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Farmington Hills site struggled amid pandemic

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With a massive decline in visitors and business travel over the last year, hotels have taken a financial beating during the coronavirus pandemic. With occupancy approaching zero percent last year during the height of uncertainty in the spring, Southfieldbased Group 10 Management opted to temporarily close the Holiday Inn & Suites Farmington Hills - NW Detroit at 33103 Hamilton Ct. in Farmington Hills. Now, the company hopes to take the property in a completely new direction by turning it into a senior living facility.

"Obviously, everybody knows that hospitality and restaurants have been completely decimated during COVID," said Kenny Koza, president of Group 10 Management. "We decided to close the property back in April ... it wasn't very sustainable to keep the property open." The company went before the city's planning commission during its Feb. 18 meeting to propose an amendment to the planned unit development agreement for the site to allow the change in use. The commission voted unanimously to set a public hearing on the proposal at its meeting March 18.

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Two Livonia women among first female Eagle Scouts

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It's not really surprising that Anna Jackman and Julia Gershon are Eagle Scouts. At first glance, they both come off as thoughtful, well-spoken, overachieving teenagers who aren't afraid of a little hard work. When the Boy Scouts of America started allowing female troops in 2019, it's also no surprise Jackman and Gershon were among the first to raise their hands. Now, the two Livonia residents are among the first female Michiganders to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. "Being one of the first is more of a path for others than, like, a path for me," Jackman said. Jackman, of Troop 1841, and Gershon, of Troop 6695, earned the rank in December. Both said it was the outdoor elements of scouting that drew them to the program. "Scouts BSA requires an outdoor program," Jill Barr, a committee chair for Troop 1841, explained. "That's a key component of what we do ... For a lot of the girls it's the outdoor programs and the getting outside that draws them. In normal times, we would be camping once a month."

Harminder Rall empties a wire basket of freshly fried samosas onto a tray Feb. 10 at the new Samosa Factory in Canton. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

New fast-casual samosa restaurant opens in Canton

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Sandeep Narang has big plans for his new Canton Township restaurant.

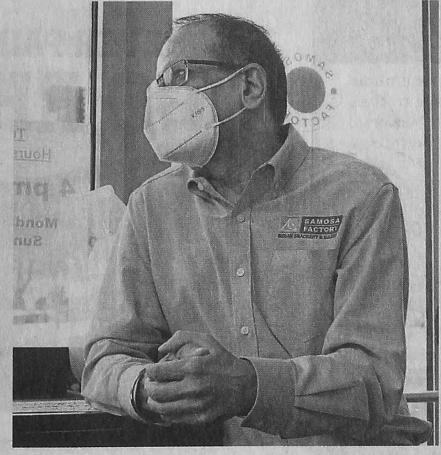
The Canton resident recently opened Samosa Factory at 44993 Ford Road, serving up Indian fare in a fast-casual setting meant to impart warm, comfort food feelings to those new to the dish.

"In most restaurants, samosas are considered an appetizer. We want to take it to the next level," Narang said. "You know tacos, you know pizza. Now you will know samosas. That's what I'm trying to bring out."

He said he began looking for a space for his concept several years ago and discovered the space adjacent to the current Tropical Smoothie Café next door.

"It was a bit small, but we took it," he said. "I signed the lease in December 2019. It took us one year."

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Sandeep Narang talks about getting the new Samosa Factory in Canton up and running. The restaurant, built on the site that formerly housed a Pizza Hut before it closed in 2019, offers very limited dine-in service and is currently open just for dinner, though Narang said he plans on opening for lunch in the future.

Part of an Eagle Scout family

Jackman has two older brothers who both became Eagle Scouts. Having grown up around scouting, joining a female BSA troop when given the chance was an obvious decision for her.

"I liked the volunteering, I liked being able to participate in the community," she said. "It was one of the ways I got out into the world and met new people."

Jackman, now a freshman at Central Michigan University, cleaned up an area behind St. Aidan's Church in Livonia used for children's programming for her Eagle Scout project.

She said earning the Eagle rank in two years was no easy feat.

"It's a lot of work," Jackman admitted. "I had to go through seven different ranks, earn at least 21 different merit badges, be camping at least 30 nights. Some of that I had to do in the freezing cold.

"One time I went out in below freezing, just me in a tent, while the rest of

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Samosa

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Narang planned to begin construction in February last year, but the project ultimately was delayed after the emergence of the coronavirus pandemic in March. He didn't resume construction until June.

Samosa Factory finally opened its doors earlier this month, serving up Indian cuisine.

Samosas are fried pyramids stuffed with a variety of foods. Samosa Factory offers three kinds: spinach, vegetarian or Paneer, a type of cheese. Since opening, Narang has also heard from customers seeking halal foods, and has since added those to the menu.

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Narang, who has a background working in the defense industry, said he al-



Samosas sit on trays ready for the fryer at the new Samosa Factory in Canton. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ways received compliments whenever he cooked for family.

"Anytime I have family over, they say, 'You are a good chef,' " he said.

But knowing the recipe isn't the only

key to success for a business, Narang said. By bringing in others who can run the kitchen, he can bring other skills to the business.

He has plans to open more Samosa

Factory restaurants. Expanding will allow for more room to cook in a larger kitchen.

"Our kitchen is very small here," he said. "That's our biggest limitation."

All samosas are made in-house that day, Narang said. Any food left over at the end of the day is donated to a local charity.

Narang said he holds some trademarks in the United States and other countries for the Samosa Factory brand and wants to open more in the future.

When it comes to opening during a pandemic, Narang reflected on a tale of a factory that burned down and lost everything. Having the drive to succeed, he said, keeps him going.

"They had a small sign outside that said, 'We've had a fire, everything burned, except faith.' That's what keeps me going is the faith," he said.

More information, including a full menu, can be found at samosasfactory. com.

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The plan for the building calls for senior independent living quarters in the hotel, a change from what was originally planned.

"Initially, the plan was to change it to senior assisted living," said Justin Sprague with Community Image Builders representing the hotel group, during the meeting. "But after working with the architect and engineering and working with the regulations of the state, it appears that the building would not support that at this time."

Each unit, which total 76, would be retrofitted into an apartment, Sprague said. Those 76 units would be created from the 133 guest rooms in the current hotel layout, Koza said.

Group 10 Management currently operates two other hotels nearby: a Courtyard by Marriott that opened more than three years ago and a Residence Inn that opened last summer. They were built on the property of an



The former Holiday Inn & Suites in Farmington Hills is being considered for conversion to a senior living facility. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

office park that formerly occupied the site.

Koza said the decision to keep the other two hotels open comes as there was a need for extended stays, which is the primary service offered by the Residence Inn, as well as some business travelers at the Courtyard.

He said industry projections show hotels may not reach peak occupancy again until 2023, a lengthy time period that forced them to look at another way to use the property.

"Obviously for us to sustain that long is unrealistic," he said. "Most corporations don't have three months carrying costs, let alone six months carrying costs, let alone over into a year now of carrying our properties."

The hotel's restaurant, Johnny's Italian Steakhouse, would be converted into a dining area for those living in the building, and the banquet area would also be converted for use by the residents who live there.

Koza said the facility would be managed by Beztak, which also operates the All Seasons retirement home in West Bloomfield Township. Such a facility would also decrease the intensity of the use of the property, he said.

"We think this is going to be a very nice, ancillary business to our other accommodating hotels," Koza said. "This intensity would be greatly reduced for this project."

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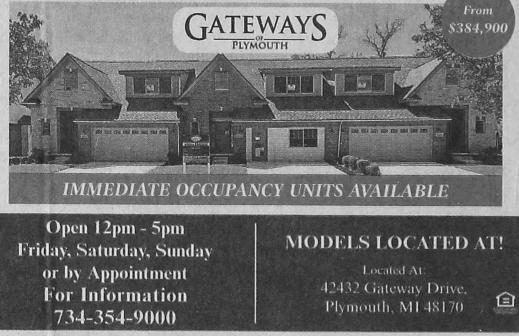


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my troop slept in a cabin. I nearly froze myself. I had a bunch of blankets, a bunch of sleeping bags and I was on a cot trying to stay off the ground. But nothing seemed to keep me that warm."

Despite the difficulty, Barr said she encourages older scouts like Jackman that they can do most anything they set their minds to. Barr, who has three sons involved in scouting over the years, said she's known boys to earn the rank in such a short time, as well.

"When you get to high school and you can write a 10-page essay for your social studies teacher, there is no merit badge you can't do in a day if you put your mind to it," she said. "They've already got those skills by the time they're a high school senior."

Jackman said one of the most rewarding elements of her accomplishment is knowing she's helped pave the way for young girls.

"People see Eagle Scout and they see reliability, they see honesty, they see somebody who will work hard ... It's a bigger opportunity for women as a whole than it is for me personally," she said.

Outside her comfort zone

Gershon said scouting has introduced her to a side of herself she didn't know was there before.

"I've really, really gotten into the ways I can step out of my comfort zone with leadership and camping," she said. "I've gotten to experience a ton of new things and meet a ton of new people."

The Churchill High School student built obstacle ramps for the local Humane Society for her Eagle Scout project.

"I love to be able to help animals, so that was what I wanted to do," Gershon said. "It was really rewarding to see the plan that I built from the ground up actually contribute to a cause that I care about."

Like Jackman, Gershon said earning her Eagle in just two years was difficult. The pandemic only added to that difficulty.

"I expected to get a lot of mine done at summer camp, but we didn't have that this year because of CO-VID," she said. "So, I had to do a lot of mine on my own, which I think was actually a good experience because I had to be more independent."

As one of the older girls in her troop, she's happy to set an example for the ones who will follow her.

"It is really honor," Gershon said. "That sounds a bit cliché, I'm sure, but I'm so happy to have this opportunity. I know a lot of girls who are 11 and just coming into our troop, so the idea that I can be an example for them is cool."

People interested in finding a BSA troop in their area can visit beascout.scouting.org.

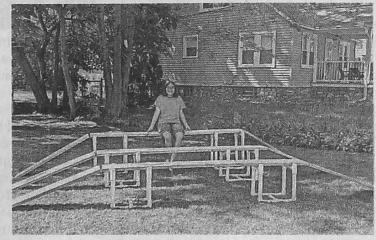
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Many girls drawn to Boy Scouts of America troops say it's the outdoor activities that hook them. PHOTOS COURTESY OF ELLEN YANITY



Livonia resident Anna Jackman is among the first women in the U.S. to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. COURTESY OF ANNA JACKMAN



Julia Gershon, of Livonia, with the ramps she built for the Humane Society for her Eagle Scout project.





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WWII workers celebrate 75th wedding anniversary

Miriam Marini Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

On a rainy Saturday in February, Henry and Emma Timmermann were pronounced man and wife at St. John's Lutheran Church, which was then in Westland.

Emma, 95, doesn't remember feeling nervous, but she does remember — 75 years later — that Henry was nursing a hangover.

From the Westland home that they built together, Henry, 96, can still remember the first time he saw Emma at a Halloween party in the church basement just over a month after the end of World War II.

"I said, 'That's a good-looking woman,' " he said, and asked her on a date to a drive-in theater.

But for Emma, who had secured a job at Stinson Aircraft Co. in Wayne building the L-13 Grasshopper reconnaissance aircraft, dating wasn't on her mind. After graduating from high school at 17, Emma couldn't find a job but got an application from her mother, who worked at Stinson.

"I wasn't really thinking that way," she said. "At that time I was just glad I had a job so that took my priorities."

Despite that, Henry persisted and the couple continued to date. As a German national, Henry was barred from serving in the war and instead participated in the war effort with his carpentry work.

The following January, the two were engaged. Because Henry was a carpenter working to build the Norwayne defense worker housing complex in Westland, the two had to marry before the spring when his work picked up.

The beginning months of their marriage were characterized by a lack of financial flexibility, living paycheck to paycheck, often going to Emma's mother's house for dinner. Each paycheck went into building their home, which took 10 years to complete, and Henry would bring home bent nails from work for his two eldest sons to straighten out



Members of the American Rosie the Riveter Association of Michigan pose with Emma Timmermann, 95, of Westland and her husband, Henry Timmermann, 97, in honor of their 75th wedding anniversary. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

so they could use it for construction.

"It makes us realize how well off we are now," Henry said.

Five children, 18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren — soon to be 23 in the summer — and nine great-great-grandchildren later, Henry and Emma are as strong as ever. The relationship was effortless, built on a mutual respect and centered on faith.

The secret to a long-lasting relationship? Being stubborn, Emma said.

"Always remember the good things and I think that has worked for us more than anything else," she said.

The couple was surprised this month with a procession from members of the American Rosie the Riveter Association, a lineage organization, all dressed in Rosie the Riveter outfits. Emma, as an original Rosie the Riveter, is a proud member of the association and sits on panels with Henry for presentations at libraries and historical associations.

"Timmermanns are mighty fine,

they've been married a long time," the Rosies chanted as the couple sat on their porch.

"We just love Henry and Emma," said Jeannette Gutierrez, events coordinator for the group. "... It' so wonderful that they have enjoyed 75 happy years together. What a blessing to them, their family, and us."

The Timmermanns both grew up on farms and were raised during the Great Depression.

"That made an impression on both of us that you tried harder to get ahead," Emma said.

From the home's dining room, the five Timmermann children echoed this sentiment and said their parents' work ethic is something they now pass onto their children and grandchildren.

Another secret to a long-lasting marriage, Emma said, is never letting a husband teach his wife how to drive.

"He almost killed me," she said, laughing on the couch beside Henry.

Canton Twp. bombarded with calls for COVID-19 vaccinations

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Canton Township government officials quickly discovered Monday how widespread the demand for the CO-VID-19 vaccination is among its senior citizens.

After finding out last week the Wayne County Health Department would have 1,000 doses of the vaccine available to distribute Feb. 25-26 (500 each day) for people 65 and older who live in Canton, Plymouth or Plymouth Township, the township set up a call center for seniors to make an appointment. A vaccine application form was also designed on the township's website

By 10:15 a.m. Monday — 15 minutes after the phone lines were opened — 255,000 calls to the township office had been made, confirmed township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham Hudak. By 1:30 p.m., that number had exceeded 1 million.

The bulk of the calls, Graham Hudak said, were from homebound seniors who didn't have access to a computer.

"Our phone system is just not set up for the number of calls we received in such a short time," Graham Hudak said. "We knew the demand would be high, but we never expected this.

"Some of the people who did get through were crying, they didn't have access to a computer and they wanted to make an appointment for the vaccine," she added. "Our employees were on the line with some for five minutes or so to explain how everything worked."

Approximately 800 people have already applied to be put on a waiting list for when the next round of vaccinations is delivered to the township, Graham Hudak said.

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Art Cervi, Bozo the Clown on Detroit TV, dies

Tim Kiska Special to Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Art Cervi shaped musical tastes of Detroit baby boomers as talent coordinator for the Channel 9 dance show "Swingin' Time," then found a new career by hiding in plain sight behind Bozo the Clown's bulbous red nose and entertaining countless thousands of younger fans.

Cervi, who reached an enormous audience that never knew his name, died Feb. 15 at his home in Novi. He was 86.

Several Bozos appeared on Detroit television between 1959 and 1980. Cervi played the character the longest — from 1967 until 1975 on Channel 9 (CKLW-TV) and then on Channel 2 (WJBK-TV) until he, and Bozo, left the air in 1980.

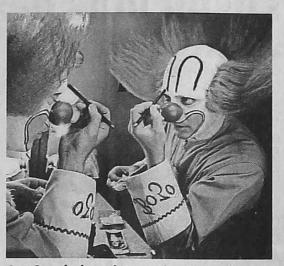
The size of Cervi's audiences as Bozo probably makes him one of the biggest stars in Detroit TV history. No one in Detroit, however, would have recognized Cervi on the street. He had a clause written into his contract requiring that he be chauffeured to the station in full gear not because he enjoyed celebrity but because he worried that if the kids saw Bozo without his clown regalia it would torch their bond with their humorous hero.

Cervi was not just another Bozo.

"He seemed like he was having a good time," said Ed Golick, curator of the detroitkidshow.com site. "That wasn't always true with everybody who played the character. Some of these guys looked like they wanted to be anywhere but out in front of the kids. Art enjoyed that."

Cervi, born in Mount Pleasant, New York, began his professional career as a manager at the Pleasure & Leisure Shops furniture stores in Redford and Garden City in the 1950s. He later took a job as a board operator at WKMH-AM, which morphed into WKNR-AM. Under those call letters, "KEENER 13" escorted a generation of teens and young adults into the rock era.

While at WKNR, he and disc jockey Robin Seymour developed "Swingin' Time," a teen dance show that aired six afternoons a week on Channel 9 in Windsor and featured top rock acts of the day. The Lovin' Spoonful, Paul Revere & the Raiders, Bobby Sherman,



Art Cervi played Bozo the Clown in Detroit from 1967 until 1975 on Channel 9 (CKLW-TV) and then on Channel 2 (WJBK-TV) until he, and Bozo, left the air in 1980. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

Bobby Goldsboro and local acts such as Bob Seger and Mitch Ryder & the Detroit Wheels were among the guests who lipsynched on the show, as well as the Supremes and Marvin Gaye from the thriving Motown roster.

Cervi's role as an unseen force in Detroit's musical culture also included shepherding teenagers onto the show's dance floor and onto TV.

"It was the hippest thing in town," disc jockey Pat St. John said in a Detroit Public Television documentary about Robin Seymour. According to Cervi, some 200 youngsters would hope to land one of 40 to 50 dance slots on the show.

Sometimes, Cervi could be too hip. He booked Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention on "Swingin' Time" in 1966. The group had a new two-disc LP titled "Freak Out!" that included songs such as "Who Are The Brain Police?" "Help, I'm a Rock" and "Trouble Comin' Every Day." The latter, though written about the 1965 Watts rebellion, presaged Detroit's own 1967 civil disturbance.

The Channel 9 switchboard was flooded with calls both positive and negative. Zappa later explained his musical mission to a Detroit Free Press reporter: "We are systematically trying to do away with the creative roadblocks that our helpful American educational system has installed to make sure nothing creative leaks through to the masses."

Cervi was later quoted as saying: "We've never had anyone on the show that brought anything near the controversy they caused."

"Swingin' Time" aired for the final time in 1968 amid changing times and an edgier music scene.

Cervi, meanwhile, had made the improbable transition from rock 'n' roll to children's television, going on air for the first time concealed beneath Bozo's wild red hair (which came from a yak), oversized shoes and an outsize red nose.

The Bozo character first appeared as a voice on a children's read-along record released by Capitol Records in 1946. Capitol sold the rights a decade later to Clevelander and University of Southern California grad Larry Harmon.

Harmon, no business Bozo, turned the clown persona into an empire. He spun the character off to television stations in virtually every major city in North America, including Detroit, Grand Rapids and Flint, collecting royalties from each. According to Larry Harmon Pictures Corp., 183 people played Bozo in cities all over the world.

Every Bozo was schooled in the fine art of clownmanship at Bozo Boot Camp. When a Bozo made a public appearance, Harmon received half the fee. All Bozo characters would have to buy the costume exclusively from Harmon. Willard Scott, who became famous as the weatherman on NBC's "Today," played Bozo in Washington, D.C., in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

The show was a money machine. At one point, it was seen on Channel 9 for an hour every weekday morning, another hour every weekday afternoon, a half hour on Saturday and another hour on Sunday.

Viewers would typically see cartoons, and contestants would play games, sometimes assisted by Mr. Whodini, a magician. And there would be songs, often performed by Bozo, who was accompanied by Mr. Calliope (pronounced CAL-ee-OP-ee), sometimes sung by the young guests.

In Detroit, Bozo initially aired on Channel 4 (now WDIV-TV), with Bob McNea in the clown suit. When Channel 4 lost the show's rights to Channel 9, McNea reappeared almost immediately on Channel 4 as Oopsy!, who was billed as Bozo's cousin.

McNea was happy to put Bozo in the rearview mirror. "That Bozo wig was awful," he later recalled. "It was like having your head in a vice."

Bozo's flight across the Detroit River to Windsor was no small business matter. This was, perhaps, the apex of Detroit kids television, with advertisers eager to reach an enormous demographic bulge of boomers (and their parents' pocketbooks). On the local roster of talent during the early days of television: Soupy Sales, Wixie the Pixie (played by Marv Welch), Captain Jolly, Poopdeck Paul, Ricky the Clown, Johnny Ginger and Milky the Clown.

Channel 9 had trouble filling the Bozo gig. Jerry Booth, who became famous as Jingles the Jester, played the part for a while with no enthusiasm. Another actor turned in his Bozo wig after only one day.

Cervi had to be talked into auditioning. "They kept hounding me because I worked so well with kids. They kept telling me it'd take maybe 15 minutes. So I put the suit on, cut a tape and forgot about it," he once said.

Later, he was summoned to the CKLW corner office. "He (the executive charged with hiring the next Bozo) was sitting in front of two stacks of tape, each about a foot high. And he told me, 'I don't know what we're going to do with you. You are, by far, the best of all the candidates. But you have the least oncamera experience. Let's try this for 30 days.'"

The monthlong experiment lasted almost a decade and a half, with Cervi becoming a local hero, particularly across the Detroit River.

"For every kid in Windsor, getting a ticket to the Bozo show was a true rite of passage," said John Fairley, a vice president of St. Clair College in Windsor. "You lived for the day that you could be on that show."

When Cervi took the show to Channel 2 in 1975 in the 7 a.m. weekday slot, it underwent a few tweaks.

"When Bozo began, there were cartoons and no audience," he said at the time. "Now, there's an audience, no cartoons and Bozo does slapstick.

Livonia man reports pushy snowplow to police

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

A Parkdale Street resident snapped back at a Livonia snow truck driver's cold treatment.

After the city's plows and hurled snow on him, his son, and some of the paths they cleared Feb. 16, Allen Lilly grabbed his car keys and hunted down the municipal vehicles.

He found the men he thought guilty of basic rudeness at nearby Garfield Community School.

Staying safe inside his vehicle, Lilly took pictures of the other guys' snow trucks and their license plates. He then went home to call police. Lilly wants to press charges, despite the odds.

"It's their word against my son and myself," Lilly said. "This should have never happened. These guys are out here to provide a service. I pay my taxes. I'm an outstanding individual. I try to take care of my neighbors."

A public works official said it's too soon to say what will happen to the accused driver aiding in the city's snow emergency response.

"Just because somebody is making an accusation and saying that that incident happened, there's no proof of that yet," Public Works Director Don Rohraff said.

According to Lilly, who filed a police report, some snow trucks passed through his neighborhood and buried the end of the driveway belonging to his elderly neighbor, who lives on the next street over.

She called him shortly before 7 p.m. to ask for help.

Lilly said yes since he has a snow blower. His son, 17, was his sidekick with a shovel. They began clearing what they could near Arthur Street, where Lilly's family and their elderly neighbor live.

Lilly was finishing up a sidewalk when a snow truck came at him and his son, he said, showering them with snow. Another snow truck was in the vicinity.

The city truck then parked nearby. Lilly finished up his driveway when one of two truck drivers turned their vehicle around and drove his way. "He lined me up and tried to hit me with their vehicle and run me over," Lilly alleged. "He came within less than a foot of hitting me with his plow."

The snow truck turned around again, slowed near Lilly, and the driver rolled down his window to say "You're ----- welcome" before driving.away.

Lilly tracked two snow trucks to the school, where he took pictures of the vehicles.

"I understand that they can only control so much with the amount of the snow that we have," Lilly said. "It was frustrating for me as well. For them to react that way, that's ridiculous."

Lilly has lived in Livonia for more than five years and works as a network administrator and desktop support technician in Redford Township.

He expects to be nervous should more snow truck driver pass through. He alleged that one of the snow trucks he encountered Tuesday returned to his home and sat outside after the police officers departed.

Rohraff said he has not had a chance to talk to the accused driver to get his perspective. He plans to approach his investigation with an open mind, taking into consideration the police report and what others, including the driver's supervisor and co-workers, have to say.

"Obviously, some of the things that I've heard ... that's not anything that we condone here or promote," the public works director said. "If anything like that was to be truthful, then we obviously will deal with that."

The city's snow truck drivers typically work 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. but thow emergency has called for overtime and flexible shifts.

Police officials did not respond to requests for comment.

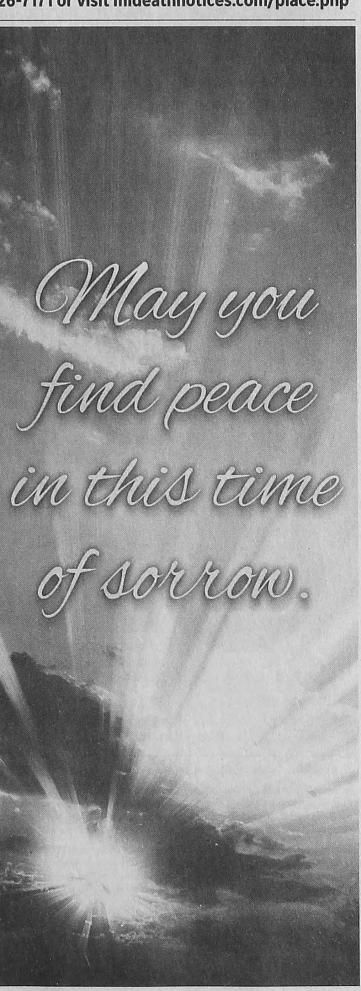
Hometown Life filed a Freedom of Information Act request to receive a copy of the official police report. Government entities have up to five business days to respond.

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Ilse Heintz PEACHTREE CITY, GA - Ilse Heintz, 97 years, passed away peacefully on February 14, 2021 in Peachtree City, Georgia, with her daughter and son-inlaw by her side. She was formerly a resident of Livonia and Garden City for over 50 years and was an active member of the Garden City Presbyterian Church. She and her beloved husband Herman immigrated from Germany in 1950 and started in Staten Island, NY. Herman preceded her in death in 2005. She is survived by 2 children: Doris (Warren) Pincombe, and George (Renee) Heintz and 4 grandchildren: Pincombe (Roger & Erin) and Heintz (Travis & Erica). She was an avid gardener, accomplished seamstress, and talented crafter. Cremation and a celebration of her life will be held in Georgia.



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Canton police investigating suspicious death of woman

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

Canton Township police are questioning someone they term as a "person of interest" in the suspicious death of a 65-year-old woman in the 4100 block of Kimberly Drive.

"Our officers and detectives have been working diligently to investigate the facts of this morning's incident," Deputy Chief Craig Wilsher said. "We are thankful for the assistance provided

from the Michigan State Police as we work through the details of the case,"

They said in a brief statement that police and paramedics received a 911 call at about 7:45 a.m. Monday because of a non-responsive woman found in her Kimberly Drive home, south of Geddes Road near Canton Center Road.

She was already deceased when emergency personnel arrived.

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Oakland County warns of possible appointment scam

Christina Hall Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Oakland County is warning about a possible scam related to COVID-19 vaccine appointments and is urging folks not to provide callers with their personal and financial information.

Two people have reported to county officials about the calls, in which the caller asks questions in order to schedule a supposed vaccine appointment. Then the caller asks for personal and financial information. The caller is representing himself or herself as a public health worker, said Bill Mullan, spokesman for County Executive Dave Coulter.

"Oakland County will never ask for any financial information including credit card or Social Security numbers," County Health Officer Leigh-Anne Stafford said in a release Monday. "If you are unsure it is a scam, avoid sharing any personal information over the phone, and report it to the authorities.

Mullan said: "As far was we're concerned, if two people reported to us, probably thousands have been contacted."

Mullan said he was not aware of anyone being scammed of their identity or money. Anyone scammed in this fashion is encouraged to make a report with

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his or her local police department.

Last month, the Michigan Attorney General's Office told the Free Press it had one report of a fraudster offering a coronavirus vaccine in exchange for money, though the problem did not appear to be widespread in the state at that time.

The Federal Trade Commission also warned that anybody offering a chance to jump ahead on the statewide priority list for a vaccination in exchange for money is a scammer.

Oakland County provides a few tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of phone scams or identity theft:-

• Make a list of contact information for family members, close friends, health providers or anyone who calls regularly so you know the call is legitimate.

 Let a call go to voicemail if you don't recognize a phone number, as scammers rarely leave messages.

 Hang up if a stranger asks for personal or financial information.

 Government agencies will identify themselves.

 Don't share personal information such as your Social Security number to anyone over the phone.

Staff writer Kristen Jordan Shamus contributed to this report.

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New Farmington head coach returns home

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Jason Albrecht learned the game of football in Farmington.

He started tackle football in seventh and eighth grade playing for the Farmington Rockets youth team before playing for the Falcons, moving up to the varsity team in 1999 — the first Farmington team ever to make the regional final. Heading into 2021, Albrecht will get the chance to lead his alma mater after being hired as the next head football coach at Farmington.

Albrecht, who served Albrecht

as the Falcons' offensive coordinator in 2020 after seven seasons with Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes including two as head coach — replaces Kory Cioroch, who won 19 games in four years with the Falcons and recently left to take the head coaching job at Walled Lake Western.

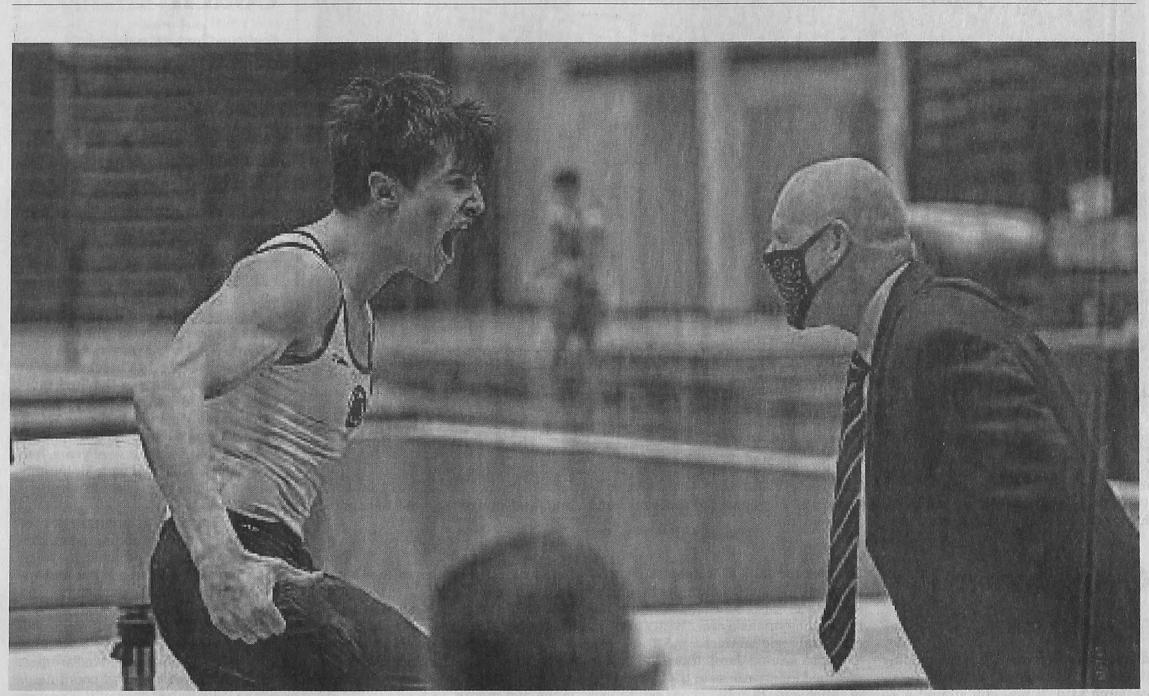
"It was something I kind of looked at like 'Wow, this could be a chance of a lifetime," Albrecht said. "You don't get opportunities to coach at such a high level and be at a program where you grew up in."

After playing for John Bechtel, who

took over the Farmington football program in 1998, Albrecht returned to the Falcons in 2007, taking advantage of his former head coach saying his "door is always open" if Albrecht ever wanted to come back and coach.

Albrecht coached under Betchel for six seasons, learning what it took to be a successful head coach.

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Northville High School graduate Michael Jaroh has made his presence felt at Penn State as a freshman on the gymnastics team. COURTESY OF MICHAEL JAROH

Northville native shines in first year with Penn State gymnastics

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Michael Jaroh realizes now it was far too early to tell as an 8-year-old gymnast how lofty his sights were set. He told everyone who would listen he would eventually earn a full-ride college scholarship for gymnastics and go to the Olympics.

By speaking it into existence, Jaroh manifested his path, joining Penn State's men's gymnastics team in 2020 as a freshman after years training at Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy in Novi, setting his hopes on the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

Jaroh was just following the family legacy. Joining a gymnastics team at age 6 with his twin sister Jessica, Michael remembers the advice from his father and uncle, both former collegiate gymnasts.

The former Northville High School student was encouraged to focus on having the best form rather than attempting the most difficult skills. He remembers both of them watching him at each competition and helping him progress.

Jaroh remembers the support he had, something that allowed him to develop a love and passion for the sport despite its ups and downs.

"Without all of their support, it would have been really hard for me to keep going," Jaroh admitted. "As a young male gymnast, there's so much negativity, especially in public school. Kids were always super mean, calling me names." But Jessica was always there for Michael.

Even after breaking both her ankles in eighth grade after an awkward tumbling exercise that forced her into a wheelchair temporarily and out of gymnastics permanently, she viewed herself as her twin brother's main support system.

"In a way, I wish I could have still kept

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Vickers steps up early for Canton basketball

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Canton boys basketball's Cole Vickers started the season hot.

Returning from starting on last year's team as a sophomore, the junior scored 20 of the team's 27 second-half points in the season opener against Northville, including all 13 of Canton's points in the fourth quarter, helping the team to its first win of the season and to an Prep Athlete of the Week award for the week of Feb. 15.

But after the first game of the season, the sprint has not slowed for Vickers and the Canton basketball team. Canton played six games in the first two weeks, winning the first four before dropping the last two this past weekend against Salem and Northville.

Canton is currently tied for second place with Brighton in the KLAA West, with Northville holding onto the firstplace spot.

Vickers said the main difference of the 2021 season is the amount of time spent playing games. But that has not changed the team's mentality.

"We're tough," Vickers said. "We always are looking to be the hardestworking team and the toughest-working team - that's what Coach (Jimmy) Reddy tells us all the time. That's really



Cole Vickers, seen defending Northville's Brett Rudolph in the season opener, is one of five returning players for Canton in 2021. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

what we want to do because we think that the hardest-working and toughest team is the team that's going to win the games. That's where we need to be."

On the court, Vickers said he has not seen much of a difference in the output from his team or from the team's opponents. He said players are more tired due to the amount of games in a short amount of time, but that everyone is dealing with it in their own way.

While the number of games has taken a toll on his and his teammates' bodies, Vickers said it's been important for developing the team's chemistry for a group that didn't have much experience playing together ahead of this season returning only five varsity players from last season, including two starters.

But Vickers, along with fellow junior Lake McIntosh, have helped those inexperienced varsity players learn the speed of the game and to focus on what's in front of them.

For Canton, the goals are still achievable with such a new group: winning the KLAA and earning a district win; winning one of the senior class that did not get a chance to show what it could do in the district final against Northville in 2020, Vickers said.

"If we play our style of ball and work hard, I think we can beat any team out there," Vickers said.

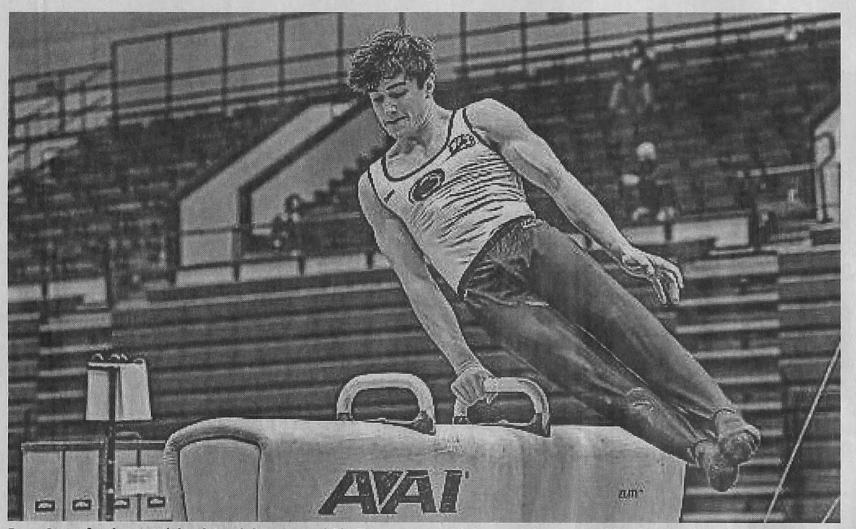
Canton will take on Howell Tuesday night in its seventh game of the season.

Poll results

Of the 23,658 total votes cast, Vickers received 12,455, finishing in first place with 52.65%. Novi hockey senior forward Issac Gibbs finished in second place with 9,639 votes (40.74%).

Milford skier Riley Watts finished in third place, South Lyon swimmer Eric Perczak finished in fourth and Wayne Memorial girls basketball senior forward Alanna Micheaux finished in fifth.

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Coach

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"Seeing how he worked with parents and organizationally with the program, connecting with the kids on the field and just how he ran his program, it was a pretty well-oiled machine," Albrecht said.

Albrecht left the Falcons for a job with Our Lady of the Lakes in 2013, serving as an assistant coach on Josh Sawicki's staff for five years - including a state final appearance in 2015 before taking over as the program's head coach in 2018 and 2019, winning nine games in two years.

"I saw what it took, as far as what it takes for coaches, what they have to put into it, what the players have to do in the offseason," Albrecht said of coaching the Lakers to the 2015 Division 8 state championship game. "That group of seniors in the 2015 class at Lakes was a lot of seniors that had been playing for a couple of years, had understood what we were doing terminology-wise so they could play faster." Albrecht said an important part of coaching is understanding what kids can do physically and what they can take mentally, adapting styles and approaches based on the personalities on his team. Heading into 2021, Albrecht will have a good idea of what he is working with. In 2020, he returned to Farmington as the team's offensive coordinator as the Falcons lost each of their seven games: the team's first winless season since 2007. "I think this year, we had a lot of kids that never played varsity football, playing in such a tough league that we were playing in... that takes its toll," Albrecht said.

Penn State freshman Michael Jaroh has earned Big Ten gymnast of the week honors and freshman of the week honors in his short time with the program. COURTESY OF MICHAEL JAROH

Gymnastics

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doing it. But the way that he kept doing it was almost like I was still there," Jessica Jaroh said. "I was still around it so much through him that it was still very relevant in my life."

While Michael continued competing with Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy, Jessica took a job coaching kids in the gym, giving her an opportunity to stay with her brother and to continue to watch him grow.

Michael feels Jessica has always been his biggest supporter and his main sounding board, saying it was easier to talk with her having been through the experiences he had, understanding the sport at its current state and knowing how much work it took to get where he was.

"No matter what, I knew she was there," Michael Jaroh said. "Especially being twins, there's such a strong bond between us."

Developing for college

When Michael Jaroh made his first national team in sixth grade, he knew his prospects for success were legitimate. By the time middle school turned to high school, colleges were already asking his coaches about him.

In his time at Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy - a gym, he said, perfectly suited for him and his development - Jaroh began to learn the process of excelling in what he deems as the most difficult sport out there, competing and learning from other competitors throughout the Midwest.

"We have to fail so many times just to do something right once," Jaroh said. "It's a really cool process, learning how to do all these skills."

place at the 2018 U.S. Junior Olympic National Championship, including a first-place finish on rings. He finished his junior gymnast career with multiple state and regional titles.

Those around Jaroh thought he was destined for greatness at the University of Michigan despite choosing to go through a full recruiting process, taking his first official visit at Penn State.

"I didn't go with him because I thought he was going to go to Michigan," Cindy Jaroh, Michael's mother, admitted. "If you saw my kid, all he had was Michigan clothes. He said since he was 12 years old, he was going to Michigan on a full ride."

But once Michael Jaroh arrived on campus at Penn State, he instantly felt at home.

"I think it was super surreal. I almost didn't even believe it," he said. "Obviously, my whole family was super shocked. 'I thought this kid was going to Michigan his whole life and then chooses Penn State.'

In his first season with the Nittany Lions, Jaroh stepped up. Spraining both ankles in late November and early December, the freshman roared back, earning Big Ten Gymnast of the Week and Freshman of the Week honors Feb. 8 after earning a share of first place in three events against Nebraska.

Starting his college career, Jaroh said his goals have become much more tangible, saying he wants to win 12 rings: the most a gymnast can possibly win in four years at Penn State.

"My confidence with competitions and just with everything has gone up so much," Jaroh said. "I'm going into a routine knowing I'm going to hit it.

"It's almost like I want all the eyes on me."

All eyes on him

While Jaroh shows what he can do at But Jaroh shined, finishing in third Penn State, he developed a following

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that has eclipses the college men's gymnastics scene.

In high school, Jaroh discovered TikTok, a video-based social media app. Posting about five short videos each day, his influence exploded quickly as he tallied 100,000 followers in the first month.

Now, the Penn State freshman has two million followers on TikTok along with 186,000 followers on Instagram — something that has made him recognizable in other areas of his life.

"We would go places and people would recognize him and like, 'Can I take a picture with you?' Jessica Jaroh said.

Michael Jaroh says TikTok is a unique opportunity to give his followers an inside look at gymnastics, a look into the practices, the intensity, the failure he goes through each day, shining a light on the amount of work put in.

"As we know, it's a dying sport, but I'm trying to give it a name again and show people how cool the sport is," Jaroh said. "Not only is it hard, but it's so cool what we can do with our bodies."

But while gymnastics is what he does, it's not solely who Michael Jaroh is.

Jessica said his platform gives him an opportunity to show off his personality; the Michael she gets to see, connecting over FaceTime and playing Fortnite together despite living 2,600 miles apart - him in State College, Pennsylvania, and her in Malibu, California.

"I just want people to know that I'm just like a normal kid," Michael Jaroh said. "I'm no different than anyone else. I mess up, I do things. It just brings me back down to earth with everyone."

He wants all eyes on him.

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Next year, he said, will be easier, coming in with a group that knows what the varsity experience is like.

"We have a good group of will-be seniors coming back," Albrecht said. "A lot of them got playing time last year and played crucial roles. When you have kids that have played, it makes the game slow down for them."

After an uncertain and usual 2020 season affected by COVID-19, Albrecht said its not quite normal yet. He knows he's only allowed to have 10 players in the weight room at one time, still facing a juggling act in terms of scheduling.

But he said the culture Cioroch instilled remains, one that he hopes to build upon moving forward, on and off the field.

"We are going to be disciplined on both sides of the ball," Albrecht said. "That's something that kids can grow and carry on, not just watching the ball on third-and-one, but being disciplined enough to do your homework and turn it in on time."

Albrecht currently works as a physical education teacher in Farmington Public Schools.

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Stevenson hockey makes statement against Novi

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Last season, Livonia Stevenson forward Ian Kimble scored one of the biggest goals of the year against Novi, connecting off a rebounded shot by forward Brendan Heard in triple-overtime to secure the Spartans' sixth-straight regional title.

Friday night, the now-senior, facing the Wildcats for the first time since that night, found the back of the net again with 28.9 seconds left in the second period. But this time, it was just one of many as Livonia Stevenson (3-1) ended Novi's (5-1) undefeated campaign, beating the Wildcats, 6-0, at Novi Ice Arena.

Stevenson currently holds a sixgame win streak against Novi, last falling to the Wildcats Dec. 9, 2016.

"It wasn't necessarily about going out and making a statement," Stevenson head coach David Mitchell said, with the Spartans coming off its first loss of the season to Detroit Catholic Central. "It was about going back to our foundation, going back to the basics, going back to what had made our team and our program successful over the years."

After a two-goal performance in the regional final against Novi, Stevenson wasted no time showing up offensively.

Just over a minute into first-period play, Spartans senior forward Ryan Teets found an opening on the left side, which was blocked by Novi junior goalkeeper Austin Muirhead. Stevenson senior Michael Pochini took control of the rebound, firing it to the right side for the first goal of the game.

While the Spartans kept up the offensive momentum throughout the first period, Muirhead did not waver for the Wildcats at goal, saving 13 of Stevenson's 14 shots-on-goal in the first 17 minutes.

The early goals continued for the Spartans in the second period. Sixtythree seconds in, Stevenson senior defender Ayden Adamic beat Muirhead with a goal, answered 17 seconds later with a goal by Teets.



Stevenson senior Ryan Teets, seen here against Trenton in the MIHL/KLAA Showcase in 2019, scored a goal and assisted another against Novi on Friday. TIM ARRICK/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Kimble's goal at the end of the second period, assisted by seniors Carson Kleven and Nick Justice, ballooned the Spartans' lead to 4-0.

The quick goals were not done for the Spartans. Senior Andrew VanAntwerp found the back of the net 1:38 into the third period, answered 10 seconds later by senior Noah Turner for the sixth goal of the game, the most Stevenson has scored in a game this season.

"Quite honestly, the first five games we haven't played teams like that, how quick in transition they are," Novi head coach Mark Vellucci said. "They are constantly forechecking and working hard

"We have a lot of work to do. I think we got brought back down to reality a little bit."

Of Stevenson's six goals against Novi Friday night - something the Wildcats only did once during the 2019-20 season - five of them were scored within the first two minutes of a period.

"It gives everyone a good jump," Teets said. "We just take that momentum, just keep pouring it on. We don't slow down. All we do is speed up."

Mitchell challenged his players with this in the week between games having games against Brother Rice and Grosse Pointe South rescheduled and moving up Stevenson's matchup against Novi moved up from March 8. He preached aggressiveness, getting more on the attack and gaining more speed.

To Teets, this is Stevenson's brand of hockey, something the players returned to Friday night against Novi.

"We play fast, we score and we win," Teets said. "That's what we are all about.

"We just showed what we are capable of."

With Aiden Malewski at goal, Stevenson recorded its third shutout of the season, not having allowed a goal in any of its wins this season.



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State scores \$42.7M from online gambling, sports

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Online gambling and online sports betting brought in \$42.7 million in gross receipts during the first 10 days of legal play in Michigan, state regulators announced Wednesday.

That haul began at noon Jan. 22, when the Michigan Gaming Control Board authorized the launch of online gambling, and stretched through Jan. 31 and the end of the monthly reporting period.

Internet gambling gross receipts totaled \$29.4 million. Internet sports betting operators had \$13.3 million in gross betting receipts from a total handle of \$115.2 million.

Total taxes and payments to the state of Michigan were \$4.4 million. And the three Detroit casinos reported city wagering taxes and services fees of \$1.37 million.

Tribal operators reported \$428,615 of wagering payments to the tribes' governing bodies.

"Internet gaming operators are off to a good start in Michigan," Richard Kalm, executive director of the gaming control board, said in a statement. "The taxes and payments from online gaming will provide funding for K-12 students, the city of Detroit and Michigan tribal communities."

There are now 12 authorized operators of online gaming and sports betting platforms in Michigan.

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Howell (1-1) 54, Novi (0-2) 37

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Dearborn (2-0) 58, John Glenn (0-2) 41

Livonia Stevenson (1-1) 51, Livonia

Wayne Memorial (2-0) 71, Dearborn

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Christian suffered its first loss of the

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Ham also recorded double-digit score

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Plymouth (1-0) 67, Novi (0-1) 42:

Plymouth's Kyra Brandon led the team

with 20 points and five assists, while Ella

Riley scored 17 points, including five of

Dearborn (1-0) 63, Livonia Franklin (0-1)

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Kalin Bates and 12 from junior Sammy

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Wayne Memorial (1-0) 68, Livonia

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led the way for the Zebras with 18 points

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Matthews, sophomore Mayla Ham and

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Rochester Adams (1-0) 59, North

Plymouth Christian Academy (2-0) 48,

Oakland Christian (1-1) 33: Anna Fernandez led Plymouth Christian with 18

points, while Morganne Houk added 13 for

Plymouth Christian Academy (1-0) 61, Our Lady of the Lakes (0-1) 53: Plymouth

Christian sophomore Morganne Houk led

all scorers with 33 points - hitting five

3-pointers - while Anna Fernandez added

17 points and eight assists in the first win

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its second win of the season.

Groves (1-0) 40, Roya! Oak (0-1) 36

who also

Belleville (1-0) 65, John Glenn (0-1) 40

Canton (1-0) 61, Northville (0-1) 53

Brighton (1-0) 65, Salem (0-1) 30

senior Lachelle Austin -

Farmington (2-0) 57, Seaholm (1-1) 47

Farmington (1-0) 49, Milford (0-1) 42

Mercy (1-0) 46, Dexter (0-1) 25

the Wildcats' 11 3-point makes.

by Anna Fernandez, who hit

and six 3s for the Yellowiackets.

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Feb. 20 CHSL

Brother Rice (3-2) 78, Detroit Catholic Central (0-4) 37: Brother Rice had four players - Curtis Williams, Will Shannon, Xavier Thomas and Johnathan Blackwell in double-figures against rival Catholic Central Saturday afternoon. KLAA

Novi (1-5) 44, Plymouth (1-4) 21: Te'John McGowan scored 11 points, helping Novi to its first win of the 2021 season. Jason Stewart led Plymouth with six points. John Glenn (2-3) 49, Belleville (5-1) 44 Wayne Memorial (3-3) 80, Livonia Churchill (0-6) 58 Northville (5-1) 49, Canton (4-2) 32 Dearborn (5-1) 48, Livonia Franklin (2-4)

Livonia Stevenson (4-1) 65, Dearborn Fordson (2-4) 50: Brian FitzGerald (15), Jacob Mars (13) and Evan Asante (11) each scored in double-figures for the Spartans, while Luke Merchant led the team with 12 rebounds.

Brighton (4-1) 52, Salem (2-4) 39

OAA Walled Lake Western (1-4) 43, Seaholm

(1-4) 40 Clarkston (5-1) 48, Groves (2-2) 42 Feb. 19

KLAA

Hartland (3-2) 59, Plymouth (1-3) 37 Belleville (5-0) 48, Livonia Stevenson (3-1)45

Northville (4-1) 46, Novi (0-5): Northville's Brett Rudolph led the team with 18 points, while Bryce Lubin led Novi with 12. Salem (2-3) 64, Canton (4-1) 50

Wayne Memorial (2-3) 68, John Glenn (1-3) 33 LVC

South Lyon East (4-0) 39, Lakeland (2-2)

Walled Lake Northern (3-1) 57, Milford (1-4) 36

South Lyon (3-1) 71, Walled Lake Western (0-4)53

OAA Lake Orion (3-1) 38, Seaholm (1-3) 29 Bloomfield Hills (3-2) 63, Groves (2-1) 58

OT Clarkston (4-1) 70, Farmington (2-3) 47 North Farmington (4-0) 50, West Bloomfield (0-5) 39 More scores

Plymouth Christian Academy (2-5) 69, Inner-City Baptist (1-4) 46: Nathan Sutrick led Plymouth Christian with 18 points, while Evan Schalte added 16. Feb. 18

LVC

South Lyon East (3-0) 56, Waterford Mott 40 (2-1): Cougars senior Zander Desentz led the team with 13 points on three 3-pointers, while seniors Bryce Bird and Drake Willenborg each added 12 points. South Lyon East outscored Mott 41-21 in the second and third quarters. More scores

De La Salle (5-0) 73, Detroit Country Day (2-2)34

Feb. 17

KLAA Belleville (4-0) 74, Livonia Churchill (0-4) Canton (4-0) 61, Hartland (2-2) 51 Northville (3-1) 53, Howell (2-2) 41 Livonia Franklin (1-3) 51, Dearborn Fordson (2-2) 41 Salem (1-3) 72, Novi (0-4) 44 Dearborn (3-1) 50, Wayne Memorial (1-3)

OAA

Berkley (3-1) 40, Seaholm (1-2) 35 Feb. 16

South Lyon 58, Milford (1-3) 48: Lucas Theriault scored 14 and Sam Lewis added 12 for the Mavericks, while Eric Elizondo recorded three points, eight rebounds and six assists. OAA

North Farmington (3-0) 71, Farmington (2-2)54More scores Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard (2-2) 58, Plymouth Christian Academy (1-4) 54 Feb. 13 CHSL De La Salle (3-0) 59, Brother Rice (2-1) 42

U-D Jesuit (2-0) 78, Detroit Catholic Central (0-2) 65: Shamrocks junior Cooper Craggs led the team with 17 points and eight rebounds, while freshman guard Chas Lewless added 14 points and four assists. Ann Arbor Greenhills (1-0) 39, Cranbrook

Kingswood (2-1) 32 KLAA

Howell (2-1) 52, Novi (0-3) 38: Bryce Lubin led the team with eight points, but the Wildcats dropped its third-straight game to start the 2021 season. Livonia Stevenson (3-0) 81, Livonia Churchill (0-3) 42: The Spartans continued their win streak with a 39-point win against the Chargers. Brian Fltzgerald had a career high 18 points, while Jacob Mars added 12 Northville (2-1) 59, Salem (0-3) 56 Canton (3-0) 58, Plymouth (1-2) 54 Dearborn Fordson (2-1) 49, Wayne Memorial (1-2) 34 Belleville (3-0) 54, Livonia Franklin (0-3)

Dearborn (2-1) 57, John Glenn (1-2) 51 OAA

Seaholm (1-1) 58, Milford (1-2) 51 More scores

Detroit Country Day (2-1) 68, Berkley (2-1) 48

Feb. 12

KLAA Canton (2-0) 47, Plymouth (1-1) 38: Lake McIntosh led Canton with 20 points, while Kane Elmy scored 13 for the Wildcats. Howell (1-1) 41, Novi (0-2) 39: Bryce Lubin led the Wildcats with 23. Livonia Stevenson (2-0) 85, Livonia Churchill 48 (0-2): Evan Asante led the Spartans to their second win of the season with 12 points, while Kenoly Jones and Joey Harper each added 10. Belleville (2-0) 55, Livonia Franklin (0-2) John Glenn (1-1) 76, Dearborn (1-1) 57 Northville (1-1) 43, Salem (0-2) 33 Dearborn Fordson (1-1) 43, Wayne Memorial (1-1) 31 LVC Milford (1-1) 45, Walled Lake Central (0-2) 36 Feb. 11 KLAA Dearborn Fordson (1-1) 43, Wayne Memorial (1-1) 31 LVC South Lyon East (2-0) 64, Walled Lake Western (0-2) 48: Senior guard Bryce Bird

led the Cougars to their second win of the season with 16 points, while junior guard Adam Jagacki brought in 13, and seniors Zander Desentz and Drake Willenborg each brought in nine.

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North Farmington (2-0) 57, West Bloomfield (0-3) 46 Groves (2-0) 54, Bloomfield Hills (1-1) 43 Clarkston (1-0) 57, Farmington (1-1) 43

Feb. 10 CHSL Rice (2-0) 62, Detroit Brother Renaissance (1-1) 56: Curtis Williams and Xavier Thomas led the Warriors with 18 points each in the team's second win of the season

Hamtramck (1-0) 70, Detroit Catholic Central (0-1) 53 Feb. 9

CHSL Detroit Country Day (1-0) 74, Cranbrook Kingswood (0-1) 36 KLAA

Canton (1-0) 54, Northville (0-1) 53 Livonia Stevenson (1-0) 53, Dearborn (0-1) 45: Senior Luke Merchant recorded a double-double for the Spartans, finishing with 15 points and 14 rebounds in their first win of the season. Senior Devin Way added 16 points off the bench.

Plymouth (1-0) 44, Novi (0-1) 43: Jake Kuchka, 12, and Brandon Craddieth, 10, led the Wildcats to their first win of the season. Bryce Lubin led Novi with 20 points.

Brighton (1-0) 66, Salem (0-1) 32 Wayne Memorial (1-0) 83, Livonia Churchill (0-1) 45 Dearborn (1-0) 66, Livonia Franklin (0-1)

62.2 OT Belleville (1-0) 53, John Glenn (0-1) 43

South Lyon East (1-0) 67, Waterford Kettering (0-1) 38: Seniors Bryce Bird and Drake Willenborg led the Cougars with 11 points each, while Adam Jagacki added nine points on three 3-pointers Rochester Adams (1-0) 64, Milford (0-1) 35

South Lyon (1-0) 59, Walled Lake Central (0-1) 45

OAA Bloomfield Hills (1-0) 44, Seaholm (0-1) 39 More scores Plymouth Christian Academy (1-0) 60, Oakland Christian (0-1) 50, OT: Nathan Etnyre led the Eagles with 21 points, while four players finished with double-digit scoring performances. Feb. 8

CHSL

Brother Rice (1-0) 76, Eastpointe (0-1) 43 OAA

North Farmington (1-0) 76, Lake Shore (0-1) 42

Hockey

Feb. 20 KLAA

> (4-2) 2 Livonia Stevenson (4-1) 8, Livonia Franklin

Hartland (4-1) 5. Livonia Stevenson (4-2) 1 Plymouth (4-2) 4, Dexter (3-3) 1 Salem (4-2) 4, Northville (2-3) 2 Livonia Churchill (2-4) 5, Troy (1-5) 3

Lakeland (6-0) 6, Walled Lake Northern (2-3)1

Lakeland (7-0) 4, Bloomfield Hills (4-2) 3 Milford (5-2) 12, Wateford Mott (1-6) 6 (1-4) 2

(0-2)2

CHSL

Detroit Catholic Central (4-1) 3. Brother Rice (3-2) 2: Jackson Ewald, Connor Miles and Ryan Wantuck each scored goals for the Shamrocks in the first first two periods, while Sam Yono and Ryan Marone scored for the Warriors. KLAA

Plymouth (2-2) 3, Caledonia (2-3) 2, OT Brighton (4-2) 2, Livonia Churchill (1-4) 1 Canton (1-4) 3

LVC

Cranbrook Kingswood (3-2) 4, Detroit Catholic Central (3-1) 0: Despite putting 21 season-high four goals, including two by Cranbrook Kingswood's Jack Wineman. KLAA

Feb. 17

Brother Rice (3-1) 4, Brighton (3-2) 2

Novi (4-0) 9, Livonia Franklin (2-2) 1

Birmingham (4-1) 3, Clarkston (0-4) 2 OT: Aidan Shannon hits the game-winning goal in overtime to give Birmingham its fourth win of the season. Jack Jurkovich and Trevor Peterson scored Birmingham's other two goals.

Feb. 15 Birmingham (3-1) 9, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (2-2) 6 Bloomfield Hills (4-0) 6, West Bloomfield

(2-2)0Feb. 13

CHSL Detroit Catholic Central (3-0) 2, Livonia

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Stevenson (2-1) 1 Brother Rice (2-1) 3, Hartland (2-1) 2 KLAA Brighton (2-1) 5, Livonia Franklin (2-1) 2 Novi (3-0) 7. Livonia Churchill (1-2) 3

Salem (2-1) 6, Wyandotte Roosevelt (0-3) Brighton (3-1) 3, Canton (1-2) 2

Northville (1-1) 3, Howell (0-3) 2 Feb. 12 KLAA

Livonia Stevenson (2-0) 5, Canton (1-1) 0 Livonia Franklin (2-0) 6, Utica (0-2) 0 Hartland (2-0) 10, Plymouth (0-2) 2 Riverview Gabriel Richard (2-0) 3, Salem (1-1) 1

OAA West Bloomfield (2-1) 4, Farmington (0-1)

Bloomfield Hills (2-0) 4, Walled Lake

Detroit Catholic Central (2-0) 3, De La

Salle (1-1) 0: Carson Wood, Collin Scheuher

and Brenden Cwiek scored goals for the

Shamrocks, while Nick Galda recorded a

Livonia Stevenson (1-0) 4, Brighton 0 (0-1)

Canton (1-0) 3, Plymouth (0-1) 2 Livonia Franklin (1-0) 3, Dearborn Divine

Livonia Churchill (1-0) 8, West Bloomfield

Detroit Catholic Central (1-0) 2, Cranbrook

Hartland (1-0) 8, Livonia Churchill (0-1) 0

Rochester Adams (1-0) 6, Birmingham

Girls basketball

Plymouth (4-2) 57, Novi (1-5) 39: Ainsley

Florence led Plymouth with 20 points,

while Kyra Brandon scored eight points

and recorded eight assists as Plymouth

won its fourth game of the season. Maria

Belleville (6-0) 60, John Glenn (0-5) 56

Dearborn Fordson (3-3) 46, Livonia

Wayne Memorial (6-0) 64, Livonia

Dearborn (5-1) 53, Livonia Franklin (1-5) 45

Lakeland (2-3) 56, Walled Lake Western

Groves (4-2) 76, Ann Arbor Skyline (0-3)

Rochester (3-2) 52, Bloomfield Hills (0-4)

Rochester Adams (3-1) 59, Seaholm (1-3)

Canton (3-3) 31, Northville (2-4) 28

Fernandes led Novi with 13 points.

Stevenson (2-3) 43 OT

Churchill (0-6) 17

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Salem (1-0) 7, Pinckney (0-1) 0

Novi (1-0) 6, Howell (0-1) 4

Feb. 11 KLAA

Novi (2-0) 4, Northville (0-1) 1 OAA

Western (0-1) 3

Feb. 10

shutout,

Child (0-1) 2

Kingswood (0-1) 0

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Feb. 9

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Feb. 20

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United (0-1) 4

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KLAA

CHSL

Plymouth (3-2) 3, Ada Forest Hills Eastern

(2-4)2

LVC

South Lyon (2-4) 6, Walled Lake Western

Walled Lake Northern (3-3) 6, Farmington

Feb. 19

Livonia Stevenson (3-1) 6, Novi (5-1) 0 Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (3-2) 5,

Howell (2-3) 6, Livonia Franklin (2-3) 2 Detroit Country Day (3-0) 5, Salem (3-2) 0

Lakeland (5-0) 7, South Lyon (1-4) 5

OAA Birmingham (4-1-1) 1, Berkley (2-3-1) 1 OT Feb. 18

CHSL shots on goal, the Shamrocks suffered its first loss of the season, allowing a

Northville (2-2) 3, Canton (1-3) 2

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Feb. 19 KLAA

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Feb. 13

Fordson (1-2) 24

Howell (2-1) 44, Novi (0-3) 41

the Cougars with 15 points.

Marian (1-1) 53, Mercy (1-1) 43

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More scores

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Erin Donnelly.

Franklin (0-4) 39

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second loss of the season.

Canton (2-3) 44, Salem (1-4) 17

Northville (2-3) 36, Novi (1-4) 26

Belleville (5-0) 59, Livonia Stevenson (2-2)32Livonia Franklin (1-4) 46, Livonia Churchill

Hartland (5-0) 53, Plymouth (3-2) 28: Ella

Riley led the Wildcats with 15 points,

hitting five 3-pointers in Plymouth's

Wayne Memorial (5-0) 82, John Glenn

South Lyon East (3-1) 41, Lakeland (1-3) 24:

Anna Lassan, Taylor Anderson and Ella

Kruschka each scored nine points for the

Cougars, earning their third win of the

South Lyon (2-1) 36, Walled Lake Western

Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 47, North Farmington (1-3) 39: The Raiders lost their

third game of the season, despite a

16-point and 10-rebound performance by

Heaven Rogers Farmington (5-1) 48, Seaholm (1-2) 32

Troy (3-1) 75, Bloomfield Hills (0-3) 39

Marian (3-1) 64, Mercy (1-2) 59 Cranbrook Kingswood (1-3) 45, Clarkston

Brighton (2-2) 52, Plymouth (3-1) 34: The Wildcats suffered its first loss of the

season, despite a 10-point performance

from Elissa Simmons and eight points by

Wayne Memorial (4-0) 90, Dearborn (3-1)

Dearborn Fordson (2-2) 44, Livonia

Belleville (4-0) 74, Livonia Churchill (0-4)

Farmington (4-1) 57, North Farmington

Hartland (4-0) 54, Canton (1-3) 23

Howell (3-1) 42, Northville (1-3) 35

Groves (3-2) 50, Lakeland (1-2) 28

Groves (2-2) 40, Berkley (0-2) 34

Royal Oak (1-2) 48, Farmington (3-1) 40

Plymouth Christian (3-1) 69, Southfield

Christian (0-3) 4: Anna Fernandez led

Plymouth Christian to its third victory in

four games, scoring 29 points. Ariela Boboc added 13 and Allie Pilar added 10.

Plymouth (3-0) 41, Canton (1-2) 33: The

Wildcats won their third game in a row,

beating Canton with 13 points by senior

guard Ella Riley and eight points and six

assists from senior guard Kyra Brandon.

Wayne Memorial (3-0) 71, Dearborn

Belleville (3-0) 56, Livonia Franklin (0-3)

Dearborn (3-0) 62, John Glenn (0-3) 35 Northville (1-2) 50, Salem (1-2) 25

Saline (2-0) 61, South Lyon East (2-1) 52:

South Lyon East allowed a 23-10 run in the

fourth quarter, giving the Cougars its first

loss of the 2021 season. Anna Lassan led

Farmington (3-0) 33, Oxford (1-2) 22

Novi (1-3) 38, Salem (1-3) 31

Everest Collegiate (3-1) 32

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 20-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34 ARTICLE V TREES, IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING TREES

Approved Amendments to Sections: 34-1 Intent; 34-2 Definitions; 34-13 through 34-15; 34-17 through 34-19; 34-22 through 34-24; and 34-26 are Summarized Below for Complete Text Updates visit <u>www.plymouthmi.gov</u>.

Below is a summary of some of the key differences between the current ordinances and the amended ordinances:

- Add definitions for tree planting permit, tree protection plan, tree replacement plan, and tree removal permit
- Update tree fund definition to explain where the monies will be kept
- Clarify distances trees may be planted from conflicts including street corners, driveways, curbs, sidewalks, utilities, signs, hydrants, and other trees
- Replacement efforts for street trees
- A transplanted tree counts toward replacement requirements
- Steps for obtaining a tree removal permit
- Requirements of a tree replacement plan
- Assigns responsibility and oversight of the ordinance to the Department of Municipal Services
- Tree removal fees are assessed based on location and condition rather than DBH only

The Intent of the Ordinance Amendments are Below: Sec. 34-1. - Intent.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the protection, preservation, and reforestation of the City of Plymouth's tree canopy, trees, and woodlands.

Introduced 11-16-2020 Enacted: 12-21-2020 Published: 2-25-2021 Effective: 2-26-2021

Publish: February 25, 2021

CITY OF PLYMOUTH 2021 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2021 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Conference Room, 201 S Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 2nd Organizational meeting 12:00 pm

Wednesday, March 3rd First meeting 3-9 pm

Thursday, March 4th Second meeting, 9-4 pm

Monday, March 15th Final meeting 9-12 pm

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointments only. COMPLETED 2021 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Monday, March 15, 2021 by 12:00 pm.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be received by Monday, March 15th, 2021 by 12:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 453-1234, ext 252.

Maureen Brodie City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment only, please call 734-354-3267, to arrange for an appointment.

MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW	<u>V:</u>	
Tuesday, March 2, 2021	9 am	Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 8, 2021	2 pm – 5 pm 6 pm – 9 pm	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment
Wednesday, March 10, 2021	9 am – Noon 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment

Other Hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board of Review. A personal appearance is not required. Written protests to the Board of Review must be received by mail or delivered in person to the Assessing Office by the close of business on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

The Board of Review will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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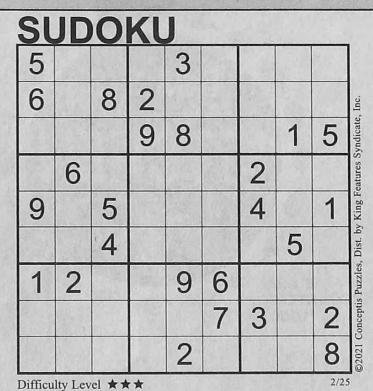
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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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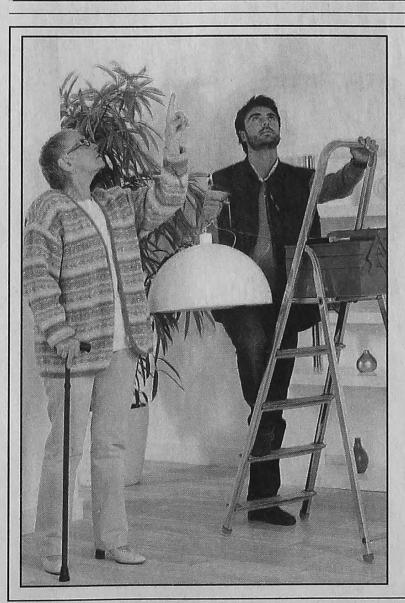
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