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Northville Township requests millage increase

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com
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Northville Township voters will be asked Aug. 4 whether they support a new millage to fund a continuation of current services for police, EMS, fire, parks, recreation, senior and youth services and administration costs.

In a statement released in the spring, the Northville Township Board of Trustees announced that after several months of analysis, it determined the existing level of services could be maintained by renewing the existing millage with an increase of 0.5 mill, 90% of which will go toward funding public safety.

"Input from our residents has suggested that they wish to maintain the same levels of police, fire and EMS services currently provided by public safety," the release states. "At the April 16, 2020 board meeting, the trustees recommended a proposal for a millage renewal with an additional 0.5 mill for a period of six years (2021-2026)."

Residents with a home market value of \$400,000 would see an increase of approximately \$100 per year. The increase, the township said, will be offset by a decrease of approximately 0.5 mills in a separate millage for the 2009 Seven Mile Road property purchase.

"As a result, the township's total millage will not increase," the board said.



Inez Crostlick, 7, works on her ice cream sundae at The Press and Scoop in Highland. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

New owners bring fresh ideas to Highland ice cream stand

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
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Grant Charlick remembers grabbing ice cream at the Twist and Shake on Milford Road as a child. Today, he and his wife own that ice cream stand.

The Highland Township couple recently acquired the former Twist and Shake ice cream stand at 2120 S. Milford in Highland, rebranding it as The Press and Scoop and planning big changes to make it a destination.

Charlick said he heard earlier this year the previous owners did not plan to reopen the ice cream stand just north of Milford High School and decided it would make a great venture. So he and his wife, Tyler, contacted the owners and purchased the business, closing on



Grant Charlick, co-owner of The Press and Scoop, right, talks to his former teacher, Susan Happel, and her husband, Herb, on July 8 at the ice cream stand.

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Two battle for Northville Township treasurer seat

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Incumbent Fred Shadko and challenger Jason Rhines, both Republicans, will be squaring off for the Northville Township treasurer position in the Aug. 4 primary.

Rhines, a political newcomer, is a 45-year-old small business owner with degrees from Schoolcraft College and Goldman Sachs-Babson College. He served four years on the board of a non-profit that raised funds for charities.

Shadko, a retired information technology project manager and two-term member of the Northville Township Trustees, earned a bachelor's degree in engineering and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan.

There is no Democratic candidate, so the winner in the Aug. 4 primary is expected to run unopposed in November.

Both candidates were asked by Hometown Life to respond to a seven-step questionnaire with word limitations. Here are their responses:

Why are you running for office?

Rhines: We need more true conservative leadership at all levels of government. I believe my experience as president and chief financial officer of a disaster restoration company for the past 25 years has prepared me to help guide Northville Township through whatever disasters or economic challenges may be ahead.

I believe I can make a positive difference and that our founding fathers envisioned a steady rotation of ordinary citizen leadership at all levels of government.

Shadko: I want to make sure the township continues to operate in a fiscally responsible manner as we face uncertain times. This means a balance must be struck between revenues, financial reserves and expenditures. This is not the time to defund the township.

I also want to continue my work addressing odor and water issues from the improperly operated landfill on our border, and prevent it from expanding.

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Meet candidates for Northville Township supervisor

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com
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Incumbent Robert Nix and former supervisor Mark Abbo, both Republicans, will be squaring off for the Northville Township supervisor position in the Aug. 4 primary.

The 67-year-old Abbo is a Certified Public Accountant and is currently the chief fiscal advisor for the Wayne County Commission. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Eastern Michigan University. Abbo is a former Wayne County chief financial officer. He is treasurer of Metro Solutions, a charitable organization organized to advance community well-being and a former board member of Easter Seals of Michigan.

The 73-year-old Nix is a retired attorney with 40 years' experience as partner with Kerr Russell. He earned a Bachelor's of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University and a Juris Doctor degree from



Abbo



Nix

Wayne State University Law School. He has been involved in local government for 23 years, the last eight as Northville Township supervisor.

There is no Democratic candidate, so the winner in the Aug. 4 primary likely will run unopposed in November. Hometown Life sent candidates a questionnaire. Here are their responses:

Why are you running for office?

Abbo: Northville Township is a great community, but the current leadership placed a ½ mill tax increase on the August ballot. With a \$5.3 million operating surplus and multi-million fund balances, our government must make tough fiscal decisions without increasing property taxes, especially in the midst of a national crisis. Again needed is a proven

crisis manager that led the township through the great recession of 2008-2009, keeping taxes low while establishing fiscal stability.

Nix: I seek re-election to preserve our community values, continue the township priorities and ensure the stability of the township through COVID-19 crisis and any economic downturn. These priorities include continuing our financially responsible policies, maintaining our outstanding police, fire and EMS services, creating a commercial tax base to ease resident tax burdens, protecting our residents from the environmental hazards created by the Salem landfill and expanding parks and recreational programs.

Are you happy with the way things are going in the township? Why or why not?

Nix: We have made great progress in the last eight

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Treasurer

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Are you happy with the way things are going in the township? Why or why not?

Shadko: I am very happy with the progress this board has made since taking over in 2012. Financially, we have balanced the budget, achieved 100% funding of our pension liabilities and 90%-plus of our OPEB, and we stopped spending reserve funds for daily operations. We also brought down half the buildings on the hospital site, and opened trails in the site's eastern end. We brought police, fire and ambulance staffing up to pre-recession levels, and stabilized water and sewer rates.

Rhines: Northville Township is one of the greatest places to live and raise a family. So, in general, things are going well. But after paying higher taxes for seven years, taxpayers deserve the tax reduction they were promised. Taxes never seem to be allowed to expire without politicians seizing the opportunity to propose some new tax and spend policy. We need more true fiscal conservative leadership and we have enough rainy-day funds to maintain essential services without a tax increase or replacement tax. There are other issues too, like the landfill, that I think could benefit from some fresh perspective.

How do you plan to address the anticipated extreme revenue shortfall that will result from the pandemic? What services would you cut first? Are there services you'd fight to maintain full funding?



Rhines



Shadko

Shadko: I will watch our expenditures and, if necessary, take difficult and sometimes unpopular actions to stay on target. This is not a time to "defund" police, fire and ambulance operations. I will never stand for defunding our police department. We will continue to use sophisticated purchasing agreements for police cars, fire engines, etc., as they need replacement. We will scrutinize the items on our Capital Improvement Plan, and hold off on items that are not urgent or immediately necessary. We have downsized our full-time work force and are using the WorkShare program to reduce our labor costs.

Should the township board take steps to assist businesses in the community? If so what? If not, why not?

Shadko: I value our township businesses. Our commercial properties help reduce the tax burden on residential properties. I have been deeply involved in the

Wayne County re-opening meetings which are working to make grants and loans to small businesses from federal funding programs. We are also simplifying the process to establish "al fresco" or outdoor dining for restaurants to help them increase their capacity in spite of social distancing requirements.

Rhines: I believe I am the most qualified candidate to help small businesses recover from this economic crisis because I have been a small business owner for 25 years. As a small business owner, I know small business owners don't need government telling them what to do, but rather government should listen and be responsive to their needs, cut red tape and support creative ideas like closing streets to allow for more outdoor seating for restaurants.

What are your top priorities for the township in the next 4 years?

Rhines: To increase transparency and avoid waste, fraud and abuse by putting the township checkbook online so residents can see exactly where their tax dollars are being spent. To make sure Northville Township is prepared for the next pandemic or major disaster and to make sure our most vulnerable seniors are safe. To finally find or create real solutions for the landfill problems by making it one of my top priorities. To use conservative principles to solve problems instead of abandoning them at the first sign of crisis.

Shadko: Covid-19 pandemic and the financial fallout for the township. While we don't yet know how deep a financial decline will be, we are making plans to accommodate it. The federal government may backfill some of the revenue declines, but we won't count on that until the check is in hand.

More candidate responses at hometownlife.com.

NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN AUGUST 4, 2020 ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the City of Novi:

Notice is hereby given that a primary election will be held in the City of Novi on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

1	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
2	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	41415 W. Nine Mile Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	23333 Willowbrook Road
4	Church of the Holy Family	24505 Meadowbrook Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6	Church of the Holy Family	24505 Meadowbrook Road
7	Department of Public Works	26300 Lee BeGole Drive
8	Meadowbrook Elementary School	29200 Meadowbrook Road
9	Crosspointe Meadows Church	29000 Meadowbrook Road
10	Fox Run	41000 Thirteen Mile Road
11	Hickory Woods Elementary	30655 Novi Road
12	Portsmouth Apartment Clubhouse	31170 Wellington Drive
13	Brightmoor Christian Church	40800 13 Mile Road
14	Crosspointe Meadows Church	29000 Meadowbrook Road
15	Faith Community Church	44400 West Ten Mile Road
16	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
17	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
18	Novi Public Library	45255 West Ten Mile Road
19	Legacy Church of Novi	45301 West Eleven Mile Road
20	Novi Middle School	49000 Eleven Mile Road
21	Novi Middle School	49000 Eleven Mile Road
22	Deerfield Elementary	26500 Wixom Road
23	Novi Meadows 6th Grade House	25299 Taft Road
24	St. James Catholic Church	46325 West Ten Mile Road
25	Novi High School Cafeteria (temporary)	24062 Taft Road

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Novi will be voting for purposes of electing candidates for the following office:

CONGRESSIONAL:	United States Senator and Representative in Congress
LEGISLATIVE:	Representative in State Legislature
COUNTY:	County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk and Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Water Resources Commissioner, County Commissioner
JUDICIAL:	Judge of the Circuit Court

And for the purpose of electing Delegates to County Convention of the Republican and Democratic Parties.

And the following proposal:

SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Precinct 22 and a portion of Precinct 21):

SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$98,725,000

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of South Lyon Community Schools, 345 South Warren, South Lyon, Michigan 48178-1358, telephone: (248) 573-8127.

A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the City of Novi Clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Cortney Hanson, CMC, MiPMC II
City Clerk, City of Novi
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NOVI TWP. PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test of voting equipment will be held July 25th at 9 a.m. at 44020 Cottisford Road. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Derwood Haines,
Novi Twp. Clerk

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Supervisor

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years overcoming the financial impacts of the Great Recession. We increased general fund reserves by 100%, reduced debt by \$16 million, eliminated \$12 million of unfunded pension and medical liabilities, maintained balanced budgets and controlled spending, posted financial reports on our website for transparency and controlled water and sewer rates. We have eliminated blight from our community by demolishing the Scott Prison and psychiatric hospital and 10 additional buildings. However, more work remains and new challenges (including COVID-19) need to be met.

Abbo: We can do better in many ways. Now is not the time to propose a property tax increase following imposition of a 1% fee on collecting taxes. The Arbor Hills landfill problem continues with noxious odors, discovery of PFAS and plans for expansion and dumping poisons in Johnson Creek. New subdivision construction and commercial development has been too dense, not following previous standards of maintaining ample open space and sufficient structural setbacks. All these are a mandate for new township leadership.

What are your top priorities for the township in the next 4 years?

Abbo: Eliminate the 1% tax charged to collect taxes and keep the township on sound financial footing to eliminate the need for further tax increases; build a multi-jurisdictional coalition to aggressively press for enforcement and

strengthening of laws, including by lawsuits, with tougher penalties to prevent noxious odors from dirty gases and other landfill problems; enforce and strengthen township development ordinances to assure future projects are more consistent with the character of the township; fulfill the commitment made to residents to finally pull down remaining buildings on the 7 Mile hospital site and implement the Master Parks Plan.

Nix: COVID-19 recovery: Overcome the impacts of this crisis on the township, protect the financial stability of the township and maintain the outstanding level of police, fire and EMS services. Salem Township landfill: Use the Landfill Working Group, our partnership with the Conservancy Initiative, and coalition with the city, school district and legislators to obtain an enforcement order that stops the odors, enact legislation that prohibits any expansion or new landfill and prevent any discharges into Johnson Creek. Development: Create a commercial tax base by completing the 5 Mile/Beck Road mixed-use project and developing MITC for high tech businesses.

Anything else you'd like to share?

Abbo: I am a long-time resident with my heart in this community. I am committed to keeping Northville Township a great place to live, work and play.

Nix: I make decisions by getting the facts, analyzing the options/ solutions, consulting other decision makers and deciding by consensus. Decisions are made on the basis of what is in the best interest of township, not political, personal or special interest group agendas.

NOTICE OF ELECTION NOVI TOWNSHIP

To the Qualified Electors of NOVI TOWNSHIP, County of Oakland: Notice is hereby given that a State Primary Election for the purposes of nominating candidates for the offices of United States Senator, Representative in Congress 11th District, Representative in State Legislature 38th District, County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk and Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, Water Resources Commissioner, County Commissioner 9th District, Novi Township Supervisor, and Novi Township Trustee will be held in Novi Twp., County of Oakland on Tuesday, August 4, from 7 AM to 8 PM. The polling place for said election is 44020 Cottisford Rd., Northville, MI 48167.

For assistance in determining the accessibility of the polling place locations and the availability of voting instructions in alternative formats such as audio and Braille, please contact the clerk's office. Persons wishing to obtain an absentee ballot may do so by contacting the Novi Twp. Clerk's office. The Clerk or their designee, will be available on the Saturday preceding the election, August 1, until 2:00 pm, the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot.

Derwood Haines
Novi Twp. Clerk, (248) 231-6210

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City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on August 11, 2020 at 7:00PM to consider:

PZ20-0022 (Robert Cummings/ Jim Ascencio) Maudlin Street, West of Old Novi Road and South of South Lake Drive, Parcel #50-22-03-453-011. The applicant is requesting variances from the Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a 9 foot variance for 16 foot aggregate total side yard setbacks, 25 feet required. A 4% increase of lot coverage for a total proposed lot coverage of 29%, 25% allowed by code. These variances will accommodate the building of a new home. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4). This case was originally heard July 14th and was tabled.

PZ20-0026 (Freda Ansara/Faces by Freda) 41460 Grand River Avenue A, West of Meadowbrook Road and North of Grand River Avenue, Parcel # 50-22-23-228-002. The applicant is requesting variances from the Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(a) for the addition of one additional wall sign, one 250 square foot allowed by code. This property is zoned Non-Center Commercial (NCC).

PZ20-0027 (Jodi Middleton) 123 Charlotte St, West of Old Novi Road and South of South Lake Drive, Parcel # 50-22-03-483-005. The applicant is requesting variances from The City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 5.11 to allow the installation of a fence in the front yard setback of a corner lot. Fence shall not extend toward the front of the property nearer than the minimum front yard setback distance by code. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

In compliance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-129, as of the date of this notice, Zoning Board of Appeals members are expected to log in Zoom and conduct the meeting remotely. As Executive Order 2020-129 will expire on July 31st 2020, please reach out to the Community Development Department on August 4th, 2020 to be apprised of changes to the location of meeting.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville Election Commission will meet on July 28, 2020 at 8:15 a.m., to conduct business related to the August 4, 2020 Primary Election. The Public Accuracy Test for the August 4, 2020 Primary Election will be conducted as part of this meeting. The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Election law.

This meeting will be held at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, (248) 349-1300, and via video conference in compliance with Executive Orders issued by Michigan Governor Whitmer, pertaining to temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings. Members of the public body and members of the public participating electronically will be considered present at the meeting and may participate as if physically present at the meeting. Link to participate in meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84641391699?pwd=WEtTYTY6UWlrbTdMNC9hM2N5U0hkdz09>, Meeting ID: 846 4139 1699, Password: 083114, +13017158592, +1 301 715 8592

Log in Instructions, Meeting Rules and Tips are available on the City's website at this link: <https://www.ci.northville.mi.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=11895963&pageId=13505469#elect> or at the Home page, click on the Government tab, then Agendas and Minutes, scroll to the Election Commission section of the webpage, and scroll down to the link for this meeting. "Zoom Webinar User Guide for City of Northville Public" is also available on this website page.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK
ELECTION COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

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NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

To the qualified electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an Open Primary Election will be held in the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. The election will be conducted in all polling places in the City of Northville for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

Congressional:	US Senator, Representative in Congress
Legislative:	Representative in State Legislature
County:	County Executive (Pct 2 only), Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Water Resources Commissioner (Pct 2 only), County Commissioner, Delegate to County Convention
Judicial:	Judge of Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit Non-incumbent (Pct 1) Judge of Circuit Court – 6th Circuit Non-incumbent (Pct 2)

and voting on the following ballot proposals as presented and listed below:

County (Pct 1):	PROPOSITION O – OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL - To renew the millage rate of .9529 mills (95 cents per \$1,000 taxable value) for a period of 10 years.
(Pct 1):	PROPOSITION P - PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL - To renew the millage rate of .2459 mills (25 cents per \$1,000 taxable value) for a period of 10 years.

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Northville City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167-1582, telephone: (248) 349-1300 or on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

Polling Place Locations

Precinct 1 (Wayne County)	Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
Precinct 2 (Oakland County)	Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.

The polls open at 7am and remain open until 8pm. Polling places are ADA accessible and each precinct is equipped with Braille and audio voting instructions and ADA compliant voting equipment.

Absent Voter Ballot Deadlines

- Friday, July 31, 2020 by 5pm is the last day the City Clerk can mail an absent voter ballot (exceptions apply).
- Saturday, August 1, 2020, the City Clerk's Office will be open from 8am to 4pm. Voters may obtain an absent voter ballot in-person.
- Monday, August 3, 2020, by 4pm, AV ballots are available for voters that are already registered to vote. The ballot must be voted at City Hall.

Absent voter ballot applications are available at the City Clerk's office, on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us, or by calling 248-449-9914.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.293 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: ARTICLE 5.0, "SITE STANDARDS," SECTION 5.5, "LANDSCAPE STANDARDS: OBSCURING EARTH BERMS AND WALLS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY BUFFERS, AND INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS", AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE LANDSCAPE DESIGN MANUAL WHICH IS REFERENCED IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE, IN ORDER TO COMPREHENSIVELY REVISE THE LANDSCAPE PLANTING AND BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, AND OTHER ITEMS DEEMED NECESSARY.**

Ordinance language is available for review by contacting the Community Development Department at the following email address: bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

NOTE: AS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE CITY WILL BE CONDUCTING THIS MEETING AS AN ELECTRONIC MEETING AS AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNOR WHITMER'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-129, BECAUSE THAT ORDER BY ITS TERMS CURRENTLY EXPIRES AS OF JULY 31, 2020, WHICH IS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE.

IF THAT ORDER IS EXTENDED, THEN THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON THE ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE ELECTRONIC MEETING PLATFORM, AND ADDITIONAL NOTICE(S) AND INFORMATION WILL POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT <https://cityofnovi.org/Agendas-Minutes/Planning-Commission/2020.aspx>

BELOW ARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR A ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE ELECTRONIC MEETING IF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ALLOWING IT IS EXTENDED:

Special Instructions for Remote Meeting Procedure:

In order to connect to the meeting through ZOOM a member of the public needs to do the following:

- Install Zoom App on mobile device or phone. A link to download the Zoom App may be found online at Cityofnovi.org
- Click the link provided to join the meeting

Members of the public participating in the public comment via ZOOM will wait in a virtual queue until called during the public comment period.

When public comment is permitted, members of the public will be called one at a time, as would happen during an in-person meeting. A meeting coordinator will determine the order of public speakers. If you want to speak, you must use the "Raise Hand" feature in order for our moderator to know they need to be unmuted. When you are unmuted you will have three (3) minutes to share your comments to the public body. At the conclusion of your comments or your three (3) minutes, you will be re-muted and then removed from the queue.

Participants may also choose to submit comments that can be read into the record. Comments can be submitted via an electronic form on www.cityofnovi.org. Comments shall be submitted prior to 7 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The electronic form can be found at: www.cityofnovi.org/bcccomment

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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COVID-19 emergency grants offered to Novi families

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Novi Youth Assistance launched an emergency grant program to help families impacted by COVID-19.

Within a day of announcing the program, 10 families applied for assistance with food, clothing and paying rent.

"I am so excited, we have been working for a couple months now trying to finalize this program and once we were able to have it set, we were real excited to get it up and running," Novi Youth Assistance Caseworker Lisa Shields said.

The emergency grant money, up to \$150 per child under the age of 17, is for families meeting income guidelines and who have lived within the Novi Community School District boundaries for at least one year.

The funds come from a March bowling event held to raise money for a teen center which will remain closed this summer due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Instead, the proceeds will be used to help families with necessities, which



Novi Youth Assistance held a bowl-a-thon fundraiser on March 7, just before the coronavirus pandemic shut down businesses. Now, the proceeds from the event will benefit families impacted by the pandemic.

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could also include utility bills or gasoline. All help is provided through gift cards or the Novi Youth Assistance writing checks directly to service providers. The mission of the community-

based Youth Assistance programs, which are sponsored through agreements between the circuit court, school district and local municipalities, is to "strengthen youth and families and to prevent and reduce delinquency, neglect, and abuse through community involvement."

"In the beginning, it was a big struggle for all the family members to be quarantined and the whole homeschooling was a challenge - for students, but also for parents having to balance work life and be homeschool teachers," Shields said. "It's a lot of stress, but it's amazing how strong and resilient people have been, too."

For more information on how to apply for the NYA grant, visit www.cityofnovi.org/nya

Families throughout the county who meet income guidelines can also receive assistance with mortgage, rent and utilities. Visit oakgov.com.

Contact reporter Susan Bromley at sbromley@hometownlife.com or 517-281-2412. Follow her on Twitter @SusanBromley10.

Man gets jail in death of bicyclist

Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A man was sentenced to jail and probation in connection with a fatal vehicle-bicycle crash at Island Lake Recreation Area last year, according to court records.

Andrew Greff, 32, of Royal Oak, was arraigned on a charge of moving violation causing death on Feb. 13.

Police said Daniel Horal, 62, was riding his bike west on State Park Way near the Kent Lake Beach entrance in the park when he was struck by Greff's SUV on April 24, 2019. Horal, of Brighton Township, died from his injuries days later.

Livingston County District Court Judge Shauna Murphy sentenced Greff to two years' probation and 80 hours of community service. He was also sentenced to 10 days in jail with an additional 170 days of suspended jail time, time that Greff won't serve if he successfully completes probation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bonds supports career tech

We have all heard it. In the next 10 years over half of the skilled workforce will be retiring, not just engineers or skilled trades, but across all careers. South Lyon Community Schools, realizing the many future opportunities for our youth, has developed a plan as part of the upcoming bond on Aug. 4.

Career and Technical Education courses prepare students for careers through learning and certificates that build real-world skills. Currently, participants in a CTE program must either attend Oakland School Technical Campus (OSTC-SW), or through other agreements, attend aviation, fire academy and EMT programs. They leave SLCS campus, separating them from their classmates, school activities, making it very difficult to fit into most students' schedules.

SLCS does not currently offer CTE programs, but that's about to change.

The August bond proposal would allow SLCS to create a dedicated space at each high school for CTE. It's a step in a much-needed direction. SLEHS, which our highly successful competitive robotics team currently meets, would see spaces reconfigured and expanded to support a robotics themed hands-on program.

At SLHS, space would be reconfigured to support a cybersecurity themed computer program. By splitting the CTE programs between the two schools, resources used to duplicate the programs now can be made available to make each program that much better.

If they wish, all high school students would be able to attend the CTE programs at either school. Just like with OSTC-SW, students in a CTE program would attend a half-day at their boundary high school and a half-day at that CTE program. This means that students of all levels (including advanced coursework) will have access to the new CTE

programs without leaving our district. All this will be possible with your support of the August bond. What an opportunity for our youth!

Ronald Weber
Salem Township

Support South Lyon bond

The August 2020 bond includes projects that fit into many different categories of Capitol Expenses. By law, these are the only type of expenditures that bond funding that can be repaid through millages.

One of the more boring, but critical elements of the bonds are those that result in operational savings. Three examples of this are replacement of district lighting with low energy LED lights, the purchase of buses and replacement of mechanical equipment.

Replacing high use lighting and mechanical equipment will lower district electric bills, which often exceed

\$100,000 per month. Even a small percentage of additional energy efficiency can save large amounts of money over the course of a year. This is a savings that will provide returns year after year that can be used for priority needs.

The purchase of buses, for which the districts plans to replace two of our 60 bus fleet per year, has been put on hold for the last two budget years in order to protect higher priority expenditures. Paying for some replacement buses via the bond fund, will free up approximately \$100,000 per bus purchased for other, more impactful uses. To clear up a common concern with funding buses through bond funds, we are required to "pay off" the bus portion of the bonds within 6 years of the purchase, rather than the 20-year period on the bond funds used for building improvements.

Please join me in voting yes to support the SLCS 2020 Bond request.

Craig Dashner
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Earlier this year, we fortunately had a huge turnout in the presidential primary because the people of this county want their voices heard. Joe Biden won over Bernie Sanders by a 21-point margin because the people of this county want balance, they want truth and they want fairness. They want someone who can bring us together.

There is another primary on August 4th. This primary is closer to home. It will affect the quality of life and your safety. **Who ever wins the primary will win the office**, because this county is assuredly going to go blue.

In Oakland County the crime rate is down 34% and the juvenile petitions are down 63%. Every murder is a tragedy, but, thankfully, our county has had only seven murders so far this year. In our county the system works. You live in a safe place.

I'm not slick, I don't wear designer suits and I don't spout rhetoric. I spent a long time in this county as a trial judge and now as a prosecutor.

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- A prosecutor who has made over 500 school presentations, reduced the number of juvenile delinquency petitions by 63% over 11 years, and founded a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to aid abused and neglected children, **or** an opportunist who didn't show up in the community until she decided to run for prosecutor.
- A prosecutor who has moved and will continue to move the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office forward, **or** the challenger who will take it back to the days of political favoritism.

The choice is dear, and **your vote is critical**. Let your voice be heard, and let it say that you want to re elect Jessica Cooper.

What happens to the balance, fairness and the safety of the community depends on you coming out to vote on Aug 4. Or vote an absentee ballot.

Let your voice be heard.

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Ice cream

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the sale in mid-June. They were open just weeks later.

"They didn't reopen it and I'm an entrepreneur of sorts," Charlick said. "We did a complete renovation to the inside, spruced up the outside and put new equipment in."

The shop opened on Independence Day and saw plenty of hungry visitors looking to beat the heat. Charlick said he can't believe how long the lines have been.

"I think it's just spreading," he said. "People are hearing the ice cream's great."

In addition to soft serve, the stand serves Country Dairy scooped ice cream and has a line of slushies, flurries and malts. Some hot food is also available, including hot dogs, nachos and soft pretzels.

For those who can't have dairy, the stand currently offers Dole Whip, and Charlick plans to bring Almond Milk Swirl to the menu, which can be flavored with one of several dozen options. The stand also offers a handful of vegan ice cream flavors.

Later on this year, Charlick said they plan to bring a whole line of coffee drinks to the menu. Launching a full coffee bar, complete with baked goods from area bakeries, is something he wanted to bring to Highland, an area lacking in local coffee options.

"Highland just doesn't have any until you get to the south side of Milford," he said. "It's a market that can be tapped."

The stand will reopen its drive-thru in the future as well, Charlick said.

He's hoping to make the shop a place for area residents to spend time at rather than just a grab-'n-go treat stop. Car shows will take place every week and Charlick said he's working on adding elements such as horseshoe pits and a sand volleyball court.

"I kind of want to make it more of a destination and experience than just 'get your sundae and leave,'" he said. "I want it to be a social thing for our community."

The Press and Scoop is open noon to 10 p.m. daily and is expected to now be open year-round. More information can be found on the stand's Facebook page, facebook.com/thePressandScoop.



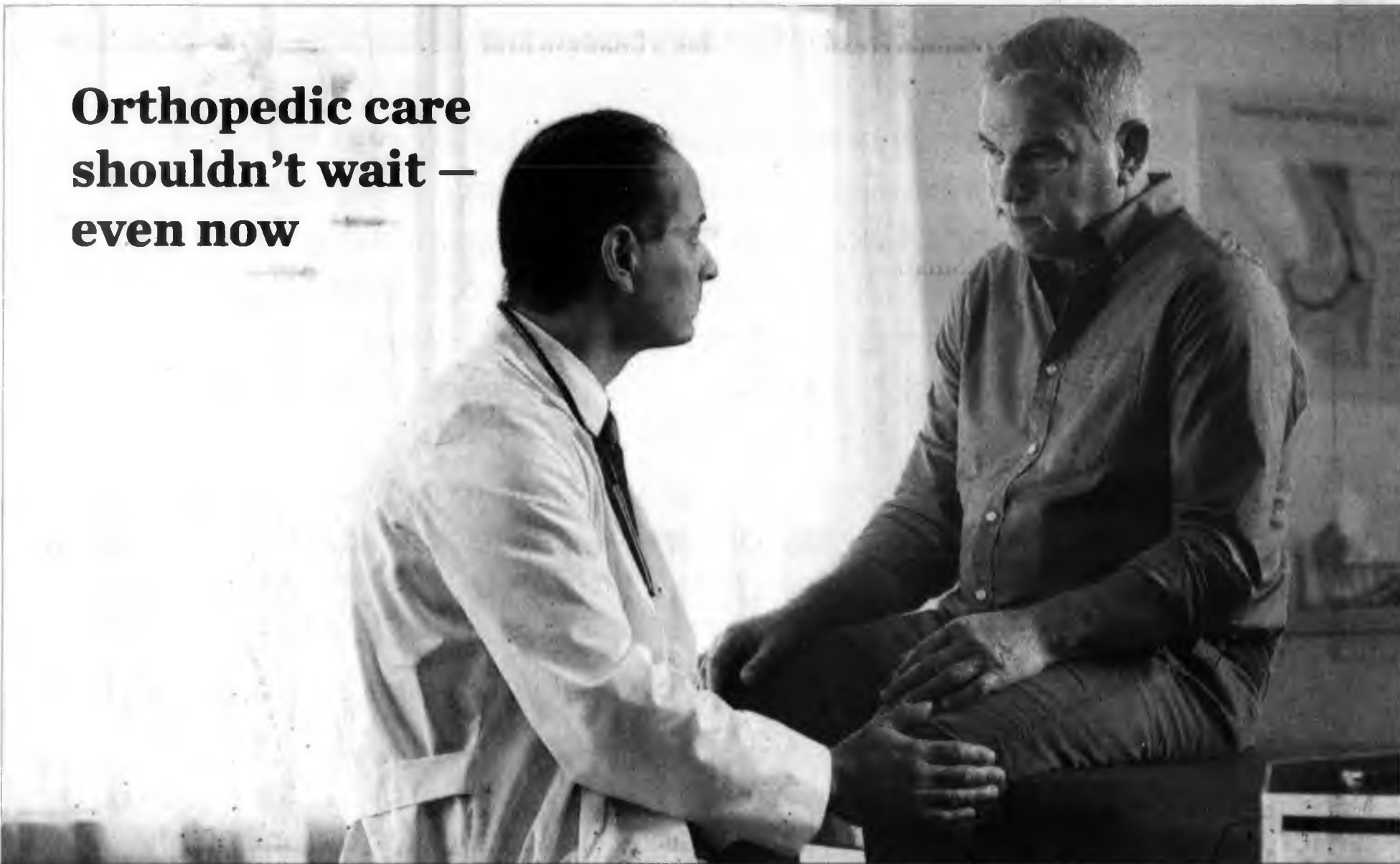
Above, The Press and Scoop employee Lydia Ellis scoops ice cream into a cup. At left, ice cream stand co-owner Tyler Charlick takes an order.

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The Press and Scoop ice cream stand sits at 2120 South Milford Road in Highland.

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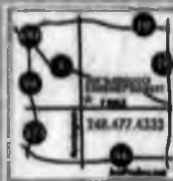
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SPORTS

Upping their game



A renovation crew member spreads a cushioning layer of fine sand on Lakeland High's new artificial turf field July 14.
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Lakeland, Milford renovating athletics facilities

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Despite the coronavirus pandemic, both Milford and Lakeland High Schools have used the summer to renovate and improve their athletic campuses this summer in hopes of a normal 2020-21 school year.

Work at the schools comes after voters passed a bond proposal in 2019 for renovations, including for athletics.

Both Milford and Lakeland will be putting in new turf on the athletic field and resurfacing their tracks prior to the start of the school year.

Lakeland is moving its tennis courts to provide more parking near its athletic field, which will be complete by the start of the school year.

However, due to the pandemic, Lakeland had to postpone its plan to extend its athletic field out, adding another gate with more bathrooms and another concession stand on the other side of the field to be ready by the start of the 2021-22 school year.

Lakeland athletic director Todd Miller is thankful for the Huron Valley community for helping to put this proposal into motion back in November.

"Obviously we are very pleased and thankful to the community for doing

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Milford High's football stadium is getting updates to its track and bleachers.

"I think after we are done with this, we will be right back at the top, but we were getting areas where they were really run down. ... They were becoming unsafe."

Todd Miller Athletic director, Lakeland



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Opening Day for MLB feels different in July

I've always thought that Opening Day should be a national holiday. And I've always known how to celebrate.

I grew up in a northwest suburb of Houston, Texas, watching the Astros from Minute Maid Park on that sacred day in April, embracing the optimism no matter what the projections were. In college, I would spend my day at a campus bar, downing hot dogs for a dime and watching as many games as I could.

This year, April was different. The coronavirus ended spring training and pushed back a day that I have not missed for the past 15 years.

While the start of the season continued to be pushed back due to an amalgamation of a pandemic and labor disputes between the players and the owners, Opening Day is here, with the season set to begin today.

And I don't really know how to celebrate.

Baseball in Detroit will look much different, with no fans allowed in the stands for a shortened 60-game season against only division and division-adjacent teams in the National League.

Moving to metro Detroit this past August, I was looking forward to returning to Comerica Park, watching a rebuilding team, from the cheap seats, trying to make a name for itself, much like baseball in Houston when I was growing up.

I had been to Comerica Park only once before.

On July 31, 2017, I drove up from Columbus, Ohio, with a friend to see the Tigers take on the Astros. Justin Verlander was on the mound for Detroit in what I thought would be his final start prior to leaving — another victim of the end-of-July trade deadline.

I watched from left field as the Tigers walloped the Astros, 13-1, on that Sunday afternoon with third baseman Alex Bregman hitting a solo home run in the top of the ninth inning, breaking the shutout and igniting a Bronx cheer from the two Astros fans from Ohio State sitting behind the visitors bullpen.

As we drove out of Detroit and the three-and-a-half hours back to

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Demand for bicycles overwhelms stores amid pandemic

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com
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America's thirst for biking during the coronavirus pandemic has left area bike shops' inventory bone dry.

Customers who order a bike this week will wait at least until September and possibly as long as December to receive their products, Canton Town-

ship's Motor City Bicycle employee Jimmy Raggett said.

"We used to have our display bikes hanging on that wall, door to door," Raggett said, pointing to a 30-yard wall that is now bare of accessories. "We can't build bikes fast enough now, that's how great the demand is."

Biking's COVID-fueled resurgence can be attributed to a number of factors,

local bike shop employees theorize.

"The No. 1 factor is that people are stuck at home, they can't go to gyms, movie theaters, places of entertainment, so going for a bike ride is a pretty easy thing to do and it's healthy," said Northville Town & Country Bikes & Boards employee Lance Anway.

"We've seen surges similar to this, but not as extreme, in the past. During

the economic downturn in 2008, people were riding bikes to work to save money, which created an increase in sales."

Raggett mentioned an economic reason for the uptick in bike sales.

"We saw the surge start back when people first started getting their stimulus checks and unemployment checks,"

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MHSAA: Fall sports to continue as scheduled

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The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced Friday that schools will begin the 2020-21 school year playing sports as scheduled during the coronavirus pandemic.

If the situation is necessary, the MHSAA said the start of some fall sports practices and games could be delayed. If all fall sports are suspended, they will be rescheduled to be completed as late as July 2021, with winter sports being moved up to November.

The MHSAA said in a statement it considered switching fall and spring seasons, but that traditional spring sports, such as girls soccer and lacrosse, carry a similar risk in terms of transmission. Also, picking only certain spring sports to move to the fall could have forced students to pick between multiple sports they have participated in in the past.

"Our student athletes just want to play, and we've gone far too long without them playing. But doing so safely, of course, remains the priority," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said in a statement. "Our plan moving forward is Fall in the Fall, starting on time. We're excited to continue moving forward to bring back sports safely. It's important for keeping students in our schools and keeping students in our sports programs."

"We remain grateful to the governor for the opportunity to build the schedule and policies for returning sports to schools. We will continue to support her



The Canton football team runs out before its game against Brighton during a previous season. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

directives and those of the state and local health departments as we work to create the safest environment for all involved in our activities."

On June 30, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer encouraged the MHSAA to move any non-social distanced sport to the spring due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Whitmer also released a 63-page plan of safety guidelines for students returning to in-person instruction in the fall, including defined plans for athletics in Phases 4, 5 and 6.

In Phase 4, all large-scale indoor spectator events are suspended. Outdoor events are limited to 100 people, with maintained social distancing measures put in place. Also, indoor weight rooms and physical training that requires shared equipment is suspended.

In Phase 5, Whitmer strongly recommends outdoor sporting events are limited to 250 spectators, while indoor events are limited to 50 people. Indoor weight rooms and physical conditioning are permitted with social distancing enforced and disinfecting of all equip-

ment.

In Phase 6, all safety protocols are no longer required.

The MHSAA Representative Council will meet again for further discussion July 29. High school football practices are scheduled to begin Aug. 10, while other fall sports practices are scheduled to start Aug. 12.

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Jenkins hired to begin revamp of Milford girls basketball

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Mike Jenkins reflects fondly on his high school basketball days at Warren De La Salle.

In his three years on varsity, the Pilots were competitive. They were undersized, but they battled. They were the underdog.

But to Jenkins, the team, more importantly, was a family.

It was an amalgamation of students from all over campus — from honors classes to other athletic fields. It was a combination of students with different pasts, different home lives.

"But when you are part of that team, that one of 12 or that one of 15, really nothing else matters," Jenkins said. "You have that one common goal with your team and you can kind of let everything else go."

This team dynamic set the tone for Jenkins to become a basketball coach at the high school level. It's what keeps him going now, and it's what he plans to bring in his first season as head coach for the Milford girls basketball team.

Jenkins replaces Dave Browne, who posted a record of 41-88 with three playoff victories in six seasons with the Mavericks.



Mike Jenkins will take over as head coach for the Milford girls basketball team. COURTESY OF MIKE JENKINS

To Jenkins, who spent this past season as a varsity assistant under Browne, this opening was a surprise, but viewed it as an opportunity, coming in familiar with many of the players on the roster after a previous three-year stint at Muir Middle School in Huron Valley Schools.

Jenkins previously coached the varsity girls basketball teams at Center Line and The Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills.

Even though he knows the Milford program, having been on the coaching staff last season, Jenkins knows what

the players are going through.

"We actually went through a coaching change going into that senior year," Jenkins said of his time at De La Salle. "We had a pretty successful junior season. They decided to go a different route, so we had a brand new coach my senior year."

"We kind of took it upon ourselves as well. We could have taken that point of view of like, 'Oh, our coach got fired, our coach resigned. What are we going to do now?' We didn't take that avenue."

"We looked at it as, 'Hey, this is our

team too.'"

In his first meeting as Milford head coach, Jenkins shared this story with his team, sharing that no matter the change and no matter the situation posed on them, many that are seniors, De La Salle did not make excuses his senior year.

"We made it a success," he said.

And even though his first season may be in limbo due to the coronavirus pandemic, Jenkins plans to do what he can to make his first season with the Mavericks as successful as he can.

The head coach said Milford's philosophy will be based on athleticism and defense, saying that these two attributes, as well as pushing the tempo offensively, will make up for a lack of size.

Jenkins said the future is bright for the Milford program, watching as the junior varsity team finished with an 18-2 record a year ago. However, he said it's his goal to make sure that light stays bright, with the goal of pushing Milford's identity into youth leagues and middle schools across the area.

Jenkins wants Milford girls basketball to be known for its hard work on the basketball court before his time with the team is finished.

"We want to be known as a team that you are going to get a tough game every time you play us," Jenkins said.

Opening Day

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Columbus, I was constantly refreshing Twitter, anticipating a possible move that made Verlander an Astro — a move that would eventually happen six starts later. I was already focused on what was next for my hometown team.

But, looking back, it was the typical baseball experience: a day game in an outdoor ballpark, the sound of the crack of a baseball bat — too many cracks of the bat for a visiting Astros fan — the cheering, the smell of ballpark food.

No matter the ballpark, this was familiar. This was home.

Ballparks are where I found my passion for sports, my eventual passion for journalism: talking to athletes who get to play in these venues each and every day.

Growing up, it was my escape. For many, sports has continued to be

an escape, and that escape has been difficult to come by during the coronavirus pandemic.

Sure, there have been sports to watch: from overseas soccer and Major League Soccer, to Korean baseball to The Basketball Tournament.

But for an MLB fan, one that loves fantasy baseball, filling out scorecards and dissecting numbers in potential matchups, there was still something missing from this summer.

Sixty games starting on July 23 will help bring a level of normalcy, assuming that all 60 games will be played as scheduled. I'll still be glued to my television, hoping that the Astros will not get plunked each time a player comes to the plate.

I'll still find a way to celebrate Opening Day. But it will not be the same.

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The view from my seat in left field at the Tigers vs. Astros game on July 31, 2017. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Renovating

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that," Miller said. "We were due for updates."

Miller said this is the first bond that

had passed for updates in the past 15 years; he started as a baseball coach at Lakeland 18 years ago.

"We had probably the best facilities in Oakland County," Miller said. "This is the first time we have passed a bond since then. I think after we are done with this, we will be right back at the

top, but we were getting areas where they were really run down. Our athletic field over at Lakeland had to be updated. They were becoming unsafe."

Along with the turf update and the resurfacing of the track, Milford also planned to extend its bleachers, according to the district website.

Both Milford and Lakeland as of now are scheduled to host football season openers on Aug. 27.

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Exploring the Brighton Recreation Area



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I love exploring new trails, but prefer to tag along with someone familiar with the surroundings the first time I run a new route.

The way so many trails are marked, it's too easy to get lost in the woods and wind up running much farther than planned. At some places, you need to get a good look at a trail map ahead of time, memorize a sequence of numbered sections and hope you retain that knowledge.

One of the reasons Brighton Recreation Area is among my favorite places to run is that the trail is pretty straightforward and clearly marked. The first time I ran there last summer, I made it from start to finish without incident.

Brighton Rec has two running/hiking trails — the Penosha (blue) and the Kahchin (yellow). Follow the posts marked in blue for the blue loop and the posts marked in yellow for the yellow loop. Both loops share the same territory near the trailhead, so you'll see some posts with blue and yellow dots.

There are also some mountain bike trails, but the beauty of Brighton Rec is that bikers and runners have their own separate sections, eliminating some of the contentious issues that sometimes arise when the two groups share the same singletrack.

To get to the trailhead at Brighton Rec, take Bishop Lake Road east from Chilson Road or west from Bauer Road and take the entrance for the trails and beach. You will need a state parks Recreational Passport or pay a daily fee to get through the booth at the entrance.

Turn right after going past the booth, then left to get into the parking lot for the trails. On hot days, I recommend parking in the shady areas closest to the trails so the inside of your car doesn't become an oven. On colder days, I like to park where there's some sunlight to warm up the inside of the car.

Yes, there is one of those wonderful state park outhouses at the trailhead. This is essential any time to travel



Brighton Recreation offers a longer loop on the Penosha trail and a shorter loop on the Kahchin trail. Runners can navigate each trail by following colored posts and arrows. BILL KHAN/LIVINGSTON DAILY

someplace to run.

Another reason why Brighton Rec is such a great place to run trails is you can go short or go long. The blue loop has come out to 4.7 miles on my Garmin watch (it's probably 4.8 because GPS watches lose some distance in the woods; this matters). The yellow loop makes a nice tack-on at 1.7 Garmin miles. The blue trail is long enough with enough distinctive sections that it doesn't feel repetitive if you do it more than once.

Have I mentioned the hills yet?

There will be hills. Lots and lots of hills.

Remember: Hills are your friends; they are there for your benefit.

There is 509 feet of elevation gain on the blue loop and 137 feet on the yellow.

Any time you can run a trail that averages at least 100 feet of elevation per mile, you've found a keeper.

Hills are everywhere. Even the one road section, which is about a quarter mile on Teahen Road, there's a relentless uphill before you rejoin the trail.

The only reprieve is in the third mile of the blue loop where it's actually a net downhill of 119 feet. When I care about my speed, this is where I pick it up to drop the average pace.

The trail is marked to be run counterclockwise, but many runners and hikers go clockwise. Those who run clockwise miss out on the wonderful opportunity to run up a set of stairs across Teahen Road at the 3.2-mile mark. Runners cheat themselves by taking the "down" route. The "up" route is like running

bleachers.

With so many hills on this trail there are, of course, some pretty steep downhill. You can get away with a road shoe when the trail is dry, but I recommend wearing a trail shoe to get better traction on these sections.

When I've run the blue and yellow, I usually run all the way back to the parking lot, turn around and head back out. The yellow loop has sandy sections which provide a workout stimulus similar to running on a beach or in the snow.

While you'll usually encounter more difficult terrain when running trails, a nice tradeoff is being able to run in the shade during the hot summer months. Other than a meadow in the second mile of the blue loop, Brighton Rec is almost entirely shaded.

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Best trails for bicycling in Southeast Michigan

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With sports and many other group activities shut down for the summer because of the coronavirus pandemic, people are searching for ways to both keep busy and stay active without heading to a gym.

A perfect solution is bike riding.

Southeast Michigan features a great number of bike riding trails, especially places suited for mountain biking.

Luckily for area residents, these trails are easy to get to and are affordable.

"Milford is probably the southeast Michigan mecca for mountain biking trails," Motor City Mountain Biking Association member and trail coordinator Bill Hermann said. "There's more trails out here than anywhere else in lower Michigan."

Hermann builds mountain biking trails in his spare time and is an avid biker. He also organizes the Milford Biking Festival, which typically draws in around 400 people a year to ride on the 100 miles of bike trail in the area, both paved and unpaved.

"Go to a local bike shop, pick up a

good bike, spend a little more money than you think you're going to spend to get a halfway decent bike and go try it," Hermann said. "Make sure you have a helmet, gloves and go from there. Always wear a helmet when you ride a bike."

The oldest and one of the best trails around is at the Highland Recreation Area, which is purpose built. Its trails total 16 miles.

Hermann added that there are Facebook groups cyclists can join if they want to find other bikers such as the Great Lakes Spokejunkies, which is the group he is a part of. You can also find more information on local trails and clubs at <https://www.mmba.org/>. From there, you can discover several different clubs around the state, including the Motor City Mountain Biking Association.

"It's a sport you can do with a group or by yourself," Hermann said. "Once you buy your bike and your helmet, you don't really need anything else, it doesn't really cost you anything to do it. It's not like golf where you have to pay a green fee every time. All you have is your park pass sticker and that's it. I've met some really nice people all over the world riding bicycles."

Local mountain biking trails

Brighton Recreation Area
Location: Bishop Road, Howell, MI, 48843
Length: 14 miles
Hickory Glen Park, Commerce Township
Location: 600 Glendary Road, Commerce Township, MI, 48390
Length: 6.5 miles
Highland Recreation Area
Location: 2601 E. Livingston Road, Highland Township, MI, 48356
Length: 16 miles
Hines Park
Location: 40134 Edward N Hines Dr, Plymouth, MI 48170
Length: 3.1 miles
Island Lake Recreation Area
Location: State Park Road, Brighton, MI, 48116
Length: 15 miles
Kensington Metropark
Location: 4570 Huron River Pkwy, Milford, MI 48380
Length: 9.5 miles (paved)
Kensington to Proud Lake Connector
Location: 2027 South Milford Road, Milford Township, MI, 48381
Length: 2 miles

Lakeshore Park
Location: 601 South Lake Drive, Novi, MI, 48377
Length: 10 miles
Maybury State Park
Location: 20145 Beck Road, Northville, MI, 48167
Length: 7 miles
Milford Trail
Location: 200-226 Peters Rd., Milford, MI, 48381
Length: 5.5 miles
Pontiac Lake
Location: 7800 Gale Rd., Waterford, MI, 48327
Length: 11 miles
Proud Lake Recreation Area
Location: 3500 Wixom Road, Commerce Township, MI, 48382
Length: 10 miles
Rouge Park
Location: West Outer Drive at Tireman, Detroit, MI, 48239
Length: 3 miles
Seven Mile Park
Location: Wayne Ave, Northville, MI 48167
Length: 3 miles
Settlers Park
Location: 2655 Clark Road, Hartland, MI, 48353
Length: 5 miles



Quinn Costello, a Birmingham Groves alumnus, decorates his car at the high school July 16. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Protesters call for release of teen in detention for not doing homework

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Cars idled in the high school parking lot, preparing to turn onto Thirteen Mile Road in Beverly Hills and take their caravan protest to Pontiac to "Free Grace."

Grace is the middle name of a 15-year-old Black girl with ADHD. She was sent to Children's Village, a juvenile detention center, because she didn't do her online homework.

Protesters are appalled that Oakland County Judge Mary Ellen Brennan considered incomplete homework at Birmingham Groves High a probation violation worthy of incarceration beginning in May.

Sheri Crawley, CEO of Pretty Brown Girl, an organization dedicated to empowering girls of color, said hearing about Grace's story brought tears. She took her 14- and 15-year-old daughters to the Thursday caravan protest.

"We know that if she was a 15-year-old white girl that she would not be in jail right now," Crawley said. "This case is very important to us."

Her daughter Laila, 15, was enraged as soon as her father shared Grace's story.

"This could have been me," the Cass Technical High School student said. "It could have been my sister."

"It was obvious that it was a racist act. It's just so wrong on so many levels. There's nothing to justify it. We wanted her to know that she wasn't facing this alone and that she had a lot of people on her side."

Melissa Duckworth, a Beverly Hills resident, took her daughter to the protest, too. She said her daughter has ADHD like Grace and is a special-needs student.

"She also struggled with online learning, which was rolled out really terribly," Duckworth said. "There were no penalties for her. She didn't finish the homework. There were these penalties for Grace. It's wrong and it's not going to happen in this school district."

The school's role

Birmingham Public Schools released a statement on Wednesday that "the BPS plan sought to hold students harmless given the challenging, virtual learning environment they were thrust in due to no fault of their own."

They maintained the school district is not a party in court proceedings.

According to the statement: "We are unable to share any further detail about the case - either because those details are unknown to us or they fall under student privacy regulations to which we are bound. Without all relevant information, some have issued criticisms of the educator(s) involved in this situation. BPS is proud of its instructional staff and their dedication to delivering online education and mental health supports to students during the forced shutdown this spring."

Caravan protest organizers said about 200 vehicles traveled along Telegraph Road before gathering in the parking lot for the Oakland County Circuit Court Building. Children's Village is on the same campus.

"This could have been any of us," Victoria Clark, a Detroit educator, told the crowd. "This could have been my sister. This could have been any of my students who are in my class because I am a special education teacher. It's awful that they are doing this to Grace."

"In the richest county, Oakland County, where there is plenty of resources to help Grace, to help children...they throw her across the street. We're here to stand with Grace so that she can have a better life."

Groves alumni Jonathan Aylward and Amber Abboud attended the protest bearing a sign that said "Free Grace ahora!" on one side, and "End school 2 prison pipeline" on the other. ("Ahora" is Spanish for "now.")

"I went to Groves and was just so upset by this," Aylward said. "She needs to be released immediately. I just wanted to ... say that and be a part of this."

A Black girl's story

ProPublica Illinois originally published stories about Grace. The reporter is using middle names for Grace and her mother to avoid identifying them.

Assault and theft charges preceded Grace's probation. Her new attorney Jonathan Biernat told ProPublica Illinois he planned to file a court motion that would ask Brennan to reconsider her decision and send Grace home.

Oakland County Executive David Coulter has supported a review of Grace's case.

"It has been a top priority of my administration to keep the young people and employees safe at Children's Village during the pandemic and that includes limiting residency to immediate safety risks," he said in a statement.

Debbie Rosenman, a retired teacher and activist from Bloomfield Township, was with the caravan protest all the way. She assisted drivers at Groves and then rallied with the others, carrying a "register to vote" sign at the court building.

She's concerned about Black girls getting jailed.

"We need to do way better by our youth," she said. "We need to stop doing such racial injustice. I'm trying to be a good white ally. But I'm also a longtime educator. I know that she needed a whole lot more support than she got. Her mother needed support. We're just not doing well enough by our kids."

Michigan Liberation sponsored the protest. A Change.org petition is circulating to support and free Grace.

Thursday afternoon, soon after the protest, Birmingham school board members held a special meeting where they voted to ask the court to review Grace's case.

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Former Hartland principal settles lawsuit against district

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An eight-year lawsuit between Hartland Consolidated Schools and a former elementary school principal has been settled.

Tracey Sahouri, who worked as the principal for Creekside Elementary, sued the district in 2012 alleging defamation and invasion of privacy, which the Michigan Court of Appeals dismissed in 2016. However, the Court of Appeals let stand her Whistleblower Protection Act allegation continue.

On Monday, the Hartland Board of Education approved a settlement and retirement agreement.

"The case settled for \$300,000 and Tracey Sahouri retired. It's the best of both worlds, she is out of that situation and she's being paid \$300,000," Tom Pabst, Sahouri's attorney, said.

Sahouri, of Argentine Township, filed her lawsuit in April 2012 in Genesee County Circuit Court after she was removed as principal and reassigned as a teacher. Retired Hartland Superintendent Janet Sifferman and Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Student Services Scott VanEpps were also named in the suit.

Court records indicate Genesee County Circuit Court Judge Mark Latchana granted the district's motion for partial summary disposition on June 22. That motion dismissed all claims except that of the Whistleblower Protection Act violation, Pabst said.

He said the whistleblower claim arose after Sahouri was retaliated against following her report of a death threat that was scrawled on a bathroom mirror. She also reported the son of a board member having alcohol at prom, throwing chairs around and being disruptive.

"She reported that when they told her not to," Pabst said. "She also filed the lawsuit, which I think really rubbed them wrong."

Hartland Superintendent Chuck Hughes said he is glad the parties were able to settle and move on after eight years.

While the district is responsible for the retirement settlement, which allows Sahouri to retire with her tenure benefits as a teacher, the district's insurer is paying the \$300,000, Hughes said.

School officials argued they reassigned Sahouri, who is listed as a teacher at the district's alternative high school, after state Department of Education investigators uncovered evidence indicating Creekside Elementary teachers improperly gained access to information on the fall 2011 Michigan Educational Assessment Programs tests.

Despite the district's claim Sahouri cheated as a proctor of the MEAP test, she has continued to proctor the exam the last eight years, Pabst said.

Pabst said Sahouri resigned July 1.

Sale of police vehicles questioned

Ford workers cite protests over civil rights

Phoebe Wall Howard
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

An estimated 100 employees of Ford Motor Co. have asked the automaker to reconsider building and selling police vehicles in light of controversy related to police brutality and social justice, the Free Press confirmed late Wednesday.

The issue has been raised with Ford executives by employees during at least one virtual town hall and a series of letters sent to executives since the May 25 death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police.

Over the past six weeks, civil rights protests have roiled the streets of Detroit and cities across the country as debate about police reform grows. Auto executives and business leaders in Detroit have made headlines with calls for racial justice.

Ford, along with General Motors, has taken additional steps to advocate for accountability in recent weeks. Ford also announced plans to pull its social media spending amid calls for action against misinformation and hate speech.

While Ford is not in a position to shape public policy, Ford CEO Jim Hackett and executive chairman Bill Ford have committed to engaging in public dialogue and providing corporate leadership — as has GM CEO Mary Barra and Mike Manley, CEO of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles.

Internally at Ford, both Black and white employees have expressed concern in what has been described as a “respectful” and “constructive” manner. Sentiment within the company is viewed as passionate in terms of support for law enforcement as well as communities of color that have expressed fear of violence by law enforcement officers.



2020 Ford Explorer hybrid police interceptor MARK PHELAN/USA TODAY NETWORK

“We want to hear and listen to all employees, understand their point of view and be transparent about the actions and positions we are taking,” Mark Truby, chief communications officer at Ford, told the Free Press. “It’s a healthy dialogue.”

The Dearborn, Michigan, automaker has long-established itself in the law enforcement community as a trusted supplier of police cars and SUVs, which generate significant revenue for the automaker. The Police Interceptor, a highly modified Ford Explorer, is perhaps the most high-profile vehicle.

Ford provides about two-thirds of police vehicles in the U.S.

Discussions of civil rights are not viewed by employees solely as a Black issue at the 117-year-old company, which has a long history of investing in the Black community and providing job opportunities when others did not, said a source close to the situation who was not authorized to speak publicly.

Some workers circulated a letter asking the company to “cease development, production, and sale of all custom police vehicles and products,” according to The Verge, a technology news website.

“Other employees have since signed onto the letter (though it’s unclear how many) and they want the company to

take some kind of action by July 15th,” according to Jalopnik, an automotive and transportation news website. “Our resources can and should be diverted to other forms of first response and public safety,” the employees wrote.

‘Tension’

After days of internal questions, Hackett wrote to salaried employees about “whether Ford’s development of police vehicles is a good idea given the spotlight on social justice and police reform.”

He sent a letter July 1 that discussed law enforcement, police reform, racism, tension, the Black Lives Matter movement and the company’s responsibility. “As we meet weekly in our Global Team Huddles, invariably there are questions that don’t get answered given the short time we have together or simply would be better addressed offline,” Hackett wrote.

The letter, obtained by the Free Press late Wednesday, read, in part:

“First, it should be clear both Bill Ford and I believe deeply that there is no room for the systemic repression and racism that have been exhibited by law enforcement encounters gone wrong. We’ve said clearly that Black Lives Matter and I am personally driving a review

of our Diversity and Inclusion rituals, practices and behaviors. We do believe strongly that more transparency and accountability is required in police operations.

Second, we also believe the first responders that protect us play an extraordinarily important role in the vitality and safety of our society. Our world wouldn’t function without the bravery and dedication of the good police officers who protect and serve. But safety of community must be inclusive of all members and today, it is not.

Holding these two thoughts together in one’s mind is possible, but now there is tension. It’s our belief the recent issues surfacing from the George Floyd tragedy are bringing a very intensive and necessary spotlight on police training and reform. In fact, I sit on the Business Roundtable, an organization comprised of CEOs from America’s leading companies, which has committed its shared energy to the work on police training and reform.”

On Wednesday, a Ford spokesman declined to comment on the letter.

‘Let’s get out’

Meanwhile, discussion within the company continues to simmer. A number of employees want Ford to somehow engage in constructive action that both supports the police and works to improve police safety.

Others have said the company should somehow tie sales of police vehicles to reform plans or collaborate with police to enhance security measures in and around the vehicles, such as cameras.

The discussions have not been contentious, a Ford source close to the situation told the Free Press.

Over the years, Ford has worked closely with law enforcement to design police vehicles.

GM and Fiat Chrysler also build police vehicles.

GM announced plans to donate \$10 million to promote inclusion and named a social equality panel in June.

Bicycles

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he said. “It will be interesting to see if sales drop a lot once everything is back to normal.”

Motor City Bicycle has experienced a dramatic rise in bike repairs since it reopened in late-April following a one-

month shutdown.

“We’re finding that, along with buying new bikes, people are dusting off the ones they’ve had in their garage for the past 10 to 15 years and bringing them in to have us check them out,” said Raggett. “We’re so backed up with repairs, we can’t even guarantee they’ll be returned until September, at the earliest.”

Raggett said the “overwhelming” number of repairs brought into the store

has forced Motor City to stop taking repairs, at least until things slow down.

Anyway said his store’s waiting list for new bicycles is 16 pages long.

“It started growing the day we reopened in early June,” he said. “The highest demand is for entry-level mountain bikes that cost anywhere from \$500 to \$1,100. We’re seeing a good percentage of people who are getting into biking for the first time, which is

nice to see.”

Both shops have been assembling bikes for customers inside their respective facilities in an attempt to keep up with demand.

“It can take anywhere from a half hour to two hours to build, depending on the model,” said Motor City’s Ryan McKinnie. “We probably average about eight to 10 a day, depending upon how busy the store is.”

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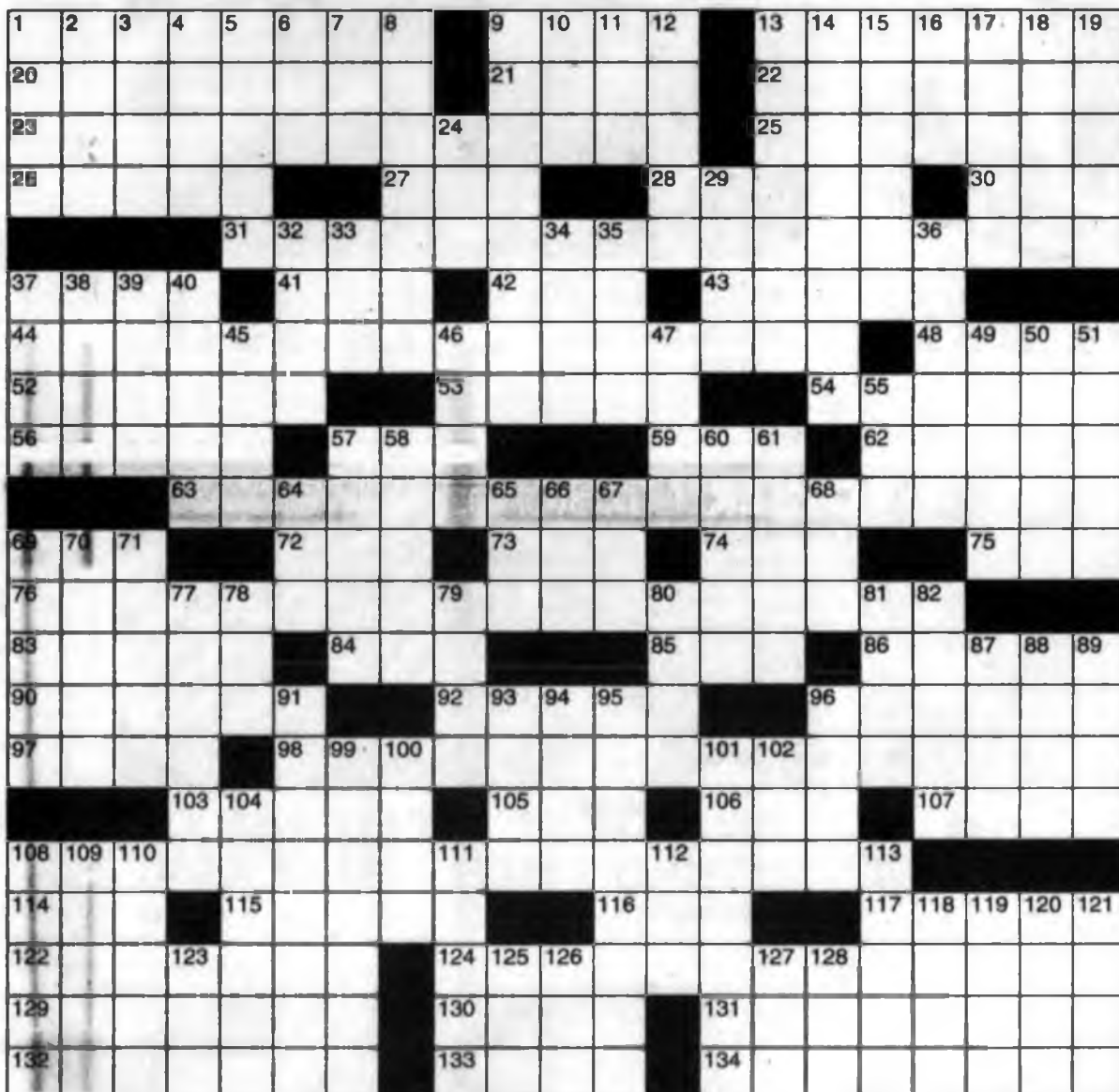
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ACROSS

- 1 Compositions of a classical tradition
9 Financial: Abbr.
13 Toddler girl, to Scots
20 16th-century Spanish explorer
21 Wind quintet instrument
22 Ancient French region
23 Low-value red card
25 Dangerous current
26 20-ounce Starbucks drink
27 Body design, for short
28 Transmission repair chain
30 Adult fellows
31 Witches in "Macbeth"
37 Apple choice
41 Sculling item
42 Suffix with Midwest
43 Rose petal oil
44 1992 Tony nominee for Best Musical
48 Seniors' org.
52 Tricky pitch
53 Big fad
54 Pet allergy source
- 56 From days of yore
57 Luggage screeners' org.
59 Univ. dorm overseers
62 Listerine competitor
63 Oedipus-themed
114 Former U.K. record co.
115 Fake
116 Muhammad of the ring
117 Feudal lord
122 Be averse to
124 What the starts of the longest answers in this puzzle are?
129 One making modifications
130 Helper
131 Homer with nobody on
132 Straightens up
133 Red-ink entry
134 Upper layers of fertile earth
- 105 Meal crumb
106 Raw metal
107 Title for Judi Dench
108 Hearst bimonthly with beauty and dating tips
110 Arabic for "son of"
111 Lay turf on
112 Romero of "Batman"
113 Grows fond of
14 Drew forth
15 Wife, to Juan
16 Back muscle, for short
17 "One Day at —" (sitcom)
18 Supply — (certain economist)
19 Camille Saint- —
24 Alluring West
29 Eve's partner
32 60 minutes
33 Solar beam
34 Witty
35 Don Juan's mother
36 Seance state
37 "In case that's true ..."
38 Place for grist
39 Rah-rah
40 Surrenders
45 Heredity unit
- 6 Feeling blue
7 Cruel Amin
8 People painting, e.g.
9 Shoes and boots
10 Drive away
51 The "P" of AP
55 Hearth refuse
57 Score speed
58 Escargot
60 Moving
61 Doesn't go on
64 Moving truck
65 Grand opening?
66 Inspired stuff
67 Electees, e.g.
68 "Eww, no more!" in a text message
69 Mark Twain's Thatcher
70 Writer —
71 Red-ink entry
77 Brand for sore eyes
78 Doc using an otoscope
79 Look intently
80 Menial worker
81 Detective Wolfe
82 Thyroid, e.g.
87 Sports shoe brand
88 Overbrim
89 Otherwise
91 "Someone's already claimed that seat"
93 Proton holder
94 Prefix with byte
95 Tennis, volleyball and badminton
96 Narrow valley
99 Dogs closely following their owners
100 15th of the month, maybe
101 Most snug
102 "... — quit!" (threat ender)
104 Blazing
106 Roomy auto
109 Novelist Zola
110 Lookout view
111 Kathmandu's nation
112 Heady drink
113 "Tickle Me" dolls
118 — facto
119 K thru 12
120 Earth science subj.
121 Guesses on costs: Abbr.
123 Allow to
125 Grande opening?
126 Age-verifying docs.
127 Failing tic-tac-toe row
128 Lofty peak

DOWN

- 1 Shakespeare play ending
2 T. — Price
3 Disney sci-fi film of 1982
4 Not worth debating
5 Not qualified



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SUDOKU



Difficulty Level ★★

7/23

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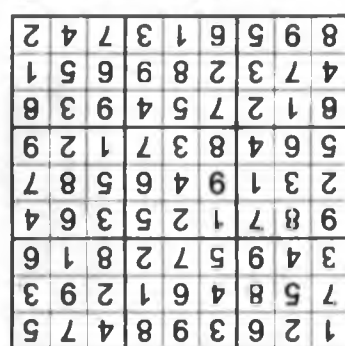
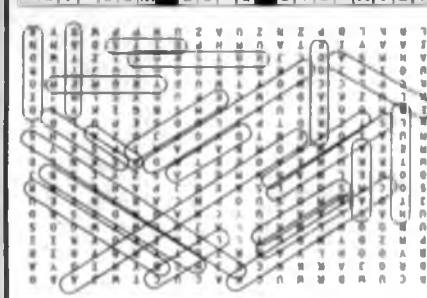
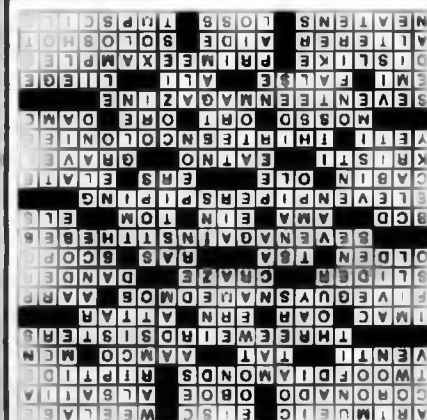
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

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ANDROID
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APPLE
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BANDWIDTH
BASE
BATTERY
BITS
BLUETOOTH
BROWSER
CALLBACK
CAMERA
CELL
DATA
DOWNLOAD
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