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Livonia forms plan for flooding issues

Detention pond would slow stormwater runoff

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It starts in Farmington Hills across 8 Mile Road.

Rains falls, traveling into underground pipes that head through Green-

mead Historical Park and beneath Newburgh Road, leading to a ditch. Then it heads to the Whispering Willows Golf Course, where the beehive drain there can only take so much water.

So the water moves away from the beehive, right into Ron and Patty Rig-

gio's backyard and down the street into their neighbors' yards and homes.

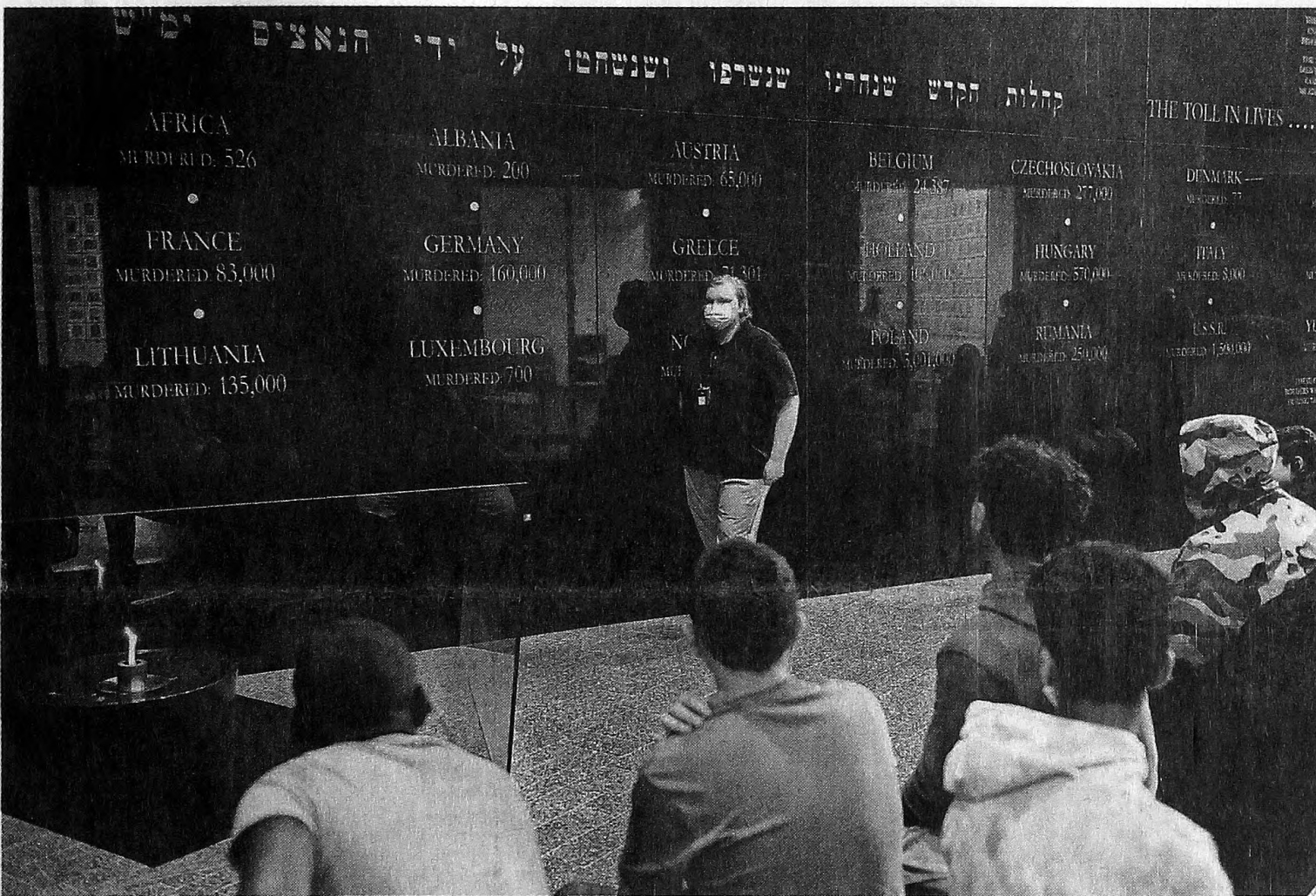
"Eventually you just can't see the grass," Ron Riggio said. "That's how much water is back here."

The couple have experienced flooding on and off in the 30 years they've lived in their Livonia home, which backs up to the city-owned golf course. They've spent tens of thousands of dol-

lars — Patty Riggio guesses their costs are approaching \$100,000 — to fix water damage or try and avoid more flooding. They've had to remodel their basement, replace mulch after it's washed away and hires companies to install a French drain and create a berm in their yard.

None of it has worked.

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The wall at the Zekelman Holocaust Center shows how many lives were lost in Europe during World War II. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Holocaust center shows impact of hatred, misinformation, intolerance

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"We don't tell people what to think, we tell them to think."

A trip through the Zekelman Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills is sobering, to put it lightly. The center doesn't mince words and presents visitors with information and imagery that are hard to confront.

Many student groups who visit also hear about the difficult realities of the Holocaust from a survivor who now lives in the area.

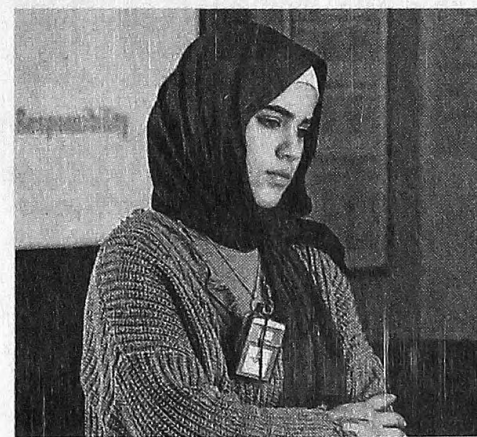
But the tours are about more than education. They're about helping peo-

ple be better citizens and neighbors.

"We really believe that teaching the lessons of the Holocaust can empower students — empower everybody, really — to think about the choices they have in front of them and to be active participants in their democracy," said Ruth Bergman, the center's director of education.

Roughly 35,000 students plus another 30,000 people in adult groups or in walk-in visits go through the center, near the corner of 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads, every year. It's the only Holocaust museum in Michigan.

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Oakland Early College student Sara Ahmed looks at a display at the Holocaust center in Farmington Hills.

Plymouth art exhibit honors Rosie the Riveter

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Flo McCarty is a real-life testament to helping the United States win World War II.

The Livonia resident spent several months working in the Willow Run Bomber Plant, helping to construct B-24s to assist in the war effort. She later joined the Navy, further cementing her legacy.

She's gone around to several events celebrating Rosie the Riveter, so much so that she's becoming more comfortable with her status as a Rosie.

"Even after all my years, I still remember a lot," she said. "I'm getting used to this."

That history was remembered recently in downtown Plymouth as McCarty was a guest of honor at a brief opening of a free little art gallery that opened in the tiny street side gallery at 865 Penniman.

The tiny display, full of original artwork celebrating the women that worked in the plants back in the early 1940s, is available to anyone passing by. Guests are able to open the display — which looks similar to "little free library" boxes that have popped up all over — and take a piece of artwork at no charge.

"One of our members ... was walking by the gallery and thought, 'Wouldn't it be wonderful if there was a Rosie exhibit in there?'" said Jeannette Gutierrez, president of the American Rosie the Riveter Association Michigan Willow Run Chapter. "She got ahold of the gallery curators and made it happen."

In a small dedication ceremony that saw people come out wearing the iconic red headband made famous by the Rosie the Riveter poster, the exhibit opened. It remains open for visitors to select an object until it runs out.

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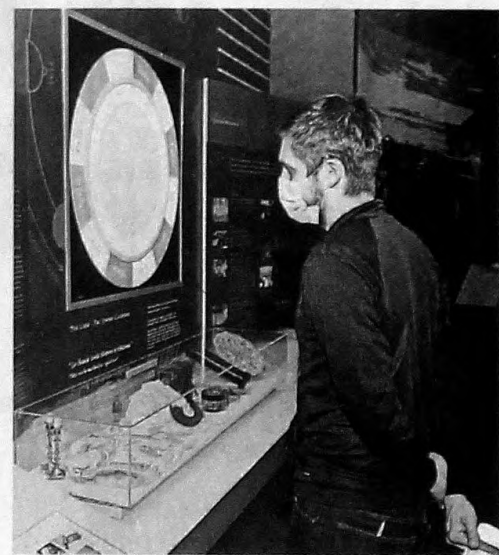
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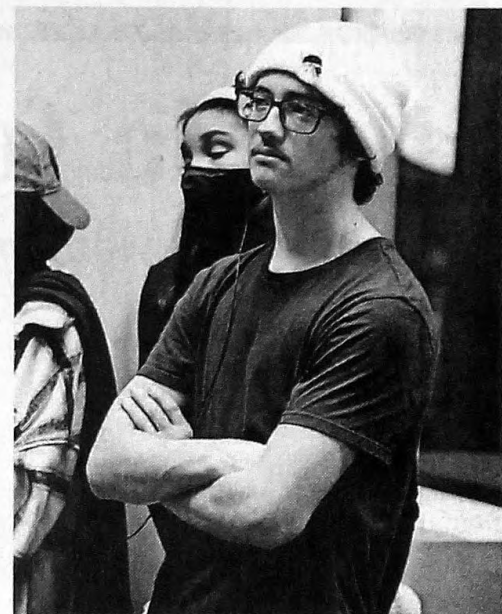
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One of the many displays on exhibit at the Zekelman Holocaust Center. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Oakland Early College teacher David Snyder looks at a display at the Holocaust center in Farmington Hills.



Oakland Early College student Caleb Ewing looks at an exhibit.

Impact

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Though the Holocaust ended more than 75 years ago, the staff and volunteer docents at the Holocaust Center believe the things that helped cause it, like hatred, misinformation and discrimination, are still prevalent today. Knowing how to spot misinformation is one of the major lessons of a tour.

"The Holocaust is relevant because we see the dangers of ideology that becomes state policy and we see people stand by and not take action," Bergman said. "There's the danger of propaganda and looking to blame one group for all the ills of society."

"The things that happened in the Holocaust happened on a huge scale and they happened over 12 years. But these are, unfortunately, timeless things that we need to be able to recognize."

What the Holocaust meant for Michigan is also a big focus. Visitors can see newspaper clippings of Detroit-area newspapers from the time and some of the artifacts, like a Bergen-Belsen concentration camp uniform, belonged to people who settled in metro Detroit after the war. There's also local examples of anti-Semitism, like Henry Ford and Father Charles Coughlin, who both used media to push anti-Semitic views, that people can view.

"It's a huge subject and it can be overwhelming," Bergman said. "The goal really is to make it personal. We're not just talking about dates and places and numbers, but to really see the impact the Holocaust had on individuals."

Despite all of the local artifacts, it doesn't get more personal than the firsthand experiences of local Holocaust survivors, or the recounting of those



Oakland Early College students listen during a tour of the Holocaust center.

stories by their children. Those lectures, normally held at the end of a group tour, can stick with people for years.

"You're talking to someone who is your next door neighbor or who goes to the same grocery store as you," Bergman said. "They may have come here and went to the same high school your grandparents went to. It helps us see the

people as real people and not just this label of 'victim.'"

The center deals with its share of Holocaust deniers, which Bergman says comes with the territory, but it's also seen generous financial support from the community and is championed by the teachers who find it important to bring their students. In a post-2020

world, the center has also seen uptick in its free online resources.

People in the metro Detroit area can visit the center six days a week — it's closed on Saturday. Adult tickets cost \$8 and students pay \$5.

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Flooding

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Hopefully, the solution has finally arrived.

The city recently obtained a \$1 million grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, part of which will be used to create a detention pond at Greenmead to keep rain from entering the storm water drains too quickly.

"This water will go into a pond that will detain and, hopefully, slow the water down and give it time to go through the storm water system," City Engineer Todd Zilincik said. "When you get these heavy rains we've had, the water accumulates and that's where you get the flooding."

According to Zilincik, the city's storm water system is designed for 10-year rain events. But due to climate change, Michigan is seeing more 100-year rain events, and flooding has become a more frequent issue for people like the Riggios and their neighbors.

Last year, their street in the Willow Woods subdivision flooded three times.

After recurring issues last summer, the neighborhood got together to bring their issue to city council. The Riggios said they've approached the city numerous times but, as helpful as people like Zilincik have been, it was the union-like approach that finally led to major changes.

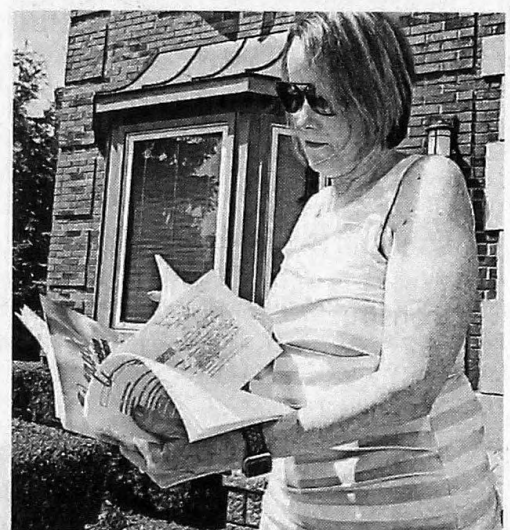
Council members held a meeting last year and the Greenmead pond project emerged from that.

"This last time we went as a group and thank goodness we did because that's kind of what sealed the deal," Patty Riggio said. "We're very happy it's being built. I just hope it's the answer."

The city plans to construct the detention pond this fall, so the neighborhood should start seeing relief next spring. Zilincik said a major rain storm could still cause some flooding, but the problem shouldn't be anywhere near as bad as it is now.

Until then, the Willow Woods neighbors will just have to wait and see.

"I really hope this is what fixes it," Patty Riggio said.



Patty Riggio and her husband, Ron, have had many years of flooded basements, lawns and backyards when stormwater from nearby Whispering Willows golf course overflows into their yard. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Westland police hire social worker to address mental health

Courtesy of City of Westland

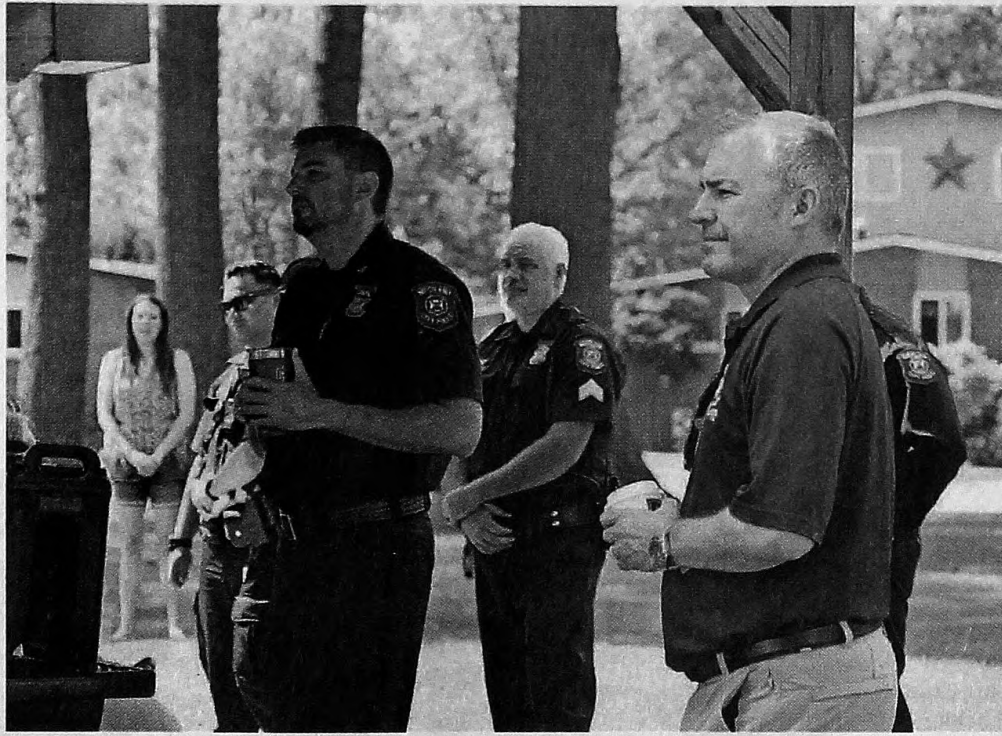
The Westland Police Department has partnered Hegira Health to launch a mental health initiative led by a full-time licensed master's level social worker operating out of the department.

The initiative will free up some officers to get back out on the streets, leaving in the hands of a licensed behavioral health professional the equally important task of helping residents with mental health challenges.

Though officers are usually not trained and equipped to address mental health crisis, the Westland Police Department responded to an average of 500 mental health calls each year during the last three years.

According to The Council of State Governments Justice Center, "these calls can be among the most complex and time-consuming for officers to resolve, redirecting them from addressing other public safety concerns and violent crime ... When these calls come into 911/dispatch, the appropriate community-based resources are often lacking to make referrals, and more understanding is needed to relay accurate information to officers."

That is why this initiative is crucial and underscores the immense value the



Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik leads a community policing event in 2021 at Rotary Park. Mayor Bill Wild, right, also was in attendance. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

city continues to place on residents and their needs.

"With this new partnership, we now have a great way to put people in touch with a variety of resources for needs

such as substance use disorder, depression, and other concerns. We look forward to the many benefits this initiative will bring to the community and the police department," Police Chief Jeff Je-

drusik said in a release.

He recalled that in 2021, the department partnered First Step to have an on-site victim's advocate to help victims of domestic violence. That same year, it also established the Special Victims Unit comprising a multidisciplinary team of professionals to provide a victim-centered response to incidents of sexual assault, child abuse and domestic violence.

"This nascent partnership with Hegira Health serves as the natural next step and will provide Westland Police with trained and licensed behavioral health clinicians to better assist residents," he concluded.

"Hegira Health is one of Michigan's largest freestanding integrated, behavioral healthcare organizations. It is their goal to ensure availability of quality, individualized and rapidly accessible behavioral and primary health services while being dedicated to the diversified needs of the community," Mayor William R. Wild stated in a release. "With this formal partnership, the Westland Police Department now has a dedicated behavioral health clinician that has their own office within the police department."

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Farmington Hills man sentenced for credit card scheme, pandemic fraud

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A Farmington Hills man could spend 75 months - or at least six years - in federal prison for a credit card scheme that involved postal workers and spawned pandemic fraud.

Andre Taylor Jr., 28, pleaded guilty to wire fraud and aggravated identity theft late last year, but federal prosecutors called for "serious penal consequence" and "substantial punishment" in a sentencing memorandum.

"Taylor's scheme was a sprawling one, and it is difficult to define precisely what losses Taylor's conduct ultimately caused," U.S. Attorney Dawn Ison said in the U.S. District Court document.

"His arrogance is profound. The flippant view he took towards law enforcement and the brazen nature of his criminal activity - all after his arrest on this case - suggest a man with a sizeable ego who views reasonable restraints on his behavior with contempt."

"He has thus far been incorrigible." She laid out that Taylor was stealing credit cards, debit cards and personal identifying information for financial gain and fraudulent purchases. He was known to acquire gift cards, which then could be sold and transferred like cash.

He was arrested in June 2020, but then violated his bond conditions "in the most audacious ways imaginable," Ison said in her memorandum.

She detailed Taylor's social media

boasts about criminal activity, which included photos of him with \$50,000 watches and luxury vehicles.

He was known to pay bribes to letter carriers to obtain credit cards and debit cards. He once obtained an "arrow key" for opening a cluster of individually locked mail compartments typically found in apartment and condominium complexes.

After the pandemic arrived, his multi-state scheme grew to include pandemic-related unemployment insurance benefits. He was known to use personal identifying information to direct benefits toward bank cards, accounts or addresses he had access to.

"This defendant indiscriminately stole from pandemic relief programs,

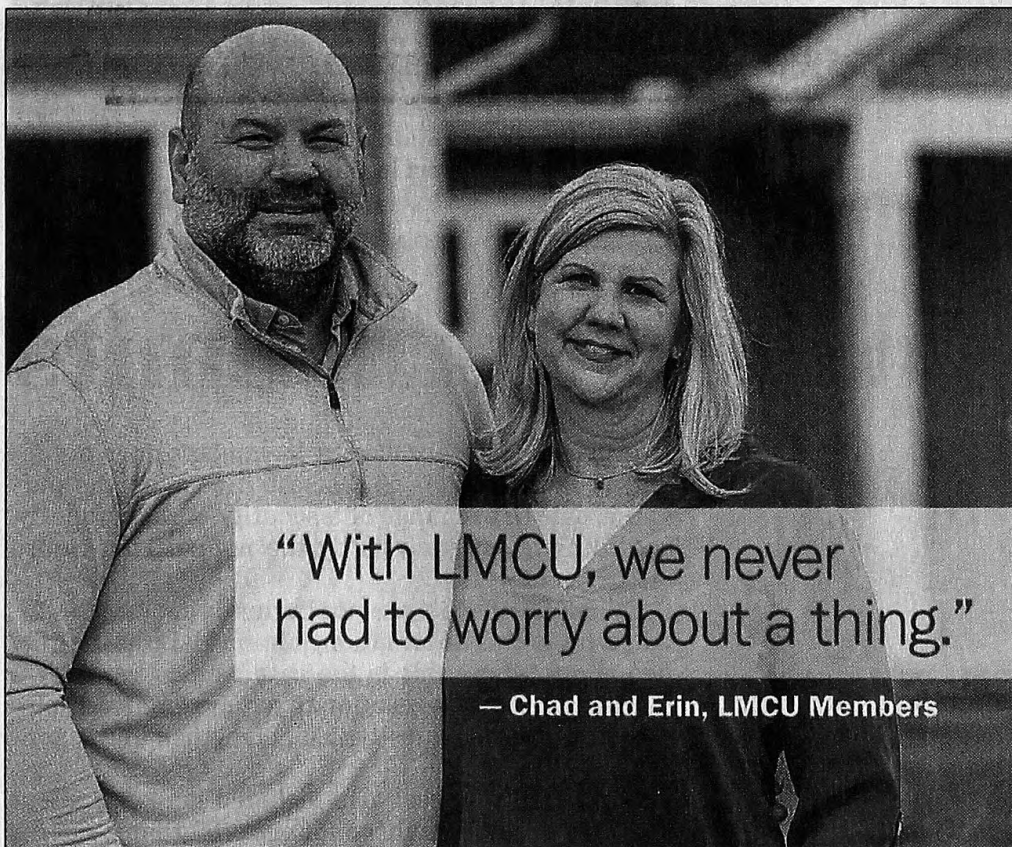
from banks, and from the public," Ison said in a statement. "He took money from wherever it was available, and he did not care whom he harmed along the way."

"Mr. Taylor's conviction and sentence is a reflection of my office's commitment to aggressive prosecution of those who steal identities to defraud both public and private victims."

Taylor was arrested again in Los Angeles in October. As part of his sentence, he also must pay nearly \$800,000 in restitution.

His attorney could not be immediately reached for comment.

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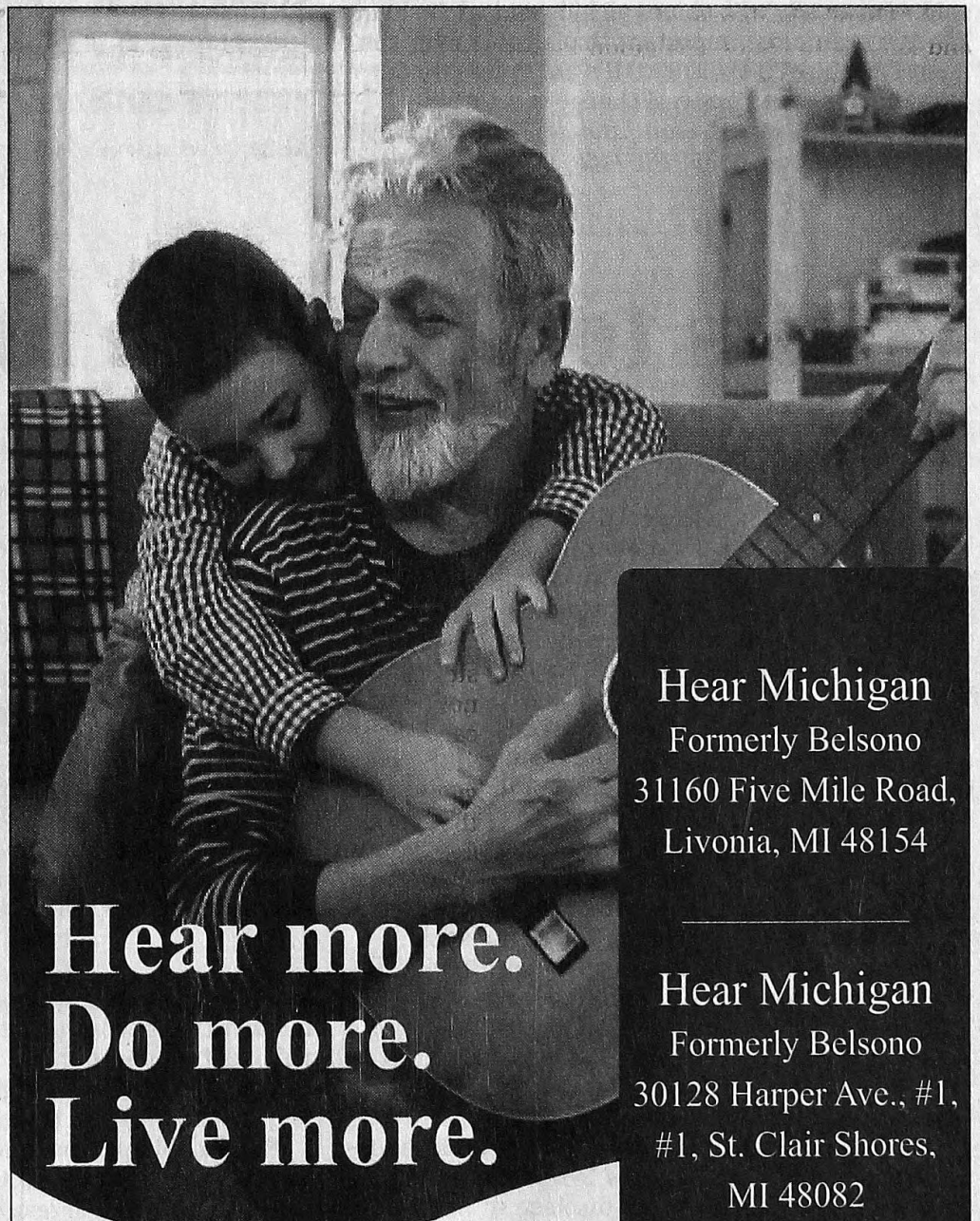
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Birmingham students walk out in protest of LGBTQ-related legislation

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Deuane and Mary Ann Martin stood on their Birmingham porch Monday afternoon, clapping as dozens of students walked by, chanting "Trans rights are human rights" and "Hey, hey, we say gay."

The couple have grandchildren who attend Roeper Upper and Middle School and were delighted to see them walking in protest of recent legislation that appears to target LGBTQ people.

"We support them being involved and speaking their voice," Mary Ann Martin said. "I support speaking out against that kind of discrimination."

Phillip Rabinovich, a sophomore at Roeper and member of the Sexuality and Gender Equality Club, said he had hoped to garner that kind of support and attention when he organized the walkout at the school to protest injustices he sees against the LGBTQ community.

Among those injustices, he said, are recent legislative bills across the country that hinder transgender medical care and ban classroom instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity.

"No one is giving 12 year-olds surgeries, obviously, but some are preventing processes that seem to be safe and reversible that can delay the onset of puberty and allows trans people to make the decision if they want to transition or answer 'Who am I?'" Rabinovich said. "Obviously, there has to be some checks, but ultimately doctors, parents, and kids themselves know better than the government."

Rabinovich said similar walkouts were planned at other schools.

Among the most troubling issues that drove SAGE Co-founder and Roeper freshman Bex Conway into helping organize the protest was the so-called gay panic defense, a legal strategy in which murder or assault defendants can claim a victim's sexual orientation or gender identity was to blame for their violent reaction.

Conway said Monday's protest is the start of bigger plans for the SAGE Club.

"The larger plans are to have more big scale protests at government buildings," they said. "We have a four-year plan to renovate school bathrooms and teaching in science classes about trans people and those who identify as part of the LGBTQ community."

The club and the protest has the support of teachers, Conway said.

Abha Dearing, a vocal teacher at Roeper, was outside the school on Monday showing her support, wearing an "Equality" t-shirt and using her voice as well.

"This is solidarity and it's so important that kids feel empowered to do something about it," Dearing said. "I'm an ally who values all kids and adults in my life. It's even more important that people who don't identify as LGBTQ speak out. It's only when we advocate for each other that real change can occur."

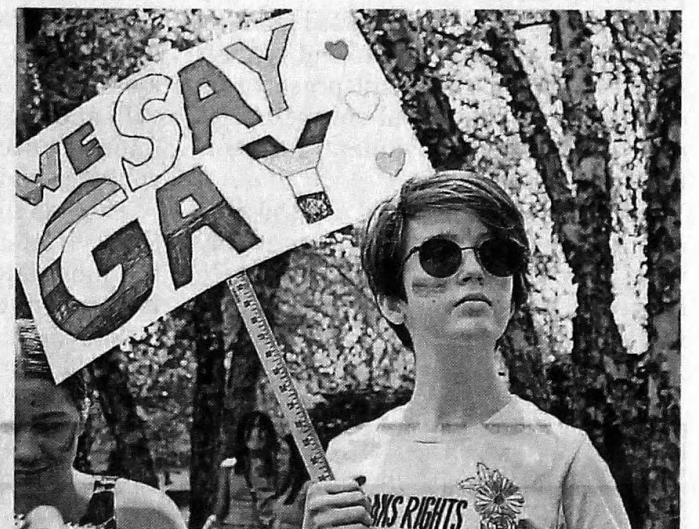
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Roeper Upper and Middle School students take part in a walkout May 16 to protest recent legislation that appears to target gay and transgender children. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Abha Dearing Roeper Middle School teacher



Roeper Upper and Middle School ninth grader James Steinhoebl takes part in the walkout.

Voters to decide on lawmakers' term limits

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The Michigan Legislature formally gave the go-ahead Tuesday to a ballot proposal that will let voters decide whether its worthwhile to change term limits and create new financial disclosure requirements for state elected leaders.

The House voted 76-28 in favor of the proposal Tuesday morning without any discussion or debate. That's just barely enough to eclipse the 73 votes needed, or support of two-thirds of the 109 currently elected and serving representatives, in order to approve proposed changes to the Constitution.

The Senate followed suit later in the day, voting 26-6 in favor of the same resolution. The upper chamber also did so without any debate or discussion and barely cleared the required two-thirds threshold.

"In my view, Michigan's current term limits discourage good people from running for office, shifting the power from the people to the bureaucracy and interest groups, which negatively impacts the legislative process," said Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, R-Clarklake.

"Likewise, it is also important that we strike a reasonable balance when it comes to the financial information elected officials must disclose to help make government more transparent, and not further discourage good folks from running for office."

In order to change the state Constitution to add these new rules, activists either needed to collect more than 425,000 signatures or get both legislative chambers to approve the language.

While advocates for the proposal recently called on lawmakers to take this action, the language approved



The House and Senate have approved and sent the issue of term limits to voters for the Nov. 8 general election. ERIC SEALS/DETROIT FREE PRESS

by the Legislature requires elected leaders to disclose far fewer financial details than suggested by the original ballot proposal.

Despite the weaker language, supporters of the ballot proposal thanked lawmakers for their action.

"Under this proposal, Michigan will join 48 other states by requiring its elected state officials to disclose their finances. It will restore faith in government and give real teeth to conflict of interest standards by forcing state officials to publicly disclose all relevant aspects of their finances," said Voters for Transparency and Term Limits co-chairs Mark Gaffney and Rich Studley.

"It maintains the key types of disclosure that the people of Michigan have long urged, including assets, travel, lobbyist gifts, investments and income sources, but tailors them to standards, dates, and penalties in Michigan law."

Gaffney is the former leader of the Michigan AFL-CIO and Studley previously led the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, entities that are frequently at odds on policy positions.

The suggested change to the state Constitution in the ballot proposal — pushed by a bipartisan group of lawmakers, former elected leaders and activists — requires sweeping financial disclosures for Michigan elected officials from the governor to state lawmakers.

But advocates wanted the the requirements to mirror those already in place for Congress and include disclosing details on property, income, debts, nondisclosure agreements, travel payments and more.

The language approved by lawmakers does not require elected leaders to disclose details on the purchase, sale or exchange of a security or real property, according to an analysis by the nonpartisan House Fiscal Agency.

Michigan officials are not currently required to divulge any of this information, joining Idaho as the only two states where this is the case. House lawmakers routinely approve legislation to require greater disclosure, but the measures typically languish in the Senate.

The ballot proposal also included language about "periodic financial transaction reports" that is not included in the resolution approved by lawmakers. Under the legislative plan, the first disclosure would not need to be filed until April 2024. Elected leaders would need to file annually from that point moving forward.

Lawmakers also tweaked the definition of a gift or travel payment to mirror what lobbyists are already required to report under current law. The existing rules are substantially weaker than the language in the original ballot proposal.

The term limit language is the same in both the original ballot proposal and the resolution approved by lawmakers.

The resolution reduces the total amount of time someone can spend at the statehouse from 14 to 12 years, but increases the number of years allowed in either chamber. Right now lawmakers can serve six years in the House and eight years in the Senate. The change would allow a lawmaker to serve all 12 years in either the House or Senate.

Constitutional amendments can be enacted with a simple majority of votes cast in the general election.

Supporters say the joint proposal will provide desperately needed financial transparency and give lawmakers a chance to gain valuable experience before they cycle out of the Legislature.

"We believe this proposal strengthens term limits; it certainly strengthens financial disclosures — letting the public know what legislators' personal interests are. We think it strengthens the state of Michigan," Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan previously said in support of the initiative.

The legislative action comes one day after supporters of the ballot proposal called on lawmakers to put the initiative to a statewide vote.

"We're gaining momentum, and we are determined to get this proposal on the ballot in November," Studley said Monday, according to the Associated Press.

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Shakespeare parody serves up big laughs

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In one hour and 15 minutes, a cast of just three actors tears through all 37 of William Shakespeare's plays in a gut-busting parody that leaves audiences howling with laughter.

That's the simple premise of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) (revised)," a mile-a-minute, 1980s stage comedy by playwrights Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield. Shakespeare in Detroit (SiD) will present the show Wednesday through May 29 in its new home at the Marygrove Conservancy, 8425 W. McNichols Road in Detroit.

SiD, in its 10th year, returns after four years away from professional programming with the production, powered by a new team and vision. In recent years, the company has focused on educational work.

"This season is special because it's the first year that we've had a permanent residence," said SiD founder Sam White. "That's really unique in Detroit for a small or medium sized theater (company), to have a home in which to build work. We now have our own costume shop, our own offices, and great access to the theater here at Marygrove. There are a lot of (companies) that rent the space, but we're here permanently."

White said "Complete Works" was a "great vehicle" for reintroducing the company after two years of the COVID-19 pandemic.

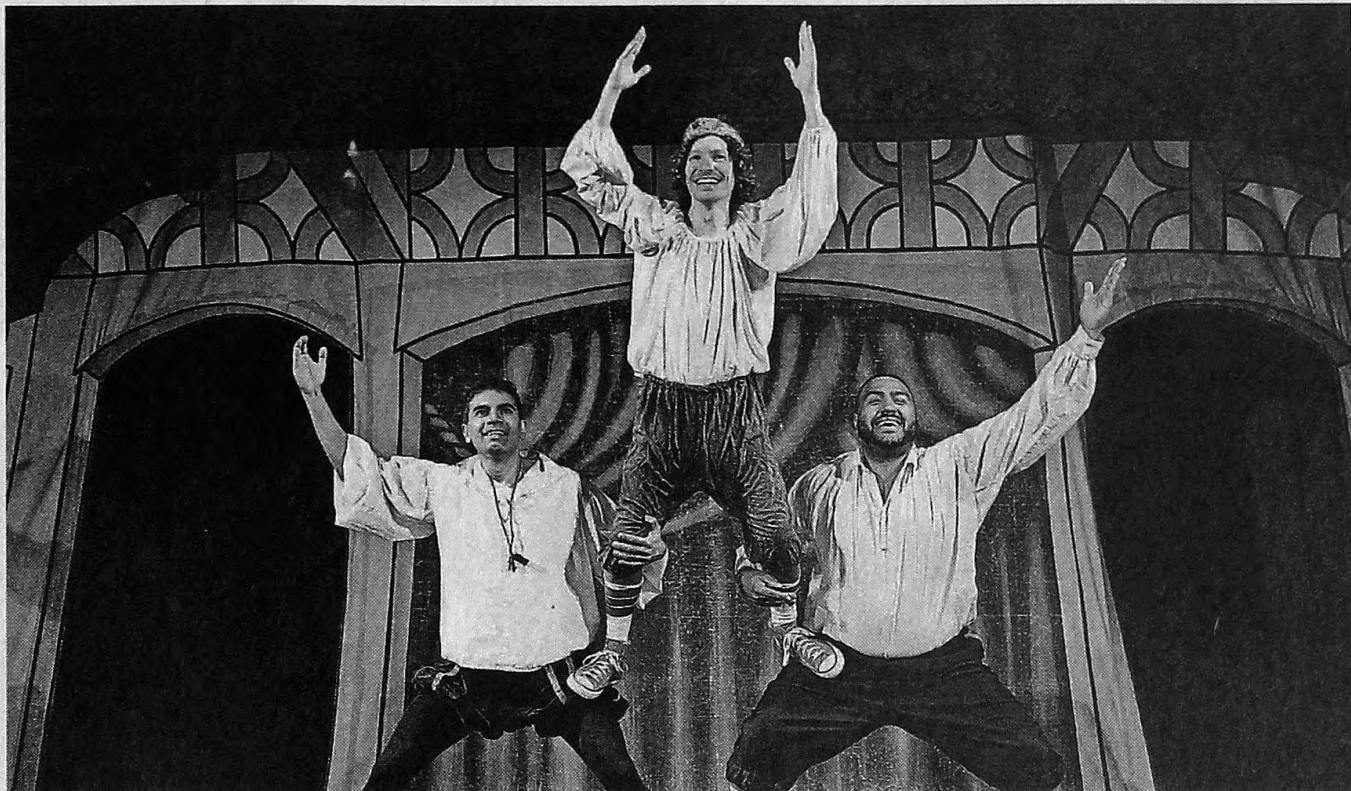
"It's a sprint," she said. "All 37 plays from Shakespeare's canon brought to life in an hour and 15 minutes by three actors. And, you know, if people want to laugh with Shakespeare or at Shakespeare, they can do it with this play. So it was a perfect way to give people some real levity as we reemerge from the pandemic."

Director Reed Martin and actors Gabriel Ross, Lijesh Krishnan and Tré Zijuan Tyler were flown in from San Francisco's African-American Shakespeare Company for the show, and Martin agrees that the play works for people both familiar and unfamiliar with the Bard's work.

"If you like Shakespeare, you'll like the show," Martin said. "If you hate Shakespeare, you'll LOVE the show."

Cast member Krishnan enjoys the broad physical comedy called for in the script.

"It's really funny," he said. "I mean, it's hilarious. It's very physical — each performance is a workout. And it's really tongue-in-cheek, but it's got something for everyone. The Shakespeare aficionados are going to get a lot of the in-jokes and spoofs, but if you're a kid, there's a lot of physical stuff and running around and slapstick."



Actors Lijesh Krishnan, left, Gabriel A. Ross and Trey Tyler rehearse for the "Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) (revised)" at the Marygrove Conservancy. PHOTOS BY MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

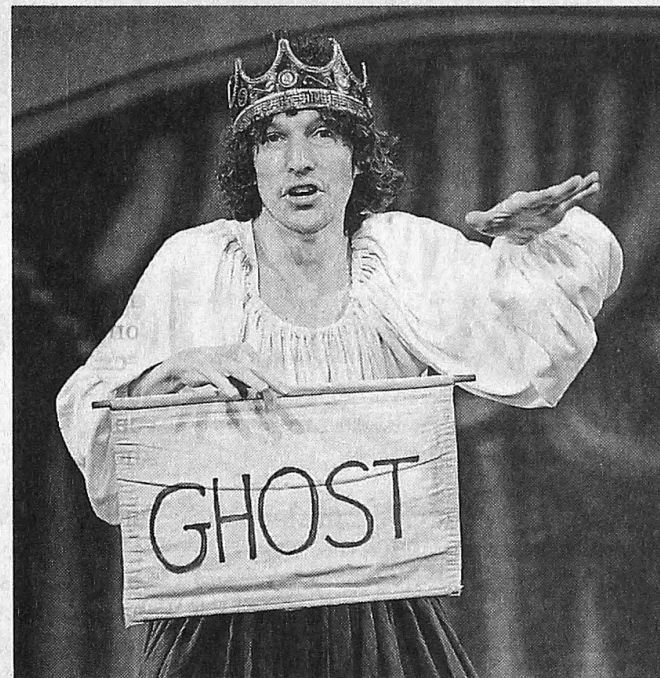
"There's 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'Macbeth' and the tragedies in there too, even, but we get through them quickly and three actors are running around playing a bunch of different roles and changing costumes. It's a lot of fun."

Martin referenced old Looney Tunes animated shorts that parodied classic operas like "The Barber of Seville," which amused children who didn't know classical music, but, without realizing it, found appreciation through enjoying the cartoons.

"If you don't know anything about Shakespeare," he said, "well, it's fast, it's funny and it's physical, and you can enjoy it at that level. So it is a really great introduction for people who don't know Shakespeare to come in. It's very accessible in that way."

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Ross practices his part in the parody, which runs through May 29 at Marygrove Conservancy.

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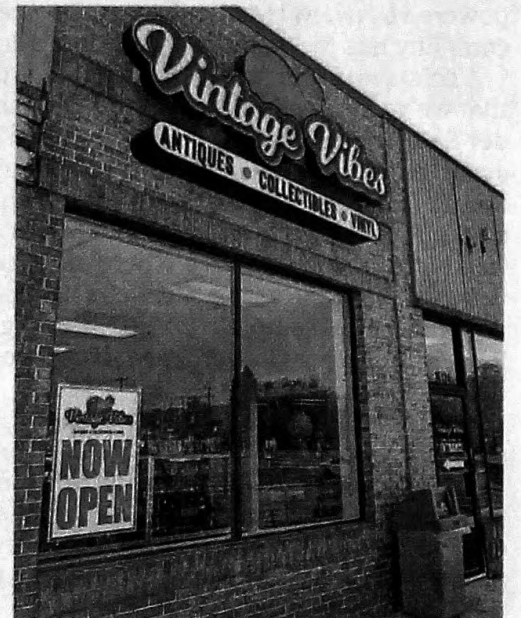
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Vintage Vibes owner Tracy Farley leases out spaces within her shop for sellers to peddle their antiques and collectibles. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Some offerings at Vintage Vibes.



Vintage Vibes at 16128 Middlebelt.

New antique shop opens in Livonia

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From old potato chip canisters and vintage dishware to 1980s era toys, Tracy Farley's new shop has a treasure trove for those waxing nostalgic.

"Dealers are going to be bringing stuff all the time," she said. "Our customers would have interests from all over, from salt-and-pepper shakers to the California Raisins."

"I think it's cool every dealer is different."

Today, treasure hunters can find all

sorts of antiques at Vintage Vibes, Farley's new shop open at 16128 Middlebelt.

Located in the shopping center between Five Mile and Six Mile in the former Funrageous play center and former SVS Vision space, Farley took over two storefronts and combined them into a place for more than a dozen vendors to showcase their goods, with room to grow.

Items range from kitchen items to décor to old toys to a collection of political bins, even vinyl records. The items, Farley said, will change as the individual dealers change their stock.

It's not the first time in the antique business for Farley, a Livonia resident. After another shop on Plymouth Road where she had sold at closed its doors, she decided to open her own.

"I was a dealer at Town and Country (Antiques Mall), as were a lot of people here and we just kind of kept in contact," she said. "I was looking to buy a space initially and I came across this rental and I took it."

Opening in early May after spending three months renovating, Farley said she still has space for a handful of vendors, including in some showcases she

has in a separate room.

The shop has become a labor of love for Farley, who retired a year ago from a corporate job and decided she still wanted to do something with her time. Thus Vintage Vibes was born.

"I just wasn't ready to do nothing all day," she said. "I wasn't there yet."

Vintage Vibes is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. More information can be found on the shop's Facebook page.

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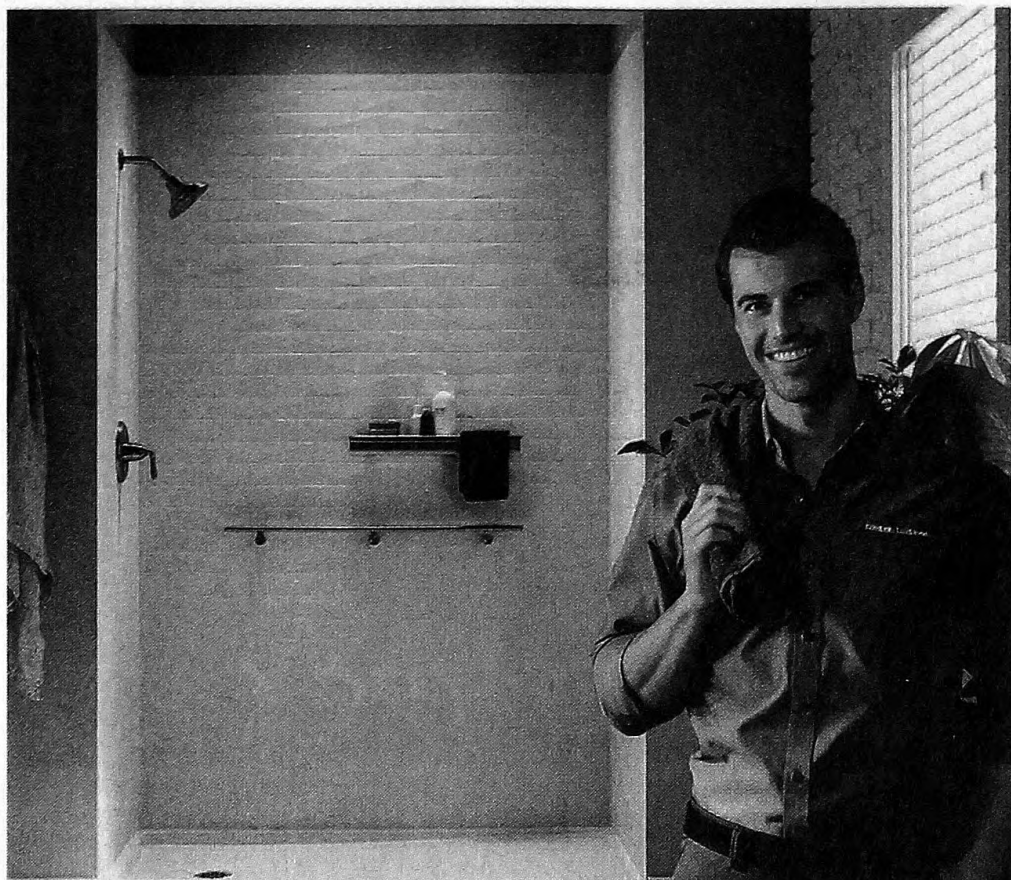
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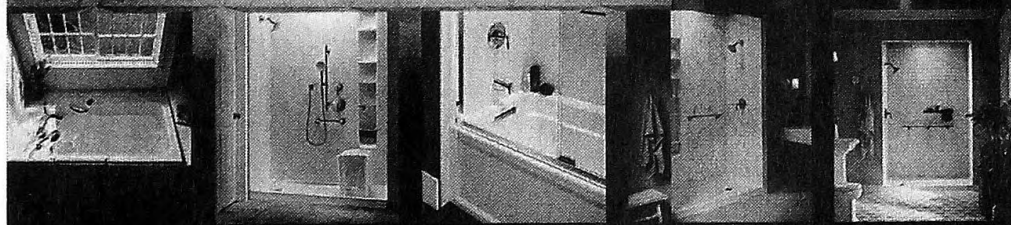
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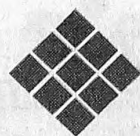
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SPORTS

Roeper freshman midfielder all-in on offense

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Bloomfield Hills Roeper coach Tyler Pemberton pulled Sofia Salinas with about 25 minutes left.

The Roughriders no longer needed her services at midfield. The girls soccer match at Livonia Clarenceville was already well in hand by that time.

And they did, in fact, eventually exit Shaw Stadium with a 7-0 victory.

So what's left for a starter like her to do when she's no longer needed to thread passes or boot in goals? Well, naturally, like most leaders she elected

to cheer on her teammates who were finishing the game on the field.

Of course, this is Sofia Salinas we're talking about. She can't just do something nonchalant.

She has to go all-out when she does literally anything. She's *that* competitive.

So there she was, reaching behind Roeper's bench for a pair of flashy-red cheerleader poms.

She hoisted the poms in the air, well above her head. And then she spread her arms wide. And then she twirled. And then she twirled again. And then she reached downward. And back up again.

Motion after motion after motion, all perfectly executed.

By the time she wrapped up, it looked like a well-rehearsed routine you'd see at halftime of a basketball game.

Yeah, that's Sofia Salinas, one of the most athletic ninth-graders in metro Detroit.

This past winter, she averaged 14.5 points per game on the girls basketball team. She was so well-respected that she received almost 11,000 votes during Hometown Life's fan vote for the top point guard in the area. That was good

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Bloomfield Hills Roeper's Sofia Salinas (right) dribbles past Livonia Clarenceville's Nadia Jackson.
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Marian girls stay focused after tough loss to Regina

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The water breaks every 20 minutes were needed.

The temperature got as high as 82 degrees during Saturday's girls soccer match.

And since Detroit Country Day has an artificial playing surface, you might as well tack on another 10 or 20 degrees because those rubber pellets have no problem scorching in the hot sunlight.

That final break saw Bloomfield Hills Marian senior Ange Briggs grab an ice-cold water bottle, hoist it in the air and then squirt a big stream of water into the mouth of star striker Elle Ervin. It splashed all over.

And then Briggs trickled some down the back of Michigan State signee Isa Agrusso's left leg. And then she did it again to one of Lucy Kinna's legs, enough to get a chuckle out of both teammates.

But it was *that* hot out. The cool-downs were welcomed.

And, believe it or not, that wasn't even Briggs' best assist throughout the 5-0 victory over the Yellowjackets.

No, that would be the beautiful pass she had with just under 3 minutes left in the first half.

The senior corralled a loose ball from Country Day's attack and then booted an absolute laser about 40 or 50 yards down the near sideline to Caroline Flynn. Flynn dribbled the ball to the near post and sent a cross pass in front of the net for Agrusso to tap in for a gimme-goal. It was Agrusso's second of three goals in the match.

But, wow, that pass was something to see. Briggs sailed an absolute rope through the air that hit Flynn in stride. It looked like a Peyton Manning pass to Marvin Harrison on a fly route during Monday Night Football.

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Spartans win KLAA-East



Stevenson's Kaitlin Trantham wears her team's Spartan home run helmet during a game against Franklin on May 12.
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Stevenson softball home-run hitter gets special photo shoot

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Kaitlin Trantham said it's a pretty sweaty feeling underneath that helmet.

But the fact that she's even wearing it is good news for the Livonia Stevenson softball team.

No, not that helmet. Not the one

that protects her noggin when she squares up for a pitch at the plate.

We're talking about *THE* helmet. Whenever a Spartan hitter smashes a home run, after crossing home plate. They're greeted by a mob of teammates, and then they pose in the dugout for a special photo that later ends up on the team's Twitter account.

Except this isn't any old photo. The

home-run hitter gets to put on a Spartan helmet. You know, like that cool metal one Gerard Butler wears in the movie "300."

So, yes, Trantham got to wear that helmet during the May 12 doubleheader against Livonia Franklin, and — oh boy — the Spartans were certainly in dire

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Freshman

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enough to earn her second-team honors on our All-Area team.

Fast forward to this spring, and she has helped the Roughriders (8-2, 5-1) bounce back on the pitch. This is the first season in 3 years the school has fielded girls soccer because there haven't been enough players to have a team. Already, they've knocked off some respectable opponents and currently sit in first place in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red. And they were just ranked No. 13 in the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association's most recent Division 4 poll.

She's not doing it alone, obviously (and we'll get to that later). But much like basketball, she's playing the most important position on the field: Midfielder. A midfielder, for those who don't pay close attention to the nuances of soccer, is like the quarterback of the football team or the point guard in basketball. They're the ones who set up the offense and help others score the points.

Would you be shocked to hear she's also the setter on Roper's volleyball team? You know, the position that sets up others to score the points.

That's why seeing her ignite an impromptu cheer squad on the sideline wasn't too surprising. Heck, she'd probably drive the team's bus to games if the Secretary of State handed out Commercial Driver's Licenses to freshmen.

"It's where I feel naturally drawn to," Salinas said of the allure of playing the hero positions on her teams. "I love having a leadership role, and it also allows me to be supportive of all my teammates as much as I can.

"I think I'm confident in my abilities to make everybody proud on this team."

She's about as well-rounded of an athlete as you can find, and she's only a freshman.

What's more, there are two of her. Well, kind of.

Sofia has a sister, Natalia, who is also incredibly athletic. But since there's only one quarterback on the field at a time, which is always going to be Sofia in this case, Natalia, also a freshman, has taken the next-best job. She's the striker.

Natalia booted in four goals against Clarenceville, even securing a hat-trick



Bloomfield Hills Roper's Natalia Salinas goes on a breakaway against Livonia Clarenceville on May 12 at Shaw Stadium.

BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

before the halftime horn. Her first two goals came off touch passes from her sister. That included Sofia racing up the near sideline, deking her way to the near post and then zipping a pass in front of the net for Natalia to tap in from the backside. It was a beaut.

According to Pemberton, that goal marked the 30th time the Salinas sisters had combined for a goal this spring.

"We've grown up playing sports together on the same team and near the same area of the field, so it's great," said Sofia, who, along with her sister, plays for the prestigious Liverpool Football Club International Academy Michigan when she's not playing one of her three sports at Roper. "I think we really un-

derstand each other without even having to communicate (verbally). We're always on the same page."

Roper has other talented players, including forwards Melissa Olney, who scored the game's first goal in the 12th minute, as well as Ava Thomas.

Sofia has had no trouble finding them open near the net with her passes.

"As a freshman, it's kind of a blessing to have her skills," Pemberton said of his midfielder. "She's good at passing, and she gets people involved. She's good at scoring, and her and her sister both are leading the team. ... Having Sofia in midfield really pulls together the team. Always having control of the ball in the field has just been a blessing, really."

How far the Roughriders go in their first season back is hard to tell.

They received an incredibly tough district tournament draw, as they're in the same pool as second-ranked Madison Heights Bishop Foley and No. 6 Royal Oak Shrine. Should they face either school in the playoffs, an upset win would be worthy of a field storming from the Roper student section in the bleachers.

And you know if a field storming happens, the student who organizes it will most likely be Sofia Salinas.

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Marian

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It was that good. And what made it better is Briggs was playing out of position. Normally, she's a defensive midfielder, but she filled in at center back on defense because the Mustangs were playing shorthanded.

"She had to fill in, but her vision and her patience on the ball is incredible," Marian assistant Eric Puroll said. "The entire team looks to her. She's kind of our heart and soul. When she's on, she's our energy, and the team just plays so much better when Ange is playing well, and she's been playing well all season long, and it's been fun to watch."

Of course, Briggs, who also scored a goal of her own off a free kick from about 25 yards out during the first half, was destined to have a great game at Country Day.

For one, she's one of the senior leaders trying to right Marian's ship before both the Catholic League tournament comes to an end and the Michigan High School Athletic Association playoffs begin. And, for two, Country Day's Shaw Stadium always brings back special memories for Briggs (and we'll talk about why it does later).

Righting the ship? Did it ever get off course in the first place?

Yeah, actually it did earlier in the week.

On May 10, its match with Regina saw the Satellites grab a 2-0 lead before halftime. And then the Mustangs, you know, the same squad that has won four-straight Division 2 state titles and has been ranked No. 1 by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association all season long, had somewhat of a meltdown in the second half.

Marian (10-1, 9-1 CHSL) couldn't even muscle a goal against Regina, and in the final few minutes, a few players attempted the comeback on their own by playing hero ball.

The Mustangs rarely lose. But this loss might be the perfect wake-up call as they approach the win-or-go-home part of their schedule.

"Honestly, that Regina loss is what we needed," Briggs said. "We just had too much confidence as a team, saying, 'Yeah, we're not going to lose.' There had been times when we started down and tied games up and got last-minute



Bloomfield Hills Marian's Isa Agrusso (left) pushes the ball past Detroit Country Day defenders May 14. Country Day won, 5-0.

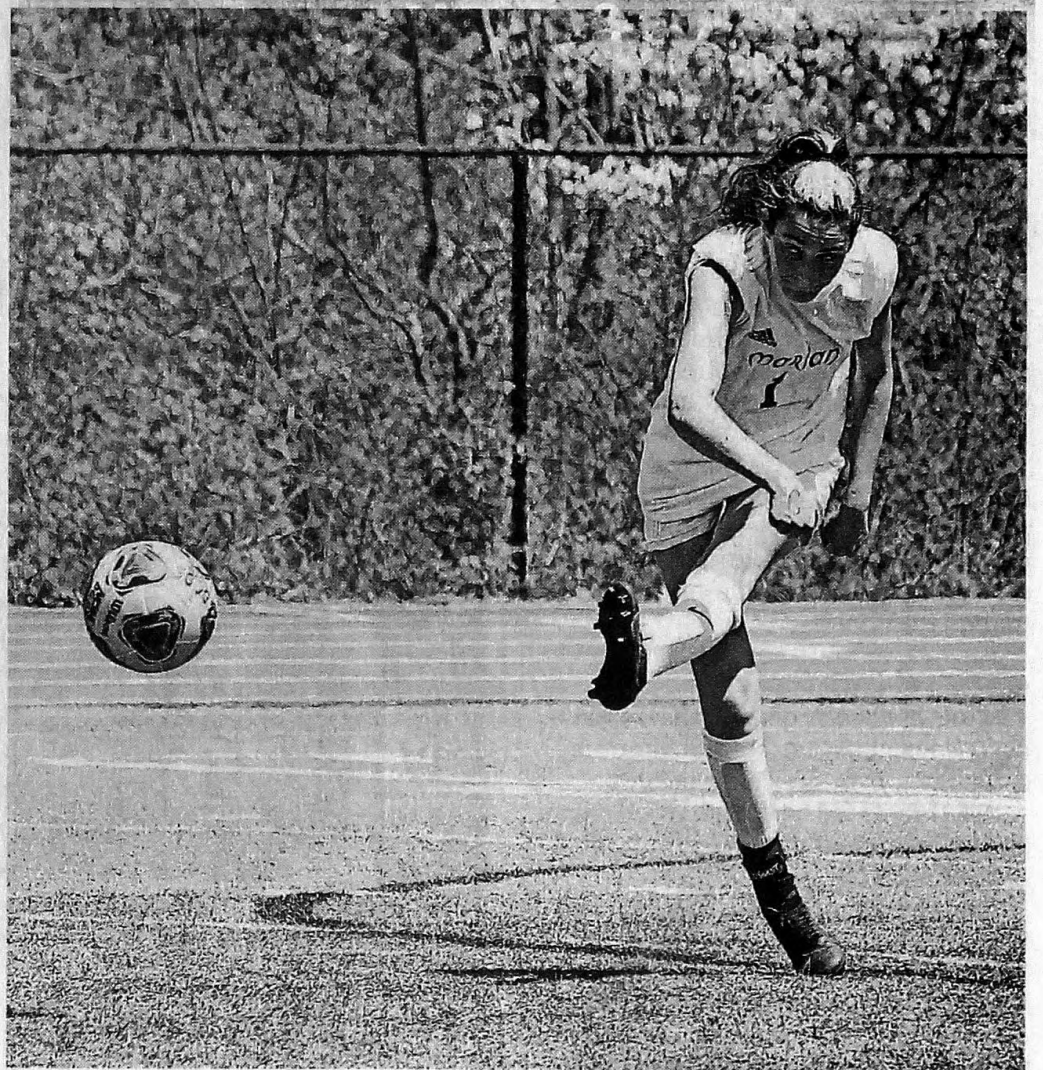
goals. Regina finally proved to us that we can't just expect to keep on winning. We have to put in the discipline and put in the work.

"Honestly, since the Regina game, we've done a way better job communicating as a team and playing together. If you were there, you would know a lot of people were being selfish, and they were trying to do it themselves instead of playing good balls. Honestly, no one had a really good game that day. No one was covering for their teammates. It just brought us closer together as a team and we bounced back really well from that."

The Mustangs have since picked up big wins over Macomb Lutheran North and Country Day.

It appears they're now zeroed in as they prepare for next week's Catholic League tournament championship and the start of the D-2 district tournament.

"It's tough to get punched in the mouth like that," Puroll said. "Regina played harder than us and with a lot more intensity. What we've been preaching in practice and in film is that we've got to start with intensity. And we have to start together and play as one unit. The last two games have been great. The practices have been great. And, really, it's about just starting with energy and continuing to play with en-



Bloomfield Hills Marian's Ange Briggs passes up the field.

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ergy throughout the entire game."

Now, let's get back to Shaw Stadium, a place that Briggs, a returning first-team all-stater, will always look at fondly.

Last summer, she attended college identification camps in hopes of catching on with a team at the next level.

One of those camps happened to be an 8-hour tryout on Country Day's field. Coaches from all over Michigan and all across the country came to find players to add to their squads.

One of the teams present was Saint Francis College-Brooklyn, a small Division I school in Brooklyn, New York.

"Basically, I had a really good camp," Briggs said. "I loved, loved, loved the coach. She was so nice from the beginning. I got her number, and we started talking. She was really nice, and she was like, 'Hey, I really love you as a player,' and I was like, 'Hey, I really love you as a coach.'"

SFC coach Justine Lombardi invited Briggs on a visit to the school. An offer to join the team came shortly afterward.

And, no, Briggs had never heard of SFC until she met Lombardi. But, to be fair, she had never heard of a lot of colleges until she started playing high school soccer.

"All I knew before high school was Michigan and Michigan State," Briggs admitted. "I didn't really know anything about college, so, for me, it wasn't ever about name brands. It was about finding a place I'd be happy and treated well.

"And I definitely think I found it."

So much so that Briggs officially signed with SFC a day after the Regina loss, a day that also doubled as her birthday. That's one heck of a way to start Marian's bounce back.

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Stevenson's Kaitlin Trantham rounds third base after smashing a home run against Franklin on May 12. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Spartans

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need of her quick jaunt around the bases.

Everything you possibly could've imagined for a regular-season matchup was on the line.

Not only was Stevenson gunning for the city championship for being the top team in Livonia but it was also going for the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East title and a chance to play in the KLAA tournament.

And not only were the Spartans shooting for those two trophies, but they were also hoping for the three-peat. That's right. They also won both titles during the 2019 and 2021 seasons. Had the COVID-19 pandemic not forced the Michigan High School Athletic Association to cancel all spring sports in

2020, this might have been a four-peat for Stevenson.

And, lastly, it was also senior day. It was the last time Stevenson's four seniors were playing on their home field in a traditional, regular-season game (they'll play another home game next week, but we'll talk about that later).

So, yeah, there was a lot on the line, and all the Spartans needed to do was beat rival Franklin just once in the doubleheader.

It wasn't looking good early on. The Patriots grabbed a 2-0 lead in Game 1, and Stevenson's bats were super quiet.

But after a skull session with coach Kevin Hannigan, the Spartans started showing signs of life in the fifth inning.

McKenzie Cook knotted the score with a two-run double.

And then Trantham stepped to the plate with a chance to be the hero.

"I'm just thinking there's no way I can strike out right now," the senior said.



From left, Stevenson's Janie West, Kaitlin Trantham, Emily Maliszweski and Gabby Krekeler were each celebrated on senior night May 12.

"There's no way I can't hit the ball right now. And it just hit the bat, and when it came off the bat, I just knew it was gone."

Trantham smoked a three-run homer that put the Spartans ahead once and for all.

And then Cook tacked on an insurance run with a solo dinger in the sixth to secure the 8-2 victory.

The Spartans came through with the three-peat on senior day.

"Kaitlin blew it open for us," Hannigan said. "We just talked (in the dugout) about what they were throwing. We talked about what we had to do to adjust to their pitching. They finally took what we told them during the game and adjusted in the fifth inning. The bats went wide open. We batted through the lineup all with hits, so it was nice to see."

Lily Malamis closed out the game in the pitcher's circle, giving up just the two runs on seven hits. She struck out six.

"I think once one person starts it off, we all just kind of string it together," Trantham said. "We just work really well as a team, hitting-wise."

"We definitely met our goals, and I'm really happy we got to meet them today. It was just really special to me as a senior to see us keeping this going year after year. Now it's just the expectation for

Stevenson to keep (winning the City and KLAA-East championships). I just hope the girls keep continuing this after us seniors leave."

The postgame cookout would've been a little more enjoyable had Stevenson completed the sweep, but Franklin grabbed an 8-0 lead in Game 2 and never looked back. The Spartans ultimately held the Patriots to just one more run and got their bats going again later in the night, but nine runs were too many to come back from.

Franklin held on for the 9-8 win in the nightcap.

But that's OK. The Spartans met their regular-season goals and, hopefully, make a deep run when the MHSAA postseason kicks off in a few weeks.

And, most importantly, Stevenson's four seniors, Trantham, Janie West, Emily Maliszweski and Gabby Krekeler, got to celebrate going 3 for 3 winning both City and division championships during their careers.

That's something that can't be taken away from them, even if it meant Trantham had to put on that big ole helmet.

"It's sweaty, but it's fun," she said. "And it's cool. It's cool to be in it."

Brandon Folsom covers high school sports for *Hometown Life*. Follow him on Twitter @folsombrandonj.

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SWEET SUCCESS

Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 73-1 in past 2 years, wins with candy, chemistry

Tony Garcia Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Orchard Lake St. Mary's baseball team doesn't play favorites when it comes to candy.

Twizzlers, Airheads, SweeTarts — whatever you need, it's likely inside one of the buckets in the Eaglets' dugout on game day.

"We always have candy in the dugout, kids getting sugar in their system, that helps bring the energy," said OLSM's leadoff hitter and Michigan State commit, Jake Dresselhouse. "Guys stay loud throughout the entire game, that helps our players out in the field."

"Oh yeah, we got candy for days," said Ryan McKay, a junior also committed to MSU. "People can get a little tired when it's warm out, so we like to snack, it gets everybody going and that's always fun."

The candy obsession is new this year since assistant coach Aaron Wilson joined the staff. But the chemistry it helps foster has long been around.

That energy is necessary, because when you're the No. 1 ranked high school baseball team in the nation, it can almost be a lose-lose situation (even if all you ever do is win).

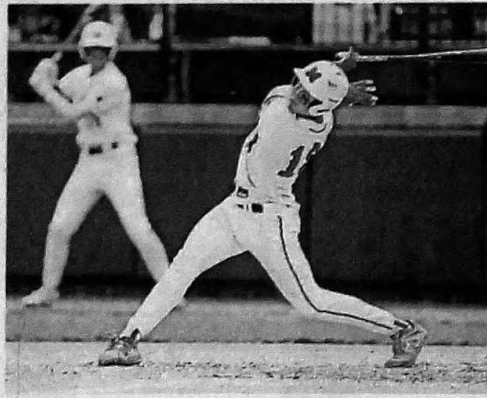
Come out on top, and it was expected. Fall short? The other team is partying like they won a championship.

"It's something we as coaches mention to them, saying, 'Hey, other teams want to beat you every time out, you're going to see their best arm every time out,'" said OLSM coach Matt Petry. "You just can't get too comfortable with where you are as a team, you always have to be working and bring your best game."

Next-level talent

If the Eaglets did "get too comfortable," it would almost be understandable.

The lineup and pitching rotation are littered with players going to Division I college programs: Clemson (Brock Porter), Auburn (Ike Irish), Tennessee



Orchard Lake St. Mary's Ike Irish bats against New Boston Huron in 2021.

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Matt Petry
Orchard Lake St. Mary's coach

(Blake Grimmer), Notre Dame (Ryan Mooney), Michigan (Jack Crighton, Jensen Oliver and Nolan Schubart) Michigan State (Dresselhouse and McKay) and Kent State (Ciaran Caughey).

That depth is how OLSM became the 2021 national champions according to Collegiate Baseball, going 43-1 on the year. It was a nearly flawless season, but the first thing Petry brought up was the number in the right column.

"We had a great pitching staff, great lineup, going 43-1 was special, lost a



Orchard Lake St. Mary's first baseman Blake Grimmer, left, celebrates scoring a run against Detroit Edison at the Corner Ballpark in Detroit on May 13.

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tough game to Saline 2-1 but it was a great year overall," he said. "Anytime you can win your last game, it's a successful season."

The Eaglets lost three out of their five starting pitchers from last year's Division 2 state championship team but they're still led by one of the most talented high school pitchers in the history of the state.

"He's the best I've ever seen (at this level), he's phenomenal," Petry said of Porter, widely projected to be a first-round pick in July's MLB draft. "He has a fastball he can run into the triple digits, sits comfortably 94-97 and a very good changeup."

"The thing for him this year is he's developed a power slider, that's been a real difference-maker."

In six starts, Porter is 5-0 with a 0.20 ERA, 0.457 WHIP and has given up just three hits, 13 walks and one earned run, while striking out 71 batters in 35 innings. Not to mention, he's hitting .500 (13-for-26) with four home runs and 16 RBIs.

Petry said there are on average 40-45 scouts every time Porter takes the mound. He called it a testament to Porter and the state of the OLSM program.

"It's pretty special seeing (the scouts) all there behind the backstop," Petry said. "But it's something over the last two years, we've had guys at every one

of our games, so it's something our guys are used to, they don't get overwhelmed by it or try to do too much."

Crighton, a four-year starter who Petry called the most consistent bat in the lineup, is hitting .448 with a .547 OBP including two home runs and 21 RBIs.

The Auburn-bound Irish has belted a team-high eight home runs and 29 RBIs and has a .568 OBP in 113 plate appearances.

Schubart, a lefty, with "the most power I've seen (in high school)" according to Petry, also has eight home runs.

Dresselhouse leads the team in RBIs (34) and runs (41), Grimmer is among the team leaders in home runs (seven), RBIs (33) and runs (34) and McKay is one of eight batters who have at least 70 plate appearances with an OPS above 1.000.

"That's the great thing about having a lineup that has as much talent as we have, it doesn't put pressure on just a couple guys," Petry said. "You know, it's baseball, if they have an 0-for-3 or an 0-for-4 day, they know their teammates will pick them up."

Oliver, third on the team with 32 RBIs, features as low-90s fastball and has turned into the closer. Parker Brzuste-wicz is fifth on the team with a .404 average and is a perfect 6-0 on the

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VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING 06/22/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE is given to all persons in the Village of Beverly Hills that a public hearing will be held during the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:30pm at the Village of Beverly Hills Office at 18500 W 13 Mile Rd, Beverly Hills, MI 48025 to solicit comments on the rezoning of Riverside Park (TH-24-02-151-017) and Beverly Green (TH-24-01-284-001) from R-1 and R-2B single family residential to PP-public property.

Interested parties are encouraged to attend and comment during the meeting. Those unable to attend may submit written comments to the Planning Commission prior to 4:30pm on June 22, 2022. Written comments should be mailed to: Planning Commission, 18500 W 13 Mile Rd, Beverly Hills, MI 48025 or via email to cbrown@villagebeverlyhills.com

KRISTIN RUTKOWSKI
VILLAGE CLERK

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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

The Farmington Public School District will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for the 2022-2023 school year at the meeting of the Board of Education for the Farmington Public School District beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

The proposed budget will be posted on the District's website: www.farmington.k12.mi.us after May 31, 2022.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

Angie F. Smith
Secretary, Board of Education

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NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF SITE PLAN & SPECIAL LAND USE PROPOSAL

43003 WOODWARD AVENUE
(SIDWELL NO: 19-03-351-003)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan on **Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Bloomfield Township Hall Auditorium, 4200 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

At the hearing, the Board will consider a site plan and special land use request to redevelop the Mobil gas station located at the northwest corner of Woodward Avenue and Square Lake Road. The owners are seeking to operate the establishment for twenty-four hours as part of the site plan.



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Agenda & Packet

Comments regarding this proposal may be provided at the meeting or by contacting the Planning Division at (248) 433-7795.

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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK

NOTE: The Charter Township of Bloomfield will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at all meetings to individuals with disabilities. All such requests must be made at least five days prior to said meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Bloomfield Township by writing or calling the following: Letter • Bloomfield Township Clerk's Office, 4200 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Email • clerk@bloomfieldtp.org Phone • 248-433-7702.

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INVITATION TO BID BID NO. 9945

PLAYGROUND LOOSE FILL SURFACING MATERIAL AND INSTALLATION FOR TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Troy School District will receive firm, sealed bids for furnishing, delivering and installing new Playground Loose Fill Surfacing Material for Troy Schools.

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" and go into the "Current Bids" tab, scroll down to locate and access the bid document.

Your proposal and one copy marked "Bid 9945 Playground Loose Fill Surfacing Material" must be delivered no later than 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 25, 2022, Troy School District Maintenance/Operations and Purchasing Offices, 1140 Rankin, Troy, MI 48083, 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.

No pre-bid conference will be held; however, contractors/vendors are encouraged to perform site visits which need to be pre-arranged by contacting Rob Carson - Director of Operations via phone or email (248-823-4067; rcarson@troy.k12.mi.us). 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. All questions must be received no later than noon, Friday, May 20, 2022, at no other time prior to the bid opening will questions/concerns be addressed or accepted and may be faxed to: 248.823.4077, or emailed as a Word document to: PurchasingOffice@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.

In accordance with Michigan Compiled Laws Section 129.201, successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more, for any bid category, will be required to furnish a U.S. Treasury Listed Company Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be identified within each proposal.

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.

Purchasing Department
Troy School District
1140 Rankin
Troy, MI 48083
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Orchard Lake St. Mary's right fielder Nolan Schubart slides into home for a run against Detroit Edison during the fourth inning at The Corner Ballpark on May 13. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

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ground with a 1.75 ERA, 0.75 WHIP and 44 strikeouts in 24 innings.

Oh, and Caughey threw a no-hitter on Saturday.

You get the idea.

"It's great when you have guys who can go from pitching or hitting, we really have it all around," said Dresselhouse. "If a kid gets injured or isn't throwing strikes that day, we always have someone to back him up at all times."

Let it roll

The Eaglets are 30-0 on the season, as the Catholic League playoffs and state tournament draw near.

They're ranked first or second in nearly every national poll.

The real pressure days are approaching, which is why every player and coach who spoke last Friday, when OLSM beat Detroit Edison, 8-1, at the Corner Ballpark, talked about staying loose.

"We're all really close," Dresselhouse said. "We like to go bowling after school or practice, we hang at each other's houses, things like that brings us closer more than just on the field."

The bowling hit a new level last month, when the team had day off in Ohio. They went to the nearest bowling alley where Grant Essig and Kyle Crockett won the "Inaugural Eaglet Baseball Invitational."

But neither was named as the best

bowler on the team according to a few players. That honor belongs to McKay, whose best game score is 290.

"It depends," he said with a laugh. "If there's money on the line I may go a little harder, but if not then maybe not."

Beyond the lanes, players say they spend the majority of their time together. In the winter, it's basketball at Ryan Mooney's court in his basement. Other days, it's whiffle ball.

"It starts off the field, we really honestly do have that chemistry," McKay said. "At the end of the day, that's what connects everyone because we trust each other."

"Trust is the biggest thing, so if it's bases loaded with two outs, I'm not looking for my mitt thinking whoever is up is going to get out. I have that trust and that's what we do."

It's times like a trip to a recent Tigers game to celebrate the senior class that helps build that trust. It's the perfect 20-0 league record to earn the No. 1 seed in the Catholic League tournament — which starts this week — that shows the players it's working.

But through it all, the back-to-back state championships, the 73-1 record over the past two seasons and the plethora of Division I talent, the Eaglets have stayed grounded.

And that's how they win.

"When we come to a ball game, we never think we're going to roll over a team," McKay said. "We go into every game thinking it's baseball, one pitcher can change a whole game, so when we go out, we do know that talent wise we've got it, so we all just dial in when it comes to game time."

PUBLIC HEARING

Branch Line School, a Michigan public charter school, located 16360 Hubbard, Livonia, will hold a public hearing at this location, on June 9, 2022 at 5:30 pm to view the 22-23 proposed budget. Budget available for public inspection at: www.branchlineschool.org

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Ivywood Classical Academy

Public Budget Hearing

Ivywood Classical Academy Board of Directors will hold a public budget hearing on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Ivywood Classical Academy located at 14356 Genoa Ct., Plymouth, MI 48170. Copies of the budget may be reviewed at the Academy office or received by calling 616-785-8440. **Purpose of the meeting is for the Academy Board to receive public comments on the proposed school budget for the 2022-2023 school year. Public is invited to attend.**

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Planning Commission will hold Public Hearings on **Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** or soon thereafter, in the City Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearings, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of **THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING** is to solicit public comments on a request to rezone property located at the northeast corner of Cherry Hill Road and Arcola Avenue, Parcel ID# 35-015-01-0051-001, from C-1, Local Business District and C-3, General Business District to R-3, Multiple Family Residential.

The purpose of **THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING** is to solicit public comments on a request to conditionally rezone property located at the northwest corner of Pardo and Rahn Streets, Parcel ID# 35-021-01-1246-000, more commonly known as 33111 Ford Road, from R-1, One Family Residential to Conditional C-2, Community Business District. The property owner's request is to only allow for the property to be used for professional office space.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the applications and supporting materials may be examined at the Building Department Offices in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the hearing or requested from the City Planner by email at planning@gardencitymi.org.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: Planning and Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, MI 48135 or emailed to the City Planner at planning@gardencitymi.org until 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Plymouth Housing Commission has developed its 2022 Annual Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It will be available for review upon request by May 26, 2022. Requests can be made by contacting Plymouth Housing Commission by email at:

hcvprogram@plymouthhousing.net.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 beginning at 5:00 pm.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **District-Wide Waste Disposal and Recycling Services**. Specifications and bid forms are available on the district website, and from Purchasing Coordinator Kenetra Tisby at (734)416-4895 or kenetra.tisby@pccsk12.com. Technical questions should be directed to Tim Gruszczynski of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2970. Sealed bids are due to the P-CCS - E.J McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Bids received after 2:00 p.m. will not be accepted. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2022-23 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., the Board of Education of Oakland Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2022-2023 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2022-2023 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2022-2023 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection by emailing boardofed@oakland.k12.mi.us.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Dr. Theresa Rich, Secretary
Board of Education of Oakland Schools

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CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIII of the Livonia Vision 21 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2022-04-03-01 submitted by Stonefield Engineering & Design, on behalf of Haggerty Residential L.L.C., pursuant to Section 12.08 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, to determine whether or not to vacate portions of an existing sanitary sewer easement at 19750 Haggerty Road, located on the east side of Haggerty Road, between Seven Mile and Eight Mile Roads in the Southwest ¼ of Section 6.

The above-mentioned petitions will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the scheduled public hearing and may be examined upon request by emailing Planning@livonia.gov or by calling (734) 466-2290 during normal working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Ian Wilshaw, Chairman

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CITY OF FARMINGTON NOTICE OF PROVISIONS OF THE NOXIOUS WEED ORDINANCE

TO: All owners, occupants or possessors of lands or lots:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 19, Article VI, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Farmington, Michigan, all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush, or deleterious, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of eight (8) inches, growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City of Farmington, shall be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, at least twice in each year, once during the last half of the month of May and again during the last half of July of each year and more often as may be necessary.

If the owner or occupant, or any person or persons, agent, firm, or corporation having control or management of any subdivided land upon which any building or buildings have been erected shall fail, refuse, or neglect to comply with the above-mentioned Code provisions, the City shall cause the weeds, grass, brush, deleterious, unhealthy growths, rubbish, to be cut down, destroyed, or removed. Provided, further, that any lands which are situated within the floodplains or any natural streams or watercourses, or any area between the lower or upper banks of such streams or watercourses shall be exempted from the provisions of such Code provisions. The expense incurred by the City in the cutting, destruction, or removal of same together with a ten (10) percent administrative charge will be levied and collected against such property in the manner provided by law.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 19, Article VI, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Farmington, Michigan, may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

Department of Public Services
City of Farmington

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City of Plymouth Planning Commission Public Hearing Notice

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

City Hall & Online Zoom Webinar

201 S. Main Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170

Website: www.plymouthmi.gov Phone: (734) 453-1234 ext. 232

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. located at City Hall & online Zoom Webinar to consider the following:

- PUBLIC HEARING FOR:**
SP22-02: 340 N. Main, Special Land Use and Site Plan Review
- PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING REQUEST:**
RZ 22-01: 110 W. Ann Arbor Trail
Rezoning Request of I-2, Heavy Industrial District to B1, Local Business District
Applicant: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks 325
- PUBLIC HEARING FOR:**
SP22-03: 110 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Special Land Use and Site Plan Review

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 234

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Explaining Business Casual: When It Is and Isn't Appropriate

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If you're like many employees, you probably enjoy business casual work environments. After all, swapping formal suit jackets and stiff shoes for more comfortable options can certainly feel a whole lot better!

But if you're starting a new job, you might wonder if business casual there is the same as it was in your previous work experiences.

It's a fair question, especially since no clear, standardized definition of "business casual" exists. What's business casual in one environment might not work in another. And even within the same company, what works at one location might not work elsewhere. If you're working remotely, business casual might be defined differently than working in the office, and business casual for interviews is often different from what you'd choose to wear as an employee.

And so the conundrum continues.

But don't sweat it. We're here to help!

What is Business Casual?

Think of it this way—businesses simply want to know that their employees are always representing the company in the best way possible, which includes their wardrobe choices. Thus, the general consensus is that business casual is a professional yet more relaxed dress code. It doesn't mean ripped jeans or tattered shoes, but depending on the work environment, it might allow for wrinkle-free khakis, loafers, and even hole-free jeans.



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Basics of Business Casual Attire

No matter what your organization's dress code is, you want to dress for success. Fortunately, there are some guidelines to consider so you have the bases covered, whether you're interviewing, working remotely, or going into an office where business casual is the norm.

The next two sections cover wardrobe options that work generally well for most business casual environments, including tech and start-up environments. Using these business casual outfit tips for both men and women, you can choose your wardrobe with confidence.

Business Casual Outfits for Women

Business casual outfit options for women include a combination of the following: blouse, twinset, dress slacks,

knee-length skirt, blazer, dress socks, and optional hosiery. Closed-toed shoes are generally preferred, though peep-toe shoes and sandals might be allowed in some work environments. In terms of colors, all hues are typically acceptable, though busy patterns might be frowned upon.

Some staples for any working woman's closet include:

- **Tops:** cardigans, polo shirts, twinsets, sweaters, and button-down blouses
- **Bottoms:** corduroy pants, twill pants, khakis, and conservative skirts
- **Dresses:** sheath and A-line styles
- **Accessories:** closed-toed dress shoes, loafers, simple earrings and necklaces, leather belts, dress socks, and hosiery

Having a couple of casual tailored blazers and jackets is also a good op-

tion to include in a female's business casual wardrobe.

Business Casual Outfits for Men

Business casual outfit options for men include a combination of the following: chinos, dress slacks, jacket, dark socks, and a button-down shirt. Dress shoes are generally preferred, though more casual loafers might be permissible in some work environments. Like women's clothing, solid colors work best. Busy patterns should generally be avoided.

Some staples for any working man's closet include:

- **Tops:** cardigans, polo shirts, sweaters, and button-down shirts
- **Bottoms:** wool or cotton pants, and khakis
- **Accessories:** leather belts, leather shoes, loafers, ties, and dark socks

Having a couple of casual suit jackets or sports coats is also a good option for men as part of their business casual wardrobe. Additionally, well-fitting dark jeans may be appropriate in some business casual offices.

When in Doubt, Ask

These tips will help you successfully design your wardrobe to support a business casual work environment. And when in doubt, ask. If you're interviewing, ask the recruiter or hiring manager what appropriate attire is for an interview. Or, if you're just starting out with the company, ask HR or your supervisor what's considered appropriate business casual attire. From there, you can design your outfits to impress.

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