lead.

Midway through the jam, Burras elected to replace Pallozzi in the circle with Barbato.

Allen Park's student section behind home plate was relentless, chanting, "Left. Left. Left, right, left," as Pallozzi marched off the field and into the dugout.

And then Jaguars pitcher Morgan Si-



Farmington Hills Mercy's Kendall Spivey gets tagged out at home plate during the Division 1 quarterfinal against Allen Park on June 14 at Wayne State University. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Local scoreboard

Division 1

Allen Park 11, Farmington Hills Mercy 3

Mattawan 3, South Lyon 1

Division 2

Essexville Garber 8, Detroit Country Day 0

zemore iced the win.

First, she and her defense had a 1-2-3, boom-boom-boom inning, striking out Meg Kowalyk, getting Katie Kowalyk out at first and easily catching a fly by Izzy Chaput.

And, second, she proceeded to launch a two-run homer over the right-

field fence in the following inning to put any chances of a comeback out of reach for the Marlins, who couldn't handle those 10-straight runs scored by the Jaguars.

"They were a great hitting team," Burras said of Allen Park. "We were unable to make the adjustments, and they outadjusted us. We knew they could hit. They put it together, and we just couldn't stop it."

Mercy's post-game talk wasn't too doom and gloom as it sometimes can be for the losing team after a tough postseason loss.

Part of that's because the Marlins graduate only Spivey and return 10 underclassmen, all of whom proved they can compete at the varsity level this spring. The other part is they know just how good they are. There won't be too many off-days over the next year.

Pallozzi, who struck out five before being pulled, was quick to post her summer travel schedule on Twitter following the loss. She's getting back to work immediately. There are 14 other Marlins just as eager as her to return next spring and right the ship.

"One lost doesn't define our season," Buras said. "If we play Allen Park again, it'd be a completely different game. This game, although it is important, and it is in the quarterfinals, and I'm not minimizing this, doesn't define the Mercy program. It does not define what we've been building over the years. They beat us fair and square. Congratulations, Allen Park. But this game doesn't define us.

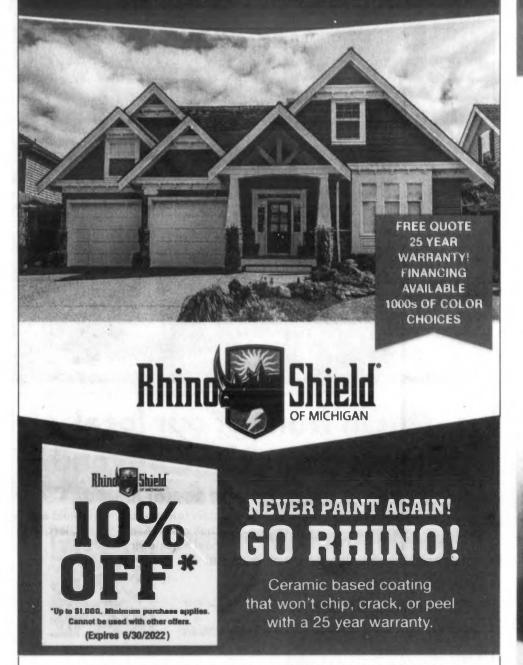
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300-meter hurdles

3. Brayden Kennedy, sophomore, Highland-Milford - 37.99 400-meter relay 6. Farmington (William Coltrane, Keichean Wilson, Jaylen Gilmore, Evan Martin) - 42.83 800-meter relay 4. Farmington (William Coltrane, Brody Width, Jaylen Gilmore, Evan Martin) -1:29.19 1,600-meter relay 4. Northville (Brandon Latta, Emmanuel Tchonang, Brian McCallum, Ty Schembri) - 3:21.98 3,200-meter relay 1. Northville (Brandon Latta, Brock Malaikal, David Whitaker, Brendan Herger) - 7:44.71 4. Farmington (Peter Baracco, Eddie King, Kevin Miller, Gavin Steele) -7:52.19 **High jump** 1. Nathan Levine, sophomore, Canton -6-08 Discus 1. Jake Steslicki, senior, Farmington -174-01 3. Garrison Stehr, senior, Highland-Milford - 147-10 5. Cameron Bloom, senior, Novi - 144-11 **Division 1 girls at Rockford**

Team finish

10. Plymouth (15 points) T14. Bloomfield Hills (11) T20. Salem (8) T26. Highland-Milford (6) T36. Birmingham Groves (4) T42. Farmington Hills Mercy (3.5) T53. Livonia Stevenson (1) T53. Northville (1) T53. Farmington (1) 100-meter dash 7. Taryn Henderson, freshman, Farmington Hills Mercy – 12.52 400-meter dash 4. Gabrielle Jeffries, junior, Bloomfield Hills - 56.74 8. Bianca Evuleocha, sophomore, Farmington - 57.86 800-meter run 4. Sarah Coyne, senior, Plymouth -2:13.81 1,600-meter run 7. Sarah Coyne, senior, Plymouth -4:52.80

3,200-meter relay

8. Northville (Cassie Garcia, Anna Gdowski, Gina Couyoumjian, Ella Christensen) - 9:27.03 **High jump** 2. Madison Morson, sophomore, Salem - 5-08 3. Taryn Marshall, senior, Highland-Milford - 5-07 T6. Milena Chevallier, sophomore, Farmington Hills Mercy – 5-04 Long jump 2. Courtney Jordan, senior, Plymouth -17-09.5 3. Gabrielle Jeffries, junior, Bloomfield Hills - 17-08.5 Shot put 8. McKenzie Siroky, junior, Livonia Stevenson - 37-05.50

Division 2 boys at Forest Hills Eastern

Team finish

T51. Garden City (3 points) T51. Detroit Country Day (3) T54. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (2) **3,200-meter run** 7. Solomon Kwartowitz, sophomore, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook – 9:22.08 **300-meter hurdles** 6. Jonathan Abraham, senior, Detroit Country Day – 40.58 Long jump 6. Dontez Tinsley, senior, Garden City – 21-01.50

Division 2 girls at Forest Hills Eastern

Team finish

T36. Detroit Country Day (5 points) 100-meter dash 5. Victoria Miller, sophomore, Detroit Country Day –12.56

Division 4 boys at Baldwin Middle School in Hudsonville

Team finish 23. Lutheran Westland (9.5 points) T43. Novi Christian Academy (3) T43. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3) 400-meter dash 5. Noah Eden, junior, Lutheran Westland - 51.50 800-meter run 6. Logan Johnson, senior, Novi Christian Academy - 2:02.46 300-meter hurdles 8. Luke Witte, junior, Lutheran Westland - 42.14 Long jump

6. Colin Last, junior, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran – 21-03

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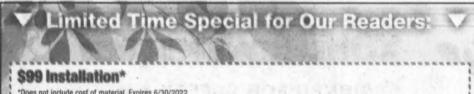
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Communities add pickleball courts to meet rising demand for the sport

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

When Jeremy Cybulski's friends learned he made his own pickles, they joked that he should try pickleball.

The Livonia resident already knew how to play tennis. In his 40s, he fell for the sport he considers a perfect amalgam of tennis and ping-pong.

"It's a lot of fun," he said, preparing for league play at Livonia's Bicentennial Park. "It's good exercise. I'm glad to see there's been such a big interest in the game over the last couple of years."

Yes, indeed. Pickleball is growing in popularity across metro Detroit, and communities are working hard to respond to requests for more pickleball courts.

Older athletes seem to like the sport, but the chance to ace a pickleball serve and not get pickled (ahem, not score a point) is drawing athletes of all ages.

"We feel like we've met the need quite well," said Ethan Engel, Livonia's athletic coordinator.

Livonia has 12 dedicated pickleball courts found on both the north and south ends of the city. The city installed the first courts to Compton Park and then repurposed Bicentennial Park's tennis courts for pickleball a few years ago. Shelden Park also has tennis courts lined for pickleball.

Canton Township, Farmington Hills, South Lyon and Novi also offer pickleball courts, and Birmingham is doing its best to provide outdoor pickleball courts as soon as possible.

Officials there wanted to use bond money for new pickleball courts at Kenning Park, but they ran into some snags that included a design contractor withdrawing his services.

Last month, they agreed to have pickleball lines painted on the Crestview Park tennis courts as a temporary measure and proceed with a bidding process for a proper conversion.

"Robust interest deserves robust action," Mayor Therese Long said during the commission session. "Given interest and the number of people served for recreation, pickleball should be the priority. We have had the pickleball community asking for an outdoor court for a decade."

The Birmingham Next senior center continues to offer indoor pickleball. Because of demand, the center has increased pickleball hours to about 25 hours a week. Athletes can play five days a week.



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Members of a Liveria nickleball league play May 16 at Diceptennial Darl

less demanding play and fewer injuries. The ball still moves fast.

Greg Morris, Novi's recreation supervisor, said he's offering more leagues and lessons because of demand from pickleball players.

A pickleball court has smaller dimensions than a tennis court and is known for less demanding play and fewer injuries. The ball still moves fast.

"Obviously, it helps to still be athletic, but a 55-year-old can play a 20-year-old and be on the level," Morris said. "I just think it's going to continue to expand and become one of the more popular sports not only in the area but in our state, maybe even the country.

"It just seems to keep growing. It's really exciting to see."

Septuagenarian Sharon Manthey said pickleball was her salvation through the pandemic. Playing kept her healthy and she was able to socialize with players on and off the court.

"I just adore it," she said. "I play basically five or six days a week. The more you play, the better you're going to get."

Manthey began playing because a friend loved it. Then she convinced Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Township to start hosting matches

The Sports and Fitness Industry Association estimated that there are nearSUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ly 5 million pickleball players nation- sport.

wide. According to the association, the activity is the nation's fastest-growing sions to a tennis court and is known for

natches.

The church continues to be a place for pickleball.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Follow her on Twitter @susanvela.

Obituaries



Marcia Lou (Peters) Johnson

MILFORD - Marcia Lou (Peters) Johnson, 88, of Milford, passed peacefully on June 12 at her home in Okemos. Full obituary available at LynchandSonsMilford.com or call 248-684-6645 for details.



Donna Sue Gunter Olson

Donna Sue Gunter Olson was a caring and proud wife, mother, sister, and friend.

Donna passed away on June 10, 2022 at the age of 68 after a courageous battle with cancer. At the time and in the days leading to her passing, Donna was with loved ones who will continue to honor

her legacy by living their lives to the fullest.

After graduating from high school, Donna continued her ever love of learning by receiving her Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy and eventually obtaining her Master of Library and Information Sciences degree from Wayne State University. Donna retired from Salem South Lyon District Library as the Library Director after spending years at the Howell Carnegie Public Library. She enjoyed bringing people together and educating those on the importance of not only reading but being a strong community.

Donna was loved by many as her friendly personality was contagious to everyone she met. Donna loved spending time with her family, shopping, reading, and being up to date with all of the local gossip.

Donna is survived by her loving husband of over 30 years, Charles; a son, Kenneth; two daughters, Catherine & Susan; a brother, David; a half-brother, John and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents (Dorris and Catherine) and brother (Gregory).

A celebration of Donna's life will take place at a date and location to be determined.

Hometown Life's coverage area saw plenty of all-state finishes during the girls tennis state finals on Friday and Saturday, June 3-4.

LOCAL MHSAA GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

We had 15 different state champions, seven runner-ups and 18 singles/ doubles finish in the final four. Here's who excelled:

Division 1 at Kalamazoo College and Western Michigan University

Team finish 2. Bloomfield Hills (32 points) 5. Novi (14) 6. Northville (13) 21. Salem (3) T25. Farmington (1) T25. Farmington Hills Mercy (1)

Top-four finishes, including state champions

No. 1 singles

Jenna Redmile, sophomore, Salem Lost in semifinals to Rochester Adams' Nicole Fu – 6-4, 6-4

No. 3 singles

Grace Shaya, senior, Bloomfield Hills Lost in finals to Ann Arbor Pioneer's Mia Goldstein – 6-4, 6-1

No. 4 singles

Julia Yousif, sophomore, Bloomfield Hills Lost in finals to Ann Arbor Pioneer's

Bridgette Kelly – 6-4, 2-6, 6-3

No. 1 doubles

Danielle Herb and Carly Bernard, seniors, Bloomfield Hills Beat Troy's Grace Zhu and Stephanie Ochoa in the finals – 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2

No. 2 doubles

Noa Goldstein, senior, and Natalie

Raab, junior, Bloomfield Hills Beat Troy's Nika Tanako and Sophie Chong in the finals – 6-1, 6-2

No. 3 doubles

Eryn Stern and Grace Bickersteth, seniors, Bloomfield Hills Beat Ann Arbor Pioneer's Eleanor Vogel and Aditi Ganesan in the finals – 6-3, 6-0

Sona Manoukian, sophomore, and Alessia Zorzan, junior, Northville Lost in semifinals to Bloomfield Hills' Eryn Stern and Grace Bickersteth – 6-2, 6-3

No 4. doubles

Colleen Pettengill, junior, and Ellie Alberts, senior, Bloomfield Hills Beat Troy's Vienna Thieu and Michelle Baik in the finals – 6-0, 7-5 Aryana Kinra, senior, and Chiharu Kobayashi, junior, Novi Lost in semifinals to Bloomfield Hills' Colleen Pettengill and Ellie Alberts – 6-0, 6-0

Division 2 at Hope College and Holland Christian

Team finish

Birmingham Seaholm (30 points)
 Birmingham Groves (17)
 South Lyon (1)
 T20. South Lyon East (0)

Top-four finishes, including state champions

No. 1 singles

Sophia MacKinnon, senior, Birmingham Seaholm Lost in semifinals to Grand Rapids For-

est Hills Northern's Abby Siminski – 6-0, 6-2

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Catholic Central, Brother Rice win crowns

Mason Young Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

The Detroit Catholic Central boys golf team took home the Division 1 state championship on Saturday at Ferris State's Katke Golf Course, finishing with a 587 team score and narrowly edging Ann Arbor Skyline (589) after the second round of the MHSAA finals.

DCC was in a five-stroke hole as it teed off for Round 2 after Skyline jumped out to an early lead with a 296 on Friday. However, Central rebounded from its first-round 301 with a 286 on Saturday to overcome AAS (298). The victory avenged the Shamrocks' second-place finish behind the Eagles in 2021

Senior Neil Zhu led the way for DCC, shooting a 145 over the two days to finish tied for fourth. Fellow senior Peter Stassinopoulos (146) came in seventh, sophomore Julian Menser (147) ended his season in eighth and senior Liam Casey (149) rounded out the bunch in 10th place.

After tying for second place in last year's finals, Ann Arbor Skyline sophomore Ieuan Jones took home the individual championship with a 138 total. He carded a 69 in both rounds to top Brighton junior Andrew Daily and East Lansing sophomore Drew Miller, who tied for second place (144).

Division 2

Birmingham Brother Rice secured its second-straight state championship with a 609 at Grand Valley State's The Meadows that well outpaced Flint Powers (628) and Richland Gull Lake (626) on Saturday.

The Warriors compiled a 303 on Friday to take a commanding nine-stroke lead over the Eagles before finishing



The Detroit Catholic Central boys golf team celebrates winning the Division 1 regional title June 1. It added a state title on Saturday. Pictured are, from left, coach Mike Anderson, Neil Zhu, Matthew Mans, Julian Menser, Peter Stassinopoulos and Liam Casey. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

with a 306 in Round 2. Powers (312, 316) finished in second place for the second consecutive year.

Brother Rice junior Lorenzo Pinili (144) picked up his second straight individual runner-up finish while his brother, freshman Leandro Pinili (151), finished in a three-way tie for ninth place.

Junior Marcus Lee (152) also landed on the leaderboard in a tie for 12th place.

Gull Lake's Bryce Wheeler (138) followed his superb Friday showing with an even par to win the individual title over senior Evan McDermott (144), who tied Lorenzo Pinili in second place.

Division 3

Ann Arbor Greenhills secured its first state championship at The Fortress in Frankenmuth on Saturday after sending only individual qualifiers to last year's finals

The Gryphons (612) produced a 306 on both days to best Grand Rapids Catholic Central (632) which finished runner-up after winning the 2021 finals. **Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett** finished close behind in third (635).

Greenhills senior Cale Piedmonte-Lange (143) finished his high school career with the individual championship. Fellow senior Beau Brewer (150) placed fifth and sophomore Max Shulman delivered a 76 in both rounds to tie for sixth place (152).

GRCC sophomore Will Preston (144) finished second to Piedmonte-Lange while Belding senior Mason Anderson (145) finished third as an individual qualifier.

Division 4

6-2, 6-2

Marian

After finishing as the 2021 runner-up, Lansing Christian secured its first state championship by recording a 622 team

Beat East Grand Rapids' Kaylynn Fedewa and Courtney Nickols in the finals -

Katherine Yaldoo, junior, and Kinsley

Lowman, sophomore, Bloomfield Hills

total at Michigan State's Forest Akers West on Saturday.

The Pilgrims improved their 318 in Round 1 to score a 304 on Saturday, edging second-place Clarkston Everest Collegiate (646). Maple City Glenn Lake finished third (655) while 2021 champion Hackett Catholic Prep came in fourth (665)

LCS placed three golfers in the top-10, led by senior Caden Kinnas (151) to finish tied for third. Senior Davis Garrett (155) finished in a three-way tie for fifth place while junior Baylor Brogan (156) tied for eighth.

Royal Oak Shrine senior Jeffrey Andrus won the individual championship, registering a 144 overall after shooting 72 in both rounds. He was followed by Glen Lake junior Blake O'Conner (150) in second place. Clarkston Everest Collegiate junior Remy Stalcup, the 2021 individual winner, tied with Kinnas for third.

Tennis

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No. 2 singles

Carly Burkel, senior, Birmingham Seaholm

Lost in semifinals to Mattawan Romika Shokohi - 6-4, 6-4

No. 3 singles and as kerned he

Courtney Marcum, sophomore, Birmingham Seaholm

4. Bloomfield Hills Marian (18) 5. Detroit Country Day (17)

Top-four finishes, including state

champions

No. 1 singles

Cranbrook

6-0. 6-2

Marian

Lost in semifinals to East Grand Rapids' Yenna Park, freshman, Bloomfield Hills Kaylynn Fedewa and Courtney Nickols -7-5, 5-7, 6-2

Beat Otsego's Aly Aldrich in the finals -Becca Brogia, sophomore, Katie Han, freshman, Detroit Country Day Gaby Gryzenia, senior, Bloomfield Hills

Lost in semifinals to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook's Daryn Krause and Kayli Lala - 6-3, 6-1

No. 1 doubles

Marisa Nafso, senior, and Kayla Nafso, sophomore, Sacred Heart Lost in finals to Ann Arbor Greenhills' **Rukmini Nallamothu and Georgie**

Branch - 6-1, 5-7, 6-3 No. 2 doubles

Jade Horcoff, junior, and Angelina Kakos, senior, Sacred Heart Beat Ann Arbor Greenhills' Lana Koualti and Sophia Kleer in the finals - 6-4, 6-3

No. 3 doubles

Lost in semifinals to Portage Central's Anna Dinsmore - 6-0, 6-0

No. 4 singles

Lauren Whitall, senior, Birmingham Seaholm

Lost in semifinals to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern's Miriam Ogilvie - 1-6, 6-4, 7-5

Addison Jacob, freshman, Birmingham Groves

Lost in semifinals to Battle Creek Lakeview's Paula Martinez - 6-4, 6-1

No. 1 doubles

Madeleine Leo, junior, and Graham, senior, Birmingham Seaholm Lost in finals to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern's Sophie Richards and Rhea Marwaha - 6-2, 3-6, 6-4

No. 2 doubles

Ellie Wyzykowski, junior, and Katie Slazinski, sophomore, Birmingham Seaholm

Lost in finals to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern's Isabella Paul and Ryan Morev - 6-1, 6-2

Avery Purther, senior, and Niya Bryant, junior, Birmingham Groves Lost in semifinals to Grand Rapids For-

est Hills Northern's Isabella Paul and Ryan Morey - 6-1, 6-1

No. 3 doubles

Jane Wineman, senior, and Tatum Hirsch, junior, Birmingham Seaholm Beat Grand Rapid Forest Hills Northern's Tanishka Shenoy and Maya Echtinaw in the finals - 6-2, 6-3

Lexy Rosenwasser, senior, and Allie Fundaro, junior, Birmingham Groves Lost in semifinals to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern's Tanishka Shenoy and Maya Echtinaw - 6-1, 6-4

No. 4 doubles

Sydney Fong, junior, and Jenna Ting, sophomore, Birmingham Seaholm Beat Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern's Ava Hamilton and Paige McKenzie in the finals - 7-5, 4-6, 6-3

Division 3 at Midland Tennis Center and Midland High School

Team finish

1. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (37 points)

drich - 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 No. 2 singles

Charlotte Brown, senior, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Beat Chelsea's Anne-Marie Begola in

Lost in semifinals to Otsego's Aly Al-

the finals - 6-0, 6-1 No. 3 singles

Sienna Ilitch, sophomore, Bloomfield

Hills Cranbrook Beat Stevensville Lakeshore's Josie

Arbanas in the finals – 6-3, 6-2 Rafi Saba, sophomore, Bloomfield Hills Marian Lost in semifinals to Bloomfield Hills

Cranbrook's Sienna Illitch - 6-7, 6-2, 6-0

No. 4 singles

Olivia Zhang, sophomore, Bloomfield **Hills Cranbrook**

Beat Pontiac Notre Dame Prep's Addison Bellows in the finals - 3-6, 6-1, 6-0

No. 1 doubles

Peja Liles, sophomore, and Lana Haddad, senior, Detroit Country Day Beat Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook's Chloe Qin, freshman, and Gaby Levine, senior, in the finals - 7-6, 6-2

No. 2 doubles

Aryasai Radhakrishnan, junior, and Marin Norlander, sophomore, Detroit **Country Day**

Lost in finals to East Grand Rapids' Meg Simon and Ella Webb - 7-5, 7-6

Morgan Dresner-Hagaman, junior, and Chiarra Martella, freshman, Bloomfield **Hills Cranbrook**

Lost in semifinals to Detroit Country Day's Aryasai Radhakrishnan and Marin Norlander - 7-5, 6-3

No. 3 doubles

Ava Clogg, freshman, and Grace Zhang, sophomore, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

Beat Chelsea's Kendall Spink and Izzy Barkey in the finals - 6-4, 6-7, 7-5 Jackie Ambrose, senior, and Ava Barber, Bloomfield Hills Marian Lost in semifinals to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook's Ava Clogg and Grace Zhang - 6-2, 6-2

No. 4 doubles

Daryn Krause and Kayli Lala, sophomores, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

Division 4 at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Pioneer and **Ann Arbor Greenhills**

Team finish 2. Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sa-

cred Heart (26) 8. Wixom St. Catherine (12)

Top-four finishes, including state champions

No. 1 singles

Isabelle Burg, senior, Sacred Heart Lost in semifinals to University Liggett's Maddy Zampardo – 6-1, 6-0

Lulu George and Maggie Pulte, sophomores, Sacred Heart

Beat Ann Arbor Greenhills' Parini Rao and Meera Pandey in the finals - 6-1, 6-2

Katie Grewe, junior, and Lily Wolocko, freshman, Wixom St. Catherine Lost in semifinals to Ann Arbor Greenhills' Parini Rao and Meera Pandey - 7-6 (1), 6-2

No. 4 doubles

Estela Nokaj, senior, and Sarah Palushaj, sophomore, Wixom St. Catherine

Lost in finals to Ann Arbor Greenhills' Sabeen Malcik and Meera Tewari - 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-4



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• LGBTQ+ employees are happiest at these four tech companies: Google, Microsoft, IBM and Apple, according to a report from Glassdoor.

• A Statistics Canada report reveals job vacancies are reaching all-time highs in Canada with over 1 million job openings at the beginning of March 2022.

• Snapchat is joining Meta, Uber, Lyft, Coinbase and others in slowing hiring. The company is blaming Apple's new ad-tracking policies and the war in Ukraine.

• The skills and talent shortage is a top-three concern for nearly half report from HR solutions company

feel stressed all or most of the time," and 24% "feel employers aren't doing enough to address burnout."

• Iowa is providing \$20 million in state grants to employers to "build or expand child-care centers" for their employees' children.

• The Biden administration on Thursday urged federal agencies to rely on job-seekers' skills - rather than their academic degrees - to fill vacancies.

 Coinbase is launching a trial to let employees rate and review interactions with their colleagues through an app that delivers real-time feedback on how well an individual fits company corporate culture.

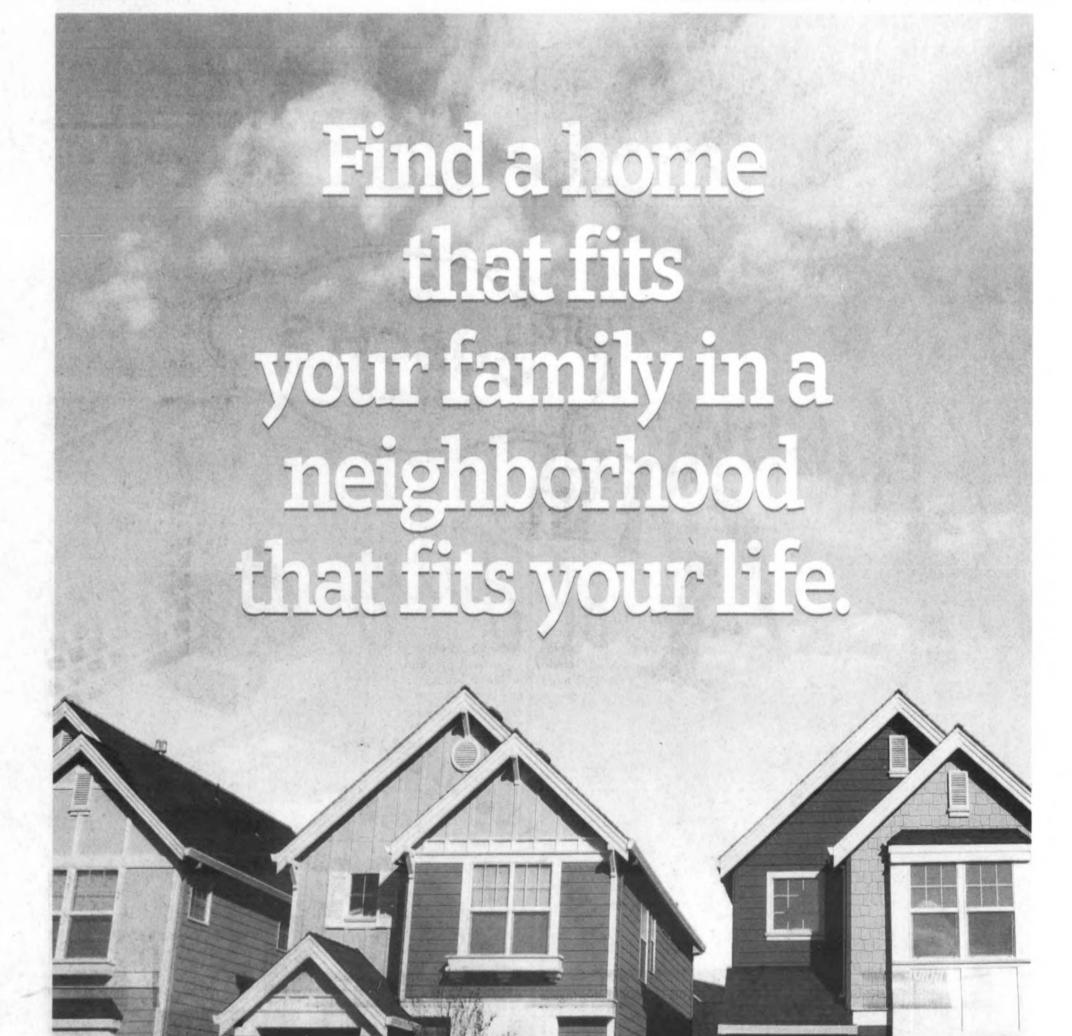
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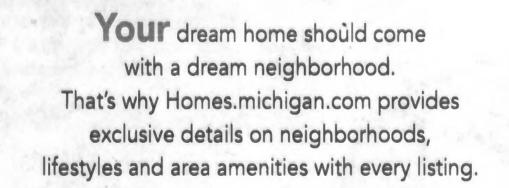
• Most of Google's Russia-based of employers, according to a new employees had chosen to leave the country, and that the company will



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