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Plymouth fountain work to take all summer

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Inside a baseball infield-sized space protected by forest green fencing, a gem is being chiseled in the heart of downtown Plymouth.

The iconic fountain that served as the centerpiece of Kellogg Park for 54

years has been removed to clear room for a sparkling new fountain that is expected to be finished some time in early fall.

"I checked with my construction team on the schedule, and we're set to wrap the project up around Sept. 30," revealed Chris Roy, the director of creative design for Outside The Lines, Inc., the

design-build specialty construction company that is working on the fountain replacement project.

The bulk of the new fountain's estimated \$1.2 million price tag will be picked up by the Plymouth-based Wilcox Foundation, whose namesake Jack Wilcox was a community difference-maker until his death in 2000. The city

of Plymouth pledged \$30,000 to the project while the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority committed \$20,000.

Roy said any cost overruns caused by the ongoing construction supply shortage will be picked up by OTL.

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Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan and Livonia Chamber CEO Dan West converse before a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Livonia Medical Center. PHOTOS BY SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

St. Joe's Livonia Medical Center now open to public

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The Livonia Medical Center expects to be a one-stop shop for most people's health needs.

Located on the Schoolcraft College campus off Haggerty, the facility will offer everything from an urgent care center to ambulatory surgery. The building is the result of a partnership between IHA and St. Joseph Mercy Health System. St. Joe's system includes St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

"It's being driven by the reality that a lot of care that had previously been provided by hospitals are moving to outpatient settings as the medical field becomes more comfortable and capable of taking care of services that were previously in hospitals," said Dave Spivey, president of St. Mary Mercy. "Examples of that are hip and knee replacements."

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The Livonia Medical Center sits on Schoolcraft College's campus.

Students work to raise awareness of anti-Asian hate crimes

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Throughout the pandemic, hate crimes against Asian-Americans have skyrocketed. One study from California State University, San Bernardino shows those crimes up by 164%.

A local mother-daughter duo is trying to do their part to make their community a welcoming place.

"Especially right now with COVID, I think young students are especially impacted and might feel too intimidated to say anything," Christina Mui said. "But I think anyone who is APA (Asian-Pacific American) and grew up in this country has, at one point or another, been taunted by a classmate about their ethnicity."

Mui, who immigrated to the United States from Hong Kong, and her daughter Elizabeth Amata, a junior at Farmington High School, are hosting

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Wine tasting room planned in Westland

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A place to try that new chardonnay could be part of Westland's future.

Plans to open a wine tasting room at 6033 N. Wayne Road were recently submitted to the city. Those plans, which call the business "A Taste of Wine," would see the wine tasting room locate in a vacant storefront in the Tall Oaks Plaza.

"I plan on ordering from several contractors, one would be Budweiser and they have different wines and so that's what it's all about," said Dawn Howard, who owns the business. "Tasting wine and ordering wine and finding out what people like. As they like it, I can order more."

The space can accommodate about

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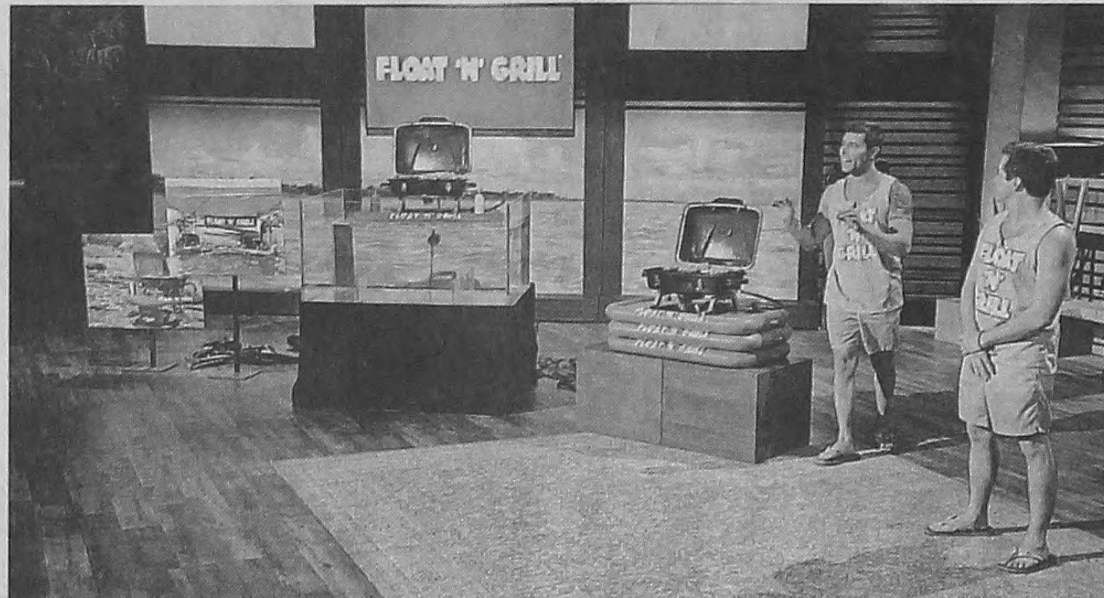
PCCS grads accept big offer on 'Shark Tank'

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Mikey Bashawaty and Jeremy Quillico walked away from the most recent episode of "Shark Tank" with something most audience members probably didn't expect when watching the segment: a deal.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools alumni appeared on the ABC show Friday night, pitching their floating grill to a room full of well-known investors such as Mark Cuban, Kevin O'Leary, Lori Greiner, Robert Herjavec and the guest Shark for the show, Daniel Lubetzky.

Lubetzky proved to be the two men's champion, offering them a deal for \$100,000 of investment, \$100,000 as a loan and 50% of any licensing deals for a 22.5% stake in the company. It was the only offer made by the Sharks, with many of them pulling out of discussions once they heard how much money the two had generated in sales. That figure, as of the taping, was just more than \$19,000.



Plymouth-Canton Community Schools alumni Mikey Bashawaty and Jeremy Quillico pitch their Float 'N' Grill product on "Shark Tank." COURTESY OF ABC

That number didn't sit well with several Sharks, who said it was clear the product was not catching on in the boating community.

"I love you guys," said Shark Kevin O'Leary. "I love the entire story, except

the \$19,000 in sales. It all falls apart.

"No one in the sandbar community gives a poo-poo about this thing."

The two walked into the room originally requested \$200,000 for a 20% stake in the company, a valuation of

\$1 million.

The two launched the Float 'N' Grill several years ago as an idea to bring cooking to the water. The grill rests on a plastic buoyancy device that can withstand the strongest of wakes created by a motorboat. It launched several years ago and has been featured at places such as the Detroit Boat Show.

Lubetzky, the founder and executive chairman of KIND Snacks, asked the two if they had connected with anyone at Weber Grills, one of the best-known grill makers.

"I don't know if you're familiar with Weber's, but they are the foremost grill company," Lubetzky said. "I'll set up a meeting for you. I will license this to them."

More information on the Float 'N' Grill can be found at floatn grill.com. For those who missed the episode on live television, the episode can viewed on-demand as well as on Hulu the next day.

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Redford argument erupts in gunfire

One person killed, another left injured

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An early morning argument erupted in gunfire at a Redford Township mobile home community, leaving one man dead and another injured.

Police Capt. Al DiPrima said the suspect has been identified but remains at large.

"He is definitely armed and dangerous, but (we) do not believe he is in Redford currently," DiPrima wrote in an email.

The suspect apparently shot both unarmed victims at about 2:30 a.m. May 13 at Warwick Village, near Joy and Telegraph roads.

The injured men, both in their 20s, were transported to a hospital. One was pronounced dead from a gunshot wound to his head. The other, who was shot in the face, is expected to recover.

City of Farmington Hills taps former Birmingham manager for assistant job

The City of Farmington Hills hired Joseph Valentine as its new assistant city manager. He replaces Gary Mekjian, who became city manager in March following the retirement of previous Dave Boyer.

Valentine officially started as assistant city manager May 3. He was selected following a recruitment process managed by the city's human resources department.

Before joining the City of Farmington Hills, Valentine served as city manager in Birmingham for six years. Prior to that, he was Birmingham's assistant city manager and human resources director. He brings 24 years of



Valentine

experience in municipal operations management and has a proven track record of effectively addressing community needs and concerns.

Valentine has a master's in public administration and a bachelor's in public affairs from Wayne State University. He holds certifications from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and served as a reserve police officer for Birmingham.

"I look forward to making a positive impact on the City of Farmington Hills," Valentine said. "I welcome the opportu-

nity to meet with local business leaders and members of the community so that I can build upon the existing successful programs in the city."

Valentine is a member of the International City/County Management Association, Michigan Municipal Executives and the Michigan Municipal League. He has served on the board of directors of the Michigan Public Employers Labor Relations Association and the Southeast Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority.

Valentine lives in Birmingham with his wife Sarah, a nursing manager at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, and their three children.



Voters check in at Precinct 19. A Plymouth Township mom has pleaded guilty to impersonating her daughter for voting purposes. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Plymouth Township mom admits to impersonating daughter for voting purposes

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A Plymouth Township mother has pleaded guilty to impersonating her daughter for voting purposes.

Karen Lynne Rotondo, 58, entered her plea earlier this month to an election law charge associated with prison time and fines.

Her sentencing is scheduled for June 22 in Third Circuit Court in Detroit.

According to Michigan Attorney

General Dana Nessel, Rotondo forged her daughter's signature on an absentee voter application.

The clerk never delivered an absentee ballot to Rotondo because of a discrepancy on the application and evidence that the daughter, living in another state, did not submit or sign the application.

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Livonia council adopts leash law, scraps shelter plan for pets

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Pet owners in Livonia will have to keep their four-legged family members on a leash when not on their own property or at a dog park.

Livonia council voted Monday to adopt a leash law and shot down a proposal that would place some weather restrictions on when homeowners can leave pets outside for an extended period.

Both were brought to council's attention by residents and nonresidents concerned about the wellbeing of dogs and, in the leash law's case, those they come in contact with. The discussion also prompted Livonia's representative in the Michigan Senate, Dayna Polehanki, to propose a pet-related bill intended to protect animals statewide during extreme weather.

Leash law gets green light

Livonia already requires pets wear a leash at city parks, with the exception of dog parks. This ordinance change requires pet owners to use a leash any time they are off their own property and do not have the expressed consent of a property owner.

Council voted 5-2, with President Kathleen McIntyre and Vice President Scott Bahr in dissent, to adopt a leash law that does not allow for electric e-collars, something some residents had advocated for as a compromise.

"You're throwing us good dog owners in with the bad dog owners," resident Mike Hayes said.

The majority of council, however, felt the unseen nature of e-collars could prove problematic.

Weather restrictions proposal fails

Council unanimously voted down an ordinance that would require pets to be kept in a climate-controlled environment when the National Weather Service issues a weather warning.

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Enjoy outdoors, take a walk by farmers market



Walt Gajewski
Guest columnist

The farmers market started the year in mid-season form by welcoming 4,287 people opening day on May 8. This past Saturday brought 4,423 shoppers to downtown Farmington.

We typically do not see this level of attendance until the sweet corn comes in. And that sweet corn is about ankle high right now, just to give you an idea of the rollicking start we're enjoying.

Walking is good for you

I see people driving in loops on Saturdays for that hard-to-find, one-of-kind parking spot just steps from the market. It's understandable. But does it really save time when you can park and walk from several conveniently close locations where parking is plentiful and the walk is pleasant?

In fact, look at the downtown as one big market, and you get a whole new sense of how close things really are, especially when you can hear the music from the market a block away. Look around, and you're bound to see young families pushing strollers toward Riley Park, or your neighbors pulling wagons or riding bikes in that direction.

It's no surprise since a lot of folks took to the streets for exercise and diversion during the lockdown. So consider alternatives to driving to get to the market. It's just another way we can make you healthy.

Like our new walking group, the Walkabouts. In just its second week, the group is seeing 30 or so walkers meeting at 10 a.m. at the compass rose in Riley Park for a one-mile informal walk through the downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. People are coming from all over, like Lisa Richardson from New Hudson.

"My workplace has started a walk challenge that I signed up for, so I have to get my steps in somewhere," she said with a laugh. "The Farmers Market is a great place to start and end a walk, and everybody's so nice. It's great to be out among people again. I'm going to try to come every week."

Your market this week

The Farmington Beautification Committee joins the market this Saturday for a two-week hitch for the Sunflower Explosion, an annual grow-beautiful program that was suspended in 2020 due to the pandemic. Stop by the market and pick up a seedling for \$1 while supplies last. Then dig in for chance to win a prize for growing the tallest sunflower or the one with the most blooms.



Walkers led by Farmington Farmers Market volunteer Suzanne Clinton head out on a one-mile excursion. COURTESY OF FARMINGTON FARMERS MARKET

Do you know the market now features weekly recipes? Yup. Our information tent offers a recipe board that you can step up to for a fast, delicious and nutritious meal using ingredients you can buy at the market and our neighbor Fresh Thyme.

We're providing new recipes weekly courtesy of Julia Stevens, a market volunteer and our resident professional nutritionist. This is just another humble way to build community and share good food. (For more on Julia and what she does, check out her website at www.allfoodisgoodfood.com.)

Also this Saturday, you'll hear Bob Monteleone at our music tent 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. playing classic rock and deep cuts you won't hear live anywhere else than at the market.

Our music program is sponsored by Wright Beamer Attorneys of Farmington Hills and the hard-working accountants at Montgomery, Wiethorn, Burke, Mackinder & Dye of Livonia. These professionals help maintain the foundation of our community while teaching us its value.

Lots to like about our Saturdays in a Michigan small town. Until next time, then, here's saying, "See you at the market!"

The BEST Roasted Asparagus

INGREDIENTS

- 1 bunch of asparagus, ends trimmed
- 1 Tbsp olive oil

- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 Tbsp grated parmesan cheese, more for serving if desired

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line baking sheet with parchment paper or lightly spray with nonstick spray. Place cleaned and trimmed asparagus in a bowl, drizzle with olive oil and toss. Spread asparagus on baking sheet in single layer. Squeeze the lemon juice over the asparagus and sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until asparagus is crunchy on the outside and soft on the inside.

Let nature's flavor stand out with this simple market recipe.

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Groves grad lands deal with national chain

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Kelechi Uchendu has taken quite the route to where she is today.

The Southfield resident and Birmingham Groves High School alumna attended Michigan State University for her bachelor's degree in political science and pre-law before heading off to law school in Vermont.

She earned her juris doctor, but has since changed career paths: she's launched a fashion line and recently landed the products under her Kay Kay's Fashion line in a national retailer.

"I was still in school when I was starting Kay Kay's Fashion," she said. "I was getting out of the legal field and getting into the fashion industry. I started dabbling into things I was kind of more interested in."

Uchendu began Kay Kay's Fashion several years ago, selling hair fashion merchandise. After landing in several smaller stores across the country, she's launched products in her first major national retailer: her self-designed, organic cotton scrunchies displaying African prints are now on sale in several Tuesday Morning stores across the country.

The scrunchies can be found at two metro Detroit stores: one in downtown Farmington and another at Big Beaver and Rochester in Troy. The products first were shipped directly to her house from the manufacturer overseas.

"They all came to my house, all pre-packaged, the factory labeled everything perfect," she said. "I remember my dad and I took two trips to FedEx and shipped everything to Tuesday Morning."

She began working in the fashion world in 2016 after she dreamed up a dress design. Taking the idea to her mother, Uchendu said she told her to move forward with fashion and with other products.

As the COVID-19 pandemic began last year, Uchendu said she became heavily focused on getting her products into stores. She hired consultants and worked with different groups before landing an account with Tuesday Morning, the first national retailer to pick up her product. Now, her product is sold in stores in other states.

"It's super new and they said it's already sold several pieces, which I'm really excited about," she said. "I'm pretty much in every state that Tuesday Morning (is in)."

She also has products sold at smaller shops across the country, including a book store in Orlando, Florida, and a boutique in California. She said she also participated in the Market at Macy's program in 2019, which allowed her products to be sold at a Macy's in Atlanta.

Tuesday Morning, however, is her first national wholesale order, a deal that's been in the works since last summer.

She said it also appeared that changing tides with businesses and the peo-



Kay Kay's Fashion owner Kelechi Uchendu checks out a display of her hair accessories at Tuesday Morning in Farmington.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Kelechi Uchendu's hair accessories are available at the Tuesday Morning located at 23314 Farmington Road in Farmington.

ple they do business with could have also played a factor: seeing initiatives such as the 15 Percent Pledge — which launched last year and encourages retailers to have 15% of their products on

the shelves be made by Black-owned businesses — may have also contributed.

"I think, in general, a lot of businesses wanted to add that diversity to their

store," she said.

Uchendu said she's always had some interest in fashion, and had some inspiration for her new path when she was in high school. She did a project in a freshman year art foundations class that had her create her own fashion company, and created a collage — which she still has — that helped inspire her to where she is today.

"Projects like this at Groves really did help," she said. "Looking back at it, it's like, 'Oh my gosh, this is the start of what I've become now.' There were so many seeds that were planted that made me go into it."

Despite the success she's seen so far, Uchendu said she continues to push forward and work to land her products in other stores. She's pursuing options related to her hair accessories line, and hopes to one day find a high-end department store buyer to sell the original dress she designed that began it all.

"A dream of mine would be to sell that dress," Uchendu said. "Doing something with that dress that started everything."

To see other prints and styles from Kay Kay's Fashion, visit kaykaysfashion.com.

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Hearts for Heroes saves Farmington Hills firefighter

Our local public safety heroes are known for their big hearts — and those hearts recently got a checkup.

Members of the Farmington Hills Police and Fire departments, along with officers from the Farmington Public Safety Department, received cardiac health screening tests as part of the life-saving Hearts for Heroes program.

Created by Dr. Justin Trivax and Dr. Herman Kado, Farmington Hills interventional cardiologists, the Hearts for Heroes program grew from an idea that originated with Trivax's high school daughters Tessa and Sienna.

The girls learned about a police officer who had a fatal heart attack while on duty and asked their dad to help.

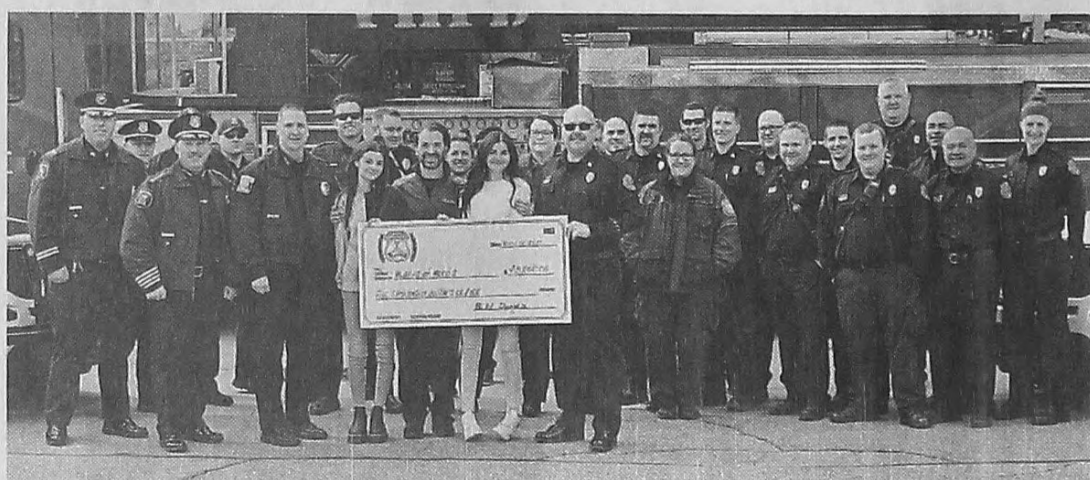
Trivax and Kado created the Hearts for Heroes program and reached out to local police and fire departments.

As a result of their community health advocacy, a total of 57 police officers and firefighters received coronary artery calcium scoring tests administered in late December 2020.

Results were released a short time later, with one local firefighter identified as having significant cardiac disease.

The firefighter underwent additional comprehensive tests, which resulted in coronary bypass surgery that took place in the last week of April.

"If his heart disease had gone undetected, there was a very real possibility that a serious or even fatal cardiac event could have occurred while he was on duty," Farmington Hills Fire Chief Jon Unruh said. "This local firefighter credits



Dr. Justin Trivax with his daughters and a team of local public safety heroes.

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the Hearts for Heroes program with saving his life and avoiding a tragedy for himself and his family."

To show their gratitude, local police officers and firefighters recently presented Trivax and Kado with a \$5,000 donation to Hearts for Heroes on behalf of the Farmington Hills Police and Fire Benevolent Association.

"We wanted to show our appreciation and also to pay it forward," said Unruh, who serves as the association's vice president.

"Police officers and firefighters are called upon to render assistance in some of the most extreme conditions. If there is undetected heart disease, these activities may provoke cardiovascular events like heart attacks, abnormal heart rhythms, or sudden cardiac death," Trivax said. "We can prevent all

of these events with identification of coronary artery disease with a simple heart scan followed by appropriate treatment.

"Our mission is to offer this service to all police and fire departments to ensure the safety of our local heroes — our police officers and firefighters."

Trivax added that they are very grateful to receive the incredibly generous and unexpected gift from the Farmington Hills Police and Fire Benevolent Association. It will be used to fund screenings for the remaining members of the Farmington Hills Police and Fire departments and then to screen other local departments.

For more information, contact the Farmington Hills Fire Department at 248-871-2800.

— From Farmington Hills City Hall

Council

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Councilman Brandon McCullough suggested an amendment that would remove part of the proposal calling for "adequate shelter," which the city defined as a structure with a slanted roof and insulation "specifically designed to protect an animal," when it is cold and shade when it is hot. That motion, however, failed as well in a 4-3 vote.

The majority felt the city's current ordinances provide adequate protection for pets.

"We don't have ordinances about what to do with our children in severe children," McIntyre said. "I would hope if you're a parent, whether that's a four-legged child or a human child, you're bringing your child in."

Bahr said he felt council had been reacting to a social media mob surrounding the issue. Residents and non-residents had expressed concern about a Livonia homeowner who left three beagles outdoors for long periods of time when metro Detroit was experiencing a cold snap in late February, leading council to a consideration for weather restrictions for pet owners.

"This is a problem that does not exist," Bahr said. "The only reason we're talking about this is because of a knee-jerk reaction to protestors from outside our community."

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Fountain

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OTL is working in conjunction with Livonia-based Shaw Construction, which placed the fencing around the construction site to protect onlookers while trench work and the building of the fountain is ongoing.

"The placement of the fencing will more than likely shift during the different stages of the construction," Roy said. "The safety of the public is a top priority."

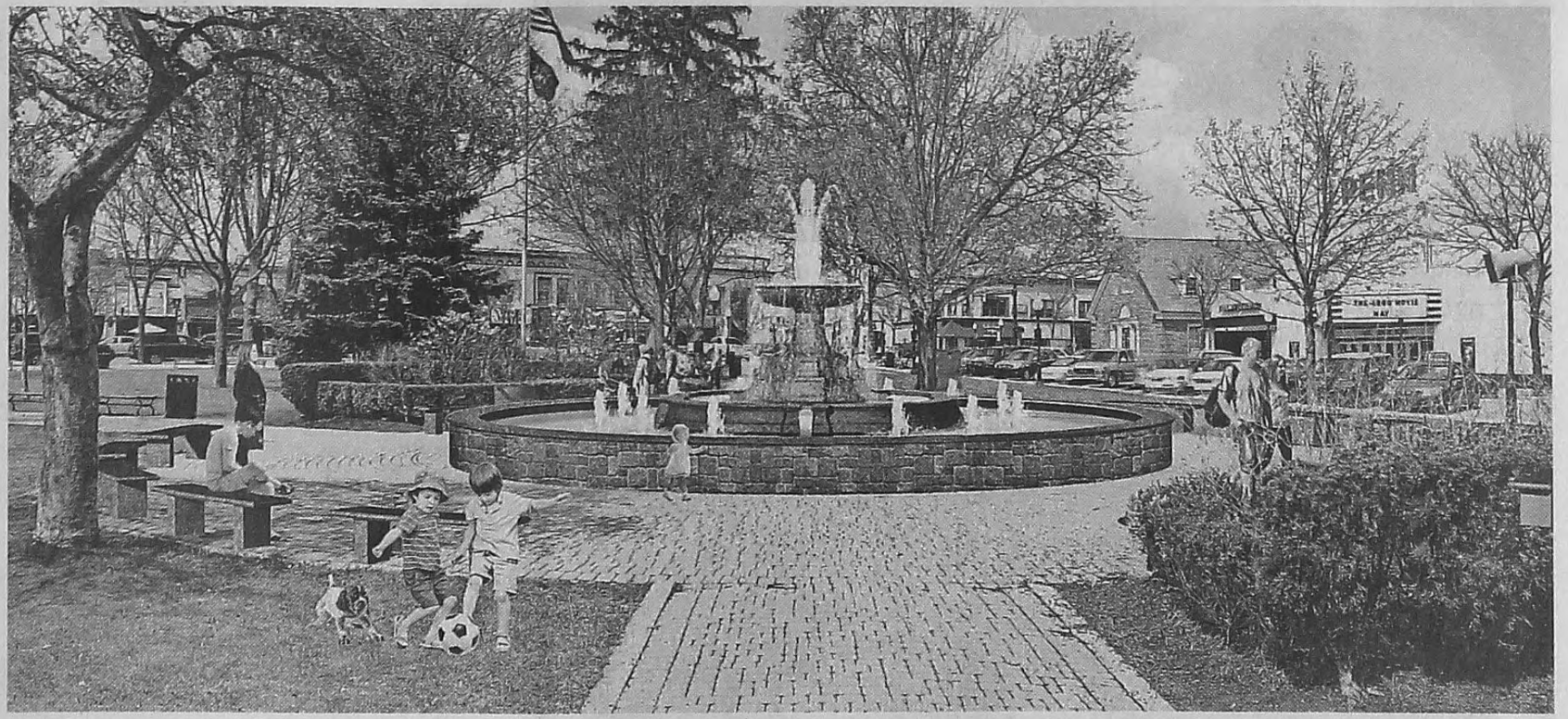
Plymouth Mayor Oliver Wolcott added that the majority of Kellogg Park will remain usable throughout the construction process.

"Our original goal was to have the fountain replaced last year, but then the pandemic hit and that postponed everything," Wolcott said. "An August completion date was discussed, but that was an aggressive goal. September is the most reasonable timeline."

A range of features for the new fountain was considered during the early stages of discussions, Wolcott said.

"We talked about adding lights ... just about everything under the sun," he said. "But we came to the conclusion that the traditional look fit downtown Plymouth the best."

"This entire project is a testament to



An updated rendering of the new fountain that is under construction in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. OUTSIDE THE LINES

the dedication the Wilcox Foundation has for Plymouth. There's no way this would have been possible without the foundation's assistance."

While the visible portion of the former fountain presented well, Wolcott said its aging underground components made the replacement necessary.

"We heard from residents who didn't understand why we needed a new fountain," Wolcott said. "The piping and mechanisms no one could see underground looked their age: 54 years old. It's a great feeling knowing we will have a beautiful new fountain that residents and visitors to Plymouth can enjoy for another 50 to 100 years."

Although the prices of construction materials have risen in recent months, the timeline for completing the project

will not be affected.

"We are really looking forward to visiting Plymouth in September for the grand opening," said Roy, who is based in Anaheim, California. "We're confident residents of Plymouth will be incredibly proud of their new downtown centerpiece."

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Awareness

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an event May 22 at the Farmington Community Library's 12 Mile campus about Asian and Pacific Islander culture. The event is geared toward K-5 kids.

May happens to be Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, as well.

According to 2019 U.S. Census data, about 14% of Farmington Hills residents identify as Asian.

Amata started an Asian American Student Union for Farmington and North Farmington students in March. They and the friends of the library are sponsoring the event.

"I worry more about elementary school students," Mui said. "By the time you get to high school, a lot of kids have found their voice. I thought it would be really important for young kids to develop a respect for differences and other cultures."

Amata said the student union has brought together about 20 Asian, Black and white high schoolers in the Farmington district. She hopes it'll be a place where people can be heard.

"I joined a group called Youth Leadership Core, and it's like the Asian American Student Union," she said. "We had



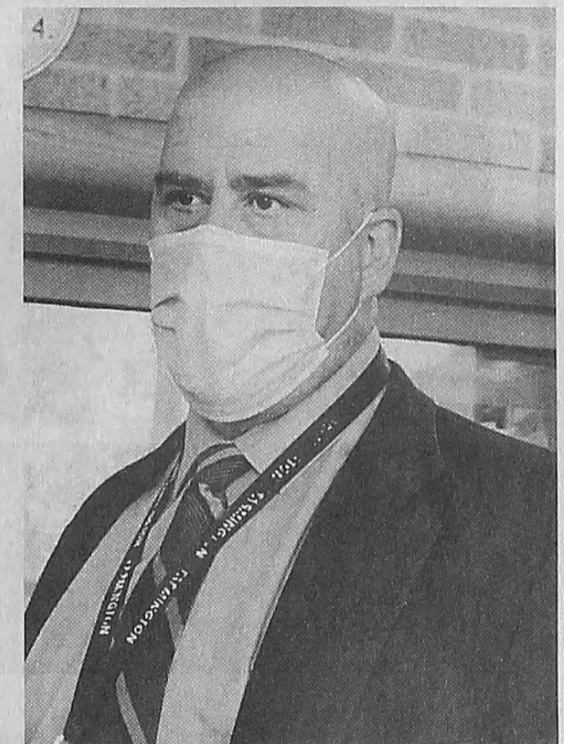
Elizabeth Amata, a Farmington junior, and her mom Christina Mui, right, have teamed up to raise awareness of different cultures during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

a lot of discussion on what it's like to be Asian American, our thoughts on discrimination, and we did volunteer activities. I was really passionate about it and wanted to bring something like that to my high school."

Members have told Amata about

their own experiences with Asian stereotypes. They hope events and conversations make the community a friendlier place year-round.

"Races should be appreciated all the time," Amata said, paraphrasing one of her members. "It shouldn't just be for a

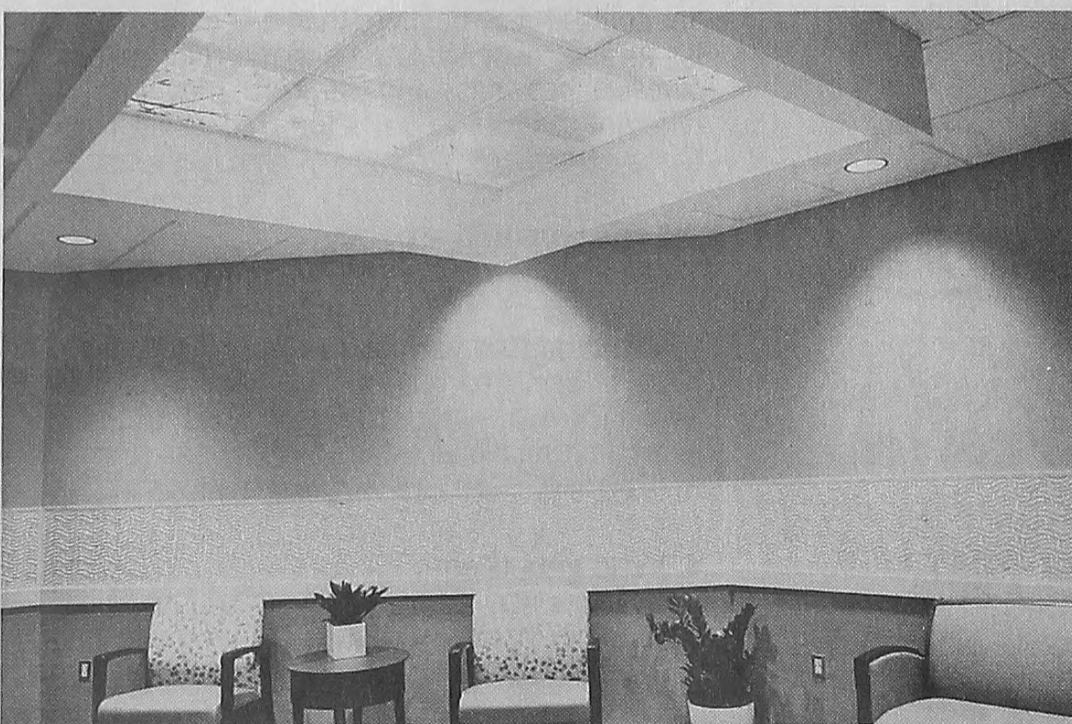


Farmington High Principal Tom Shelton says he's glad that students are getting support from teachers as they navigate concerns about anti-Asian violence in the country.

month. We should accept everyone every single day."

People can learn more about the free library event at the Farmington Community Library's website.

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Some waiting and exam rooms feature sky light-style lighting, which administrators hope will help make people feel more comfortable.

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Center

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The \$90 million, 124,000-square-foot building will employ about 200 people and create about 150 new jobs. The urgent care center, physical therapy clinic and other services are already available to the public. The center will be fully operational by mid-August.

Other services will include specialty imaging, mammography, pediatrics, primary care, pharmacy, labs and more.

"There's so many specialties that are here in one place," said Dr. Matthew Ajluni, an IHA division head for urgent and vital care. "This covers a lot of what people's health care needs are."

Ajluni said because facilities like the Livonia Medical Center don't have the

facility costs that come with a hospital, care often comes with a lower price tag. Beaumont Health is planning to open a similar facility in 2022.

"It truly is ingenious and forward thinking, the way that they're caring for patients here at the Livonia Medical Center," said Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, who also chairs St. Mary Mercy's board of directors.

Spivey said he expects the center will take some load off St. Mary Mercy, the only hospital in Livonia.

"There will be an intentional connection to St. Mary Mercy," he said.

The center will also provide learning opportunities for students.

"Our students are going to get experiential learning opportunities right across the parking lot," said Glenn Cerny, the president of Schoolcraft College.

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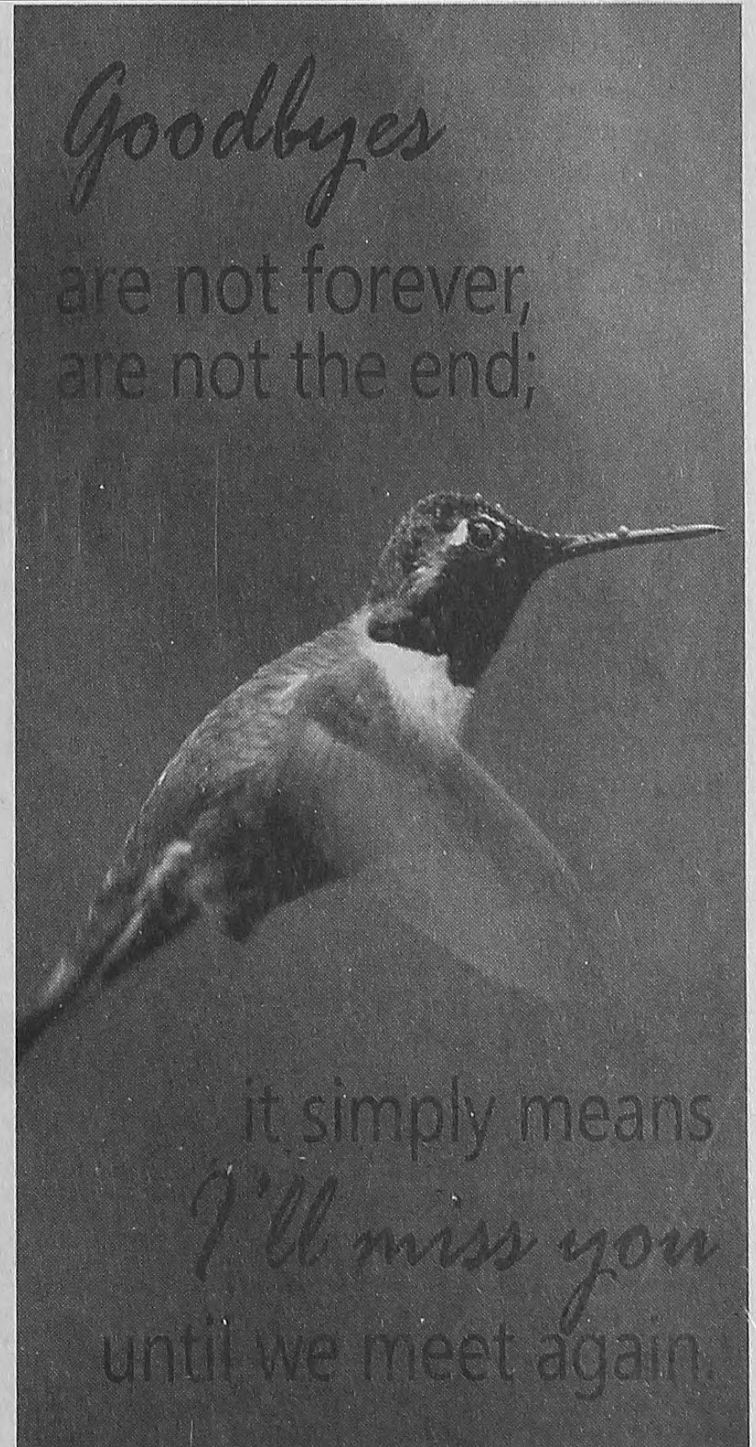
Mary Carver

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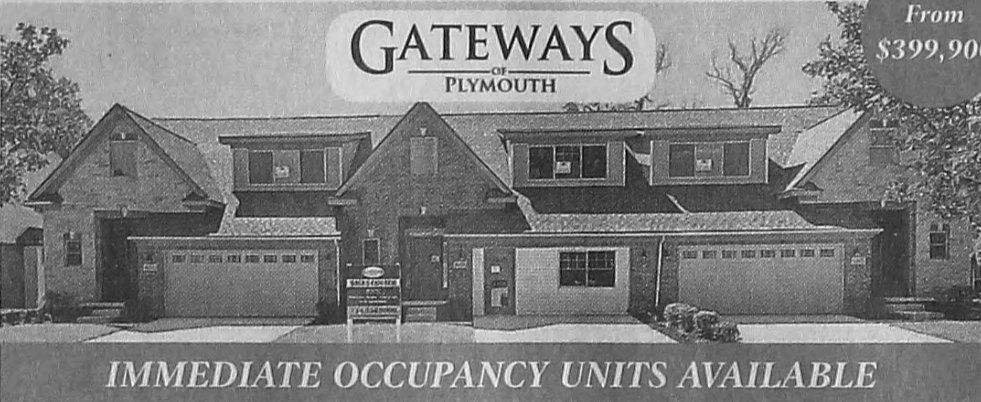
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Financial impact huge on older couples who divorce



Money Matters
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After 27 years of marriage, Bill and Melinda Gates are calling it quits. Although their divorce, which involves dividing an estate of over \$100 billion, is not typical, one thing they do have in common with many couples is that they're divorcing at an older age.

In fact, because the divorce rate for Americans over 50 has been soaring, and because it is so common these days, it is now referred to as a "gray divorce." According to the Pew Research Center, since the 1990s, the divorce rate for people 50 and over has doubled, even though the overall divorce rate in the country has fallen.

There are lots of theories as to why the gray divorce rate has surged over the last few decades. Reasons include what you would expect such as finances, infidelity and growing apart from each other. In addition, divorce is more widely accepted as a societal norm than it once was. I will leave it to others to deal with the causes of gray divorces as I prefer to deal with the consequences, particularly the financial aspect.

Like all divorces, it is critical to understand how your life will change financially. A divorce will likely result in a

change of lifestyle and it is important to evaluate your financial needs and spending habits. You may need to adjust your spending and overall lifestyle.

In gray divorces, it is unfortunately common for one party to not adjust their spending and as a result fall into severe financial distress. I recognize that the older you are the harder it is to change your spending habits and lifestyle. However, the sooner you accept your new reality and tackle the financial issues, the easier it will be for you.

In addition to your finances, it is necessary to revisit estate planning documents. Amending wills, healthcare powers of attorney, general durable powers of attorney and beneficiary designations is important. Unfortunately, in a divorce situation, many people forget about their estate planning documents, and this can cause problems in the future.

Sadly, gray divorces will continue to rise. If you find yourself in that situation, it is important from a financial standpoint to look forward, not backwards. I suggest hiring an attorney to worry about the divorce and allow yourself time to get your financial house in order.

Good luck.

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

Room

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25 people and could be used for small, private events as well. It would operate from noon to 10 p.m. daily.

All the requirements for the city are met, said Mohamed Ayoub, Westland's planning director.

The business, once open, could also serve some food items that would not necessitate having a full kitchen, according to the application submitted to

the city.

The shop would provide options for those looking to try new varieties and allow them to purchase what they sample.

"They can purchase, they can taste," Howard said. "If they leave the premises, the bottle must be closed, sealed, not open."

The planning commission voted unanimously during its May 4 meeting to recommend approval of the business's special land use application. The city council unanimously approved the plan May 17.

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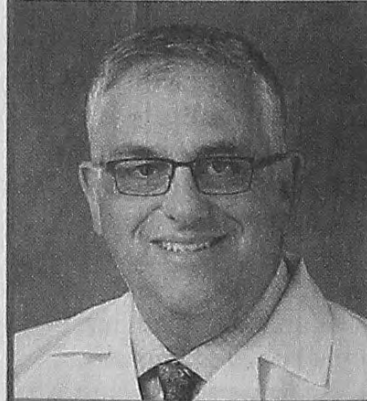
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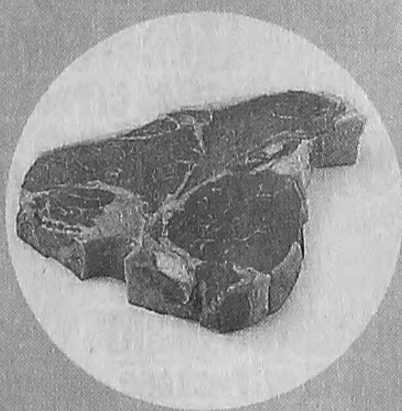
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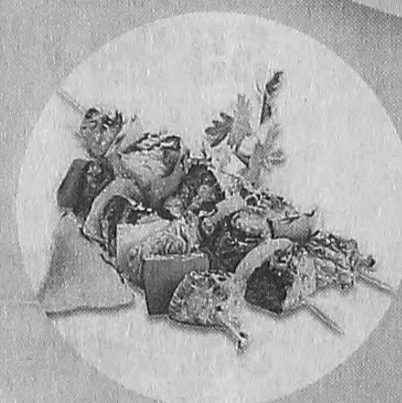
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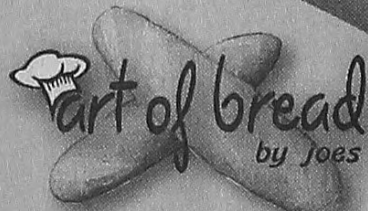
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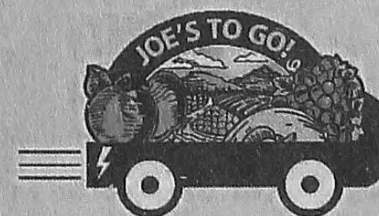
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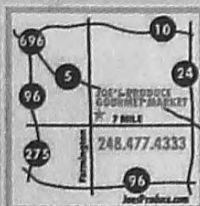
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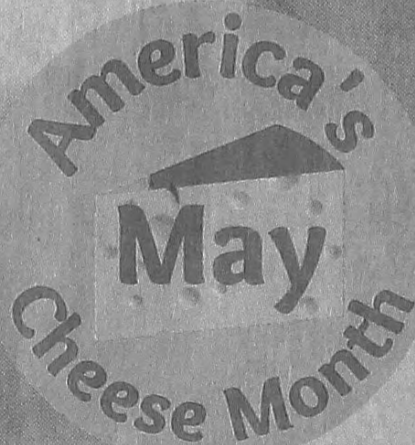
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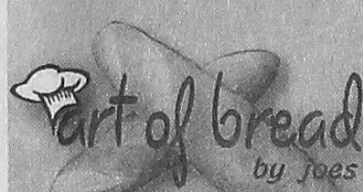
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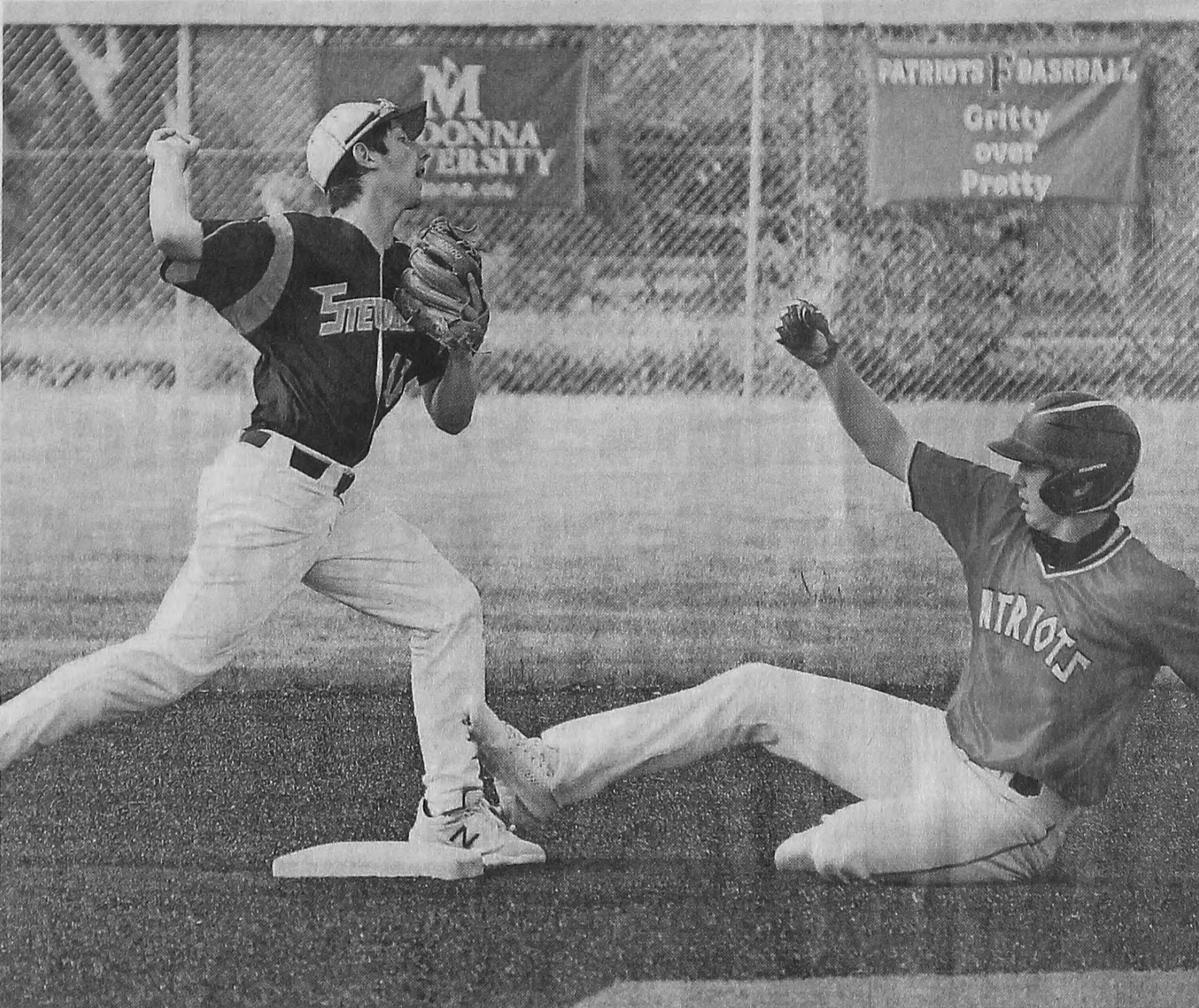


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BASEBALL



A Stevenson player forces a Franklin base runner out at second as the two teams face off in a doubleheader May 13. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Freshman leading SL into softball playoffs

Colin Gay HometownLife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Ava Bradshaw sees herself more as a pitcher than a hitter. But that doesn't change her goal each time she steps into the batter's box or the pitching circle.

"I just want to dominate," Bradshaw said. "You know, hit the ball hard and throw the ball fast type of thing."

As a freshman for South Lyon softball, which posts a record of 16-4-1, Bradshaw has done that.

As a pitcher, she has recorded 161 strikeouts in 92.1 innings of work, posting an ERA of 1.80. As a batter, she has a .493 batting average with six of her 35 total hits leaving the ballpark.

Softball was in the Bradshaw family as Ava grew up, playing with her older sister as she grew up. Ava soon viewed it as her main outlet for her competitive drive.

"There's just something about softball that was just really it for me. I can't really put my hand on it," Bradshaw said. "I love pitching, I love playing with all my teammates that are super, super fun, I love meeting new people. I love the competition."

Bradshaw started playing travel softball at age 10, getting introduced to teammates and opponents who were talented and love the game like she does. She saw the heart and competitive spirit that she had in those she was playing with.

She saw this same level of passion from her teammates and coaches at South Lyon, knowing that from the moment she first stepped on the team's softball field, she had an expectation of herself to make an impact.

"I always expect myself to dominate. I have very high expectations for myself," Bradshaw said. "I knew I was coming into a group of really solid team I would be playing with. I expected, from that first game, to be pretty solid overall."

Bradshaw has had her fair share of dominating moments.

Facing Walled Lake Western April 28, Bradshaw made both pitching and hitting look easy. She threw a no-hitter against the Warriors, striking out 18 of the 21 batters she faced, while hitting a home run at the plate.

Against Walled Lake Northern May 13, she struck out 29 batters in 16 innings.

When she first met the rest of the South Lyon team, Bradshaw knew the

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Stevenson wins KLAA East

Franklin regroups with comeback victory

Colin Gay HometownLife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Livonia Stevenson did its job on the baseball field in the first game.

Using right-handed starter Griffin Kilander, who is undefeated on the season and has yet to allow an earned run, the Spartans did just enough to earn the 3-1 win in Game 1 of a doubleheader against Livonia Franklin, earning the "Milk Jug" trophy - signifying the city championship - and the KLAA East title.

Coming into Game 2, Livonia Franklin head coach Matt Fournier preached positivity to his players, saying they did everything right in the first loss; just that Stevenson did more things right than they did: scoring three runs on three hits, including an inside-the-park home run by Shane Sombrowski on a ball that got stuck under the left-field fence.

In the second game, Franklin gave

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"We knew it was going to be a grind. That's what we pride ourselves on. That's what our whole school is. Our mantra is 'Doesn't matter. We're going to keep fighting.'"

Matt Fournier
Head coach, Franklin baseball

MHSAA ends outdoor mask mandate

Colin Gay HometownLife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Based on the latest epidemic order released by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Michigan High School Athletic Association announced Friday that face masks are

no longer required for any outdoor activity, including soccer and lacrosse.

According to the MHSAA, there is no change to the weekly testing requirement, and testing for non-vaccinated athletes must continue through the expiration of the MDHHS order May 31.

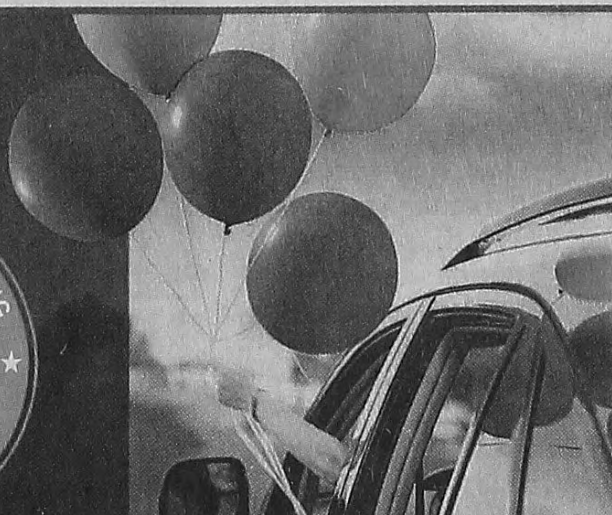
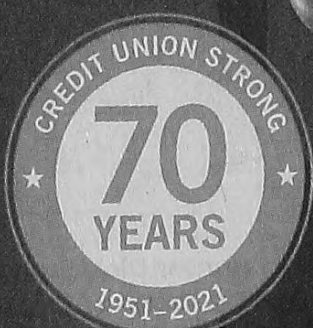
Fully-vaccinated individuals are no

longer required to wear face masks during indoor activities. The masking requirement for non-vaccinated individuals remains for indoor activity.

Face masks are no longer required for spectators for any outdoor sporting event, while spectator limits - 1,000 spectators in many cases - remain.

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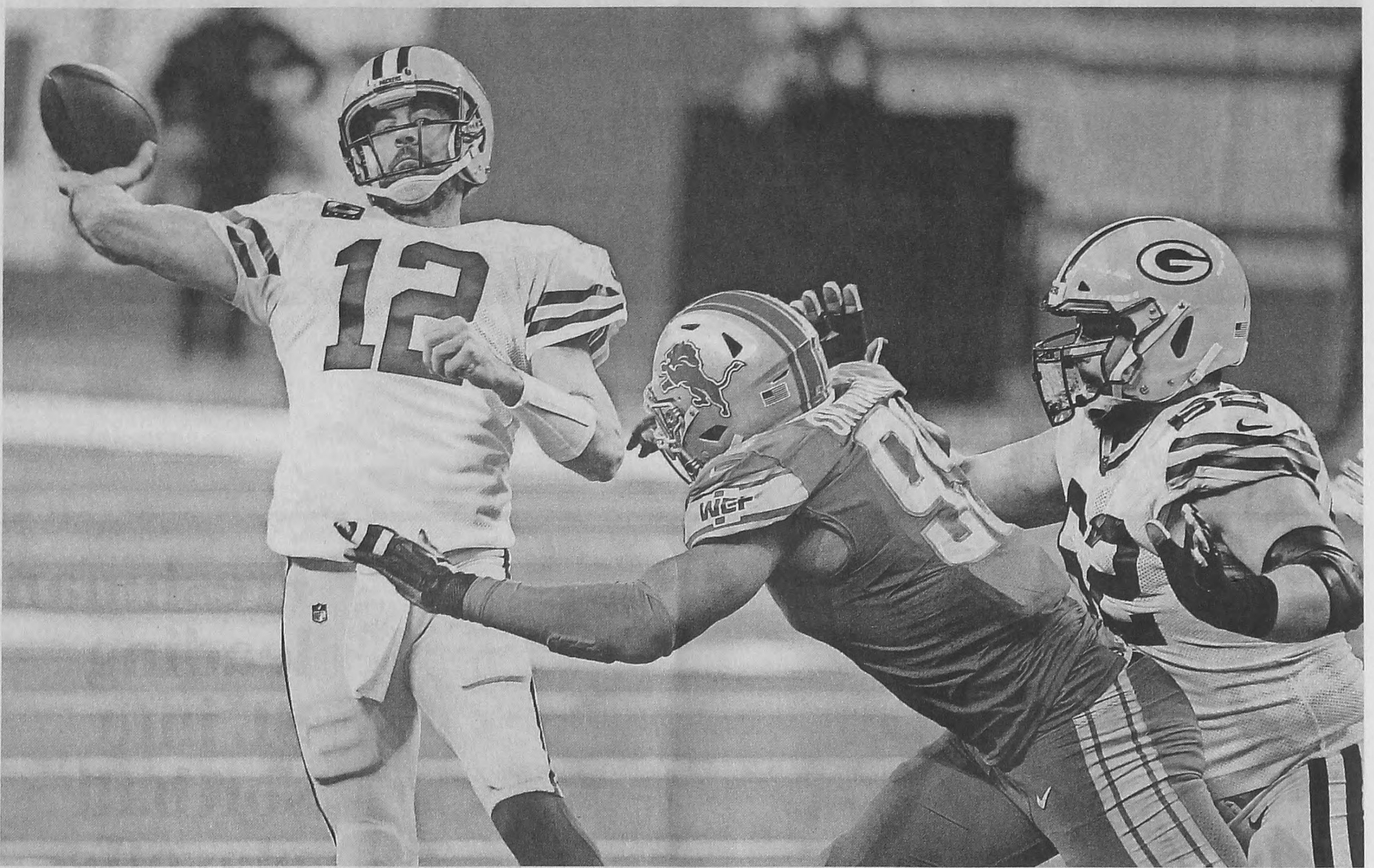
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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (12) drops back to pass during the third quarter against the Detroit Lions at Ford Field. TIM FULLER, USA TODAY SPORTS

Analyzing the Lions' schedule: Nothing easy for Dan Campbell

Lions Insider

Dave Birkett

The NFL schedule makers did not cut Dan Campbell any slack in his first season as Lions coach.

Campbell and the Lions open the 2021 season against a 49ers team that will be one of the favorites in the NFC this fall, and the Lions have three sets of back-to-back road games on a schedule that includes nine games against returning playoff teams.

The Lions open the season at Ford Field, then play three of their next four on the road. They visit the Packers for a Monday night game at Lambeau Field in Week 2, their only scheduled primetime appearance this year, and host the Bears on Thanksgiving for the third time in four seasons.

Both the Packers and Bears made the postseason last year, and the Lions host five other teams coming off a playoff appearance. Their schedule is tied for sixth toughest in the NFL, with a .529 winning percentage in 2020.

Campbell said at his introductory news conference that he planned to build a tough, resilient team, but he acknowledged in a January interview with the Free Press that "patience ... is important."

The Lions, coming off a 5-11 season

and owners of the NFL's worst defense a year ago, likely will be underdogs in their first five games.

The 49ers went 6-10 last season, but won the NFC in 2019 and return several top stars from injury. Starting quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, top defensive end Nick Bosa and Pro Bowl tight end George Kittle missed a combined 32 games last fall.

Garoppolo led the 49ers within a whisker of winning the Super Bowl two years ago and is the favorite to start this fall, though the 49ers traded up to No. 3 in last month's draft to take quarterback Trey Lance.

The Packers, the Lions' opponent in Week 2, have their own question at quarterback as reigning league MVP Aaron Rodgers has made it known he is unhappy in Green Bay.

If Rodgers returns, the Packers, who last hosted the Lions in a Monday night game in 2019, will be among the Super Bowl favorites after going 13-3 a season ago.

Lamar Jackson, the 2019 MVP, leads the Ravens to town in Week 3, followed by the Lions' first set of back-to-back road games against division foes in the Bears and Vikings.

In a scheduling anomaly, the Lions play all three of their road division games in the season's first five weeks,

and all three of their home NFC North games in November-January.

Along with their Thanksgiving game against the Bears, the Lions host the Vikings in Week 13 and close the regular season, now with 17 games, against the Packers at Ford Field.

Among other scheduling quirks

- The Lions play back-to-back road games against AFC North opponents — the Steelers and Browns, both 2020 playoff teams — in mid-November. They travel to Pittsburgh in Week 10, after the midseason bye, and host the Bears on Thanksgiving four days after visiting the Browns.

The Lions have played a road game before Thanksgiving three times in the past four seasons and are 0-3 in the succeeding Thanksgiving games.

- The Lions' third set of back-to-back road games comes in Weeks 16-17, when they visit the Falcons and Seahawks. Atlanta's Matt Ryan is the third former MVP quarterback on the Lions' schedule.

- Though the preseason has been cut to three games this summer, the Lions weirdly have a mid-August exhibition game in Pittsburgh.

We don't know how coaches will approach the new shortened preseason

schedule, but the Lions and Steelers play in Week 2 of the preseason, which could serve as the new dry run for the regular season.

- The Lions visit the Rams in Week 7 for probably the most anticipated game on their schedule: a reunion with former quarterback Matthew Stafford. First-year general manager Brad Holmes traded Stafford — the Lions' all-time leading passer — to the Rams for Jared Goff and three draft picks in January.

- Goff, a native of northern California, is 15-10 against NFC West teams in his career, with seven of those wins coming against the Cardinals. In eight games against his hometown 49ers, whom he should make his Lions debut against, he is 3-5 and averages 197.5 passing yards per game, fifth-lowest of all the teams he's faced.

- Thirteen of the Lions' 17 games are scheduled for 12:30 p.m. or 1 p.m. starts, though games can be flexed to primetime windows on a limited basis in Weeks 5-10 and fully in Weeks 11-18.

Along with their Monday night game against the Packers, the Lions have late-afternoon starts against the Rams, Broncos and Seahawks. Four of the Lions' five post-bye road games — against the Browns, Steelers, Broncos and Seahawks — could present trouble as inclement weather games.

Big Ten announces basketball-opponent info: U-M, MSU to meet twice in '21-22

Andrew Hammond and Chris Solari

Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

On Thursday, the Big Ten released the conference opponents for each of the 14 teams for the upcoming season.

The Michigan Wolverines and Michigan State Spartans will face off twice during the regular season as they are protected rivals when it comes to scheduling.

The Wolverines and Spartans each face off against Big Ten standout Illinois in home/away contests. Michigan State will play Ohio State once next season; Michigan will see its longtime rival from Columbus twice.

Michigan's one-off opponents at home will be Maryland, Minnesota, and Northwestern. On the road, it'll see Indiana, Penn State, and Wisconsin once.

MSU will host Indiana, Nebraska, and Purdue at home for single-leg contests and travel to Iowa, Ohio State, and Rutgers. Dates and times for Big Ten conference games have not been released yet.

Both NCAA tournament teams this past season, the Wolverines and Spartans will each have to deal with key losses from players headed to the NBA draft and the NCAA's transfer portal. Michigan will have to replace four seniors, along with projected first-round pick Franz Wagner. MSU's roster will see plenty of turnover with guard Aaron Henry deciding to go pro, and four transfers.

Before reaching conference play, both teams have important non-conference contests.

Michigan State's early season slate will start with the 2021 Champions Classic where it will face against Kansas. The Spartans' big early season tournament will be in the Bahamas for the Battle 4 Atlantis, where they'll compete with defending national champion Baylor, UConn, and Auburn among others.

The Wolverines will head to Vegas for their early season tournament, the Roman Main Event, where Wichita State, UNLV, and Arizona are scheduled to participate.



Michigan center Hunter Dickinson scores against Maryland guard Hakim Hart (13) and forward Donta Scott (24) during the Big Ten tournament quarterfinals March 12 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. KIRTHMON F. DOZIER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Detroit Catholic League's interest in Toledo is right for everyone

High School Insider

Mick McCabe

The Detroit Catholic League has lusted after Toledo's five Catholic high schools for decades.

(I will have to check my "Baltimore Catechism," but I believe that kind of lust may be only a venial sin.)

The interest in the Toledo Catholic schools is simple: Football opponents for the Detroit Catholic League's powerful Central Division.

It seems as though Central Division athletic directors spend 80% of their time trying to schedule nonconference football games, with very little success.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central is still trying to find two opponents for the coming season.

If the Detroit Catholic League could add three schools capable of playing in the Central Division, well we're talking about a heaven-on-earth scenario.

Three Toledo schools capable of handling that schedule are St. Francis De Sales, St. John's Jesuit, both all-boys schools, and Central Catholic, a co-ed school.

Then there are two all-girls schools — Notre Dame Academy and St. Ursula, which would be adept at playing against the Catholic League powers like Farmington Hills Mercy and Birmingham Marian.

Detroit Catholic League director Vic Michaels made another overture to those schools a few years with no success, but this time the situation is different.

This time, the five Toledo schools approached Michaels about Detroit's interest in them.

Last month, four public schools from the Toledo area's Three Rivers Athletic Conference announced they were exiting to join the Northern Lakes League for the 2022-23 academic year and it is obvious the NLL has no interest in adding the Catholic schools.

Thus, the Toledo Catholic schools' interest in the Detroit Catholic League.

"There's been conversations, but it's



Detroit Catholic Central players practice at Catholic Central High in January.

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all preliminary at this point," St. Francis athletic director Justin Edgell told the Free Press. "The Toledo schools are exploring all options to figure out what is best.

"We're looking at Detroit, we're looking at Cleveland, we're looking at Columbus, we're looking at independent status.

"We've even communicated to schools here in northwest Ohio to see what can be done. There's nothing concrete at this team."

The only concrete thing is those Toledo schools will eventually no longer have a league to call home.

Those schools can look wherever they want, but the best fit is the Detroit Catholic League.

Edgell said that the average travel time between the Toledo schools and all 27 schools in the Catholic League is 55 minutes.

He added the average time to compete in Cleveland is between 1:45 and two hours and to Columbus it is between two and two-and-a-half hours.

But there are some speed bumps.

Because of when certain sports are played in Michigan and Ohio, boys tennis, field hockey, and girls swimming are out of the equation. So are boys golf, girls soccer and tennis.

Because the Ohio state basketball tournaments usually begin two weeks

earlier than Michigan's, adjustments need to be made to the Catholic League schedule.

But there does not appear to be a deal-breaker out there.

Better yet, even a school's success in certain sports like Birmingham Brother Rice's domination in lacrosse is seen as a positive by the Toledo schools.

"It would elevate our programs if the competition was at that level," said Edgell. "We don't shy away from it."

The Toledo schools seem to embrace challenges the way the Detroit Catholic schools do and the Toledo schools bring different strengths to the table.

"We all kind of have our own little niches," Edgell said. "Ursula has been historically great at volleyball. Notre Dame has had recent awesome success at basketball. St. John's has been great at basketball, Central in football. We've had very good swimming and hockey.

"We all have different reasons why Detroit looks very appealing, but we need to figure out all information first before the decision is made."

It seems to me the only decision to be made is how soon can this can happen?

Edgell pointed out the contractual obligation to their current league until the 2023-24 school year, but I have a feeling something can be worked out sooner than that.

"The whole conference would have to

vote," Edgell said, "and 75% of the league would have to approve an early departure of a school."

Of course they would approve it. They've already made it abundantly clear they don't want to be involved with the Catholic schools so why would they delay the inevitable?

And just as bad as those public schools want to get rid of the Catholic schools, the Detroit Catholic League can't wait to have the Toledo schools as league members.

That much was obvious when Michaels ran the idea by some of his ADs, who asked only one question:

"Why can't we do it this year?" Michaels said. "They're ready to do this. Especially the Central Division guys and that's the ones it would affect the most. There's not been one negative comment.

"Now, we haven't discuss all of the possible nuances here, but they really think it's a great fit."

But above all, it makes perfect sense in football.

"Football is kind of the big driver here," Edgell said. "Every conversation I have seems to start with football before it goes to any other sport."

One of best parts is that this would put an end to those absurd nonconference games against teams from Ontario, which are automatic victories and nothing more than a practice in front of fans.

Also gone would be the crossover games against teams from the Double A, which neither side likes.

Michaels knows the Toledo Catholic school have a new home if they want it.

"The way we left it with them," Michaels said, "they all seemed really upbeat and positive about it."

What's not to be positive about? We have Lafayette Coney Island and they have Tony Packo's.

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Softball

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group could win a lot of games. It was just a matter of putting everything together and getting to know one another.

Now, it's just having fun on the softball field, loving to be on the field together.

"We all still want to be there even if it's a tough game, things aren't going our way," Bradshaw said. "It's just staying positive and we have a lot of players that have good leadership roles that are able to harp on the positivity and staying up."

Bradshaw said there is a confidence in the South Lyon dugout at this point in the season, understanding that they are a good team that will continue to face good teams in the area.

But Bradshaw doesn't want to put a limit on what the Lions, or she herself, can do this year and in the years to come.

"I think I'm just going to keep getting better, honestly. I think our team is going to keep getting better because I'm

Athlete of the Week results

Ava Bradshaw won Hometown Life's Athlete of the Week award the week of May 3, earning 6,205 (56.88%) of the 10,909 total votes cast.

Brother Rice senior baseball player John Locker finished in second with 2,300 votes (21.08%), while Plymouth baseball player Kane Elmy finished in third with 1,591.

Northville golfer Jack Thallman and Livonia Stevenson soccer player Scarlett Webster finished in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

never going to set a limit for myself, especially because I always want to get better," she said. "That's the way our team culture is too: we're never satisfied with just one win."

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Ava Bradshaw has struck out 161 batters in 92.1 innings in her first season with South Lyon. COURTESY OF AVA BRADSHAW

Baseball

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their home crowd something to remember, coming back to beat the Spartans, 6-5, with a six-run sixth inning to split the doubleheader.

To Fournier, the key word is fight, no matter the circumstances.

As the wheels seemingly began to fall off - allowing two RBI singles in the second inning and two RBI doubles and a sac fly in the fifth to inflate his team's deficit to 5-0 - the head coach was positive, calling his players to stay involved and upbeat.

"We knew it was going to be a grind. That's what we pride ourselves on," Fournier said. "That's what our whole school is. Our mantra is 'Doesn't matter. We're going to keep fighting.'"

Patience ignited a spark for the Patriots, using two walks and a fielder's choice to load the bases, scoring their first run on a balk by Stevenson pitcher Coltrane Rubner. Caden Fournier made Franklin's patience worth it, lacing a



Franklin's Tyler Whisman connects with a pitch for a base hit May 13.

JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

line drive up the middle to score two and cut the team's deficit to two.

The Franklin head coach needed something to keep the rally alive. With one out and runners on second and third, it was Brayden Felt's turn to help.

The junior had struggled in each of his at bats up to the point, striking out in each of his plate appearances. But Matt Fournier made it clear to Felt that he needed him to do something.

"Listen, I know you're struggling. It's going to happen. That's baseball," Fournier remembers telling Felt prior to his sixth-inning plate appearance. "We need you now. It's time to come through."

Felt hit a sacrifice fly to center field, scoring the tying run, but advancing Zac Olesuk to third, who would score on an RBI single by Trevor Whisman to give the Patriots the lead.

"Our kids battled," Fournier said. "We're young. We do have six seniors, and every team goes through the senior leaderships that they have. With the Whismans -- the one behind the plate and the one at second base - you can't ask for anything more than that."

Livonia Stevenson head coach Rick Berryman was focused on getting the first game. It was all he needed. If the Spartans had lost the first one, he said he would have coached Game 2 differently, not taking as many chances with his personnel.

To him it was an experiment: to see which players he could and could not trust in crunch time as the KLAA post-season and the playoffs near.

But Berryman is not wallowing in his team's collapse in the sixth inning of Game 2, allowing six runs on two hits. He knows what he has in Rubner and Klander in his rotation.

"Those two can dominate and, with the right lineup, we can play with anyone," Berryman said.

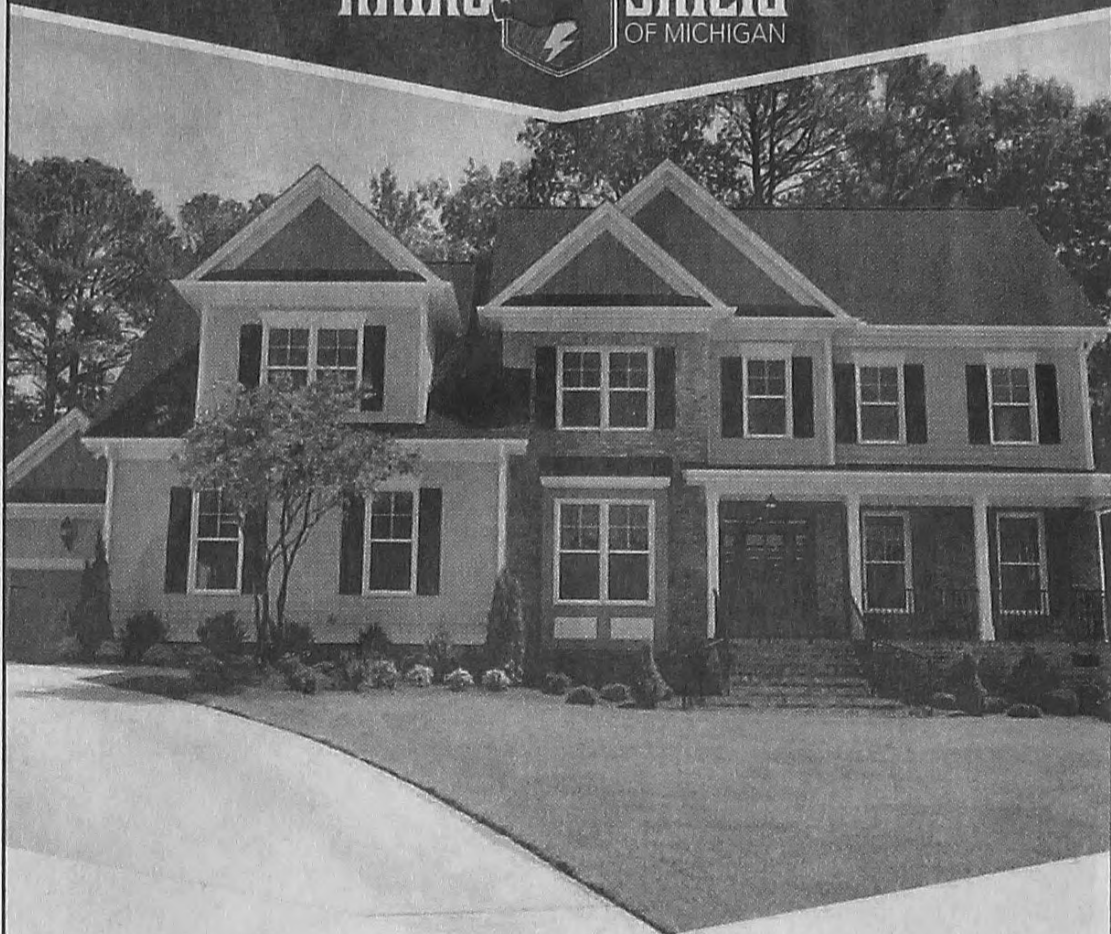
If anything, Matt Fournier said, the Game 2 comeback will be a bit of juice heading into the final regular season games, something that each team needs at this time of the season.

However, he knows that the season is coming to an end no matter what, something he continues to reiterate to his players, win or loss. And it's something they are responding to.

"We keep telling the kids, 'We basically have three, four weeks to remember for the rest of your life,'" Fournier said. "They are buying in and doing the right things. We just have to hopefully continue with it."

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2021 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

1. Application 1624, 78-059-03-0456-000, 9432 Elmhurst, R-1 zoning district is requesting one variance to construct a 13' x 12.9' covered screened porch that would reduce the rear yard setback to 42' feet whereas 50' feet is required. *Variance requested is Eight (8) feet.*
2. Application 1625, 78-060-02-0073-000, 9610 Gold Arbor, R-1 zoning district is requesting one variance to construct a detached garage. The proposed garage is 14' feet in height whereas the maximum allowed is 12' feet in height. *The variance requested is 2' Feet in height.*
3. Application 1626, 78-059-03-0192-701, 9205 Northern, R-1 zoning district is requesting one for a 10' ten-foot side yard setback whereas 25' twenty-five feet is required to construct a new home. This is a non-conforming lot in Green Meadows. *The variance requested is 15' fifteen feet in the side yard.*

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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City of Plymouth
Zoning Board of Appeals Notice
Thursday, June 3, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.
Online Zoom Webinar
201 S. Main Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170
Website: www.plymouthmi.gov Phone: (734) 453-1234 ext. 232

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. online via Zoom to consider the following:

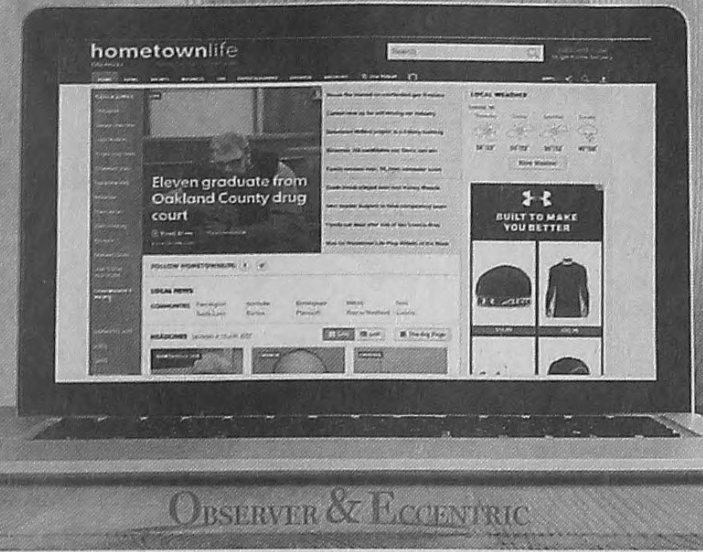
- Z21-10 Non-Use Variance Request for 1012 William
Front yard fence height
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Kevin and Katie Cerne
- Z21-11 Non-Use Variance Request for 290 E. Pearl
Front yard setback for an attached, front-facing garage
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Gloria and Steve Korpus
- Z21-12 Non-Use Variance Request for 690 Junction
Front yard setback for new building
Front yard fence height
Zoned: I-1, Light Industrial
Applicant: Joseph Lawson, Consumers Energy
- Z21-13 Non-Use Variance Request for 1250 S. Main
Landscaping
Zoned: B-1, Local Business
Applicant: Silvia Canzano

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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**City of Plymouth
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2021 - 2022 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in the Large Reception Room at the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer Street, for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 2021 - 2022 City Budget.

Proposed 2021 City Millage Rates

The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 2021 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

The 2021 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 10.4592 mills, which is .1196 mills less than the 2020 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate, within the maximum allowed rate of 10.4592 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage roll-back formula.

The 2021 tax rate for debt service millage to fund debt service requirements for the 2012 and 2020 General Obligation and Limited Tax General Obligation refunding bond issues is proposed to be 2.7900 mills, which is .3200 mills less than the 2020 tax rate.

The 2021 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.8200 mills which is the same as the 2020 tax rate.

The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 15.0692 mills for 2021, which is .4396 mills less than the 2020 total City tax rate.

Property Tax Administration Fee

Pursuant to Section 211.44(3) of the General property Tax law a property tax administration fee of 1% is proposed to be levied on the total of all property taxes levied, both real and personal, on both the Summer Levy due July 1, 2021 and the Winter Levy due December 1, 2021 as authorized by a 5 - 2 vote of the City Commission at a scheduled budget meeting held on April 25, 2016.

Equalization Factors

Wayne County established tentative 2021 equalization factors of 1.0668 for the residential class of property, 1.0175 for the commercial class of property and 1.0352 for the industrial class of property. Since the City has adjusted assessments for all property classes for 2021 by the proposed factors, all 2021 equalization factors will be set at 1.0000.

2021 - 2022 Proposed City Budgets

The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 2021/22 as follows:

Revenues		Expenditures	
GENERAL FUND			
Property taxes	\$6,591,420	Administration	\$1,916,600
Licenses & Permits	3,700	Buildings & Grounds	219,350
Federal Grants	450,000	Police Department	4,182,870
State-shared Revenue	1,067,951	Fire Department	1,065,920
Sales of Service	846,960	Public Works Dept	872,250
Cemetery Revenue	157,500	Recreation & Culture	382,930
Parking Revenue	65,200	Capital Outlay	311,500
Other Revenue	649,640	Debt Service	31,234
Transfers-In	160,000	Transfers-Out	1,009,717
REVENUE TOTAL	\$9,992,371	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$9,992,371
MAJOR STREET FUND			
Gas & Weight Tax	\$709,036		
Contrib & Other	17,507		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$726,543	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$726,543
LOCAL STREET FUND			
Gas & Weight Tax	\$284,820		
Contrib & Other	376,277		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$661,047	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$661,047
RECREATION FUND			
Contrib. From G/F	\$500,000		
Prog. Fees & Other	834,600		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,334,600	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$1,334,600
WASTE & RECYCLING FUND			
Property Taxes	\$1,068,400		
Sales of Service & Other	528,310		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,596,710	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$1,596,710
OTHER CITY FUNDS			
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
Parking Fund	\$ 10	\$ 10	
Brownfield Re-Development Authority Fund	\$ 168,050	\$ 168,050	
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 1,135,420	\$ 1,135,420	
Building Fund	\$ 604,850	\$ 604,850	
Neighborhood Services Fund	\$ 92,730	\$ 92,730	
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 2,310	\$ 2,310	
OWI Forfeiture Fund	\$ 8,060	\$ 8,060	
Omnibus Forfeiture Fund	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	
2012 GO Bond & 2002 Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 1,104,920	\$ 1,104,920	
2012 W/S Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 71,500	\$ 71,500	
2015 LTGO Cap Imp Bond Debt Fund - DDA	\$ 223,610	\$ 223,610	
2015 LTGO Cap Imp Bond Debt Fund - W/S	\$ 234,840	\$ 234,840	
2020 GO Debt Fund	\$ 735,350	\$ 735,350	
Public Improvement Fund	\$ 50	\$ 50	
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	
2015 LTGO Cap Imp Bond Construction Fund - DDA	\$ 800	\$ 800	
DDA Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 25,050	\$ 25,050	
2020 GO Bond Construction Fund	\$ 1,811,875	\$ 1,811,875	
Water / Sewer Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 800,400	\$ 800,400	
Water / Sewer Operating & Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,517,005	\$ 4,517,005	
Brownfield Site Remediation Fund	\$ 500,050	\$ 500,050	
Equipment Fund	\$ 809,210	\$ 809,210	

Transfers between Appropriations

As provided in State law, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10 %) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund, but not from Reserve Accounts nor between funds.

Copies of Proposed Budget Available

A complete copy of the 2021 - 2022 City Budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours and also at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.

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PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

BOOK OPENINGS

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|---|--|---|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 52 Prayer opener | 102 Billy portrayed by Brad Pitt in "Moneyball" | 6 Poking tool | 47 Born, to Gigi | 86 "Bali —" |
| 1 "Billy —" (1991 gangster film) | 53 "Chances —" (1957 hit) | 104 Swelled head | 7 Earthy colors | 48 Trunk bone | 87 Cyber-chuckle |
| 9 Certain line on a weather map | 54 Dept. of Justice div. | 105 Los Angeles neighborhood | 8 One who used to be in the club | 50 Copied | 91 1978 Stephen King book |
| 15 God of love | 56 Vatican VIP | 109 Tranquilize | 9 Dogma suffix | 51 Boomers' kids | 94 Cove relative |
| 20 It'll make a walking surface shine | 57 Not distributed, as cards | 115 Brazilian berry in juices | 10 "Homeland" airer, for short | 54 "The Nanny" star Drescher | 95 First-column bingo square |
| 21 Sterling or Shannon of the NFL | 59 One working to take control | 116 "Eat — eaten" (law of survival) | 11 Rowing tool | 55 Grooved ring holding a gem | 96 Scrooge's cry |
| 22 Cartoon art of Japan | 65 Actress — Dawn Chong | 117 Lister's abbr. | 12 Of a wedding | 56 Supplication | 97 Prefix with lateral |
| 23 Washington monument | 66 Mean Amin | 119 "How Do I Live" singer | 13 Southwestern tribe | 58 "My Girl Tisa" star Palmer | 98 Clergyman's subj. |
| 25 Tasty morsel | 68 Lucy's Desi | 120 Mint family | 14 Past artifact | 60 Dramatist David | 99 Year divs. |
| 26 Devoured | 69 Dog types | 122 What the first words of eight long answers in this puzzle are | 15 Panther, e.g. | 61 First-class | 101 Covered with gunky stuff |
| 27 Stitch | 70 City west of Lake Superior | 127 Crawl | 16 Not fully aged | 62 Central | 102 Brand of pizza crust |
| 28 Caesar's 604 | 74 Freely | 128 Ready to go | 17 Hot-and-cold dessert | 63 WWII sub | 103 Swimmer Gertrude |
| 30 "Othello" villain | 77 "Guys and Dolls" song | 129 Thorn in one's side | 18 PR concern | 64 First subway line in NYC | 105 Emerge from an egg |
| 31 Flung | 78 Meadowland | 130 lbsen's "— Gable" | 19 Juice cleanse, e.g. | 67 "— use!" ("I give up!") | 106 Earthy colour |
| 33 Belief that one is destined to be a savior | 79 Punch sound | 131 Family tree females | 24 She-sheep | 70 Tuning knob | 107 Instrument with pipes |
| 38 Call to cop cars, in brief | 82 Narrative at the start of the Bible | 132 Have faith in | 29 Render null | 71 Final: Abbr. | 108 Spearheaded |
| 40 Weasel look-alike | 85 Sports person | DOWN | 32 Quarterback | 72 "Pipe down!" | 110 Uneven, as leaf margins |
| 41 Concept | 88 Ship's frame | 1 Black key above A | Marino | 73 Hideous foe of Popeye | 111 Long sofa |
| 42 Singer of the 1984 hit "Too Late for Goodbyes" | 89 Cry on "The Simpsons" | 2 Justice Samuel | 34 IRS datum | 74 Dull pain | 112 Alter formally |
| 48 Hwys., e.g. | 90 Biblical verb ending | 3 Musical steps | 35 — Paulo | 75 Factual | 113 Verizon, e.g., for short |
| 49 Von Sydow of "The Exorcist" | 92 Big blood line | 4 — pocus | 36 "Son of," in Arab names | 76 Skillfully executed | 114 German city |
| | 93 Sinuous fish | 5 Feel blindly | 37 Rx writers | 79 Impudent | 118 Sleuth's lead |
| | 94 Small pellets for air guns | | 39 With 42-Down, restaurant dish of the day | 80 Sgt. Snorkel's pet dog | 121 Federal ecology org. |
| | 96 Famous 1804 duel | | 42-Down, restaurant dish of the day | 81 Phase out nursing | 123 Top-left PC key |
| | 100 High-school jrs.' exam | | 44 Store of ore | 83 Takes too much, in brief | 124 Neckline type |
| | | | 45 State of rage | 84 "— out!" (ump's cry) | 125 Cheez- (crackers) |
| | | | 46 Nabokov title heroine | | 126 Puppy's bite |

SUDOKU

	6	2						
5			4			2		
7			5		6	8		
	3	4				7		
				1				
		8				1	9	
	2		6		1			7
		3			9			8
						6	5	

Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/20

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!

THE ENVIRONMENT

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

B P E S T I C I D E S Z L E U F G C
 S N W E A T H E R O C E A N S W H C
 G W I D G N I G G O L Y G R E N E O
 N N W A G C P U Y D E P L E T I O N
 S I I S H N S P A C E C I K I K O S
 B S H M M C I H A Z A R D O U S R E
 Y P A P R O D H P L A S T I C S G R
 O O T M L A K O S C J C A R S R A V
 V R E G O O W E O I L O R T E P N A
 E C M S A I D N H F F E J E C J I T
 M W P E L S B E J O E R N R W V C I
 I I E A I R T G T F I H E R E O O O
 S L R L F M H Y S N O L E V A T P N
 S D A E A O G X D U X N C S O L A O
 I L T V G B U O S A I E A R T H O W
 O I U E L P O E P M A S E M U F O S
 N F R L F L R L A O Z O N E T S A W
 S E E S F X D F G Z N W H A L E R S

- AIR BIOMASS
- CARS CONSERVATION
- CROPS DEPLETION
- DOLPHIN DROUGHT
- EARTH EMISSIONS
- ENERGY FAMINE
- FLOOD FOOD CHAIN
- FUEL FUMES
- GAS GLOBAL
- GREENHOUSE HAZARDOUS
- ICECAPS LOGGING
- OCEANS OIL
- ORGANIC OVERFISHING
- OXYGEN OZONE
- PEOPLE PESTICIDES
- PETROL PLASTICS
- POWER REEFS
- SEA LEVELS SMOKE
- SOLAR TEMPERATURE
- WARMING WASTE
- WATER WEATHER
- WHALEERS WILDLIFE

THE ENVIRONMENT

1	9	2	8	7	6	4
8	7	6	5	4	3	2
7	6	5	4	3	2	1
6	5	4	3	2	1	0
5	4	3	2	1	0	-1
4	3	2	1	0	-1	-2
3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4
1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7
-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8
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-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-10
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-6	-7	-8	-9	-10	-11	-12
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-8	-9	-10	-11	-12	-13	-14
-9	-10	-11	-12	-13	-14	-15

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