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What you need to know for Election Day

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Election Day in Michigan is Tuesday with city elections and ballot issues coming before voters across the Hometown Life communities.

An off-year election that typically sees smaller voter turnout compared to

the presidential and gubernatorial elections held every four years.

Local elections this year are non-partisan, meaning candidates are not required to declare a political party when running for office. Often times, a look at a candidate's views on the various issues or a search on social media websites can help voters determine a candidate's political leanings.

Here are some frequently asked questions regarding the election. Visit hometownlife.com for in-depth information on candidates and ballot issues in the Nov. 2 election.

Does my community have an election?

Voters living in Oakland County

communities of Birmingham, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, Northville, South Lyon and those living in the Huron Valley Schools boundaries have election day decisions to make. Each of the cities have elections to decide one elected leaders. South Lyon, Farmington Hills and Huron Valley Schools have

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Firefighters learn new life-saving tactics during intense training day

Ed Wright

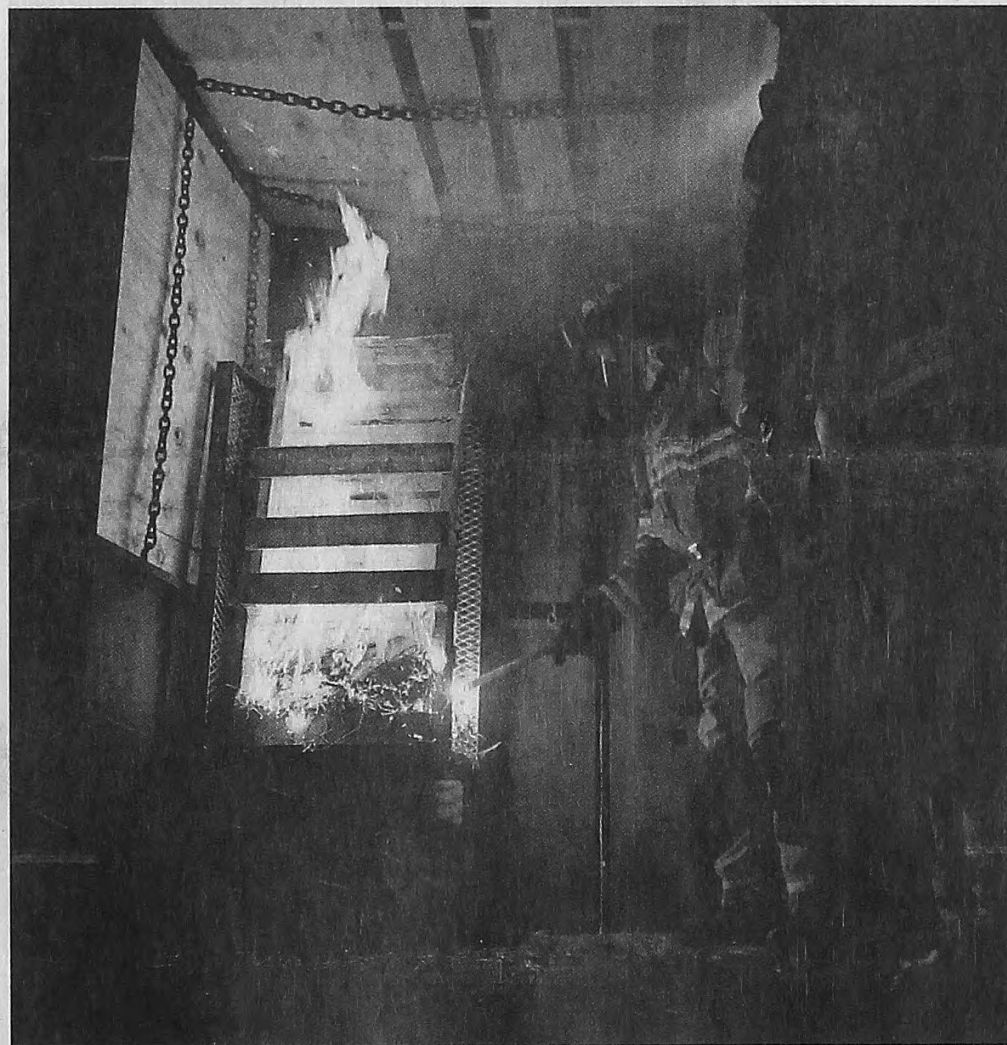
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Inhabitants of a burning home have an average of three minutes to escape — down from 17 minutes some 40 years ago — amplifying the need for the type of all-day firefighting training session that recently unfolded at Livonia's Schoolcraft College Regional Training Center.

"Home furnishings are made mostly out of synthetic materials now — not organic materials like wood and wool like they were back in the day — so fires get a lot hotter, a lot faster now, which makes this kind of training so important," Northville Township Fire Marshal Tom Hughes explained during a training break during the midwestern United States' largest hands-on training program.

"Fire spreads faster now than it did decades earlier, too, because of open-concept home designs, which are a lot more dangerous as fires can burn quicker because there aren't as many walls or doors to slow it down."

Organized by a collaborative effort from the Northville Township and Livonia fire departments, the event attracted 45 firefighters from Michigan and Indiana, who learned evolving sci-



A firefighter uses a burning flare to set a controlled fire inside a shipping container during an Oct. 20, 2021 training session in Livonia. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Plans for potential development at Courthouse Grille site unveiled

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Nearly three years after the final meal was served at the once-fashionable Courthouse Grille in Plymouth Township, the carcass of the building still stands, a beaten-down and battered shadow of its former self.

The land the long-dormant eatery sits on is the former site of a rural farmhouse that was expanded over the decades. Formerly known as Ernesto's and the Hillside Inn, many rich and famous clientele — Paul Newman, Lee Iacocca and a long list of University of Michigan athletics coaches, to name a few — consumed hearty meals and cocktails within its storied walls.

In recent years, however, the crumbling building has been the target of residents' contempt because of its eyesore status and potential to attract rodents and trespassers.

A ray of hope brightened the property during a Plymouth Township economic development update when drawings of a potential four-story, 120-unit housing development for the acreage were unveiled — a sight for sore eyes of Plymouth residents who

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Plan for former Wonderland mall site gets thumbs down from Livonia board

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A planned apartment development on the site of a former Livonia mall appears to have an additional hurdle if it's to become a reality.

The city's planning commission recently recommended denial of a rezon-

ing request at the lone vacant property at the site of the former Wonderland Mall site on the southwest corner of Plymouth and Middlebelt roads.

The proposal would see more than 200 apartment units built as three-story buildings on the land west of Walmart and Target, which has been vacant for many years.

The commission reviewed and voted

on the plan during its meeting Oct. 19, several months after the project was delayed when the developer requested more time to retool the plans.

The plans, said Jeffrey Schostak of Livonia-based developer Schostak Brothers & Company, said they've taken several issues into consideration when looking to develop the site, including the desires in the newly-adopted Livonia

21 master plan.

"We really try to be thoughtful of not what we think is necessarily the highest and best use, of course that plays a role, but in what the city wants, what we think makes the most sense with what the city's current zoning states, and also what the community wants," he said.

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Campaign donations pour into Farmington, Farmington Hills elections

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Election day is almost here, and candidates are spending thousands to get their names in front of voters.

Four of seven Farmington council candidates raised enough money to require filing campaign finance reports.

Campaign finance reports detail how much a candidate raised, the names of people and organizations who donated, how much candidates have spent and what they're spending that money on. Pre-general reports are submitted to Oakland County and can be viewed in full at oakland.mi.campaignfinance.us.

Candidates can accept loans, direct contributions or in-kind contributions. An in-kind donation is the transfer of a service or good instead of money.

In Farmington Hills voters will chose a mayor and three council members Tuesday, Nov. 2. Farmington voters are choosing three council members, as well. People can register to vote through Nov. 2 at their city clerk's office.

Here's how the candidates have done with raising money:

Farmington council candidates

All Farmington council members, including the mayor, make \$3,000 annually

Johnna Balk brought in \$8,043.40 through direct and in-kind donations. Farmington school board Vice President Zach Rich donated to her campaign, and most of Balk's other donors live in Oakland County. All of Balk's in-kind donations are from herself.

The 11th Congressional District of Michigan Democratic Party, Farmington-Farmington Hills Democratic Club and The Party Politic all gave to Balk's campaign, as well. Their donations add to \$1,200.

Balk spent the most money with Original Union Printer, based in Lake Orion, for printing. She's spent \$808.69 there.

Councilman David DeLind raised \$6,430.35. Most of his contributions come from outside Farmington — he has six donations from residents — and many come from outside Michigan.

The Party Politic, Farmington-Farmington Hills Democratic Club, DTE Energy Company PAC and 11th Congressional District of Michigan Democratic Party gave a cumulative \$1,400 to DeLind's campaign. School board Vice President Zach Rich made a donation, as well.

Original Union Printer, based in Lake



DeLind

Orion, was DeLind's biggest expense spot. He's spent \$3,989.71 there for printing and mailing.

DeLind also spent over \$600 with The Guerilla Politic, based in Canton for marketing services. The company typically markets progressive, Democratic candidates.

According to Oakland County's campaign finance database, **Jacob Nelson, Geof Perrot and Councilman Steve Schneemann** all filed waivers stating they raised less than \$1,000. Consequently, the three candidate did not submit campaign finance reports.

Councilwoman Maria Taylor raised \$4,801. A host of local leaders like school board Vice President Zach Rich, Farmington Hills Mayor Pro Tem Jacki Boleware, school board trustee Cheryl Blau, school board trustee Mable Fox, Farmington Hills Mayor Vicki Barnett and Farmington Councilman David DeLind are among her donors.



Balk



Aldred



Taylor

The Party Politic, Farmington-Farmington Hills Democratic Club, and 11th Congressional District of Michigan Democratic Party gave Taylor a combined \$1,200.

The councilwoman spent the most — \$2,552 — at Original Union Printer, based in Lake Orion.

Taylor also spent over \$600 with The Guerilla Politic, based in Canton for marketing services.

Cathi Waun brought in \$1,866.60 from in-kind and direct donations. All but one of her donations are from Farmington residents.

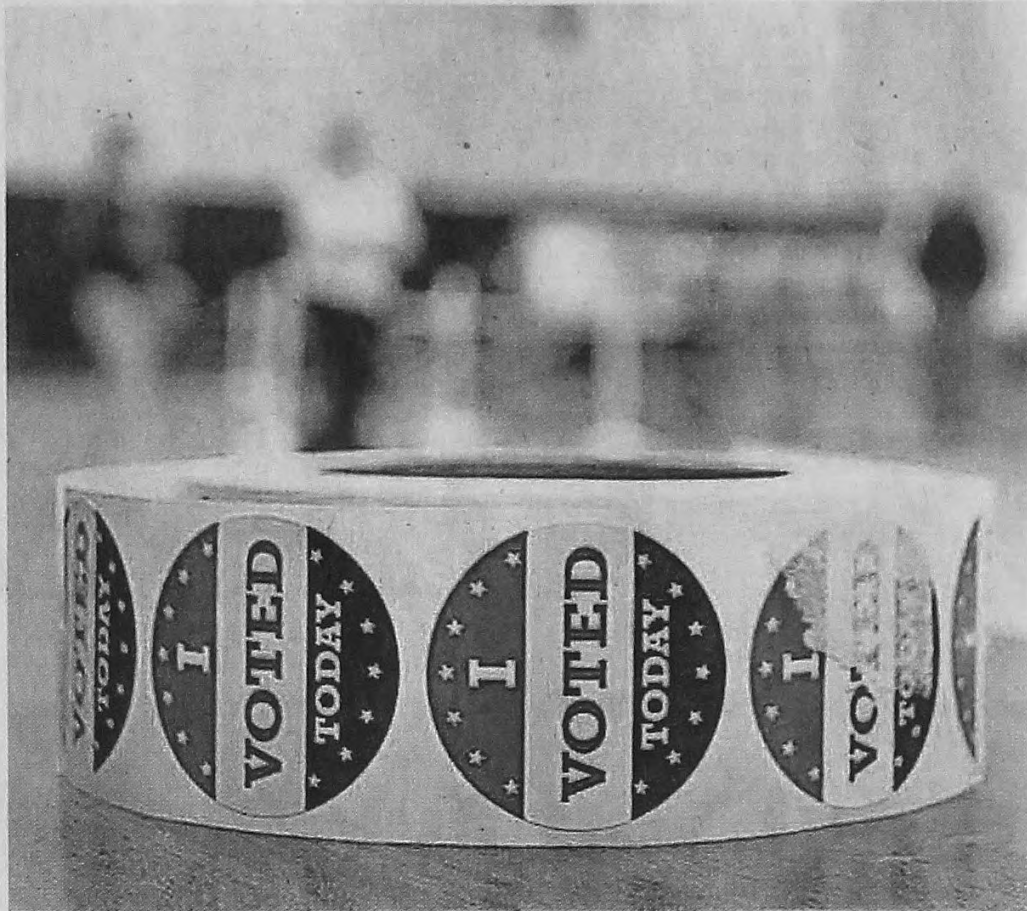
Waun's biggest expense was \$831 for yard signs from Sign Service Company, which is based in Canton.

Farmington Hills council candidates

Once elected, council members serve four-year terms and make \$583.36 monthly in a nonpartisan capacity.

Jon Aldred brought in \$13,570.66 in direct and in-kind donations, about the same amount as the other candidates combined.

Aldred gave over \$2,000 in direct



I Voted Today stickers FILE PHOTO

contributions to his campaign and made all of the in-kind donations he received. Other than his donations, the campaign is completely funded by individuals, most of whom live in Oakland County.

Aldred's largest expense was \$3,851 at Advanced Campaign Technologies. He paid the Alto-based company for mailers.

Councilman Michael Bridges raised \$2,525. His largest donor was the Farmington Democratic Club, which gave him \$750. Otherwise, Bridges' campaign is mostly powered by Farmington Hills residents.

The councilman spent the most at Signarama, a Farmington-based business. He bought \$636 in signage from the company.

Jacob Kovacs raised \$4,044.98 ahead of the election. Kovacs' campaign includes many donations from himself and relatives, and most of his donors live in Michigan.

The 14th District Republican Committee to Elect gave Kovacs \$250.

He spent the most with GotPrint.com, which is based in California. Kovacs spent \$1,354.59 with the company for signs.

Councilman Matthew Strickfaden raised \$5,010, most of which came from a loan from himself. Strickfaden received one \$10 contribution from a Far-

mington Hills resident.

The councilman spent the most — \$3,800 — on Facebook advertising.

Oakland County's finance database states **Randy Bruce** and **Councilwoman Valerie Knol** did not submit a report or file for a waiver by the deadline. Failure to file fees can add up to as much as \$500 per report.

Farmington Hills mayor candidates

The mayor is a nonpartisan official, serves a two-year term and makes \$875.08 monthly.

Mayor Vicki Barnett reported raising \$50 and spending \$158.70 ahead of the election. Barnett's account has over \$2,500 in it from previous years. Barnett's single \$50 donation came from a Farmington Hills resident.

Most of the mayor's spending is happening at a Bank of America in Farmington Hills, at which Barnett is paying for banking fees.

Gina Phillips submitted a waiver to Oakland County stating she raised less than \$1,000. That waiver was granted and she did not need to submit a report.

Phillips also has an outstanding \$90 late fee with Oakland County.

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CORRECTION

A column under the headline "Market extends schedule as growing season continues" should have stated the farmers market will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Riley Park in downtown Farmington.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Service drive weeds need attention

I have attempted to contact the mayors office by phone on two separate occasions only to be met with excuses and derision. Didn't appreciate either. However my concern persists.

Livonia's ordinance on weeds and grass states "noxious weeds must be cut prior to seed bearing stage or nine inches (9") whichever comes first."

Whoever is responsible for maintaining eastbound and westbound Schoolcraft service drive is failing to abide by our City of Livonia ordinance. The weeds on the service drive are feet tall not inches. It has been this way since July when I attempted to contact the mayors office previously.

While tall weeds and unkept grass may seem trivial or insignificant to some, it is not to many. How our community looks is a representation of the citizens and leadership of our community. How our community looks is a representation of ourselves.

In this instance our leadership is failing us, the citizens.

I would love to see this matter, as it is so simple to address, remediated in a timely fashion as it would be required if it were a business of homeowner who was breaking our ordinance.

We have a fantastic community here in Livonia. The city does so much

right compared to other municipalities throughout the state and or country. Let's get this right also.

Michael Cretu

Livonia

Supports Taylor in Farmington

Maria Taylor is deeply committed to maintaining Farmington's historical character, while always looking for creative ways to improve the downtown and all of the neighborhoods.

As long-time residents of Farmington, we have appreciated her attention to many matters touching the daily life of the residents and the attractiveness of the City. We have observed Maria's work on the city council these past 3 years and watched her tireless efforts to seek out and listen to residents and to be present and involved in multiple community activities.

Her ideas, voice and hard work on the council deserve a second term.

Pam & George Wright

Farmington

More Taylor support

Every two years, Farmington voters are asked to set the direction of the city government. This year, there's a crowded field of seven candidates running for three positions. Three of those candidates — Maria Taylor, Johnna

Balk and David DeLind — are running together on a common platform, highlighting the values that they share.

Those values include having a more inclusive government that reflects our diverse community, recognizing that climate change is real and that issues like flooding and power outages need to be addressed, and that resident interests should come before special interests.

A few noisy critics have taken issue with the three running together. But their criticisms amount to nothing more than vague threats about some bad outcome that would result if three people with similar values are elected. Seriously? Shouldn't the values of the majority on city council represent the values of the majority of city residents?

To the critics, I say it's refreshing that we have candidates who aren't afraid to take a position on the issues and stand behind them. I admire their transparency and their hardworking door-to-door campaigns. More importantly to me, I'm glad I can vote knowing there are three candidates who share my values.

Whether you are voting at the polls on Nov. 2nd or voting absentee, the choice is clear. Select Taylor, Balk, and DeLind for Farmington City Council.

Phillip Beuckelaere

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Firefighters

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ence-based tactics from an all-star lineup of fire-services instructors.

"I've attended a lot of other live-fire training, but I'm learning tactics today I've never learned before," Canton Township firefighter/paramedic Ryan Molina said. "The most important thing with basement fires is recognizing where the access points are — access to basements is generally limited to one set of stairs or a sliding door that leads to a backyard — and then planning your strategy from there."

Molina said he will take the lessons he learned and share them with his colleagues.

Training to fight different fires

Training stations at the Schoolcraft site ranged from oversized dollhouses to large pole barn-like structures.

During an early-afternoon training session, menacing brownish-gray smoke billowed out of crevices in a metal, two-story structure as dozens of fully-gear-up firefighters stood nearby, waiting their turn to enter the ultra-hot enclosure so they could learn from the burn.

The water mapping lesson taught inside the two-story building showed where to point a hose to maximize water distribution, among other science-based skills to better.

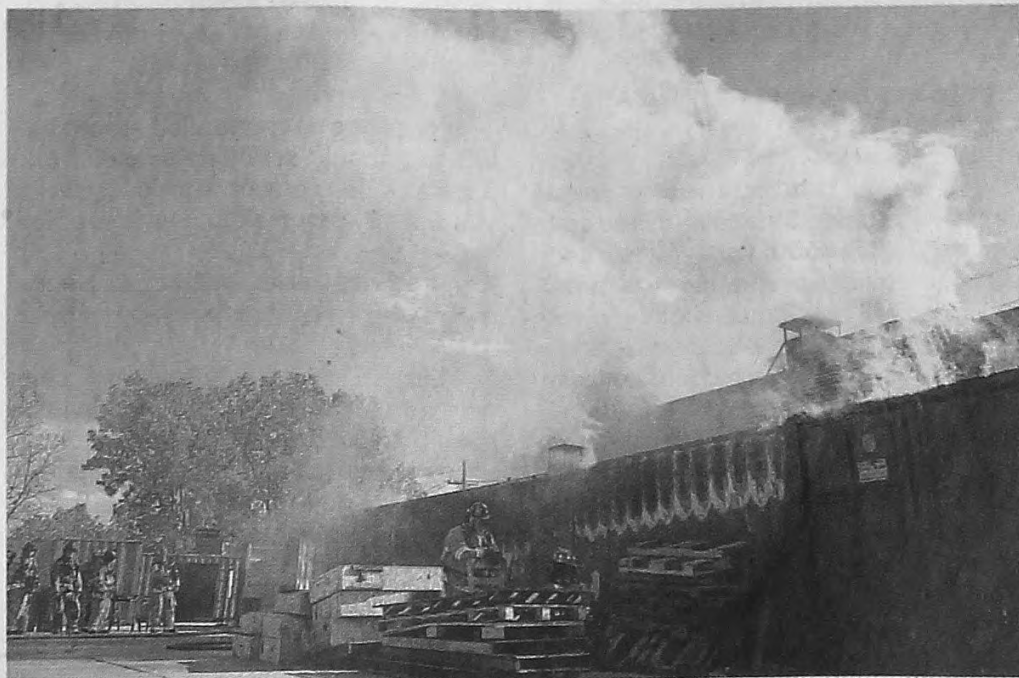
Lessons learned during a demonstration based on the igniting of dollhouses were how air flow through opened and closed doors and windows influences fire behavior.

Preventable deaths

During the first nine months of 2021, Michigan reported 86 fire-related fatalities — a 1% decrease compared to 2020.

"Unfortunately, there are fire deaths occurring daily that could be prevented by some of the tactics we're teaching today," said Northville Township firefighter Jesse Marcotte, a nationally renowned instructor who participates in training sessions across the country.

"From a civilian standpoint, we emphasize close before you doze, which means close bedroom doors before you go to sleep. The temperature of a fire outside of a closed bedroom door can



Smoke billows from the shipping containers as the exercise gets underway on Oct. 20, 2021 the Schoolcraft College Regional Training Center. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Two firefighters, including Canton's Ryan Winowiecki, left, gear up for and Oct. 20, 2021 an Understanding and Fighting Basement Fires at the Schoolcraft College Regional Training Center in Livonia. The session was organized by Northville Township Training Coordinator - Firefighter Jesse Marcotte. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Firefighters adjust their breathing apparatus at the outdoor training area at the Schoolcraft College Regional Training Center on Oct. 20, 2021. Firefighters from the states of Michigan, Ohio, Virginia and Massachusetts were there that day to go through a course on Understanding and Fighting Basement Fires. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

reach 1,000 degrees — 900 degrees hotter than inside a bedroom that has a closed door.

"The installation of smoke alarms throughout your house cannot be over-emphasized. Only 45% of homes in Michigan have working smoke alarms.

New devices available now have 10-year batteries installed so you don't have to worry about changing batteries twice a year. When the 10 years are up, you throw the entire device away and buy a new one."

Marcotte said he is overwhelmed by

the level of passion longtime firefighters possess for wanting to learn new tactics.

"This training has prerequisites, so every firefighter has already undergone 20 hours of training just to be at this session," Marcotte said. "There are fire-service people here today who have been doing this for 20 years or longer — a lot of them are commanders now — but they remain open-minded about learning new tactics and embracing new ways of doing things."

The primary focus of the Oct. 20 training was how to effectively and safely battle basements fires — a vital skill set especially in the Midwest, where basements are more standard compared to other parts of the country.

"In Northville Township, for example, 97 percent of the homes have basements, the average size of which are 1,700 square feet," Hughes said. "So it's important that firefighters learn how to assess a basement fire as safely and quickly as possible because floors can collapse unexpectedly and materials burn hotter."

There are nearly 1,000 residential fires a day in the United States with 1,900 annual deaths, according to the U.S. Fire Administration.

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Election

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ballot questions.

In Wayne County, voters in Westland, Livonia, Plymouth and Northville can head to the polls to select their municipal leaders.

Can I vote absentee?

Yes. Under changes in Michigan law, every registered voter is allowed to request an absentee ballot for any reason. At this late date, it's probably best to go in person to your local clerk's office to request the ballot — you have until 4 p.m. on the day before the election to do this.

When do Michigan polls open?

Polling places open at 7 a.m. and

close at 8 p.m. If you're in line by 8 p.m., you're legally still allowed to vote.

I forgot to register to vote. Am I out of luck?

You are not. Michigan allows same-day voter registration. That means up to and through Election Day, you can go to your local clerk, register and cast a ballot. But you'll need to be eligible to vote — a U.S. citizen and Michigan resident who is at least 18 years old and not serving a jail or prison sentence — and complete an application. Registration requires bringing paperwork with you that verifies where you live. According to the Secretary of State, eligible documents include:

- Michigan driver's license or State ID card
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck or government check
- Other government document

When do I have to mail in my absentee ballot for my vote to count?

If you have not yet mailed in your ballot, you should seriously consider taking it to a drop box or your local clerk if you want to ensure your vote is counted.

I mailed my ballot but I'm not sure if the clerk received it. Now what?

There's a website for that: www.Michigan.gov/vote. After going to the site and entering personal information or your driver's license number, you should be able to see whether your clerk received your ballot.

If the clerk has not received your ballot, you can still spoil that ballot to ensure you vote is cast.

Can I change my absentee ballot?

You can do what's known as spoiling

your absentee ballot, but you need to act before Election Day. Ordinarily, you would have the option of mailing a signed request to your local clerk that is received by 2 p.m. on the Saturday before the election. At this point, you should deliver the signed request in person to the clerk's office by 4 p.m. on the day before the election. There is no way to spoil an absentee ballot on Election Day.

I want to vote, but I don't know what to do!

The Michigan Voter Information Center, operated by the Secretary of State, has information to help people understand everything they need to do to cast a ballot. The site www.Michigan.gov/vote includes information on if you are registered to vote, where to vote, what's on the ballot and more.

Grille

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want to see the 86-year-old structure removed.

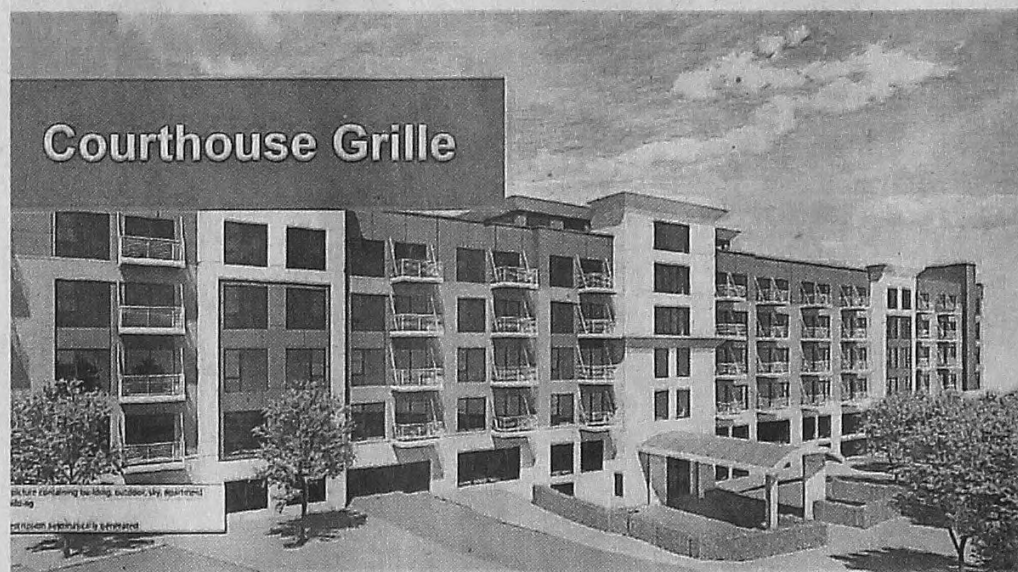
Engineered by District Capital Detroit, plans for the site include an upscale condominium offering, complete with a car wash, dog park and dog wash.

A drawing of the planned structure's rooftop revealed a stylish meeting area with slick landscaping and both indoor and outdoor gathering spaces.

The demand for housing for upwardly-mobile professionals in the Plymouth area is rising sharply as electric vehicle manufacturer Rivian draws well-paid engineers and executives, and the construction of a sprawling Henry Ford Medical Center near the intersection of Haggerty and Ann Arbor roads nears completion.

Although the developer is still a few months away from seeking approval from the board of trustees, details emerging from the initial images are eye-catching. Township Planner Laura Haw said features would include the use of solar panels that could generate up to 60% of the project's energy.

District Capital Detroit founder



A drawing of a potential development slotted for the Courthouse Grille property. COURTESY OF PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Kevin Kovachevich is a Canton High School graduate and resident of Plymouth.

An aerial drawing of the proposed development shows the 34,250-square-foot building would run parallel — although at a slight angle — to Plymouth Road with Cemetery Road bordering the site's east edge.

The urgency to demolish the building was underscored in 2020 when a fire broke out in the rear of the structure.

"The building is very susceptible to becoming a dangerous nuisance to the township's residents," Heise said in a January 2021 interview, "which is why we want it demolished and the property redeveloped as soon as possible."

A final fundraising event was held at the restaurant on Jan. 11, 2019. At the time, a mid-2019 demolition of the building was planned.

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Mall

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"And we always encourage feedback and encourage a discussion."

As has happened in previous meetings, many of the residents who live in the neighborhood to the south of Wonderland Village spoke out against the rezoning, which would allow for residential instead of the current commercial zoning.

Victoria Kowaleski said such a project will invade the neighbor's privacy and be a detriment.

"Our neighborhood is in shock right now," she said. "We're talking and we're trying to understand why this planning commission is even considering the zoning change for a project of this type."

"We are fighting for our own privacy and comfort and safety."

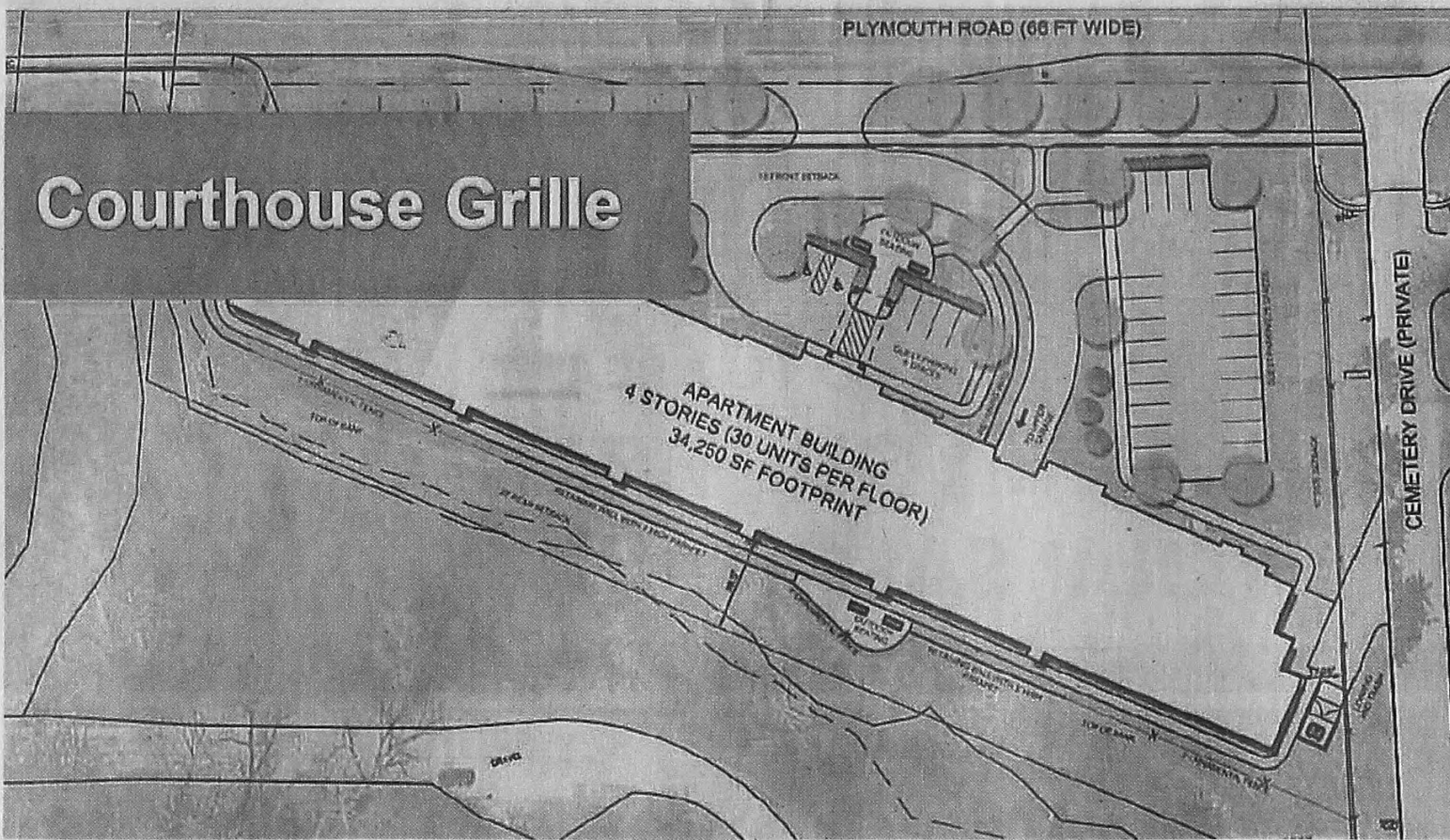
There was no discussion among the commissioners during the meeting after the public hearing regarding the reasoning behind the denial vote.

Tim Ponton of Detroit-based Stonefield Engineering and Design, a firm working on the project, said these types of mixed-use developments are unique enough where they typically garner criticism from neighbors because they are not typical proposals.

"We do think there is a significant benefit, not only to the advancement of the master plan and furthering the goals of the mixed development ... we also think there's tremendous benefits to a much lower intensity user to the adjacent residents and we've committed to a significant greenspace between the proposed development and the neighborhood," he said. "We do think that the benefits for the proposal significantly outweigh any detriment associated with the request."

With the planning commission unanimously voting to recommend denial of the rezoning, it does not mean the project is dead: the item now goes to the city council for its review and determination on a first reading. Typically, the Livonia City Council will only do a first reading of a rezoning and wait for a site plan to come to the body before finalizing rezoning.

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An aerial view of the development that is planned for the Courthouse Grille site. COURTESY OF PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

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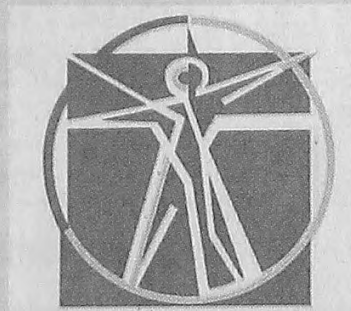
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How much Livonia City Council hopefuls raised ahead of election

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It appears Livonia school board Trustee Dan Centers and Councilman Rob Donovic are investing the most capital on a city council seat. Each raised more than \$50,000 heading into Nov. 2 elections according to their campaign finance reports.

Scott Morgan, who sits on the city's zoning board of appeals, is the only other candidate to come anywhere close to the two. Morgan raised roughly \$32,000.

Campaign finance reports, required by state law, detail how much a candidate raised, the names of people and organizations who donated, how much candidates have spent and what they're spending that money on. Reports are submitted to Wayne County and can be viewed in full at wccampaignfinance.com.

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Livonia voters will choose four council members in the Nov. 2 election. People can register to vote through Nov. 2 at the city clerk's office. The council seats are non-partisan, and members earn \$17,270 annually. The council president earns \$18,519 annually.

Here's how the candidates have fared with raising money:

Library Commission Chair Carrie Budzinski brought in \$10,519.79 ahead of the election. Budzinski's campaign is mostly funded by small donations of \$100 or less. State Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia) and the Livonia Citizens for Progress Political Action Committee are among her donors.

Livonia Citizens for Progress is her largest donor. The group gave Budzinski two donations that add up to \$1,500.

Budzinski spent the most with Hess Printing, based in Wyandotte. She's spent a total \$6,598.86 there for printing and mailing.

School board Trustee Dan Centers raised \$51,411 in direct and in-kind contributions. Centers has the support of a host of regional Democratic leaders, local unions and PACs.

Officials including state Sen. Dayna Polehanki (D-Livonia), Livonia schools trustee Karen Bradford, Livonia schools trustee Mark Johnson, Westland Mayor Bill Wild's leadership fund, State Rep. Mari Manoo-



Livonia's seven council hopefuls. Top row, from left: Carrie Budzinski, Dan Centers, Rob Donovic and Jim Jolly. Bottom row, from left: Scott Morgan, Ken Overwater and Laura Toy. PHOTOS PROVIDED

gian's (D-Birmingham) election committee, Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, Wayne County Commissioner Melissa Daub (D-Canton) and State Rep. Kevin Coleman (D-Westland) donated to his campaign.

The Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters, a union, is Centers' largest donor. The group gave him three donations adding up to \$5,000.

Centers' largest cost was printing at Hess Printing, based in Wyandotte. He spent \$20,126.50 there.

Councilman Rob Donovic raised \$50,538. His campaign is mostly funded by smaller donations of \$100 or less from residents in the metro Detroit region. Donovic accepted some money from PACs and unions, as well.

Officials including Livonia schools trustee Mark Johnson, former Livonia mayor Jack Engebretson, City Treasurer Lynda Scheel, Westland City Attorney James Fausone, Westland Councilman Michael Londeau and former Livonia Councilman Brian Meakin are on Donovic's donor rolls.

Donovic's largest donation was \$2,100 from a married couple who lives in White Lake. The councilman spent the most at Li-

vonias UPS Store. In total, he's bought \$13,706.29 in printing and postage services there.

Councilman Jim Jolly raised \$19,004.67 in direct and in-kind contributions. Most of Jolly's donations are \$500 or less. He accepted money from local PACs and unions. His largest donor, Michigan Laborers Political League PAC, gave him two donations adding up to \$3,000.

Local leaders like Council President Kathleen McIntyre, Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, schools Trustee Mark Johnson and Treasurer Lynda Scheel chipped into Jolly's campaign, as well.

Jolly's largest expense was with Innovative Marketing Services, based in South Lyon. He spent \$4,400 there for mailing.

Zoning Board of Appeals member Scott Morgan brought in \$32,635.24 from in-kind and direct donations. His campaign received a handful of donations of \$500 or more, the largest of which was \$1,000 from the Realtors Political Action Committee of Michigan. Most of Morgan's in-kind donations are from himself.

Livonia leaders like Treasurer Lynda Scheel, City Attorney Paul Bernier, Council-

man Robert Donovic, former Mayor Jack Engebretson and Council President Kathleen McIntyre gave money or services to Morgan, as well.

Morgan paid \$10,689.32 to himself — his largest cost — on different dates for an unspecified service.

Ken Overwater raised \$10,796.40. The candidate's campaign is primarily funded by small donors who live around metro Detroit. State Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia) is among Overwater's donors.

His largest donation was \$1,000 from a relative.

Overwater spent the most on mailing. He bought \$3,462.62-worth from Bresser's Information Services, which is based in Detroit.

Councilwoman Laura Toy filed a quarterly report stating she'd conducted no fundraising but spent \$32,888.92 this election cycle.

Toy's fundraising committee has been active for years and its account has a balance of \$26,104.33. Her only expense this period was a transfer of the aforementioned amount from one account to another.

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See Westland candidates' fundraising success for 2021 in general election

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While Westland Mayor Bill Wild reported raking in over \$30,000 in fundraising ahead of Nov. 2 election, his challenger Councilwoman Tasha Green failed to submit paperwork detailing her finances on time.

In the council pool, current council members James Godbout and Jim Hart continued to lead the way in fundraising. None of the council candidates out-raised the primary efforts, and candidates generally spent less than they did in the summer.

Westland voters will chose a new mayor and four council members Tuesday. People can register to vote through Nov. 2 at the city clerk's office.

Campaign finance reports detail how much a candidate raised, the names of people and organizations who donated, how much candidates have spent and what they're spending that money on. Pre-general reports are submitted to Wayne County and can be viewed in full at wccampaignfinance.com.

Candidates are required to file similar reports throughout the campaign cycle or face fines. In Westland, the mayor makes \$121,574 annually and city council members are paid \$17,368 with small increases for the council president and president pro tem.

Candidates can accept loans, direct contributions or in-kind contributions. An in-kind donation is the transfer of a service or good instead of money.

Candidates for mayor

According to Wayne County's campaign finance database, **Councilwoman Tasha Green** failed to submit a pre-general finance report. The report was due 5 p.m. Oct. 22.

The county sent Green a bill Oct. 26 that, if left unpaid for 20 business days, could add up to as much as \$500. The fine starts at \$25 and adds \$25 every day it's left unpaid until hitting the \$500 cap.

Green also received a \$25 fee for failing to submit her post-primary report on time in September. She paid that fee in full.

Mayor Bill Wild, on the other hand, brought in \$33,775 ahead of the pre-general deadline, plus another \$1,500 after the deadline passed. That brings Wild's total fundraising to \$285,095 for this election cycle.



Wild



Godbout



Hart



Green

As with the primary cycle, city employees and local business leaders are among the biggest donors. Local officials like Councilman Mike Londeau, Wayne-Westland school board Secretary Mark Neal and 18th District Judge Mark McConnell are also listed on donor rolls.

Wild's largest donation was \$6,000 from Westland Lieutenants and Sergeants Association for Good Government, a police union.

Wild has spent the most at JoNa Graphics, a Wayne-based company. Wild has paid the company \$50,144.43 for graphic design, printing, mailing services and yard signs.

Council candidates

Sarah Austin, a newcomer to the Westland political scene, raised \$1,067.06 this cycle. That brings her total fund-raising to \$6,503.27. Her campaign is almost entirely self-funded.

Austin's only expense is \$1,067.06 at Messenger Printing, based in Taylor, for literature distribution.

Wayne-Westland school board President David Cox raised \$2,230 this period and has brought in \$11,630 this cycle. A couple other school board trustees and Deputy Mayor Michael Reddy gave Cox donations, and he did not accept anything greater than \$400 this period.

Cox spent the most at PostCard Mania, based in Florida. He paid the company \$4,269.88 for printing services.

Planning Commissioner Debra Fowlkes raised \$5,730 this cycle, bringing her total fundraising to \$12,890. The Westland Fire Fighters Separate Segregated Funds is her largest donor and gave her \$2,500. Deputy Mayor Michael Reddy is also one of Fowlkes' donors, and she has financial support from several local unions.

Fowlkes' largest expense is \$4,908.21 for printing services at Inland Press. The company is based in Detroit.

Councilman James Godbout led the



A voter at Westland's Cooper Upper Elementary gets their ballot from elections workers Melandie Hines and John Grzedik on Aug. 3, 2021. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

way in the council pool, raising \$10,500 ahead of the general. He's raised a total \$28,475 this cycle.

Godbout's donors include city employees, local unions and elected officials like Mayor Bill Wild's leadership fund, Councilman Mike McDermott, Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini, Councilman Peter Herzberg, Deputy Mayor Michael Reddy, 18th District Judge Mark McConnell and state Rep. Kevin Coleman (D-Westland). None of his donations this period exceed \$1,000.

Godbout spent the most at Messenger Printing, based in Taylor. He paid Messenger \$8,259.42 for mailing services.

Council President Jim Hart brought in \$9,475 this period and raised a total \$36,855.54 this cycle. His cumulative fundraising is higher than that of any other council candidate.

Hart's donors include Councilman Mike McDermott, Wayne County Sheriff Raphael Washington, Councilman Mike Londeau, Councilman James Godbout, Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini and Westland City Attorney James Fausone. The council president also has the support of city employees, local business leaders and several local unions. None of his donations this period exceed \$1,000.

Hart spent the most on printing services. His biggest expense is \$4,897.81 at Messenger Printing, based in Taylor.

Councilman Peter Herzberg raised \$4,640 this period. He's raised a total \$17,025 this cycle. Councilman Mike McDermott, Councilman James Godbout, Clerk Richard LeBlanc, Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini, City Attorney James

Fausone and state Rep. Kevin Coleman (D-Westland) are among his donors.

The Westland Lieutenants and Sergeants Association for Good Government, a police union, also donated to Herzberg's campaign. He didn't received any donations larger than \$500.

Herzberg's greatest expense was \$4,029.35 at Bresser's Information Service, which is based in Detroit. He paid the company for mailing services.

Antoinette Martin raised \$8,474.58 between the primary and general and has brought in a total \$22,683.56 this cycle. Martin's campaign is mostly funded by small donations — she has one donor who gave more than \$500. Councilman James Godbout and Deputy Mayor Michael Reddy both gave to her campaign.

Martin spent the most at Bresser's Information Service, which is based in Detroit. She paid a total \$6,345.58 for printing and mailing services.

Melissa Sampey brought in \$7,325 ahead of the general and has fund-raised \$16,020 this cycle.

Sampey's campaign is mostly funded by small donations, but her largest cumulative donation is \$2,500 from the Westland Fire Fighters Separate Segregated Fund. Local officials like Councilman Mike Londeau, Councilman Mike McDermott and Council President Jim Hart also gave to her campaign.

Printing costs from Messenger Printing, based in Taylor, were Sampey's greatest cost. She spent \$3,637.72 there.

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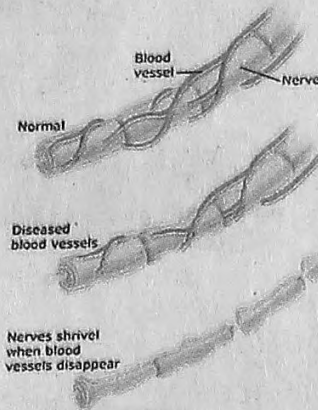


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Cozy up for some fireside dining at metro Detroit restaurants

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In Michigan and across the nation, outdoor dining was the norm for 2020 and continues to be in 2021 — even when the temperatures drop outside. But the increasingly cooler weather doesn't mean it's time to close the patio. Now that fall is in full swing, dining outdoors while staying warm and cozy is what diners crave. Fall afternoons and early evenings are the perfect time for dining out at one of the many outdoor restaurant patios metro Detroit has to offer.

And at many places, you can cozy up to a nice warm crackling fire while sipping on drinks and enjoying delectable fare, from fancy cuisine to casual plates.

Outdoor dining proved to be a lifeline for many restaurants during pandemic-related indoor restrictions and shut-downs. And now, as we head into a second fall season amid a pandemic — and with the delta variant still prevalent — many diners still want to eat outdoors.

In Michigan, outdoor dining is a trend expected to continue, for as long as the weather permits.

In the coming weeks or months, many restaurants will heat their patios or put up tents, igloos, yurts and other outdoor structures for fall and winter.

And many cities also have established social districts to capitalize on the trend. Some have blocked off streets with plans for heaters and covered areas near restaurants. The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs lists cities that have social districts in Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

Keep in mind that the weather — as well as ongoing staffing shortages — are factors affecting outdoor dining. Be sure to check restaurants for hours and outdoor availability.

We know there are lots of places around metro Detroit with heated outdoor dining areas. Inside is just a sampling:

Café Cortina

In August, Café Cortina celebrated 45 years in business. This Italian eatery is owned and operated by the Tonon family.



Mikala Redgate and Sam Jennex stay warm and dry Sunday while waiting for food and drinks by a fire pit under the covered seating at Coriander Kitchen and Farm in Detroit.
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"Quality of food and genuine hospitality never goes of style," owner Rina Tonon says.

Its patio is also beautiful with two outdoor natural wood-burning fireplaces. There's one large one and another one in a courtyard area that can be seen from the indoors. Last year was the first time the patio stayed open during the winter months thanks to tentlike domes and propane heaters.

Menu: A selection of appetizers board featuring imported cheese, cured meats and marinated olives. There's also calamari or carpaccio. Pastas are handmade and served with house salad. Meat and seafood dishes include braised bone-in short rib and catch of the day.

For info: 248-474-3033 or cafecortina.com; 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Coriander Kitchen and Farm

Access this Detroit canal district restaurant by bike, boat, car or kayak. Outdoors, you can sit at one of the many first-come, first-serve picnic tables, canal-side or under a covered area. There's a mix of wood-burning fire pits and heaters. The much-anticipated restaurant, led by chef Alison Heeres and farmer Gwen Meyer, opened in March. Inspiration for many of the menu items and ingredients that go into them are from its nearby Coriander Farm near the Eastern Market area. On the menu are snacks, salads, sandwiches, seasonal soups and stews.

For info: 313-822-4434 or corianderkitchenandfarm.com; 14601 Riverside Blvd., Detroit.

Ferndale Project

This brewpub from the Eastern Market Brewing Co. took over the former Axle Brewing Co., Livernois Tap space a month before the pandemic. Its outside patio is spacious with a total capacity of 160 people. There's a mix of fire pits and patio heaters and more are on the way as well as a new cafe area out front with artificial grass, said Emmeline Jurek, the Ferndale Projects general manager. A separate tented area available for rental holds up to 50 people. Brunch is served 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Dinner service begins at 4 p.m. Menu offerings include shareable, handhelds, salads and sides.

For info: 248-556-5512 or ferndaleproject.com; 567 Livernois, Ferndale.

Griffin Claw Brewing Co.

Both sites in Birmingham and Rochester Hills have outdoor patios. On the patio, there is seating for nearly 100 comfortably among two large fire pits and stand-up heaters.

Menu: Both locations offer a happy hour from 3-6 p.m. with different selections at each. On the regular menu are soups, salads, burger offerings and sandwiches.

For info: 248-712-40501 (Birmingham) or 248-289-6093 (Rochester Hills) or griffinclawbrewingcompany.com; 575 S. Eton St., Birmingham; 2265 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills.

Monarch Club

This Detroit premier rooftop bar hot

spot has a grand view of Detroit. The Monarch Club is open Thursday through Sunday. Fire pit seating is reservation-only. Eventually, they will add igloos to the rooftop to drink and dine in the next few weeks. There's also indoor seating.

Menu: The food menu consists of small plate offerings including a variety of flatbreads, tacos and chicken wings. Snack offerings are house-made Parmesan chips and spicy mixed nuts.

For info: 313-306-2380 or monarchclubdetroit.com; 33 John R St., Detroit.

Ottava Via

Behind this Corktown restaurant is its cozy outdoor patio with fire pits and a huge fireplace. There's also a bocce ball court. The patio, according to bartender Tony Ham, stays open until it snows.

Menu: Ottava Via's full food and drink menu are available on the patio. Its menu includes a selection of small plates, shareables, pizzas, pasta and salads.

For info: 313-962-5500 or ottavaviadetroit.com; 1400 Michigan Ave., Detroit.

The York Yard, Ann Arbor

Located outside of the York, which houses a delicatessen and wine shop, is the York Yard. What was once a small area pre-pandemic is now a space with wood-burning fire pits, propane heaters and patio furniture seating.

Menu: European-style café food offerings from the deli including baguette sandwiches and other deli offerings. Food from Bao Boys food truck is available including Asian Bao Buns. There's also Texas-style barbecue with a Pacific-island influence from Ricewood, according to York co-owner Tommy York. Rotating food trucks are on-site most days. You can buy a bottle of wine, pay a corkage fee and sip it outside in the York Yard. There's a full bar and wine shop inside. You can buy a bottle of wine and pay a corkage fee and drink outside.

For info: 734-662-0798 or yorkka2.com; 1928 Packard St.

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Arthur Griffin Fitzgerald

Arthur Griffin Fitzgerald, 82, passed away peacefully on October 21, 2021 after a brief illness.

Art and his wife Nancy had been happily married for 58 years. They have been living at Porters Neck Country Club in Wilmington, North Carolina for the last 18 years.

He was born in Scarsdale, NY and lived in Highland Park, TX, Glen Ellyn, IL, Newport, RI, Boston MA, Columbus, OH, Bloomfield Hills, MI and Wilmington, NC.

He graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, IL, majoring in Electrical Engineering, and spent four years as an officer in the Navy.

He then got an MBA in 1967 from Harvard Business School, spent a year at Industrial Nucleonics in Columbus, OH and then joined Ford Motor Company as an analyst in the Finance Staff. The latter move began a thirty-year career with Ford Motor Company.

At Ford, Art worked in several different capacities and divisions including the Finance Staff, Parts and Service division, Asia Pacific and finally retired as head of Warranty.

After his retirement he volunteered for several years as treasurer of the nonprofit St. Mary Dental Clinic in Wilmington and also played golf.

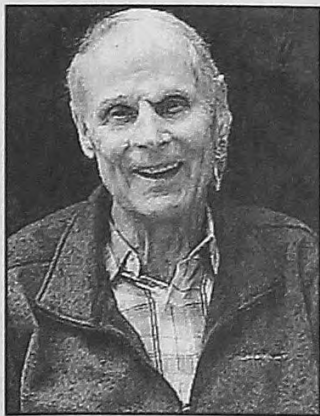
Art was a dedicated employee, devoted family man and devout Christian. He could always be counted on to give an informed, honest and forthright opinion if asked for advice. He loved to take road trips across the US and has been to all 50 states. He was close with his granddaughters and enjoyed showing them new places and giving them different experiences including taking them on several trips over the years.

He was a rock to our family and much loved and admired by everyone, particularly his wife Nancy and daughters Liz and Kay. One of his daughters wrote at his retirement that he was "the hardest working and most ethical man that we have ever known."

Art is survived by Nancy, daughters Elisabeth Murray (Jeffrey) of Marietta, GA, and Catherine Knowles (Keith) of Denver, CO, sister Mary Szymczak (Dennis) of Naperville, IL, and four grandchildren, Meghan Murray, Sarah Murray, Bryne Knowles and Erin Knowles.

He is also survived by his brother-in-laws, Richard Lamb and John Lamb, including nieces Barbara Doyal, Katherine Lamb (Laura Quirk), and Patricia Heinel (John) and nephews Robert Fitzgerald (Leslie), Andrew Lamb and Paul Szymczak (Olivia).

Obituary and photos can be viewed at www.andrewsmortuary.com. A church service at St. Therese Catholic church in Wrightsville Beach, NC is planned for a later date.



Glenn Powell

December 9, 1931-
October 3, 2021

Predeceased by beloved wife Gladys Dagher Powell, son Robert Glenn Powell.

Survived by daughters Yvonne Powell Bayne and Julie Ann Powell, grandson Justin (Ginger) Powell, brother Delano (Christine) Powell, many nieces, nephews, as well as many grand-nieces and nephews.

Glenn was born in northern Alabama to the late Kermit and Maggie Powell. He graduated from Ryan, Alabama High School in 1952. He joined the United States Air Force and was eventually stationed at Selfridge Air Force Base in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, where he settled after his discharge.

He was employed for many years at Michigan Bell Telephone company. He was passionate about sports and became active in coaching and managing in the Mt. Clemens Little League program and as a player/ manager in the local Slo-Pitch league for a number of years.

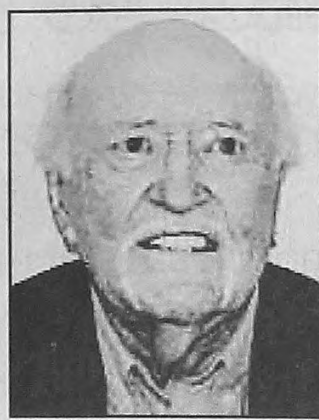
In 1973, Glenn left Michigan Bell to take his dream job with the United States Department of State, where he finally realized his ambition to travel the world as a telecommunications technician. He was able to travel to six continents, troubleshooting problems and designing communication systems for US embassies around the world.

While living in Paris, France, he met and married Gladys, the love of his life, also a Foreign Service employee.

They eventually were reassigned to positions Stateside and lived for many years in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

After retiring, the Powells decided to return to Michigan.

Glenn had an amazing capacity to spin delightful stories about his life experiences. He made friends wherever he went and leaves behind many who he educated, entertained and inspired.



Ruth Martha Korzon (nee Mathiak)

September 28, 1923 – October 6, 2021

Ruth Korzon, age 98, of Leland Township, Michigan, peacefully passed to heaven Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born Sept. 28, 1923, in Detroit, Michigan to Bertha (Laabs) and Otto Max Mathiak, 2 months after her parents arrived at Ellis Island from Konigsberg, Germany. She spoke German at home until she began first grade at Gethsemane Lutheran School suddenly learning in English. She was an excellent student and with a charming smile, shared the story of being voted the class cut-up, despite sitting behind Dick Martin (Rowan and Martin's Laugh-in) in homeroom.

After high school, Ruth worked at the National Bank of Detroit. During World War II, she met and fell in love with Captain Fred Korzon who served in the U.S. Air Force. They married on June 1, 1946 and she promptly was given a letter from the bank letting her know that now married, she would no longer have job.

Ruth and Fred enjoyed 66 loving and devoted years together. She was a supportive, strong and generous wife sharing alongside her thoughtful husband, in their homebuilding business, typing his papers when he went to college, raising three children and as role models of Christian love, perseverance and conservative values in their work and leisure.

Ruth was an artist in every sense. An accomplished seamstress and weaver, she was a member of the Michigan Weaver's Guild. With her creative style and vision her homes were beautifully decorated. A wonderful cook, she loved to entertain and guests were always welcome, sharing in much fun and delicious meals.

Through years of hard work and strong faith she was able to realize her dream of exploring other countries and cultures with her husband children, grandchildren and friends. Traveling the world, she acquired art and textiles. Family and friends developed a greater appreciation of the craftsmanship and artistry of each object as she shared the stories connected to her treasured pieces.

Ruth adored her six granddaughters and lavished love on her entire family. To know her was to love her and she will be greatly missed. She instilled a love of life to all those graced with her presence.

She is survived by her three children, Tim Korzon (Sherry), Mark Korzon (Madelynn) and Deborah Korzon Parker (Ron); six granddaughters, Kristal Herr (Brian), Shanna Anderson (Ian), Marina Martin (Thomas), Natalie Skiathitis (Nigel), Hilary Crowder (Steven), and Monica Korzon; and six great grandchildren, Ryder, Sloan, Scarlett, Torrance, Magnus and Charlotte; nieces Diane (Bob), Carol, Geri, Gail (Sonny) and nephew Gary (Linda).

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Korzon, and brother, Fred (Elsie) Mathiak.

A memorial service will take place in the spring in Leland, Michigan. Donations can be made in the Memory of Ruth Korzon to Heartland Hospice 12914 Peninsula Dr., Traverse City, MI 49686 or Immanuel Lutheran Church 303 Pearl St. Leland, MI 49654.



Bonita Prince

PLYMOUTH - Prince, Bonita age 92 of Plymouth; passed away on October 23, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Donald. Loving mother of Nancy (Larry) Gagnon, Jane (Bruce) Folske and Sarah Prince. Proud grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother. Caring sister Patsy Bryson and Victor Cummings. Wonderful neighbor of Mark Williams. Bonnie was preceded in death by her brother Harvey Gould. Bonnie was a wonderful housewife and mother. Her other passions were her flower and vegetable gardens as well as freezing and canning. She also enjoyed crafting, sewing, baking, cooking and trying new recipes. There are no services scheduled at this time. Memorial donations may be Alzheimer's Association, 25200 Telegraph Rd. Ste 100, Southfield, MI 48033-7443. Arrangements entrusted to Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth. To share a memory please visit vermeulenh.com



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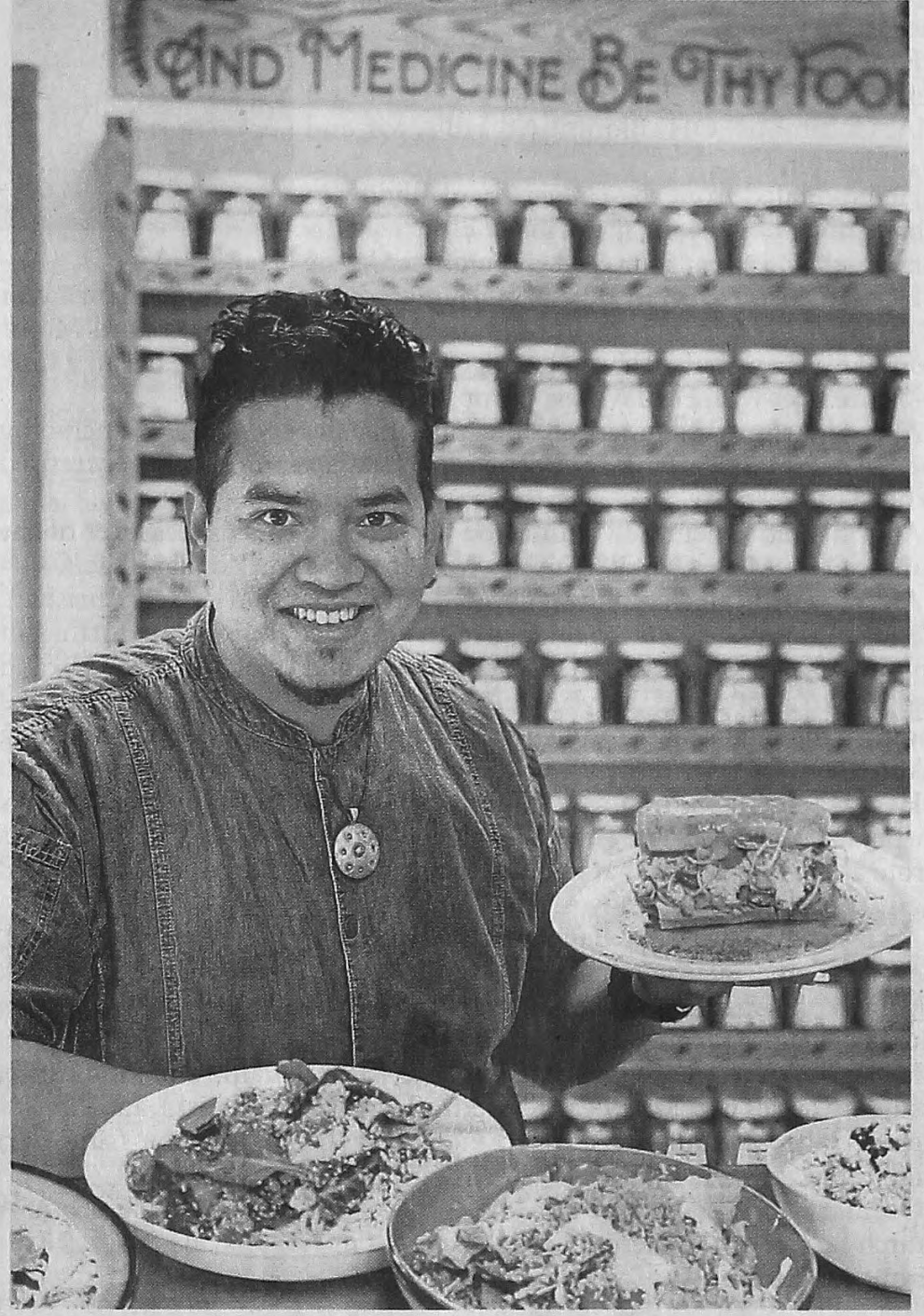
Aratham Gourmet To Go Expands with a new location.

After the amazing success of their plant-based food market in Troy, Aratham owners Gabriel and Tiffanie Vera are opening another location in Wayne County, MI. "Our desire has always been to support and nurture the community by providing high-quality, delicious, and flavorful plant-based food items at affordable prices. We are so happy we have been able to achieve this goal in Troy and are looking forward to providing more communities with the same quality of food and service."

Founded by husband and wife, Gabriel and Tiffanie Vera, Aratham is a labor of love in every sense of the word. Gabriel has an impressive culinary background working as an Executive Chef and Corporate Director at facilities like Andiamo, Joe Muer Seafood, the MGM Grand Hotel Casino, Hilton Hotels, Mission Point Resort and more. He is also a former gold medal Culinary Cup winner. Tiffanie Vera is a doula and holistic practitioner with food and beverage experience. Their combined expertise has led to the successful marriage of healthy, plant-based dishes that are both flavorful and affordable.

Tiffanie Vera states "We truly care about our customers, our community and the health of the planet. It's because of this love that we developed a menu that is gourmet in quality, plant-based and lower in price. Food can heal and fortify and we fully believe organic, gourmet cuisine and other natural products for the home and body should be affordable for all."

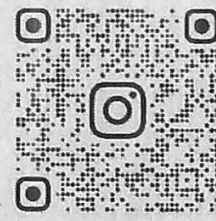
When asked why he thinks they have been so successful, Gabriel stated that Aratham is able to stand by their promise of being an organic, plant based company, without sacrificing flavor. "A crowd pleaser is our spaghetti Bolognese. People ask 'Are you sure there is no meat in this?' There isn't. We don't buy any processed meat - we make our own from oatmeal and seeds."



Aratham Gourmet To Go is a zero-waste business – from its composting to its biodegradable bags and containers. Every step of the organic, eco-friendly family business is designed for the betterment of its customers, the community and the planet. Gabriel notes "All our food scrapes go into compost or recycling. Our eco-friendly practices are a very important part of who we are."

Aratham provides everything from side dishes to entrees, juices to desserts, super-foods, individual meals, deli service, party trays, natural supplements, candles, soaps, and other unique, all natural items. Aratham is the source for anyone interested in a more plant-based, organic, holistic lifestyle.

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SPORTS

How a former college coach led Groves to a state title in tennis

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When it comes to chasing accolades and prestige, Dave Farmer is the worst tennis coach in the state.

You see, every career move he's made has been contrary to winning awards and hoisting championship trophies.

Nineteen years ago after leading Eastern Michigan University's women's tennis program to three Mid-American Conference championships, he left the college scene to coach at the high school level. And, no, it wasn't to take over a private academy such as Cranbrook,

Detroit Country Day or Ann Arbor Greenhills.

He's bounced around a few public schools. You know, the places where tennis is usually an afterthought behind football and basketball. The best athletes are throwing touchdown passes and sinking 3-pointers, not winning in straight sets.

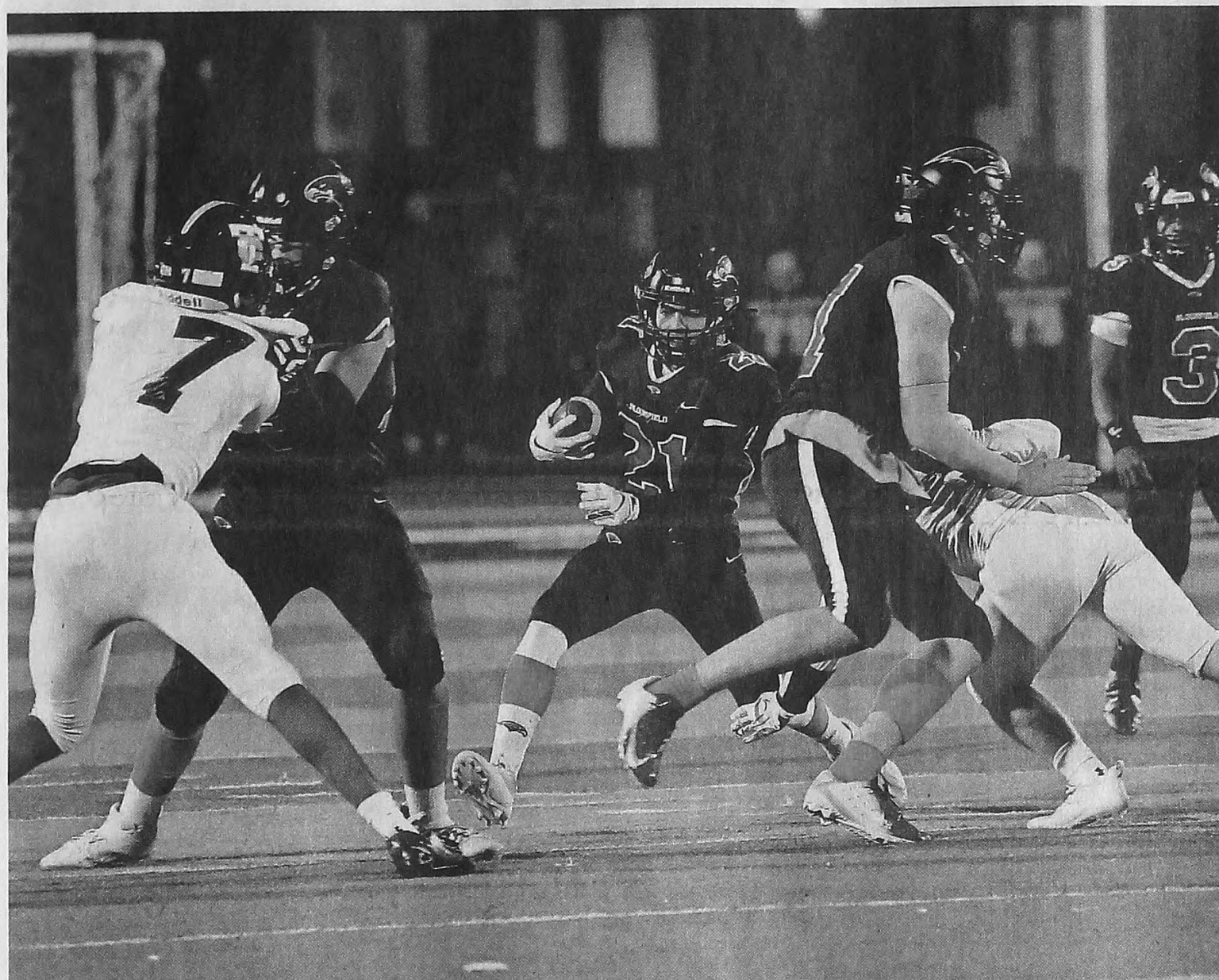
"You get older and your priorities change," Farmer told Hometown Life. "High school was something I looked at and realized I enjoy teaching so much more than coaching. There's a little more teaching at the high school level

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The Birmingham Groves boys tennis team won its first state championship in school history during the Division 2 finals on Oct. 15-16 at Hope College. COURTESY PHOTO

Bloomfield Hills beats Troy for OAA-Blue title



Bloomfield Hills running back Cole Rodriguez rushes against Troy during an Oakland Activities Association-Blue football game on Friday, Oct. 22, 2021. TOM BEAUDOIN, SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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On fourth down and 17 with 3:43 remaining, and with the game on the line, Bloomfield Hills defensive back Andrew Siepierski outjumped Troy's Ethan Block near midfield and pulled down an interception.

The turnover iced a 21-10 victory over Troy in what went down as the de facto Oakland Activities Association-Blue championship game.

After the Black Hawks (9-0, 8-0) celebrated winning their first league title since 2016 (and only their second title in program history), a scrum of reporters surrounded Siepierski, who smiled while briefly holding up four fingers.

That's right. The senior finished

with four interceptions, including three in the second half.

What's more, he scored the game-winning touchdown — on a 10-yard reception from quarterback CJ Jackson — which put Bloomfield Hills ahead 12-10 with 52 seconds left in the first half.

The Colts (8-1, 7-1) entered Week 9 with the best defense in the Blue. They posted four shutouts and gave up only 46 points through eight weeks.

Bloomfield Hills knew its offense was going to struggle at times. And it did. So Siepierski did his best to bail out Jackson and the rest of the offense throughout the night.

"It was hard," Siepierski said. "Every drive on defense, I got my guys. I told them we need to win this for the offense. This is going to be a defensive game, and that's what we did."

You name an issue, and the Black

Hawks' offense probably had a promising series halted by it.

Turnovers in scoring territory.

False starts.

Interceptions.

Dropped catches in the end zone.

Their first gaffe even set up Xavier Newell with a 7-yard TD catch that put Troy ahead 7-0 with 8:07 left in the first quarter.

But outside of that TD, Bloomfield Hills' defense stood tall.

After Cole Rodriguez put the Black Hawks on the scoreboard with a 9-yard TD run late in the first quarter, the defense kept Troy out of the end zone and forced the Colts to settle for a 45-yard field goal by Zach Penozza.

Siepierski caught the winning TD on the next series, ensuring his team a

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Salem boys soccer upsets Ann Arbor Pioneer in D-1 regional opener

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Never bet against the Salem boys soccer team if it says Oct. 26 on the calendar.

That's especially so if it's a game against a Southeastern Conference opponent.

Two years ago on that date, the Rocks beat Ann Arbor Skyline to claim the Division 1 regional championship and punch their ticket for the state semifinal.

And on Tuesday, which was also Oct. 26, they came back from a 1-0 deficit to upset No. 14 Ann Arbor Pioneer 2-1 in the regional semifinal behind a pair of second-half goals from Anthony Deruvo.

"We knew, given their record (16-2-2), that they're very similar to us in that they come from a very competitive conference," Salem coach Kyle Karns said. "They play tough matches all year. To come out of their conference with that record, there was a lot of respect from us for what they've done so far. We knew it'd be a good match.

"But, at this point, it's all about momentum. No matter what the shirt says across from you, you've just got to come out and play and work for every win from here on out."

It was scoreless at halftime, but Pioneer struck first in the second half to grab a 1-0 advantage with 27 minutes left.

Seven minutes later, though, Deruvo caught the tail end of a cross pass with his head, sneaking the equalizer

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Salem junior Anthony Deruvo attempts a scoring try. MICHAEL VASILNEK | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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District final: Notre Dame Prep upsets Country Day 2-1 OT

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During an injury timeout 10 minutes into the second half, Detroit Country Day coach Steven Bossert shouted to his boys soccer players, "Hey, we've got a lot of time. We've got a lot of time."

The Yellowjackets quickly got the message.

Their defense started winning 50-50 balls. Their offense strung together some runs to the net. And then, at long last, Pontiac Notre Dame's stout backline finally slipped up with just over 14 minutes remaining.

Jordan Dong stopped the ball near midfield. Arnov Khatri corralled the possession and zipped a pass down the far sideline to Alex Eby, who set up Ben Farrah for the game-tying goal.

The play couldn't have looked any cleaner had it been an actual set piece.

"The defender got sucked in by the ball, and I was wide open in the middle," said Farrah, a junior. "I took a touch and just put it top right. It was a wonder goal at the time, but the end result is not what we wanted."

That scoring opportunity was the only one out of about eight the No. 8 Yellowjackets (11-7-2) could cash in on during their 2-1 overtime loss to the No. 10 Fighting Irish (11-6-5) in the Division 3 district final Oct. 20 at Clawson City Park.

The Fighting Irish's defense played about as well as you could ask them. Stopper Geronimo Ballesty tackled almost every breakaway attempt or would clear the ball from the back of the penalty box. There were very few second-chance rebounds for the Yellowjackets.

Notre Dame Prep even stood tall on a pair of corner kicks that Country Day almost put in late in regulation.

"It's tough, and we knew we'd probably have to score two goals tonight, and we didn't get it done," Bossert said. "I'm really proud of the kids. You can't question their effort. It just didn't work out for us tonight, but they played hard, and they played their hearts out."

The Yellowjackets couldn't put together many scoring chances in overtime.

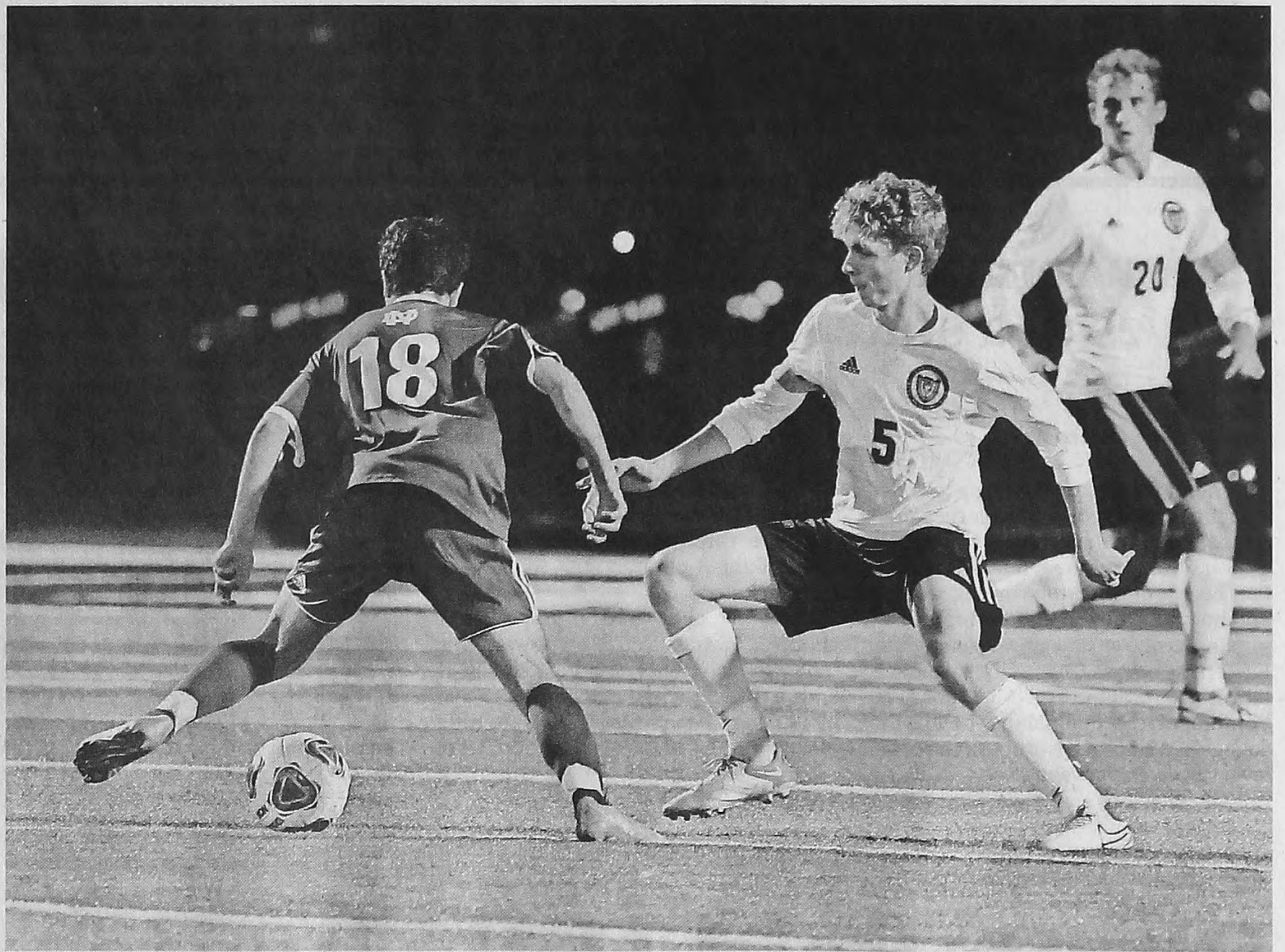
"We were working our hardest," Farrah added. "They sat back, and everything we got through, they cleared. That's their game plan. We try and pass it around, and when we get our opportunities, we try to make sure we capitalize. We did on one, but we just came up short this time. In the future, we've just got to capitalize, and we'll do a great job as a team."

Notre Dame scored the game-winner just three minutes into sudden death.

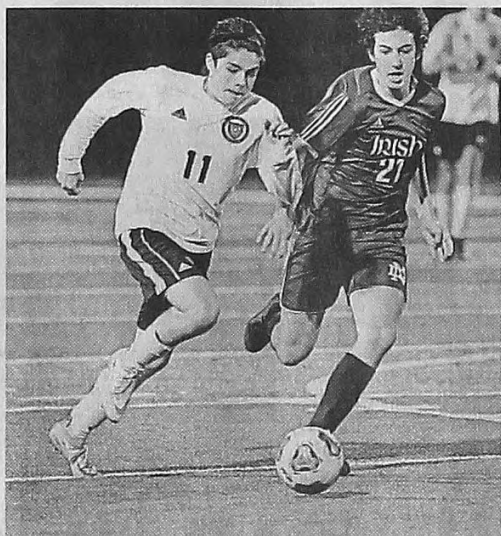
Jacob Lanham got the ball on a line near the close sideline and booted a moon ball toward the net. It somehow squeaked in past the top-right post.

Seven minutes into the second half, Ballesty put NDP ahead 1-0 by heading in a corner kick amongst a scrum of defenders right in front of the net.

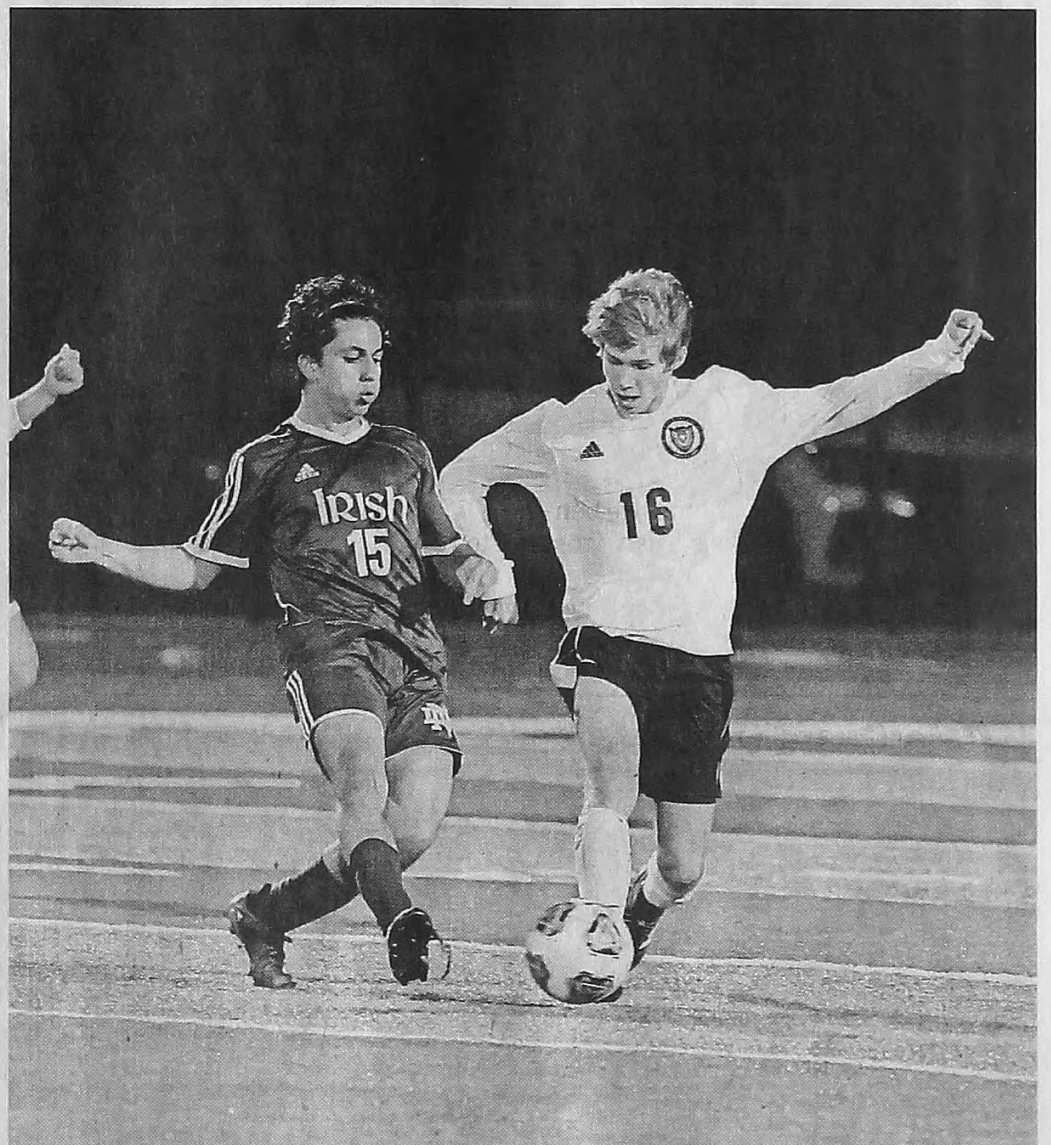
Country Day kept fighting, though. Forcing overtime wasn't a surprise with how many shots the Yellowjackets put on the net in the waning moments of



Pontiac Notre Dame Prep's Santino Bidawid pushes past Detroit Country Day's Connor Adams during the Division 3 boys soccer district final on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021, at Clawson City Park. TOM BEAUDOIN, SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Detroit Country Day's Ben Farrah pushes the ball past Pontiac Notre Dame Prep's Nathan Kalil during the Division 3 boys soccer district final on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021, at Clawson City Park. TOM BEAUDOIN, SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Detroit Country Day's Andrew Weir tackles the ball away from Pontiac Notre Dame Prep's Edmond Abboud during the Division 3 boys soccer district final on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021, at Clawson City Park. TOM BEAUDOIN, SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

regulation. They're just wishing another goal would've gone in at one point.

"It's indicative of our seniors in not giving up and understanding even if we face some adversity we could come back," Bossert said. "I thought we were going to put another one in to tie it up, but it just didn't happen."

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Tennis

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than at the college level. College is about bringing in talent and coaching it.

"High school is a little bit of both, and it's actually more rewarding."

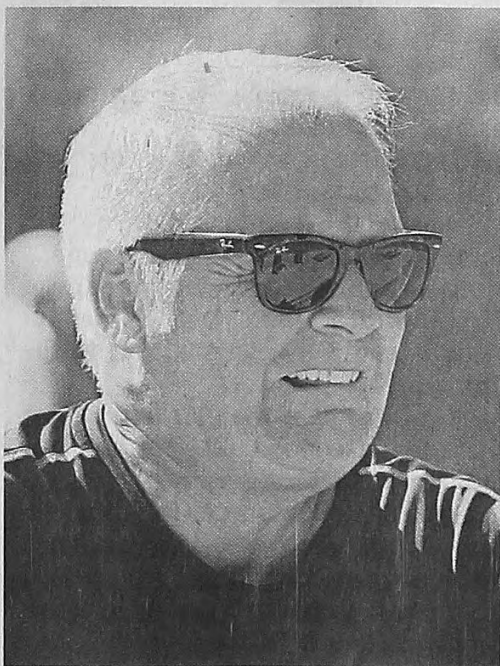
Early on, Farmer spent time at Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin and even Plymouth. He coached plenty of green players, and he found it rewarding. But the buy-in at Wayne County high schools just wasn't there. Most kids didn't grow up playing the sport, and the commitment level wasn't where Farmer wanted it to be.

So, in 2010, he took over at Birmingham Groves. He's been there ever since.

The move made sense. The Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills areas are more affluent in tennis. It's more of a country club scene in Oakland County than it is in the far western suburbs of Detroit. Groves is located right next to some of the top programs in the state: Cranbrook, Country Day, Brother Rice, Detroit Catholic Central and Seaholm, among others.

Coaching at Groves offered Farmer a chance to teach kids who were truly interested in being good at the sport.

"There's a larger population of tennis players and more clubs in the area," Farmer said. "Tennis is more of a priority there than it is was in the Churchill and Plymouth years. When you're in that area, you're going to be coaching kids more dedicated to the game like I am. It's more rewarding. It was a better



Dave Farmer Groves head coach MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

fit for me because I consider myself a higher-level coach, and I'm not showing up to be a babysitter.

"The reality of taking the job at Groves is that tennis is a high priority but the top junior players, who play in high-level USTA tournaments, usually go to Cranbrook or Bloomfield Hills, so you know you're not getting many high-level players like that. So you've got to do some coaching, which is something I've enjoyed. It's more well-rounded. We're not an elitist school."

Farmer has made the most of his opportunity at Groves. He led the Falcons to runner-up finishes in 2017 and 2018.

Entering this fall, he knew they had a chance to not only place high at the state tournament but possibly even bring home its first championship.

"I told the guys that this year there were no great teams in the field," Farmer said. "There's a lot of good teams. There was a lot of teams that basically had strengths and flaws just like us. It was about getting better every single day and seeing if we could be like one of those (contenders). I had seen pretty much all of the competition and knew it was a possibility."

Groves won its regional to secure a spot in Division 2 state championship played Oct. 15-16 at Hope College and Holland Christian.

The Falcons got everything they could from their lineup. Their singles players garnered 14 points, which included No. 3 Michael Liss winning an individual state championship, while their doubles teams scored 13.

They had state finalist efforts from No. 1 singles player Nolen Koven and a pair of doubles teams in No. 2 Dylan Wolf and Alexandras Abarius and No. 4 Drew Weitzman and Gabe Klein. No. 2 singles player RJ Carrel was a semifinalist as was the No. 2 doubles team of Logan Edelheit and Marc Canellas.

The 27 points the Falcons scratched together edged two-time defending state champion Forest Hills Northern by one point, good enough for them to win their first-ever state title.

"Everything fell into place this year," Farmer said. "I wanted us all to go out and compete and let the chips fall where they may. I got 100% effort on every sin-

gle point, and we found great balance between our singles and doubles. In the past, we've had teams that have finished second and third and were carried by our singles. Our doubles stepped up, and that was the big thing that pushed us."

Other Falcons helping during the weekend were Dylan Brown, Michael Dolan, Spencer Goldberg, Mitchell Greenberger, Carter Lutz, Jake Rosenwasser and Isaac Saulson.

"Our theme was always basically the same: Get better every day, make each other better and hope you're playing your best tennis at the end of the year," Farmer added. "We had injuries along the way, and we had to mix around a couple of teams. But we were healthy at the right times and the teams just gelled together."

Farmer said winning a state title wasn't ever a goal of his. Winning one was just a side effect of him chasing his dreams.

"My goal was just to get them to play their best," the 11th-year coach said. "A goal of mine was for them to appreciate the game and appreciate what it teaches you about integrity and honesty. Tennis and golf are the only two sports that are played with an honesty code. So I just try to make kids better people."

"Hopefully, that will carry on with them into the future."

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Soccer

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into the net.

With 12 minutes left, the senior slipped through a few defenders inside the penalty box and pushed in a goal off another cross.

"He's a goal scorer," Karns said. "He found the right place to be. He was inside the box at the right time. He just buried it."

The Rocks take on an unranked GP South squad that just won the Macomb Area Conference-White, the second-toughest division in its league. The Blue Devils (15-3-1) only dropped two conference matchups. They beat Monroe 4-1 in their regional semifinal Tuesday night.

Karns said GP South plays "struc-

ture and disciplined." He knows the Rocks will have to be resilient if they find themselves trailing as they did against Canton in the district final and Pioneer in the regional opener.

"I'm proud of our boys," Karns added. "When the goal happened to go in, nobody's head dropped. Morale never changed. They stuck to the game plan. Within the next 8-10 minutes, we scored to even it up. We have a resilient group. They're smart, mature and know how to claw their way back into games."

"It's helpful to know that panic doesn't sit in and that we can continue to grind and fight our way through it."

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Salem High coach Kyle Karns holds the Div. 1 District championship trophy on Oct. 21, 2021 after his team defeated Canton 2-1. His Salem Rocks begin to enjoy their victory. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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two-point lead entering halftime.

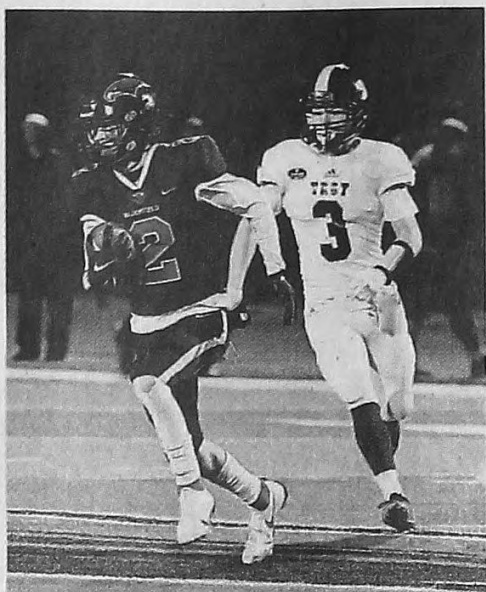
His first interception of the second half resulted in a 25-yard Jack Boike field goal that put them ahead by five.

Siepierski pulled down another pick that set up an eventual 3-yard TD run by Shane Winter with 5:20 left.

"It feels great," Siepierski said. "We knew they were a run-heavy team, and we knew they were trying to get the edge all night. And once we kind of shut that down, we knew the ball was going in the air. Watching film all week, we knew what was coming. We got players to make the plays, and I'm just happy we executed on defense."

Added Jackson: "Our defense proved to us all year that they can make big plays. We've got a great secondary in No. 85 Evan Knox, No. 2 Andrew Siepierski, No. 8 Shane Winter, No. 5 Oscar Jankowski and No. 16 Aaron Zekman, (who) stepped up this week with one of our corners out. He stepped up and made some big plays. So it's great to have a defense that can bail us out whenever we need to."

Siepierski didn't do it alone. He benefited from a heavy pass rush from Robert Dedvukaj and Jack Friesen, who both came up with coverage sacks

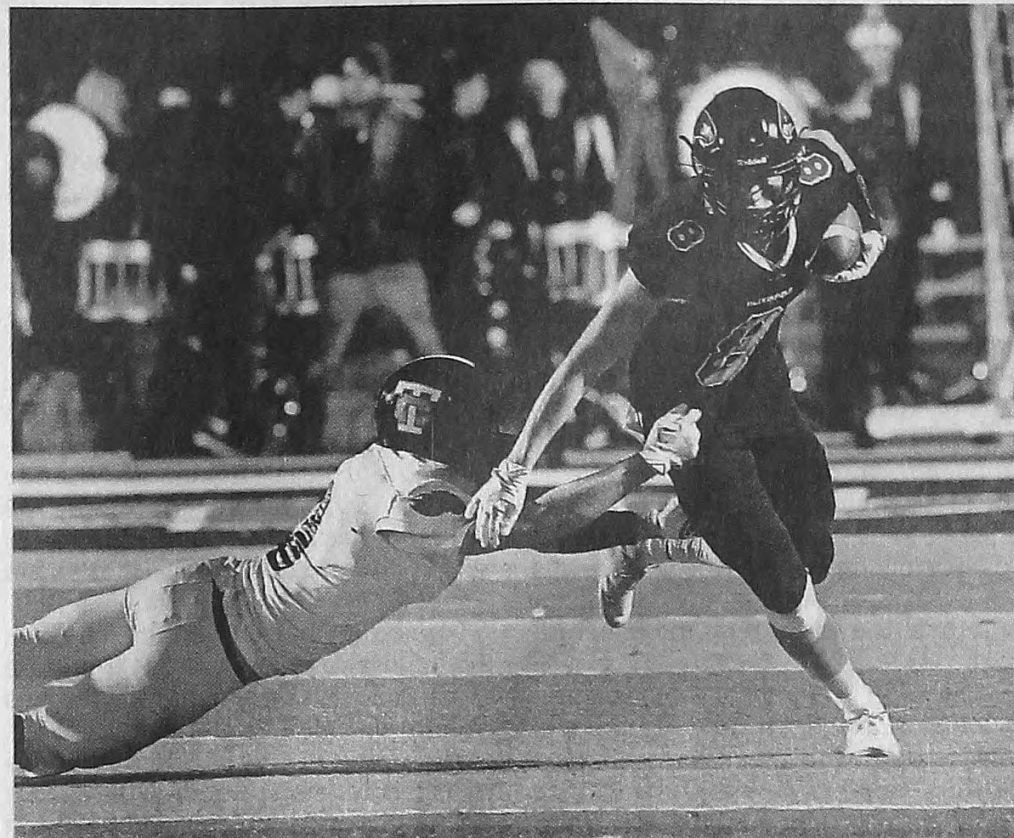


Bloomfield Hills defensive back Andrew Siepierski intercepts a pass during an Oakland Activities Association-Blue football game against Troy on Friday, Oct. 22, 2021. TOM BEAUDOIN, SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

in the second half.

But he was surprised Troy QB Maxwell Stromberg kept throwing the ball his way.

"Yeah, I was shocked, but I shy away to no challenge," Siepierski said. "I rise up. If they want to test me, they can test me, and I'm going to go up and



Bloomfield Hills running back Shane Winter breaks free from Troy's Kyle Parker during an Oakland Activities Association-Blue football game on Friday, Oct. 22, 2021. TOM BEAUDOIN, SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

make a play."

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How fans can bid for game-worn Al Kaline gear

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Over the course of Al Kaline's legendary 22-year Hall of Fame career with the Detroit Tigers, he had amassed a large collection of game-used memorabilia, autographed baseballs, awards, and photographs.

Now, a year and a half since he died at age 85, his family is selling over 400 treasured items from Kaline's personal collection through Dallas-based Heritage Auctions' Nov. 18-20 Fall Sports Collectibles Catalog.

Bidding began Thursday and the auction ends Nov. 20.

Items to be auctioned include his 1968 World Series championship trophy, his home jersey from his final season in 1974, two game-used gloves, several Gold Glove awards and trophies, two home run baseballs, team-signed baseballs, All-Star game bats, signed player contracts and the golf bags and clubs that were his constant companions at Oakland Hills Country Club.

A photo of Ted Williams and Kaline signed to the Tiger that reads, "To Al, A great kid with a terrific future. Good luck, Ted Williams," will be auctioned as well.

Each item comes with a letter of provenance from his eldest son Mark Kaline, 64, of Bloomfield Hills.

"My dad was good friends with Brooks Robinson, and after he told my dad about his 2015 Heritage auction, he started thinking about what he would do with all his things," says Kaline, an advertising executive who credits his mother Louise for being the careful curator over the years of all the memorabilia.

"Dad didn't want all his items being a burden on my mom after he passed, plus he didn't want there to be problems between family members dividing them up, many of which are one of a kind," Kaline said. "My brother Mike and my parents' four grandkids have already been given some special items plus dad really thought it would be nice to give the fans the opportunity to obtain something from his career. Over the years he gave items to people like ushers, bat boys and some friends, so it could have been a lot worse going



Detroit Tigers legend Al Kaline's 1957 Gold Glove Award. The item is one of more than 400-plus being sold by his family. HERITAGE AUCTIONS

through things.

"There were a couple of items we wrestled with about selling, such as the 1973 Roberto Clemente Award because dad was the first recipient and he respected him so much."

Mark Kaline says that discovering and assembling all the different items for the auction house was a little emotional but also illuminating:

"I found his contract from 1955, the year he won the batting title, and it showed that his salary was only \$9,000, which I never knew. But it's the little things that triggered the emotions like finding his Tiger hat that he wore at the last game at Tiger Stadium and the one from the 50th anniversary of the '68 team that has the initials of teammates who had died or were too ill to be there in person."

Mark Kaline also told the Free Press the family plans on donating a portion of the proceeds to some of his father's favorite charities.

According to the Heritage Auctions website, the company founded in 1976 is the "largest collectibles auctioneer and third largest auction house in the world."

Over the years celebrities including John Wayne, Sylvester Stallone, Stan Musial, Brooks Robinson and Willie McCovey and their families have used Heritage to auction off their personal collections.

"The reason most former players



Detroit Tigers legend Al Kaline pictured with Boston Red Sox legend Ted Williams. Williams would sign a photo of the two and that photo is now being sold at auction, as of October 2021. HERITAGE AUCTIONS

eventually place their items in auction is because it's the most equitable way to do it for the families because it's tough to put values on unique items because a lot of it is unknown and it depends what the market bears," said Chris Ivy, the founder and director of Heritage's sports auctions. "You can't exactly split a championship trophy."

"The Al Kaline collection is so special because he was after all 'Mr. Tiger', a Hall of Famer who played his entire career in Detroit and then was with the

team as an announcer and advisor for years."

The most expensive piece of game-used memorabilia the company has sold at auction was a 1937 Lou Gehring game-worn and photo-matched jersey for \$2.58 million in 2019 while Jackie Robinson's 1947 rookie jersey that sold at their 2017 auction for just over \$2 million was resold privately through Heritage in 2018 for \$2.6 million, according to Ivy.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021
RIDGE 5 CORPORATE PARK**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, during a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider designating the entire Ridge 5 Corporate Park as an Industrial Development District (IDD).

The request for the IDD is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the legislative board of any affected taxing unit in the township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the clerk will be considered.

A public hearing will take place during a special meeting of the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. The meeting will be held in the town hall meeting room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth MI 48170, commencing at 7:00 p.m. For additional information call 734-354-3224.

Jerry Vorva, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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November 16, 2021
7:30 P.M.**

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The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its Regular Meeting on November 16, 2021. The meeting will be offered electronically for guests.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021
WORLD STONE GROUP**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, during a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of World Stone Group, a company specializing in countertops, who has requested an industrial development tax abatement for its facility located in the Ridge 5 Corporate Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of World Stone Group is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the legislative board of any affected taxing unit in the township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the clerk will be considered.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request for Approval of a Special Land Use Application
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, November 17, 2021
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall Offices, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application to develop Tax ID No's. R-78-023-99-0021-008 and R-78-023-99-0021-709 with a Special Land Use, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99.

Generally, the subject site is located at the southwest corner of Haggerty Road and Schoolcraft Road and consists of two vacant, wooded parcels. The subject site is zoned the IND, Industrial District and consists of 4.99 acres. The property is proposed to be developed for recreational vehicle (RV) and vehicle parking storage. Per Section 19.2 of the Zoning Ordinance, outdoor vehicle storage is considered a Special Land Use.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the application to Plymouth Township Hall, attn.: Carol Martin. Pertinent information relative to the application is on file at the Plymouth Township, Public Services Department (second floor counter) and may be viewed during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one week's advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170; (734) 354-3201.

Kendra Barberena, Secretary, Planning Commission

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request for Approval of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Option Application
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, November 17, 2021
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall Offices, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application to redevelop Tax ID No. R-78-029-99-0002-000 with a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Option, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The subject site is currently zoned the C-2, General Commercial District and consists of 3.06 acres.

Generally, the subject site is located south of Plymouth Road, west of Haggerty Road, and east of Hines Park Drive. The former Courthouse Grille restaurant is included within the subject redevelopment area (commonly known as 41661 Plymouth Road). The property is proposed to be redeveloped into a 120-unit residential apartment building.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the application to Plymouth Township Hall, attn.: Carol Martin. Pertinent information relative to the application is on file at the Plymouth Township, Public Services Department (second floor counter) and may be viewed during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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Notice of Public Hearing

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
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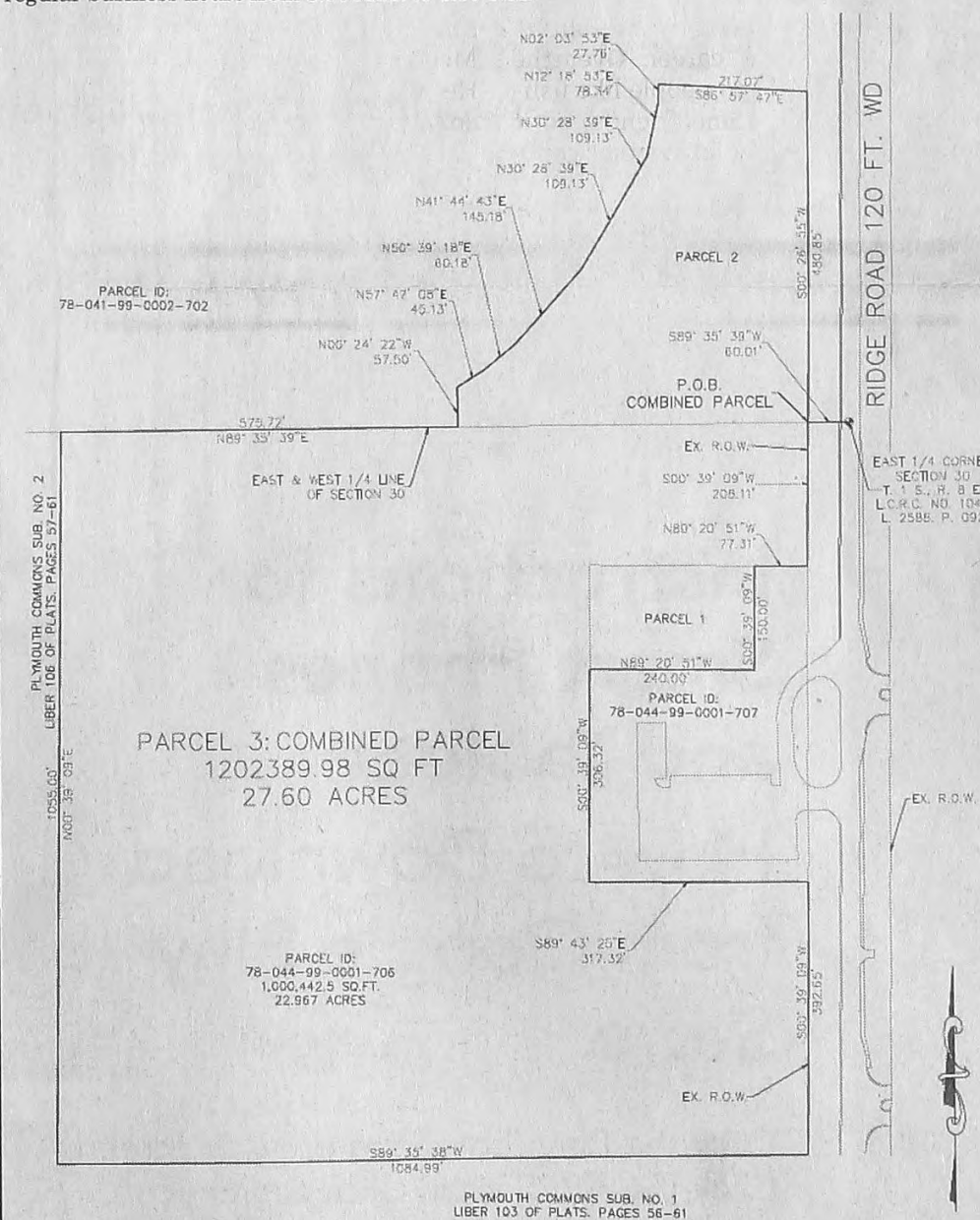
PROPOSED ACTION: Request for Consideration of a Rezoning (Map Amendment) Application for a Petition Previously Denied
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, November 17, 2021
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall Offices, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application to rezone Tax ID No's. R-78-044-99-0001-706, R-78-044-99-0001-707, and R-78-041-99-0002-702 from the R-1-E, One Family Residential District, to the R-1-H, One Family Residential District, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99 and the adopted Zoning Map. Generally, the subject site is located south of North Territorial Road, west of Ridge Road, north of Powell Road, and east of Napier Road. Access to the site is currently provided from Ridge Road.

The previous application to rezone the site was denied by the Township Board in 2021. Per Section 33.2, a new application for the same amendment shall not be accepted by the Planning Commission for consideration for a period of 365 days, unless the Commission determines at least one condition of Article 33 of the Zoning Ordinance is met.

The property is proposed to be developed as single-family, detached residences, which would require further review and approval by the Township.

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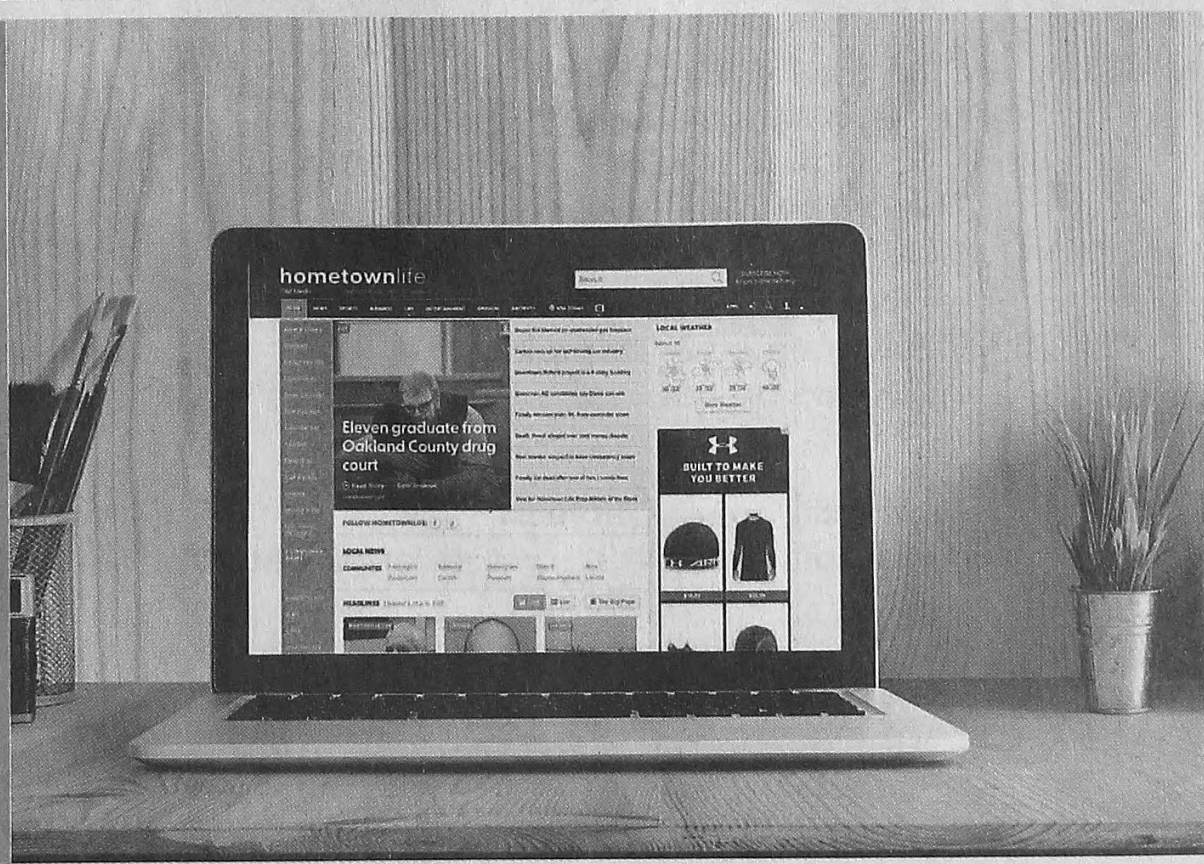
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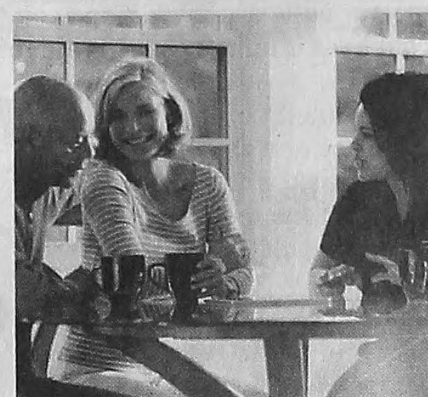
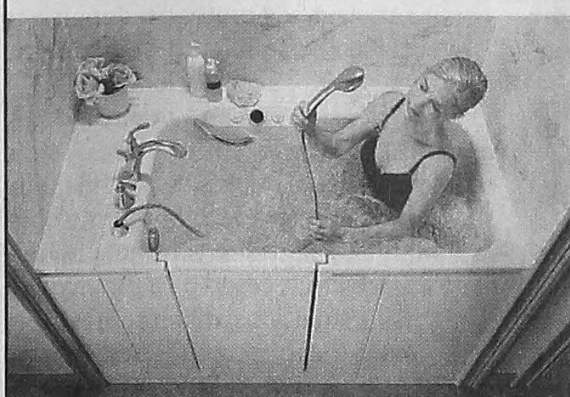
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Read This If You Can't Stay Happy at a Job

If you're noticing a pattern when it comes to job satisfaction, it's time to examine why

By ZipRecruiter.com

You've had a few jobs along your career path. And while you like them all (at least somewhat) at the start, slowly but surely, you always end up in the same place: detesting it. After a few months or years—you get that "I'm not happy at my job" feeling. Your job makes you miserable, so you jump ship and move onto something new. But sure enough—like clockwork—at every new job you start, you eventually run into the same feelings and problems all over again.

Maybe you have a hard time relating to your co-workers. Perhaps you think your boss is an overbearing micromanager. Or, it could be that the mere thought of trudging into the office and checking your inbox makes getting out of bed in the morning feel like a feat of superhuman strength.

So, what's the deal? Why can you never seem to stay content with a job for longer than a year or two?

Believe it or not, this happens to a lot of people. We can all get a little restless in our careers and we've all heard the old clichés about the grass always being greener on the other side.

What can you do? Don't panic yet. Instead, it's time for a little bit of self-reflection.

It's Not Them, It's You

You are the common denominator across all of the jobs that you've had.

First things first, let's start with a little career advice reality check. While it's easy to think that your no-good, terrible employers are the sole reason for your constant career unhappiness, have you ever stopped to shift the spotlight to yourself? Could the problem actually be you?

To be brutally honest, yes. Chances are, you're having a hard time finding happiness at work because you're still relatively uncertain about what exactly you want. And, it's pretty challenging to feel satisfied or fulfilled if you have no idea what you're actually looking for.

This doesn't mean you're doing something "wrong," but it does mean something's not right. So, while you might be tempted to constantly shift blame to all of the external circumstances that could be causing your dissatisfaction, it's important to get a little introspective. We all have way more control over our own happiness than we often realize.

How to Move Forward

Knowing the problem can help you find the solution.

1. Make a List

Get a better idea of what you do and don't want in your next role.

The first thing you need to do is gain some clarity on what is making you so unhappy each time. What are you missing? And what are you looking for?

Make a two-column list to help you really narrow your focus. In one column, list the positives—these are the things you're actively looking for in a new job or a new employer. If it's been a few years since you actually thought about this, it's possible that your industry, your skills, and your circumstances have changed. Perhaps you want an entirely different set of responsibilities. Maybe it's a flexible work schedule. The sky's the limit. Jot down everything that you think would make you truly happy in your career.

In the other column, list the negatives—or, the things that you absolutely don't want in your next role. Maybe you hate your boss' management style. Or, perhaps you want to get out of your industry. Whatever it is, list those things in this column.

If you have a good relationship with your manager, it may be useful to have a conversation with them and see if they have any recommendations or contacts worth speaking to within the organization. If not, it may be worthwhile to reach out to someone in the recruiting department.

Whether or not those are viable options, you now have a checklist to help you better evaluate any new opportunities that present themselves. You can use that criterion to ensure that you don't end up in yet another short-term situation.

2. Seek Outside Fulfillment

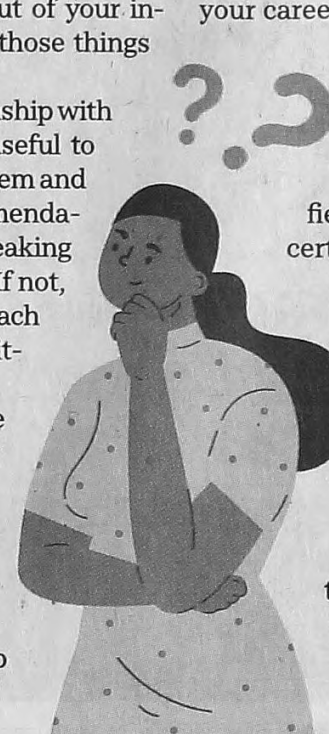
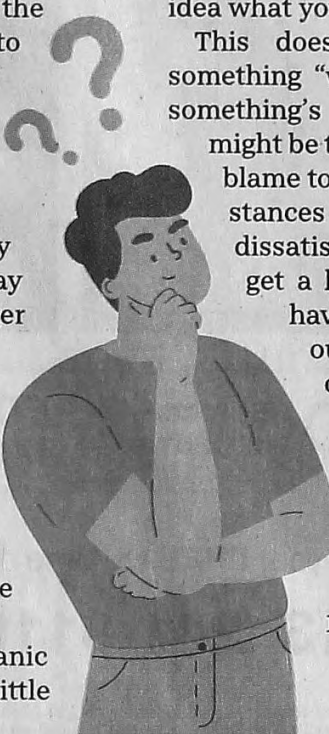
What you do during your off-time can affect your outlook when you're at work.

If you find yourself continuously wrapped up in a spiral of being unhappy with your job, it might be time that you try to find happiness outside the four walls of your office (or the constant video calls on your computer screen). Find a hobby or interest that you're passionate about or start up a side hustle to utilize some of the skills you think are otherwise untapped. Do what you can to find some satisfaction in your life that isn't completely job-related.

Having proper work life balance can improve your overall attitude and can have an immense impact on the way you perceive your work. So, finding some fulfillment and interest outside of your career can give you a much sunnier outlook inside the office!

We all want a career that makes us happy. But, many of us fall into the trap of becoming dissatisfied with our positions after a certain amount of time.

If you find yourself falling back into the same situation over and over, it might be time that you take a closer look at what is going on—rather than continuously moving around in search of greener pastures. Use this post as your guide, make your list, and prepare to finally feel a little more content with your employment situation.



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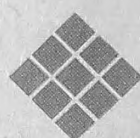
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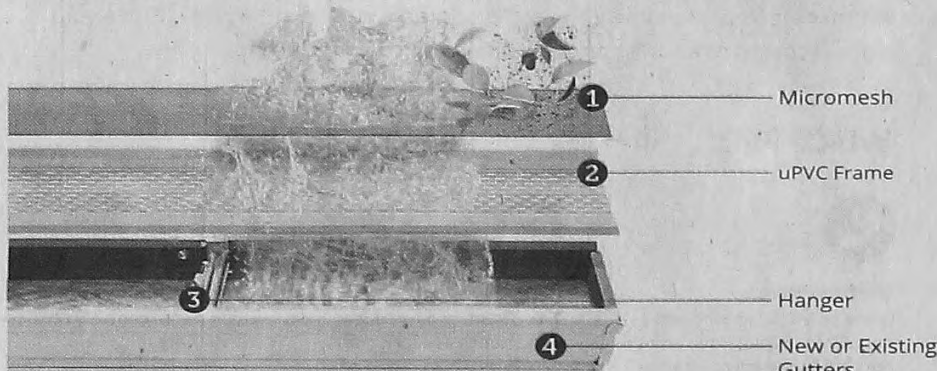
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