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Lyon Twp. Fire department plans for new station, ladder truck, staff

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Christmas came early for Lyon Township Fire Chief Ken Van Sparrentak with a \$1.3 million unexpected surprise, and some other goodies, too.

Santa, aka the township board, unanimously granted two requests from the fire chief — a facilities study for a new fire station and an assessment center to hire new full-time staff. Additionally, Van Sparrentak got something he didn't anticipate — approval to buy a

ladder truck, a first for the township. "I've always wanted fire truck for Christmas," he said. "It was a good night." Van Sparrentak had intended to only bring up the ladder truck as part of a larger discussion with the council about

problems with Fire Engine #2, a 10-year-old pumper truck on which the department has spent thousands of dollars in repairs.

He had already previously received

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Catholic Central driveway plan to be revised

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

It appears plans are moving forward with a new driveway connecting Detroit Catholic Central High School to 12 Mile Road.

The proposal, which would connect the high school campus at 27225 Wixom Road in Novi with a stretch of 12 Mile Road to the north, received support from the city's planning commission after being tabled earlier this fall due to issues brought up by surrounding residents.

"We are back after a two-month delay seeking approval for our project," Ed Turek, president of the high school, said during a meeting Dec. 8 at the Novi Civic Center. "We've made major concessions to the project."

Residents of the nearby Berkshire Pointe neighborhood came out en masse at a planning commission meeting earlier this fall when the plans were first publicly discussed. Many of those residents spoke out against the plans, saying it would negatively affect them. After the planning commission tabled the proposal, it gave time for meetings between the school and the neighbors to take place and hammer out issues.

Changes to the plans include keep-

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Kindergarten teacher Kim Mitchell listens as student Ameera Jones shares the questions she has for Santa Claus.
 JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Kindergartners get answers to Santa Claus-related questions

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com
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Hometown Life landed its biggest interview of all time the other day.

Santa Claus — yes, that Santa Claus — and Mrs. Holly Claus happened to stop by Livonia for a pre-Christmas chat as the holiday nears. This holly,

jolly couple with an international impact agreed to an interview on all things Christmas.

Needless to say, the pressure was on. We didn't want to ask them any silly questions. So, we decided to enlist a few Christmas experts to help us come up with some ideas.

Kim Mitchell's kindergarten class at

Randolph Elementary in Livonia graciously opened its door for us to pick their brains on what they'd ask Santa if they could ask him anything.

We talked reindeer, chimneys, cookies, wardrobe choices — you name it.

Here's what they wanted to know:

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Fire destroys Milford Township mobile home

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A wrecked car and a destroyed mobile home has devastated a Milford Township family during the holidays.

About 30 weeks pregnant, Ashlee Good totaled her car when a deer crossed her path in early December. And then a neighbor in the Chiids Lake Estates mobile home community broke her sleep by pounding on her window shortly before 4 a.m. Dec. 15.

When she opened her door, he screamed "Fire! Get out!"

She woke her boyfriend, their three children — 9, 6 and 2 — and other relatives in the home and they were able to escape.

But they lost everything, including their Christmas tree with presents and the various baby items she had bought.

"There's ash and soot and water and everything is destroyed in the entire house," Good said. "I feel kind of numb to it all. It hasn't really sunk in yet. These past couple of weeks have been very traumatic."

"My car is totaled and now my house is gone. We lost everything."

Good, a medical assistant, said she and her boyfriend Dennis Horsfield, who does carpentry, live paycheck to paycheck. Their insurance is letting them take shelter at a hotel for less than



Milford Township firefighters could not save this mobile home Dec. 15. PROVIDED

a month and will only cover a pittance of their lost belongings, she said

Firefighters have ruled the fire accidental. Chief Tom Moore said flames began in the family's shed, possibly because of some battery-powered items, and then spread to the top of their mobile home. He agreed the home was destroyed.

A friend is trying to help with a GoFundMe campaign, "Help the Horsfields."

"Literally only the clothes on their back were salvageable," Cassidy Blackburn wrote.

"Please help turn this loving family's Christmas around."

"With the issue of no vehicle and the

fire starting in the shed, they lost all of the tools that (Dennis Horsfield) was using to work. The children are devastated, and with a newborn on the way anything would help to try and cheer them up this holiday season."

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approval for a new pumper truck, but was worried about the length of time it would take to arrive — likely not until 2023 — and whether the current truck would last that long.

When Van Sparrentak contacted truck maker Sutphen to see if the department could pay more to expedite delivery of the pumper truck, he learned that was not an option. However, the company did have a ladder truck that was newly completed on Dec. 6 and could be available to the township in July after being used by the company for some demonstrations.

While the ladder truck did not have all the bells and whistles originally planned for by the Lyon Township apparatus committee, at just over \$1.3 million it was almost \$200,000 cheaper and was close to what they wanted. The truck will improve safety in a fast developing township, with a ladder that reaches 100 feet.

The purchase should improve the

township's insurance score, along with the hiring of more full-time firefighters.

The township hired its first four full-time firefighters, along with two full-time captains, at the end of 2019 and added two more full-time firefighters in 2020. But now four of those six firefighters, along with a captain, have departed.

Van Sparrentak said four of the firefighters left to join the Detroit Fire Department.

"I wish them well," he said. "They are at different stages in their career and family life. Some were on the Detroit list for more than a year and were waiting for that opportunity and when it came up, they took it."

Van Sparrentak continues to see an ongoing staffing problem that has been ongoing throughout the fire service for some time. Like other departments, he has sought to offer a good salary and benefits packages and is currently "close" to ratification of a contract with the union representing the full-time firefighters after months of negotiations.

To help the chief hire four new full-time firefighters and a captain, the council approved assessment centers to test qualifications for selected candi-

dates, at a cost of \$8,825 to find a captain from five possible candidates and \$4,300 to test up to nine firefighter candidates, ultimately hiring four.

In the meantime, the department which has 23 paid on-call firefighters, has had a lot of people step up to fill in empty shifts, Van Sparrentak said.

The council also approved a facilities study to be conducted by Redstone Architects at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. The study's goal is to find and evaluate up to seven possible locations to build a new fire station or possibly a public safety complex that could also house Oakland County Sheriff's Office deputies.

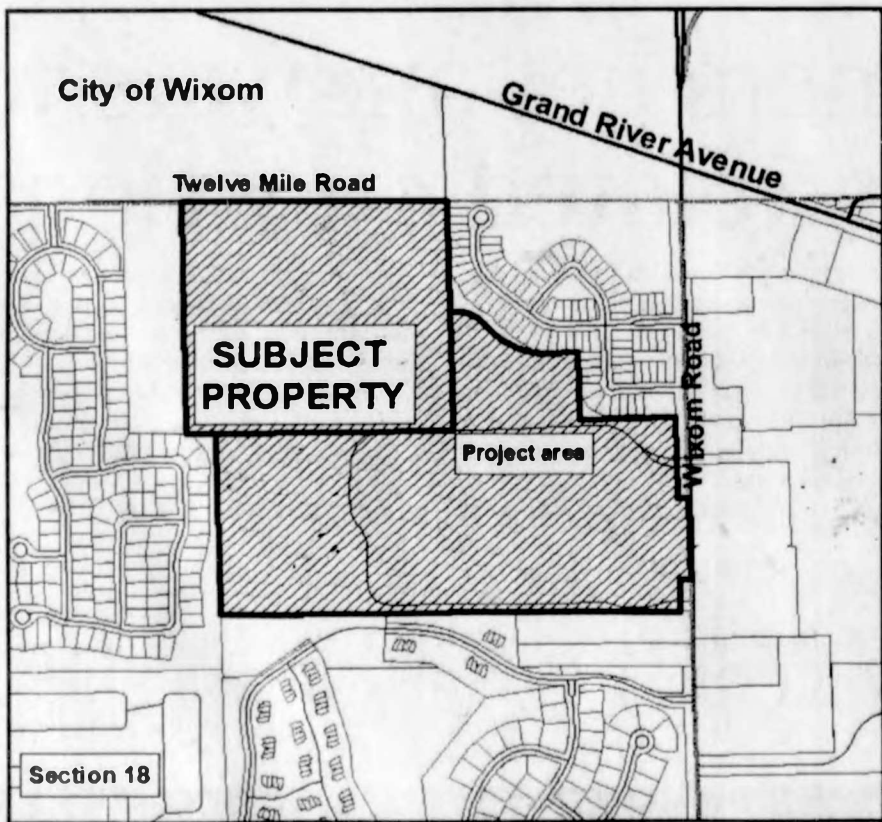
Renovations to existing fire stations are also under consideration, but a station in the quickly developing south end of the township would improve response times, Van Sparrentak said.

"We're looking at the future needs for emergency response service delivery in Lyon Township," he said. "We look at it as a master plan for the fire department, and it sets a road map for the next 10 to 20 years."

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

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **January 12, 2022**, at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **CATHOLIC CENTRAL STEM ADDITION, JSP 21-44, FOR REVISED SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLAND PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL, THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS ZONED R-4, R-1 AND I-1.** The property is approximately 115.77 acres and is located at 27225 Wixom Road, south of Twelve Mile Road and west of Wixom Road (Section 18). The applicant is proposing a two-story, 56,000 square foot addition to the school building. Revisions to parking areas are also proposed.



Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

Subject Parcel IDs: 22-18-200-026 and 22-18-200-027

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, **January 12, 2022.**

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Lyon Township firefighter Emma Kortekaas climbs onto Engine #2 at Station Two on Ten Mile on Dec. 10. The Township is looking to potentially build another station and invest in more engines for their staff. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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 **January 11, 2022**, at 7:00PM in the **Council Chambers** of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ21-0077 (Metro Detroit Signs / Land Rover Jaguar) 25245 Meadowbrook Road, West of Meadowbrook Road and South of Grand River Avenue, Parcel 50-22-23-251-025. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(a) and 28-5(b)(1)(b) for number of signs, oversized signs and over height signs. Five additional wall signs and five additional ground signs (a combination of three signs are permitted). Two wall signs are oversized by 40.44 square feet and two wall signs are oversized by 12.53 square feet. One ground sign is over height by 2 feet and three ground signs are over height by 1.22 feet. Six-foot height is permitted. This property is zoned Gateway East (GE).

PZ21-0078 (Coy Construction) 22230 Meridian Lane, East of Meadowbrook Road and South of Nine Mile Road, Parcel 50-22-36-102-014. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Sections 3.1.4 for a proposed rear yard setback of 30 feet (35 feet minimum required, variance of 5 feet). This variance would accommodate the building of a screen porch on the existing deck. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-3).

PZ21-0079 (Metro Detroit Signs / Sleep Number) 26222 Novi Road 100, East of Novi Road and North of Grand River Avenue, Parcel 50-22-14-352-002. The applicant is requesting variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(d)(2) for the installation of a 52.87 square foot illuminated wall sign on the east elevation of the building (24 square feet allowed, variance of 28.87 square feet). This property is zoned Town Center (TC).

PZ21-0080 (Cambridge of Novi LLC / Terra), West of Beck Road and North of Eight Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-32-402-038. 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).

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Santa and Mrs. Claus greet some visitors Dec. 14 in their sled trailer. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Questions

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How, Leo Rojas wants to know, do you get the reindeer to fly?

It's all from the elven magic that was bestowed upon me back when I was a child after I lost both of my parents.

How, Jayden Statham and Aryana Smith want to know, did you grow such a big beard?

I just let it grow year-round. I trim it up, but I don't shave it. I like looking like Santa year-round — I'll find children who are being good and recognize them for that.

Why, Alena Lubus wants to know, is your coat red?

Red happened to be the color my mother had me in when I was found by the elves. The red is to honor my mother and the things she believed about Christmas.

Why, Bailey Taylor wants to know, do you like cookies and milk? And, Mrs. Mitchell wants to know, what's your favorite kind of cookie?

Back in the day, cookies were the easiest thing to make so I've always stayed with that tradition. Some people didn't like receiving gifts and not giving anything back, so I told them they could leave cookies or carrots as a "thank you."

I like to eat sugar cookies with no frosting. I like to have a little extra butter so they're nice and moist in the middle, too. They're best cooked with a caramel brown on the bottom.

What do you get asked for the most?

The three most common ones are world peace, no more COVID and no more school shootings. Those are the three big ones.

What most people don't realize is that Santa gets asked the tough questions.

The entire class is curious: What you do in your free time in the North Pole?

People think we spend our time up at the North



Randolph Elementary kindergarten teacher Kim Mitchell talks to her students.

Pole, but we don't. We have the elves up there doing their jobs — and we'll stop to visit them — but we're out looking for kids and adults being good. We want to promote a love-based world, not a fear-based world. So, we go out there to find those kids and adults and remind them to keep doing good.

Do you know how you stay on the good list? By being true to who you are.

How, Samantha Kartmann wants to know, do you get down the chimney? And, Farrah Ahmadi wants to know, what do you do at houses without chimneys?

It's the magic I have from the elves that allows me to do it. If people don't have a chimney, I go through the key hole. All houses have key holes.

Santa will be around Livonia through the Christmas season and is at Greenmead Historical Park on the weekends as part of the park's Night of Lights event. He'll meet for photos or do Zoom calls when preferred. People can learn more at believesantaed.com.

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



Randolph Elementary student Raylen Stiegmeir.



Randolph Elementary student Aryana Smith.



Randolph Elementary student Ripley Young.

Driveway

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ing the current vegetation to help buffer between the development and the homes, as well as Catholic Central adding additional trees, in addition to other conditions.

If approved and constructed, the plans call for a driveway built from the high school's parking lot that would extend through the currently-vacant field to the north of the buildings and exit onto 12 Mile Road south of Grand River.

While the audience had significantly fewer people in it than during the initial presentation of the project in October, there were some people who spoke out and said they still had issues with the plan.

One of those people was Lori Rich, who lives in the nearby Leisure Co-Operative just north of 12 Mile in Wixom near where the driveway will connect. She said she's concerned not only about environmental issues with such a development,

but with additional traffic through the neighborhood.

"We're concerned about cut-through traffic," she said. "The 50-and-up community

should not be a major cut-through street."

The agreement and collaboration between the school and the neighbors nearby was one Commission John Av-

doulos said he was pleased with.

"It seems like quite a bit of work has been done to get this in the right direction," he said. "I just want to encourage the

continues communication between Catholic Central and the neighbors and the city."

The proposal next goes to the city council for its review and determina-

tion.

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Visits with Santa Claus help a Pawsitive cause

Eric Seals Detroit Free Press
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As they sit waiting, they'll notice Santa Claus on a couch with his white beard and red suit motioning for them to come see him.

Sometimes they're shaking with nerves, often looking back at Mom or Dad for reassurance, not sure what to make of him.

"I have a treat bag I'll use to make them feel more comfortable," says Santa Claus, played Dan Eleson, 68, of Canton, and of all the ones he'll see, "pugs and dachshunds are perfect, they just always seem to be carefree, very loving dogs."

At the recent Novi Pet Expo at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Dec. 3-5, Pawsitive Impact for Pets, a non-profit founded to keep pets safe and healthy, used its "Photos with Santa" booth to raise funds for its organization.

In 2010, Tonya Whitehead, president and co-founder, and volunteers saw pictures with Santa as a great way to raise money for a great cause.

An emailed picture with Santa costs \$10; a printed one is \$25, and all proceeds go to Pawsitive Impact for Pets.

"Nonprofits like ours, other shelters and rescues focus on animal welfare. We are the last line of defense, and it takes time and money to do that kind of thing," Whitehead said.

During the three-day pet expo, volunteer photographer Joanna Poe photographed all kinds of dogs, 157 of them.

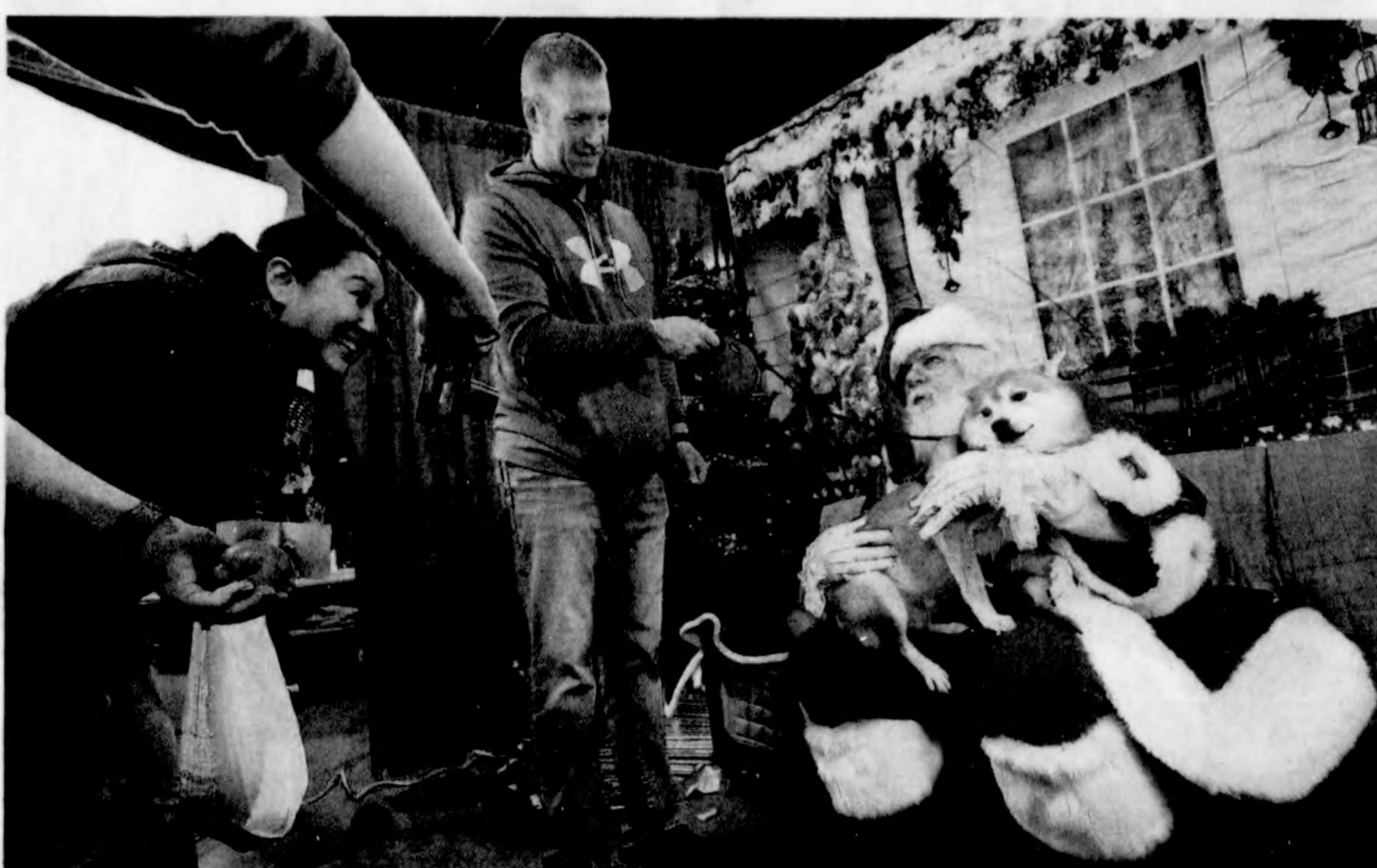
"Every dog is different," said Poe, who admits she's more of a cat person. "They all have different personalities and it's fun to see them react to Santa."

She says patience with the dogs is a must to do her job and that "my favorite moments are when we get a dog that isn't nervous around Santa and just looks happy and we'll get a good picture out of it."

For Santa, three straight days posing for pictures with all kinds of dogs sitting on his lap or next to him does attract lots of dog hairs and smells.

Santa Eleson said he has to take great care of the six Santa suits he has.

For more info about Pawsitive Impact for Pets visit pawsitiveimpactforpets.com.



Kat and Charlie Kinzel, of Belleville, try to get Buddy, a shiba inu, to cooperate with Santa Claus, played by Dan Eleson, during the Novi Pet Expo at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi on Dec. 4. PHOTOS BY ERIC SEALS/DETROIT FREE PRESS



Dogs Freya, left, and Cooper sit with Santa as their owners try to keep their attention on photographer Joanna Poe.



Poodles Oliver and Henry, both 3, sit with Santa Claus.

Press Release from the City of South Lyon Water Department "Wellhead Protection Program" for the December 23, 2021 edition of the SOUTH LYON HERALD HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

WINNERS
OF THE
2021 SOUTH LYON LOGO ART CONTEST



Honorable Mentions:

ALYSSA BELL, Artist and 12th Grade Student at Westland-Wayne Community Schools' Digital Art & Design Class, Westland, MI. INSTRUCTOR MARK BENGLIAN.

LA-NINA JACKSON, Artist and 12th Grade Student at Westland-Wayne Community Schools' Digital Art & Design Class, Westland, MI. INSTRUCTOR MARK BENGLIAN.

KHARI JONES, Artist and 12th Grade Student at Westland-Wayne Community Schools' Digital Art & Design Class, Westland, MI. INSTRUCTOR MARK BENGLIAN.

KEYERRA UNDERWOOD, 12th Grade Student at Westland-Wayne Community Schools' Digital Art & Design Class, Westland, MI. INSTRUCTOR MARK BENGLIAN.

ILYSE ZINCONE, Artist from Massapequa Park, NY.

Best Logo in Crayon:

REBECCA BARIL, Artist, and South Lyon, MI Resident.

Top Three Winning Logos:

Third Place Artist: KAILYN HUNTER, Artist, and Student of INSTRUCTOR MARK BENGLIAN, Digital Art & Design Class at Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Westland, MI.

Second Place Artist: CHARLOTTE TAPP, Artist, and Resident of South Lyon, MI.

First Place Artist: MAYA KATSUDA, Artist, and Resident of New Hudson, MI.

The organizer wishes to thank all the Artists, the Judges, City Administration Staff, the South Lyon Cultural Arts Commission, and everyone at the City Water Department. Thank you to all who participated in the 2021 South Lyon Logo Art Contest!

Notes: Many Artists' participated in the 2021 South Lyon Art Contest - to design a new logo for the City of South Lyon, Water Department's "Wellhead Protection Program". A program that protects the drinking water at the source, keeping South Lyon Drinking Water - Safe, Reliable, and Secure.

The organizer said over forty logo artworks were entered into the Art Contest; with four Judges participating, by choosing logos based on their ability to convey the Wellhead Protection Program's Goals.

The judges names and affiliations are:

- Judge Douglas Varney, Director, Water, Waste Water, and Public Works Departments, City of South Lyon.
- Judge Ken Michalik, Chairman, South Lyon Cultural Arts Commission, City of South Lyon.
- Judge Dayna Johnston, Commissioner, South Lyon Cultural Arts Commission, City of South Lyon.
- Judge Ron Beason, Chief Water Operator, Water, and Wastewater Departments, City of South Lyon.

The winning Artists will receive the following monetary prizes: First Place = \$200, Second Place = \$100, Third Place = \$75.

The winning logos will be used for Wellhead Protection Program letterhead, flags, educational items purchased to distribute as "takeaways" at special events, business cards, patches, display items.

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for the Wellhead Protection Program's
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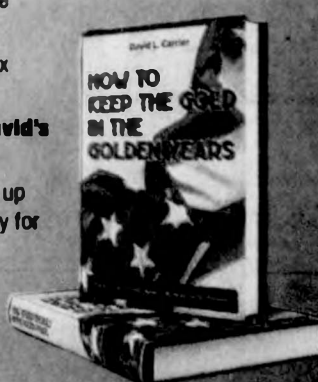
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Jacob Marley's Ghost: "[P]igtail, usual waistcoat, tights and boots; the tassels on the latter bristling, like his pigtail... The chain he drew was clasped about his middle. It was long, and wound about him like a tail; and it was made... of cash-boxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds, and heavy purses wrought in steel. His body was transparent; so that Scrooge, observing him, and looking through his waistcoat, could see the two buttons on his coat behind."

Robert "Bob" Cratchit: "[L]ittle Bob, the father, with at least three feet of comforter exclusive of the fringe, hanging down before him; and his threadbare clothes darned up and brushed..."

Fred (The Nephew): "[W]ith rapid walking in the fog and frost, this nephew of Scrooge's... was all in a glow; his face was ruddy and handsome; his eyes sparkled, and his breath smoked again." "[T]here is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good-humour. ...Scrooge's nephew laughed in this way..."

Christmas Past, Spirit of: "[A] strange figure—like a child: yet not so like a child as like an old man... It wore a tunic of the purest white... It held a branch of fresh green holly in its hand; and... had its dress trimmed with summer flowers. But the strangest thing about it was, that from the crown of its head there sprang a bright clear jet of light, by which all this was visible[.]

Christmas Present, Ghost of: "[A] jolly Giant, glorious to see; who bore a glowing torch..." "[C]lothed in one simple green robe... bordered with white fur. This garment hung so loosely on the figure, that its capacious breast was bare... Its feet were also bare; and on its head it wore no other covering than a holly wreath, set here and there with shining icicles. Its dark brown curls were long and free; free as its genial face, its sparkling eye, its open hand, its cheery voice, its unconstrained demeanour, and its joyful air."

Christmas Yet to Come, Phantom of: "[S]hrouded in a deep black garment, which concealed its head, its face, its form, and left nothing of it visible save one outstretched hand. But for this it would have been difficult to detach its figure from the night and separate it from the darkness by which it was surrounded."

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Convenient Contributors: Portly Gentlemen, Mr. & Mrs. Fezziwig, Mrs. Cratchit, Tiny Tim, Fred's wife,



IS IT SUCH A RIDICULOUS IDEA THAT AT CHRISTMASTIME WE COULD FIND KINDNESS FOR ONE ANOTHER AND JOY IN OUR HEARTS?

Scrooge: "Bah!" ... "Humbug!"

Fred: "Christmas a humbug, uncle!" ... "You don't mean that, I am sure?"

Scrooge: "I do." ... "Merry Christmas! What right have you to be merry? What reason have you to be merry? You're poor enough."

Fred: "Come, then... What right have you to be dismal? What reason have you to be morose? You're rich enough."

Scrooge: "Bah!" ... "Humbug."

Portly Gentleman: "[A] few of us are endeavouring to raise a fund to buy the Poor some meat and drink and means of warmth. We choose this time, because it is a time, of all others, when Want is keenly felt, and Abundance rejoices."

Scrooge: "If I could work my will," ... "every idiot who goes about with 'Merry Christmas' on his lips, should be boiled with his own pudding, and buried with a stake of holly through his heart. He should!"

Fred: "I am sorry, with all my heart, to find you so resolute. So, A Merry Christmas, uncle!"

Marley's Ghost: "At this time of the rolling year, I suffer most. Why did I walk through crowds of fellow-beings with my eyes turned down, and never raise them to that blessed Star which led the Wise Men to a poor abode! Were there no poor homes to which its light would have conducted me!"

Scrooge: "[K]eep Christmas in your own way and let me keep it in mine."

Spirit of Past: "These are but shadows of the things that have been." "They have no consciousness of us."

Fezziwig: "Yo ho, my boys! No more work to-night. Christmas Eve, Dick. Christmas,

Ebenezer! Let's have the shutters up, before a man can say Jack Robinson!"

Spirit of Past: "A small matter, to make these silly folks so full of gratitude."

Ghost of Present: "You have never seen the like of me before!"

Scrooge: "Never." "I am afraid I have not. Have you had many brothers, Spirit?"

Ghost of Present: "More than eighteen hundred."

Scrooge: "A tremendous family to provide for!" "Merry Christmas! Out upon merry Christmas! What's Christmas time to you but a time for paying bills without money; a time for finding yourself a year older, but not an hour richer; a time for balancing your books and having every item in 'em through a round dozen of months presented dead against you?"

Fred: "But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of when men and women seem to open their shut-up hearts freely. And therefore, uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say, God bless it!"

Tiny Tim: "God bless Us, Every One!"

DO YOU REJECT THE IDEA, ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES?

Marley's Ghost: "Man of the worldly mind! Do you believe in me or not?"

Scrooge: "I must. But why do spirits walk the earth, and why do they come to me?"

Marley's Ghost: "It is required of every man, that the spirit within him should walk abroad among his fellowmen and travel far and wide; and if that spirit goes not forth in life, it is condemned to do so after death. It is doomed to wander through the world—oh, woe is me!—and witness what it cannot share, but might have shared on earth, and turned to happiness!"

Scrooge: "Spirit, tell me if Tiny Tim will live."

Ghost of Present: "I see a vacant seat in the poor chimney-corner, and a crutch without an owner, carefully preserved. If these shadows remain unaltered by the Future, the child will die."

Scrooge: "No, no, Oh, no, kind Spirit! say he will be spared."

Ghost of Present: "What then? If he be like to die, he had better do it, and decrease the surplus population."

Scrooge: "Men's courses will foreshadow certain ends, to which, if persevered in, they must lead, but if the courses be departed from, the ends will change. Say it is thus with what you show me!"

Phantom of Future: The finger pointed from the grave to him, and back again.

Scrooge: "Spirit! Hear me! I am not the man I was. I will not be the man I must have been but

for this intercourse. Why show me this if I am past all hope!"

SHOULD YOU ONLY BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS YOU FIRST?

Bob Cratchit: "I'll give you Mr. Scrooge, the Founder of the Feast!"

Mrs. Cratchit: "The Founder of the Feast indeed! It should be Christmas Day, I am sure, on which one drinks the health of such an odious, stingy, hard, unfeeling man as Mr. Scrooge."

Bob Cratchit: "My dear, Christmas Day."



Mrs. Cratchit: "I'll drink his health for your sake and the Day's, not for his. Long life to him! A merry Christmas and a happy new year!"

Fred: "Here is a glass of mulled wine ready to our hand; and I say, 'Uncle Scrooge!' A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the old man, whatever he is! He wouldn't take it from me, but may he have it, nevertheless. Uncle Scrooge!"

Everyone: "Well! Uncle Scrooge!"

IS ANYONE BEYOND REDEMPTION? IF A SCROOGE CAN BE SAVED CAN ANYONE BE DOOMED?

Scrooge: "I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future! The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. Oh Jacob Marley! Heaven, and the Christmas Time be praised for this! I say it on my knees, old Jacob; on my knees! A merry Christmas to everybody! A happy New Year to all the world."

Scrooge was better than his word. He did it all, and infinitely more; and to Tiny Tim, who did not die, he was a second father. He became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as the good old city knew, or any other good old city, in the good old world.

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Northville's Miss America contestant secures scholarship money in competition

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Juggling a 32-credit medical school course load while serving as Miss Michigan and competing in the Miss America pageant was equal parts exhilaration, exhaustion and reward for Northville native graduate Vivian Zhong.

"When I returned home (Friday night), I slept 16 straight hours," Zhong admitted during a Sunday afternoon interview. "Myself and a lot of my 50 sister Miss America contestants have been texting photos of ourselves waking up from our extended sleeps."

"Every day I was there we were up until at least midnight rehearsing and doing other things, and then we'd be up at 6 a.m. the next morning. After a while, you're running on the adrenaline that the excitement of the event creates."

The 100th Miss America Pageant was held at the Mohegan Sun Resort in Uncasville, Connecticut. For the first time in modern-day history, it was live-streamed on the Peacock Network and not televised live on mainstream television.

Although Zhong was not selected as a top-10 contestant during the Dec. 16 finale, she cashed in on her intelligence and wide appeal across America by securing \$24,000 in scholarships.

Zhong, who performed a 90-second version of Frederic Chopin's Minute Waltz in the talent competition, won \$1,000 after being named the best talent of the contestants not in the pageant's top 10. She pocketed another \$10,000 in scholarship money by winning the America's Choice award, which is decided by an online public vote, and a \$10,000 Women in STEM scholarship.

Each contestant also received \$3,000 for qualifying for the pageant.

"I think the most difficult part of the entire experience was seeing how disappointed some of my sisters were who didn't make the top 10," Zhong said. "This is a multi-year effort to get here to this stage for many us, me included, so there is some disappointment when you fall short of your goals."



Northville native Vivian Zhong is interviewed during the 100th Miss America Pageant. PHOTOS COURTESY OF VIVIAN ZHONG

"Ultimately, though, we have to remember that the opinion of five judges shouldn't make us feel down about ourselves. Just to make it to that stage is an accomplishment we all need to feel proud about."

One of the week's highlights for Zhong was an opportunity to meet Farmington Hills native Kirsten Haglund, who earned the Miss America title in 2008.

"I was 10 years old the year Kirsten won and I remember telling my mom, 'I want to do that someday,'" Zhong recounted. "Kirsten has lived in Europe since I started competing (for Miss Michigan) so this was the first time I got to talk to her. It was a surreal experi-

ence."

Zhong has been an advocate for her social impact initiative "Golden Warriors: Fight Like a Kid" throughout her term as Miss Michigan, which runs through June of 2022.

Now that she's home and break from medical school, Zhong has one goal on her mind.

"I'm going to spend a few days relaxing with my family and chilling a little after a busy few months," she said.

Emma Broyles was crowned Miss America 2022, the first Miss Alaska to win the competition.

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Zhong smiles after completing her rendition of Frederic Chopin's "Minute Waltz" during the pageant.



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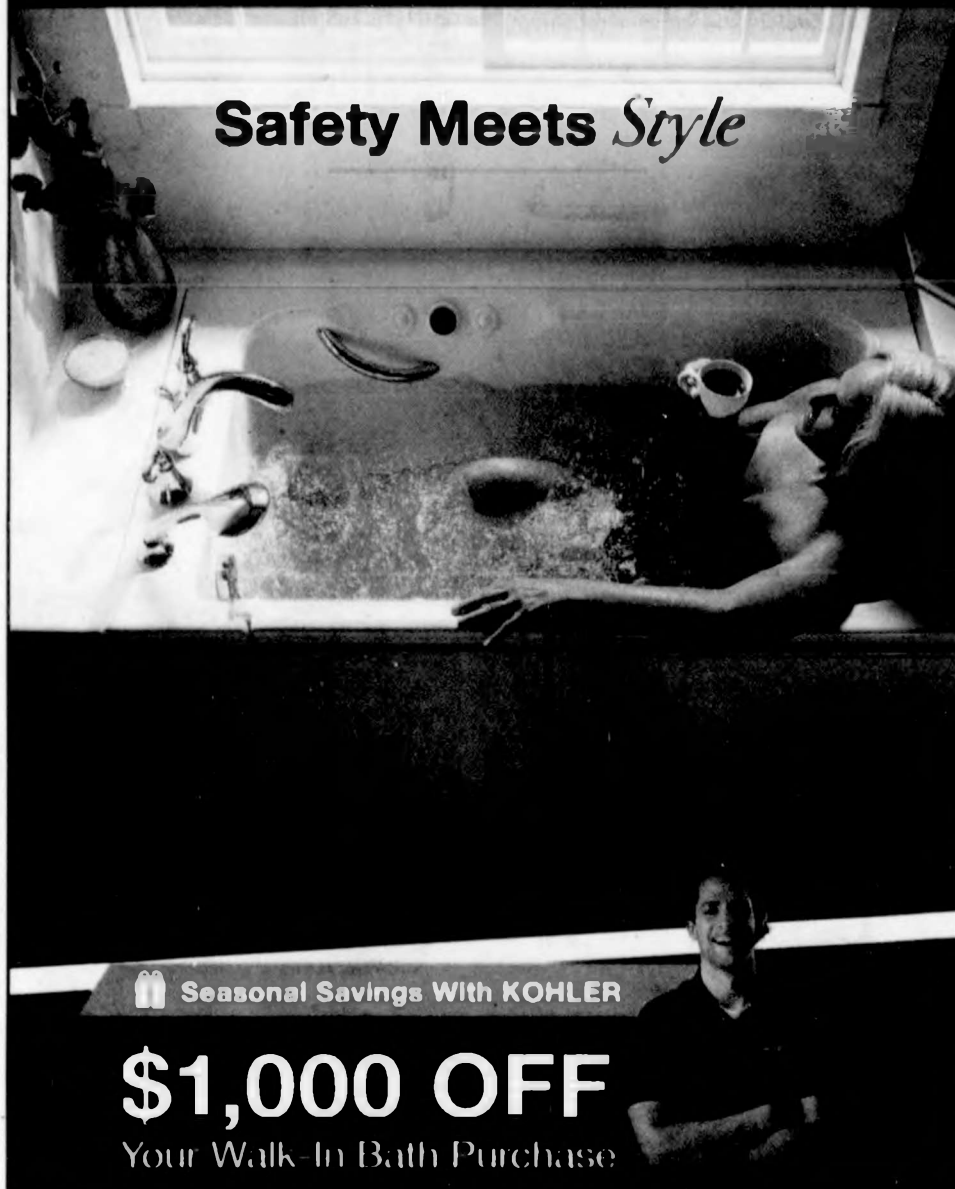
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Detroit-based jewelry enterprise opens at Twelve Oaks Mall

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Looking for a unique gift this holiday season? The newest shop at Twelve Oaks Mall may have that perfect item to check off the list.

Rebel Nell, the Detroit-based jewelry maker known for its pieces made with graffiti, opened a retail shop in the space formerly occupied by Michael Kors at the Novi mall.

The company is known for bringing in artists, mostly women, who come from hard situations and pays them to design and create jewelry that includes atypical material such as graffiti taken off the streets of cities like Detroit and Chicago. That desire to help others in need led her and her staff to seek expansion opportunities.

"We really want to grow our business. We want to expand, we want to tell more people about what we're doing," said Amy Peterson, CEO of Rebel Nell and a Detroit resident. "The more sales we have, the more women we can empower."

Described as a social enterprise, Re-



Twelve Oaks Mall's Rebel Nell.
JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

bel Nell began in 2013 as a way to hire women at local shelters. Once hired, these artists take elements — fallen graffiti is a signature material — and craft them into items like necklaces, earrings and even bottle stoppers.

"They're not only one-of-a-kind because of the women who had the vision, but also because of the material," Peter-

son said.

The venture has helped dozens of women, including assisting many to secure full-time employment.

It's not just graffiti that makes up the pieces. Peterson and her crew have secured material from all types of culturally-significant locations, including pieces of the original paper mache Big Heads made 80 years ago in Italy seen in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade each year in downtown Detroit. Also on sale are pieces created using paint chips from the dugout at Comerica Park.

"We try to showcase the history of the pieces with each piece," she said.

The lines have become so successful that Rebel Nell has begun to expand its collections to cultural pieces in other communities that were sold online as well. Peterson has connected with pieces in places like Chicago, Atlanta and Miami. Other material included pieces that came from Truist Park, the home of the Atlanta Braves. That line became popular this year, Peterson said, since the team won the World Series in November.

The Twelve Oaks location marks the

first retail location for Rebel Nell outside of Detroit. When Peterson discovered the option to open a retail shop in one of metro Detroit's busiest malls, especially during the holidays, she knew it was a great option to have more people learn about their products and cause.

"We're taking a leap of faith and this opportunity presented itself here and we thought what a great way to expand our audience and to tell more people about us outside of Detroit and this is what happened," she said.

Peterson said supporting the women she works with is a big reason she wanted to change career paths; before launching Rebel Nell, she said she worked as an attorney for the Detroit Tigers. Seeing the impact her new company has made, Peterson said, has made the career change worth it.

"I really love what I do," she said. "I love being a part of the journey, in particular for the women we employ, there's an adrenaline rush that could with that."

More information, including a listing of products, can be found at rebelnell.com.

Selling your home to your child can be a win-win, if you're careful



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Dear Rick

My husband and I decided to move into a senior independent facility. We have looked into a number of options and the one that we prefer requires a substantial upfront buy-in. The monthly payments are not a problem because my husband's pension and our Social Security will more than cover our costs. The only issue is the large upfront buy-in; however, we figure that we can use the proceeds from the sale of our home.

Our plan was to sell in the spring. When we told our three children our plans, one of my sons said he would like to purchase the house.

Do you see any potential problems, and how should we proceed? We want to make sure that everything is on the up and up and that we are fair to our son; but at the same time, fair to us.

Karen
Dear Karen

If done correctly, the sale of the home to a family member can be a win-win for both parties. From your standpoint as the seller, you don't have to worry about getting the home ready for sale and all the hassles that go with the sale process. At the same time, your son from the buyer standpoint is buying a home that he knows. In addition, both parties can potentially save money since you don't have to pay real estate commissions on the sale of the home. This can save upwards of six percent of the sales price. That being said, there are some minefields that can cause problems that you want to avoid.

I believe it is best to hire an appraiser to determine the fair market value of the home. It is important from the beginning of the process that both sides of the transaction agree on the fair price of the home.

After you agree on the price, I think your son should have the home inspected. This way, everyone will know the true condition of the property and if any repairs are needed. Having the house inspected keeps everyone on the same page as to the condition of the home.

In addition, I believe your son should sit down with the mortgage company to make sure that he has the wherewithal to qualify for the mortgage. After all, in this transaction you cannot do any seller financing because you will need the proceeds for your buy-in.

Once you've completed the aforementioned steps, I recommend that you hire a qualified real estate attorney to

draft a purchase agreement. The purchase agreement will not only include the purchase price, but also identify who is responsible for fees and costs that will be incurred, such as title work and filing fees. In addition, the purchase agreement will specify what's included in the sale, such as appliances and furniture.

The purchase agreement will ensure everyone is on the same page when it comes to the transaction.

Selling a home to a family member can be beneficial to both parties if everyone is on the same page. Having a game plan is important and avoids any hard feelings down the road, which can then be a win-win for both parties.

Good luck.

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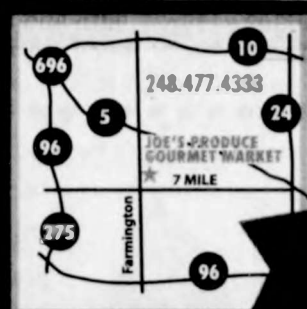
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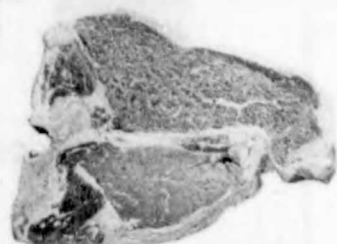
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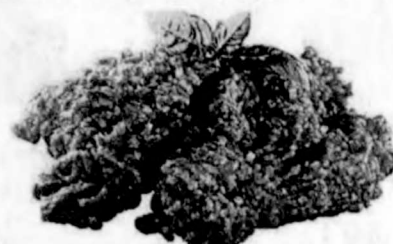
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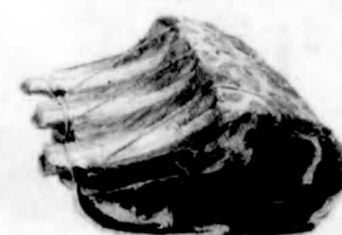
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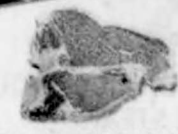
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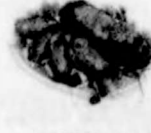
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Plymouth Christian senior marks 1K career points

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The finish wasn't what Plymouth Christian Academy wanted to see during its girls basketball game Friday night.

But the start is something Anna Fernandez will never forget.

Two weeks ago, the senior scored her 1,000th career point, which is a huge accomplishment, especially considering PCA is one of the smallest schools in the state and it plays one of the toughest schedules.

The only problem is she did it during the Ice Breaker tournament against Schoolcraft at Kalamazoo Central. That

meant hardly anyone, outside of a few of the players' parents, was around to witness her achieve such an accolade.

So the Eagles did it right when it got the chance.

Their first game back in their home gym, before the opening tipoff, they celebrated Fernandez by presenting her with a game ball for her achievement.

She took pictures at halfcourt with her family, and most of the student section was waving signs congratulating her. Some were even wearing shirts that depicted the number "1,000."

It was a huge deal. The only thing that sullied the evening was PCA host-

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Plymouth's Jace Petree passes against Berkley on Dec. 16. The Wildcats won, 72-62. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Plymouth freshman from familiar family

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The chatter about Jace Petree was non-stop among the support staff at the scorer's table after Thursday's game.

"How about the freshman tonight, huh?" one person from the athletic department said. "He had 25 points? It looks like he's going to have a pretty good career here."

What Petree did in the Wildcats' 72-62 victory over Berkley as a first-year player was almost unthinkable.

But then you realize he's one of THOSE Petrees, and it all just makes sense.

Plymouth (3-0) got its first true test against a scrappy Bears squad that punches well above its weight in the Oakland Activities Association-Blue. They're not on the same level as Clark-

ston, Ferndale or North Farmington in the tougher Red division, but they have some talented kids who can play.

Namely, Tamir Runinkevich, who sat most of the opening half in foul trouble. His absence allowed the Wildcats to get ahead by as many as 18 points before halftime.

The junior came back after the break and proceeded to score 15 of his 20 points, including leading Berkley on a

10-0 run that trimmed its deficit to just 46-42 with 2:45 left in the third quarter.

Berkley's Ben Maurice (16 points) buried a pair of 3-pointers early in the fourth, and then Runinkevich nailed a fadeaway to make it a 57-54 score.

On the verge of giving up a complete comeback, Plymouth needed some answers.

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Detroit Country Day hustles to pick up win over Lakeview

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The referees screwed it up.

Whatever hoop you use in warm-ups is the one you attack on offense during the first half, right?

That's not what happened at the start of Tuesday's girls basketball game

between Detroit Country Day and St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

Right before the opening tip, a referee mistakenly switched around the two girls in the center circle, meaning each player was facing the wrong direction.

Lakeview won the jump ball but ultimately tapped it toward its own basket. Country Day's Jaidyn Elam quickly real-

ized the mistake, jumped a passing lane and took off with a steal for an easy lay-up.

Baffled by what had just happened, Huskies coach Joe Charrette shouted to his players to shoot at their own hoop. The shot went in, and the Yellowjackets took one of the fastest four-point leads they've ever seen in their gym.

The snafu ultimately didn't matter as Country Day had no trouble throughout the 54-39 victory.

But that early hustle by Elam, despite how crazy of a start it was, is exactly what second-year coach Jerica Williams wanted to see from her Yellow-

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Plymouth Christian's Anna Fernandez attacks the basket against Ypsilanti Arbor Prep on Dec. 17. The Gators won, 72-55. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Points

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ing Ypsilanti Arbor Prep, an early favorite to win the Division 3 state championship.

Led by four-star Texas A&M commit Mya Petticord (23 points), the Gators had no trouble outmuscling the Eagles to a 72-55 win.

"It was a really cool experience," the fourth-year starter said. "My family got to come to the (Schoolcraft) game, which was really cool. My friends, it was nice to have them here celebrating at our home game. After I practiced here for so many years, to be celebrated here, it was really cool. I really appreciate them. It was super nice of them to come out and watch me. I really appreciate them."

Fernandez scored 10 of her team-best 19 points in the opening quarter, and the Eagles (3-1) played the Gators tough during certain spurts throughout the night. But they just didn't have enough to keep up with Arbor Prep, which made 11 3-pointers.

"They have great talent over there," longtime coach Rod Windle said. "Basketball is a physical game, and our kids need to learn what that's like in terms of that level of play. I thought we rose to that a few times ourselves in terms of our physical play, but it was more reactionary than initiation. I felt like we felt it out more in the first half more than the second half when we just came harder, I think. We learned a lot about tough defense tonight."

Also contributing for the Eagles were Hailey Maulbetsch with 17 points and Morganne Houk with 11.

Arbor Prep kept Fernandez scoreless in the fourth quarter.

Nevertheless, the loss will be looked at as a tool to get the Eagles ready for postseason play. It won't overshadow Fernandez's big pre-game moment.

"Anna has just been a shining star for our team," Windle said. "Her personality is outgoing and infectious, and she invites others to work alongside of her in ways that make others work better, too. She has a work ethic that's really hard, and somehow she wants others to come along with her, and she does it without wearing them out. It's a fine line for captains to do that, but she's like, 'Hey, let's go! Let's get after it!' Her positive attitude and her own work ethic rubs off on other kids."

When Windle tabbed Fernandez as a varsity player in ninth grade, he was unsure where she'd fit in the rotation. It



Plymouth Christian's Chibi Anwunah dunks against Ypsilanti Arbor Prep.

took no time for him to realize she needed to be a starter.

"As a coach, you kind of push freshmen down a little bit," Windle added. "Then she stepped up defensively and did some things in practice that were eye-opening. Then I was like, 'I guess she needs to be starting out there right away,' because she was a true starter as a freshman."

"As a varsity coach, having a freshman, I kind of didn't let it be Day 1 and kind of pushed her off a little bit, but she showed me her tenacity and toughness. She has a gentle spirit. Sometimes

that's deceptive because she has a gentle spirit about her. She's tenacious. She showed her mettle early in the practice sessions as a freshman."

Eagles benefit from playing tough competition early on

If boys basketball used the new football playoff points system to determine postseason seeding, PCA would be well on its way to hosting every game in March.

The Eagles (1-3) allowed Arbor Prep to make 15 3-pointers and run away with

an easy 75-59 win.

But that doesn't matter. PCA scheduled the game because the Gators are a talented Division 3 program, one that's only going to make the Eagles improve at a quicker rate.

And that's been the theme for PCA. It's already split with D-1 programs South Lyon East and Livonia Churchill. It'll face two more in Plymouth and Livonia Franklin before winter break.

For a D-4 squad with an enrollment of only 178 students, it certainly has been punching above its weight.

In football, the bigger your schedule, the more you're rewarded. The Eagles are hoping these tougher tests prepare them for a deep playoff run.

"Our December schedule has already been Class A, Class A and Class C," coach Matt Windle said. "We finish out December with Plymouth and Livonia Franklin. So we build that schedule on purpose in December. December is meant for us to really break down what we're trying to work on so we can prepare for a really tough conference and a long stretch in March. As much as we misstepped on some things tonight, we learned some things and got better, which is why we schedule those games in the first place."

Jordan Scott led with 17 points, Chibi Anwunah added 14, which included a pair of two-handed dunks, Nate Pierson nailed two 3s and finished with 10 points and Cam Weller had eight points as well as a dunk himself.

The issue for the Eagles, though, was not trusting their defensive assignments.

The Gators (5-0) kickstarted many of their possessions with drives to the basket. PCA would suck in, on defense and leave Arbor Prep's shooters wide open on the outside.

That must change going forward.

"Tonight we specifically talked about trusting our rim protectors and not getting sucked in on attacks," Windle added. "We got sucked in way too many times. They probably had 12 3s wide open because our guys got sucked in because that's just a natural reaction. Our job is to trust our teammates, Chibi Anwunah and Cam Weller, whose job is to protect that rim and make them shoot (inside) with two over the top vs. an easy kick outside for a 3."

"That was the big thing for us tonight: They just shot way too many 3s because we weren't playing our rules that we talked about before the game."

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Freshman

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It got two.

First, Bilal Hajjoul (nine points) sank a 3 in front of his bench. The senior celebrated by hanging his goose-neck follow through in the air as he backpedaled back on defense with a six-point lead.

One possession later, the Wildcats swung the ball around until it landed in Petree's hands. He sank a Steph Curry-lengthed 3 to put them up by nine which all but ended the Bears' chances of stealing the road victory.

Berkley resorted to fouling in the bonus to regain possessions, but Plymouth made nine freebies. That included Petree going 4-of-4 down the stretch from the foul line.

In only his third varsity game, the freshman led all scorers with 25 points and made five triples in all. That included the one that gave the Wildcats their biggest lead of the night in the second quarter as well as the dagger in the fourth.

"He's been playing ball since he was a little fella," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said. "His dad works with him all the time. He's got sisters who play Division I basketball, so he's gotten beaten up by older guys a lot and his sisters.

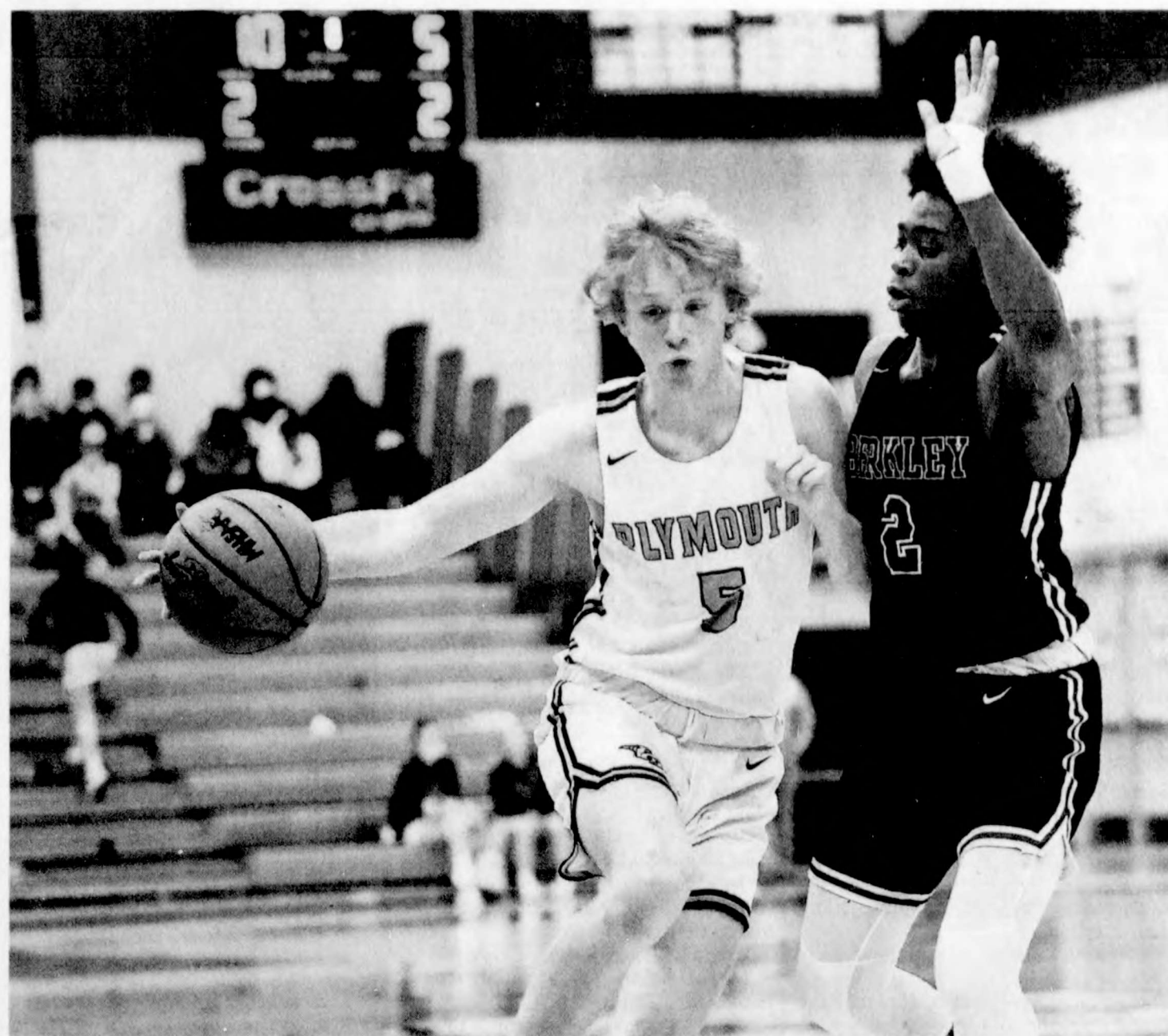
"So that's where he comes from. I'm glad he's on our side. I'm glad he's on our team. More than anything else, he's a good kid. He's a coachable kid. That's what I like the most about him. If you ask him to do something, he's going to try and to do it to the best of his ability, and he can definitely shoot the basketball. There's no question about it."

If you're a high school basketball fan in Michigan, a bell should have just rung in your head.

Yes, Petree's older sisters are those Petrees from Ypsilanti Arbor Prep.

Lasha, a Michigan Miss Basketball finalist in 2018, and Mahri pushed the Gators to three state finals appearances 2016-2019. That included them winning the school's first championship in 2016 under then-coach Rod Wells, who, coincidentally, now coaches across the Plymouth-Canton campus at Salem.

The sisters were hard to miss on the court back then. Like Jace, they both have smooth shooting motions, but they can also attack the hoop and score in traffic. The only thing more noticeable



Plymouth's Bryce Garbacz dribbles past Berkley's Jacob Sheriff on Dec. 16. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

than their ability to score was their big hair that often filled the frame of the photos they appeared in.

They both played together at Bradley University in Illinois but have since transferred to other programs. Lasha plays at Rutgers, while Mahri is at UTEP.

"I've been playing basketball since I could remember," Jace said of being around a basketball family. "Getting in the gym every single day that I can, doing what I need to do. I've been playing with older guys ever since I was little. I've never played with my age group before. So it's given me that toughness and

giving me that older skill set in my own game, and that's what makes me better."

So that's why Jace has the confidence, in just his third varsity appearance, to step up in crunch time and take game-deciding 3-pointers.

Soukup said Jace never gets timid, something he realized early on during a summer league game against Romulus this past off-season.

"He was just not afraid," Soukup said. "Some of the (newer) guys were a little intimidated by the athleticism and some of the other stuff, and he was just not afraid. He's still not afraid. He's a

big-game guy. We're glad he's here on our side. He's a coachable kid, and his parents did a good job with him in that regard. He's very humble."

So humble, in fact, that he had few words to say about burying the game-winner.

Once the ball swished in, the entire student section behind the basket erupted as did his teammates and coaches on his bench. It was a huge moment.

"It just feels good to please my team and get us the win," Jace said modestly. "It just feels good."

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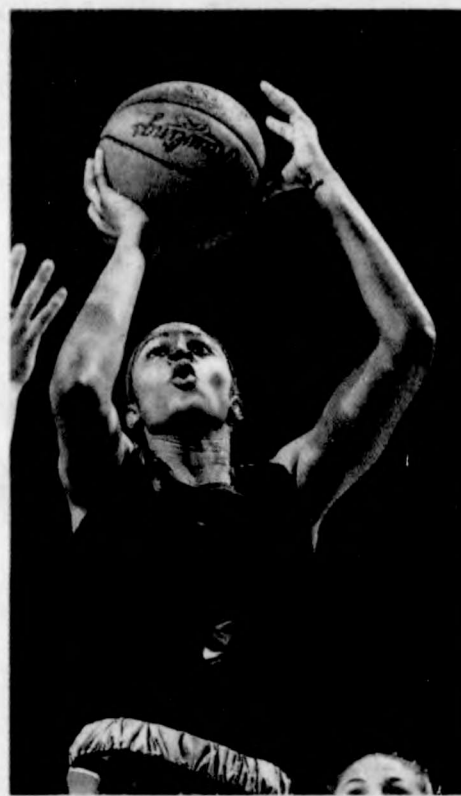
Top 25

1. Ruby Whitehorn, 6-0, senior, Detroit Edison
2. Abbey Kimball, 5-10, senior, Grand Rapids West Catholic
3. Mya Petticord, 5-9, senior, Arbor Prep
4. Theryn Hallock, 5-9, senior, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central
5. Brooke Daniels, 5-6, senior, L'Anse Creuse North
6. Jaci Tubergen, 6-0, senior, Hudsonville
7. Madisen Wardell, 6-0, senior, Detroit Edison
8. Alaina Diaz, 5-7, senior, Hudsonville
9. Christian Sanders, 5-9, senior, Detroit Renaissance
10. Cadence Dykstra, 5-9, junior, Grand Rapids West Catholic
11. Lily Zeinstra, 6-0, sophomore, Byron Center
12. Faith Carson, 6-4, junior, Buchanan
13. Macey Fegan, 5-11, junior, Standish-Sterling
14. Sarah Rambus, 6-4, junior, Flushing
15. Macy Brown, 5-11, junior, East Grand Rapids
16. Kennedy Blair, 5-10, junior, Dearborn Divine Child
17. Lexi Boyke, 6-1, junior, Frankenthum
18. Tadassa Brown, 6-3, senior, Brooklyn Columbia Central
19. Zoe Spoelman, 6-2, senior, Grand Haven
20. Lexie Bowers, 5-7, junior, Kent City
21. Brook Simpson, 5-9, sophomore, Belding
22. Taylor Anderson, 5-10, senior, South Lyon East
23. Ellie Toney, 6-0, senior, Corunna
24. MacKenzie Bisballe, 6-2, sophomore, Lake City
25. Alecsis Smith, 6-2, senior Bay

City Central

The next 75

- (in alphabetical order)
- Maya Anderson, 5-9, sophomore, Detroit Cass Tech
- Emma Arico, 5-6, sophomore, Birmingham Detroit Country Day
- Annabel Ayrault, 5-11, junior, Grosse Pointe North
- Paris Bass, 5-11, junior, Wayne
- Rakiyah Beal, 5-10, senior, Hamtramck
- Mackenzie Bell, 5-8, junior, Sault Ste. Marie
- Jaden Benschoter, 6-1, senior, Tecumseh
- Ashley Bower, 5-10, senior, Portland
- Grace Bradford, 5-11, senior, Maple City Glen Lake
- Ella Burger, 5-7, senior, Macomb Dakota
- Kaitlyn Cain, 5-8, senior, Marysville
- Klaire Caldwell, 5-7, sophomore, Midland Dow
- Asia Cochran, 5-7, Redford Westfield Prep
- Mary Copple, 5-7, junior, Brighton
- Indya Davis, 5-9, sophomore, West Bloomfield
- Summer Davis, 5-9, sophomore, West Bloomfield
- Jade Dawson, 5-9, senior, Midland
- Tayla Dillard, 5-8, sophomore, Kalamazoo Central
- Olivia Dirkse, 5-7, senior, Davison
- Evie Doezeema, 6-2, senior, Grand Rapids Christian
- Kaley Douglass, 5-7, senior, Williamston
- Jaidyn Elam, 5-10, sophomore, Birmingham Detroit Country Day
- McKenna Ferguson, 5-6, junior, Byron Center
- Anna Fernandez, 5-7, senior, Plymouth Christian
- Regan Finkbeiner, 5-6, junior, Hemlock
- Madelyn Geers, 5-9, sophomore, Kent City
- Julia Gilbert, 5-10, senior, Port Huron
- Sophie Gray, 6-2, senior, Temperance Bedford
- Hillary Griffin, 5-9, senior, Parma Western
- Lauren Gunn, 5-4, senior, Saginaw Heritage



Detroit Edison guard Ruby Whitehorn (2) makes a jump shot against Freeland during the MHSAA girls Division 2 final at Van Noord Arena in 2019. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

- Marybeth Halonen, 5-8, senior, Calumet
- Anna Herberholz, 5-5, senior, Birmingham Marian
- Alyssa Hill, 6-1, senior, Negaunee
- Elyssa Kincaid, 5-10, junior, Riverview
- Alexa Kolnitys, 5-7, senior, Midland Dow
- Desrae Kyles, 6-5, junior, Benton Harbor
- Gabrielle Lutchka, 5-11, senior, Grass Lake
- Alyna Lewis, 5-7, senior, Parma Western
- Davai Matthews, 6-2, senior, Wayne
- Gracey Metz, 6-1, senior, Hartland
- Lydia Meredith, 5-7, senior, Portland St. Patrick
- Maria Millado, 5-10, senior, Marquette
- Ella Miller, 6-2, senior, East Lansing
- Adelyn Moore, 5-10, junior, Caro
- Maddi Osantowski, 5-9, senior,

Reese

- Abby Parkinson, 5-9, senior, Hale
- Sydney Pnacek, 6-0, senior, Dexter
- Natalie Prophet, 5-8, senior, Ishpeming Westwood
- Abby Rey, 5-10, senior, Midland Dow
- Gabby Reynolds, 5-9, sophomore, Holland West Ottawa
- Kamryn Richards, 5-6, senior, Grosse Pointe South
- Mia Riley, 5-7, senior, Fowler
- Amanda Roach, 5-6, senior, Hartland
- Quinn Robak, 6-0, junior, Waterford Our Lady
- Diamond Sawyer, 6-0, senior, Muskegon
- Hannah Schroeder, 5-8, senior, Alendale
- Ally Schultz, 5-8, senior, St. Ignace
- Madison Skorupski, 5-9, senior, Clarkston
- Paige Sleeman, 5-8, senior, Houghton
- Lauren Sollom, 6-3, senior, Hartland
- Maeve St. John, 5-7, senior, Howell
- McKenzie Swanson, 6-2, sophomore, Birmingham Marian
- Breanna Thomas, 6-0, junior, Redford Westfield Prep
- Taylor Thompson, 5-10, senior, Grand Blanc
- Soraya Timms, 5-8, senior, East Lansing
- Tara Townsend, 5-7, senior, Frankfort
- Janae Tyler, 6-0, junior, Holt
- Alaila Walker, 5-7, senior, Kalamazoo Central
- Leila Wells, 5-9, sophomore, Chelsea
- Maya White, 6-1, junior, Farmington Hills Mercy
- Lauren Wilder, 5-9, sophomore, Manton
- Nevaeh Williams, 5-5, senior, Mt. Clemens
- Kari Woods, 5-8, senior, Ypsilanti Arbor Prep
- Avery Zeinstra, 5-7, senior, Byron Center
- Kendal Zeiter, 6-2, senior, Troy

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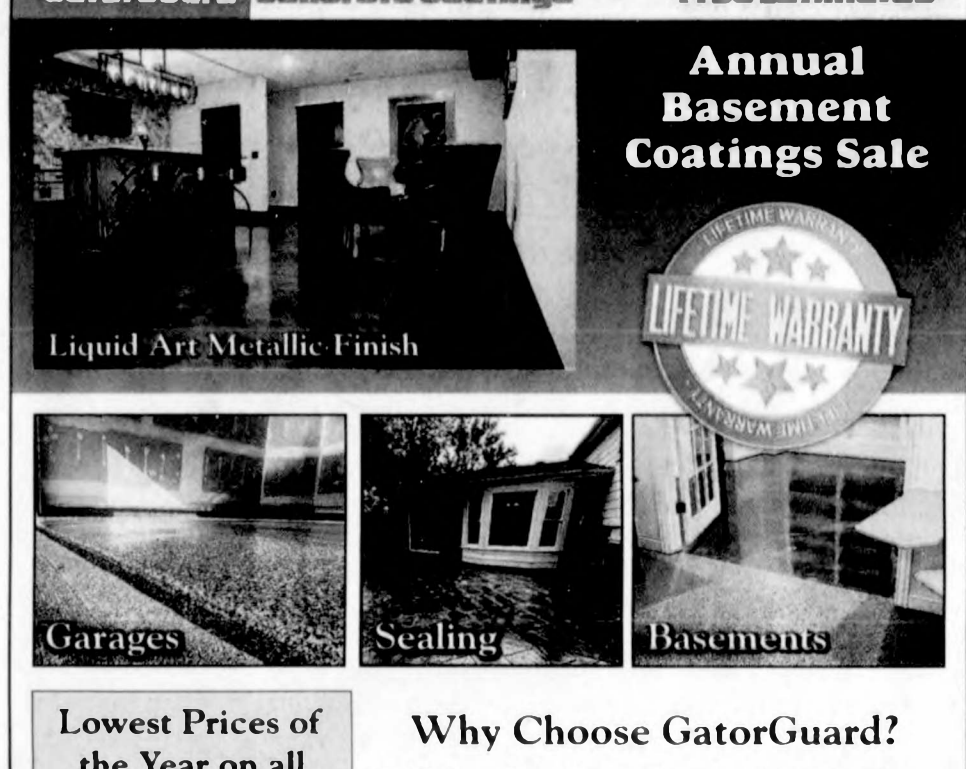
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Detroit Country Day's Kareem Aburashed looks to pass against Macomb Lutheran North on Dec. 13. Detroit Country Day won, 63-53. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Detroit Country Day's Julian Scott attacks the hoop.

Country Day 'finds mental toughness' in victory

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Detroit Country Day coach Mark Bray hopes moments like these will help his team mature on the court.

On paper, Monday's non-conference game at Macomb Lutheran North was just a regular boys basketball matchup. It wasn't for a league title. It didn't mean anything in the standings. The result wouldn't impact any

playoff seedings.

But don't tell that to the Mustangs, who just wouldn't go away in the Yellowjackets' 63-53 victory.

Lutheran North's home opener might as well have been its Super Bowl.

The place was packed, featuring plenty of cheerleaders, parents and students. Coaches from Madison Heights Bishop Foley and Riverview Gabriel Richard were there scouting for future games against the Mustangs. Plus, Macomb Community College's staff was on hand to recruit.

Not to mention they

dropped their first two games and were welcoming Country Day, a storied program with two former Michigan Mr. Basketball winners in Chris Webber and Shane Battier and nine past state titles. Getting a chance to upset a team such as the Yellowjackets (1-1) would be something everyone around the school would talk about.

So that's why Bray called timeout with 2:28 left in the third quarter.

Country Day thrashed Lutheran North in the opening half.

The Yellowjackets took a 41-19 lead into the break thanks to stellar 3-point

shooting (they buried nine 3-pointers early, getting four from Nick Sanders alone) and their mid-court defensive trap drumming up steals.

Lutheran North didn't back down, though. It went on a 17-4 run to open the second half, which included the Mustangs scoring 13 straight.

Midway through the run, Bray called timeout to stop the bleeding and allow his players to regroup. Country Day didn't hear his message.

So he called timeout again with 2:28 remaining in the period.

This time the players listened.

"We've got a team that's still finding itself in terms of mental toughness," Bray said. "I just told them to get back to our standards. Most of that run, we were giving them, basically, enough shots until they made one. Two or three second-shots. I just told them, 'Look, let's get back to what we had on the board to start the game.'"

"We did a great job in the first half, and we did a great job in the last four minutes of the fourth quarter of preventing second shots. Everybody knows, if you hold a team to one shot, you've got a chance to beat them. That's always been our mantra. If we have a team that can block out, we have a team that can compete with anybody."

Country Day cleaned up its defense, and that led to some scoring.

Out of the break, 6-foot-9 forward Kareem Aburashed, who finished with 16 points alongside Sanders, scored down low.

Then guard Julian Scott, who scored a team-best 17, scored six-straight to ensure the Yellowjackets a 53-36 lead entering the fourth. That included the senior scoring on a steal, making two foul shots and getting another bucket in transition.

"We always, in the second half, let our foot off the gas," Scott said. "Coach was telling us that we need to go and play a full 32 minutes hard. That's what we need to work on. It's hard when we get lazy and our defense gets out of sorts. We need to stay focused throughout the whole game."

"When shots aren't falling, that's when you mentally have to tap into the game. It's all fun and games when you're making shots. But when you're missing, that's when the mental toughness needs to kick in."

The Yellowjackets let Lutheran North open the fourth on another 8-0 run, but this time they shored up their issues a lot quicker. Aburashed threw down a two-handed dunk to stop the scoring spree, and then Scott drove to the hoop for two more baskets.

"What I say is you've got to keep your head into it," Scott added. "Anybody can go out there and play hard. Playing smart

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Vincenzo Candela

NORTHVILLE - Vincenzo Candela, age 81, a long-time resident of Northville, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on December 10, 2021. He was born July 8, 1940 in Buseto Palizzolo, Sicily, Italy; son of Emanuele and Maria (née Daidone) Candela. In 1955, 15 year-old Vince and his family immigrated to the United States in pursuit of the American Dream. After arriving at Ellis Island, they moved to Detroit, Michigan. Three years later, a young lady named Nancy Pearson was riding in a convertible and caught Vince's eye while he was cruising Woodward. Lucky for him (since he still spoke only broken English), her heart melted right when he called out, "Hey Baby!" and a love story lasting over 58 years began. They were united in marriage on June 29, 1963.

Vince was an outstanding and loyal auto parts salesman with Auto Wares. He built trusting relationships with his customers who quickly warmed to Vince's personality and became dear friends. He believed in the products he sold and the company he worked for. Vince retired in 2013 after many dedicated years. Vince lived the American Dream because of his vigorous work ethic and desire to provide for his family.

Vince enjoyed being outdoors, whether it be in his garden, on the water as captain of his boat, or out on the golf course swinging his clubs. He had a green thumb and enjoyed growing and tending to everything from zucchini and other vegetables to grapes, figs and beautiful flowers. He often used the fruits of this labor of love to prepare delicious Italian cuisine he gladly shared with family and friends. Bowling was another favorite activity, and Vince relished the 2 perfect games he achieved.

Above all, Vince was committed to his family. He adored and respected his wife, treating her like a queen. As evidence of the unconditional love they shared, he rarely let go of her hand. Vince was a great provider for his family and never expected or wanted anything in return. He was a proud grandfather and treasured the time he spent with his grandchildren.

Vince is survived by his cherished wife Nancy; his children, Vince (Diane) Candela, Dino (Vicki) Candela, Darren (Danielle) Candela, Maria (Derrick) Young, and Paul (Jenny) Candela; his grandchildren, Nico, Pearson, Jade, Madison, Lia, Desmond, Rosa, Sophie, Carly, and Sicily; his brother Frank (Chris) Candela; his niece Marianne "Gucci" (Dave) Smelewski; his great niece Joy, and his great nephew Evan. He was preceded in death by his parents and his nephew Mikey Candela.

In lieu of flowers and in accordance with Vince's wishes, the family would prefer memorial contributions to Michigan Donor Family Council, 14125 Terrace Court, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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A devoted husband, loving father and cheerful friend who always had a story, taps has sadly played for Gordon Peterson on 11/29/2021. Formerly of Hartland, Kingsville Ont, Oxford and Detroit, he was the son of Alfred H. and Elinor Byron. Gordon attended Cranbrook and graduated from Mumford High School. He is survived by his wife of over 60 years Kathy, three sons, Kurt (Suzette), Mark (Tammy), and John (Lisa), daughter Sheri (Scott), and grandchildren Mellisa, Alisha, Damian, Nolan, Connor and Blake and several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Thelma, Alfred (Bud), and Phyllis. Gordon retired from the family business Precision Spring Corporation. Gordon and his wife enjoyed living on horse farms. He was an avid Wolverine fan who relished the recent victory over OSU, a jolly Santa-like figure, Gordon marched to the beat of his own drum, always singing the fourth and fifth verse of our great national anthem. He was an active civil war reenactor of the Kentucky 9th in the Milford area. He loved all history, particularly civil war and WWII aviation. Gordon will continue to march in our hearts forever. People who knew him viewed him as a pillar in the community of Highland and Milford.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring. Please check www.ColeFuneralChapel.com for updates.

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Victory

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is what a lot of players can't do. Playing smart is the most important thing. You've got to match playing hard with playing smart, and that's how you become a great team."

The Mustangs made one final push at a comeback in the waning moments, even resorting to fouling Country Day players to preserve time. They finally waved the white flag after Scott took off on a breakaway and passed it back to Aburashed, who slammed his third dunk to ice the win.

Avoiding giving up long runs takes mental toughness, Bray said. He's hoping that struggling in the third quarter is something the Yellowjackets will learn from going forward.

"The first half was our best half we've played this year," he said. "We've made

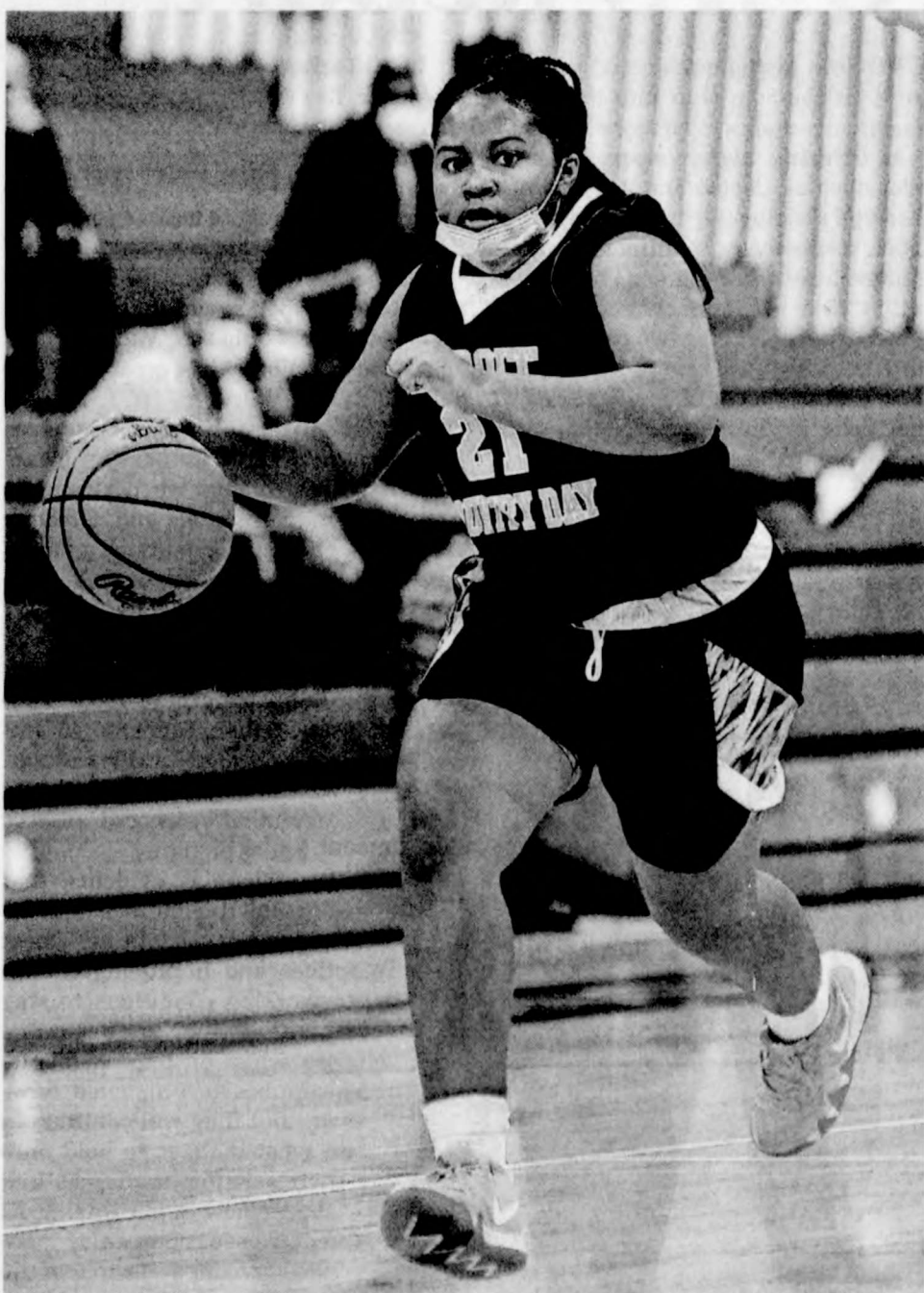


Detroit Country Day's Nick Sanders shoots against Macomb Lutheran North on Dec. 13. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

some really nice improvements. We were talking. We shot the ball well. That makes it easy. It makes it easy to talk and get excited when you're making shots. When you're not making shots, that's the mental toughness piece. When you're not making shots, can you still have the same level of effort and energy? So we're getting there."



Detroit Country Day's Kareem Aburashed attempts a layup.



Detroit Country Day's Aysia Yokely dribbles up the floor against St. Clair Shores Lakeview on Dec. 14. DCD won, 54-39. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Detroit Country Day's Emma Arico, right, dribbles up the floor.



Detroit Country Day's Peja Liles attacks the basket.

Hustle

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jackets, who picked up their first win.

A year ago, Country Day battled its way to the Division 2 final four at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids. It played scrappy, hard-nosed defense and had a knack for running the floor.

Williams expected to see that kind of effort again in Year 2. Instead, the Yellowjackets got outworked in blowout losses to Plymouth Christian and DeWitt to open the season.

"I think I'll take that," Williams said of where the blame should be pointed. "We might have been drinking a little bit of the Kool-Aid from last year, right? I remember last year we had two months of practices (to prepare) before we had a game because of COVID pushing us back. So when we went out and played against Plymouth Christian, I was surprised at how much we didn't look ready."

Country Day looked a step slower and a bit softer than its first two opponents.

Williams quickly fixed that in practice over the last week.

"My practices weren't as hard leading up to Plymouth Christian," she added. "After you go 0-2, it's a check for the coach, right? I knew I needed to be doing something different. So we needed to learn how to play hard. So our practices changed. We went out there and we were different."

Practices were more intense. The conditioning never stopped.

The girls even ran sprints on the football field.

"I feel like for those first two games we walked in there with the mindset that this was just going to be like last year," said Elam, a sophomore who scored a game-high 22 points. "So we had to change that. We were practicing

really hard. We had to make sure we were really conditioned to get the W tonight.

"We took a big turn by being more conditioned, and I feel like that really contributed to the big win tonight."

It certainly did.

The Yellowjackets (1-2) put together a pair of 18-point periods. That included them going on an 11-0 run to open the fourth and shutting out the Huskies for the first half of the period.

Transition baskets started with strong rebounds from Ariyanna Wiggins (14 points) and Aysia Yokely (five), while Emma Arico (10) and Elam did well pushing the ball up the floor.

It looked like the same hustle that led them to district and regional titles last winter.

"I saw their hard work in practice and in preparation pay off," Williams said. "We've been doing a lot of conditioning. The one thing I've been leading with from our first two games is that we've been out of shape, right? So that was the thing coming into this one: We're not going to be not conditioned. I felt it showed that we were working hard in practice leading up to the game."

Country Day has plenty of tough match ups coming up, including games against Cranbrook and Carleton Airport to close out 2021. Sweat equity will be required to successfully navigate its slate of games, especially when it comes to running the floor and scoring transition baskets.

Hopefully, for the Yellowjackets' sake, extra hustle won't be needed to clean up any future jump-ball errors to begin games.

"I don't know what happened there," Williams said, laughing. "Somebody fumbled that. At least it wasn't a four-point game."

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The October JOLTS Report

The Great Resignation, Previously a Small-Business Phenomenon, is Now Affecting Major Enterprises Too

By ZipRecruiter.com

Job openings returned to a record-high 11 million in the JOLTS report released today, driving the current ratio of unemployed people to job openings down to 0.62, the lowest on record. The share of workers quitting their jobs each month also remains high at 2.8% or 4.2 million workers.

Over the past year, job openings and resignations have risen across the economy. But it is small and medium-sized businesses that have seen the most dramatic increases in labor market churn.

Small- and medium-sized companies are generating 90% of the job openings and new hires in the economy

Small- and medium-sized businesses are fueling the record-high job openings in the US economy. As of October 2021, establishments with less than 1,000 employees account for 90% of all job openings, with 9.15 million vacancies to fill. They are also responsible for 94% of the new hires made in October 2021. The hires rate for small- to medium-sized companies vary between 3.9% to 5.3%, whereas it is only 1.9% for employers with more than 5,000 employees.

The Great Resignation has not hit enterprises

Today's data show that the Great

Resignation wave may finally be hitting major enterprises. Until recently, the quits rate for the largest companies with more than 5,000 employees had been relatively stable and consistent with historical trends. The dramatic rise in resignations had been a small- and medium-sized business phenomenon only.

Today's report suggests that the largest firms can no longer be complacent. Their quit rate rose rapidly from 1.1% to 1.6%. That is still well below the 3.5% rate for mid-sized companies, but the upward trend should put large companies on notice.

Major enterprises will need to preserve their advantage in the current labor market

Major enterprise companies have reported recruitment and retention challenges since the Covid recovery began, but they have been able to react so quickly and aggressively that their challenges hardly showed up in the data.

Until now. Rising quits could put pressure on them to lean into their three major advantages even more heavily:

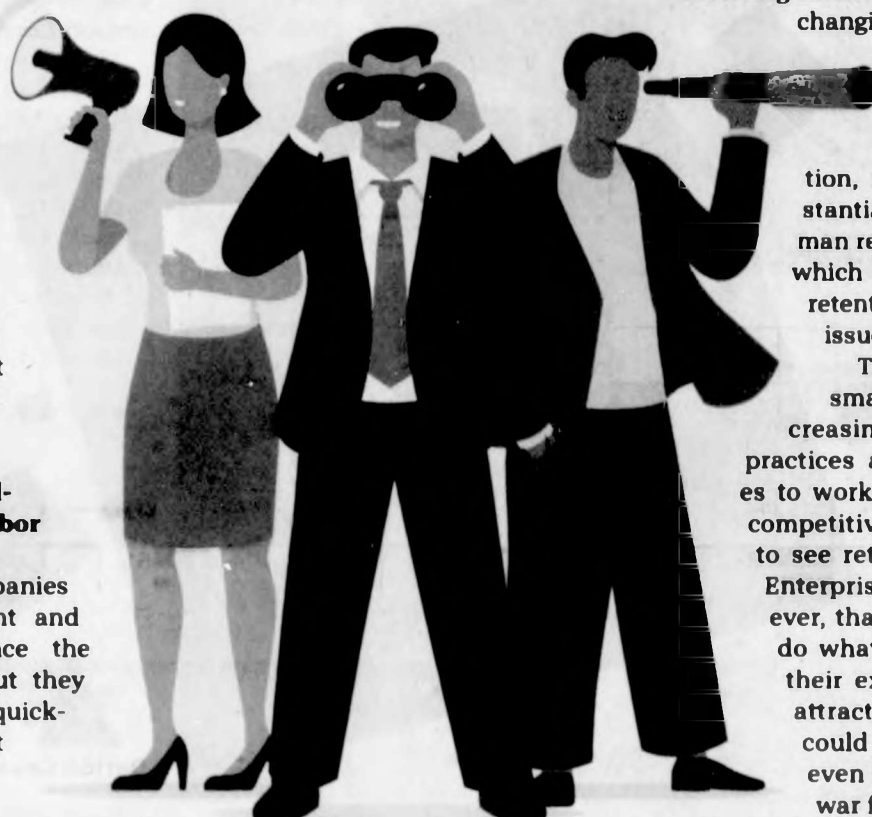
1. Offering higher wages: Companies such as Costco and Amazon have boosted starting pay to \$17 and \$18 per hour, respectively, to attract talent and reduce turnover. Walgreens recently hit \$15. CVS is set to follow in July, 2022. Starbucks is pledging two pay increases in 2022 which will bring starting pay to \$15 per hour most of the year and \$17 per hour in the summer. Many other major companies are following suit.

2. Offering better benefits and greater flexibility: Large companies have made substantial investments in employee training and career development over the past year. Many have also started offering more flexible schedules and remote work arrangements, as well as better benefits packages. For example, Macy's will now pay for employee's college tuition. Amazon, Walmart, and Starbucks are providing great schedule flexibility.

3. Data-driven human resources decision-making: Corporate giants also have an advantage when it comes to receiving market signals and detecting changing conditions quickly.

Since they hire so frequently, they get more feedback from the market. In addition, many have made substantial investments in human resources analytics tools, which help leaders to identify retention risks and address issues promptly.

There is evidence that small businesses are increasingly adopting best practices and improving changes to working conditions to stay competitive. They are beginning to see retention improvements. Enterprises have signaled, however, that they will continue to do what it takes to hold onto their existing employees and attract new applicants. 2022 could see companies take even bolder steps to win the war for talent.



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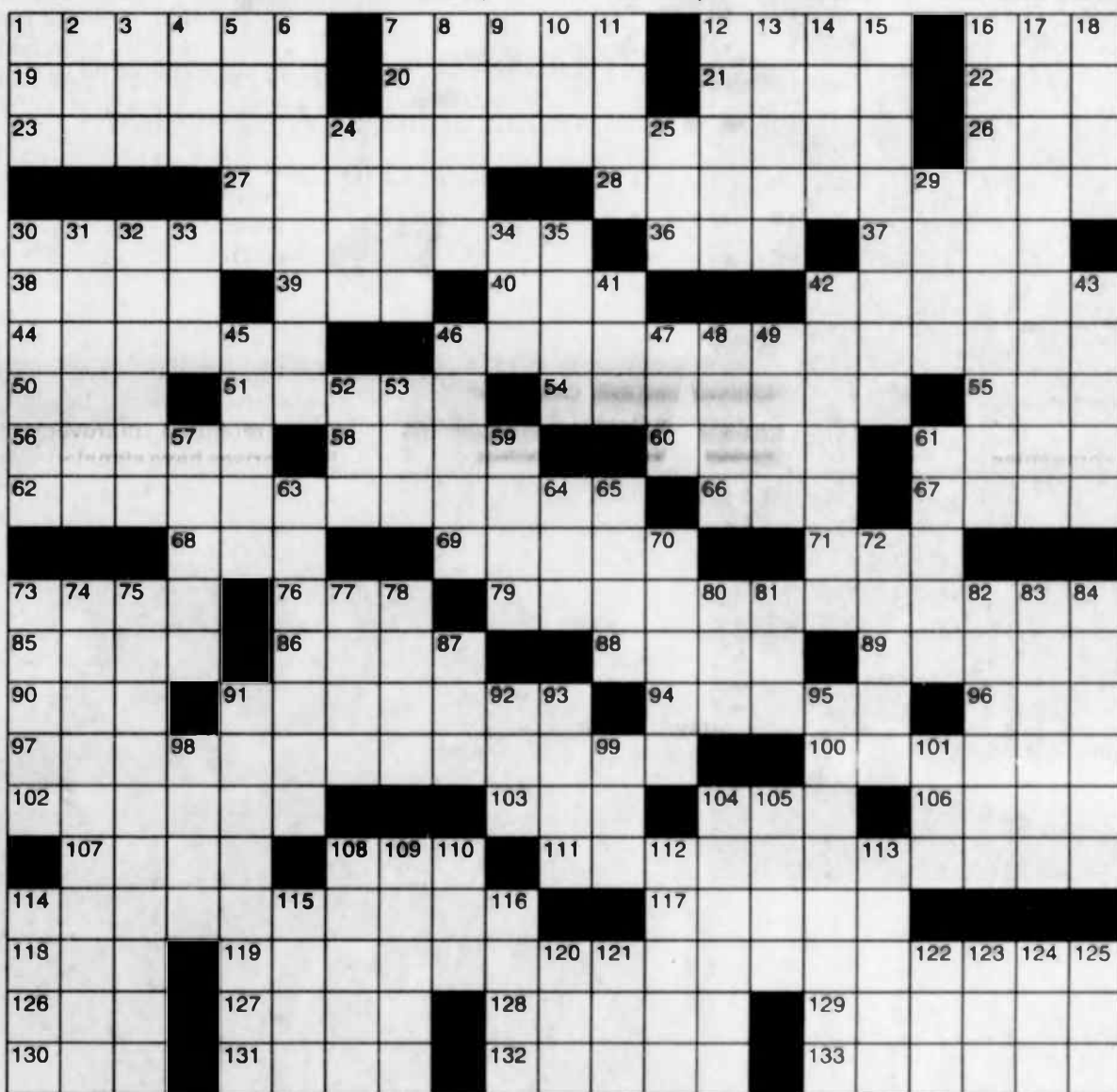
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31 "About this large," informally
- 32 Original Mouseketeer — Tracey
33 Channel for Wolf Blitzer
34 Parts of city grids: Abbr.
35 Noted times
41 Tyrant Amin
42 Structure for storing music
43 Some ctrs. of learning
45 "You win"
46 Charged, as particles
47 From long ago
48 Autos from long ago
49 Kitty chip
52 Maven
53 "Rambo" war zone, in brief
57 Neuters, as a stallion
59 Smelting junk
61 GIF or JPEG
63 Throw a few back in a bar
64 52, to Livia
65 Kin of -ess
70 Goad
72 Baseball executive Joe
73 Jungian inner personality
74 Sticky, nutty treats
75 Endlessness
77 Onetime teen idol Garrett
- 78 Nevada city
80 Suffix with Caesar
81 Nutrition amt.
82 Texas city
83 1990s "caught on tape" series
84 Belgrade site
87 Dress in
91 In a pillared structure
92 Educ. org.
93 Onetime rival of Atari
95 Diagrams for brainstorming
98 Infatuated
99 Deep longing
101 — Kan (classic dog food brand)
104 Typewriter formatting aid
105 Apple tablet
108 Kind of navel
109 T-bone, e.g.
110 Brooks of film
112 A lack of musical skill
113 Actress Vivian
114 Jump
115 French river
116 Electric jolts
120 "OB-viously!"
121 NYSE event
122 — laude
123 Enabler of web access
124 Once named
125 Mutt's noise



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SUDOKU



Difficulty Level ★★★

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Here's How It Works

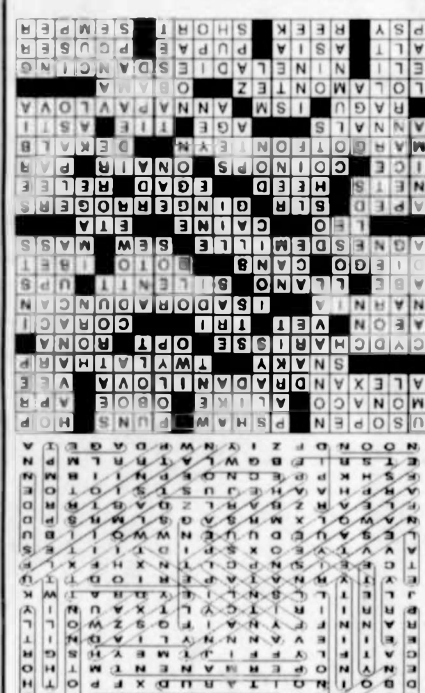
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TIME AND AGAIN

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.

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

ABRUPT
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ALWAYS
ANCIENT
BRIEF
DAILY
DAWN
DURATION
EARLY
ELAPSE
ERA
ETERNITY
FAST
FINAL
FIRST
FLEETING
FREQUENTLY
HASTE
INFINITY
INSTANT
INTERLUDE
JIFFY
JUST
LAPSE
LATE
LIFELONG
NEVER
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NOON
NOW
OLD
ONCE
PERIOD
PERMANENT
PHASE
PRECEDE
PRIOR
PROMPT
RAPID
SHORTLY
SPAN
STINT
SUDDEN
SWIFT
TARDY
TWILIGHT
ULTIMATELY
YET



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6 3 9 8 1 7 9 2
1 8 7 9 2 9 6 8 7
4 8 1 4 2 5 4 1 8 9
7 2 9 8 4 6 1 8 9
2 4 1 5 4 6 3 7 9 8
9 6 8 7 5 2 7 1 8
4 7 3 1 9 8 2 9 6
9 1 2 7 8 4 8 6 9
8 9 2 6 3 1 9 7 7
8 4 6 9 7 9 8 2 1



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