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Annual high school rankings released

IA, Novi, Northville among top 10 in state

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U.S. News & World Report released its annual rankings of 24,000 public high schools with Oakland County's International Academy again among the top 50 nationwide.

International Academy, a consortium which has about 1,500 students who reside in 13 Oakland County school districts, ranked third in Michigan and 43rd nationwide.

Also ranking in the top 10 in Michigan were Novi High School at No. 7 and Northville High School at No. 10.

"Part of the reason we do well on rankings like this is that all of our students and families understand when they enroll in ninth grade that we are an all International Baccalaureate high school," Associate Principal Chris Smith said. "It's highly rigorous, the most challenging program a student in the United States can sign up for in high school. ... It attracts students who are highly motivated for an academic program."

The International Academy is the second-largest International Baccalaureate diploma-granting school in the world, second only to a school in Singapore. The school typically grants IB diplomas to about 350 students per year, although its graduation rate is not listed in the rankings report due to being part of the consortium.

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SEEK AND FIND



Don Smith, of Belleville, loads his most recent garage sale find into the back of his SUV with his other acquired treasures. PHOTOS BY SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Garage sale shoppers hunt for treasures

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A little rain couldn't dampen the spirits of shoppers seeking bargain-priced treasures April 29 in the return of South Lyon's citywide garage sale.

"The fun is in the hunt," Don Smith, 72, said. "We've been shopping garage sales every spring and summer for 35 years. This is our enjoyment."

He and his wife, Carol, who are Belleville residents, enjoy traveling all over looking for whatever might strike their fancy. They started with toys for their kids and advanced to toys for the grandkids. Now they get toys for themselves.

Don holds an antique fire extinguisher with a worn label. He looks absolutely delighted as he reveals he just bought it for \$2 and also got an empty newsstand box for \$5. He loads both items into the

back of his SUV, which already has a disc golf basket he snagged for \$10 from one of the 10 sales the couple hit earlier in the morning.

The customers just kept coming to Debbie and Ken Pridmore's home deep in the Deer Creek subdivision as the rain began to fall.

The Pridmores shopped plenty of sales in their time, and now they say it's "time to get rid of everything in the basement."

Ken notes he's got a Coca-Cola collection, including various bottles of the soda he has picked up over the years. At one point he meant to decorate the basement with the collection of items, which also includes a cooler and a Coca-Cola radio, but never got around to it and the notion passed.

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Debbie McGinnis holds up a few of her finds. After years of searching garage sales, she said she also finally found the perfect Christmas tree.

Details emerge on Orchard Crossing

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A new proposed development for the Erwin Orchards property will keep the cider mill and majority of the orchards, while erecting homes valued at up to \$500,000 on the remainder.

Lombardo Homes' conceptual plan for the Orchard Crossing development was met with overwhelmingly positive feedback from planning commissioners April 26.

"I love the plan," Commissioner Jim Chuck said. "I think this plan is beneficial under the parallel plan. They have saved the orchard. ... The homes are to the extreme southwest, and what is out there is nothing. It's the perfect spot. ..."

"It's a win-win-win. The township

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New Northville council member brings civic experience

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After a month of working short-handed, the Northville City Council is back to full strength following the appointment of Andrew Krenz, who will serve out the remaining term of Sam Ekong, who resigned effective March 25 after relocating.

Ekong had served on the city council since being elected in November 2013.

Krenz was already a fixture in Northville decision-making circles having served as a member of the city planning commission since 2018.

"I am honored to be selected and I look forward to putting my experience and skills into action as a member of the city council," Krenz said.

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wins, the Erwins win, and I think the developer and residents are going to win."

He and the other commissioners all remarked positively on the lower density of the Lombardo Homes plan compared to previous developer plans that proposed up to 400 homes.

The Orchard Crossing development is proposed on 181 acres of land currently owned by Erwin Orchards and would place 121 single-family homes south of Silver Lake Road on the west side of the property, as well as 40 duplex units at the northwest corner of Kent Lake and Silver Lake roads.

In total, the residential portion of the development would encompass 54 acres, or 30 percent of the total. The orchard and related uses, which would include retention of the existing cider mill, as well as additions of a 15,000-square-foot event venue and 17,000-square-foot tasting room/full-service restaurant, would comprise the other 127 acres.

Greg Windingland, vice-president of land development for Lombardo



A couple of rows of Erwin Orchards' apple trees. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Homes, acknowledged the previous concerns on density, traffic, and storm-water management, as well as the community's fear of losing the apple orchard.

"We're very aware of the passion in the township to keep the orchard a thriving business in the community," he said. "We wanted to come up with a plan to have the orchard set up for success."

Anthony Lombardo revealed that the owners of Blake's Orchard are in discussions with him to be partners in continuing the orchard operations in Lyon Township without interruption.

"The key thing is continued (orchard) operations 365 days per year and

(Blake's) is whom I'm talking to and intend to make a deal with," Lombardo said. "They're very well known, the best operator I know in the state and maybe the country."

"They do a great job."

Planning Chair Mike Conflitti asked Lombardo what his "secret sauce" was to making a much lower density development successful after other developers had told the commission more units were needed to be profitable.

Lombardo said his plan was a balance of cooperation between the Erwins, himself and the Blakes to meet the

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 03-15-21b

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted **Ordinance No. 03-15-21b**, to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article X Fences. At the Planning Commission's recommendation, City Council adopted text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to fences. Article X Fences is deleted as it is a duplicate of the fence requirements in the Zoning Ordinance.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on March 15, 2021, and adopted April 19, 2021. It is effective May 7, 2021. The complete text of the ordinance amendments is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, by appointment only, or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 18 BUSINESSES TO PROHIBIT MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE

At its regular meetings on May 17, 2021 and June 7, 2021, the Northville City Council will consider a proposed amendment to Chapter 18 Businesses, which prohibits Marihuana Establishments within the City limits of the City of Northville. The ordinance is set to expire June 30, 2021. The proposed amendment would remove the ordinance expiration date. All other provisions of the ordinance would remain in effect.

Meeting Location and Participation

The meeting will be held via video conference as allowed by City Council's Local State of Emergency Declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. 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. The following is a link to attend the meetings:

May 17: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81761833981>, US: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592
Webinar ID: 817 6183 3981

June 7: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83076934410>, US: +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799
Webinar ID: 830 7693 4410

Those needing assistance or accommodations should contact the City Manager's office at 248-449-9905. Log in instructions, electronic meeting information, and a user guide can be found at: <https://www.ci.northville.mi.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=11895963&pageId=13505469> OR from the main Home page, click on the Government tab, then Agendas and Minutes, scroll to the City Council section of the webpage, then scroll down to the link for the Council meeting.

The proposed ordinance amendment is available for review on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to Government, Governing Documents, and Proposed Ordinance Amendments) or by appointment at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300.

Written comments can be submitted by email to dmassell@ci.northville.mi.us, by mail to City of Northville Municipal Building, City Manager's Office, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, or by using the City Hall 24-hour drop box.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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City of Northville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2021-22 PROPOSED ANNUAL CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021 for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2021-22 Annual City Budget.

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

The meeting will be held via video conference as allowed by City Council's Local State of Emergency Declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. 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. The following is a link to attend the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81761833981> US: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592 Webinar ID: 817 6183 3981

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PROPOSED 2021 MILLAGE RATES The following statements are provided, as required by State statute, concerning the 2021 proposed millage levies for the City of Northville.

The 2021 tax levy for the City Operating Millage is proposed to be 13.0496 mills, compared to 13.1988 mills in 2020, resulting in a decrease of 1.13%. The City Council has authority under the City Charter to set the Operating Millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 13.0496 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee roll-back formula.

The 2021 levy for the Improvement Program for Streets, Drainage and Sidewalks, approved by the voters on March 4, 1997, is proposed to be 1.6256 mills, compared to 1.6442 mills in 2020, resulting in a 1.13% decrease.

The new 2021 levy for Street Bonds for repayment of issued bonds, approved by voters on November 6, 2018, is proposed to be 0.8311 mills, compared to 0.8698 mills in 2020, resulting in a 4.45% decrease.

The total City millage for operating, debt, and improvements is proposed to be 15.5063 mills in 2021. Compared to the 15.7128 mills levied in 2020, the decrease is 0.2065 mills, or 1.31%.

ANTICIPATED EQUALIZATION FACTORS The 2021 equalization factors for both Wayne and Oakland County are expected to be 1.00 for all classes of property.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISIONS OF THE NOXIOUS WEED ORDINANCE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush, or deleterious, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of eight (8) inches, growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City of Novi, shall be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, at least twice in each year, once during the last half of the month of May and again during the last half of July of each year and more often as may be necessary.

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

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

Charles Boulard, Building Official
City of Novi

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE ELECTRONIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. on the Zoom Video Conference electronic meeting platform to consider **JSP20-17: NOVI PROFESSIONAL VILLAGE BUILDINGS D & E, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLAND USE PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL**. The subject property totals approximately 5.02 acres and is Parcel 50-22-27-200-006, which is located west of Novi Road and south of Ten Mile Road (Section 27). The subject property is zoned OS-1 (Office Service District). The applicant is proposing to construct two 6,175 square foot professional office buildings directly behind three existing professional office buildings that were constructed in 1991.

Plans are available for review by contacting the Community Development Department at the following email address: bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org



Subject Parcel ID's: 50-22-27-200-006

Special Instructions for Remote Meeting Procedure:

NOTE: THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, MCL 15.261, ET SEQ., AS AMENDED. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BODY AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE ELECTRONICALLY, AS DESCRIBED BELOW.

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the City will be utilizing the video/audio conferencing platform ZOOM to conduct the May 12, 2021 Planning Commission meeting.

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 www.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 you 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 sent prior to 7 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The electronic form can be found at: www.cityofnovi.org/pccomment

As of the date of this notice, Planning Commission members are expected to log in to ZOOM. There may also be some City personnel at City Hall overseeing this meeting.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Protesters rally against 'killology' police trainer

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A police trainer will have to find enough common ground with metro Detroit critics before he's allowed to keep any local speaking engagement.

Oak Pointe Church in Novi canceled "killology" expert Dave Grossman's May 26-27 appearance at the church after a robust phone, email and social media campaign.

"Our mission of 'making disciples to know Jesus and make Him known' is not in line with one of the speakers in question," the church said in an April 26 statement. "Even though this was not a church event, we are responsible for what we host in our building and therefore endorse."

Metro Detroiters who voiced their concerns regarding book author Grossman were relieved.

"(With) what our country is going through right now, does he really need to have seminars on how to kill without remorse, without conscience?" argued Vicki Ashby, a Northville Township resident. "This is not what we need right now."

Facebook groups including Livonia Citizens Caring About Black Lives and Crime Watch Livonia kept the debate - and protests - intense.

Some members took their protests to Oak Pointe Church, upset that a church would host a speaker they say is helping officers use lethal force.

Church officials began talking to the organizer, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, and, soon, the event was canceled.

"If it's a concern to them, it's a concern to us," said Robert Stevenson, MACP's executive director and Livonia's former police chief.

He said he had never heard such criticism raised against Grossman. He and other association officials had invited Grossman to speak to police officers because of the post-traumatic stress disorder and suicide rates that can accompany police work. About 100 had signed up to attend.

Sitting on the board of the police chiefs association, Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid received messages of protest and was surprised by the outcry.

"I've heard over the years good reviews," said Caid. "He is highly respected in the field and has been for a number of years."

Caid's understanding was that Grossman's training was supposed to be about the physiological and emotional outcome of using and dealing with lethal force.

Grossman touts himself as "a former West Point psychology professor, professor of military science, and an Army Ranger." He has authored the books "On Killing," "On Combat," and "Stop Teaching Our Kids to Kill." He also has talked about the psychology of killing on podcasts.

"Killology is not about teaching people to kill," Grossman said during a phone interview. "It's not even on the menu. It's about understanding the factors enabling restraint killings in society and how people respond to life and death events."

MACP officials are willing to schedule another speaking engagement if critics can be appeased. Yet Grossman said that he's more interested in people reading his books and scholarly works than visiting metro Detroit to pacify critics.

Former Northville schools official pleads guilty to lying

Susan Vela
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A former Northville schools administrator pleaded guilty to obstructing a federal grand jury investigation by deleting emails and lying.

Deanna Barash, 46, of Auburn Hills is scheduled for an August sentencing where the judge will consider the prosecutor's recommendations as well as the maximum penalties of 10 months in prison and \$250,000 in fines.

David Nacht, the attorney representing Barash, said the plea agreement includes a recommended sentence of 10 months in prison because of the guilty plea.

"She accepts responsibility for her actions in this case. She regrets that it has caused pain and embarrassment for those with whom she formerly worked and relied on her," Nacht said.

According to the plea agreement filed April 27 in U.S. District Court, Barash was finishing up a three-year stint as Northville Public Schools' assistant su-

perintendent when she signed an agreement with Purpose Prep in July 2017.

Her signature meant a commitment to assist with content and marketing of the company's social-emotional learning materials.

As part of the deal, Purpose Prep agreed to pay Barash \$3,500 for her "effort and help" from July 1, 2017, to Aug. 15, 2017. She also was to get 20% of any profits resulting from her efforts after July 19 of the same year.

Barash committed the school district to receiving Purpose Prep materials without the district's internal review, proper levels of approval and disclosures of a relationship with Purpose Prep.

Without district approval, she executed two sales order forms for a total of \$45,000 and assured NPS's payment. She then deposited \$6,500 from Purpose Prep into her bank account.

She had left the district when Northville school officials became aware of the contracts and Barash's commitment to the company.

Northville school officials sent Barash a May 2018 letter accusing her of unethical, possibly criminal conduct and warned they would alert law enforcers. Barash consequently deleted emails from her private account.

Federal investigators said that, during a May 2019 interview, Barash

said she panicked because of the letter.

For an August 2019 interview, she told them she deleted the pertinent emails as part of a routine purge since she considered the matter over. She then retracted the statement and admitted she deleted them.

"Deanna Barash used her position as the assistant superintendent of Northville Public Schools for her own financial gain, and then attempted to avoid accountability by destroying evidence of her wrongdoing," said Timothy Waters, an FBI special agent, in the U.S. Department of Justice's April 27 statement.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

ON PROPOSED 2021-22 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2021-22 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, via ZOOM. Join ZOOM Meeting

<https://schoolcraftcollege.zoom.us/j/84394643485>
Meeting ID: 843 9464 3485

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection upon request by contacting the Accounting & Budget Manager at 734-462-4551.

Jon Lamb, CPA
Chief Financial Officer

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City of Northville NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF BUDGET

FY 2022 CITY BUDGET The budget for the various Funds of the City of Northville are proposed for the year ended June 30, 2022 as follows:

Revenues		Revenues		Expenditures
GENERAL FUND		SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Property Taxes	\$5,766,895	Street, Drainage & Sidewalk	892,765	892,765
Licenses, Fees and Permits	421,364	Improvement Fund		
Grants	3,500	Major Streets Fund	479,401	479,401
Racetrack Breakage \Police & Fire Service	15,510	Local Streets Fund	1,257,500	1,257,500
Cemetery Revenues	87,500	Parking Fund	376,521	376,521
State Shared Revenue	612,339	Housing Commission Fund	939,950	939,950
Sales and Services	748,229	ENTERPRISE FUNDS		
Fines and Forfeitures	10,700	Refuse & Recycling Fund	648,711	648,711
Other Revenues	495,846	Water & Sewer Fund	4,173,349	4,173,349
Interfund Transfers	0	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		
Use of Fund Balance	200,000	Street Bond Debt Service Fund	354,383	354,383
General Fund Total	<u>\$8,361,883</u>	DDA Bond Debt Service Fund	174,685	174,685
		Housing Bond Debt Service Fund	92,996	92,996
Expenditures		CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS		
Administration	\$1,438,593	Public Improvement Fund	521,220	521,220
Buildings and Grounds	356,845	Fire Equipment Replacement	275,465	275,465
Police Department	3,332,490	Fund		
Fire Department	1,138,790	Police Equipment Replacement	113,090	113,090
Technology	85,700	Fund		
Department of Public Works	531,835	Housing Commission Capital	181,686	181,686
Planning, Zoning & Inspection		Outlay Fund		
Services	450,070	INTERNAL SERVICE FUND		
Shared Services	238,990		357,455	357,455
Contributions to Other Funds	554,446	COMPONENT UNIT		
Debt Service	52,744	Downtown Development Authority	907,489	907,489
Insurance & Central Supplies	56,380			
Contingency	125,000			
	<u>\$8,361,883</u>			

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TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS As provided in State statute, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund and up to ten percent (10%) of the total salary and fringe appropriations for distributed Public Works Labor and Equipment Rental between the General, Major Street, Local Street, Equipment, Refuse and Recycling and Water and Sewer Funds. All other interfund transfers require approval of the City Council.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN The six year capital improvement plan has been prepared and is a part of the annual 2021-22 City budget document.

COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE A complete copy of the 2021-22 Annual City Budget document will be available for public inspection beginning May 6, 2021 at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

Dianne Massa
City Clerk

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU21-0007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for **Florence Cement Company** is requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary concrete batch plant for parcel 50-22-15-301-008, North of Grand River Ave and East of Taft Road from **August 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021**. The property is zoned I-1 (Light Industrial) and the use is contrary to 3.14 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

A public hearing will be held electronically over ZOOM at **10:00am on May 21, 2021** as authorized under the open meetings act, mcl 15.261, et seq., as amended. All written comments or requests for a link to participate in the meeting remotely should be directed to koppermann@cityofnovi.org and must be received prior to end of business **May 20, 2021**.

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU21-0006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for **Servman LLC** is requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary parking for parcel 50-22-16-176-020 & 50-22-16-176-021, North of Grand River Avenue and East of Beck Road from **May 2021 through May 2022**. The property is zoned OST (Office Service Technology) and the use is contrary to 3.27 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

A public hearing will be held electronically over ZOOM at **11:00am on May 21, 2021** as authorized under the open meetings act, mcl 15.261, et seq., as amended. All written comments or requests for a link to participate in the meeting remotely should be directed to koppermann@cityofnovi.org and must be received prior to end of business **May 20, 2021**.

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Experience

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Professionally, Krenz is a program engineering manager for future battery electric vehicles at General Motors.

Along with serving on the planning commission, he heads the city's Farmers Market Task Force.

Krenz said he will continue to serve the planning commission, which is studying the ongoing implementation of The Downs, a development that could

be built on the current site of Northville Downs.

Krenz said he is planning on running for the city council seat he now fills on an interim basis in the November general election.

"If I am fortunate enough to be elected to the city council full-time, I will resign my planning commission seat," he said.

Krenz said he plans to live in Northville for "at least the next 30 years" and wants to help shape its future. Krenz and his wife Kristine have three children.

The interim council member emphasized that of the many qualities Northville possesses is a wealth of citizens who have experience and knowledge in fields that will help the city move forward in a positive fashion.

"We need to build on harnessing the untapped skills and pride of our neighbors to benefit the city that the task forces have started," Krenz said.

A graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, Krenz earned an undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan and a master's degree at Indiana University.

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master plan, as well as the Blakes "making a substantial contribution to land acquisition."

He and the development team said they had extensively reviewed the master plan to maintain the spirit and intent and to address traffic concerns, planned to commit \$150,000 to making necessary improvements to the intersection of Kent Lake and Silver Lake roads.

The project would also feature a sidewalk to run north along the west side of Kent Lake Road up to the elementary school.

Planner Brian Keesey noted the proposed development is in accordance with the township's density and adjacent uses for that area, and at this point, would be expected to bring \$4.3 million in taxes and revenue to local government; \$34.7 million in local income; and 476 local jobs associated with the build out.

Keesey said a fiscal analysis with tax rates and school millages finds that the project would have a roughly \$10,000 negative impact on the township's general fund, but positive impacts of \$11,000 to library; \$44,000 to the police fund; and \$18,000 to the fire operating budget.

Commissioner Branko Mitkovski said he liked the Orchard Crossing plan "way better" than the previous plan and Ron Pennington called the Lombardo proposal "the best plan we've seen."

But Commissioner Carl Towne expressed his doubts about the plan.

"I have issues with overall density," he said. "I'd like an explanation on what is commercial and agritourism. To me it looks like commercial. Call it what it is. ... If it's commercial, it should be zoned that way. We haven't talked about special land use. I am not ready to jump on board. I am not convinced it meets the criteria for the master plan."

More details will be brought at a preliminary review, as well as in the final site plan, both of which need to come before the planning commission in future months, as well as need final approval by the township board. A public hearing will also be conducted.

Rankings

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The ranking methodology used by U.S. News and World Report measures college readiness in seniors, particularly the proportion of students who both took and earned qualifying scores on advanced placement and International Baccalaureate exams; and also takes into account math and reading proficiency and performance from state tests; underserved student performance; college curriculum breadth; and graduation rates.

The International Academy has so many students apply each year that the school uses a lottery system to determine who will get in. Upon selection, students take a math diagnostics test and writing exam.

Novi High School Principal Nicole Carter is proud of the school's ranking of 7th in the state and 411th in the country, with a total score of 97.7 out of 100. The school consistently ranks high in the report.

She notes that it is especially remarkable because Novi is not a magnet school and accepts every student who resides in the district. Carter is not surprised by the ranking, but she gets choked up talking about it. She gives credit to students and district staff from high school all the way down to kindergarten, all working to help students excel.

"It gives me chills," she said. "It puts a spotlight on our extraordinary students and our competent creative teachers and support staff. It is inspirational."

Local high school rankings

International Academy, Bloomfield Hills (West and East campuses in White Lake and Troy were included in calculations); third in Michigan; 43rd nationwide; IB participation rate: 100%.

Novi High School: seventh in Michigan; 411th nationwide; AP participation rate: 67%.

Northville High School: 10th in Michigan; 466th nationwide; AP participation rate: 62%.

Ernest W. Seaholm High School, Birmingham: 14th in Michigan; 605th nationwide; AP participation rate: 69%.

Wylie E. Groves High School, Birmingham: 28th in Michigan; 910th nationwide; AP participation rate: 51%.

Canton High School: 29th in Michigan; 967th nationwide; AP participation rate: 47%.

Plymouth High School: 33rd in Michigan; 1,170th nationwide; AP participation: 47%.

Salem High School, Canton: 41st in Michigan; 1,346th nationwide; AP participation rate is 48%.

Bloomfield Hills High School: 44th in Michigan; #1,433rd nationwide; AP participation rate: 56%.

South Lyon High School: 48th in Michigan; 1,583rd nationwide; AP participation rate: 40%.

Canton Preparatory High School, 55th in Michigan; 1,691st nationwide; AP participation rate is 89%.

South Lyon East High School: 66th in Michigan; 1,851st nationwide; AP participation rate: 45%.

Stevenson High School, Livonia: 71st in Michigan; 2,197th nationwide; AP rate: 45%.

Farmington High School, 79th in Michigan; 2,377th nationwide; AP participation rate: 41%.

Churchill High School, Livonia: 82nd in Michigan; 2,453rd nationwide; AP participation rate: 32%.

Harrison High School, Farmington Hills, 94th in Michigan; 2,730th nationwide; IB participation rate: 25%.

North Farmington High School, Farmington Hills, 95th in Michigan; 2,757th nationwide; AP participation rate: 53%.

Lakeland High School, White Lake: 130th in Michigan; 3,560th nationwide; AP participation rate: 51%.

Milford High School: 161st in Michigan; 4,657th nationwide; AP participation rate: 43%.

Franklin High School, Livonia: 169th in Michigan; 4,943rd nationwide; AP participation rate: 32%.

Clarenceville High School: 382nd in Michigan; 11,041st nationwide; AP participation rate: 13%.

John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools, Westland: 468th-650th in Michigan; 13,394th-17,857th nationwide; AP participation rate: 19%.

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES**SECURITY AND SUCCESS: CHOICE NOT CHANCE****Seventeen years ago.**

Springtime in Michigan. Sunny, warm breezes, promise of summer. But a cold winter for Lansing Car Assembly. For 120 years, the factory churned out REO Speedwagons, tank cannons, aircraft machineguns, millions of artillery shells, muscle cars, and the last Oldsmobile convertible. GM's most efficient plant. But the last Olds, a sporty Alero, drove off the line on



April 29, 2004. Fred and Barney walked away. Friends since their Lansing Technical High School days. They hired into the plant soon after graduation in the 60's. Married to Wilma and Betty, Lansing Central girls they met at a Junior ROTC dance. The girls joined the steno pool soon after the boys went to work.

Many years later, the two men retired from the plant Ransom E.

Olds founded

so long ago.

Pure Michigan.

These older

gentlemen

were very

much alike.

Team players.

They got

the job done. Both had better-than-average

careers. Personable, well-respected, and secure.

Revered members of their church. Paid-for

home in a nice

neighborhood:

\$175,000.

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\$200,000 from

the days before

401(k) plans.

Life insurance:

\$75,000. No

debt. Conservative investments. Three kids.

Three grandchildren. No bad habits (except

spoiling the grandkids).

As new retirees so often are, both were filled

with dreams for the future. Time to spend

more time with the important people. Wives,

kids, grandchildren. Tinkering in the shop.

Volunteering at church. Traveling. Enjoying the

retirement freedom and security they worked

for, looked forward to, earned.

Last week. Still the same...

Every year, when the weather begins to turn,

Fred and Barney return to visit. Nothing to see,

really. Just memories.

They were still very much alike. Both

healthy. Still devoted to their wives. Not all

marriages thrive for fifty years. Both primary

caregivers for their high school sweethearts.

At home. Sadly, just a few short years into

retirement. Wilma and Betty were stricken with

Alzheimer's.

But are enormous differences.

Barney struggles to make ends meet. Living

in subsidized senior housing. "On duty"

24 hours per day until his health broke.

Exhausted. Retirement savings. Life insurance.

Comfortable home – all gone. Betty went to

memory care first. Now, the nursing home.

Bank account emptied, retirement benefits cut.

Barney needs every penny of social security.

Fred recently hosted his favorite (his only!)

granddaughter's wedding. "Uncle" Barney

was an honored guest. Nothing high society,

but really nice. One hundred and twenty

close family and friends. Life savings intact.

Independent, secure. Yes, he is Wilma's

primary caregiver. But she still lives at their

home. And he has plenty of help.

Fred's superpower is the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). PACE is the Medicaid program that provides services at home. No worries. COVID emergency rules let him keep the home, workshop, life savings.

WHY IS ONE DESPERATE AND THE OTHER SECURE?

Have you ever wondered, as I have, what makes this kind of difference in a person's life? It does not seem to be natural intelligence or talent or dedication. I do not believe that Fred wants security, and that Barney does not.

Doesn't the difference lie in what each person knows and how he or she uses that knowledge?

And that is why I am writing for you and for people like you through The Michigan Elder Law Reporter. For that is the purpose of The Reporter: To give its readers knowledge—knowledge that they can use in life.

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What is knowledge without action?

Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not, nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not, unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not, the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and Determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan "Press On" has solved and will always solve the problems of the human race.

Calvin Coolidge

Years ago, Fred and Wilma invited Barney and Betty to join them at a LifePlan™ Workshop. Barney and Betty were too busy. Fred and Wilma made the time. Learned the lessons. Established their LifePlan™. It cost money. And effort. But Fred and Wilma (to be honest, it was mostly Wilma) persisted. And those law firm people made sure Fred and Wilma understood every step along the way.

When Alzheimer's struck Wilma, Fred was ready. Health Care documents. Patient Advocate. Advance Directive, HIPAA releases. Even a funeral representative paper. Locked and loaded. Financial documents: Pantry Trust, Protection Trust, Financial Power of Attorney, Assignments, Deeds. Fort Knox safety.

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"Freedom's just another word for nothin' left to lose"

Janis Joplin

Barney and Betty's son-in-law told them about free fill-in-the-blank estate planning forms and cheap on-line services. A dedicated helpful son-in-law, he even printed them out on his own computer.

Free!

Free. Except for the \$200,000 of life savings. Free. Except the \$175,000 home. Free. Except the \$75,000 life insurance. Yes. Free. Except for a lifetime's worth of work and savings. Free. Except for that.

Maybe Janis was right. The most expensive things in the world are "free".

LifePlan™ works for you, your loved ones, your greater circle of friends. Have you heard about PACE or the new COVID emergency rules anywhere else?

HEARTFELT THANKS TO GERALDINE T. RICHARDSON – SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

The Elder Law Reporter wishes to recognize

and thank faithful reader, Geraldine T. Richardson (not to be confused with the other Geraldine Richardson who is a fine person but has no middle initial) for her inspiration and assistance with this week's edition. Geraldine has personally experienced, in her own family, the difference LifePlan™ can make. I think it is fair to say that she is a little frustrated that more folks do not take advantage of these opportunities. (Hey, I'm doing the best I can!) When I asked Geraldine what more we could do, she said "Tell them, David! Tell them!" "How?" I replied "Tell them about real families! But change the names..."

Next week, we will take it from Betty and Wilma's point of view.

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Emergency COVID rules gave you options without poverty.

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Safe and secure or broke and anxious?

About those older gentlemen I mentioned at the beginning. They retired at the same time and faced similar challenges. What made their lives so different? Knowledge. Useful knowledge. Action. Follow through. Better results.

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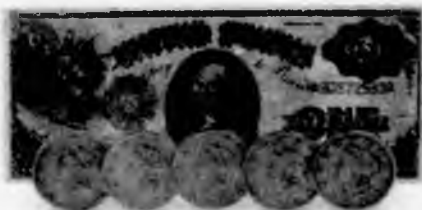
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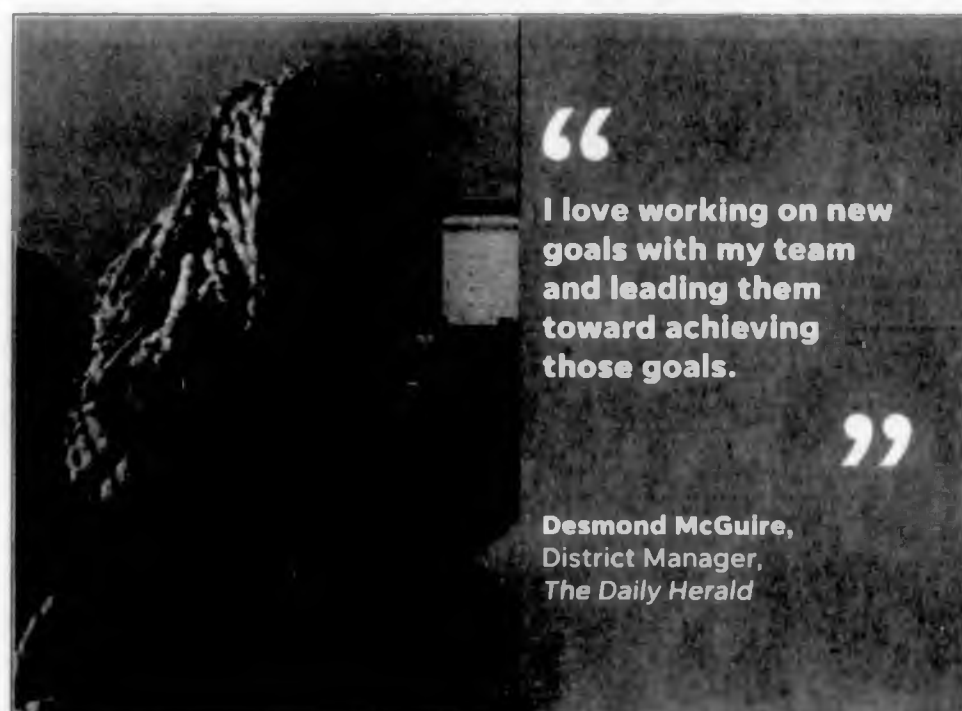
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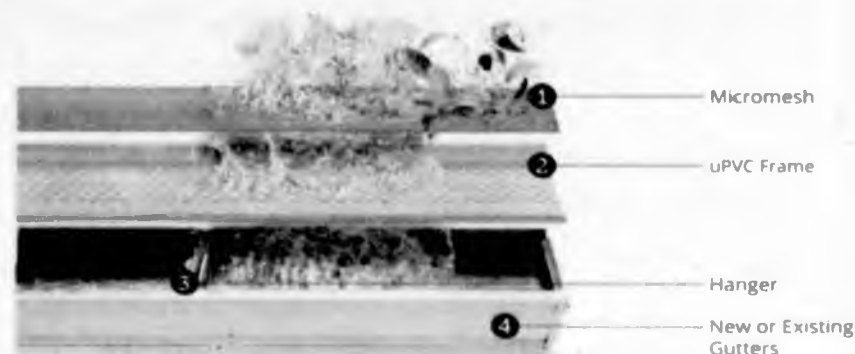
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Shoppers

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Marsha Pudney looks over all the tables with interest. The Linden resident, 49, grew up in South Lyon and has been shopping the garage sales here for more than two decades.

"I took two days off work for this," she said. "I hope to hit 100 or more. I'm an avid garage saler, and this is my favorite."

The rain didn't bother her at all; she looks at it as less competition with other buyers.

Thursday she was looking for furnishings for a vacation rental property she just bought up north, but in years past she has scored with things that she never intended to keep.

One year, she bought nine pairs of gold earrings for \$1 and turned around and sold them to a jeweler for \$980. She also recalls the time she found a Halloween costume, Sully from the Disney movie *Monsters, Inc.*, for \$12. Pudney sold the XXL costume for \$1,050 on eBay.

She recently snagged a brand new Williams-Sonoma cutting board for \$20.

"So many people donate things, or it's not worth anything to them and they don't want to go to the hassle (to get the best sale price)," Pudney said.

Sue Schauer, 63, a Howell resident, was also enjoying looking through the Pridmore's discards with her daughter, Abby Schauer.

The two have enjoyed garage sale jaunts together for more than a decade and missed it last spring and summer.

"I was so depressed last year with the pandemic and no one having sales," Sue said. "I like to wander and meet people."

She was hunting for planters and outdoor decor. She thought she may have finally turned the corner on a knick-knack collection after filling three curio cabinets at home.

Abby, meanwhile, was excited about the two beer signs she found at the Pridmore's, as well as a black Harley-Davidson Christmas stocking she intended to give to her former mother-in-law.

Sue whispered that she taught her daughter how to negotiate, and says if a seller won't come down on price, "we don't need anything that bad."

Across the garage, Ken tossed a cou-



Debbie Campagna and Sunny Smith, both of South Lyon, love to shop garage sales. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ple unused baby diapers that were laying on a table to Sue. He's skeptical anyone would want to purchase unpackaged diapers originally bought for their own daughter, who is now 29.

Ron Perdue, their next shopper, was retired and looking for beer signs to upgrade the bar in his own South Lyon garage, but instead leaves with a box full of kitchen utensils.

"I love garage sales," he says simply. "They're the only place you can buy \$100 worth of stuff for \$1. Their trash is your treasure."

Over on Maple Drive in the Lafayette Woods subdivision, Janet and Jack Renwick are seeing a steady stream of customers for what Janet says will be their last garage sale.

"I'm getting rid of memories and things I've accumulated over the years," she said, without any sign of regretful sentimentality.

Debbie McGinnis chimed in with a laugh, "The things we shouldn't buy anymore."

But she and her buddy Mary Ann Neault were having lots of fun anyway, enjoying their "get-together" time, particularly this year. It was Mary Ann's

first time out since the pandemic began. She is celebrating getting her COVID-19 vaccine with a day of garage saling, a favorite pastime.

Thursday, the crafter scored fabric and a roll of window film that she doesn't have an exact plan for yet but is certain she will put to use, much like the gorgeous brass lamp that Debbie recalls her friend found a couple years ago.

They've been treasure hunting at garage sales for six years, ever since they retired. Debbie remembers the binoculars and hot water bottle finds for friends, and her own coup with beautiful carved tulip glass she discovered for \$1, that now is on display in her home and always brings a smile to her face.

She clutches a small tabletop Charlie Brown Christmas tree in the box, overjoyed to have found what she is convinced will finally be the perfect Christmas tree after a years-long search and other failed purchases.

Debbie Campagna and Sunny Smith, South Lyon friends, have been shopping the citywide sale for more than a decade.

At the sale on Evergreen Court Pat Gowan has been holding for 20 years,

Sunny finds some chair cushions and a picture frame. She will have to keep looking for her original goal: "a bike for an old lady." She sounds ready to give up on the patio chairs she was looking for, but Debbie is undeterred.

On her phone, she shows a page for the South Lyon Swap and then clicks over to other social media groups where things are for sale or even free. However, they planned to look for more of the garage sale signs stuck at the end of streets, and see where it leads them.

"I'd rather see things, pick them up, smell them," Sunny said of her preference over online shopping, adding with a laugh "I have no price limit, and well, I'll go as low as they will."

The rain continued to fall, and Pat Gowan gazed out from deep within the recesses of her garage with a shrug as she waited for the next customer she knew would be along eventually.

"If they are true garage salers, there could be six inches of snow and they'd still come. I love it."

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Jacob Topp has been on the sidelines as an assistant coach ever since he graduated from Grand Valley State in 2008, spending his last five seasons at Detroit Country Day. COURTESY OF JACOB TOPP

Topp brings 'the process' to South Lyon East football

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Jacob Topp has always been about "the process." It's something, he says, Iowa State head football coach Matt Campbell describes best: "Fall in love with the process (and) the process will love you back."

It was this same process that helped Topp and the rest of his Grand Valley State teammates set an NCAA Division 2 record with a 40-game win streak con-

tinuing 2005-07. It was this same process that helped Detroit Country Day — Topp was on head coach Dan MacLean's staff — win a 2020 Division 4 state title after state runner-up finishes in 2016 and 2019.

Topp knows his fair share about "the process," something that he plans to bring to South Lyon East as its next head football coach, replacing Joe Pesci, who



Topp

resigned from the post in March.

But Topp doesn't view South Lyon East as a project, as a team that needs an overhaul: having been to the playoffs in two of the past three seasons.

Instead, he plans to set the standard that was already there: a team that's smart, tough and physical, one that is engulfed in "the process."

"If you are a process-oriented person, the wins and losses will be what

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Salem ends Livonia Stevenson's win streak

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Coming off a scoreless tie against Canton, Salem girls soccer head coach Kyle Karns wanted to see more shots on target, more good looks at net.

Heading into Friday night's game against Livonia Stevenson, the wind at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity field did not allow that to happen as much as Karns would have liked. But the wind favored the Rocks (7-0-2), keeping their undefeated streak alive

with a 3-1 win against the previously unbeaten Spartans (4-1-2).

Minutes into the first half, Salem senior defender Leah Courtney hit a deep free kick rising above the head of Stevenson goalkeeper Madison Curtis for the first goal of the game.

Courtney's goal was answered 10 minutes later with a bomb by senior mid Kiera Trumbull from the 25-yard line, giving Salem the two-goal lead early.

To Karns, those goals were a benefit

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Livonia Stevenson teammates warm up together before a game April 6.
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Northville junior embraces track program

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
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Ty Schembri is naturally athletic. He found his way onto the Northville football and basketball teams, following in the footsteps of his grandfather who played football at the University of Michigan.

But that was not the sport he gravitated to most. To him, track came most naturally.

"I've always just kind of been a runner," Schembri said. "When I was younger, I was always one of the faster kids at the elementary school, middle school."

In eighth grade, Schembri broke the middle school record in the 400-meter, recording a time of just over 54 seconds. From that point, Schembri started taking running a bit more seriously, realizing he had a chance for more success.

"Coming into high school, I knew nothing about track," Schembri said. "I didn't know how to get faster. I was just naturally fast. The coaches, other guys I looked up to — upperclassmen — it completely changed the way I participate in track and the way I train."

Now as a junior at Northville, his goal is to break the 50-second mark, starting a path to earn a scholarship to a Division I college track program.

Early on in 2021, Schembri moved closer to his goal. In his first 400 of his junior career, he ran a personal best 51.58, winning the race at the Belleville Tiger Relays in early April.

Schembri remembers the Northville track team he joined back in 2019, watching runners like Nolan Knight and Brandon Liu in the 4x400-meter relay, seeing what they could do on the states stage.

Schembri knew he was next in line.

"I feel like those guys were pushing me and motivating me to get better," Schembri said. "I didn't really see it as I'm going to this program and I'm not going to get to do anything. I kind of figured I would compete with them for sure, but my time would come for sure. I'm patient. I waited, I sat back, and it (did come)."

Northville head track coach Tim Dalton knew Schembri was talented from the first moment he saw the eighth grader run. He continued to show that promise during his freshman season.

Even through the uncertainty of sitting out a spring season, Dalton

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Senior pitcher leads Brother Rice to Catholic Central sweep

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Coming out of each of his starts in 2021, John Locker felt more and more confident. The Brother Rice senior's slider has been working, the two-seam fastball has found life on good spin. Locker trusts his pitches, daring opponents to hit them.

But more importantly, Locker returned to the basic love of the sport.

"Me just smiling, having fun, knowing I'm playing the game I love definitely helps," Locker said. "Not playing so tight, but playing loose and seeing what happens."

Confidence oozed out of Locker's right arm against rival Detroit Catholic Central (3-13), throwing a complete

game, two-hit shutout in Brother Rice's (15-3-1) 1-0 win, one of two in the Warriors sweep of the Shamrocks: their first since 2018.

Locker walked three batters and struck out 14 — including an immaculate fourth in which he struck out three batters on six pitches — taking a no-hitter into the sixth inning when Catholic Central sophomore Evan Haeger broke it

with a single.

"That's the best he's pitched for me throughout his career," Brother Rice head coach Bob Riker said. "He was easy, effortless. He was pretty much ahead the whole time. He had a good breaking pitch, he was able to control the zone when he needed to."

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Fresh off quarantine, Brighton senior scores winning goal against Hartland

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
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HARTLAND — It's one thing to miss a couple of weeks of soccer season for conventional reasons, such as an injury.

It's harder to swallow for a player who misses time simply for being around the wrong person in the time of COVID.

Despite being perfectly healthy, Brighton senior Elin Thagard was quarantined for two weeks, yet another casualty of contract tracing.

"It is the absolute worst thing to me, especially because this is all I work for," Thagard said. "It was really hard just trying to keep with it, but I got through it."

Thagard missed three games, but returned with three teammates who were also quarantined just in time to play in her favorite matchup of the season Friday against Hartland.

She showed no signs of rustiness, scoring the game's only goal with 2:37 left in the first half to give Brighton a 1-0 victory over Hartland.

"Coming back after not playing, it feels absolutely amazing," Thagard said.

Playing with the wind at its back in the first half, Brighton had several dangerous scoring chances, only to be thwarted by Hartland goalie Leila Al-Qallaf.

The play that produced the winning goal began with a goal kick into the wind by Al-Qallaf. Brighton midfielder Kennedy Cosgrove fielded the short kick and tapped the ball over to freshman midfielder Emily Kramer, who took a shot from the right side of the box. Al-Qallaf dove to her right to make the save, but the rebound came out to Thagard, who made no mistake after getting the ball under control.

"I just kind of touched it with my left foot wide and cut back in with my left foot," Thagard said.

Unsure of what to expect in Tha-



Brighton's Caleigh Hurley, left, and Kennedy Cosgrove, right, congratulate Elin Thagard on her first-half goal in a 1-0 victory at Hartland on April 30.

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gard's first game back, Brighton coach Ryan Carriere limited her playing time.

"Not having a lot of time being on the training grounds, she's just playing off of energy," Carriere said. "We got her in and out in the first half, just to get a little rhythm. Her tenacity to follow the ball up there and find that goal, it's a game-

changer in an even match like this."

Hartland won the previous three meetings between the neighboring rivals, beginning with a 2-1 victory in a first-round district game in 2018 and continuing with a two-game sweep in 2019.

Thagard didn't experience those

losses two years ago like four of her teammates, but she understands the importance of this rivalry.

"All these (Hartland) girls are on my club team," she said. "I'm really close with all of them. I really wanted to beat up on them. It makes you want to win even more. It pushes you a lot harder. I just have a lot more drive to win against them."

While Brighton (4-1-2) had four players gone for two weeks on quarantine, Hartland's entire team was sidelined for 10 days. The Eagles went 12 days between games, beating Plymouth 3-1 Thursday night before hosting Brighton the next day.

"We're still figuring some things out," Hartland coach Andrew Kartsounes said. "It also feels like we're in the early season, even though we played in the first game of the second round of the league."

"Now we're still three games behind at this point. We're going to have a lot of games and we're going to have to start putting some things together, which I think we can, to get back to where we were before we had the layoffs."

Hartland (6-2) had the wind at its back in the second half, but couldn't get the ball past Brighton goalie Sydney Schnurstein.

"Sydney has grown immensely over the past two years, especially with the aerial balls," Carriere said. "She seems to feel a really good comfort level. She's also judging the ball nicely at the bar. They barely missed over the bar a couple times."

"Sydney definitely knows where the ball is, she knows her angle. Superb job in the net to get the shutout."

Both teams are in the hunt for the KLAA West championship, along with Salem and Novi. Salem (5-0-2) is in first place with 17 points, Brighton (4-1-2) is second with 14, Novi (3-1-3) is third with 12 and Hartland (3-2) is fourth with nine.

Junior

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watched Schembri continue his strength and development into his junior season, putting together good times throughout the spring.

The head coach said the development has to do with Schembri's work on both the football field in the fall and the basketball court in the winter.

"To me in running, half the puzzle is mental toughness," Dalton said. "I think all three sports — football, basketball and track — go hand in hand with that piece. He's got to lock in and he's practicing that mental component of the game with the football program, basketball and also with us."

To Schembri, his approach to track is different than his approach to the team sports of football and basketball. But

Athlete of the Week results

Schembri won Hometown Life's Athlete of the Week award for the week of April 19, earning 24,423 (44.36%) of the 55,054 total votes cast.

Livonia Franklin baseball player Zac Olesuk finished in second place with 20,034 votes (36.39%).

Lakeland baseball player Mason Brown finished in third, Seaholm soccer's Ava David finished in fourth and South Lyon East soccer sophomore Alyssa Melquist finished fifth.

some things stay the same: teammates driving him to be the best he can be, while coaches help him become the best runner he can.

"Not only do you want to be competitive with the people around you, but

you also want to be competitive with yourself," Schembri said.

As Schembri returns to the track as a junior, he said he has already talked to some Division 2 and NAIA schools. His goals now are to get his times down even more to help catch the attention of Division 1 programs.

When he transitions from junior to senior to college freshman, Schembri wants people to see that he gave everything he had; that he tried his best. But he still has goals in mind, a pressure similar to the one he experienced when he first joined Northville as a record-breaker.

Schembri feels that he performs better with that weight on his back.

"When they put the lights on me, it kind of helped me out, getting me to where I am right now," he said.

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Northville junior sprinter Ty Schembri has aspirations to run at the Division 1 college level. COURTESY OF TY SCHEMBRI

Topp

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they are going to be," Topp said. "Ultimately it's about going to work every day, doing the little things right, paying attention to detail, giving great effort, being a great teammate."

"When you put all those things together, then you are going to have success."

But the process is not all about development on and for the football field. It's about the relationships built off it, the reason why Topp has been around the game as long as he has.

When Topp started to think about getting into coaching, he said he wanted to use it as a vehicle to set an example of what team chemistry is supposed to look like: caring deeply for the players next to you and playing for one another.

"I'm going to care for them, I'm going to love them," Topp said. "I'm going to be a guy that tries to support them in every way and be a guy that builds a relationship with them because that's the foundation."

"Secondly, somebody that's going to bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the program. I'm going to work as hard as I can to make them as successful as they can be and hopefully the guys will feel that way from the first time I speak

to them."

Topp sees a lot of continuity between Detroit Country Day and South Lyon East in terms of scheme — highlighting the run game to showcase play-action passes on offense to a three-down quarters defense, blending what he learned from MacLean with the Yellow Jackets to what the Cougars have run recently.

But the process to Topp is not about what you run. It's about incremental progress, about focus through the good times and the bad.

The South Lyon East head coach remembers when Grand Valley State was in the midst of its record-breaking win streak. On the practice field, the streak didn't exist. It was not something the

players talked about. Martin was steadfast on having a group of players that played to its potential.

This is what Topp plans to bring to the practice field at South Lyon East.

"Ultimately for (Martin), it was all about what we were doing in the moment: were we doing everything to the best of our ability in terms of effort, in terms of execution, attention to detail," Topp said. "He is very much a process-oriented guy and I feel like that trickled down to the rest of us."

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Salem

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of the wind. To Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker, he watched his team get into a two-goal deficit with two strikes that he viewed as completely unsavable.

"Nothing you can really do about that," Shingledecker said.

Stevenson settled down in the second half, cutting its deficit in half with a score by Mikayla Waranauckas, while later watching as a strike careened off

the crossbar.

Salem forward Macayla Harris — one of 14 seniors on the roster — took a pass in transition, beating a Spartan defender one-on-one while stepping over the Stevenson goalkeeper, tapping it in for the Rocks' third goal of the day.

"She's got some good pace, good combination soccer," Karns said. "We were able to connect some passes, move the ball up the field and just a good quality finish from her. Very composed with the ability to bury that one."

While Karns viewed this game as one that helps his team prepare for the long run, he views it also as one of many Sa-

lem's win against Stevenson capped off a stretch of six games in 10 days, while also looking ahead to its third straight week of three games.

"It's a tough stretch," Karns said. "A lot of it is trying to stay healthy and manage minutes. We have a lot of depth with the roster that we have."

For Shingledecker, he's happy all of his players are back in some capacity, losing five players in the first week and another five in the second week of play. Over the course of the past few games, he said his team has started to form, looking to the Spartans' 6-0 win against Dearborn as an example of what this

group can be.

Salem and Stevenson now have a good idea of where each of them stands near the halfway point in the season. With the conference championship game looming, Shingledecker knows this is a matchup that could happen again.

"I'm really hoping we can do this again in a couple of weeks in the championship game," Shingledecker said.

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Northville girls win at Ashley/Brennan Relays

The Northville girls track and field team won its third straight invitational meet this season at the Waterford Mott Ashley/Brennan Relays.

The Mustangs topped the eight-team field with 49.5 points. Lake Orion was next with 30, and West Bloomfield finished third with 22.

Northville earned first-place finishes in four relays. The 4x1,600 team of Yasmine Mansi, Ella Christensen, Emily Gordon and Keira Courtney had the four fastest times of any competitor in the race. Christensen also took first place in the 3,200 run in a personal-best time of 11:43.01.

Delaney Hopkins led the Mustangs to first-place finishes in both the discus and shot put. Hopkins had the overall best throw in the discus with her personal-best 106-10 and also the shot put with her toss of 31-7.0. Natalie Kearney and Summer Mansi also threw the discus, and Kearney and Jenna Montemayor teamed up in the shot put.

In the distance medley relay, Yasmine Mansi, Avery Tolstyka, Gordon and Gina Couyoumjian had the best time on the day, finishing in 13:05.26.

Earlier, the Mustangs took down Hartland, 88-49, in a KLAA West division dual meet.

Alia Bournay won the 200-meter dash in 27.62, took second in long jump with a leap of 16-5.75 — her best ever — and was part of the winning 400-meter



The Northville Track and Field team competed at the Ashley-Brennan Relays.
COURTESY OF TIM DALTON

relay with Elizabeth Grant, Mela Salah, and Angelique McCray.

Chyna Johnson led a Mustang sweep in the shot put. Johnson threw 37-11.25 which set a new stadium record. opkins (32-11.75) and Kearney (32-5.50) also scored.

In the high jump, Kaylee Chirgwin set a new personal-best with her winning jump of 5-4.0.

Gordon (2:27.31), Couyoumjian (2:28.27) and Christensen (2:28.46) swept the 800-meter run. Freshman Lily Connors won the 3,200 in a time of 12:25.57.

Northville boys finish second

Coming off an impressive win over Hartland, the Northville boys track and field team finished second at the Waterford Mott Ashley/Brennan Relays.

Lake Orion took the team title with 27 points, while West Bloomfield (24) was third, followed by Milford (23), and Novi (22.5).

The Mustangs earned two first-place finishes en route to their runner-up finish as a team.

Northville's shuttle hurdle relay ran away from the field with its first-place finish. The team of Ethan Krahe, Julian

Dong, Chris Martin and Steven Santosh
crossed the finish line in 1:11.79.

Zach Helner, Matthew Krahe, and Andrew Xiong teamed up to collectively jump higher than the other teams at the meet.

In the 4x1,600 relay, Jacob Meek led the way for Northville's second-place finish in the event. Brady Heron, Krahe and Noah Eckenroth were also on the team.

Junior pole vaulter Jack Gattoni tied his career best vault, clearing the bar at 10 feet, good for second place. With Gavin Kamm and Ben Lane also vaulting, the Mustangs took third place in the vault relay.

Earlier, the Mustangs beat Hartland, 110-27, in a KLAA West dual meet.

Norville swept the 100-meter dash, with Ty Schembri breaking the tape in 11.35. Andrew Xiong (11.40) and Caleb Moore (11.49) also scored.

The Mustangs also earned a sweep in the 800-meter run. Brandon Latta lead the way in 2:00.03, a personal best, followed by Jake Bulat in 2:04.93 and Brock Malaikal in 2:05.30.

Northville also won all four relays.

In the field events, the boys swept both the high jump and discus. Helner and Krahe both jumped 5-8, and Arthur Zhao cleared 5-6 to score.

Andrew Burns (122-8) won the discus, followed by Ryan Reynolds (111-0) and Aidan Marentette (100-1).

Northville wrestling reflects on successful 2021 season

After several statewide delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Northville wrestling team had a successful season under second-year head coach Dylan McLeod, first-year assistant coach Mario Giglio and veteran volunteer coach Todd Gattoni.

The Mustangs recorded 197 match wins and a bonus-point percentage of 78%, finishing tied for third in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. Northville had 16 returning wrestlers, eight newcomers and three new managers.

Seven of Northville's 14 wrestlers

that attended individual districts qualified for regionals including freshman Zephan Catalina.

Five Northville wrestlers — a program record — were state qualifiers including seniors Alex Laskowski and Sean Fawaz, juniors Jack Gattoni and Jonah Koilpillai and sophomore Joshua Drake, who placed fourth in the state at 103.

"We kept the faith and did whatever it took to be ready with socially distanced outdoor workouts in the fall, virtual workouts during the winter school closure, and safe wrestling practices in

February," McLeod said.

While proud of the many accomplishments on the mats, McLeod states his favorite victory of the season was having a "100% win rate" against COVID-19. Northville wrestlers and coaches maintained negative weekly Covid-19 test results and no lapse in the season due to quarantining.

Haydn Notario, Walker Mueller, Nathan Bumgardner, Josh Fulford, Jakob Shurtleff and Zayd Qazi will graduate from the program as seniors, along with managers Faith Roper, Nehmat Parmar and Abby McDaniel.



Jonah Koilpillai was one of five state qualifiers for Northville this season.
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Jack Thallman led Northville to its first tournament win since 2013.
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Northville golf wins KLAA preseason tournament

Northville used a strong team effort to win the KLAA preseason golf tournament at Kensington Metropark, posting a team score of 293 — one stroke better than baseline rival Novi at 294 — for the team's first tournament victory since 2013.

"It was a big win for the program. We were the No. 4 seed coming into the tournament, but the boys rose to the day's challenge and played their best golf of the season," Northville head coach Christopher Cronin said.

Northville was led by junior Jack Thallman, who was tri-medalist on the day, carding an even par round of 71. Thallman carded three birdies, three bogies and 12 pars on his round.

"Jack has been knocking on this door for a while now. He has looked great all spring, but in each of his previous tournaments, he has run into a rough hole or two, and his scores haven't reflected his play," Cronin said. "Today, he was able to manage the course and show that he's capable of playing with the top players in the state."

Northville's second scorer was sophomore Mason Sokoloski who finished with a 73 (plus-two) on the day, with four birdies: the most of any Mustang.

"Mason is the real deal. He struggled a bit at Oakland Hills on Monday, but today he is back to being the type of player

that people notice," Cronin said.

Northville's third scorer was senior Michael Gallagher, who fired a three over par 74 on the day. Gallagher has been a surprise addition to Cronin's team this season.

"Michael is new to the team, but I feel like we have worked together for four seasons," Cronin said. "I really admire his approach to the game. He is one of the smartest athletes with whom I have ever worked; he learns the course with every shot he takes."

Freshman Nick Tokarz was Northville's fourth scorer, carding a four over par 75. Tokarz posted an 83 on April 15th at a tournament on the Kensington course, but Cronin had a hunch his freshman could help the team in the KLAA preseason tournament.

"Nick's a young player, and as such, he is going to have some bumps in the road," Cronin said. "Water finds its level, and I knew Nick could put up a number at Kensington."

Not contributing to the team score but putting up quality scores were Griffin Blackman (76) and Greg Braun (78).

"Greg and Griffin didn't factor into the team score today, but they are critical pieces if we hope to find success this season," Cronin said.



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Novi splits doubleheader with rival Northville

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Andrew Abler had done the hard job already. The Novi sophomore pitcher had thrown seven innings of two-run baseball, striking out eight and walking one against rival Northville in the first game of the Wildcats' doubleheader. Facing the bases loaded with no outs, he just needed to do one more job.

Stepping up to the plate, Abler followed the example of the three batters before him, walking on five pitches to earn the 3-2 walk-off win against the Mustangs in the first of what ended up a split between the two KLAA rivals.

"It was icing on the cake," Abler said "I wish I got a strike to get a hit, but it was still really cool."

Throughout the first game, Abler was able to keep his cool.

After allowing a run on two hits — including an RBI double by Northville senior shortstop Jake Willerer in the first inning, the sophomore stranded runners on second and third in the third inning, striking out pitcher Josh Planko to end the frame.

Even after allowing another run off a Willerer RBI single in the fifth, Novi head coach Rick Green was confident that the Wildcats would give Abler a level of run support.

"I thought we would score some runs. The key was Andrew battling like he did," Green said. "Didn't have his greatest stuff — he's only going to get better. That was the key. We made some great defensive plays. Our catcher was unbelievable behind the plate, defensively. He was the rock today."

Novi catcher Eddie Shimasaki-Ito finished the first game with two singles and a walk, breaking Planko's shutout in the third inning with an RBI single. Novi right fielder Dylan Fly tied the game in the sixth with a sacrifice fly to center.

Northville head coach John Kostrzewa knew his team had chances in the first game, noting multiple base running errors that cost the team scoring opportunities.

But in a doubleheader, Kostrzewa knew Northville had only a limited amount of time to learn and forget, shifting the focus to the second game against Novi. It was something the Northville head coach trusted Willerer, who finished the first game with three hits — including two doubles — and both of the team's RBI, to do.

"You get a 20-minute turnaround after a disappointing ending, you have to flick a switch," Kostrzewa said. "I feel he did a really nice job."

In his second start of the season, Willerer shined, limiting the Wildcats to one run on seven hits, striking out seven in six innings of 3-1 Northville win that was called for darkness.

After scoring a run in the third on an RBI single by Nate Erskine, Novi found itself in a prime position to get back at its rival. The Wildcats loaded the bases with two outs on a walk and two singles, but failed to cash in after Abler hit a lace to the first baseman, which he took himself for the third out.

Kostrzewa said his team is still in the learning proc-



Wildcat Dylan Fly, left, celebrates with teammate David Barry after Barry scored a run against the Mustangs. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ess, playing in only its eighth game of the season after having a stretch where the team was quarantined due to COVID-19. The head coach said the Mustangs are still "working out the little things," something he expects early in each season and that can be perfected in practices.

Green sees the same fight in Novi, commending his players for their heart and scrappiness while also knowing there is a lot of work that still needs to be done.

"I was just telling them, you guys are like I just got a brand new 75-inch TV and I want to tune it the way I want it here at Novi," Green said. "We're going to get there. It's not tuned in completely yet, but we're going to get there with it."

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Mustang Zach Jurcisin pitches against the Wildcats.

Obituaries



Marie Bernadette Rahilly

Marie Bernadette Rahilly (nee Madden) beloved wife of the late Daniel Joseph Rahilly. Devoted mother of Patricia "Trish" (Tim) McDonald. Loving grandmother of Bridget and Katharine McDonald. Caring sister of Desie (Rita) Madden and Rosaleen Madden. Predeceased by 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Passed away peacefully on April 26, 2021 at the age of 89. A memorial visitation will be held on Friday, May 28, 2021 from 9 AM to 10 AM at St. Rose Church, 2501 Riverside Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio with a Memorial Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 10 AM. Interment to follow at a later date in Ireland. In lieu of flowers, the family requests your prayers and if you wish, donations may be given to St. Vincent de Paul of Cincinnati, Ohio in her memory. To view Marie Bernadette's full obituary, please go to www.tpwhite.com. TP WHITE & SONS Funeral Home serving the family.

Constance Josephine Cronin

NOVI - Constance Josephine Cronin was born April 18, 1922 and passed away at the age of 99 on April 26, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Richard L. Cronin. Loving mother of Christine (Charles) Salley, the late Teresa (late William) Burroughs, Thomas Cronin, Timothy (Kathleen) Cronin, the late Theodore Cronin, Richard (Judy) Cronin and Constance (David) Carr. Dear grandmother of 12 and great grandmother of 11. Dearest aunt of many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by all her 10 siblings. Services were handled through Harry J Will Funeral Home-Livonia.

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Lakeland's Luke Weinberger skates against Notre Dame prep March 1. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Athletes earn LVC hockey all-conference honors

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With the high school hockey season complete, postseason awards are still being announced.

The Lakes Valley Conference hockey season ended in February, with Lakeland — led by head coach Tim Ronayne — winning the conference title with a 9-1 record. South Lyon Unified finished in second at 7-3 and Milford finished in third at 6-2.

Here's a look at the LVC all-conference honorees from Hometown Life's three area hockey teams in the conference.

Lakeland

Senior forward Cameron Slicker
Sophomore forward Luke Weinberger
Senior forward Nick Hrobosky
Senior defender Matthew Zaremba
Senior defender Owen Arnold
Junior defender Kyle Baker (honorable mention)
Sophomore goalkeeper Jason Slicker (honorable mention)

South Lyon Unified

Senior forward Brandon Heffernan
Junior forward Ryan Savanyu
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Senior defender JD Michaels (honorable mention)
Senior defender Andrew Ineish (honorable mention)

Milford

Junior forward Pierce Ashcroft
Sophomore forward Mack Musialowski
Senior defender Kazuma Bowring
Senior forward Austin Combs
Sophomore forward Jack Clickett (honorable mention)
Junior defender Adam Moule (honorable mention)
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Detroit Catholic Central's Nick Zappia, right, beats the tag by a Brother Rice first baseman after leaning towards second during the teams' April 28 game. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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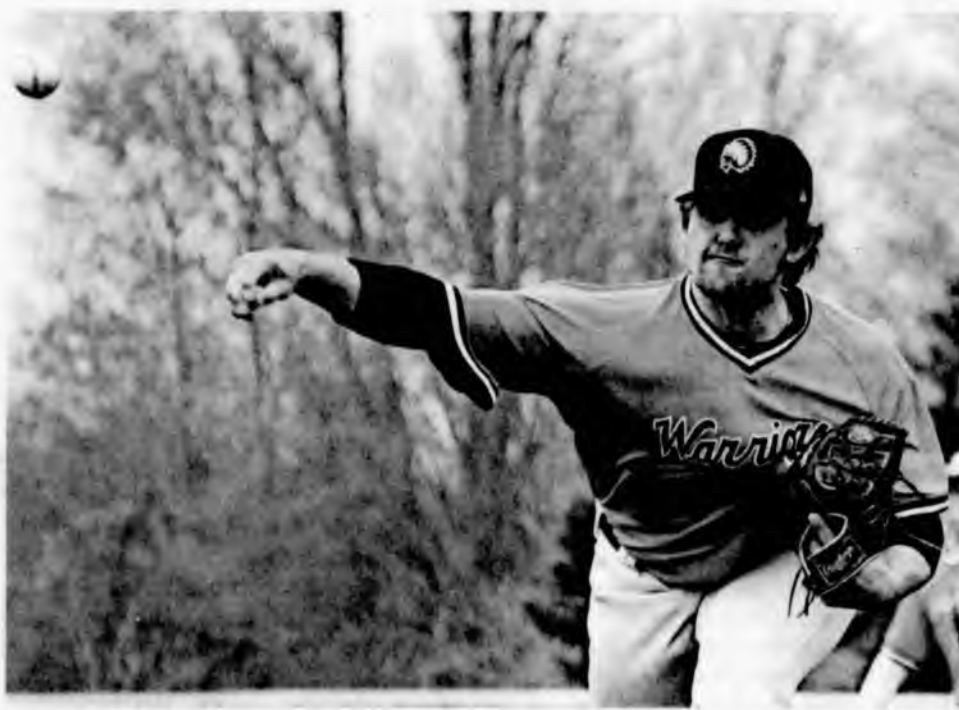
The Brother Rice offense didn't need to do much for Locker in the first game. After a single by freshman Tyler Fox to start the third inning, sophomore Brayden Dowd brought the runner home on a blooper that fell in front of the right fielder to score the only run needed to win the game.

While senior Ian Dixon shined on the mound — allowing a run on five hits, walking one and striking out 12 while also recording an immaculate fourth inning — the Shamrocks were unable to find any of its offense.

"Every pitcher we have seen is a college Division 1 level," Catholic Central head coach Ryan Rogowski said. "It's not getting easier, and I keep reminding these guys that it's like life: you are going to see one after another."

The offense came alive a bit in the third inning of the second game. Catholic Central scored two runs on two hits: an RBI double by sophomore Trae Cassidy and an RBI single by senior Josh Getz.

But when the Shamrocks scored two, the Warriors had already scored three, helped by a two-RBI single by freshman



Brother Rice pitcher John Locker fires to home plate against Catholic Central.

Tristan Crane.

"That lefty gave us trouble the first time that we had him," Riker said of Catholic Central starter Connor Apagian, who allowed five earned runs on three hits and three walks, while striking out seven. "We had some lefties in

the lineup, so it makes it difficult sometimes, but he's not overpowering. They made a mistake and opened the door a little bit for us and we took advantage for us."

Brother Rice added two insurance runs in the top of the sixth, leaving with

the 5-2 win as sophomore Alfredo Velazquez threw 3.2 shutout innings, allowing a hit, two walks and seven strikeouts out of the bullpen.

Brother Rice freshman Ryan Tyranski left the game prior to the start of the fifth inning after being struck in the mouth with a baseball bat. Riker said he did not know the status of the freshman's condition other than that he had lost a few teeth.

Leaving his team's home field, Rogowski was confident that Catholic Central can play at the level of Brother Rice. Watching the Shamrocks win three of their first 16 games, the head coach knows they have the talent to improve, already setting his sights on the Catholic League playoffs and their first-round playoff matchup with South Lyon East.

"We're going to keep fighting. Man, we are fighting and I love these guys so much," Rogowski said. "We're going to keep teaching them how to win ball games and finish."

As for Brother Rice, Locker not only feels confident about his personal development, but in what he and his teammates can do together.

"We're confident," Locker said. "We like to have fun, but when it's game time, we're ready to go. We're going to compete and beat anybody out there."

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Optimism for '21 grads

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If you're a high school or college senior in the Class of 2021, chances are the pandemic upended your last two years of school. You struggled with the isolation of online learning, the disappointment of canceled proms and sports events, and the fear that graduating in a recession could jeopardize your career prospects for years.

But here are some reasons to be hopeful.

1. Hiring is accelerating

The Class of 2020 graduated into the deepest recession since the Great Depression. But the Class of 2021 is set to graduate into the most rapid economic recovery ever. The economy added 233,000 jobs in January, 468,000 in February and 916,000 in March, according to the March jobs report. Many economists predict that hiring could accelerate even further this summer as vaccinations become more widely accessible and more industries are able to reopen fully.

2. Employers are fiercely competing for workers

Most recessions are characterized by shrinking employer demand for workers. The COVID-19 pandemic has been different in that it

has also been a major shock to the availability of workers. Concerns about workplace safety, school closures and limited public transportation have kept millions of Americans from working, or even searching for work. And as a result, many businesses are now struggling to fill vacancies as demand for their goods and services recovers. The good news for entry-level job seekers is that employers are not adding new layers of requirements, the way they did during the Great Recession, and they are not cutting wages. If anything, they are relaxing requirements and offering greater flexibility to appeal to a wider talent pool.

3. Startups are surging

Americans are starting new businesses at an unprecedented

rate. There are a range of factors behind the startup surge. One is that many highly talented people lost their jobs in 2020, which gave them some time to explore their passions and test their ideas. Others gained some time to devote to their side hustles thanks to the shift to remote work. And many who lost neither employment nor income still received stimulus checks that allowed them to invest in a sewing machine, office space, website or down payment on a truck. So this is an excellent time to join a startup, get in on the ground floor, learn a wide range of skills and roles, and take a chance.

4. There is a premium on tech-savvy workers

The pandemic has accelerated the digital transformation

of everything from shopping and ordering restaurant meals to exercising and going to school. Companies have been forced to adopt new technologies, create or improve their websites, expand their presence on social media and migrate ever more assets to the cloud. And that means employers need tech-savvy employees. For all its woes, a year of online instruction and class presentations may prove to be the best preparation for the new world of virtual job interviews and client presentations.

5. An early retirement wave could lead to more rapid promotions

In the Great Recession, many older workers saw the value of their homes and retirement savings plummet, which forced them to delay retirement and continue earning. During this recession, on the contrary, house prices have risen more than 10% and the stock market has hit new records. At the same time, COVID-19 has posed the greatest health risks for older workers. Amid less favorable working conditions and increased retirement wealth, 1.4 million Americans 55 and older have left the labor force since February 2020. In many companies, a vacuum at the top of the corporate ladder will give rise to more rapid promotions and more opportunities for younger workers.

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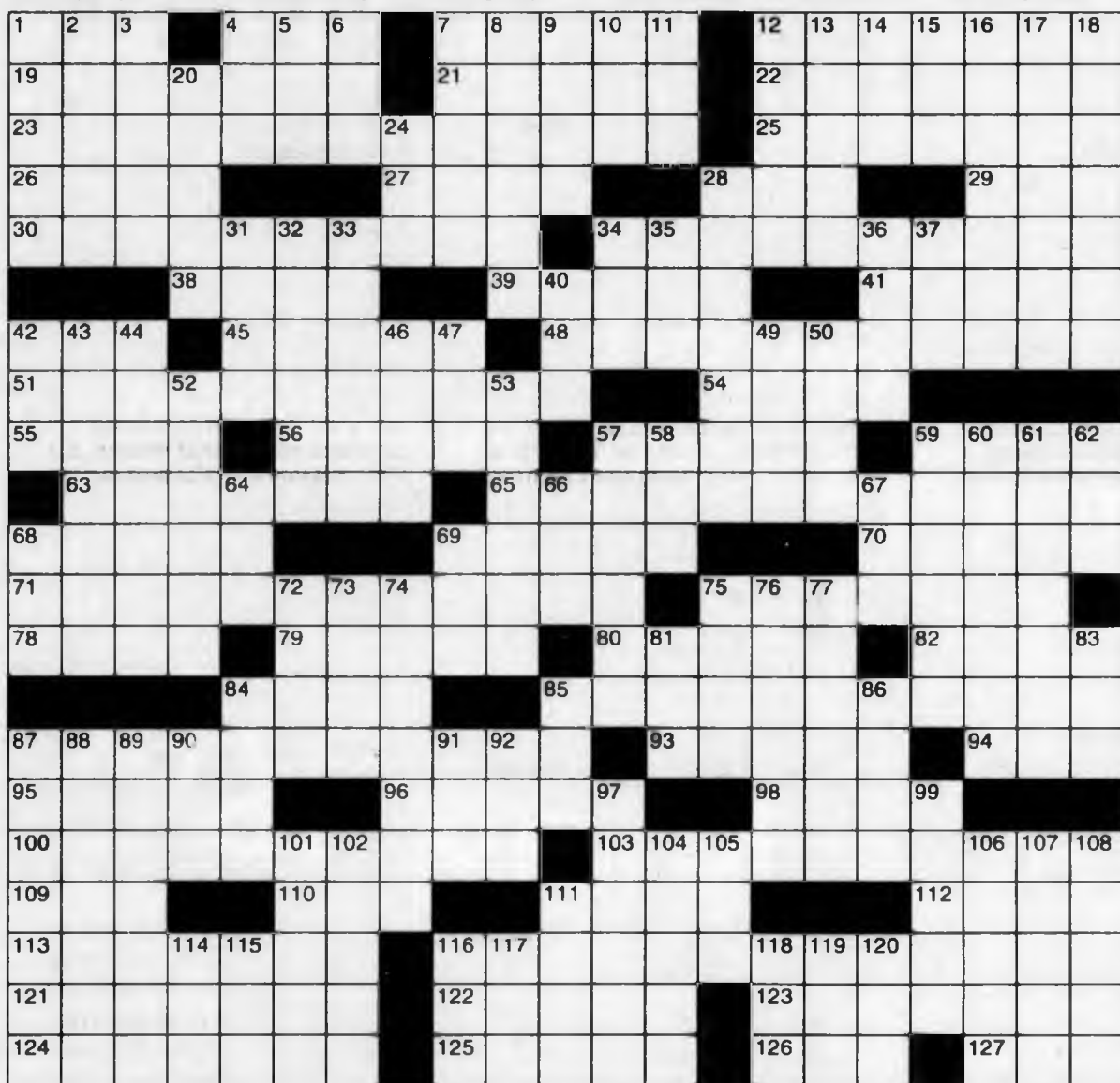
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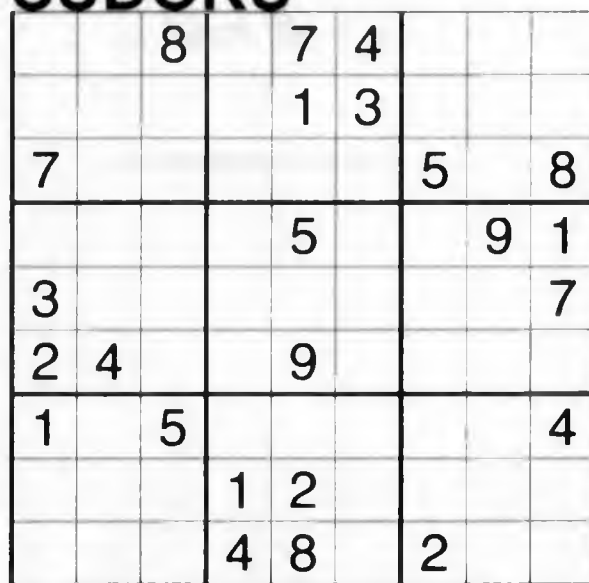
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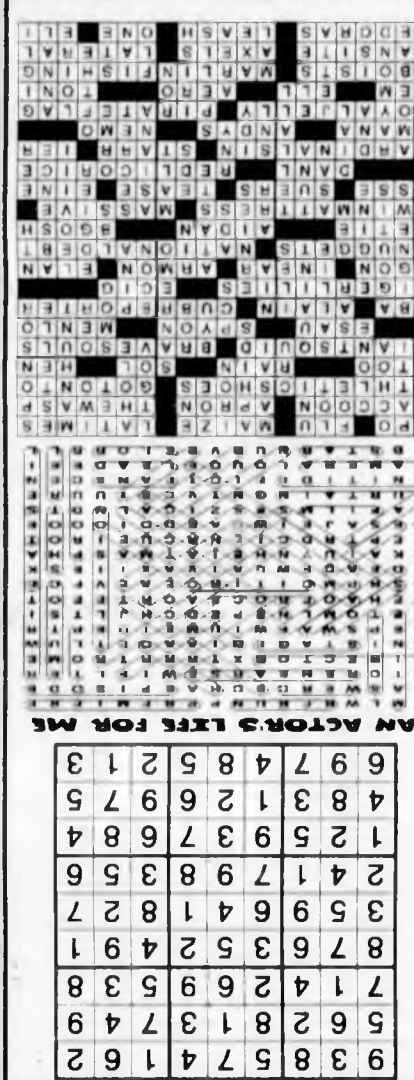
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