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MDOT talks I-96 construction, crashes after chaos shuts down freeway

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LYON TWP. — It was a double whammy of a Monday recently on Interstate 96 as crashes and construction caused chaos.

Within about 12 hours April 24, two separate crashes, one involving a semitruck that spilled glue and the other involving a vehicle fire, completely shut down the westbound lanes of the freeway, intensifying headaches for motorists, as well as emergency responders who are now in year two of I-96 Flex Route construction.

"(It) was not a good day to be going westbound. It was one incident followed by another," Lyon Township Fire Chief Ken Van Sparrentak said. "When we have incidents, construction compounds the amount of time to get there. There are not a lot of places for traffic to go and we understand that, and it is going to take us longer to get to an incident on the freeway. We have no control."

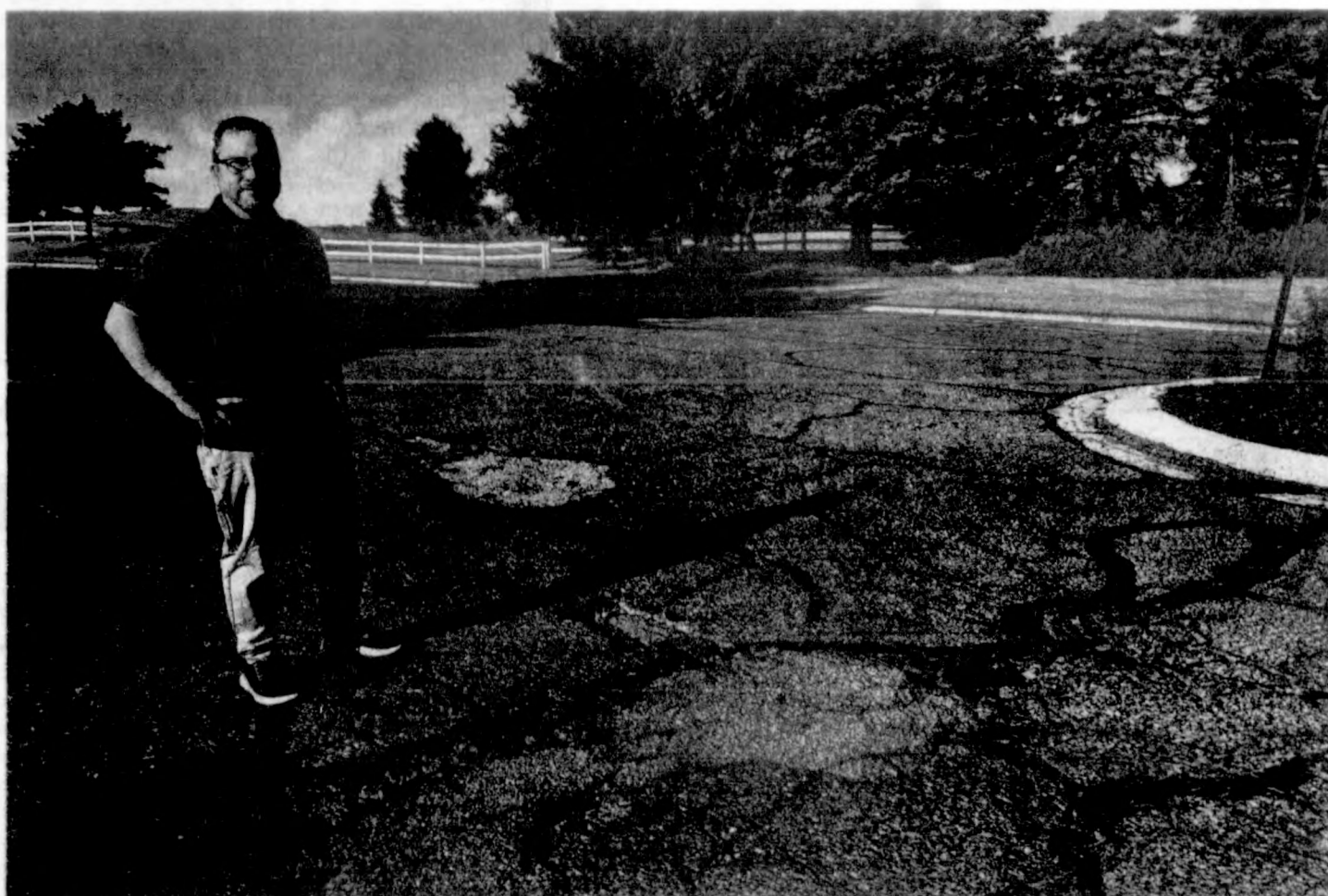
Construction of the I-96 Flex Route between Kent Lake Road and Interstate 275, a \$269 million project, is now in its second year. When it is completed, freeway shoulders will be available as traffic as lanes during periods of high volume to ease congestion. But for now, construction is slowing traffic and an increase in crashes is leading officials to remind drivers there's only so much they can do, and that drivers need to be more cautious and pay closer attention.

Crash numbers are up and types of crashes changing

Michigan Department of Transportation officials said the number of crashes dipped substantially during the pandemic, but has rebounded. In addition, the type of crashes seen on I-96 may be different because of the construction.

The highest number of crashes on I-96 in Oakland County in the past five years was recorded pre-pandemic — and pre-construction — in 2019 when 532 crashes occurred: 305 eastbound and 227 westbound. During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, there were 292 crashes as fewer people drove.

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Keith Ledbetter, president of the Tanglewood Homeowners Association, stands on the dilapidated Country Club Drive in Lyon Township before it was repaved. Ledbetter spearheaded a successful effort to establish a special assessment district to pay for \$4 million in road improvements for the subdivision. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Lyon Twp. subdivisions' pothole problems require patience, money

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LYON TWP. — Got a pothole pet peeve in your subdivision? Be prepared to dip into your reservoir of patience or deeper into your wallet.

"We are patching them as quickly as we can, but some of these roads are in an advanced state of deterioration," said Craig Bryson, communications manager for the Oakland County Road Commission. "Patching is a Band-Aid solution, it's not long-term."

The Road Commission has been inundated with complaints about pot-

holes in subdivisions throughout the county, particularly during the past several weeks with near-daily rain and temperatures that plummeted to the low 30s and 40s after an early warm spell.

For some roads that are well past

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Northville Farmers Market kicks off 2023 season

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NORTHVILLE — Bill Gleespen couldn't wait to set up shop at the Northville Farmers Market.

Gleespen had all his cookies, cinnamon rolls and other delicious baked goods set up at his table, complete with a sign telling customers "Happy 1st Market!"

"It's a great market," said Gleespen, the co-owner of Gleehead Baking Company out of Ypsilanti.

Gleespen was one of many vendors setting up shop the morning of May 4, the opening Thursday for the 2023 market season.

That day was also unique, as it's the last opening day for the market at its current home at Seven Mile Road and Center Street, where it has been for decades. The site will no longer host the market after this year due to the redevelopment of the Northville Downs property, requiring the market to find a new home.

Susan Haifleigh, the lead of the city's farmers market task force, said she's confident they'll soon locate an interim site for the market, as well as a permanent home. She said the interim location for the market, wherever that is, will host the weekly event for at least 2024 season and perhaps also in 2025.

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The Northville Farmer's Market recently began its last season at the corner of Seven Mile Road and Center Street. The market will relocate to a yet-to-be-determined location in the future due to the development of the Northville Downs property.

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Plymouth Twp. asks for changes to proposed horse racing facility

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PLYMOUTH TWP. — Plans for a new horse racing facility near the southwest corner of Five Mile and Ridge roads were put on hold this week after township officials said changes are needed in several areas of the development.

The project, dubbed Northville Downs in Plymouth Township, is proposed on 128 acres and would include a half-mile racetrack, grandstand, racing building, horse barn and more. The new facility would replace the existing Northville Downs horse racing facility in Northville.

Making changes to the plans

During a site plan review at a special Plymouth Township Planning Commission meeting held May 3, planning consultant Laura Haw highlighted shortcomings in the plan. Of note was the east façade of the gaming building, designed mostly of metal panels without windows, glazing or other enhancements.

"This has a very industrial feel to the building," Haw

said. "We'd like to see some additional enhancements to those façades."

Planning commissioners agreed, noting the facility's barn should also be redesigned to complement the racing building.

Other concerns outlined in the planning report included sidewalks, landscaping and lighting, although some of those issues appeared to be addressed before the meeting.

For example, the lighting plan has been revised, with illumination levels decreased and poles reduced from 90 feet to 50 feet, said Becky Klein, project manager for PEA Group, a consultant on the project.

Other changes since the plan first came to the township include the addition of soccer fields, pickleball courts and several boardwalk pathways along Johnson Creek.

No casino in the plans

During the meeting, several residents said they received text messages from an unknown sender warning that a casino was planned for the property. The concern has come up at other meetings, as well.

"There's been no discussion about a casino, that

wasn't on the site plan," said Dennis Cebulski, planning commission chair. "It might be in another phase in the future, we don't know. That's up to the applicant to tell us. There would be another set of public hearings if that should come to pass. We're not considering any kind of a casino here at this point."

The Northville Downs Plymouth Township project is currently in the third of a four-step approval process. The planning commission approved for recommendation a PUD option on the project earlier this year, followed by Township Board of Trustees approval with a 6-1 vote.

At the May 3 site plan review, the planning commission voted to postpone the project until a revised plan is submitted with the requested changes.

If the planning commission ultimately gives a thumbs up on the site plan, the plans will go to the Board of Trustees for final review and possible approval.

Northville Downs owner John Carlo said he hoped to return to the planning commission within a month with revised plans.

Carlo previously said he would like to open the new facility in Plymouth Township by spring 2024.

A recording of the May 3 meeting is available online.

Detroit Catholic Central plans for all students to be CPR certified

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NOVI — Detroit Catholic Central High School may be on its way to becoming the safest place in Oakland County in the event of a medical emergency.

That's because the school plans to certify every student in CPR by 2026.

As part of a program launched this year in freshman health classes, students spend several days working with school nurse Laura Helm to learn the basics and practice on dummies in the classroom so they can obtain their CPR certification. Each incoming freshman class will undergo the training.

"To give these guys the life skills to, perhaps, go on and save a life, it's pretty awesome," said Brandon Ka-

leniecki, a health and physical education teacher and varsity hockey coach at the school. "It's a different thing and a lot of kids haven't had that experience of understanding what it is they're supposed to be doing."

The effort to teach CPR started in the health classes offered in the fall, and the students in the spring semester recently wrapped up their certification lessons. With all students learning the skill, the hope is everyone will obtain certification by the time the current freshmen become seniors.

"(The students) actually really impressed me. Their compressions were really good. They seemed to have a real interest in learning how to do it correctly," Helm said. "They're involved and they ask a lot of good questions."

Freshman Colin Gast was taking CPR lessons for the first time and said learning the skills are important since he never knows when he might need them.

"I thought that it was a great experience for us to know how to save someone's life," said Gast, who lives

in Green Oak Township. "You'd be surprised where you might need to use it, because nobody really expects that you might choke on a piece of food."

He said he learned several things during the session he never thought about before, including how to hold the victim's head properly.

Students took several days at the end of the semester on CPR lessons and practiced doing chest compressions on dummies. At the end of the session, students are provided a way to access their CPR certification card online.

CPR certification is good for two years before people must be recertified. Helm said she's working on ways to make sure students can recertify during their junior years at the school, though that won't be necessary until 2025.

Helm said she believes having students learn the procedure is a great idea.

"I would like to see this program be able to come into schools," she said. "It happens, and you never know when it's going to happen."



Freshman students at Detroit Catholic Central High School learn CPR as a part of their health class. The school plans to have all students certified in CPR by 2026. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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New Northville Twp. water tower should help reduce water costs in long term

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NORTHVILLE TWP. — Workers are constructing a second water tower in

the township, which is expected to help reduce costs in the coming years, for both the township and water customers.

The 500,000-gallon tower approved last year is under construction in the new Legacy Park off Seven Mile Road. Supervisor Mark Abbo said the storage unit is expected to keep water rates from rising more quickly than necessary because the township will fill it at night — or off peak — which will reduce the Great Lakes Water Authority wholesale rate the township pays.

"People are building these to shave peak demands during peak irri-

gation season," said Bob Belair, the township's public services director. "When we can shave off those peak demands, they move us into a different class customer."

The township spent just less than \$6 million for wholesale water from the GLWA in 2022 to serve more than 8,700 water customers, according to the township's 2023 budget. The township purchased 1.08 billion gallons of water from the GLWA in 2020, the budget noted.

Northville Township's residential water rates are currently \$6.33 per 1,000 gallons. There is also a fixed cost depend-

ing on the size of the water meter. Those rates have stayed the same for several years, Belair said.

Construction of the new tower is expected to take place throughout this year, with it going online next year. The township Board of Trustees approved the project in 2022 and authorized a new design at its April 20 meeting. Belair said the construction bid came in at about \$6.8 million and the project will cost no more than \$7.5 million.

The water tower will serve water customers on the eastern side of the township, Abbo said.

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Barbecue restaurant catches fire during dinner in Farmington Hills

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FARMINGTON HILLS — A kitchen fire has closed a local restaurant.

The Farmington Hills Fire Department responded at about 6:45 p.m. April 29 to a fire at The Brass Pointe BBQ, 24234 Orchard Lake Road, said Fire Chief Jon Unruh.

Unruh said the fire began in the kitchen at the restaurant north of 10 Mile Road before spreading to part of the building's attic. Firefighters were able to knock the fire down after about 15 minutes and before it damaged any-

thing in the restaurant's dining room, Unruh said.

Unruh said the fire appears accidental; no foul play is suspected. No injuries were reported, Unruh said.

A Facebook post from the restaurant stated they moved quick to get patrons out as soon as possible.

"The same time we were calling 911, we made an announcement and evacuated the restaurant," the post reads. "The safety of our customers/staff was our number one priority and we are proud of the way our staff handled the situation to get everyone out safely."

The restaurant is closed "until further notice," the restaurant posted.



The Brass Pointe BBQ kitchen caught fire the evening of April 29.
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Problems

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their life expectancy of 20 to 40 years, the extended forecast is even gloomier.

As some residents of Lyon Township learned, if you're fed up with potholes and want to see subdivision streets repaved, you'll need to pay for it yourself through a special assessment district.

Repaving subdivision roads to eliminate potholes is an expensive proposi-

tion, one the commission can't afford and is not responsible for.

The Road Commission has 1,300 miles of public subdivision roads under its jurisdiction and only receives about \$3,500 in funding per mile annually for maintenance. That amount barely covers pothole patching, snow plowing, drainage repairs, sign replacements and other routine work.

Bryson said at least half of the 1,300 miles of subdivision roads are in poor condition and need either complete reconstruction or major resurfacing, at a

minimum cost of \$500 million, or \$1 million per mile.

Bryson said the county will never repave subdivision roads; the only way to improve them is through a special assessment district.

Bryson said the Road Commission will patch potholes on subdivision roads it oversees as soon as possible, but for safety reasons, expressways like Interstate 696, Interstate 75, M-59 and Interstate 96, as well as other high-volume, high-speed roads, including Woodward, Telegraph and the "mile

roads must come first.

"You may not see a pothole patching crew the day after you call, but we got it, and we're working overtime every day and on weekends," Bryson said. "We appreciate your patience as we strive to get there."

Residents can report potholes or road issues online at www.rcocweb.org, by calling 877-858-4808 or via email at dcsmail@rcoc.org.

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Market

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"It really is dependent on where we focus on that for the final site," she said. "I would say one to two years. That's what we're looking at. I think we'll know the interim site fairly soon."

Despite changes coming, customers and vendors were excited to be back on the corner, selling their wares and meeting with longtime customers. One of those vendors was Greg Karch, who was selling Ohio-based Jose Madrid Salsa.

He said they've sold at the Northville market for years, and enjoy meeting the customers who purchase their products year after year. Even with a move of the

market looming, he said they plan on bringing their products to wherever the market is because of its stellar reputation.

"It's going to be an interesting move," he said.

Data on customers will be gathered all season. Haifleigh said volunteers will be at the market each day, counting the number of people who attend to get a more accurate figure of its usage. Those figures, Haifleigh said, will help determine what's needed in a new market site, as well as assist with potential grants and other initiatives.

"They literally are watching people walking through the barricades," she said. "You need to do it to get a baseline for your market. If you're going to apply for grants and things, they need to know

who (you are) serving."

She said they may expand that collection, asking guests for their home ZIP Codes as well to better understand how far customers travel to attend Northville's market.

Those interested in assisting the data collection effort can sign up via a form on the Northville Chamber of Commerce's website.

Belle Lavande, which operates a store in downtown Plymouth and a lavender farm near Stockbridge, set up shop in the market for the second year. Ryan Mack, who works with his parents on the store and farm, said the farmers market is a great way to get people to visit their store on Main Street, as well as build up a new clientele in Northville.

While they've begun to expand —

Mack said some of their products can be found in certain Fresh Thyme Markets and other locations in the state — the smaller feeling of the farmers market is a connection with customers that can't be beat, no matter where it takes place.

"We're like, 'We've got to go back this year again,'" Mack said. "People who come to the market, they come back every week and buy stuff."

The farmers market runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Thursday until Oct. 26.

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I-96

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The number of drivers, and crashes, jumped in 2021, with no construction, to 338. There were 330 crashes on I-96 in Oakland County in 2022 — including one fatal and 51 causing injuries — after construction began in mid-March, with 123 in the eastbound lanes and 207 westbound. No construction workers were injured in the crashes.

MDOT spokesperson Diane Cross said the majority of crashes during construction, 60%, have been rear-end crashes, an increase of 10 percentage points over pre-construction. However, she said, the proportion of fixed-object crashes decreased by 10 percentage points, from 16% to 6%.

The number of sideswipe crashes has stayed the same, accounting for about 20% of incidents. Cross said the percentage of crashes involving trucks or buses has doubled during construction with 20% of crashes involving the larger vehicles.

The greatest concentration of crashes occurred at interchanges and merge/diverge areas, which is typical for any expressway, but Cross said MDOT was surprised by a smaller-than-expected increase in crashes at the end of work zones. She didn't offer a theory for why.

MDOT tries to make construction as painless as possible

In response to concerns about design of the construction zones, including the proximity of concrete barriers to lanes with no room for error, Cross said MDOT must balance safety, mobility, cost and schedule.

Several options were considered, but would have extended the project duration. A full closure of the freeway, she said, in either direction, was not feasible due to a lack of alternate routes.

"The chosen alternative that you see today allows us to maintain both bounds of traffic while completing the project in a three-year window," Cross said. "All alternatives require some amount of ramps to be closed and shoulder widths reduced."

Temporarily widening the shoulders on westbound I-96 allowed MDOT to maintain 11-foot wide lanes, with a 2-foot offset from the barrier wall, she



Lyon Township firefighters and HAZMAT crew members responded to the scene of a semitrailer crash on westbound Interstate 96 near Milford Road on Monday, April 24, 2023.

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added. Simultaneously, outside shoulder width was reduced — in most areas to a 3-foot to 6-foot shoulder. Temporary pull-off locations have been built in anticipation of vehicle breakdowns.

The I-96 work zone configuration is comparable to other expressway projects in the state where both traffic directions are maintained.

In addition to signage, reduced speed limits and the barrier walls, other safety measures include MDOT inspectors who drive the work zone "constantly" and make adjustments as needed, she said.

Access points have been created for emergency responders to access I-96, and MDOT is working with both the contractor and first responders to ensure communication about access points and emergency contacts.


What you can do

Drivers have a role to play in safety, too.

"Motorists need to raise their level of awareness when traveling through a work zone," Cross said. "Follow speed limits, signing, maintain a safe distance behind the car in front of you and most importantly, stop driving distracted."

Van Sparrentak has his own strategy. "When I come from the east, anywhere from Telegraph west, I avoid the freeway," he said.

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Milford man charged in Western Michigan dorm rape after 10 years

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KALAMAZOO — A 29-year-old Milford man has been charged in the sexual assault of a woman at Western Michigan University nearly a decade ago, showing, say prosecutors, that justice can still be sought after many years.

Caleb James Watson was arraigned April 26 in front of Kalamazoo County 8th District Court Judge Kathleen Hemingway on four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, and one count of assault with intent to commit penetration.

Bond was set at \$250,000 cash or surety. Court records do not indicate whether he posted bond. A probable cause conference is slated for 8:30 a.m. May 10 and a preliminary exam has been set for 1:30 p.m. May 17 in front of Judge Alisa Parker-LaGrone.

Prosecutors say Watson, then 20, assaulted the victim in her dorm room at WMU in November 2013 "using force or coercion to frighten and overpower the victim and then committed numerous forced penetrations of her body with his penis. The sexual assault resulted in both physical injury and long-term mental anguish to the victim."

Watson's defense attorney, Justin R. Workman, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The victim was a freshman at the time of the assault and an acquaintance of Watson, who lived in the same dorm.

She reported her rape to Western Michigan University Police within 24 hours of the assault and rape kit evidence was collected.

Erin House, special assistant to Attorney General Dana Nessel, said the then-18-year-old victim chose not to pursue prosecution at that time.

"There are all kinds of reasons why people don't pursue prosecution," House said. "If you think about someone traumatized at any age, let alone a freshman in college, it's the idea of, 'Do I want to go to court? Be questioned



Students walk past Sangren Hall on Western Michigan University's campus on a rainy day in late October, 2019.

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about why I did this or that? Will people think I am lying?"

"Many times, the victim is so traumatized after this happens that they can't commit to prosecute or go to trial and the cases don't go forward and get forgotten about," she added.

Watson's charges came after a lengthy investigation by the Kalamazoo County Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, which House leads. SAKI, she explained, is part of a statewide, grant-funded effort that began in 2016 to clear a backlog of thousands of untested sexual assault kits by the Michigan State Police.

"The work of our department, in collaboration with the SAKI units in Kalamazoo and elsewhere, continues to show sexual assault survivors that justice is still a viable pursuit, even 10 years on," Nessel said in the release. "Our

hope and goal is that this pursuit leads to aid the healing process for victims. Investigations, charges, convictions; these are important elements of a broader process of securing justice and helping victims to recover."

The Kalamazoo SAKI Team is in the process of investigating approximately 225 cold-case sexual assaults that occurred in the county between 1976 and 2015. So far, the team's efforts have resulted in 14 convictions and an acquittal, House said. Eleven more cases have been bound over for trial.

As part of their efforts, the team in 2022 approached the victim of the reported 2013 WMU assault about pursuing charges.

"What we hear all the time is, 'I tried so hard to forget about this and I think about it all the time,'" House said. "They just want to forget and let life go back to

way it was before, but this is something people can never forget."

The victim, House said, is now ready to testify if necessary and the case moved forward. Watson was arrested by the Michigan State Police Fugitive team on April 25 in Livingston County.

House notes that in Michigan, the statute of limitations on pursuing justice in most sexual assault cases is 10 years from the date the crime was committed, but there are extensions to that, including if the victim was under 18 or if the perpetrator moved out of the state.

She stressed the importance of the right for sexual assault victims to ask for their cases to be reevaluated.

Anyone with information about Caleb Watson or about this incident is asked to contact SAKI Investigator Richard Johnson at 269-569-0515 or by email.

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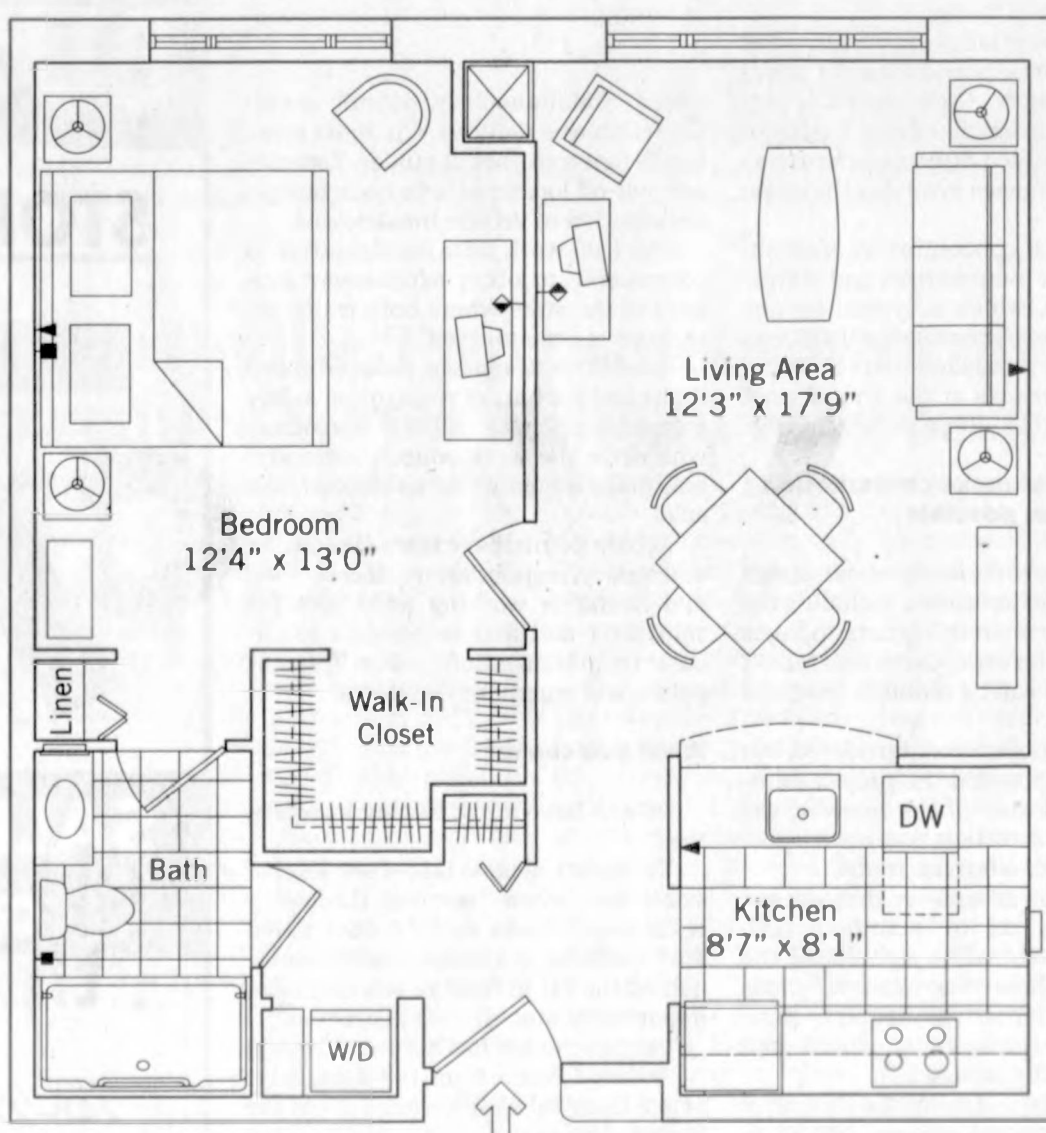
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Northville schools voters OK \$134 million bond proposal

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NORTHVILLE — Projects funded by a \$134 million bond could get underway as soon as this summer at Northville Public Schools following voters' approval of the proposal.

Voters decided overwhelmingly approved the ballot measure May 2, which will be used for infrastructure, technology and other improvements to district buildings. Unofficial results reported from Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties show the millage passed 2,756-846.

"I'm eminently grateful for the support of the community," Superintendent

RJ Webber said. "Our public schools truly are centers of community."

The bond money will allow improvements at every building in the district, among them Innovation Centers at all schools, grandstands at the football stadium, new playground equipment and more.

Webber said the district will begin the process to sell bonds this summer, with some work expected to begin this summer, including infrastructure projects.

Millage rates will continue to be levied at 3.4 mills for such capital improvements, picking up where the previous bond would have dropped off.

Webber said he hopes to transform the bond information page on the dis-

trict's website into a site for the community to keep tabs on the work the bond proposal will fund.

"I only think it's a fair deal for the trust they've put in us," he said. "Thank you on behalf of the Northville Public School team and all the folks who worked toward this. We will be exceptional stewards of taxpayer dollars."

Novi Township passes library millage renewal

Those who call Novi Township home had an additional decision to make May 2.

In addition to the Northville school bond question, voters in the 0.11-square-mile community also voted to

renew a library millage. The renewal was approved 50-8, according to unofficial results provided by Oakland County. The millage continues the township's relationship with the Novi Public Library in the nearby city.

The renewal called for the continuation of a 0.73 mill levy collected by the township for services at the Novi Public Library. The proposal will raise \$7,300 annually for such services.

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Northville to purchase new camera for ballot box monitoring

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NORTHVILLE — Those dropping off absentee ballots in the upcoming November election at city hall will have a new camera watching as they drop it off.

The Northville City Council recently approved the purchase of a new camera and supporting equipment to monitor the ballot drop box on Main Street. The expense, totaling just shy of \$5,000, will provide the city with new equipment to monitor the drop box in accordance with state law.

Police Chief Alan Maciag told the city council at its May 1 meeting he did a walkthrough with representatives from Camtronics, a Canton Township-based company the city works with to find a good location for a new camera.

"Per the election law, the ballot box has to be under video monitoring to comply with the law," he said. "They did identify a good camera and also a good location to mount that camera to be able to monitor the new ballot drop box."

A camera is currently attached to city hall that appears to monitor the drop box in the circle drive in front of city hall. This new camera would be installed in addition to the current camera. All the



A camera installed along the outside of Northville City Hall. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

elements of the new system, including the camera, installation and storage drive, would cost the city \$4,951.73. That expense is expected to be reimbursed by the state, Maciag said.

The new storage system will add to the amount of storage the city has for its entire surveillance system, not just the election box camera, Maciag said.

City councilmember Andrew Krenz asked about the angle of the camera and if there could be any issues, especially when vehicles drive up along the circle drive.

"When we mount that camera, what are we looking for?" he asked. "Because



The ballot box outside of Northville City Hall.

if the box is over here, and a car pulls up and the camera's over here, you wouldn't necessarily be able to see if someone was there tampering or doing anything."

Maciag said the cameras should still cover the area with the ballot box, and if there are issues with it, the city can ad-

just the cameras.

"Under law, the wording is 'must be constantly monitored,'" he said. "If a vehicle does pull up and we can't see it, we may have to reconfigure it a little bit to be able to see everything as much as possible."

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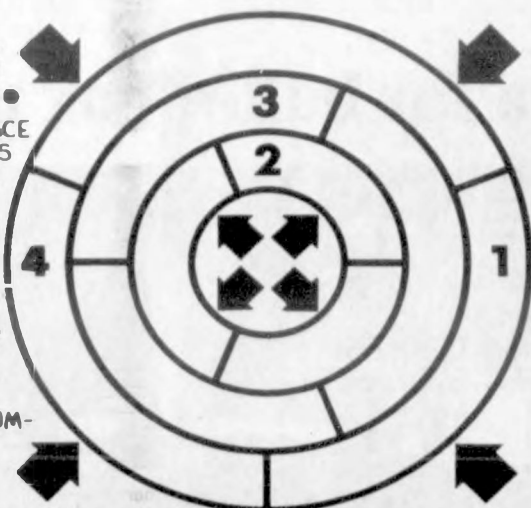
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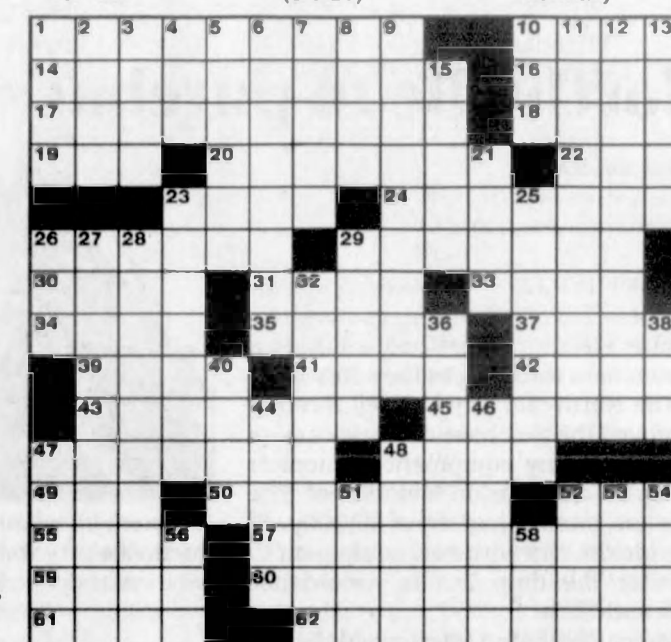
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Farmers markets open Mother's Day weekend for 2023 season in Plymouth, Canton

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PLYMOUTH — Metro Detroit area farmers markets are preparing to open for the 2023 season on Mother's Day weekend.

At both the Plymouth Farmers Market and the Canton Farmers Market, vendors will set up to sell fresh flowers, baked goods and other gifts for moms. Both markets operate rain or shine.

Here's more to know:

Saturdays in downtown Plymouth

The Plymouth Farmers Market, located behind Kellogg Park in The Gathering and along Penniman Avenue, opens Saturday, May 13, and runs from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Customers can expect to find a large assortment of flowers, herbs and vegetable plants at the market.

"Plants and flowers really drive the first few weeks of the market," Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce President Wes Graff said. "A lot of people come to the market for Mother's Day Gifts. Our vendors sell a ton of flowers."

The Plymouth Community Chamber runs the market. This year's sponsor, Graff said, is Henry Ford Health.

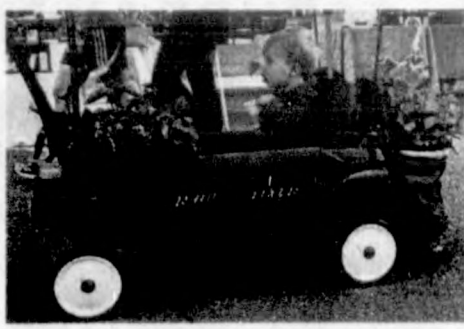
As the season progresses, vendors will be on hand with seasonal produce, eggs, meats, baked goods, popcorn, cherry products, salsa, BBQ sauces, pastas and sauces, jams and jellies, honey and more.

Shoppers can also find handmade and recycled items like candles, soaps, lotions, hand-painted furniture and frames, jewelry, birdhouses and more from favorite vendors.

"People are excited to see our vendors come back again," Graff said. "We haven't seen them since the market closed in October."

As always, the market will feature musical acts and activities for children throughout the season.

Stay up to date by following Plymouth Farmers Market on Facebook.



William Verrill, almost 2 years old, shares his wagon with flowers on the opening day of the Plymouth farmer's market. He's there with mom, Brandy Verrill, dad Tom Verrill, and 3-year-old sister Margaret Verrill.

BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mother's Day in Canton

The Canton Farmers Market, located at 500 N. Ridge Road in Preservation Park, opens Sunday, May 14, and runs each Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In the early weeks, shoppers can expect to find flowers and cool weather crops like lettuce, broccoli, garlic, onions and Brussels sprouts, said Octavian Borowicz, Canton Township's special events coordinator.

Throughout the season, more than 30 vendors will offer a variety of seasonal produce as well as baked goods, honey, eggs, meat, cheese, pasta, skin care products, handcrafted items and more at the market.

Shoppers can also enjoy cooking demonstrations. A food truck can also be found on-site most weeks, as well as a coffee truck.

"It's always nice for the early shoppers who arrive right when we open," Borowicz said. "Buy yourself a coffee and stroll the market. It's great."

The market is operated by Canton Township's Leisure Services Department. The Canton Township Public Library staff will also be at the market periodically throughout the season with story time and activities for kids.

The Canton Farmers Market will be closed June 18, July 2 and Sept. 3.

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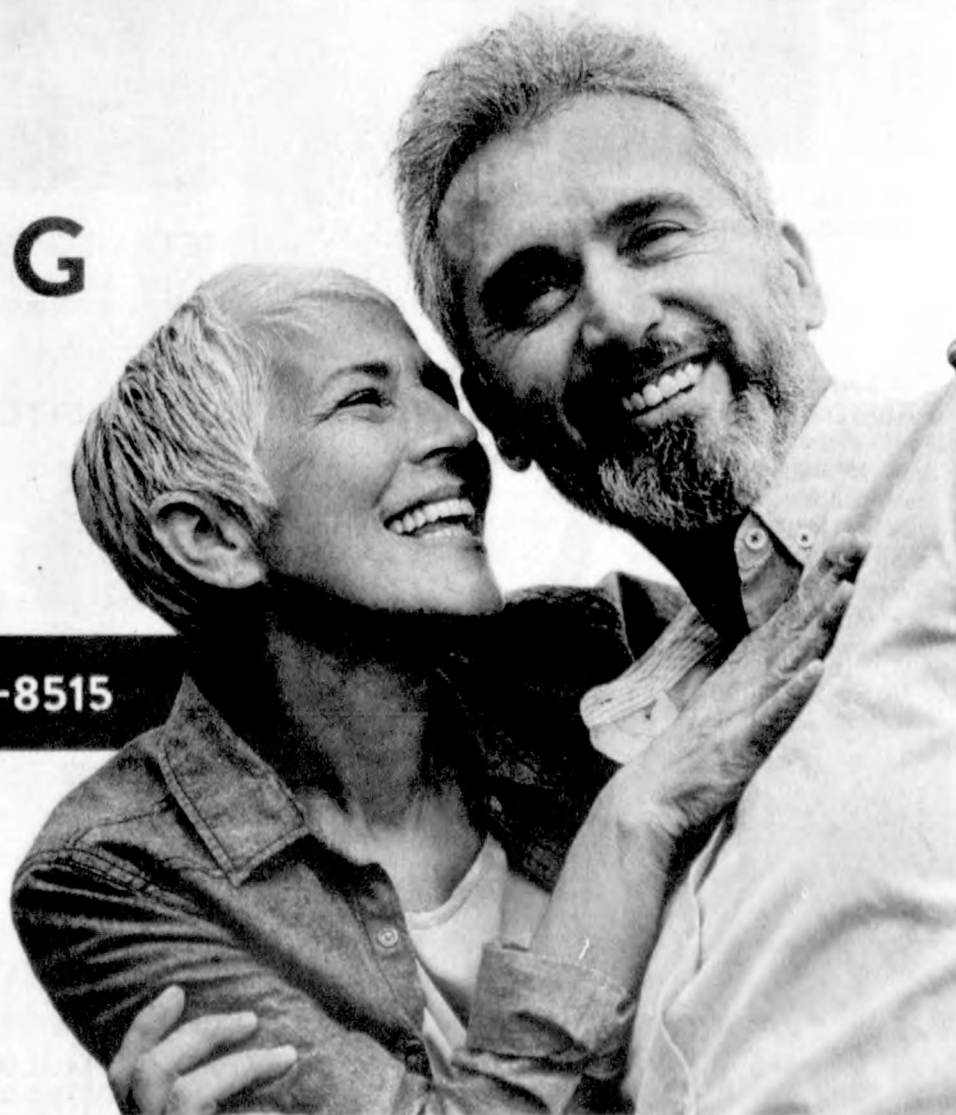


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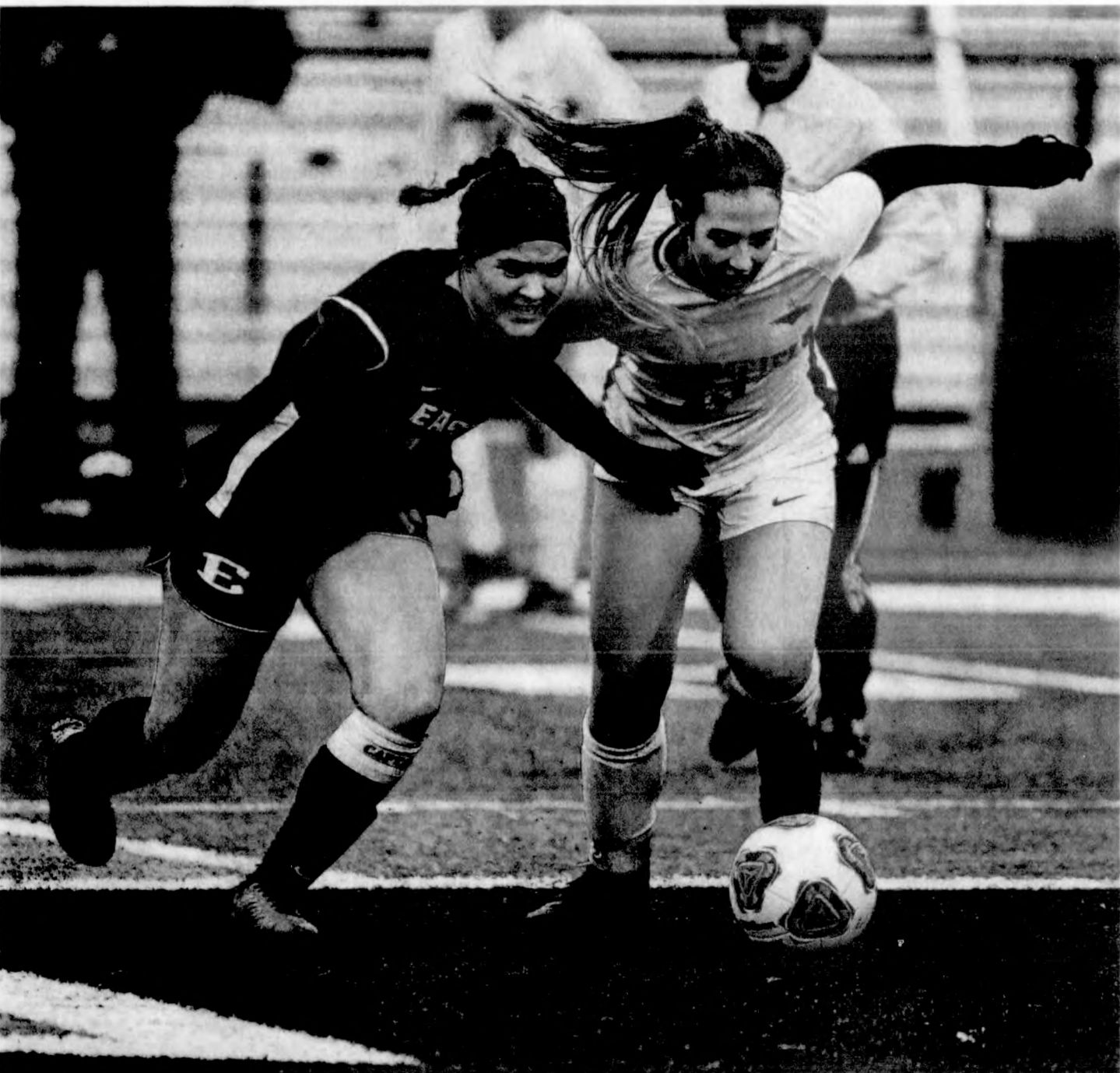
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South Lyon East's Kaylie Samluk battles Bloomfield Hills' Lilliana Ehmann for possession during a non-conference girls soccer match Monday, May 1, 2023. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

East soccer has a target on its back, but Kaylie Samluk can handle it

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If anyone can handle the stress that the South Lyon East girls soccer team is dealing with right now, it's Kaylie Samluk, the team's senior captain and star midfielder.

It's surprising the Cougars (6-1-1, 5-0-1) have just one loss so far given what they're enduring.

Not only do they have a target on their back after winning the Lakes Valley Conference a year ago, but they're also trying to regroup after losing their second straight regional championship game during penalty kicks.

What's more, they're making the jump from Division 2 to D-1, meaning they're no longer the big kid on the block. They'll be one of the smaller schools when they enter, arguably, the hardest district tournament in Michigan.

Their district includes No. 2-ranked Northville, last year's state runner-up, Farmington Hills Mercy, a district champion a year ago, Livonia Stevenson, last year's Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East winner, cross-town rival South Lyon as well as Novi and Farmington. Whoever they draw is going to give them a battle.

But, outside of Monday's 6-0 loss to defending state champion Bloomfield

Hills in the pouring rain, the Cougars have looked absolutely unfazed by all of this.

But it helps when one of your best players has experience being put through the wringer.

There's no doubt about it. College recruiting can be a stressful time for players. Not only do you have to get noticed by schools, but you also have to find the right fit for you.

And that's what Samluk just got done figuring out.

The Michigan Hawks club player signed her national letter of intent to join Ferris State University's soccer

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Newcomer Anna Lindsey adds toughness, grit to Novi's attack

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Anna Lindsey's decision to give up playing elite-level club soccer paid off before she even laced up her cleats for the Novi girls soccer team this spring.

Simply put, she quit playing for the Michigan Hawks because she wanted to play both basketball and soccer with her best friends in high school.

When she got to high school, she initially thought she could pull off doing both. She was able to do travel ball and also play middle school basketball for Novi St. James back in her Catholic

Youth Organization days. But once she got into high school, she realized it was just impossible to keep that up.

The closer you get to junior year, the tougher the club schedule gets. More colleges want to see players competing at a higher level as they approach the age when scholarships can be offered.

But, as Lindsey found out, there were just too many practices and games on Novi's basketball schedule for her to make it to everything that the Hawks were doing throughout the winter.

And, as you can see on the pitch, she doesn't do anything halfway. She's got

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Novi's Anna Lindsey passes ahead during a KLAA-West girls soccer match Thursday, May 4, 2023. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The Lions' resurgence makes them dangerous entering playoffs

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Camaraderie is the secret behind the South Lyon baseball team's resurgence this spring.

That was evident when first-year coach Erich Stephenson cracked an immediate smile after peering over his shoulder to see his players huddling up for a team photo following the Lions' 6-1 victory over West Bloomfield during Sunday's showcase game held at Comerica Park, home of the Detroit Tigers.

And it was even more evident when their entire dugout raced onto the field to gang tackle Nicholas Stoyanovich, which included dousing him with a water bottle, after the junior dove into home plate to beat a throw from deep left-center to score the winning runs on an inside-the-park home run in the third inning.

Yeah, South Lyon (12-6, 10-4) is one of the hottest teams in the Lakes Valley Conference right now. And not many fans outside of their hometown saw it coming.

Sure, many expected White Lake Lakeland to be good this spring. And the Eagles are. They're currently in first place atop the league standings and should be the first squad in the LVC to win 20 games during the regular season. They're only ranked No. 13 in the most recent Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association poll, but they're punching well above their weight, which is expected from a well-disciplined, Brad Farquhar-coached team.

But the Lions? The same guys who finished with less than a .500 winning percentage a year ago? The team that just brought in their former JV coach to run the program?

Yeah, those guys. They're on fire right now. They're in second place in the league. No one saw that coming.

And it doesn't look like anyone is having more fun than them either.

"You can't ask for a better group," Stephenson said. "I love them. They love each other. We just keep playing hard, and it's working out. We have a young group but also have some good upperclassmen leaders who have stuck together for 4 years now. A lot of these guys play in summer together (for the Great Lakes Bombers Elite), so it's just really a tight-knit group. I'm even having to kick them out of practice because they want to stay after practice to do more stuff. They're just all really buying into the team."

That good group of upperclassmen includes senior Ethan Bristol, who smacked a stand-up double to left field to bring in a pair of insurance runs in the sixth inning.

Bristol, who has bounced back from a career-threatening knee injury, is signed with Division II Glenville State in West Virginia, and his attitude has had a positive impact at practice.

Not only does the 5-foot-11, 185-pound outfielder look like your stereotypical college ballplayer, but his leadership has been infectious for the younger Lions to be around. It's hard not to follow his lead with the way he

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Ava Kreyndeinski helps shorthanded Cougars inch closer to WWAC title

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Avenging last year's loss to Dearborn Heights Crestwood and winning the Western Wayne Athletic Conference was going to be a challenge for the Garden City girls soccer team this spring.

Not only did the Cougars graduate Grace Konopatzki, a former all-stater, who signed with Ball State to play goalkeeper, but they also lost forward Siena McNitt, another all-stater, who chose not to return to the pitch for her senior season because the 1,000-point career scorer recently signed with Schoolcraft College for basketball.

And it takes all the firepower you can muster to win this league.

A year ago, Crestwood edged Garden City 3-2, which allowed the Chargers to finish one game ahead in the final standings and keep the Cougars from repeating as league champions.

So it was no shocker that last week's

match between the two programs was an all-out battle. Garden City escaped with the 2-1 win, but it lost striker Natalie Briscoe to injury.

The Cougars are in the driver's seat to take the WWAC, needing just a win over Melvindale to clinch the championship, but they're retooling their lineup on the fly.

"Like I told them, adversity will hit you," second-year coach Mario Tartaglia said following Wednesday's 8-0 victory at Redford Thurston. "You need to step up and make things happen. And they've been able to do it so far, so it's been really nice we've been doing that."

With Briscoe watching from the sidelines while on crutches, one of the players who stepped up was Ava Kreyndeinski, who scored two goals and assisted on another against the Eagles.

The junior is actually a talented midfielder with experience playing for the Michigan Jaguars club.

Except Tartaglia has her playing striker because the Cougars (6-1-3, 4-



Garden City's Ava Kreyndeinski passes in traffic during a Western Wayne Athletic Conference girls soccer match Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at Redford Thurston.

BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

0-1) are so shorthanded.

She made the most of her time up top, even taking a pass through the middle

on a breakaway that ended with her blasting in the game-winner from about 12 yards out just 11 minutes into the match.

About 12 minutes later, she sailed in a free kick from about 25 yards that went for a score as well.

But perhaps her prettiest play came when she launched a corner kick into the box that got pushed in from point-blank.

"It's been kind of a rough adjustment," Kreyndeinski said. "Our two strikers, first Siena, and now, Natalie, who's injured, (aren't playing), but we've been bouncing back and moving people around."

Also helping during the win was Jacyd Koskie, who scored two goals, while Keira Kreyndeinski, Sydney Hill and Trista Bird also had goals.

The Cougars will be favored when they visit two-win Melvindale on May 15, but they haven't lost sight of just how big of a deal it would be to win the WWAC with a shorthanded roster.

Grit

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to be all in.

"I just wasn't willing to miss all the things I'm able to do in high school anymore," said Lindsey following the Wildcats' 1-0 victory over Salem on Thursday night. "I just decided that I wanted to be able to play basketball and soccer, and I wasn't going to be able to do that very effectively (at the club level) because there's just a lot of time commitment, and I just wasn't looking to play at that level anymore. I wanted to play for my school. It's fun to just play with your friends."

The travel circuit's loss is Novi's gain. In her first winter fully locked in as a Wildcat athlete, she helped the girls basketball team win a Division I district championship, which included upsetting rival Northville in the semifinal round.

Lindsey proved to be one of the toughest guards in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West. Not only was she a heads-up passer, but she also wasn't afraid to stick her nose into a scrum and fight for loose balls.

Her scrappy effort was important for Novi to finish as one of the hottest teams in the league, despite suffering a seven-game losing streak at one point during the season. In fact, she was so great that she wound up earning third-team honors on Hometown Life's All-Area girls basketball team.

From time to time, Novi coach Todd Pheiffer has taught Lindsey in school and has used the opportunity to try and convince her to come out for the girls soccer team. He was shocked when she told him she was actually going to do it this spring, and so far that's been a boon for the Wildcats' midfield.

"I figured maybe she'd come out for her senior year," he said. "A lot of kids will play academy soccer for 3 years, and by the time spring of their senior year comes around, they've already made the decision whether they're going to play in college or not. A lot of times you might get that senior who wants to play.



Novi's Grace Kwasniewicz heads in a goal during a KLA West girls soccer match Thursday, May 4, 2023.

BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

... When I talked to her earlier this winter and she told me she was going to be playing high school soccer, I was thrilled. She's a great leader, a great player and she's athletic."

What makes Lindsey such a great midfielder is her size and tenacity.

She's usually one of the strongest players on the pitch. That makes it tough for opponents to push her off the ball. And, many times, she's winning those 50-50 battles because she can outmuscle most opponents.

But just like she was in basketball, she's also a solid point guard in Pheiffer's offense. Her ability to thread passes to her strikers is uncanny. Plus, she can drum up wide-open shots for herself at any moment. She keeps defenses on

their toes because they never truly know what her next move is going to be. She's that dangerous with the ball at her feet.

"You can just see that she knows the game and that she's played it at a high level," Pheiffer said. "When she gets the ball, she can move the ball and slow the game down. She can speed the game up, too. She's got a high soccer IQ, which comes from playing at that level. We have players who haven't played at the same level that she has, and she realizes that. So she's a great leader in that she can bring those players up and help them improve their soccer IQ and skill level. It's great to have a player of her caliber out there for us."

Lindsey assisted on Novi's lone goal

vs. the Rocks.

About 23 minutes into the match, Lindsey sailed a corner kick into the penalty box that Grace Kwasniewicz got her head on and bashed directly into the net. Kwasniewicz was the only one who could've gotten to that ball. It was just a tough, well-timed pass on Lindsey's part.

"She's athletic," Pheiffer added. "It makes a difference. The soccer IQ she plays with is at a high level."

And the best part? She's still got another season left with the Wildcats after this one.

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East

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program after visiting several schools, whether that was for visits or camps.

"The entire process is very aggravating. It's tough and very stressful," Samluk said. "When I was finally able to make my decision, I was confident and proud of myself. It's a big decision and a big process. You have to email a lot of coaches. And it was about finding the right fit for me, school-wise, academically and athletically."

Samluk found that in Big Rapids.

She wanted to join a team where she could be a short drive from home, play a competitive brand of soccer and be part of a student body that wasn't too big or too small. She wanted the campus to feel just right for her.

Now she's excited about the challenge of fighting for playing time and earning a spot in the rotation. And feeling excited about college is a lot better than feeling stressed out, that's for sure.

"Once I made my decision, I felt like I



South Lyon East's Rylee Seach holds onto a possession during a non-conference girls soccer match Monday, May 1, 2023. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

was free of stress and just happy," said Samluk, who will study biology or a pre-med track at FSU. "And my teammates on my club team supported me, but they knew I was stressed out. And one of them, Maryn Rettenmund from Midland, is going to be my teammate in col-

lege. So just making this decision was big, and I'm happy where I am."

So what type of player are the Bulldogs getting?

In the midfield, she's basically a traffic cop. She brings a physicality to the position you don't often see. She can battle for the tough balls and get them to the right players so that they can score goals.

She proved that last year in helping Cleveland State signee Emma Pompo, former all-stater Jessica Boulard and current senior Alyssa Melquist score goal after goal after goal during their campaign to win both the LVC and a district championship.

And she's doing it again this spring with some new faces in Miami (Ohio) commit Rylee Seach and Michigan Jaguars club player Meredith Pagett, among others.

"She has been the catalyst in our midfield for the last couple of years," sixth-year East coach Pete Stoyanovich said. "I think she's the one who holds it together for us. And Kaylie is already having a tremendous season for us, playing terrific while holding everything

together for our team. She's the vocal leader of the team, and she's just a great kid to have on your team. It's very difficult to pull her off the field."

And Samluk won't be getting pulled off anytime soon, especially with the slate of games left for the Cougars.

The winner of next Monday's match against Walled Lake Northern will likely determine the in-season champion of the LVC. And then the LVC tournament takes place right before they head to districts and likely face one of the state's top teams.

Most players would feel stressed out dealing with that tough of a schedule. But at least Samluk has the experience of getting through stressful situations. She just did that while picking a college.

"It's definitely going to be more competitive," Samluk said. "You've got to be ready for that, and you've got to be ready to give it your all in every game. At this time of year, any game could be our last so we have to play our best."

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With Short back from injury, Cranbrook soccer hopes to repeat as CHSL champs

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It was the matchup everyone who kept an eye on the Catholic League wanted to see a year ago.

Cranbrook was entering the Division 2 girls soccer district final after winning its first-ever CHSL-Cardinal tournament championship in program history.

And on the other side of that matchup was second-ranked Bloomfield Hills Marian, winners of the previous four D-2 state championships as well as the CHSL-Bishop tournament crown.

A rare matchup featuring both tournament champions in the Catholic League. And the cherry on top? Cranbrook coach Chad O'Kulich and Marian coach Reid Friedrichs were teammates in the late 1990s at Michigan State.

The pre-game hype was warranted.

And just 7 minutes into the match, star Cranbrook forward Daelyn Short, arguably one of the best attackers in Michigan, slid in for a tackle near mid-field and suffered a career-threatening knee injury.

And just like that, Marian took advantage of Short being off the pitch and toughed out a 1-0 victory to claim the district title en route to making their eventual fifth-straight appearance in the state finals.

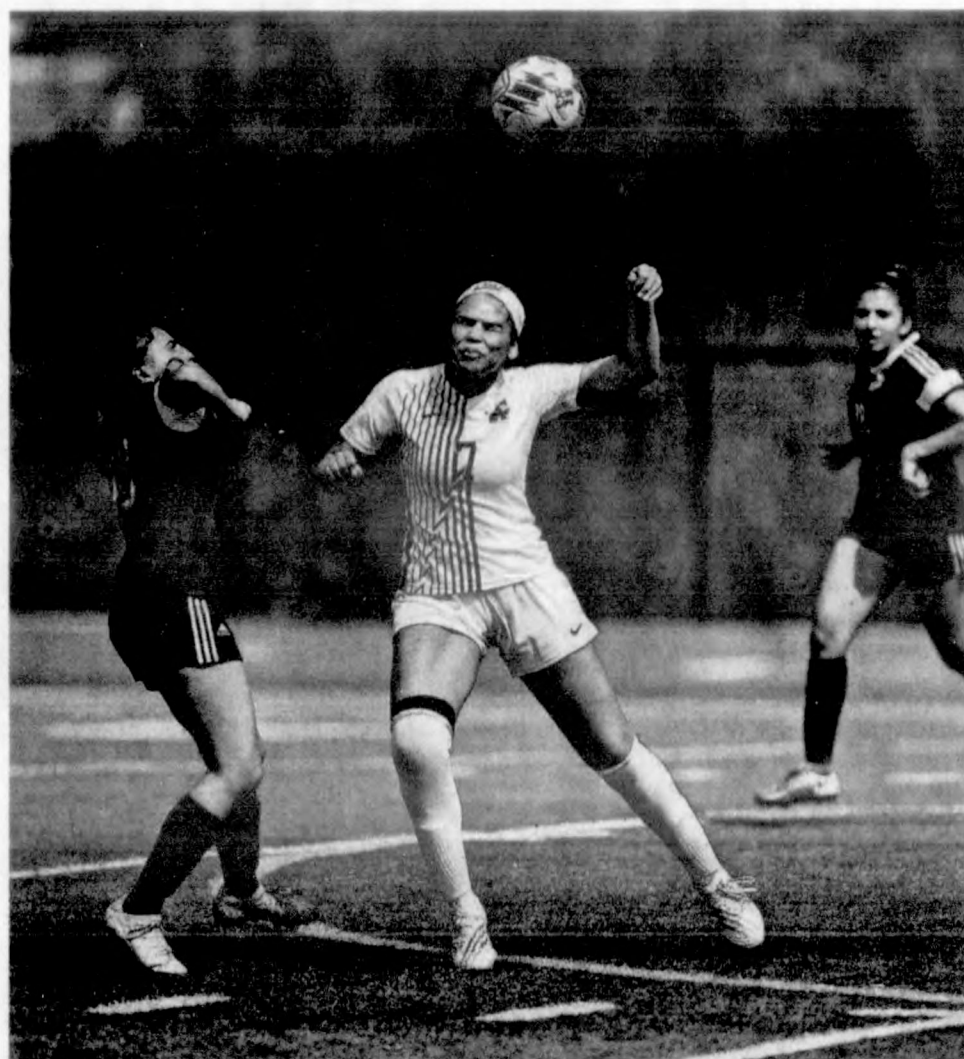
What a heartbreaker.

Not only for Cranbrook and the fans who were on hand at Livonia Clarenceville to see an Ali vs. Frazier-like matchup but also for Short, a promising college prospect from the Liverpool ECNL club who had just seen her career derailed by injury for the second time.

And that's where this story picks back up.

Flash forward to this spring, and Short is back in the lineup for the Cranes. She missed all of club ball last summer and fall and didn't finish her physical rehabilitation until just before Cranbrook kicked off the spring.

"You've got to credit Daelyn for experiencing two pretty severe injuries in a short window of time and all the work



Cranbrook's Daelyn Short heads the ball during a girls soccer match Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Detroit Country Day. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

she's done to get back so far this year," O'Kulich said. "She's having an outstanding year for us, but when you're injured, that's where we find out how we deal with adversity, and Daelyn has rebounded incredibly well. We're proud of the way that she's been playing and what she's been doing on the field and how she's making things happen."

If you've heard about one season-ending knee injury, you've heard about them all.

They take about 8-12 months to come back from. It starts with surgery and

continues with weekly, and sometimes daily, visits to the physical therapist. Sometimes it's like you have to relearn how to walk again.

And that was no different for Short.

"I just had to do what was necessary to get back in physical therapy, and I couldn't try to rush it," the senior said after scoring the Cranes' lone goal during Saturday's 1-1 tie with rival Detroit Country Day. "And I was able to come back for my final season at Cranbrook, and I'm excited to finish out my final season strong. It was a little bit sad and

frustrating at first. But that's part of the game. You've got to face adversity. I focused on other stuff during that time. And now I'm happy to at least play this season."

While bouncing back from injury, many players would say their goal is to once again lead their team, win league and district championships and score as many times as possible.

Short just wants to have a short-term memory. Her goal is to forget that her knee injury ever happened. She said she wants to play the game without fear of reinjuring her knee again.

And, for the most part, she has done that. And that's been a boon for the Cranes, who are 6-1-2 overall, undefeated in their division of the CHSL and ranked No. 7 in the most recent Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association rankings.

"Life hits us with adversity. We know that. We all know we don't go through life unscathed," O'Kulich added. "When you go through those challenges, it's an opportunity for growth. It can go one of two ways. You can bury your head in the sand and say, 'Why me?' Or you can rise and grow and become more aware and work hard. And that's what Daelyn did. She worked her tail off and had the right mental mindset."

With the CHSL tournament slated for the end of the month, Cranbrook should be a favorite to repeat as the Bishop champions. While all the credit won't fall on Short's shoulders, her hustle in the off-season to bounce back from injury will definitely play a part in them hoisting the championship trophy for a second time should things go their way.

But this is the last hurrah for Short. She doesn't plan on playing in college, despite being, arguably, a top-100 player in Michigan. Her battles during her rehabilitation will all be for this season and this season alone. And that makes the Cranes dangerous as the season winds down.

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Lions

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approaches the game. He brings just the right mix of seriousness and fun that any teammate could get behind.

"I think it's just the dirtbag mentality," Bristol said. "I'm a little bit hard-nosed. I like to push through everything, battle and grind it out. That's just a testament to our coaching staff here. The last four years, they've really instilled that belief in us that they have the players' backs at heart."

In reality, the showcase wasn't set up to be a loser-goes-home matchup. There were no league or playoff stakes here. In fact, each inning saw a different pitcher take the mound in downtown Detroit. Every player got a chance to be on the field and take in an MLB-like experience. It wasn't South Lyon's top arms against West Bloomfield's top arms.

But that was OK. It was more of a celebration. A celebration that your hard work during winter workouts, pre-season practices and the freezing dog days of the first month of the schedule had all paid off.

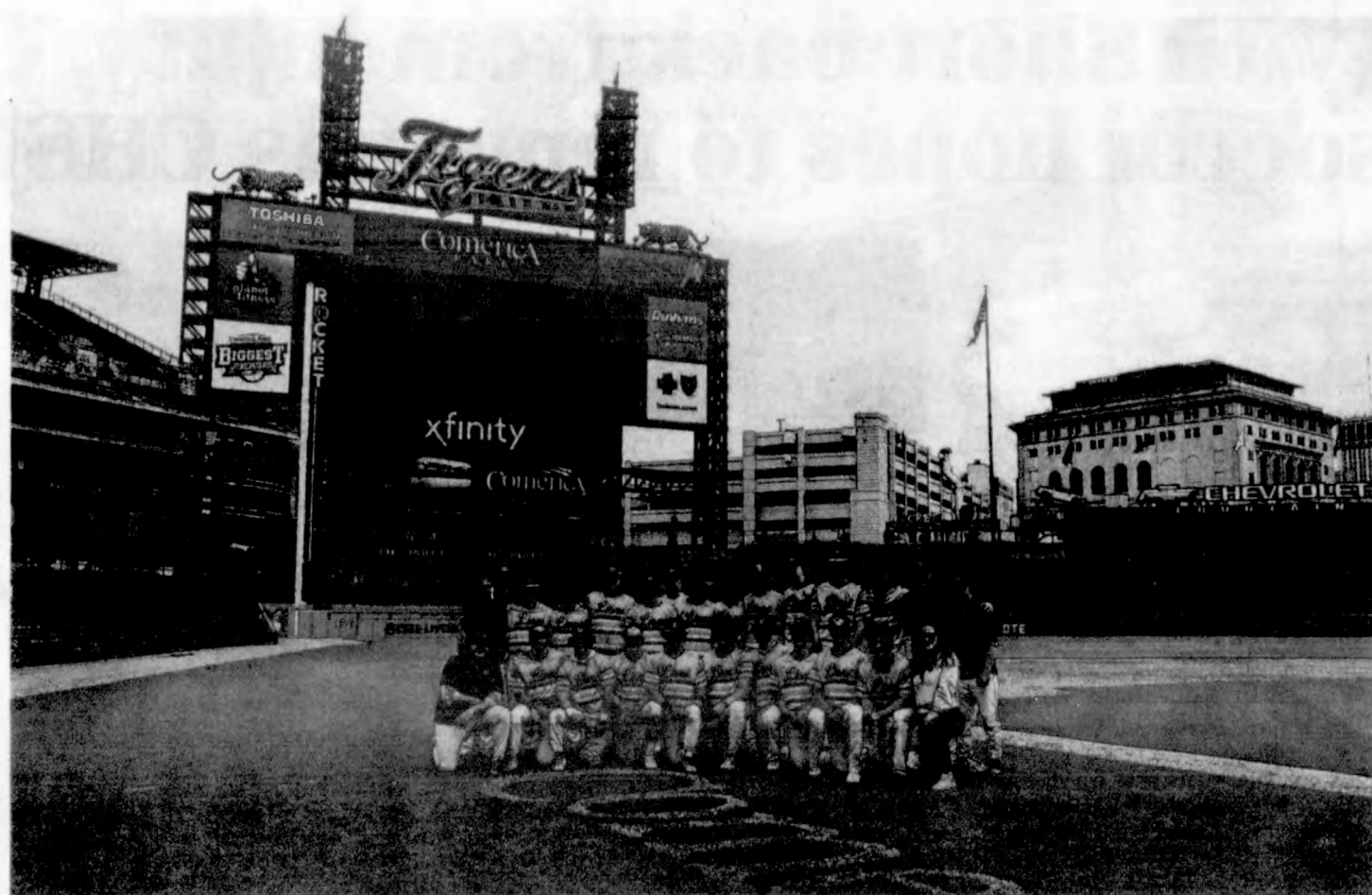
And judging by the Lions' all-out effort in what was essentially an all-star game-like exhibition, their trajectory for the rest of the season is still on an upward swing.

"It's awesome, and kudos to these boys," Stephenson added. "They put in the hard work, and they deserve to be here. It showed on the scoreboard today. We got everybody in with multiple at-bats and multiple positions. It didn't matter where they were at, they just played hard today, and you can't ask for anything better."

"I'm just excited for the rest of our season. This is pretty much our halfway point. Everything is trending up so, hopefully, we keep it rolling and make a deep run when we get to the playoffs."

Other highlights included Connor Hayden scoring on a wild pitch, Aidan Robinson striking out two batters with just one inning of work and Stoyanovich getting out of a jam by picking off a base runner at first base.

"I'm just grateful. I'm playing with some of my guys from my travel squad, and I feel like that chemistry is here with all the guys we have," said Stoyanovich, a top-100 ranked kicker in football, who is also the nephew of former NFL all-pro



South Lyon line up for a team photo following a baseball game Sunday, May 7, 2023, at Comerica Park. PHOTOS BY SUSAN ADAMS/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



South Lyon celebrates an inside-the-park home run.



South Lyon's Ethan Bristol hits.

kicker Pete Stoyanovich. "What a great group of guys we have here."

Lakeland is three games ahead of South Lyon in the league standings, but

the two haven't faced each other yet. They'll play three games against each other next week, which includes a doubleheader on May 16 at South Lyon.

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2 John Glenn wrestlers sign with Henry Ford college

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How Kyle Wilson and Daniel Benenson ended their high school careers is part of the reason why they've decided to wrestle in college.

On Friday, the two Westland John Glenn seniors signed their national letters of intent to join nearby Henry Ford College.

They want to move on to the next level and put behind them that loss to Temperance Bedford in the Division 1 regional championship. This was supposed to be the year. The Rockets were eager to rematch the Mules. Their biggest goal was to finally beat Bedford and punch their ticket to the state final tournament in Kalamazoo.

Instead, it was the Mules ending their postseason campaign for the third time in four seasons.

What's more, Wilson also struggled during the individual wrestling regional, losing his two first matches at 132 pounds and seeing his career end just



Westland John Glenn wrestler Daniel Benenson signs with Henry Ford College during spring signing day Friday, May 5, 2023. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

three matches shy of making it to Ford Field.

But he was the runner-up in the district championship.

"It was really rough because, in the last 4 years, I've lost in the regional finals every time," said Wilson, who finished with a 40-11 record this past winter. "It's just been rough, especially with me being a senior captain and losing my



Westland John Glenn wrestler Kyle Wilson talks about signing with Henry Ford College.

key match, it's really hard, but I've got to get past that and just worry about college now. I didn't have the greatest end, losing in regionals, so now I have the ability to go on to college and possibly even place (in the national tournament) and accomplish my goals I didn't get to accomplish in high school, which would be really nice."

Benenson, who was 32-12 overall,

saw his career end with two losses in the individual district championship.

"It was a pretty hard decision. I wasn't really sure if I was going to wrestle at first, but I felt like I kind of have to," Benenson said. "My senior year didn't go how I wanted it to. I didn't really have the best performance in the Bedford dual, and I feel like now I can get the chance to make up for that in my college career."

Now the two Rockets will continue being teammates when they begin wrestling at the JUCO level in Dearborn.

Other John Glenn athletes signing with colleges on Friday were seniors Richard Williams, who joined Graceland University's men's basketball program in Lamoni, Iowa, Karley Couinard, an all-state bowler who's headed to Trine University in Angola, Ind., and Mariana Fall, who picked nearby Lawrence Tech's volleyball team.

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Surging McIntyre lifts Hartland over Howell

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HOWELL — A promising prospect as a freshman, Kate McIntyre isn't doing anything these days that wasn't expected of her when she joined Hartland's softball team two years ago.

Her growth, however, hasn't been linear.

McIntyre literally had a sophomore slump last season. Her batting average dropped from .310 to .264, her runs batted in from 22 to 13 and her slugging percentage from .402 to .374.

"Last season, I hit a lot of pop-ups, not a lot of power behind them," she said.

Swings that produced easy outs last season are now sending the ball over the fence and up the gaps.

McIntyre continued her strong junior campaign Wednesday against archrival Howell by driving in the game's only run with a double in a 1-0 victory in the opener and hitting a grand slam in an 8-5 victory in the nightcap.

She has 13 extra-base hits this season, two more than she had in her first two seasons combined. McIntyre is hitting .404 with six doubles, three triples, four homers, 18 RBIs and an .865 slugging percentage.

"Coming off last season, I didn't do too good," she said. "After hitting lessons, the winter league, everything, it's all coming together."

"I had many people tell me my swing looked better. That just boosted my confidence. Confidence is the way to go for hitting."

This is the type of production that was envisioned for McIntyre when she started as a freshman on a team that still had four holdovers from the 2018 state Division 1 runner-up squad.

"It's always been there," Hartland coach Taylor Wagner said. "It just had to come out. She's just stepping up this year, and it's been fun to see."

The first game was a pitchers' duel between Hartland senior Kylie Swierkos and Howell senior Delaney Gillett.

Swierkos allowed three hits and no walks in seven innings, striking out nine. Gillett gave up five hits and three walks in seven innings, fanning 11.

Hartland scored the only run in the first game when Skylar Spisz reached base on an infield error with one out and scored on a double to left field by McIntyre.

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"I was up to bat and it was a long battle," McIntyre said. "Delaney was mixing both in and out. That last one, I'm crowding the plate, because I knew it was more outside. I managed to get out in front and hit it between left and center. It was pretty exciting to score the run."

In the second game, Hartland loaded the bases with two outs in the top of the second inning. McIntyre drilled a grand slam over the left field fence to highlight a five-run inning.

"It was a change-up, surprisingly," McIntyre said. "Change-ups are hard to hit, but I tried to wait back as long as I could. I guess that just took care of it."

Freshman Olivia Forrest started the second game for Hartland, allowing four runs on seven hits in five innings. Swierkos pitched the final two innings, fanning four.

Swierkos is 8-1 with two saves and a 1.22 earned run average. She has struck out 120 batters and walked only three in 78 2/3 innings.

She avoided allowing her fourth walk of the season in the opener when fought back from a 3-0 count to get a game-ending strikeout. Howell had the tying run on first base.

"I know I can get a pitch in there," Swierkos said. "Walking a batter in that situation, there's a lot of bases open, there's a lot of time left; we have two outs. It's really not too stressful of a situation, because I know I've got time and I know my team is going to back me up. Even if I do end up walking her, it's not really going to have a huge effect, because I have another batter coming up, another opportunity."

Howell used five pitchers in the second game. Gillett, who pitched the final inning, was the only one who didn't allow a run.

"We just couldn't get the bats going in game one," Howell coach Scott Pasini said. "We played tough defense, had great pitching. I thought we'd be able to pull one out in game two."

Hartland is 15-1 overall, 10-0 in the KLA West and ranked No. 10 in Division 1. Howell, which received honorable mention in the latest state rankings, is 11-8 overall and 6-4 in the KLA West.

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Hartland's Kate McIntyre smiles as she returns to the dugout after hitting a grand slam in an 8-5 victory over Howell on Wednesday. PHOTOS BY BILL KHAN/LIVINGSTON DAILY



Hartland third baseman Kate McIntyre tags out Howell's Olivia Bunkoske on a fielder's choice in the fourth inning of the second game.

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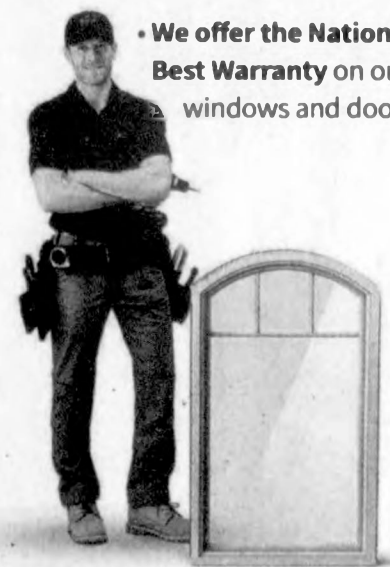
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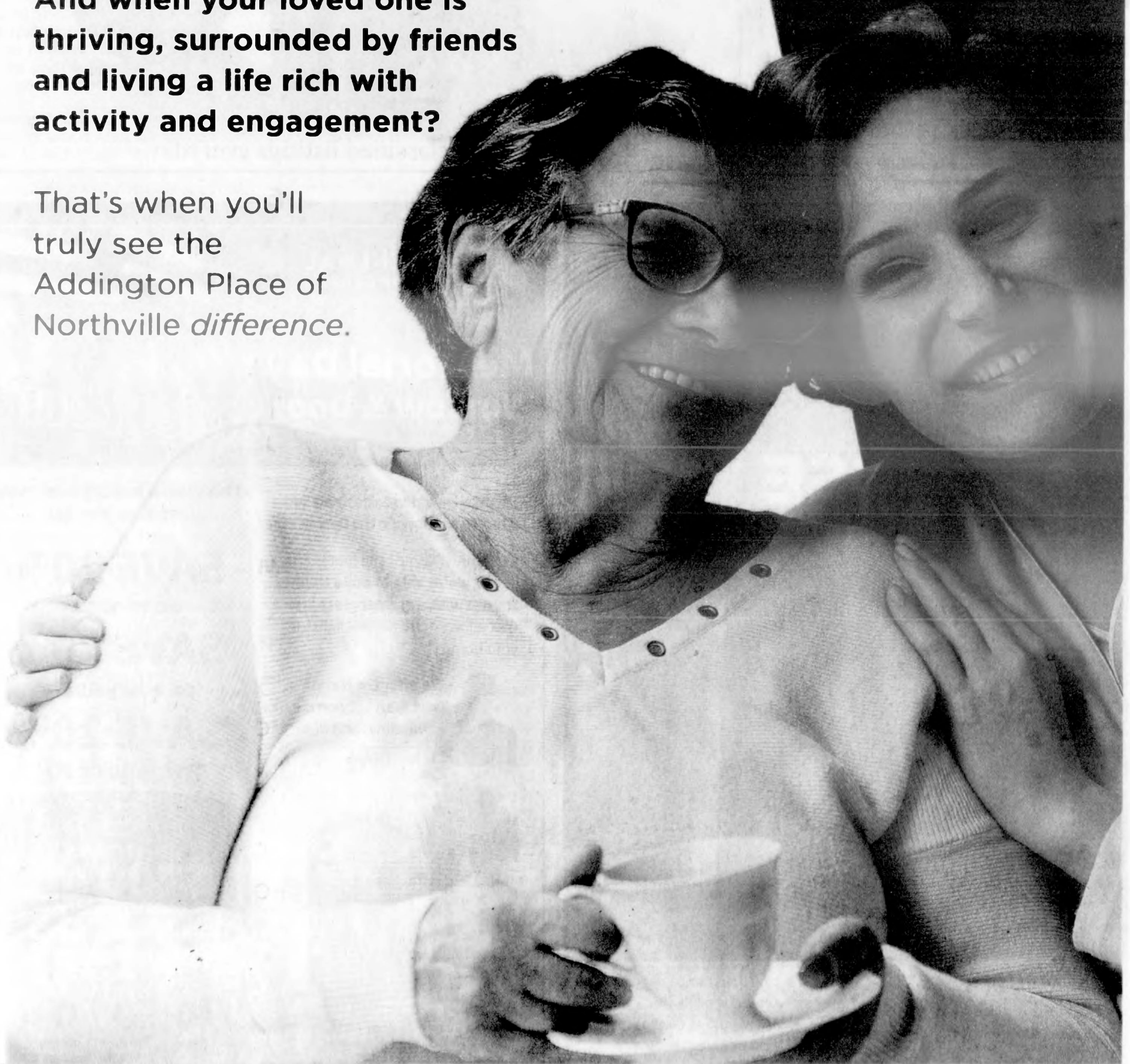
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