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### Elizabeth's Bridal Manor in Northville closes doors

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NORTHVILLE — Elizabeth Clancy's bridal salon has been her pride and joy for nearly 35 years. She says closing it about a month ago felt like the right move for her personal life, but it was still a bittersweet decision.

Her shop, Elizabeth's Bridal Manor at 402 S. Main Street, is well-known in the Michigan bridal scene as a destination dress shop with a reputation for being philanthropic. Over the years, she's sold thousands of wedding gowns, bridesmaid dresses, mother of the bride dresses and flower girl dresses to women celebrating one of life's biggest decisions. Clancy has also donated many dresses to local theaters and charities.

"Would I do it all again? Absolutely. In a heartbeat," Clancy said. "I love being an entrepreneur. It's never boring."

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### Residents, board members speak against Northville Downs project

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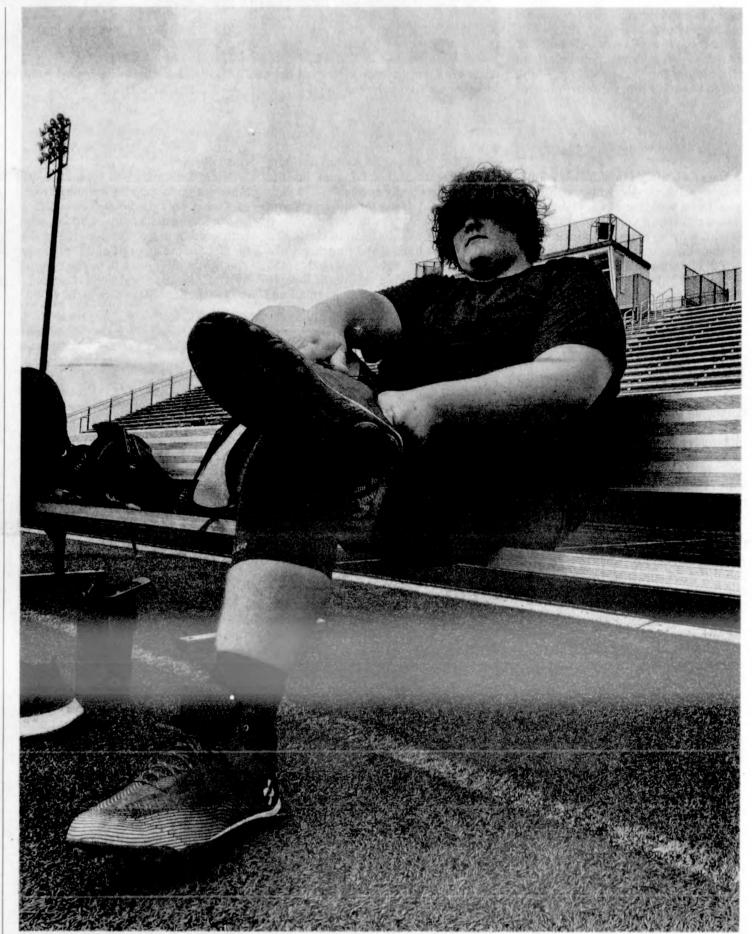
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PLYMOUTH TWP. — It's been nearly three months since the proposed Northville Downs in Plymouth Township project appeared on an agenda for formal discussion, but that hasn't stopped residents — and some board members — from railing against the proposal.

The harness racing facility, proposed on part of a 128-acre parcel near the southwest corner of Five Mile and Ridge roads in the Michigan International Technology Center corridor, would include a half-mile oval racetrack, grandstand, racing building, horse barn and more.

Since the plans first became public

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Eric Kilburn Jr., 15, puts on his new cleats, custom made by Under Armour, prior to JV football practice at Goodrich High School on Aug. 21, 2023. UA, which has never made cleats this large before, created the shoes after Eric had outgrown size 22. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## How teen Eric Kilburn finally got shoes that fit his size 23 feet

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GOODRICH — Rebecca Kilburn felt guilt and a sense of shame as she watched her 14-year-old son playing football last year in shoes that were too small.

Eric Kilburn Jr. squeezed his feet into size 22 shoes — by far the largest on the field — but they still weren't big enough for the 6-foot-10 defensive tackle who would soon sprain his an-

kle, missing the rest of the season.

Less than a year later — after a mother's desperate search, the kindness of strangers and a series of whirlwind events — Eric finally has shoes that fit.

At the Martians' first JV football scrimmage this season, Rebecca Kilburn sat watching her sure-footed son in cleats that weren't painful. Alone in the stands, in the pouring rain, she cried

"Just seeing him perform to the best of his ability was a gift," she said. "It was full circle emotion and just happiness to see him have the same advantages as other kids on the field do."

A mother's desperation sparks an odyssey

It was a day Rebecca Kilburn was desperate to see. Finding shoes to accommodate Eric's growing feet was increasingly challenging as he surpassed the largest sizes commonly produced by shoe manufacturers. In March, after a year of trying to find size 23 shoes for Eric that included direct pleas to shoe companies, she resigned herself to ordering Eric custom-made orthopedic

With specially made shoes costing \$1,500 per pair, a friend, Kara Pattison, started a gofundme campaign with a goal of \$3,500 to assist Rebecca and Eric Kilburn Sr. in buying two pairs of shoes for their son.

Two days later, a story Hometown Life published about the Kilburns' dilemma went viral. Emails, texts and phone calls began pouring in. Amid the suggestions on stores to try, instructions on how to cobble shoes and a

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### **Manor**

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Clancy, who went to school for teaching, fell into the bridal business nearly 40 years ago when she ran into a dress seller in a Hilton Hotel dining room. The seller needed some help that weekend, and Clancy took to the business like a fish to water.

"Before you knew it, I opened my own salon in my condo," she said.

Clancy and her late husband, Allan

Brown, outgrew their at-home shop in about two years. They bought a house on Main Street in Northville that's served as a store ever since.

"We helped people find the perfect dress without pressure, with complete honesty, with fun, with dedication and with experience," she said. "It's been very joyful. Everybody asks if we get bridezillas. No, we don't. You know why? Because we know what we're doing. You get bridezillas when you keep making mistakes."

Elizabeth's Bridal was a shoes-off business - even now, Clancy elects to walk around the place barefoot — and offered women a fun, safe environment to enjoy some champagne while trying on gowns. Even though the salon is mostly empty now, there are still thank you notes from couples hanging on the walls.

Some of Clancy's favorite experiences were with people who weren't involved in a wedding at all. Clancy also hosted private appointments for women with a dying mother who wished to see their daughters in a bridal gown.

"I did it twice and it was the best experience of my whole career," she recalled. "These women were not getting



Elizabeth Clancy stands in front of the now-closed Elizabeth's Bridal Manor in Northville, which she owned for 34 years. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

married. They were here to try on bridal gowns so their mother could see them in one. I had champagne, a mini wedding cake, flowers and a bouquet for the 'bride.' It was really special."

A personal desire for retirement and a changing business landscape played roles in Clancy's decision to close. She said online retailers and franchises like David's Bridal have impacted small shops like hers. She argues people should continue to support small sa-

lons, saying brides will find better quality and better customer service at a small business.

Metro Detroiters will soon have another option to shop for wedding dresses. Clancy sold the house her business was in to Magnolia Laine, a bridal salon with a smattering of locations in Florida, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. The Northville store will be the company's only location north of Tennessee.

"I wish them all the luck in the world,"

Clancy said. "They're very nice people and I hope Northville will support them the way they've supported me. It makes me very, very happy that the house will continue on as a bridal salon."

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### **Downs**

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in January, residents have voiced numerous concerns over the proposal.

'Our culture, our morals, our values'

At a town hall meeting hosted by the Plymouth Concerned Citizens group Aug. 21, Plymouth Township Trustee John Stewart told a group of about 35 residents gathered at the Plymouth District Library that he helped organize the meeting and was staunchly opposed to the proposal.

Stewart voted in favor of approving the planned unit development option for the proposal at a Feb. 28 meeting the second step of a four-step township approval process - but has since changed his mind about the presence of a horseracing facility in Plymouth

Township. "I don't think it's right for our culture, our morals or our values," Stewart said, noting he also believes any community benefit plan, which would stipulate certain public uses of the property, is "illusory."

"It's pure puffing, until (Northville Downs) puts \$100,000 on the table for fireworks every year," he said.

But Stewart said he believed the racetrack would ultimately be approved, speculating that he, Trustee Chuck Curmi and Trustee Audrey Monaghan would vote against the plan once it comes back to the board for consideration.

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A rendering shows the proposed racing building at the Northville Downs project in Plymouth Township. COURTESY PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

trustees are cast in stone," Stewart said. "It's a waste of time talking about it. It's

Curmi also attended the meeting and afterward reiterated concerns that prompted him to cast the sole "no" vote at the Feb. 28 meeting. The proposal, he

said, does not fit the MITC vision. Monaghan did not respond to a request to comment on Stewart's statement about her position on the matter.

But Plymouth Township Treasurer Bob Doroshewitz, who also attended the meeting, said he wasn't yet sure how he would vote.

"I misjudged what...the community response was going to be," Doroshewitz said. "There is strong, strong, strong community opposition to this.

"Based on what I know today – and I gotta cave at that because we don't know what they're going to propose as a community benefit - but...if I were required to vote on it, I would most likely not vote for it. I cannot really comprehend too many community benefits that outweigh the public opposition, and I think the public opposition is huge.

All three board members who attended the meeting answered questions and listened to concerns from residents who also spoke.

**Public comments** 

Residents have also appeared at multiple township board meetings over the summer to speak about the issue, including the most recent meeting Aug.

Marilyn Bertera, a harness racer from Salem Township, was the only member of the public to speak in favor of the project, as she has done at several previous meetings.

"I believe when there is a contentious issue like this, the opposition will probably be more vocal than the supporters or people who are just indifferent," she said.

"These people that are opposing-... need to go to the racetrack some night. They'll see families with kids on the apron watching the horses, people in the clubhouse enjoying dinner overlooking the races. Northville Downs is

"I think the votes on the board of an entertainment venue just like USA Hockey Arena in the township

> A sting of others had entirely different thoughts, voicing worry over traffic, tax ramifications to the township, zoning, site contamination and other is-

Plymouth Township resident Monica Batts said she is opposed to the project because it supports gambling. Batts cited a 2006 study in the "Review of Economics and Statistics," titled "Casinos, Crime and Community Costs.'

"This very extensive scientifically conducted study goes into detail about the negative impacts of casinos and gambling," she said. "The research details that any short-term employment gains are very quickly evaporated with the advent of a casino. In addition, the negative impacts continue to escalate from year one to year five. There is no positive community benefit, either economic or social, from gambling.

Northville Downs owner John Carlo, who did not return a request for comment, previously told Hometown Life the plan did not include a casino, but that Northville Downs has been pursuing legislative change for 25 years in order to implement practices used by the horseracing industry in surrounding

Plymouth Township resident Maryann Adams told the board she was concerned about Michigan Senate Bill 0411, which is currently in committee and would, if passed, allow Northville Downs to create a temporary gambling facility to conduct simulcast betting prior to a track being ready.

'This bill also wants anything associated with state negotiations in this industry to be exempt from FOIA," she said. "We cannot let this bill go through."

Dale Bernhardt, also a Plymouth Township resident, said he was concerned the planned reconstruction of Five Mile Road would not solve the current traffic issues

Expanding Five Mile won't fix the problem," he said. "There are many studies that show it does just the opposite. Building bigger roads actually makes traffic worse. The concept is called "induced demand," which is economist-speak for, when increasing the supply of something - like roads makes people want this thing even more.

### 'Stop the Racetrack'

Bernhardt is one of a group of residents who started the grassroots Stop the Racetrack movement. Over the past several months, the group has created a website, brochures and collected petition signatures from what Bernhard describes as "thousands" of residents opposed to the facility.

Bernhardt said he is concerned about many aspects of the proposal, but at the end of the day worries about the disturbance to his peaceful surroundings.

'Plymouth township is more of a bedroom type community," he said. "We've always felt that. I don't want all the noise, I don't want all the traffic. This is my home. We go other places for entertainment."

After voicing traffic concerns at the Aug. 22 meeting, Bernhardt squared off with Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise, who asked why the Stop the Racetrack group had not yet turned in the petitions signatures from the community.

"We have a First Amendment right under the Constitution to petition government for a redress of grievances." Heise said. "And that is enshrined in the federal constitution. When people sign petitions, I believe it is the intent of the person signing the petition that at some point their name, address, whatever they gave to the petition gatherer is at some point going to be presented to the government."

### No 'sense of urgency' from Northville Downs

Heise said the township is still in discussions with Northville Downs, and that the proposed planned unit development (PUD) is "moving along, albeit at a slow pace."

The current Northville Downs site was sold in 2018 to Hunter Pasteur Homes. The company is planning to develop the land with 450 new residences, commercial space and parks.

"I don't feel like there's a sense of urgency from Northville Downs, because they're still fully functional up in the city of Northville and I don't see any progress being made up there with respect to Northville's huge condo project," Heise said, calling the statement "informed speculation." "Northville Downs may be in (Northville) for another year, maybe longer."

Heise said once the PUD draft is finalized he will present it to the Board of Trustees for consideration, alongside a community benefit agreement, which is also still in the works, he said.

When the proposal first came before the planning commission Feb. 15, representatives of the project said they hoped to have a new facility up and running by Spring 2024.

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# Woman working from her backyard says she has 'best job in the world'

**Audrey Richardson** 

Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

"I'm heading out back," Keirstie Carducci said to her husband, Lee Carducci.

That was the phrase that expanded into a full-time job of taking care of wildlife from her backyard. Out-Back Rehab Center was officially founded in 2003, but Keirstie has taken on the role of wildlife rehabilitator for over 40

Keirstie Carducci, 61, of Ottawa Lake, always had an affinity for animals.

"I was the neighborhood kid that everyone brought them to," she said. She still is.

Carducci officially started in the field by fostering a couple animals per year for Michigan's Humane Society. Last year, her organization, Out-Back Wildlife Rehab Center, took in 719 animals. Online, the operating hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., but most days Carducci receives calls as early as 5:30 a.m. and doesn't expect to eat dinner before II p.m.

Out-Back takes in fawns, wood-chucks, squirrels, chipmunks, mice, rats, moles, voles, shrews and bunnies. Her collection of animals is not limited to her rescues, but her 10-acre property in Ottawa Lake in Monroe County is also home to more than 150 domesticated animals. To name a few, two geese (Remmi and Gimpy), who are the "baby-sitters" of Carducci's animal kingdom, 45 cats and a 40-year-old donkey named Simon, whom she refers to as her "little old man."

Carducci speaks of the animals on her land like they are part of her family.

"This is Delilah, Earnie's girlfriend," Carducci says, while introducing one of her chickens. "All chickens fight over her."

She treasures her Flemish Giant bunny, Clover, who was found in the dumpster at a dollar store.

"He's one of the best pets I've ever had," she said. "Lenny too, of course," referring to her turkey standing nearby. Lenny wandered into the Carduccis' home a week after Thanksgiving last year and hasn't left.

"You really never get lonely," Carducci said.

Summertime brings an extra level of chaos in the Carducci home because it is squirrel and fawn birthing season.

"It's 18 hours a day, seven days a



Keirstie Carducci, 65, of Ottawa Lake, opens the muskrat cage to feed them in Ottawa Lake on Thursday, June 29. PHOTOS BY AUDREY RICHARDSON/DETROIT FREE PRESS

week," Carducci said. Along with "200

mal control officers and conservation

officers that regulate her work, some of

which attend her infamous Nacho Night

have their respect," Carducci said.

"We're all working together to try to save

state's involvement. Instead, it enforces

regulations that are difficult to be met.

tors, but they dump it on us," Carducci

said. "If we got to have a say in some of

the decisions from the state level it

but this year the state denied her hel-

pers licensing, due to their distance

want to drive here to help," Carducci

if she wants helpers, she needs to train

them herself, but she simply doesn't

Carducci has had helpers in the past,

'Shouldn't it be their decision if they

Additionally, Carducci was told that

would make things run a lot better."

"It makes it more worth it because we

The same can't be said with the

The state should train rehabilita-

Carducci works closely with the ani-

phone calls every day."

at her home each year.

these animals."

from Ottawa Lake.

"The state is so far removed from what we do with these animals," Carducci said.

Rehabilitators do not receive money from the state either, so the businesses are funded straight from owners' pockets and donations.

Perhaps Carducci's biggest help comes from her husband, Lee. He supports Out-Back by funding the animals' care as well as helping with stall and horse duties.

"He never complains, no matter what I get in here or how much it costs," Keirstie Carducci said. "He's even taken up cooking."

Lee first heard about Keirstie when she was still working as an economic analyst at Chrysler.

"She was the crazy lady on the 12th

Carducci feeds the 12 fawns in the pen at her home in Ottawa Lake on Thursday, June 29, 2023. Fawns are Carducci's favorite animal to take care of, and she said one day she hopes to cut back on rescuing animals and only

floor that had kittens under her desk,"

Keirstie said she "would like a little more freedom" to visit her daughter in Florida or go on a date with her husband, but the constant influx of animals prevents any sense of normalcy in her personal life.

"It's exhaustive, expensive and timeconsuming, but nobody forced me to do this," Keirstie Carducci said. "I do this 'cause I love it."

Carducci's love shines through as soon as she steps outside to see the animals. Her voice rings like a bell to the wildlife.

"Hi, guys!" she repeats while making her way through her vast backyard.

"This is the best job in the world," she

Northville Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION DISTRICT FOR A PORTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTHVILLE DOWNS PROJECT, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 210 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 2005, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the City Council of the City of Northville on the 18th day of September, 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 Establishment of a Commercial Rehabilitation District for a portion of the Redevelopment of the Northville Downs Project.

The City Council shall exercise its powers pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Commercial Rehabilitation Act, being Act 210 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 2005, as amended.

The description of the proposed brownfield property is: Land situated in the City of Northville, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, described as

llows:

Legal Description Land situated in the City of Northville, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, more particularly

PART OF LOT 72, ALL OF LOTS 73-78, PART OF LOT 79, ALL OF LOTS 80-81, AND PART OF LOT 82 OF "ASSESSOR'S NORTHVILLE PLAT NO. 1", AS RECORDED IN LIBER 66 OF PLATS, PAGE 45, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS; ALSO PART OF LOT 174, PART OF LOT 175, AND ALL OF LOTS 176-181, AND PART OF LOT 182 OF "ASSESSOR'S NORTHVILLE PLAT NO. 2", AS RECORDED IN LIBER 66 OF PLATS, PAGE 44, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, ALSO ALL THAT PART OF VACATED CHURCH STREET AND VACATED BEAL AVENUE AS VACATED PER RESOLUTION RECORDED IN LIBER 20023, PAGE 101, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS; ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 168 OF SAID "ASSESSOR'S NORTHVILLE PLAT NO. 2"; THENCE N84"53' 43"E 461.17 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF CADY STREET (50 FEET WIDE) TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 176 OF SAID "ASSESSOR'S NORTHILLE PLAT NO. 2" FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID CADY STREET THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) COURSES; N84"53' 43"E 395.79 FEET, 2) N79"20'27"E 42.12 FEET, AND 3) N85"47'04"E 218.30 FEET, THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF GRISWOLD STREET (VARIABLE WIDTH) THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) COURSES; 1) S02"52'19"E 193.33 FEET, 2) S86"05'20"W 3.01 FEET, 3) S04"23'26"E 133.89 FEET, 4) N85"43'59"E 15.98 FEET, AND S04"24'37"E 129.36 FEET, THENCE N84"12'51 "W 100,00 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF BEAL AVENUE (50 FEET WIDE); THENCE S05"47'09"W 50.00 FEET ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF THAT PORTION OF VACATED BEAL AVENUE PER RESOLUTION RECORDED IN LIBER 20023, PAGE 101, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE N84"12'51 "W 148 08 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH OF SAID VACATED BEAL AVENUE TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 182: THENCE ALONG THE LINE COMMON TO LOT 182 AND LOT 183 OF SAID "ASSESSOR'S NORTHVILLE PLAT NO. 2". THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) COURSES: 1) N84"12'51 "W 6.33 FEET, 2) S05"46' 41 "E 88.79 FEET, 3) S75"43'26"W 415.32 FEET, AND 4) S84"20'44"W 287.46 FEET; THENCE S83"39'59"W 162.56 FEET; THENCE N05"12'42"W 312.43 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF CENTER STREET (60 FEET WIDE), THENCE N84"59'05"E 130.92 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 164 OF SAID "ASSESSOR'S NORTHVILLE PLAT NO. 2", THENCE NO4"02'34"W 179.19 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 174: THENCE N84"20'38"E 267.95 FEET, THENCE N05"49'57"W 0.31 FEET; THENCE N84"48' 43"E 60.00 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 150 FEET OF SAID LOT 175: THENCE, THENCE NO5"49'57"W 123.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 12.61 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS

This description of the property along with any maps and a description of the development proposal and application for Commercial Rehabilitation District Certificate are available for public inspection at The City of Northville City Clerk's Office.

All aspects of Establishment of a Commercial Rehabilitation District are open for discussion at the public hearing.

MICHAEL SMITH, CITY CLERK CITY OF NORTHVILLE

Novi Township Mini Budget Public Hearing Notice

The Novi Township Mini Budget Public Hearing will be held during the Regular Meeting of the Novi Township Board on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., at the Galdikas residence at 44218 Wyngate Dr, Northville, Mi 48167.

The public may participate in the Township Board Meeting and the Mini Budget Public Hearing

A copy of the budget is available for review at 44551 Chedworth Ct. Comments may be submitted by email to dhalltreas@gmail.com.

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Bid documents, including the Project Manual, Scope of Work, Drawing and Specifications will be made available August 29, 2023 at: https://www.northvilleschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\_ID=350734&type=d&pREC\_ID=760860.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the contractor and any member of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of Northville Public Schools. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure

Each Bid must also be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement certifying that the contractor is not an Iran Linked Business. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.

Each Bid must also be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Criminal Background-Sex Offender Affidavit. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid that does not include this sworn and notarized Affidavit.

Northville Public Schools' Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids, either in whole or in part, to waive any informalities or irregularities therein, and to award the contract to other than the bidder(s) submitting the best financial Bid (low bidder), in its sole and absolute discretion.

Each Bid must also be accompanied by certified check, cashier's check, money order or bid bond made payable to the School District in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount(s).

A non-mandatory pre-Bid meeting will be held on September 7, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., via video conference (link to video conference: https://plantemoran.zoom.us/j/88102432271).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call (248) 603-5338 or email Drew Youngstrom at drew.youngstrom@plantemoran.com.

Each Bid must also be accompanied by certified check, cashier's check, money order or bid bond made payable to the School District in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount(s).

All Bids shall be firm for a period of ninety (90) days after the Due Date.

Successful Bidders whose Bids are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance and Payments Bonds by a Treasury listed surety in the amount of 100% of their Bid.

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### **Shoes**

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basketball star to call (Shaquille O'Neal), there were offers of help from shoe manufacturers Under Armour and PUMA.

### **Custom-made kindness**

Both companies sent representatives to Michigan to measure Eric's feet so they could craft shoes for him that fit.

After a fairly lengthy process, Under Armour donated four pairs of custom-made cleats and two pairs of SlipSpeed training shoes to Goodrich High School, which in turn gave them to Eric. (The donation follows MHSAA guidelines and ensures Eric Jr. can maintain amateur athlete status.)

"I got my cleats before conditioning practice and it was an immediate difference," Eric said. "It's insane how much more traction I got. It's mind-boggling."

The shoes are like "walking on clouds," he said.

### What is Eric's official shoe size?

Both Under Armour and Puma, which is putting its final tweaks on Eric's basketball footwear, declined to assign a number to a shoe size that had never before been created and which is also wider than the average.

"UA and PUMA both say these shoes are 'Eric Kilburn-sized," Rebecca Kilburn said. "They don't want to be numerical. Technically, they would qualify as size 23, but since there is no 23, it's Eric-size"

Meanwhile, it appears Eric may be a couple millimeters short of capturing the world record for a teenager with the largest feet. He stands a good chance of eventually setting the record, considering he's only 15. He may already have the largest hands, although Guinness has not yet made an official confirmation.

### Kinship with Uncle Shaq

Eric is beginning to embrace his height, with a goal of reaching 7-1 so he can look eye to eye with "Uncle Shaq," the basketball icon who called the Kilburns after their story went viral.

Shaquille O'Neal sent Eric a stockpile of Shaq shoes — although they are tech-



Robb Cropp, senior director of footwear development for Under Armour, measures Eric Kilburn Jr.'s feet at Bridgewood Church in Clarkston on March 26, 2023. Under Armour will custom make shoes for Eric's feet, which are estimated to be size 23

nically too small — and several large boxes of new clothes for the whole family, including younger brother Graesyn. Shaq sent his personal tailor to measure Eric and create two new suits for him — a blue one with purple paisley lining for homecoming and a black one with red paisley lining for prom.

He also provided the family with new MacBooks so they can keep in touch with Shaq via FaceTime. Rebecca Kilburn is also putting hers to good use in her work with the Big Shoe Network she started to help others with large feet find shoes that fit.

### Paying it forward

The network, which has gained more than 3,500 followers on Facebook, has a website under construction, thebigshoenetwork.org, and was recently granted nonprofit tax-exempt status.

Rebecca Kilburn is determined to pay forward the blessings her family has received, including working with Laces of Love, a Florida nonprofit, to provide shoes to a boy with feet similar in size to

The blessings have been abundant and are still coming with basketball shoes, dress shoes and hunting boots all being custom-made in Eric-size.

"I'm so grateful for everything," said the sophomore, who has always stood out but now finds himself even more easily recognized as a local celebrity of



Representatives from PUMA flew to Michigan in April to measure Kilburn Jr.'s feet at the Brandon Township Library. The company is making him custom basketball shoes that are "Eric-sized." PHOTOS BY SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE COM

That has come with a few drawbacks, including internet trolls and even some envy and less-than-kind comments closer to home.

But the Kilburns are just trying to take it in stride.

### Full circle, thankful hearts

As Rebecca Kilburn sat in the football stands during a recent practice, she reflected on the experience of the last several months.

"It's been interesting, but overall I

wouldn't change it," she said. "The relief I feel just knowing I don't have to worry ever again about him having shoes ... I am so thankful."

She gazed out at her son as he ran drills, a head taller than everyone else. Eric is still growing and will likely always be the largest person in any crowd.

But for his mom, "No matter how big he is, he's still my little boy."

A little boy in big, big shoes. Contact reporter Susan Bromley at sbromley@hometownlife.com or 517-281-2412. Twitter: @SusanBromley10.





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Stormwater rushed into Canton's Village Arts Factory overnight Aug. 24, causing damage throughout the building. COURTESY VILLAGE ARTS FACTORY



Sharon Dillenbeck of D&M Art Studios, left, and art teacher Serene Alnaib attempt to rescue some of the paintings damaged in the flood. LAURA COLVIN

## Village Arts Factory shuttered by stormwater damage in Canton Twp.

Laura Colvin

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CANTON TWP. — One by one, Sharon Dillenbeck dismantled frames, carefully removed her watercolor paintings and hopefully layered the salvaged art be-

tween sheets of newsprint. The frames were discarded in a pile to be hauled to the dumpster. Ruined. "I'm devastated," said Dillenbeck,

owner and director D&M Art Studio at the Village Arts Factory. "It was my life's work in watercolor. I feel like I've lost part of myself."

The Village Arts Factory was deluged by the storm and record rainfall that hit Canton Township especially hard in the wee hours of Aug. 24. Staffers arrived at the building early in the morning to find the grounds under water. Inside, they found about six inches of rainwater and, possibly, sewer backup.

show the previous day and left framed watercolor paintings packed in foam blocks and stacked on the floor ready to be loaded for transport.

The water came in overnight and soaked everything, she said, including many back-to-school supplies and a treasured book by watercolor artist Steve Hanks.

"When I came in and saw it, I just lost it," she said, noting she was grateful all the art on the wall was undamaged.

To add insult to injury, an agent from her insurance company wouldn't even come to the site to assess the damage.

"They just denied me over the phone, because it's water," Dillenbeck said. "They weren't even kind about it."

On its website, the Village Arts Factory bills itself as a nexus for arts, culture, music and community engagement. Its historic, multipurpose arts studio complex is dedicated to provid-

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engaged from anywhere.

Dillenbeck had been preparing for a ing equitable, innovative, and inclusive arts programming and experiences for all to enjoy.

> The facility is home to over a dozen studio artists and small businesses who offer classes in fine arts, music, fitness, and dance.

> Jessica Gallina, the facility's administrative manager, said the Village Arts Factory will remain closed until restorations are complete, but noted she was heartened by community response after dozens of people came out to help move equipment, vacuum water and otherwise help with the initial clean-up ef-

"It's such a sad situation but it's amazing to see everyone come together," Gallina said. "We work with these artists every day and we know how much they put into their work here. We're going to pull together and come back better. Our biggest priority is making sure we help them rebuild."

Members of the Cherry Hill Potters Guild were also distressed to learn about the water in their studio. Although damage to the pottery wheels had vet to be assessed, most of the artists' work was on shelves when the water came in and therefore avoided ruin.

"There's damage to our hearts," said Carol Ashworth, a founding member of the guild. "We won't be able to be creative and have our Zen moments for a while. When you come here, it's like entering a stress free zone."

Beth Hazen, also a founding member and former president of the guild,

"It was a shock, but we all came together spent a day and a half moving things, cleaning and trying to protect fragile pottery," she said, noting the non-profit studio offers classes for adults and also provides an outreach program for individuals with special



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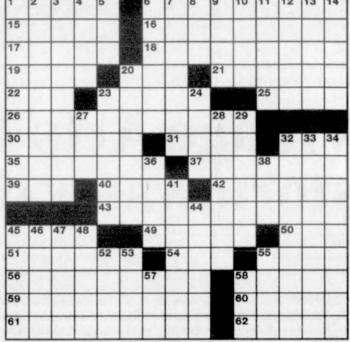
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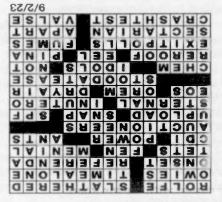


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### Wayne city manager resigns

**Shelby Tankersley** 

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WAYNE — The City of Wayne is searching for a new city manager following Lisa Nocerini's sudden resignation.

Nocerini submitted a letter of resignation Sunday, Aug. 20. City council voted in a special meeting Thursday, Aug. 24, to make that resignation effective Thursday, Aug. 31.

"This has been a tough meeting in so many ways," Mayor John Rhaesa said. "This is a time for us to come together for this community. ... We are losing a great person in my opinion. We have had eight years of consistency."

Nocerini, who was not present at Thursday's meeting, has been named city manager in Douglas, which is west of Grand Rapids. According to Douglas Mayor Jerome Donovan, council recently voted unanimously to hire Nocerini.

Nocerini is also a named defendant in an ongoing federal case brought by Mark Blackwell, who claims Nocerini and other city officials violated his First Amendment rights and falsely accused him of a misdemeanor during a police chief hiring process in 2019. A federal judge has dismissed some claims.

Wayne council members voted 6-1 Thursday to hire Police Chief Ryan Strong as acting manager between Aug. 31 and Sept. 5. Members also voted 6-1 to gather interest from city department heads to become a longer-term acting manager, create a job description for manager and solicit presentations from hiring firms all to be reviewed during a council meeting Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Councilman Mathew Mulholland voted no on both items, saying he wished council had received more communication prior to Thursday's meeting. Rhaesa, Mayor Pro Tem Alfred Brock and city attorneys received an email from Nocerini on Wednesday afternoon expressing her desire to end her employment Aug. 31 that wasn't shared with council until Thursday's meeting. Because she resigned Aug. 20, her last day should be Sept. 20.

"It seems like there's been negotiations going on that the council wasn't aware of," Mulholland said.

Rhaesa said personal obligations and a desire to communicate with all council members at the same time are reasons he waited to share the email.

Strong, who generally acts as manager when Nocerini is away, is confident he can handle the job in the short-term.

"I'm certainly not going to leave the city in the wind." he said. "I'd be happy to take over in the interim and make sure the city was going in the right direction."

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### Car wash proposed at closed Burger King in Livonia

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LIVONIA — Another Clean Express Auto Wash may be on its way to Livonia.

The Ohio-based chain is already building a car wash at 20330 and 20340 Farmington Road, which it received approval for earlier this year. Now, the company is requesting to construct another car wash on a former Burger King site at 34835 Plymouth Road, which is near the corner with Wayne Road.

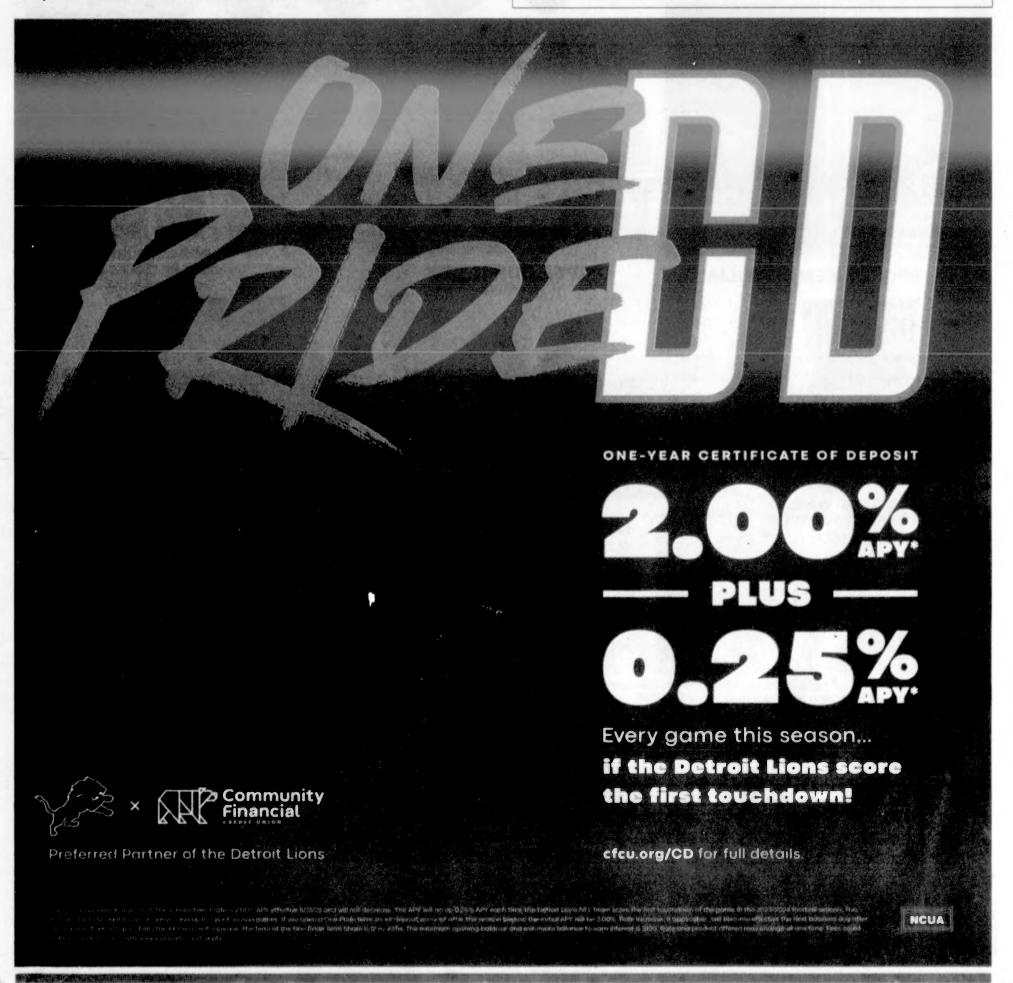
Livonia's planning commission recently cast a unanimous 5-0 vote to recommend city council approve the business. Member Wafa Dinaro was absent from the Tuesday, Aug. 29, meeting, where the yote occurred.

The proposal includes a 3,670-

The proposal includes a 3,670-square-foot drive-thru car wash facility and 21 self-service vacuum cleaners. City council will consider the proposal at a future meeting.

Clean Express has locations in Ohio and Pennsylvania. The Livonia locations are part of a company expansion into Michigan.

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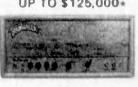


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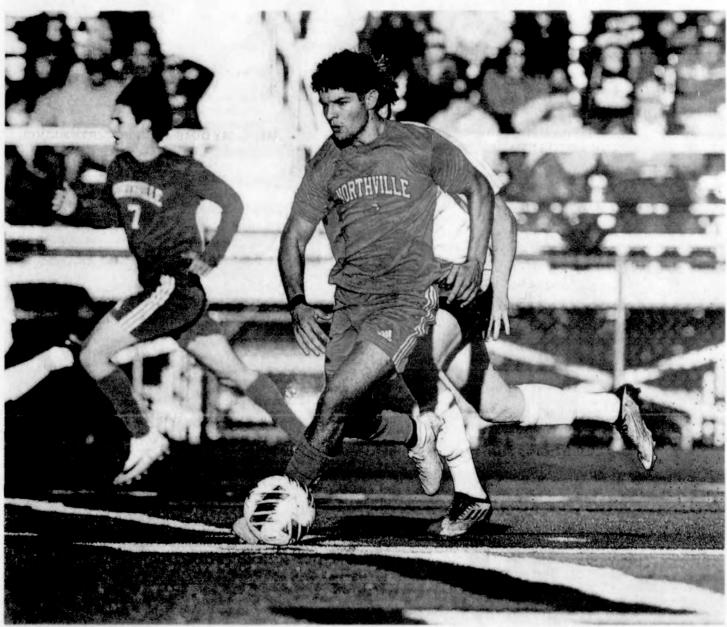
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## **SPORTS**



Northville's Haithem Al-Zoubi moves the ball during a Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West boys soccer match Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Northville soccer team uses No. 2 ranking as motivation

Brandon Folsom
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Coach Henry Klimes said he was surprised when he learned the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association ranked Northville No. 2 in its most recent Division 1 poll.

Part of that has to do with how the Mustangs ended last season. Despite being ranked in the top 10, they wound up losing to rival Salem in the district championship. And the Rocks went on to become a state semifinalist.

The other part has to do with the fact they graduated 16 seniors a year ago and have only six seniors now. They're currently relying on a handful of underclassmen and experienced juniors to win games.

So far, so good.

They started 5-0 overall and 4-0 in the always-tough Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West. And that included victories over Detroit Catholic Central, also a state semifinalist in 2022, Canton, rival Novi, Howell and Plymouth, which they defeated 2-0 during a home match on Aug. 30.

And it's not going to get any easier for the Mustangs. The KLAA-West is a gauntlet of a schedule. It's one of the toughest divisions in the entire state—and that's true on the girls side, too.

But being thought of as the second-

best team in the state? Klimes isn't taking that for granted. He's using that ranking as an opportunity to challenge his players to improve daily.

That ranking is now the standard at Northville. The team must continue to play like it is a contender to win a state championship for the first time in program history.

"I was really surprised to be ranked so high this early," the 33rd-year coach said. "We have some young guys who are now getting their opportunity to shine, but we've got to take it one game at a time. Sometimes having that bullseye on your back, being ranked that

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# Unexpected receiver does damage for Novi in football win at Hartland

Bill Khan

Livingston Daily
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HARTLAND — Hartland's football team knew all about Boden Fernsler from personal experience and Andrew Kummer from all the Novi highlights on last week's game film.

The Eagles knew they had their hands full defending the Wildcats' re-

Perhaps they realized the extent of the challenge.

Jaden Vondrasek, a junior who played junior varsity ball last season, became Novi quarterback Caleb Walker's favorite weapon in a 14-7 victory at Hartland on Aug. 31.

Vondrasek caught nine passes for 94 yards and both Novi touchdowns. Kummer and Fernsler helped move the chains, combining for 10 catches for 80 yards, but it was Vondrasek who made the greatest impact this time around.

"On some plays, I was just scrambling and was able to hit him," said Walker, who was 24-for-31 for 229 yards and two touchdowns. "He was always in the right spot and able to catch it. He played a great game."

On Novi's first touchdown drive, which began on its own 1-yard line, Vondrasek hauled in a 36-yard pass to move the ball to midfield. He capped the drive by catching a 3-yard touchdown pass with 3:39 left in the first half.

Known for his speed, Vondrasek showed some power on his other touchdown catch, breaking tackles on his way to a 21-yard score with 6:59 left in the third quarter.

The previous week, Kummer was the main target, hauling in nine passes for 130 yards in a 21-7 loss to Sterling Heights Stevenson. Last year, Fernsler had a spectacular third-down catch on the go-ahead drive, which ended with him catching the winning touchdown.

Vondrasek was just a small part of the offense in Week 1, catching four passes for 34 yards.

"Watching them on film, they posed a big challenge to us, because all their receivers are game-breakers," Hartland coach Thomas Stevenson said. "Watching them last week, they only scored seven against Stevenson, but

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# Franklin volleyball gets past scrappy Churchill in KLAA-East opener

Brandon Folsom

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Livonia Franklin volleyball coach Sarah Atteveld is excited about her returning seniors.

Which makes sense.

Not only does she bring back 6-foot middle blocker Ella Cardinal but two of of her three returning All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association players from 2022 are seniors in libero Katelyn Orlowski and setter Kenzie Mahoney-Cottonham.

And they've been integral starters for the Patriots, who got off to a 7-1 start, 1-0 in the KLAA.

But don't forget about junior Megan Glotzhober, another All-KLAA player from a year ago, whose energy and enthusiasm on the court make her just as important of a leader as her senior counterparts out there.

In fact, it was her energy and enthusiasm that helped Franklin tough out a 3-1 victory Aug. 29 inside rival Livonia Churchill's hot and humid gymnasium.

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Livonia Franklin's Ella Cardinal celebrates a win during a Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East volleyball match Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023.

BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



### Receiver

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they had three touchdowns taken off the board because of holding penalties.

"We told our secondary they were going to have to be up for a challenge this week. They're all great receivers and the quarterback is incredible. He's a tough kid and he delivers the ball on time. He's a great high school quarterback."

### 99 problems

Jacob Dibert gave Hartland a boost of momentum when his punt was downed inside the 1-yard line with 8:49 left in the second quarter.

But Novi quickly got out of danger and would eventually score on a 12-play, 99-yard drive that took 5 minutes, 10 seconds.

"We had them in some long downs," Stevenson said. "We had them at third-and-15 and committed a pass interference. That's tough. You get off the field, but you make a penalty. You never want to give up a 99-yard drive. We never want to give up any points, but especially you don't want to let them drive the whole field. and get points out of it."

A 9-yard pass from Walker to Kummer got the drive started.

"At the start, we were just trying not to get a safety, move the ball, get a first down," Walker said. "Once we did that, we started building on it and had a big play and just went down and scored."

### Finally finding the end zone

Hartland nearly went into Week 3 without having scored an offensive touchdown.

The Eagles finally got on the board and made the final seconds a little more interesting when James Butzier hit Connor Renaud with an 80-yard touchdown pass with 14 seconds left in the game.

Down only a touchdown, Hartland attempted an onside kick, but Fernsler made the recovery for Novi.

"Today we had a lot of self-inflicted wounds where we were moving it a little bit and then we'd get a 15-yarder," Stevenson said. "When you get behind the sticks like that, it's tough. We've just got to keep getting better on that side of the ball. We've got to get better on every side of the ball. Obviously, when you're 0-2, everything's a problem."



Hartland's Saleem Jackson latches onto Novi's Jaden Vondrasek in a 14-7 loss Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023. PHOTOS BY TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY



Hartland's Braden Streight looks to get past Novi's Adam Goodhew.



Novi's Boden Fernsler with the ball.



Novi's Lance Gailliard finds some open field.

### **Volleyball**

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The KLAA-East opener saw the Patriots grab an easy 25-14 victory in Game I, but the ensuing sets were quite the back-and-forth affairs. Franklin had to battle out of large deficits in each one. And if it wasn't for Glotzhober's energy keeping the team's morale up during low points, it could've easily been Churchill calchesting the outright win

celebrating the outright win.

"We're all sweating so bad because we put our all into it," the middle hitter said. "We definitely all smell, but we definitely did our best, too. It feels so good since it's our first step toward (winning the Livonia City) championship, and I just think I get that energy from my team. I love them like a family. They're my besties. I just bounce off their energy, and when I see them down, I want to get the back up."

That was certainly the case in Game 2.

Churchill grabbed a two-point lead before Lizzy Kirkey came up with a kill that turned the momentum of the match in Franklin's favor. In turn, that got Glotzhober excited. Players such as Mckenna Moore and Cardinal rallied around her. Before you knew it, Franklin forced a 16-16 tie and quickly pulled away with more big plays at the net from Kirkey, an ace from Claire Galatis and Glotzhober's effort to finish off the set from the service line, which included her tallying an ace to set up match point.

Franklin had no answer for Churchill outside hitter Addisyn Kostoff in the ensuing game. The junior recorded a kill and then went to the service line for a

seven-point rally, which included her tallying three aces. Churchill stole the set, 25-20, but the Patriots narrowly missed out on earning the comeback.

But that effort inspired them to wrap up the match in the fourth. Mahoney-Cottenham's serving helped the Patriots grab a quick 17-9 lead. And then, once again, Glotzhober's energy kept the momentum going as she came up with two crucial blocks, including one where she teamed up with Cardinal.

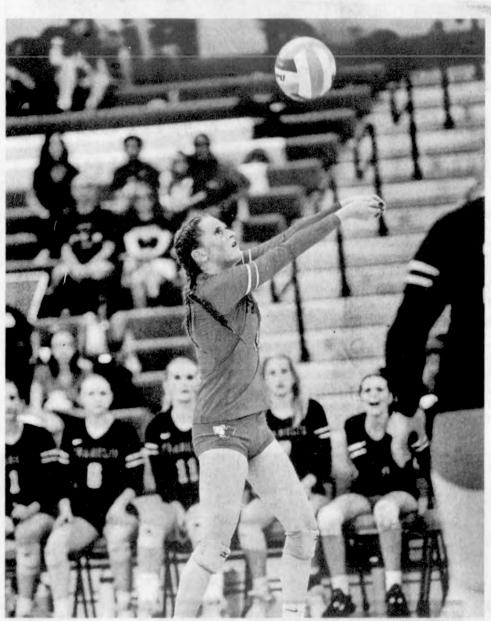
"Obviously, we had some work to do in that third game," said Atteveld, whose Patriots previously beat Churchill 2-1 at a quad during the first week of the season. "But they came back strong in the fourth and took control of the game, and I was happy about that."

And so were the rest of the Patriots. It was their first league game of the season, and it was one that could eventually decide the Livonia City championship.

Who knows how it would've turned out without Glotzhober's leadership guiding them?

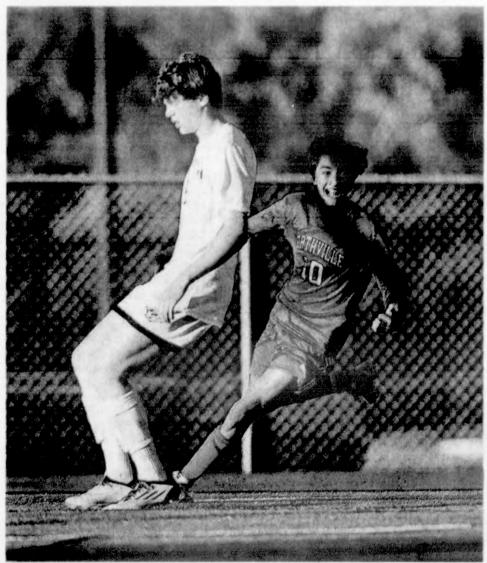
"Megan is one of our captains, and she's such an energy-getter," Atteveld said. "She is a very good leader on the court. And we feel really good about this season. We have a lot of leaders, and we think that'll make a big difference. We lost three seniors, only two starters, at the end of last season, but we have huge senior leadership coming in. We feel really, really good about this season. We have a lot of consistency, and we have a lot of offensive weapons that we haven't really had in the past."

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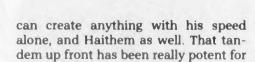


Livonia Franklin's Katelyn Orlowski bumps the ball during a Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East volleyball match Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023.

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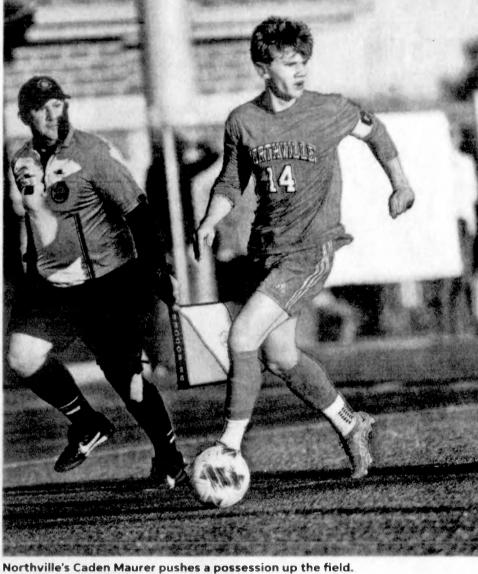
Northville's Zane Khraizat celebrates scoring a goal during a Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West boys soccer match Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



And the best part? McCallum and Al-Zoubi are hungry to improve.

They're not walking into each match assuming they're going to pour it on every opponent, despite usually one of them having a say in who scores the

In fact, McCallum assisted on both of Northville's goals against Plymouth. In the first half, he received a pass from Nick Wilson, flicked it off his head and hit Zan Khraizat in stride down the near sideline. Khraizat returned the favor by smashing in a ball from about 20 yards



After halftime, it was McCallum splitting a pair of defenders on the Wildcats' back line and playing a ball to Haithem, whose strike inside the penalty box put an exclamation point on another hard-fought win in the KLAA-

Northville certainly has the offense of a team that should be ranked the second-best in Michigan. But how does the team feel about being ranked so highly this early into the fall?

"Right now, our coach is telling us we haven't really earned it yet," said McCallum, who leads the team with five goals scored. "Which I kind of agree. We still have to prove ourselves against good teams. We have to step up for that."

The gauntlet will continue. The Mus-

tangs will take their first crack at Salem since losing to them in the playoffs this coming week. And then they face an improved Brighton squad.

But the standard is the standard at Northville. It must continue to push to be better.

"They all realize we have to keep a particular standard when it comes to how we play and how much hard work we require," Klimes said. "A lot of the guys who didn't make the squad, who got cut, sort of push these guys to play to the best of their potential in every game (because it was hard to even earn a roster spot). There's no game we can really take a rest at."

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### and earn it." The Mustangs certainly have some players who've displayed the effort Klimes is talking about. goals. And that starts up top with his two star forwards, juniors Alex McCallum and Haithem Al-Zoubi. Klimes said they're as talented as the forwards he had on the 2021 state semifinal team

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front with his speed," Klimes added. "He

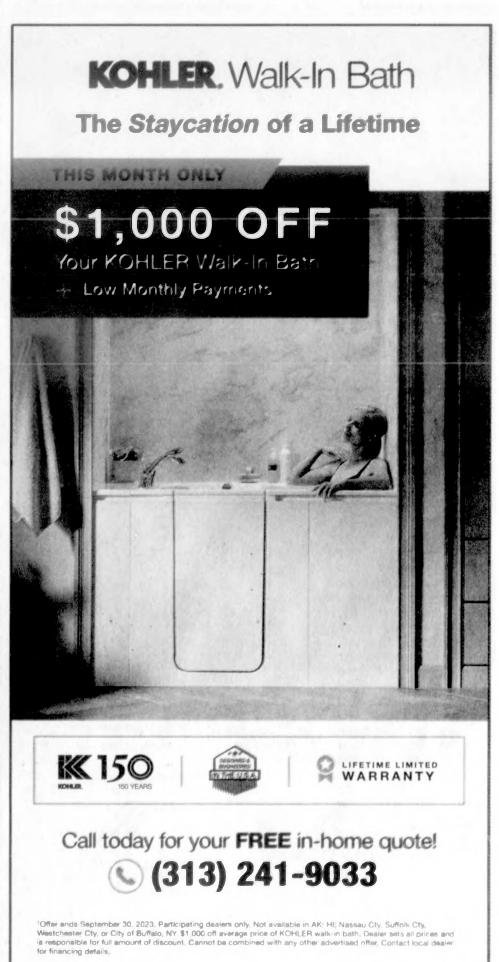
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## 'We deserve to be up top:' John Glenn vying for KLAA-East soccer title

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Tuesday's practice could've been a miserable experience for the Westland John Glenn boys soccer team.

The Rockets (2-1, 1-1) were just one day removed from a 3-0 loss to Livonia Churchill in the season opener. While they performed well, and even controlled play from time to time, they just didn't have an answer defensively for Benji Cook, who netted a hat trick to give the Chargers their first win.

Instead of moping around and letting that defeat set the tone for the rest of the fall, John Glenn got back to work. Its captains gave inspired speeches throughout practice the next day and the Rockets harkened back to the one philosophy first-year coach Kelly Wilson has been instilling throughout training camp.

The result?

The Rockets bounced back with an impressive 2-0 win against Livonia Franklin in its next match. And, on Saturday, they overcame a sluggish opening five minutes to put away crosstown foe Lutheran Westland, 7-2.

"They're supporting each other, and I'm a family guy who really promotes 'family' within the program," said Wilson, who comes to John Glenn with 15 years of experience coaching at the travel and academy levels. "Sometimes I feel like that gets overused and that message can get lost — being a family — but, no, it really helps you get through adverse times, and we had some adversity against Churchill."

Isn't that the truth?

Wilson prides himself on having his back line be the strength of his teams. He knows a tough defense is the best way to stay competitive, especially in a league such as the Kensington Lakes **Activities Association.** 

That's why he's fortified his back line with the likes of seniors Bryce Fallows and Easton Socola, junior Frank Sdao and sophomore Logan O'Connors. Their experience back has been a boon for



Westland John Glenn's Osvaldo Ramirez-Santiago battles Lutheran Westland's Olen Moshier for possession during a non-conference boys soccer match Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

rookie goalkeeper Jose Diaz, who is still getting his feet wet.

The only problem was that foursome didn't have an answer for Cook in the opener. Cook managed to dribble flawlessly into the attacking third, deke a defender here and there and smash in goals from point-blank.

For the most part, John Glenn has cleaned up that part of its defense in its

past two games.

It clung to just a 1-0 lead for most of the match against Franklin, with its back line getting stop after stop. It wasn't until late into the second half that the Rockets put in an insurance goal to sneak away with the upset vic-

"It was an impressive win, and they really relished the opportunity," Wilson added. "They had the desire to win. We've always been competitive against Franklin, but they haven't had as many wins as they'd hope for. But our practice was really good after Churchill, and we had a lot of energy going into the game, and the captains have done really well at motivating the kids to play hard."

One of those vocal captains has been striker Casey Kolb, one of John Glenn's three returning All-KLAA players from 2022 (Fallows and Osvaldo Ramirez-Santiago are the others).

Kolb's message to rally the troops in practice ahead of the Franklin match was simple: Why can't the Rockets be a contender to win its division?

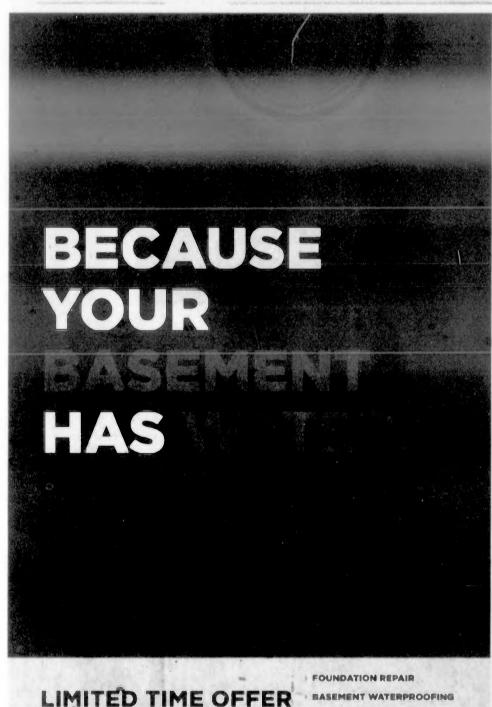
"We deserve to be up top (in the KLAA-East standings)," said the senior, who netted a pair of goals against Lutheran Westland. "We fight every day, long practices. We deserve it. We deserve to be in that top position. We have the guys, we have the guts. Our guys, we're hard workers. These guys, my teammates, we want to win."

John Glenn certainly has the depth to at least finish in the top third of the division. Its veteran lineup includes six seniors, seven juniors and four underclassmen who are also getting considerable playing time. A few others could emerge as key contributors.

While bringing in a new coach isn't ideal, Wilson isn't treating this season like a rebuilding year.

The Rockets are ready to win now. "They're buying into the philosophy of playing together," Wilson said. "We've got a lot of seniors and good players who are just starting to buy into the system. I'm a new coach, but most of them were together last year. That helps because they're already starting to gel. They all play somewhere else (different travel teams) in the offseason, but they're starting to come together. We're just trying to find that matchup, rotating a lot of people in a sense to find where they're playing well and fit together best."

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## Late goal helps Chargers beat rival Stevenson for 1st time since 2018

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With Monday being the first day of school at Livonia Churchill, it was no surprise the boys soccer team had quite the student section in the crowd for its game against rival Livonia Stevenson.

It was so large, in fact, the public address announcer pointed it out during player introductions

And that's important to know be-

cause their spot in the south end of the bleachers is exactly where Matthew Havristiuc chose to sprint to and celebrate after burying the game-winning goal with only two minutes remaining in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East matchup

Wait, what? Churchill beat Stevenson? In soccer?

Indeed

Havristiuc lasered in a left-footed shot in front of the Chargers' bench, a solid 35 or 40 yards out, that picked up some English along the way and tucked just inside the top left corner of the frame. It was an unsavable goal. Not even an all-state goalie was going to slap that one out of the sky.

And the score ensured Churchill the 2-1 victory, its first over its Livonia Public Schools rival since 2018.

"My whole soccer career, I've been waiting to beat Stevenson and score the game-winning goal," said Havristiuc, a junior midfielder. "It feels so amazing. I never thought I'd be able to do it. It's our first time (beating Stevenson) in five or six years, and it feels great. Getting the game-winning goal, it felt amazing. You can't beat that feeling.'

On hand as a volunteer assistant with the Chargers was coach Chris Burnette's daughter, Riley Burnette, who was actually the one who reminded her father to get Havristiuc back onto the

Coach Burnette had pulled Havristiuc with about 11 minutes left in regulation because he was exhausted from playing multiple positions throughout the evening.

"My kid was telling me, 'We've got to get him back in, we've got to get him back in," Burnette said. "So I told him, I'm like, 'Matthew, I need a goal from you.' He's like, 'Coach, I've got you,' and he goes back in and scores the winning goal like that. I still can't believe he said that and it happened.

"We wanted to get him back in. We knew we had to get him back in. We kind of put him in all over the place, and he's a wide player by trade, but we put him up higher, and then he scores the goal. It was a gorgeous goal. Nobody's saving that goal. It was excellent."

Throw Havristiuc's game-winner against Stevenson on the pile of achievements the rebuilding Chargers are racking up in Burnette's first season leading the team.

They've already blanked Westland John Glenn, another program having a resurgence this fall, and they've also forced a 1-1 tie with Dearborn, one of the handful of teams that actually have a shot at winning the KLAA-East.

But beating Stevenson? That rarely

Not only was this the first time the Chargers have defeated the Spartans in five years but many fans were trying to figure out how long it's been since they haven't lost to Stevenson via mercy rule.

And that's a credit to Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker, who has been with the Spartans for 12 years and has turned both the boys and girls programs into state powers

Stevenson might not compete for state titles every year, but opponents know it'll be a good match when the Spartans come to town.

"Like I told my players earlier, I've played against Ken, and I've known Ken for years, and he's a friend of mine, and he's even coached my kids before, and I've beaten him only twice," Burnette said. "One time with Franklin, when I was the assistant, and I was the JV coach, we beat him, 1-0. Tonight is just the second time I've beaten him, but we earned that win. I think they (Stevenson) played well, but I think we worked harder."

That was certainly the case in the opening half when forwards Benji Cook and Gentri Truni ensured the Chargers (2-0-1, 2-0-1) would control possession.

And it was Truni who finally broke through Stevenson's stout back line to bang in a goal on the right side of the net during a fast break that almost fell apart by the time he got his shot off.

It was a tough effort, but that goal with 18:24 left in the first half gave the Chargers a 1-0 lead, something that's pretty rare for them in this rivalry.

Of course, Stevenson (1-2-2, 1-1-2) didn't back down.

Fourteen minutes after halftime, Rani El Hajj Ahmad fought through a scrum inside the penalty box, secured a rebound and ripped in a goal that almost halted Churchill's momentum entirely. The score certainly sucked the excitement out of the crowd for a brief period.

But the Chargers rallied in the waning moments. Havristiuc netted the game-winner, raced toward the student section and leaped into the bleachers with the best Lambeau Leap the exhausted junior could muster.



Livonia Churchill's Gentri Truni battles Livonia Stevenson's **Jake Cawood for** possession during a **Kensington Lakes** Activities **Association-East** boys soccer match Monday, Aug. 28, 2023. **BRANDON FOLSOM**/ HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## **Obituaries**

### **Peter Davis**

BRIGHTON - Pete Davis, resident of Brighton and previously long-time resident of Northville, died on August 28, 2023 after a short illness. He was born on January 29, 1942 to James and Anita (Mitzi) Davis in Evanston, Illinois. He grew up in Highland Park and Glenview and graduated from Glenbrook High School in 1960. He attended the University of Michigan, graduating with a Bachelor's of Business Administration in 1964 and a Master's of Business Administration in 1965 (although he may or may not have spent more time at the bridge table or on the golf course than in the classroom). He started



his career with Plante & Moran and was a Certified Public Accountant. Pete was later a founding partner of his own firm, Correll, Krywko, Harrell & Davis, PC in Southfield, MI. He finished his professional career as CFO for a private company. He was respected by coworkers and clients for his integrity throughout his career. After retirement he achieved his dream job as a Starter and Ranger at Coyote Golf Course; if you weren't ready when it was your turn to tee off, heaven help you.

In 1965, he married Vera Marie Korr and he survived until their 58th anniversary. He is also survived by their three children, Heather (Chris) Tressler, Jennifer Paige (Darren) Riopelle, and Brit (Jill) Davis, and eight grandchildren, Sydney (Joseph) Tressler Cinal, Cameron Tressler, Jackson Riopelle, Megan Riopelle,

Kyla Jones, Mataya Jones, Alexia Thomas, and Brynn Davis. Spending time with his grandchildren gave him so much joy. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Britton A. Davis.

Pete and Vera were long time members of Western Golf and Country Club in Redford, Michigan, where he served as Treasurer for several years. He had a special fondness for the 4th hole, especially the trees in the right rough! He always said he would give up the game if he broke 80, but fortunately missed it by one stroke and would continue his frustration with the game. He continued to play duplicate bridge until recently at the Plymouth Cultural Center and especially enjoyed his Wednesday morning breakfasts with "the guys" before playing. A long time Michigan sports fan, Pete and Vera were season ticket holders in Section 3 of Michigan Stadium for several decades. We're counting on him to get them to the National Championship this year!

A celebration of life will be held later this year. Memorial contributions in Pete's memory may be made to the Chad Tough Foundation or University of Michigan Bipolar Clinic.

Care and services were entrusted to the Keehn-Griffin Funeral Home, Brighton - (810) 229-9871. Share condolences or a special memory on Pete's Guest Page at keehn-griffinfuneralhome.com.

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### **Hester Anne Cowan**

BOONE - Hester Anne Cowan, 93, of Boone, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on August 26, 2023. She is survived by daughters, Ellen Cowan and

husband Keith Seramur of Boone, NC and Susan Cowan of Kailua, HI. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Alison Seramur Hall and husband, Justin Hall, Mary Seramur, and Kalen Smith. She is survived by her brother, James Stronach and wife Fran Stronach of Ottawa, Ontario. She was preceded in death by her husband William "Bill" Cowan, sonin-law George Smith, and parents George Stronach and Ellen Bradley Stronach.



Hester was born on March 14, 1930, in Toronto, Ontario Canada. She graduated from Branksome Hall and the University of Toronto, where she majored in Physical Therapy. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi. Hester emigrated to the United States to marry Bill Cowan from Knoxville, TN. They were married for 67 years. She became a US citizen in 1970 so she could fulfill her civic responsibilities.

She called the High Country of NC home for the last 23 years, where she was a devoted "Grammy" to her granddaughters. Prior to that she lived in Birmingham and Dryden, MI. Hester loved and cared for all animals, wild and domestic. In Dryden, she raised and trained Golden Retrievers to compete in field trials. Hammer and Gunner made the move to Boone, and Sandy provided loyal companionship through her later years. Hester was an avid gardener and was known for her beautiful roses. Every spring, she traveled to the nursery to choose new annuals to plant in the front gardens. Hester actively supported her grandchildren's pursuits. She attended musical recitals, track meets, basketball games and golf matches of Alison and Mary, and she watched and read Kalen's baseball and football highlights. She was an avid fan of the Detroit Red Wings hockey and University of Michigan football. Her memory is cherished by many lifelong friends and neighbors.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church. A memorial service will

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Schools continue to evolve and change their curriculum to meet the needs of modern students. Many schools now recognize the importance of helping students develop skills that will help them be competitive in the world and workforce. One way they are doing so is through the development of educational academies or specific academic tracks to give students an advantage later in their academic careers. Here's a close look at such offerings, which tend to be primarily at the high school (secondary school) level.

### Early college academy

Early college academy, also known as early college high school, is a program that enables high school students to earn two-year associates degrees at the same time as they earn high school diplomas, according to U.S. News & World Report. The Early College High School Initiative was established in part in 2002 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Early colleges have expanded over the last 20 years, and these programs may work in different ways. Some bring high schoolers to college campuses to take courses in-person, or there may be remote course

offerings. Others provide college courses in a high school setting. High schools develop complementary relationships with accredited colleges in the area, typically community colleges. Upon completion of the programs, students in the early college courses will receive associates degrees. Advantages to an ECA is that students already have completed two years of college, which saves time and money.

### Dual enrollment/Advanced

now. Dual enrollment classes are essentially college courses that high schoolers take while in high school. Professors from nearby colleges may teach these courses right in a high school classroom. High school teachers also may be trained to instruct a college's approved coursework. At the end of the course, the student will have received credits for that college course.

Advanced placement (AP) classes are classes with college-level curricula created by the College Board. AP students must pass AP exams at the end of the classes.

Certain colleges will accept AP classes as college credit depending on students' scores on the tests. Both of these avenues may help students earn college credits, provided the school they attend will accept the credits.

### Career tracks/pathways

Students may choose to follow particular tracks in high school if they pick a college major or choose a trade school. Sometimes these programs are called pathways. Nevertheless, they may be offered in Visual Arts, STEM, Business Management, Automotive Repair, Hospitality, or Mathematics. While students will still get an array of core classes, by enrolling in a track, their electives and certain other classes may be geared toward a particular pathway. For example, an eligible math course for a business student may be accounting as opposed to calculus for a general education student. These pathways help develop passions and interests and enable high schoolers to grow accustomed to the customization of a degree.

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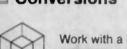
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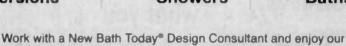
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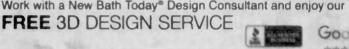




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