

Westland to rewrite zoning ordinances

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Westland Planning Director Mohamed Ayoub holds up a printed version of the city's zoning ordinances. It's no small document, and it takes a large binder to contain it all.

He'd like residents, entrepreneurs

and developers to not have to sift through a big binder when they need to check the ordinances out. That's one of the reasons the city is rewriting and updating its zoning laws.

"One of the biggest reasons I want it to be updated is user friendliness, not just for developers but residents, planning commission, city council and us,"

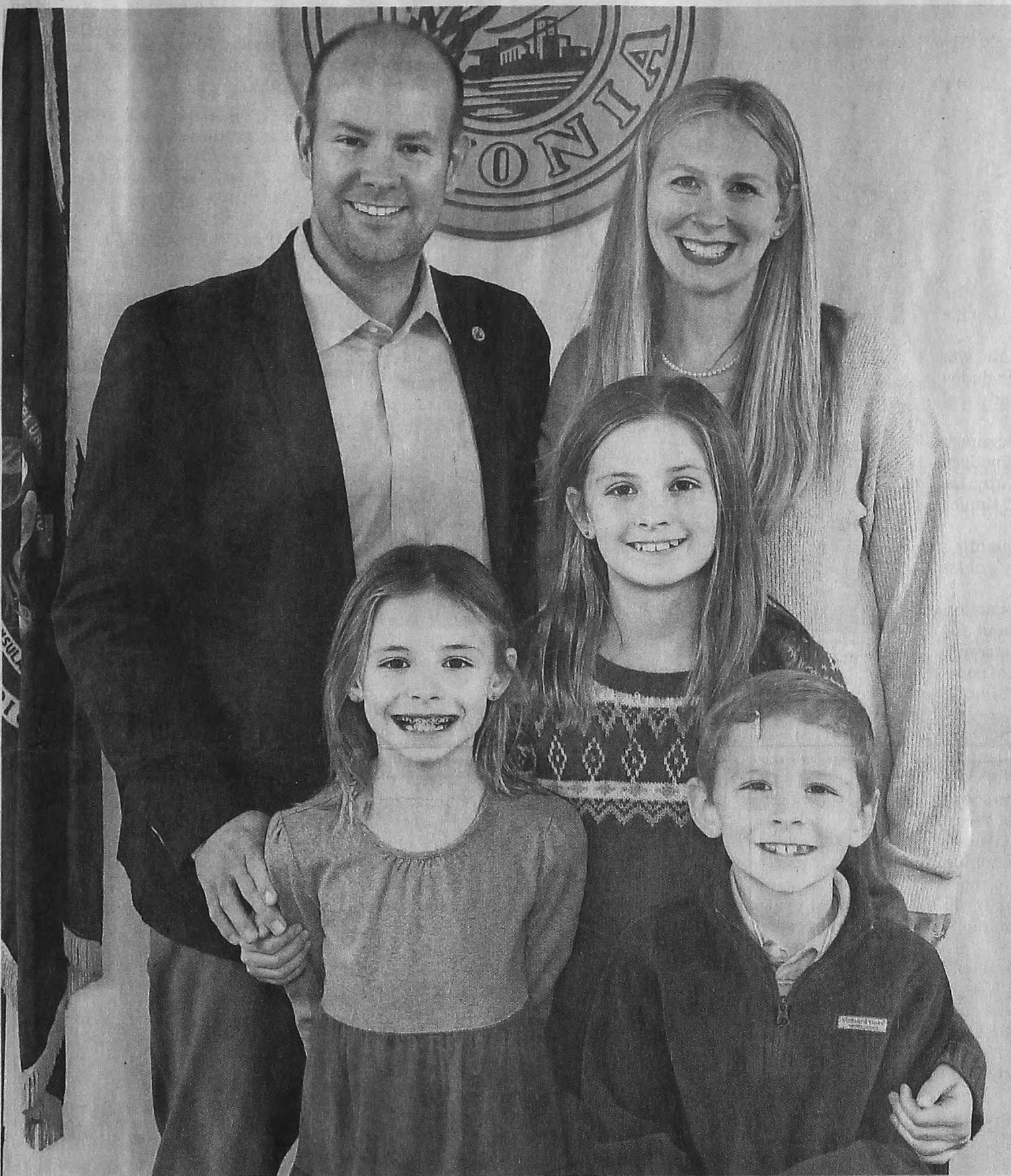
Ayoub said. "Creating an ordinance that doesn't look like (a large binder) but instead something that's a PDF, clickable, has pictures ... is what I want to see the most."

The city's zoning laws set the requirements developers must follow when building in the city and dictates what can be built where. Those require-

ments deal with everything from how close a home can be to the property line to what types of businesses can operate in various parts of the city.

Ayoub estimates the ordinances haven't been updated since the early 1980s.

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Incoming Livonia City Council president Jim Jolly and his wife, Katie, and children Claire, 8; Lexie, 10; and J.D., 6.
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Meet Livonia's council president

Incoming leader Jim Jolly talks about plans, challenges for 2022

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Jim Jolly said his wife and children probably know a little something about everything going on in Livonia. He suspects driving around the city with him might be a bit of a pain.

"My wife will tell you and my kids will tell you that driving in the car with me through Livonia is probably a headache for them," he said. "I'm pointing out what's happening with that building, what's proposed for that spot or what was talked about with a particular building being built."

But hey, the impact local government can have is something that excites Jolly. Government sometimes feels like it doesn't work, but Livonia's incoming council president thinks it makes visible changes all the time.

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Historic Plymouth dining site a step closer to development

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Those who strolled into Plymouth Township's Hillside Inn during its heyday were likely consumed by the building's festive atmosphere.

Known far and wide for its mouth-watering food and mood-raising spirits, the former farmhouse — adopting the names Ernesto's and The Courthouse Grille during its later years — hosted everything from baby showers, board meetings and intimate meals for high school prom dates.

If they were lucky, visitors may have joined the company of automobile legends and regular customers Lee Iacocca, Bob Lutz and Jack Roush; University of Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler or Hollywood icons like Paul Newman, who was spotted enjoy-

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'High-end' development proposed in Farmington Hills

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A proposed apartment and town home development along Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills is one step closer to becoming a reality.

The city's planning commission recently approved a planned unit development plan from Farmington Hills Lofts, LLC for the parcel of Northwestern between Greening Street and Highview Avenue, close to 14 Mile Road. The commission voted 4-2 to send the plan to city council for approval. The proposal includes a four-story, 250-unit apartment complex and a three-story, 66-unit town home community.

Developers want to target young professionals who haven't started a family. The space would enable resi-

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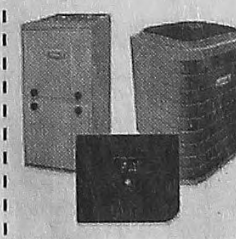


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dents to walk to nearby businesses, and the site itself would include amenities like a gym and dog park.

"These are high-end, high-quality buildings that are going to generate higher rent and target a demographic that's going to want to be in here," John Ackerman with Atwell Homes said. "The trend we're seeing (is that) young professionals don't want debt... This allows them to not just have a place to put their head on a pillow; it's a lifestyle for them."

The site in question currently houses Langans Nor-West Lanes bowling alley, which sits between an Office Depot and Kashat Shish Kabob Mediterranean Market. Some planning commissioners felt a residential development on a stretch with so much retail is in line with the city's master planning goals.

"Overall, I like what's proposed here," Vice Chair Dale Countegan said. "It's a nice redevelopment of the site and the aesthetics are pleasing to the eye. I'm sure there's going to be a market out there of folks who are interested."

Others had concerns regarding density and parking. Parking would allow for 1.7 cars per unit, and some commissioners had concerns around whether that would be enough if couples or roommates with more than one vehicle occupied the majority of the units. Ackerman said similar developments haven't run into parking issues.

"It's a tough call," Chair Steven Stimson said. "The density is really high."

If built, the development will be the only one of its



A rendering of the proposed apartment complex. The proposal also includes a townhome community. COURTESY OF HUMPHREYS AND PARTNERS ARCHITECTS

kind in the city. Nearby communities like Novi and Northville Township have similar developments in the works.

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Ordinances

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"A lot of things have changed since the '80s," he said. "It's not just perception on types of uses, but it's also how things can coexist."

The rewrite process, led by a third party firm, will take roughly a year to complete. The process includes input from the public, city departments and local elected officials.

When all is said and done, the new language should be more user-friendly and make modern mixed-use developments easier to build. Nearby, Livonia recently retooled its zoning laws for similar reasons.

"All of that just plays into the goal of eliminating barriers to progress," Aubrey Berman, the city's chief business development officer, said.

Berman noted more mixed-use properties are on the wish lists the city's downtown development authority and tax increment finance authority created. Mixed-use development combines elements of commercial, public and residential development in one space.

"In both of their planning, their final output was that they'd like to see more mixed-use development in their areas," Berman said. "We have to align the zoning ordinances to allow for what we want to see at those sites, so that's definitely a component of this."

The city will pursue updates to its master plan, which was last retooled in 2017, once the new zoning laws are set. Ayoub said the ordinances are more about setting ground rules, and the master plan will allow the community to voice the kinds of developments it wants to see.

"People assume this is to bring in a development or attract a certain development," he said. "That is part of what we're trying to do, but it's not the sole generator of that. It's transforming the way we view projects and what we allow to be built, but it's not about getting a certain property on somebody's radar."

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A photo of the Hillside Inn that formerly stood on Plymouth Road, just east of downtown Plymouth. COURTESY OF CAROL SAWYER

Dining site

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ing a meal at least once at the restaurant located at 41661 Plymouth Road.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees' unanimous approval of a Planned Unit Development option consideration for the Hillside Overlook Apartments on Dec. 14 paved the way for the memories-saturated structure to be replaced by a 120-unit residential development. Demolition of the building was green-lighted earlier this year.

Carol Sawyer, whose grandparents opened the first dining establishment on the site — the Hillside Barbeque — said her family is "heartbroken" about the demise of the building, "not just because a landmark would be lost, but also because it's an intrinsic part of my family's history."

Sawyer shared a story describing how her grandfather, Jacob Stremich, taught his nephew, Ralph Lorenz, invaluable lessons (both life- and business-related) when Lorenz worked and spent time at the Hillside.

"The skills young Ralph learned at his uncle's knee helped him build the Mayflower Hotel into a centerpiece of this great city," Sawyer said. "Unfortunately, (the Hillside Inn structure), like the Mayflower, will soon be replaced."

"While it saddens us that the physical remnants of our family's impact on Plymouth are disappearing, we know that their legacy will live on. When the building my grandmother was born in, and later turned into a thriving business, is torn down, she'll be looking down from the heavens, beer in hand, toasting progress and the city she loved."

The planned apartment complex will include several state-of-the-art features, explained Alexander Bogaerts & Associates representative Mark Abanatha — most notably a podium-style design that allows for two tiers of parking beneath the residential units.

"This style not only reduces the building's footprint, but it cuts down on the taking up of trees and green space," Abanatha explained.

The complex will offer mainly one- and two-bedroom apartments, with the smaller units covering 736 to 840 square feet and the two-bedroom units providing square footage of 1,100. Abanatha said the rent is expected to be approximately \$2 per square



A rendering of the 120-unit complex proposed for the property that currently hosts the long-closed Courthouse Grille in Plymouth Township. COURTESY OF DISTRICT CAPITAL DETROIT

foot.

"This is a class A project from a standpoint of the amenities it will offer," said Abanatha, who added the complex will appeal mostly to "empty nesters and younger millennials", but not exclusively to those subgroups.

Some of the amenities will be onsite car and dog washes, two rooftop gathering spaces and modern fitness facilities. The complex will be equipped with three elevators.

The site will serve as an ongoing example of progress — bittersweet for those who fondly recall their visits to the Hillside Inn.

An historic marker will be placed at the site to educate visitors about its iconic past, the developers promised.

Sawyer recounted that what started as a 38-seat restaurant grew into a multi-faceted hospitality center that employed 80 people and was capable of serving 550 guests.

"As we recall those wonderful years, we can't help but reflect on the hundreds of employees who contributed so much to our success," Sawyer said. "Many of them went on to work in other restaurants, opened restaurants of their own, or used their job at the Hillside to finance their college education."

"I can only imagine the number of professionals working in Plymouth and the surrounding region who got their start at the Hillside, and the economic impact they've had on the area."

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Small plates restaurant planned for vacant space near Birmingham theater

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Guests wanting dinner and a movie won't have to go far soon in downtown Birmingham.

A new restaurant is planned for space adjacent to the Emagine Palladium. Named Sybil, the restaurant at 211 Hamilton Row is expected to serve small plates and craft cocktails in its small, intimate setting.

Located on the eastern side of the theater in a vacant tenant space, the restaurant would utilize the kitchen of The Morrie nearby and contain a small amount of indoor seats, as well as a dozen seats on a patio outside. It's expected to be open Wednesday through Sunday, with the space reserve for private events earlier in the week.

The restaurant would utilize a liquor license currently held by the building's ownership company, said Jordan Jonna of AF Jonna Development, which owns the building.

"We are planning to use an escrow license that we have," he said.

When presented to Birmingham's planning board, its members were generally supportive of the project, saying such a development would do that part of town good.

"I think this particular development, if it's done well, will bring some life to the street," said planning board member Robin Boyle. "I think it would bring some life to this area."

Issues surrounding the outdoor patio section of the restaurant prompted several questions from planning board members, including chairman Scott Clein.

His concern stemmed from the patio extending into the area where pedestrians could walk and potentially cause issues, especially for those with disabilities.

"I want to make sure they're not moving into an ADA accessible ramp in that crossing," he said.

Kevin Biddison of Birmingham-based Biddison Architecture said the seating would not interfere with the



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sidewalk or anyone walking that way through town.

"All of the seating area would be well to the right of that," he said. "I didn't see that as being a concern."

Planning board member J. Bryan Williams said the arrangement of having the patio, which would have 12 seats, closer to the building was a better way of arranging it rather than having a plat-

form in the parking lot. That arrangement would force servers and guests to cross the sidewalk to access those guests.

"I think this proposal is better than separating the tables, which some in Birmingham have done, where the pedestrians would cross in the middle of the dining area," he said. "There's plenty of room between the outdoor dining and

the curb."

The planning board voted 5-1 during a Dec. 15 meeting at city hall to send the special land use permit and final site plan site to the city commission, which has the final say.

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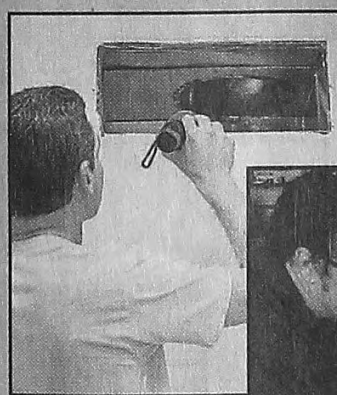
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What to do with life insurance, 401(k) plans upon retirement



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Dear Rick:

In January my wife and I plan to retire. We will be at our full retirement age and thus plan to begin to collect our Social Security. In addition, we each will have pensions that start in January.

Pensions and Social Security will more than cover our living costs, and in addition, we each have 401(k) plans plus other savings. We have two adult children who are financially secure, and no debt. In fact, earlier this year we paid off our mortgage. We plan to stay in our home for as long as we can and eventually, when COVID is behind us, we would like to do some traveling.

Based upon our situation, I have a couple of questions for you:

Do we need life insurance? Currently, other than life insurance through our employers, which will expire upon retirement, we each have two term life insurance policies that have about five years remaining. I don't see any reason why we should keep the insurance at this point. Originally, when we bought the policies, it was to financially provide for our children.

Do we need to do anything with our 401(k) plans? We each have a little over \$100,000 in Roth 401(k)s. I would prefer to leave our 401(k)s as is.

Thank you, Gerald

Dear Gerald:

Congratulations to you and your wife on retiring! It appears that income in retirement is not going to be an issue for you, which is wonderful.

In reviewing your situation, I agree that you do not need life insurance. When you purchased the life insurance in the past, your situation was completely different. After all, you had children who were dependent upon you.

In addition, if you or your spouse passes, the other spouse has sufficient resources to maintain their lifestyle. Therefore, I don't see any reason why you should keep the insurance. Remember, life insurance is not an investment;

it's a means of covering risk. In your situation, the major risk you have is that if one of you passes away, will there be sufficient resources to protect the other? Since the answer is clearly yes, there is no reason to keep the insurance.

Now, let's discuss your Roth 401(k) plan. Even though you are happy with the 401(k) plan, there are a few things to consider. One of the major advantages of using a Roth is that they are not subject to required minimum distributions. For example, if someone had a traditional IRA or 401(k), they would have to begin taking required minimum distributions at the time they turn 72. On the other hand, if someone had a Roth IRA, money can grow tax free for as long as they choose.

However, there is a caveat to this rule with regards to Roth 401(k) plans. Although money withdrawn from a Roth 401(k) plan is not subject to taxes, they are subject to required minimum distributions at age 72. If the money was transferred from a Roth 401(k) into a Roth IRA, then the rule that requires distributions starting at age 72 does not apply. Therefore, if you move your Roth 401(k) into a Roth IRA, you would not have to start taking distributions at 72, and that money can grow tax free within your Roth IRA for as long as you choose.

In addition, if you never take money out of your Roth IRA, and that money is eventually inherited by your children, they also will be able to withdraw that money tax free.

I generally recommend that when someone leaves an employer they should transfer their 401(k) money into an IRA. In addition, IRAs typically have greater investment options and flexibility than a 401(k). When you couple this with the idea that there are minimum required distributions in Roth IRAs, I believe it is a slam dunk to directly transfer the Roth 401(k) into a Roth IRA.

Good luck.

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

President

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"What's appealing to me about being on city council is it's very task-oriented and provides an opportunity to make a visible impact on our community," Jolly said. "It's not faraway things. It's decisions that are home-grown and problems that are affecting real people's lives."

The council president creates council's agendas and assigns members to various committees. Jolly will decide what's urgent, what's important and will be the face members of the public speak to when addressing council.

Vision 21 plan, collaboration among goals

Jolly said pushing forward the Livonia Vision 21 master plan is one of the things he's most excited for. The possibility of a new senior center and updates to the city's library system are among the things he'd like to consider.

He's also looking forward to continuing work on Greenmead Historical Park's ongoing master plan process and plans to consider Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan's proposed nondiscrimination ordinance at some point.

Adding more modern elements to the city is important for Livonia to remain an attractive place to live.

"We want to be that thriving community," he said. "My day job is in Southfield, so every day I'm driving through Southfield and other communities. I'm always looking at what kind of things they have going on and what kind of developments they have going on. I look at other people's local newspapers to see what issues they're dealing with. Sometimes we're going to be able to pick ideas up that we haven't thought about yet."

Brosnan said she's looking forward to working with Jolly in rolling out Vision 21 projects.

"Jim Jolly is an incredibly effective leader who we are lucky to have at the helm of our city council," she said. "His deep roots in our community, combined with his experience and knowledge, make him a great partner in leading our city. I look forward to our work together to keep Livonia residents safe and implement Livonia Vision 21 dur-

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Jim Jolly Incoming Livonia council president

ing his time as council president."

Aside from working with the administration, Jolly would also like to foster a collaborative environment on council.

"A lot of the national political landscape is very difficult right now," he said. "There's no reason city council has to be a reflection of that... All seven of us were elected and have the authority and responsibility to vote as we see fit. My personal approach is that none of this is personal. If I have a colleague we sees something differently, I have to respect that."

An efficient person with the gavel

Jolly previously worked as a magistrate for the 16th District Court, meaning he ran a court room. Jolly and Laura Toy, the incoming council vice president, expect that will serve him well in running council meetings.

"I was the magistrate for seven years and ran a court room with lots of people who were involved in the cases before me. My job was to treat each person with dignity and respect," he said. "I know how to run a court room, and I'm pretty sure that's going to translate to running a meeting."

Jolly has previously served as Toy's vice president, and she expects he'll be an effective leader.

"I'm real happy for him," Toy said. "He'll do a super job. He's a very intelligent man, very thoughtful and he looks at things all the way around. He gets along with everyone, and that's helpful as well."

Jolly plans to take a similar approach to public comment. At 39, he's younger than many of his predecessors, but stressed that he plans on working for the benefit of the whole community.

"We need to make sure we're partners and we're hearing the community," he said.

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Famous metro Detroiters with 2022 projects

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Detroit's gifts to entertainment just keep on giving. As 2022 approaches, here's a look at seven actors, directors and writers who have noteworthy projects lined up for the new year that are bound to generate hometown pride.

Sam Richardson

The "Detroiters and 'Veep'" standout kept a high profile in 2021 with roles in "The Tomorrow War," a Netflix sci-fi action movie starring Chris Pratt, and a guest appearance in the second season of his BFF Tim Robinson's cult-hit Netflix sketch show, "I Think You Should Leave Now."

Richardson also made a big impression in the Emmy-winning "Ted Lasso" as Edwin Akufo, the Ghanaian billionaire who tried to steal soccer star Sam Obisanya (Toheeb Jimoh) away from AFC Richmond.

Next year, expect Richardson to pop up in multiple projects, two of which already are eagerly awaited. He'll appear in "Hocus Pocus II," Disney's sequel to the 1993 Halloween favorite that again will star Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kathy Najimy as witches.

And on Jan. 28, you can see Richardson in a new AppleTV+ series from Phil Lord and Chris Miller (the "21 Jump Street" films, "The Lego Movie"). It's an inventive murder mystery titled "The Afterparty" that's set at a high school reunion.

Steven Yeun

After competing for an Oscar this year for his lead role in "Minari," Yeun is using his clout to pursue envelope-pushing, extremely A-list projects.

Recently, Yeun wrapped filming on "Nope," a horror movie written and directed by Jordan Peele. Set to be released July 22, 2022, it's about ... well, so far, Peele is keeping everything about the project under wraps except for a moody poster that features a dark sky with a menacing cloud trailing a kite-like string of flags.

Yeun also is teaming up with actress-comedian Ali Wong to executive-pro-

duce and appear in Netflix's "Beef," a 10-episode series created by TV writer and producer Lee Sung Jin, whose credits include FX's "Dave" and Adult Swim's "Tuca & Bertie." It follows two people whose lives are impacted by an outbreak of road rage.

Most intriguingly, Kristen Stewart, who is getting awards buzz for portraying Princess Di in "Spencer," told Entertainment Weekly in October that she's filming a movie called "Love Me" with Yeun. Describing it as a love story with a post-apocalyptic setting, Stewart says it involves "this buoy, myself — Me is the name of the character."

Sam Raimi

As a youthful auteur, he changed the course of American horror movies with 1981's "The Evil Dead." But as a Hollywood veteran, the Groves High grad and former Michigan State student is best known for directing three Tobey Maguire-led "Spider-Man" flicks.

Raimi returns with "Dr. Strange in the Multiverse of Madness," currently set to arrive May 6. The follow-up to 2016's "Dr. Strange" brings back Benedict Cumberbatch as the Marvel sorcerer.

Raimi told Collider in September that he wasn't sure about doing more superhero films after fans were harshly critical of 2007's "Spider-Man 3" and its dancing Tobey Maguire scene. "My agent called me and said: 'They're looking for a director at Marvel for this movie and your name came up. Would you be interested?' And I thought, 'I wonder if I could still do it,'" he said.

But his fondness for the Dr. Strange character overcame his reservations.

Kristen Bell

The actress-singer from Huntington Woods, who may be best known as the voice of Anna from the Disney smash "Frozen," demonstrated her gift for smart comedy with NBC's acclaimed sitcom "The Good Place," which ended in 2020.

Now Bell, who co-hosted the prime-time game show "Family Game Fight" for the same network with husband and fellow Michigander Dax Shepard, is starting off 2022 with an intriguing co-

medic experiment. On Jan. 28, Bell's latest project, "The Woman in the House Across the Street from the Girl in the Window," will premiere on Netflix.

Funny and suspenseful, it satirizes thrillers like "The Woman in the Window" and "The Girl on the Train" while also putting Bell's wine-loving character in the midst of a mystery over a murder at a neighbor's house that she saw — or did she? — from her window.

Simone Missick

The Renaissance High alum grabbed the spotlight in 2016 with her portrayal of police detective Misty Knight in Netflix's Marvel-based series "Luke Cage." She also appeared as the same character in "Iron Fist" and "The Defenders."

Two years ago, Missick got the central role as Judge Lola Carmichael in "All Rise," a CBS legal drama with an ensemble cast and a knack for timely story lines. In May, the series was canceled, but that didn't mean it was gone for good. In September, OWN, aka the Oprah Winfrey Network, wound up saving the show and plans to run a third season with 20 new episodes.

There's more good news for "All Rise" fans: The series is streaming on Hulu and HBO Max, which should give it a boost before it returns to OWN.

Michael R. Jackson

In the midst of the COVID-19 crisis, the Detroit native's innovative and irresistibly melodic off-Broadway musical "A Strange Loop" won the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for drama. It was the first musical ever to win the prestigious award without yet having reached Broadway.

"A Strange Loop" is finally heading to Broadway with an opening planned for spring 2022. There, it is bound to earn buzz with its story about a young, gay Black man who supports himself with a day job he loathes (he's an usher for the long-running stage hit "The Lion King") while writing a musical about a young, gay Black man who supports himself with a day job he loathes while writing a musical.

Jackson describes the musical as "self-referential," not strict autobiography. In real life, the Cass Tech High alum

grew up immersed in the arts. He took dance classes, sang and played the piano in church choir and was part of Detroit's well-known Brazeal Dennard Youth Chorale.

While at Cass Tech, he connected with InsideOut Literary Arts, the Detroit-based nonprofit that provides writing programs, workshops and mentoring to Detroit students.

Jackson left Detroit in 1999 to attend New York University. The beginnings of "A Strange Loop" stretch back to a monologue called "Why I Can't Get Work" that Jackson wrote as an undergraduate senior.

In a 2020 interview with the Free Press, Jackson said: "I definitely am a New Yorker at this point, for good or for ill, (but) I've always said that I'm glad to be from (Detroit). Being from there is like a point of pride to me." No wonder he included references to the city and Cass Tech in "A Strange Loop."

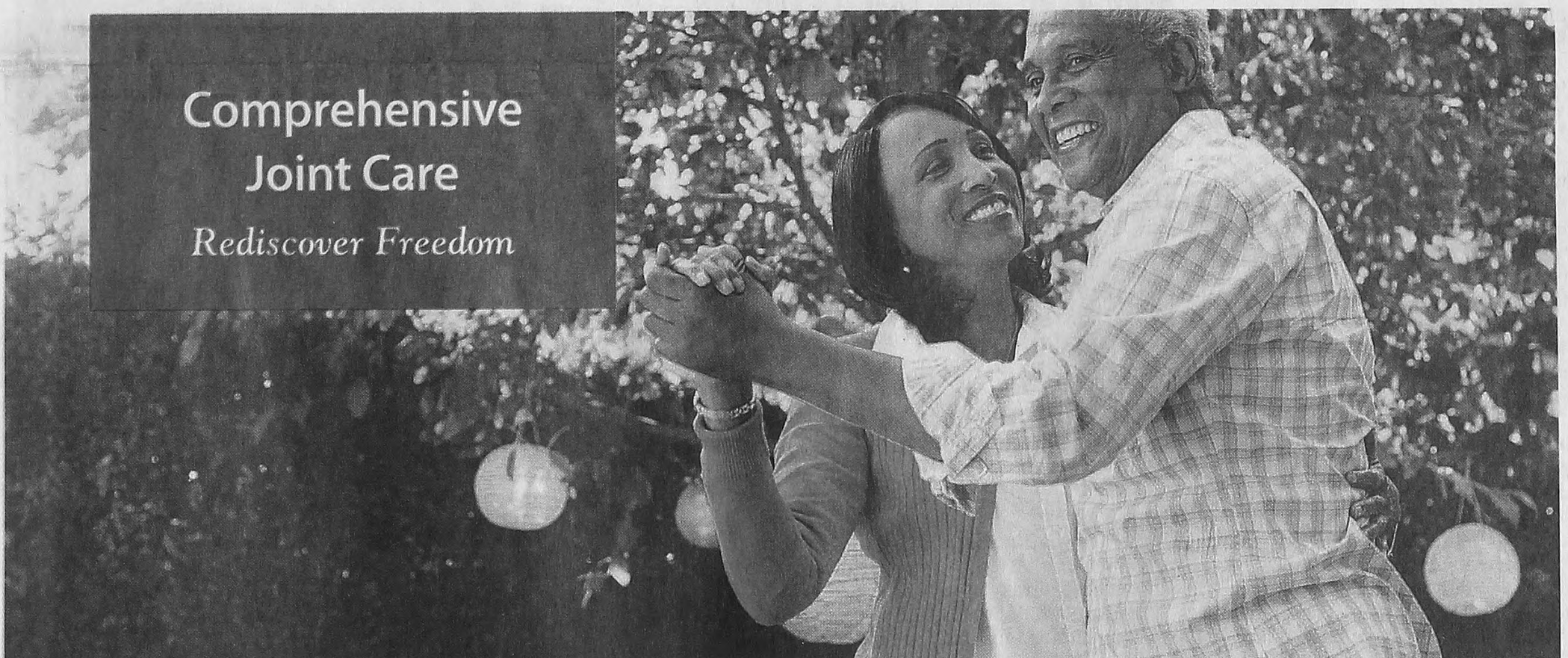
Keegan-Michael Key

What a 2021 it was for the Detroit native, who has been busy with TV and film work since moving on from the iconic "Key & Peele" series. He kicked off the year with "The History of Sketch Comedy" podcast, fulfilled a lifelong dream by hosting "Saturday Night Live" and brought his leading-man charm to the appealing AppleTV+ parody of Broadway musicals, "Schmigadoon!"

Expect 2022 to be just as impressive if Key's latest assignment is any indication. He'll be appearing in "Wonka," a movie about the origin story of Willy Wonka, pre-chocolate factory. It will star Timothee Chalamet in the title role.

We're also hoping for news on Key's in-the-works ABC series that's based on the August Snow novels by award-winning Detroit author Stephen Mack Jones. Key is supposed to executive-produce and play Snow, who hails from Mexicantown and is a former cop who's now a private detective.

And look for Key in the reboot of "Pinnocchio" that will feature both live action and CGI-animation and star Tom Hanks and Cynthia Erivo in its telling of the puppet's quest to become a real boy. Key will provide the voice of the character Honest John.



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David Di Rita bought a lot in Lexington a year ago and his 1,300-square-foot cottage made the voyage there back in November. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY DAVID DI RITA

Northville man moves summer cottage to Lexington

Bryce Airgood Port Huron Times Herald
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

It's weird when you've seen a building in one spot your whole life, for almost 50 years, "then suddenly it's on the road," Northville resident David Di Rita said.

Di Rita, a Roxbury Group founder and principal, has had family in the Lexington area since the 1930s. His grandfather built a home in the Worth Township Blue Water Beach subdivision in 1967 and his father built a summer cottage there in 1972.

But late last week that summer cottage took the trip of its life, about 1,300-square-feet of it traveling five miles on M-25 to Lexington with a police escort.

Di Rita wanted to ride in the home while it traveled, watch Sanilac County pass by from the dining table, but that unfortunately was not an option. He thought moving the house down the highway would be harder, "but they did that in 10 minutes," he said.

The home is a mid-century style Viceroy Home, a kit home that had engineered pieces cut to size and ready for site assembly.

Di Rita, who is one among five siblings, said the family spent their summers in the cottage. They watched the moon landing at their grandparents' house next door, played softball in the area and built multiple tree forts.

It gave them the opportunity to grow up with their cousins and provided a multigenerational, multi-year parade of "idyllic childhood experiences."

He really wanted to ensure that the next generation and generation after that used the cottage the same way his



The cottage traveled on M-25 from Worth Township to Lexington on Nov. 11.

family did.

"I really felt like that was more likely to happen if the cottage was in the town, in the village," he said.

Di Rita bought a lot in Lexington near the intersection of Hubbard and Washington streets around a year ago and the cottage made the voyage Thursday.

He said he'll either sell the vacant lot,

which has sewer access and a garage that was left behind, or he'll build a new house on the property and sell the whole thing. Once he sells the lot, it will about cover the cost of the move so he's coming out about equal.

"It wasn't as crazy as it sounds," he said.

But at the end of the day, what he gets

from moving the cottage is using the home his dad built. His father died about three years ago and his mom is still very attached to the place. She loved the idea of moving the home, he said.

"I feel like it's a way to honor both of them versus just a real estate decision," Di Rita said.

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War veterans Sydney Harris, left, and Saul Arsht trade stories at a wall memorializing Jewish soldiers during a Purple Heart Reuniting Ceremony at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills in 2016. The museum recently announced it has received \$15 million donation, its largest ever. LEX DODSON/SPECIAL TO THE FREE PRESS

Holocaust museum gets largest-ever donation

Duante Beddingfield Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus will look to add staff, virtual programming and facility upgrades after a sizable gift from a long-time donor.

The center announced last week a donation of \$15 million from the Zekelman family and Zekelman Industries.

The donation, that largest single gift in the Farmington Hills museum's history, kicks off a \$100 million fundraising campaign aimed at establishing a permanent endowment fund for the center's long-term sustainability.

"This is really great," said CEO Rabbi Eli Mayerfeld. "Because of the great

foresight of the Zekelman family, they would like to see this gift used in places that we need it the most. That includes things like paying for additional staffing so we can continue to provide virtual programming. It means being able to do upgrades to ventilation and air filtration to make our building as healthy and safe as we can. It's really meant to be flexible so that we can continue to grow and serve the community."

The center, 28123 Orchard Lake Road, is the first free-standing institution of its kind in the United States, and Michigan's only Holocaust museum. The 55,000-square-foot structure opened in October 1984 and has hosted more than 1 million visitors since, with more than 100,000 crossing its threshold annually,

pre-pandemic, to learn about the Holocaust and speak with survivors. During the pandemic, it reached more than 20,000 virtual attendees throughout Michigan, the U.S. and internationally.

The Zekelman family is a longtime supporter of the Holocaust Memorial Center, both individually and through Zekelman Industries, a Canadian steel and pipe company that has a long history of philanthropy. The company maintains a location in Plymouth.

The \$15 million donation brings the Zekelmans' total funding of the Holocaust Memorial Center to \$25 million.

"We've always been impressed by the positive and lasting impact the Holocaust Memorial Center has had on millions of lives," said Barry Zekelman,

chairman and CEO of Zekelman Industries. "It's truly inspiring. With antisemitism and hate crimes on the rise, we feel a sense of urgency to help organizations, like the Holocaust Memorial Center, that are passionately working to combat it."

The museum's current special exhibit, "The Girl in the Diary: Searching for Rywka from the Lodz Ghetto," runs through the end of December. Based on a diary discovered in the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp after World War II, it presents a unique view into lives disrupted by the Holocaust.

For museum information, visit holocaustcenter.org. The Holocaust Memorial Center can also be found on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

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Antoinette "Toni" Bye

LIVONIA, MICHIGAN AND LOUISBURG, NORTH CAROLINA. - Antoinette (Toni) Delicato Bye was born on February 9, 1930, in Cassino, Italy. She was the first-born child of Antonio and Giovanna Delicato. When she was 10 years old, she, her mother and sister Rose joined her father in Detroit.

Antoinette was a warm and generous person who had many friends. She was a wonderful cook who often hosted holiday dinners for family and friends. She enjoyed making crafts and traveling to Italy with her siblings and visiting her family there. Her lifelong career as a cosmetologist brought beauty to her customers and many became lifelong friends.

Antoinette loved her family. She was predeceased by her husband (of 60 years) Joseph Bye and son Jerry Bye and is survived by Rick (Patty) Bye, Sandra (Stuart) Crawford, and Dan (Debbie) Bye. She has 5 grandchildren; Brian Bye, Erica Crawford, Patrick Crawford, Jesse Bye and Stephanie Crawford. She has eight great-grandchildren; Katelynn, Tyler, Arianne, Cody, Jayvin, Amelia, Christopher and Matthew.

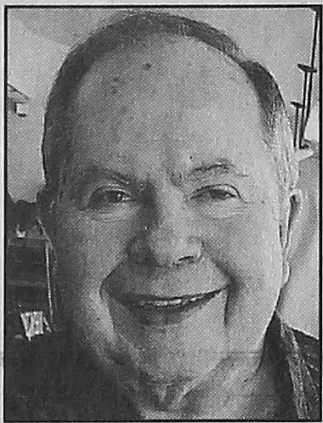
She is also survived by her brother, Armando (Connie) Delicato and brother-in-law Clyde (Rose-deceased) Riopelle, and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a graveside ceremony at Glenn Eden Cemetery for family. Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated.

Arrangements are by Strickland Funeral Home & Crematory, 103 W. Franklin St., Louisburg, NC www.stricklandfuneralhome.net.

Frank J. Konkell

Konkell, Frank J. Jr. Age 80. December 19, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Joann. Loving father of Christopher (Keshia) Konkell. Uncle of Noel Dorsey and Nora Carte. Dear brother of the late Rose Abulibdeh and Julie Wais. Funeral service Thursday 1pm at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral



Home 41555 Grand River Novi, MI 48375, with visitation from 11am until time of service. Frank was a radiologist tech at DMC, was an avid Detroit Red Wings Fan and Detroit Tigers Fan. He enjoyed leasing cars that he always wanted to drive such as his BMW. He was a kind and gentle man and always appreciated doctors, nurses and the hospitality of his favorite restaurant, 3 Brothers Family Restaurant where he ate daily for 20+ years. Memorial contributions to the Capuchins or St. Jude Children's Research. Interment Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. Expressions of sympathy www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

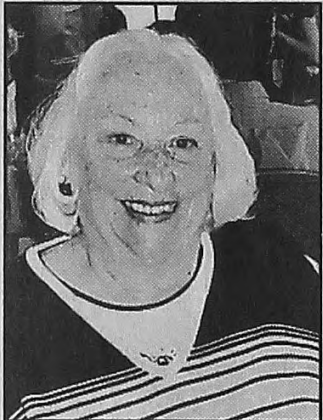


Jacqueline "Jackie" Mc Broom

Jacqueline "Jackie" Mc Broom was born October 19, 1942 and passed away on December 13, 2021. Beloved wife of Melvin Mc Broom for 60 years. Loving mother of Kim (Howard) Harwood, Randall Mc Broom and Kevin (Stephanie) Mc Broom. Cherished grandmother of 14 and great grandmother of 12. Dear sister of Richard Watt. Aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Services were held through Harry J Will Funeral Home in Livonia.

Harry J Will Funeral Homes



Arline Strane

Arline Strane age 93 passed away peacefully December 4, 2021. Preceded by husband Richard (Dick) Strane. Survived by her children Jack (Penny) and Scott (Barb). Also grandchildren Andrew (Sasha) and Greg (Morgan) and great grandchildren Logan and Everly.

Arline enjoyed golf, boating on Michigan lakes and was a long time DSO, DIA and Fisher supporter. Family Memorial Service at a later date.



Mary Lou (Mulholland) Kidd

EAST LANSING - Mary Lou (Mulholland) Kidd, age 91 of East Lansing, formerly of Birmingham, passed away on her birthday, Dec. 17, 2021. She was born in Birmingham on Dec. 17, 1930 to Frank and Mary (Wright) Mulholland.

Surviving are her husband, Claude; sons, Charles, Kevin, Terrence and Christopher; daughters, Claudia and Mariann; brother, Frank; 19 grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Dec. 30, 2021 at 12 noon at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 955 Alton Rd., East Lansing. Visitation before Mass at 11 a.m.

Committal will take place at St. Joseph Cemetery in Lansing.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.GorslineRuncimanEastLansing.com

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Catherine (Cay) M. McCarthy

-- Devoted to Faith, Family and Friends. February 2, 1926 - December 14, 2021. Catherine Mary McCarthy died with good humor, grace and faithfulness in Castle Pines Village, Colorado on the morning of December 14, 2021 surrounded by her devoted family. Born in New York on a snowy February morning, Catherine Mary Mulkeen, was the loving daughter of Thomas and Catherine Mulkeen both Irish immigrants (he a restaurateur, she a nurse) who had settled in the Bronx. The second of seven children, Cay (as she later called herself) excelled at school, earning a full scholarship to Cathedral High School in Manhattan. With an interest in fashion design, Cay enrolled in the Traphagen School of Fashion. In 1945, she met her future husband, John V. McCarthy during Sunday mass at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church, which changed her life forever. Cay and John were married in 1949 and spent the next 52 years together. With three small children in tow, the family boarded a train and moved from Manhattan to the northwest side of the city of Detroit, which became their adopted home for the next 50 years. As John V. McCarthy and Associates (a national Catholic fundraising firm) grew, so did the family. Cay ultimately gave birth to an even dozen (8 girls and 4 boys) and raised the McCarthy "gang" with patience, kindness and faith in Gesu Parish. Cay devoted her free time to the Mount Carmel Guild (having served as President), the Gesu Women's Guild (also served as President), was active in the University District Homeowners Association, and was a 50-year member of the Detroit Yacht Club. She also continued to pursue her passion for art and design and attended the Detroit Center for Creative Studies. A high point of her life was meeting Pope John Paul II at the Vatican during the appointment of Edmund C. Szoka as Cardinal of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Before settling in Colorado, Cay also lived in East Lansing, Michigan, and later with family in Naples, Florida. In recent years she was a parishioner at St. Thomas More Catholic Parish in Centennial, Colorado. Cay was predeceased by her husband John in 2002 and their son, Daniel in 1982. She is survived by her children Mary, Thomas (Frances), Catherine, Theresa, Susan (David) Wiggin, John (Tom Smith), Margaret (Robert) Froehlke, Anne, Patrick (Christine), Jane (William) Roberts and Carol (Jason) Shilson. She was Gram to 23 grandchildren and Great Gram to 10 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Josephine Dolan of Livingston, New Jersey, and her brother, Ed Mulkeen (Godson), of Smithtown, New York as well as her first cousin, Gladys Connolly, of East Meadow, New York. Additional Godchildren include, Brennan Froehlke, Steve Schram and Kelly Fisher. Visitation will be on Friday, January 7th from 2:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., with a rosary at 6:30 p.m. at the A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak, Michigan. The funeral mass will be celebrated at Gesu Catholic Church, 17180 Oak Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48221, on Saturday, January 8th at 10:00 a.m. Internment to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gesu Catholic Church (Detroit, Michigan) in memory of Catherine Mary McCarthy.

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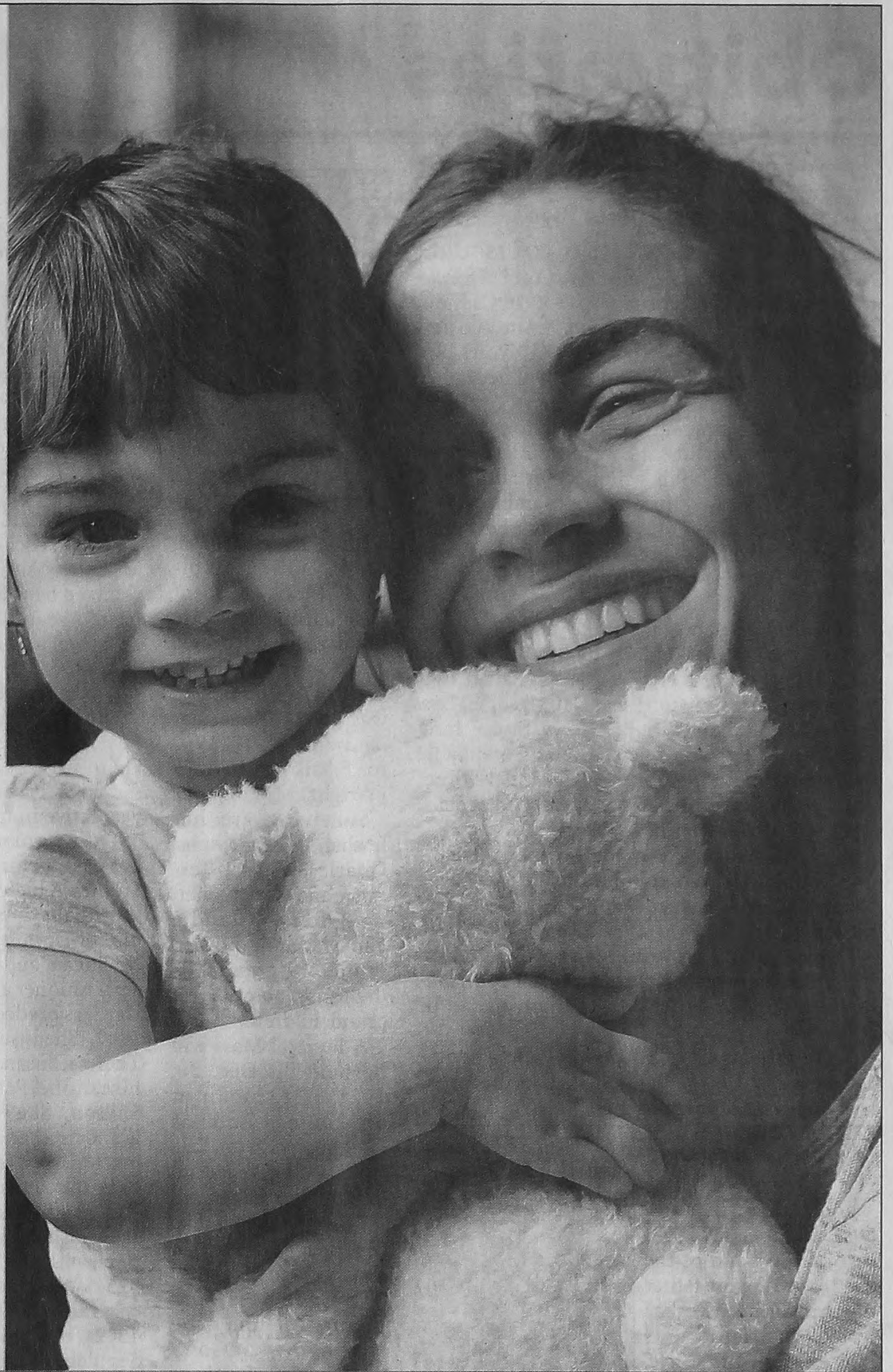
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SPORTS

RIVER ROUGE SHOWCASE

North Farmington, Brother Rice pick up wins

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Four times. That's how many references to the month of March North Farmington coach Todd Negoshian made following his boys basketball team's 64-25 victory over Westland John Glenn during the River Rouge Showcase Dec. 18.

The Raiders (4-0) are missing players and assistants who are going through COVID-19 protocols. Plus, they're breaking in a handful of first-year varsity players.

None of that has mattered this winter. The goal has stayed the same for North, which just wants to decide its own fate on the court. In the past two seasons, it hasn't been able to finish a

playoff run due to COVID-19.

"We've got a motto in our program: Nobody remembers how you start. They remember how you finish," the 10th-year coach said. "We've just got to continue to build and be good when March comes around. That's our goal right now."

The Raiders showed growth playing downriver.

Despite allowing John Glenn to score the opening basket, they swarmed the Rockets on defense.

They relied on steals and traps in the full court and even got second-chance opportunities with rebounds.

Tyler Spratt, who scored a game-high 16 points, buried a 3-pointer that capped

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UNDEFEATED

Northville girls hockey almost didn't have a season; now they're 6-0

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Ellie Johnson refused to have hockey taken away from her this winter. The senior has been a three-year player for Northville's girls team, but the Mustangs were facing major turnover going into this past off-season.

On paper, they were expected to return just eight players after graduation took away some talent, which included three all-staters in goalie Emma Gniwek, forward Sara Hanson and defenseman Zoe Orlich.

You can't have a team with only eight skaters. It's just unrealistic from both a competitive and safety standpoint.

So Johnson, being the captain that she is, got to recruiting kids around the school.

The Mustangs managed to enter the season with 11 on their roster, three of whom are new to the sport, but it was enough numbers to make it work.

In fact, following Saturday's 6-1 victory over Sacred Heart United at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, they improved to 6-0 overall and have the best record in the state.

They're tied with Livonia United with the most points in the standings (10), have scored the most goals through six games (38) and have allowed the fewest goals among teams that have reported scores (3).

And that last number, goals allowed, is the big one.

Northville entered the school year without a goalie until Johnson successfully recruited one.

Johnson is one of four Mustangs who work at CJ's Brewing Company, the



Northville defenseman Ellie Johnson gets a break against Sacred Heart on Dec. 18 at Orchard Lake St. Mary's. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Scrappy defense helps Zebras beat Renaissance in final 4 rematch

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Mayla Ham screamed down the sideline for a loose ball early in the first quarter Dec. 15.

And then the Wayne Memorial junior dove out of bounds to try and keep it in play.

She didn't save the possession and, ultimately, she slid about 5 feet on her backside right into the bleachers.

Ouch. That one was going to leave a mark.

"She's busting her (butt) out there!" one of the Zebras' assistants stood up and yelled to the players sitting on the bench and watching the game. "You all gotta keep up with her!"

And they did.

Paris Bass played gnat-like defense on any of Detroit Renaissance's point guards bringing the ball up the floor.

Time after time, Alexis Halley (10 points) wrestled opponents for jump-ball calls.

Colleena Bryant (nine) wound up on the ground fighting for a loose ball. After winning the possession, she got up and started clapping in the face of the Renaissance player she beat, even getting a warning from a referee.

Davai Matthews (10) jumped a passing lane for a steal that led to a layup.

And then Ham and Bass teamed up to trap another guard against the scorer's table, which led to an eventual over-and-back call.

Ham's effort inspired her teammates to play hard-nosed defense during their

61-44 win over the Phoenix.

And the shooting guard wouldn't have had it any other way.

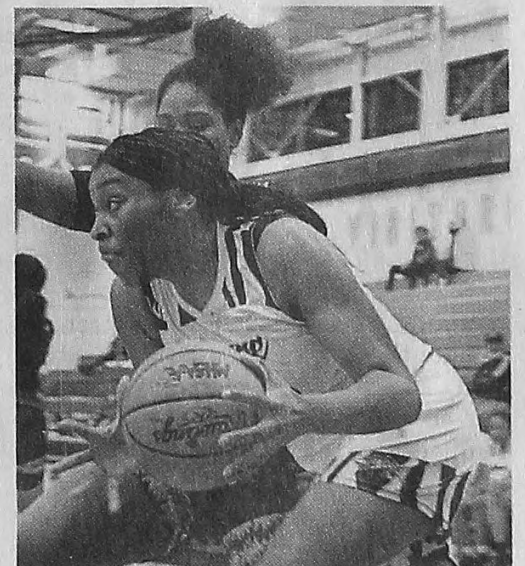
She wasn't going to take a possession off, especially after the Zebras lost to Renaissance in the Division 1 semifinals a year ago.

"I made sure my teammates were playing hard at all times," said Ham, who led with 21 points. "This was our game. We had something to prove, we felt like. We felt like we shouldn't have lost last year. We just wanted intensity and needed everybody to play hard. Everybody needed to be on the floor, be talking and saying something."

"No plays off at all."

After losing to Ypsilanti Arbor Prep in

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Davai Matthews races along the baseline. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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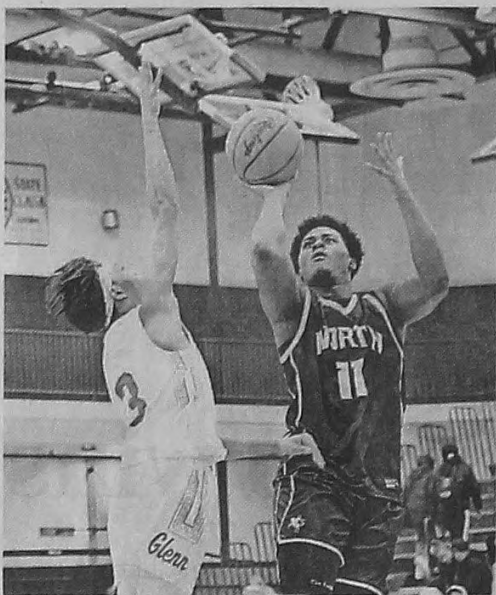
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North Farmington's Ryan Hurst shoots against Westland John Glenn during the River Rouge Showcase. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Brother Rice's Warren Marshall finishes at the rim against Lansing Waverly on Dec. 18 during showcase.

Showcase

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a 19-0 run for the Raiders that spanned both the first and second quarters.

They led 43-8 at halftime, and the Rockets (0-1) could barely get the ball across half court.

A bucket down low from Spratt, two foul shots from Ryan Hurst (12 points) and a drive from Jared Frazier ignited the running-clock rule early in the third.

"It's a good win for us. We got to play a lot of guys and do some different things defensively," Negoshian added. "Win or lose, it gives us an opportunity to look at film and continue to get better. And that's what we need to do."

Lee Hardy chipped in 13 points for North, while Jalen Clark scored 14 for John Glenn.

Warriors still looking to play a complete game

Brother Rice carried a 23-point lead into the fourth and was well on its way to an easy win over Lansing Waverly.

Yet Waverly wouldn't lay down and die.

Xavier Thomas hacked Deunte Phifer as the Waverly shooter was en route to burying a long 3-pointer. That sent Phifer to the line for an and-one opportunity that trimmed its deficit to 58-52 with

3:01 left.

And then Waverly's Antonio Muzillo made a 3 and Darrius Welch made three foul shots in the bonus to make it a five-point game before their team had to start fouling Brother Rice to preserve time.

Brother Rice (3-0) eked out the 68-60 win, but it wasn't easy, especially when it gave up 27 points in the fourth.

"We're still trying to put together a 32-minute game together," coach Rick Palmer said. "We've played three good halves. The first half against Grand Blanc. The second half against Lake Shore. And the first half against Waverly."

"It's early in the year, but in our three good halves, we've played really well. The three halves we haven't, that's what we've got to fix."

Thomas finished with 20 points, followed by Johnathan Blackwell with 16 and Henry Garrity with 10.

"I thought tonight we just missed some shots that we normally make," Palmer added. "We'll go back and watch the film. I thought also tonight that we didn't share the ball like we normally do. We really had four, five assists in the second half, and that's not us. But we're getting to the basket."

"We just weren't making some plays that we normally make. I'm not mad at our effort or our energy. But it's early in the year, and we're going to keep getting better."

Zebras

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the season opener, the Zebras have ripped off two straight, as they also defeated Kensington Lakes Activities Association rival Belleville, 75-50, on Dec. 16.

But Wednesday's win didn't look so dominant at the start.

It was a 15-15 score after the first quarter, and then Renaissance led, 26-25, entering halftime.

Memorial is still trying to sort out its rotation after graduating three college basketball players from last season and bringing in four underclassmen who are averaging about 20 minutes apiece in Halley, Bryant, Mia Bazzi and Tierra Golden-Patton.

"We're just trying to figure it out, man," coach Jarvis Mitchell said. "Any game is a test. These are little girls. I don't look at any team and say, 'This (win) solidifies us. We're good.' I look at the way we play against our competition. At the end of the day... It's an adjustment period where we're going to take it day by day."

Led by Ham in the second half, the

Zebras shrugged off the slow start, even using a 9-0 run in the third to separate from the Phoenix. A runner from Ham to end the period ensured them a 42-36 lead entering the fourth.

"She has that ability. She definitely has that ability," Mitchell said of Ham's knack to take over games. "With Mayla, you always know what you're going to get. You're always going to get 110%, regardless of the circumstances. I'm really proud of that and appreciative of that. She always continues to give 110% effort."

Ham sank a pair of foul shots to make it a nine-point lead to begin the final quarter.

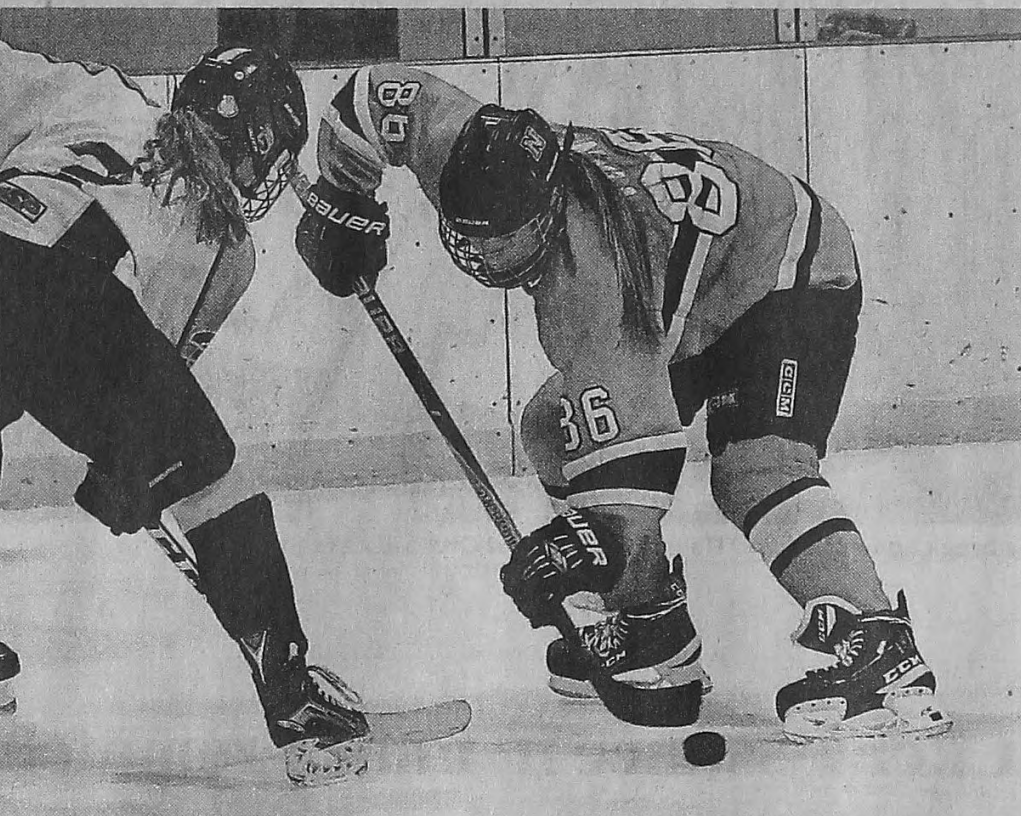
Halley heaved a long pass to Ham for a transition layup that made it a 13-point game shortly afterward.

Renaissance resorted to fouling to stay in the game, but the Zebras scored seven-straight to close out the night.

"I think it got us better today," Ham said of the adversity Memorial faced early on. "I think we took it personally because last year we lost in the final four to them. It was just a personal game for all of us, but we felt like we should've won by more because we're a better team. We're just getting better in every game."



Wayne Memorial's Mayla Ham, right, gets a rebound away from Renaissance's Imani Johnson on Dec. 15. The Zebras won, 61-44. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Northville forward Riley Finn takes a faceoff against Sacred Heart on Dec. 18 at Orchard Lake St. Mary's. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Northville teammates celebrate scoring a goal against Sacred Heart.

Undefeated

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restaurant inside USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. One day earlier this school year, she started a conversation with her co-worker, Lillie Gregory, and explained how the team was in dire need of players.

"I was like, 'OK, well, I don't really have a winter sport,' so I thought I'd try it out," said Gregory, who is actually signed with Michigan for rowing. "I missed playing a contact sport, so I thought, 'Why not?'"

"The last contact sport I played was soccer about 3, 4 years ago. In middle school, I played for a travel team called the Rush. But I quit after I got into rowing. But this team needed help, so I was like, 'You know what? That sounds like fun. I think I might like to do that.' And the team really needed a goalie."

That's right. The Mustangs are undefeated and have allowed only three goals with a first-time goalie.

Gregory said she could hardly skate when she joined the team. Now she's working with goalie coaches and alumni players to learn the basics of goaltend-

ing. But she's not entirely green. She's relying on the goalie fundamentals she picked up as a middle school soccer player to help her make decisions on the ice.

"Lillie's never played hockey before, let alone goalie, so that's been pretty awesome to watch," said sixth-year coach Conor Sedam, who played on Northville's first hockey team in school history. "I'm fully confident that if she would've started playing as a freshman, she'd be all-state by this year, and she still might be."

Johnson, as well as the other veteran defensemen, have taken it upon themselves to keep Gregory safe. They know it'd be unfair to ask Gregory to play the sport and let her get clobbered by opponents.

Johnson thrives on being Gregory's protector.

"Our biggest thing is Lillie is our goalie, and she's brand new, and I'm a defender, so we want to make her feel safe," Johnson said. "We tell her every game that she's protected and that we're not going to let anything happen to her."

"We want to make sure she feels very safe. In this environment we're in, it's about me having your back and you hav-

ing mine. We have a lot of trust on this team. We have a very good bond with everyone."

Yes, the bond is strong. While Sedam admits the toughest part of their schedule awaits them after the holiday break, the team is stacked with top-notch players.

Returners from last year include forwards Riley Finn, Stephanie Pyle, Samantha Rivera, Laila Ismail and first-team all-stater Reese Heaton, and defensemen Kylee Sims, Kalliopi Vrahnos and Johnson.

New players include Gregory, sophomore defensemen Avery Peters and Reagan Johnson and sophomore forward Lissie Patterson.

Patterson leads the team in points (14-11-25), followed by Heaton (10-7-17), Finn (8-6-14) and Johnson (5-3-8). Gregory carries a goals-against-average of 0.89 and has pitched three shutouts.

"I know the three sophomores we have, especially Lissie Patterson, have helped the team," Johnson said. "We have a mix of people who just started playing in high school and a mix of people like me who've played all their life. The mix of talent really helps. The new girls who've been playing have put in a

lot of work, and they want to get up to the point (experience level) as someone like me.

"It's a very good environment and makes everyone feel comfortable. I didn't expect to, obviously, be undefeated, but I'm very proud of the way we've all worked together, and I hope we continue to have success."

The Mustangs return from winter break by hosting Troy United (0-7-1) at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in Livonia.

They might have a small roster, but they've made the most of their opportunities on the ice.

"People have had to play different positions," Sedam said. "People who've played D have had to play forward. And vice versa. We've got two out today (against SHU because of holiday plans), so every time you're kind of figuring out what the lineup is that day, and you're making adjustments. The good thing about doing that early in the season is that it gives us a lot of opportunity to see what works well."

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Livingston County top defensive player in 2021 just wanted to get on football field

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Sam Clay wasn't thinking about how cool it would be to intercept nine passes or be mentioned in all-state conversations when he began his junior football season at Hartland.

His concerns were more fundamental — finding a way to get on the field.

He practiced at linebacker, cornerback and safety during the preseason with the hope he would find his niche somewhere on the Eagles' defense.



Clay

If someone told Clay he would have nine interceptions, he said, "I probably wouldn't have believed them, to be honest, without even knowing I was going to start for a while until the very first game. It was all the team. We just worked together so well. I couldn't have done it without them."

In a fall with several worthy candidates for Livingston County Defensive Player of the Year, Clay won the award by accomplishing something that hasn't been done in these parts in more than a quarter century.

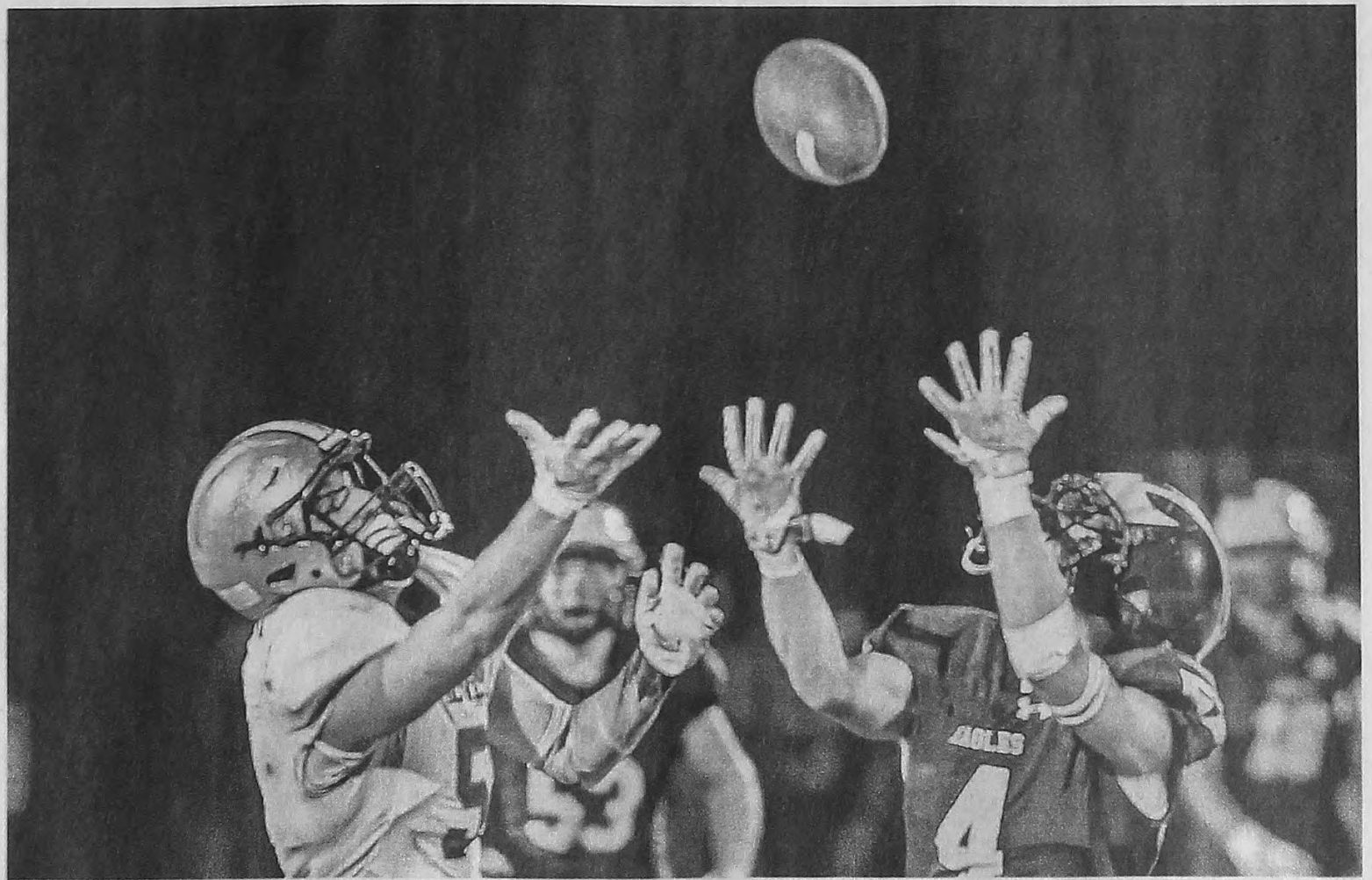
The last Livingston County player to intercept nine passes was Pinckney's Adam Greenman in 1995.

"We knew he would have an impact of some sort," Hartland coach Brian Savage said. "We didn't think he'd have nine interceptions and do all the things he did on offense."

"We knew he was a good ball player as a sophomore. We really didn't need him. We let him play on JV. He did a lot of those things as a JV player. Obviously, the stage isn't as big."

The Friday night stage wasn't too big for Clay, who announced his presence on opening night by intercepting two passes and returning them 95 and 50 yards, as well as scoring on a 40-yard run.

"I liked just getting to play in front of everybody for the first time in my life, in front of all the kids I grew up with and my family," Clay said. "It was really cool to perform like that. After the game, a



Sam Clay prepares to haul in one of his nine interceptions in 2021, the most by a Livingston County player in 26 seasons.

TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

bunch of people I never knew really congratulated me. It was really fun."

He didn't let up from there, intercepting seven more passes while expanding his role.

When starting quarterback Brad Solum went down with an injury before a Week 5 game against Plymouth, Clay stepped in at quarterback with minimal practice reps and led the Eagles to a 22-0 victory.

He played quarterback the rest of the season, missing the KLAAs championship game at Belleville with an injury.

It's rare for a quarterback to play both ways at a large school like Hartland, but Clay would like to give it a shot next season.

"Whatever the coaches need from

me, I'm down to do," he said. "As of now, I'm probably going to play quarterback, but things can change as the season gets closer."

"I, for sure, would still play safety. It is definitely tiring and a lot of work. If I put in the work in the offseason and get myself prepared for it, I don't think there's any reason why I shouldn't be able to."

It was the second time during the season that Clay stepped up to fill a void because of an injury. He was set to play cornerback in the season opener, but moved to free safety when returning junior Mitchell Cavanaugh was injured.

Playing free safety made it easier for Clay to roam the field to make plays and more difficult for opponents to avoid

throwing in his direction.

"That's what I like about free safety," Clay said. "It's more of a roaming position. I like reading the quarterback. It's hard to throw it away from a free safety. Their job is pretty much the whole field, which is why it was fun to get to roam the field and read the quarterback."

In addition to his nine interceptions, Clay had 59 tackles to lead all defensive backs in Livingston County.

Free safety has been the position for five of the last nine county Defensive Players of the Year. Clay is Hartland's first Defensive Player of the Year since senior free safety Brett Oliver in 2014.

Clay and Brighton linebacker Clay Riddle (2018) are the only juniors to earn the honor in the last 10 seasons.



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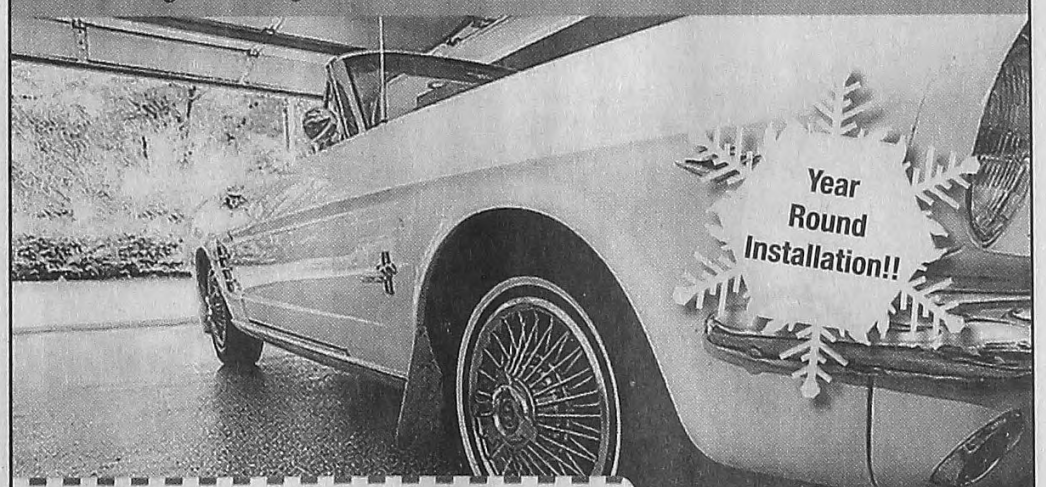
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Hartland cross country athlete part of history

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
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Riley Hough of Hartland placed fifth in the fastest high school cross country race of all time in the RunningLane Cross Country Championships in Huntsville, Alabama.

The top four runners broke the national record of 14:10.4 set by three-time Olympian Dathan Ritzenhein of Rockford in the 2000 Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 meet at Michigan International Speedway.

Hough barely missed Ritzenhein's mark with his time of 14:10.56. His previous fastest time was 14:37.1 on Oct. 9 in the Portage Invitational when he broke Ritzenhein's course record.

The top three runners are from the same California high school, Newbury Park.

Senior Colin Sahlman won in 14:03.29, junior Leo Young was second in 14:05.07 and junior Lex Young was third in 14:05.49. Senior Zane Bergen of Colorado was fourth in 14:09.91.

"It felt like a normal race, nothing really different from that," Hough said. "Competition wise, it was really nice to have something like that."

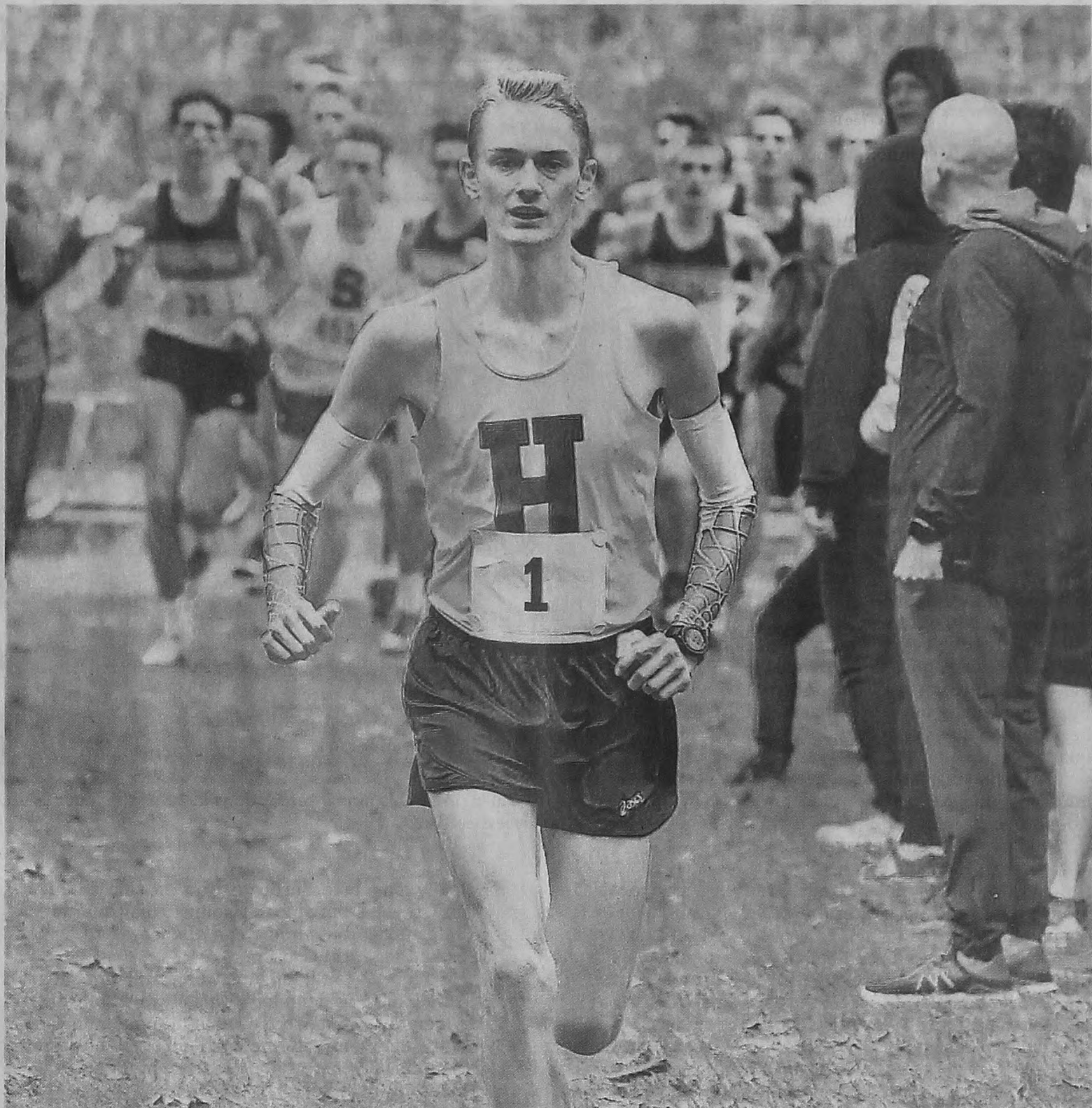
The top 71 runners in the field of 304 broke 15 minutes on the John Hunt Running Park course.

"Obviously, it's fast, but it's an actual 5K, as well," Hough said. "There's only one real hill. The rest of it's just a few bumps here and there, so pretty flat. It's engineered to be fast, basically. There's a lot of straightaways, wide turns."

"I pretty much stayed behind the leaders for the whole time, except for when they started to kick in the last 400, 500 meters. I was pretty much with them the whole time."

Newbury Park won the team competition by a 28-117 score over Cheyenne Mountain (Colo.). Newbury Park had the first four runners in the California high school meet, winning with 16 points.

Hough has been busy since winning his second state cross country championship on Nov. 6. He won the Michigan Meet of Champions in 15:08.5 on Nov. 13 and won the Eastbay Midwest Region meet in 14:49.5 on Nov. 27 before racing in Alabama.



Riley Hough of Hartland ran 14:10.56 to place fifth in the RunningLane Cross Country Championships in Alabama.
DAN ZEPPA/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

He will conclude his amazing high school cross country career Saturday in the Eastbay (formerly Foot Locker) National Cross Country Championships in

San Diego.

Of the four runners who finished ahead of him Saturday, Bergen is the only one running Eastbay. Bergen was

third to Hough at the Midwest Region meet.

He won all 15 of his races this season before Saturday.

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Which Red Wings will be affected by the NHL pulling out of Olympics

Helene St. James Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

As much fun as it would have been to see select Red Wings compete at the NHL level, the sensible thing as the coronavirus rages was for the best hockey players in the world to stay in North America.

The league and the NHL Players Association made it official Wednesday, announcing NHL players will not participate in the 2022 Beijing Olympics. By doing so before Jan. 10, there's no financial penalty.

The decision was made as the number of games postponed by players testing positive over the past week skyrocketed. When cross-border games were postponed Sunday — the same day the Wings were shut down through Dec. 26 — that triggered enough of a disruption to the schedule to give the NHL an out clause on spending February in Beijing.

Instead, schedule makers are scrambling to fit in games as buildings allow.

"Certainly, the players and hockey fans are quite disappointed," NHLPA executive director Don Fehr said in a statement. "But playing a full 82-game season this year, something the pandemic has prevented us from doing since the 2018-19 season, is very important. We expect that NHL players will return to the Olympics in 2026."

The Wings only had one home game, Dec. 20 against the Colorado Avalanche, postponed. The Dec. 23 game at Minnesota was postponed when the Wings paused their season after multiple players and members of the coaching staff tested positive for COVID-19. Since Dec. 15, those who have entered pandemic protocol include players Robby Fabbri, Michael Rasmussen, Givani Smith, Carter Rowney, Alex Nedeljkovic, Filip Zadina, Pius Suter, Sam Gagner, Joe Veleno, Adam Erne and Jordan Oesterle, and head coach Jeff Blashill and assistant coach Alex Tanguay. A member of the support staff is also in quarantine.

Larkin, 25, was slated to serve as an assistant captain for Team USA at the 2022 Games, a role he has performed at



Red Wings forward Dylan Larkin of the United States celebrates after he scores the second goal over Germany's Mathias Niederberger during the World Championship in 2019 in Kosice, Slovakia. MARTIN ROSE/GETTY IMAGES

the last two World Championships. A product of the U.S. National Team Development Program in Plymouth, Larkin has worn the USA sweater at five World Championships and the 2016 World Cup of Hockey.

Seider, 20, was named to Germany's preliminary team in October, before the start of the season. Since then he has

cemented what a good choice he was, with 21 points in 31 games.

Raymond, 19, was not on Sweden's initial list of candidates but his performance has made him an obvious choice. He has 10 goals and 18 assists in 31 games. His 28 points rank behind only Victor Hedman (31) and William Nylander (also 31) among Swedes in the NHL.

Filip Hronek was a candidate to represent Czechia, as he has done at multiple international events.

The Wings who were Beijing bound are all young enough that there will be Olympic participation in their futures. The NHLPA negotiated participation through the 2026 Games as part of the last collective bargaining agreement.

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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 <http://links.pccsk12.com/BMprebidmtgBPT3>

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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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 **1:00 PM on Tuesday, January 11th, 2022.**

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

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

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

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened, read aloud and tabulated, beginning at approx. 1:00 PM on Tuesday, January 11th. 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:

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| 101: Earthwork/Site Utilities | 102: Asphalt Paving/ Site Concrete |
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| 105: Interior Concrete Flatwork | 106: Masonry |
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| 109: Roofing / Sheetmetal | 112: Caulking/ Insulation |
| 114: Aluminum Entrances / Storefront / Glass & Glazing | 115: Metal Stud / Drywall |
| 116: Hard Tile | 117: Acoustical Treatments |
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| 143: Electrical | 149: Fencing |

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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**Plymouth Canton Community Schools
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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 **2:00 PM on 1.11.22**.

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- 134: Stage Equipment
- 138: Vertical Platforms

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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 **must** 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.

Bids shall be submitted electronically into Building Connected. Bid security by a quality surety in the form of a Bid bond, cashier check, or certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid shall be submitted with each Bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the Plymouth Canton Community School District, is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the Bid or the failure of the Bidder to enter into a Contract for performance. All cashier's checks must be scanned and submitted electronically through Building Connected by the Due Date and be delivered to 454 South Harvey St Plymouth MI 48170 to the attention of Deborah J Piesz, within 48 hours of the Due Date. The School District will not consider a Bid that does not include a Bid security. Further, the Bidder will execute the Contract, provide the required insurance certificate(s) and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract but prior to Work commencing.

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

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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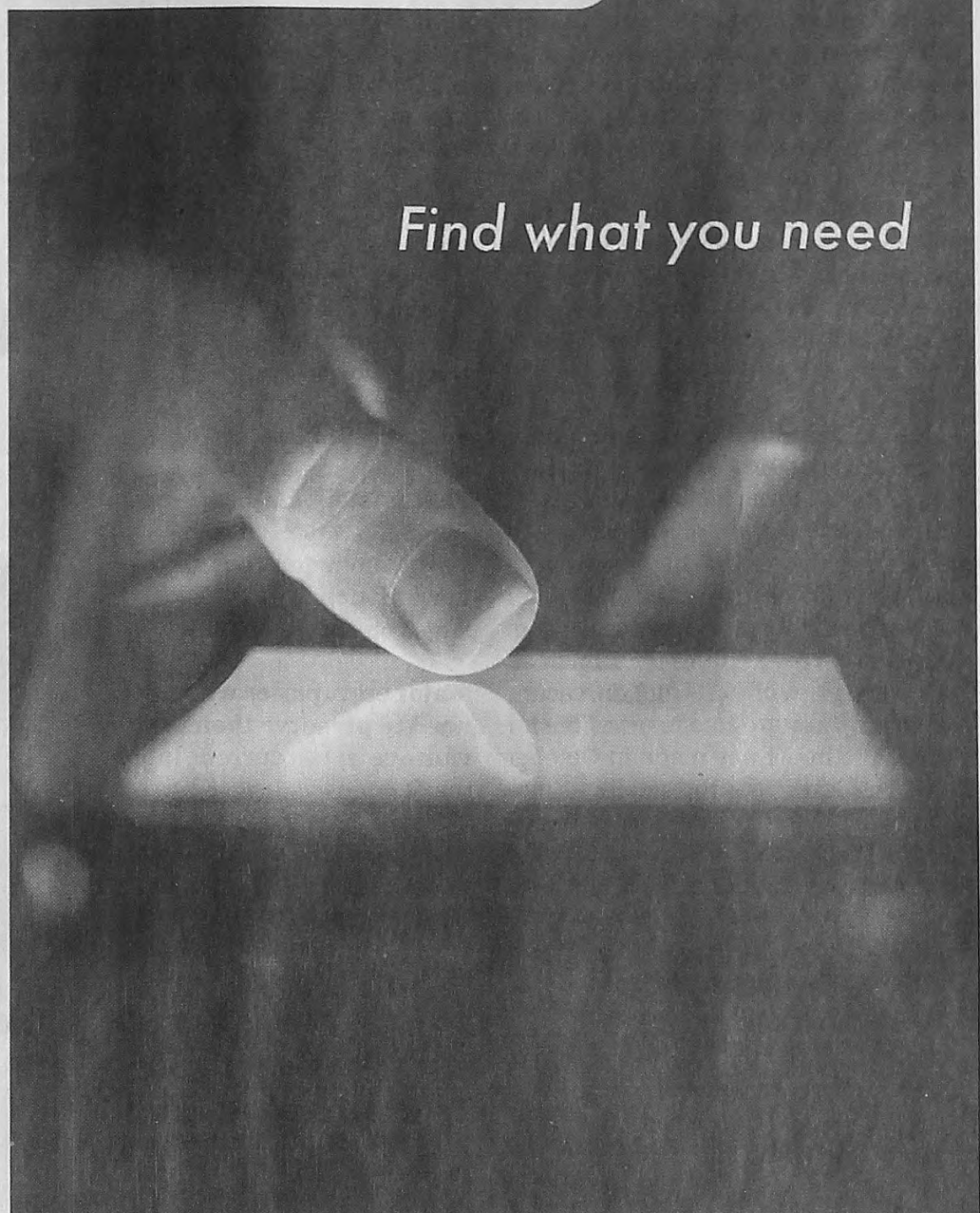
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The October JOLTS Report

The Great Resignation, Previously a Small-Business Phenomenon, is Now Affecting Major Enterprises Too

By ZipRecruiter.com

Job openings returned to a record-high 11 million in the JOLTS report released today, driving the current ratio of unemployed people to job openings down to 0.62, the lowest on record. The share of workers quitting their jobs each month also remains high at 2.8% or 4.2 million workers.

Over the past year, job openings and resignations have risen across the economy. But it is small and medium-sized businesses that have seen the most dramatic increases in labor market churn.

Small- and medium-sized companies are generating 90% of the job openings and new hires in the economy

Small- and medium-sized businesses are fueling the record-high job openings in the US economy. As of October 2021, establishments with less than 1,000 employees account for 90% of all job openings, with 9.15 million vacancies to fill. They are also responsible for 94% of the new hires made in October 2021. The hires rate for small- to medium-sized companies vary between 3.9% to 5.3%, whereas it is only 1.9% for employers with more than 5,000 employees.

The Great Resignation has not hit enterprises

Today's data show that the Great

Resignation wave may finally be hitting major enterprises. Until recently, the quits rate for the largest companies with more than 5,000 employees had been relatively stable and consistent with historical trends. The dramatic rise in resignations had been a small- and medium-sized business phenomenon only.

Today's report suggests that the largest firms can no longer be complacent. Their quit rate rose rapidly from 1.1% to 1.6%. That is still well below the 3.5% rate for mid-sized companies, but the upward trend should put large companies on notice.

Major enterprises will need to preserve their advantage in the current labor market

Major enterprise companies have reported recruitment and retention challenges since the Covid recovery began, but they have been able to react so quickly and aggressively that their challenges hardly showed up in the data.

Until now. Rising quits could put pressure on them to lean into their three major advantages even more heavily:

1. Offering higher wages: Companies such as Costco and Amazon have boosted starting pay to \$17 and \$18 per hour, respectively, to attract talent and reduce turnover. Walgreens recently hit \$15. CVS is set to follow in July, 2022. Starbucks is pledging two pay increases in 2022 which will bring starting pay to \$15 per hour most of the year and \$17 per hour in the summer. Many other major companies are following suit.

2. Offering better benefits and greater flexibility: Large companies have made substantial investments in employee training and career development over the past year. Many have also started offering more flexible schedules and remote work arrangements, as well as better benefits packages. For example, Macy's will now pay for employee's college tuition. Amazon, Walmart, and Starbucks are providing great schedule flexibility.

3. Data-driven human resources decision-making: Corporate giants also have an advantage when it comes to receiving market signals and detecting changing conditions quickly.

Since they hire so frequently, they get more feedback from the market. In addition, many have made substantial investments in human resources analytics tools, which help leaders to identify retention risks and address issues promptly.

There is evidence that small businesses are increasingly adopting best practices and improving changes to working conditions to stay competitive. They are beginning to see retention improvements. Enterprises have signaled, however, that they will continue to do what it takes to hold onto their existing employees and attract new applicants. 2022 could see companies take even bolder steps to win the war for talent.



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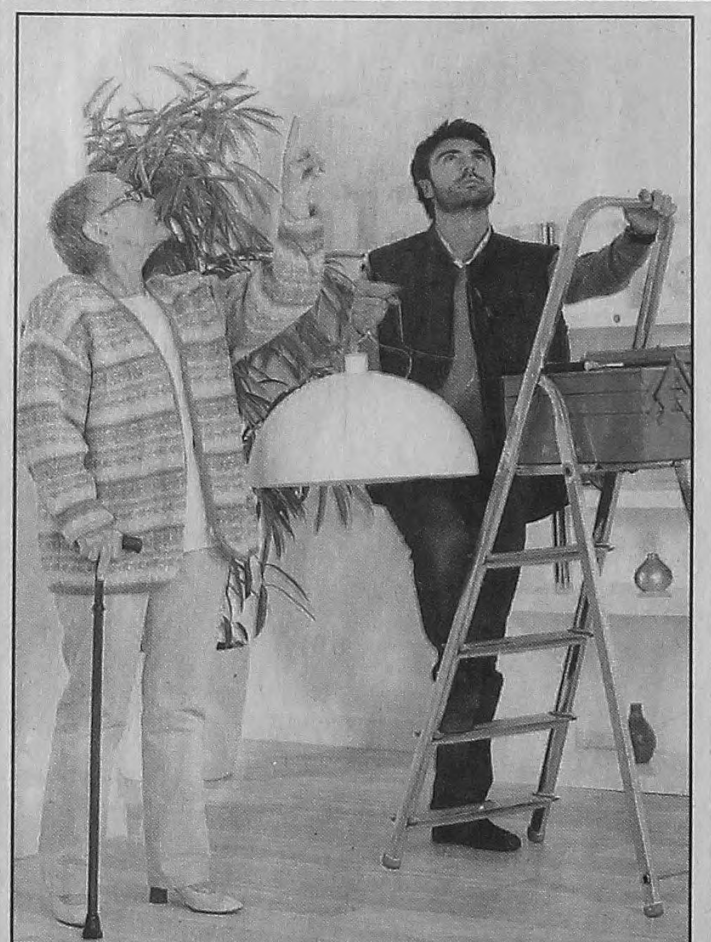


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