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Wayne-Westland appoints interim superintendent

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The Wayne-Westland Board of Education appointed Dr. Sue Carnell as its interim superintendent Thursday during a special meeting. The board voted

7-0 in favor of the decision.

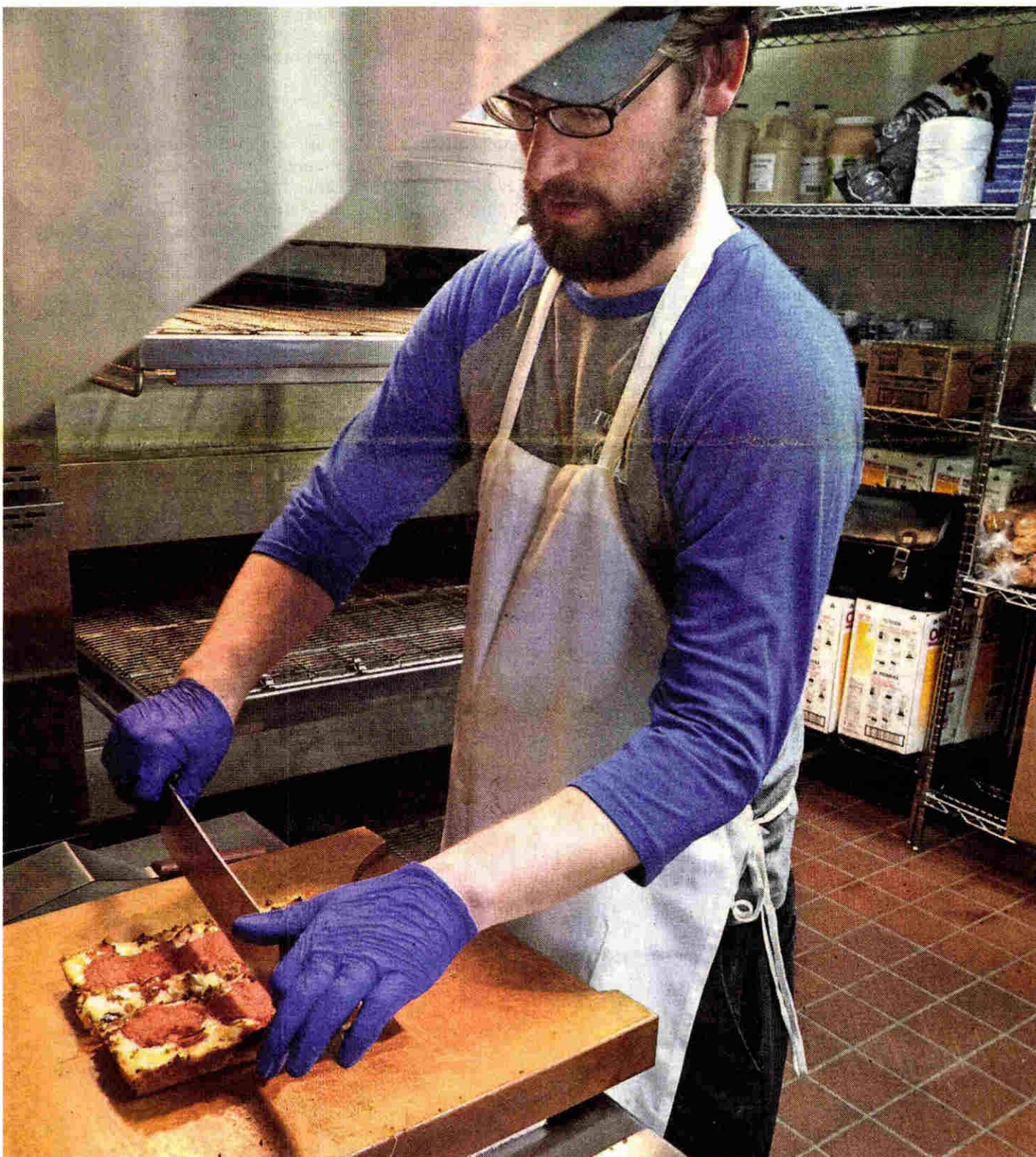
"The kids have to come back to school in August and work needs to be done," board President David Cox said.

Carnell, who was in vacation in Georgia and not present at the meeting, will replace the temporary interim superin-

tendent, Jennifer Curry, who serves as the district's assistant superintendent of standards. Carnell will work on an interim basis as the top administrator while the district investigates allegations of abuse of power against superintendent Dr. Shelley Holt.

Carnell, who has a Ph.D. in philosophy from Eastern Michigan University, is the former superintendent of the Westwood Community School District. She has also worked for the City of

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Buddy's Pizza trainer Terry Dohm cuts a small Detroit Special into fourths at the Plymouth Township location July 11.
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Buddy's Pizza opens in Plymouth Township

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Adam Vahratian is a big Buddy's Pizza fan. So when he discovered the restaurant was finally open in Plymouth Township, it was a no-brainer: it was time to get some pizza for the family, a

small Hawaiian and a large cheese pizza.

"We're very happy to see this open," the Northville Township resident said. "We're happy it's pretty much in the style of the Fountain Walk one (in Novi)."

The most recent addition to the pizza

company's restaurant opened Thursday after several months of renovating the former Ruby Tuesday's at 15075 Beck.

The restaurant, which seats 200, features bright windows and a fresh

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Seven things to expect at Founders Festival

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It's that time of year again in Farmington: The Founders Festival will take over its new location at Shiawassee Park, running today through Sunday. Here's everything you need to know about the annual festival.

Fido Fest

On July 19-21, dogs and dog lovers can swing by the Farmington Fido Festival. Dogs can go through the Lucky Dog Lure Coursing or compete in a Disc Dogs Frisbee competition.

A designated "bark garden" will also feature live music.

Aside from entertainment, attendees can buy homemade treats, toys, clothes and other accessories for their four-legged best friend.

Rescue shelters will also be on site with dogs and puppies looking for forever homes.

The fair

The staple of any summer festival is its fair. Shiawassee Park will be filled with a kid-geared carnival full of rides, inflatables and games. There will also be a cash tornado, characters for children to meet, STEAM activities and crafts for kids to enjoy.

Throughout the carnival, actors from the Michigan Renaissance Festival will give performances.

Food and drinks

Food trucks will serve up festival food from elephant ears to lemonade, along with other classic American eats. Following tradition, the Farmington Founders Festival Pig Roast will be Friday and Saturday.

Adults can stop by the beer tent throughout the festival to grab a brew or other adult beverage.

Fireworks and hot-air balloon glow

As the sun starts to set Friday, hot

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November ballot filing deadline nears for local candidates

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Several communities in Oakland and Wayne counties have seats open on governing boards.

The candidate filing deadline to be on the November ballot in non-partisan races is 4 p.m. July 23.

Here are some of the spots to be filled and who has announced their candidacy so far:

Birmingham

A seven-member City Commission formulates and enables policy for the City of Birmingham on behalf of the citizens. Commissioners are elected to four-year terms at non-partisan elections. The mayor and mayor pro-tem are elected from among their fellow commissioners for a one-year term.

This year, four seats are up for election, including those held by Patty Bord-

man (currently serving as mayor), Pierre Boutros (currently serving as mayor pro-tem), and commissioners Carroll DeWeese and Andrew Harris.

Harris announced earlier this month that he would not pursue re-election.

As of July 12, no one had filed to run for any of the seats.

Bloomfield Hills

Five city commissioners are sought to fill two-year terms in Bloomfield Hills. So far, only one candidate has filed - Sarah McClure.

South Lyon

The South Lyon mayor's seat, a two-year term, and three seats on the city council, each a four-year term, are up for grabs.

Mayor Dan Pelchat has filed to run for re-election and appeared to be running unopposed as of Friday.

Council members Steve Kennedy and Maggie Kurtzweil had also filed plans to reclaim seats. The third seat available is currently held by Mary Parisien.

Northville

Brian Turnbull and Ken Roth have both filed to be mayor of Northville, a two-year term.

There are also two four-year term city council seats available, with Marilyn Price and Barbara Moroski-Browne filing the necessary paperwork as of Friday.

Novi and Livonia

Novi will have several candidates for mayor and council on the November ballot, but those individuals had an April filing deadline. Candidates may still file to be write-ins.

Livonia had an April filing deadline, as well, with a primary election taking place Aug. 6.

Farmington

In Farmington, Mayor Pro Tem Sara Bowman, Sarah Davies, councilman Joe LaRussa and Mayor Steve Schneemann had filed for the race as of Monday.

Between Farmington's three open



A voter feeds her ballot into a tabulating machine, with the help of an elections worker, at the Riley Upper Elementary School polling place in Livonia during a previous election. The candidate filing deadline to be on the November ballot in non-partisan races is 4 p.m. July 23. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

council seats, the two candidates with the most votes will win four-year terms, and the third highest vote-getter will receive a two-year term.

Following elections, the council will appoint the mayor and mayor pro tem.

Farmington Hills

In Farmington Hills, this election will give residents a new mayor. Vicki Barnett and councilman Richard Lerner have filed to run for the two-year term.

On the council end, T.R. Carr, Danette Duron-Willner and councilwoman Theresa Rich had all filed to run for the four-year terms as of Monday morning. As of now, the three are running unopposed for three open seats.

Westland

In Westland, the city council race is already crowded. On Monday, Michael

E. Delph, Timothy Gilbert, Council President James Godbout, Debra Kehrer, councilman Michael Londeau, Mike McDermott and Andrea Rutkowski all filed to run for the four open seats.

The top three vote-getters will serve four-year terms and the fourth place candidate will serve a two-year term.

Westland's clerk, Richard LeBlanc, is currently running an unopposed re-election campaign.

Plymouth

In Plymouth, four seats on the city commission are open. All four incumbents - Mayor Pro Tem Suzi Deal, Commissioner Kelly O'Donnell, Commissioner Tony Sebastian and Commissioner Marques Thomey - are the only ones who had filed to run as of Monday morning.

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Search for fast cash turns into 350 percent-interest loan

Susan Tompor Detroit Free Press
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Karl Swiger couldn't believe how his 20-something daughter somehow borrowed \$1,200 online and got stuck with an annual interest rate of roughly 350%.

"When I heard about it, I thought you can get better rates from the Mafia," said Swiger, who runs a landscaping business. He only heard about the loan once his daughter needed help making the payments.

Yes, we're talking about a loan rate that's not 10%, not 20% but more than 300%.

"How the hell do you pay it off if you're broke? It's obscene," said Henry Baskin, the Bloomfield Hills attorney who was shocked when he first heard the story.

Baskin — best known as the pioneering entertainment lawyer to Bill Bonds, Jerry Hodak, Joe Glover and other metro Detroit TV luminaries — decided he'd try to take up the cause for Nicole Swiger, the daughter of Karl Swiger who cuts Baskin's lawn, as well as other struggling households caught in a painful debt trap.

Super-high interest loans should be illegal and several states have tried to put a stop to them through usury laws that set caps on interest rates, as well as requiring licensing of many operators. The cap on many types of loans, including installment loans, in Michigan is 25%, for example.

Yet critics say that states haven't done enough to eliminate the ludicrous loopholes that make these 300% to 400% loans readily available online at different spots like Plain Green, where Swiger obtained her loan.

How do they get away with triple-digit loans?

In a strange twist, several online lenders connect their operations with Native American tribes to severely limit any legal recourse. The various tribes aren't actually involved in financing the operations, critics say. Instead, critics say, outside players are using a relationship with the tribes to skirt consumer protection laws, including limits on interest rates and licensing requirements.

"It's really quite convoluted on purpose. They're (the lenders) trying to hide what they're doing," said Jay Speer, executive director of the Virginia Poverty Law Center, a nonprofit advocacy group that sued Think Finance over alleged illegal lending.

Some headway was made this summer. A Virginia settlement included a promise that three online lending companies with tribal ties would cancel debts for consumers and return \$16.9 million to thousands of borrowers. The settlement reportedly affects 40,000 borrowers in Virginia alone. No wrongdoing was admitted.

Under the Virginia settlement, three companies under the Think Finance umbrella — Plain Green LLC, Great Plains Lending and Mobiloans LLC — agreed to repay borrowers the difference between what the firms collected and the limit set by states on rates than can be charged. Virginia has a 12% cap set by its usury law on rates with exceptions for some lenders, such as licensed payday lenders or those making car title loans who can charge higher rates.

In June, Texas-based Think Finance, which filed for bankruptcy in October 2017, agreed to cancel and pay back nearly \$40 million in loans outstanding and originated by Plain Green.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau filed suit in November 2017 against Think Finance for its role in deceiving consumers into repaying loans that were not legally owed. Think Finance had already been accused in multiple federal lawsuits of being a predatory lender before its bankruptcy filing. Think Finance had accused a hedge fund, Victory Park Capital Advisors, of cutting off its access to cash and precipitating bankruptcy filing.

It's possible Swiger could receive some relief down the line if a class action status Baskin is seeking is approved, as would other consumers who borrowed at super-high rates with these online lenders.

"I don't know where this is going to end up," Baskin said



Consumers are warned to watch out for online loans that may charge more than 350 percent. SUSAN TOMPOR/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Getting trapped in a loan you can't afford

Baskin said once he heard Nicole Swiger's plight he told her to stop making payments. She had already paid \$1,170.75 for her \$1,200 loan. The balance due: \$1,922.

The online lender reported the stopped payments to credit agencies and Swiger's credit score was damaged. Baskin would hope that a resolution would include possible relief to her credit score. If this loan is deemed unlawful in Michigan, experts say, consumers could challenge it and tell the credit reporting agency to remove it.

It all started when Nicole Swiger, who lives in Westland, was sent an unsolicited mailing that told her that she could have \$1,200 in her bank account the next day just by going online, according to the complaint filed in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit.

Swiger, who makes \$11.50 an hour at Bates Hamburgers in Farmington Hills, said she was struggling with an "astronomical car note," a bank account that hit a negative balance and worrying about making sure her 4-year-old son had a good Christmas.

Swiger, 27, needed money so she applied for the loan. Her first biweekly payment of \$167.22 was due in December 2018. The loan's maturity date was April 2020.

Looking back, she said, she believes that online lenders should need to take into account someone's ability to repay that kind of a loan based on how much money you make and what other bills you pay on top of that.

Run the numbers if you're running scared

Plain Green — an online lending operation owned by the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation in Montana — markets itself as a source for "emergency cash lending." Its online site remained in operation in early July.

Plain Green is not a licensed lender in the state of Michigan, according to the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services. But it is not required to be licensed as it is a tribally owned corporation.

In 2018, about 45,000 installment loans were made by licensed lenders in Michigan for a total of \$699 million, with an average loan size of roughly \$15,500. This number represents loan volume from Consumer Finance licensees; it does not include loans made by banks or credit unions. The numbers would not include lenders affiliated with American Indian tribes.

Plain Green says online that it has served more than one million customers since 2011. It posts testimonials on YouTube for its biweekly and monthly installment loans.

"I didn't have to jump through any hoops," one young man said in one such testimonial. "They didn't have to have to call my employer like some other places do. It was real easy."

If you go online, you can calculate your loan cost at the Plain Green site. Take out a \$500 loan and you'll pay 438% in interest. You'd make 20 payments at \$88.15 in biweekly payments. Pull out your own calculator to add up the payments and you'd discover that you're paying \$1,763 for a \$500 loan — or \$1,263 in interest.

If you paid that loan off each month, instead of biweekly, you'd pay \$1,910.10 — or \$191.01 each month for 10 months. That ends up being \$1,410.10 in interest.

The cost is outrageous but if you're in an emergency, you can talk yourself into thinking that maybe it will all work out.

Many of these online operators know how to market the loans — and play the game.

Consumer watchdogs and attorneys attempting to take legal action maintain that the tribal affiliation is but a scheme. Some go so far as to call it a "rent-a-tribe enterprise" that is established to declare sovereignty and evade federal banking and consumer finance laws, as well as state usury laws.

Nobody, of course, is going to a storefront in Montana or anywhere else to get one of these loans.

"These are all done over the internet," said Andrew Pizor, staff attorney for the National Consumer Law Center.

The strategy is that tribal sovereign immunity prohibits anyone but the federal government from suing a federally recognized American Indian tribe for damages or injunctive relief, Pizor said.

"Really, they're just sort of licensing the tribe's name," Pizor said.

So operators partner with a tribe, which may receive 4% or less of the revenue from the loans. But consumer watchdogs maintain that these are basically phony relationships where the tribe isn't really running the operations.

Another reason, Pizor said, that lenders have been able to get away with this strategy is that many of these lending contracts include arbitration clauses, which prevent most consumers from suing and arguing that they are protected under usury laws.

Baskin said Swiger's agreement had an arbitration clause, as well, but Baskin says it's not valid. Plain Green has maintained that "any dispute ... will be resolved by arbitration in accordance with Chippewa Cree tribal law."

Baskin filed a class action complaint on July 8 in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit. Baskin's case involves suing individuals, including Kenneth E. Rees, who established Think Finance, as well as Joel Rosette, the chief executive officer of Plain Green. (Rees, currently the CEO of Elevate Credit, did not respond to an email from the Free Press. Emails and phone calls to Plain Green also were not returned.)

"I just want to shut this guy down in Michigan, at the very least," Baskin said.

Baskin said many times people who are struggling cannot afford to make such payments but they keep on making them to keep up their credit scores. Swiger said her score dropped nearly 100 points when she stopped making the payments.

"That's the hammer they use," he said. "You'll never be able to buy a car because we're going to kill your credit score."

While some settlements may be good news, consumer watchdogs say the fight will need to go on because online lending is profitable and the fight surrounding the sovereignty loopholes has gone on for several years already.

Consumers who get such offers are wise to take time to shop somewhere else — such as a credit union — for a better priced installment loan or other option.

"Consumers really should explore every other available alternative before taking a risky debt trap like this," said Christopher L. Peterson, director of financial services and senior fellow for the Consumer Federation of America.

Superintendent

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Detroit, Detroit Public Schools, former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the Michigan Department of Education and the Southgate Community School District.

Carnell is coming out of retirement to do the job, and her contract with Wayne-Westland is set to expire on Sept. 25 or sooner if the investigation into Holt concludes before then. Board Treasurer Tom Buckalew made it clear that her appointment was not an "audition" of any kind to replace Holt.



Carnell

"That's what we're about today: Somebody can fill the gap until the investigation determines if Dr. Holt should come back to us," he said.

Though not as many community members rose to speak than at the June 20 meeting, a number of parents and district employees spoke of their worries and concerns for the district.

"Change is good, change is hard, but a lot of this change has not been for the good... Issues are not getting addresses, complaints are not being heard," said teacher Marylyne Michener. "I hope whatever comes of this investigation is to really get this school district

back in shape."

The board also again addressed the conflict in the community over the investigation, including an unsigned letter without formal letterhead claiming to be from the Fontana Unified School District in California, Holt's former district, that has circulated on social media.

Michael Garcia, Fontana Unified's director of Family and Community Engagement, told *Hometown Life* that district's administration or the school board did not issue such a letter to Wayne-Westland.

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Pizza

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look, similar to the one opened in Grand Rapids a few months ago.

Opening in Plymouth made sense, said Wes Pikula, the chief brand officer for the Detroit-based pizza company, as there has been a craving for the square pizza across the region that's had to be satisfied by going to either Novi or Livonia, especially if they were at the nearby hockey arena.

"Plymouth was always a big source for our guests," he said. "When this was Compuware Arena, we always had a huge influx of hockey teams, whether it was to Dearborn or Livonia."

As for the menu, it's the same menu you can expect going into any other Buddy's Pizza.

Craving a Robbie Burger? Desire a Lake Superior pizza, made with fresh basil, pepperoni, tomato basil sauce and Buddy's Sicilian spice blend? They all can be found on the menu.

Keeping familiarity was key, Pikula said, ensuring the experience in Plymouth is as close as the one you'd expect at its original location on the east side of Detroit, which is also seen with the decor inside.

"The goal here is for us to create a certain kind of comfort," he said.

Original since 1946

Buddy's Pizza is known for its Detroit-style pizza, which were first made in blue steel industrial parts pans and consists of the sauce being poured on after the cheese goes onto the crust. It has several sit-down and take-out restaurants across Detroit's western suburbs, including in Livonia, Novi, Farmington Hills and Bloomfield Township.

More decor is coming to the restaurant in the next few months, including Detroit-centric wall fixtures and blinds for the windows.

Future Buddy's Pizza locations include one in downtown Detroit and in Woodhaven, both of which are expected to open later this year.

The hope for the restaurant, Pikula said, is to continue to bring its original taste to the Plymouth area, something he knows many people crave when looking for a dining experience.



Curt Underwood, culinary coordinator, prepares a pizza in the new Buddy's Pizza restaurant in Plymouth Township.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"The goal here is for us to create a certain kind of comfort."

Wes Pikula Chief brand officer for Buddy's Pizza

"When you're around since 1946, there are so many memories that are made," he said. "There's not that many originals. So people that value that kind of experience are going to search out an original. And we're hometown. We're home-based."

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A Detroit Buddy's comes out of the oven at the Plymouth Township location.

Festival

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air balloons will light up the park.

Though the hot-air balloons won't take off for safety reasons, the lit-up balloons are a wonder to look at. Hot-air balloon pilots will also be around to explain what enables hot air balloons to fly.

Then at 10 p.m. Saturday, the Founders Festival will present a fireworks show. Onlookers can head to Shiawassee Park to watch the show. The fireworks and hot-air balloon glow are both weather permitting.

Live music

For three nights of the festival, three well-known local bands will take the stage.

Atomic Radio, a cover band that plays chart-topping songs, will play 8-11 p.m. today; Fifty Amp Fuse, a cover band to the hits of yesterday and today, will play 8-11 p.m. Friday; and the Killer Flamin-

gos, a wildly popular Detroit-based band, will play 8-11 p.m. Saturday.

Color run

The LOC Color Run will happen Saturday and go through downtown Farmington and Shiawassee Park. The 5K fun run and walk is open to competitive runners looking to win a medal and people just looking to have a good time.

There will be four color stations throughout the race, and early runner registration is \$25.

Vintage Market Place

Attendees can take a break from the carnival and entertainment and head to the festival's market place. As usual, the market place will feature vendors selling vintage, rustic, homemade and one-of-a-kind goods.

The market will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, visit the Greater Farmington Founders Festival website at www.foundersfestival.com.

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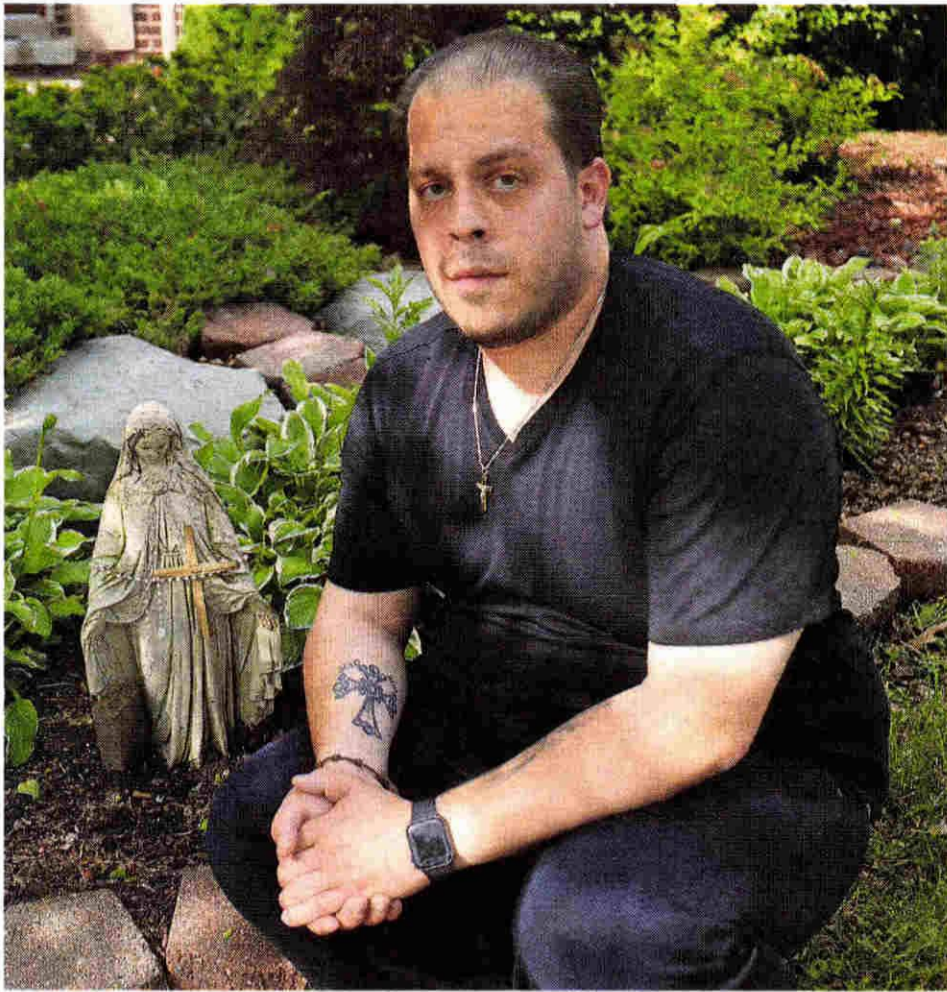
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Joseph Samona and his family received a letter from their homeowners association stating that this Virgin Mary statue and other religious decor in their yard is a violation of policy. PHOTOS BY KIRTHMON F. DOZIER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Family angered by request to remove Virgin Mary statue

Homeowners association says it violates policies

Emma Keith and Andrea Perez Balderrama
Detroit Free Press | USA TODAY NETWORK

Every morning, each member of the Samona family stops to pray in front of a small statue of the Virgin Mary that adorns the flower bed in the yard of their Novi home.

They pause again in front of the tiny statue when they return home at day's end. It's been part of the family's routine since they moved into the Tollgate Woods neighborhood in 2003.

On Tuesday, the Samonas received a letter from their homeowners association, stating that the Virgin Mary figure and other pieces of statuary in their yard were in violation of neighborhood policies.

The family believes it's discrimination.

"There is no doubt in my mind that this is an attack on our religion," said Joseph Samona, who lives at the home with his parents. "We have already received an outpouring of support from friends and family, and we are prepared to fight this tooth and nail."

It's not the first time the group has targeted their religious decorations.

In 2005, they tried to make the family remove their lawn nativity scene. They pushed back, bringing in a lawyer and drawing widespread media attention until the association backed off.

In 2009, the homeowners association asked them to remove the Virgin Mary statue. The family never responded and the group never followed up on its request.

Tollgate Homeowners Association representative Debbie Laudermitch did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

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Joseph Samona
who lives at the Novi home with his parents

The letter said the family is in violation of the association's bylaws but doesn't cite the specific section.

However, the group's "Declaration of Easements, Covenants and Restrictions" found online notes that "no lawn statues, ornaments or outdoor art shall be placed on any lot without prior approval" which may be withheld for "purely aesthetic reasons."

Samona said the family is considering taking legal action.

But one real estate lawyer said the case might be complicated.

"It would only be illegal if the homeowners association was arbitrary in its enforcement of the rule," said attorney Mark Linton of the Advanta Law Firm in Southfield. "They have the right to prohibit homeowners from putting up these items in their yards."

As far as city ordinances go, Novi spokeswoman Sheryl Walsh said that no ordinance exists prohibiting a statue of religious nature.

"If the homeowners association came to the city asking for support, the city would not be able to do that because this rule is not a city ordinance," she said.

Samona said his parents are deeply religious and deeply involved in their local faith community. They immigrated to the U.S. from Iraq decades ago to escape religious persecution for their Catholicism.

"We're just looking to let people know that no matter what your faith is — whether it's Catholicism, Islam, Judaism — don't let anyone tell you that you have to back down from that," Samona said.



Joseph Samona sits on the front steps of his Novi home, near religious decor.

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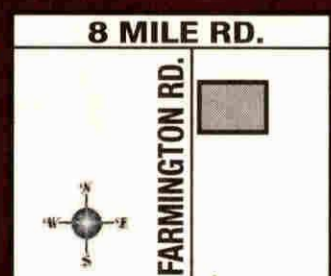
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It's been less than a year since Hazel, Ravines and Downtown opened in Birmingham, and they're already changing their name.

For the next month, anyway.

The restaurant at 1 Peabody near Maple and Woodward Avenue has turned into Hazel's Lobster Pound until Aug. 11. For the takeover, the entire restaurant transformed into an East Coast-style seafood restaurant, with lobster – flown in daily from the shores of Maine – served in all forms.

It's co-owner Beth Hussey's hope that becoming a destination in a state that doesn't easily see fresh lobster will turn around the typically slow summer months while everyone is on vacation.

"July gets quiet in Birmingham," she said. "So we decided to send our menu on vacation and do something fun and new that might draw people not just from around here but from farther away."

The menu is completely different for the next month, with steamed lobster, lobster rolls (both Maine- and Connecticut-style), crab cakes, fried whole belly clams and, of course, whole lobsters.

The lobster will be flown in fresh daily. Hussey has developed a relationship with a lobster fisherman who will ship her the crustaceans during the takeover.

For those looking to stay on land, plenty of the restaurant's dishes from its regular menu are staying put as well as some specials coming for the month, including a fried chicken dinner, smoked pork chops and grilled artichokes.

It's a concept, Hussey said, that came together super fast, planned just a few weeks ago.

"It dawned on me this morning that it's like opening a new restaurant," she said. "It really kind of is, because we've developed a whole new menu."

'It's simple food'

Developing such a menu can be a challenge for the chefs, but it's one executive chef and co-owner Emmele Herrold is up for. The hardest part, she said, has been locating the products. From



Hazel, Ravines and Downtown is transforming itself into a lobster restaurant, serving Maine lobster through Aug. 11.

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Hazel, Ravines and Downtown chef Emmele Herrold talks about the restaurant's upcoming lobster festival.

there, she's able to train the staff and update the servers.

"I've got a couple people familiar with lobsters, which helps," Herrold said. "It's simple food, really."

"The hard part probably is to make sure they remember it's simple and not try to be too fancy."

The drink menu will also see some changes, including cocktails inspiring summer fun such as a salty dog, boozy lemonade and a lobster claw Bloody Mary.

Wheats, saisons, sours and New England IPAs will be the highlight of the beer menu, as well as a special brew not found anywhere else in Michigan: Brewer's Bridge, a saison that's a collaboration between Allagash Brewing Company in Maine and Brasserie Dupont in Belgium.

The feel of the restaurant will take some East Coast flavor as well, with ta-

blecloths and decor to bring that New England feel to the dining room. Decor will be added near the entrance so diners feel like they've traveled hundreds of miles.

Hussey said she's gone to visit family in that area of the country and seen plenty of places to grab great lobster, providing inspiration for this new concept. They hope to bring the lobster pound back every year.

"I've spent a great deal out there visiting," she said.

The restaurant will accept both reservations and walk-ins during the event, as well as party reservations. To make a reservation, visit hrd.kitchen.

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Pit bull owner, Milford vet at odds

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Vivian Noell walked into her Highland home around 9 p.m. July 11 and found "blood everywhere" and her pit bull Snow suffering numerous grievous wounds, inflicted by another of her four dogs.

She said the real horror story began after she rushed the injured 2-year-old dog to Veterinary Care Specialists, an emergency animal hospital in Milford.

"The doctor showed me on the paper that she had internal bleeding and gashes and her gums were so white that she needed a blood transfusion, and in order for them to work on her, they would need a down payment and all these payment plans," Noell said. "And if we didn't have that, they wouldn't help her. I just cried and said, 'You are gonna let my baby die on this table.'"

Snow did die, euthanized by the veterinarian with Noell's authorization, but that is one of the few points agreed on by the two parties in a case that underscores what can be a "tricky situation" when an animal has a medical emergency and the owner lacks funds for treatment.

Situation shared on social media

VCS Administrator Peter Barnes called Facebook posts from a friend of Noell's charging that VCS would not assist the dog without upfront payment "a total fabrication."

"We did treat the dog, and that is where the \$1,100 bill came (from)," Barnes said. "What this really is, is cyberbullying. She posted a complete untruth and others have jumped on. That is the day and age we live in, and other businesses go through this. We did try and the dog was in incredibly bad shape from the injuries from the other dog."

Barnes said he was in contact by phone with the treating veterinarian, who had conducted X-rays and was giving Snow fluids and oxygen treatment to stabilize the dog, who was bleeding in the chest and lungs. An initially quoted price of \$3,000, he continued, was not just for potential surgery, but for additional stabilization efforts for the critically injured animal.

Noell was presented with a cost estimate after Snow was admitted to VCS, like all clients are when they bring in an animal, Barnes said. Usually, a 50% deposit is requested, but that is sometimes waived depending on the situation, he said.

Noell contradicts this. "They wouldn't explain nothing," she said, adding that her boyfriend got aggressive because the dog was her life. It helped her when she has epileptic seizures, she said.

"I told them I didn't have much money, but was willing to go broke for my dog," said Noell, who recently moved here from Georgia. "I told them I could pay \$400 up front and then I would pay monthly, but they said they needed weekly payments. It would cost over \$3,000 to treat the dog and that was the low price ... for more, it was going to be \$6,000 to \$7,000. They chose money instead of a life. I said, 'How do you expect a 23-year-old woman to have \$3,000?' I have a part-time job busting my butt."

Clients who don't have cash are offered other financing options such as "CareCredit" or "Scratchpay," but Barnes said Noell declined to apply, saying she would be turned down.

Still, even without any cash or credit, Barnes said, "In an emergency situation we do not euthanize due to lack of finance, we would have continued stabilization and then transferred the patient to another place that is not an ER once the patient is stable."

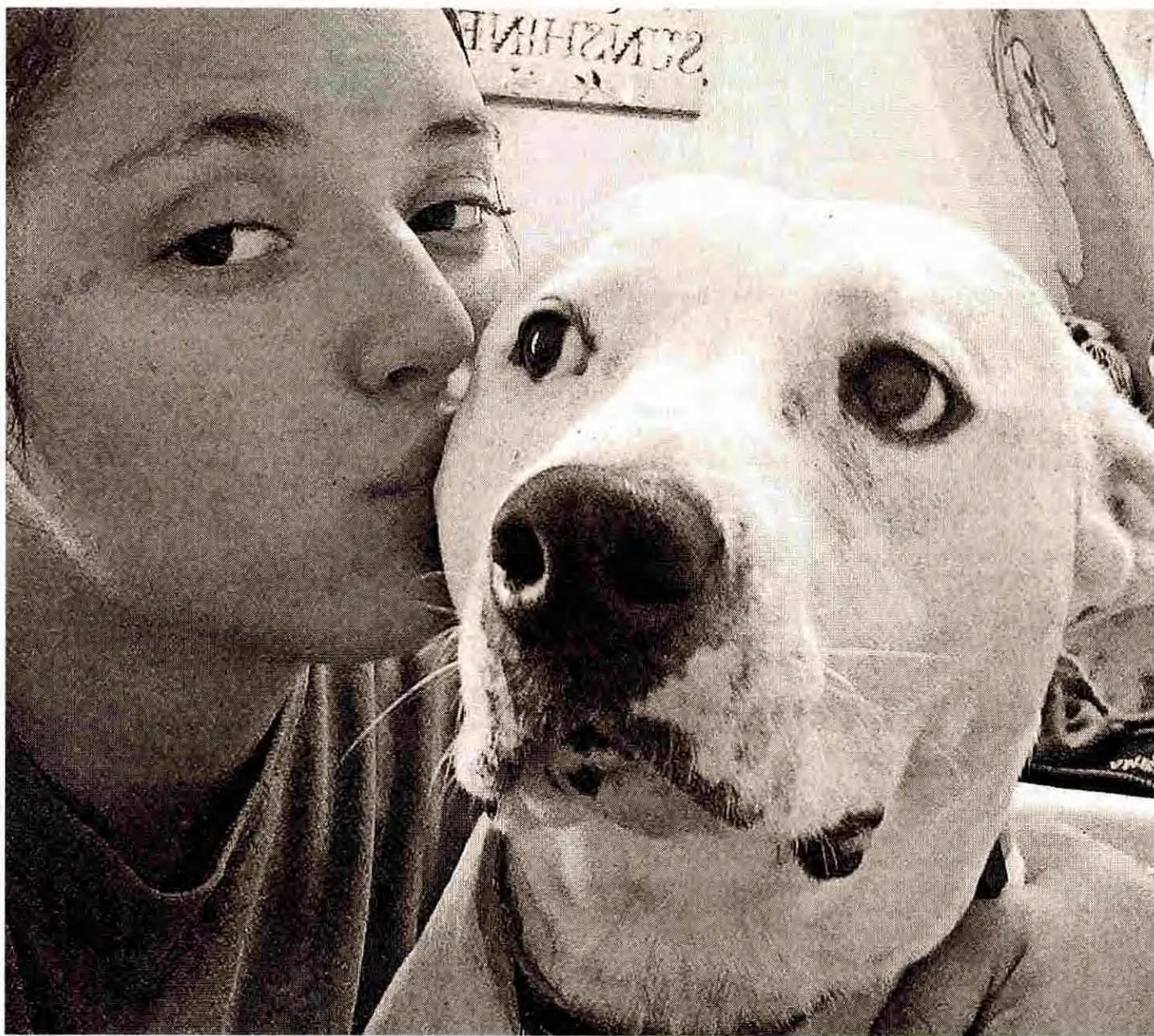
"As we did further diagnostics, the prognosis was grave and poor," he continued. "She admitted she couldn't afford things. She could have ended up with a \$3,000 bill and a patient that didn't survive and she would have been very unhappy."

VCS is one of the few emergency animal clinics that do not require payment up front, Barnes said, adding that emergency medical treatment is expensive and Noell "would have run into this at any facility."

No money? A problem 'tricky' at best

Carri Underwood, manager and veterinary technician at Animal Emergency Center in Novi, said no one is turned away for services at their facility, but "It is always very tricky, sometimes an unfortunate situation," when clients can't afford to pay for care.

Emergency veterinary care is a business and often clients do not have pet insurance. The cost of care for animals



Vivian Noell, of Highland, sits with her pit bull Snow, 2. Snow was euthanized July 2 at Veterinary Care Specialists in Milford after Noell came home one night to find the dog had been injured after being attacked by one of her other dogs.

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can come as a shock to people who have healthcare insurance for their own needs and don't realize what actual medical expenses are.

"One of the most frustrating parts of the job is we just want to make the animals feel better," Underwood said. "But we also rely on a paycheck ... and as much as (pet owners) think we are rolling in dough, we are not."

Like Veterinary Care Specialists, the Novi Animal Emergency Center admits patients and does an assessment while stabilizing the animal. Estimates are then given with different options, but Underwood said a problem often arises when clients aren't open and honest up front.

"If money is not an object, we can offer you the world," she said. "If we get down to it and they say they have no money, we have different things to offer."

She, like Barnes, mentioned CareCredit and other finance options. Clients are also encouraged to call upon friends or family for help. If none of these work, staff will try to make an animal comfortable until a client can take their pet to another facility.

"We would love to give every animal free care, but we can't, that is not how the system works," she said. "Delay in care is finding out where their finances are."

Some clients do whatever it takes to "beg, borrow or steal," while for others it ends in anger and frustration at the vet.

"When people see the price tag, they can get agitated and storm out and leave because they think we are trying to take them for their money," she said. "Sometimes they approve the services, and we give them the bill, and tell them they have to pay and they are like, 'What do you mean?'"

An emotionally-charged situation

Underwood noted it is a high-stress, emotionally-charged situation when an animal is brought in for emergency care, and people are understandably focused on saving their pet, not on finances. But as a business, that cost has to be taken into consideration.

"It's all about how receptive people are to suggestion, but there are people who don't want to work with you and want something for free," she said.

She adds that there are few people who work in the business of animal care who have not been in the client's shoe.

Thursday, Noell mourned her dog and tried to make sense of her loss. She agreed to make \$200 per week payments for what she owes she said and was unsure if she would be able to. She couldn't afford an urn for his cremains, a cost that would have been \$300-\$400, but has his paw prints.

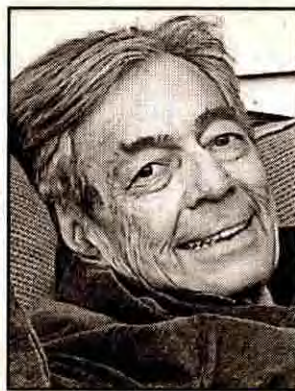
"I lost a family member and don't want that to happen to anyone else," she said, adding that she plans to keep Bean, the dog that attacked Snow.

Obituaries

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Jerome Patrick 'Pat' Flynn III

JANESVILLE, WI - Jerome Patrick 'Pat' Flynn III, 74, passed away on July 10, 2019, in Janesville, Wisconsin. He was the widower of Sue Ann Flynn. Together they shared 48 years of marriage.



Born in Janesville, WI, the son of Jerome Patrick (Barbara) Flynn II and Lucille (Cone) Flynn. Pat attended General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan where he met and married his sweetheart, Sue Ann Arntzen. Returning to Wisconsin, Pat graduated from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics and began to pursue his long career in engineering with GM and AMC. He and Susie started their family in Wisconsin before moving to Canton, MI to raise their 3 children, and to begin working at Ford Motor Company. The couple then moved to Louisville, KY where Pat eventually retired as a Resident Electronics Engineer at the Ford Kentucky Truck Plant.

Pat will be dearly missed by his children, Diedre (Rick) Richard of Janesville, Kerri (Ryan) Ladiges of Seattle, WA, and Jerome Patrick ("Jerry") Flynn IV of Salem, OR. He will be especially missed by his grandchildren, Zach & Zoë Richard, Ryker, Tristan & Sophia Ladiges, and Kellen Buchheit Flynn.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents. He is now in heaven with them and his loving wife, Susie. He is likely working on some type of repair project in the big garage in the sky, where you can never lose any tools.

Funeral services will be held at NATIVITY OF MARY at 313 East Wall St., Janesville, WI, on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers please make a personal or financial donation in Pat Flynn's name to the American Red Cross or the National Cancer Institute. SCHNEIDER FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY is assisting the family. For online condolences: www.schneider-funeraldirectors.com



Margaret D. Schuman

LIVONIA - Margaret D. Schuman (nee Schroeder), age 90, of Livonia, Michigan (formerly of Redford) passed away on Friday July 12, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Gerald. Loving mother of Janet (Gary) Vorhes and Jeff (Kim Warden) Schuman. Dear grandmother of 6 and great grandmother of 6. Dearest sister of Carol (Chuck) Quandt and the late Joan (Pete) VanNest. Beloved aunt of Carl (Lorraine) Quandt and cherished aunt and godmother of Christa Quandt. Please visit www.HarryJWillfuneralhome.com for service information.

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Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Dear Rick:

I graduated college in June and recently got a job that I will start in a couple of weeks. I have questions regarding my benefits, and my dad told me I should write you.

Everyone is telling me I should invest in my 401(k) plan, but the question is do I use the traditional 401(k), or do I do a Roth 401(k)? My second question deals with life insurance. The company provides me with \$50,000 of life insurance but allows me to buy more. Do you think that is a good investment?

Thank you, Doug

Dear Doug:

First of all, congratulations. I've always told people that the best investment you can make is in a good education, and you have done that.

With regards to your 401(k) plan, especially considering your age, I would recommend the Roth IRA. The advantage of the Roth is that eventually upon retirement when you begin to withdraw the money, your entire distributions will be tax free.

In addition, the Roth 401(k) gives you greater flexibility, in that upon retirement you can transfer that money into a Roth IRA and thus be excluded from minimum required distribution rules. Therefore, when eventually you retire, you will have much greater flexibility when you withdraw the money.

Of course, there is a downside to a Roth 401(k) in the fact that your contributions are going in post-tax versus if you use the traditional 401(k) where it's going in pre-tax. However, my thought is that you probably would not begin withdrawing this money for at least 40 years. The fact that you can withdraw that money tax free would give you a huge advantage. Therefore, I would recommend that you use a Roth 401(k).

With regards to life insurance, I first want to stress that life insurance is not an investment. Insurance of any kind is a means of handling risk as opposed to an investment. My belief when it comes to life insurance is to ask yourself, when you pass away does anyone lose out financially? If the answer is no, then you do not need to buy additional life insurance. On the other hand, if you had dependents who would lose if you pass, then probably additional insurance is needed. In that regard, if you require additional insurance, you'll have a couple options. Not only can you purchase the insurance through work, but you can also consider purchasing a term insurance policy on your own.

There are a few benefits to purchasing the insurance on your own. First, you can shop around and receive competitive bids. If you purchase the policy through your employer and you leave that employer, you may lose your insurance. On the other hand, if you bought the policy on your own and you change

jobs, your policy would be unaffected.

One last note with regards to your 401(k) plan. I strongly recommend that if possible, you put the maximum you can into your 401(k) plan. I cannot stress enough how important it is to save for your retirement.

Furthermore, let's not forget that it would not be beyond the realm of possibility for someone like you to spend 40 years in retirement.

The fact that you can start saving for your retirement now will put you in a much better position when you retire. If you fully fund your 401(k) throughout your career and invest the money in a well-balanced and diversified portfolio, I can almost assure you that when it comes time for retirement, you will have the money for it.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, email Rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Holocaust center launches Kindertransport exhibit

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zerkelman Family Campus announced its newest special exhibit, "Kindertransport - Rescuing Children on the Brink of War," which runs through Dec. 31.

The exhibit, which was created and organized by Yeshiva University Museum and the Leo Baeck Institute, New York, illuminates the story of the Kindertransport (German for "Children's Transport"), the organized rescue effort that brought thousands of Jewish children from Nazi Europe to Great Britain in the late 1930s.

An emotional and thought-provoking exhibition, "Kindertransport - Rescuing Children on the Brink of War" commemorates the 80th anniversary of the start of Kindertransport, the remarkable humanitarian mission to rescue 10,000 refugee children from Nazi-occupied Europe in the years leading up to the Holocaust.

The exhibition explores the story of

this rescue effort through personal stories, artifacts and media. It asks us to consider the painful choices parents had to make, entrusting their children to strangers in order to save them.

The exhibit also offers a glimpse into the challenges the children faced - moving to a new country, learning a new language, and navigating a foreign culture without their parents to guide them. Artifacts from local Detroit Kinder will be included in the exhibit on display at the Holocaust Memorial Center.

"We are fortunate to have Kinder in the Detroit area, who have shared their artifacts and stories with us for this exhibition," said Holocaust Memorial Center CEO Rabbi Eli Mayerfeld. "The incredible humanitarian work of Sir Nicholas Winton and many others to save the lives of these children is a testament to the power of the human spirit and the choices that were made to save these young lives."

The exhibition makes a strong first impression with a striking red wall covered with thousands of paper name tags. The refugee children wore manila tags attached by twine around their necks during the Kindertransport, serving to identify them and their belongings.

The tags completely fill one wall of the exhibit, calling to mind leaves blown by the wind. The tags represent the scale, anonymity and eventual bitter-sweet success of the transport effort, which was able to rescue children, but not their families.

The Holocaust Memorial Center will host an opening event featuring Nick Winton, Jr. entitled "From Stockbroker to Hero: The Story of Sir Nicholas Winton" at 7 p.m. today. Winton is the son of Sir Nicholas George Winton, MBE, a British humanitarian credited with organizing the escape of 669 mostly Jewish children from Czechoslovakia on the

eve of World War II.

What made 29-year-old Winton give up his skiing holiday to rescue these children from the Nazis, and how did he do it? Winton's son will tell his father's inspiring story about the life-changing events that transformed the destiny of so many in an operation that came to be known as the Czech Kindertransport.

The opening program is free to members or \$10 for non-members. A dessert reception will follow. The RSVP deadline for the event was July 15.

The exhibit's opening program is generously supported by Ellen Craine-Rostker, Jolanta and Edward Malinowski, Mary and Thomas Shafer, Patricia and Daniel Frank, Dorothy and Hershel Sandberg and Sylvia and Hans Weinmann.

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PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Novi star Bandyk named All-American

Several others make All-Region team

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The awards and honor keep coming in for a pair of Novi High School soccer stars.

Senior Jessie Bandyk was named an All-American by the United Soccer Coaches, one of only two players from the state of Michigan included on the team.

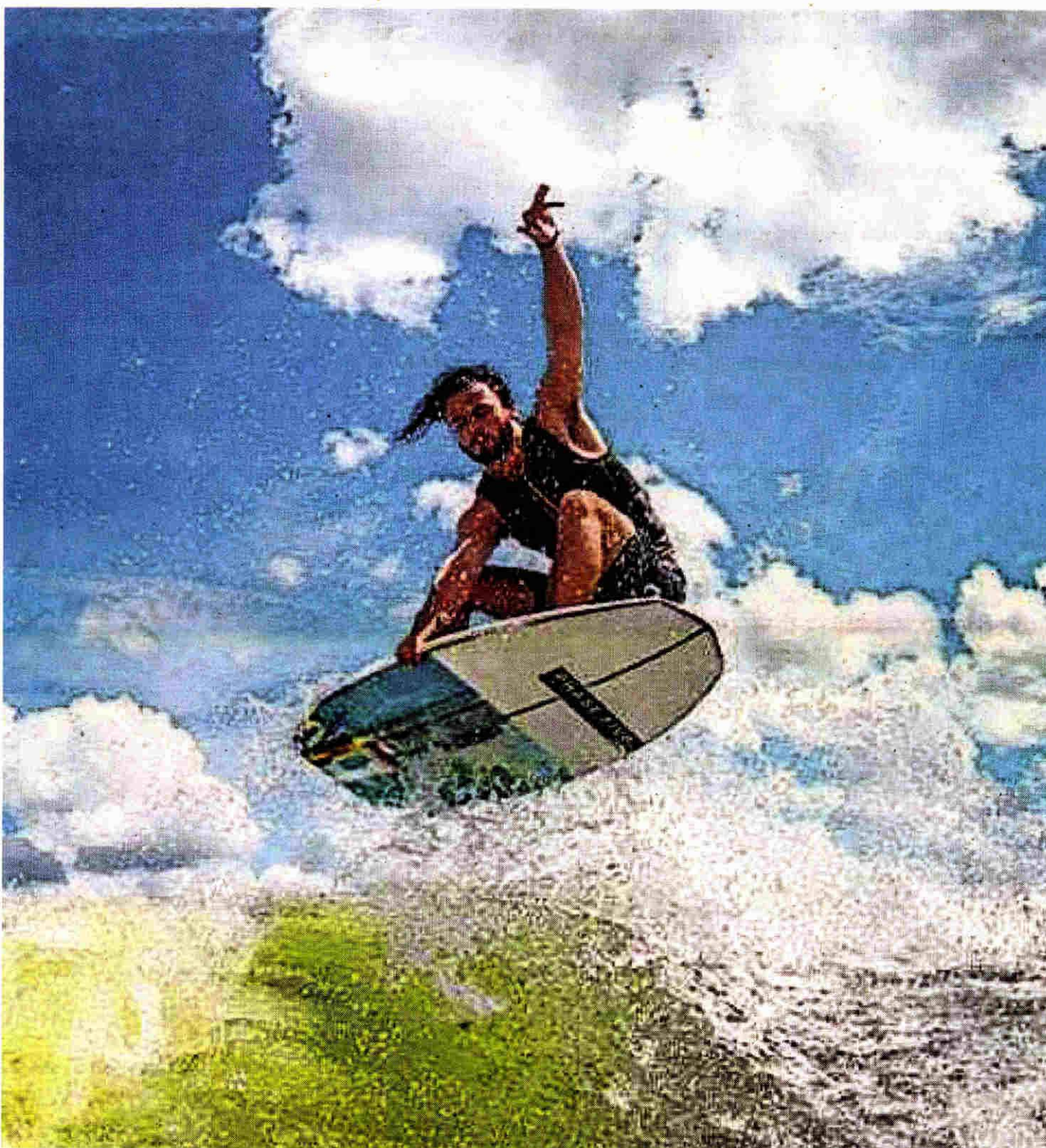
Bandyk, who won the state's Miss Soccer award, joins junior Avery Fenchel on the United Soccer Coaches All-North Region Team. They teamed up to power Novi to its second straight state title.

Bandyk scored 13 goals and recorded 18 assists while also being a standout defender as the team's leading midfielder. She's signed to play soccer in the fall

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Novi's Jessica Bandyk, right, was named an All-American by the United Soccer Coaches, one of only two players from Michigan included on the team.
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Catholic Central graduate and professional wakesurfer Nick Parros shows off his skills. COURTESY OF NICK PARROS

Catholic Central grad excels as pro wakesurfer

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Nick Parros is riding the wave to the top.

The 2018 Detroit Catholic Central graduate and Brighton resident has climbed the ranks and become a profes-

sional wakesurfer, competing in competitions around the globe.

He's in his rookie season as a pro after spending one year as an amateur and one year as a semi-pro (outlaw) and has big goals for the rest of the summer.

Parros, who was born in England, picked up the sport before his junior year of high school after he quit playing

basketball. His family got a boat in 2010.

"I wakesurfed for fun every once in a while but when I stopped playing basketball I needed something to be competitive again and have something to work toward, and it kind of went

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YOUTH SOFTBALL

South Lyon Stealth 14U wins state championship

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The South Lyon Stealth 14U fast-pitch softball team took home the 2019 United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) state championship earlier this month.

The Stealth emerged victorious from the 27-team field, which was held at the Canton Sports Center in Canton July 4-7.

After going 2-1 in pool play, losing a close game to the Michigan Rage, they were the No. 2 seed headed into bracket play.

In the first round, South Lyon beat the Trenton Blast 10-0. In the second round, the Stealth beat the No. 1-seed Michigan Bolts 4-3. Following that, the team beat another No. 1 seed, the Garden City Gators, to advance to the tournament finals.

There, they had a rematch with the Rage, hoping to avenge their earlier loss. In a high-scoring affair, the Stealth got it done, winning 15-7 to win the championship.

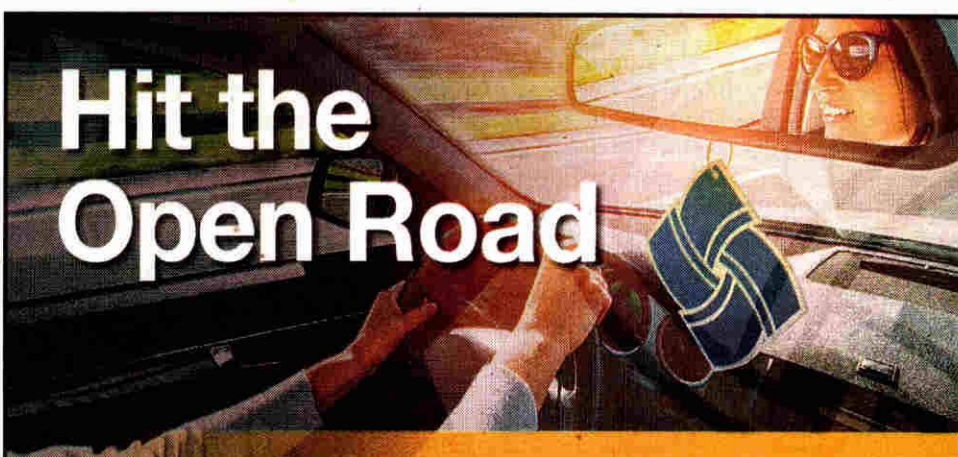
As a team, they hit a combined .487. The team is made up of the following players: Rachel Pennington (No. 44), Julia Duncan (No. 10), Ashley Jo Hardesty (No. 14), Delaney Lis (No. 18), Ava Crumley (No. 23), Renee Porter (No. 3), Sophia Propps (No. 8), Melissa Cosens (No. 99), Leah Kaska (No. 21), and Cassie Linse (No. 11).

The head coach of the South Lyon Stealth 14U fast-pitch softball team is Jim Porter. Assistant coaches are Ed Hardesty, Bill Lis, and Scott Duncan.

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The South Lyon Stealth 14U softball team poses after winning the United States Specialty Sports Association State Championship. SUBMITTED



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ATHLETE OF THE PLAYOFFS

Fenchel's brilliance shines for Novi

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The Hometown Life area had a number of spectacular playoff performances across every sport, but one emerged above the rest to win our Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Playoffs poll, which ran the week of July 1.

Novi soccer player Avery Fenchel, a junior, led the Wildcats to their second straight state championship, beating Plymouth, 5-0, in the final.

Fenchel was brilliant all season long and continued that into the playoffs. She scored nine goals and had two assists in seven games in the postseason. She scored the game-winning goal in the title game and was named to the state's Dream Team.

Novi finished undefeated and is ranked as the No. 1 team in the nation according to Top Drawer Soccer.

To win the honor, Fenchel collected 17,076 votes (75.15%). She topped second-place finisher Justin Glod, of Brother Rice lacrosse, who received 3,198 votes (14.08%). Canton softball's Shae Scott placed third with 1,832 votes (8.07%). Plymouth's Kennedy White, Catholic Central's Joey Kamish and Marian's Jansen Eichenlaub all tied for fourth with 205 votes.

We asked Fenchel about soccer, the future and her interests.

Question: What's your favorite memory from this season? Was winning a second state title just as special as the first one?

Fenchel: My favorite memory this season was our regional final against Grand Blanc because we all came together and played our best game of the season. It was a fun game, and I had a hat-trick. Winning a state title is always going to be very exciting no matter the number of times you win. This year was especially great because we were able to



Novi junior Avery Fenchel scored nine goals and had two assists in seven games in the postseason. She scored the game-winning goal in the title game and was named to the state's Dream Team. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

put all our seniors in the game.

Who is your favorite sports role model or athlete and why?

My sports role model is Julie Ertz. I love watching her play and her work ethic on the field.

Who is your favorite musical artist/band and why?

I don't have a favorite, but I really enjoy listening to country music because it's good music to roll down the windows and sing to in the summer.

What is your all-time favorite

movie (or TV series) and why?

"The Greatest Showman" is my favorite movie because I love the actors and the songs in it.

You were named to both the Dream Team and the United Soccer Coaches All-Region team, what do those accomplishments mean to you?

They mean a lot to me. I am really excited about it. I couldn't have earned these awards without the help of my teammates and coach. They are the ones who help put me in a position to be

successful.

What are your future plans after high school, and do they include soccer? What are you hoping to accomplish as a senior?

Yes, I am committed to Ball State University to play soccer. I want to major in elementary education or physical therapy. Next year, we are losing some very valuable team members, but we will work hard to try to continue our success. I hope my last year will finish on a positive note.

Soccer

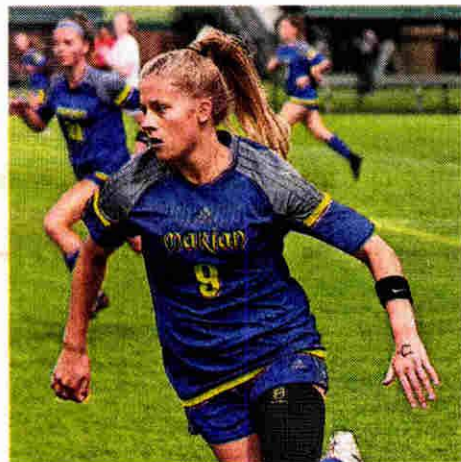
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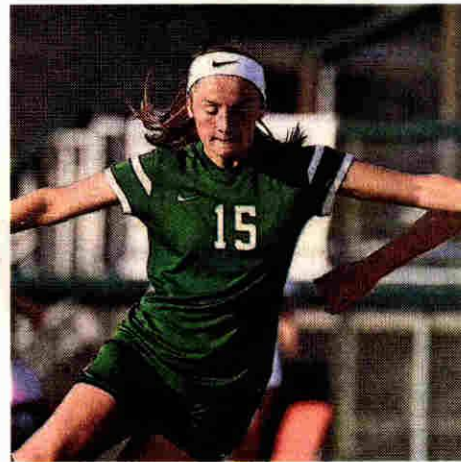
"She is one of the most dynamic, hardworking players that I've ever had the privilege of coaching or watching play," Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said. "She is such a huge asset to our team. Playing center mid, sometimes those players get lost in the middle because people get into the forwards and who's scoring the goals or the defense making stops — she's the motor for us in the middle of the field and I've never seen a player work as hard as she does on the field."

Fenchel, who is committed to Ball State for soccer, led the Wildcats in scoring, with 27 goals and 14 assists.

"I've said for a long time now that we were lucky to have two of the best players in the state on our team," Pheiffer said. "(Bandyk and Fenchel) work so



Marian senior Jansen Eichenlaub.



Novi's Avery Fenchel. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL VASILNEK/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Plymouth's Kennedy White. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

well together. ... Avery just has that knack of finishing goals, every year she keeps scoring more and more goals, even though other team's know she's our goal-scorer."

Joining the pair on the All-North Re-

gion Team is Marian's Jansen Eichenlaub, who led the Mustangs to their third consecutive state championship. She scored 23 goals and had seven assists. She'll play soccer in college at Virginia.

Plymouth's Kennedy White also made the team. She was critical in her team's run to the state championship game and scored 32 goals and tallied 17 assists this season.

She'll play soccer at Bowling Green.

Wakesurfer

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from there and took off," Parros said.

He went undefeated as an amateur in 2017 and won became both the national amateur champion and world amateur champion — an incredible feat in his first year in the sport.

Now, he's looking to build on his previous success in the pro ranks. At his first competition earlier this summer in Georgia, he took third-place in both surf and skim, which are two different styles of wakesurfing. Each style uses a slightly different type of board. Surf is more similar to an ocean surfing board, while skim features a smaller, lighter board with no fin. Parros said he primarily competes in skim.

He is participating in at least two more competitions this summer, both in August. The first will be in Minnesota, and the second will be held in Grand Rapids, Mich. The competition in Grand Rapids replaced Nationals, so outside of Worlds, it's the biggest event in the United States. If he performs well at each of those events, he hopes to earn an invite to the World Competition, which rotates around the world to different places. When he took first-place in 2017, it was held in British Columbia, Canada.

Pro wakesurfers can win money from placing in various competitions. The prizes aren't typically enough to earn a



Catholic Central grad Nick Parros placed third at a recent competition in Georgia. COURTESY OF NICK PARROS

living, which means it's more of a side hustle for Parros. First-place at the bigger events can pay out between \$2,000-\$6,000. As for his career, Parros is currently a student at Rollins College in Florida, where he studies finance and business management.

"This is definitely something I want to stay involved in for my whole life and be a part of the sport, but for me it'd be hard to make a living doing it," Parros said. "It's never been a job in my eyes, it's been a fun sport to be a part of."

Since he goes to school down south,

he's able to wakesurf year-round, a nice change from only being able to train during the summer. He typically is out on the water for at least an hour a day. In Michigan, he trains all over. Currently he spends a lot of his time on Big Bear Lake near Gaylord and Lewiston.

"The biggest thing for me is the atmosphere with the people," Parros said. "Everyone is pushing the sport because it's so new, the same guys that I'm competing against on the podium for money are the same guys that I go and stay with at hotels and hang out

with on the lake and go ride for fun. Having that as a sport is pretty rare, but is really cool. To be best friends with people you're pretty much always competing against."

Right now, Parros, who is sponsored by Phase Five Boarding Company in Florida, is part of an online competition through the Competitive Wake Surf Association. He had to make a YouTube video that includes 45 seconds of a ride, but couldn't be edited, which means he had to hit all his tricks on the same ride.

Whoever gets the most views on their video wins a cash prize. A panel of judges will also be reviewing videos to pick a second winner, who will then receive points in the standings (just as placing in an event would do).

"Don't just watch my video, watch other pro riders too so people can get an understanding of the sport more and see where it's going," Parros said. "All of us are doing different tricks and we all had different time frames to get the video done. Some people had weeks of riding, others, like me only had a few days. I'd say go watch everybody, but definitely watch mine and support the Michigan boy."

For anyone interested in taking up wakesurfing, Parros does give lessons. You can reach him on Instagram at nick-parros or by email at njparros@gmail.com.

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Andrew Tate, of Les Schwab Tires, drives past Graham Trucking and Go 3 Racing hydroplanes during the unlimiteds qualifying at the 2017 Spirit of Detroit Hydrofest. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

Hydrofest will have quicker pace, less noise

Greg Levinsky Detroit Free Press
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Boat races zooming down the Detroit River have happened since 1916, and this year will be no different, despite the loss of the traditional centerpiece event, the Gold Cup.

The Detroit River will play host to numerous hydroplane races on Aug. 24-25 as part of the 2019 Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers Hydrofest.

Races will occur every 15 minutes along the 1.25-mile course.

The other big change? The noise level.

With the absence of H1 Unlimited-class hydroplanes competing in the Gold Cup, Hydrofest will be completely piston-powered, meaning the rooster-tails of water on the river will remain, without all the noise.

Day tickets start at \$10. Tickets and information are available at detroitboatraces.com or on Eventbrite.

"This year's seating options and pricing will allow greater access and an excellent race experience for all fans," said Detroit Riverfront Events president Mark Weber in a news release. "Races will run every 15 minutes giving fans less downtime and a more action-packed experience."

Multiple classes of hydroplanes from Canada, New Zealand and the United States will headline the event.

The stars of the weekend will be the Grand Prix boats, which are 24 feet long with 468 cubic-inch V8 Chevrolet piston engines, which produce up to 1,500 horsepower and can reach speeds up to 160 mph.

The Gold Cup, featuring H1 Unlimited-class hydroplanes will not be part of the race weekend, however, for the first time since 2015. The 112-year event was run last weekend as part of the Madison Regatta in Madison, Indiana.

There will still be a Gold Cup tie at Hydrofest, though, as three-time Gold Cup champion Tom D'Eath

is serving as honorary race chairman.

Joining him in honors are former Lions kicker Eddie Murray and Michelle O'Connor-Tekinski, of the Hope Network, serving as co-grand marshals.



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GOLF

Area players light up historic Washtenaw course

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Gabriel Campbell and Maire Sullivan triumphed over a field of nearly 60 golfers competing in the Kensington Junior Tour at Washtenaw Golf Club in Ypsilanti.

Shooting a career best in competitive play, Campbell fired a 5-over-par 77, eking out a one-stroke win over L.T. Smith, who 3-putted on the 18th hole en route to his 78.

Sullivan shot 89 while runner-up Amelia Gatti carded 100.

Campbell, 17, an incoming senior at South Lyon High School, said, "I love this course; it is one of my favorite courses in Michigan." Campbell shot 39 on the front. "On the 7th hole, I had 117 yards to the pin. I hit a gap wedge to the pin and made birdie to put myself at one over on that side. I shifted my momentum. My round felt like it was kind of leaking a little bit.

"On 15, I had just come off a double-bogey that put me at 30 on the side," Campbell said. "I got to 16 and hit a gap wedge about 115 yards to a foot-and-a-half for birdie. I parred the next two holes. I felt that locked in a really solid score (38). This used to be a country club. The greens are really fast and flat, and the bunkers are soft and fluffy sand. The fairways are tightly mowed and the rough is a good length."

Sullivan, a 2019 Plymouth High School graduate who will play golf for Trine University in Indiana next year, shot 42 on the front nine and 47 on the back. The ninth hole was a highlight. "I made a 40-foot-putt for birdie. That was cool. I hit a good tee shot and sank a lag putt for birdie," Sullivan said.

"It was a struggle on the back nine with the water," she added. "I was hitting my drives but didn't have the best approach shots. I had to think about the water constantly. The Kensington tour is cool. It's always fun to play these events," said Sullivan, who was coming off an 81 at the Kensington Eagle Crest tourney.

Eric Shen, 13, of Ann Arbor shot 85 to win the boys' 12-14-year-old division, edging out Detroit's Vinny Levesque



Gabriel Campbell, left, fired a 5-over-par 77 to win the boys 15-18 division crown, edging out runner-up L.T. Smith by a single stroke. PHOTOS BY M.B. DILLON/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

who finished just a shot behind with an 86. "On the front nine, I shot 41," said Shen, who will be an 8th-grader at Slau-son Middle School in September. "I made it up and down for par once. On the back nine I played really bad. I shot 44. I kept hitting my drives all over the place," added Shen, who was looking to break 80 in his next tournament.

Reid Jarjosa, II, of Birmingham captured honors in the developmental division with a 64. "It was very nice," said Jarjosa, pleased that he scored better than he did in his first Kensington tournament at Huron Hills. "Today my first drive was really short. I hit my second shot and it went really, really far. I hit a few bad shots but it didn't get me down. And then I made it up on putting and chipping," said the Detroit Country Day incoming 6th-grader. "My mom was my caddie. It was really fun. I like competing for prizes. The (Kensington Tour) courses are really beautiful. I just love golf. My next tournament will be better."

L.T. Smith of Brighton, runner-up in the boys' 15-18-year-old division, shot 39 on both the front and back. His 78



Maire Sullivan, right, captured the girls 12-18 division with a score of 89. Amelia Gatti shot 100 to become the runner-up.

was 17 shots better than his score at Washtenaw last year. "I was scrambling a ton. It was an adventure. I didn't hit a lot of greens," said Smith, who will be a senior at Detroit Catholic Central in the fall.

"On the back nine I was hitting more greens. But I wasted two perfect drives on 15 and 16," Smith said. "They were right in the middle of the fairway. With my gap wedge and pitching wedge I made unforced errors and just ended up bogeying both those holes. That's the game of golf. I'll go out tomorrow and redeem myself."

Gatti, 14, runner-up in the girls' division, was pleased with her play on the ninth hole. "I had a 40-footer for birdie. I was really excited. It was downhill with a break," said Gatti, who will be a freshman Brighton High School in September.

Gatti followed her 42 with a 58 on the back nine.

"The back was rough for me. I wasn't hitting it as straight and I lost a few balls. That's what made it not as good as the front. I did have some good sand

shots. Twice I got on the green from sand traps," she said. This is Gatti's sixth season competing on the Kensington Tour. "I just like being in different locations and getting to play with girls younger and older than me from different counties," said Gatti, who shot 90 at Kensington's Coyote tournament in South Lyon.

Levesque, 14, who golfs for the University of Detroit Jesuit High School where he is entering his sophomore year, said, "I was hitting my drives, but I wasn't putting well." There were bright spots. "I was against the fence on one hole and hit it left-handed and made it back on the fairway. I bogeyed a par 5 for a 43 on the front," Levesque said. "On the back nine, I hit a lot of fairways. I was hitting my driver really well. A couple par 5's I almost reached in two. I hit a bad putt on a par 3 and made a 15-footer to save par," said Levesque, who won the Kensington Eagle Crest tournament, firing a 74.

This is Campbell's fourth season on the Kensington Tour.

"Kensington is the most affordable junior golf tour in southeast Michigan. And it's the only junior tour that caters to all age groups and skill levels," said Farmington's John Dillon, assistant tournament director. "Last year we expanded it further by opening a developmental bracket for 6-11-year-olds. They play with an adult or parent caddie, starting each hole at the 150-yard marker."

Nathan Oake, founder of the Kensington Tour, said, "Our mission is to provide a local, affordable, organized and fun competitive junior golf schedule for young players to develop their golf abilities and fall in love with the game. Local high school golf coaches have heaped praise on our organization as a great way to help students learn the competitive side of golf prior to entering high school and trying out for the golf team. Many courses on our schedule are host sites of high school matches and tournaments."

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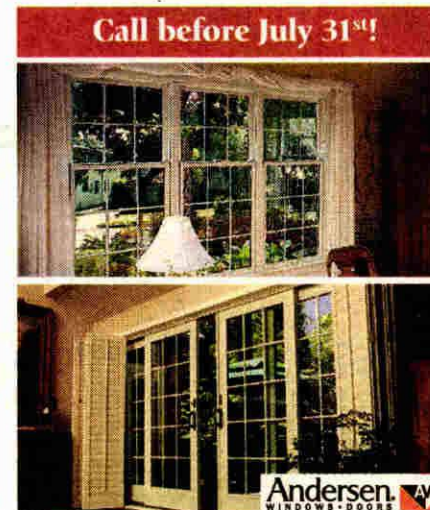
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INVITATION TO BID**

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Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams
Controller

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**CITY OF WAYNE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearings on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider one request:

1. 34428 Annapolis, Dan Kalinowski
Request for a variance.
Definitions-Section 1282.04 (b4)

"Where a parking lot is contiguous to or across the street from a Residential District, there shall be a ten foot front yard setback requirement."

The text and any maps may be examined or written comments may be submitted at the City Clerk's Office during business hours (10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Zoning Board will consider, and may act upon, this matter.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Really ruffle
 - 6 Bozo
 - 9 They may fly at half-mast
 - 14 "— Mia" (Abba hit)
 - 19 São —
 - 20 Sway to and —
 - 21 TV's Greene or Michaels
 - 22 Ovine sign
 - 23 S
 - 26 Asinine
 - 27 "— Dick"
 - 28 — Ball
 - 29 2007 Disney princess
 - 31 Add a letter before that to spell ...
 - 37 Above, to bards
 - 38 "How dumb of me!"
 - 39 Fearless
 - 40 Orbit, e.g.
 - 42 Foliage unit
 - 44 In the manner of
 - 45 "The Zoo Story" playwright Edward
 - 50 Bozo
 - 52 Add a letter before that to spell ...
 - 57 Close amigo
 - 59 Really ruffle
 - 60 Wet-weather headgear
 - 61 Hay fever explosion
 - 62 Former Israeli PM Golda
 - 64 Big fusses
 - 66 Capitol's top
 - 67 Add a letter before that to spell ...
 - 71 "I know! Pick me!"
 - 74 Novelist Jaffe
 - 75 Two before X
 - 76 Deadly
 - 80 Fruity, sourish dessert
 - 82 The Cowboys, on a sports ticker
 - 83 Falsify
 - 85 Add a letter before that to spell ...
 - 89 Pear, apple and quince
 - 90 Main artery
 - 91 Essen "a"
 - 92 He married Lucy
 - 94 Moor growth
 - 95 Tennis great Jennifer
 - 99 Young — (toddlers)
 - 101 '60s Pontiac muscle car
 - 102 Add a letter before that to spell ...
 - 109 Alveolar trill, as in Spanish speech
 - 110 Tofu source, to Brits
 - 111 Long stretch
 - 112 Perfect little kid
 - 113 Add a letter before that to spell ...
 - 120 Gettysburg victor George
 - 121 C-3PO, e.g.
 - 122 Stanley Cup gp.
 - 123 In snazzy clothes
 - 124 Media biggie
 - 125 Tabby cries
 - 126 Dems' rival
 - 127 Bergen dummy Mortimer
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Rival of FedEx
 - 2 With 6-Down, yield a profit
 - 3 Hot stretch
 - 4 Macaroni shape
 - 5 "Such a pity"
 - 6 See 2-Down
 - 7 Popped up
 - 8 Two-pronged vehicle
 - 9 Well-spoken
 - 10 E-giggle
 - 11 Dog's yap
 - 12 Wildebeest
 - 13 Composer Prokofiev
 - 14 En — (as one)
 - 15 1989 Disney princess
 - 16 Metric "thousandth"
 - 17 — Yello (soft drink)
 - 18 Thus far
 - 24 Germ killer in a can
 - 25 Connery of film
 - 30 "— be an honor"
 - 31 Subjects
 - 32 In direct confrontation
 - 33 "Trauma: Life in —" (old TLC series)
 - 34 Guzzled, e.g.
 - 35 Ill-gotten gains
 - 36 Shimmery gem
 - 41 Bride-to-be's clothing drawer
 - 43 Lumberjack, at times
 - 45 Nickname of Onassis
 - 46 Phyllis' last name on the old sitcom "Phyllis"
 - 47 — -chic (hippie-inspired fashion)
 - 48 Mild cheese
 - 49 Italy's Villa d'—
 - 51 Brand of tea
 - 53 Jacob of social reform
 - 54 Part of ETA
 - 55 "No —!" ("Sure thing!")
 - 56 Studio tripods
 - 58 Old-time actress Dolores
 - 63 Water quality org.
 - 64 Onetime ring king
 - 65 Longtime soap actress Hall
 - 68 Movie mogul Marcus
 - 69 Bird beak
 - 70 Tonto player Johnny
 - 71 Gymnast Korbut
 - 72 Seat of Hawaii County
 - 73 Sharif of "Che!"
 - 77 Uniform liquid suspension
 - 78 Zend- — (Zoroastrian scripture)
 - 79 Rent check collector
 - 81 Org. with putters
 - 82 Levi's fabric
 - 84 Subject
 - 86 Univ. division
 - 87 Hidden mike
 - 88 Uplifting spiritually
 - 93 Like King Atahualpa
 - 95 Movie dancer Charisse
 - 96 Aviation branch of the military
 - 97 Great traits
 - 98 Traffic noise
 - 100 Yarn units
 - 102 Intense ache
 - 103 Real introvert
 - 104 Tank slime
 - 105 Vehicles near igloos
 - 106 Tennis great Monica
 - 107 Cantina chip
 - 108 Grown gal
 - 114 Boot part
 - 115 "Vice" ailer
 - 116 Dejected
 - 117 Swiss peak
 - 118 Env. insert
 - 119 Guitarist Barrett

SUDOKU

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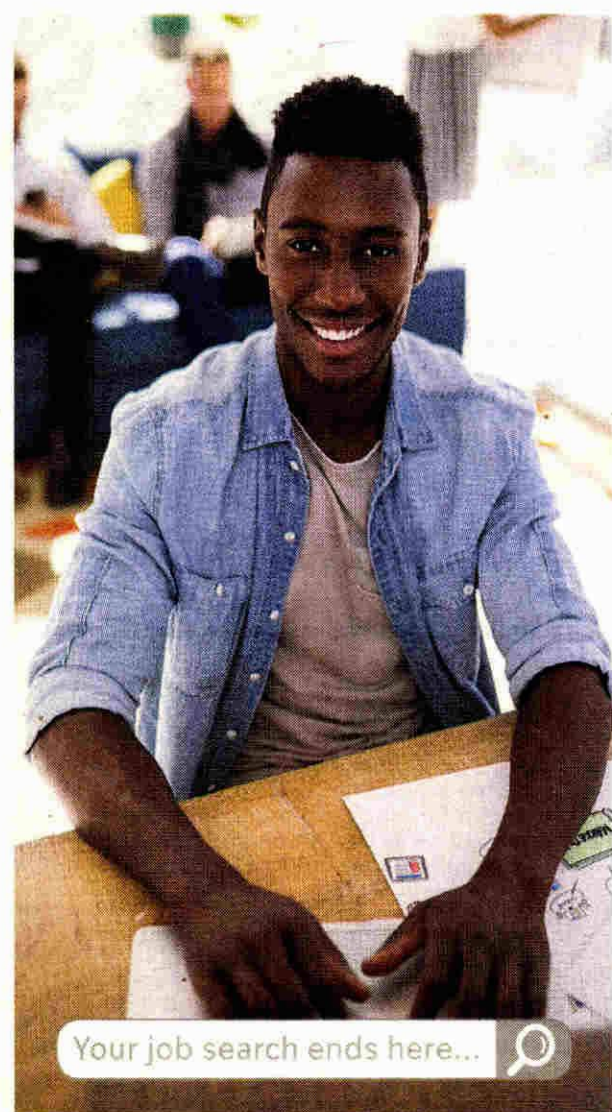
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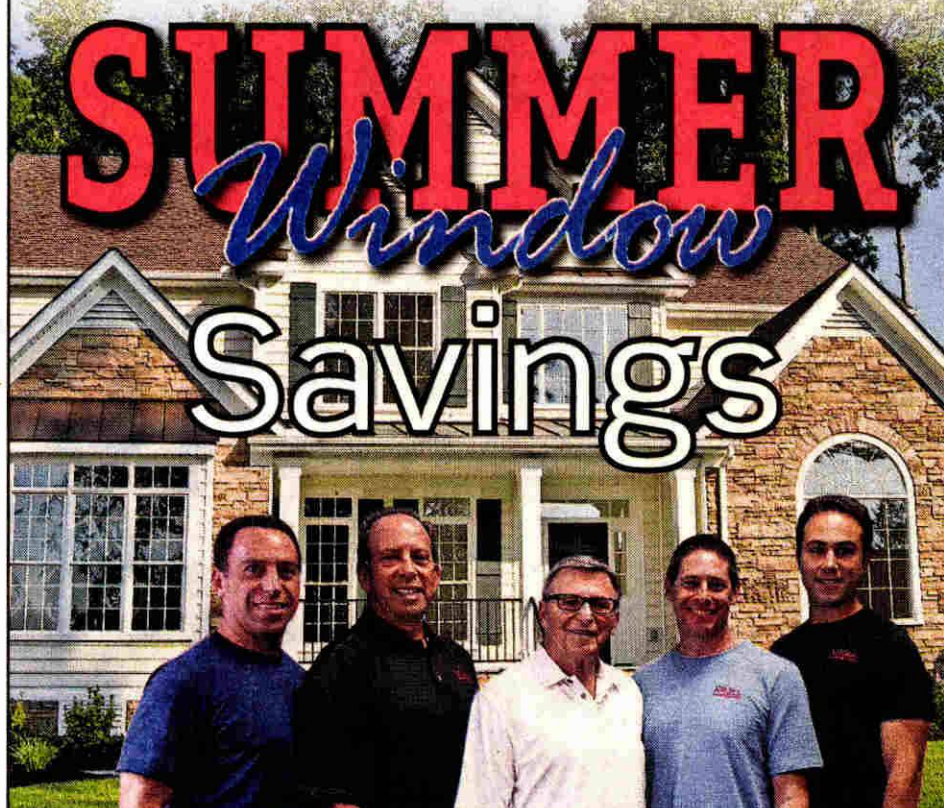


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