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## FPS aims to find superintendent by summer

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Zach Rich, president of the Farmington Public Schools board of education, said finding a new superintendent isn't something he's taking lightly.

"We need to make sure that we get this right," he said.

Superintendent Robert Herrera resigned in November after less than two years on the job. At a meeting Jan. 5, the school board appointed Bobbie Goodrum, the district's assistant superintendent of diversity, equity and inclusion, to serve in an interim role.

that means to me is someone who will

see the great things Farmington has to offer and is able to hype them up," Rich said. "They should be our district's greatest cheerleader, essentially, while at the same time being able to lead our district forward."

At a special meeting at 5 p.m. Jan. 26, "We're looking for the best, and what the board will interview potential search firms. When it conducted the

search that resulted in Herrera's hiring, the district worked with the Michigan Association of School Boards. Rich said he's expecting several firms to go out for the project. Though the board has not nailed down a time line, Rich said it aims to find a replacement by summer.

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Plans are in motion to bring business back to the vacant Arbor Town Square shopping center in Westland. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Vacant shopping center in Westland could see new life

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN** 

A longtime vacant eyesore in Westland is poised for some redevelopment.

The first step in bringing the shopping center on the southeast corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt took place Jan. 5, when the city's planning commission took up a proposal to merge the site's two parcels and them split them into three separate parcels to help with redevelopment during its meeting held online.

The three parcels would include one containing the small building at 7840 Middlebelt, another containing the former Burger King at 7900 Middlebelt and a third containing the remaining Arbor Town Square shopping center - which also includes a former Sears Hardware store - along Ann Arbor Trail.

"This is paving the way for complete occupancy for this very dilapidated structure, which will involve some renovations as well," Mohamed Ayoub, the city's director of planning, said.

Samir Al Hadidi, the center's owner, said he's owned the property for about seven years. During that time, he said

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**Mohamed Ayoub** Westland director of planning

What's expected to be a significant number of vehicles seeking chicken sandwiches was the big concern stated by Livonia City Council in reviewing plans for the city's first Chick-fil-A.

The council took up discussion during a study meeting Wednesday on the proposed redevelopment of a shopping center on the northeast corner of Plymouth and Middlebelt roads. Proposed at the site which currently houses an Office Depot along with several vacant storefronts, plans call for removing some of the strip mall to build a Chick-fil-A.

Other developments at the site include a new retail building closer to Plymouth Road that could also house a restaurant in the future.

While the council appears poised to approve the plan to bring the popular

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## Courthouse **Grille site has** new developer

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN** 

With all due respect to the good old days, a growing group of Plymouth Township residents would like to see the 86-year-old building at 41661 Plymouth Road - most recently the home of the Courthouse Grille - demolished.

"I still get a lot of complaints from residents who want to see the building torn down," said Township Supervisor Kurt Heise. "And every chance we get, we make it clear to the owner of the property (Sam Messina) and prospective developers that we, as a township, want the building torn down.

"We do not believe the building

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### Salvation Army **Red Kettle** campaign short of goal

As people everywhere set their New Year's resolutions for a more hopeful 2021, The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit is urging the community to consider its neighbors in need. The nonprofit's annual Red Kettle Campaign is \$1.9 million away from reaching its \$8 million fundraising goal.

Every donation provides help and hope to those in need throughout Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties. Donations help those struggling to pay rent, unable to work due to disability, shelter and more.

"This past year has been turbulent and trying, but we made it through. Though 2020 was not very kind to our community, together we can Give Hope to those who need it most in 2021," said Major Timothy Meyer, general secretary, metro Detroit area commander and regional chief operating officer for The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, in a release. "If you are in a position to give, please give generously. You can make a difference by joining in our Fight for Good to provide critical social services and programs to directly support those in need throughout Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties."

Salvation Army supporters can help support the nonprofit's efforts by: Texting GIFT to 24365; visiting salmich.org, calling 877-SAL-MICH; or sending a check, made payable to The Salvation Army, to 16130 Northland Dr., Southfield, MI 48075.

The campaign ends Jan. 31.

Founded by William and Catherine Booth in London, England in 1865, The Salvation Army is a faith-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to serving people in need without discrimination.

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## Wayne teen sentenced to up to 17 years in friend's shooting death

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

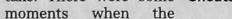
A Wayne teen could spend nearly two decades behind bars for fatally shooting Kaleb Parish, another Wayne teen whom he considered a friend.

Speaking over Zoom, Robert Shoats, 19, said he and Kaleb Parish were friends who grew up together before the gun he was holding went off the evening of July 29 in the 34000 block of Richard Street.

Parish, 18, was transported from the city's southside to a local hospital in critical condition. He died days later.

"I truly apologize that my mistake took away such an innocent life," Shoats said during his Friday sentencing. "I will always know the feeling of losing a close friend to the mistake that I made. I pray for the family every night. I wish I could take it back every day."

Tabatha Parish wiped at her eyes while her son's killer spoke. Shoats talked about two sets of family and friends grieving because of his mistake. There were some Shoats



grieving mother turned the camera's lens upward, so that it veered from her face.

She had already tried to convey her pain to Shoats, his attorney, the judge and others present on Zoom. She had told the court her son had just returned to his family's fold after some time in juvenile detention for his own mistakes.

Kaleb had a good-paying job, a girlfriend he loved, plans to attend community college and a son not yet 3 years old.

"It weighs heavy on our hearts," Tabatha Parish said. "We will never know the truth, which leaves us without any closure as to what happened to Kaleb. He was still young. This has torn our family apart so much."

Shoats pleaded guilty in November to an individual manslaughter charge - in this case, because of a death by a weapon aimed with intent but without malice, and separate weapons charge. Four other homicide and weapons charges were dismissed.

Third Circuit Court Judge Margaret Van Houten sentenced Shoats to 2.5-15 years for the manslaughter charge. She also ordered two years on the weapons charge, to be served consecutively.

"Mrs. Parish, there is nothing that we can do here today that would bring your son back," the judge said, "but I hope that this brings you some closure and that your family can find some peace in this chapter and cherish your memories of your son."

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## Four arrested in teen shooting death

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South Lyon police have arrested at least four people because of the armed robbery that resulted in the death of 17year-old Dylan Stamper, Chief Christopher Sovik confirmed Monday.

Sovik said that the four are in custody because of their roles in a Dec. 30 robbery that led to Dylan's death in his East Liberty Street home.

His father, Kevin Stamper, 43, was critically injured but last known to be

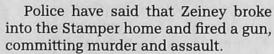
in stable condition.

Sovik said he planned to release more information on those arrested on Tuesday.

For now, there have been no apparent ar- Zeineh raignments. Sovik de-

clined to share details on the ages or possible charges for the others arrested.

He also did not respond to questions as to whether the four included the already-charged Fadi Zeineh, 19, of Washtenaw County.



They also said a driver was waiting for him in a 2011 Ford Escape and drove him away.

Zeineh was scheduled for a Wednesday probable cause conference. He has been arraigned on 10 individual felony charges.

A court official said Monday morning that there were no arraignments scheduled for later in the day regarding the case.

## Buddy's Pizza handing out discount cards

Susan Selasky Detroit Free Press **USA TODAY NETWORK** 

Get ready to score Detroit-style pizza at a discounted price. Buddy's Pizza, beginning this month.

dy's expects to hand out 1,500 appreciation cards at each location for a total of 28,500 cards.

This is the first year that the promotion, which associates the discount the beloved local pizza chain, is kick- amount with Buddy's time in business, ing off its 75th anniversary discount will begin in January. Typically, the promotion starts in June with Buddy's Pizza Day and runs through December.

dy's can only offer carryout because of the state health department ban on indoor dining to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Customers can use the cards for dine-in once indoor dining resumes

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The purpose of this Section is to regulate the orderly operation of trucks on the streets of

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expeditious manner, having due regard for economical vehicle operation.

Customers can pick up appreciation cards good for \$7.50 off an eightsquare pizza at any of Buddy's 19 locations including carryout spots. Bud-

This is the 11th year Buddy's has offered the coupon promotion.

Like all Michigan restaurants, Bud-

Buddy's got its start in 1946 with a location at corner of Six Mile and Conant in Detroit, serving up deep-dish, traditional Detroit-style pizza made in dark pans that originally stemmed from the auto industry.

## Whitmer signs bills reforming justice system

#### Angie Jackson Detroit Free Press **USA TODAY NETWORK**

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Monday signed into law more than three dozen bills affecting people involved in Michigan's criminal justice system, with changes aimed at expanding alternatives to jail and removing hurdles to opportunities after incarceration.

Twenty of the bills arose from recommendations from the Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration.

Policy changes include giving offi-

cers more discretion to issue tickets in lieu of arrest, reclassifying many traffic misdemeanors as civil infractions and ending license suspensions for violations that aren't related to dangerous driving.

For most misdemeanors and some felonies, state law will include a presumption that judges hand down a sentence other than jail unless they deem that incarceration is necessary.

Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget McCormack, who cochaired the task force with Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist, held up Michigan as a national leader in criminal justice reform.

"Our courts and justice system belong to the people, and these reforms reflect a consensus-based process that brought together all who share our commitment to fairness, accountability, transparency and efficiency," she said in a news release.

Among the most sweeping changes is the end to driver's license suspensions for violations unrelated to safe driving, set to take effect Oct. 1.

Additionally, Michigan will no longer

suspend licenses as a penalty for drug convictions. state Rep. Tenisha Yancey, D-Harper Woods, introduced that bill.

Organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Michigan, the Michigan League for Public Policy, and Safe & Just Michigan applauded the reform, saying the changes will contribute to a more fair legal system and reduce "unnecessary" arrests.

McCormack and others said there's more work to be done. Terry Schuster, a manager with the Pew Charitable Trusts' public safety performance project, said ongoing efforts will include diversion from jail for people experiencing a mental health crisis.

The Detroit Justice Center said the bills "still leave much to be addressed in order to truly eradicate the racial bias in policing and courts as well as the criminalization of poverty." The nonprofit law firm said its staff is concerned the bills don't go far enough to address "crimes of poverty" such as trespassing and that driving without insurance is still a misdemeanor offense instead of a civil infraction.

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## **Canton sisters organize** in-person learning rally

#### Ed Wright Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

It's the little things Ashley Temple has missed during the past 10 months of virtual learning, and one big thing - she said the mental health of affected students is deteriorating - that helped inspire the Canton senior to organize a return-to-in-person rally Tuesday outside the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administration office.

"I miss simple things like walking to class, interacting with fellow students, getting fresh air when moving from one building to another," Temple said. "We haven't been able to talk to people for 10 months. Add that to being on a (computer) screen for eight hours a day. It's really affecting our mental health."

Tuesday's rally was scheduled to take place just hours before the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education was to hold its first meeting of 2021.

The school board agenda included an item to discuss a return to in-person learning for the district's middle and high school students, who haven't seen the light of a classroom since March 13.

On Friday, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said she wanted to see school districts have students return to classrooms. She set March 1 as a goal for schools across Michigan to offer some in-person learning; however, the state won't penalize schools that don't offer it.

The rally's mission was "to unify the voices of PCCS students to demand a plan to return to in-person learning that is based on science and the significant detriments of virtual learning/socializing on our mental and physical health," the Facebook page stated.

"I talked to a therapist recently and she said that she's the most booked-up she's been for a long time," Temple said. "She said middle and high school students are scheduling therapy sessions faster than adults are and that they're suffering from things like anxiety, depression and eating disorders.

"It's getting really bad."

Temple invited school board members and teachers to speak at the rally.

While the virtual-learning format has deeply affected seniors who are



Sisters Ashley, left, and Katie Temple, students at Canton High, organized a meet-up Tuesday at the Plymouth-**Canton Community Schools office.** ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

missing out on milestones, it has also impacted every class, said Katie Temple, Ashley Temple's sister and a freshman at Canton High School.

"I was really looking forward to meeting new people this year and being in a new environment," said Katie Temple, who helped plan the rally. "I miss being able to do hands-on labs, which we can't do virtually."

Ashley Temple said she absolutely understands the apprehension teachers feel about returning to in-person learning during the pandemic.

"We want to work with the teachers and administrators to find the best way for everybody to return safely," she said. "Everybody's safety is our priority, but the way things are now, there are a lot of students who are suffering."

Melissa Courtney, a parent of twin elementary school students in the district, said she admires the Temples.

"Absolutely, I'm very proud of them, especially for students to do what they're doing," said Courtney. "I think it's amazing that they feel this strongly about it and are doing something to try to change things."

Temple said she contacted the organizers of a previous return-to-inperson-learning rally held in the fall to learn what protocols to follow for Tuesday's rally.

## Whitmer sets March 1 goal to get kids back in classrooms

John Wisely Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Friday it's now safe for K-12 students to return to classrooms even if COVID-19 caseloads remain high.

She set March 1 as a goal for schools across Michigan to offer some in-person learning and the state won't penalize schools that don't offer it.

"I strongly encourage districts to provide as much face-to-face learning as possible, and my administration will work closely with them to get it done," Whitmer said in a statement.

The question of whether to offer face-to-face learning has vexed school districts across the state since the fall. Some districts have offered it at all grade levels, as have most private schools. Others have limited it to vounger grades.

Some have yet to return kids to classrooms, prompting angry complaints from some parents who want it.

The state releases a list every Monday of virus outbreaks traced to schools and the numbers have fluctuated since September. Many districts that had been providing in-person learning switched to all remote after Thanksgiving because of increased virus cases in their communities, even if the cases weren't tied to schools.

Some of those districts are back now and others plan to return in coming weeks.

"Over the last 10 months, medical experts and epidemiologists have closely followed the data and have learned that schools can establish a low risk of transmission by ensuring that everyone wears a mask and adopting careful infection prevention protocols," Whitmer said.

Whitmer announced Jan. 4 that schoolteachers would be among the first people to receive COVID-19 vaccines, a decision that educators cheered.

Teachers have said they are eager to return to in-person learning, but they are also being cautious.

A group of educators, including

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#### **Gov. Gretchen Whitmer**

teachers unions, administrators, school boards and others, issued a joint statement expressing similar hopes.

"Containing the spread of this deadly disease was - and continues to be - job one, which is why we've supported the steps Gov. Whitmer and our state have taken to fight COVID-19," the statement said

The push to return kids to classrooms comes with state recommendations to limit the possibility of spread, most of which schools have already been doing.

They include mandatory wearing of masks, except while eating and in other limited circumstances. The guidance also calls for social distancing, including a recommendation to divide students into cohorts to reduce the number of kids in a building at one time.

Other recommendations include adequate supplies of hand sanitizer, improvements to school ventilation systems, as well as having students and staffers screen themselves at home for things like fevers and coughs.

Not all schools have followed protocols. The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration on Friday fined South Lake Public Schools in Macomb County \$4,900 for:

• Not developing an infectious disease preparedness and response plan that can guide protective actions against COVID-19

 Not providing COVID-19 training to employees

 Not conducting daily in-person or virtual health checks of employees before they entered the facility

 Not having a written hazard communication program developed, implemented, and maintained

The citation came after an employee complaint prompted a MIOSHA inspection.

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# Michigan bans open carry of guns inside capitol

#### Paul Egan Detroit Free Press **USA TODAY NETWORK**

LANSING - The Michigan Capitol Commission, in a sudden reversal, voted unanimously Monday to ban the open carry of guns inside the Michigan Capitol, effective immediately.

Critics say the ban does not go far enough and the commission should ban all firearms inside the Capitol, whether they are carried openly or concealed, by anyone who is not law enforcement.

The commission had resisted such a move for years and sometimes claimed it did not have the authority to order a gun ban, despite building pressure in recent months amid angry protests, often involving armed men, inside and outside the Capitol.

That all appeared to change on Jan. 6, when a pro-Trump mob overran barricades and forced its way into the U.S. Capitol, causing significant damage and killing a Capitol police officer. One rioter was shot to death by police.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, R-Clarklake, recently came out in favor of a ban on open carry of weapons.

Also contributing was a recent opinion from Attorney General Dana Nessel that said the commission does have the authority to ban guns.

The FBI has issued a bulletin saying armed protests are being planned at all 50 state capitols from Jan. 16 through at least Jan. 20 and at the U.S. Capitol from Jan. 17 through at least Jan. 20, ABC News reported Monday.

Michigan State Police is increasing its "visible presence" at the state Capitol for the next couple of weeks "out of an abundance of caution," spokeswoman Shanon Banner said Monday.

Open carry is still permitted on the Capitol grounds outside.

Michigan was one of only three states with virtually no firearm regulations or security measures in place for its state Capitol, the Michigan Advance reported Monday. House Democratic leaders urged the Michigan State Capitol Commission to ban all firearms and weapons before the 101st Legislature convenes Wednesday.

House Democrats said in advance of the meeting the open carry ban does not go far enough and said the carrying of all firearms - open or concealed should be banned inside the Capitol, except by law enforcement.

"In addition to lawmakers doing the work of the people, our Capitol is open to school kids, tour groups and others seeking to learn more about the history of our amazing state. Without a significant change in policy, lives will continue to be put at risk by domestic terrorists carrying weapons," House Democratic Leader Donna Lasinski, D-Scio Township, Rep. Sarah Anthony, D-Lansing, and Rep. Brenda Carter, D-Pontiac, said in a joint statement.

But John Truscott, the vice chairman of the commission, said the commission does not have the budget or the infrastructure to go further, and setting up metal detectors could cause significant delays in public access to the Capitol. He said statistics show few crimes are committed by people with concealed weapon permits.

It's estimated that equipment and staffing for metal detectors would cost about \$1.5 million a year, Truscott said.

The Capitol Commission consists of the secretary of the Senate, the clerk of the House of Representatives, two individuals jointly appointed by the secretary of the Senate and the clerk of the House, and two individuals appointed by the governor.

Despite the opinion issued by the attorney general, House Speaker-elect Jason Wentworth, R-Clare, said the commission "does not have the authority to set policy in the Capitol."

He said in a news release that he will be "looking at options for handling that moving forward." But he said that Michigan State Police will immediately begin enforcing the new policy and he asked the public to follow the new policy "to ensure there is no confusion in the Capitol."

Joey Roberts, president of Michigan Open Carry, said he has concerns about Monday's action and his group wants to get a written version of the new policy.

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 2020 Bond, BP#EL-1 Addition and Remodeling, consisting of:

Additions and remodeling at Eriksson, Field, Hulsing, and Dodson Elementary Schools will be received through Building Connected until 1:00 PM on Thursday, February 4th.

- All proposals shall be submitted electronically through Building Connected: 1. https://app.b0ildingconnected.com/public/5ae227ade0d395000fd24541 (McCarthy and Smith Plan Room)
- For instructions on how to submit a bid please go to the following link: 2. https://bui Id i ngconnected .ze ndes k. com/he/en-us/ articles/36001 0 222 793-How-to-su bm it-yourbid-th rough-Bui ldi ngConnected-

Bids submitted after this time and date will not be considered or accepted.

Faxed and/or E-mail proposals will not be accepted.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened, read aloud and tabulated, beginning at approx. 1:00 PM on Thursday, February 4th. Bid Opening will be publicly conducted via a Zoom meeting. Information regarding joining the Zoom meeting will be provided in Addendum #1 for all bidders interested in participating in the bid opening.

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

101: Earthwork/Site Utilities	102: Asphalt Paving/ Site Concrete
103: Selective Demolition	104: Concrete Footings & Foundations
105: Interior Concrete Flatwork 107: Steel	106: Masonry
109: Roofing / Sheetmetal	108: Carpentry / General Trades
114: Aluminum Entrances / Storefront I	112: Caulking/ Insulation
Glass & Glazing	115: Metal Stud I Drywall
116: Hard Tile	117: Acoustical Treatments
118: Carpet / Resilient Tile Flooring	119: Terrazzo
120: Painting	124: Wood Flooring
125: Toilet Partitions	128: Prefabricated Casework
130: Window Treatments	131: Gymnasium Equipment
137: Food Service Equipment	140: Plumbing
141: Fire Protection	142: HVAC
143: Electrical	149: Fencing
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Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture Inc. will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Builder's Exchange, Lansing.

Bidding Documents will be available beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2020 via Building Connected.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting on Wednesday, January 20 at 4:30 p.m. at Eriksson Elementary School, located at 1275 N Haggerty Rd, Canton, MI 48187. The purpo\_se of the meeting will be to review the project bid documents & schedule, and to answer any questions bidders may have. Following the meeting, the bidders will have the opportunity to visit the project site. The pre-bid meeting is not a mandatory meeting however, bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. A FACE MASK WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE WORN **INSIDE OF THE BUILDING DURING THE PRE-BID MEETING.** 

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

All Bids **must** be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the Bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the School District is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the Bid or failure of the Bidder to enter a Contract for performance, Further, the Bidder will execute the Contract, provide the required insurance certificate(s) and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract but prior to Work commencing.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price.

Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

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## Loves Furniture files for bankruptcy

#### JC Reindl Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Loves Furniture, the new retailer that took over many shuttered Art Van Furniture locations last summer, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

The filing, which happened Jan. 6 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Detroit, comes less than a year after Art Van Furniture's bankruptcy, which turned into a total liquidation for the storied furniture brand.

Loves Furniture has been under financial pressure since almost the day it opened, and recently announced it would close numerous locations and keep just 13 stores – 12 in Michigan and one outside Toledo, Ohio. Loves previously had 32 stores in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania that employed nearly 950 people.

The initial bankruptcy document offered few details about Loves Furniture's problems, but said the company has between 100 and 199 creditors and \$10 million to \$50 million in liabilities.

According to Loves' bankruptcy attorney, the company is looking to keep open its remaining 13 stores and bring in a liquidation company to run going-outof-business sales for unsold furniture.

Loves Furniture would then seek a new owner for the stores as part of the bankruptcy process, according to attorney Max Newman of Butzel Long. Loves Furniture went into business in late summer after a Texas-based private equity firm, US Assets Inc., whose founder and CEO is named Jeff Love, bought 27 shuttered Art Van stores in Michigan, plus 10 other Art Van and Levin and Wolf locations in other states.

However, that deal did not include the stores' underlying real estate.

Those and other Art Van store properties were previously sold to outside real estate investment firms in sale-leaseback arrangements as part of the Van Elslander family's sale of Art Van Furniture to private-equity firm Thomas H. Lee Partners. That \$612.5 million deal happened in March 2017.

In a December interview, Loves Fur-

niture CEO Mack Peters said Loves was struggling to fill its stores with fresh inventory because of pandemic-related supply issues affecting the furniture industry.

The company also has a stack of unpaid vendor bills, including from Detroit-based Fairmont Sign Co. that says it is owed more than \$750,000 and a Mississippi-based furniture supplier that recently sued Loves Furniture over \$1.8 million in merchandise.

"They have operated very sloppily, so it's not a big surprise," Fairmont Sign President David Haddad said about Loves' bankruptcy filing. "I don't think they thought the whole thing out before they (opened)."

### Westland

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he's tried to find occupants but has had difficulty getting them to come to the center. Splitting it up into different parcels, he said, should make it more attractive to potential occupants and buyers.

"I'm having a very hard time finding one buyer for the whole thing," he said. "So we decided to split it."

Al Hadidi said he has lined up some

businesses to occupy the center, including a potential hookah lounge/pizza shop that is interested in the former Burger King property. That proposal is expected to go back before the planning commission in February for review, Ayoub said.

Another business, a woodworking and shop selling items like furniture, is expected to occupy the former Sears Hardware shop in the main shopping center, Ayoub said. There's no word on what would occupy the small building at 7840 Middlebelt, though Al Hadidi said it could be a low-use business like an accountant's office or small bakery.

The conversion of the center comes years after the businesses closed. Ayoub said he was not exactly sure when the last business closed at the site, but said it has been vacant for at least five years. He said several neighbors have voiced opinions over the center's rough look, with the city nearly going to court over the structure with the owner. While Ayoub said he has heard from some area neighbors who are concerned about what could go in, others are happy to see something being done at the site.

"Some of them said they like what

was going on with splitting and redeveloping," Ayoub said.

While the planning commission voted to recommend approval on the plan when taken up by the city council, that comes with several conditions that will require approval from the city's Zoning Board of Appeals. Several setbacks with the new layout do not fit under city ordinance and would need a variance from the ZBA.

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"Farmington has always been a strong district," Rich said. "What we need now is someone to take us to that next step."

In his resignation, Herrera gave alleged harassment from school board member Angie Smith, as his reason for leaving. His departure prompted former board President Pam Green and former board Vice President Terry Johnson to resign their posts as well. Richard Mukamal, also a former board member, said the school board had a culture of "bullying" in his final statement given in December.

With three new trustees and a vacant seat, Rich said he hopes the board having a majority of newcomers will help foster a new beginning. He hopes starting fresh will send a positive message to potential superintendent candidates.

"This is a new board," he said. "I mean, those tensions occurred in the past and I think with what we're doing right now is taking strides to come together, move forward and leave a lot of that tension in the past. (It) shows a

good faith effort on our board to move into a new time."

Tina Kerr, executive director of the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators, said a rocky recent past won't necessarily deter applicants. Kerr was a superintendent for a decade.

"What happened in Farmington is not new to just Farmington," she said. "We see that across the state. It really comes down to what the right fit is for the superintendent as well as the district. That relationship is so critical ... I have not seen that it's been a deterrent for superintendents, but they certainly would do their homework and find out what the issues were."

Kerr said working on the relationship between board and superintendent will be important if the district wants its new hire to stick around for the long haul.

"I would tell an incoming superintendent and the board that they have to make it a priority to foster that relationship for the betterment of the district," she said.

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## Obituaries



#### **Carol Jean Anning**

Carol Jean Anning, 83, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 after a long battle with Alzheimer's and complications from COVID-19. Carol is survived by her children, Sherry and Robert. She was preceded in death by her husband Leslie and daughter Kimberly. She will be missed but will forever be in our hearts. No services will be held at this time due to current health concerns. May God bless her and may she rest in peace. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to The Alzheimer's Association at https:// www.alz.org/ or The Huron Valley Humane Society at https://www. hshv.org/ To sign Carol's guestbook, leave a memory, or for more information please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

#### Janelle Fay (Eggleston) Graves

WESTLAND - Janelle Fay (Eggleston) Graves, 65, who resided in the city of Westland, Michigan, died January 2, 2021 of CNS Lymphoma Cancer in Detroit, MI. Daughter of Glenn and Janice Eggleston. Interment will be at Restlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery, Huron, South Dakota on 1/12/21.

#### **Betsy Lou Briere**

OAK PARK, IL - Betsy Lou Briere nee Edgar, 79, of Oak Park, Illinois, formerly of Battle Creek, Michigan passed away on January 1, 2021 at Belmont Village in Oak Park, Illinois.

Betsy was born on March 27, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan, to William and Evelyn (Rose) Edgar.

Betsy studied music at Western Michigan University, earning a master's degree in vocal performance. She was an accomplished singer and private voice teacher, and many of her former students remained long-time friends.

In mid-life, she started a new career as a financial

planner. Though it was far outside of her comfort zone, she thrived in the role, driven by her genuine caring for people and their stories.

Betsy was passionate about the natural world. She maintained her involvement with Miller Woods, a nature sanctuary close to where she grew up in Plymouth, Michigan. She was an avid bird watcher and gardener, though she had strong opinions on the interference of squirrels and deer, who would munch on her wildflower plantings.

She was deeply committed to her community, and to social justice. She was never one to shy away from a heated discussion on the causes she cared about, and was always open to opportunities to engage and contribute, which she did generously, in both time and treasure.

With her late husband Rob, Betsy travelled throughout the country, and had hiked in most of the National Parks before physical limitations prevented them from visiting every one on the list.

Betsy moved to Oak Park early in 2020 to be close to her son Kelly's family. The pandemic locked her in her apartment in her community shortly after the move, but she formed a steady routine of video calls with family, and staved off potential isolation by staying connected.

Though she remained safe for almost the whole year, she tested positive in early December, and ultimately passed away an hour into the new year.

Betsy is survived by her loving children Kelly (Anna) Clissold and Brian (Abbi) Clissold; her step-son, Sid Briere; her grandchildren: Edward and Vaughn Clissold; Madeline, Charlotte, and Brennan Clissold; and Miles and Mason Briere; her sister, Bonnie McIvor; and her niece, June (Duane Hall) McIvor and nephew Michael (Mercedes García-Ayuso) McIvor. Betsy was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband A. Robert Briere, who passed away on October 22, 2016.

A private funeral was held on January 5 in Oak Park, with interment occurring on January 7 at Memorial Park in Battle Creek. Local arrangements were entrusted to Kempf Family Funeral Services in Battle Creek. A memorial service is planned for later in the year, when it's safe to gather. Please visit kempffuneralhome.com to sign the on-line guestbook or to leave the family condolences.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Battle Creek Community Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan (www.bccfoundation.org).



#### Jeanette M. Burman

age 87, formerly of Redford Township and Plymouth, died January 6, 2021. Private services will be held and burial will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Humane Society (www.michiganhumane.org) or a charity



of one's choice. Jeanette was born January 2, 1934 in Inglewood, California, the daughter of Ashley and Lottie (Burt) Bowen. She married Joseph R. Burman on May 13, 1958 and he preceded her in death on January 22, 2012. Mrs. Burman retired from Thurston High School in Redford Township. She was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary for over 20 years. Surviving are: two children, Lynn Dowell of Huntersville, NC; Joseph (Doris) Burman of Lansing; three grandchildren, Joseph C. (Bella) Burman, Madeline Burman, and David Burman; two great-grandchildren, Zoey and Ayla Burman. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 6063 Fenton Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48507. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.







#### Marilyn Elizabeth (Craig) Joachim

DEARBORN - Marilyn Elizabeth (Craig) Joachim of Dearborn Michigan, age 81. Born December 26, 1938 passed away December 25, 2020. Beloved mother of Jon (Anne) and Jeffrey (Lisa) and dear grandmother to Kathryn and Samuel, Ian and Grace. Preceded in death by sisters Barbara Craig and Jo-Anne (Craig) Elson. Private memorial for family at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home. Burial at Mount Kelly Cemetery in Dearborn. Visit www.howepeterson.com for condolences.

#### **Artina Powell**

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Artina Ruth (Weaver) Powell, 93, passed away on December 22, 2020 at Paul Oliver Long-Term Care in Frankfort, MI. Artina was born on October 15, 1927 to Harry and Olive Weaver in Alliance, OH. Artina graduated from Alliance High School in 1945 and attended Bowling Green State University in Ohio where she studied Home Economics. She met Thomas A. Powell at college and married him on July 16, 1949. Settling in Sandusky, Ohio, Artina taught Practical Nursing. Artina and Tom had two children, Thomas Scott and Pamela Anne. In 1961, they moved to Plymouth, MI. Artina went back to



school to get her master's degree in Diagnostic Reading and taught reading at Smith Elementary and Allen Elementary Schools until she retired at the age of 67.

Artina loved to travel in this county as well as many international countries with friends and family. She was able to visit her children and grandchildren in Benzie County. Tina wanted to keep her extended family together and hosted many holiday dinners with her in-laws, nieces, nephews, and their children. She enjoyed serving on various committees such as Newcomers Club, Gourmet Club, Woman's Club, and Lauriate Program. She volunteered at the Plymouth Museum. Artina was an active PEO and Alphi Xi Delta member as well as attending BSF for over 25 years.

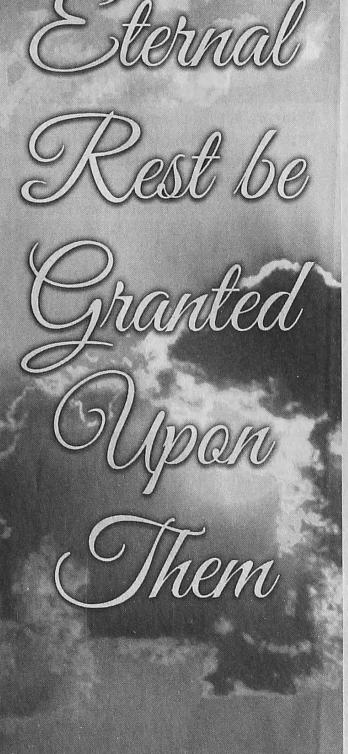
Artina was an angel on Earth. She was one of the kindest women, graciously caring for others even when it took everything out of her. Tina loved with her whole heart. She loved her family, her many close friends, her students she taught in school, her caring staff who took care of her in her last years, and foremost she loved the Lord. Artina lit up a room with her genuine and radiant smile, and she could make anyone comfortable. She just knew how to talk to anyone and make them feel special. She was a social butterfly.

Her last few years were spent at Paul Oliver Hospital Long Term Care. Artina had the best care with loving staff. She will be remembered as loving to dress well with jewelry accessories, and loving lots of sparkles and glitter. When she couldn't speak her words, her eyes, her expressions, her smile, her friendly waves, and her foot tapping would let you know how happy she was. She absolutely loved many special CNA's and nurses who took care of her.

Artina was a genuine, gentle, kind, and loving soul—we see you dancing with Jesus!! We miss and love you so much, but you are out of pain, our mother and grandmother, Artina Powell. Remembering your mom: her laugh, her smile, her voice, her style, her strength, her poise, her gifts, her joys, her words, her grace, her eyes, and her face.

Artina is survived by her son, Thomas Powell; daughter, Pamela Powell Lorenz; grandchildren, Kadin and Mack Powell and Garrett and Melia Lorenz; sister-in-law, Dorothy Powell; as well as many nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and numerous special friends.

A Celebration of Life will take place when it is safe to gather. Burial will be in Alliance, Ohio. Contributions may be directed to Alzheimer's Association, Paul Oliver Long-Term Care, and Heartland Hospice—Traverse City.





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### Developer

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itself is suitable for future use or rehabilitation."

The final meal in the once-beloved three-story, 16,000-square-foot structure was served in December 2018, with the cautious forecast of a mid-2019 demolition on the radar.

However, Jonna Companies, which entered into a purchase agreement for the property with plans to tear down the building and develop a residential complex, Heise said, ultimately gave up on the site.

Enter District Capital Detroit, which currently is involved in a purchase agreement with Messina to build a multi-story residential complex, similar to the one Jonna had envisioned.

"I am encouraged by the fact that we have a new developer there who seems committed to the property," Heise said. "We hope they can comply with all the requirements of the brownfields plan and the state's requirements. There are still a lot of processes involved, but we're optimistic."

Heise said Messina, who still owns the parcel of land, is legally not responsible for demolishing the building.

"But we have made it clear to the new developers that tearing down the building as soon as possible would be a show of good faith and a sign of progress to the township," Heise said.

The land is the former site of a farmhouse that was expanded over the decades.

Formerly known Ernesto's and the Hillside Inn, the building has seen meals served to many famous clientele, including Paul Newman, Lee Iacocca and a long list of University of Michigan athletics coaches

The urgency to demolish the building was underscored last year when a fire broke out.

"The building is very susceptible to becoming a dangerous nuisance to the township's residence, which is why we want it demolished and the property redeveloped as soon as possible," Heise said.

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A shopping center that currently houses an Office Depot and several vacant storefronts is the proposed site of a Chick-fil-A restaurant at Plymouth and Middlebelt roads in Livonia. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## **Chick-fil-A**

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chicken restaurant to town, many council members expressed concern over the potential traffic.

Councilwoman Laura Toy said she recently traveled to the restaurant on Novi Road in front of Twelve Oaks Mall and ordered food via the drive-thru. After waiting in line – which routinely stretches into the ring road surrounding the mall - she said she did not receive everything she ordered. Because of the intense traffic, there was no way of approaching the store to have her order corrected.

"It's just the traffic flow is such that it's hard to get in and out of their retail stores," she said. "I had no way to go on back because it was too packed and there was just no way."

Special attention was particularly paid to the store's "honeymoon period," the first few months after it opens when crowds are expected. Part of the approval could include a restriction on turning left out of the complex onto southbound Middlebelt, which several council members said would be close to impossible given traffic levels at the intersection.

"I do not see how that is going to work," said Councilman Rob Donovic. "You are not going to be able to turn left onto Middlebelt Road. It's not going to happen."

The restaurant would allow for traffic to queue in two drive-thru lanes around the building.

Frank Jarbou, president and CEO of Orchard Lake-based Symmetry Management which owns the property, said they've communicated with the appropriate agencies regarding traffic around the site and that they're hopeful some adjustments can be made to help alleviate concerns.

He said after a traffic impact study was conducted and inquiries made to the Michigan Department of Transportation - MDOT owns and maintains that stretch of Plymouth Road as Old M-14 - it was found the signals have not been adjusted since major construction in 2014.

"Those light and interchanges have not been adjusted since (Interstate) 96 was constructed," he said. "I think we've got ahold of how we can adjust the timing of the lights at Middlebelt and Plymouth."

He said the restaurant would most likely open in late fall or early winter this year, a bit later than what he told the planning commission when that body reviewed and recommended approval of the plans in December.

Once built, the new Chick-fil-A will join a handful of others in metro Detroit. In addition to the location in Novi, the restaurant has a location currently open in Allen Park. Additional locations are planned for Shelby Township and Northville Township.

Justin Lurk, principal development leader for Chick-fil-A, said the Northville Township location is expected to open Jan. 28.

Another location is in the works in Canton, though that remains in its preliminary stages, Lurk said.

Council President Kathleen McIntyre said she was thrilled to see the investment in Livonia, but traffic was still her biggest concern.

"This is a great product," she said. "It just comes down to being very very concerned about traffic."

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# SPORTS

## **Last-minute catch leads to Churchill loss**

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It's taken a herculean effort to live through the starts and stops of the 2020 high school season during the COVID-19 pandemic. It's also taken a lot of mental toughness to not get down when those starts and stops have happened.

If there was a football game that had its share of starts, stops and heartbreak, Oak Park vs Livonia Churchill was it.

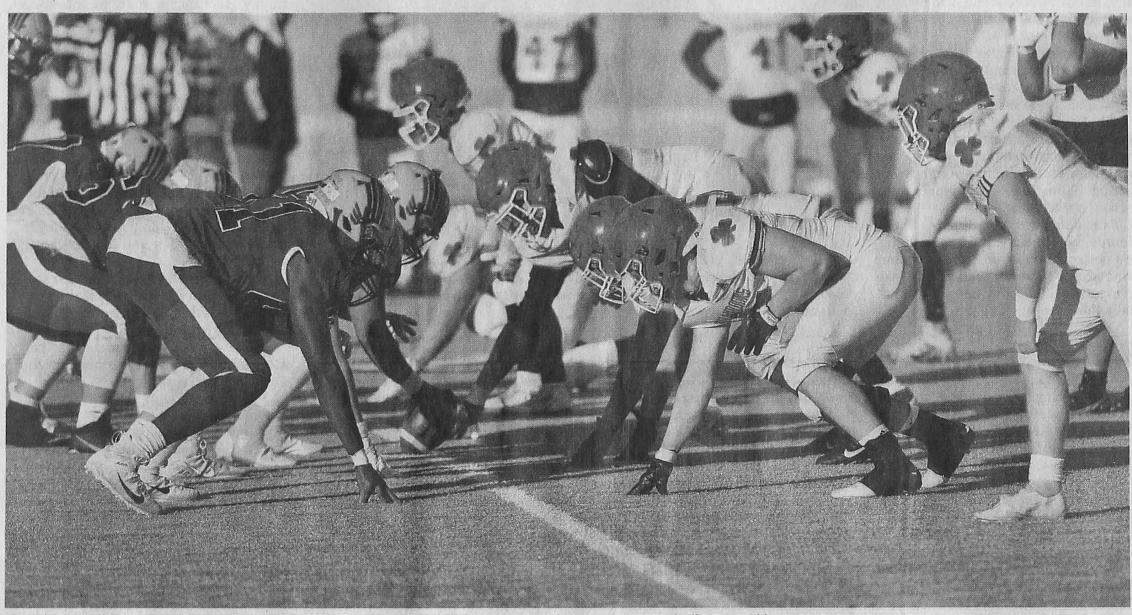
After a back-and-forth affair, Oak Park will advance to the Division 2 state semifinals for the first time in program history, beating Livonia Churchill in the regional final, 30-23, after a winless regular season.

"We've battled, but we were getting mercied in games this year. We had running clocks on us for the first time in our careers. So we just had to believe in what we've been doing all these years," Knights coach Greg Carter said.

"Knowing that our kids were going to continue to play hard, this run is a credit to our team. The guys didn't turn on each other. They didn't get mad at each other. We said 'Ok, now our goal has to be by playoff time a tremendous team.'

"We had to be a tough out in the playoffs. That's what we worked on. We had to forget about the losses. We just had to keep developing our kids."

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Detroit Catholic Central takes on Davison on Jan. in the regional final at Lapeer High on Jan. 9. Catholic Central lost, 20-7. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## **CC falls to undefeated Davison**

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN** 

Detroit Catholic Central had an opportunity, all head coach Dan Anderson could really ask for.

Davison senior quarterback Dion Brown — in his first game as a starter replacing Northwestern early enrollee Brendan Sullivan — led the offense to a 2nd-and-goal at the 1-yard line, leading by six points. But a false start and delay of game moved the Cardinals back, giving the Shamrock defense all the room it needed, forcing a field goal from the 8yard line.

Davison senior Gabriel Hopkins missed the 25-yard try, giving the Shamrocks offense a chance to take the lead late in the fourth guarter. However, as it had all game, Detroit Catholic Central's (9-1) offense could not answer to See CATHOLIC CENTRAL, Page 2B

its defense's success, falling to the Cardinals (10-0), 20-7, in the regional final.

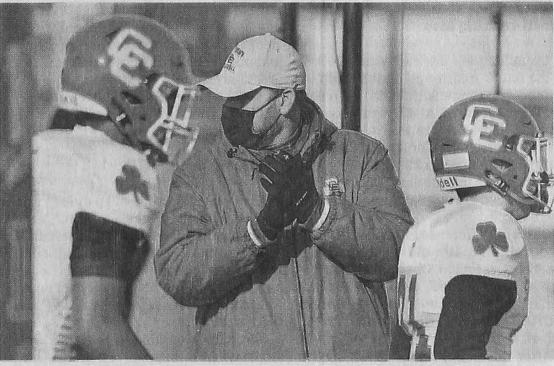
Davison, the 2019 Division 1 state champions, earned its third regional final victory since 2008, and will take on Rockford in the state semifinals next weekend.

"They beat us up front," Anderson said. "They have a very good defensive line, and they proved it today. We just weren't up to the challenge today."

#### **Davison grinds CC offense to halt**

Detroit Catholic Central junior quarterback Declan Byle tried to get his offense going.

After his team had new life late in the fourth quarter after the missed field goal try, he took the field looking to move the



CC head coach Dan Anderson applauds as the Shamrocks take the field.





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## **Detroit Country Day blasts North Branch in regional final**

#### Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Dan MacLean had been watching North Branch film for about two months.

Since the pause of the Michigan high school football season in the middle of November due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Detroit Country Day head coach, self-described as defensiveminded, focused on the trickeration of the Broncos' T offensive look.

At one point, MacLean was worried he had planned too much.

"You talk about a deep dive, this was 4 state semifinal game this weekend. the deepest dive ever," he said. "These guys understand me and they are able to implement and put a plan (together). I was worried that it was too much time, like you would overdo it, overthink it."

In the Yellowjackets' (7-2) return to the football field for the regional final, they did not miss a beat, ending North Branch's (9-1) undefeated season with a dominant 38-0 victory.

Earning its second shutout of the season, Detroit Country Day recorded its eighth regional title since 2007, and will take on Williamston in the Division

"I'm very proud of our kids for all of the stuff they have been through," MacLean said. "Just their resilience and their perseverance. We have great senior leadership... they just take the reins. From my perspective, I just put it out there and these guys put it into action. They're incredible.'

Detroit Country Day football can determine their success by their size up front on both the offensive and defensive lines.

Headlined by seniors Will Leggon and Caleb Tiernan, a Northwestern

commit, along with Nick Wachol on the defensive line, the Yellowjackets were able to thwart any real offensive opportunity the Broncos had.

Late in the second quarter, already holding a 14-0 lead, North Branch sophomore quarterback Will Damaska was sacked after intense pressure from the line, leading to a 4th-and-long at midfield. One play later, Wachol tackled Broncos senior Drake Deshetsky after a reception from Damaska for another tackle for loss.

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## Catholic Central

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ball. Instead, he threw three incompletions, including an under-thrown ball on fourth down that hit junior tight end Connor Cohan in the helmet as he dove forward.

And when Davison answered with its third touchdown of the day, Byle, facing a 3rd-and-7l, missed his receiver, instead finding Davison freshman linebacker Carter Herriman for an interception - his sixth of the season - to seal the Shamrocks' fate.

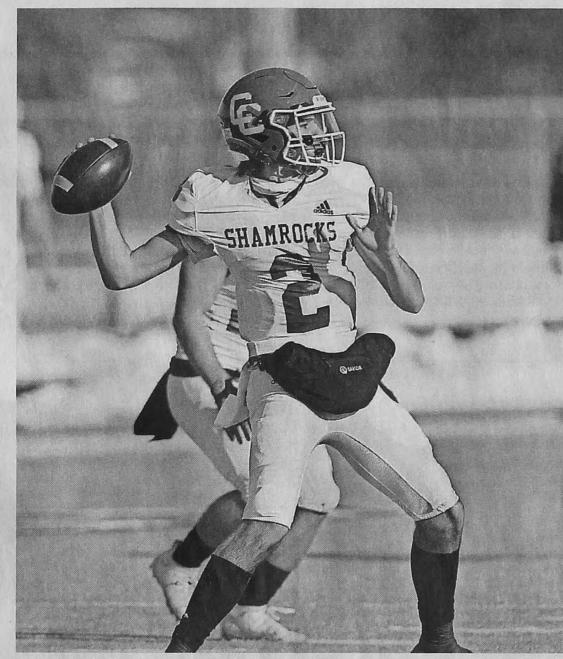
The Shamrocks offense, coming into the regional final averaging 42 points in its past four games, recorded only 113 total yards of offense against the Cardinals with only 35 yards in the second half.

Byle completed nine-of-21 pass attempts for 83 yards and an interception, scoring the team's only touchdown on a 1-yard rush in the first quarter.

The Davison defensive line, highlighted by seniors Harrison Unger and William Watkins, stepped up for seven tackles-for-loss, including one sack and a stripped fumble in the first quarter recovered by Watkins.

"Our defensive coordinator Blaise Glennie, he's usually, before the game, he's got some questions, unsure about some stuff." Davison head coach Jake Weingartz said. "Today he said, 'Man, I really think we can take it to them.'

"Obviously, he was right."



Detroit Catholic Central quarterback Declan Byle prepares to fire a pass to a receiver against Davison in the regional final at Lapeer High on Jan. 9. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

In the first half, Davison found itself "You could see in the second half, we fi-

senior wide receiver Payton Pizzala for a 14-yard score. And when Detroit Catholic Central could not find any success offensively, Cryderman capped the game with a 4-yard touchdown run.

The senior running back finished the game with 100 yards on the ground with a touchdown, along with two receptions for 28 yards.

In his first start at quarterback, Brown completes 11-of-18 passes for 150 yards and two touchdowns.

"I thought our defense played very well," Anderson said. "They had the ball at our end most of the game, and they had the ball most of the time, but I thought our defense stood up against them."

#### A new experience

As Davison received the regional title trophy, securing a date in the state semifinals, Byle took a few extra seconds to watch them celebrate. Detroit Catholic Central came into the game undefeated, not knowing what it felt like to lose.

Anderson knows it hurts. He wants Byle and those returning to the team in the fall to remember that feeling.

"You don't ever want to have this feeling again," Anderson said. "It's an awful feeling. I think the nice thing is that I feel like we have a bunch of good leaders in the junior class. I think they are going to come back together and they are going to fix it."

But in the midst of an uncertain season, Anderson felt his team was a constant. If anything, they were only getting better week by week.

He saw a team of leaders that had stepped up in a big way throughout the

#### **Davison offense finds way**

While Weingartz's defense stepped up when it counted against a hot Detroit Catholic Central offense, he thought the Shamrocks did the same when it counted against his Cardinals.

"That's as good of a defensive football game as I have seen in a long time," Weingartz said. "Not only from an X's and O's standpoint, game plan standpoint, but just how our kids played fast and physical and really put the pressure on from the first snap to the last one."

within the Shamrocks' 30-yard line four times, but only converted once: a fouryard touchdown pass from Brown to senior TeAvion Warren to answer Byle's touchdown run on the previous drive.

With a quarterback who had never played the position in a live game before the regional final, Weingartz said his goal was to spread the Shamrocks' defense out.

"Did we have a lot of success doing it? No, but it forced them to run sideline to sideline, tire them out," Weingartz said.

nally started to open up some holes, and, obviously, Carter (Cryderman) did a great job. He's as tough of a runner as there is."

Taking the ball at their own 30-yard line near the end of the third quarter, the Cardinals started a 12-yard drive. Senior running back Carter Cryderman took control, taking the ball 38 yards on six carries on that drive, along with one reception for three yards.

Ticking into the fourth quarter, Brown gave Davison the lead, finding COVID-19 pandemic

"Since last March, when it all came down, they got online and they were doing stuff: they were doing online workouts, every time we had a Google meeting, everyone was there," Anderson said. "It just amazed me because there has been years where you wish you had leadership like you had this year.

"It was fun going to practice with these guys every day."

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### Churchill

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#### Spectacular catch, heartbreaking loss

Churchill took the lead with 9:26 left in the fourth quarter behind the arm of senior quarterback Gavin Brooks. Brooks completed a 42-yard pass to senior Jimmy Targosz that set up a 5yard touchdown run for Boston Clegg Jr, giving the Chargers a 23-20 lead.

With seven minutes left, The Knights (5-5) utilized 11 run plays to get inside the red zone.

Churchill's defense forced a turnover on downs on a 4th-and-3. After taking over the possession, Churchill inside it's own 10-yard line, took a safety, 23-22, to gain field position and flip the field after both teams used all their timeouts with 1:01 left in the game.

After the free kick, Oak Park senior quarterback James Burnley and wide receiver Amari Harris connected on a play that will be remembered for a lifetime.

"I just had to throw it to him. I work with Amari all the time. I knew if I put it out there, he'd get it," Burnley said.

As he was rolling to his left to avoid the rush, Burnley lofted a bomb to the end zone. Harris broke away from his defender and dove to receive the ball. As he hauled it in, he fell to the ground, his momentum carried him into the end zone for the touchdown.

It was unsure if he was short on the reception, and the play stood.

Burnley ran in the two-point conversion for a 30-23 lead with 41 seconds left.

"That was just a tremendous pass, and a great, great effort on the catch. (Burnley) isn't composed sometimes. He'll hold onto the ball too long, sometimes he takes off running too fast. We have to live with it because he'll eventually make some plays like he did today. He had a lot of composure in that throw, and put the ball out front. Amari made a great play for us," Carter said.

Brooks threw an interception as Churchill tried to march down the field in an effort to tie the score.

#### **Bouncing back**

The playoffs were suspended, and paused for eight weeks across the state of Michigan, and at times it showed.

Normally sure-handed Davion Primm and Sykunie Watson had trouble hanging on to the ball on contact when Churchill's defense gang-tackled the ball carriers.

Churchill was able to rebound with stops when it needed, as Brooks had two touchdown passes in the first half, one for 10 yards and the other for 20.

Oak Park had a bad snap that led to a safety and a 17-12 score in the third quarter. Churchill had a muffed punt reception late in the fourth quarter, and Burnley fumbled the snap two plays later as well that led to the Chargers (6-3) taking the lead in the fourth quarter.

#### **Remembering seniors**

Even though Bill DeFillippo said it was never a good way to lose a game, he was still proud of what his seniors accomplished throughout their careers.

"They're just a group of great kids. They just have so much character. High character. They were 0-8-1 as freshmen.



A slew of Churchill defenders brings down Oak Park running back David Primm. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

They are now back-to-back district champs in their junior and senior years. So they've come a long way. They worked their tails off, and developed their games.

"But they all displayed great leadership, even in this hard of a year." he said.

The Chargers will bring back a load of well experienced juniors into next year's Churchill squad. The continuity of the program should continue next year, De-Fillippo added.

"For the longest time here there

wasn't a great tradition here. We've been fortunate to be consistent. This was the fourth-straight year in the playoffs. We're still going to be consistent going into next year," he said.

"We're going to keep it going ... We have a lot of talented kids coming back. We'll just have a different set of leaders, but we have enough talent coming up that we should have a pretty good year next year."

Send game results and stats to Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com.

## Junior leads Plymouth girls ahead of state meet

After a season filled with unexpected challenges, the Plymouth Wildcats girls swim and dive team is looking forward to an exciting conclusion to its swim season Saturday.

Eight Wildcats will travel to Hudsonville, along with head coach Emily Weiner and assistant coach Lydia Plencner, to compete in the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 Championship Meet. The team is made up of senior captain Lilly Orris, junior Brady Kendall, junior Bre Beringer, junior Ella Pierzecki, sophomore Lainey Weissman, sophomore Ella Hornbacher, sophomore Jackie Stoddard and freshman Kendal Swatosh.

Plymouth qualified to compete in all three relay events, while standout Kendall qualified to swim the 50 and 100 freestyle, as well as the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke.

For the third year in a row, Kendall was the Kensington Lakes Activities As-

sociation conference champion in both individual events she swam at the meet in November, prior to the state mandated break from practice and competition. As a freshman, sophomore and now as a junior, Kendall came out on top in the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly events at the KLAA Conference Championship meet.

Kendall, who holds the majority of the Plymouth team records, many pool records in pools across the state and was a two-time All American in the 50 freestyle and in the 100 butterfly as a sophomore, is looking forward to the state meet. She has had solid performances in the past two years, placing in the top five each year in both individual events.

Weiner said she thinks this will be Kendall's year.

Last year, Kendall began the season recovering from mononucleosis and had to deal with illness during both the conference and state meets. Despite the impact on training that the coronavirus has had, Weiner said Kendall is ready to race, describing her as a great swimmer who works hard, focusing on constantly improving her technique with a mindset to win, while also enjoying and being supportive of her teammates.

"These girls have been resilient," Weiner said. "They have faced every challenge placed before them with determination, understanding and grace beyond their years. While this season is certainly different than we all imagined, we count ourselves lucky to have the chance to compete and continue to grow as a team. I am also confident that this group of athletes are prepared to continue to overcome obstacles and find great success in their final meet of the season. No matter what, it will be an exciting meet to watch."

The championship meet can be streamed live on the NFHS Network on Saturday.



Junior Brady Kendall headlines Plymouth's girls swim and dive team heading into the MHSAA state meet. COURTESY OF EMILY WEINER

## Avid cross-country skiers flock to Frosty Freestyle

Skiers from Pennsylvania, Illinois and Michigan participated in the Frosty Freestyle cross country ski race at Huron Meadows Metropark on Saturday in unusually ideal weather conditions.

Last year's event was held in the rain and well-above freezing temperatures, but the metropark makes its own snow for the annual event.

This year's skiers had to contend with changes to the structure a bit due to COVID-19-related restrictions, remaining outside the park's ski rental building and staying in their cars until their wave of starts staggered five minutes apart came around.

Registration and check-in took place at a table outside next to the parking lot, and skiers were required to wear facemasks until they crossed the start line of the race.

But even with these changes, the race, sponsored by Nordic Ski Racer, Huron-Clinton Metroparks, Hammner Nutrition and Klister Fool, was as popular as ever.



From left, Cliff Onthank (no. 357), **Douglas Cornell** (no. 94) and Steve Smigiel (no. 354) are among the third wave of 15km participants in the **Frosty Freestyle** taking to the course in staggered starts as other skiers wait in their cars for their wave to ensure safe distancing of those participating Saturday at Huron Meadows Metropark. **GILLIS BENEDICT**/ LIVINGSTON DAILY

## U-M signee Edwards 'the real deal' in West Bloomfield's 52-14 rout

Brad Emons Special to Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Michigan football signee Donovan Edwards stole the show in the restart to the MHSAA Division 1 football playoffs Saturday, running for four touchdowns in host West Bloomfield's convincing 52-14 victory over Romeo.

It was an unseasonably mild and sunny January day as the Lakers pushed their record to 9-1 overall with the Region 4 title.

It sets up a rematch with unbeaten Belleville (10-0) next Saturday at a state semifinal site to be determined. West Bloomfield has lost to the top-ranked Tigers in each of the past two regional finals.

Here are takeaways from the the Region 4 final.

#### **Edwards runs wild**

The four-star recruit for the Wolverines rushed for 235 yards on 19 carries including TD runs of 15, 7, 86 and 8 yards. He also completed a pass to Semaj Moran for 32 yards.

And even though he is an early January enrollee at Michigan, Edwards said he intends to play next week against Belleville.

"I practice hard every single week because I want to try and be better every single day," Edwards said. "I just owe it to my teammates and the preparation by myself."

Romeo coach Curt Rienas said Edwards is as good as advertised.

"He's the real deal, that's for sure," Reinas said. "Not only does his talent show, but you can see the determination that he plays with. I've been doing this for 20 years and I've seen a lot of really good players that have also gone to Michigan of the players we've played, but I don't know if I've seen them play with the same determination that he plays with."

#### Quick start

West Bloomfield showed no ill effects from the layoff, jumping out to a 21-0 quarter lead.

Edwards had scored on a 15-yard run with 8:12 left in the first and added a 7yard TD run just 1:25 later out of the Wildcat formation. The second TD was a result of an interception by Kentucky signee Maxwell Hairston, returned to

the Romeo 16.

West Bloomfield's third TD was a result of a 28-yard pass by quarterback Alex Short to tight end Michael Williams with 4:01 remaining in the first.

After being stymied on its first three possessions, Romeo showed signs of life offensively when QB Logan Rolfs connected with tight end Braden Goralski for a 16-yard TD with 6:49 left in the second period.

West Bloomfield's Jake Ward then booted a 32-yard field goal with 2:55 to play until half for a 24-7 Lakers advantage.

Edwards was dynamic in the opening half with 112 yards rushing on 10 carries.

"He took their strength away from them," West Bloomfield coach Ron Bellamy said. "They wanted to stop the inside run and obviously you see why he is ranked so high nationally. He's a special talent and credit to the offensive line and those receivers blocking downfield.

"He understands that it's a team game and those guys do a great job in the run game. It's fun to watch them prepare."

#### Final

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MacLean said these three players, along with senior running back/defensive back Jacob Yarberry and senior wide receiver/defensive back Danny MacLean, determined his team's success.

"Those three guys, along with other players, but those three guys are three senior guys who have played a ton of football for us. That's kind of foundational," Dan MacLean said. "You can build a team around those guys, and that's what we have done."

However, in the second half, it was a freshman's turn to shine.

The Yellowjackets already had two touchdowns — a 13-yard pass from junior quarterback Brandon Mann to Yarberry and a 19-yard touchdown run by senior running back Kaelen Cooper. But starting with the first play of the third quarter — a pooch punt returned for a touchdown — freshman running back Gabe Winowich defined Detroit Country Day's success.

The freshman back scored two more times on the ground in the final 24 minutes, taking a 20-yard rush to give the Yellowjackets a 31-0 lead, and a nine-yard score to ice the game at 38-0.

"He's a dynamite kid," MacLean said. "He certainly doesn't act or look like a freshman. I think the proudest I am of him is his work ethic. He's really gone to work. He really had that ability, but he really wants to be a good football player and he shows it."

Leggon, who had been with Detroit Country Day for three seasons, knows how to play Yellowjacket football. He knows the discipline it takes, the selflessness.

As he continues with his final season with the team, he's just thankful for the opportunity to play.

"I'm just glad to be out here because we have been delayed for like two months," Leggon said. "I love these guys around here. I've played football with them for three years. I transferred from Brother Rice, and once I got to Country Day, I had that feeling that this is the team that I fit in."

Contact reporter Colin Gay at cgay@hometownlife.com or 248-330-6710. Twitter @ColinGay17.

#### **PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE**

#### 11-player semifinals Division 1

Davison (10-0) at Rockford (8-0). West Bloomfield (9-1) at Belleville (10-0).

#### **Division 2**

Traverse City Central (9-1) at Muskegon Mona Shores (10-0). Oak Park (5-5) at Warren De La Salle (6-4).

#### **Division 3**

Muskegon (9-1) at DeWitt (10-0). River Rouge (8-1) at Chelsea (10-0).

#### **Division 4**

Cadillac (7-2) at Edwardsburg (9-0). Birmingham Detroit Country Day (8-1) at Williamston (9-1).

#### **Division 5**

Freeland (9-1) at Grand Rapids Catholic Central (9-0). Lansing Catholic Central (8-2) at Frankenmuth (10-0).

#### **Division 6**

Grayling (7-3) at Montague (10-0). Constantine (9-1) at Clinton (9-1).

#### **Division 7**

Traverse City (8-2) at Cass City (10-0).

Schoolcraft (9-1) at New Lothrop (9-0).

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