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Consumers Energy doing gas pipeline work along Taft **Road in Novi**

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NOVI — Stop us if you've heard this one before: More road construction is happening in Novi.

A season already marked by numerous orange barrels throughout the city is about to see even more: Consumers Energy plans to bury natural gas pipelines deeper along Taft Road, between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads, ahead of a repaving project by the city.

"We are getting in there to do this work prior to the city's work, which is going to begin immediately after ours," said Lauren Royston, a community affairs manager for Consumers Energy. "It needed it to be lower in preparation of the additional work that is going to be done there by the city.

The work means entrances to the neighborhoods on the west side of Taft Road, including Addington Lane and White Pines Drive, may see closures while the project is underway. In addition, sidewalks on the west side of Taft Road will close to accommodate work. Lane shifts may take place while equipment is being delivered.

Consumers Energy said pipeline work is expected to last until mid-June. Royston said area customers should not see any interruption of gas service to their homes or businesses because of the work.

"This is a high-pressure line. A high-pressure line does not go right to your home or your business," Royston

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The entrance to White Pines Drive blocked off May 10. Consumers Energy is doing pipeline work before the city begins repaving along Taft Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads. DAVID VESELENAK /HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Lombardo driving new housing development at Coyote Golf Club

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LYON TWP. — Developers have teed up housing projects again for two golf courses in the township.

Lombardo Homes is taking a new swing at redeveloping Coyote Golf Club, 28700 Milford Road, at the northeast corner of Milford and 12 Mile roads. Meanwhile, a plan for Cattails Golf Club, introduced in January is returning with revisions next month. Both plans are facing concerns over density and spacing between homes.

The Coyote Golf Club conceptual plan, presented by Amie Ackerman to the township planning commission Monday night, visualized 298 homes on 183 acres while also retaining natural features, including keeping 77 acres, or 42 percent of the property, as open space.

"We want to maintain the spirit and intent of the master plan," Ackerman

The proposed development, "Settler's Ridge," would locate 100 townhomes in the \$300,000 range across 18 buildings, as well as 104 single-family homes on 95-foot-wide lots and 94 single-family homes on 72-foot-wide lots, ranging from about \$600,000 to just more than \$700,000 in price.

Ackerman stressed that the overall concept would make a good transition from light-industrial to the north of the property to the single-family homes to the south and east.

Township Planner Brian Keesey agreed, saying the planning department is supportive of the design and retention of existing features on the site. He noted the project's density is higher than the 229 units that would



A 310-unit housing development has been proposed for the Coyote Golf Club property located at 12 Mile and Milford roads in Lyon Township. SUSAN

be allowed in the current master plan, but added that the plan is "not current with what we are talking about."

"This is in concept with what we desire in terms of buffer from the industrial uses planned to the north and preservation for homes to the south and east." Keesey said. "It's a good fit."

New proposal not on par yet

The proposal is much smaller than the 477-unit development Lombardo proposed in 2019, and slightly smaller than the 310-unit development proposed by SE Metro Property Services just over a year ago.

Similar to the latter plan, however, the Settler's Ridge proposal includes a property donation sweetener for the township. Lombardo is offering to give the township 8 acres on the Coyote site, including the course's clubhouse and adjacent parking lot.

The benefit was enticing to Planning Commissioner and Township Treasurer Patricia Carcone.

"There's so many things we can do with the clubhouse property," she said. "We could have cooking lessons there,

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Ripe for pickin'? 'American Pickers' arrive in Michigan this July

Susan Bromley

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LeCLAIRE, Iowa - Doing some spring cleaning? Getting ready for a garage sale?

Maybe remembering some longforgotten items in your attic, barn, basement or garage?

The "American Pickers" are ready to come take a look at your rare, unusual finds and maybe make you an offer.

"American Pickers," the long-running History Channel show starring Mike Wolfe and a merry band of treasure seekers, is coming to Michigan in See PICKERS, Page 2A

July. The Antique Archaeology operators are scouting ahead of time and looking for submissions.

"We're looking for leads throughout the state, specifically interesting characters with fascinating items!" producer Meredith Hall said in an email. "The way we find people and collections for our show is through spreading the word far and wide so that people know we're coming to town."

"American Pickers" is an unscripted. series that has been on the air for more than 12 years, with Wolfe and various cohorts traversing the country looking



Mike Wolfe and Danielle Colby, of **History Channel's 'American Pickers'** show. The show will be filming in Michigan in July 2023, with the pickers seeking unusual antiques and collections. COURTESY OF AMERICAN PICKERS

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for historically significant and extraordinary relics with interesting stories, and unforgettable characters to share the stories. Oftentimes Wolfe and his co-host purchase various items they dig up, but just as often the owners decide to hold on to their items and await better offers.

A dozen years ago, "American Pickers" surprised John Henski, who was working in his woodshop at his Ortonville home.

Henski had never heard of the show, but Wolfe and co-star Frank Fritz had pulled into his driveway after

seeing a Cadillac and antique gas pump out front. They were even more intrigued by a 1929 Ford Model A coupe which, after some dickering back and forth, Henski sold to Fritz for \$6,500.

Fritz planned to restore the vehicle which hadn't run in 20 years and have it appraised at the Henry

At the time, Henski said, "I spent about two hours with Frank, he's right down to earth, reasonable. They seemed like common folk, he talks like a red-blooded Hall said the pickers travel "back roads from coast

to coast, on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics."

"The 'pickers' have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years, and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before," she said. "They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them."

The pickers do not visit stores, flea markets, malls. auction businesses, museums or anything open to the public

But they don't have to miss your treasures.

If you have a unique item or collection, send "American Pickers" your name, phone number, location and description of your antiques with photos to americanpickers@cineflix.com or call 646-493-2184.

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there's lots of things we can do. You don't just get a building, you get a parking lot and 8 acres.

What she and other commissioners did not like is a 12-foot separation of the homes on 72-foot-wide lots.

"I like the setup and I'm not concerned about density," Commissioner Carl Towne said. "What bothers me is the distance between houses on the 72-foot lots. I am not for that at all. There should be at least 20 feet between those houses and the ordinance calls for 30."

Commissioner Branko Mitkovski was even blunter. "The 12 feet spacing is a deal-breaker," he said.

Still, he and the other commissioners noted that increasing the spacing between those houses would reduce density, potentially alleviating concerns.

Other suggestions included a road connection between two cul-de-sacs.

Traffic concerns

Increased traffic is typically a concern with any new development in the township, but a traffic impact study conducted by Fishbeck Professional Services Company last month concluded the development would not significantly impact "the adjacent road network with improvements.

Moreover, the proposed site access configuration is appropriate and would acceptably facilitate site ingress and egress."

The project proposes three driveways to the site: two on Milford Road, aligning with Abbey Lane and Mill River Boulevard, and the third on 12 Mile Road, about 2,200 feet east of Milford Road.

The plans also calls for paving 12 Mile Road from Milford Road to the proposed site driveway.

Additionally, the traffic study recommends that left-turn lanes are added at the south and north Milford Road driveways, as well as northbound right turn tapers at each of those locations.

Keesey also noted in a letter that improvements may be warranted at the Grand River and Milford intersection.

'We request the Planning Commission and Township Board discuss their expectations and concerns about the increase in traffic along Milford Road," he wrote, "and particularly the Grand River Avenue intersection, since there have been increased concerns raised by the public regarding traffic there with each proposed development that will utilize that intersection for freeway access.'

The plan will next be taken to the township board for feedback.

There are several steps in the process, including preliminary review and public hearing, before final approval

Cattails development returns

The plan for Cattails Golf Club proposed putting 182 single-family homes on the 160-acre site at 57737 W. 9 Mile Road.

That conceptual plan also drew concern over density and the close proximity between homes — just 15

Planning Department Coordinator Katherine Des Rochers said the applicant for the Cattails development has requested a preliminary review of what is most likely a revised plan for the project. The review is tentatively set for the June 12 planning commission meeting.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE EXPANSION OF THE DISTRICT BOUNDARY OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECODIFIED TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ACT, **CURRENTLY PUBLIC ACT 57 OF 2018, AS AMENDED**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the City Council of the City of Northville on the 19th day of June, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City of Northville located at 215 W Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, on the proposed expansion of the Downtown Development Authority District Boundary in connection with the Redevelopment of The Northville Downs Property.

The City Council of the City of Northville established the City of Northville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in 1978 by ordinance of the City Council of the City of Northville pursuant to the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act, currently Public Act 57 of 2018 (the "Act").

This document is notification to the public of the City's intent to expand the District Boundary as set forth in below in connection with the proposed Northville Downs Development. The modifications proposed include the addition of the River Park area which runs just west of River Street between Beal and 7 Mile Road and the area along Beal Street extended. The inclusion of these two areas will help to facilitate the environmental remediation in the River Park area and development of the River Park and to alter the boundaries at Beal Street to clean up the DDA's southern boundary. Currently, the proposed apartment building which is part of the Northville Downs development project is half in the DDA boundary and half outside of the DDA boundary

A public hearing has been scheduled by City Council regarding its intent to approve the expanded Downtown District. The public hearing will be held at the June 19, 2023 meeting of the City of Northville City Council meeting held at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. If you have any questions or comments concerning the proposed boundary expansion you may attend the meeting and express those concerns during the public comment period. You may also direct inquiries to the City offices at 248-349-1300.

Michael Smith, City Clerk City of Northville Publish: May 18 & 25, 202



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This document is notification to the public that the Downtown Development Authority proposes to amend the Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan for consistency with the proposed expansion of the District Boundary in connection with the proposed Northville Downs Development. The modifications proposed include development projects and corresponding changes to financing of the development plan in connection with the addition of the River Park area which runs just west of River Street between Beal and 7 Mile Road and the area along Beal Street extended. The inclusion of these two areas will help to facilitate the environmental remediation in the River Park area and development of the River Park and to alter the boundaries at Beal Street to clean up the DDA's southern boundary. Currently, the proposed apartment building which is part of the Northville Downs development project is half in the DDA boundary and half outside of the DDA boundary

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Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. If you have any questions or comments concerning the proposed boundary expansion you may attend the meeting and express those concerns during the public comment period. You may also direct inquiries to the City of Northville offices at 248-349-1300.

The proposed amended Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan will be available for public inspection at the City of Northville City Clerk's Office

All aspects of the proposed amended Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing

Michael Smith, City Clerk City of Northville

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The city plans to rehabilitate Taft Road as soon as school is out for the summer from Nine to 10 Mile Road, with northbound traffic being maintained. Southbound drivers will be detoured to Beck Road, where vehicles can drive south.

The work is just the latest to hit the city, which has plenty of orange barrels up this year. In addition to the multi-year Interstate 96 Flex route construction, roads across the city still see work, including Meadowbrook, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads, as well as 10 Mile Road, between Meadowbrook and Haggerty. Road work also continues along Novi Road, between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads.

For a list and the status of road projects taking place in Novi, visit the city's website.

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David Veselenak

The night after my first son was born. I stopped by Bates Hamburgers at Five Mile and Farmington in Livonia to grab some dinner on the way back to the hospital after checking on things back home. I sat down at the counter and, as happens at these little slider joints, be-

gan chatting with a man next to me. He told me something I'll never forget: do everything I can with my new kiddo. Take him everywhere. Give him all the experiences you possibly can. Let him take in everything.

It's good advice. It's so good that that it's been what I've tried to do throughout my career. Spending 11 years here at Hometown Life has provided the opportunity to see and do so much, an absolute honor to serve these great commu-

Now, after more than a decade of countless interviews, public meetings and phone calls, I'm departing our news organization, moving to a new opportunity here in the community.

The communities we serve are special. They don't get nearly the attention statewide as some others, but they each have unique features worth experiencing. It's something I've noticed as I head out to speak to people for the news stories we cover; I can always find something new.

Be it a simple memorial outside a liquor store in Westland, a piece of the World Trade Center in Farmington or the beauty of Shain Park in downtown Birmingham, these towns keep teaching me something every time I visit.

I've covered some major stories, including a visit from President Barack Obama to Detroit Diesel in Redford Township in 2012, coverage that led to new security cameras at the Livonia Civic Center campus installed in 2015 after a carjacking took place in the parking lot and multiple visits to the North American International Auto Show to showcase the work done by local companies and people.

I've even had a little fun along the way, reviewing new breakfast foods, judging pie-eating contests at the Livonia Spree and even brewing a special beer at Big Brew Day in Milford.

And a big thanks to all the coffee shops across the region who have served as my de facto office over the years: you have kept me going, both literally and figuratively.

The connections I've made here have changed my life, so much so that my family moved here because of everything I learned through my work. If you know me, my mantra has always stayed the same: I live here, I work here, I worship here, I go out to eat here, I go to the gym here (though not nearly as often as

I should; apologies to my doctor). These are the communities in which my wife and I choose to raise our children. These towns, they're home

It's been an honor spending my days helping to tell the stories in these communities. People are always surprised to find out that doing community journalism is our full-time job here. We have a massive responsibility serving our communities, something I've always taken

Don't forget to continue supporting my colleagues as they continue this important work; I know I will. And I'm happy to continue sharing stories even after I leave, perhaps over a hamburger at an old-timey burger joint.

See you at Bates

David Veselenak has loved every (well, almost every) second of serving the Hometown Life community. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak, where he still expects to tweet on a reg-

Canton's Grace West shares 'The Voice' experience so far

Laura Colvin

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It was a dream come true when Grace West learned she'd secured a spot on NBC's hit show, "The Voice." After that, the dream just kept getting better.

Originally from Canton and now living in Nashville, West, 19, became coach Blake Shelton's last ever Blind Auditions chair turn following her performance of "Maybe It Was Memphis" by Pam Tillis. She then advanced through the Battle Rounds, Knockouts and the Playoffs.

West earned praise from Shelton and the other coaches - Kelly Clarkson, Niall Horan and Chance the Rapper. Following her performance of "Love Is Alive" by the Judds in the Playoffs, Shelton called her the "real deal."

"She's got this pure, real country tone that takes me back to my favorite days of country music, which is the 80s," he



Grace West appears on The Voice. CASEY DURKIN/NBC

said. "She is pure country. She's just literally one step away from being the next star on country radio."

Once the Live shows begin, the top artists will compete against each other during a live broadcast. This time, the television audience will vote to save their favorite artists. The Live semifinal rounds aired May 15. Live finals run at 8 p.m. May 22 and 23.

Hometown Life caught up with West this week. Here's what she had to say:

Question: It's been so much fun to watch you in each stage of the show. What's been your favorite moment so

Answer: There's been so many. Every performance is a whole new experience. I think probably the biggest one so far is Blake hitting his button for the last time and turning around (in Blind Auditions). That's one thing I'll never forget. And then every time after that, having him pick me to move through. It's surreal ev-

Q: Any memorable off-camera moments you can share?

A: Every single rehearsal with Blake See WEST, Page 3A

has been memorable. He's just a fun, comfortable person to spend time around. He makes jokes constantly. I'm a little bit reserved at times, especially at rehearsals and stuff, so he'll always crack jokes and tell me to pipe down, even though I'm, like, silent in the room.

Q: What was it like meeting and getting coaching from country legend **Reba McEntire?**

A: Talk about memorable moments! I was so nervous. I still can't even believe that happened. She's somebody I've looked up to my whole life. I used to listen to her music when I was younger to try to mimic a little bit more of an accent

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 June 13th, 2023, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider

PZ23-0016 (Signarama - Flint/Novi) 44225 Twelve Mile Road Suite C-100, west of Novi Road, south of Twelve Mile, Parcel 50-22-15-200-112. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Sign Ordinance Section 28-5 (b)(1)a to allow a 107 square foot wall sign (Maximum allowed 65 square feet, a variance of 42 square feet). This property

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II of the Code of Ordinances), the City of Northville's Liquor License Review Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday June 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9905 The Liquor Management Ordinance requires a public hearing and local government approval

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the City of Northville's Liquor Management Ordinance (Chapter 5, Article

in the event of any new liquor license, transfer of ownership of a liquor license or application for a new permit. The purpose of this public hearing will be to solicit public comment on the following application: Application for a new SDM License issued under MCL 436.1533(5)(a) to Pietro

& Francesco, Inc d/b/a as Tirami Su Restaurant located at 146 Maincentre Northville, MI 48167-1562 The application is available for review at the City of Northville Police Department, Monday

through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., local prevailing time. Written comments concerning the application will also be accepted by the City at the above address

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ALAN M. MACIAG, CHIEF OF POLICE

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, June 7, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider JSP22-48: EXTRA SPACE SELF STORAGE, FOR SPECIAL LAND USE, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLAND PERMIT, WETLAND PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. The subject property totals approximately 4.3 acres and is located at 21700 Novi Road (Parcel 50-22-35-101-016), which is north of Eight Mile Road and east of Novi Road (Section 35). The subject property is zoned I-1 (Light Industrial) and is the former site of Novi Bowl. The applicant is proposing to renovate the existing 36,571 square foot building to accommodate indoor, climate-controlled, self-storage. The applicant is also proposing a 100,200 square foot addition consisting of 3 stories (40 feet tall) to the rear of the existing building. In total, 924 climate-controlled self-storage units are proposed on the site.

Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department during regular business hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM).



Subject parcel IDs: 50-22-35-101-016

All interested persons are invited to attend this in-person meeting. 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, June 7, 2023.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.300 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, ORDINANCE 14-271, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, AT ARTICLE 6, "DEVELOPMENT PROVISIONS," SECTION 6.1, SITE PLAN REVIEW (ALL DISTRICTS); IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE EXISTING CITY OF NOVI SITE PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT MANUAL.

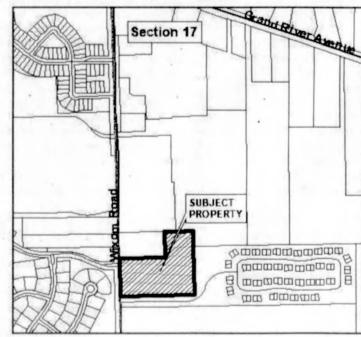
The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, May 8, 2023, and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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Subject Property Parcel IDs: 50-22-17-300-019

All interested people are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 7, 2023.

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Crumbl Cookies expands into Northville Township

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NORTHVILLE TWP. — Got a latenight craving for cookies? Boxed cookies from the grocery store not doing the

There's a new shop bringing specialty cookies to the Haggerty Road corridor for those seeking something different.

Crumbl Cookies continues its expansion into Michigan with a new store, operated by couple Anthony and Amber White at 20075 Haggerty Road. The shop, in front of the Kohl's and new Powerhouse Gym, brings the smell of fresh-baked cookies to those who crave

The Northville Township shop is the couple's fourth, along with outlets in Rochester Hills, Canton Township and Woodhaven. The couple sought a Crumbl franchise after they fell in love with the sweet treats while Anthony White was in the military and stationed in Arizona several years ago. A Crumbl Cookies location opened near where they lived, and they were obsessed with the revolving cookie options, especially as the COVID-19 lockdowns began in 2020.

When his enlistment ended and they moved back to their native Michigan, they discovered there weren't any locations here.

"We kept ordering these cookies, because they delivered them warm to your house," Amber White said. "And I was like, 'We need to keep ordering them, because we're not going to have them when we go back to Michigan.""

Once home, they reached out and became one of the first franchisees in the

Great Lakes state for the Logan, Utahbased cookie business.

The Northville Township shop looks and feels like other Crumbl Cookies locations: It sports simple pink and white décor, as well as a kiosk for purchases and self-checkout. The shop serves up six varieties of cookies at a time, with five changing on a weekly basis. Customers can purchase a single cookie, a six-pack or even order catering for larger events requiring hundreds of treats.

Other Crumbl Cookies locations in the region include stores in Novi, Livonia, Canton and Bloomfield Township.

The couple said locating in Northville Township along Haggerty Road was a goal for some time. Given how much activity takes place, as well as other stores key to their main customer demographic, locating in what once was a tanning salon space was a perfect fit for the Whites.

"Every business that expands wants to come to this corridor," Anthony White said. "It's just a really great spot for people in the area."

They spent nearly a year securing the location and renovating the interior of the store to handle the bakery.

The shop is open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. More information, including online ordering, can be found at crumblcookies.com.

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Anthony and Amber White recently opened a Crumbl Cookies location in Northville Township.



Crumbl Cookies bakers Timasia Daniell and Robert Lynch talk about the business that recently opened on Haggerty in Northville Township.

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West

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- because singing country music with a Michigan accent doesn't come off well - so to practice...I used to sing her songs a lot. She's been a huge part of my life. Being able to get advice from her - just to be in her presence and sing for her - was crazy.

Q: We were wondering about that southern style you have. Say more about that.

My parents listened to a lot of classic country when I was younger. I really, really loved Johnny Cash growing up. I love the songwriting and the storytelling. It was always fascinating to me. It sounded so different than every other genre, with the steel guitars and the fiddles and everything. And I just love the diversity of the genre, too...it just made me really excited from a young age.

Q: Who are the biggest musical in-

fluences in your life?

A: I listened to a lot of Johnny Cash and a lot of Patsy Cline growing up. I think that's where a lot of my love for that classic country music-comes from, those love songs with the aching melodies and the stories. And then more modern country, too. I listened to a lot of Carrie Underwood growing up, and Reba, of course.

Q: You've had a chance to rub elbows with some big names in the music industry. What are the takeaways?

A: Every single time I've had a conversation, whether it's been with Chance or Kelly or Niall, and rehearsals and conversations with Blake – and even with the band has some of the most talented musicians on the planet – I've been able to get advice and tips to better myself as an artist, a performer, as a person. It's priceless, really. Every interaction has meant a lot to me.

Q: What's it been like performing alongside those other talented singers? Have you formed bonds and made new friends?

A: Ever since Blinds, all of us being together, I think a lot of people got really close and made really good friendships. You're going into this not knowing what to expect. It's a new experience – it's exciting, it's scary, it's nerve-wracking – and all the people around you are the only people who know exactly what you're going through. Even for the Playoff episode, we all went downstairs in the hotel and watched it. It's really nice how much everyone supports each other. It's still a competition, but everyone is so kind and so supportive.

Q: What advice would you give someone who's watching "The Voice" and hopes to someday be where you are now?

A: My best advice would be, if you want something or you have a goal or a dream, just go for it. If it doesn't work out, try again. Going into this I had confidence and everything, but I didn't know how far I was going to get. I didn't even know if I would get an audition. I just put my all into it and it worked out and through every round. I never knew what was going to happen, but I just continue to work hard and put my heart and soul into everything. I'm super proud of myself and it's all starting to work out. So I would just say, put your all into everything you do.

Q: Do you want to share any personal details? Anyone special in your life?

A: Yeah, I'm actually in a long distance relationship with a guy I went to middle school with. We were friends through middle and high school. He's in Michigan, going to school at Michigan Tech, and I'm in Nashville working. We've both got our own things going for us, but it's been great.

Q: Thanks for the chat. Can you give us a spoiler about what you'll be singing in the semi-finals?

A: (Laughs) Nope. You'll just have to watch.

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Northville considers \$24M water infrastructure plan dependent on state money

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NORTHVILLE — It's time for the biggest water infrastructure improvement Northville has seen in more than 60 years.

That's the message from the city's public works department, which is submitting a proposal for a \$24 million low-interest Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to make major improvements to the city's water system.

Those improvements are part of a comprehensive plan that includes the removal of a 100-year-old reservoir and modernization of several pipes running throughout the community.

Mike Domine, the city's public works director, said the last major work done to the city's water infrastructure was the construction of the water tower off Eight Mile Road back in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

"Since then, there really hasn't been much changes or improvements to the system since then," he said. "We're in need for a lot of improvements."

If the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy approves the plan, the city will receive low-interest loans to assist with its work. The city is currently preparing its application.

"At this point right now, it's just a plan. We're applying for it. We could get declined or they could accept it," Domine said. "For the process, for submitting the plan, you've got to include everything that's listed."

The city's water infrastructure has been under review for years. The timing of the application — with large projects such as the redevelopment of the North-ville Downs property — is purely coincidence, Domine said.

The costs for the project could be about \$103 bimonthly per household, or even less because of additional development that would help pay the project's cost.

"Actually the Downs development, with the number of customers, will actually help bring the cost down," Domine said.

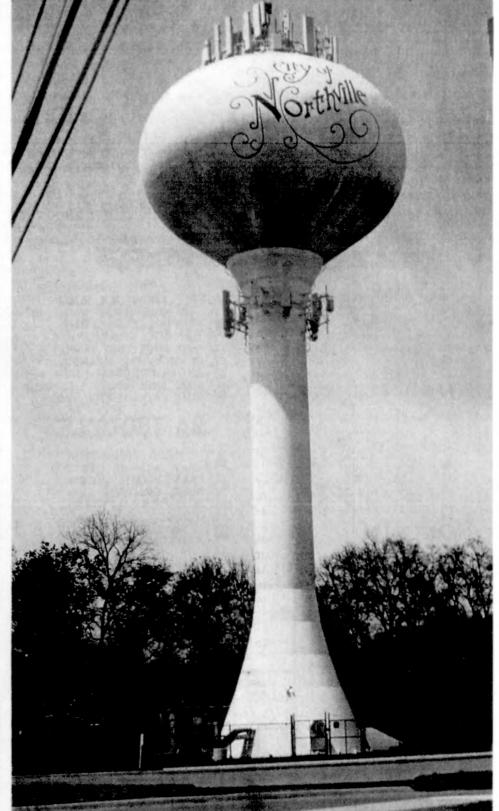
The initiative would include many facets to improve the city's drinking water system. The city would replace the city's 500,000-gallon reservoir at the base of the Northville water tower with a booster station. Also, the city would replace several lines, including some lead lines throughout Northville.

Domine said the city won't know until later this fall whether the city's loan application is accepted. Domine said some work will still need to take place soon because of the deteriorating conditions of part of the system.

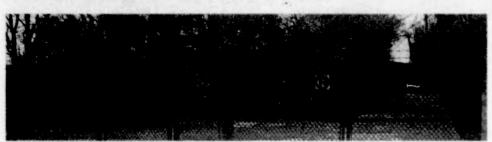
Those interested in reviewing the plan can find a copy of it online on the city's website, as well as a hard copy inside of city hall.

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A building on the site of the underground reservoir in Northville. The reservoir, which was constructed about 100 years ago, needs replacing.



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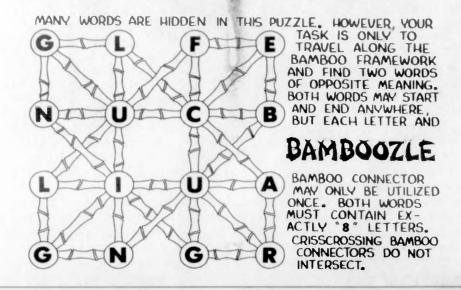
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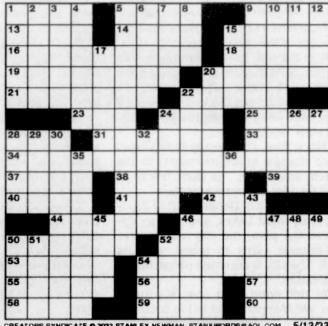
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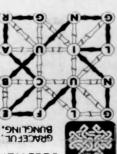
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Development at Birmingham intersection takes next steps

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BIRMINGHAM — A new building at a major Oakland County intersection has moved closer to becoming a reality.

The Birmingham Planning Board approved both a community impact study and a preliminary site plan for a mixeduse building at the southeast corner of Maple Road and Woodward Avenue, on the vacant corner lot across from Kroger. The building will include between six and nine stories of both commercial and residential units

Originally discussed by the planning board in March, the project returned to the board at its May 10 meeting at city hall. New information was provided, including results from soil borings done at 34952 Woodward Ave., and 690 E. Maple Road, where some hydrocarbon odor was detected in the sample.

While not environmentally tested, representatives from the company behind the development said they were not concerned about long-term issues. "Just the presence of an odor



Fencing with a blue covering is up at the southeast corner of Woodward and Maple in Birmingham as seen in March 2023. The site may become the home of a multi-story mixed-use development with hundreds of apartments. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

claimed in a report is something that we are going to investigate and understand the extent that. We'll do additional borings," said Toby Veit, vice president of development for Chicagobased Ryan Companies. "But it's not something that concerns us."

A handful of changes have been made to the plans since the project was proposed, including switching the onstreet parking along Woodward Avenue from angled to parallel, as well as the addition of seven street lights and a detailed list of greenery.

Several planning board members expressed concern over the number of potential deliveries to the building and issues with providing enough space for such deliveries. Between the increase of parcel deliveries from companies such as Amazon, as well as the increase of ride-sharing and food delivery services such as DoorDash, there's a chance ielivery vehicles could spill out into Ma ple Road road during peak traffic times.

"They're ordering everything from furniture to underwear, which is going to get delivered," said planning board member Robin Boyle. "It's such a busy road.

Part of the development will include a "corner plaza" close to the intersection, which includes landscape and hardscape improvements to beautify the area. Board Chairman Scott Clein applauded the

"The plaza on the corner is a wonderful addition," he said. "I think it really helps

tie that intersection together." The project continues to make its way through approvals in the city, and will require a final site plan approval in the fu-

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Birmingham monthly garage parking passes going up in July

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BIRMINGHAM — Monthly users of the city's parking garages will pay a little more starting July 1.

The Birmingham City Commission on May 8 approved increases for monthly pass holders at each of the city's five public parking garages. The increases are the first since 2017.

"After six years, the city has budgeted and planned to increase the monthly rate at all five city garages starting with the next fiscal year, which would be July 1," said Aaron Ford, the city's parking

systems manager. Parking revenue is expected to increase from an estimated \$3.26 million this fiscal year to \$4.27 million in the upcoming year. Funds from the increase will go toward continuing improvements, including regular maintenance on the garages, Ford said.

The new fee schedule, including the corresponding parking structure, previous cost and new fee includes:

• The Chester Street Garage, 180 Chester St., will go from \$50/month to

• The North Old Woodward Avenue Garage, 333 N. Old Woodward Ave., will go from \$70/month to \$90/month • The Park Street Garage, 333 N. Park

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month • The Pierce Street Garage, 333 Pierce St., will go from \$70/month to \$100/month

Ford said the monthly parking garage passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis. He said there are currently wait lists for the Pierce, Peabody and Park garages, while the North Old

Woodward and Chester garages have available passes. Ford said 4,191 passes had been sold as of March

The rate increases are for those purchasing a monthly parking pass. Daily rates are not changing and remain at the current rates: free for less than two hours, up to a maximum of \$10 for six hours or more.

Ford said many of those who desire a monthly pass are already parking in the garages, just under the daily rate. He said even with the rate increase, the amount being paid on a daily basis, on average, is less with a monthly pass.

"If you're working six hours or more, the most you'll pay is \$10," he said. "So this is still quite a discount, even with a rate increase."

The city has 3,500 spaces in its five parking structures, according to its website. The city also has 1,200 onstreet metered spots in the downtown

City commissioners supported the price increase, with some saying a closer look should take place each year on the city's parking rates. Commissioner Clinton Baller said he would like to see more reviews from the commission, which could include annual reviews of the rates for the city's garages

"The city commission needs to be more involved. We are the board of directors," he said. "I would like to see us involved in the development of some of these objectives and goals and (key performance indicators) and strategies."

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Nonprofit opens food pantries in Clarenceville schools

Shelby Tankersley

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LIVONIA — Families in the Clarenceville School District recently received a helping hand from Livonia Kids and Families, a nonprofit that opened food pantries at the district's four schools.

Clarenceville School District, which includes parts of Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford Township, has a large population of students who qualify for free lunch, which prompted the nonprofit to create the pantries and donate a technology lab to the school system.

"It means everything to be able to support our students and families," Superintendent Paul Shepich said. "A hungry crowd can't learn. Happy kids are engaged kids, and engaged kids are better learners." It's all connected."

Pantries will provide food and other essentials to Clarenceville families, said Veronica Cruz, the community involvement and government affairs executive for Livonia-based AlphaUSA who runs Livonia Kids and Families as part of her AlphaUSA job.

"They actually make boxes for families," she said.
"The box is based on the family household size. The cool thing about the Clarenceville pantries is that it'll be something that's open year-round. We're going to be feeding families in the summer."

Students can also use their school's pantry food for breakfast or snacks if hunger becomes an attention or learning issue.

When the pantries opened, the Livonia Democratic Club donated 2,000 pounds of food.

Between the Clarenceville schools and Livonia Franklin High School, Livonia Kids and Families runs five pantries.

Shepich said he's glad the food will remove a barrier for some students.

"All means all is what we're all about," he said.
Clarenceville High School has also opened its new

technology lab to students.

The space includes eight workstations and offers

access to 3D printers, soldering kits, computer design technology and more.

Shepich said the lab has allowed the school to ex-

pand its engineering curriculum and has already impacted some students' career aspirations.

District leaders plan to launch a drone-focused

class in the fall.

"We're trying to create new, relevant programming

in our high school," Shepich said. "We saw a need there for that kind of career exploration." Cruz said Livonia Kids and Families' work wouldn't be possible without community support. She encour-

aged people to reach out online or call 248-470-9150 if they'd like to volunteer or make a donation. Get the latest headlines for metro Detroit every morning in your mailbox by signing up for our daily

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Franklin High School students help fill a school food pantry. PROVIDED BY LIVONIA KIDS AND FAMILIES

Brunch place makes move to set up shop in Farmington Hills

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FARMINGTON HILLS — Brunch enthusiasts will have a new place to grab a mimosa and some avocado

toast in a few months.

The Ansara Restaurant Group is bringing a Daily Jam to the old Panera Bread building on 12 Mile Road, near the corner with Halsted Road. Daily Jam has one other location in Tempe, Arizona.

"This concept is something that's pretty special to us," Michael Ansara, president of Ansara Concepts, said at a recent city council meeting. "There's only one right now. We've been talking to them, and they want us to bring it here to Michigan."

City council unanimously approved a liquor license for the business during a meeting Monday, May 8. The



A former Panera Bread near 12 Mile and Halsted roads in Farmington Hills will soon be a brunch restaurant. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

company plans to open the restaurant in late summer or early fall.

"We think the city could benefit from a brunch spot that's not like anything else," Ansara said. "It's not a

Coney Island; it's not fine dining. It's kind of somewhere in between."

The Arizona menu includes a variety of smoothies, coffee and cocktails along with brunch staples like omelets, waffles and sandwiches.

"I'm so happy there's consideration for a breakfast restaurant where you can have a mimosa," Councilwoman Jackie Boleware said.

The Ansara Restaurant Group also owns the 2Booli restaurant in Farmington Hills. The company's largest offering is a host of Red Robin and Twin Peaks restaurants throughout Michigan and Ohio.

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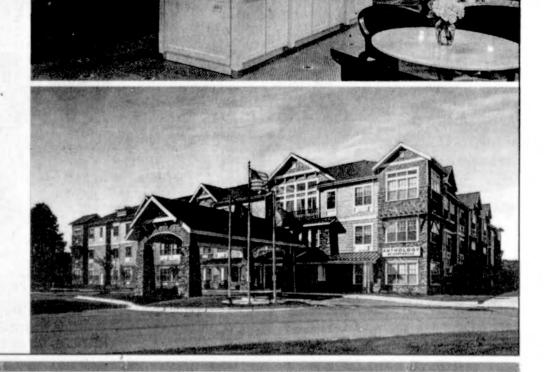
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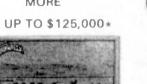


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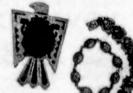
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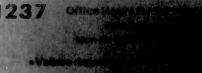
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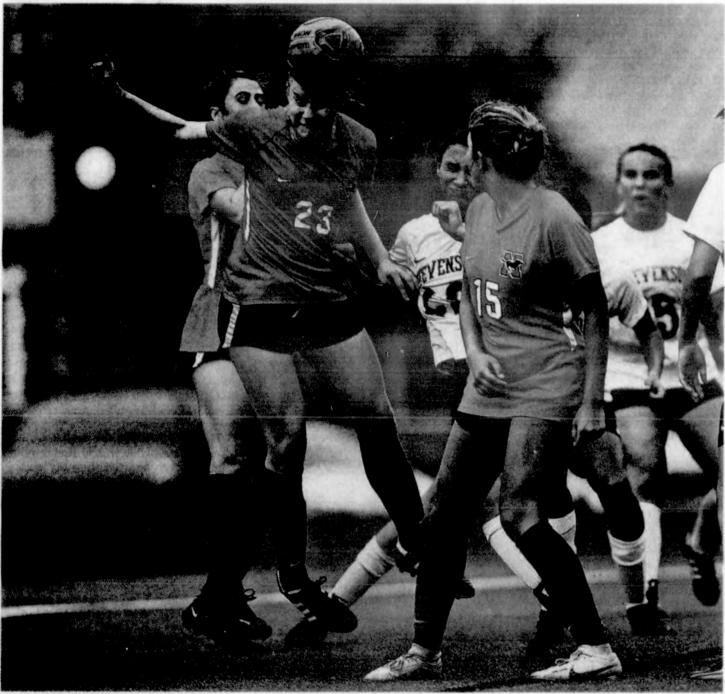


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SPORTS



Northville's Caroline Meloche heads a corner kick during a girls soccer match on May 12. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Clutch in the corner: Peters, Meloche guide Mustangs past Stevenson

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About 15 minutes into Friday night's girls soccer match, Northville's coaching staff pulled Avery Peters aside and told the junior to start taking the corner

And, sure enough, that change led to Peters helping the second-ranked Mustangs (10-0-4) drum up the first two goals of their eventual 3-0 victory against Livonia Stevenson, their neighbors down 6 Mile Road.

And Peters couldn't have picked a more important game to be surefooted.

Yeah, Northville recently wrapped up the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West title and ensured itself an the postseason starts. appearance in the KLAA championship game on May 22.

potentially three matchups against the Spartans. Should Dearborn upset No. 9 Belleville, which isn't out of the realm of possibility with how much parity there is in this league, it'll be Stevenson that wins the East title and advances to the KLAA championship against Northville.

What's more, Stevenson is also in Northville's district. There's a good chance these two could face each other during the district semifinal or, even better, the championship. Coincidently, the Mustangs getting past Stevenson also guaranteed them the No. 1 seed when the district draw happens before

Unfortunately for the Spartans (10-4), they were without their top goal But this was the first of what could be scorer in Tiffin University (Ohio) commit Kelsey Ware (injury), but the win was still a good barometer for Northville to learn how tough Stevenson plays should the two teams meet

And it was also reassuring to see that Peters could be their new secret weapon on offense.

"About five or six games ago, we switched her onto free kicks and corner kicks," second-year Northville coach Jeannine Reddy said. "She doesn't like to shoot. I wanted her to

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Hartland wins clash between two of state's top pitchers

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HARTLAND - Hartland softball coach Taylor Wagner turned toward a player in the Eagles' dugout and said without a hint of exaggeration, "This may be the best pitcher you will face in

It wasn't an attempt to psyche out her own players, rather an affirmation that what Hartland's batters were achieving Thursday against Novi senior Reganne Bennett was something

The Eagles hit Bennett better than any team has this season in a 6-0 victory that clinched the KLAA West championship.

Hartland completed division play with a perfect 14-0 record after beating second-place Novi in the second game, 4-2.

The first game was a showcase between two of the top pitchers in

Bennett is a University of South Carolina recruit who entered the game with a 9-1 record, a 0.58 earned run average and 135 strikeouts in 72½ innings.

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Hartland's Kylie Swierkos pitched a one-hitter and had 11 strikeouts in a 6-0 victory over Novi on Thursday. BILL KHAN/LIVINGSTON DAILY

Pictured is Meads Mills' talented distance relay team consisting of coach Evan Paputa, Colette Lozo, Natalia Hurd, Julia Crowd and Alexandra Scappaticci during a middle school track meet Friday, May 12, 2023, at Tom Folzer Ford Field in Northville. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

These 4 club soccer players are breaking Meads Mill track records

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Sure, the distance relay team for

the Meads Mill Middle School girls track and field program is blazing fast. But the foursome also has one other thing in common: There's a good

chance at least one of them is going to leave a meet or practice before it fin-

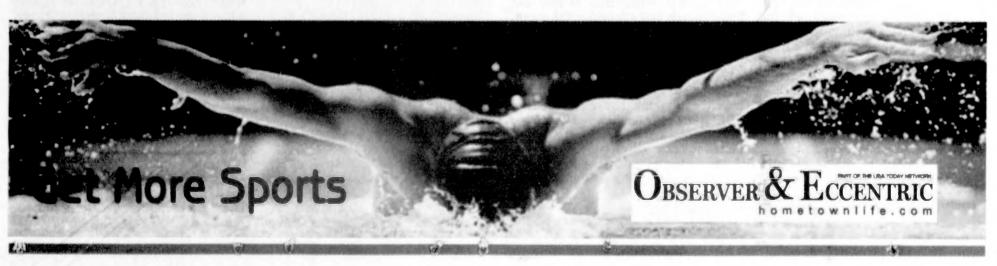
That's not to say they're each a track truant. Simply put, they're twosport athletes this spring.

Not only has their time in the 2mile relay qualified them for the MidMichigan Megastar Meet, essentially a state championship for middle schoolers, on May 31, but they're all standout travel soccer players as well.

So when you see either Colette Lozo, Natalia Hurd, Julia Crowe or Alexandra Scappaticci crossing the finish line and then quickly jumping into a car, that doesn't mean they don't want to hang around to watch their teammates compete in the sprints or the long jump. It actually means they're en route to a soccer match about a town or two over.

"They're really fun to watch as a

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have the comfort to take more shots, take more chances. She's been doing it in practices, and then I started noticing her shots from 20 and 30 yards out are on target all the time. So she does really good with those."

Right now, Peters shares the duties on corner kicks with Helena McLellan, a crafty and tough-as-nails midfielder who can hold her own amongst a scrum of defenders. So it makes sense why Reddy would want to swap out Peters with McLellan at times. McLellan has no trouble sticking her head into traffic to continue a possession. So why not let her do the same in the penalty box?

But that adjustment also allows one of Northville's tall and physical defenders, Caroline Meloche, to push up into the box and act as a hammer on the ball once the corner kick gets launched.

And that adjustment has been an absolute boon for the Mustangs.

With just under 7 minutes left in the first half, Peters' corner kick sailed into the penalty box, and there was Meloche to head it in. And then 12 minutes into the next half, the two connected again in the same exact fashion.

And it's been that way ever since Peters attempted her first corner a few weeks ago.

"Pretty much every time, (Meloche heads in the attempt), yeah," said Peters, who plays for the Michigan Hawks club. "I just started taking them about halfway through the season. From there, it's just been natural, I guess. One game, I was just trying it out. It worked. We got a goal. So now it feels pretty good because I feel like it's more valuable for me to create an assist than a goal. Creating it just feels pretty good."

And it's got to feel pretty good for Meloche, too.

Not often does your top defender on the back line get chances to score.

'Her (Peters') style of corners and free kicks are good for Caroline," Reddy added. "Caroline gets to go into the box. And I like having Helena in the box, too. Helena is more dangerous than Avery, and Avery is more dangerous on the ball."

That connection should continue to be a go-to scoring option for the Mustangs as the season winds down, so watch for that when they attempt to repeat as KLAA champions, whether that's against Belleville or matchup No. 2 against the Spartans, who should have Ware back from injury by then.

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Northville's Avery Peters looks to pass during a girls soccer match Friday, May 12, 2023. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Hartland countered with senior Kylie Swierkos, a Grand Valley State University signee, who is 10-1 with a 1.03 ERA and an astonishing ratio of 146 strikeouts to only four walks in 93% innings.

Swierkos knew what she was up against.

"I actually had a lot of nervous energy today," she said. "Reganne's an amazing pitcher and Novi's always a huge opponent, so going up against them there's obviously a lot of nerves. I had a lot of faith in my team, so I knew we could lock it down and do it."

Swierkos continued her dominant senior season, throwing a one-hitter, striking out 11 and not allowing a walk. She retired the first 13 batters she faced and allowed Novi's only hit with two outs in the sixth inning.

"She just wanted to play the game," Wagner said. "She wanted the ball in her hands. She just wanted to win that game so bad, which was awesome."

Just as impressive was the performance of Hartland's hitters, who went 8-for-27 against Bennett. The eight hits and six runs were the most allowed by Bennett this season. In five of her 11 previous starts, she gave up two hits or less.

Bennett struck out II batters and allowed only one walk.

"It was nerve-racking at first, but we've been practicing really hard," said



Novi's Reganne Bennett had 11 strikeouts in a 6-0 loss at Hartland on Thursday, May 11, 2023. BILL KHAN/LIVINGSTON DAILY

and bat to the ball, then we'll be good."

Hartland is hitting .334 as a team against a tough schedule, with the top eight batters checking in at .328 or high-

"I know top to bottom, this is one of the most talented Hartland teams we've had in a while, which is saying a lot be-

Hartland senior Faith DeLanoy, who cause we've had some really great hithad two hits. "We just knew if we kept ting teams," Wagner said. "But top to our swings nice and short and simple bottom, they make it happen. They put the ball in play. They weren't trying to do

too much, which was the key to that. "As a player and a former catcher, I've caught a lot of great pitchers, I've seen a lot of great pitchers. She's way up there with some of the best. You've just got to tip your hats to our girls; they did amaz-

Hartland grabbed the early momentum, scoring twice in the first inning. Kate McIntyre started the rally with a one-out double and scored on a double by Sadie Malik. The second run scored on an error during a rundown between third base and home.

The Eagles extended their lead to 6-0 with a four-run fourth inning. A two-run double by Skylar Spisz highlighted the inning.

Both teams used their No. 2 pitchers in the second game. Hartland freshman Olivia Forrest allowed two unearned runs in five innings before Swierkos pitched two shutout innings of relief.

Novi took a 2-0 lead in the first inning before Hartland countered with three in the fourth on a two-run double by Reese Dunny and a single by DeLanoy. Malik's sacrifice fly in the fifth provided an insurance run.

Hartland will play in the semifinals of the KLAA's championship bracket the week on May 22, most likely against Livonia Churchill. Novi and Livonia Stevenson will meet in the other semifinal. The Eagles won the KLAA title last sea-

"You can do a lot of things without winning a conference, but this is still a big title," Wagner said. "This is the regular season. We hope to see (Novi) in a couple weeks still. This is a tough team. We were circling this for some really good competition."

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team, collaborating with each other (about dual-sport schedules) and working hard in practice together, and it's interesting to watch them compete," said coach Evan Paputa before a meet Friday night at Tom Holzer Ford Field in Northville. "And each kid has their own specialty they compete in, too. Them also playing soccer hasn't been a problem at all. They've kind of earned a little bit of leeway. And it's not like they're skipping a workout. They're going to get a workout at soccer practice or during a soccer game."

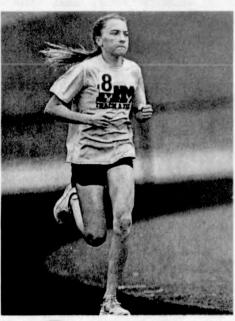
Actually, they're usually getting more than just one workout.

Take Scappaticci, for example. It's not uncommon for the sixth-grader to run the 2-mile, catch a breather, run the 1-mile and, if there's time before leaving for soccer, compete in the 2-mile relay

with her teammates. On Friday night, she won the 3,200meter run in 12 minutes, 10.65 seconds, just 3 seconds off from her personal best, and then was the runner-up in the 1,600 with a time of 6 minutes, 6.65 seconds. And then she left the meet to go and play in a soccer match for the Michi-

gan Hawks That back-of-the-envelope calculation comes out to her sprinting 3 miles competitively and then heading over to the soccer pitch to sprint for another 2

It's not uncommon to see kids tumble at the finish line of distance races because it's so daunting to put their bodies through so much pain. And here's Scappaticci heading out afterward to put a



Meads Mill runner Colette Lozo. PHOTO BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

few more miles on her legs at soccer.

'When I first met Alex, the thing that stood out about her is that she volunteered to run the 2-mile," said Paputa, who expects Scappaticci to one day break Meads Mill's record in the event, which is II minutes, 59 seconds. "No one has ever done that for me before. It's the toughest event, bar none, because you're running eight laps around the track. When you see someone say that, it makes you think they're somebody of high character. And then you watch her run, and she just takes off and goes. It's just everybody else chasing her."

events, and they're just as busy on the soccer pitch, too.

That's not to say she's outworking her teammates on the relav. They're just as talented in their own



Meads Mill runner Alex Scappaticci.

On Friday, not only did Lozo, who plays for Michigan Rush Soccer, win the 1,600 with a time of 5 minutes, 37.76 seconds, but she also broke the school record by almost 4 seconds. And that record has stood since 2014.

Crowe, who's part of Plymouth Reign Soccer Club, placed second in the 400 meters (1:07.61).

And with Scappaticci leaving early for a soccer match, sixth-grader Audrey Beers filled in on the relay and helped Lozo, Hurd and Crowe win the 3,200 with a time of 11 minutes, 2.47 seconds, which is Meads Mill's fastest time in the event yet this season.

"We have a bond because we all play soccer, so I think that helped us become closer friends," said Lozo, an eighthgrader. "We can kind of bond over that. We all have double practices some

nights, and that can be hard to balance at times. But we're able to talk to each other about how to balance things and how we're feeling about both sports."

They'll have plenty to talk about when they make the trip to Shepherd for the Megastar Meet later this month.

Paputa has signed up for the largest bus he's ever asked for because so many Meads Mill athletes have earned the opportunity to compete at the state level.

That distance relay team will be there. But Hurt and Lozo will also compete in the 800 meters, Lozo will try her hand in the 1,600 and Scappaticci and Sophia Jiang will each run the 3,200.

And that's just Paputa's distance

The secret to their success? They're just always in great shape year-round because of soccer.

"Obviously, soccer involves a lot of endurance, so we already have a lot of that built up," said Hurd, another eighth-grader who plays for the Michigan Jaguars. "When I started running cross country and track in the sixth grade, I had to work for it, but it started to come easy to me because I was already running a lot. I just fell in love when I started running competitively. And I'm really serious about soccer, but running has become really fun, for sure."

It's a challenge balancing full-time soccer and track schedules. Especially for middle schoolers. But this foursome is doing it at an elite level, and that bodes well for Northville when they get into high school, whether they chose to play soccer or run for the cross-country and track teams.

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'I'm going to miss PCA like crazy:'

Plymouth Christian Academy athletic director Matt Windle heading to Boyne City

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Matt Windle will always be an Eagle — even after he starts his new job on July 1.

The Plymouth Christian Academy athletic director announced via Twitter earlier this week that he has accepted the same position with Boyne City Public Schools.

He heads up north after spending the past nine years leading the Eagles' boys basketball program and the past seven working as the school's AD. On the hardwood, he amassed a 112-73 record and led his teams to league and district championships. And inside the school, he's had a positive impact on hundreds of student-athletes.

On paper, the decision to leave for a bigger school makes sense. But it just wasn't that easy of a decision. Windle has been a PCA lifer. He grew up as a mem-

He spent some of his elementary years attending its school. He's coached there. He's worked there. His father coaches the girls basketball team. And his mother worked for the school.

"Just because I'm leaving my position at PCA doesn't mean my relationships here will go away," Windle told Hometown Life on Thursday morning. "We're adding lanes to this road, not burning bridges. I'll stay invested through texts, calls and Facetimes. Especially with my basketball team, my coaches and my athletes.

"It's not a good-bye. It's just going to be a different kind of relationship."

Windle, who graduated from Livonia Churchill in 2011, started his career at PCA immediately after studying at Eastern Michigan University.

He was brought in to be its basketball coach at 21 years old. And almost 2 years later, he took over the AD job from Nathan Yates, who moved to a different position within the school.

"I've just had an overall amazing experience," Windle added. "They took a chance on a 21-year-old kid and hired me as their varsity coach and then by 22, they hired me as AD, and that position wasn't even open. They saw something in me that I didn't see in myself at the time, but they liked how I took on really big challenges."

Windle will get to attack new challenges at Boyne City, which is one of the reasons he's excited about leaving Canton to head up north. But Boyne City is also a place his family likes to vacation, and the Windles have family ties in the surrounding area.



Matt Windle, Plymouth Christian BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Like at PCA, it'll all be about enriching the lives of his student-athletes once he gets to Charlevoix Coun-

"The mission doesn't change for me personally," he said. "I still want to impact lives through sports. It's just a different setting with a public school. Faith is a big part of my life here. I just want to build relationships with coaches, athletes and my community. And those are the things I want to focus on there. When you focus on things that are truly important, success becomes a byproduct of that."

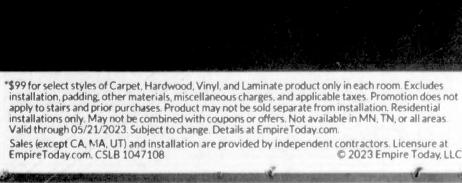
Whether it's been hiring winning coaches, counsel-

ing players off the court or being on hand as a support staff member at non-basketball events, Windle has made a big difference at PCA, a place that's happy to have him for at least two more months.

"We've still got some state championships to win here," he said. "I'm all in. I'm finishing up here, and that's the message I want to send to our community. I'm still all-in here. I'm excited for the new opportunity, but I'm going to miss PCA like crazy."

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Moose Ridge's Up North feel makes it No. 9 among Free Press' Top 10 Public Golf Courses

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Up North.

No two words stir the cockles of a Michigan golfer's heart more than

So it's my pleasure to inform you, dear duffer, that we have swiftly arrived at the first entry to be worthy of such a description in the Free Press' Top 10 **Public Golf Courses for 2022.**

I present to you No. 9 in our ranking: Moose Ridge Golf Course in South Lyon. Up North? In South Lyon? Really?

Yes, really. Because we could spend a lot of time talking about the majestic sweep of Moose Ridge's acreage that stretches out across the hinterlands of this South Lyon stunner. Or we could make it simple: Moose Ridge offers enough beauty, elevation and seclusion to make you forget about the office or those household chores and errands that await you after 41/2 hours of enjoying this bucolic wonderland.

And isn't that what Up North is all about anyway?

Isn't being Up North a location in our state just as much as it is a state of mind?

It's probably no accident Moose Ridge greets you with a clubhouse that looks like a hunting lodge adorned with a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace and mounted trophies.

But the course is the star of the show, with its varied landscape of naturally wooded undulating terrain, wildflowers and wetlands.

Five sets of tees provide a distance option for anyone, and range from 4,758 to 6,790 yards at par-71. Every hole is manageable, but there are a few doozies: the par-4 third and 17th holes, which top out at 453 and 459 yards, respectively.

Then there's the 611-yard par-5 fourth. Bring a snack and plenty of patience and courage on this hole that's longer and harder to negotiate than the feeling different than the others. But it tax code. An elevated tee gives you a also has a flair for the dramatic at the



A look at the mammoth par-5 4th hole at Moose Ridge Golf Course in South Lyon, that plays 611 yards from the back tees (550 from forward tees). MARLOWE ALTER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

that awaits you. Stay away from the trees on the left, and when you hit your second shot favor a lay-up near that bunker on the right for about a 150-yard shot to the green that requires a carry. It's the No. 1 handicap for a reason.

Moose Ridge keeps you engaged and entertained throughout, with each hole good glimpse of the daunting journey turn and the finish. The ninth hole is a 191-yard par-3 that plays even longer to an uphill green, an intimidating shot that architect Ray Hearn deftly framed against the ruggedly handsome landscape. It's half beauty, half beast and all you can handle.

The final two holes put the finishing touches on this wonderful test of golf. The aforementioned 17th hole is a tricky dogleg left that requires careful placement off the tee. The 507-yard par-5 18th forces you to avoid a tree near the fairway and contend with a green that's severely tilted from left to right.

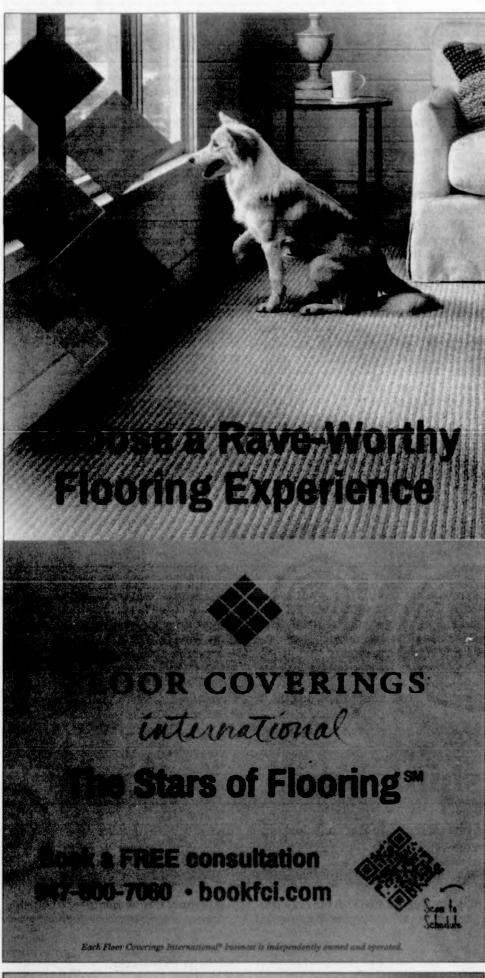
Moose Ridge isn't an easy course, but it's a fair one that provides just about everything a Michigan golfer is looking for. Even a trip Up North without leaving metro Detroit.

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Spartans claim 4th-straight KLAA-East title on senior night

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Lily Malamis wasn't on the field as the Livonia Stevenson softball team closed out Thursday's doubleheader sweep of Dearborn.

No, the star pitcher was right there in the dugout, sitting on a Rawlings ball bucket, charting teammate Regan Murray's pitches with a blue pen and continually reminding the Spartans' infielders where to send the next ball to ensure the final out.

"The play's at one or two!" the Alma College signee shouted. "The play's at one or two!"

And other than the lime green ski goggles perched atop her head and the small plushie frog tucked into her back left pocket, she appeared to be all business. She was absolutely locked in to each of Murray's throws, which was completely unnecessary at that point in the night. The mercy-rule victory was just a few pitches away.

But, heck, you'd be laser-focused like that, too, if you had been robbed of a year to compete.

The Spartans (20-3) did it. They picked up 17-1 and 16-0 wins, which meant they finished one game ahead of rival Livonia Churchill in the final division standings. So for the fourth straight season, Stevenson won the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East championship and will have a shot at the outright league title next week.

And what a fitting time to do so. Before the opening pitch, the Spartans enjoyed a small senior night celebration. Athletic director Arnie Muscat handed



Livonia Stevenson's Katie Nowak, Christina Sigler, Lily Malamis and Regan Murray celebrate senior day before a KLAA-East softball doubleheader on May 11.

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each senior a flower. The seniors posed for pictures with their family members. And then they each walked through a tunnel of teammates before getting a hug from coach Kevin Hannigan.

And painted in black behind home plate were the numbers of each senior. They really went all-out for Malamis, Murray, Katie Nowak and Christina Sigler.

But that group of girls earned it. Winning four straight division titles isn't an easy task, and this foursome was on hand for the past three. But who knows? It probably could've been five straight had they not lost their freshmen season to COVID-19.

And that explains why Malamis is absolutely locked-in during a decisive

win. She's not taking any of these moments with her teammates for granted. She remembers what it was like having softball ripped away from her. And it's actually happened to her twice.

Malamis went through tryouts as a freshman. She remembers sitting on the field, waiting to see if Hannigan would call her name. She remembers waiting to hear if she'd make the varsity or was going to be sent to the JV.

She got the call-up.

And almost immediately afterward, the Michigan High School Athletic Association canceled sports for the rest of the spring because of the pandemic. There would be no 2020 softball season.

"We had one or two practices that were hardcore, and I was worried for the year because it was going to be challenging for me as a freshman," said Malamis, who also sat out the following season with an injury. "We were supposed to be really good that year. Like ranked good. And we got robbed of that. That was tough."

But the Spartans have continued to make up for lost time, whether that has been by winning the East or claiming their first district championship since 2006.

They've got a hefty checklist of goals they want to achieve before they sound out the seniors. They've already got the East. They can get the outright KLAA championship next. They want to repeat as district champions and get past Churchill in what should be a must-see rubber match in the district final (the two split during the regular season).

And the seniors want to try for a regional crown, too.

But, for now, they're just happy to

keep that East title streak alive.

"Without having softball our freshmen year, that's made us want it even more," Murray said. "Winning (the East) and getting it back-to-back-to-back every year, that's been our goal since having softball completely taken away from us our freshmen year. It's been important to us seniors to keep that streak going."

After Stevenson beat Dearborn and took a celebratory team photo in front of their scoreboard, Lauren Micallef and McKenzie Cook quickly raced to the dugout, grabbed an orange Gatorade bucket and chased after each senior until they ran out of ice water.

Nowak accepted her fate and just let Micallef and Cook douse her from the get-go. She gave a smile and spread out her arms before giving her teammates the green light to get it over with.

And that's a memory neither she nor any of the Spartans will forget anytime soon.

"They understand you can't take the game for granted, and I'm proud of them for that," said Hannigan, who's in his seventh season coaching Stevenson. "I'm proud of how we've won four (KLAA-East titles) in a row. And I'm definitely proud of these seniors. They lost their freshmen year, but it's great that they continued to battle and didn't give up on the sport because lots of kids did. A lot of kids stopped playing, so I'm proud of these four who stuck with us. They've done an excellent job helping us to get where we're at."

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Spartans win City championship, shoots school record

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The Livonia Stevenson boys golf team has picked the right time to get on a hot streak.

That was evident in two of their recent outings.

On April 29, they carded a school record for an 18-hole tournament. Their team score of 302 strokes was good

enough for third place during a 22-team tournament at Huron Meadows in Brighton.

Zack McCloud led the way by shooting 72, the first time the sophomore has ever shot even-par. Also helping were seniors Ezra Knezek (74 strokes) and Dillon McCallion (79) as well as junior Eli Vanderveen (77).

To put that school record in perspective, last year's Division 1 state champion, Detroit Catholic Central shot a 301 on Day 1 of their two-day state finals appearance. So, yeah, that's getting that low as a team is tough.

The Spartans continued that effort this past Monday by shooting seven strokes lower than rival Livonia Franklin to repeat as the Livonia City champions

b That included knezek shooting a 36 during the 9-hole dual match while Vanderveen shot 37 and McCloud, Mitchell Lee and Kyle Kless finished with 41s to give Stevenson a team score of 155. A week ago, the Spartans beat Livonia

Churchill by 18 strokes to put themselves in a position to repeat as City champions.

Stevenson has a few more regular season outings left, but it concludes the month with the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Post-Season tournament May 23 at Kensington Metropark and the regional championship May 31 at Twin Lakes.

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Obituaries



Jennifer Golobic

GENOA - Jennifer Golobic (Hoffert) passed away at her home in Genoa, Nevada on April 25, 2023. She was a kind-hearted spirit, loving mother, wife and friend. Her interests and hobbies included horses, knitting, beading, beaches, Tom Petty and Goofy.

Born and raised in Metamora, she was a graduate of Lapeer East High School and Oakland University. She also lived in Farmington Hills and Gardnerville, Nevada. She was the only child of Glenn and Linda Hoffert, both lifelong residents of Metamora.

Jennifer is survived by her son Timothy (TJ) and daughter Samantha, and former husband Tim, all of Gardnerville, Nevada. She was preceded in death by her mother, Linda.



Terrance Elmer Klump

Terrance Elmer Klump passed away May 3, 2023. Beloved husband of Sandra Klump. Funeral services have taken place at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Whitmore Lake, Michigan. For full obituary please visit www.borekjennings.com.

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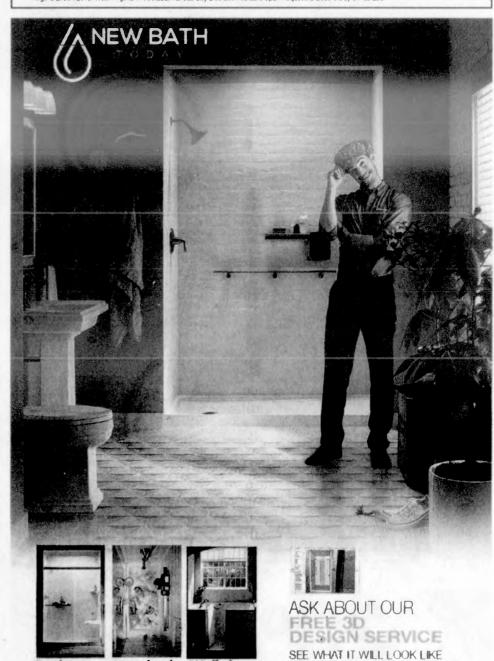
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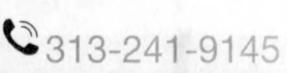
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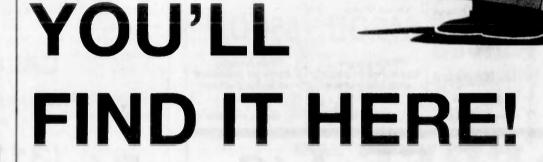
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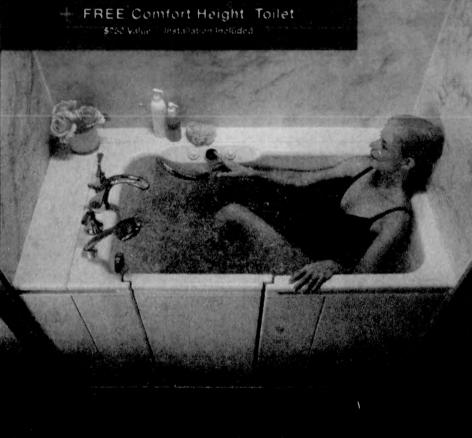
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