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# Banquet, convention center planned in Canton

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Plans to bring a new banquet and convention center to Canton Township are back on the table.

Originally proposed several years ago, the township's planning commis-

sion recently reviewed plans to locate a banquet and convention center on the east side of Lotz Road south of Michigan Avenue.

The proposal before the planning commission during its Dec. 6 virtual meeting focused on a special land use request. It was last reviewed by the township in 2019 where it received approval, though the approval expired, requiring the developer to reapply.

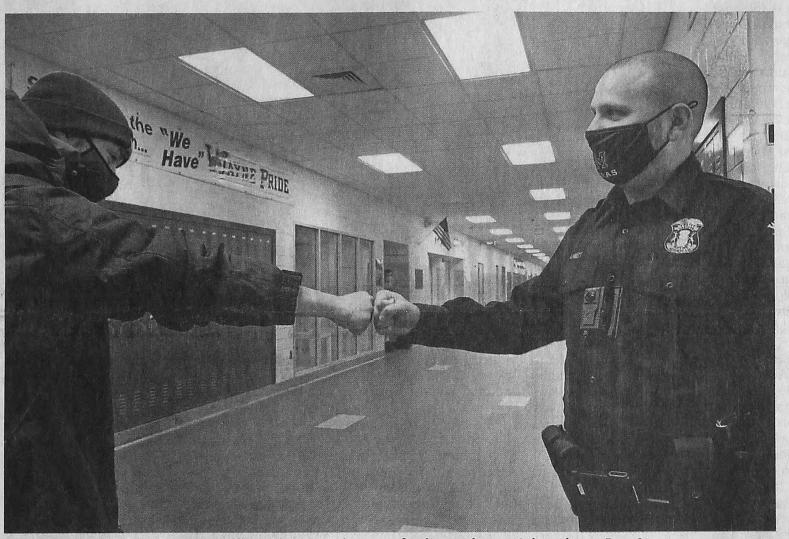
With the new application, the project does not look much different than when it was first proposed, though some additional parking space has been added.

"Since the special land use expired,

the only major change to the plans is the addition of four acres on the east side of the site which is proposed for additional parking," said Patrick Sloan, the township's community planner.

The proposed facility would feature

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# Plymouth mayor ready to put his leadership skills to test

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

In a business world anomaly, the Detroit Baseball Company cranked out vintage baseball bats that were too stellar for the company's own good.

"Our bats were beautiful, authentically made; our customers thought they were fantastic," said Nick Moroz, who co-founded the company with longtime friend Adam Gorring. "The biggest challenge was the bats were rock solid and they never broke. What we thought might become a full-time gig kind of rolled up because our customers didn't need more product."

Wayne Memorial School Resource Officer Jordan Arndt greets freshman Thomas Schroeder on Dec. 8. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# School resource officers strive to connect, keep schools safe

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Sgt. Mike Simpson has been a more visible presence at Birmingham Seaholm High School ever since four students were shot and killed in nearby Oxford.

As a school resource officer working as a liaison between schools and police, he is striving to be a positive, vigilant police presence as this nightmare unfolds.

The full-fledged law enforcer jokes

and kids and shares aspects of his own life so students feel comfortable approaching him yet stays serious about practicing safety skills during some scary times.

It's a role that could save lives if Seaholm or other schools in the district ever has an active shooter.

Two weeks after the lives of Oxford's teens were in peril, Simpson is doing his best to re-establish some normalcy on campus. He's on Seaholm's campus more often and he's in closer contact with students, staff and administrators. "You're starting to see a lot of kids say, 'Hey, thanks for being here today,' which is very nice," Simpson said. "I've developed some relationships here this week with kids. Yeah, I've been in the school before but now they've seen me every single day for the last week or so walking around, in and out of classrooms."

Simpson is an Oxford High School graduate who still lives in his hometown. He was at work in Birmingham

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## Fast-casual burger joint opens near Farmington Hills border with Novi

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

It's certainly not the easiest time to get into the restaurant business. But for the owners behind one of Novi's newest eateries, it's a longtime dream to serve customers the best food possible.

"This year, we started on one of the craziest years to start off a new food

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## Officers

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when he learned of the school shooting. He has shared that personal detail with students who have questions about Seaholm's safety.

Like other police officers in metro Detroit, he is working longer hours in an effort to make his school community feel safe while personally reeling from a nightmare that truly hit home for him. Safety, he said, is always a priority.

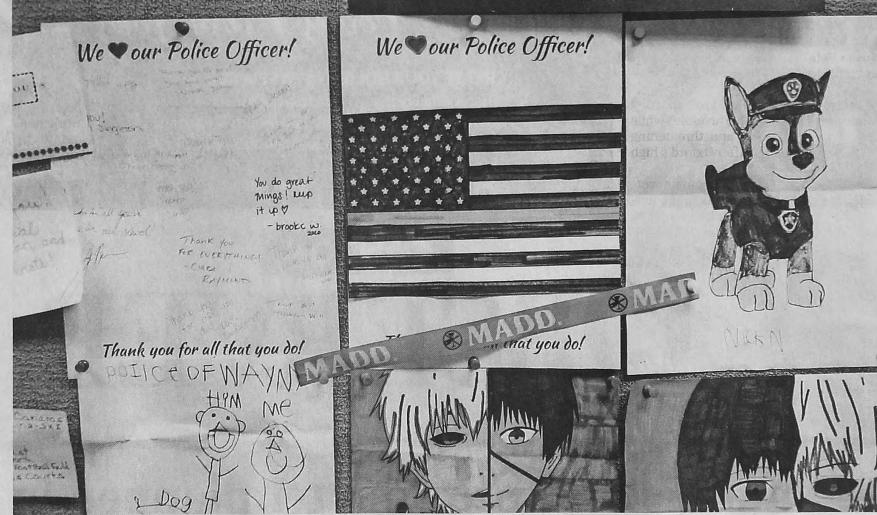
"You hate to train for these types of things, but you have to. You just have to," he said. "There's evidence that this type of training - like the ALICE training that Oxford did - saved lives.

Most school districts in the Hometown Life area have assigned school resource officers or security for the high schools and sometimes other school buildings, too. Clarenceville School District is the outlier with no assigned SRO.

Completion of the SRO's manifold responsibilities are directly tied to those police officers' relationships with students as school communities navigate the school shootings across the nation and now nearby.

"There's definitely students who are panicked and in fear," Jordan Arndt, Wayne Memorial's school resource officer, said. "I think the good things is - all the ones that I've had contact with understand the seriousness of it and how it's not a joke.

"It kind of hits closer to home because of how close Oxford High School was. It's just something you have to think about. It doesn't matter what school you work at. I don't think this is 100 percent preventable unfortunately. You just have to train and be mentally prepared to stop it as fast as possi-



Wayne Memorial School Resource Officer Jordan Arndt keeps mementos and drawings that students have given him in his office at the school. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

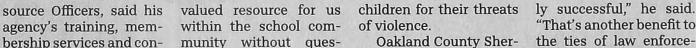
for creating the first school-based officer position in 1958 to improve relationships between local police and youth. As more agencies followed Flint's lead, programming shifted toward gang and drug resistance.

Now there is the push for school resource officers to engage with students, parents, school staff and administrators.

School shootings like Columbine in 1999, Sandy Hook in 2012, Marjory Stoneman Douglas in 2018 and now Oxford in 2021 keep altering the learning landscape and safety protocols.

Oxford's sad, painful, ongoing ordeal has local school resource officers expecting a call for more badged personnel in schools and close reviews of preparedness plans already filled with training, education and lockdown drills.

Their input is invaluable since they are con- bership services and con- munity without quessidered a vital link between police departments and school communities. Plus, their presence makes everyone feel safer as they teach, counsel, mentor and watch over students.



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"That's another benefit to Oakland County Sher- the ties of law enforce-

Arndt watches students Dec. 8 as they changes classes.

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#### **Police stationed** in schools across the nation

School resource officers have been around for decades.

The National Police Foundation credits Flint

Mo Canady, executive director at the National Association of School Re-

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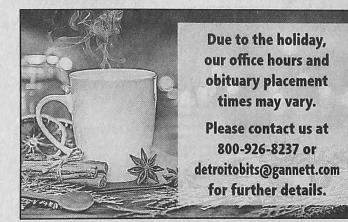
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ference attendance most likely will spike as it did after the 2018 shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

"Most reasonable people knew this was coming because of really the perfect storm of the pandemic and everything else going on in our lives and our society," Canady said. "Any time an incident like that happens, we grieve along with evervone else, but our point is always going to be in that situation that SROs can and do save lives. It appears to have happened in Oxford."

Oxford's high school shooting unfolded in about five minutes. With another sheriff's deputy, the law enforcer assigned to patrol the halls and campus disarmed and arrested Ethan Crumbley, 15.

School resource officers typically are armed and wearing their uniforms. After Columbine, they were instructed that they or the first patrol officers arriving will immediately go after the shooter instead of waiting for a SWAT team.

#### **Police in school seen** as 'valued resource'

Livonia Superintendent Andrea Oquist was a Livonia elementary school principal about 20 years ago when the district welcomed its first school resource officer. Each high school now has one, and they service other schools in the district.

Oquist credits school resource officers as "a tion."

"The best thing we can provide are well-trained staff, administrators and personnel," security Oquist said. "Thankfully, our district is able to provide all three of those."

This is Northville Township Officer Mike Brown's first year as a school resource officer at the high school. He likes the potential to have an impact on children by being a guest speaker or giving lessons on the Fourth Amendment, which is meant to protect people from unreasonable searches and seizures by the government.

A former high school athlete, he'll try initiating a conversation with those he sees wearing sports jerseys. He also shares information about his own life so children realize police officers are people, too.

"The most important thing about the school resource officer is building positive relationships with the staff members and the student members," he said.

"If there ever is an issue, they're more likely to approach me and kind of let me know what's going on."

#### **Fallout after Oxford shooting**

Some school resource officers have been particularly busy since Oxford because of fear, threats, social media and precautions in light of the changed environment. They've been gathering evidence that prosecutors are using to charge iff's deputies investigated a report of shots fired at Walled Lake Central **High School in Commerce** Township. Two Rochester schools went on lockdown because of a suspicious note. Plymouth-Canton high school students - attending three high schools, each with a school resource officer, on the same campus were in lockdown mode for hours because a student was seen with a weapon.

"Today, we had a report of a child that had a weapon," Canton Police Chief Chad Baugh said during a Dec. 9 press conference outside police headquarters, about an hour before students started getting released to go home.

#### On the beat

Parkland's tragedy compelled the Milford Police Department to created the school resource officer position that Detective Dan Caldwell has held for a few school years.

He has been investigating social media threats as a detective and as the school resource officer for a middle and two elementary schools in the village's limits.

Because he works with younger students, he can work on educating and having an impact on youngsters.

He sometimes deals with students who are already vaping. Typically, citations are waived if the youngsters complete a diversionary program.

"That's been extreme-

ment to the school. There's a myth (that) having school resource officers or law enforcement in the school is a direct path to jail. It's actually the complete opposite in my mind."

#### Larger presence may be new normal

A former Northville Township school resource officer, Caroline Czelada has been patrolling Silver Springs Elementary School as part of the department's decision to be extra present during arrival and dismissal times since the Oxford shooting.

"I'm getting a lot of and (people) waves mouthing thank you," she said. "It's just community engagement if anything."

As a former school resource officer and mom, she has been reinforcing with her children safety principles, why drills should be taken seriously and what they would feel comfortable doing if their schools had an active shooter.

"Really just giving them permission. Whatever they feel comfortable doing in the moment, they can do," Czelada said. "If they want to run all the way home, they can do it.

"I really feel passionate about school and kids. I want to make sure that they are armed with the knowledge that they need to make good decisions."

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## Police press for charging juveniles in wake of school threats

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Metro Detroit police are reporting longer days and culpable juveniles while reviewing the threats and threatening situations that arose after Oxford's high school shooting.

In the Hometown Life region covering western Wayne and Oakland counties, Wayne, Milford, and Bloomfield and White Lake Township police departments confirmed that their investigations into school threats have resulted in real and possible charges.

White Lake police arrested three juvenile suspects after taking Dec. 2 reports that threats were made toward White Lake Middle and Lakeland High schools.

One juvenile faces a false reporting or threat of terrorism - charge. The other two are dealing with threatening to commit violence with a firearm or explosive against a school.

Threats shared on social media from one of these juveniles allegedly reached hundreds of people. If convicted, authorities say punishment for the trio could range up to 20 years in prison.

"The safety and security of all students attending schools within White Lake Township is paramount to the White Lake Township Police Department," Chief Daniel Keller said in a statement. "We sincerely hope that the charges these juveniles are facing act as a deterrent to anyone who is thinking about making threats against our schools in the future."

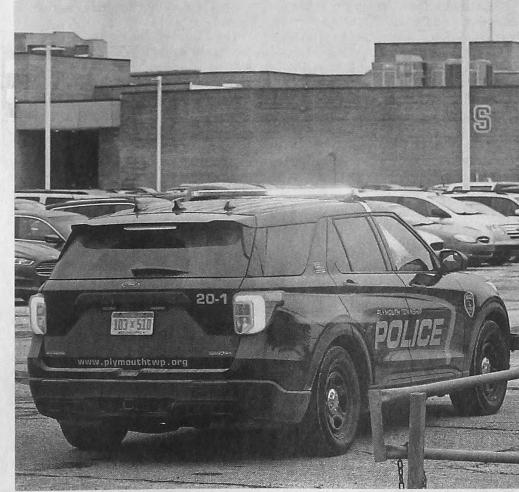
Police are trying to prevent another school tragedy from happening.

Other school threat investigations detailed by police include Milford police submitting evidence to prosecutors against a 13-year-old boy whose Dec. 1 social media post threatened Muir, Oak Valley and White Lake middle schools.

The police department received 20 complaints about the post threatening the Huron Valley Schools community in two days

Soon after the initial threats, a Milford police Facebook post offered some advice about online threats.

The main points were school-aged children shouldn't repost ominous words or images. Instead, they should report the post to a parent, teacher, po-



A Plymouth Township cruiser outside of Salem High School on Dec. 9. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

lice officer or other authority.

For their report, they should try to obtain the username, time of post and a screenshot associated with the original post.

Also, parents should remind their children that their activity with social media accounts and electronic devices is traceable.

Dan Caldwell, a Milford police detective and school resource officer, said numerous parents have contacted him concerned about school safety.

"I reassured them that schools are safe," he said. "There are things that as a society and a community that we can do that we should focus on to make them even safer.

"I'm confident in the fact that the community and the schools are focused on that right now."

Bloomfield Hills High School students already were upset over racist

graffiti and social media activity when four students were fatally shot Nov. 30 at Oxford High School.

As school threats continued, Bloomfield Township police said they received an OK2SAY tip about danger at the Andover Road building the night of Dec. 9.

The tipster had the name of the student allegedly making the threat and names of witnesses.

The department's school security officer and school liaison officer conducted the investigation leading to the arrest a 15-year-old student, whose parents are cooperating with police and whose home was searched for weapons. None were found.

The student was arraigned on a oneyear misdemeanor charge of threatening to commit violence against students or employees on school property. He was released to his parents with a GPS tether but banned from returning to

school.

A trainer for active shooter responses, Bloomfield Township Police Lt. Paul Schwab travels to conferences and workshops, where he's learned two months could pass after a school shooting before threat levels return to normal.

For now, Schwab said some of his officers are getting called back to work to investigate reports that children be harmed. He still stressed the importance of school-aged children telling authority figures when they fear violence during the school day.

"We can't stress it enough," Schwab said. "That's why we're so busy. Everyone is calling, saying, 'Hey, I saw somebody on their phone. It looks kind of suspicious.' Our investigators are out there following up on all of these. It's very taxing."

Nearby, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy issued charges against 23 youths as of Dec. 9 for making threats of violence, with another 10 under investigation.

More than 20 law enforcement agencies responded Dec. 9 to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' campus of three high schools and about 6,000 students. Perhaps mistakenly, a high school student reported to security that another was carrying a weapon in the waistband. Police have yet to identify a suspect or recover a weapon.

Canton Police Chief Chad Baugh said his investigators also have been reviewing and working through the threats happening within township boundaries. Sometimes they may just be duplicated posts related to incidents that happened elsewhere.

"We take every threat very seriously," Baugh said. "We exhaust as much resources as we can until we determine that it is not a threat.

"We go out and look at the information, meet with parents, look at the social media, determine if there's any type of threat in the home, access to weapons, and all those types of things. We work with the school district and the families."

Contact Michigan's OK2SAY tip line by calling 1-855-565-2729, emailing ok2say@mi.gov or texting to 652729. It is available around the clock for anyone in the community to report safety concerns

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## Burgers

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business," Dave Sabot, director of operations for 11/11 Burgers and Fries, said. "The owner, he has always wanted to serve quality food."

The fast casual restaurant, located at 39601 Grand River just west of Haggerty in Novi, opened last month in the building that was formerly occupied by Burger King. Splitting the building with Jimmy John's - relocated from the Pheasant Run Plaza next door - the restaurant serves up made-to-order burgers, fries, salads, macaroni and cheese and more.

Sabot said the restaurant's owner, Luk Dedvukaj, works in the construction business and spent lots of time building restaurants all across the state.

Seeing how these restaurants operated, Sabot said Dedvukaj wanted to open his own space, which he began doing earlier this year; two other 11/11 Burgers and Fries restaurants opened previously in Flint and Clio.

The former Burger King space was completely renovated by Dedvukaj and his crew, Sabot said, including the exterior and building a wall to divide 11/11 from Jimmy Johns. The inside has a new tile floor and a small dining room complete with granite countertop tables.

"We wanted to make sure everything

was good quality," Sabot said.

The name pays homage to a major event in Dedvukaj's life, Sabot said: Nov. 11 is the anniversary of his immigration to the United States from his native Albania.

The food has become a hit in the area, Sabot said, especially around lunchtime with the multitude of auto dealership employees who work in the area. He said what's popular in Novi is slightly different than what's popular at the Genesee County restaurants.

"Here, I'd say the grilled onion burger has been a take off seller," he said. "People, once they try the wings, the handbreaded wings, they really enjoy them."

Even with three restaurants open in Michigan this year, Sabot said the com-

pany is pushing forward and hopes to expand farther. He said 11/11 hope to open five additional restaurants in 2022, including one in Wixom.

The restaurant is currently open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Online ordering for the Novi restaurant is arriving soon, Sabot said. Ordering through Doordash is currently live and they are working on adding additional third-party delivery services as well, Sabot said. More information, including a menu, can be found at 1111burgers.com.

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## Mayor

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Moroz learned a valuable lesson from the vintage bat venture that will help him as he tackles his newest job: mayor of Plymouth.

'The biggest parallel to running a business and working on a city commission is customer service," said Moroz, who was sworn in last month as Oliver Wolcott's successor. "It's so important to know what a customer or resident really wants, to make sure they understand what is possible and that they know they have a say in what goes on."

Moroz is no stranger to what makes businesses successful. He is the director of Entrepreneurial Practice at the Center for Entrepreneurship at the University of Michigan.

A resident of Plymouth since 2013 he was born in Chicago and raised in Northville - Moroz successfully ran for Plymouth's city commission in 2017.

"As an entrepreneur, I had great experiences with public-private relationships," Moroz said. "When I ran for the first time in 2017 my mission was to give back to a community I've found to be extremely special.

"I was also motivated to join a team I learned was really effective, highachieving and had a history of getting big stuff done."

Moroz said he is proud of the way Plymouth's leadership has guided the city through the often-tumultuous CO-VID-19 pandemic, which has impacted the way the much-loved downtown has hosted crowd-pleasing events like the annual ice festival, Art In The Park and



its fall festival.

"One example of how we adapted to the challenges of the pandemic was changing the Santa Parade," Moroz said. "I think we found a way to reinvent the event (be-

ginning in 2020, Santa Claus began riding atop a fire engine to visit city parks where children gather) and improve on the status quo.

"Personally, I relish the opportunity to feel comfortable in uncomfortable situations and the pandemic has definitely created some uncomfortable situations."

Moroz said the city's newly elected commissioners - Linda Filipczak, Jennifer Kehoe and Alanna Maguire - are already gelling with the existing members: Suzi Deal, Tony Sebastian, Kelly

O'Donnell and himself.

"One of our first meetings as a new commission was a strategic planning session where we started to rejuvenate the city's new five-year plan that runs from 2022-27," he said. "I thought it was a fantastic opportunity to gel and come together. I was impressed by the energy the commissioners displayed."

While the majority of his efforts going forward will focus on improving evervday life for Plymouth residents and continuing to thrive at the University of Michigan, Moroz hasn't completely let go of his passion for making vintage baseball bats.

"There's something about taking a piece of wood that looks gnarly on the surface and grinding it down until you discover that it's really a rock-solid piece at the core," Moroz said.

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## Center

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multiple banquet rooms, as well as space for offices and bridal suites. It also proposes to have an outdoor venue space.

Will Knighton, one of the consultants working the project with Canton-based Mannik Smith Group, said space will be comparable to some of the other ban-

quet facilities in western Wayne County. "Similar in size to Burton Manor. Comparable, very comparable," he said. "The owner did do a detailed market study for this property – as he should – and it came out very positive for this type of facility."

Commissioner Chandru Acharya asked about the greenery on the property and what was being done in terms of keeping trees on the site.

"I see a lot of green in that area," he said. "That's just one concern that I have."

Sloan said because the township's tree ordinance remains in court, it's too soon to tell what will or can exactly be done. But he said the township can still look at every site individually when it comes to trees.

"A lot of the outcome of that is up in the air," he said. "A tree removal permit is still required and we can still do an individual evaluation of every site."

The planning commission approved the recommendation of the special land use, sending it to the township board of trustees for its decision.

Chairman Greg Greene said he was pleased to see such a facility in development in the community. Given Canton's growth in recent years, having a new banquet facility is something he believed the community is warranted.

"I'm glad somebody was looking at this type of use in Canton," he said. "It's been long overdue."

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Long, low, Prairie-style lines combine with art deco details in this house built with rose-colored brick. The brick was manufactured especially for the project. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY WAYUP MEDIA

# **Bloomfield Township mansion** shines as one-of-a-kind artwork

Judy Rose Special to Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Rose-colored bricks wrap the exterior of this house; pale pink Fiora DeRosa marble covers its floors.

Its lines are low, sweeping prairiestyle, plus the curves and zig-zag corners of art deco accents.

This one-of-a-kind house is a work of art, designed 30 years ago by West Bloomfield architect Robert Bryce. "A trophy house," said Realtor Fadl Badreddine. Back then it was featured in the Free Press, especially for its unusual color - pink, or to say it more poetically - rose. Now it is for sale at \$2.75 million.



The house still has the spare beauty Bryce designed three decades ago, with emphasis on fine materials, space and clean lines more than objects.

There are no lamps, for example, because all lighting is built into the ceilings. There are almost no end tables to hold those nonexistent lamps.

There are no free-standing chests of drawers because volumes of storage are built into each room.

Take the great room as it is now for an example, though of course new owners will change it. It measures 30 feet by 32 feet, with a sight line two times that long.

Just seven pieces of furniture sit in that big space - all either white or clear. The focus is a grand piano that's dramatic clear acrylic. Beyond that are two overstuffed white chairs, two Asian white chairs, one white marble table and one glass table.

These sit in front of walls that are huge sheets of glass, 1 inch thick, joined with clear corners.

Two glamorous white staircases sweep from the second floor to first and then to the lower level.

The spare glamor continues through the house. For example, the owners did not skimp with the Fiora DeRose marble, said Badreddine.

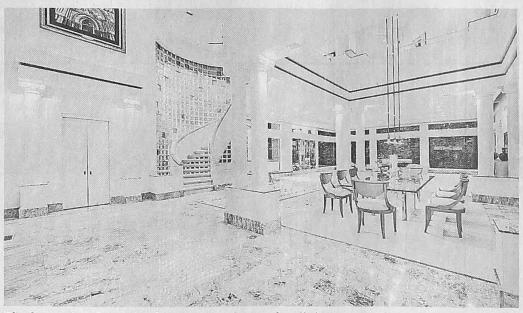
Besides the public rooms, they put it in the laundry room, the mud room, walk-in closets, the back hall and bathrooms. In some baths, the marble goes up and covers the walls.

They used a great deal of glass block and often combined it subtly with fiberoptic lighting, which can glow in pastel colors. Such changeable lighting is around the base of the kitchen cabinets, for example, around the bottom of a bathtub and around the ceiling of the dining room.

The lower level is a walk-out that's as fully finished as the floors above it. It's wide open with a living space and a fireplace, a full kitchen, a bar, a billiards room and a gym. It even has a wooden dance floor.

The approach to the house's exterior is striking. It is low and graceful with

This wall has curved glass in the kitchen corner set aside for snacks. The small table top is the same marble as the floors.



The long view from the front entry shows the dining room, the cut-away second floor and the curving staircase. F Fiore DeRosa marble runs through the house.

two rose-colored pillars that support an overhead bridge. To enter the house you pass through the pillars and under the bridge. You pass under to enter the house.

"It's a very nice feature to welcome you," Badreddine said.

challenges was coming up with the unusual rose bricks. The original team had 1,000 such bricks made up, Badreddine said, and used them to build a brick wall. "Everybody went for it," he said, so construction commenced.

Badreddine has made an appealing Thirty years ago, one of the many walk-through video with a special flour-

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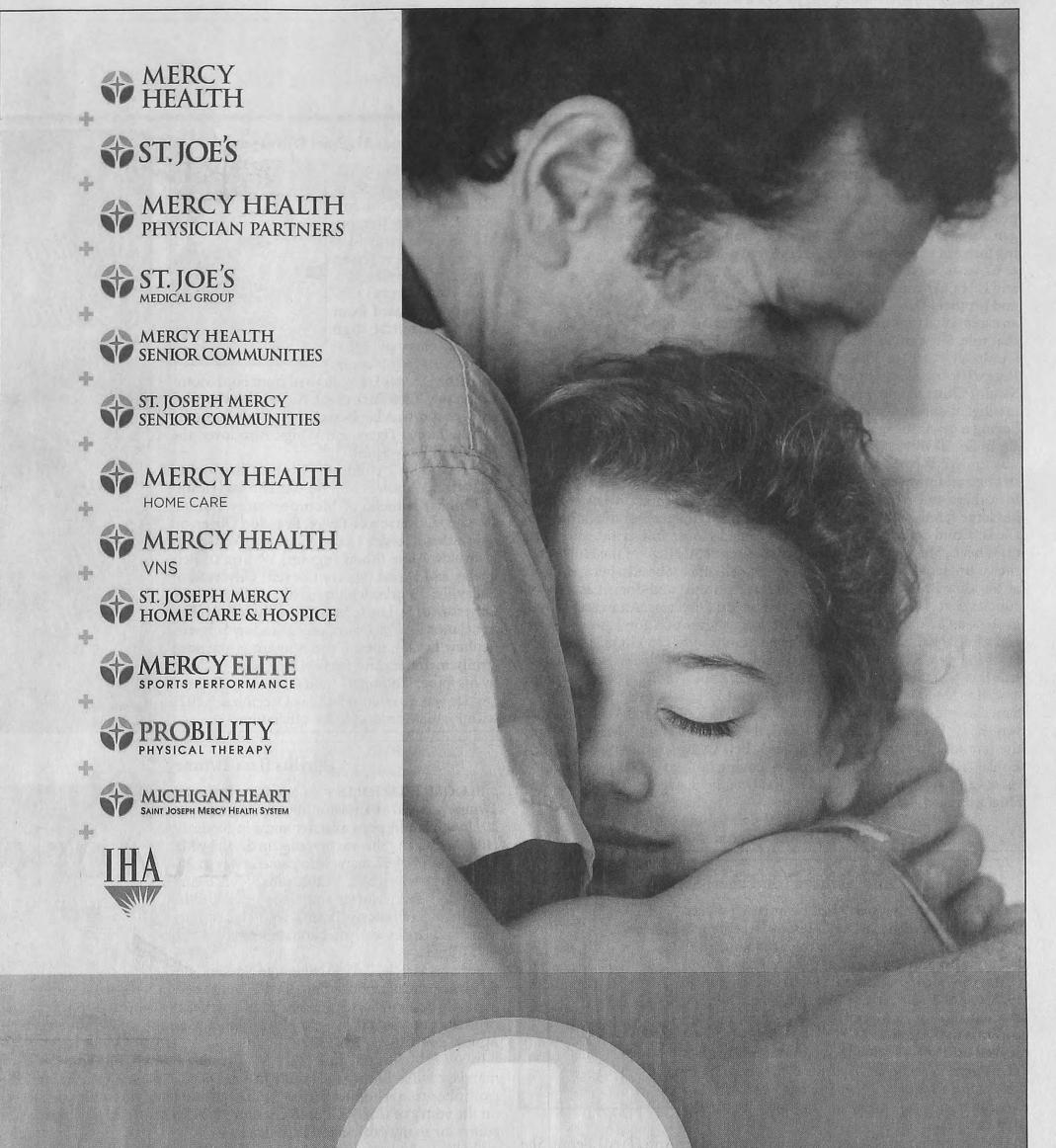
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ish — a ballerina in a gauzy white skirt. She dances under the house's bridged entry, then into the house and through some of its open spaces, ending on the lower level dance floor.

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#### (Josephine) Anne Nagel (nee Wenzler)

- - born in Toledo, Ohio on October 7, 1934, died peacefully on December 6, 2021 in Pontiac, Michigan. Anne savored every moment of life, while looking forward to reuniting with her beloved husband of 62 years, Scott (d. 2018), her two children Susan and Peter, her parents Otto and Josephine Wenzler, and brothers Dave, Fritz, Joe, and Steve. Anne was an exceptional mother and never stopped cherishing that role. She and Scott had nine children. Marian (Andrew), Peter (d.), Susan (d.), Mark (Sue), Paul, Peggy (Bob), Ellen (Brian), Jennifer (Tom) and Sarah (Clint). Anne was enthusiastic and joyful,



intelligent and educated, creative and gifted in the use of words as well as having a generous heart. She graduated from Mary Manse College with a BA in Social Work. She was active in theatrical productions in college and was known for her gorgeous speaking and singing voice. Her faith was strong and unwavering, which has been a guide for her children. She lived for others and strove to follow Christ's example. In addition to raising her large family, Anne believed in hands-on volunteer work including the Christ Child Society, the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit, and Meals on Wheels. She was a long-time parishioner of St. Hugo of the Hills where she volunteered as a Lector and in the parish office. She also held positions at Meadow Brook Hall (29 years) as a receptionist and docent as well as a concierge at A.J. Desmond and Sons Funeral Directors. Anne was a lovely hostess, an avid reader, a huge fan of dogs, a lover of a good gin and tonic, and often the life of the party. Beloved grandmother to Fiona, Alexandria, Peter (Sierra), Stephanie (Garrett), Jacob, Michael, Michelle (Isaac), Jessica, Jack (Lia), Matthew, Joseph, Kathryn (Jared), Abby (Anthony), and Josephine, as well as Ashley (Sam), Tyler Y., Trevor, and Tyler S. Great-grandmother of Sam, Sawyer, Vittoria, and Benjamin as well as Xander and Madison. Anne was the sister of the late David (Lisa), the late Otto (Fritz), Mary (d. Dan), the late Joseph (Pat), Martin (Susan), Peter, Christopher, Sarah (John), Emilie (Ralph), and the late Stephen. Loving aunt to dozens of wonderful nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass has been held. Memorial tributes to St. Hugo of the Hills.

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#### Ann Kathryn (Buescher) Seykell

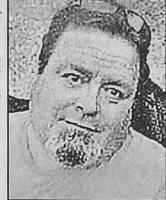
LIVONIA - Ann Seykell, 93, of Livonia, MI passed away in Traverse City, MI on Tuesday December 7, 2021, after a brief illness. She was surrounded by her loving family throughout her final days.

Ann was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 18, 1928, to Robert and Lorine (Murphy) Buescher. She graduated from Immaculata High School in 1946 and married the love of her life, Michael (Stan) Seykell on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 1951. They were happily married for 67 years prior to his death in January 2019. She has lived with her daughter and son-in-law in Traverse City for the past two years.



#### **Thomas Michael Oliverson**

WAYNE - Thomas Michael Oliverson, age 58, of MI, passed away November 29, 2021, in Trenton, MI. He was born May 15, 1963, in New Jersey, son of Thomas Gerald & Lucia Ann (Drury) Oliverson. graduated from Wayne Memorial High School, class of 1981. Proudly served his coun-



try in the U.S. Air Force. Retired from Ford Motor Company, Allen Park plant. An avid bowler who enjoyed sports. A big Detroit fan, always supporting the Lions, Tigers and Wings. Also loved the Michigan Wolverines.

Survived by 7 children: Nicole (Christopher Baltovich) Watson of New Boston, Nicolas (Heather Brooks) Iannello of Monroe, Stacey (Jordan Cossins) Oliverson of Taylor, Brandon Oliverson of Westland, Jessica (Aaron Harmon) Watson of Romulus, Alina (Todd Ingram) Watson of Belleville, and David (Sherry Coryell) Oliverson of Belleville; 12 grandchildren, his mother Luann Oliverson of St. Louis, Missouri, a sister Pam (Brian) Cantrell of Missouri, niece Lindsay Schnare, nephew Erick Cantrell, and numerous extended family members and friends. Preceded in death by his father Thomas Gerald Oliverson. Funeral Service was at 4:00pm Sunday December 5,2021 with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating.

#### **Phyllis Hess Twinney**

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** - At age 88, Phyllis Hess Twinney passed away peacefully on December 2nd, 2021 with family present at her home in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She was preceded in death by Marc, her husband of 57 years, who passed away in 2014. Phyllis is survived by her three sons Steve (Denise), Peter, and Ted (Laurel) and seven grandchildren, Elizabeth (Luc), Bryn (Brian), Cy, Rebecca, Sarah, Marc and Bryan who affectionately referred to her as "G-Phyl".

Born on March 22, 1933 to George Hess and Phyllis Parker in Columbus Ohio, Phyllis was raised in

her early years in San Francisco and Long Beach California. She attended primary and secondary school in Atlanta, Georgia and graduated from Agnes Scott College in 1954.

In 1957, Phyllis married Marc M. Twinney Jr. and enjoyed 57 years of marriage while raising the family in San Diego, Chicago, Omaha, and Detroit. She was a schoolteacher in San Diego and Lake Forest, Illinois, served on the vestry of Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, and was an editor for many professional publications. Phyllis, or "sweetie" as she was known at the time, had the unique experience of living on Alcatraz Island from 1934 to 1938, when her father served as the Chief Medical Officer, on loan to the Department of Justice from the US Department of Public Health Services. Although very young at the time, she retained cherished and vivid memories of the bay views, playing with the older children on the island and daily boat shuttles to school in San Francisco. Island living at a such a young age must have made an impact as Phyllis and Marc later discovered their happy place in Maine on Little Cranberry Island. Together, they spent numerous happy summers with family and friends at the "Twinney Cottage" where they watched the tides, enjoyed lobster and rusticated. Strong, smart and independent, Phyllis had a passion for reading, photography, and playing piano. Both a loving wife and caring mother, Phyllis will be missed greatly. A private memorial ceremony will be held later this month at Christ Church Cranbrook, her resting place with her husband Marc. Donations in Phyllis' memory may be sent to the Islesford Neighborhood House Association, c/o INHA Treasurer, PO Box 112, Islesford, ME 04646; or online at islefordneighborhoodhouse.org. The Neighborhood House is home to the Islesford Library on Little Cranberry Island.



Loving mother of Michael Jr. (Sandy), and Mary Ann (Fred) Behm. She also leaves behind four grandchildren, Brian, Sarah (Aaron) Woodbury, Libby (Dan) Smith, and Michael (Kristina) Behm and six great-grandchildren, Braden (Brady), Cooper, & Vanessa Woodbury, Dylan Seykell, and Cole & Grayson Smith. Additionally, she had 28 nieces and nephews.

Ann is survived by her sister-in-law Marion (Maschke). She was predeceased by her parents, her brothers Bob, Jim & Tom, her sisters Rene (Anolick) & Lily, her sisters-in-law Virginia, Bette, & Jinx and her brother-in law, Bob (Anolick).

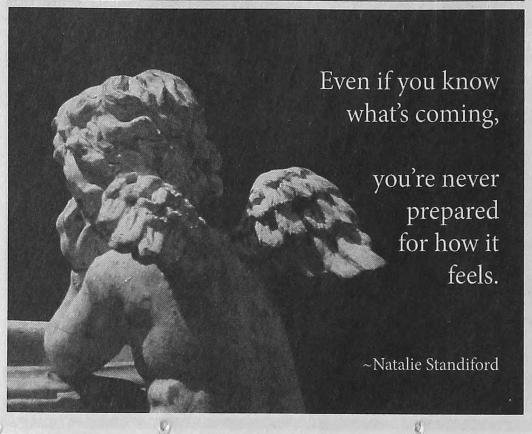
She thoroughly enjoyed traveling, biking, golf, playing cards and spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoyed movies, attending the Traverse City Film Festival since its inception, walking across the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day, and doing her daily crossword puzzles. Ann had a terrific sense of humor and laughed heartily at her husband's many jokes despite having heard them hundreds of times. Ann maintained that great sense of humor right up until her passing.

Although Ann's primary and most-loved jobs were that of wife, mother, and grandmother, she was also the Elections Supervisor for the City of Livonia until her retirement 30 years ago

She was a longtime active parishioner at St. Damian Catholic Church in Westland until it closed in 2016 at which time, Ann & Stan joined St. Edith's Parish in Livonia.

Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia, MI is taking care of the arrangements. There will be a memorial service and a celebration of Ann's life in the spring of 2022.

Contributions can be made in her honor to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Munson Hospice in Traverse City, or Forgotten Harvest.





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# SPORTS

# **Country Day basketball 'finds** mental toughness' in 63-53 win

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Detroit Country Day coach Mark Bray hopes moments like these will help his team mature on the court.

On paper, Monday's non-conference as well have been its Super Bowl. game at Macomb Lutheran North was just a regular boys basketball matchup. It wasn't for a league title. It didn't mean

anything in the standings. The result wouldn't impact any playoff seedings.

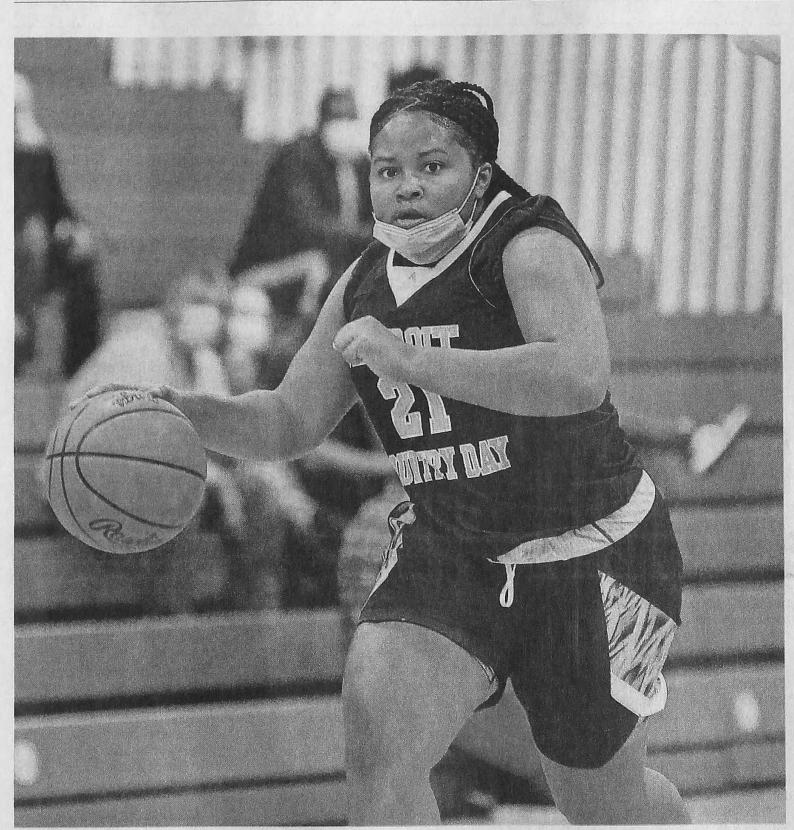
But don't tell that to the Mustangs, who just wouldn't go away in the Yellowjackets' 63-53 victory.

Lutheran North's home opener might

The place was packed, featuring plenty of cheerleaders, parents and students. Coaches from Madison Heights Bishop Foley and Riverview Gabriel Richard were there scouting for future games against the Mustangs. Plus, Macomb Community College's staff was on hand to recruit.

Not to mention they dropped their first two games and were welcoming Country Day, a storied program with

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# Plymouth **High senior** earns Miss **Golf Award**

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Playing in her first-ever tournament on Michigan State University's long and unforgiving Forest Akers East Golf Course, 7-year-old Bridget Boczar who probably weighed a little less than a fully-stocked golf bag - took home the gold.

But it came with an asterisk.

"I was the only one in my age group," Boczar revealed, smiling.

Eleven years later, Boczar's competition has elevated tremendously, but her success hasn't waned; in fact, it's reached historic levels at Plymouth High School, where she has set practically every girls golf scoring record.

On Dec. 10, the easy-going Titleist launcher was presented the mammoth trophy that goes to the winner of the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association's Miss Golf Award - the pinnacle of Michigan girls golf.

The presentation was held at Plymouth's Fox Hills Golf Course, moved at the last minute from Plymouth High School due to the school closure caused by a threat-induced lockdown one day earlier at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

A four-year all-state-or-better performer (she was voted to the Super Team her final three years) for the Wildcats, Boczar earned medalist honors at the Division 1 state meet in October, edging her twin sister Grace by one stroke.

The 1-2 finish was fitting given the Boczars are arguably the Plymouth-Canton area's first family of golf. Jack Boczar, Bridget and Grace's older brother, was a standout at Plymouth, while parents Jeff and Roxanne also have plenty of game, Bridget said.

"Growing up in a family of golfers has helped me a lot," Boczar said. "They always know what they're doing with equipment and coaching, and what tournaments to play in. I can't imagine growing up and playing golf without them; I would have had no idea what I was doing. "Golf is such an intricate game with so many moving parts. It helps to have people supporting you who know what they're doing." Boczar family photo albums are populated with plenty of golf-related pics, including a couple of Bridget and Grace as infants hitting those gigantic plastic golf balls with oversized plastic clubs. "I liked golf right away, probably because I was able to win my age group," she said. "Being the only person in my age group, I'd always get a trophy no matter how well I played. "The older I got, the more competition I faced, which I liked. The best part was when Grace started playing because my brother, Grace and I would play in the same tournaments." Boczar always tries to step onto the first tee with a positive mindset – a practice that has no doubt helped her through the relentless frustration that accompanies the game. "I know from playing so much that if you're just one degree off on your swing, the ball can go several feet from where you are aiming," Boczar noted. "Even if you're hitting a wedge, just a

Detroit Country Day's Aysia Yokely dribbles up the floor against St. Clair Shores Lakeview on Dec. 14. DCD won, 54-39. **BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM** 

# **Country Day girls' hustle** leads to win over Lakeview

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The referees screwed it up.

Whatever hoop you use in warm-ups is the one you attack on offense during the first half, right?

That's not what happened at the start of Tuesday's girls basketball game between Detroit Country Day and St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

Right before the opening tip, a referee mistakingly switched around the two girls in the center circle, meaning each player was facing the wrong direction.

Lakeview won the jump ball but ulti-

mately tapped it toward its own basket. Country Day's Jaidyn Elam quickly realized the mistake, jumped a passing lane and took off with a steal for an easy layup.

Baffled by what had just happened, Huskies coach Joe Charrette shouted to his players to shoot at their own hoop. The shot went in, and the Yellowjackets took one of the fastest four-point leads they've ever seen in their gym.

The snafu ultimately didn't matter as Country Day had no trouble throughout the 54-39 victory.

But that early hustle by Elam, despite how crazy of a start it was, is exactly what second-year coach Jerica Williams wanted to see from her Yellowjackets, who picked up their first win.

A year ago, Country Day battled its way to the Division 2 final four at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids.

It played scrappy, hard-nosed defense and had a knack for running the floor.

Williams expected to see that kind of effort again in Year 2. Instead, the Yellowjackets got outworked in blowout losses to Plymouth Christian and DeWitt to open the season.

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# **Balanced Hartland boys beat Walled Lake Central**

#### Bill Khan Livingston Daily **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Spencer Bulthuis led Hartland's basketball team in scoring again, as he will most of the season, but the Eagles had more help throughout the lineup Monday night in a 52-38 victory at Walled Lake Central.

Ten players scored for Hartland, which was top heavy with only four players scoring in a season-opening 56-51 victory over Saginaw Heritage on Dec. 6.

Bulthuis had 16 points, Brendan Lewis nine and Carson Conrad six for Hartland. Bulthuis had 22 points against Heritage.

"We shared the ball really well," Hartland coach Kevin Blouin said. "We got it into a lot of different people's hands. That's when we're at our best is when it's a balanced attack. We played pretty good defense. We were able to get out in transition. A lot of different guys scored in transition for us."

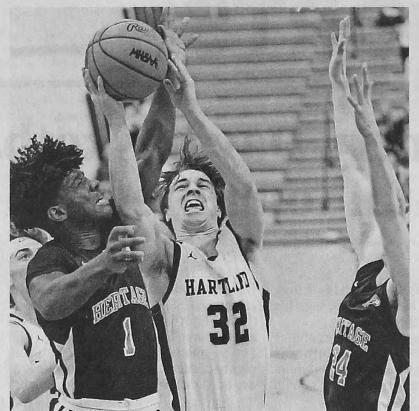
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Kevin Blouin Hartland boys basketball coach

The Eagles were never threatened, leading 32-13 at halftime and 44-25 after three quarters.

"We're improving defensively," Blouin said. "We're using our hands defensively well. We're starting to crash the boards, kind of like I thought we could. We're getting a lot of secondchance opportunities now. We're trying to put four quarters together. We do have depth, so it's important we take one possession at a time and each player gives 100% on every possession."

Hartland was expected to host Pinckney on Friday in the first meeting between the Livingston County schools since Dec. 8, 2017.



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# Win

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two former Michigan Mr. Basketball winners in Chris Webber and Shane Battier and nine past state titles. Getting a chance to upset a team such as the Yellowjackets (1-1) would be something everyone around the school would talk about.

So that's why Bray called timeout with 2:28 left in the third quarter.

Country Day thrashed Lutheran North in the opening half.

The Yellowjackets took a 41-19 lead into the break thanks to stellar 3-point shooting (they buried nine 3-pointers early, getting four from Nick Sanders alone) and their mid-court defensive trap drumming up steals.

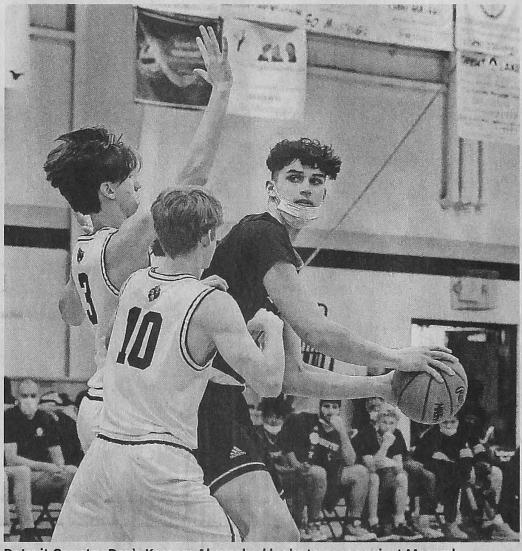
Lutheran North didn't back down, though. It went on a 17-4 run to open the second half, which included the Mustangs scoring 13 straight.

Midway through the run, Bray called timeout to stop the bleeding and allow his players to regroup. Country Day didn't hear his message.

So he called timeout again with 2:28 remaining in the period.

This time the players listened.

"We've got a team that's still finding itself in terms of mental toughness," Bray said. "I just told them to get back to our standards. Most of that run, we were giving them, basically, enough shots until they made one. Two or three second-shots. I just told them, 'Look, let's get back to what we had on the board to start the game.' "We did a great job in the first half, and we did a great job in the last four minutes of the fourth quarter of preventing second shots. Everybody knows, if you hold a team to one shot, you've got a chance to beat them. That's



Detroit Country Day's Kareem Aburashed looks to pass against Macomb Lutheran North on Dec. 13. DCD won, 63-53. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

get lazy and our defense gets out of sorts. We need to stay focused throughout the whole game.

"When shots aren't falling, that's when you mentally have to tap into the game. It's all fun and games when you're making shots. But when you're missing, that's when the mental toughness needs to kick in."

The Yellowjackets let Lutheran North open the fourth on another 8-0 run, but this time they shored up their issues a lot quicker. Aburashed threw down a two-handed dunk to stop the scoring spree, and then Scott drove to the hoop for two more baskets.

"What I say is you've got to keep your head into it," Scott added. "Anybody can go out there and play hard. Playing smart is what a lot of players can't do. Playing smart is the most important thing. You've got to match playing hard with playing smart, and that's how you become a great team."

The Mustangs made one final push at a comeback in the waning moments, even resorting to fouling Country Day players to preserve time. They finally waved the white flag after Scott took off on a breakaway and passed it back to Aburashed, who slammed his third dunk to ice the win.

Avoiding giving up long runs takes mental toughness, Bray said. He's hoping that struggling in the third quarter is something the Yellowjackets will learn from going forward.

always been our mantra. If we have a team that can block out, we have a team that can compete with anybody."

Country Day cleaned up its defense, and that led to some scoring.

Out of the break, 6-foot-9 forward Kareem Aburashed, who finished with 16 points alongside Sanders, scored down low.

Then guard Julian Scott, who scored

a team-best 17, scored six-straight to ensure the Yellowjackets a 53-36 lead entering the fourth. That included scoring on a steal, making two foul shots and getting another bucket in transition.

"We always, in the second half, let our foot off the gas," Scott said. "Coach was telling us that we need to go and play a full 32 minutes hard. That's what we need to work on. It's hard when we

"The first half was our best half we've played this year," he said. "We've made some really nice improvements. We were talking. We shot the ball well. That makes it easy. It makes it easy to talk and get excited when you're making shots. When you're not making shots, that's the mental toughness piece. When you're not making shots, can you still have the same level of effort and energy? So we're getting there."

## Hustle

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"I think I'll take that," Williams said of where the blame should be pointed. "We might have been drinking a little bit of the Kool-Aid from last year, right? I remember last year we had two months of practices (to prepare) before we had a game because of COVID pushing us back. So when we went out and played against Plymouth Christan, I was surprised at how much we didn't look ready."

Country Day looked a step slower and a bit softer than its first two opponents.

Williams quickly fixed that in practice over the last week.

'My practices weren't as hard leading up to Plymouth Christian," she added. "After you go 0-2, it's a check for the coach, right? I knew I needed to be doing something different. So we needed to learn how to play hard. So our practices changed. We went out there and we were different."

Practices were more intense. The conditioning never stopped.

The girls even ran sprints on the football field

"I feel like for those first two games we walked in there with the mindset that this was just going to be like last year," said Elam, a sophomore who scored a game-high 22 points. "So we had to change that. We were practicing really hard. We had to make sure we were really conditioned to get the W tonight.



Detroit Country Day's Emma Arico, right, dribbles up the floor against St. Clair Shores Lakeview on Dec. 14. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Country Day's Jaidyn Elam shoots.

conditioned, and I feel like that really contributed to the big win tonight."

It certainly did.

The Yellowjackets (1-2) put together a pair of 18-point periods. That included them going on an 11-0 run to open the fourth and shutting out the Huskies for the first half of the period.

Transition baskets started with strong rebounds from Ariyanna Wiggins (14 points) and Aysia Yokely (five), while Emma Arico (10) and Elam did well pushing the ball up the floor.

It looked like the same hustle that led We took a big turn by being more them to district and regional titles last winter.

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"I saw their hard work in practice and in preparation pay off," Williams said. "We've been doing a lot of conditioning. The one thing I've been leading with from our first two games is that we've been out of shape, right? So that was the thing coming into this one: We're not going to be not conditioned. I felt it showed that we were working hard in practice leading up to the game."

Country Day has plenty of tough match ups coming up, including games against Cranbrook and Carleton Airport to close out 2021. Sweat equity will be

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required to successfully navigate its slate of games, especially when it comes to running the floor and scoring transition baskets.

Hopefully, for the Yellowjackets' sake, extra hustle won't be needed to clean up any future jump-ball errors to begin games.

"I don't know what happened there," Williams said, laughing. "Somebody fumbled that. At least it wasn't a fourpoint game."

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# Howell softball coach Pezzoni resigns

#### Bill Khan Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

In a perfect world, Ron Pezzoni would have continued coaching softball at Howell.

But ...

"There's only so many hours in a day, man." he said.

Pezzoni, who turned Howell into one of the top softball programs in Michigan, announced Thursday that he is stepping down as head coach.

He cited the demands of his other responsibilities in the sport as reasons for his resignation. He is founder and owner of Turning2 Training Center, a college prep softball program in Brighton. Pezzoni has also been an assistant coach since 2020 at Madonna University, where his daughter Veronica plays.

"Ultimately, I think it was time," he said. "I've got my hands in a lot of things."

Under Pezzoni, Howell had a record of 197-43-3 in six seasons. The Highlanders were the state Division 1 runners-up in 2019, reached the state semifinals in 2018, and won five district and two regional championships.

Howell got at least to the regional championship game in each of his first five seasons before being upset by Dexter in the district semifinals in June as one of the top-ranked teams in the state.

"I've been thinking about it a long time," Pezzoni said. "To really pull the trigger was tough. It was six, seven years, a lot of fun, a lot of wins. We won almost 200 games in six seasons. I thought we were as good as anybody in that span in the state. I was lucky. I got a lot of great kids. They were just committed and did all the extra stuff. Their achievements showed it."

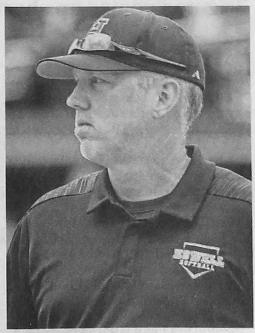
Howell produced numerous college players, including AJ Militello at Utah and Molly Carney at Notre Dame.

"Most of them were kids who wanted to play at the next level," Pezzoni said. "It was like a travel ball mentality. Nothing changed. We ran it like a travel ball team. Almost everything was the same. The cool thing is, for a high school program, we were probably over 50% who had the opportunity to play in college in those years. There were a few years we had eight, nine kids."

Howell was a state championship contender throughout Pezzoni's tenure, nearly winning it all in 2019. The Highlanders went to extra innings against perennial power Warren Regina before losing 3-2 in eight innings on an infield single.

"You'd love to win the whole thing," Pezzoni said. "I always say in travel ball or any big tournaments, which the high school tournament is a big tournament, that you've got to be lucky to some extent.

"The Regina game was tough. I think we were a better team than them. On the other hand, we probably shouldn't have won the Gull Lake game (in the regional final). We didn't do anything the whole game. They had people on base the whole game, and we won it 1-0."



Ron Pezzoni coached Howell to five district softball championships, two regional championships and a state runner-up finish in six seasons. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

## **Miss Golf**

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slight mishit can be the difference between a par and a bogey.

"I try not to think about that when I'm playing. I've always had the attitude that even if I have an average or bad first round in a two-round tournament, I can always come back the second day and make a run."

Golf has given Boczar a refreshing outlet during the often-intense variables high school students have had to navigate through since March 2020 the restrictions attached to the CO-VID-19 pandemic and, most recently, violence and/or the threat of violence in schools.

"It's kind of distressing," said Boczar. "Wearing masks all day ... you can't see people's faces, it's harder to interact with classmates. I was talking to my family the other day about how crazy it is at school now; people barely talk to one another any more, a lot of them are looking at their phones.

"My feeling has always been instead of sitting around and complaining about things, go out and be part of the change. I try to reach out and make friends."

Boczar said she typically hits her drives 250 yards - a number she predicts will increase in the years to come.

"Grace and I have started going to the gym more, so I definitely think I'll be hitting in further in the future," she said.

Boczar joins elite Miss Golf company. Among the previous 34 winners were Kelly Robbins, who enjoyed a solid career on the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour, and former Michigan State University star Sarah Martin.

'It would definitely be cool to be on the Tour someday, but I know I'd have to get a lot better than I am right now," she said.

Both Bridget and Grace will continue their competitive careers next year at Oakland University, where the golf gold rush will almost certainly continue.

Contact reporter Ed Wright at eawright@hometownlife.com or 517-375-1113.



Bridget Boczar, left, stands with Plymouth golf coach Dan Young and Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association President Debbie Williams-Hoak during the Miss Golf trophy presentation Dec. 10 at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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# Hartland, Howell win in hockey showcase

### Brighton comes up short against Catholic Central

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#### Howell 2, Detroit U-D Jesuit 1 (SO)

Beating Hartland was great, but if Howell has truly turned around its hockey season, the Highlanders needed to back it up with another impressive performance.

That goal was achieved Saturday when Howell beat U-D Jesuit in a shootout.

Before beating Hartland on Wednesday, the Highlanders were shut out in three straight games as part of a 2-4-1 start.

"We had such a high," Howell coach Rocky Johnson said. "What you don't want to have is that big-win hangover type deal. The boys came out today and they used the same recipe they used against that Hartland team. They came out engaged and played hard. They came to play. It's a big win for us. U-D Jesuit is a really, really strong, wellcoached team. It was good for us to come out and get that win."

With the game tied 1-1 after regulation time, the game was settled in a best-of-5 shootout.

Howell goalie Ean Badgett kept all five Jesuit shooters from scoring, while the first four Highlander shooters couldn't get a puck past Nate Schmidt.

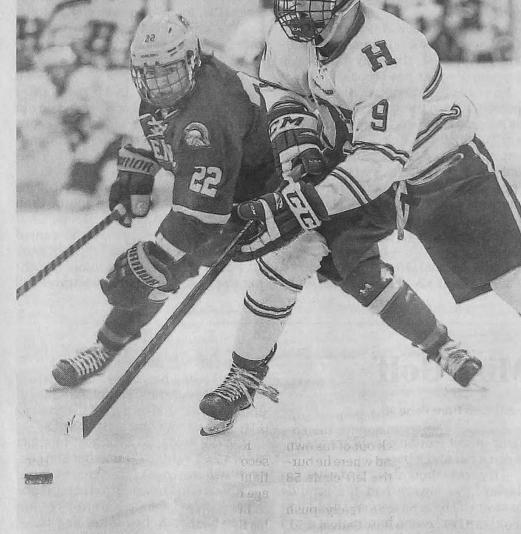
After watching four teammates fail to score, Howell senior defenseman Nathan Wilton snapped a shot past Schmidt to end the game.

"I noticed he didn't really move that much on the shots, so when I went down I put it low left where he was leaving open space," Wilton said. "It ended up going in. It was exhilarating. It's absolutely insane. There's nothing like it."

Badgett made three saves in the shootout and forced the Cubs to shoot wide on their other two attempts.

"It's up there with one of the most stressful things in my life, honestly, but it's really fun and satisfying when you pull off the win," Badgett said.

Scott Pominville scored Howell's goal in regulation time.



Hartland's Braden Pietila, right, scored two third-period goals in a 3-1 victory over Trenton on Dec. 11 in Livonia. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

#### **Detroit CC 3, Brighton 0**

Brighton coach Kurt Kivisto came away from a loss to Catholic Central feeling confident the Bulldogs can change the outcome if the teams meet in the state playoffs.

It was essentially a 2-0 game, with the Shamrocks scoring into an empty net with 48 seconds remaining.

"There is a lot you can take away," Kivisto said. "We're going to go back and look at the film. We'll be better because of it. We're excited. Hopefully, we do get to see them in March. That's ultimately the goal to do that."

Nick Galda made 16 saves, as Catholic Central shut out the Bulldogs for the fourth straight time. Brighton has gone 229 minutes, 3 seconds without scoring a goal against the Shamrocks.

Levi Pennala stopped 24 of 26 shots in his first Brighton-Catholic Central game.



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It rare for a freshman to play for Hartland, but Pietila stood out to the coaching staff two years ago.

"You don't take a freshman unless you think they can handle it physically," Gadwa said. "Just his ability to get after it as a freshman, he was a pretty big kid at that point.

"We had two spots we were looking for at that time on the back end. With who we had there defense wise, it was a great opportunity for him to learn from some good ones."

It was an important victory for the psyche of the Eagles, who were coming off a 2-1 overtime loss to Howell on Wednesday.

Trenton and Hartland have met in three state Division 2 championship games since 2014, with the Eagles winning the last two meetings in 2018 and 2019.

"We gutted it out, for sure," Gadwa said. "A good night out of our goaltender. We kind of worked from there on out. We're still trying to find our way a bit since our trip up north, but it was a step in the right direction tonight."

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Lucas Henry scored Hartland's first goal in a 3-1 victory over Trenton on Dec. 11. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY



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#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

#### Bid Package T3 Audiovisual Systems

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is requesting proposals for Audiovisual and Security Systems. Bid documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after December 15, 2021. To obtain documents go to:

#### Link to project: http://links.pccsk12.com/BMbidopps

Bid proposals will be received by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools through BuildingConnected.com by **January 10, 2022 at 1:00 PM** local time when they will be publicly opened. The District will not open, consider, or accept any bids received after the date and time specified.

The Bid Proposal must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.127 disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the bidder, or any employee of the bidder, and any member of the Board of Education of the school district or the Superintendent of the school district. Bid proposals that do not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement will not be considered.

A virtual, non-mandatory, pre-bid meeting will be held on December 22, 2021 at 1:00 PM at <u>http://links.pccsk12.com/BMprebidmtgBPT3</u>

The Board of Education reserves the right to: reject any or all bid proposals, either in whole or in part; waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding process; accept bid alternates; and to award a contract in any manner deemed by the Board of Education, in its sole discretion, to be in their best interests.

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#### PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2020 BOND

#### SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 2020 Bond, **BP#EL-2 Additions** and Remodeling, consisting of: Additions and remodeling at Miller, Bird, and Smith Elementary Schools will be received through Building Connected until <u>1:00 PM on</u> <u>Tuesday, January 11th, 2022</u>.

- 1. All proposals shall be submitted electronically through Building Connected: <u>https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5ae227ade0d395000fd24541</u> (McCarthy and Smith Plan Room)
- 2. For instructions on how to submit a bid please go to the following link: <u>https://</u> <u>buildingconnected.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360010222793-How-to-</u> <u>submit-your-bid-through-BuildingConnected-</u>

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

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

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened, read aloud and tabulated, beginning at approx. <u>1:00 PM on Tuesday, January 11th</u>. Bid Opening will be publicly conducted via a Zoom meeting.

The Bid Opening can be view at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82573302718

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

101: Earthwork/Site Utilities	102: Asphalt Paving/ Site Concrete
103: Selective Demolition	104: Concrete Footings & Foundations
105: Interior Concrete Flatwork	106: Masonry
107: Steel	108: Carpentry / General Trades
109: Roofing / Sheetmetal	112: Caulking/ Insulation
114: Aluminum Entrances / Storefront /	115: Metal Stud / Drywall
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116: Hard Tile	119: Terrazzo
118: Carpet / Resilient Tile Flooring	124: Wood Flooring
120: Painting	128: Prefabricated Casework
125: Toilet Partitions	131: Gymnasium Equipment
130: Window Treatments	140: Plumbing
137: Food Service Equipment	142: HVAC
141: Fire Protection	149: Fencing
143: Electrical	

#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

#### **Bid Package T4**

E-Rate Network Electronics and Structured Cabling

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is requesting bids for services and equipment for FY2022 of the Universal Services Fund (USF) E-rate Program for Network Electronics and Structured Cabling. Bid documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after December 13, 2021. To obtain documents go to:

#### Link to project: http://links.pccsk12.com/BMbidopps

Bid proposals will be received by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools through BuildingConnected.com by **January 27, 2022 at 11:30 AM** local time when they will be publicly opened. The District will not open, consider, or accept any bids received after the date and time specified.

The Bid Proposal must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.127 disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the bidder, or any employee of the bidder, and any member of the Board of Education of the school district or the Superintendent of the school district. Bid proposals that do not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement will not be considered.

A virtual, non-mandatory, pre-bid meeting will be held on December 16, 2021 at 2:30 PM at

#### http://links.pccsk12.com/BMprebidmtgBPT4

The Board of Education reserves the right to: reject any or all bid proposals, either in whole or in part; waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding process; accept bid alternates; and to award a contract in any manner deemed by the Board of Education, in its sole discretion, to be in their best interests.

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#### Plymouth Canton Community Schools 2020 Bond SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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Sealed Bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, **BP# HS-1 Salem High School** Auditorium Addition and Remodeling Re-Bid, consisting of:

New scene shop addition and remodeling of existing auditorium

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools requests Bids for the above-referenced Project. Bids will be received through Building Connected until <u>2:00 PM on 1.11.22</u>.

1. All Bids shall be submitted electronically on or before the Due Date through Building Connected: <u>https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5ae227ade0d395000fd24541</u> (McCarthy and Smith Plan Room)

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Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud and tabulated, beginning at approx. <u>2:00 PM on 1.11.22</u>. Bid opening will be publicly conducted via a Zoom meeting.

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

#### 134: Stage Equipment 138: Vertical Platforms

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP** Architecture will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith**, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; the Builder's Exchange, Lansing and Washtenaw Contractors Association.

Bidding Documents will be available beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 via Building Connected.

There will be a **Pre-Bid Meeting on Thursday, December 30 at 2:00 p.m. at Salem HS, located at 46181 Joy Rd, Canton, MI**. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the Project Bidding Documents & schedule, and to answer any questions Bidders may have. Following the meeting, the Bidders will have the opportunity to visit the Project site. The pre-Bid meeting is not a mandatory meeting; however, Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. **A FACE MASK WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE WORN INSIDE OF THE BUILDING DURING THE PRE-BID MEETING**.

All Bids <u>must</u> include the following sworn and notarized statements: - Familial Disclosure Affidavit (Section 004205)

- Iran Linked Business Affidavit (Section 004210)

- Criminal Background Check Affidavit (Section 004220)

The Board of Education will not accept a Bid that does not include these sworn and notarized disclosure statements.

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Architecture Inc**. will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Builder's Exchange, Lansing.

Bidding Documents will be available beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 via Building Connected.

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

The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids, either in whole or in part, to waive any informalities and irregularities therein, or to award the Contract to other than the Bidder (s) submitting the best financial Bid (low Bidder), in its sole and absolute discretion.

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Once you have the offer in writing and have formally accepted, tell your new employer how excited you are to join the team. No matter how difficult the interview process may have been or how heated the negotiation got, move on from it and share your excitement and gratitude. This moment is about making your new employer, and yourself, confident that you've made the right decision.

#### Shift Immediately to "We"

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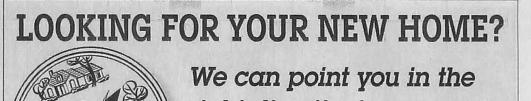
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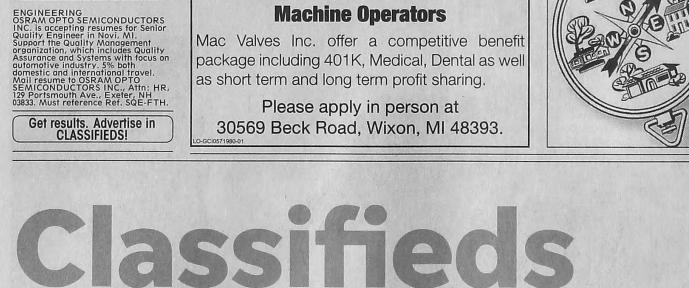
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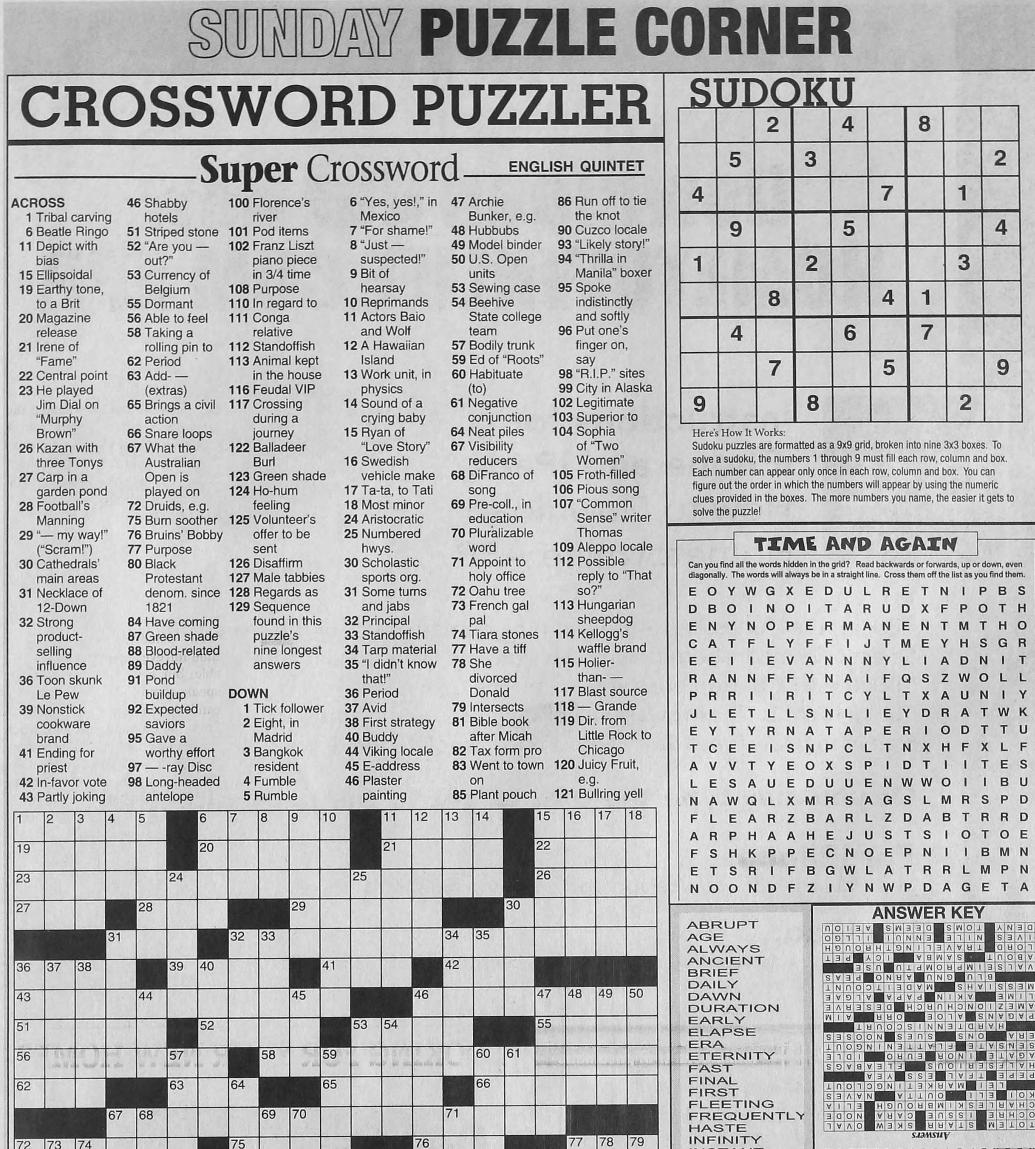
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