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Downtown Milford project has new look

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New plans are moving forward to redevelop downtown Milford's most prominent vacant property.

A proposal to redevelop the 505 N. Main St., property on the northwest corner of the intersection with Commerce Street has plans that now show a mixed-use building with retail and resi-

dential units on the first floor, along with more residential on some of the top levels of the proposed three-story building.

The plans were discussed and reviewed by the Milford Planning Commission during its meeting Oct. 12 at the Milford Civic Center. They call for more than 4,700 square feet of retail space on that first floor, with the remainder of the building containing one-bedroom resi-

dential units. The project will also add 26 parking spaces to the property and a few along the roadway, well above the minimum of 12 required by village ordinance.

"I think it will be a nice little project for the (village) of Milford," said Scott Kelley, an architect with working on the project.

The plans vary from previous plans to construct on the site of the former gas

station on the highly-visible corner. The biggest change comes in the removal of the public parking lot, which would have added roughly 100 spaces. The 26 spaces on the property are more than the required 12 to accommodate the commercial space; under village ordinance, no parking is required onsite for one-bedroom residential units.

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Proposed redistricting would shake up elections

Shelby Tankersley HometownLife.com
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Michigan's independent redistricting commission, which voters created during the 2018 election, approved 10 draft maps it created that would change the state's congressional, senate and house districts.

The commission, made of 13 randomly selected Michiganders, aims to cut down on gerrymandering — manipulating political boundaries to favor one party or class — and create more equal opportunity for Republican and Democratic candidates alike during elections.

Hometown Life communities, spanning across western Wayne and Oakland counties, could see major changes to their representative make-ups if new maps are adopted.

The commission created four congressional maps, three state senate maps and three state house maps for consideration, and the final maps can change from any of the current. The map versions for state house and senate maps have little to no variance between one another for local communities, but congressional maps vary far more.

The public is invited to share their thoughts on the maps in a series of public hearings later this month. The commission may edit its proposals following public input, and the state legislature will vote on a final proposal.

Here's what the changes could mean for your hometown:

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Many residents of the Berkshire Pointe neighborhood in Novi attended the city's Oct. 6 planning commission meeting to speak out against a proposed driveway that would connect 12 Mile to the parking area of Detroit Catholic Central.

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Neighbors decry proposed driveway at Catholic Central

David Veselenak HometownLife.com
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A new proposed driveway out of Detroit Catholic Central High School would alleviate traffic issues before and after school but has neighbors upset and concerned it will ruin their neighborhood.

Many residents of the Berkshire Pointe neighborhood off Wixom Road south of Grand River stood up during

the Novi Planning Commission meeting Oct. 6 to speak out against the proposed project, which would add a new access point to the high school.

Plenty of residents who live in the newly-built neighborhood spoke against the development at the meeting, worrying about issues such as privacy, traffic, water and its impact on their properties, among other issues.

"I understand their need to develop their land and the need to make their

school the best school for their students, to make it as profitable and sustainable for the future," said Jason Michener, president of the Berkshire Pointe Homeowners Association. "But at the end of the day, everybody at Catholic Central gets to go home to their own houses and live in their own cities. We live there. We will always be there."

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Novi project results in ‘dirty, stinky, orange water’

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City Manager Pete Auger thanked residents during a recent city council meeting for their patience with the 9 Mile Road infrastructure project, which drained Garfield Lake levels and other bodies of water in the area.

He noted rain storms and pumping water in this summer had increased water levels.

"We know it (the sewer improvements) has taken twice as long as projected, but it will help the entire system for the next 70 years," Auger said. "We are closer to the final push between the last manholes and connections to the existing line. We will have better specifics on a date in the next month."

Patience was in short supply after his remarks, however, as residents at the meeting expressed frustration with city officials they said had stopped communicating with them after a community meeting earlier this summer.

Remko Atteveld told the council he was exhausted and disillusioned after promises for transparency.

Gary Allison, another resident on Garfield Lake, noted that sometimes when an attempt is made to solve one problem, others are created. The water levels were raised, but it also moved sediment where a canal connects, and there is now red-orange material in the water, which left behind a powder once it evaporated.

"My grandkids' feet were covered in it," he said. "No one told me whether it was harmful or not, and I am



Residents of Garfield Lake in Novi are frustrated with city officials after a sewer project has taken much longer than expected. As water levels rise, residents say it's become a smelly, orange-colored mess.

COURTESY OF JIM BULLOCK

concerned."

The lack of communication and the condition of the replacement water is also a concern for Jim Bullock.

"The problem is they are pumping in dirty, stinky, smelly orange water that is not filtered in any way, and the water level is fluctuating so much it has total degraded our canal," he said. "The water level itself, that is up. But when you look into why it's up and what has been done, it's a problem after problem."

Dewatering of the lake began in 2019 in order to facilitate the installation of a free-flowing gravity sewer

system to replace force main, pressurized sewers.

Bullock said the neighbors were originally told the \$5 million sewer project would take three to six months. In a meeting this past June, the frustrated neighbors were assured it would be completed by the end of summer. In a September email, Bullock said he was told it might be done by the end of the year.

Novi Community Relations Manager Nathan Mueller said it could be next spring before complete restoration is done.

As for the sewer project itself, about 5,725 feet of pipe, or 89%, has been installed, with 675 feet remaining.

"We hate to put an end date on it – with any type of construction, a myriad of things can happen," Mueller said. "They are out there every day, we had a delay when we had to get through the rock obstruction. The main focus is getting it done."

Mueller said while the weather is unpredictable, he believed the pipe would be finished before December and final landscaping would be done next spring, with water levels in Garfield Lake returned to what they were pre-project.

Bullock and his neighbors obtained a private estimate for restoration of \$159,000 for reinforcement of lake banks, erosion control and dredging of sediment.

"We won't stop til it's fixed and done the right way," he said. "We will continue to go up the ladder, to the state, or whatever we have to do. If this was act of God, no complaints, but this was an act of the city."

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.736

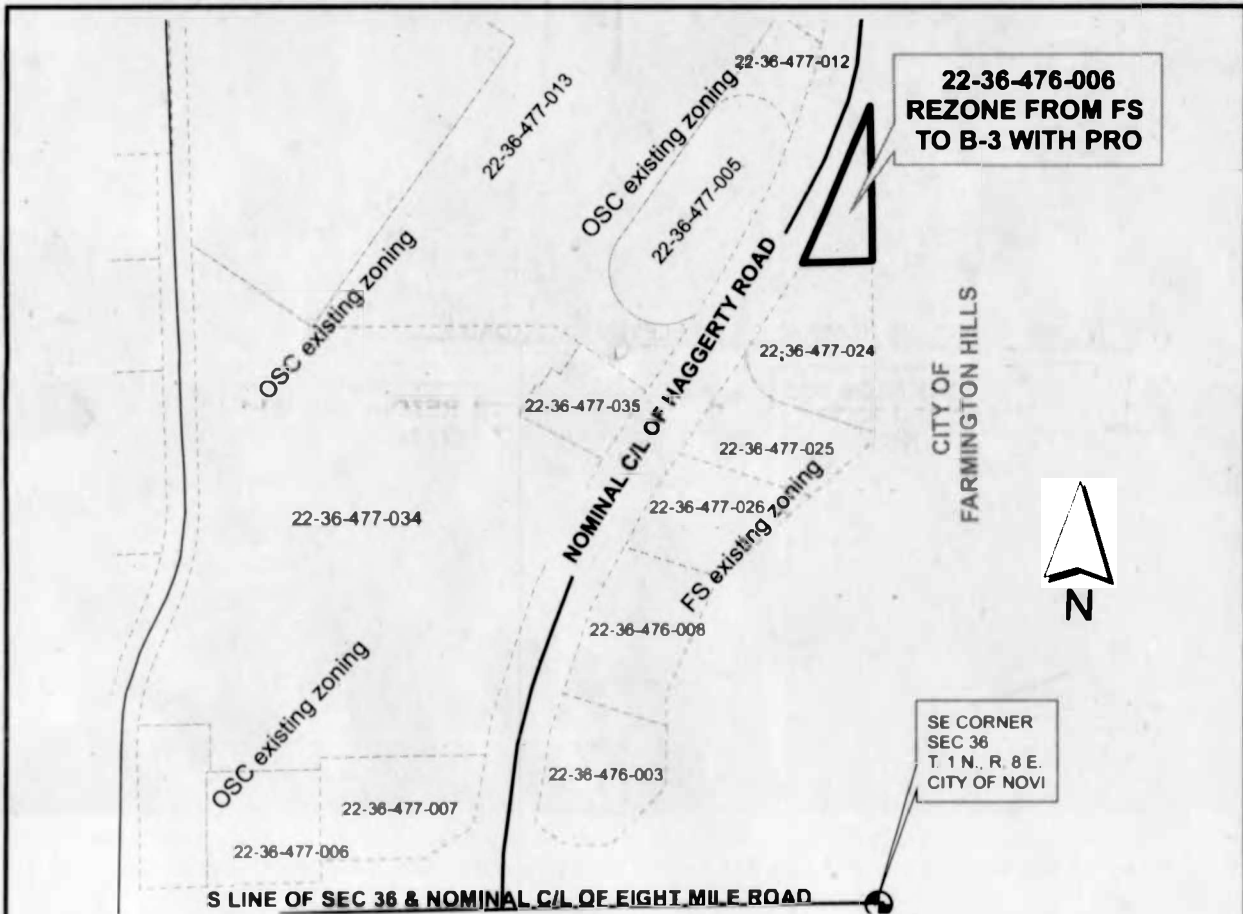
THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.736 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect only upon recording of the PRO Agreement pursuant to Section 7.13 of the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan the 27th day of September, 2021. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



To rezone a part of the southeast 1/4 of Section 36, T. 1 N., R. 8 E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being parcel 22-36-476-006

LEGAL DESCRIPTION -

Land situated in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 8 East, City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING AT A POINT DISTANT NORTH 01 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST 1175.00 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST SECTION CORNER, THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST 129.87 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 31 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST 94.67 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, HAGERTY ROAD, THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST 195.87 FEET, THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 243.28 FEET TO THE EAST SECTION LINE, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 332.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING: 18,295.2 SQ. FT. OR 0.42 ACRES

FROM: FREEWAY SERVICE (FS)

TO: GENERAL BUSINESS (B-3) WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO).

ORDINANCE NO. 18.736

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 736 CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

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bd's Mongolian Grill employee Torian Byrd works on a customer's order Sept. 30 at the Novi restaurant.

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bd's Mongolian Grill reopens with fresh look

David Veselenak [Hometownlife.com](mailto:hometownlife.com)
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A longtime Novi restaurant now sports a new look for the first time in decades.

The bd's Mongolian Grill at 43155 Main St., in the Main Street shopping center, closed this summer for remodeling, the first major renovation of the restaurant since it opened in the late 1990s. It reopened in September, sporting new paint, new tables and chairs and other changes, including new artwork and an overall refreshed look.

"We're really excited of course because we've been around here since 1999, so it's definitely due for an upgrade," Nicole Mendalski, marketing specialist for bd's Mongolian Grill, said.

The space is laid out essentially the same as it was before the updates. Tables are still arranged in the same areas they were before, as is the bar with all the ingredients customers can select when creating their dish. The restaurant's centerpiece, the circular grill, also remains in place and has not changed.

Also not changing is the list of ingredients, which includes a variety of meats and vegetables, from which guests can add to their dish.

"The menu did not change," Mendalski said. "It's

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Medical identify theft may be more dangerous than financial identity theft



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Technology can be wonderful when used properly. However, we also must recognize that technology has made life more complex and potentially more dangerous, particularly in protecting our sensitive information. In the past, shredding statements or tearing carbon copies was a sufficient way to protect our sensitive information.

Unfortunately, just like carbon paper is long gone, so is the simplicity of protecting our sensitive information. I bring this up because there is a growing type of identity theft that is affecting more and more of us, and that is medical identity theft.

Medical identity theft is on the rise with millions of cases reported annually. Medical identity theft is when someone obtains your medical insurance information and uses it to see a doctor, obtain prescription

medications or obtain medical devices.

This can cause issues with not only finances but also health, as in some cases the crooks' own medical treatments, history and diagnosis can be mixed up with your own health records.

Medical identity crooks not only file false insurance claims, but also use your information to fraudulently acquire government benefits such as Medicare or Medicaid. In addition, the thieves sell your medical information to create false medical identities.

Medical identity theft is even more difficult to detect than financial identity theft. Laws that protect consumers are not specifically designed to deal with medical identity theft, and that presents some challenges. As a result, you and I need to be proactive to protect ourselves.

Some of the same rules that apply to financial identity theft also apply to medical identity theft. You must be cautious regarding whom you allow access to your medical information.

In addition, under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), you are legally entitled to a copy of your medical and billing records. It's

always a good idea to occasionally obtain these records and review them.

Furthermore, when you receive explanations of benefit letters, it is important to review them just like you would review a financial statement. If it says you had a medical procedure that you did not have, you know you have a problem. It does not matter if they are seeking payment from you or not. The fact that a false claim was made in your name is reason enough to know you have a problem. It is also important to review all letters and other forms of correspondence you may receive from your health insurer or healthcare provider for accuracy.

One last note, just like you shouldn't post on social media that you're going on vacation, you also don't want to share anything about any upcoming medical procedures or doctor visits.

Technology has its pros and cons. We must accept that in today's world, we need to be more vigilant.

Good luck.

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DTE Energy worker killed repairing downed line in Brighton Township

Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A 41-year-old South Lyon man was killed on Sunday after being electrocuted while working on a downed wire in Brighton Township.

The man, a DTE Energy utility worker, was conducting repairs to a wire on the ground and suffered a fatal injury around 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Michigan State Police wrote in a Twitter post.

"A field employee was working to restore power to customers in Brighton when he came into contact with an energized cable and sustained fatal injuries," the energy company said in a statement. "He, along with thousands of DTE employees, held a commitment to caring for our customers and communities, and we view him as a hero. We are reaching out to his family, and we ask for consideration and privacy at this time of profound sadness and grieving. We are sending our full love and support to his loved ones, and all those whose lives he touched."

Officials have not released the man's name.

State troopers were assisted on scene by Livingston County EMS, the Brighton Area Fire Department, Howell Area Fire Department and Livingston County Sheriff's Office.

Grill

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still the same great ingredients our guests know and love."

Customers who visit the restaurant — which originally opened in Royal Oak in 1992 and currently has more than 20 locations in the Midwest — will typically head to several bars that contained dozens of uncooked ingredients. After they're gathered in a bowl, the dishes are taken to the grill, where cooks use swords to cook the food and perform for guests.

While standing at the grill remains an option, servers will also bring customers' dishes to them at their table, a recent service change, Mendalski said.

The Novi location is one of several bd's Mongolian Grill locations in the metro Detroit area that are expected to receive an upgrade, Mendalski said. Other restaurants, including the one in Canton Township at 42089 Ford Road is also expected to see a refresh, though she said she was unsure as to when that would take place. Renovations have already taken place at the chain's Ann Arbor restaurant. The shutdown took place over the summer and reopened in mid-September.

The restaurant is currently operating under shorter hours: it's open 4-9 p.m. Thursday, 4-10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. Mendalski said it's hopeful the restaurant can expand its hours back in the near future.

Mendalski said in addition to adding a catering option, bd's Mongolian Grill has launched online delivery orders through third-party sites such as Uber Eats.

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THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

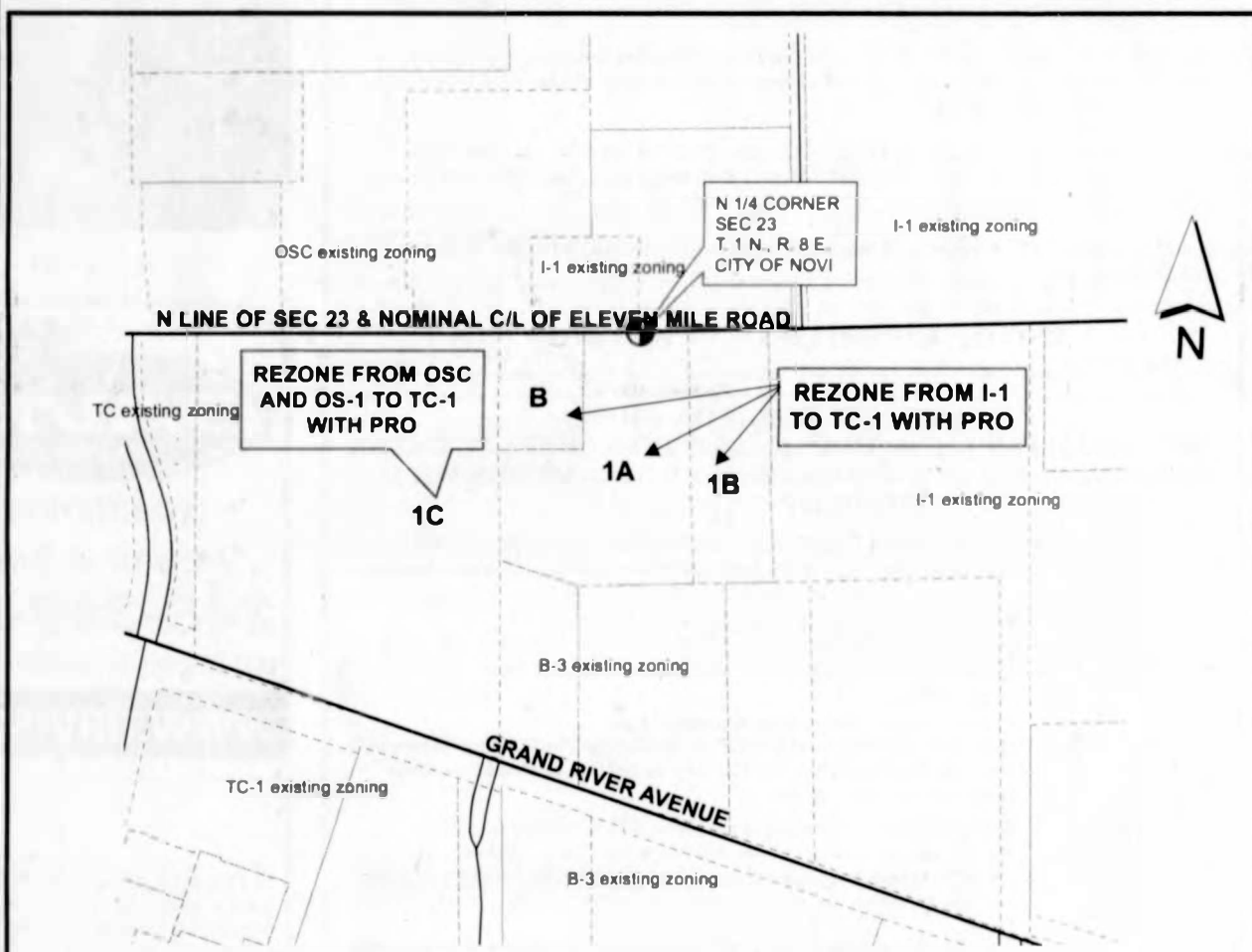
Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.732 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety. The effective date of this Ordinance is September 28, 2021.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan the 24th day of May, 2021. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.

Robert J. Gatt, Mayor
Cortney Hanson, City Clerk



To rezone a part of the north 1/2 of Section 23, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan bearing parcels 22-23-126-008, 22-23-226-008, 22-23-126-018, AND 22-23-126-017.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION - PARCEL 1A:

AS SURVEYED LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 23, T.1N., R.8E., THENCE N89°24'51"E 98.58 FEET ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF 11 MILE ROAD (66 FEET WIDE); AND THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 23, THENCE S00°10'20"E 38.01 FEET TO THE PROPOSED SOUTH LINE OF 11 MILE ROAD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING S00°10'20"E 488.53 FEET; THENCE S89°28'20"W 226.92 FEET; THENCE N71°19'30"W 170.48 FEET; THENCE N00°17'20"W 223.24 FEET; THENCE N89°34'00"E 172.00 FEET; THENCE N00°17'20"W 208.00 FEET TO SAID PROPOSED SOUTH LINE OF 11 MILE ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES: N89°34'00"E 118.08 FEET; AND 2) N89°24'51"E 98.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING: 149,038 SQ. FT. OR 3.42+ ACRES

TAX ID NUMBER: 22-23-126-017

LEGAL DESCRIPTION - PARCEL 1B:

AS SURVEYED LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 23, T.1N., R.8E., CITY OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 23, N89°24'51"E 98.58 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTH LINE N89°24'51"E 165.18 FEET; THENCE S01°27'28"E 35.00 FEET TO THE PROPOSED SOUTH LINE OF 11 MILE ROAD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING S01°27'28"E 491.50 FEET; THENCE S89°28'20"W 176.93 FEET; THENCE N00°10'20"W 488.53 FEET TO THE PROPOSED SOUTH LINE OF 11 MILE ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE N89°24'51"E 165.18 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING: 84,008 SQ. FT. OR 1.93+ ACRES

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION - PARCEL 1C:

AS SURVEYED LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 23, THENCE PROCEEDING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 290.50 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 23 AND THE CENTERLINE OF 11 MILE ROAD, THENCE S00°17'20"E 35.00 FEET TO THE PROPOSED SOUTH 35 FOOT ROW LINE OF SAID 11 MILE ROAD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING S00°17'20"E 792.82 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH 80 FOOT ROW LINE OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE (US 16); THENCE N71°44'00"W 849.31 FEET ALONG SAID NORTH LINE; THENCE N00°00'00"E 564.48 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH 35 FOOT ROW LINE OF 11 MILE ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH 35 FOOT ROW LINE N89°34'00"E 812.81 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING: 422,971 SQ. FT. OR 9.71+ ACRES

TAX ID NUMBER: 22-23-126-008

LEGAL DESCRIPTION - PARCEL 1D:

AS SURVEYED LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 23, T.1N., R.8E., THENCE S89°34'00"W 117.85 FEET ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF 11 MILE ROAD (66 FEET WIDE); AND THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 23 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S00°17'20"E 243.00 FEET; THENCE S89°34'00"W 172.00 FEET; THENCE N00°17'20"W 243.00 FEET TO SAID CENTERLINE OF 11 MILE ROAD AND THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 23; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH LINE N89°34'00"E 172.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING: 0.96+ ACRES OF LAND GROSS AND 0.83+ ACRES OF LAND NET OF 33-FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY

TAX ID NUMBER: 22-23-126-018

FROM: PARCELS 1A, 1B, AND 1C LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (I-1), AND PARCEL 1D: OFFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL (OSC) AND OFFICE SERVICE (OS-1)

TO: TOWN CENTER (TC-1) WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO)

ORDINANCE NO. 18.732
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CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
APPROVED AT A MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL May 24, 2021

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Haunted houses in and out of metro Detroit

Miriam Marini
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

In case the world isn't scary enough and you want to kick it up a notch, Halloween is right around the corner. And with it comes spooky attractions galore across metro Detroit.

The creaky doors of many haunted houses lo-

cal and not-so-local open this weekend, giving ample time to get in the Halloween spirit. Especially given that most haunted houses stayed shuttered last season because of coronavirus concerns, we're itching for jump scares.

Here are some haunted houses to check out this season, if you're brave enough.

And remember, medical experts advise people to mask up in enclosed spaces. So please be cautious when getting the bejesus scared out of you.

Azra Chamber of Horrors Haunted House

Address: 31401 John R Road, Madison Heights
Ticket cost: \$35 gen-

eral admission

The attraction includes a multilevel maze of a haunted house with each section promising to be more terrifying than the last.

The Scream Machine

Address: 23131 Ecorse Road, Taylor

Ticket cost: \$25
The asylum-themed haunted attraction asks one question: "Do you dare cross the threshold of insanity and stare face to face with your deepest fears?"

That about sums it up.

Circus Sinister by Wyandotte Jaycees

Address: 3131 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte

Ticket cost: \$15
The Jaycees are back with another annual haunted attraction. This year, it's featuring everyone's nightmare: deranged clowns.

Wiard's Orchards Night Terrors

Address: 5565 Merritt Road, Ypsilanti

Ticket cost: \$52 for admission to five attractions on Saturdays, \$47 on Friday and Sunday, \$19 for single attraction

The haunted park consists of five haunted attractions: An asylum, haunted barn, mineshaft, caged clowns and hayride.

Hush

Address: 37550 Cherry Hill Road, Westland

Ticket cost: \$28.99
The thrilling campus features three attractions: Hellmouth, a portal to the underworld; Ancient Evil, with haunted catacombs; and Rosecliff Hall, a haunted manor.

Eloise Asylum

Address: 30712 Michigan Ave., Westland

Ticket cost: \$40
The infamous asylum is now a haunted attraction this year. The self-proclaimed "Disney of haunted attractions" utilizes advanced projection

technology that transports visitors into the horror.

Attractions outside of metro Detroit

- Slay Nights: 1800 N. Burkhart Road, Howell.
- Darksyde Acres: 11375 Rowe Road, Jonesville.
- Abandoned Acres Farm: 7737 Fruit Ridge Ave., Sparta.
- Rotten Manor: 13245 Dixie Hwy., Holly.
- Slaughterhouse Adventure and Grand River Maze: 5781 Grand River, Fowlerville.

For families and kids

- Zoo Boo at the Detroit Zoo: 8450 W. 10 Mile Road, Royal Oak.
- The Wilson Barn Pumpkin Fest: 29350 W. Chicago, Livonia.
- Hallowe'en at Greenfield Village: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn.
- Skeletons are Alive in Downtown Northville: 215 W. Main St., Northville.



Alice Cooper and with his wife, Sheryl Goddard, laugh as he shows the knife he was going to use to cut the ribbon on the porch of the Eloise Asylum, a haunted house attraction in Westland during an appearance on Sept. 23. Cooper, originally from Detroit, was in town for this event and to perform at the DTE Energy Music Theater. ERIC SEALS/DETROIT FREE PRESS

SECTION 00 1113 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DATE: October 19, 2021
PROJECT: Novi Community School District Large-Format A/V Meadows Elementary Renovation Novi, Michigan
OWNER: Novi Community School District 25345 Taft Road Novi, Michigan 48374
ENGINEERING/ TECHNOLOGY DESIGNER: Integrated Design Solutions, LLC Architecture, Engineering, Interiors & Technology 1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200 Troy, MI 48098 (248) 823-2100 (248) 823-2200 fax
BIDS RECEIVED: Until 2:00 pm local time on Tuesday November 9, 2021, the Owner will receive sealed Bids for the work as set forth in the Bidding Documents at:

Attention: Greg McIntyre
Novi Community School District
25345 Taft Road
Novi, Michigan 48374

At which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A bid tabulation summary will be available.

The Bidding Documents will be on file on and after Tuesday October 19, 2021 and may be examined at the following locations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

The offices of: Integrated Design Solutions, LLC, 1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200, Troy, MI 48098, (248) 823-2100

The Engineering/Technology Designer will furnish electronic documents to the Bidders. The documents may be downloaded from: <http://cloud.ids-troy.com/bids/bids/Novi/MeadowsLEAV>. Bidders are responsible to check the website from time to time to verify they have all addenda, requests for information and other documents related to the Bid.

The Bid must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Familial Relationship Disclosure Statement. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 3:00 PM local time. Bidders shall meet at the Novi Educational Services Building located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi Michigan 48374

Additional building walk-through's, if required, shall be coordinated with the Engineer/Technology Designer.

END OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS - 2022 ROOF REPLACEMENT PROGRAM - HILLSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL & MEADS MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Project Description: The Northville Public School District's Board of Education is accepting bids to provide roofing replacement at Hillside Middle School and Meads Mill Middle School

Architect & Project Contact: Building Technology Associates
21850 Greenfield Road
Oak Park, MI 48237
(248) 967-4600
Matt Gateman mgateman@btaww.com
Questions addressed ONLY to Building Technology Associates during Bidding Period. Failure to follow instruction may lead to rejection of Bid.

Bid Documents: Bid Documents including Bid Forms will be posted to Buildingconnected.com, use the following link to obtain: <https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5cc9d7f837c1a90018cb55dc>. Bid Documents may also be obtained from local plan rooms (GRBX, CAM, etc.).
Bid Documents will be available on or after October 12, 2021

Non-Mandatory Prebid Walk-Through A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Walkthrough is scheduled for 10:00 am local time on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at Hillside Middle School starting at the Front Doors located at 775 North Center Street, Northville, MI 48167

Bid Due Date: 11:00 am local time, Wednesday October 27, 2021. Sealed bids should be submitted through Buildingconnect.com with the following link: <https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5cc9d7f837c1a90018cb55dc>. No physical bids will be accepted in person or via delivery service. The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission.

Public Bid Opening: Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read immediately following the close of receiving bids with the following virtual meeting link: meet.google.com/nnz-qydd-zsr or phone number: (218) 451-2179 PIN 265 331537#. No oral, e-mail, telephonic or telegraphic proposals shall be considered.

The Board of Education will not open, consider, nor accept a bid received after the date and time specified. All late bid proposals will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Bid Bond: A Bid Bond executed by a Treasury listed surety company acceptable to the Northville Public School District or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal shall be submitted with Bid. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Labor and Material & Performance Bond Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance and Payments Bonds by a Treasury listed surety in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of Bond(s) shall be included in each proposal.

Nonexempt: This project is not tax exempt for State sales tax and/or use tax. All materials and supplies incorporated and used in construction of the work and becoming a permanent part of this project will not be exempt from State Sales Tax and/or Use Tax. All required Sales Tax/Use Tax shall be included in the bid price.

Disclosure Statements: Bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner and any employee of bidder and any member of the Board of Education or the superintendent. Additionally, bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement for the **Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit of Compliance**. Bids not accompanied with these sworn and notarized statements will not be accepted by the Board.

Contract Award The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole or in part and waive any informality or irregularity therein, or to award the Contract to other than the low bidder, in its sole discretion. Northville Public Schools reserves the right to accept the bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

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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 November 9, 2021, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ21-0022 (Dan and Wendi Williams) 1419 W Lake Drive, East of West Park Drive and South of W Pontiac Trail, Parcel 50-22-03-204-021. The applicant is requesting variances from The City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a side yard setback of 5 feet (10 feet minimum required, variance of 5 feet); an aggregate total side yard setback of 17.75 feet (25 feet required, variance of 7.25 feet); and a proposed lot coverage of 32% (25% maximum allowed, variance of 7%). Section 3.32-7 for a proposed deck 13.5 feet from the rear yard property line (17 feet minimum required, variance of 3.5 feet). Section 4.19.1.E(i) for the construction of a 1,157 square foot garage (maximum of 850 square feet allowed by code, variance of 307 square feet). Section 3.1.5 for a third story, 2.5 stories allowed by code. These variances would accommodate the building of a new home and deck. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4). **This case is being re-considered based on the Zoning Board's decision to rehear the case at the August 10, 2021 meeting. This case was tabled from the October 12, 2021 meeting.**

PZ21-0056 (Joseph Yono) 1401 E Lake Drive, West of Novi Road and South of Fourteen Mile Road, Parcel 50-22-02-329-027. The applicant is requesting a variance from The City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.32-10.ii. a, for the building of a proposed 392 square foot shed on the waterfront (100 square feet allowed by code, variance of 292 square feet). The variance would accommodate the building of a new lakefront accessory structure. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4). **This case was tabled from the October 12, 2021 meeting.**

PZ21-0084 (Cambridge of Novi LLC / Terra), West of Beck Road and North of Eight Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-32-402-036. The applicant is requesting an extension to a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinance Section 28-6 for a temporary sign beyond 64 days. The sign is located at the northwest corner of the intersection at Eight Mile Road and Beck Road. The maximum display time of free-standing temporary signs is 64 days. The board previously approved this and one other, since removed sign, on June 11, 2019, in case PZ19-0020 "for the duration of two years or, if sooner, until 75% of Certificates of Occupancy have been issued". This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-1).

PZ21-0065 (Marc & Katherine Kennedy) 1201 S Lake Drive, West of Old Novi Road and South of South Lake Drive, Parcel 50-22-03-332-003. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 5.11 to install a fence in the front yard of a corner lot. By code, a fence shall not extend toward the front of the lot nearer than the minimum front yard setback. The proposed new fence would be replacing an existing chain link fence in the same location. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ21-0068 (Thomas Sebold & Associates) 21575 Equestrian Trail, West of Beck Road and North of Eight Mile Road, Parcel 50-22-32-401-089. The applicant is requesting variances from The City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.2 for a rear yard setback of 19.93 feet (35 feet minimum required, variance of 15.07 feet). These variances would accommodate the building of a new home addition. This property is zoned Residential Acreage (RA).

PZ21-0070 (Moiseev/Gordon Associates, Inc) 47845 Bellagio Drive, West of Beck Road and North of Eight Mile Road, Parcel 50-22-32-278-031. The applicant is requesting variances from The City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.1 for a side yard setback of 15 feet (20 feet minimum required, variance of 5 feet) and Section 4.19.1.E(i) for a total of 1,157 square feet of accessory structure space (maximum of 1500 square feet allowed by code, variance of 721 square feet). These variances would accommodate the building of a pool house and lounge addition. This property is zoned Residential Acreage (RA).

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Seven Michigan beers to try this fall

Brian Manzullo Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

There's no question the COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging for the hundreds of independent craft breweries across Michigan.

But you've got to hand it to them: Many are still churning out big, bold, flavorful and innovative beers around the clock, and the range of tastes continues to widen the more they tinker with recipes and experiment with new adjuncts. As a result, there is variety for everyone, from the light saison enthusiast to the barrel-aged stout connoisseur (such as myself).

And the access to quality craft beer has changed, too.

While trips to the local taproom or beer store are still common for beer geeks, it's no longer uncommon for folks to order online straight from their favorite brewery for drive-thru or curbside pick-up.

Chances are, you will find something you like no matter where you go. But here are seven Michigan craft beers to try this fall.

Cinnamon Donut Stout

6.2% ABV, Blake's Brewing Co.

Perhaps the only thing better than ordering a craft beer straight from the source is getting it garnished with a cinnamon doughnut.

That's exactly what happens when you order a Cinnamon Donut Stout while visiting the tasting room at Blake's Orchard & Cider Mill in Armada. It's like a Michigan fall version of a Bloody Mary, except with cinnamon, sugary sweetness.

The stout, brewed with Blake's signature cinnamon doughnuts, is lighter for a stout but well balanced with roasty chocolate malts and hints of cinnamon, followed by a smooth, sweet finish. The experience is worth trying at least once.

Kölsch

4.8% ABV, Drafting Table Brewing Co.

You might be surprised to know a lot of Michigan breweries are jumping on the kölsch train, mainly because beer drinkers are becoming more calorie-conscious and trending toward lighter, lower-ABV options, but also because kölsches are delicious and refreshing, much like a well-made lager.

This fall, I lean toward Wixom-based Drafting Table's rendition of the kölsch. It's a classic rendition that stays true to

the style: bright in color, light in body, soft bitterness, crisp and dry in the finish. And you can find it in four-packs at Drafting Table's taproom in Wixom or on local beer shelves near you.

1-800-Wet-Hops NEIPA

6.3% ABV, Witch's Hat Brewing Co.

Most of the IPAs you drink are brewed using dried and pelleted hops, which stay good for a couple of years. But every fall, hop farms across America conduct their annual hop harvest, and some breweries use that opportunity to take freshly picked wet hop cones from these farms and brew a beer with them *the same day* (wet hops spoil fast). The result is a harvest ale that's fresh, aromatic and bursting with flavor.

One such ale is the 1-800-Wet-Hops, a wet-hopped ale from South Lyon-based Witch's Hat. It's a New England IPA brewed with wet Cashmere hops picked from Top Hops Farm up in Goodrich, and it's hazy, juicy, full of citrus and pineapple notes, and slightly dank on the finish. If you get a four-pack, make sure you drink it fast; harvest ales stay fresh for only a few weeks.

Saison

5.1% ABV, Waypost Brewing Co.

When you're competing with hundreds of breweries on taps and store shelves it stands to reason that you have to take the classic beer styles people love and make them your own.

Waypost Brewing Co., a small-farm brewery based in Fennville near Lake Michigan, does just that, and it sports no better example than its Saison, a refreshing yeast-forward Belgian wheat ale with stone fruit, citrus and pear notes, followed by white pepper and dry softness from the wheat. It's the pepper that makes this saison distinct, and it turned out so good, it landed a gold medal at the 2021 Great American Beer Festival, the only Michigan beer to do so this year.

Flying Buffalo Screamin' Pumpkin Stout

12% ABV, Griffin Claw Brewing Co.

You may have heard of the Screamin' Pumpkin Ale from Birmingham-based Griffin Claw. You also may have heard of Flying Buffalo, Griffin Claw's annual series of barrel-aged stouts. Well, guess what? Those two worlds have collided, and the result is quite possibly the best barrel-aged stout available in metro Detroit this fall.

Barrel-aging a stout tends to unleash a symphony of flavors on a beer, but none of them overpowers the delightful pumpkin spice, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice and ginger that make the original Screamin' Pumpkin a favorite. The vanilla oak and bourbon heat are near-perfect compliments to this 12%-ABV powerhouse, and it's well worth purchasing a four-pack at Griffin Claw, while you still can.

Don't You Forget About Me IPA

7.2% ABV, Odd Side Ales

This is about the time of year when your IPAs should start getting a little stronger. And while there is no shortage of juicy, hazy New England IPAs to be had in this state, let's take you back to the West Coast, the classic IPA style that has been a mainstay for decades.

Odd Side Ales' Don't You Forget About Me — yes, named after the ending song of the iconic cult classic "The Breakfast Club" — is a West Coast IPA double dry-hopped with Sabro and Sultana hops, bringing about a burst of herbal, citrus and pine notes, a good

balance of hoppy bitterness and sweet maltiness, followed by a clean, dry finish.

You can expect Don't You Forget About Me to hit store shelves starting this week.

Deez Nutz Brown Ale

5.2% ABV, Beards Brewery

Brown ales are synonymous with autumn. Unlike the other beers on this list, Deez Nutz from Petoskey-based Beards Brewery has been a seasonal staple for a few years, but it remains a consistently flavorful brown ale with roastiness, nuttiness and a decent body for a 5.2%-ABV ale.

Brown ale is one of those beer styles that doesn't lend itself to the same versatility as IPAs and barrel-aged stouts, but it still pairs exceptionally well with autumn bonfires and changing fall leaves, so you owe it to yourself as a Michigander to at least pick up a four- or six-pack of a good one before the weather gets even colder. And Deez Nutz is one of the better ones out there that should be readily available.

SECTION 00 1113 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DATE:	October 19, 2021
PROJECT:	Novi Community School District Structured Cabling Meadows Elementary Renovation Novi, Michigan
OWNER:	Novi Community School District 25345 Taft Road Novi, Michigan 48374
ENGINEERING/ TECHNOLOGY DESIGNER:	Integrated Design Solutions, LLC Architecture, Engineering, Interiors & Technology 1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200 Troy, MI 48098 (248) 823-2100 (248) 823-2200 fax
BIDS RECEIVED:	Until 2:00 pm local time on Tuesday November 9, 2021, the Owner will receive sealed Bids for the work as set forth in the Bidding Documents at: Attention: Greg McIntyre Novi Community School District 25345 Taft Road Novi, Michigan 48374

At which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A bid tabulation summary will be available.

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The offices of: Integrated Design Solutions, LLC, 1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200, Troy, MI 48098, (248) 823-2100

The Engineering/Technology Designer will furnish electronic documents to the Bidders. The documents may be downloaded from: <http://cloud.ids-troy.com/bids/bids/Novi/MeadowsCabling>. Bidders are responsible to check the website from time to time to verify they have all addenda, requests for information and other documents related to the Bid.

The Bid must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Familial Relationship Disclosure Statement. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 2:00 PM local time. Bidders shall meet at the Novi Educational Services Building located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi Michigan 48374

Additional building walk-thrus, if required, shall be coordinated with the Engineer/Technology Designer.

END OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOVEMBER 2, 2021 ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the City of Novi:

Notice is hereby given that a presidential primary election will be held in the City of Novi on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. 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	Thornton Creek Elementary School	46180 West Nine Mile Road

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

MAYOR – 2 YEAR TERM – vote for not more than 1
COUNCIL MEMBER – 4 YEAR TERM – vote for not more than 3

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, MMC, MiPMC II
City Clerk, City of Novi
(248) 347-0456
cityofnovi.org

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NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

To the qualified electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City General Election will be held in the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. The election will be conducted in all polling places in the City of Northville for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

LOCAL: Mayor, City Councilmember

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, October 29** by 5pm is the last day the City Clerk can mail an absent voter ballot (exceptions apply).
- **Saturday, October 30** the City Clerk's Office will be open from 8am to 4pm. Voters may obtain an absent voter ballot in-person.
- **Monday, November 1** 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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Districts

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State house districts

Among the most noticeable local changes on the three proposed state house maps is the splitting of Livonia into multiple state house districts. The city mostly encompasses the 19th district, represented by Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia). A small slice of the city falls into the 11th district, which is represented by Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) and includes parts of Westland, Inkster, Garden City and Dearborn Heights.

The proposals would split Livonia into three separate districts which may include parts of Redford, Detroit, Plymouth, Dearborn Heights and Westland. The changes would likely give Livonia, a historically red city, more Democrat representatives moving forward. Pohutsky is the first Democrat to win her seat since the 1970s, and city has recently favored blue candidates.

Similarly, Westland and Wayne, most of which are currently represented by one person, would be split between three districts with neighboring communities. Kevin Coleman (D-Westland), represents Wayne and most of Westland as the 16th district representative, and Jones represents a small part of Westland as well.

Communities like Canton and Plymouth would continue in different districts, but Canton would no longer be connected to a district including Van Buren Township. Instead, the large township would be represented with part of Westland.

Plymouth, it appears, would continue to share real estate with Northville. Most of Northville, however, would be in a district with Novi. Northern Novi would stay in a district that also includes Lyon, South Lyon, Wixom and Walled Lake.

Farmington Hills and Farmington currently make up a single house district. The 37th District is represented by Samantha Steckloff (D-Farmington Hills). Proposed changes would split Farmington Hills into several districts with nearby cities like Novi, Southfield and Detroit.

Milford would remain in a district with other smaller communities like Highland and White Lake.



Campaign signs at the Westland Library in 2020 where multiple precincts voted.
JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Birmingham, on the other hand, would see a significant shift. Instead of being with neighboring affluent Oakland County communities like Bloomfield Hills like it is now, it would be part of a narrow district heading south through communities like Southfield and Oak Park and into Detroit.

State Senate districts

Dayna Polehanki (D-Livonia) currently has all of Livonia in her senate district. It looks like that's going to change in a big way. Like the proposed house maps, the commission suggests splitting Livonia into several senate districts that include communities like Redford, Canton, Westland and Dearborn.

Farmington Hills would also be in several different districts, sharing senators with neighbors in Farmington, Novi and Redford.

The changes would also put Northville, Novi, South Lyon and Lyon Township in a district with Plymouth. Jim Runestad (R-White Lake) currently represents all the Oakland County communities and would see his district split in half.

Milford would remain in that district Runestad represents now along with Highland and White Lake. The proposed district would also include Clarkston, Waterford and West Bloomfield.

Birmingham would continue to be with communities like Royal Oak and Clawson, but would be separated from northern neighbors like Troy and Rochester Hills. The proposed district would move south to include cities like Farmington Hills.

Congressional seats

The commission proposed four different congressional district maps, and each differs slightly for metro Detroit residents.

Haley Stevens (D-Rochester Hills), who represents most of the Hometown Life region, would lose most of the area she represents now. Stevens lives in Rochester Hills, but her current district includes all or some of Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Farmington, Northville, Novi, Milford, Birmingham and South Lyon. Rochester Hills is proposed to join in favor of districts that move toward Sterling Heights in the east in a new district.

Southwest Oakland County mostly stays together in one district, although maps put South Lyon and Lyon in a congressional district that would stretch south to Plymouth and Canton, then west to Ann Arbor.

Most map proposals put the Huron Valley – Milford, Highland and White Lake – in a sprawling congressional district that stretches north and east to include all of Michigan's Thumb region.

Maps also indicate Livonia would move into an area of metro Detroit similar to the one currently represented by Rashida Taib (D-Detroit). The district would, however, include a much smaller portion of Detroit, where Taib lives. Some proposals include Romulus in the district, and one includes Franklin.

Farmington Hills will likely see some significant disruption. Brenda Lawrence (D-Southfield), represents the city in congress and proposals put Lawrence in the same area as other current congress members. Some proposals put Lawrence in the same district as Andy Levin (D-Bloomfield), and another puts her in the same district as Debbie Dingell (D-Dearborn).

Farmington Hills will, in every proposal, end up with communities like Novi, Royal Oak and Pontiac.

How to weigh in on proposals

People are welcome to comment or create their own draft maps at michigan-mapping.org. The commission's proposed maps can be seen at michigan.gov/micrc.

The commission is also hosting public meetings where people can comment on the proposals. The closest meeting to metro Detroiters will happen Oct. 20 at the TCF Center in Detroit. Two hearings will take place: one from 1-3:30 p.m. and another from 5-8 p.m.

Three other hearings will also take place with the same time two-meeting format as the Detroit hearing:

- Thurs., Oct. 21: Lansing, Lansing Center
- Fri., Oct. 22: Grand Rapids, location to be determined
- Mon., Oct. 25: Gaylord, Treetops Resort
- Tues., Oct. 26: Flint, Dort Financial Center

Contact reporter Shelby Tankersley at stankersle@hometownlife.com or 248-305-0448. Follow her on Twitter @shelby_tankk.



PRESS RELEASE FROM THE CITY OF SOUTH LYON WATER DEPARTMENT

The City of South Lyon Water Department's Wellhead Protection Program has a "Call For Artists", an invitation for artists to enter their "logo artwork" for the "2021 South Lyon Art Contest" to design a new Wellhead Protection Program Logo. The Wellhead Protection Program works to conserve and protect the drinking water resources for residents and businesses in the City of South Lyon.

The Contest is open to artists of any age, residing in the United States of America. No Entry Fees! Monetary Awards! Judging by:

Judge Ken Michalik,
Chairman, Cultural Arts Commission of South Lyon.
Judge Dayna Johnston,
Commissioner, Cultural Arts Commission of South Lyon.
Judge Douglas Varney,
Director of the City of South Lyon Water Department.
Judge Ron Beason,
Chief Water Operator of the City of South Lyon Water Department.

Please visit the City of South Lyon website homepage, news for Guidelines, and Entry Form at southlyonmi.org. For more information, please call Suzan Martin at 248-437-4942. Or email Suzan at suzan_mccallum@hotmail.com.

Important Dates

Monday, August 9, 2021. Contest began.
Monday, November 22, 2021. Logo Artwork Entries Due Date.
Monday, December 20, 2021. Awards Announced.

Awards

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Only folks with "earned income" get to contribute to an Individual Retirement Account. Did you get a W-2? Then you have earned income. For sure. No question. "Safe Harbor." But nowadays, in this "gig economy" many folks are getting Form 1099s for earned income. Hello UBER drivers! Earned Income includes wages, salaries, commissions, self-employment income, taxable alimony. Earned Income does not include rent, royalties, annuity payments, pension, deferred comp.

How much can you contribute? All of your "earned income"... up to the contribution limit. For 2021 (no change from 2019 or 2020) the contribution limit is \$6000, \$7000 if you are 50 years old or more.

BUT IF YOU HAVE TOO MUCH EARNED INCOME - NO ROTH FOR YOU!

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TOO MUCH EARNED INCOME AND STILL GET THE ROTH? HOW CAN THIS BE?

You put in the overtime. You worked a second job. You sold GRIT, greeting cards, and flower seeds door-to-door. Too much income! You cannot have a Roth! Or can you? You paid the income tax. You are not eligible for a Traditional IRA income tax deduction. You are not eligible for a Roth. Now what?

Your income is "too high" for a Roth. (Hello doctors, nurses, foremen, engineers!) But you can still make contributions to a Traditional IRA. Taxable contributions. Contributions that are NOT tax deductible. How much can you contribute? Same as anyone else, see above. The difference is that you cannot take an income tax deduction for those contributions.

OK. So now you put the maximum leftover money into a Traditional IRA. "How does that help with the Roth?", you ask. Good question. The answer is that you can convert a Traditional IRA that was established with taxed money into a Roth IRA. You can even convert untaxed IRA money into a Roth, if you pay the income tax. You can do this... whenever you want.



"Allowable conversions. You can withdraw all or part of the assets from a traditional IRA and reinvest them (within 60 days) in a Roth IRA. The amount that you withdraw and timely contribute (convert) to the Roth IRA is called a conversion contribution."

IRS Pub. 590-A, page 27.

To Sum It All Up: You cannot establish a Roth IRA because you have too much income. But you can still establish a Roth IRA anyhow, despite too much income, if you take this extra step.

I told you this stuff was nuts. Believe me now?

I DO NOT WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME, BUT I WANT TO RETIRE TOO...

CAN MY SPOUSE CONTRIBUTE TO MY IRA?

Yes! Even if you do not work for money outside the home, your spouse can contribute on your behalf. Yay domestic partnership! Wedded bliss! Just like your working-for-money spouse, you can put \$6000 per year into your own IRA. And beginning when you are 50 years old, you can put an additional \$1000 per year into your IRA. Pretty great!

Beware: All the same rules for income, retirement plans, contribution limits and so on



apply to you as to your working stiff spouse. Sauce for the goose, sauce for the gander. Same rules apply to both. Including that Traditional to Roth Conversion thing that nobody can believe actually works. But does!

CAN I GET DEDUCTIONS FOR MY IRA CONTRIBUTIONS? ELEMENTARY MY DEAR WATSON!

IF THIS STUFF WERE EASY,
EVERYBODY WOULD DO IT

RULE #1 You can never deduct contributions to a Roth IRA. Remember, the whole point of a Roth is pay tax NOW so no tax LATER.

RULE #2 You can always deduct contributions to a Traditional IRA, no matter how much income. Within the \$6000 + \$1000 limits. Unless you or your spouse are covered by an "employer retirement plan."

If your employer sponsors a retirement plan, your IRA contribution will be limited or eliminated by the "Deduction Phaseout." Limited or Eliminated. Depends on how much income you have. Same deal, but different limits if your spouse's employer has a retirement plan. It gets complicated.

So, pick yourself up a copy of IRS Publication 590-A, Contributions to IRAs, for today's numbers. Only 60 pages long, IRS Pub. 590-A is riveting reading. And if 590-A does not put you to sleep, may I suggest IRS Publication 590-B, Distributions from IRAs. A real page-turner! Sixty-six pages, that is...

Wondering if you are covered by an employer plan? Your W-2 Form has a box for that. If it is checked, you are covered.

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First, the infamous executive orders that required nursing homes to admit vulnerable seniors with COVID. Only 16% of Americans are over age 65. Yet according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, this small group suffered 78% of all COVID deaths. The number goes to 94% when people over age 50 are included.

Hyper-inflation is already back. You are already paying double at the gas pump. I shudder to think what your heating bill will look like this winter.

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New look

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Some questions from Commissioner Ronna Freeland were posed regarding the building's loading zone, which would see vehicles making deliveries block part of the road during those drop-off periods.

But Ann Barnette, the executive director of the village's Downtown Development Authority, said similar loading situations happen along main roads in

downtown already. She cited the deliveries made to Huron Valley Furniture, which are done about two blocks south on Main Street near Liberty Street.

She said she's trying to have some talk to expand some of the parallel parking in front of the development as well.

"It really is just a function of how downtown works," Barnette said. "I'm, right now, working with OHM, to increase the number of parallel parking spaces in front of this building."

"Loading is like traffic: it just finds its own lane. It just does."

The building also reduces the

amount of commercial space on the first floor, Barnette said, cutting it in roughly half. Having less commercial, she said, reduces the need for more parking.

The planning commission voted during its meeting to move the project forward. Commission Chairman John Heidt commended the work done on a previous development in town and said he expected a similar result with this structure as well.

"Good luck on your project, you did a very nice job on the other project and I'm sure we'll see the same (here)," he said.

Barnette said there are other elements needed to be completed, including working with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy regarding environmental work on the site.

Barnette said residents shouldn't expect to see any major work begin until 2022.

"I don't expect anything to happen until very early spring next year," she said.

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Driveway

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The proposal for the high school — relocated from Redford Township to its current home at 27225 Wixom in Novi back in 2005 — would add a driveway to the north, heading through a now-vacant field and emptying onto 12 Mile south of Grand River.

After hearing concerns from the neighbors before the meeting, high school President Ed Turek said school officials wanted to delay moving forward with the project until they could have more conversations with the neighbors about how to best construct such a driveway.

"We want to be good neighbors so we would like to do that," he said.

The city's planning commission adhered to the request, voting unanimously to postpone a decision on the preliminary site plan and the environmental permits until the high school can find a solution that works for all the residents.

Michener said neighbors were scheduled to meet with Catholic Central leadership about the project Oct. 13 to help work through what could be done.

Jake Marmul, the school's director of admissions and public relations, said while he wasn't at that meeting, he said the feedback he heard was that it was productive.

"I heard it went well and hopefully they would say the same thing," he said. "We want to be good neighbors."

Resident DeJuan Woods told the planning commission while the high school has every right to develop its



Jason Michener, president of the Berkshire Pointe Homeowners Association, and neighborhood resident Sethu Kathiresan, talk about residents' issues with the proposed driveway for neighboring Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi.

DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



A school bus and car exit the campus of Detroit Catholic Central.

JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

property as it sees fit, he did not understand why Catholic Central waited so long to reach out to the residents of Berkshire Pointe.

He said he was part of the group of residents that did meet with Catholic Central leadership the night before the planning commission meeting.

"That doesn't feel neighborly," he said. "We met with them yesterday at six o'clock. Over eight pages, eight giant documents, they put before our president on their plans."

Those plans, Woods said, also included information on potential future development at the campus as well. None of those other plans, except for the new driveway, have gone before the city for review.

Marmul said the school is hopeful it will be able to bring a revised plan back

to the planning commission by late November.

Planning commissioners saved much of their comments on the proposed development, since it was postponed. Commissioner John Avdoulos said he thought more conversations could only result in a more positive outcome.

"I think as good neighbors, I believe that Catholic Central should look at speaking with Berkshire neighbors and look at coming up with a resolution or some kind of plan that kind of addresses both the residents needs and what Catholic Central is proposing to do," he said. "I think there has to be some dialogue in order to come up with a solution."

Commissioner Gary Becker said he was planning to share more thoughts on the project at a later date due to the postponement, but pointed out many of the issues neighbors were upset over regarding the project were approved for the developers of the Berkshire Pointe neighborhood when it was going through its approval process with the city several years ago.

Using the same criteria for another project in that part of town, he said, doesn't feel completely out of character and fits with what's been done historically.

"Eight years ago, our city set a precedent of thoughtful accommodation concerning Berkshire Pointe," he said. "I'm not sure why we shouldn't apply that same level of thoughtful accommodation to the proposal in front of us."

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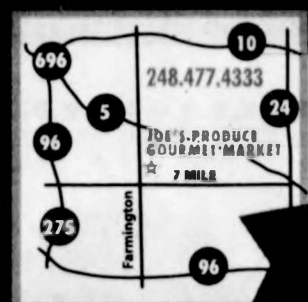


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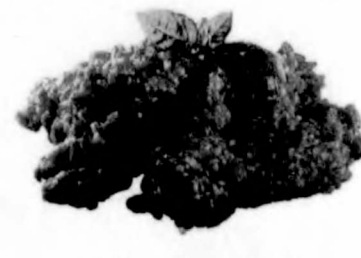
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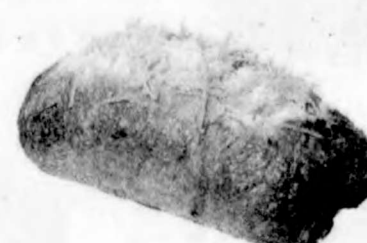
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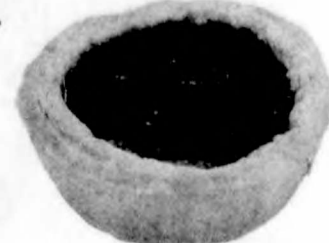
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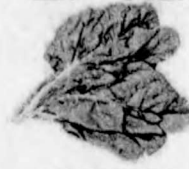
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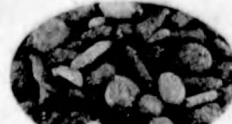
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Baseball star threw winning TD pass during 2-minute drill before halftime

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

They weren't easy conversations for South Lyon football coach Jeff Henson at practice last week.

The sixth-year coach got word from his administration that three of his players were in close contact with a student who tested positive for COVID-19. One by one, he was forced to tell them they must leave practice and head home for mandatory quarantine.

Among the trio was quarterback Braden Fracassi, a junior who was thrust into a starting role after star Dawson Skupin suffered a broken collarbone injury in a thrilling Week 5 win at Lakeland. Fracassi led the Lions to back-to-back wins over Waterford Kettering and Walled Lake Northern, helping them contend for at least a share of the Lakes Valley Conference.

A Week 8 victory at Waterford Mott would give the Lions that conference title, and neither Skupin nor Fracassi

were available to play.

Henson tabbed Coy Plummer the starter merely three days before Friday's kickoff.

"I had to step up, play through practice and I came into the game knowing that mistakes would be made," the senior said. "I had to come in and have a short-term memory."

Fortunately for Henson, Plummer isn't your typical third-string QB. He's

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FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Stevenson upsets Churchill; Redford Union wins WWAC

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With Taj Williams playing quarterback, Livonia Churchill has been one of the best teams in the state, regardless of division, all season long.

Both The D Zone and Mick McCabe had kept them atop their top-10 polls until the Chargers dropped last week's Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East game at Fordson.

And in the process of losing that game, they lost Williams on the final offensive series. While attempting to orchestrate a comeback, Williams broke his right ankle.

So it was expected that Churchill was going to struggle early on in Week 8 as it found its mojo without Williams leading the offense.

That mojo never came Friday at rival Stevenson.

The Spartans (4-4, 3-4) edged Churchill (6-2, 5-2) 13-6 on homecoming night. What's more, the loss knocked the Chargers out of contention from sharing the East division with Belleville.

Ar'Jon Thompson, who rushed 16 times for 71 yards, scored the winning touchdown on a 7-yard quarterback keeper in the fourth quarter.

The sophomore also threw a TD pass to Patrick Coughlin to knot the score at 6 earlier in the second half.

Receiver Bailey Brooks caught a 20-yard TD pass to put Churchill ahead 6-0 in the third quarter, but Coughlin was a nightmare for the Chargers all night. The senior cornerback came up with four interceptions, one pass breakup and three tackles.

"We dug ourselves into a hole in the second half, but the kids responded," Stevenson coach Randy Micallef said. "With Ar'Jon playing quarterback, we hit a couple of plays. He kept us alive with passes that were big chain-movers. It was give-and-take and back-and-forth, and our defense played outstanding."

"Patrick had an incredible day. He willed us to victory. Every time they got the ball back, we got them in third and long, and he made the play or an interception to stop them."

The Spartans host Northville for

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Northville volleyball beats Novi in front of large crowd

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Tuesday night was the boiling point of a long season.

Both No. 7 Novi and No. 8 Northville sat at the top of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West undefeated, with their eyes on another division title. A win could not only help either team achieve a title, but it could also propel them headfirst into a deep run to-

ward Battle Creek for a state title.

The tensions of the moment were palpable and fueled by a large crowd and a boisterous student section that was close to pouring onto the court.

"We haven't had an atmosphere like this all year," Northville coach Sarah Lindstrom said. "We've tried to simulate it in practice. We played loud, heavy metal music to throw off their focus. We talked about everything that was going to happen today. We talked about the

student sections. We talked about the crowd. We talked about the butterflies."

"We just talked it into reality so the girls were ready."

All that practice paid off as the Mustangs beat the Wildcats in straight sets 25-15, 25-19 and 25-18 for sole possession of the division.

The Mustangs (6-0 KLAA West) wanted to keep Novi (5-1) on its heels most of the match as much as it could. Northville implemented aggressive

serve that forced errors on Novi's end and built long runs that put the Wildcats in a hole from the start.

"Their serves kept us out of system for a majority of the game," Novi coach Kacy Byron said. "Any team you're on, it's going to be hard to consistently score over and over again when you're out of system. But that being said, we have some of the best passers in the state and

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Our top 10 high school football teams in Week 9

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The top 10 rankings haven't seen this much of a shake-up this season.

But with so many local programs losing in Week 8, we had no choice but to move teams up and down the poll.

Here's where Hometown Life sports reporter Brandon Folsom ranked the best teams in the area heading into Week 9:

1. South Lyon (8-0, 7-0 LVC; Last Week: No. 2)

The Lions secured the league title with a hard-fought effort in the second half of last week's victory at Warren Mott, playing well enough to even move to No. 1 in the Hometown Life rankings.

The only question is how long can they stay atop the poll with the uncertainty they have at quarterback? Starter Dawson Skupin (broken collarbone) was lost during their Week 5 contest against Lakeland. Backup Braden Fracassi won them a pair of games but sat out their Week 8 game because of COVID-19 concerns. Third-stringer Coy Plummer played valiantly in his spot start against the Corsairs. If they can stay healthy at that position, they should win a few games in the postseason.

2. Detroit Catholic Central (5-2, 2-1 CHSL-Central; Last Week: No. 3)

The Shamrocks were ready to host Newmarket Huron Heights (Ontario) on Saturday night, but the matchup was canceled at the last minute. With several area teams losing games, that allowed them to move up one spot in the poll, even without playing a single snap.

Their only losses are to Chippewa Valley, a Macomb Area Conference powerhouse, and Warren De La Salle, a likely contender to repeat as the Division 2 state championship. So they're worthy of the No. 2 spot.

3. Bloomfield Hills (8-0, 7-0 OAA-Blue; Last week: No. 6)

The Black Hawks keep winning, so they've earned every right to move into the top five of the poll.

Hometown Life is set to cover their Week 9 regular-season finale against undefeated Troy, which will go down as the de facto Blue division championship game. See you Friday night in Bloomfield Hills, football fans.

4. Detroit Country Day (5-2; Last week: No. 5)

The good news: The Yellowjackets returned from their bye week and got a convincing win against Detroit Loyola, one of the toughest Catholic League programs.

The bad news: Kent State commit Brandon Mann suffered what appeared to be a separated shoulder injury and his availability going forward is unknown. He'll likely miss Friday's matchup at Brother Rice, but he seemed confident he'd return for Round 1 of the postseason.

Country Day's offense has plenty of playmakers, but their X-factor is Mann, a 6-foot-4, 225-pound three-star QB.

5. Livonia Churchill (6-2, 5-2 KLAA-East; Last Week: No. 1)

The Chargers dropped their second-

straight game while they continue to play without injured QB Taj Williams (ankle). Against rival Stevenson, they struggled to move the ball or even score points, something they've had no trouble doing vs. the top teams in the state such as Belleville and Fordson.

They entered Week 8 in a three-way tie for first place in the East with Fordson and Belleville. With the Chargers and Tractors both getting upset, it was the Tigers who walked away with the outright championship.

6. Livonia Clarenceville (7-1; Last week: No. 8)

Yes, passionate readers, Hometown Life understands there is a fourth football team in Livonia outside of Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson. The Trojans continue to win games, and they continue to ascend the rankings. They should have no trouble taking care of Flat Rock in the regular-season finale, which should give them home-field advantage in the opening round of the D-4 playoffs.

7. Milford (7-1, 6-1 LVC; Last week: No. 10)

With Lakeland dropping a second league game, the Mavericks have a chance to secure sole possession of second place in the Lakes Valley Conference. And, what a coincidence, they visit the Eagles to wrap up the regular season. A little birdy told Hometown Life there's a chance recruiting outlet The D Zone will be making this Week 9 match up one of its games of the week.

What's more, Milford can win eight games in a single season for the first time since 2006.

8. Brother Rice (5-3, 1-2 CHSL-Central; Last week: No. 4)

The Warriors faced a tough D-2 opponent in Traverse City Central in Week 8, and they even had to make the long trip to northern Michigan for the 56-13 loss. So they didn't get punished too much for that loss in this week's rankings. They have a chance to move up again if they beat Country Day, their immediate neighbors to the south, on Friday night.

9. Redford Union (7-1, 7-0 WWAC; Last week: Unranked)

The Panthers' second-half effort against Melvindale ensured them the outright Western Wayne Athletic Conference championship, which was their first league title since coach Ian Iller was a senior at Union in 2004.

Their lone loss is to Pewamo-Westphalia, a state power that has made five state final appearances in the last decade alone. Union has earned every bit of its appearance in the rankings.

10. Lutheran Westland (7-1, 4-0 MIAC; Last week: Unranked)

Two weeks ago, the Warriors won their first league title in their 36 years of playing football. Their 40-0 victory over Advanced Tech ensured them an undefeated record in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

They won their sixth-straight game with a 29-6 victory at Burton Bendle in Week 8, and they have a chance to make that seven-straight with a victory over Star International this week. bfolson@hometownlife.com

Our picks for Week 9

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Week 9 features some of the best matchups we've seen yet this season.

Hometown Life sports reporter Brandon Folsom is here to pick the five most-interesting games as we wrap up the regular season and prepare for the playoffs.

Folsom went 3-2 in Week 8 and is 10-5 picking games since joining Hometown Life this fall.

Troy (8-0, 7-0 OAA-Blue) at Bloomfield Hills (8-0, 7-0), 7 p.m. Friday

This is hands-down the game of the week in the Hometown Life coverage area. Not too often does the regular-season finale wind up as the de facto conference championship. What a way to prepare of the postseason.

The Black Hawks are the second-leading scoring team in the Blue with 239 points. Only Troy Athens (247) has scored more through eight weeks. Bloomfield Hills has almost double the number of points Troy (128) has amassed this season, so I imagine a higher-scoring offense gives the home team the edge in this game.

Folsom's pick: Bloomfield Hills 28, Troy 14.

Detroit Country Day (5-2) at Brother Rice (5-3, 1-2 CHSL-Central), 7 p.m. Friday

The Warriors are looking to get a bounce-back win after a 56-13 loss at Traverse City Central last week. They just might get it with the Yellowjackets likely entering the matchup without quarterback Brandon Mann, who suffered a shoulder injury during their Week 8 victory against Detroit Loyola. Mann, a three-star committed to Kent State, is an X-factor on Country Day's offense, and his loss should be felt.

Folsom's pick: Brother Rice 32, Country Day 27.

Milford (7-1, 6-1 LVC) at Lakeland (5-3, 5-2), 7 p.m. Friday

The Mavericks are on pace for their best season since 2006. Not only would a win over the Eagles give them



Stevenson's Noah Arbogast, left, tries to get past Churchill's Matt Landis.

JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

eight wins in a single season for the first time in 15 years, but it would also legitimize the effort they've been putting into restoring the program. They've had six one-win seasons in the past nine years alone.

Folsom's pick: Milford 27, Lakeland 24.

South Lyon East (3-5, 3-4 LVC) at South Lyon (8-0, 7-0), 7 p.m. Friday

On paper, this didn't look like much of a matchup a few weeks ago, but now it should be pretty interesting. The Lions are coming off a close-call win against Mott with their third-stringer quarterback. The Cougars are just two weeks removed from beating Lakeland for the first time in program history. It wouldn't be too much of a surprise if East upset South Lyon this week.

Folsom's pick: South Lyon 35, South Lyon East 14.

Northville (2-6, 2-5 KLAA-West) at Stevenson (4-4, 3-4 KLAA-East), 7 p.m. Friday

As a player, it's usually a bummer when you have to face the same team twice in the regular season. But I doubt the Mustangs are feeling that way entering their Week 9 league crossover with Stevenson. The Spartans edged them 34-33 in overtime in the season opener. That loss definitely stung. Expect another shootout to bookend the season.

Folsom's pick: Stevenson 28, Northville 24.

WEEK 8 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Belleville defeated Livonia Franklin, 53-29
Livonia Stevenson defeated Livonia Churchill, 13-6
Plymouth defeated Salem, 7-0
Novi defeated Northville, 31-17
Hartland defeated Canton, 21-0
Westland John Glenn defeated Wayne Memorial, 22-14

Lakes Valley Conference

South Lyon defeated Waterford Mott, 28-6
Milford defeated South Lyon East, 31-7
Gibraltar Carlson defeated Lakeland, 35-28

Catholic League

Traverse City Central defeated Brother Rice, 56-13
Gabriel Richard at Cranbrook, 1 p.m. Saturday
Newmarket Huron Heights at Detroit Catholic Central, 7 p.m. Saturday

Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Redford Union defeated Melvindale, 34-14
Romulus vs. Redford Thurston, inc. Crestwood defeated Garden City, 27-14

Oakland Activities Association

Bloomfield Hills defeated Royal Oak, 38-7
Farmington defeated Avondale, 28-24
West Bloomfield defeated North Farmington, 30-16
Clarkston defeated Groves, 33-8
Lake Orion defeated Seaholm, 35-6

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Lutheran Westland defeated Burton Bendle, 29-6

Independent

Detroit Loyola at Detroit Country Day, 1 p.m. Saturday
Livonia Clarenceville defeated Tecumseh, 46-41

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their Week 9 KLAA crossover game. The two squads faced off in Week 1, and Stevenson edged the Mustangs with a 34-33 victory in overtime. Another win over Northville could help Stevenson sneak into the postseason at 5-4 overall.

Panthers win WWAC outright with stellar second half vs. Melvindale

It's been a long journey for Redford Union and, at times, a frustrating one.

Two years ago, rival Thurston stole the Western Wayne Athletic Conference title from the Panthers with a last-second touchdown, good enough for a 21-20 victory.

Last year, Union was robbed of a chance to compete for the league when it opened the season with a COVID-19 forfeit to Crestwood, the eventual



Brian Watkins II raises his helmet in triumph after Stevenson beat Churchill 13-6. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

champions.

The Panthers (7-1, 6-0) finally changed that narrative Friday against Melvindale.

They overcame a 14-14 halftime stale-

mate, played an inspired second half and held on to beat the Cardinals 34-14 and finish the WWAC schedule undefeated.

It was their first league championship since coach Ian Iller's team won one his senior year in 2004.

"You could tell the kids were really excited," he said. "We were down early. Past Redford Union teams would have given up or turned it into a dogfight. That team took over in the second half and didn't panic. They didn't get down on each other. We knew what we needed to do. And, hey, we found some leaders in the process."

The Panthers trailed 14-7 early, but Jeremiah Alston hauled in a 7-yard TD on a fade pass to knot the score heading into halftime.

"The first half just wasn't our half," Iller said. "Our staff didn't panic. We adjusted to adversity. At halftime, I told the coaches to stay back and let the players go into the locker room alone. It was one of those games where they

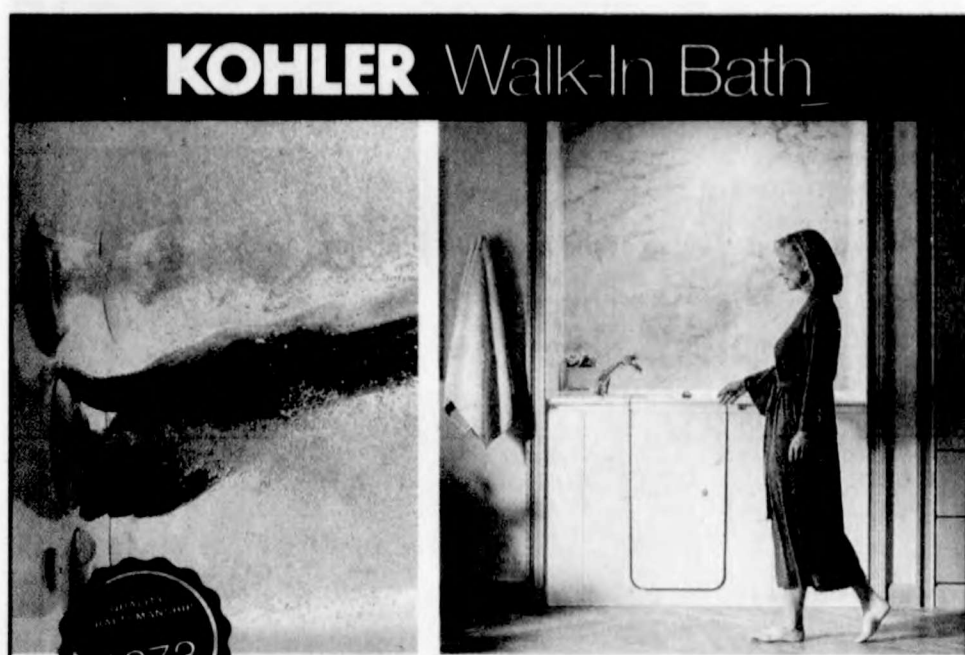
needed to grow up as a team and police each other. Yeah, us coaches can make adjustments, but at some point the players have got to hold each other accountable. We let the leaders take over. Then the coaches went in and made quick adjustments. We came out in the second half, marched it down the field and we got things going."

Dequan Davis scored the winning TD early in the third quarter.

"He made a real nice grown-man play," said Iller, whose Panthers host Lincoln Park on Friday. "He broke like five tackles and marched it in. He definitely did it on his own."

Also in WWAC action, Garden City (3-5, 3-4) lost to Crestwood, 27-14, despite QB Nathan Wasil rushing for a 1-yard TD and tossing a 21-yard score to Robert Grant.

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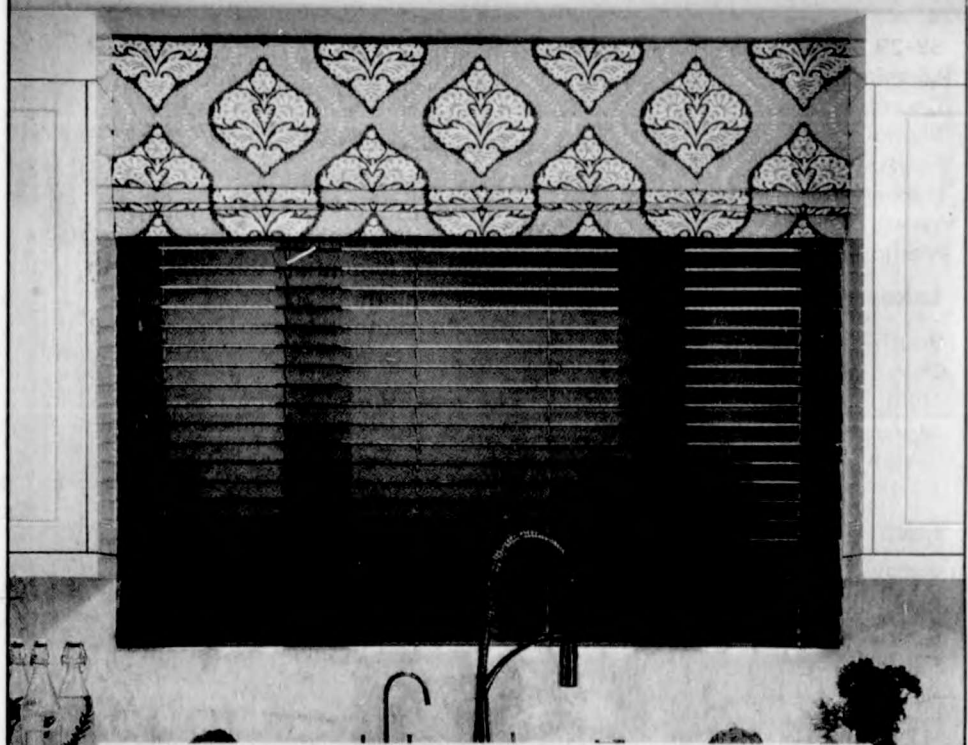
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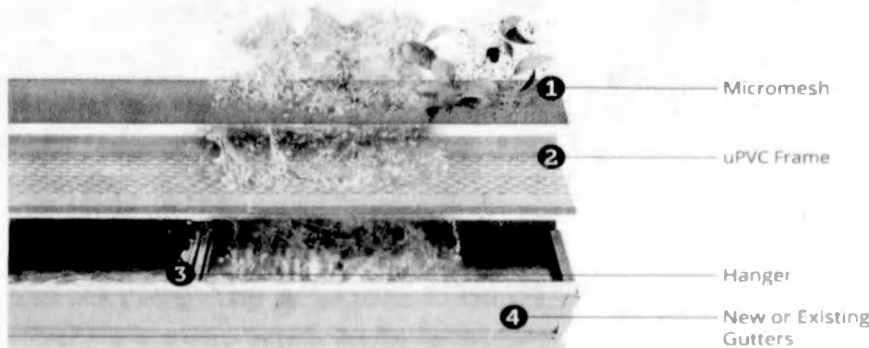
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Hartland blanks Canton to earn KLAA title shot

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HARTLAND — Hartland's defense has stood up to every challenge so far this season, but now the Eagles will face their toughest test of all.

With a 21-0 shutout of Canton on Friday night, Hartland earned the right to represent the West Division in the KLAA championship game next Friday at Belleville.

Hartland and Howell tied for first place at 6-1, but the Eagles won the head-to-head matchup. Belleville was in a three-way tie for first in the East Division heading into Friday's games, but Dearborn Fordson and Livonia Churchill lost rivalry games, leaving the Tigers alone at the top.

Belleville has won all three KLAA championships since joining the league in 2018. The Tigers are averaging 48.6 points per game, while Hartland is allowing only 5.0. Hartland's defense has



Canton's Josiah West interrupts a pass intended for Hartland's Mitchell Cavanaugh on Oct. 15. Hartland won, 21-0.
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allowed only four touchdowns, three coming after the Eagles had big fourth-quarter leads.

"Hey, it is what it is," Hartland coach Brian Savage said. "We'll do our best to try to stop them. Obviously, Belleville likes to throw the ball and has a large number of highly recruited players. We'll do what we can to try to minimize

their athletic ability."

Belleville would be well-advised not to throw in the direction of Hartland safety Sam Clay. Clay had two more interceptions against Canton, pushing his season total to nine. Clay also played quarterback in place of injured Brad Solom.

The Eagles (7-1) were the first team in

196 regular-season games to shut out Canton. The Chiefs' last regular-season shutout was 35-0 to Farmington Hills Harrison on Oct. 8, 1999. They were blanked in the 2004 and 2006 state playoffs.

"This group of kids set some goals last winter and decided this is something they wanted to accomplish," Savage said. "They've done a great job working and doing everything they need to do to put themselves in this position. Now we've got a chance to play for a conference championship. It's a great thing for the program, mainly for our seniors and leaders on the team, but for the program as a whole."

Junior running back Joey Mattord scored all three touchdowns. He scored with 15 seconds left in the first half, 1:51 left in the third quarter and 8:53 left in the game.

Canton came into the game tied for first in the KLAA West with Hartland and Howell.

South Lyon

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more of the Cardale Jones-type (the infamous third-stringer at Ohio State who was later drafted in the fourth round of the 2016 NFL draft). In fact, Plummer normally plays receiver. The ample number of stickers decorating his helmet says he's battle-tested.

Plus, he's committed to Wayne State for baseball as a pitcher-only. So he's got the arm to get the job done. He topped out around 90 mph for the Rochester Hills Motor City Hit Dogs baseball club this past summer.

After a shaky start to the first half, Plummer found his groove and led the Lions (8-0, 7-0) to a 28-6 victory over the Corsairs.

That's right, a third-stringer pushed the Lions to their first league title since 2018, something that wasn't possible without a mojo-inducing, game-winning drive to conclude the first half.

South Lyon had a disastrous start.

A punt.

Then four penalties that led to an eventual turnover on downs just 3 yards outside of the red zone.

And then an interception at the 26-yard line.

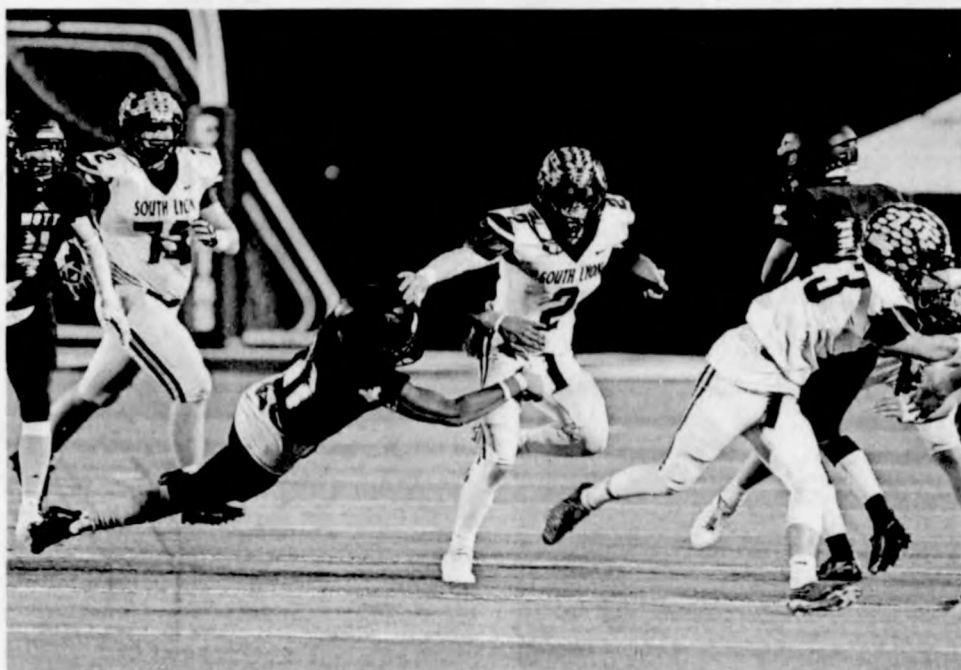
And another punt.

But, somehow, the Lions' defense, which was playing with three backup linebackers thanks to a mix of COVID-19 issues and injuries, forced a punt near midfield with 1:58 left.

And then Plummer got to work.

The senior put together an 11-play, 76-yard drive that spanned 1:56 and ended just two seconds before halftime. And it ended with Tommy Donovan catching a wide-open 6-yard TD pass. It was the first of three TDs for Donovan.

"We were pretty confident in Coy," said Donovan, who scored two rushing TDs in the second half. "Throughout practice, he was working his butt off. It



South Lyon's Tommy Donovan shakes off Waterford Mott's Eric Davis on Oct. 15.
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was pretty saddening watching Dawson Skupin and Braden Fracassi go down. But we had full confidence in Coy, and Coy had full confidence in everybody around him. So that helped us win."

That drive, which saw Plummer go 5 of 9 for 66 yards, was the catalyst that inspired the Lions the put the hammer down in the second half.

"I was pretty nervous," said Plummer, who finished 9 of 22 for 93 yards, one TD and one interception in the driving rain. "I've played in big baseball games, and that's my main sport, but I knew that nerves can't last forever. You've just got to push through them and go onto the next play."

"After the first drive, I kind of calmed down a little bit. The rain didn't help, but I can't make excuses. With that drive, we had our offensive coordinators talking to the men up top. They called a couple of good plays. We got some good looks, and we put the puzzle pieces to-

gether. But, for sure, it gave me the confidence I needed to get the offense back under control and secure the win."

South Lyon allowed Mott's Malique Eaton to punch in a 5-yard TD with 4:58 left in the third, but the extra point was missed.

The Lions didn't disappoint after that. Four plays later, Donovan took a counter carry 38 yards for a score.

Shortly afterward, Colin Stewart pulled down an interception as time expired in the third quarter. Donovan made good on the turnover by racing 67 yards for a TD to make it 21-6 with 7:23 left.

The Corsairs made a comeback push, but it didn't turn into points. In fact, Colin Goins came up with a 29-yard pick-six with 59 seconds left to seal the victory.

"This has always been a tough place for us to play, and that's a credit to Mott," Henson said. "They come out, and

they're big and physical. We didn't match up really well with them up front, especially on the defensive side of the ball.

"What a great response before half-time. It totally turned the tide and really picked us up. We were counting on a lot of guys tonight who don't really start for us. It was a huge game for us tonight, and our key players stepped up. Quinn (Fracassi) is Quinn. He stepped up (and finished with 56 yards rushing). Tommy (149 yards rushing) is amazing when he's got his hands on the ball. In big games, your big players make big plays, and that's what they did tonight."

But how did the third-stringer do?

"I felt good about him. He's always been our No. 3," Henson added. "He's a Division II baseball player. He throws 90 mph, so he's got an arm. He can throw it. It's just getting him comfortable out there and being in that situation. I thought he struggled a little bit there in the beginning."

"Really proud of how he handled himself, and it makes us feel good. We've got a legitimate backup now to Braden, who will be back playing next week. We're very fortunate."

Obviously, Skupin didn't get to review too much of Plummer's film. But the starter was proud of how the protege performed.

"I tried to get him as prepared as he could and help him as much as I could," said Skupin, who also did it all throughout the game with a sling around his shoulder, from handing out water bottles to helping with the offensive line's film review. "I just wanted him to succeed and, obviously, for the team to get the win. We always say to keep our windows small and to have a short-term memory, and you've just got to keep making plays and keep it simple."

"He struggled at times, but we got the win, so, obviously, he did what he had to do."

The Lions host crosstown rival South Lyon East in Week 9.

Volleyball

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it was an off night for us. Unfortunately, the one night you don't want the off night to happen.

"Northville played great tonight. I give credit to their gameplan. All their players stepped up, too. We knew it was going to be tough going into a rival gym and just too many little plays added up to a loss tonight."

Leading the way for Northville was outside hitter junior Abby Reck. Behind Reck's serves in the first set, Northville created a 9-3 run. In the second and third sets, she was able to be set up by senior Erin Morrissey for hard cross-court spikes that either regained service or built upon a lead.

What's more impressive for Reck is she's still growing into the position.

"I'm still transitioning into it," she admitted. "My coaches have been really helpful in getting me comfortable. We're always training in the gym working on different shots and things. The middle and the outside are just so different with less blocking. It took me a minute, but I think I'm there now."

Lindstrom added: "She is a key player for us because she makes big plays. She brings a lot of energy, too. She's working on a new position, so when she has errors she's able to recover quickly and get the ball again. She's fearless and that energy flows through everyone else."

Novi was buoyed at times by the play

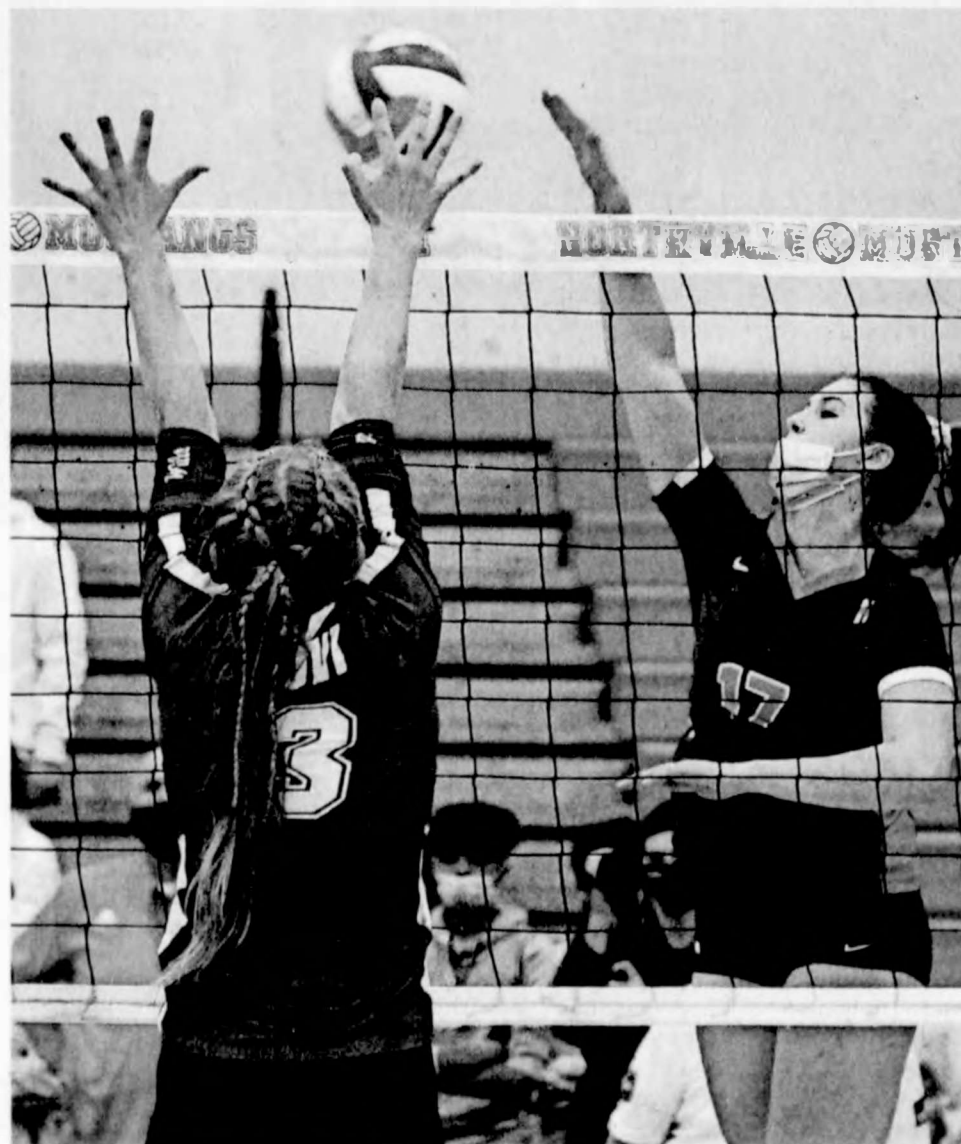


Northville players on the court and on the bench celebrate as the team gets one point closer to taking the second match of the night against Novi.
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of Sarah Vellucci, Rachel Karr, and Lauren Trainor. Senior Sarah Calanchi dug out most of the hard serves the Mustangs threw at her, but those plays made it hard for her to recover back into position.

"When we know what we're doing, and we run our plays well we can score on those. Our hitters kept going up till the very end trying to put the ball away," Byron said.

"On any given night any team can come in and win. We'll get another crack at them in the KLAA tournament, and that is another opportunity to go out and prove ourselves."



Northville's Abby Reck tries to get a spike past Novi's Ally Sharnowski.

Detroit Country Day football loses senior QB in 27-14 win over Loyola

Brandon Mann injured shoulder late in first half

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The week was about to end just as good as it started for Detroit Country Day senior Brandon Mann.

On Oct. 11, the three-star quarterback verbally committed to Kent State, picking the Golden Flashes over other offers from Bowling Green, Northern Illinois and Findlay.

And, on Oct. 16, the 6-foot-4, 225-pound dual-threat was in the process of leading the Yellowjackets (6-1) to a convincing victory over Detroit Loyola.

Three of their first few drives ended in scores, which included Mann diving into the end zone on a 1-yard plunge to make it a 19-0 score with 6:19 left in the half.

Country Day's offense returned four minutes later and drove into the red zone. During a routine shotgun snap, however, Mann fumbled and attempted to corral the loose ball squirting around the field. Loyola wound up recovering it at the 16-yard line, while Mann, according to coach Dan MacLean, suffered a separated shoulder injury.

Mann spent the second half roaming the sidelines in a gray hoodie while backup Hunter Riutta did his best to fill in behind center and help the Yellowjackets pull out the 27-14 victory.

"Had a little bit of pressure on me and fell awkwardly but nothing too serious," said Mann, who said he's likely going to miss the Week 9 regular-season finale at Brother Rice. "I'm just being safe, and there's no need for me to push anything. With this win, we're secured to play in the playoffs, so I'm all good. I'm not trying to rush anything. I just want to be safe and come back when it really matters for the playoffs."

Country Day missed Mann's presence early in the second half, but Riutta stepped up and found his groove late in the fourth quarter. He also received plenty of help from the Yellowjackets' defense, which recorded a safety to make it a 21-6 score 37 seconds into the final period.

The two teams traded field position until their offense finally finished a drive with points with 6:30 left. Riutta helped them move the chains almost the full length of the field, and then Graham Doman capped off the drive with a 4-yard TD.

Doman also opened the game with a



Detroit Country Day's Brandon Mann rushes for a touchdown against Detroit Loyola on Oct. 16.
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6-yard TD in the first quarter.

Riutta has only a handful of snaps under center this fall, and both opportunities came during games early in the season. He'll get his first start in Week 9 and could possibly start in Round 1 of the Division 4 postseason the following week if Mann's injury is worse than they think.

"I was a little nervous, but I knew my team had my back, and we've prepared for this all week," said Riutta, a junior. "We had the week off (with a bye in Week 7), but we kept grinding. We just drove down the field and scored. The

first drive, I was a little nervous. After I figured that out, the second drive I was confident in my team and I knew that we were going to go score after we stopped them with the safety. (Mann) is a key aspect of this team. We're just going to have to adjust to my playing style. But Brandon is a great leader, and he's going to help me get through these next weeks."

Parker Yearego scored on an 11-yard run down the far sidelines with 4:49 left in the first quarter to account for Country Day's other TD, while Loyola's Khari Wright scored on TD runs of 3 and 1

yards.

"I thought they did a good job. The defense stepped up, and Hunter Riutta, our backup quarterback, I thought under the circumstances, did a good job," MacLean said. "It's not an easy position. He hasn't taken any (significant) snaps at all this year, and we didn't play last week. It was difficult, but he's a gutty guy."

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Record-breaking Hartland athlete to run for Michigan State

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HARTLAND — Riley Hough had a chance to join at least one of his former high school cross country rivals in college, but the Hartland star will remain on an opposing team after committing to Michigan State University.

Hough chose MSU over Michigan, Notre Dame and North Carolina.

Former Brighton stars Jack Spamer and Zach Stewart run for Michigan, while former Plymouth star Carter Solomon is at Notre Dame.

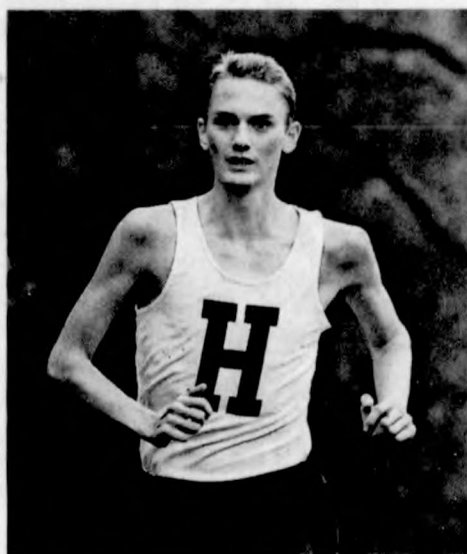
After finishing behind those runners early in his career, Hough has surpassed their accomplishments to become one of the top runners in the nation.

Hough could have competed for any school in the country, but eventually decided he would prefer running closer to home. It helps that the two in-state contenders for his services, MSU and Michigan, have programs that traditionally qualify for the NCAA championships.

"The first half of my recruiting process, I felt more like I wanted to see the variety outside of just Michigan," Hough said. "As the time progressed, I realized I want to stay a little closer. These schools just have a lot. I just feel like I would be better closer to home."

The Spartans reached out to Hough in the summer before his junior year, right before he was about to start ripping off times that rank among the best in Michigan history.

His winning time of 14:49.7 in the state Division 1 meet last season is second only to the legendary 14:10.4 performance by Rockford's Dathan Ritzenhein in 2000. On Oct. 9, Hough broke Ritzenhein's Portage Invitational record by winning in 14:37.1. That time ranks fifth



Riley Hough of Hartland chose Michigan State over Michigan, Notre Dame and North Carolina.
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in the nation this year.

After missing his sophomore season of track and field because of COVID restrictions, Hough won the state 3,200-meter championship. He ran 4:07.34 for the mile to win a meet in Alabama.

"I got a questionnaire from them over Instagram," Hough said. "They've been with me since the start of my recruiting process."

Hough said he enjoyed the recruiting process.

"There are obviously the parts where it's stressful," he said. "This is a decision that will impact the rest of your life. You have to make the right choice. Honestly, I felt perfectly fine going to State. I felt it was a good fit for me. Overall, it was a great time. It was really fun. I had a phenomenal time meeting with everyone."

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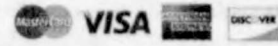


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How to Stall a Job Offer

What to Do When Your First Job Offer Isn't Your First Choice

By ZipRecruiter.com

You're in the process of interviewing for jobs at several different places. You haven't received an offer from your top choice, but you get one from another company. Should you jeopardize your chances of a sure thing for the uncertain possibility of working at your dream job? Well, if you handle it with finesse, there is usually a way to stall a job offer without damaging your reputation or the opportunity.

This is a nice problem to have...but it's still a problem. Your next move will depend on many different factors, such as how badly you need a job and how strong your chances are of receiving an offer from the other company. Here are some tips on how to delay your answer without burning any bridges.

Show Gratitude

Share your appreciation for the time and resources they have spent on you.

Make it clear that you're appreciative of the job offer. If it seems you're balking or lukewarm, they'll start to reconsider and feel less charitable about giving you extra time. Say something like, "I'm very excited about the offer, but need a little time to make an informed decision." Give them a specific date by which you'll respond (if you can, find out timing from the offer you're waiting on) but always be cognizant of their time restraints.

Figure Out What's Missing

Assess why you don't want this role and what might make it more desirable.

If this were your dream job, you'd have probably said, "yes" right away. Clearly, there are some things about the job that are missing. Identify those missing elements and determine if they're non-negotiable. Is it possible to add them to the current offer? Are they even realistic?

Think about whether there are unanswered questions that could help you decide. Consider all of the components that make up the job offer: salary, hours, job responsibilities, potential for career advancement, benefits. Don't forget the quality of life questions such as flexibility, workplace culture, commute times, etc. Getting clarification

on the details will not only make it easier to decide, it can also buy you some time.

Be Honest

Tell them you want to make sure you have a full sense of your options.

In a previous blog post on negotiating job offers, we pointed out that being in this position could actually be a benefit. The employer might ask your reasons for needing extra time. There's nothing that says you need to only consider one company at a time and it is a completely legitimate excuse to say that you are still meeting with other companies. But the way you deliver your answer can greatly influence the outcome.

Do not make it seem like the employer is your fall back choice, even if they are. Let them know that you're in the midst of a process that you need to see through and want to carefully examine and compare all offers before making a decision.

This doesn't necessarily mean that a company will give you all the time you need. Your responsibility is to try and expedite things by scheduling interviews as close together as possible and understanding the pros and cons of each company before you get an offer. If you're gracious and diplomatic, it might work in your favor by making you seem like a more desirable candidate.

Be Proactive

Sometimes you can use multiple offers to your advantage, especially when a little gentle, diplomatic pressure is required. If you really want to work for Company A, but Company B has already made an offer, you can use this to your advantage. Tell your top choice that Company B needs an answer from you, but you'd much prefer to work for them. Ask if there is anything you can do to help speed up the process. If they say no, it's possible that you weren't a legitimate contender to begin with.

Don't Lead Anyone On

Be upfront about your intentions and make room for other candidates.

Always be respectful of a company's time and consideration. Don't leave them on the hook if you really can't picture yourself working there. Unless you're in dire straits financially, your reason for accepting an offer should not be, "because nothing else better came along." When you do decide, always tell them verbally as well as in written form. Treat them with the same courtesy that you'd hope to receive from them.



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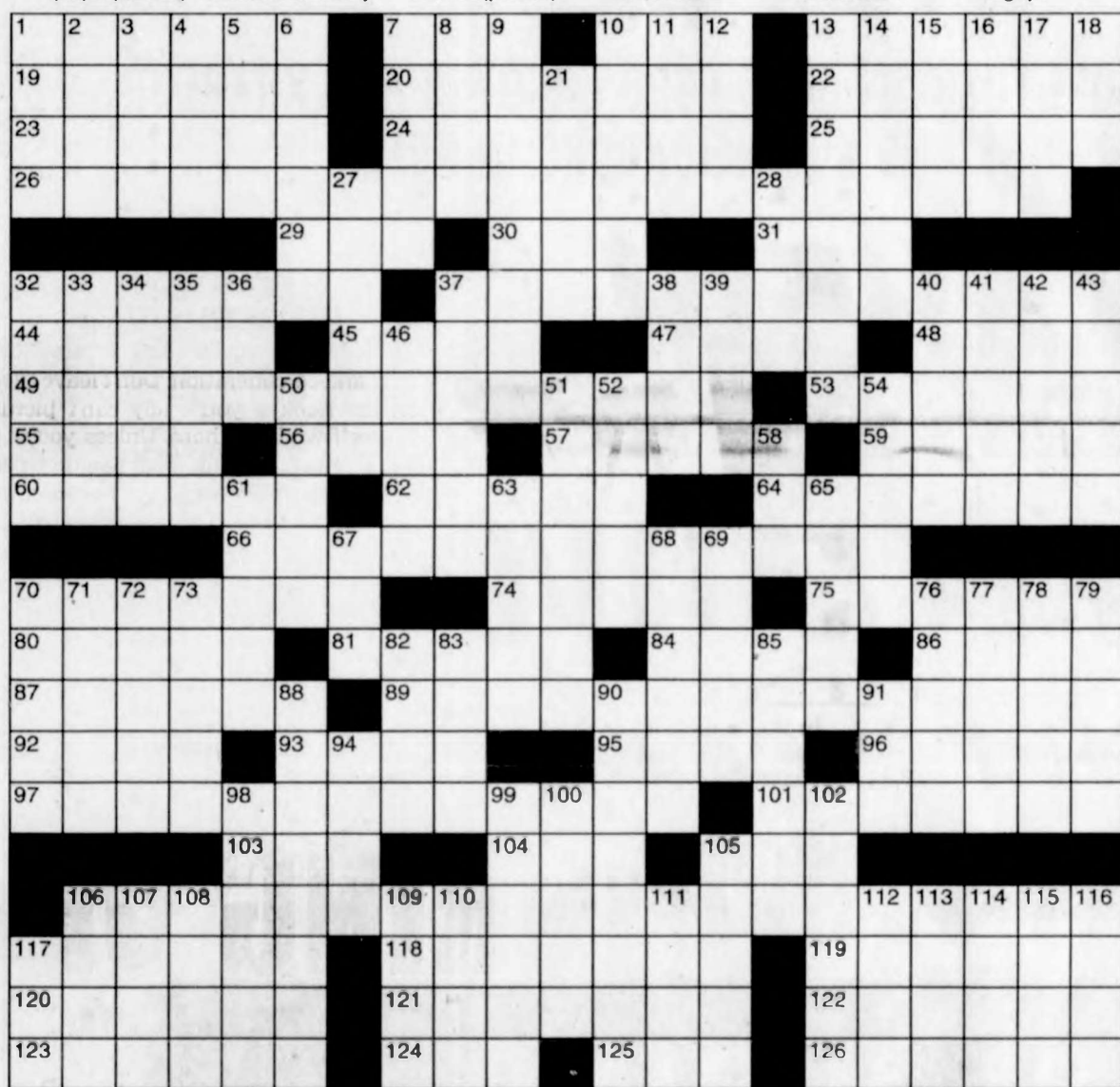
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52 Kofi, once of the U.N.
54 Caveman's weapon
58 Scrub nurses' sites, in brief
61 Be hammy
63 Tribal pole emblem
65 — Mountain (Vermont ski resort)
67 Two fives
68 — Marymount University
69 Stadium's kin
70 Britcom of the '90s
71 Pope before Paul V
72 Coors offering
73 Trade group
76 GPS calculation
77 1941 Oscar winner Mary
78 Scottish title
79 Emitted a contented sigh
82 Ending for golden or New
83 Arnaz of TV
85 Decide on
88 Toned down
90 Outside clearance event, of a sort
91 Quite chubby
94 Bert with lion lines
98 Not delayed
99 Diamond substitute
100 Baseball pioneer Buck
102 Came closer
105 One way to fry food
106 Chunky slice
107 Garr of films
108 Spellbound
109 Flair
110 Cocooned insect
111 Son of Seth
112 Head, in Haiti
113 Classroom
114 Apple, often
115 Bard's Ireland
116 Revue sketch
117 Pill-OK'ing agcy.



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Average time of solution: 62 minutes

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SUDOKU



Difficulty Level ★★★

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

WHAT THE DICKENS?

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

T Y L L O D B U Z F U Z S G G I M R
R I H J D F S S A R G D O N S P I F
O M E S O C O P P E R F I E L D P W
T F A S O B S P E C K S N I F F R D
T R S G K J C C U T T L E B P E L N
E H A O W R E L L E W D E R G U E O
R S O D D I C K P I T L O D O T J G
A R I M D F T U S I A S O M I E G
K S E K A L J C R C S D F L B U N S
U R N M R S E R H N L C F A J E N S
A E I U O A O S C U I Z R S N B Y T
G G G O F D B T F H V C G O E G E R
N G A W O Q A T T R A A K T O K P S
E A F R G P R E E R M R S L C G I T
S J A I L A S V K P Q Y L U E P E S
B V R E J G I E H E E P B E P B C I
O P Y R E L R B M H C N I P S I Y W

AGNES
ARTFUL DODGER
BARKIS
BETSY
BOB
BUCKET
BUZFUZ
CALEB
CARKER
CHARLES
COPPERFIELD
GUTTLE
DICK
DOLLY
DOMBEY
DORA
DORRIT
FAGIN
FANG
FIPS
FLITE
FOGG
FOSS
GAMP
HEEP
JAGGERS
JENNY
JOB
JOSH
JUPE
KROOK
MAGWITCH
MIGGS
MOULD
NICKLEBY
NOGGS
OLIVER
OMER
PECKSNIFF
PEGGOTTY
PINCH
PIP
PRIG
PROSS
SCROOGE
SETH
SIKES
SNODGRASS
TAPLEY
THOMAS
TOM
TRADDLES
TROTTER
TWIST
WELLER



WHAT THE DICKENS?
5 3 2 6 1 4 9 7 8
1 6 9 3 8 7 4 5 2
4 8 2 7 9 9 1 3 6
1 2 6 4 3 9 7 8 9
8 7 3 9 2 6 4 1 9
9 5 4 7 1 8 2 6 3
3 2 9 7 6 1 8 9 7
7 9 8 4 5 3 6 2 1
6 9 1 8 9 2 3 5 7



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