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How Livonia attracted new police officers

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Livonia leaders are having fun celebrating their new police hires, a diverse group of men and women lured by the city's reinstated defined benefit pen-

sions and other employment incentives.

Christian Perez is part of the mix. The non-traditional officer spent his early years in Mexico before moving to a Downriver community when he was a teen. He worked airport security, at-

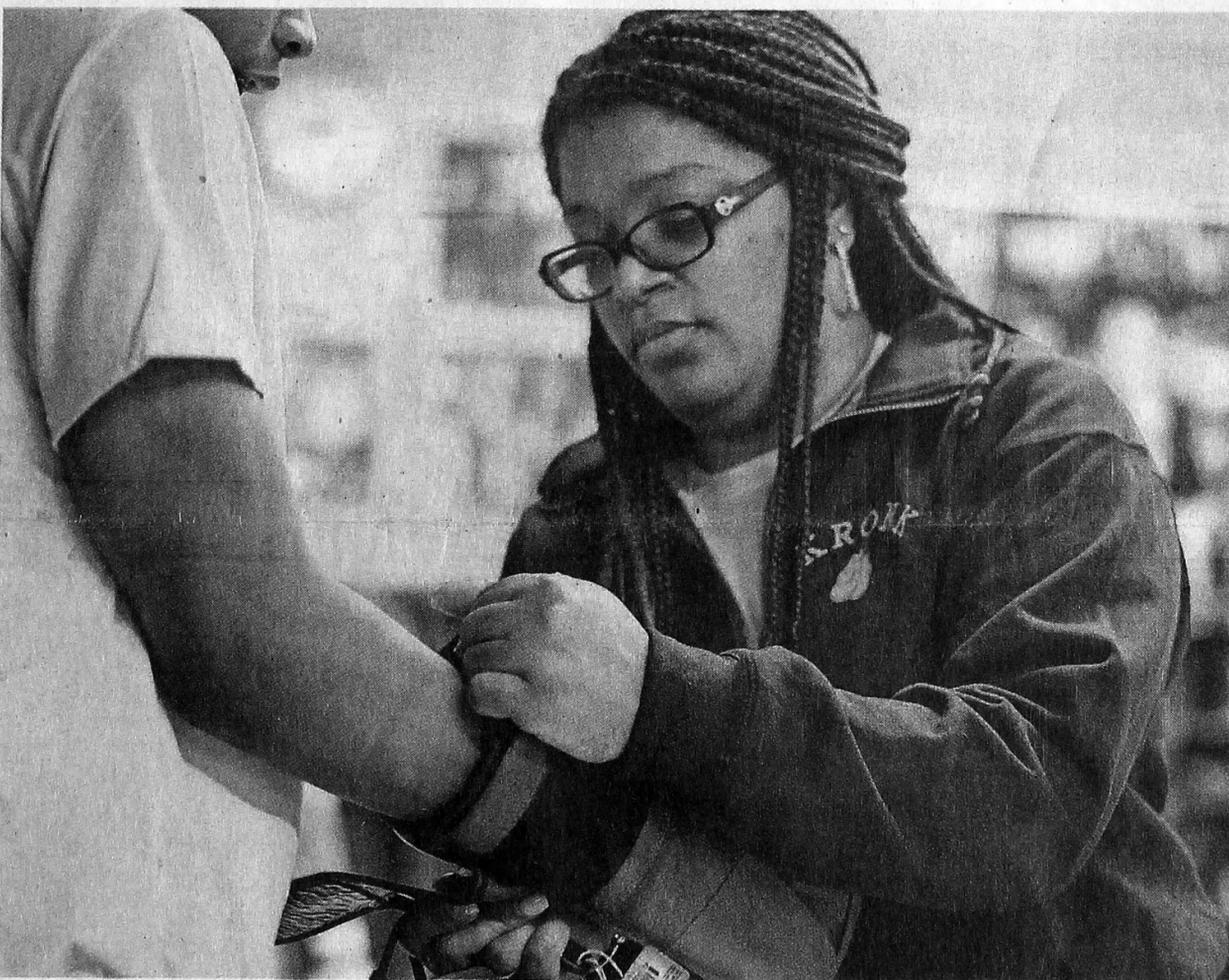
tended the police academy in his late 30s and worked two years for the Detroit Police Department before Livonia caught his interest.

He had only heard good things about the police department, so he applied for one of the city's police jobs and was

hired with the promise of a pension and the same pay rate that any Livonia officer would receive with two years' experience.

"I thought that was great. I didn't

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Denise Scott helps her son, Michael, put on his boxing gloves at Kronk gym in Westland. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Mom learns boxing to coach sons at Kronk gym

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Denise Scott is raising five kids, so it goes without saying that she's basically a superhero.

But when her oldest child D'Monte got into boxing, she took it a step further

by learning the sport herself. You don't see a lot of moms coaching ringside, but that's exactly what Scott does.

"I feel like they love it," she said. "Mike and Monte, the two who've been boxing longest, know that you don't see too many mothers being a coach. You don't really see a lot of the mothers - it's

always the fathers. So, I feel like they think it's even better because I'm there with them doing the thing they love."

Scott, who lives in Redford Township, is a certified boxing coach and can be seen hitting the bags and

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Parents at PCCS call for change after hate-filled incidents

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Two race-tainted episodes over a 10-day span have triggered alarms for change within the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Both incidents - a threatening social media post created and recirculated by a white Plymouth-Canton high school student and the discovery of three hate-themed posters on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park campus - have fueled community meetings to address the rising race-based tensions in the district.

An meeting that included Board of Education trustee LaRonda Chastang, district Diversity, Equity & Diversity Director Denise Lilly, Superintendent Monica Merritt and close to 40 invited guests took place April 21 at Discovery Middle School.

A community forum on hate and bias is scheduled for 6 p.m. May 11 at Discovery Middle School, Merritt announced in a letter distributed to district families in the wake of the discovery of the posters.

"At P-CCS, we do not tolerate acts of hate or bigotry within our schools," Merritt said. "Only by working together will we be able to eradicate these types of incidents across our communities."

"Thus, I would urge (parents of district students) to continue to have an open dialogue with your children about the importance of fostering an inclusive environment where all are welcome. If your student experiences or witnesses anything of discriminatory nature, please have them reach out

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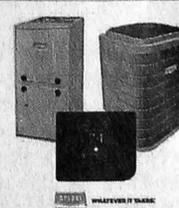
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New Plymouth Twp. treasurer a familiar face

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Plymouth Township's new treasurer won't have to move far — four seats to his left, to be exact.

Longtime board of trustees member Bob Doroshewitz was voted in unanimously by his colleagues (trustee Audrey Monaghan was absent) to serve the remainder of Mark Clinton's four-year term that expires at the end of 2024.

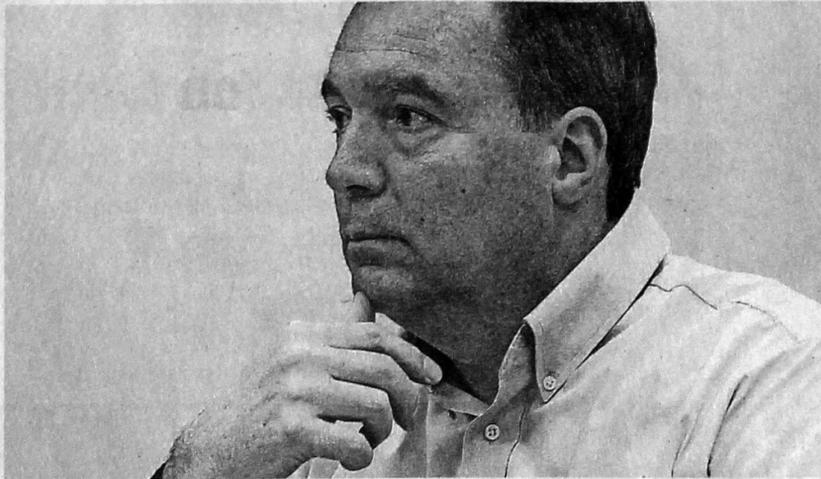
Clinton presented a letter of resignation to the board at the April 26 meeting, citing undisclosed health issues he has endured since October 2021.

Doroshewitz, whose township website biography lists his occupation as information technology and telecom executive for 35-plus years, will assume full-time treasurer's duties on May 10, the date Clinton listed on his letter of resignation.

Doroshewitz has served as a trustee since 2004 and as a member of the township's planning commission since 2016.

"I am very grateful," Doroshewitz said following the vote. "After I explained the treasurer's role to my family, my daughter said, 'Dad, you know don't you that the tax collectors were the most hated people in the Bible?' To which my son added, 'That job doesn't seem like it's that hard.' Lots of love."

Doroshewitz's fellow trustees and members of the audience laughed loudly at his dinner table tale.



Plymouth Township Treasurer Mark Clinton announced his resignation April 26. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Resignation sparked by medical emergency

Clinton, who has served as the township's treasurer since 2016, has attended official board meetings sporadically since suffering a medical emergency six months earlier.

After earning bachelor of science and master of business administration degrees from the University of Michigan, Clinton served high-level roles at Cisco, Lason, Thomson Reuters and Accenture.

Clinton was drafted as a pitcher by



Doroshewitz

the Houston Astros in 1981, but played only one season in the Astros' minor league system, finishing with a 3-4 record, one save, and a 2.89 earned run average.

The abbreviated search for Clinton's successor generated questions from trustee Chuck Curmi and township resident Steve Birmingham.

"Was anything posted about the position?" Curmi asked Clerk Jerry Vorva. "It's been known there was an open-

ing," Vorva answered. "It was posted on the agenda and announced last week when (Clinton) resigned."

"On short notice," Curmi added. The township board approved Doroshewitz's appointment to the full-time job with a \$105,505 salary just one week after the resignation letter was submitted.

Supervisor Kurt Heise noted Clinton stated in his resignation letter that there was an urgent need to fill the position so someone was in place to oversee the fast-approaching summer tax rolls.

Birmingham said he was disappointed in the process that was used to replace Clinton.

"Seven years ago I was here when an interview was used on this floor to fill the position of supervisor," Birmingham said. "It struck me as odd that a position that is supposed to be an elected position was decided at a meeting like this."

"I understand you're in a position where you need to hurry, but I think more exploration of a solution should have been used. I feel this was a rushed process ... and I'm not a fan of how this played out tonight."

The board of trustees also voted 4-1 to approve a \$25,000 salary adjustment for deputy supervisor Amy Hammy, whose workload increased significantly following Clinton's medical emergency, Heise explained. Curmi cast the lone no vote on the salary adjustment proposal.

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Bill to expand state's Open Meetings Act becomes law

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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed legislation last week expanding Michigan's Open Meetings Act to mandate at least an audio recording of meetings of certain state boards.

House Bill 4705, introduced by Rep. Luke Meerman, R-Coopersville, requires public meetings of state licensing boards, commission panels and rule-making boards to be recorded.

The Open Meetings Act is Michigan's law requiring public bodies to make their meetings and actions accessible to members of the public. Under the OMA, certain panels have to provide notice of when they are meeting, provide agendas of what they will discuss and record minutes of those meetings.

"Transparency and accessibility are critical to ensuring people trust their state government," Whitmer said in a news release.

Meerman introduced the bill in June last year. It passed both the House and Senate on a bipartisan basis and by large margins.

Transparency in Michigan's government has been subject to scrutiny — it's one of the few states that does not subject the Legislature to Freedom of Information laws. The governor's office is also not subject to FOIA.

Bills to extend open records laws to the governor's office and Legislature are pending in the state Legislature.



Denise Scott with her sons at Kronk Boxing Gym in Westland on May 2. From left are Michael, Tyree, and Lavell. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Mom

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getting in the ring with her sons at Kronk Boxing Gym in Westland. Kronk, inside the Jefferson Barns Vitality Center in Norwayne, offers free boxing and tutoring to students if they agree to do well in school and be an upstanding person outside of the gym.

For Scott's family, training together makes the boys' boxing pursuits feel more like a team sport and gives Scott a way to show her kids that she supports their dreams. Two of her kids don't enjoy competing in the sport, but they are there at the gym with everyone else.

"It's just seeing my kids happy," Scott said. "My youngest son, Lavell, wants to be a pro fighter. So, my thing is if I can help him make that dream come true, I'd love that. I just want them to be successful in whatever they do."

That hard work has paid off, especially for her two youngest sons. Lavell, 10, recently became a national Silver Gloves champion in his age bracket. Next month, the whole family will travel to Ireland to watch Michael fight in a USA vs. Ireland competition.

Scott joked that, though boxing is a heavy contact sport, she doesn't plan to start taking punches to the face anytime soon.

"They know not to hit me. But I do get in the ring with them and put the



As Tyree looks on, Scott adjusts Michael's protective head gear at the gym.

gloves on," she said. "We spar and they throw little punches, but they never really hit me."

Boxing is one of those sports where parents can truly train alongside their kids, not just coach or watch from the stands. Scott said that aspect of the sport has brought her closer to her boys.

"I know first hand the heartache that he's going through," she said. "You

understand a lot more when you're actually doing it, even with all the behind the scenes things like the pushups and jumping jacks. When you're going through the motions with your kids, you feel exactly what they're feeling."

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Westland police investigate fatal stabbing on Judy Drive

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Westland police are investigating a fatal stabbing that happened this week on Judy Drive.

According to police, they were dispatched to a home at 11 a.m. May 3 because of a stabbing report.

They arrived to find a person deceased from an apparent domestic violence episode.

Police arrested the suspect. No other information was available. Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Follow her on Twitter @susanvela.

Police

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have to start from the bottom. It was another good incentive for me to really look into it," said Perez, who officially joined Livonia in December. "There's lots of potential here. There's a lot of very good units that I may consider."

Perez can speak Spanish, a skill that has already eased tensions during some police runs in the city. He said he's ready to commit to Livonia long-term, maybe seek out detective work, and enjoy the community that seems to respect and welcome police.

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan and Police Chief Thomas Goralski recently banded together to say the city's return to pensions, plus lateral transfers and 12-hour shifts, meant a record hiring of 31 police officers and police service aides in 2021.

The breakdown is 16 police officers and 15 police service aides, which is helping the city recover from a low of about 30 officers early last year when the reinstated pensions were approved for police.

"This is significant when you look at what's been happening to our police department over a couple decades," Brosnan said during her State of the City address. "This progress is continuing and the momentum is only growing. That's why I can stand before you today and say very confidently that the goal of having a fully-staffed Livonia Police Department is within reach this year. That deserves a big round of applause."

Goralski shared similar encouraging words.

"This was a record-setting year for our department and stands out among police departments in our region," the chief confirmed. "We worked as a team to bring innovative ideas to the table. We were losing officers to defined benefits cities. Now, we're not. Now we're not losing anybody."

Sgt. Christian Emert handles the police department's recruiting. In April, he said the department was down 20 officers but has eight in the police academy and eight undergoing background checks.

"We've had no one leave for any other department," he attested. "The only people that have left have been due to scheduled retirements. We're in a really good place. I haven't been this excited about the future — as far as our manpower issues — in I can't remember how long to be honest with you. It's incredible."

Livonia reinstated the defined benefit pensions during a decade when more veteran police officers may recall testing



Livonia police officers-in-training take to the driving course at Schoolcraft Police Academy in Livonia on April 20.

JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

with 100 applicants.

"Now, there's a big pool of departments that are trying to find a tiny minority of qualified people with good morale that actually want to get into law enforcement so we're all kind of fighting for that same personnel," Emert said.

But not anymore. Emert's records show applicants and new officers from Detroit, other metropolitan regions, and "from all over the country."

Besides the defined benefit pensions, lateral transfers and 12-hour shifts, Livonia's recruitment coordinator also likes to hook applicants by emphasizing Livonia's respect and support for first responders.

According to an accreditation report, the department is authorized for a sworn staffing level of 145, to be supported by 44 civilian staff.

Livonia police offer jobs out of high school

He emphasized that someone 18, with a high school diploma and having passed a physical agility test could become, in time, a Livonia police service aide making nearly \$50,000 a year.

The police department is willing to pay for an associate's degree and sponsor their enrollment in the police academy before possibly hiring them as officers, who could make \$60,000 a year to start, not including bonuses or overtime.

Of course, the process becomes more competitive and selective the more applicants Livonia has.

"What we're trying to do is get them early, train them up, pay for their school — we show some loyalty to them, they'll show some loyalty to us — then promote them to police officer," Emert said.

High school students interested in becoming police service aides can attend a 6 p.m. May 12 open house at the police department, 15050 Farmington Road. The presentation will include a question-and-answer session for both students and parents. Those interested should email recruitment@livoniapd.com.

Parents

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to a school administrator, counselor or trusted school personnel."

Student says racist actions a regular occurrence

According to Jacob Jackson, the president of the district's Black Student Union, the recent racial taunts are just the tip of the iceberg.

"Honestly, when I heard what was on the video, I wasn't shocked because we experience things like this all the time," Jackson said at a recent board of education meeting. "I've heard some of my classmates laugh at what was said on the video. It's scary and something needs to change."

State law shields student discipline records from public review, so any actions related to the threatening social media post have not been announced, upsetting many community members who attended the April 12 board meeting.

"If the student who created this vile video is still a student at P-CCS, how can my child feel safe?" Leslie Neal asked. "Threats of lynching any N-word in sight (which several sources confirmed the social media post included)

is taking a toll on our children's mental health."

Jessica Dorado, a white mother of two adopted Black children, started the change.org petition Demand Action from P-CCS to Address Racism and Intolerance.

Dorado's petition, which was signed by 483 people as of early April 26, urged Plymouth-Canton administrators to be more proactive than reactive in their handling of racist activities in the district.

"The response from the district and administration this week to the incredibly threatening racist video recirculating on social media, as well as past incidents throughout my children's education in the district is woefully inadequate," Dorado said. "From my son being called the N-word at recess on his 10th birthday ... (to) my daughter being told in first grade that a classmate wouldn't play with her because the classmate didn't play with people with brown skin or 'from Africa', I declare enough is enough."

Plymouth-Canton's overall student population approximately 15% Black while the student population at the 6,000-student, three-high school campus is roughly 11% Black. The school district's Board of Education can be considered diverse with three non-white members.

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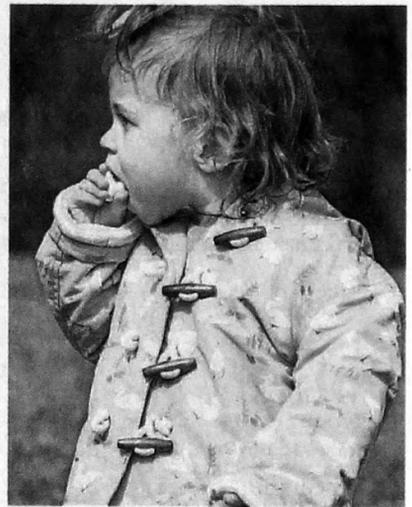
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Ella Shaw, 1, munches on a marshmallow.



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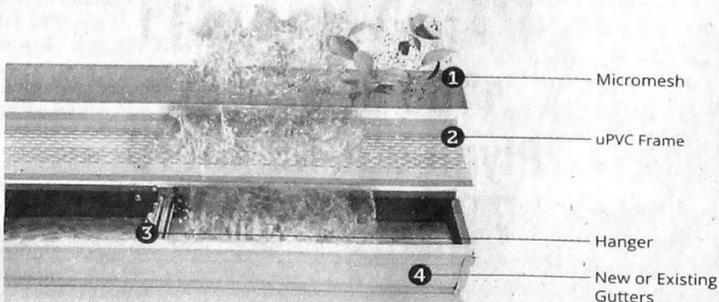
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Michael AJ Patten

OLD SAYBROOK - Michael AJ Patten, of Old Saybrook, left this world on April 27 after living an adventurous and generous life. To quote George Bernard Shaw, which describes Michael's outlook on life, "This is the true joy in life, the being thoroughly worn out before you are thrown on the scrap heap..." He was born in Chicago, the first son of Margaretta Agnes (Kelley Moran) Patten and Alexander Stephen Patten on March 29, 1939. Following his graduation from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy, he enlisted with the U.S. Marines. After fulfilling his service, he applied to the University of Michigan, turning down an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. This was the beginning of his lifelong loyalty to Michigan. After graduating from Michigan, Michael began his CPA career with Ernst & Young in their Detroit office. Seven years later he opened a private practice. He moved this practice to Washington Depot, CT in 1997 where he worked until his retirement in 2019. Michael remained friends with many of his clients and always enjoyed coffee from "The Pantry" with his good friend, Michael. It was this move to Connecticut where he eventually met his devoted life partner, Diane. Michael loved his work and enjoyed life to the fullest with family and friends, traveling to Greece, Italy, France, Ireland, England, the Caribbean and of course "Meechigan." Most notable was when he surprised Diane with the news, he had signed them up for a 5am bike ride around the island of Barbados, (after getting his hair braided!) He always regretted not being able to join his brother Jack at Woodstock but considered himself the "hippie CPA." Michigan football became his total focus, and he was proud to say he held season tickets for 30 years. In the words of Bob Uffer, "Football is a religion and Saturday is the Holy Day of Obligation." Saturdays during the season, the faithful Michael could be found in his M den, dressed in his maize and blue Michigan clothes, right down to his socks, ready for the game. If Michigan won, he would have his "celebratory manhattan." Anyone who knew Michael could almost believe he would bleed maize and blue blood. Michael will be deeply missed by Diane, his brother, Jack and sister-in-law, Merle Patten, their children, Helen (Nell) Patten Burns and husband Brad and nephew Richard, his brother Alexander Stephen Patten and his children, A. Stephen Patten, William Sean Patten and Richard A. Patten. He also leaves behind stepsons Michael and wife Suzanne Choate, Thomas and wife Robyn Choate, Grandchildren, Jamie, Marissa, Alison, Jeffrey and Ethan, Sister-in-law Judith Lopol, Sister-in-law Sharon and Brother-in-law, Thad Valechko (Marine Vietnam Veteran). A funeral mass will be held on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 11am at Swan Funeral Home, located at 1224 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Michael's name to the VNA Community Care and Hospice at 753 Boston Post Rd, Guilford, CT 06437, the ASPCA at ASPCA.org, or St. Jude Children's Hospital at 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. GO BLUE Michael!



Edith Miller Wagner

- - Edith Miller Wagner, age 94, passed away May 2, 2022, in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She is preceded in death by her husband Dale O. Miller Jr., her parents Marion and Harold Kendall and brothers Robert and Glen. She is lovingly survived by her son Douglas Miller (Carol) and daughter Susan Miller Prychodko (Peter), 4 Grandchildren and 5 Great Grandchildren. She always put her family first, taking care to love and support them. Her family will miss her dearly. The family wishes to thank the incredible staff, particularly Linda Tait, at Cedarbrook Senior Living, the memory care unit, and Assured Hospice for the kind and dedicated care provided to our mother. A private ceremony for the family will occur in the future. Memorial donations in her honor to First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

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Margaret "Biani" Reed Moran

Margaret "Biani" Reed Moran, May 19, 1933, to Feb. 25, 2022

Margaret Ann Reed Moran was an advocate for nature, a keen puzzle-solver, a preserver of land and gardens, and a vigorous outdoorswoman and birdwatcher during her life. A memorial service will be held on May 15 at 2 pm at St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham, MI.

She was born in Los Angeles, CA, to Ruth Margaret Snook Reed and Paul Tod Reed. Though the family moved East in her early years, she always considered herself a Westerner. She grew up in Birmingham, MI, and attended Adams Elementary School and Birmingham High School, graduating in the class of 1950. Her lifetime name of "Biani" came from her older brother Tim's inability to pronounce "Peggy Ann," her parents name for her.

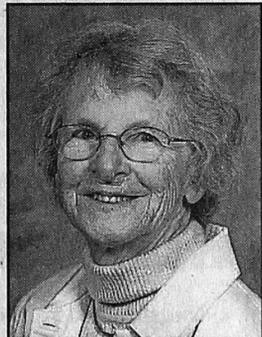
She remembered her early life as a wonderful mix of adventure and formation of lifetime friendships. Her father was in the magazine advertising business, and in her high school years she worked as a secretary and typist at publishing houses, which gave her a keen grasp of office culture during the "Mad Men" years of advertising.

Following high school graduation she attended Smith College in Northampton, MA, (Class of '54) where she made lifelong friends and which allowed her to engage in skiing in New England and also spending a year abroad in France. The experience led her to a lifetime love of travel and adventure.

She graduated from Smith with an Art History degree and, in September of 1956, married Richard L. Moran. They moved to Fort Lee, NJ, for his work with Time-Life Magazine in New York City, but quickly discovered that they were not cut out for "big city" life. They moved back to Birmingham where the family soon established itself in rental housing on Henrietta Street in Birmingham, and then purchased a home on Oakland Avenue in the early 1960s. She assisted with Richard's career in sales incentives, worked as a grader for a former teacher, and wrote articles on antiques and architecture for the Birmingham Eccentric.

In the 1970s she took a job as a Birmingham Public Schools bus driver. She loved driving the enormous buses and interacting with students who rode them. She also enjoyed her colleagues. Bus driving became her career. She won trophies at School Bus rodeos and was loved by the children she drove to school and back.

Throughout her life she served the community in many ways. She was a Girl Scouts/Brownie troop leader, and a Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts USA pack leader. She was a longtime member of Readings for the Blind, recording books and textbooks for sight-impaired people. A member of various book groups, she contributed strongly to the Belles Lettres reading group in Birmingham. She volunteered for many years at the Baldwin Public Library.



She was an avid participant in the Michigan Nature Association, building trails through MNA preserves with her friend Fred Dye and patrolling them to prevent hunting and dumping on preserve lands. She was a contributor to the Grand Traverse Nature Conservancy, setting aside lands in northern Michigan for ecological preservation and establishing trails and access for public enjoyment of those facilities.

Birding was her passion, and she engaged in many Birding activities. She was part of the annual Christmas Bird Count for the Oakland Audubon Society; she also went on birding expeditions that took her to the Great Plains, to particular sanctuaries along the Texas border, and to South America. She explored the Amazon by dugout canoe to spot rare birds, and spent days in an abandoned radar facility in Central America for the same purpose. She once astounded her financial advisor when he asked if she had any vacations planned by saying "Well, I am going to go and see the prairie chickens dance!" She participated in wildlife/wildlands surveys to attempt to preserve species and save the lands they lived on.

She was an avid canoeist, kayaker, and cross-country skier. Her general statement was "let's go!" when it came to exploring new trails or paddling the lakes and rivers of northern Michigan. She also took her grandchildren for expeditions and travel to see relatives, birds, and parks.

Biani was a dedicated member of St. James Episcopal Church, where she served as a lay reader and a member of the handbell choir, as well as chairing committees. Her parents were early members of the congregation and she felt a dedication in later life to ensure the church's growth and success. She was a member of several local groups, including the Oakland Audubon Society and Friends of the Baldwin Library.

She was a remarkable solver of crosswords, acrostics, and other puzzles during her life. Her vocabulary was vast and her ability to understand the puzzle-makers was significant. When challenged about subtleties in the puzzles, such as the New York Times crossword, she said "I love the way they cheat!"

In recent years she was a resident of Baldwin House in Birmingham, and of the memory care unit of St. Anne's Mead in Southfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dick Moran; brother, Timothy Snook Reed, and younger sister, Sarah Reed Tayir. She is survived by a sister, Lisbeth Reed Mitchell, of Muncie, IN; children Timothy (Aimee) Moran, of Grosse Pointe Park; Patricia (Paolo) DeMaria, of Columbus, OH; Greg (Susan, predeceased) Moran, of Troy, by many nieces and nephews, and by eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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In Remembrance

What to consider before investing 401(k) in cryptocurrency



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Fidelity Investments announced that it will offer Bitcoin as an investment option in its 401(k) plans. Fidelity, the largest 401(k) provider in the country, is the first to offer this option. I have no doubt more 401(k) providers will allow Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies as an investment option. Thus, participants in 401(k) plans will have to decide if cryptocurrencies are for them.

Under the Fidelity plan, a 401(k) participant can invest money into a digital asset account which will then invest in Bitcoin. Even though your employer has a Fidelity 401(k) plan, that does not necessarily mean you will be able to invest into a digital asset account. According to the Fidelity plan, the employer must

approve this option. Fidelity will limit how much investors can contribute. Currently, the limit is set at 20 percent; however, employers can choose to set the limit lower.

As an employer, the question is, should you offer Bitcoin as an investment alternative? It is important to remember that employers have a fiduciary obligation when it comes to 401(k) plans. As part of that fiduciary obligation, responsible employers must offer investment options that are prudent and allow employees to diversify their accounts.

Employers also have a responsibility with regard to fees charged to employees in a 401(k) plan. Under the Fidelity plan, employees with digital asset accounts will be charged an annual fee of 75 to 90 basis points. Meaning, if you invested \$10,000 in a digital asset account, your annual fee would be between \$75 and \$90. The Fidelity plan will also have associated trading fees

which have not been announced yet.

If you're an employee and your employer offers cryptocurrencies as an investment option, the question is, should you invest in it? For the great majority of people, I think it is an investment that you should avoid. Cryptocurrencies are very complicated to understand, and I believe you shouldn't invest in anything you don't understand. I venture to say that the majority of people, including myself, don't fully understand Bitcoins and thus, we should avoid them.

On the other hand, if you understand cryptocurrencies and the risks involved, you may wish to invest a portion of your portfolio in Bitcoins. I believe investing 20 percent of your portfolio is too much. If I were to invest in bitcoins, I would limit it to no more than 5 percent.

Some investors will buy Bitcoin simply because they fear missing out on a potentially good investment. I have no idea what the future of Bitcoin will be; after all, there are lots of risks involved,

including the risk that governments will begin to regulate Bitcoin. Government regulations can have a serious impact on the viability of Bitcoin in the future.

If you are going to invest in Bitcoin, my advice is to spend time researching and understanding what you're getting involved in. Don't be afraid to admit that you don't understand it. I know lots of financial professionals who have spent time trying to understand Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies and are still somewhat clueless. I have learned throughout my career that some of the best investments I've ever made are the ones I've walked away from. At this point I'm choosing to walk away from cryptocurrencies. Maybe in the future I'll consider them, but for now, I'll take a pass.

Good luck.

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Nine arrested after heist from auto plant, chase on I-96

Frank Witsil and Jamie L. LaReau
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

A fast and furious car heist from a Lansing auto plant led state police troopers, other departments — and a helicopter — on a high-speed chase through Oakland County early Monday morning, ending with a crash and arrests.

The authorities are still sorting out exactly what happened, but one report said that there were as many as seven stolen Chevrolet Camaros, some that may have been clocked at more than 100 mph.

Police said they also used road spikes to stop at least one car, and five Camaros, valued at about \$375,000, were recovered.

Authorities said Monday they were ready for the thieves because cars have been reportedly stolen from a Lansing GM plant for the past two years.

In March, GM confirmed some cars were stolen from its Lansing Grand Riv-



According to one report, as many as seven Chevrolet Camaros had been stolen from the Lansing GM Assembly plant. ROBERT KILLIPS/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

er Assembly, and it was working with local law enforcement and reviewing its security procedures and intended to press charges against thieves.

WILX-TV reported at least three vehicles were stolen in August from the plant.

Dan Flores, a GM spokesman, said Monday the automaker will pursue prosecution of the people involved in

stealing the cars, but declined to disclose details. "We are cooperating with local law enforcement to recover stolen vehicles from GM's Lansing Grand River Assembly Plant," Flores told the Detroit Free Press. "We'll be enhancing our security at the plant and surrounding parking lots."

The car thieves, police said, separated into at least two groups, breaking

into packs of two to four cars. Troopers in Lansing started the pursuit, which headed along Interstate 96 near Brighton.

More troopers, and local agencies, got involved as the stolen Camaros zoomed along the interstate from Kensington Road to M-5, through Lyon, Wixom, Novi and Farmington Hills. Troopers from Lansing, Brighton, Taylor, and the canine unit, as well as the Livingston County Sheriff's Office, a helicopter and drones, chased the drivers.

There were no injuries to the public, troopers or suspects, state police said in a tweet.

One of the groups of stolen cars, police said, crashed on I-96 near Kensington Road, with suspects running away. The other group separated, with some exiting at Grand River Avenue and others on northbound M-5.

In all, police said, nine suspects were taken into custody and have been jailed in Lansing and face charges including fleeing and eluding police as well as receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle.

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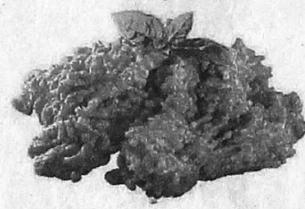
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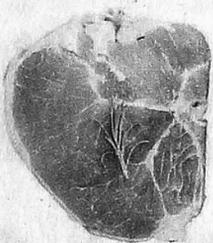
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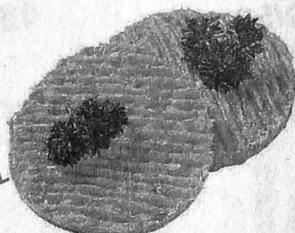
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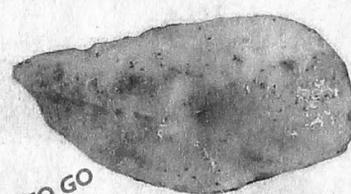
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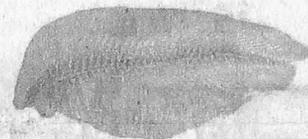
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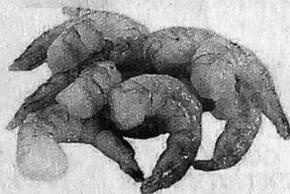
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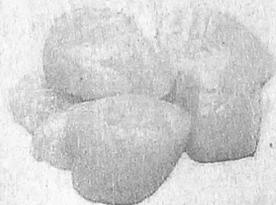
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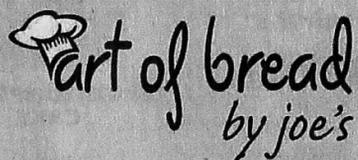
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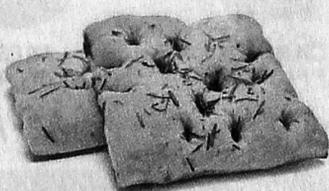
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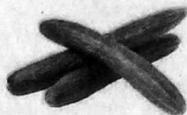
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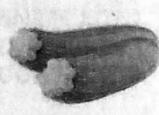
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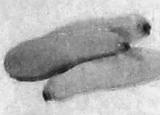
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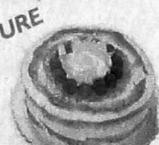
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SPORTS

Livonia Public Schools hires 3 new ADs

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

In a rarity for high school athletics at the administrative level, all three Livonia Public School athletic directors are retiring at the same time at the end of this school year.

The district is saying farewell to Livonia Churchill's Marc Hage, Livonia Franklin's Ron Hammye and Livonia Stevenson's Lori Hyman.

The board of education took the final step in replacing the trio by approving the hires of each of their replacements during Monday's school board meeting.

Here's a quick look at who is taking over at each school:

Cason 'Casey' Conway, Churchill

Conway has 27 years of experience teaching physical education and health at Churchill and has also coached several sports teams for the district, from football to basketball, track and field, volleyball and bowling. He's currently Churchill's varsity girls bowling coach.

He's spent several years working alongside Hage in strengthening Churchill's athletic administration.

He earned a bachelor of science in physical and health education from Eastern Michigan University as well as his master's of arts in athletic

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Back in Blue and Gold



Amber Deane, a 2012 Detroit Country Day graduate, celebrates a 3-point goal during her time with the Indiana Hoosiers in 2017. Deane was recently named the Yellowjackets' girls basketball coach, replacing Jerica Williams. INDIANAPOLIS STAR FILE

Detroit Country Day names former champ as new girls coach

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Between playing both in the Big Ten and professionally overseas and coaching some of the best youth basketball players in the United Kingdom, Amber Deane hasn't been able to spend too much time back home in Michigan.

But when she does return to metro Detroit, she makes sure to grab breakfast with her old high school coach.

Those morning chats over coffee with former legendary Detroit Country Day coach Frank Orlando are about to become more frequent for Deane, who was recently named the Yellowjackets' new girls basketball coach.

Deane, a 2012 Country Day graduate, replaces second-year coach Jerica Williams, who led the Yellowjackets to back-to-back Division 2 final four appearances before stepping down to take over Windward School in Los Angeles.

Deane becomes the third coach to lead the girls program since Orlando retired in 2019 after he compiled a 797-126 record over 32 seasons. He's the all-time winningest girls basketball coach in Michigan High School Athletic Association history.

"Obviously, I went to Detroit Country Day, and I had a great experience," Deane, 28, told Hometown Life. "I met

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Plymouth's No. 2 NFL draft pick a 'great, humble kid'

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

During his third-grade year at Plymouth's Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Aidan Hutchinson was a respectful, fun-loving student whose daily goals included making his teacher, Lindsay Bosker, laugh.

"More often than not, he succeeded," Bosker recalled, chuckling. "One memory that is burned into my mind is the day he returned from vacation and he was just staring at me. When I asked him what was up, Aidan said, 'I haven't seen you in a while; you look different.'"

"It was really funny ... not something you hear every day from a third-grader."

Fourteen years later, Hutchinson is bound for National Football League stardom after being selected by the Detroit Lions with the No. 2 overall pick in Thursday's draft.

During his final season as a defensive end for the University of Michigan's football team, Hutchinson was a finalist for the Heisman Trophy, college football's top honor.

He prepped at Dearborn Divine Child High School, where he earned all-state honors on the football field and honor roll status in the classroom.

At 6-foot-6, 265 pounds, Hutchinson is larger than life, but his ego hasn't grown with his physical stature, Bosker and several other teachers and coaches who knew him during his formative years in Plymouth confirmed.

"The nice thing about Aidan," Bosker added, "is that he was a really good kid and he hasn't lost that goodness as an adult, which is amazing because the world has a way of changing people."

Terry Zimmerman, Hutchinson's seventh- and eighth-grade science teacher at Our Lady of Good Counsel School, remembers him as a very good, inquisitive student with very long legs.

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Lions' new DE celebrates returning home

Dave Birkett Detroit Free Press
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LAS VEGAS — Aidan Hutchinson huddled with his family in the green room before the start of Thursday's NFL draft and got choked up as his mother, Melissa, delivered a pep talk for the ages to Michigan's first family of football.

"It was like, 'Whoever doesn't pick you, screw them,'" Hutchinson told the Free Press in a hallway at the Caesars Forum conference center. "Whoever picks me is going to get me and all of me and the whole fam, so that was kind of the pep talk. Everyone was getting a little emotional. I was getting a little emotional before I even got picked. And then when I got the call, I saw the whole fam, they were all crying and stuff. I didn't cry too much, but I kind of had that emotional moment before. But, man, it's great to be at home."

The Lions kept Hutchinson, a Michigan native and the star of the Wolverines' Big Ten championship team, local when they made him the second pick of Thursday's first round.

Considered by many the No. 1 player in the draft, Hutchinson was long projected to be the first pick by the Jaguars, a sentiment that changed quickly in recent days.

Hutchinson said his agent, Mike McCartney, told him Wednesday there was a 90% chance the Jaguars were going in another direction, news that Hutchinson took as cosmic intervention.

The Jaguars started the draft Thurs-

day by selecting Georgia defensive lineman Travon Walker, and when a call ID'd from "Detroit, MI" buzzed his cell phone shortly after the Lions went on the clock, Hutchinson clapped his hands and told himself, "Thank the Lord."

"I like staying home," Hutchinson said. "I like being close to my family. I'm very close with them and so being able to stay in Michigan, maybe I'll be able to unite the Michigan and Michigan State fans a little bit. But I've always loved the Lions and just being able to stay home now and just make the transition easier, I love Michigan."

The Lions had internal discussions about taking Oregon pass rusher Kayvon Thibodeaux with the No. 2 pick, and there was sentiment from at least one prominent member of the front office to make that to happen.

But Lions coach Dan Campbell considered Hutchinson the best culture fit for his organization in the draft and a potential impact player at a major position of need.

The Lions finished 27th in the NFL in sack rate in last year's 3-13-1 season and 31st in points allowed.

"Listen, we deserve this player, we do," Lions defensive coordinator Aaron Glenn told reporters in Allen Park after the pick. "And this player deserves us also as a coaching staff. Again, we're excited, this is a good time for Detroit."

Hutchinson said he hit it off with Glenn on his local day visit to the Lions' Allen Park practice facility. The two spent nearly 45 minutes talking, mostly

about life, family and Hutchinson's goals, and only got around to football in the last 20 or so minutes.

Glenn said he sees Hutchinson as a moveable piece on the Lions defensive line — Hutchinson played primarily as an edge rusher last season, but played inside as a three technique his freshman year. And Hutchinson said his ferocious playing style and dogged determination are "100%" a fit for what Campbell and general manager Brad Holmes are trying to build in Detroit.

"I think relentless players have a lot of success in the NFL, so whenever I'm on that field I'm relentless," Hutchinson said. "I'm getting after the quarterback and just playing with a lot of heart."

Hutchinson set Michigan's single-season record with 14 sacks last season while leading the Wolverines to their first College Football Playoff appearance.

He was a two-time captain at Dearborn Divine Child, the same school where his father, Chris, played, and he said it's important for him to continue building his football legacy a short drive from his childhood home in Plymouth.

"I've been to a couple Lions games in the past," Hutchinson said. "The atmosphere is great, but I know when Detroit's winning, I mean, that fanbase is crazy. It's awesome."

Surrounded by family in the green room before the draft and with a smattering of close friends looking on from the crowd, Hutchinson said it was meaningful for him to share "the biggest day of my life" with those who helped

guide his football career.

He wore a black suit with a silk lining inside the left breast inscribed with entries from journals he has written over the years, and he hung a sparkling silver replica of the dog tag his great-grandfather, Joseph Bernardi, wore during World War II around his neck.

Bernardi, an Army Ranger, was part of a group known as "Merrill's Marauders" that penetrated the Burmese jungles in 1944. Of the approximately 2,000 soldiers who took part in the mission, Hutchinson said his grandfather was one of only about 200 who survived.

"He really holds a special place in my heart," said Hutchinson, whose middle name is Joseph Bernardi. "We had a really good relationship growing up. Obviously, he passed away when I was younger, but he was always a real rock in our family and I know he's always been with me since he's passed so I wanted to wear him on my neck on the biggest day of my life."

Hutchinson said his heart was "fricking racing" when he walked on stage to shake NFL commissioner Roger Goodell's hand. The two bear-hugged, and Hutchinson waved his arms to pump up the crowd.

The moment was just as he envisioned it would be — the first of many thrilling memories he hopes to have as a Lion.

The rest, he said, revolve around one thing.

"Hopefully a lot of winning," he said. "A lot of playoff games and some Super Bowls, for sure."

Draft

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"Sometimes when I'd put him in the front row of class, I'd trip over those very lanky legs of his," Zimmerman quipped. "What a nice young man. I knew he was a very good athlete even back then, but you never know what path life is going to lead you on. Seeing the level of success he's achieved is kind of surreal, but not hard to believe knowing what a nice, hard-working young man he was (at Our Lady)."

During his eighth-grade football season at Our Lady, Hutchinson wasn't always the biggest player on the gridiron, but he was among the most relentless workers, remembered Paul Gardner, a longtime Our Lady of Good Counsel School football coach and program coordinator.

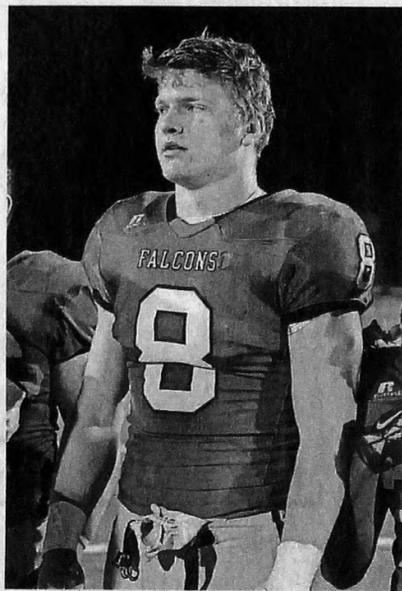
"Aidan was a very good athlete, a kid who always hustled," Gardner recalled. "And he was a great kid off the field."

"I remember hearing during his seventh- or eighth-grade season he asked the coaches if he could try defense. They let him."

And the rest is history.

Gardner said the fame Hutchinson has earned couldn't have been attained by a nicer human being.

"Last summer I contacted Aidan to see if he could come out to one of our conditioning workouts and talk to the players," Gardner said. "He had a lot going on at the time; he was rehabbing from a knee injury, he was a college football star and he was getting talked about as a future NFL star."



Then-Falcon Aidan Hutchinson takes a moment to reflect on Plymouth's playoff success. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

"With all this going on, Aidan not only came out and talked to our team, but he stayed an extra 45 minutes to an hour to get pictures with all the players. His integrity is off the charts. He's such a role model for our young athletes."

Jeff Falcon, one of Hutchinson's eighth-grade football coaches, said Hutchinson's relentless nature was evident every time he stepped on a middle school field.

"He never gave up on plays," Falcon recounted. "Players on the teams we'd play would come up to him after the games and tell him, 'Hey, nice job.'"



Now a Michigan defensive end, Hutchinson stands with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell after being selected as the No. 2 overall pick to the Lions the during the first round of the NFL draft April 28 in Las Vegas. GARY VASQUEZ/USA TODAY SPORTS

Scott Dickey, who was a defensive coach for Dearborn Divine Child High School during Hutchinson's four years as a Falcon, said he saw flashes of greatness in the defensive end during his sophomore year of high school.

"In our last game that season — a close loss to Chelsea — I remember Aidan just dominating Chelsea's offensive tackle, who was a really good player, if not an all-state player," Dickey said. "I remember Aidan for his high motor and his coachability. He was a 'Yes, sir', 'No, sir' kind of kid. He wasn't a rah-rah kind of player, but a great leader by example."

Zimmerman still remembers hearing about an assignment Hutchinson wrote on an OLCG blackboard in seventh or eighth grade that, looking back, turned out to be prophetic.

"The students were asked to write about what they wanted to do with their lives, what their vision was," Zimmerman said. "Aidan wrote, 'I want to go to the University of Michigan and play football'. His vision became reality, which is pretty cool."

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Coach

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some wonderful people here, and I gained proper mentorship and had a great experience in terms of being a student-athlete, playing multiple sports and excelling in the classroom.

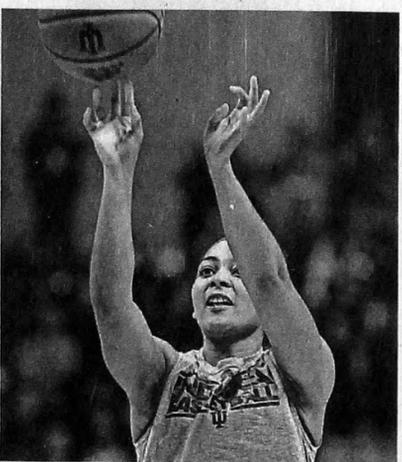
"... Now it's come full circle for me, and I want to give back to these girls. This job excited me. I feel at home at Country Day, and I can't wait to connect with the people here again."

Deane, a three-star recruit in high school, helped the Yellowjackets put together back-to-back undefeated regular seasons as a sophomore and a junior. That included Country Day winning the state championship in 2009.

She went on to have a four-year career at Dayton before transferring to Indiana for her final season of eligibility. With the Hoosiers, she played in 26 games and averaged 2.3 points and 8.1 minutes per game.

She just wrapped up a three-year stint with the Cardiff Met Archers II in Wales, averaging 19.2 points during her final season in the England-based Women's National Basketball League.

While Country Day is Deane's first



Then-Indiana guard Amber Deane shoots in a three-point competition in 2016. INDIANAPOLIS STAR FILE

head coaching job, she's not unfamiliar with the role. Dating back to her Dayton days, she mentored younger players. She's coached at various academics, including Pistons Academy Basketball, and has helped develop players from the U-10 to U-18 levels while she was in Europe. That includes training some of the girls on England's national team.

"I've done a lot of player develop-

ment, even when I was home for the summer from the University of Dayton or Indiana," Deane said. "I would train one-on-one with them or get them into the gym."

When Williams took over Country Day two years ago, she, too, was a former college basketball star without any true head coaching experience. Her resume seemed to work out for the Yellowjackets, who made a pair of trips to the Breslin Center with her coaching from the bench.

"At the end of the day, I think players are not vastly different," Deane added. "Everybody wants to improve and strive to be the best they can. If you build genuine relationships with players, you'll beget hard workers and get players to be the best they can be. That's what I'm about. The challenge is getting the girls to trust me and for them to know that I have the best intention for them in my heart."

Deane inherits a talented roster, one that had no seniors this past winter.

Players who should be returning include shooting guard Jaidyn Elam, point guards Emma Arico and Aysia Yokely and small forward Ari'Yana Wiggins, all of whom made Hometown Life's All-Area team and were integral pieces in leading the Yellowjackets to two-

straight district and regional championships.

"I'm starting to build the relationships with them now, and I'm making some calls and setting up one-on-one meetings with them," Deane said. "This group of girls are far removed from my time when I was there, but I've watched a lot of their games, and I've always kept up with Country Day basketball."

"I'm super excited to meet them, and credit goes to Jerica for what she did here. It's incredibly humbling to take over a team that went to the Breslin back to back. The coaching position is meant to bring the best of out of the players, and I'm hoping to do that. But I also expect these players to bring great things out of me."

Orlando has already reached out to Deane to wish her well in her new role.

"He told me I was the perfect pick for the position," she said. "Which, obviously, made me smile and feel proud. Having someone like him send me congratulations like that absolutely made my week."

That was just the first of many future morning breakfasts to come for the former player-coach duo.

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What Pistons should address in free agency

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The Pistons will have money to spend this offseason.

They will have between \$25 and roughly \$30 million in salary cap space, depending on where their lottery pick falls and which team options on player contracts they pick up. They will be a major player in free agency, and have several avenues to create as much room as they need.

Unfortunately, this isn't a great summer to have cap space. There are some big names on the market, such as Zach Lavine, James Harden or Kyrie Irving. But Harden and Irving have player options, and Lavine, an unrestricted free agent, could be offered a five-year deal worth more than \$210 million by his current team, the Chicago Bulls.

Detroit has never been a market to attract superstars. Harden (\$47 million player option for next season) and Irving (\$36.5 million) have little incentive to leave their respective teams. Beyond the superstar tier, there aren't many mid-level stars worthy of pursuing.

But the Pistons have several needs to address, and there are still several attainable and talented players in the market. They could spend most of their money on one player, or divide their resources across several players to plug multiple holes. Either way, there will be new faces on the roster next season.

Detroit's biggest needs can be boiled down to ball-handling, outside shooting and rim protection. Here are two free agents who would address each need.

Ball handling Jalen Brunson, G, Dallas

2021-22 stats: 16.3 points, 4.8 assists, 3.9 rebounds, 50.2% overall shooting, 37.3% from 3

Offseason rumors have oft-cited the Pistons as a likely suitor for the 6-foot-1 point guard, and the Free Press can confirm that Brunson is high on their wish



Mavericks guard Jalen Brunson is defended by Pistons guard Frank Jackson on April 6 at Little Caesars Arena.

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USA TODAY SPORTS

list. Brunson is coming off of the best season of his career and has emerged as an all-around efficient scoring threat. He has thrived alongside Luka Doncic, and is due for a significant pay raise. A 2018 second-round pick, Brunson has earned around \$6 million thus far. The first year of his new deal could triple that number, if not quadruple.

The Pistons are committed to pairing Cade Cunningham with another ball-handler, and Brunson checks many of the boxes you'd want in a Cunningham running-mate. Brunson is a career 37.3% 3-point shooter and can space the floor when the ball is in Cunningham's hands. When Cunningham is on the bench, Brunson can thrive as a primary option. A calf strain caused Doncic to miss the Mavericks' first three playoff games during their Round 1 series against the Utah Jazz last month. Brunson scored 41 points and 31 points in Games 2 and 3, respectively, as the Mavs won both games.

Brunson's next deal would likely take up most, if not nearly all, of Detroit's available cap space. The Pistons are limited to offering Brunson a four-year deal, but Dallas has his Bird rights, which means the Mavs can offer five years and it won't cripple their cap space. Brunson is in a winning situation and has established himself as a core piece. He's an

unrestricted free agent, but he has strong incentive to stay put.

Tyus Jones, G, Memphis

2021-22 stats: 8.7 points, 4.4 assists, 45.1% overall shooting, 39% from 3

Jones' numbers may not leap off of the page, but he has thrived as the primary backup for Ja Morant and is one of the steadiest point guards in the league. His points per game and 3-point percentages are career-best marks. He only turned the ball over on 6.5% of his possessions, according to Cleaning The Glass — one of the lowest rates in the NBA. He has never averaged a full turnover a game, and averaged 0.6 last season.

3-point shooting Malik Monk, G, LA Lakers

2021-22 stats: 13.8 points, 3.4 rebounds, 47.3% overall shooting, 39.1% from 3

His career was on a downswing before signing with the Lakers last summer, but Monk proved himself as one of Los Angeles' most important rotation players. His 13.8 points per game were a career-high, and he knocked down 39% from 3 after knocking down close to

40% his previous season. He also played a career-best 76 games, after being limited to 42 the year before and 55 the season prior to that. Monk would give Detroit's backcourt an adrenaline shot of floor-spacing and athleticism — two attributes it lacks.

Gary Harris, G, Orlando

2021-22 stats: 11.1 points, 43.4% shooting, 38.4% from 3

Michigan State fans would remember Harris as the 2013 Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2013 and an All-Big Ten selection in 2014. He has battled injuries throughout his career, but he's a reliable shooter and defender and is coming off of one of his most efficient seasons as a scorer.

Rim protection Deandre Ayton, C, Phoenix

2021-22 stats: 17.2 points, 10.2 rebounds, 63.4% overall shooting

Ayton will enter restricted free agency this summer, meaning the Suns can retain him by matching any outside offer. That makes him a longshot to become a Piston, but they should still try. He's the best center prospect on the market by a significant margin, and a core piece of a 64-win Suns team that might be the championship favorite right now. He's a versatile defender with excellent touch around the rim, and would substantially raise Detroit's floor and ceiling next season.

Mitchell Robinson, C, New York

2021-22 stats: 8.5 points, 8.6 rebounds, 1.8 blocks

Marvin Bagley III's arrival at the trade deadline highlighted the value of having an athletic lob threat. Robinson is that, but he's also a gifted shot-blocker. He was sixth among players in shots blocked per game last season, and he would give Detroit's frontcourt an athleticism jolt.

Golf Association of Michigan awards Bloomfield Hills man

Greg Johnson
Golf Association of Michigan

Lee Juett of Bloomfield Hills, who has served the Golf Association of Michigan in various volunteer roles including president over the last three decades, has been named the recipient of the 2022 Distinguished Service Award.

The Oakland Hills Country Club member, who will be 73 on July 4, will be honored at Eagle Eye Golf Club in Bath during the GAM's annual meeting.

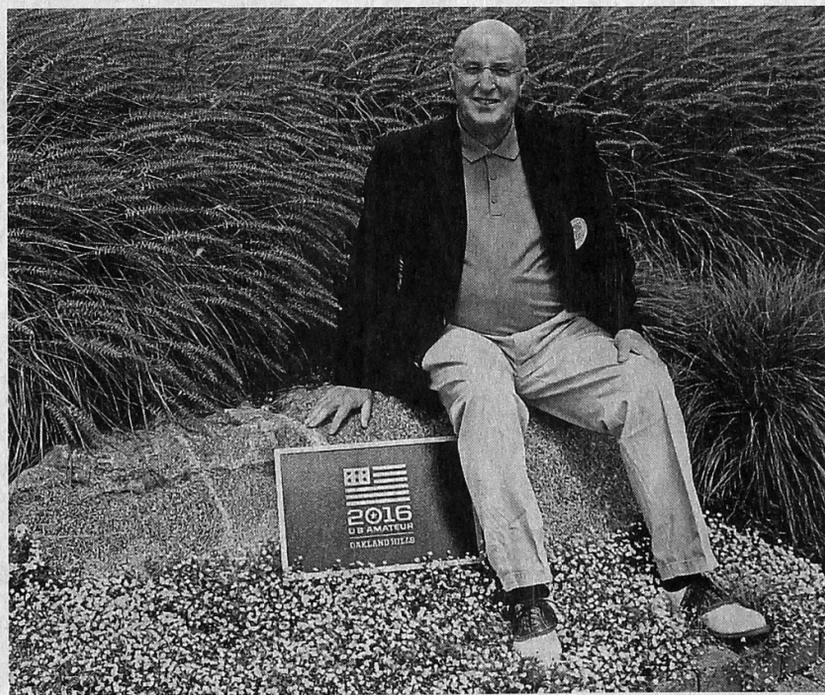
"I was surprised when I received the call and honored for sure," Juett said. "It's not something that was part of a plan. I've lived long enough and volunteered long enough that it seems these kind of things happen, and I'm very pleased."

Juett, a member at Oakland Hills since 1976, first got involved with the GAM in the early 1990s through Peter Jackson, a fellow Oakland Hills member and GAM Governor.

"Peter got me involved with the (GAM) green committee working with the superintendents and the Michigan Michigan Turfgrass (Foundation)," he said. "I was a member of that committee for a long time, an Honorary Governor and then became a Governor in 1999. That kind of morphed into an interest in the rules and working as a rules official, being part of the championship committee. I was president of the GAM (2010-11), and I still enjoy being a rules official."

Ken Hartmann, senior director of competitions and USGA services for the GAM, said Juett, a president emeritus of the GAM, is most deserving of the Distinguished Service Award.

"I remember a championship committee meeting several years ago when Lee was asked about having a championship at Oakland Hills and to his credit, he stepped up and helped make it



Longtime Oakland Hills Country Club member Lee Juett, who will be 73 on July 4, will be honored during the annual meeting of the Golf Association of Michigan.

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happen," Hartmann said.

"He's been a great ambassador for Michigan golf and for us at Oakland Hills. He's always supported the Evans Scholars, he likes working with the turfgrass guys and realizes how important they are to golf. He is a very good player, too, and has competed in our tournaments. You can also count on him to always have a great perspective on things, be level-headed and see both sides."

Juett describes himself as a late-starter in golf. He had graduated from Michigan State University and started working at the family machine tool business (J. Lee Hackett Co.) with his fa-

ther and his uncle before he started playing the game.

"My father (Joseph) was a member at Oakland Hills (Country Club) and he encouraged me to play golf and to join Oakland Hills because it was a great opportunity to entertain customers and clients," Juett said. "I played baseball and basketball in high school, and I was a competitive person not encumbered by a family yet so I went to work at becoming a better player."

Juett became a competitive golfer, a plus-1 handicap at one point, and the game and Oakland Hills have been a part of his life ever since.

Over time he became president of J. Lee Hackett, serving until retiring in 2015, and found time to serve on the board at Oakland Hills Country Club from 1996 to 2000 and then lead the club again as general chair when the club hosted the 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship.

"Oakland Hills is a special place and I was lucky enough to get involved with the GAM and I've enjoyed working with the turfgrass people at Michigan State, and competing, too, but probably the best thing about it has been getting to know all the great people involved," he said. "I've met people who became my role models and friends like Fritz Balmer, Bob McMasters, Tom Chisholm, Jeanne Myers, great like-minded people with an enthusiasm for golf, administration, the rules and all the activities the GAM is involved in."

Juett said he has watched the GAM work through ups and downs over the last three decades and he is proud to be a part of what it has become.

"The GAM right now is better than ever with its staff and their expertise and experience as well as the expertise of the volunteers," he said. "There are high-level experts among the rules officials and the volunteers who do course ratings. I don't remember the staff and volunteers ever being better and the GAM is involved in so many things with Youth on Course, diversity, Evans Scholars, the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation. It's a great thing to be involved with people doing a great job."

Juett, who with his wife, Jane, has two sons, Andrew and Jesse, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, said he plans to remain involved and that means active.

"I was never one to go to a meeting and just sit quietly," he said. "If I'm going, I'm going to be involved and participate."

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administration from Wayne State University.

John 'Dusty' Hall, Franklin

Hall steps down from his position teaching physical education and health for the past 14 years for South Lyon

Community Schools to take over the AD position at his alma mater.

He has coached track and football for the past 22 years at Franklin and is currently the Patriots' varsity defensive coordinator, recently helping them advance to the Division 2 final four.

He earned a bachelor of science in kinesiology and health from WSU.

Arnold 'Arnie' Muscat, Stevenson

Muscat arrives at Stevenson with a

unique background in both the automotive industry and athletic administration.

He spent 32 years working as a launch manager at Ford Motor Company while also helping with LPS athletics dating back to 1996.

He has experience coaching football, hockey and soccer for the district and is the co-creator of the Churchill Athletic Patrons, an important fundraising arm for the school's sports programs. He has more than 400 hours of internship ex-

perience working directly under Hage at Churchill and he's currently working as the assistant AD at Dearborn Divine Child.

Muscat graduated with a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from Michigan State, a master of business administration from WSU and a master of educational leadership from Madonna University.

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A walk-through will be held at Grant Elementary School located at 9300 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48150, on May 4, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
15125 FARMINGTON ROAD
LIVONIA, MI 48154-5474
(734) 744-2500

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of **sealed bids** for the purchase of:

Asbestos Abatement at Cooper Upper Elementary Bid
 (See Attached Specifications)

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2021-22 school year, Open Bids OR the SIGMA Website, www.michigan.gov/SIGMAVSS. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Sealed bids marked "Asbestos Abatement at Cooper Upper Elementary Bid" will be received until 11:30 a.m. on the 11th day of May 2022 at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of: Phillip Francis, Assistant Superintendent of District Services, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

A walk-through will be held at Cooper Upper Elementary School located at 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185, on May 3, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

The Bid Opening will take place at 11:30 a.m. on the 11th day of May 2022, in the Bulldog Conference Room at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, 15125 Farmington Road, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Director of Finance, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance - Iran Economic Sanctions Act. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.**

All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$26,000.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with specification.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part: to award to other than the low bidder: to waive any irregularities and/or informalities: and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be **F.O.B. Destination**. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

Phillip Francis,
 Assistant Superintendent of District Services
 Livonia Public Schools
 15125 Farmington Road
 Livonia, MI 48154-5474

"Asbestos Abatement at Cooper Upper Elementary School Bid"

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files. Any questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, hlau@livoniapublicschools.org, 734.744.2537, between 8 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. EDT. **All samples should be sent to Harry Lau, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154.**

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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**ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2022-07
APRIL 5, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. MEMBERS PRESENT: Rhaesa, Porter, Dowd, Skiff, Brock, Wass. ABSENT: Wagner. COUNCIL APPROVED: Agenda, Regular Mtg. Minutes of 3-15-22, 1st Read. Ord. 2022-02, Finance Fee Sched., PSA - Stantec - \$9,000, 3 Pt. time Pos. to 3 Full time pos. B&E, City Atty. to draft language - PA 345 -Nov. Ballot, Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Tina M. Parnell, CMC
Wayne City Clerk

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD
SUMMARY OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS**

In the month of April 2022, the Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees held the following regularly scheduled meetings on **April 11 & April 25, 2022.**

A full synopsis of the above meetings is posted and available on the Township website at <https://www.bloomfieldtp.org/Government/Legal-Notices.aspx>, and in the Clerk's Office for public viewing. Please call the Clerk's Office at 248-433-7702 if you have any difficulty locating the synopsis.

**MARTIN C. BROOK
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK**

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City of Livonia - 04/18/2022 1,943rd Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: Donovan, Morgan, McCullough, Toy, Bahr, and Jolly. **Absent:** McIntyre.

#122-22 Approved minutes of the 1,942nd Regular Meeting of the Council held 04/04/22.

Audience Communication: Jim Baringhaus, Greenleaf Commission, spoke about Renewable Energy Fair at Madonna University on 04/23/22.

Several items were received and filed.

#123-22 Approved salary increase for Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Clerk effective 1/1/22.

#124-22 Accepted quote for purchase of propane fuel for DPW from Webster & Garner Inc.

#125-22 Approved contract for cross connection program with HydroCorp, Inc. for repairs and additional tests as required.

#126-22 Directed Treasurer to notify property owners of amounts owed re: 2021 Sidewalk Program with Public Hearing to be held Monday, 06/06/22 at 7:00 pm.

SECOND READ AND ROLL CALL VOTE (6-0) of proposed Ordinance amending the Livonia Vision 21 Zoning Ordinance in various sections. (Pet. 2022-01-06-01)

#127-22 Referred subject matter of a green building and sustainability policy to the Administration for its report and recommendation.

#128-22 Accepted amendment to contract with Great Lakes Recycling (d/b/a Simple Recycling) for soft recyclables to scheduled porch pickups rather than regular, weekly curbside pickup.

#129-22 Directed closed Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled to discuss pending litigation re: The Parz Group, Inc., et al v City of Livonia, et al.

#130-22 Referred subject matter of who bears responsibility for cleaning up trash on roadways within the City to the Administration for its report and recommendation.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.

Susan M. Nash, Livonia City Clerk

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**CITIES OF WESTLAND, LIVONIA, REDFORD TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

In accordance with HUD requirements, the Cities of Livonia, Redford Township and Westland will jointly prepare an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. The communities will conduct a joint Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the offices of the Livonia Housing Commission, 33780 Lyndon, Livonia, MI 48154. The purpose of this public hearing is to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties regarding the Analysis to Impediments. The public hearing will feature data for population and housing characteristics, fair housing considerations, impediments and fair housing strategies. The Analysis of Impediments is required to receive HUD funds, for the CDBG, HOME and Public Housing/Housing Voucher programs. To assist in the analysis, the Cities invite citizens and other interested persons to complete a Fair Housing Survey, found on the City of Westland website at www.cityofwestland.com, under Government/Community Development Survey.

Written comments regarding the draft Analysis to Impediments should be sent to the City of Westland, Department of Housing and Community Development, 32150 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186. Copies of materials to be discussed during the public hearing are available for review at the Housing and Community Development Department during normal business hours. For additional information, please contact the Westland Housing and Community Development Department at (734) 793.9390.

Joanne Campbell, Director
William R. Wild, Mayor

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Post: WLND Westland Cable, Westland City Hall, Public Library, Friendship Center, Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, Livonia City Hall and Libraries; Redford Township Hall and Libraries; Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee

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**INVITATION TO BID
BID NO. 9947
WIRELESS NETWORK CONTROLLER
TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Troy School District will receive firm, sealed bids for replacement wireless network controllers.

Specifications and proposal forms can be obtained online at <http://www.troy.k12.mi.us>. From the main page click the "Business Services" tab listed under "Departments", then click "Purchasing Bids and Invitations" and scroll down to locate and access the bid documents.

Your proposal and two copies marked "Bid 9947 Wireless Network Controller" must be delivered no later than **10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 24, 2022**, Troy School District, Services Building/Technology Department, 4420 Livernois Road, Troy, MI 48098 ATTN: Beth Soggs, Technology Director, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter. Bid proposals received after this time will not be considered or accepted.

All questions regarding the bid specified, or the bid terms and conditions will be accepted in writing ONLY and subsequently answered through an addendum to all interested parties. Questions must be received no later than noon, Wednesday, May 11, 2022, and may be emailed to: bsoggs@troy.k12.mi.us.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Troy School Board or the Troy School Districts Superintendent. Also, a sworn and notarized Affidavit of compliance for the Iran Economic Sanctions Act certifying the vendor does and will comply with Public Act 517 of 2012 shall accompany all proposals. Both forms will be enclosed in the specification's booklet that shall be used for this purpose. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include these sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

The Troy Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general, to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the owner.

Technology Department
Troy School District
4420 Livernois Road
Troy, MI 48098

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

American Montessori Academy will hold a public hearing May 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm at 30055 Joy Road, Westland, MI 48185 (734) 525-7100 to review the proposed 2022-2023 operating budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT**

Meeting - Date, Time, Location:	Monday, May 23, 2022 at 7:30 PM Municipal Building, 151 Martin Birmingham, MI 48009
Location of Request:	2225 E. 14 Mile - Our Shepherd
Nature of Hearing:	Special Land Use Permit, Final Site Plan and Design Review application for 2225 E. 14 Mile - Our Shepherd - to allow new parking lot landscaping, signage and new covered entries at an existing religious institution in the R2 zoning district
City Staff Contact:	Nick Dupuis, Planning Director 248-530-1856 ndupuis@bhamgov.org
Notice Requirements:	Mailed to all property owners and occupants within 300 feet of subject address. Publish May 8, 2022
Approved minutes may be reviewed at:	City Clerk's Office

Should you have any statement regarding the above, you are invited to attend the meeting in person or virtually through ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/655079760> Meeting ID: 655 079 760

You may also present your written statement to the City Commission, City of Birmingham, 151 Martin Street, P.O. Box 3001, Birmingham, Michigan 48012-3001 prior to the hearing.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 530-1880 (voice) or (248) 644-5115 (TDD) at least one day in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Las personas que requieren alojamiento, tales como servicios de interpretación, la participación efectiva en esta reunión deben ponerse en contacto con la Oficina del Secretario Municipal al (248) 530-1880 por lo menos el día antes de la reunión pública. (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964).

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**Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Westland, Michigan 48185
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will receive sealed bids for:

Food Service Point of Sale Equipment & Installation Services

Bids will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when the opening of bids will be conducted in public:

Date: May 19, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm. EST

Place: Board of Education
Wayne-Westland Community Schools
36745 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185

All bids received after the date and time stated above will not be considered. All project bids should be submitted in accordance with the Owner's written bid specifications. The sealed bid is to be date stamped in the Business Office no later than Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 1:00 pm. The outside of the envelope must include the bid title, due date and time and be addressed as follows:

Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Chanda Cleaves, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations
Food Service Point of Sale Equipment & Installation Services
36745 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185

The Wayne Westland Community School District Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

Questions should be directed to Rebecca Szilagy, Communications by Design, 4101 Sparks Drive, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 or rszilagy@cbdconsulting.com. The bid specifications may be obtained April 20, 2022 or thereafter by contacting the District's technology consultant, Communications by Design, Inc. at rszilagy@cbdconsulting.com.

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 25, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Barnett at 7:34 p.m.

Council Present: Barnett, Boleware, Bridges, Bruce, Knol, Massey and Newlin

Council Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Valentine, Interim Director Kettler-Schmult, Directors Mondora, Monico, Schnackel and Skrobola, City Attorney Joppich and Planning Consultant Arroyo

**COUNCIL
Recognized:**

- May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month
- April 28, 2022 as Arbor Day
- May 6, 2022 Childcare Provider Appreciation Day

Received:

- Introduction of new DPW Superintendent Derrick Schueller
- Beautification Commission 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Goals

Approved:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2022/2023 Projected Use of Funds
- Introduction of an ordinance to amend City Code, Chapter 34, "Zoning," amending the definition of family; add new definitions for reasonable accommodation and special accommodation residence; add a new Section 34-4.60, Standards and Regulations for Special Accommodation Use
- Appointment to the Planning Commission
- Acceptance of the Capital Improvements Plan (2022/2023 - 2027/2028)
- Temporary polling location changes for Farmington Hills Precincts 5, 6, 12 16 and 24 for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election only
- Agreement for Cluster Site and Open Space Plan 60-10-2020 (Chasewood Villas) located at 38500 Nine Mile Road
- Resolution recognizing Suburban Hockey Foundation as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license
- Setting budget study session meetings on May 16th and May 17th, 2022 at 6:00pm
- Second Quarter Financial Summary Report and Quarterly Investment Report
- Three employment under Section 10.01A of the City Charter for a Seasonal Golf Course Laborer, Aquatics Attendant and Lifeguard
- City Council meeting minutes of April 11, 2022

Awarded Contract/Bid/Proposal/Purchase to:

- Karolyn Angott and John Miller, LLC for Indigent Defense Managed Assigned Counsel Coordinator Services for one year in an approximate amount of \$72,000; with possible extensions
- McKenna Corporation for As Needed Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Rental Inspector Services, Permit Technician and Plan Review Services for one year in an approximate amount of \$50,000; with possible extensions
- Hutch Paving, Inc. for the Chatsworth Street Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$500,200.75
- Hutch Paving, Inc. for the Interchange Drive Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$1,485,100.03
- Springline Excavating LLC for the Shiawassee Road Reconstruction Project from Hawthorne Street to West Nine Mile Road in the amount of \$3,565,577.98
- Global Solutions Group, Inc. for As Needed File Conversion and Related Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per year for three years; with possible extensions

Vicki Barnett, Mayor
Pamela D. Smith, City Clerk

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The Tightest Labor Market on Record Across the Country

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The State Employment and Unemployment report released last week and the State Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey report released this morning make one thing clear: labor shortages continue to intensify across the country, even as workers return to the labor force.

Every single state in the U.S. now has more job openings than unemployed people. State ratios between unemployed people and job openings are at record lows in 27 states, and state unemployment rates are at record lows in 12 states.

Here are states with particularly remarkable labor market dynamics:

1. Utah and Montana are the best job seekers' markets in the nation

Nationwide, there are 1.7 job openings for every unemployed person, which would be remarkable on its own. (The pre-pandemic average was 0.4, by comparison.) But the imbalance between labor supply and labor demand is even starker in Utah, and Montana, with 3.7 and 3.3 job openings for every unemployed person, respectively.

While those two states have the starkest imbalances between supply and demand, labor shortages are a broader phenomenon. 8 states have unemployment

rates of 2.5% or below: Nebraska, Utah, Indiana, Montana, Kansas, Minnesota, New Hampshire, and South Dakota. In all of these states, staffing shortages at businesses are particularly rampant and there is fierce competition among employers for scarce talent.

As a result, job seekers in those states are enjoying substantial bargaining power, which is translating into rapid wage growth. State wage growth rates are released with a lag—the latest available data are for the third quarter of 2021—but already

then, year over year wage growth measured in 15.0% in New Hampshire and 7.1% in Utah.

States with tight labor markets where wage growth is lagging behind—such as Nebraska, at 5.5%—have likely experienced intense upward pressure on wages since.

States with such tight labor markets have become powerful job magnets, attracting workers from across the country. For example, both Montana and Utah are in the top 10 when it comes to net in-migration rates, with Montana adding 17 residents

for every 1,000, and Utah adding 10 between 2020 and 2021, according to the most recent data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

2. Layoffs have become vanishingly rare in Michigan, once known for cascading mass layoffs and plant closures

In the Great Recession, Michigan workers became accustomed to mass layoffs of manufacturing workers and government workers, as plant closures and local government bankruptcies roiled the state.

Now, in the wake of the Covid recession, however, the state's workers couldn't be faring more differently. The state has the lowest rate of layoffs and discharges nationwide, giving workers unparalleled job security.

Only 0.6% of Michigan workers are being terminated each month—a much lower share than the national average of 0.9%. In February, only 28k people lost their jobs involuntarily in the state.

While past recessions have seen demand for goods fall more than demand for services, the pandemic recession has largely been concentrated in the service sector, while demand for goods—particularly durable goods—has skyrocketed, benefiting the manufacturing belt.



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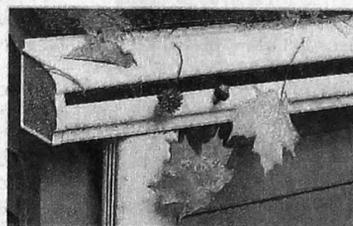
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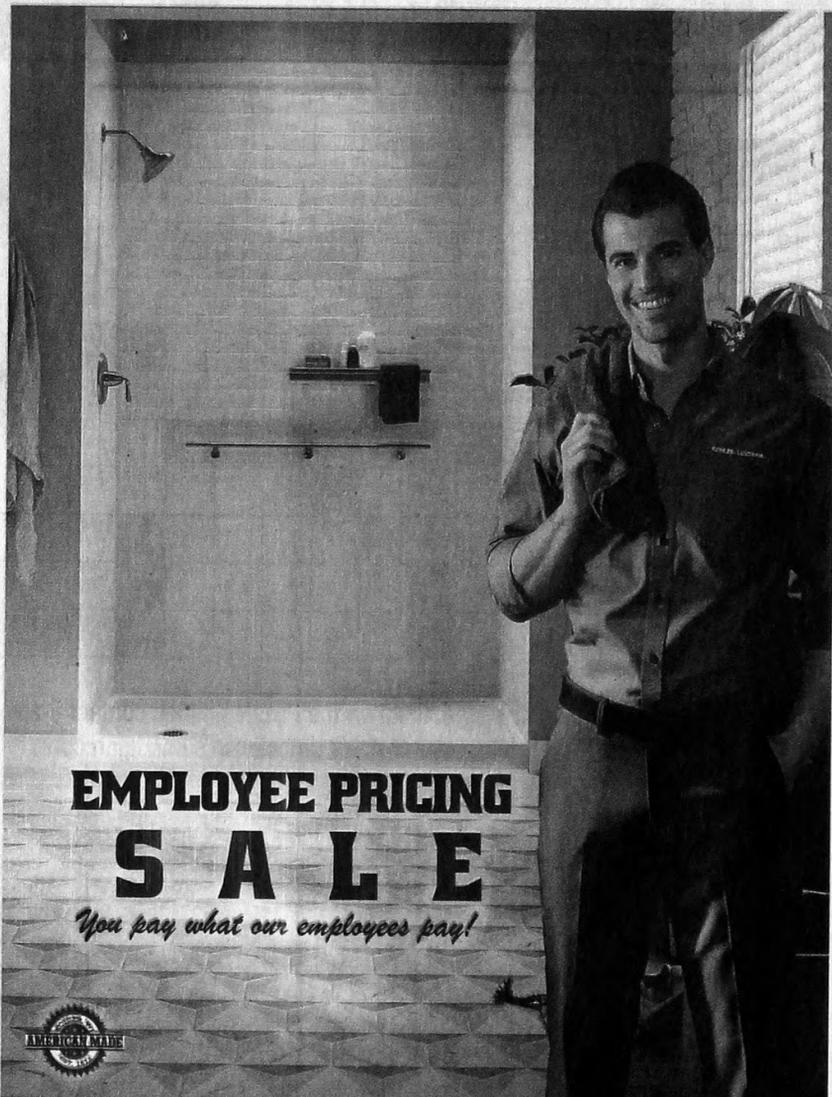


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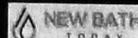
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