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## Images of Black men on targets at Hills police training range prompt city review

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Photographs taken during a Boy Scouts field trip to the Farmington Hills Police Department shooting range have prompted allegations of racial bias at the department and pledges from offi-

cial to conduct a comprehensive review of the concerns.

The photographs showed all the hanging targets in the department's firearms training area were Black men.

In one photograph, there were four side-by-side printouts of a Black man with a weapon. In another, a child is lift-

ing one of the printouts of an armed Black man, showing an image of another armed Black man underneath.

Farmington Hills Police Chief Jeff King said in a press release two days after learning of the complaint that the department has been "mischaracterized" and said the children saw "a varie-

ty of targets" representative of the city's racial demographics. The photos shared publicly reflected only Black targets.

Southfield attorney Dionne Webster-Cox, who is working with the family who raised the complaints, held a press

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## 'Romeo and Juliet' first show for outdoor Shakespeare event

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The cast of a free production of "Romeo and Juliet" taking place in Livonia this summer hopes people become just as enamored with the art form as they are.

"I hope that people show up," said Kyle Fisher-Grant, the Livonia native directing the show. "We've put a ton of work into it, and I think the show is going to have some gravitas to it. Shakespeare is taken for granted and lots of people think it's like any other play, but that's not the way we've treated it."

Livonia's parks department is one of the main sponsors of the event. Ted Davis, parks superintendent, attends Royal Oak's Shakespeare in the Park performances every year and has long sought something similar for Livonia.

"I've always wanted to do it," he said. "Last year, I said that's it and we're going to do this. I literally went back to the office Monday morning and started reaching out to theater groups."

Livonia Community Theatre helped assemble the cast and crew, all of whom are volunteering their talents and time.

Fisher-Grant said he picked "Romeo and Juliet" because most people have some familiarity with the story. He hopes a familiar play will draw in die-hard fans and make the event less intimidating for people who have never seen a Shakespeare play in person.

"I wanted this to be a project that we do each year," he said. "That's my hope. So, I wanted to start off with a bang. 'Romeo and Juliet' is a very special show in that everybody has a relationship with it already."

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Cristina Pellerano rehearses a scene for "Romeo and Juliet," the first show in Livonia's Shakespeare in the park schedule. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Five run for seat in new state Senate District 5

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There are plenty of choices when it comes to selecting a senator from the new 5th State Senate District.

Three Republicans and two Democrats are on the primary ballot for the Aug. 2 primary: Democrat Dayna Polehanki of Livonia, Democrat Velma Jean Overman of Inkster, Republican Emily Bauman of Westland, Republican Jody Rice-White of Livonia, Republican Leonard Scott, Jr., of Canton Township.

The district includes all of Westland, Garden City, Canton Township, Inkster and southwest Livonia.

One Democrat and one Republican will advance to the general election and face off against the winner of the other party's primary.

Polehanki is a current state senator, representing the 7th District. Overman is a community activist involved in several organizations across Inkster, Wayne County and Michigan, as well as a precinct delegate. Bauman is a former state House candidate who ran in 2020. Rice-White is a former candidate for several offices, including city clerk, school board and state representative, as well as previously serving as a state committeewoman for the 13th congressional district. Scott is employed as a truck driver.

Below are the responses to several questions Hometown Life asked the candidates to answer. Bauman and Scott did not respond to the questions.

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## Founders Festival lineup promises summertime fun

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Summertime in Farmington means farmers markets, outdoor music and, of course, the annual Greater Farmington Founders Festival.

The popular event takes place July 14-16 in downtown Farmington. The event will, however, relocate this year to the parking lot on Warner Street, adjacent to Farmington Road, due to ongoing road work on Farmington Road.

Attendees can expect the family-friendly activities, vendors and other attractions they know and love.

Check out the full schedule of events:

### Thursday, July 14

**5-11 p.m.** Beer tent opens.

**7 p.m.** Adults 21+ can kick things off at the beer tent for a concert from Local Heroes. People must present a valid ID and pay a \$5 cover charge to enter the tent every day after 6 p.m.

### Friday, July 15

**10 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Farmington Fido Fest takes place at Riley Park. Pets and pet owners can come by for some entertainment and competition.

**10 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Crafters market featuring vintage décor, clothing, handmade foods, furniture and more.

**10 a.m. to 8 p.m.** A kids area featuring inflatables, face painting, crafts and more is open. On Friday only, the area will also feature emergency vehicles, a street sweeper and big trucks kids can explore between 1-3 p.m.

**Noon to 2 p.m.** Mark Reitenga plays at the beer tent.

**2:30-5 p.m.** Cheyenne Goff plays at the beer tent.

**5:30-8 p.m.** Howlin' Mercy plays at the beer tent.

**8:30-11 p.m.** Fifty Amp Fuse, a band that's been visiting Founders Fest for years, plays at the beer tent.

### Saturday, July 16

**9 a.m.** LOC Credit Union is again hosting its color run. The 5K run takes place throughout downtown and Shiawassee Park. Registration is open now and costs \$30.

**9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Farmington's weekly farmers market, which usually happens at Riley Park, moves to Farmington High School for the day. Farmington High is located at 32000 Shiawassee Road.

**10 a.m.** The annual Founders Festival Parade takes place along Grand River Avenue downtown. The parade features local groups, sports teams, businesses and community leaders.

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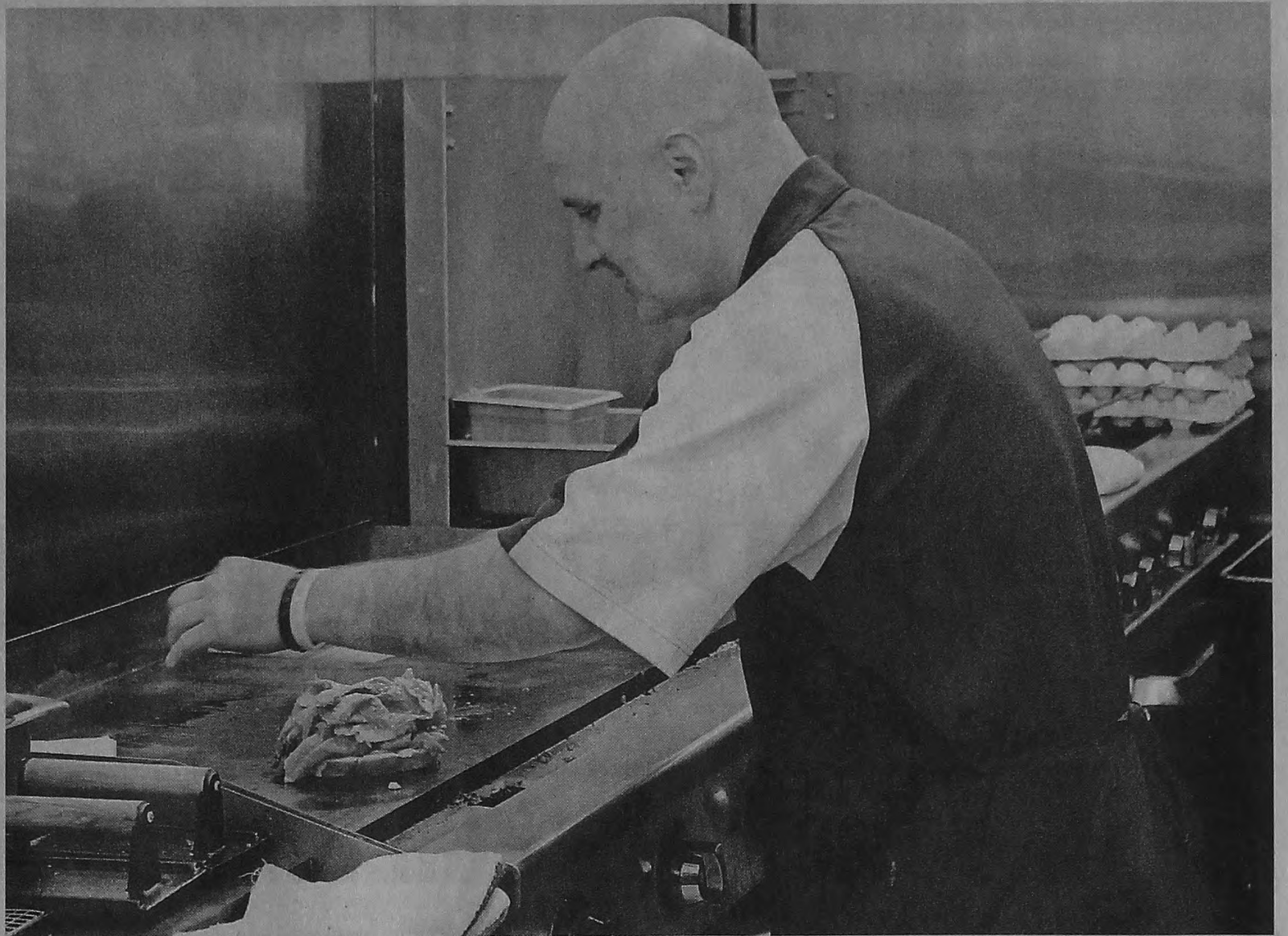
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**2:30-5 p.m.** Just 2 Guitars plays at the beer tent.

**5:30-8 p.m.** Cody Boggs Band plays at the beer tent.



Co-owner Larry Orosi preps a sandwich in the kitchen of Farmington Grill. The restaurant recently opened in the former Panera Bread building on Grand River. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Farmington Grill opens in former Panera Bread building

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There's a new option to grab some classic comfort food in Farmington.

Recently replacing the former Panera Bread at 34635 Grand River is the Farmington Grill, a new family dining establishment opened by business partners Larry Orosi and Tom Karaqi.

The restaurant is the first ownership venture for the two, who have restaurant experience in other places before hand.

Orosi said he began looking in spring 2021 for a space and found the former chain restaurant building through someone he knows.

"A friend of mine, he owns the building. He offered me this place and said, 'I have a good spot for you if you're interested to open something for yourself,'" Orosi said. "All of a sudden, prayers and dedication, they all worked together and everything went well."

The inside still somewhat resembles part of the former Panera Bread, which closed its doors in 2020. The area that housed the baked goods remains, as does the oven, which Orosi said was expensive to try and remove. The interior has new tables and chairs and a brand-new food preparation area, which includes a grill.



A sandwich and wrap get prepped at Farmington Grill.

The menu is traditional diner and grill fare: coney dogs, sandwiches, salads, burgers and plenty more. Orosi said they've received good reviews from customers so far.

"They love the prices, they love the food," he said. "They especially love the food."

They also serve breakfast, though Orosi said lunch and dinner are the more popular times for customers to stop in.

Popular items so far include sand-

wiches, wraps and salads, something Orosi chalks up to being the middle of summer.

"We try to make everything as fresh as we can," Karaqi said.

The restaurant offers dine-in and takeout. More information, including a menu, can be found at [farmingtongrill.com](http://farmingtongrill.com).

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## Adding child's name to home, assets can cause family strife, financial risk



**Money Matters**  
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Guest Columnist

### Dear Rick:

I am in my early 70s, a widow with two adult children. One child and her husband do very well, while my son who is single is struggling. At this point in time, I have a will which leaves everything equally to my children.

My major assets include my home, which is free and clear and worth somewhere between \$350,000 and \$400,000, my personal account at Vanguard, which is worth roughly \$500,000, and my IRA at Fidelity, which is worth around \$100,000. In addition, I have a checking and savings account. I have named my children as beneficiaries on my Vanguard and IRA accounts. The house is in my name alone.

My son has asked me to put his name on my Vanguard account, my savings account and on the home. My son feels that if I pass, my daughter, who is in charge upon my death, will not treat him fairly. He says there is no downside to putting him on those accounts and the house. He feels this will

give him leverage with my daughter.

My daughter is very much against this. I don't want to create a fight between them; I'm turning to you to see if you have any solutions.

S. J. B.

**Dear S. J. B.:**

I don't see the benefit to adding your son's name on the house or your accounts. In fact, that could cause you all sorts of problems. In addition, it has the potential of creating more of a problem between your son and your daughter upon your death.

When you have your children's name on your accounts or on your home, your assets can potentially be put at risk. If your son's name is on the deed of the house and he has problems with his creditors, it is possible that your house could be at risk. This also could apply to other assets that you have. Therefore, you must always be very cautious before you put anyone's name on your property, including a child.

I believe you have a few different options. The first is to consider establishing a living trust. By establishing a living trust, you can provide that your assets go equally to your children upon your death without having to go through probate. In addition, you can provide with-in your trust who is in charge after your death. In other words, you can have

both of your children act as co-trustees or you can seek help from an outside third-party.

As far as the home goes, I think you should pursue a ladybird deed. Your ladybird deed would provide that during your lifetime, you're in total control of your home, but upon death, the house would be passed on to your beneficiaries. Of course, the problem here is if your children don't get along, there could be problems.

Generally, the brokerage accounts are not a problem because you can divide the assets in half, and each take their share; however, with the house, they would have to work together to sell the property. If your kids can't get along, it could be challenging.

I recommend that you meet an estate planning attorney and establish a trust. This will protect your assets throughout your lifetime and ensure there is an orderly distribution of your assets upon your death. In that regard, since there is a concern of whether your children could work together, a third-party trustee may be the way to go.

Good luck.

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conference June 23 to share the images and suggest the Black training targets could contribute to racial profiling.

"What are you trying to plant in their head, that this is the target?" Webster-Cox said. "This is who we should fear? This is who we should be afraid of? That's problematic. That outrages me."

Webster-Cox said the family is not considering litigation but wanted to bring their concerns to light.

Farmington Hills Police Chief Jeff King said the department was "mischaracterized" and said the children saw "a variety of targets" representative of the city's racial demographics, even though the pictures sent to media only showed Black targets.

Mayor Vicki Barnett said she does not know how or why the scouts were exposed to a questionable presentation of images at the range during their field trip. She said city officials have already taken down the controversial targets pending a legal review and study how training is conducted in surrounding communities.

King said in the release he ordered a "comprehensive review of the accusations raised" by Webster-Cox.

The human depictions that the police department uses for target practice include 11 white people - 85% of the images - and two Black people (15%) appearing as both threats and non-threats, King said.

City officials say the targets are consistent with the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. The U.S. Census Bureau indicates Farmington Hills' population is 18.5% Black.

"I cannot overstress the seriousness of these accusations," King said in the statement. "Considering the emotional impact this could have on our community, and in keeping with our agency's commitment and partnership with our citizens, I am ordering an immediate legal review of our training system and targets, to be completed prior to our fall training cycle."

Farmington Hills City Council spent the bulk of its June 27 session discussing the controversial Boy Scout field trip in April and the photographs taken by the visitors.

"We have an excellent police depart-



Visitors to the Farmington Hills police training room flip a target depicting an armed Black man to a different picture, also of an armed Black man. The use of such images prompted a complaint to media. PROVIDED BY GWEN THOMAS

ment in this city," the mayor said. "It is in our fervent hope of possibilities that we are all learning together how to be a better society. We are working through this as you are."

Members of the community, police department, First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Farmington Hills, Oakland Forward and American Civil Liberties Union were in the audience, and many of them visited the podium to share their opinions.

"I'll take this one on the chin," King said at that meeting. "I apologize to each and every person in this room. I can't overlook this. I promise you this. This will make us stronger. This will make us better. This will make us more transparent and this community overall will come out better for this."

King received a round of applause before he explained the "threat assessment targets" that his department uses. Some have weapons. Some do not pose

threats.

Rev. Patricia Coleman-Burns of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Farmington Hills shared her concerns with the Farmington Hills mayor, saying she has seen a lot of change during her lifetime and hopes the various emotions stirred over the shooting range incident will have a positive conclusion.

"We are a diverse community," she said before the council meeting. "We know that over many, many efforts that, when we include more voices as a community, we are more excellent."

"We can do better. There is a spirit and a willingness in this community to finally address these issues. It's time to move on. We can do that right now. We can use this flashpoint as a pivotal moment in time for our city."

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# Shakespeare

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"It already holds this place in people's minds as the epitome of Shakespeare."

Cast members agree it's a good choice for the inaugural event.

"This one is interesting because, compared to some of Shakespeare's other plays, it has a very simple plot and it's very straightforward," said Olivia Deane, a Livonia resident portraying Juliet.

Jacquie Jones, who portrays Romeo, added Shakespeare has something for everyone.

"Romeo and Juliet" is best known as a love story, but there's plenty of conflict, action and humor as well. Jones, who uses she/they pronouns, said they particularly enjoy all the different points of view in the story.

"I enjoy all the different perspectives around love and the conversations about it," Jones said. "Every character seems to have their own opinion - I feel like Shakespeare has very developed characters - and I like how all of them view love differently in this show."

Fisher-Grant and Davis said they hope the event brings people and creates a tradition the city will keep for years. Davis said he's hoping to see 300-plus people per performance.

"I think this is a really great community builder post COVID," Fisher-Grant said. "I am continually humbled by that. When you add up every person, it's probably going to be 40-plus people who have put their thumbprint on our production."

The play runs July 29-31 at Stymelski Park. Each performance will start at 7 p.m. and food will be available for purchase beginning at 6 p.m. People should plan to bring their own blanket or lawn chair.

"I love the idea of bringing art into the parks and cannot wait to see it," Davis said. "I'm more excited about this than I have been about any event in a long time."

"In my mind, this is the first of an annual Shakespeare performance we have. I just think this is going to be a lot of fun."

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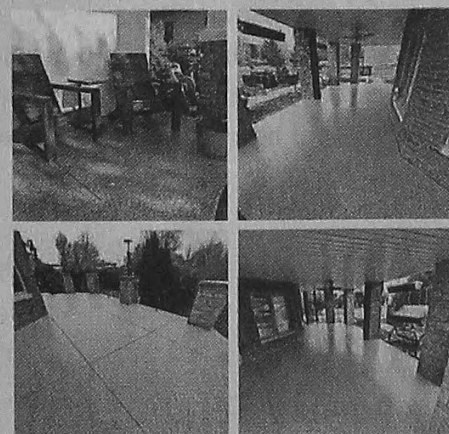
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# Staudt, Lawless seek Republican nod for 21st District

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Daniel Lawless and David Staudt are vying for the Republican nomination for the state House seat in the 21st District. The winner in the primary will have the opportunity to challenge Democrat Kelly Breen in November. Breen is unopposed in the primary.

The 21st District represents Novi, western Farmington Hills, and eastern Lyon Township.

We sent identical questionnaires to Lawless and Staudt to learn more about them and their stances on issues.

## David Staudt



Staudt

Staudt, a Wisconsin native, has lived in Novi for 29 years and has served on the Novi City Council for 15 years, 11 of them as pro-tem. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in management, is owner of Impact Media Professionals and employed as the Comptroller of the Associated Builders and Contractors of SE Michigan and the Southeastern Michigan Construction Academy. He is a member of the Novi Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, BPO Elks and Holy Family K of C. He founded the Novi Parks Foundation and the Canine Advocacy Program. He has been married for 37 years to Jean and is the father of two adult daughters, Rachel and Amber.

Lawless did not provide any personal information.

Both answered seven questions regarding the issues:

**Statistics show systemic racism is prevalent in law enforcement, government, health care and economics. Name one tangible action state government could take to help address racism.**

**Lawless:** The statistics are incredibly clear that \$5 gas and skyrocketing inflation has a disparate impact on minority families. We need to eliminate the income tax, as well as take other temporary measures to reduce taxes on gas to help our families during this difficult



People line up to vote in the primary elections June 28 in Rockford.  
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time.

**Staudt:** Frankly, I don't necessarily agree with your initial premise that statistics show systemic racism. However, a tangible action the State could pursue is a more comprehensive approach to advancing equity for all and creating greater economic opportunities for communities of color.

**How would you grade the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and what, if anything, should the state legislature do next?**

**Staudt:** Grade: F. The legislature needs to address the emergency authority of the Governor, fix a very broken and fraud ridden unemployment system, determine how we can better protect the most vulnerable of our citizens, provide additional education resources for those who fell behind during the lockdowns and use the remaining federal

COVID funds to address the economic problems of small businesses created by the lockdown.

**Lawless:** The Whitmer administration was reckless in sending COVID positive seniors back to nursing homes leading to the death of thousands of our parents and grandparents. Closing our business, our schools, and our churches proved ineffective at slowing the virus while being incredibly harmful to our communities.

**What are your thoughts on safety and security of our elections, specifically Michigan's election integrity, and do you accept the results of the 2020 election?**

**Lawless:** The 2020 election was conducted well outside of the legal procedures outlined by the legislature. This led to widespread opportunity for fraud. We must have secure and verifiable elections. It's our most fundamental

right to choose our representation, and we must have a system that gives us confidence that the declared winner is the candidate who had the most legitimate votes.

**Staudt:** While improvements can always be made and there was likely some fraud, Michigan clerks do an excellent job conducting elections. I accept the results of the 2020 elections, including my own results as a candidate for County Commission.

**Do you support amending the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to include LGBTQ people? Explain.**

**Staudt:** Federal law and federal court decisions provide many of the protections being sought by those supporting amending Elliot-Larsen, however, the federal burden of proof is much greater, the penalties potentially more severe and the cost of bringing a claim much greater in the federal system. This may be best decided by a vote of Michigan residents.

**Lawless:** The act already prohibits discrimination based upon sex.

**What is an issue facing state government that isn't on Michiganders' radar that should be? What steps would you take to address that issue?**

**Lawless:** The first would be the explosive growth of the budget. Up almost 20% in 4 years. We need to be responsible with taxpayers money and should be reducing taxes to help people get by under the Whitmer/Biden inflation driven economic recession. The second would be the career politicians who are trying to double their average term limit from 6 years in the house to 12 years. Letting politicians and lobbyist have more control in Lansing will not help the average family.

**Staudt:** A severe shortage of police, fire and paramedic personnel. I would immediately propose a statewide effort to recruit and train police, fire and paramedic personnel using a portion of remaining COVID funds.

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# Senate

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**Statistics show systemic racism is prevalent in law enforcement, government, health care and economics. Name one tangible action state government could take to help address racism.**

**Polehanki (D):** I am a cosponsor of SB 799, which would create a commission on the inclusion of African American and Native American history in K to 12 instruction. I also voted no on SB 460, which would withhold 5% of funding from a school where it is taught that "certain races are fundamentally ... oppressed."

**Overman (D):** When Gov. Whitmer declared racism as a public health crisis, there was hope that finally systemic racism could be addressed on some level. I appreciate the creation of the racial disparities task force that was formed to address the pandemic's health care disparities. The system of racism is engrained in our communities on many levels. Suppose we don't examine every system to address racist practices and policies, dismantle those systems and create a more equitable framework. In that case, we will be committed to continuing to see the communities we serve suffer.

**Rice-White (R):** As an advocate for good governance and as a potential checks-and-balance Legislator over the Judiciary and Executive Branches, the systemic issue of prejudice, bias and targeting in law enforcement and government is a key topic for me. We should immediately fund a Second Look Task Force to investigate the processes and procedures that are being used to randomly target our fellow neighbors. Data is available that is exposing poor practices from some law/legal/governmental agencies. Legislators must also lead and set the example for health care and economics by raising the ethics bar within the three branches of the state.

**Bauman (R):** No response.  
**Scott (R):** No response.

**How would you grade the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and what, if anything, should the state legislature do next?**

**Polehanki (D):** I would give the state a "B" grade as Governor Whitmer and MDHHS were essentially "building a plane as they were flying it" and unprecedented decisions had to be made. In the end, PPE was widely distributed, COVID testing and vaccine sites were created, and currently the unemployment rate is low.

**Overman (D):** A "C" grade. We received many resources after so many lives were lost. The communities I served seemed to be the last on the list. We would

have significantly benefited from a timelier response and allocation of resources. In the future, we have to keep the population informed. The COVID cases are rising with little media coverage. There no longer seems to be stated urgency while our hospitals are still overwhelmed with patients. The pandemic is not in our past as much as we would like it to be.



Polehanki Overman Rice-White

**Rice-White (R):** Michigan was unable to prevent the many people who lost their lives from COVID-19. I lost a dozen close friends. Michigan gets an A for using tax dollars to help support the awareness of masks, hand washing and social distancing. But Michigan gets an F for harming the economic stability of people and closing down our schools. The Legislators must utilize their delegated authority to check the day-to-day operations of the governor. Michigan is not under a dictatorship. It's my opinion that this governor should be questioned for some of her random/unsupported and potentially unconstitutional decisions made during this time.

**Bauman (R):** No response.  
**Scott (R):** No response.

**What are your thoughts on safety and security of our elections, specifically Michigan's election integrity, and do you accept the results of the 2020 election?**

**Polehanki (D):** We need to make voting easier. We can achieve this by providing pre-paid postage on absentee ballots and applications, requiring drop boxes in every municipality, and increasing people's ability to vote early. We should continue the safe and secure process of requiring voters to prove their identity by showing a photo ID or signing an affidavit at the polls and by providing their signature when voting by mail. We must also allow local clerks to start processing ballots earlier to speed up the tabulating process. Yes, I wholeheartedly accept the results of the 2020 election.

**Overman (D):** I am very confident in the safety and security of our election process and believe in the election results of 2020. There were people I knew involved in the election protection work in the last election cycle to ensure our votes counted. I am not confident in the challengers to our election integrity that seek to suppress the opportunity to vote. There will always be people who believe there will never be truth and integrity in the election process. We have to continue to operate from truth and transparency.

**Rice-White (R):** I am currently interviewing City

Clerks in an effort to assist in the security of the 2022 Election. The custody of our ballot must be protected and all personnel who have access to our ballots must be bonded and insured. The concern is third-party organizations having access to the Qualified Voter Files that are not open and transparent to everyone. We must start at the local level to ensure the county and state level election processes are not manipulated. We must demand photo identification for all elections and finally I do not accept the results of the 2020 election.

**Bauman (R):** No response.  
**Scott (R):** No response.

**Gov. Whitmer has asked the Supreme Court to rule whether the right to an abortion is protected in the state constitution. What is your stance on women's reproductive rights in Michigan?**

**Polehanki (D):** When Roe is struck down by the United States Supreme Court, overnight, nearly all abortions would become a felony in Michigan due to a 1931 law on the books that would take immediate effect. Michigan doctors and providers would face felonies carrying penalties of up to four years in prison for aiding a woman in an abortion, even in the case of rape and incest or medical emergencies. Very simply, the legislature must immediately vote to overturn the 1931 law so that women can exercise their right to liberty and equality by having autonomy over their own bodies.

**Overman (D):** I am a pastor, and I know the divine dignity of choice all too well. It is inconceivable that there would be legislation that will dictate the choices we make in our lives. Any legislation that restricts access negatively affects the lives of the most marginalized. We also need to address that even if you carry a child to term, Black women are more than three times more likely to die. Reproductive rights and reproductive freedom can not only be for the few.

**Rice-White (R):** It is my belief that Almighty God has all "reproductive rights" when it comes to life, which begins when God says it begins. I do not promote abortion as a form of birth control. We are a republic. What the governor thinks should not matter. We are governed by representatives who are elected to pass laws through 38 senators and 110 House members. The governor must not use an elected position to push mixed messages of when a baby in the womb should matter. A governor is not God and neither are Supreme Court Justices.

**Bauman (R):** No response.  
**Scott (R):** No response.

**Thinking of the recent school shootings that killed students in Uvalde and Oxford, what recommendations would you make in your effort to prevent similar tragedies in the future?**

**Polehanki (D):** As a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Caucus in the Michigan Senate, I have sponsored or cosponsored various gun safety bills, including background checks, "red flag," safe storage, and magazine capacity bills. We need to act on legislation that could prevent future mass killings.

**Overman (D):** Uvalde and Oxford were horrible tragedies. Every officer that surrounded the building had a gun. It didn't prevent the murders from taking place. The problem is the accessibility of firearms to those who should not have them. No one under 30 should purchase a gun before waiting 30 days, long enough to provide the necessary background checks. I have lost a sister and nephew to gun violence. Few people I encounter don't share this type of loss. We desperately need common-sense gun laws.

**Rice-White (R):** We must promote community involvement to help protect our children, and we must train teachers who educate the next generation on how to use preventative tactics when faced with a security threat. We must secure our school buildings with advanced security technologies that are available and are currently used to protect government buildings and banking institutions. Our law enforcement agencies must use their academy training to help educate the community so that we know and understand effective plans and tools that must be used to protect our schools. Our citizens and especially our children must feel safe living in Michigan.

**Bauman (R):** No response.  
**Scott (R):** No response.

**What is an issue facing state government that isn't on Michiganders' radar that should be? What steps would you take to address that issue?**

**Polehanki (D):** As the Democratic Vice Chair of the Education and Career Readiness Committee in the Michigan Senate, I have introduced a bill that would eliminate the grade retention piece of Michigan's Third Grade Reading Law as grade retention does not improve kids' reading. Students should not be flunked by the state because they performed poorly on one test.

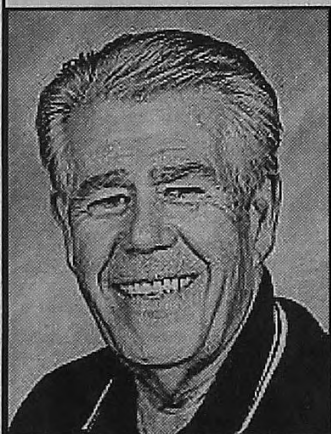
**Overman (D):** The disproportionate distribution of community resources. Many are unaware of the resources available, how to access them and how they are distributed. A transparent, easily accessible universal dashboard where we saw how resources are allocated would help communities seek and demand equity. There has to be a measure of accountability for funding resources that impact communities.

**Rice-White (R):** My radar includes: Wrongful convictions, probate court predators, undocumented plea bargains and settlement agreements, and unconstitutional edicts from our judiciary and executive branches that harm the People of Michigan. My role when elected is to protect citizens against injustices. The main focus of my candidacy is to legislate for the people in accordance with the U.S. Constitution. I will lead at the state level to expose the harm being done by those in elected/appointed positions and will use tax dollars to investigate these injustices. Laws will be created to make the process easier for the citizen. Justice and fairness matters.

**Bauman (R):** No response.  
**Scott (R):** No response.

# Obituaries

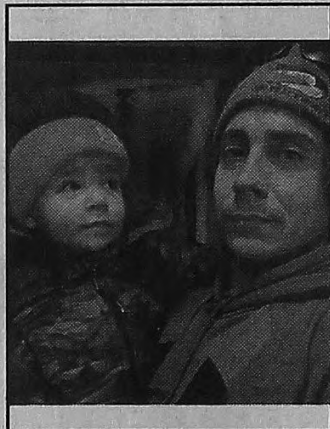
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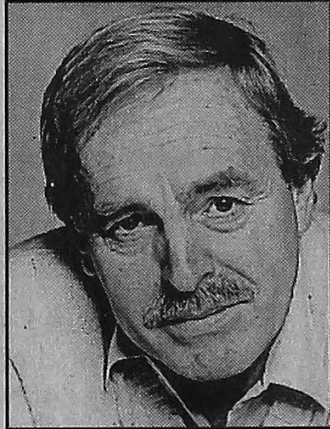
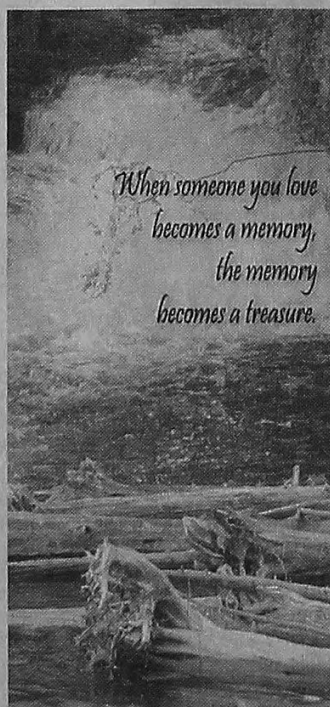
**CANTON TWP.** - Passed from this life on July 5, 2022, at the age of 76. Beloved husband of the late Patricia. Loving father of Tina Borchardt, Tracy (Joe) Sinclair, Gary Borchardt, Jr., Tara Borchardt, and Tiffany (Curtis) Borchardt-Mills. Cherished grandfather of Kendall, Cassidy, Brinley, Norah, and Reese. Dear brother of Kay (Rick) Moonier and Sharon (Alan) Albright. Proud uncle of numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road (W. of Lilley) on Sun. July 10 from 1-8 pm., and again on Mon. July 11 from 12 pm until the time of service at 1 pm. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com)

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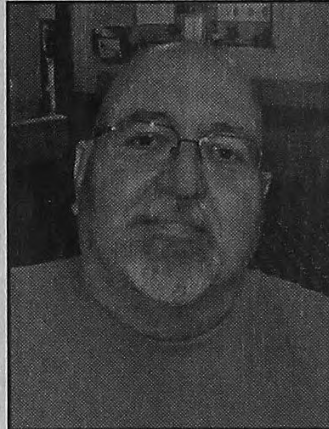
**Matthew Jovanelly**

**WESTLAND** - Matthew R. Jovanelly, Age 30, Passed unexpectedly on June 17th. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Matt was a loving partner to Mykela Orsette and devoted father to his son Grant Jovanelly. Matt is also survived by his parents, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was the kind of friend that everyone loved to be with. Matt was a deeply loved and will be missed forever.



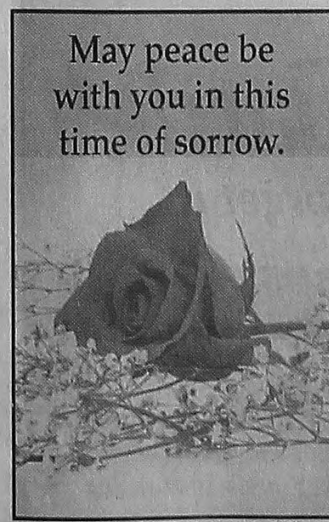
**Joseph L. Kolpacke**

Joseph L. Kolpacke, age 89, passed away as he lived, peacefully and surrounded by his family on June 16, 2022. Joe spent his life teaching English at Detroit Public Schools, Fordson H.S., Henry Ford College, and Schoolcraft College. Joe is survived by his wife of 64 years Eleanor, children Joan (Guy) Bellemare, Susan, and Joseph, and six grandchildren. A Visitation will be held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd, Livonia Friday, July 8 from 12 to 8pm. A Memorial Service will be held at St Andrew Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard Road, Livonia Saturday, July 9, at 11am. Joe had requested that in lieu of flowers, donations could be made to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia, or the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. Please share a memory of Joe on his Tribute Wall at [www.rgrharris.com](http://www.rgrharris.com).



**Douglas J. Mackinder**

Douglas J. Mackinder, age 76, passed away at his home on June 29, 2022 in Chelsea, MI. A Memorial Service will be held at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. with Eric Kieb officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. A reception will be held immediately after the service at Robin Hills Farm. Full obituary at [www.mitchellfuneral.com](http://www.mitchellfuneral.com).





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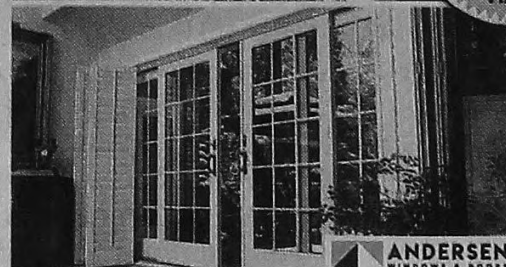
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# SPORTS

## Churchill, Plymouth to battle at U-M Stadium

Part of a six-game series hosted by the Wolverines

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

According to a news release from retiring Livonia Churchill athletic director Marc Hage, the Chargers' football team will host Plymouth for a Kensington

Lakes Activities Association crossover game at Michigan Stadium, home of the Wolverines.

The two will meet at noon Aug. 26, as part of a six-game series the University of Michigan is hosting that weekend.

It is the opening week of the season.

The Chargers are coming off an 8-3 season in 2021. They qualified for the district final but were upset by rival Livonia Franklin, 27-20.

However, they played their final four games without Adrian College signee and quarterback Taj Williams, who was injured late in a 38-33 loss to Fordson.

Plymouth was 1-8 a year ago, with its lone win coming over Salem, 7-0.

*Brandon Folsom covers high school sports in metro Detroit for Hometown Life. Follow him on Twitter @folsom-brandonj.*

### Schedule

#### Thursday, Aug. 25

Noon - Dearborn Fordson vs. Brighton  
3:30 p.m. - DeWitt vs. Haslett  
7 p.m. - Davison vs. Clarkston

#### Friday, Aug. 26

Noon - Livonia Churchill vs. Plymouth  
3:30 p.m. - Port Huron vs. Stoney Creek  
7 p.m. - Lapeer vs. Ann Arbor Huron

## Redford Westfield Prep sophomore already has Michigan offer

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Log onto Twitter, and you'll see just how much attention Isis Musah-Johnson is getting online.

It makes sense.

The 5-foot-9 Redford Westfield Prep shooting guard is one of the best players in Michigan, and she's only a sophomore right now.

Many scouts are pegging her as the best local player in 2025, and it wouldn't be a surprise if she puts herself in the running for Michigan's Ms. Basketball honor as a senior.

And colleges are already taking note. She received her first Division I offer from North Dakota in late 2021, and now she currently holds four offers in all, including one from a prominent Big Ten school.

Reminder: She's played in only 23 high school games. She hasn't even seen the floor yet as a sophomore. The offers are going to keep rolling in.

And guess what? Musah-Johnson doesn't care about any of the offers or the accolades.

"I'm not worried about offers right now. I'm just worried about hooping," she said after her Warriors defeated Hamtramck in a Derrick Coleman Elite summer league game at Birmingham Groves. "So maybe in my 11th-grade or 12th-grade year I'll be more worried about it."

What's with the attitude? The losses.

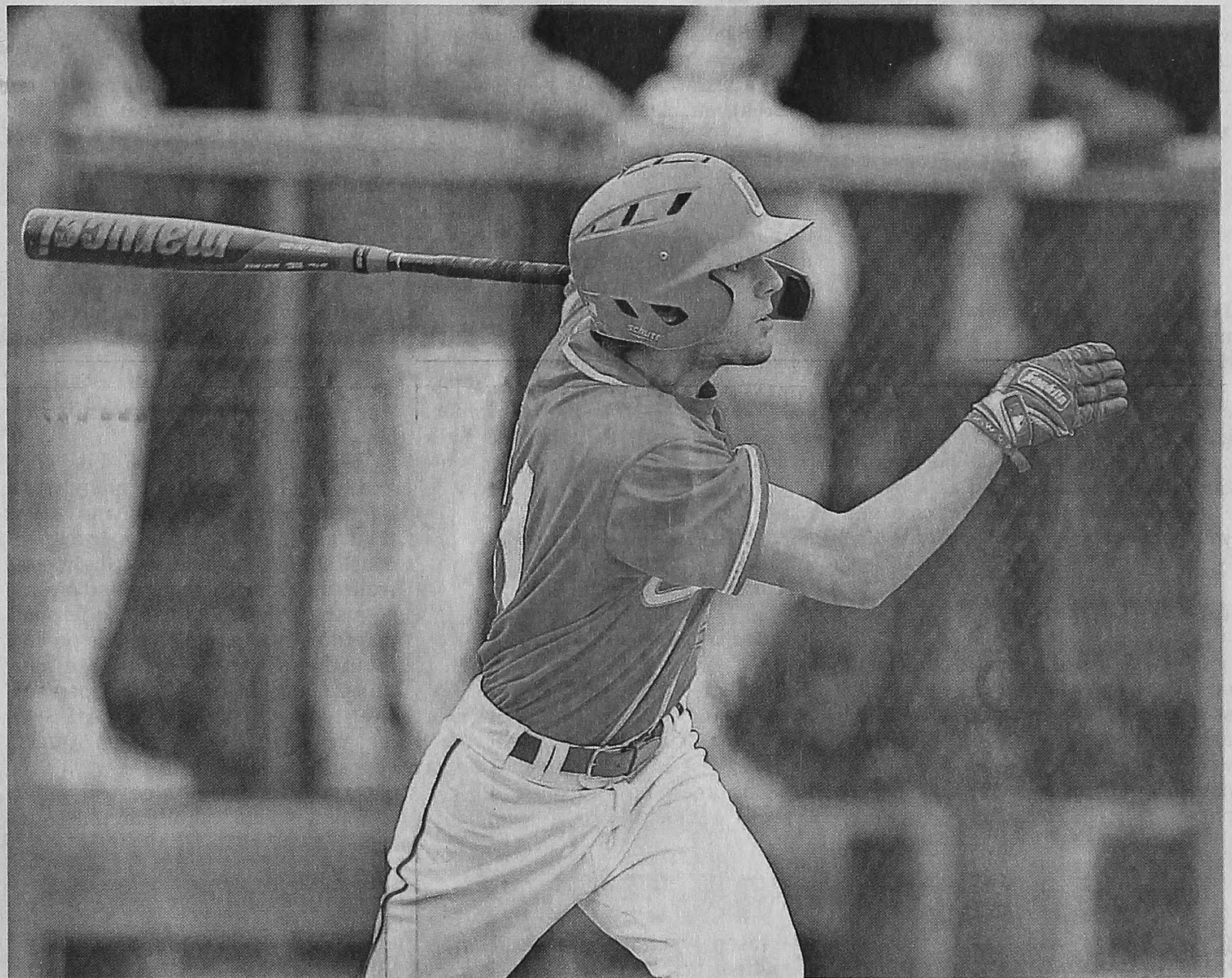
Yeah, she's only played one season of varsity basketball at Westfield Prep, yet she's still mad her squad didn't win a state championship a year ago.

And it's not hard to blame the Warriors for their 84-43 loss in the Division 2 regional semifinal. It was against eventual state champion Detroit Edison, and Clemson signee Ruby Whitehorn, who was Ms. Basketball, scored 35 points.

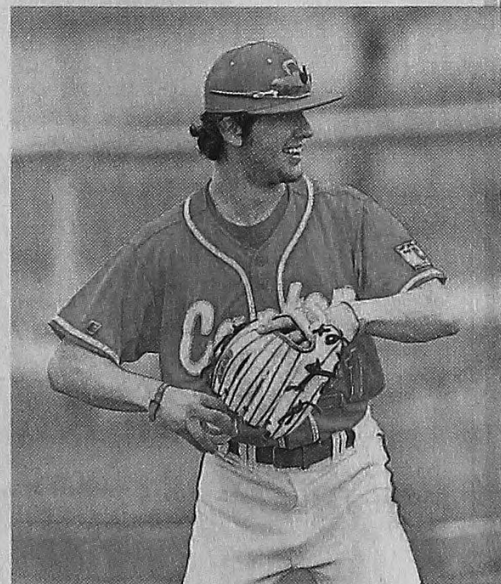
"We couldn't stop her," Musah-Johnson said. "That's why I'm working

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## One of Canton's best



Canton's Frankie Lollo hits a single during a game against Novi on May 4. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Lollo warms up with his teammates.

## Senior born with fibular hemimelia batted almost .350 this past spring

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

For the past two springs, the slowest player on the Canton baseball team was Frankie Lollo.

Just how slow is that, you ask? "I don't know," said coach Mark Blomshied, who just wrapped up his 21st season leading the Chiefs. "I don't have a sundial in my pocket."

Wow, that's rough. But that's OK.

The 60-yard dash is usually only timed during tryouts each season. It has

no bearing on how great of a hitter you are or how well you can field a line-drive screamer from third base.

Lollo has proven that. The senior was born with fibular hemimelia: his right leg was missing its fibular bone and was 12 inches shorter than his left leg.

His parents considered having the leg amputated when he was 3. But then they found a doctor in Florida who specialized in Lollo's disability.

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# Cicerone's impact on players adds to legacy

Jeff Seidel Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

We could focus on the wins. Birmingham Marian girls basketball coach Mary Cicerone has retired as one of the winningest basketball coaches in state history with 707 victories, the third-most ever.

But the wins don't tell the full story. We could focus on the six state titles (1988, 1992, 1996, 1998, 2014 and 2015) in her 39-year coaching career.

But those banners are reflection of something much deeper.

We could focus on the awards and honors. Cicerone was named Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Athletic Association five times, inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame in 2017 and Marian has already named the court after her.

But her impact goes far beyond honors and awards.

The true legacy of a great coach is not the number of wins but the number of lives changed. So today, I want to do something different. I'm going to tell you about this legendary coach through the eyes of her former players. In their own words.

Because those players are her true legacy.

As you read their words, think about the coaches who have impacted your life; and if you are a coach, whether it's high school or middle school or even travel ball, maybe you will find some lessons from Coach Cis.

## A role model

"She thrived off of influencing young women's lives. If you go and talk to all of her players, a majority of them will say, 'you were a driving force in my life, you were a very instrumental female figure in my life.'" — Brigid Mulroy, class of 2006.

## More than a coach

"She was like a second mom to me. We spent more time with her than we spent at home most of the time." — Megan Riddle, class of 2018.

## Focusing on the person, not the player

"She was so kind, she would always ask about how you were doing. How's it going? How are you feeling? She always cared about you as an individual more than she cared about you as a player. She always cared about your family and your family life and your personal life." — Katie (Emig) Braue, class of 2006.

## Teaching leadership

"I'll never forget. I was a sophomore on the varsity team and I was pulled up as a freshman. So I was always around older kids and then that junior year, we were in a transition. We had lost a lot of people and I was looked at as a leader, but my leadership was more just yelling



Birmingham Marian head coach Mary Cicerone yells to her team during a game against Divine Child in January in Bloomfield Hills. ANNIE BARKER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

at people. I remember we were sitting at a scrimmage in August of my junior year. She was taping my ankles and she gave me an earful. She said, 'Stephanie, you're not being a leader. You're just being a —' and she used a choice word. It's been 30 years since that day, and I'll never forget it because she was 100% right. It's not just people looking at you as being a leader. It's about how you lead. From that day forward, I changed how I approached it. I changed how I approached my teammates, then my teammates in college — I played volleyball at Louisville. And it changed how I approached running a business today. It was transformational." — Stephanie (Storen) Jett, class of 1993.

## Teaching lessons about life

"She definitely uses basketball to prepare you for life and the future. You might not realize it when you're at Marian when she's yelling at you to go do something very small in the scheme of things and she gets mad over something very small. Usually, you realize it after Marian. You see it in college, you see it in your work life — how much of an impact she had on your life. I think it goes back to how she holds every kid accountable and to high standards." — Michelle Lindsey, class of 2009.

"She taught me to treat people with kindness and respect, no matter who they are." — Riddle.

## Intense but compassionate

"She is the most intense, tenacious, but kind and caring person I have ever met. When I found out she was retiring, I cried because of the impact she had on me. She knew how to push you." — Braue.

## Always being prepared

"She prepared for every game; and to me, it was semi-unconventional. Her husband and his twin would play with us on Sundays. They would be the tough guys in the post. Those were hard Sunday practices, but they were the best practices. She really taught the fundamentals. And I apply that as a senior leader when leading people, I apply those same principles." — Trina Govan Scott, class of 1991.

## Fostering belief

"She taught me to trust myself and believe in myself that I can be a good player." — Riddle.

## Holding you accountable

"She's kind of a screamer but in a good way, right? A screamer of motivation. You'd have to run your suicides if you messed up and that teaches you to do better and to learn from your mistakes." — Riddle.

## Pushing players to be great

"She was the best coach in my life. I know she has touched hundreds and hundreds of people's lives, and I don't think she is ever going to realize it. Because she's so humble, too. She doesn't realize how much she impacted me and so many others. She was the reason I played college basketball. She pushed me to that. She was a reason for so many things in my life, to change my perspective and just make me who I am. She's just an overall amazing person. And I'm so mad. I really thought she was gonna coach my kids. I have three kids, but my youngest is 6 months and my oldest, my

twins are 2½. I really thought she'd coach forever." — Braue

## Unbridled enthusiasm

"The one thing I saw in her a lot was just an unwavering excitement for basketball and for coaching and influencing young women's lives. ... Her excitement around wanting to make everyone better is contagious. Even in my work environments, every project that you're involved with, even if it's tiresome, even if you're a little bit over it, just being able to bring that excitement to what you're doing every single day, dedicating yourself to that, is something I try to do." — Mulroy

## Coaching from love

"There is this infectious quality about her that people like being around, so whether that's on the basketball court, whether she's screaming at you for being too slow down the court, you know it's coming from a place of love because you feel it all the other times she interacts with you." — Mulroy

## Making a team a family

"We'd go to her house. She made the team a family. You would go watch film and then she would set up dinner for everyone. She just made it so inclusive for everyone. It was the best four years at Marian because of her." — Riddle.

## Teaching resilience

"It didn't matter if we were up by 20, or if we were down by 30, which wasn't very often by the way, we were pretty successful. You still give it your all and I draw on that a lot. It took me five years to graduate from Oakland University. Whether it was pursuing a career or a new role, I think about those moments, when someone had to get on the line and shoot the free throw, and if they didn't make it, you had to run and it was never about if the person could make it or not, it was about cheering that person on, to will them to do it, letting them know that they can do it. And I think that that's what I draw on when I think about what Mary's legacy has been to me." — Govan Scott.

## A lasting impact over decades

"It was interesting. I was living in Michigan, during her run for 500, and I was going to a lot of games and seeing people who showed up, seeing people from her from her '88 championship coming in, people from the '96 championship, wanting to see her win that 500th and going to those games. Because she did impact them so greatly." — Mulroy.

"I think Mary has influenced so many lives and she's so humble. I don't think she really truly has her head wrapped around it, nor do I think she wants to take the time to figure it out of how many people she's really influenced." — Jett.

## Sophomore

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on my game. I'm definitely playing better defense. I shoot the ball more, and I'm more aggressive. I'm looking for my teammates more."

The Warriors graduated guard Asia Cochran, one of their best contributors and a 1,000-point career scorer, but they should still be just as talented going into 2022-23.

Especially with guards Layla Marshall, who was recently offered by Wayne State, and Shamyra Reid, who is receiving D-I recruiting interest, including a recent offer from Texas Southern University, by Musah-Johnson's side. Reid, too, has already past the 1,000-point mark for her career.

Sprinkle in the likes of Jourdin Lewis, Promise Dunbar and Musah-Johnson's sister, Pria, among others, into the mix, and the Warriors should be pretty well-rounded.

"Just trying to win a state championship," Musah-Johnson said. "That's the No. 1 thing. That comes with defense, working hard in practice and finding my teammates when they're open. And playing as a team. That's why I feel like we're definitely going to win the state championship this year. We've got to play more as a team and be more serious against the teams we are playing."

And, of course, the more highlights Musah-Johnson creates with the Warriors, the more college attention she'll receive as she gets closer to her junior

off-season, when the offers really start to matter.

She currently holds non-committable offers from NDSU, Central Michigan University and Xavier as well as a big one that recently came in while playing for Michigan Crossover EYBL.

Musah-Johnson's travel team faced the Michigan Mystics during a tournament in May. There to watch the Mystics was Michigan coach Kim Barnes Arico, whose daughter, Detroit Country Day guard Emma Arico, plays on the team.

Barnes Arico arrived early and watched Musah-Johnson play well in the game beforehand. And then she watched the Westfield Prep star tear it up against the Mystics.

Not too long afterward, Barnes Arico called Musah-Johnson and offered the sophomore over the phone.

That's the big one. A Power 5 offer from U-M should open the floodgates for several more big colleges to swoop in and recruit Musah-Johnson.

And as exciting as an offer from the Wolverines is, she still wasn't exactly happy about the timing of it.

Why?

"We lost to her daughter's team," Musah-Johnson said.

That's right.

The losses are going to keep motivating Musah-Johnson to improve. And that's only going to help both Westfield Prep and her recruiting outlook in the long run.

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



Redford Westfield Prep's Isis Musah-Johnson attacks the basket in the Derrick Coleman Elite showcase against Hamtramck on June 15 at Birmingham Groves. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



# Best

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Over the course of the past 15 years, he's had almost 30 surgeries to even out the length of his legs, which is definitely a hard process considering his good leg hasn't stopped growing until this past year.

And the one thing that has motivated Lollo to push through surgery after surgery has been baseball.

"It's always been fun for me, and having fun is the best part about baseball," Lollo told Hometown Life. "Being out there and having fun, plus having the coaches support me, that's what motivates me. Sometimes I'd rather give up and not want to train just because I have to work harder to make up for my disability, but I'm grateful to even be in this position. A lot of the kids who have what I have can't play sports at all. I'm one of the fortunate kids. It's definitely a blessing to even be able to play in the first place."

Lollo, who grew up in a family of baseball players, started playing tee-ball at 3. He'd swing the bat, and then one of his teammates would run the bases for him.

When the surgeries to even the length of his legs started paying off, that's when he started running the bases for himself.

Baseball proved to be the perfect escape for him because the sport deemphasizes running, unlike playing basketball, running cross country or track and field and making tackles on the football field. And, yeah, hockey was out of the question, too.

But he's always put in the work to not only avoid getting cut from his baseball teams but to also become a contributor everywhere he's played.

"During tryouts, it's always evident I'm the slowest," he said. "If they actually have to take that into account, I would have been cut freshman year because of how slow I am. Everyone is al-

ways understanding of my situation. They knew what was up with me, and they gave me a chance. Thankfully, some other parts of my game make up for my running."

Though many of his summers were spent at Dr. Dror Paley's Orthopedic and Spine Institute in West Palm Beach, Florida. The process to lengthen a leg takes weeks. And, essentially, Lollo would miss most of the travel baseball season. Sometimes he'd even miss school while he briefly lived down south.

But the time away only motivated him to get better.

In fact, he made Canton's varsity team as a junior.

Well, kind of.

Blomshield initially let Lollo become the team manager. But then it became too hard for Blomshield to relegate Lollo to merely doing the grunt work, such as shagging balls, pushing out the batting bubble and pulling tarps on the field.

Lollo was actually thriving during batting practice.

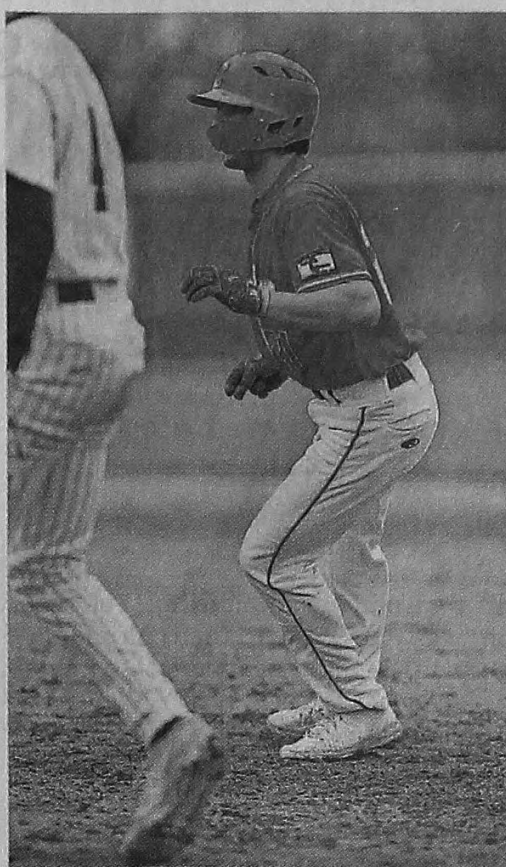
"I saw that he had potential, and he's a hard worker," Blomshield said. "He strikes the ball well, and he's one of our best hitters. He ended up being one of our best hitters last year."

"The original situation was he'd be a team manager. Within a week or two, he was batting cleanup for us. He was smashing the ball with hard contact. Inside a batting cage, which is where our tryouts take place, it's hard to get a complete evaluation of everybody's power and potential. But once you can get on the field where you can see him, he just stood out amongst his peers."

Unofficially, Lollo played third base. That was the best position on the field that complemented his limited fielding abilities.

He can truly bend over and dive when asked to, which is something he loves doing, he said. But his leg can't bend past a 90-degree angle, and his ankle has about only 15 degrees of motion.

He used to be able to slide feet-first while running bases. But, while playing



Canton's Frankie Lollo ranges off first base after hitting a single against Novi on May 4. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

care how fast kids can run. I want kids who can hit the ball. He just smashes the ball because he's just a pure hitter. He started a lot of games for us at DH."

The Chiefs (23-11) saw their season end with an 11-6 loss to rival Plymouth in the Division 1 pre-district.

But Blomshield did his best to pay back Lollo for all his hard work before the season ended.

He started Lollo at third base on senior day. And he even allowed Lollo to draft the batting order that day.

"Everything he's gotten, he's earned — because he's had to," Blomshield said. "He's taken nothing for granted. Frank leads by example. He's one of the first ones to practice. He's one of the last ones to leave. He stays after and hits all the time. He's just a great leader. He's great in the classroom. The kids look up to him. He just leads by example, and the kids can see that, and they piggyback off of that."

"Even with his lack of speed and being born with a disability in his leg, I just wish some other kids would put as much effort into it as he did. They might have more God-given ability than he does, but he just works so hard, and he's just overcome the obstacles. I give him a lot of credit for that."

Now that Lollo is done growing, he heads to Florida this summer for his final surgery. When it's all said and done, he should be about 5-foot-10.

And then he's off to Michigan State University to study electrical engineering and computer science.

He hasn't ruled out trying out for the club baseball team at MSU, and he hopes to stay involved in the game as some sort of high school coach or assistant in the near future.

"Hopefully, he helps me out, if I stick around long enough," Blomshield said. "He's just a leader of kids. When he directs them to do something, he doesn't have to say it twice."

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOGIC & ACCURACY TEST OF THE DOMINION ICC/ICP/ICX VOTING SYSTEMS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

A public accuracy test of the Dominion ICC/ICP/ICX Voting Systems will take place at 11:00 a.m. on July 12, 2022, at the Charter Township of Plymouth Clerk's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, for the August 2, 2022 Election. The Public Logic & Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law. For further information contact the clerk's office at (734) 354-3224.

Jerry Vorva  
Township Clerk  
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### CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

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525 Farmer Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170

To the qualified electors of the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Public Accuracy Test for the electronic voting equipment that will be used in all precincts in the City of Plymouth for the PRIMARY ELECTION to be held on TUESDAY, August 2, 2022, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law. Election Source from Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been contracted by the City of Plymouth to conduct the testing to assure the equipment has been programmed appropriately. This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234, 225 or 203. The Plymouth Cultural Center is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

Maureen A. Brodie, City Clerk  
City of Plymouth

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### CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 22 - 02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PLYMOUTH CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES AS NOTED BELOW:

PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES  
Chapter 18 - BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS  
ARTICLE XIV - VEGETATION  
DIVISION 3. NOXIOUS WEEDS

DELETE:

Sec. 18-751 "crab grass (*Digitaria sanguinalis*)" "Rhus vernie" "goldenrod, and all weeds or grasses over eight inches in height, on the average"  
Sec. 18-752 "each year and to again destroy same"  
Sec. 18-755 "It shall be the duty of the city manager or his agent to post notices in not less than three conspicuous places within the city and to publish a copy of the notice issued under this division at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the city each calendar year, prior to the growing seasons. In the alternative"

ADD:

Sec. 18-751 "giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)" "Toxicodendron vernix" "*(Ambrosia elatior* l.), Siberian Elm (*Ulmus pumila*), Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), Glossy buckthorn (*frangula alnus* syn., *Rhamnus frangula*), Tatarian honeysuckle (*Lonicera tatarica*), Morrow's honeysuckle (*Lonicera morrowii*), Bell's honeysuckle (*Lonicera x bella*), Amur honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*), Autumn Olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*), Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*)"  
Sec. 18-752 "for the duration of each year"  
Sec. 18-753 through 755 "or her"  
Sec. 18-755 "in excess of eight inches on average"

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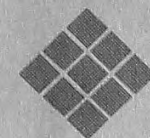
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# Hartland pitcher named softball Player of the Year

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

Being a successful softball player has rewards beyond the diamond for Hartland's Kylie Swierkos.

She believes the lessons she's learned in the sport and the ability to battle through adversity in the pitching circle will benefit her long after she's hung up her glove.

"I think the thing I like most about being a pitcher is the mental toughness that I gain," she said. "There's a lot of stressful situations you get put in. It has helped me prepare for being put in stressful situations in any part of life. It gives me confidence and the mentality to know I can tackle things."

Swierkos won't be moving on from softball any time soon. She still has one more year left at Hartland before moving on to play for Grand Valley State University.

She will head into her senior year as the reigning Livingston County Softball Player of the Year after an outstanding season in the circle and at the plate.

There were a handful of players who had superior hitting numbers to Swierkos, but none who combined success at the plate as well with the ability to command a game as a pitcher.

There was a stark difference when Swierkos was pitching versus anyone else on Hartland's roster.

She went 18-4, ranking second in victories among county pitchers, while the team was 1-6 in games in which she didn't get the decision. Swierkos had a 2.10 earned run average and struck out 132 batters in 136 $\frac{1}{3}$  innings. She walked only 28 batters and allowed opponents a batting average of only .225.

It was her first season as Hartland's full-time starter, but she had been preparing for the opportunity since she was 9 years old.

"When you're younger, everybody wants to pitch," she said. "I hopped on the bandwagon and joined the pitching aspect. I fell in love with it. I didn't pitch a ton when I was younger, but I started working on it and pitched more when I got older."

She was set to make her high school debut two years ago as a freshman on a Hartland team that expected to com-

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**Kylie Swierkos**

pete for a state championship. The season was postponed, then ultimately canceled, before the end of the first week of practice.

Swierkos was able to ease her way into life on the varsity, sharing time with three-time all-stater Rachel Everett last season. Swierkos pitched 100 innings, while Everett had the responsibility of pitching in the biggest games.

"It was super helpful," Swierkos said. "Rachel really taught me a lot about my mentality on the mound. It was really nice having that kind of mentor coming into the season. It helped me prepare for being the pitcher this year."

With nearly a full season under her belt as the staff ace, Swierkos proved herself in a championship setting by throwing a one-hitter and striking out 10 in a 2-0 victory over state-ranked Canton in the KLAA title game. Swierkos took a perfect game into the seventh inning.

In a 3-1 district semifinal loss to top-ranked South Lyon, Swierkos kept Hartland in the game by allowing five hits and two earned runs in seven innings. She drove in the Eagles' only run.

"I took my biggest step as a pitcher this year, going out there as a leader for my team," she said. "My team was depending on me being out there as a pitcher. My mentality grew a lot, being more confident on the mound."

As a hitter, the Eagles use Swierkos in the No. 9 spot to set the table for the top of the lineup.

"She always rounds out the bottom of the lineup, because she has such a high batting average," Hartland coach Taylor Wagner said. "You want to have that down there to bring up the leadoff hitter. She just puts a good barrel on the ball.




Hartland's Kylie Swierkos had an 18-4 record with a 2.10 ERA in 2022.  
DAN ZEPPA/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

You don't usually think of pitchers as phenomenal hitters; she's a great exception to that. She's worked hard at that part of the game. She wants to be a great hitter; she doesn't want to just be a pitcher."

Swierkos is continuing to work on her craft this summer without the pressure of showcasing herself for a college scholarship. She committed to Grand Valley before the end of her junior season. The Lakers are coming off a 43-8

season in which they reached the NCAA Division II Super Regional.


"It was just a perfect fit for me," she said. "When I stepped on campus, it's one of those things where they say, 'You know, I stepped on campus and said, 'This is where I want to be.' It checked all my boxes. The coaches were amazing. The team was super welcoming. It's a place I want to be. They've had a lot of success, so I'm super excited to be part of a team like that."



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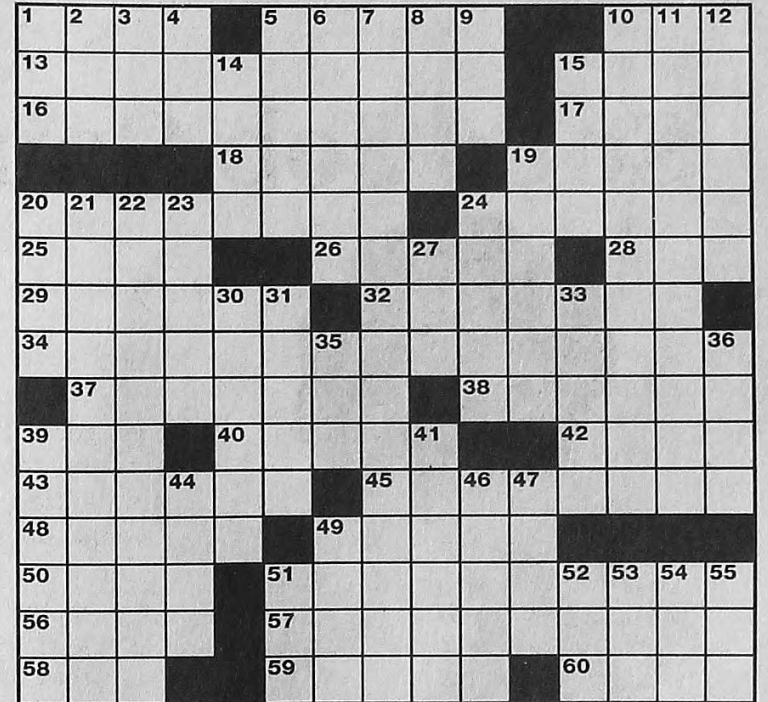
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- 18 What boats have that blimps don't
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- 20 Start of a three-R rule rhyme
- 24 One in a lobby, often
- 25 Face with hands
- 26 Bluegrass standby
- 28 What Holmes calls Hudson
- 29 "I agree"
- 32 Park & Ride setting
- 34 Request for a monologue
- 37 Beguiles
- 38 [Redacted]
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- 42 Form of some waffles
- 43 Protective escort
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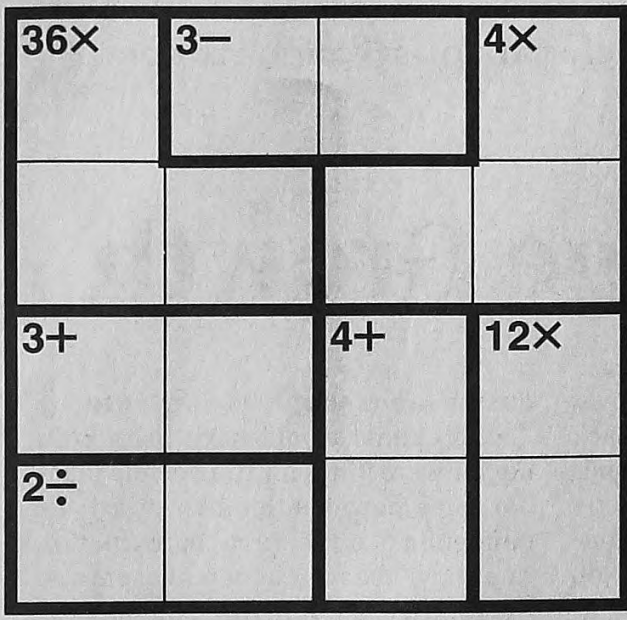
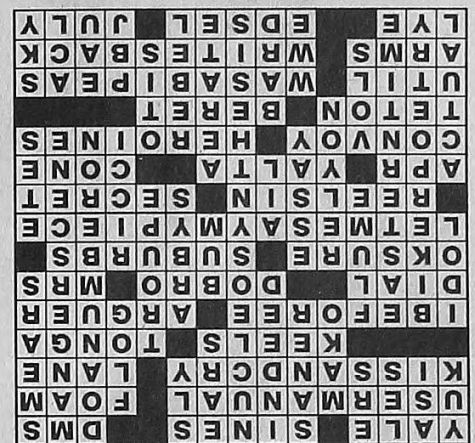
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- 22 Buffalo setting
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- 30 Must utilize
- 31 Take a stab at

- 33 Chanel couture contemporary
- 35 Have a complaint
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- 44 Lady (NCAA hoops powerhouse)
- 46 Not mind at all
- 47 "When You Rise, We Shine" sloganeer
- 49 Occupation romanticized by Sir Walter Scott
- 51 Producer of the *After the Bell* podcast
- 52 Item on US soldiers' ration list in WWII
- 53 *forte* (nitric acid, to Pasteur)
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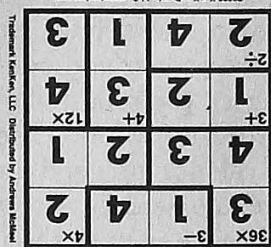
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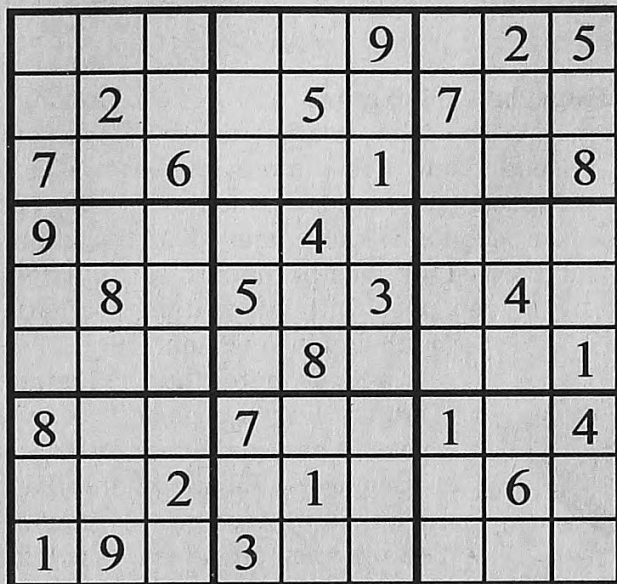
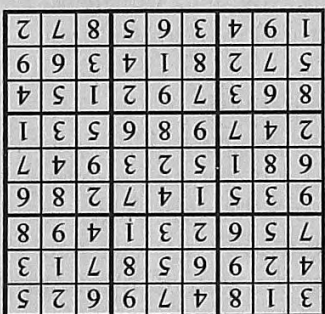


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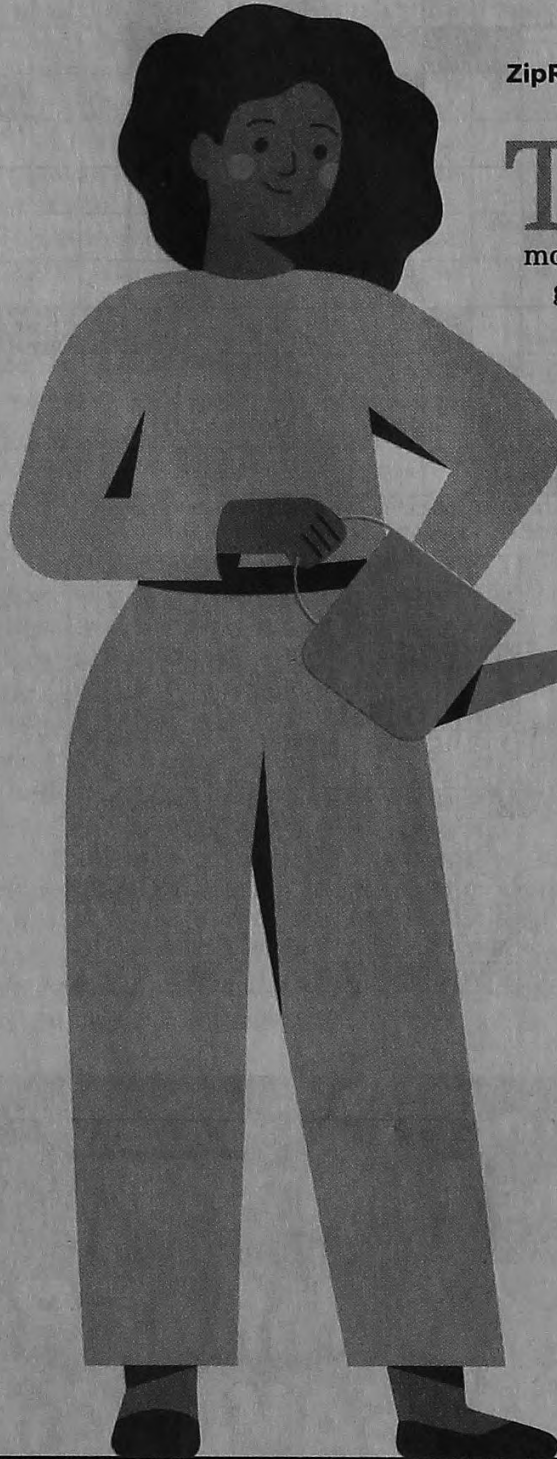
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nesses hiring both to replace turnover and expand headcount, but held back by high turnover and persistent labor shortages. The report showed exactly what the Fed wants to see and contained plenty of good news for job seekers, too, who have received a confidence boost in recent months thanks to attractive hiring conditions.

Here are key takeaways from the report:

### Huge, broad job gains

- The labor market continued to add jobs at a breakneck speed. Before the pandemic, the economy only needed to add 110k-140k jobs per month to keep pace with population growth, but it consistently added more than 200k. Over the past year, it has sustained a pace of growth about double that, on average.
- The majority of industries contributed gains, with the diffusion index (a measure of the breadth of gains) coming in hot at 69.3.
- The private sector has now recovered 99% of the jobs lost in the pandemic; the public sector only 58%.

### Easing labor supply constraints

- Job gains would have been even higher were it not for the decline in labor force participation caused by the pandemic. Labor force participation rates have recovered for teenagers and the prime-age population, but are still almost 3.5 percentage points lower than before the pandemic for workers aged 20-24 and those over age 55.
- Labor force participation ticked upwards in May with improvements among prime-age workers and older workers.
- One reason for the improvement may be the resumption of legal immigration, now that embassies and consulates are coming back online and international travel is rebounding.

### Easing wage growth

- Overall wages grew 5.2% over the year, and wages for nonsupervisory workers grew 6.5%. 12-month wage growth slowed slightly, but accelerated for construction (5.6%), transportation (7.8%), utilities (5.9%), and information (3.4%).
- Coming in at 10.3%, year-over-year wage growth in leisure and hospitality has now been over 10% for 10 straight months. Nonsupervisory workers in that industry are experiencing particularly rapid growth of 11.8%.
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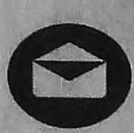
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