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Westland likely to back away from redevelopment of Marshall school

Shelby Tankersley

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It appears a recreation and community center at the old Marshall Upper Elementary School in Westland is no longer in the works.

Mayor Bill Wild said he planned to recommend to city council that the city abandon the project during a Nov 29 study session. Rising costs, he said, have added millions of dollars to the project and resulted in the city's space in the building being too small.

According to the mayor's office,

funds already spent on the project fall under the \$500,000 previously budgeted for it. Westland had anticipated spending \$15 million on the project, but inflation increased the cost to roughly \$20 million.

Westland hasn't closed on purchasing the building, so it's future still lies with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district. Prior to the city pursuing redevelopment of Marshall, the school district had been looking to demolish the building.

The city has been looking at Marshall

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Seven merry Christmas events to get metro Detroiters feeling jolly

Laura Colvin

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With Thanksgiving now in the past, these events and activities in metro Detroit surely will help you get in the holiday spirit.

Free horse-drawn carriage rides, Birmingham

Climb aboard a complimentary horse-drawn carriage for a tour of the holiday lights and Birmingham's festive downtown, every weekend through Christmas Eve. The carriage rides begin in Shain Park and are on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations reauired.

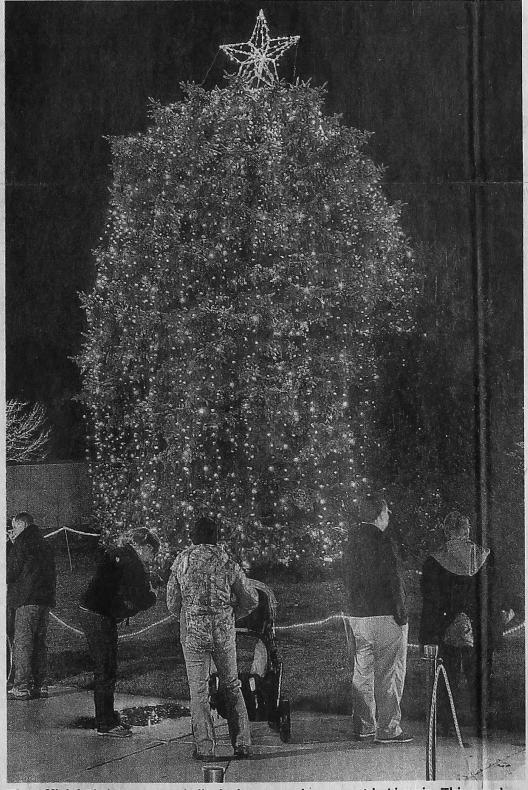
Christmas in the Village, Canton

Visit the Village Arts Factory for some shopping at the Holiday Artisan Market, 50755 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, from 3-8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3. While you're there, get picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy some musical performances or indulge in something from the food trucks. Don't forget the greens market, where you can purchase fresh Christmas trees, wreaths and gar-

Holly Days and Lighted Parade, **Farmington**

The Downtown Farmington Holly Days event runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, featuring a holiday kids train, photos with Santa and stories with Mrs. Claus. Then, at 5:30 p.m. the Light up the Grand Parade kicks off in downtown, finishing at the Governor Warner Mansion for the annual Tree Lighting.

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The official Christmas tree is lit during a previous event in Livonia. This year's tree lighting and parade will be Sunday. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Car wash could locate in northern Livonia

David Veselenak

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Drivers could have a new option for getting their car clean on the north end of Livonia in the coming months.

Plans are moving through Livonia City Hall to construct a new car wash at the former Napa Auto Parts store on Farmington Road just south of Eight Mile. The new car wash would have several queuing lanes and offer vacuums for cleaning the interior of vehicles as well.

Napa Auto Parts recently moved to a new space along Seven Mile and its building on the former site would be demolished to make way for a brandnew car wash facility. Both driveways would remain, with one being a twoway driveway and another being the exit to the car wash after cars go

Plans were reviewed during the city's planning commission regular meeting Nov. 15. There, commissioners went over the plans after they were first reviewed during a previous study meeting. Some changes included some landscaping features to the site,

"It sounded like some additional screening in the south that was not added that may have been requested," said Kyle Wrentmore of Columbus, Ohio-based Mannik Smith Group. "We can certainly fill in additional shrubs in between those mature trees as well."

Some commissioners brought up the issue of the number of surrounding car washes in the area. While there aren't any nearby within Livonia, two are located within less than a mileand-a-half radius: the Zax Auto Wash

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Wayne police seek accreditation status

Courtesy of Wayne Police Department

A team of assessors from the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) will arrive Dec. 6 to examine all aspects of the Wayne Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief of Police Ryan Strong announced.

"Accreditation through the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police ensures that the Wayne Police Department's policies and actions meet accepted best practices for law enforcement," Strong said. "Accreditation should be a significant source of pride for the Wayne Police Department and the community."

As part of this final on-site assessment, employees and members of the general public are invited to provide comments to the assessment team. They may do so by telephone or email. Call 734-722-2001 on Dec. 7 between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon. Email comments can be sent to ramore@cityofwayne.com.

Telephone comments are limited to five minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the commission's standards. A copy of the standards is available for inspection at the Wayne Police Department (33701 E Michigan Ave.).

Contact Lieutenant Robert Amore at 734-721-1414 x1527 for additional information.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Wayne Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation is requested to email the accreditation program manager at nrossow@michiganpolice-chiefs.org or write the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 3474 Alaiedon Pkwy, Suite 600, Okemos, MI 48864.

The Wayne Police Department must comply with 105 standards to achieve accredited status.

"Accreditation results in greater accountability within the agency, reduced risk and liability exposure, stronger defense against civil lawsuits, increased community advocacy, and more confi"Accreditation should be a significant source of pride for the Wayne Police Department and the community."

Ryan Strong Wayne Chief of Police

dence in the agency's ability to operate efficiently and respond to community needs," Strong said.

The accreditation program manager for the MACP is Ret. Chief Neal Rossow.

"The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar Michigan law enforcement agencies," Rossow said. "The assessors will review written materials, interview agency members, and visit offices and other places where compliance with the standards can be observed.

"Once the assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report to the full commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status."

Accreditation is valid for a threeyear period, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with the standards under which it was initially accredited.

The MACP, through its Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, is the legitimate authority and accreditation agency in the state of Michigan.

For more information regarding the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, please write the Commission at: MACP, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 3474 Alaiedon Pkwy, Suite 600, Okemos, MI 48864 or email nrossow@michiganpolicechiefs.org.



Hershey Shoes is looking for a new home for its 1970s-style carousel. PROVIDED BY HERSHEY SHOES

Garden City shoe store's iconic carousel for sale

Chandra Fleming

Detroit Free Press
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Before Hershey Shoes closes, it has one last thing to sell.

A rare merry-go-round that dates to the 1970s is going up for auction.

The play set, known as the Hollywood Jr, was created by Buster Brown, a famous Michigan shoe brand that dates to 1878, according to Nostalgia Central's website.

The company originally made multiple designs of the carousels. Some feature four seats, and others, like the one at Hershey Shoes in Garden City, was a six-seater that featured small horses with names like Beauty, Fury, Ginger and Silver, and wooden seats, wheels and pedals.

Collectible websites like Eldred's put the carousel's value at \$600 to \$900. This one is selling to the highest bidder.

Garden City resident Jackie Perrydore posted on Facebook that she and the Straight Farmhouse Historical Museum in Garden City are launching a campaign to raise funds to buy the carousel. They are seeking donations to fund the effort.

Potential donors can bring or mail donations to Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum at 6221 Merriman.

Every donation is tracked and will be returned if the museum isn't the highest bidder. The group is requesting to include contact information on the donation. Donations are also tax-deductible.

The museum is open from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

Hershey Shoes announced earlier in November that it was closing after 76 years. The closure comes after owner Tom Walch decided to retire. It's expected to close by year-end.

The bidding for the carousel is expected to end on Dec. 1 and the retirement sale ends on Dec. 31.

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Events

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Merry & Bright Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting, Livonia

Floats, bands, entertainers and more: join the community along the parade route from Frost Middle School to Livonia City Hall, Sunday Dec. 4. There, guests of honor from the North Pole will help push the giant button to illuminate the colorful holiday light display around City Hall. Once the lights are on, head over to the Bennett Civic Center Library to visit with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, do some crafts and hear some holiday music.

Christmas in the Village, Northville

Experience a fun holiday event for the whole family at the historic Mill Race Village, 5-8 pm., Dec. 2-3. The buildings will be beautifully decorated for the Christmas Market, holiday inflatables, carolers and more. Tickets are on sale now

Catch a classic holiday film at the Penn Theatre, Plymouth

Go see a holiday classic at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. This year's line up includes with "It's a Wonderful Life," Dec. 1-4; "A Christmas Story;" Dec. 8-9, "Miracle on 34th Street," Dec. 10-11; "Elf," Dec. 16-18; and "The Polar Express," Dec. 22-23. Heads up, all seats are just \$5 at the Penn, but it's cash only. Afterward, take a stroll through the festive Kellogg Park, right across the street.

Holiday Spectacular, South Lyon

A full day of merriment is in store for revelers in the City of South Lyon on Dec. 3. The fun kicks off at 11 a.m. From the Christmas in the Country Craft Show at South Lyon High School to the Holiday Spectacular Lighted Parade and tree lighting ceremony, this event is sure to offer something for everyone.

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Santa arrives in downtown Farmington during a "Light up the Grand" parade.

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Council approves Northville Downs preliminary plan

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Northville continues to move forward on a proposal for the old Northville Downs site that would prove transformative for the small city.

Council members unanimously advanced a preliminary development plan during a Nov. 21 meeting. The plan still has a long way to go, and council placed a host of conditions on its approving vote. The development will come back to city council at least one more time before developers can break ground.

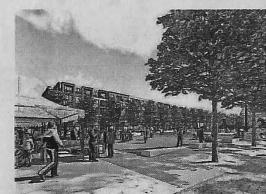
Though city officials and vocal residents seem at odds about what should happen to the 48-acre property, most seem to want something to give the 80-year-old horseracing track a new purpose

"For generations, we've talked about what's going to happen down at the Downs," Mayor Brian Turnbull said.

Developer Hunter Pasteur is looking to put roughly 450 dwellings on the property, which would vary in density. Residents opposed to the project fear the homes and apartments would add too much traffic and expressed an exasperation with the city's perceived continual support of the project.

"I have to say I've become a little disillusioned with the development process," resident Lenora Windowski said. "I feel like everything has been a compromise, and a lot of our important concerns have not been addressed."

The developers at Hunter Pasteur, however, say resident feedback has played a huge role in the proposal. Aside from housing, the Downs project would also include parks, updates to some city



A conceptual rendering of the Northville Downs development revealed Aug. 30 during a city planning commission meeting on Zoom.

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streets, retail space and the first roundabout in Wayne County. Developers plan to spend about \$11.4 million on

community upgrades if the proposal is approved.

In total, Hunter Pasteur has participated in 39 public meetings regarding the Downs property.

Supporters of the project include Wayne County, Northville's Downtown Development Authority and the city's Brownfield development board. The planning commission recommended council cast its approving vote.

Council members said they want any final result to gel with the community. Traffic and the height of some proposed buildings were areas of concern on that front. It's likely developers will further tweak the proposal in the coming months to appease officials' concerns.

"We're trying to create a neighborhood feel – a community feel," Councilman John Carter said.

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Car wash

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at Eight Mile and Gill in Farmington Hills; and Colonial Car Wash on Nine Mile west of Farmington Road in Farmington. Representatives said they had done the research and believed the car wash would benefit the surrounding community.

Also at hand was the issue of lighting up the parking lot. There was fear that the lighting for the areas around the vacuum cleaners for cars would be exceptionally bright, and could affect those driving by.

"It doesn't need to look like daylight as you drive up Farmington Road here for a car wash to light up the whole world there, in my opinion," said Commissioner Sam Caramagno.

The commission voted to recommend approval of the plans during its meeting. They now go to the city council for its review and final determination.

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The former Napa Auto Parts store on Farmington Road in Livonia could be demolished to make way for a new car wash. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

School

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for a recreation and community building since late 2020. The most recent visions for Marshall included a YMCA, the Wayne Metro Community Action Agency's Head Start program and space for city services and events. Wild said a departure from the project will not affect the library's temporary set up in Marshall. The library is in the process of moving to the school and should reopen at Marshall in January. The library will remain at Marshall while its own building undergoes a major renovation and expansion next year.

In place of the Marshall project, Wild plans to pitch a park near Westland City Hall to help satisfy the need for more recreation in the city. The decision to appropriate money toward such a project lies with city council.

"Residents have told us that's something they want," he said.

Renderings of the proposed park show hammocks, walking paths, children's play areas and gathering space on the land between city hall and Westland's building building department.

Wild plans to suggest the city create

the park using American Rescue Plan Act dollars that would have gone toward Marshall. Westland is receiving \$26 million through ARPA that officials can spend on infrastructure needs, which includes parks.

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Does DIA give taxpayers their money's worth?

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Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

At the halfway point and almost \$300 million into the Detroit Institute of Arts' tax millage from residents in the tri-county area, concerned members of Detroit's art scene are questioning whether citizens have gotten what they pay for.

Voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties agreed to a levy - initially proposed as a 10-year, onetime tax, but then renewed in 2020 — to help bolster the museum's budget and support its operations while it funneled donation efforts to its endowment fund. Wavne County alone has collected more than \$90 million from residents since 2012 through this millage.

In exchange, the museum agreed to a nearly identical service agreement with each of the counties. In Wayne County, the Wayne County Art Institute Authority (WCAIA) requires the museum to fulfill certain benefits for residents - like free admission and school trips. But some say the agreement is too vague and oversight too lax to keep the DIA engaging with the community as much as other renowned metropolitan

Of Wayne County's \$92.4 million pool, about \$6 million has gone to programs outlined in the service agreement, like its Inside Out art installations and Thursdays at the Museum senior program. The rest of county tax dollars have been used by the DIA at its own discretion for operational expenses. The current agreement will expire next year and can be renegotiated for the next 10 years.

What should you get for \$10M a year?

Spearheading an effort for heightened accountability for the museum is Steve Panton, a Detroit resident and active member of the city's art scene. He questions whether the authority is ensuring the DIA is returning on residents' investment by providing a worldclass experience and contributing to the city's creative

"My previous job allowed me to travel a lot around the world. Everywhere I went, I went to an art institute," said Panton, who co-founded Essay'd, a Detroitbased arts education and advocacy publication. "I became increasingly concerned that the DIA wasn't performing at a level that was consistent with the funding that they were getting."

Panton points to other art institutions in similar size cities to illustrate what he says is the DIA's insufficient connection with the art community. The Minneapolis Institute of Art serves a smaller metropolitan population (3.7 million compared with Detroit's 4.4 million) and generates significantly less revenue than the DIA. It maintains about the same number of employees, but displayed more than double the number of exhibits that the DIA did from 2018 through November 2022.

"The DIA has a great collection, it has a great facility, but right now it's not doing enough programming beyond this," he said.

The Detroit Free Press and Outlier Media made multiple requests to the DIA for an interview with leadership over the course of four weeks. They declined. A DIA spokesperson instead referred to a 2021 publication by the museum's director Salvador Salort-Pons and board chairman Eugene Gargaro.

In it, Pons and Gargaro write:

"The millage has transformed our museum from an often inward-looking one to one that MUST serve its community, from the third graders in the Detroit Public Schools Community District who visit the museum on free field trips, to the residents of Eastpointe, whose downtown will be enlivened by a community co-created mural that will remain for decades to

Pons and Gargaro also cite the millage as crucial in allowing the museum's endowment fund to grow from \$124 million in 2016 to \$305 million in 2021.

"The reality is, for \$10 million a year, the people of Wayne County should get spectacular service — this is



The Detroit Institute of Arts has gotten almost \$300 million from a millage. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

a huge amount of money — and yet they're getting a service which is at the bottom of the heap in comparison to similar institutions in other cities," Panton said. 'The people of Wayne County deserve more."

Halima Cassells, an interdisciplinary artist based in Detroit, said the museum could — and should — improve its relations with local artists by offering more opportunities.

"I don't want to take anything away from them because I think it's important that we do have a tier-one museum that elevates art from all over the world," she said. "But Detroiters and Detroit creators and Michigan creators should also have several ways to engage."

Cassells would like to see the county require the museum to include a certain amount of local art in its collections or exhibits in the next service agreement.

Alongside offering more opportunities for collaboration, Cassells said the DIA also needs to create a more welcoming space for artists.

"When you do have that much prestige, it can make it more daunting for folks to step up and come in the door and be their best because they're already in this kind of position of like, 'Do I belong here?' " she said.

Sparse public records, board processes

The original service agreement, crafted by the DIA's legal team, outlines each entity's responsibilities and benefits for residents. In the agreement, both entities have agreed to allot at least \$150,000 for field trip. transportation, \$300,000 for community collaborations and \$100,000 for senior programming.

"I think that people assume that with the millage, ere is a body that is negotiating for them and looking after their interests. And the answer is, there is a body that's supposed to be doing that, but isn't doing that," Panton said.

The WCAIA meets four times a year. In each meeting, the authority reviews programming for the calendar year ahead and evaluates the county's investments compared with the amounts proposed in the service agreement, and the DIA delivers reports on Wayne County admission rates and school field trips.

The nine-member body currently has eight positions filled: Three seats are filled by the county executive and six are chosen by the Wayne County Commission. There is no formal process to apply to sit on the authority — leaving the ninth seat empty for the foreseeable future.

Public record of the authority's activities is sparse. The body is subject to the Open Meetings Act, meaning it should publicize meeting notices and maintain meeting minutes, but was not fulfilling these requirements until 2020.

"Our faults are errors of omission," said Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, who serves as the authority's vice chair. Killeen emphasized that since becoming aware of the authority's failings, he has been working to right them.

The WCAIA is also nine years behind on audits of millage spending.

One of the current members of the WCAIA, Renata Seals, also sits on the museum's board of directors, in apparent conflict with state law that prohibits members of art institute authorities from sitting on governing bodies for the institution they oversee.

Both state law and the WCAIA's articles of incorporation prohibit members from participating in the governance of the art institute. The county's service agreement, however, allows for the authority to appoint two voting members onto the museum's board of

Requests to the board to interview Seals — who is Wayne County Executive Warren Evans' wife and who he appointed to the authority — were unanswered.

In a statement, a spokesperson for Evans said, "The Wayne County Art Institute Authority (WCAIA) holds the right to appoint two (2) voting members to serve on the Detroit Institute of Arts' (DIA) Board of Directors. ... Based upon legal opinion, the WCAIA is well within its rights and law to make appointments to the DIA Board of Directors."

When asked whether the authority would make an effort to collect public input to consider when renegotiating the service agreement, Killeen was noncommittal, saying that may be beyond the authority's ca-

"We got 1.8 million people in Wayne County, how are you going to figure out the best interest of the citizens of Wayne County?" he said. "Wayne County voters have said, 'It's in our best interest to have that museum, we want it financially healthy.' And they have their own management over there."

The service agreements are set to expire in December 2023, presenting an opportunity for renegotiation for all three counties. The Wayne County Art Institute Authority's next meeting will be at 10 a.m. Dec. 19.

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She was a fiercely devoted and protective Nana to Lauren DePorre, Nicholas DePorre, Max Granata and Ava Granata. Virginia was a force of nature all her life. She was a nail technician by trade, and she loved doing her clients nails and listening to their stories. She was brutally honest and direct while also being loving and supportive. Her family was ALWAYS her number one priority. We will be telling hilariously outrageous "Virginia/Mom/ Nana" stories for the rest of our lives. We will miss our North Star so much, but we all know she is in Heaven looking out for us from up above. You were deeply loved Mom.

Donating to fake charity has real effect on taxes



Money Matters

Dear Rick:

I have a couple of tax issues I hope you can help me with. I've been making monthly contributions to a Ukrainian charity. Unfortunately, I found out that the charity is bogus. I am curious if I can still claim the deduction on my taxes.

My second question deals with my IRA. I must take a required distribution of \$5,000 before the end of the year. I don't need the money and want to give it to my granddaughter. Do I still pay taxes if I transfer the money directly to her?

Thank you, J.J.

Dear J.J.:

You're not entitled to a charitable contribution for the money you gave to the fraudulent Ukrainian charity. To qualify for a charitable contribution, the entity must be a qualified organization registered with the Internal Revenue Service.

It is important to do your homework before giving to any organization. Unfortunately, scam artists take advantage of our generosity, particularly this time of year. In addition to the scams and fraudulent organizations, there are also legitimate charities that don't do a very good job of handling your

Some organizations spend more on marketing and overhead than they do on their charitable pur-

pose. Therefore, to make sure your money is being properly allocated, it's important to do some research.

I recommend visiting www.charitynavigator.org or www.give.org to get non-bias independent information on charitable organizations. Even if you believe you know the charity, it's still a good idea to check it out. Remember, a lot of the scam artists set up bogus charities that sound like a legitimate charity. In addition, one of the oldest tricks used to scam us is using children and animals in their marketing pieces. Don't let them pull on your heart strings. It's important to use both your heart - and your head - when making philanthropic donations.

With regards to gifting your required minimum distribution to your grandchild, that is not a problem; however, it doesn't mean that you avoid taxes. Distribution from retirement accounts are taxed. Unfortunately, gifting the money to your grandchild does not relieve you of the obligation to pay tax. In fact, when gifting money to someone, there could also be gift tax consequences. In this case you are under the yearly threshold amount. However, if throughout the year you have already gifted money to your grandchild and those gifts in total are more than \$16,000, then you have a gift tax issue.

Because this is the giving season, many of us let our guard down; unfortunately, we cannot afford to do this. This is the time of year when the scammers are out in force, and we are our last line of defense.

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Gov. seeks new approach to 'fix the damn roads'

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LANSING - Gov. Gretchen Whitmer says she still wants to "fix the damn roads" as she begins her second and final term, but now believes an entirely new funding system is needed to allow for the growth in electric vehicles and associated drop in gasoline consumption.

"I will not be proposing a 45-cent gas tax (increase);

I can say that definitively," Whitmer said.

Whitmer's gas tax proposal in 2019 was a nonstarter in the Republican-controlled Legislature and became an issue in the Nov. 8 election, which Whitmer won by nearly 11 percentage points. Republican gubernatorial candidate Tudor Dixon repeatedly cited Whitmer's gas tax plan to counter the governor's boast that she had not raised taxes.

Democrats are poised to take control of both the House and Senate on Jan. 1. But Whitmer, who won't be able to seek a third four-year term because of constitutional term limits, said she won't be circling back on the gas tax hike as an item of unfinished business.

"It's going to require a major policy change" that can't originate from any one person, she said.

Michigan's road funding primarily comes from fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees, plus \$600 million a year from the state's general fund.

In 2020, Whitmer went around the Legislature to get the State Transportation Commission to OK \$3.5 billion in bonds to help her step up road repairs. She's also used general funds and Michigan's share of President Joe Biden's \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill to ramp up projects on Michigan roads long known for their poor quality.

But now, a whole new approach is needed, she said. "We are undergoing a historic transformation from ICE (internal combustion engines) to EVs (electric vehicles) and being able to build out and maintain infrastructure that can support this technology is something that every state in the country is going to grapple with," Whitmer said. "I think Michigan could show the world what a real solution looks like, but it's not going to come from one person."

The use of gas-powered vehicles is trending downward nationwide as electric vehicles become more affordable and easier to recharge. In Michigan, Whitmer has also made the transition to electric vehicles a central plank of her economic development plan, joining with the Legislature to approve well over \$1 billion in incentives for GM, Ford and other companies to build new manufacturing facilities related to batteries and electric vehicles.

Charging motorists based on how many miles they

drive might be the most equitable formula, but there are many questions related to technology and how such a plan would be implemented, Whitmer said.

"There are thoughts of how it might make sense, but I don't know that there's any perfect solution at this juncture, and that's why I think we've got to get the right people around the table, design it, vet it, and get robust support behind it," she said.

The Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, an industry group dominated by road builders, is doing research that might help lawmakers and others develop a new funding plan, she said.

Lance Binoniemi, vice president of government affairs at MITA, said a study on how electric vehicles affect road funding is underway, but the details are "not yet ready for public consumption." Expect a report late this winter or early in the spring of 2023, he said.

Whitmer also discussed:

Lame duck: There are a few items she hopes might get done during the lame-duck legislative session that takes place before the new Democratic-controlled Legislature is sworn in with the new year, she said.

On top of that list is legislation to move Michigan's presidential primary to February from March.

"Michigan is an important state. We should be a bigger player when it comes to national elections," Whitmer said.

Using passage of Proposal 3 as an economic development tool: Whitmer said before the election that if the ballot proposal to enshrine reproductive rights in the state constitution passes, which it did, she wants to go into neighboring anti-choice states such as Indiana and Ohio and "eat their lunch" by poaching major industry and talented workers.

Whitmer said discussions to act on those plans are well underway. Plans will likely include TV ads and personal visits by her, Whitmer said.

Foreign trade missions: Whitmer, who made only one foreign trade mission, to Israel in 2019, before the pandemic struck, said she expects to announce trips to Europe and Asia in her second term. Details are still pending with the Michigan Economic Development Corp., she said.

"I think it's important for our state that the chief executive is telling the story and landing investment for Michigan," she said.

Auto insurance reform: Whitmer has acknowledged that the bipartisan legislation she signed during her first term, intended to reduce the cost of no-fault auto insurance, has left many catastrophically injured auto accident victims without adequate care.

Asked whether to expect a fix during her second term, Whitmer said: "I think an earnest conversation will get started, early in the next year."



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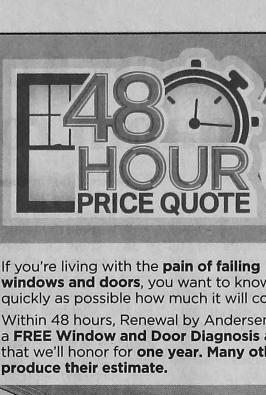
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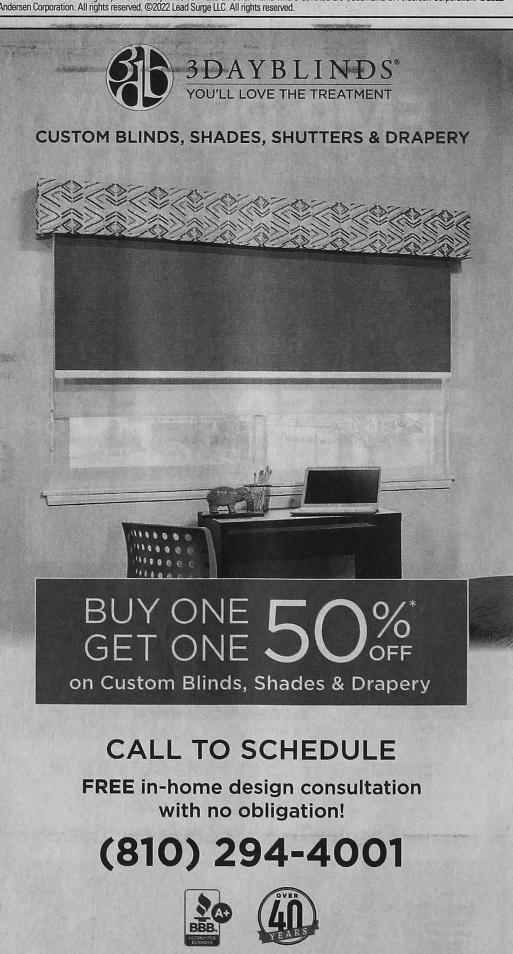
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Northville QB ends high school career with win at Legacy

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Northville quarterback Luca Prior handed off to Portage Northern running back XaVior Tyus, who raced through an open hole and crossed the goal line on a routine off-tackle play.

Prior responded by spinning toward the fans on the other end of the field, giving an energetic fist pump their way and then he looked toward the ceiling at Legacy Center Sports Complex and hollered, "Let's go!"

At that moment, the senior had realized Tyus' 5-yard scamper would be enough to sew up the eventual 37-25 victory for his West squad over the East in Sunday's Legacy Senior All-Star football game.

And, at that moment, Prior knew he had gotten some sweet, sweet redemption.

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Northville quarterback Luca Prior poses for a picture with parents Selvije and Kevin and grandmother Marge following the Legacy Senior All-Star football game Nov. 27 at Legacy Center Sports Complex in Brighton.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY



Livonia Churchill's Luke Pilarksi celebrates a goal Nov. 26 at Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Churchill undefeated with only two seniors

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What do defending state champion Detroit Catholic Central and Livonia Churchill have in common?

Both of its hockey teams are undefeated through the first two weeks of the season.

For the Shamrocks, that's expected. They're absolutely loaded with talent.

But you know what? Water is wet and the grass is green (when it's not hockey season, of course).

But for the Chargers to be undefeated through four games, that's saying something. Not because they were projected to have a down year. No, not all. They're a competitive team in one of the best leagues in Michigan, the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

It's surprising because they have just two seniors.

"Which is something I've never experienced in my 11 years here," coach Jason Reynolds said following a 4-1 victory Nov. 26 at Canton. "We're loaded with juniors and sophomores, which is good, but that also means there's more of a learning curve there."

Well, if you're going to have just two seniors, Reynolds couldn't ask for two better ones.

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Mustangs volleyball coach inspires team at Final 4

Brandon Folsom

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Northville volleyball coach Sarah Lindstrom says one of the most challenging things to do is to get teenagers to believe in themselves.

Which is saying something because she has a roster chalked full of future Division I college players. There shouldn't be any issues with confidence whatsoever.

But the second-year coach was right.

There the Mustangs were, trailing 2-1 in the No. 17 Division 1 state semifinal to Saline, one of the three teams that actually defeated Northville during the regular season.

Their confidence wasn't tanked, but Lindstrom definitely needed to say something — anything, really — to get her players out of their funk, or else their season would end just one game shy of the state championship.

And then Lindstrom looked up into the stands at Kellogg Arena and saw her former high school coach, Julie Fisette, who not only coached Lindstrom at Novi but went on to become a coach at Northville years later.

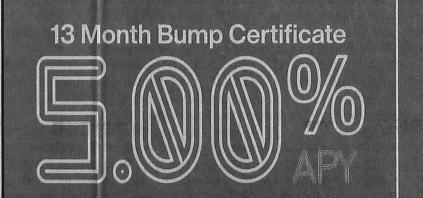
"That gave me the confidence to know that I knew what I was doing," Lindstrom said. "That reminded me that I know how to motivate them to do bigger things than they've ever done before. She's the one who taught me how to motivate kids. She taught me how to get kids to do the things they're capable of doing. She was that coach that did that for me as a kid."

And just like that, between the third and fourth sets, with the Mustangs (47-3) facing elimination, Lindstrom huddled her team in a tight circle and came up with a "Win for the Gipper" speech of her own.

"At this point, it's been 41 days since you lost to them," Lindstrom said she told her players. "Don't let them do it to you again. Think about that. Think about that on every play. Every time you hit the ball, think about how you felt when they took that (win) from you. Think about that every time you go back to serve or when you go to dig."

That inspired Northville to have an explosive set. The Mustangs led by as many as 10 points, and they capped off

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Northville edges Novi 4-2 in 'craziest 3 minutes' of hockey

Brandon Folsom

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Cole Lefere had never attended a Northville hockey home game before Nov. 22. Not even as a fan sitting in the student section.

The junior has played Tier II for Little Caesars Farmington Hills, so he's been too busy with his own hockey pursuits over the years to stop by Novi Ice Arena to cheer on his schoolmates.

But he felt he wasn't getting enough playing time with his club. So he decided that going out for Northville's varsity team and playing for first-year coach Ryan Ossenmacher seemed like a better

That meant Northville's home opener against rival Novi would be his first time seeing just how loud and crazy the Mustangs faithful can get.

Technically, the 4-2 victory over the Wildcats wasn't a true home game, as Northville and Novi share the same home arena. But it'll go down as a homegame experience Lefere will never for-

Not just because he scored his first two career goals at the high school level. which included an unbelievable gamewinner late. It's because the game was... Actually, it'd be better if Tommy Loebach explained it.

"Oh, yeah, man. Those last 3 minutes were crazy," the Northville senior forward said. "That's definitely the craziest 3 minutes of Northville hockey I've ever played in my life. It was just back and forth, back and forth."

Novi's Gabe Armstong drew a penalty shot, but Northville goalie Jackson Morgan came up with a clutch five-hole save with both his stick and his right leg pad on the one-on-one to preserve a 1-1 tie with 8:25 left in regulation.

As the time ticked away, overtime looked imminent. Neither team's defense was budging.

But then Northville's Matthew Heirtzler raced down the ice on a breakaway. The senior forward drew in three Novi defenders. And then, in a blink, he hit the brakes, pulled up on his attack and hit Loebach for a wide-open slapshot.

Loebach's wrister smoked Novi goalie Henri Lettman right in the glove. It should have been the perfect glove save. Yet the puck bounced out of his hand and landed in front of Loebach, who lasered another shot to a wide-open portion of the net near the left post with 2:27 remaining.

Loebach celebrated by ramming into the glass behind Lettman and firing up a herd of onlooking JV Mustangs.

The longer that celebration lasted, the less likely a Novi (1-2) comeback looked possible.

For one, the Wildcats had lost their best player to injury. Captain Charlie Lewinski, who signed with Connecticut 2 weeks ago, had left the game earlier. But just before Loebach's goal, he had returned to Novi's bench area.

Except Lewinski wasn't wearing his hockey gear. The former Compuware triple-A forward had on shorts, a Novi hockey jacket and a Muskegon Lumberjacks shirt. His left arm wasn't even in the sleeve of his jacket.

As he walked back to watch the end of the game, one person asked him what



Northville's Cole Lefere celebrates a goal Nov. 22 at Novi Ice Arena. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

was wrong.

"I don't know," the senior said. "I hurt my shoulder pretty bad."

Seconds later, Loebach threw in that potential game-winner, and that had Lewinski, who's playing his first season of high school hockey, in disbelief. Loebach's celebration seemed to last an eternity for the Wildcats, who were left scrambling afterward.

There were just 147 seconds remaining. They were going to have to pull their goalie for an extra skater if they wanted to have a chance at knotting the score and forcing overtime.

And that's what they appeared to want to do. Except Lettman wasn't notified of the game plan. The goalie remained on the ice after the faceoff.

By the time Lettman made it to the bench, teammate Trevor Reed had tied the score at 2. Only a handful of seconds had even run off the scoreboard. Northville (1-2) battled back.

One possession later, the Mustangs got the puck in Novi's zone. Loebach and Brady Couture worked together to cycle the puck around to set up some sort of scoring attempt.

Somehow Lefere got open with plenty of room to shoot. But the front of the net was crowded. Lettman had covered plenty of real estate. But Lefere let it rip anyway. Both of their previous goals had been scored off rebounds, including his first career goal early in the second period.

And somehow the puck made it past Lettman.

Novi pulled Lettman once again, only this time Northville's Tommy Marinoff jumped a pass, secured the puck and took off for an empty-net breakaway to give the Mustangs some insurance with 22.3 seconds left.

Ossenmacher, who spent 15 seasons coaching nearby Salem, got his first win as Northville's new coach. And this also goes down as Ossenmacher's first win in one of the most heated crosstown rivalries in metro Detroit.

"Everything," said Lefere, when asked what he was feeling after scoring the game-winner. "Craziness. Everything has been going through my head. I'm not even thinking about the game-winner. I'm just thinking, 'Wow, what a day!' "

Hartland searching for answers after 3-0 loss to Stevenson hockey

Bill Khan

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Hartland rarely faces adversity this early in a hockey season.

If the Eagles encounter it at all, it's usually in the form of a mini slump during the dog days of the season or during a tough battle in the playoffs.

For the most part, Hartland has made it look easy on its way to three state championships in the past four completed seasons and for much of coach Rick Gadwa's 12 years at the helm. But two games into the 2022-23 season, the Eagles are searching for

Following a 3-0 loss to Livonia Stevenson Nov. 23 at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena, Hartland is 0-2 for the first time since 2004-05.

One week earlier, the Eagles lost 7-1 in their season opener to No. 1-ranked Detroit Catholic Central. Stevenson is ranked No. 3 in Division 1, while Hartland will undoubtedly fall from the No. 2 spot when the next rankings are

The silver lining for the Eagles is they have three months to find their game before the start of the state play-

"There's that fine line of, hey, you've got all this time," Gadwa said. "You don't want to be too little, too late at some point. But we have a long way to go. ... Once we get corrected, which we're working on pretty intensely right now, we'll get there. It's just gonna take time. Guys have to embrace the fact it's a process. If they don't embrace that, we're going to have more games like this."

During Gadwa's first 11 seasons, Hartland had a 19-3 record in the first two games of the season. A notable loss was an 11-3 decision against Stevenson in the second game of 2013-14, a year in which the Eagles regrouped to reach the state Division 2 championship game. Even last season, Stevenson beat Hartland 4-2 before Thanksgiving, but the Eagles won the next two matchups and the state Division 2

"We've got a long way to go," Gadwa said. "They're going to have to figure that out as a group, for sure. Stevenson, I give them a ton of credit. I thought they looked almost in midseason form, especially their play without the puck, the way they angled us, the way they sealed us, the way they took a lot of ice away. They found their holes, they took it, they hemmed us a couple times when they needed to, wore us down. I thought they were a better team. I thought they were better coached tonight."

The Eagles hope to bounce back much like Stevenson did from a 6-0 season-opening loss to Lake Forest Academy of Illinois.

"We came a long way since the weekend," Spartans coach David Mitchell said. "We spent the weekend in Lake Forest and played well in the scrimmage game and then didn't play well in the regular game. We had a lot of work to do. I don't know about midseason form, but we definitely took a big step forward tonight."

Stevenson got a 22-save shutout



Livonia Stevenson's Charlie Ward had an empty-net goal and an assist during a 3-0 victory over Hartland on Nov. 23 at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

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performance from senior goalie Riley Martin, who was making his high school debut after playing AAA hockey.

Martin had to be particularly sharp during the third period, as Stevenson killed a 48-second 5-on-3 power play to start the period and a two-minute power play in the final 2:22 with the score

"It's pretty intense out there, but I just try to stay calm and controlled as I can, and it worked," Martin said.

The Eagles didn't allow a goal 10 seconds in like they did in the loss to Catholic Central, but they did find themselves in a hole just 4:18 into the game when freshman Garrett Teahan scored from inside the right point.

Stevenson took a 2-0 lead 1:06 into the second period when Derek Buchanan scored on a breakaway after taking a long outlet pass from defenseman Charlie Ward. A recurring issue for Hartland in the early going has been allowing breakaways and odd-man rushes that turn into goals.

"It's an awareness and it's making sure we're not letting guys behind us and we're able to stay on the defensive side, and we just didn't," Gadwa said. "That's definitely something we addressed a little bit this week. We're going to keep addressing it."

With Hartland on a power play with a chance to get within a goal, Ward sealed the victory by scoring into an empty net with 56.5 seconds left on a clearing attempt from behind Stevenson's icing

Orchard Lake St. Mary's 5, **Brighton 2**

St. Mary's scored three third-period goals, including two empty-netters, after Brighton rallied from a 2-0 deficit to tie the game 2-2 after two periods.

Down 2-0 after one period, Brighton evened the score on second-period goals by Cameron Duffany and Dominic Vincent.

The game remained tied until Morris Hunter scored with 4:18 remaining. Matthew Waring scored two empty-net goals in the final 1:08.

Brighton (1-1) outshot St. Mary's, 26-22. St. Mary's (2-0) is ranked No. 3 in Division 3, while Brighton is No. 4 in Division 1.

Churchill

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Tasked with coaching the youngsters in the dressing room are goalie Ryan Price and defenseman Luke Pilarski.

Not often do you see a goaltender with the captain "C" on their sweater, but that's what you have in Price.

And not often do you see a blue liner leading a team in points, but, hey, Pilarski has eight goals and four assists for 12 points for the 4-0 Chargers, which is two points ahead of sophomore forward Bryce Brown (2-8--10).

But the good news is Churchill isn't necessarily green. It has 14 returners from last year's 12-6-3 campaign, despite a majority of them being juniors and sophomores.

Reynolds said at least year's media day that he expected the Chargers to take their lumps in 2021-22. But they shocked the league by ripping off 12 wins and finishing third in the KLAA-Black.

So an undefeated start isn't neces-

sarily unbelievable either.

"We're happy with the progress we're making so far, but we just know with that KLAA schedule, it's going to get steep really fast," Reynolds added. "So we're just trying to focus on progress



Livonia Churchill's Ryan Price looks to stop a shot Nov. 26 at Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

more than anything else. We know that the better teams and the stronger teams are yet to come.

"We know we're going to have our work cut out for us. We're pleased with the effort so far, but, at the same time, we know what's ahead. Every day is just about progress."

And the Chargers made progress at

Arctic Edge Ice Arena. A slow start turned into a runaway

victory against the rebuilding Chiefs, who are coming off one of the best seasons in program history, which included them upsetting Livonia Stevenson for their first-ever regional championship.

Pilarski blasted in a power-play goal from the left portion of the blue line early in the opening period.

And then he assisted junior Landen Burdt on a goal that gave Churchill a 2-1 lead in the next frame.

The senior scored an insurance goal from the same spot on the blue line in

Brown also tallied an empty-netter with 40.9 seconds remaining.

"Last year, we had a lot of goal scorers and, obviously, we lost them all, so I knew I had a big role to fill," said Pilarski, who hasn't taken his leadership responsibilities lightly. "It's pretty rough (graduating six of the team's leading pointgetters). Obviously, there's never been a Churchill team with only two seniors either. In past years, we've had like six, seven, eight. So with a young team, we've got to have a good senior leadership and lead by example."

Price said he's enjoyed being the vo-

cal leader in the locker room. "We're 4-0, and we can't start off any better than that," said the goalie, who made 32 saves vs. Canton. "We've had a lot of the younger guys step up, includ-

ing Bryce and (junior forward) Austin

Ferris (5-1--6), who have really stepped up and filled the roles of the guys we've lost. So, for sure, it's really cool, but the biggest thing for me is to keep instilling in those guys that we've got to work hard every game, every shift.

"We don't have the talent to take plays off, or teams are going to take advantage of us. We've just got to stay on it and stay the track."

Others leading on the scoring sheet have been alternate captain Jack Krupinski (4-3--7), sophomore defenseman Zack Allgeyer (1-4--5) and Burdt, junior forward Chase Adams and sophomore forward Ethan Slesak, who have four points apiece.

"We do have a good core of sophomores and juniors who are all on different development racks," Reynolds added. "There's a relentless nature about them that kind of feeds us well in competitive games like this. ...

"We're just trying to raise the standard of play as we go along."

It's not fair to say Churchill's win over Canton was expected. But it wasn't surprising the Chargers handled business on the road either.

Nor was it surprising to see the first person to greet Price with a celebratory hug after the final buzzer was Pilarski. They have only a few games left in their high school careers. They have to make the most of them.

Volleyball

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the 25-13 win with back-to-back points from Avry Nelson.

They were still alive. They could earn a berth into the state championship with a fifth-set victory.

There was only one problem. Northville has never played in a fifth set since Lindstrom took over the program.

In fact, outside of a district final match against rival Novi and the regional opener vs. Farmington Hills Mercy, the Mustangs weren't really challenged en route to Battle Creek. They've just been head-and-shoulders better than almost all of their opponents since the regular season ended.

They weren't necessarily prepared for a loser-leaves-town set.

But Anna Wilds smoked an ace that gave Northville a quick 2-1 lead. And that had Lindstrom pacing the sideline with one finger in the air, yelling to her players, "Just one point at a time! One point at a time!"

Ella Craggs used a no-look set to set up Lauren MacKellar for a monster point and a 5-2 lead.

And then things just fell apart for Northville.

A Saline timeout stopped the bleed-

ing, and then the Hornets battled back to take an eventual 12-10 lead, putting themselves just three points away from a final-four victory.

Northville clearly needed one final gasp of inspiration from Lindstrom.

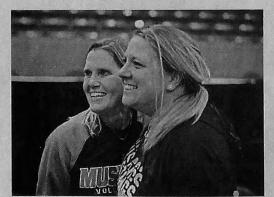
"You don't need to be anything other than yourselves," she told her players in their final timeout. "You don't have to jump any higher than you already do. You don't have to hit any harder than you already do on any given day.

"You just have to be you. You just have to know that we got here for a reason, and we're in this game for a reason. We just have to trust ourselves. Look around in this circle. Look at everyone next to you. There is not a single person in this circle who wouldn't fight for anyone else in here."

It was the shot in the arm the Mustangs needed.

Nelson halted a Saline rally with a block. Then Abby Reck knotted the score at 12 with an undiggable spike. And then Nelson teamed up with Craggs for another block to put Northville ahead by a point. Nelson admitted she was shell-shocked by playing on such a large stage.

She said Lindstrom's speech during the timeout was a wake-up call that helped her come up with the handful of important plays she made down the



Former Northville coach Julie Fisette and Sarah Lindstrom celebrate following the Division 1 volleyball state semifinal Nov. 17 at Kellogg Arena in **Battle Creek.**

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"I just think I just got more into the game," the 6-foot-1 junior said. "At the beginning, I just wasn't. I just didn't really think it was real, I guess. It didn't really feel real. It felt like a dream, mostly. As we got more into it, I got more into it, and I had the time of my life. It feels completely amazing."

Nelson's teammates never doubted

"Avry is an amazing blocker," said Reck, who was named one of 10 Michigan Miss Volleyball nominees at the beginning of the fall. "We literally call her the 'Great Wall of Avry.' ... She knows

she's big. She knows she's a great player. When she gets up there and gets big, she's unstoppable. At the beginning of the season, she was stuffing us at practice, over and over again, just stuffblocking us. And we were like, 'You know what? Great Wall of Avry it is."

Immediately after that block from Nelson and Craggs, Reck came up with a play of her own, smashing another undiggable ball to Saline's side.

She quickly threw up one finger and shouted, "One more point! One more point!"

The Hornets stole a point back after libero Taryn Rice couldn't muster a tough dig.

But then Saline sailed a ball out of bounds, ensuring Northville the comeback win, 15-13, and sending the Mustangs to the state championship for the

first time in program history. Lindstrom hugged her assistants afterward. And then she joined her players as they celebrated in front of their

As Lindstrom wiped tears from her eyes, she turned around, and there she was, Fisette, who had snuck past security to congratulate her former player.

Fisette had actually texted Lindstrom on Aug. 17 and said that she had already booked her hotel room for the state championship weekend. She fully expected Northville to make it there.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, the 13th day of December, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Time in the Township Hall located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road Plymouth, Michigan, to consider the establishment of an industrial development district pursuant to Act 198 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1974, as amended, for the following parcel of land:

General Location: The South side of Five Mile Road, East of Napier Road

Tax Identification Number: 78 001 99 0001 703

Legal Description:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE N 1/2 OF SEC 19 T1S R8E, PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING S 88D 31M 33S W 1284.22 FT FROM NE COR OF SAID SECTION TH S 38D 58M 31S W 1499.20 FT; TH S 25D 39M 34S W 1692.40 FT; TH S 88D 36M 35S W 2409.40 FT; TH N 00D 00M 22S E 2645.36 FT; TH N 88D 32M 48S E 2726.55 FT; TH N 88D 31M 33S E 1359.00 FT TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the Township Board shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the proposed Industrial Development District.

This notice is given by order of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth.

Jerry Vorva, J.D. Township Clerk

Publish: December 1, 2022

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

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 2020 Bond, Bid Package #EL-3 Addition & Remodeling, consisting of:

Additions and remodeling at Isbister Elementary School

will be received through Building Connected until 1:00 PM on Tuesday, December 13th,

- 1. All Bids shall be submitted electronically on or before the Due Date through Building Connected: https://app.buildingconnected.com/ public/5ae227ade0d395000fd24541 (McCarthy and Smith Plan Room)
- 2. For instructions on how to submit a Bid please go to the following link: https://buildingconnected.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360010222793-How- ${\color{blue} \underline{to\text{-}}} \underline{submit\text{-}your\text{-}} \underline{Bid\text{-}through\text{-}BuildingConnected\text{-}}$

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

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

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened, read aloud and tabulated, beginning at approx. 1:00 PM on Tuesday, December 13th, 2022. Bid Opening will be publicly conducted via a Zoom meeting.

The Bid Opening can be view at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89183305605

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

- 101: Earthwork/Site Utilities
- 103: Selective Demolition 105: Interior Concrete Flatwork
- 107: Steel
- 109: Roofing / Sheetmetal
- 115: Metal Stud / Drywall
- 117: Acoustical Treatments 120: Painting
- 124: Wood Flooring 128: Prefabricated Casework
- 134: Stage Equipment
- 142: HVAC 149: Fencing
- 102: Asphalt Paving/ Site Concrete
- 104: Concrete Footings & Foundations
- 106: Masonry
- 108: Carpentry / General Trades 114: Aluminum Entrances / Storefront / Glass & Glazing
- 116: Hard Tile
- 118: Carpet / Resilient Tile Flooring
- 123: Folding Partitions 125: Toilet Partitions
- 131: Gymnasium Equipment
- 140: Plumbing 143: Electrical
- Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture Inc. will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Builder's Exchange, Lansing.

Bidding Documents will be available beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 via Building Connected.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting on Thursday, December 01 at 4:30 p.m. at Isbister Elementary School, located at 9300 N Canton Center Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project bid documents & schedule, and to answer any questions bidders may have. Following the meeting, the bidders will have the opportunity to visit the project site. The pre-bid meeting is not a mandatory meeting however, bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

All bids must include the Familial Disclosure Affidavit (Section 004205), the Iran Linked Business Affidavit (Section 004210), and the Criminal Background Check Affidavit (Section

All Bids **must** be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the Bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the School District is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the Bid or failure of the Bidder to enter a Contract for performance, Further, the Bidder will execute the Contract, provide the required insurance certificate(s) and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract but prior to Work commencing.

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

Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

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END OF SECTION

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STATE OF MICHIGAN **COUNTY OF WAYNE** CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 99.034 - AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 30 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE: PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99 BY ADDING SECTION 30.11; PROVIDING FOR INTENT AND SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR PROVIDING FOR REMEDIES FOR UNSATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

The Charter Township of Plymouth ordains that Section 30.11: Performance Guarantees be added to the Zoning Ordinance (No. 99), and hereby amends the Zoning Ordinance by the addition of the following language:

SECTION 30.11. GENERAL

Section 30.11.1. Intent and scope of requirements.

A. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and an approved site plan, the site plan applicant shall post a performance guarantee with the Township to guarantee faithful completion of the approved improvements, in accordance with Section 505 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended.

Section 30.11.2. General requirements.

The performance guarantee shall meet the following requirements:

The performance guarantee shall be in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, performance bond, or cash bond. If the applicant posts an irrevocable letter of credit, the credit shall require only that the Township present the credit with a sight draft and an affidavit signed by the Township Attorney attesting to the Township's right to draw funds under the credit. If the applicant posts a performance bond and the improvements are not complete by the time a certificate of occupancy is requested in the case of a building project, or by the time a building permit is requested on a lot in a new subdivision or condominium, then the performance bond shall be replaced by a cash escrow prior to the issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

B. The performance guarantee shall be submitted at the time of issuance of the permit authorizing the activity or project. If appropriate based on the type of performance guarantee submitted, the township shall deposit the funds in a financial institution with which the township regularly conducts business.

C. The amount of the performance guarantee shall be no less than 100 percent of the estimated cost for which the guarantee is required. The applicant shall provide an itemized schedule of estimated costs to complete all such improvements. The exact amount of the performance guarantee shall be determined by the building official.

The entire performance guarantee shall be returned to the applicant following inspection and approval by the Building Official, Planner, and/or any other Township official that the improvements set forth in the approved site plan have been completed satisfactorily. The performance guarantee may be released to the applicant in proportion to the work completed on various elements, provided that a minimum of ten percent shall

be held back on each element until satisfactory completion of the entire project. E. An amount not less than ten percent of the total performance guarantee may be retained for a period of at least one year after installation of landscape materials to insure proper maintenance and replacement, if necessary. This amount shall be released to the applicant upon certification by the building official that all landscape materials are being maintained in good condition.

Unsatisfactory completion of improvements: performance Section 30.11.3.

bond or irrevocable letter of credit. Whenever required improvements are not installed or maintained within the time stipulated and/or in accordance with the standards set forth in the approved site plan, and the performance guarantee is in the form of a performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit, the township may complete the necessary improvements itself or by contract to an independent developer, and assess all costs of completing said improvements against the performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit. Prior to completing said improvements, the township shall notify the site plan review applicant via first class mail of the deficiency and of the Township's intent to file a claim on the bond or the irrevocable letter of credit.

Unsatisfactory completion of improvements: cash bond. Section 31.11.4. Whenever required improvements are not installed or maintained within the time stipulated and/or in accordance with the standards set forth in the approved site plan, and the performance guarantee is in the form of a cash bond, the Township shall notify the site plan review applicant via first class mail of the deficiency, and the Township shall forfeit the cash bond to the general fund of the Township. Such forfeiture of a cash bond does not relieve the site plan applicant of its obligation to comply with the approved site plan, and the Township may require that the cash bond be replaced by an irrevocable letter of credit to ensure compliance with the approved site plan.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions

for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance. SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon seven (7) days

after publication as required by law. **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on November 15, 2022 and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

> Mr. Jerry Vorva Clerk

Adopted: November 15, 2022 Published: December 1, 2022 Effective: December 8, 2022

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Career

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Well, sort of.

Anyone close to Northville's football program would tell you Prior has been the heart and soul of the Mustangs for at least the past calendar year - but probably for a lot longer than that, really.

Northville entered the school year in dire need of a turnaround. Before this fall, the Mustangs have gone 3-6 in four of their previous five seasons. And that's just not what Northville football is about.

Prior was one of several seniors who took it upon themselves to lead that turnaround.

In fact, it was him hosting off-season workouts with his buddies to make sure a losing season just wasn't going to happen again. And it was him providing leadership to his teammates both on and off the field. Whether that was at practice or having the boys over for a pre-season dinner at his home.

And guess what?

Northville got that turnaround. It finished this past season 8-3, and if it wasn't for a blocked field goal late against Brighton, in a Week 5 matchup in which Prior left the game with an injury, the Mustangs might have been 8-0 entering the final week of the regular

That loss threw them in the secondplace Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover matchup in Week 9, and Livonia Franklin, a Division 2 state semifinalist a year ago, proved to be too much to overcome.

Northville bounced back with another win over rival Novi in the D-1 playoff opener. Then it drew mighty Detroit Catholic Central in the district final. Alas, the Shamrocks won, 42-17, which ended the Mustangs' bounce-back year.

But the bounce-back happened, which is all that matters.

And Prior and his fellow seniors were responsible for leading the charge. And with coach Matt Ladach, who has been the Mustangs' coach since 2004, stepping away after the season ended, Northville will need every bit of the mojo supplied by Prior's class when it attempts to build off this past fall next offseason.

Does winning an exhibition game in Brighton really erase the pain Prior felt when his team lost to CC 4 weeks ago?

But it's not a bad way to end your high school career.

"It was just good to come out here, compete and get that bad taste out of my mouth from the CC game," Prior said. "To see Coach Ladach up there in the stands, it was pretty emotional for me before the game. It meant a lot for me for him to come out here."

Considering Legacy was charging \$20 a head to get into the game, which was also televised on Bally Sports Detroit, it certainly said a lot about the relationship Prior and Ladach share.

While Dearborn Divine Child's Robert Lalain took every snap at QB for the East, the West elected to swap QBs throughout the evening. Prior got the start, but Ithaca's Bronson Bupp got his fair share of reps under center as well.

Prior tossed a 9-yard TD pass to Rochester's Grant Calcagno on the opening drive. And then he led the West on three additional scoring drives as the game wore on.

When it came time for the West to ice the victory, Ladach was pacing back and forth on the terrace above the bleachers at Legacy's field. And then he let out a sigh of relief once he saw that the West was sending out Prior to bring home the

"I came in today, and I'm not going to lie, I was nervous," said Prior, who finished 10 of 16 passing for 100 yards and an interception. "I haven't played ball in a few weeks, but I just had to execute. You know, you've got to fake it until you make it with confidence, so I walked in like I owned the place, pretty much, and I found myself on that second and third drive being pretty confident."

If he was faking his confidence early on, he definitely fooled his teammates.

While Tyus was named the West's Offensive MVP, no one batted an eye at Prior's performance.

In fact, while Prior was being interviewed for this story, a teammate put the Senior All-Star championship tro-



Northville's Luca Prior passes during the Legacy Senior All-Star game Nov. 27. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

phy at his feet, thinking it was Prior's to hold onto since he had led four different scoring drives.

Prior looked down at the trophy and had a confused looked on his face.

Moments later, another teammate stopped by, interrupted the interview and asked if he could borrow the trophy for some selfies with his teammates and family members.

"No problem, and good job, brother," Prior said to him. "Someone put it next to me, and I don't know why.'

Sorry, Luca, but you don't have to be Coach Ladach to know why that trophy was left at your feet.

Here's how players from around the Hometown Life footprint did during Sunday's Legacy Senior All-Star football game:

West

QB Luca Prior, Northville: 10 of 16

INT; also led 4 scoring drives.

DB Josiah West, Canton: Totaled 5 tackles, 1 interception and 1 pass break-

East

DE Ahmad Taylor, Bloomfield Hills: Totaled 4.5 tackles, 3 sacks and five QB hurries; also named the East Defensive

DB CJ Jackson, Bloomfield Hills: Totaled 8 tackles, 1 interception and 1 pass breakup.

WR Aaron Zekman, Bloomfield Hills: Targeted 3 times and caught 1 pass for 33 yards.

DT Ethan Cowie, South Lyon East: Recorded 1 tackle and 1 QB hurry.

DT Daunte Hughey-Mays, Redford Thurston: Recorded 1.5 tackles and 1 QB hurry.

Brandon Folsom covers high school sports in metro Detroit for Hometown passing for 100 yards, a 9-yard TD and 1 Life. Twitter: @folsombrandonj.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH 2022 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2022 December Board of Review and will convene in the Plymouth City Hall at 201 S Main Plymouth, Ml 48170.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

December 14, 2022 between 10:00 am and 10:30 am

This is a correction Board of Review and will cover all clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact during the meeting.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act". If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 453-1234

Maureen Brodie

Publish: December 1, 2022

City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PLYMOUTH CITY CODE PART II, CHAPTER 6 - ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS, ARTICLE II - LICENSES AND PERMITS

ORDINANCE NO. 22-03

TO ACHIEVE THE REFERENCE ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE SECTIONS HAVE BEEN AMENDED AS SHOWN:

Chapter 6 - ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ARTICLE II. - LICENSES AND PERMITS

Sec. 6-33. Licensing policy.

(b) Within the B-2, central business district, as indicated on the city zoning map, the city shall have a cap or total of not more than 18 state standalone liquor licenses of any type of onpremises retail licenses that would allow for the service of any alcohol (beer, wine, spirits) by the glass or for consumption on premises of any establishment. This section would not apply to non-standalone state licenses. (d) The city commission shall not recommend to the state liquor control commission the approval of any on-premises retail liquor license in excess of 18 within the B-2 district as

(f) The city shall conduct an annual review of all 30 on premises retail liquor licenses within B-1, B-2, B-3, and ARC zoning districts in accordance with the liquor management ordinance. This review shall be conducted by the local liquor license review committee and a

recommendation shall be forwarded to the city commission. For Complete Ordinance Texts use the Following Link: https://library.municode.com/mi/ plymouth/codes/code_of_ordinances

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Bid Package T5 Elementary Classroom AV

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is requesting proposals for Elementary Classroom AV systems. Bid documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after November 28, 2022. To obtain documents go to:

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

Bid proposals will be received by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools through BuildingConnected.com by December 20, 2022 at 1:00 PM local time when they will be publicly opened and streamed at http://links.pccsk12.com/BMbidopeningBPT5. The District will not open, consider, or accept any bids received after the date and time specified.

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

A virtual, non-mandatory, pre-bid meeting will be held on December 2, 2022 at 11:30AM at http://links.pccsk12.com/BMprebidmtgBPT5

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

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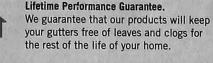
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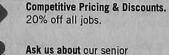
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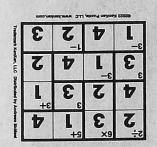
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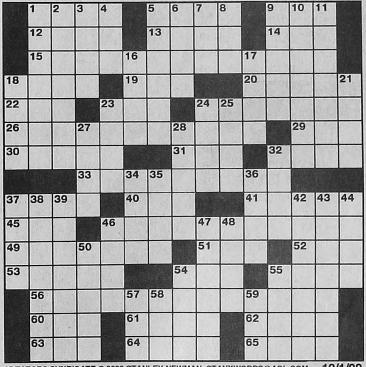
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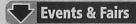
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