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# Hines Park mills sales up for vote today

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Two historic mills once operated by Henry Ford in the first half of the 20th century took one step closer to landing in the hands of private developers.

The Wayne County Commission's committee on public services voted

unanimously Nov. 26 to send the issue to the full county commission, which makes the final decision on selling the two parcels. The two mills in question are the Wilcox Mill, 230 Wilcox in Plymouth, and the Newburgh Mill, 37401 Hines Drive in Livonia.

The meeting drew so much attention that it had to be moved to the commis- \* mer Wayne-Westland Community

sion chambers on the first floor of the Guardian Building in downtown Detroit to accommodate a standing-room-only crowd.

"This is an amazing opportunity. Nothing will be done with that property if you don't do it this time around," said John Goci, a Northville resident and for-

School District board member. "This is a golden opportunity."

The Wilcox Mill, if sold, would go to Tony Roko, a Plymouth resident whose art foundation would take over the site, redevelop it and turn it into an art center. Roko was visibly happy after the

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Uthra Vathsai spoons a rice dish onto her plate during the ESL Thanksgiving gathering Nov. 27 at Farmington Central. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# **Farmington Central hosts** multicultural Thanksgiving

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People from 20 countries came together last week for a Thanksgiving meal at Farmington Central. Every year, the school hosts the feast for its adult English as a second language students.

"I think it's the sharing of the cultures that we all enjoy the most because we

are such a large population from so many countries," said Suzanne Nicholson, the acting program manager for Farmington's ESL program. "A lot of the other ESL programs have as many or more students, but they don't have the variety of countries that we do here in Farmington."

The 65 students and their families enjoyed homemade foods from places including Iran, Mexico, Russia, India, Romania and Brazil. There were also American classics like hot dogs and pumpkin pie there.

"It's all very tasty... It's a beautiful experience because I see the traditions," said Rodica Pit, a first-year student in the program from Romania.

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**COLD CASES** 

# **Solving crimes** gets tougher as time passes without clues

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This is suburban Detroit, and police agencies have few cold homicide cases to investigate.

Perhaps because of their rarity, they carry significant weight for the officers who are handed these as-of-yet-unsolved mysteries.

There are emotional attachments to the cases and the families, who are continuously grieving because they're not sure what happened.

Cases get colder and tougher to solve as time passes without significant clues. And there's the turmoil from bodies missing, evidence lacking and crime scenes still to be found.

Crime statisticians warn of a cold case crisis. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the nation has about 250,000 unsolved murders, and the number rises by several thousand each year.

In western Oakland and Wayne counties, police say they don't have enough cold cases - or the staffing and money - to warrant full-time cold case teams or full-time cold case investigators like some metropolitan agencies. But most agencies review their cold cases at least annually to see if there's something more they can do.

"No one ever gives up," said Livonia's Lt. Charles Lister, the department's investigative bureau commander. "You always hope for the best. You just never know if some fleeting scrap of information will come forward that makes a case."

He provided a sheet of paper not entirely filled that describes the department's eight cold homicide cases:

■ July 26, 1964: Dr. William Parsons and his two sisters were found dead in the closet of their Rosedale Gardens home after an apparent robbery.

■ March 22, 1977: Timothy King, an 11-year-old boy associated with the Oakland County Child Killer, was found dead on Gill Road, south of Eight Mile Road.

■ Aug. 10, 1984: Ralph Proctor, a retired Teamsters union official, was found fatally shot in his car on Six Mile Road, between Newburgh and Levan roads. According to media reports, police labeled it a professional killing. Proctor was shot three times in the

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# Ashley's Beer and Grill closes in Westland after 12 years

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The taps have run dry at one of Michigan's best-known craft beer bars in

Ashley's Beer and Grill, 7525 N. Wayne, closed this past weekend after more than a decade of operations, according to a Facebook post by the bar. The post cited complications with its lease agreement with the nearby Westland Shopping Center as a reason behind its closure, which included issues surrounding parking lot lighting and maintenance, among others.

"They not only refused to correct the maintenance issues but would give us no break on rent for a dying mall," the Facebook post states. "We just could not keep paying the high rent they were asking for a decaying mall."

Messages were left with Ashley's seeking comment on the closure.

A statement provided by the Westland Shopping Center when reached by "It's been well known
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Bill Wild Mayor of Westland

like that."

Hometown Life did not address the Ashley's departure specifically, but said it hoped to have "exciting" news about the center's future soon.

"... Per the General Manager, Gary Thomas, however, I can tell you that Westland Shopping Center has a very long and successful history in providing great shopping and dining options to the communities we are privileged to serve," the statement reads. "Over those years, some tenants are no longer in

business, due in large measure to the changing consumer shopping and dining preferences. This realty, which is not unique to our center, actually provides us with opportunities to continue to bring to the mall new exciting businesses, from national to local tenants, so we can continue to meet the current changing retail realities, which we have successfully been doing over the past 54 years."

Ashley's was well-known in the area as a place that served a multitude of craft beer from across the globe. Signage outside the restaurant advertised more than 100 brews on tap from all over. The restaurant was known to hold several events throughout the year, including a Lobsterfest every summer and its Brewery Throwdown tournament every year. The restaurant stated it had been in business in Westland for more than 12 years.

Ashley's will remain open in Ann Arbor, 338 S. State, where events such as the Brewery Throwdown will move to in the future. Ashley's has operated in downtown Ann Arbor since 1983.

The restaurant's owners wrote in their post they hope their restaurant positively impacted the city of Westland throughout the years while it was open.

"We've employed hundreds of Westland residents," the post stated. "We think we've helped change the image of Westland for the better by bringing world class events to Westland like the North American Belgian Beer Festival and the Michigan Cask Ale Festival."

Westland Mayor Bill Wild said while it wasn't a secret Ashley's was having financial problems — they owe thousands in back taxes and on their water bill — it's still sad to see an anchor of the Shop and Dine District leave town.

"It's been well known Ashley's had financial issues with that site," he said. "We certainly hate to lose any of our prominent businesses like that."

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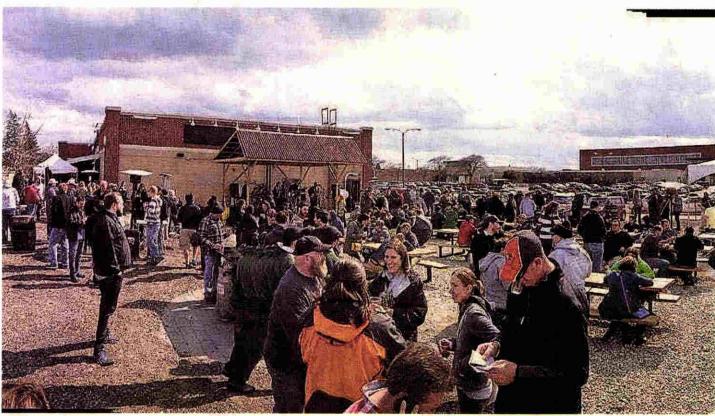
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Chilly weather didn't discourage a crowd from turning out for the 2014 Michigan Cask Ale Festival at Ashley's Beer and Grill in Westland. Ashley's closed this past weekend after more than a decade of operations, according to a Facebook post HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE



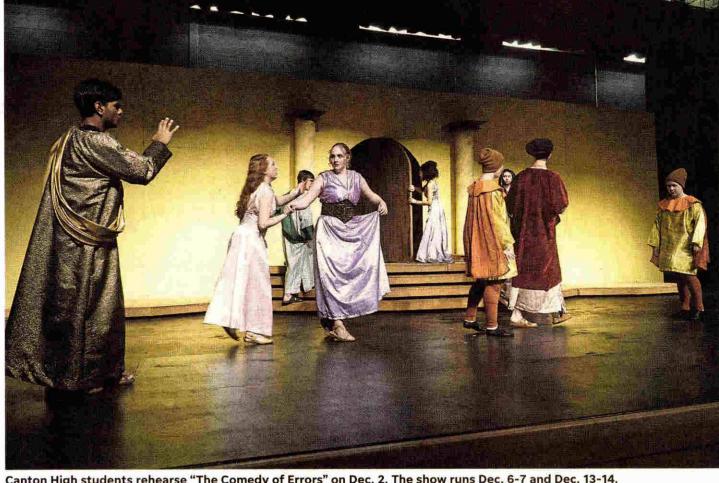
# IT'S A 'COMEDY OF ERRORS' IN CANTON HIGH PRODUCTION

The Park Players Theatre Company is producing "The Comedy of Errors" at Canton High School in the DuBois Theatre.

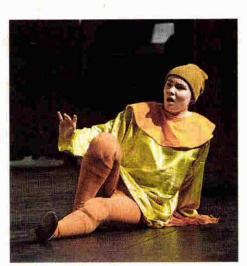
"The Comedy of Errors" is set in the ancient Greek city of Ephesus. It tells the story of two sets of identical twins who were accidentally separated at birth. Antipholus of Syracuse and his servant Dromio arrive in Ephesus, which turns out to be the home of their twin brothers, Antipholus of Ephesus and his servant, Dromio.

When the Syracusans encounter the friends and families of their twins, wild mishaps based on mistaken identities ensue. It is a fastpaced, zany comedy suitable for the entire family.

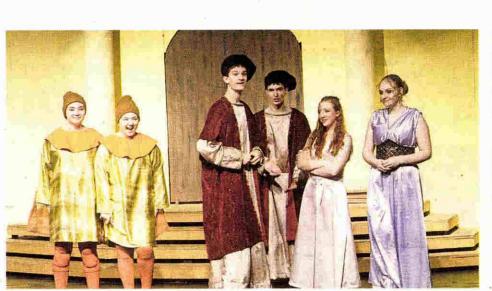
All performances are at 7 p.m. with shows Dec. 6-7 and Dec. 13-14. Tickets are \$10 at the door or at: tpptc.booktix.com.



Canton High students rehearse "The Comedy of Errors" on Dec. 2. The show runs Dec. 6-7 and Dec. 13-14. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



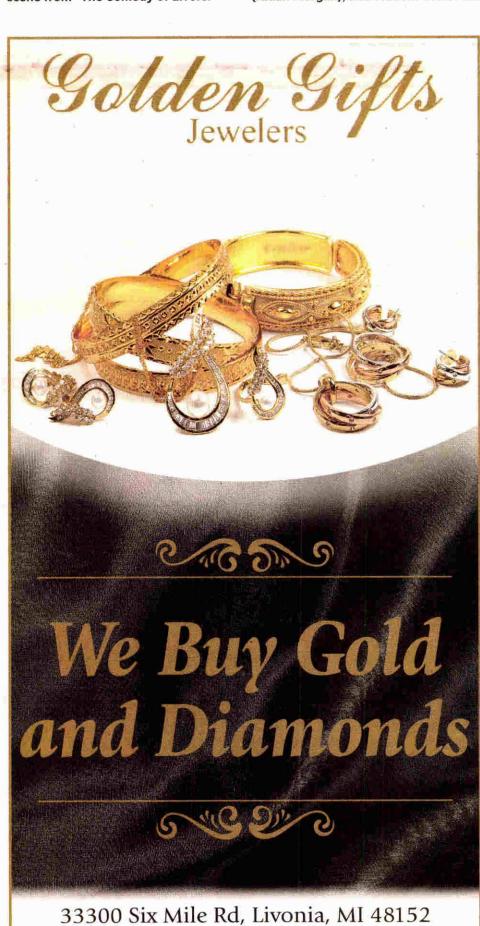
Student Katie Bellenger rehearses a scene from "The Comedy of Errors."



Some of the cast of Canton High's production of William Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" are, from left, Dromio of Ephesus (Micah Wale), Dromio of Syracuse (Katie Bellenger), Antipholus of Ephesus (Erik Wakar), Antipholus of Syracuse (Aidan Morgan), and student actors Corinne Marsh and Ashley Kramer.



When the Syracusans encounter the friends and families of their twins, a series of wild mishaps ensues.



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# **North Farmington** High placed on lockdown after threat

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An apparent threat posted on social media has North Farmington High School on lockdown, barring any outside access to the building.

The situation is under investigation by the Farmington Hills Police Department, which has officers posted at the West 13 Mile Road school. They have told the school officials it is safe to proceed with the school day.

The threat was brought to the attention of school administrators by several students and a parent.

Representatives from the Farmington Public Schools did not immediately respond to comment.

"We know that these situations can be anxiety producing for our students, for us as adults and for us as parents," North Principal Joe Greene said in an email Monday to parents. "Out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to best support our students, we have asked staff to be extra vigilant today, as well as to help reassure any students, and identify any students who may need support."

Greene also said he admires the bravery of the students who reported the post.

"We are grateful to our students and the parent who came forward this morning to share the news of this to ensure the safety of others," Greene wrote to parents. "Their courage and character is something we can be very proud of."

Assistant Police Chief Dan Rodriguez said several police officers visited the school this morning because of the threat and there should be a police presence until the end of the school.

"At this point, we're trying to track down the source of the social media threat," he said, "The only thing we can assume is that it's possibly a student."

Investigators are looking at the possible platforms used to make the threat and the user's identity.



Casalou, regional president and CEO, Trinity Health Michigan; Dr. Mark LePage, CEO, IHA; Brian Broderick, chair, Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees; and Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, president, Schoolcraft College, COURTESY OF ST. JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM

# Schoolcraft breaks ground on new health building

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Work is underway on Schoolcraft College's latest addition, following the Nov. 18 groundbreaking on a new health science building.

The 124,000-square-foot facility, constructed in partnership with the St. Joseph Mercy Health System and Integrated Healthcare Associates, is expected to allow Schoolcraft students to get real-life experience without leaving its campus.

Schoolcraft already offers majors and programs like nursing, pharmacy and health information technology. The new building, called IHA & St. Joe's Livonia Medical Center, will allow students to study radiation technology, as well.

"This will give our students an opportunity to really experience healthcare," Glen Cerny, vice president and chief financial officer for Schoolcraft, said.

So far, the building is on track to open in the spring on 2021. The first phase of the facility will be an 80,000-square-foot building open to the public for urgent care, mammography, primary care and specialty

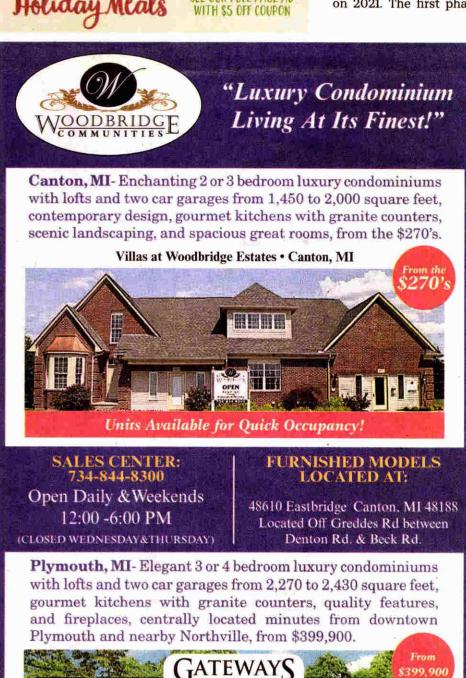
"The clinicals and the experiences that we're going to be able to give because we'll be walking across the campus to go to that facility is an incredible piece for the students to have access to," Cerny said.

A second phase of the project will put an ambulatory surgery center that will allow for outpatient surgeries, pharmacy services and physician offices on the remaining 44,000 square feet.

"We are very excited to break ground on this exceptional medical center, which is the result of our innovative partnership with Schoolcraft College," said Rob Casalou, president and CEO, Trinity Health Michigan in a statement. "This medical center, right in the heart of our service area, is the centerpiece for St. Joe's overall ambulatory care strategy in southeast Michigan."

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# Farmington Holly Days returns this Saturday



It was a hot day in the summer of 1945 when singer-songwriter Mel Torme went to Bob Wells' house for a collaborative session, Wells being Torme's lyrical partner. Wells wasn't home so Torme let himself in and found next to Wells' piano a sheet of paper with four lines on it:

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire Jack Frost nipping at your nose Yuletide carols being sung by a choir And folks dressed up like Eskimos.

Turns out it was so oppressively hot that summer day that Wells had invented a wintry scene to transport himself to a cool place. The resulting song would grow into a beloved holiday classic known the world over as "The Christmas Song."

Just as Wells inserted himself to a joyful holiday scene, you can find yourself surrounded by the holidays with a visit to downtown Farmington this Saturday. It's the town's annual tradition of Holly Days, with events and activities from morning to evening.

You'll find a holiday market offering greens and artisan gifts. The children can visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and take part in an elves' workshop. It all builds to the popular Light up the Grand Parade, followed by the Farmington Area Jaycees' 34th annual Tree Lighting at the Gov. Warner Mansion. It is a holiday scene you'll want to be a part of.

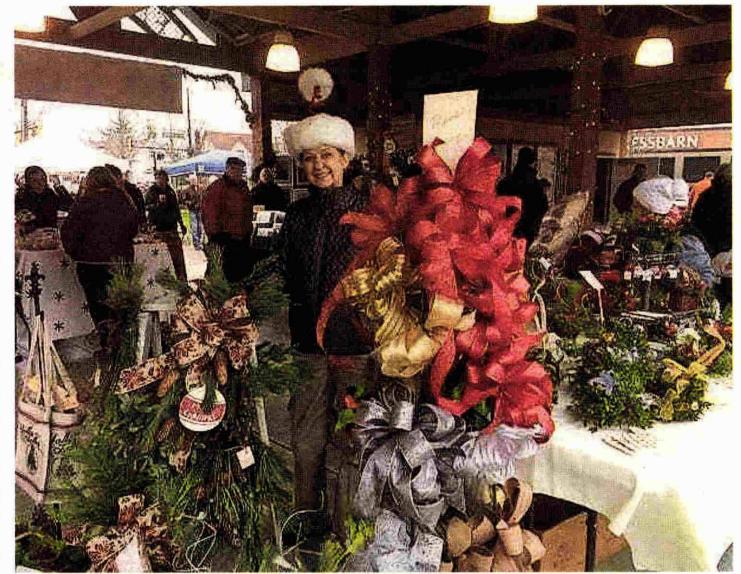
It starts at 10 a.m. when the Farmington Farmers Market opens with its special "Greens Gifts and Giving" market, which welcomes shoppers until 5 p.m. You can chat with some of our farmers and stroll among their freshly fashioned wreaths, roping, centerpieces, porch accents and more. Many of our weekly artisans will be sharing special holiday items that make one-of-a-kind gifts. A warming fire will set the stage as the unmistakable aroma of Petey'sdoughnuts fill the air, made fresh at market, plopping off conveyor belts one by one.

A doughnut in one hand deserves a beverage in the other! Stop by the Holly Days Inn for hot chocolate or crafted holiday spirits, sponsored by newcomer Detroit Eatz.

The inn will be located inside a mini-village of tents that will include the People's Pierogi Collective, serving made-to-order pierogi, potato pancakes and fire-grilled sausage. Nearby, local mainstay Page's Restaurant will be serving up free cups of its award-winning chili with all the fixin's for donations (\$5 is appreciated), 100% of which will go to CARES of Farmington Hills.

Every year, Dennis Page stirs up a couple of dozen gallons of chili to benefit area families in need. When I connected Page to CARES Director Todd Lipa, I found they were old acquaintances! Together, they will help more than 750 area families put food on their tables this holiday season by stocking the pantry at the CARES community kitchen. This is the wonderful giving aspect of "Greens Gifts and Giving," but it takes all of us to make the holidays warm and bright for those less fortunate. Box or pantry items may also be dropped off

Just down the street at the historic Farmington Civic Theater, the holiday movies "Shrek the Halls" and "Polar Express" will headline the marquee starting at 10 a.m. Both films are free in exchange for a canned or boxed pantry



Find holiday cheer and more this Saturday at a special market for Greens Gifts and Giving during Farmington Holly Days.

item supporting the area Goodfellows in their annual holiday "food on the table" campaign.

Elsewhere in Riley Park, you'll find folks of all ages waiting to board the holiday trackless train while strolling carolers entertain, stopping occasionally to warm themselves by the fire. Be sure to visit the pavilion, where you will find artisan wares, gourmet pantry fare and fresh-baked goodness. Yes, we even thought of that one-of-a-kind ugly sweater (aren't they all one of a kind?). In the new age of digital retailing, this old way of shopping out in the community is a refreshing and invigorating holiday alternative as you smile when you say "I found this at the market!"

you say, "I found this at the market!"

Local businesses taking part include
The Vines of downtown Farmington and
the Corner Barbers. Mike LaFever, who
has been working a chair at the iconic
barbershop at the town's four corners
for more than 40 years, also owns and
operates LaFever Farms, a 20-acre
spread dedicated to growing and harvesting Michigan chestnuts. Mike will
be roasting chestnuts at the market during the day and again later in the evening at the Warner Mansion after the
parade.

"I wanted to find something that my dad and I could do together and that would keep him busy," said Mike with a sturdy chuckle, adding: "We started in 1997, and I've been busy ever since! Dad sure had a special talent for making things grow."

Other happenings at the market include a kids' ornament-making station hosted by area Jaycees and a free holiday photo booth sponsored by the Basement Burger Bar. In the middle of this hustle and bustle, you'll want to make time for a visit with Santa at the Farmington Garage (across from the market, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.), sponsored by Fo-

### More online

For a complete schedule of Holly Days events and a list of market vendors, go to www.farmingtonfarmersmarket.com.

cal Point Studios with free pictures. A storytime with Mrs. Claus will take place at Essential Family Chiropractic (just steps from the market, also from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.). At the same time, Great Lakes ACE will host a free Elves' Workshop. As dusk settles over Farmington, the Light up the Grand parade

will make its way from the Village Commons Mall at 5:30 p.m. to the Warner Mansion, where all may gather to sing Christmas carols and welcome Santa to light up the town Christmas tree.

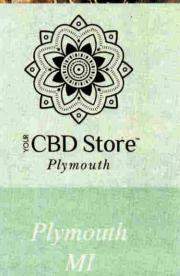
A busy weekend awaits and I have to run to make ready, so until next time then, and as always, here's saying "See you at the market," with a special holiday wish from "The Christmas Song:"

And so I'm offering this simple phrase To kids from one to ninety-two, Although it's been said many times,

many ways, Merry Christmas to you!







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# Seasonal events abound in Hometown Life area

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Time to get in the festive spirit.

There are plenty of opportunities to celebrate the season for young and old alike throughout the region.

Here are some of the events:

Northville City Lights Chorus Festival of City Lights will show the season is full of song. Northville's award-winning City Light Chorus will perform its holiday show at 8 p.m. Friday at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville. \$15. www.citylightschorus.com.

Birmingham Holiday Greens, Décor & Tree Lighting at Birmingham Winter Markt runs Friday through Sunday at Shain Park. The park will be illuminated with more than 65 booths featuring gift items. Lighting of the tree, carols and a visit from Santa starts at 6 p.m. Friday. Market attendees can enjoy European food and drinks, gift items, holiday greens, crafts, ice sculptures, live reindeer, warming stations, marshmallow roasting stations, a Kinderhaus children's activity area, the Santa House, and live entertainment. New this year, about 300 random shoppers will be the lucky recipients of ornaments with a voucher for a free gift attached.

Throughout the weekend, local school choirs will perform live. The Scottish Highland Dance School and The Community House Dance Academy are also set to perform. The Village Youth Theater's cast of "Frozen Junior," Four Stories, Collision Six and the Birmingham Concert Band will also take the stage.

Topping off the magic, board a free horse-drawn carriage for an illuminated tour through the decorated downtown area all throughout the holiday season. Event hours run 4-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. www.allinbirmingham.com/wintermarkt.

Huron Valley Community Theatre will perform "Jingle All the Way" at 7 p.m. Friday and at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday. Combine six adults looking for peace and quiet, an isolated cabin and a large group of lost teenagers, and you have the mix for a fun adventure to officially kick off the holiday season, com-



A 20-foot-tall train and water tower greet drivers as part of the 2019 Wayne County Lightfest. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

plete with "name that tune," holidaystyle, in this original musical. Canned goods donations are accepted for Highland Community Sharing Outreach Center. Bring letters to Santa and get a picture, too. Reserved seating tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased online at hycommunitytheater.org or at the door.

Merry & Bright: Livonia's Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting is at 4 p.m.Sunday, and will feature floats, high school bands, honor guards, entertainers, cheer teams, scout groups, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and more. The parade runs from Frost Middle School to Livonia City Hall. Enjoy music, hot cocoa, cookies, entertainment and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Deck the City Hall in Westland starts at 5:30 p.m. Monday. Sing carols and welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus to Westland. After lighting the official Christmas tree and city hall grounds, come inside for cookies, hot cocoa, crafts, a chance to write and mail a letter

to Santa and more. There will also be interactive dance activities to promote Westland's Healthy City initiative.

Farmington Musicale Winter Holiday celebrates the season with a holiday concert at 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills. The concert features vocalists, a clarinet choir with percussion and pianists. All are welcome to enjoy an afternoon of lovely music.

Send your holiday event listing to liv-oenewstip@hometownlife.com.





# **Thanksgiving**

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This year's get-together was a bit bigger than past years with the addition of families. In the past, only the students have participated, due to space limitations. There's more room now that Farmington Central moved to 30175 Highmeadow in Farmington Hills.

"This is the first time we've opened it up and next year should be even bigger," Nicholson said.

Before and after attendees take a walking tour of the countries, each student gets to practice English by telling everyone a bit about their home country. Nicholson said the event is a great way to celebrate the community's diversity, and no two years are the same.

"It's an amazing experience," said Silpa Yaramala, a first-year student from India. "We can meet different types of people here."

District leaders, including much of the Farmington school board, were in attendance. Trustee Zach Rich, a first timer, said he's been looking forward to it.

"That's what's so important about our ESL program in the district; it's not just for residents of Farmington and Farmington Hills," he said. "We're attracting people from the broader community and this event is a way for them to teach us after we've taught them."

Students in the program pay \$25 a year to learn English four mornings a week. The program, not limited to the Farmington Public Schools district, attracts students as far as Canton.



ESL students from Japan applaud as the breakfast program gets underway.



Portions of brigaderio, a chocolate and condensed milk treat from Brazil, await hungry guests at the ESL Thanksgiving on Nov. 27 at Farmington Central. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Ayaka Maeda, left, and sisters Yumi and Aika Oue decided to have hot dogs during the gathering.



ESL students and guests learn about their fellow students' countries as they try international dishes.

# Mills

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vote, hugging supporters and shaking hands. He said he appreciated the process was methodical and allowed for everyone to voice their opinion on the plans.

"I'm relieved that the voice of the people was represented today," he said. "I think the commissioners voted in the way that their constituents expected them

The project, dubbed the "Mill Run Project" by Wayne County, began about a year ago when Wayne County decided to sell some of the old mills in Hines Park due to a lack of use and funds to maintain them. The three mills that make up the project – the Phoenix Mill at 14973 Northville in Plymouth Township has already been sold to developer Richard Cox – have sat vacant for several decades.

The Newburgh Mill would also go to Cox under the proposed agreement. Cox has proposed transforming the mill and property to the west of it into both a distillery and a coffee shop or other, similar use. As a result of that development, the Wayne County Sheriff's mounted division would relocate to land purchased by Wayne County in the 8000 block of Farmington in the city of Westland. Other land would also be purchased in the Hawthorne Valley area of Westland and added to Hines Park, though Assistant County Executive Khalil Rahal said the county is still working out the details on the purchase of that land.

### Park land opposition remains

Opposition to the sale was also present at the committee meeting, mostly consisting of members of the group Save Hines Park. The citizens group has rallied in the past year to protest the sale of the mills and has advocated for their leasing instead of outright sales.

Nancy Darga, a Northville resident and former chief of design for the Wayne County parks, said she feels "betrayed" by the unanimous vote by the commission's committee.

"We've been betrayed by the commissioners, who we gave \$250 million to to take care of the parks," she said. "As you can see from our petition, we have over 15,000 signatures (against the sale of the mills)."

Sale of the parkland would include restrictions on what could be developed and requires the owners to restore the mills and pursue historic recognition.

One new aspect of the sale is the county would have first right-of-refusal if the mill properties would ever come back up for sale. That means that if the mills are sold to Roko and Cox and either one wants to sell the property to another private entity in the future, Wayne County would first have the ability to buy back the property.

This aspect, Rahal said, was recently added to give the county more rights to the property down the line.

"What we did do is negotiate a purchase agreement that gets us as close to a lease as possible," he said. "The protections against some of those things are baked into the agreement."

Darga said the addition of the right-of-refusal is a positive step, but doesn't go far enough in preserving the county parkland.

"If they already sold it, there's no impetus for them to buy it back," she said. "It doesn't protect us. It's better than nothing, but it doesn't protect the land."

"We don't want it in private ownership."

The sale has seen support from various local leaders, including Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams, Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright and Westland Mayor Bill Wild.

Livonia Councilman Brian Meakin spoke at the

meeting, saying he was part of the committee that reviewed the plans for the Newburgh Mill. He said the committee made it clear they were not interested in any housing developments on the property. He said the parcels the mills sit on have not been utilized as parkland throughout the decades, and selling them will not affect the way Hines Park currently operates.

"Generally, the land is not available to the public, so we're not taking public land away," he said. "We're taking land that is basically abandoned."

With the plan moving forward, it'll be taken up by the full county commission at its next regular meeting at 10 a.m. today in the county commission chambers in the Guardian Building, 500 Griswold in Detroit.

Livonia resident Bill Craig, an outspoken outdoors enthusiast and member of Save Hines Park, pointed the finger at the county executive for the plan to sell off parkland.

"Warren Evans is to blame for such a short-sighted policy," he said. "The general public needs your vote not to sell our parkland."

### Commissioners speak

Although only seven commissioners sit on the committee on public services, most of the rest of the commission was in attendance and spoke their minds about the project.

Commissioner Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, said

he asked about the work done by the county to get the mills rehabbed over the years, but said he was told no grants or other programs had been pursued.

"I think we've been furnished with a list of possible grant sources that the county could have pursued. We were certainly told this was not pursued," he said. "It's a continuation that I've seen since coming onto the county commission that the administration continually looks for commercial operation for parts of our parkland."

Commissioner Melissa Daub, D-Canton, said she had received letters regarding the issue, with a majority in support of selling the mills.

She was one of the seven committee members to vote yes on sending the sale to the full commission.

"My decision on this issue has not been hurried or

"My decision on this issue has not been hurried or rash in any way," she said.

Commissioner Ilona Varga, D-Lincoln Park, said the use proposed for the mills, especially the Wilcox Mill, fits the types of programming she said the commission has heard the county needs and supported the plan.

"We had a bunch of young people not too long ago in the audience here who demanded education instead of jails," she said. "Well, this is one of those prevention programs that we're going to get at their expense."

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# **Obituaries**

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### **David Milton Powell**

David Milton Powell, age 85, passed away on November 27, 2019 in Livonia, MI. Beloved husband of the late Mavis. Loving father of David A. (Tommye) Powell, Pamela (Chuck) Reidy, Patricia (Tony) Consolo, Peggy (Randy) Liepa, Mark Powell, and Penny (Jack) Slayton. Cherished



grandfather of Rachel Powell; John, Meghan, Emily, and Kevin Reidy; Matthew and Shannon Consolo; Erin, Christopher, and the late Kelsey Liepa; Sean, Moya, and Emma Slayton. He is survived by his siblings Anne and Bill and predeceased by his sister Patricia. David worked for the Midland Public Schools starting as a teacher in 1960 at Chestnut Hill Elementary. He became a principal at Mills Elementary in 1967 and later retired as principal at Chippewassee-Windover Elementary Schools in 1994. Services were held by Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia at St. Aidan Catholic Church, Livonia, on Monday, December 2. He was laid to rest at New Calvary Cemetery, Midland.

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### Mary Anne Van Meter

WALLED LAKE - Mary Anne, age 97, of Walled Lake, passed away Wednesday, November 27, 2019. Surviving are her children, Ward (Grace) Van Meter, Alan (Faye) Van Meter and Karen Niedziela; grandchildren, Brandy Van Meter, Bianca Van Meter, Shane (Rebecca)



Van Meter, Corey Van Meter, Miles Van Meter, Giovanna Van Meter and Dan Niedziela; great grandchildren, Jordan Valdez, Mia Kanu, Danica Van Meter, Leia Dawson, Ariah Van Meter, Alayna Van Meter, Aireana Van Meter, Harley Jaxxon Grey and Justice Van Meter; sisters, Connie Garamone and Carol Ann Burak; brother-in-law John Hahn. Sadly, Mary Anne was preceded in death by her husband, Henry J. Van Meter (d. 1994) and sister, Kay Hahn. Funeral services were held December 2, 2019 at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial tributes are suggested the the Alzheimer's Association. heeney-sundquist. com



# Livonia carjacker could spend 22 years in prison

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A Detroit man pleaded guilty to using a gun for a summer carjacking in Livonia and was sentenced Monday to up to 22 years in prison for punishment.

Kevin Hall, 32, agreed to take responsibility for charges of carjacking, fleeing police and having a weapon in early No-

He was sentenced to six to 20 years for carjacking and, to be served concurrently, two to 10 years for fleeing police. The weapons charge accompanies two years' imprisonment to begin after Hall serves the carjacking sentence.

During a preliminary examination, his victim said he returned to his GMC Terrain the evening of July 30 after shopping at a Kroger store on Five Mile

He was sitting behind the wheel with all four windows down because of the heat that day. The motor was running and the air-conditioning was blasting when a stranger appeared. The stranger brandished a gun and entered the older man's vehicle.



Kevin Hall, of Detroit, left, consults with attorney Evan Callanan Jr. at an August hearing. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

After his vehicle was stolen, the victim was able to describe to police what the carjacker was wearing. A vehicle and foot chase ensued. Redford and Livonia police arrested an obviously exhausted Hall near the crashed, stolen vehicle.

Hall later told a detective he was sorry. Finances motivated him but he never intended the situation to unfold as it did, the detective said during the preliminary examination.

# Livonia man facing 12 charges after standoff

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The Livonia man who prompted a nearly two-hour standoff with police in late November is facing 12 felony charges in the city's 16th District Court.

James Nguyen Fernandes, 43, was arraigned on six assault charges, including two counts of assault with intent to murder, and six felony firearms charges, according to court records.

Bond was denied for the man police say was a barricaded gunman. Fernandes' next court appearance is



Fernandes

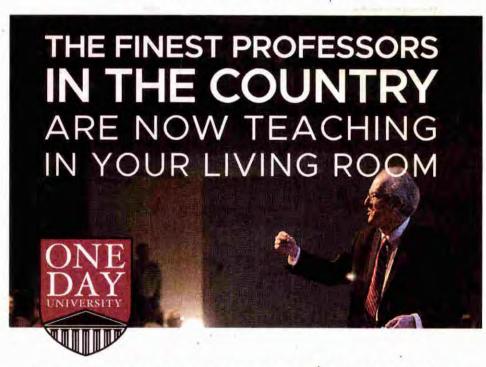
scheduled for today.

According to Livonia police officers, Fernandes refused a court officer's eviction order from a Blue Skies rental residence at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 26.

Denying the eviction order, he allegedly fired a handgun at the court officer who fled the scene. Police said he was not hurt.

Police surrounded the house. Fernandes surrendered and was taken into custody at 12:15 p.m. that day.





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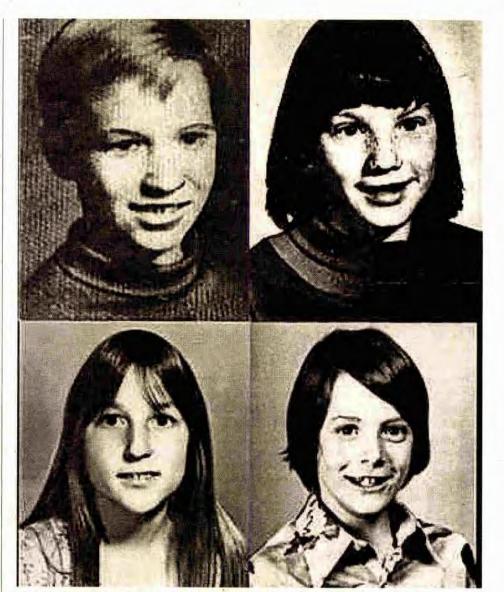
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### **Cold cases**

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head with a small-caliber gun.

Aug. 13, 1986: Samuel DeLarosa was found beaten to death in a Five Mile Road dumpster.

■ Jan. 14, 1990: Jason Bickel, 22, of Westland, was fatally shot while working as a security guard at the GM Delco property on Eckles Road.

■ Dec. 11, 1994: D'Wan Simms, 4, went missing while shopping with his mother at Wonderland Mall's Target

Dec. 17, 1996: Francisco Portillo 54, was fatally shot inside his home by someone posing as a delivery person. His wife, Judy, also was shot. She sur-

Jan. 12, 2001: Marlene Ondercin, 48, was fatally stabbed in her Bretton

Westland also continues to investigate eight unsolved homicide cases dating back to the 1970s.

"Anytime we, as a police agency, reach out to a victim's family, it opens up a painful memory for them," Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said. "Every case has its own unique circumstances. Some cases have hit dead ends, while some cases have suspects but not enough evidence to charge."

The Farmington Hills Police Department investigates seven cold homicide cases dating to the mid-1970s. Four detectives and a sergeant try to meet bimonthly to discuss the cases, but Detective Sgt. Chad Double said old homicide cases remain just part of their overall responsibilities.

Novi police meet every quarter to discuss three cold homicide cases dating back more than two decades.

Milford police have posted details about two unsolved homicides: Anne Doroghazi, a 20-year-old who was strangled and found partially clothed in a ditch near Camp Dearborn in 1981, and Walter Rubel, 50, of Walled Lake, who was found fatally shot in the Proud Lake State Recreation Area in

April 1980. Bloomfield Township has a whopper on its cold case investigation plate the disappeared and assumed dead former Teamsters President Jimmy

Hoffa's family told investigators he was scheduled for a meeting at 2 p.m. July 30, 1975, at the Machus Red Fox restaurant on Telegraph Road.

"The most significant cold case would be the Jimmy Hoffa disappearance," Lt. Paul Schwab of the township's investigations division wrote in an email. "But we have not reviewed anything in probably over a year."

### Missing person cases

Local police officers assigned to cold cases often turn to other officers and agencies for advice. Michigan State Police Lt. Sarah Krebs, a Metro North assistant post commander, is ready to lend an ear and share her experience.

Krebs, who has spent about 20 years working with missing person cases, founded Missing in Michigan, a nonprofit group supporting law en-

"Every case has its own unique circumstances. Some cases have hit dead ends, while some cases have suspects but not enough evidence to charge."

Jeff Jedrusik Westland Police Chief



Krebs

### About this series

Hometown Life is talking with some of the investigators who are involved in various cold cases in metro Detroit and highlighting some of those files.

forcement and families of missing persons in efforts to return loved ones to their homes.

Michigan State Police calculates there are about 4,000 people missing in Michigan. While some are runaways and parental kidnappings, some missing people are at the heart of cold homicide cases.

Krebs began her law enforcement career as a forensic artist, using skeletal remains to illustrate and identify missing people. She drew the sketch that helped Livonia police arrest Floyd Galloway and get him convicted for assaulting a Hines Park runner.

Galloway now faces charges for murdering Danielle Stislicki, a 28-Farmington year-old

Hills woman who went missing Dec. 2, 2016. She has not been found.

Cameras, cellphones and DNA have been aiding officers in various investigations, and such evidence was used for the two-day preliminary examination that concluded with a judge ruling there was enough evidence for a murder trial.

"That's one of the reasons why the Danielle Stislicki case was so important for missing persons, because there was a charge on a no-body homicide," Krebs said. "That really rarely happens. Hopefully, we'll see that trending more in the future. Prosecutors will take that leap without having the body.

"It seems too easy that these predators think if they can just hide the body well enough that they'll just get away with it. And they have."

Krebs is haunted by many of Michigan's unsolved murders and missing persons cases including the Oakland County killings of four children and the May 24, 1990, disappearance of Paige Renkoski.

The Okemos woman had dropped off her mother at the Detroit airport in the morning. Her purse and shoes were inside her car discovered still running along Interstate 96 just east of the Fowlerville exit.

"(But) law enforcement resources are very thin," Krebs said. "A lot of the cases that have decent solvability to them get put on the back burner way too soon. I do feel that that happens."

Download the Michigan State Police app for more information about cold homicide cases throughout the state.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Twitter: @susanvela.



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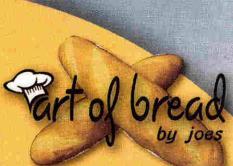


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# Max Martin shifts focus from football to music



For the first time in his life, after finding success as a high school QB, Max Martin is turning his life-long passion for music into a priority. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

When he was in elementary school, Max Martin received an assignment: creatively explain a historical event to

He immediately asked his teacher if he could write a rap.

It was a familiar pastime, having written raps for family occasions such as weddings and birthdays. And with this assignment, whether it was describing the War of 1812 or a population growth issue, rapping was the way to get his point across.

As soon as he turned in the assignment and performed it for the class, his teacher did not know what to say.

"She called me and was like 'Oh my gosh. Where did he get this?' " Joann See MARTIN, Page 2B

Martin, Max's mother said. "I'm like 'From himself.'

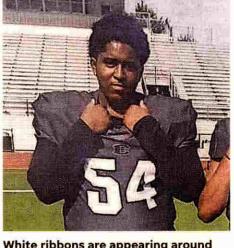
From an early age, Max Martin made music his love language, using the dance floor and his basement as a canvas, writing music and lyrics to convey how he was feeling.

And while his schedule filled up with sports such as basketball and football, music always remained.

For the first time in his life, after finding success as a high school quarterback, Martin is turning his life-long passion into his priority.

He is trading his helmet for head-

"Since I love what music can do, I want to start doing it, start creating it," Martin said.



White ribbons are appearing around South Lyon to honor Trevon Tyler, a South Lyon East junior who died unexpectedly Nov. 29 due to complications from a surgery. COURTESY OF LYON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

# **South Lyon East mourns** death of Trevon Tyler

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Trevon Tyler had a big heart.

It did not matter who you were - a teacher, coach, administrator, classmate or teammate. When he would pass you, he would smile and say hello.

This is the Tyler that South Lyon East head football coach Joe Pesci remembers. This was the Tyler that Pesci assumed he would see roaming the hallways of South Lyon East after Thanks-

"He just had a big, big, soft heart that seemed to love everyone," Pesci said.

That would not be the case.

Tyler died Friday from complications from a surgery he had last week. The junior offensive lineman was in the final

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at Ford Field on Nov. 29. Country Day lost, 44-0. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# **Country Day struggles in** Division 4 state final game

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Detroit Country Day has not seen much adversity in the 2019 season.

The Yellowjackets came into the Division 4 state title game 13-0, trying for its first undefeated season in school history and its first state title since 1999. Things had gone their way up to that point, averaging 34.8 points per game on offense and not allowing more than 12 points in a single game this sea-

But Joey Silveri and Grand Rapids Catholic Central quickly changed the narrative. The sophomore quarterback found wide receiver Jace Williams

streaking down the sideline, pumping once and firing, securing the fourth touchdown Detroit Country Day has allowed in the past six games.

It proved to be the first of many for the Cougars, who put on an offensive show in the Division 4 state final, defeating Country Day, 44-0, at Ford Field for their third state final in the past four years.

The Yellowjackets have lost five state title games since 2007 by an average of 21.8 points.

"Give them credit," Country Day head coach Dan MacLean said. "They played well. We didn't."

Here are three takeaways from the Division 4 state final game.

The Joey Silveri show

After Silveri's first pass attempt of the day, things seemed to be looking good for the Country Day defense.

With a distinct pass rush, the Catholic Central quarterback rolled left and threw a low pass, trying to find a short receiver across his body. Country Day junior defensive lineman Caleb Tiernan jumped up, batted the pass down.

Instead of getting rattled, Silveri opened up the offense with his legs, carrying the ball the next two plays for 22 yards.

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# **Mercy still** celebrating 1st volleyball state title

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Julia Bishop knew three weeks into the season what Farmington Hills Mercy's state title celebration was going to

be. After the final point was secured in the MHSAA high school volleyball state final, which would be the first in Mercy history, the junior setter said she and her teammates would make a dog pile in the middle of the court.

Three weeks into the season, senior outside hitter Jess Mrusik laughed at Bishop.

"We were all like 'Oh stop, it's not going to be that cheesy," Mrusik said. "But it was."

Facing Lowell in the Nov. 23 state final game, Mrusik recorded the final point on a soft hit over two Red Arrow defenders, securing the final point of a

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# **Country Day**

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And, with that, the Silveri show had begun. The sophomore quarterback completed 15-of-22 pass attempts for 236 yards, recorded 139 rushing yards, averaging 7.7 yards per carry and scored all six of the Cougars' touchdowns.

"We prepared all week, and we believed we could get it done," Silveri said. "We firmly believe that we outworked them."

While senior Malachi Love was the leading receiver for Catholic Central, junior wide receiver Jace Williams was the one that Silveri consistently found for six points.

Three of Williams' four catches were for touchdowns, tying an MHSAA state final record and ending the game with 62 receiving yards.

With Williams 6-foot-4 frame and his speed, MacLean said that Catholic Central had multiple opportunities to exploit that matchup one-on-one.

The Cougars finished with 395 total yards: 236 through the air and 159 on the ground.

## Yellowjackets offense continues to sputter

The Catholic Central offense could not convert on its extra-point attempts. Of the seven touchdowns scored, Country Day blocked five extra-point tries.

The Yellowjackets recorded more extra-point blocks in its state final loss to the Cougars than they did first downs.

Country Day failed to record a first down in the second half, recording 60 yards of offense and averaging 1.6 yards per play against a Cougar defense that

had recorded four shutouts in 2019.

When asked about his defense allowing 44 points, MacLean immediately pointed to his offense's inability to move the ball.

"We have to move the ball a little bit," MacLean said. "We didn't help ourselves there, and so we were run defense all the time."

Senior quarterback Ahlon Mitchell finished his high school career completing 6-of-10 passes for 42 yards, throwing an interception. Danny MacLean added an interception in the third quarter, which Catholic Central defensive lineman Jake Passinault brought back 18 yards for a touchdown.

Country Day running back Anthony Ammori could not find holes from his offensive line, recording seven yards on 14 carries.

### 'Back to the drawing board'

Country Day came into Ford Field Friday in the same way it did in 2016. Both Yellowjackets teams were undefeated heading into the state final. Both teams came in scoring over 400 points on offense and allowing less than 150 points defensively.

MacLean was not satisfied with just making the state title game.

"It's obvious we have work to do," MacLean said.

For him, it's back to the drawing board, building a team without Mitchell and Ammori, putting together a defense without Marcus Sheppard.

But even after leaving Ford Field the way he did, after that loss, MacLean had a sense of confidence that his team would return for an attempt at its first state title since 1999.

"Country Day will come back," Mac-Lean said

# **Tyler**

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stages of recovering from a torn meniscus suffered during Week 7 of the football season against Milford.

Pesci said Tyler was nearing the end of the rehab process on his knee, and had surgery Nov. 25 to "clean some things up." When Pesci talked to his offensive lineman the day after the surgery, he described Tyler as being in "good spirits."

Pesci was notified of Tyler's death 9 a.m. Friday morning after a phone call from offensive line coach Chad Stuckev

The South Lyon East head coach called a meeting at the school, addressing 20 players, six coaches and athletic director Greg Michaels.

"It was probably one of the toughest hours of my life," Pesci said.

The head coach encouraged those in attendance not to keep emotions bottled up, to address the feelings. But then, it turned to how the Cougars remembers Tyler.

On the field, Pesci remembers seeing promise as soon as he laid eyes on him as an incoming freshman. The head coach described him as a "bigbodied kid" who had the potential to be a "big-time" offensive lineman for the Cougars.

"When he got on guys, he was able to drive them, move them, pretty much take them wherever he wanted to," Pesci said.

Taking his sophomore season off after playing as a freshman, Tyler returned to the team in 2019, starting on the offensive line and playing in the defensive line rotation.

However, more importantly, he was a leader, an example off the field.

He was loved by all, always smiling. Pesci said he was always happy to be around his teammates.

"The emotion on the players' faces, it just really showed how much Trevon meant to those guys," Pesci said.

"He was someone that was willing to do anything for us. He loved being a part of this program and being with these guys."

While conversations are being had within the school about how to honor the junior offensive lineman — students planned a "white-out" to honor their former classmate at school Monday — Pesci said the football program already has some things planned.

He said he will dedicate one of the three fall football scholarships to Tyler next fall.

However, as South Lyon East prepares for another season, a season without Tyler, junior quarterback Zander Desentz stood up.

"Everything we do for the program, we're going to do it for Tre," Desentz told the room of teammates and coaches.

While the South Lyon community mourns the loss of one of its own, the football team is already working. They are going to "play for Tre."

That's what Tyler would have wanted.

Members of the South Lyon community have set up a GoFundMe page to raise money to support the Tyler family. Arrangements were not immediately available but were being handled through O.H. Pye III Funeral Home in Detroit.

Contact reporter Colin Gay at cgay@hometownlife.com or 248-330-6710. Follow him on Twitter @ColinGay17.

# Martin

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It's something the Farmington High School senior has already accomplished. Martin released a nine-track album earlier this year, meeting his goal of releasing a full-length record before his 17th birthday.

Now with his final season as the starting quarterback at Farmington complete, he is going all-in, at least in the six months before college.

"We know college is there for him,"
Maurice Martin, Max's father said.
"Right now is the age where you can take
the risk, take chances."

### The football Max Martin

"Who is Max Martin?"

From the moment that Martin stepped into the Farmington locker room for the first time, that was the question he had to answer.

His teammates and the coaching staff knew they were inheriting Harrison's last starting quarterback, who, after suffering a knee injury, moved to tight end late in the season, failing to earn his starting job back.

Despite not being named captain after missing summer workouts, Martin stepped up as a leader in the locker room, coming together with his new teammates to accomplish something special in his final season in a football uniform.

"I've never really had that many people by my side, fighting for the same thing, trying to make it happen," Martin said. "It definitely felt like a special year."

Martin led Farmington to an 8-2 record as starting quarterback, with the offense averaging 29.6 points per game, its highest average since 2014.

However, knowing it was going to be the final season of his football career, Martin's emotions were heightened.

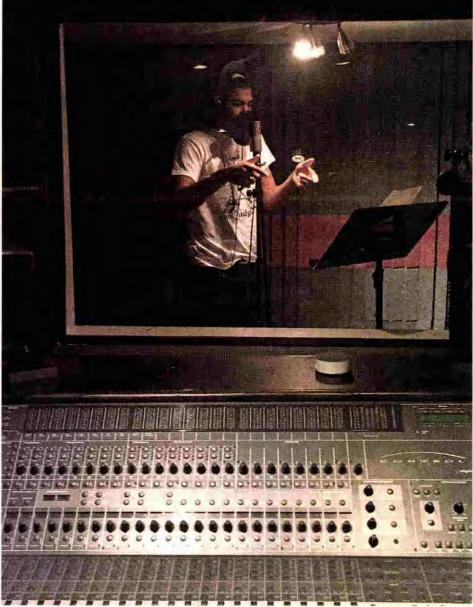
After the late-season loss to rival North Farmington, Martin fell to the ground at the 30-yard line, breaking down after failing to beat his old coaching staff, the one who, he felt, doubted his ability as a quarterback.

After the upset win against Oak Park in the pre-district round of the playoffs, Martin struggled against University of Detroit Jesuit in the district final, watching from the home sideline as the Cubs celebrated their regional-final bid.

Each of these experiences were hard for Martin to go through. But throughout his football career, he learned something he will apply and use for the rest of his life, especially as he continues to pursue music.

"Football taught me if stuff isn't going your way, you still got to keep going," Martin said. "The world is not going to stop for you."

However, Martin said he is not going to remember the wins and losses, his particular stats and his particular performances 10 or 20 years from now. He



Max Martin works on his first album in a local recording studio. "I think I'm doing all I can to make sure I have a fun life and that I help out others along the way," he said.

COURTESY OF JOANN MARTIN

said it is the friendships made, the brotherhood created that he will remember forever.

After the playoff loss, Martin said the Farmington seniors lined up, five yards apart on the field. It was at that point his teammates said goodbye to him.

"A lot of the things stood out to me and, kind of, brought my spirits up and just reminded me of all the friendships and just all the love that was shared on that team," Martin said.

After he watched University of Detroit Jesuit secure its final first down to ensure victory, Martin acknowledged the end of an era, but immediately shifted focus to what was next.

"I thought to myself: 'It's time for me to get back into my music," Martin said.

### The music Max Marin

With school and practice taking up the majority of his days, the only time Martin finds time to write music is at night.

"I'll get started, say at 8:30 — because I can't go to bed at 8:30 — go until 9:30 and then it keeps going and going, and I looked at the clock: It was 7 a.m. and I had to get ready for school," Martin said.

Joann Martin knows that her son does not sleep a lot, threatening him in the past with turning off the electricity because he is up writing at 2 a.m.

"There is always going to be something that keeps me up at night and keeps me working," Max Martin said. Music is something Max Martin can-

not live without.

He said he constantly has to put his ideas down on paper, letting his ideas flow into a beat and, eventually, into a

Through his music Martin said he wants to influence people, communicate positive messages through his lyrics and give listeners an inside look at

who he is as a person.

"I feel that God has kind of given me some talent and I want to just work with Him in a way that makes sure I am staying positive, makes sure I am delivering a good message," Martin said. "My strong faith kind of helps me through making music."

That is his main priority. Success is

Martin said he does not like to promote himself. He hates when artists shove their music into other people's faces.

It is more about the process of writing, feeling a level of satisfaction when its complete rather than when people hear it and respond to it.

"It's that weird artist mentality, that when they are done, they don't care anymore," Joann Martin said. "Van Gogh never cared if we hung up his paintings. He just wanted to finish the painting."

### The future Max Martin

Martin knows his future can go in many directions.

His ideal plan is simple.

"My plan A is that I create something so good that people tell people, and those people tell people, and all of a sudden; I don't even want to say that I am famous, but all of a sudden, I'm at a place where I can write music for the rest of my life," Martin said.

Although this is something both of his parents felt like Max's path would be from the moment he started writing lyrics, they know the reality of his situation.

"We know not everybody becomes famous. Not everybody makes it who has talent to make it," Maurice Martin said. "We try not to get too excited about it, but give him the support and the love that 'Hey, you can do this.' Let's try to do this."

While she is in full support of her son's pursuits, Joann Martin knows that "being famous" is not something colleges want to hear in terms of goals for the future.

Max Martin does have a back-up plan, though. He plans to major in education with the goal of becoming a kindergarten teacher. He says he wants to influence young kids while they are young, before they have preconceived notions about society, while they are innocent.

Simply, no matter what Martin wants to do in his short-term and long-term future, he wants to make an impact. He wants to make a difference. He wants to make relationships with others through his example and actions.

That, he says, is who the real Max Martin is.

And if fame does not come with that, then so be it. But he wants to make an impact somewhere.

"I think I'm doing all I can to make sure I have a fun life and that I help out others along the way," Martin said.

But from the moment he started performing for people, Martin's parents knew he was going to be famous. Maurice Martin even said there is a place in Hollywood that is already prepared for his son.

"My theory in the back of my head is like this, because I am old-school," Maurice Martin said. "You got Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone: generational. Then you got Dwayne Johnson. Arnold and Sly can't go on forever. Hell, next is Max."

# Brighton woman 10th-fastest female 100-mile runner in US

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Loretta Tobolske-Horn ran for 17 hours, 21 minutes and 56 seconds.

"It takes a lot of mental strength to get through those miles," said Tobolske-Horn, 48, from Brighton.

That strength helped her finish in first place in the Tunnel Hill 100 race last month in Vienna, Illinois, out of more than 500 other runners. Her time made her the 10th fastest female 100-mile runner in the nation, according to Ultra Running Magazine.

Not only did her mental strength and training help her, but so did her family and friends, who provided support and food and water along the way.

The limestone path at the Tunnel Hill State Trail is 45 miles and she looped around it to complete 100 miles.

She would break down the race by

hour, eating food and drinking water every half hour at aid stations, she said. In the last 24 miles of the race, her team, consisting of her daughter Maddelynn; her husband, Derek; and her friends Teddy, Chris and Jeff, took turns running with her.

"My goal was to not stop," she said. She began training in February with running coach Zach Bitter.

Bitter holds world records in the 100mile run and for a 12-hour run and, for the past six years, has held the U.S. record for fastest 100-mile run.

Working remotely with Tobolske-Horn — Bitter lives in Arizona — he helped her with her goals of completing a marathon, or a 26.2-mile race, and completing a 100-mile race.

He helped Tobolske-Horn with three sessions each week in building a "strong aerobic base" and to build up her ability to complete long runs, he said. At the peak of their training, Tobolske-Horn would run 20 miles, of which 14 or 15 miles would be run at a pace to complete a marathon, Bitter said.

She also said she would work on gradually increasing the miles she ran.

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Also, her nutrition and hydration during, before, and after events such as this are key.

"If you're not taking enough, you might not finish," Tobolske-Horn said. "She's just a competitor," said her

husband, Derek Horn.

Despite her finish, Tobolske-Horn

said she knows she can do better.

"Also (I thought) like 'OK, I know I can
go faster. I know I can be better," Tobolske-Horn said.

She'll test herself when she runs in the 2020 Boston Marathon in April, which she qualified for by running in the Bayshore Marathon in Traverse City.



Jeff Hickman gives Loretta Tobolske-Horn a drink while Tobolske-Horn runs in the Tunnel Hill 100 race Nov. 9. Hickman was part of Tobolske-Horn's team during the race. COURTESY

# Mercy

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four-set win and Mercy's first state title in school history.

During their state title run, the Marlins recorded five three-set sweeps, winning 15-of-24 total sets en route to the state title. Mercy won 58-of-59 games in the 2019 season, falling to Lowell on Sept. 14.

From the outside, many thought Mercy would not be in this dominant position in 2019. From outside the gym, Mrusik said there were many "outside sources" doubting the validity of the Marlins' chances at its first state title.

"We wanted to prove everybody wrong, and that's what we talked about," Mrusik said. "We knew we could achieve the goal of a state championship this year, and that's what we did."

From the moment tryouts began for the 2019 season, Bishop, a junior Michigan State commit, knew this particular team, on paper, had the talent to make a run. With that in mind, she made it her goal to prioritize team chemistry to make sure the team gels together as a whole. For her, it was the moment where the team was clicking on all cylinders, having what it takes mentally, physically and emotionally to go all the way, that she knew a state title was not only possible, but achievable, even expected.

This is a mindset head coach Loretta
Vogel never had, though.

"I don't even think that way," Vogel said. "It's very difficult to make it back there, even if you are in the semis. I really just take it one day at a time."

When the final point and the state championship secured, Vogel was in a state of shock. She said she remembers looking at the referees to make sure they were correct and looking at the scoreboard before it hit her.

To the head coach, it comes down to consistency, how she knew what her team was going to look like every time it stepped out onto the court, from junior Charli Atiemo's blocks up front, Bishop's sets and Mrusik's devastating finishes.

For Mercy, during its playoff run, it came down to overcoming adversity.

Before the regional semifinal against Bloomfield Hills Marian, the Marlins lost a key outside hitter, Kaylin Collins, to injury, forcing Bishop to change her game plan as a setter and others to step up in the front.

In the five-set win against Marian, the only time in the playoff run Mercy was forced to a fifth set, Bishop said she felt a sigh of relief after getting past a state title contender.

But she also raved about how Mrusik, against Marian and throughout the playoff run, stepped up in a big way.

"I've never seen her play like that," Bishop said. "I can say for the past six games, I have never seen a hitter like that. She was unbelievable."

For Mrusik, the senior Michigan commit awarded with the Michigan Miss Volleyball award, the state title was just a cherry on top of what proved to be as close to a perfect final high school season as someone can get.

"I couldn't have thought of a better way to end it," Mrusik said. "What an amazing year it's been for me, this team and this program. It's kind of been historic for us."

But while her team just won the state championship, and the season just ended, Bishop is waiting for the day for her to take ownership of the 2020 team as a senior, trying to lead Mercy to back-toback state titles.

Bishop said there will be a pressure there, but it has not come yet.

"It's more of we have always had the expectation to make it to this spot, and to be able to finally make it, either people are going to think we should make it again right away or people are going to think they are going to settle," Bishop said.

But like the approach in 2019, Mrusik said the 2020 team will need to block out those same outside sources, those who are doubting Mercy's ability to make it back to the state title game.

The senior outside hitter said the Marlins have all the pieces to continue this run.

"I know all of these girls who are staying are going to do an amazing job," Mrusik said. "I'm leaving the program in really, really good hands."

That's not what Vogel is focused on now. She said the team and the coaching staff is at a point where it finally hit them how tired they are after the run Mercy just completed.

For her, it's time to rest, time to remember.

"Those memories stay with you quite awhile. We'll all smile over it," Vogel said. "Next year starts in August, how's that?"

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# Final rankings: HTL top 10 HS football teams

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The playoffs have come to an end and Hometown Life Sports is back with its weekly top-10 teams in the area. Each week, we rank the top 10 teams in our coverage area based on record, strength of schedule, experience and of course, the game results. The ranking will be decided on by our two sports reporters: Andrew Vailliencourt and Colin Gay.

These are the final rankings for the 2019 season:

### 1. Livonia Churchill (7-5, Last Week: No. 2)

Churchill ended its magical season with a close, 21-14, loss to Walled Lake Western in the regional final. After starting the season 1-4, the Chargers won six straight to get a shot at its first regional title in school history. Quarterback Gavin Brooks returns next year and should have the Chargers positioned for another good season.

### 2. Birmingham Seaholm (9-3, Last Week: No. 1)

Seaholm was clobbered by Detroit Martin Luther King in the state semifinals, but still was an exciting postseason team that advanced much farther than expected. Blowing out rival Groves was the highlight of the team's playoff run.

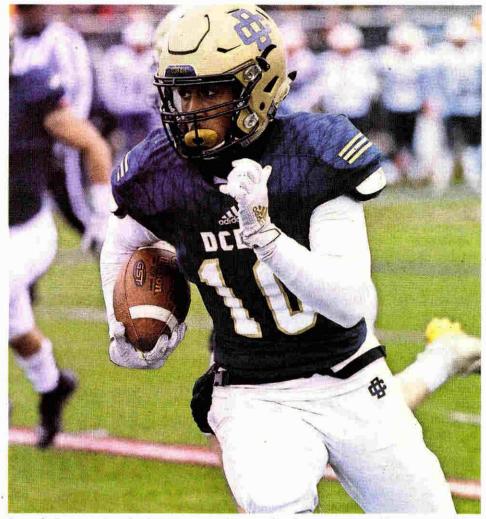
### 3. Livonia Franklin (8-3, Last Week: No. 3)

Franklin was powered by its best offense in school history before falling to Division 2 runner-up Detroit Martin Luther King in the playoffs.

The Patriots will have to replace senior quarterback Jake Kelbert next sea-

### 4. Detroit Country Day (13-1, Last Week: No. 4)

The Yellowjackets had an opportunity to take the top spot in these rankings with a state championship in Division 4, but collapsed against Grand Rapids



Detroit Country Day had an opportunity to take the top HTL rankings spot with a state championship in Division 4. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Catholic Central, losing 44-0.

The loss exposed an otherwise outstanding defense as Country Day lost its perfect record. Despite the loss, the team had a great year, nearly becoming the first team in school history to go 14-0.

### 5. North Farmington (9-1, Last Week: No. 5)

In its first season under head coach Jon Herstein, North Farmington recorded an undefeated regular season, scoring the most points in school history, while allowing the least since 2002.

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# 6. Farmington

(8-2, Last Week: No. 6)

Farmington surprised everyone with a big upset win over Oak Park in the opening round of the playoffs but couldn't get past U-D Jesuit in round two. With 16 wins in two seasons, the Falcons have their best two-season stretch since 2002-03.

### 7. Birmingham Groves (8-3, Last Week: No. 7)

Groves started off the year red-hot, but cooled dramatically as the season went on before ultimately getting smacked around by rival Seaholm in the playoffs.

### 8. Plymouth (9-2, Last Week: No. 8)

After a convincing, 29-13, win against Lakeland in the first round, Plymouth failed to score against West Bloomfield in the district final. The Wildcats recorded its best defensive season since 2011, allowing 14.3 points per game.

Despite winning the KLAA West, the Wildcats failed to stand out in the playoffs, as division rival Brighton took down Belleville and went all the way to the state title game.

### 9. South Lyon (8-2, Last Week: No. 9)

South Lyon's season came to an early end against Fenton in the first round of the playoffs. Senior quarterback Connor Fracassi was one of the area's best players.

### 10. Lakeland (7-3, Last Week: No. 10)

In its third-straight postseason, Lakeland lost in the first round to Plymouth. Lakeland put together its best defensive season since allowing 71 points in 1983.

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### NOTICE: SALE OF PROPERTY -REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Livonia Public Schools School District is accepting Requests for Proposals (RFP) on three (3) parcels of land on or before 3:00 P.M. local time on January 21, 2020. The full RFPs with details can be found on the District's website. Please visit livoniapublicschools. org and click "Our District" then "Purchasing Bids" then "2019-2020 School Year" then "Sale of Property."

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing shall be held before the City of Wayne City Council on December 17, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Wayne City Hall located at 3355 S. Wayne Rd. Wayne, MI 48184, to consider the adoption of a resolution approving the establishment of a Commercial Rehabilitation District, in accordance with Public act 210 of 2005 for the property located at 31720 Van Born.

All aspects of the Plan are open for discussion at the Public Hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the consideration of the Plan.

> Tina M. Stanke, CMC City Clerk

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WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION & REMODELING PROJECT

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108: Carpentry / General Trades

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Bids received after this time and date will not be considered or accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Faxed and/or E-mail proposals will not be accepted.

Bids will be publicly opened, read aloud and tabulated, beginning at approx. 1:35 p.m. on December 19, 2019.

116: Hard Tile

125: Toilet Partitions

128: Prefabricated Casework

131: Gymnasium Equipment

This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

101: Earthwork / Site Utilities

103: Selective Demolition 105: Interior Concrete Flatwork 106: Masonry

107: Steel

109: Roofing / Sheetmetal

115: Metal Stud / Drywall 117: Acoustical Treatments

120: Painting 126: Metal Lockers

130: Window Treatments

136: Telescoping Gym Bleachers 137: Food Service Equipment

140: Plumbing 141: Fire Protection 142: HVAC 143: Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the FW Dodge Plan Room; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Builder's Exchange, Lansing.

Bidding Documents will be available beginning at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 3, 2019 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents by contacting the Construction

Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400.

- Bidders may download Bid Documents from Gradebeam.com free of charge by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the Project documents

Memorial High School Cafeteria, located at 3001 Fourth St., Wayne, MI 48184. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project bid documents & schedule, and to answer any questions bidders may have. Following the meeting, the bidders will have the opportunity to visit the project site. The pre-bid meeting is not a mandatory meeting however, bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 2:45 p.m. at Wayne

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 004126), Proposal Execution Form (Section 004200), the Familial Disclosure Affidavit (Section 004205), the Iran Linked Business Affidavit (Section 004210), and the Criminal Background Check Affidavit (Section 004220).

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Wayne-Westland Community School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

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### CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN HAS SCHEDULED A 30 DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR ITS PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

30 Day Public Review Period: Thursday, December 5, 2019 - Saturday, January 4, 2020

Notice is given to any and all interested parties that the draft 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan will be available for review and comment for 30 days beginning Thursday, December 5, 2019 at the following locations

- during regular business hours: City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185
- William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Pkwy, Westland, MI 48185
- Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N Newburgh Rd, Westland, MI 48185
- Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center, 32150 Dorsey St, Westland, MI 48186 The draft plan is also available for review on the following website: www.cityofwestland.com

The City of Westland is preparing this five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of community

recreation facilities and programs over the next five (5) years. All interested parties may submit comments in person or in writing by mail to the Westland Parks and Recreation Department at 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185 during

Please contact the City of Westland Parks and Recreation Department at 734.722.7620 with questions or comments or for alternate accommodations.

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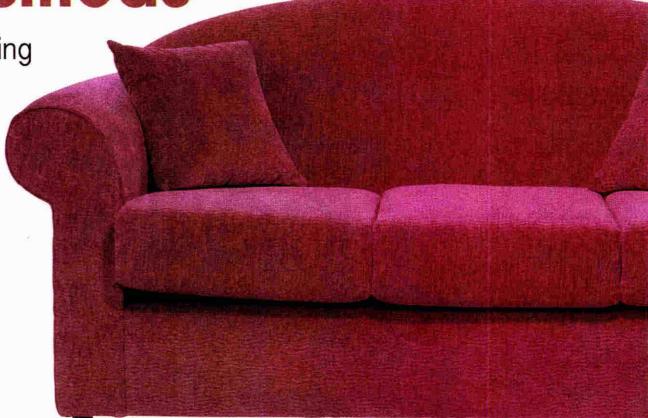
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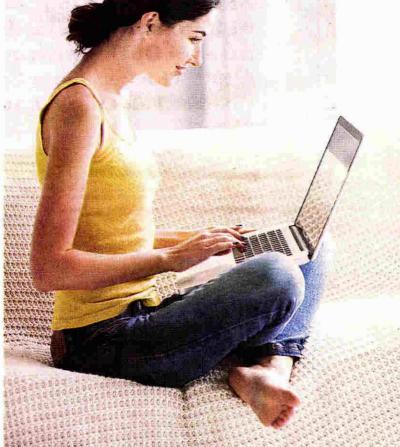
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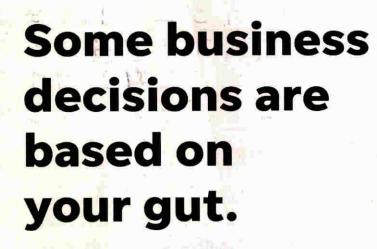


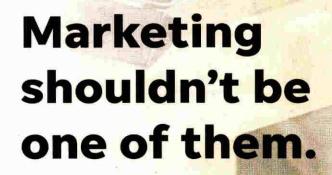


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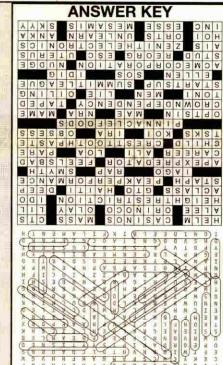
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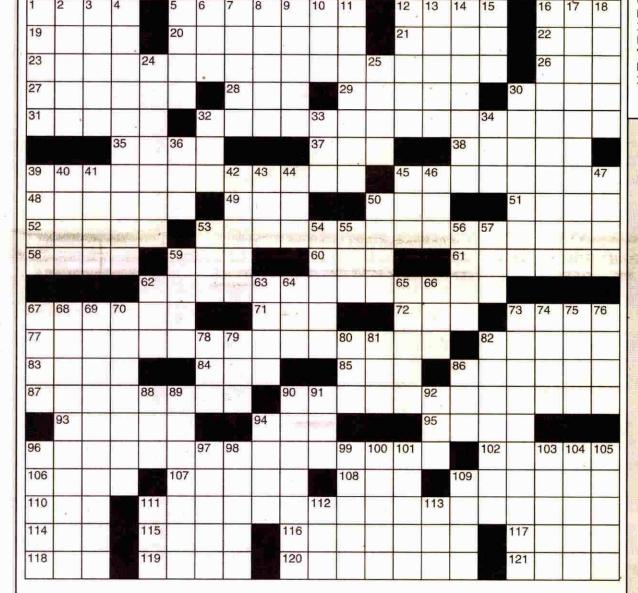
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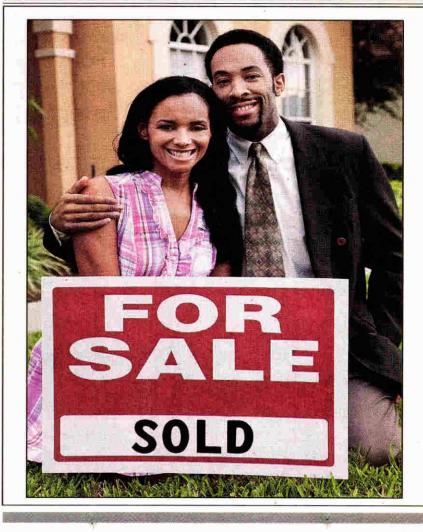
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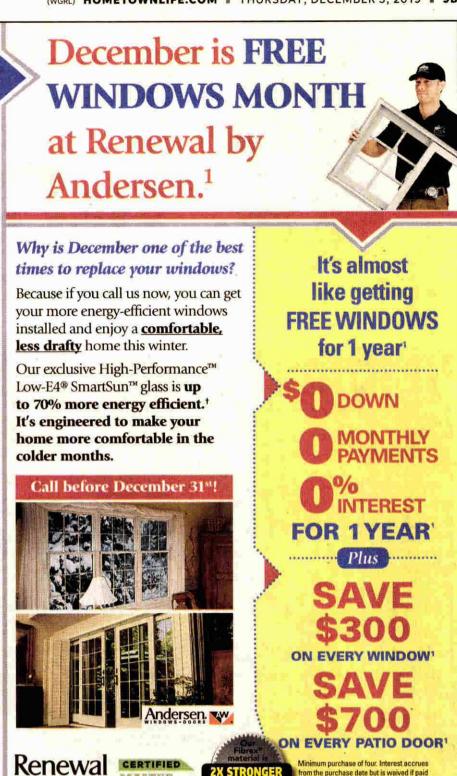
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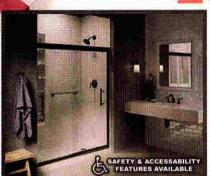




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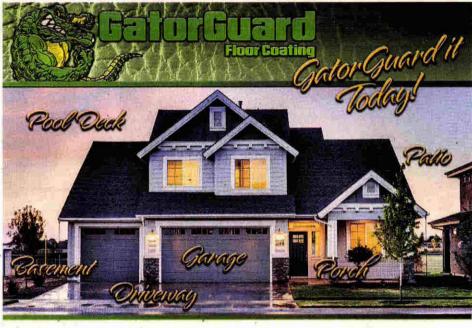




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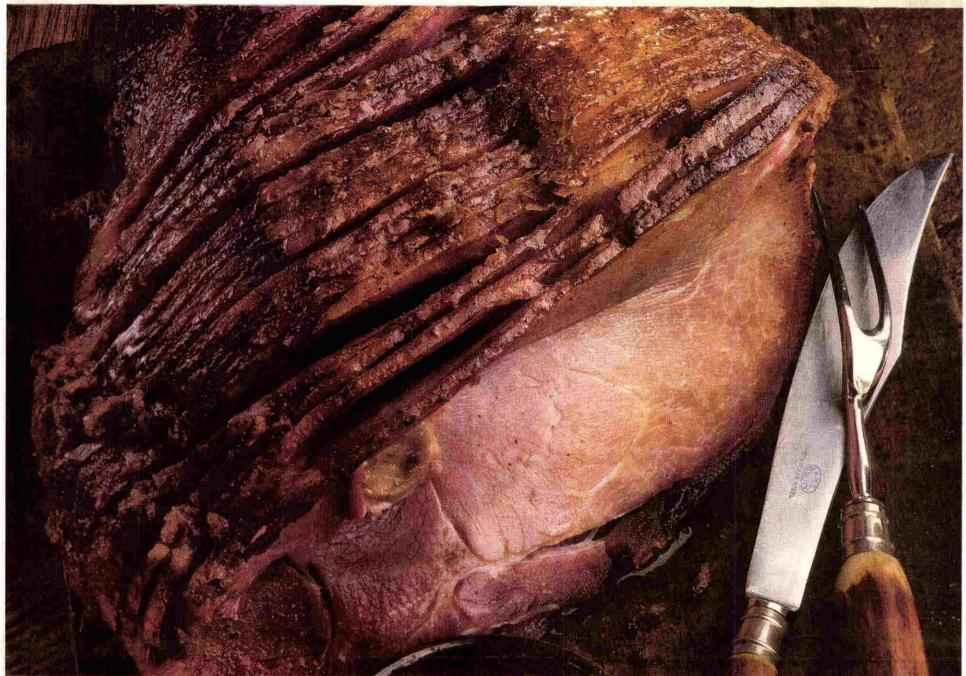




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