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Evidence found of Dundee wrestlers’ hazing, fights

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Dundee Community Schools Superintendent Scott Leach released an update Thursday, Aug. 14, on the Title IX investigation into the accusations of hazing on the high school wrestling team. He said he recently approved off-season open mat workouts for members of the wrestling team. “This decision was made after carefully considering that the vast majority of our wrestlers are not involved in the ongoing investigation,” he said in the update.

The district initiated a Title IX investigation that will be conducted by the Thrun Law Firm. Once the investigation is over, they will determine whether any violations occurred and recommend consequences to the district administration, if necessary. On Friday, May 9, Leach announced that the investigation began in April when he received an anonymous complaint regarding alleged hazing involving wrestling team members. “The high school administration and School Resource Officer immediately launched an investigation of the matter consistent with our school policies and

procedures,” he said in a communication to the district. The investigation included interviews with wrestling team members, coaches and parents, and video evidence was discovered of additional incidents of hazing, fights and physical assaults by wrestling team members against each other, Leach wrote. “We do not tolerate bullying, harassment, intimidation, and we thoroughly investigate all reports consistent with our school policies and student code of conduct,” Leach said in the communication. — Contact reporter Connor Veenstra at CVeenstra@gannett.com.



Using sunflowers, gladioli and zinnias, Diane Ruehs arranges bouquets and puts them in vases to place at her roadside flower stand. Each bouquet costs \$5. PROVIDED BY DIANE RUEHS

Dundee resident enjoys making people smile with her flowers

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DUNDEE – Early every morning, Diane Ruehs gathers flowers to sell. Her yard blooms with annuals and perennials.

Using sunflowers, gladioli and zinnias, she arranges bouquets and puts them in vases to place at her roadside flower stand. Each bouquet costs \$5. Perched on the corner of Gloff and Dixon roads behind the Dundee Golf Course is where the wooden stand is located. It has a farmhouse charm with its

windowless panes and Buffalo plaid ribbons. A sign posted on the front reads “Ruehs Farms Diane’s Designs \$5 Bouquets Cash or Venmo.” The Dundee resident started growing flowers after she retired in 2021.

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No crime found in restaurant fire probe

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The Monroe County Sheriff’s Office’s investigation into the Frenchtown Township Red Lobster fire has been closed. “It was determined that there was no criminal involvement and the investigation was turned over to the fire investigator of the insurance company,” said Detective Sgt. Leland Jordan. According to the police report, there was an alarm set on June 8 at 9:38 p.m. that was disarmed at 12:39 a.m. on June 9, by the master code. It was re-armed an hour later and the first smoke alarm activated that morning at 2:06 a.m. It was later confirmed by Jeremy Berard, the fire investigator for Red Lobster’s insurance company, that the alarm deactivation and reactivation, which was thought to be suspicious, was done by a contractor hired to clean the kitchen hoods. The investigation has been deferred to Berard and his team. The day of the fire, Frenchtown Fire Chief Wendy Stevens said the fire began near the front entrance. Following the fire, the employees were relocated to work at other locations in the chain. “Red Lobster is committed to our Team Members and their well-being and I am happy to share that all Team Members who wished to, have already been relocated to other local Red Lobster locations,” Cherry said at the time.

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