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## Giving Hope project benefits young women

Philanthropy is a year-round focus for members of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle.

The group used its summer social at the Deadwood Bar and Grill in Northville to collect hygiene products for the residents at Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights.

More than 500 items, including shampoo, body lotion, soap, toothpaste and more, were collected and donated to the young girls and women at Vista Maria, a residential center for at-risk youth and young adults.

In addition to the hygiene products, Giving Hope made a \$300 cash dona-

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**Christina Bair**  
chair of the Giving Hope special events committee

tion to Vista Maria.

"Thank you to the Deadwood Bar and Grill for hosting our summer social, where we collected personal care items to make welcome bags for Vista Maria residents," said Christina Bair, chair of

the Giving Hope special events committee. "The generosity of our members and guests was phenomenal and will go a long way to help the young women feel at home."

Bair also offered a "special thank

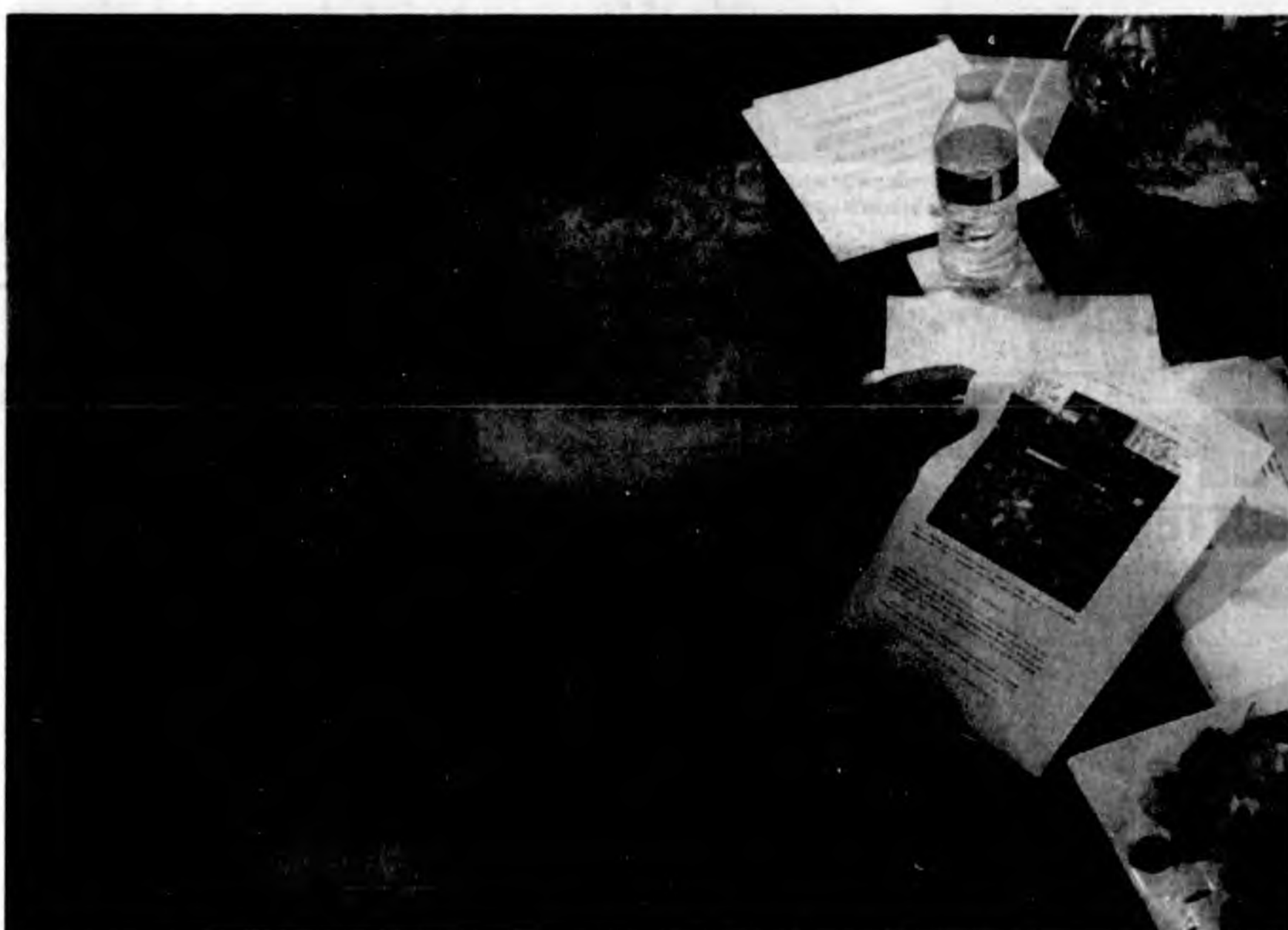
you" to Laura Davoudi of Curves.

"A special thank you to (Davoudi), who hosted a special collection drive at the Plymouth Curves for our event, bringing four large bags filled with hygiene products, and to Soothing Dental of Plymouth, who donated toothbrushes," Bair said.

Bair, along with Giving Hope members Joan Noricks, Louise Garrett, Deb Maloni, Karen Christenson and Sharon Filips, delivered the items July 27 to the Vista Maria campus in Dearborn Heights.

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## Vet's remains sent home



Tom Kozak looks at reports from the crash site, which include photos of the aircraft's instrument panel, remarkably preserved after 74 years in sea water. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## World War II radioman was killed in Pacific in 1944

**Tim Smith**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Was Walter E. Mintus an American hero from the same U.S. Navy Torpedo Squadron that future President George Herbert Walker Bush was in during

World War II?

Or was he somebody to get into an egg-throwing fight with?

He was both and much more to Westland's Tom Kozak, now in his mid-80s but transported back decades — to childhood's fun and games — when thinking about his Uncle Bert.

"We played with him, he'd come to the (Kozak) farm and we did all kind of games, baseball," Kozak said. "We didn't have a baseball, we rolled up a sock with rags in it and tied it with string."

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## Hometown Life Storytellers 'Music': Tickets on sale

Join us for our inaugural Hometown Life Storytellers Project, where we will hear live stories of pianos, songwriting, soothing escapes and more on how music has transformed lives. Tickets are on sale now for the Thursday, Sept. 20, event.

This event will feature professionally coached, local storytellers of all ages sharing their best stories. It is open to the community for \$7 per person in advance, \$10 at the door. Doors open for general admission 6:30-7 p.m.

Everyone in the community is welcome; use discount code **EARLY BIRD** to receive \$1 off per ticket if purchasing tickets by midnight Monday, Sept. 3.

The Hometown Life Storytellers Project provides a safe PG-13 environment to be held at the Village Workshop, 455 E. Cady Street, in downtown Northville. With a new cafe serving sandwiches, soup and salads, the workshop is a unique maker and shared work space in a beautiful historical building, a perfect location for the kickoff of the Hometown Life Storytellers Project.

Topics for future events include: Food & Culture, New Beginnings, Tattoo Tales and Glory Days of High School Sports. To submit a story idea or to become a teller at a future event, email ddean@hometownlife.com.

**What:** Hometown Life Storytellers Project "Music"

**When:** Thursday, Sept. 20; 6:30 p.m. for general admission; show starts at 7 p.m.

**Where:** The Village Workshop, downtown Northville.

**Who:** Everyone is welcome.

**Tickets:** \$7 in advance; \$10 at the door. Use promo code **EARLY BIRD** by Sept. 3 to save \$1 per ticket. Buy tickets at [www.tickets.hometownlife.com](http://www.tickets.hometownlife.com).

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## Hope

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Originally founded 130 years ago as an orphanage, Vista Maria has continued to grow to meet the ever-changing needs of children and their families from Wayne County communities. The agency recently expanded its services to include the only specialized treatment housing and programming for victims of human trafficking in southeast Michigan.

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle is a donor-advised fund of the Canton Community Foundation. The nonprofit group of women philanthropists is dedicated to helping women and children. The group has granted more than \$120,000 over the last 12 years to local organizations that aid women and children.

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Members of Giving Hope delivered hygiene products last month to young women at Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights. Members collected the products and made a cash donation as part of a summer service project. GIVING HOPE



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# Could struggling Hilltop go back to nine-hole layout?

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The financial plight of Plymouth Township's venerable Hilltop Golf Course is akin to a 60-foot downhill birdie putt on a glassy-slick green.

Holing it (making money) would be nice, but par (breaking even) would suffice for the township's decision-makers, who have hired a local course designer to help them halt Hilltop's string of cash-sapping bogeys (losing money).

Opened in 1927, the former nine-hole course is an 18-hole, par-70 layout listed at 6,009 total yards.

However, the most important number the township's leadership is focused on is \$150,000 — the best-case-scenario amount of cash Hilltop is projected to lose this calendar year.

"We clearly have to do something different to change the golf course's string of financial losses," Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said. "Data from a recent survey we conducted revealed that only 25 percent of the people who use the course are township residents."

"I don't think it's acceptable for the township to be losing this kind of money when the vast majority of people who use the facility are non-residents. No matter what we do — keep it as a golf course with another entity, turn it into a park, whatever — we need to at least attempt to break even. What we're doing now isn't working."

Enter the Plymouth-based golf course design firm Albanese & Lutzke, whose resume includes the designs and redesigns of layouts around the globe, including current projects in Scotland and Vietnam.

Albanese & Lutzke, which was hired by the township in January as a consultant, hosted a public forum July 25 at the township's McClumpha Park to hear ideas and feedback from residents.

"Probably the No. 1 thing I took away from the meeting was that residents are passionate about this course and they want to see it work," said Paul Albanese,



From some vantage points at Hilltop Golf Course, you'd think you were playing 18 holes up north. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

co-principal of the firm. "We received a lot of great input that will go a long way in helping us create two or three ideas that we can present to the township board and then let them make a decision."

Albanese would not rule out any plans, but said they could range from maintaining a redesigned 18-hole layout to designing a challenging nine-hole layout that would stretch around the perimeter of the parcel of land while adding additional entities — possibly a restaurant, an outdoor swimming facility,

soccer fields or even a dog park — to the center of the site.

Plymouth Township resident Bob McCurdy, who spent 17 years in the golf course management industry, volunteered to join a committee organized to help steer the board toward a viable direction for Hilltop.

McCurdy said he has an open mind when it comes to the future of the parcel, but he'd be in favor of a nine-hole course that bordered a central entity.

"The way Hilltop is laid out now, there are places where it seems like an

18-hole course was crammed into a nine-hole space," McCurdy said. "On some holes, the fairways are so close that it's almost like a shooting gallery; it's not safe."

"I'd be in favor of the nine-hole idea with an entity in the middle. I'd be an advocate of multi-use athletic fields, walking and/or bike trails ... even a dog park for the center of the course."

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"Also when we hauled hay in the fall, we'd stack the barn full of hay and what was left, we piled it up outside the bar. Big piles, they were 15 feet high at least. Then we'd climb up the ladder and slide down. He used to do that with us when he'd come visit."

Just a typical uncle who was having fun with his nephews.

"I didn't tell anyone this, because I didn't want my sisters to know," said Kozak, who has a large family of his own with second wife Bongchae. "But we used to throw eggs at each other. We lived on a farm (in Pennsylvania), so we had a lot of eggs."

### Mystery finally solved

And now the 84-year-old Kozak and a host of living relatives all across the country finally have the answer they've sought since July 27, 1944 — when "Tommy" was just 10 years old.

U.S. Navy radioman Mintus was killed during a bombing mission off the shores of Malakal Island in the Republic of Palau.

"We never knew, back when we were kids and he first was missing in action, and they claimed him dead after a while, we never knew how it happened or anything," Kozak said. "They just claimed him dead and the government sent telegrams to my grandparents. But nobody knew how he died or anything until just recently."

"So all of the 74 years, or whatever it was, my aunts and uncles, they were always hoping that he would be found or that he'd come home. Now we know he's dead. He's one of the people on the plane."

The answer now is definitive, following discovery of the aircraft by sonar just a couple of months ago — followed by a DNA test that eradicated any lingering doubt.

"You know how it is with family, there's always hoping," said Kozak, who worked in the Pennsylvania coal mines as a teenager. "But you kind of start giving up after 74 or 75 years. And in the last couple years, we got really active, trying to find him again."

Kozak said the ultimate family find came about by accident.

"I had a niece in Texas and her hus-



Tom Kozak's Uncle "Bert" Mintus went missing in action during World War II, when Kozak was 10 years old. His uncle's remains are finally coming home. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

band is a family tree searcher," Kozak said. "He started searching the family tree and, all of a sudden, Mintus came up (prompting questions whether there was a Mintus-Kozak connection). Somehow or another, between the navy and him searching, they realized it's one of our family that was lost. So that's how this all got started again."

"It's kind of, like, taking you back 70 years and you start thinking about it again," he said. "It's, like, a renewal of the whole thing. Yeah, it's painful. It's rewarding, in a way."

Proof that Mintus was on the plane

when it was shot down came July 30 in a package that Kozak's brother Richard sent to him in the mail.

"I got a bunch of reports from when my uncle got killed, from the government," Kozak said. "They knew where it was shot down, then the Japanese gave them actual locations, then they went down with the sonar and found the plane on the bottom of the ocean."

"It's not real deep there, because there's an island. One person got out — they never knew who it was — but now they know it was the pilot. Because when they found the remains in the

plane, it was my uncle (radioman) and the gunner. The pilot bailed out. I just found this out today."

### Pain, relief, sorrow

Mintus's fate was sealed, just one day shy of his 23rd birthday. So was that of aircraft turret gunner Otis E. Ingram. Skeletal remains of both men were located inside the cockpit.

"I heard just recently that they (also) found his dog tags," Kozak said. "But it doesn't say in the report."

The third navy man on that mission, pilot Roland R. Houle, is still unaccounted for, but presumed dead (as all three were in February 1946).

Thinking back seven-plus decades, Kozak remembered that family gatherings always were solemn affairs, tempered by questions about Uncle Bert and his whereabouts.

There was a phonograph recording with Mintus's voice on it, which family members listened to intently. When Bert talked, full of life and hope for the future, it was like reaching the top of the roller-coaster.

Of course, a few moments later, when reality of the grim situation emerged, their emotions came crashing down yet again.

"Back in the day, they wrote letters. They didn't have cellphones," Kozak said with a chuckle. "And then they would make a record and talk on it and send it to the family and then we would play it on a phonograph."

"It wasn't often, but once in a while, you'd get a record and it was really nice to hear the voice. He sent a record right before he got killed, to his mother and dad. We went and listened to it. It was news for the whole family."

"So we went to my grandma and grandpap's and (they) played the record. It was pretty heartbreaking because they got the record after (Mintus was presumed dead)."

### Symbols of service

Symbols of going to battle for the Stars and Stripes were prevalent throughout young Tommy's life. He always wore a U.S. Army hat given to him by one of his seven brothers who served in the military.

And in the windows were banners of blue stars, silver stars and gold stars.

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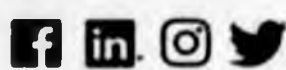
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"I don't know if you ever heard this or not, but they had flags on the windows," Kozak said. "They had blue stars, silver stars and gold stars. The gold stars was you were dead, silver star was you was missing in action or wounded. The blue star was you was in the service. We had a whole line of them."

"You can't experience it if you don't have it happen to you (a military death). It just takes all the steam out of you and then you have to learn to live with it."

Kozak shook his head as he discussed why he did not serve. It wasn't for a lack of trying.

"There were seven boys in the service and I got drafted in the Korean War," he said. "My mom went to the draft board and said, 'You can't take my son, he's got to stay on the farm, I need him.'"

"So they gave me a 3A classification. That meant I was eligible for the service, but not unless they really needed me."

Three years later, when Kozak was married to his first wife, he received a second draft notice.

"But I was married and had a baby," he said. "You weren't going to go if you had a child, unless they really, really needed you. So I got out the second time for the same reason."

According to Kozak, he "apologized to my brothers many times" in the decades since.

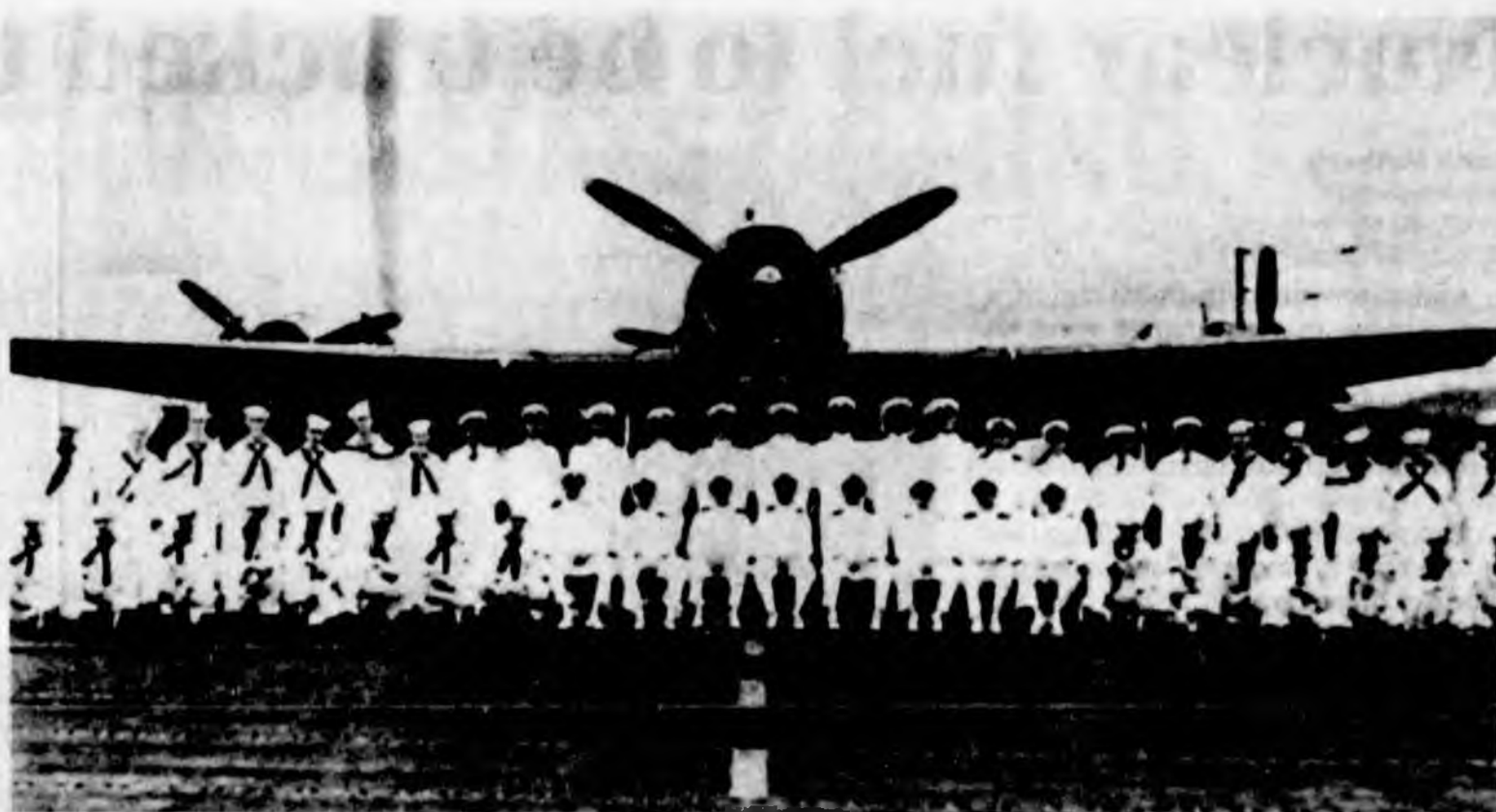
"They were drafting everybody in those days," he added. "You had your brothers go in, sad times. I can remember."

### Bush weighs in

Any lingering misgivings about the past now are being tucked aside for a while, what with urgent business to attend to.

Richard Kozak will meet Sept. 2 with U.S. Navy officials to discuss a military burial. Mintus will not be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, however, because the family thought it would be fitting for his final resting place to be close to his parents.

"They didn't bring him in yet, his remains aren't with us yet," Tom Kozak said. "They're talking to my



Walter "Bert" Mintus was in the same squadron as George H.W. Bush. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

brother and he's handling it (the funeral and burial). He keeps me in touch."

Kozak didn't know whether the 41st president was informed about the recent discovery.

But he noted that it was pretty certain Bush and Mintus knew each other well and perhaps were even friends during five months together in U.S. Navy squadron VT-51 aboard aircraft carrier U.S.S. San Jacinto.

"When you're in a squadron with each other, everybody knows each other pretty much," Kozak said. "I have a picture of them (squadron members) standing in front of the plane."

Bush, now 94, had long been researching about the lost mission. He exchanged letters about the Avenger and Mintus in 2003 with Kozak's older sister Lilly, Pennsylvania resident Agnes Phillips (who will celebrate her 100th birthday on New Year's Eve).

"Your uncle went on a mission to Palau on 27 July 1944 with Lt. Houle and they never returned," Bush

wrote in an April 9, 2003, response to Phillips. "They were both shot down. I was shot down on 2 September 1944 and lost both of my crewmen."

"When I worked at the White House, we tried to locate all living VT-51 squadron members and relatives of the deceased members."

At the end of that letter, written just 17 months after 9/11 during the term of President George W. Bush, the elder Bush wrote that "Barbara and I are most appreciative of your kind words for our son. Please keep him and our brave troops in your prayers."

That letter still means a lot to Tom Kozak, as does the knowledge of where Uncle Bert really is.

"The memories come back," Kozak said. "He was a good uncle. I have good memories of him. I'm really happy that they found him."

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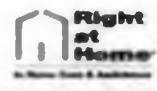
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# Nuclear fuel to be trucked to Port Huron

**Keith Matheny**  
Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

A small amount of the most highly radioactive waste on the planet, spent nuclear fuel, is planned for a secretive, highly protected shipment from an Illinois nuclear power plant through Michigan and Port Huron, on its way to Canada.

The plan, made public in filings last month with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission, has raised concerns with environmental groups and others.

"I would most definitely be concerned about the fact that they would bring this material through our waterway," Port Huron Mayor Pauline Repp said.

Kay Cumbow, with the nonprofit Great Lakes Environmental Alliance in Port Huron, noted the risk in a release.

"A spill, release or fire here, or near waterways that flow into the St. Clair River, could potentially ruin one of the largest freshwater deltas in the world — the St. Clair Flats — and potentially poison forever drinking water and freshwater ecosystems for up to 40-plus million people of the Great Lakes, including residents of Canada, the United States, U.S. Tribes, First Nations and other indigenous peoples," she said.

But the owner and operator of the LaSalle County Nuclear Generating Station in Marseilles, Ill., accused some critics of fear-mongering.

"A routine posting on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's website has given a group of nuclear critics an opportunity to spread fear and misinformation to the public with no context," Exelon Generation said in an emailed response to Free Press inquiries.

Company officials said they are participating "in an innovative industry initiative to help explore a safer and more efficient nuclear fuel." As part of that effort, they plan to transport nine nuclear fuel rods, weighing about five pounds each, to a testing facility in Canada.

The rods "will be packed into a 24-ton, collision-absorbing and heavily shielded shipping cask," company officials stated.

"This safe and secure shipment will be regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and transportation agen-



A sign hangs on the boardwalk protesting the proposed nuclear dump site on Lake Huron during the 2015 International Rally to Protect the Great Lakes. A small shipment of spent nuclear fuel has raised concerns anew. ANDREW JOWETT | PORT HURON TIMES HERALD

cies and will not impact the public in any way," Exelon officials stated.

The NRC document that touched off the controversy was a nuclear materials transporting company's request for "highway route approval" to transport the spent nuclear fuel from the LaSalle nuclear plant in Illinois through to the "Port Huron, Michigan, Port of Exit" and on into Canada.

Viktoria Mitlyng, a spokeswoman for the NRC's regional office in Chicago, said there are currently no large-scale shipments of spent nuclear fuel happening anywhere in the U.S. — because there's nowhere to take nuclear plants' accumulating spent fuel. A proposed central repository in Yucca Mountain, Nev., has stalled and other proposed central repositories are also not near completion, leaving the material on-site at nuclear plants in secured storage.

"There are shipments of segments of spent fuel rods; small parts of spent fuel," Mitlyng said. "Usually when that happens, they are sent for scientific re-

search purposes — there are certain types of new fuels being developed, or there is something about the specific fuel bundle that needs to be analyzed."

Relevant state agencies are involved in the process, and help determine the shipping route, Mitlyng said. Information about the shipping route, and when a shipment would take place, are kept secret for purposes of national security, she said. "We don't want that information to fall into the wrong hands," she said.

"(With) the shipment of nuclear material, especially spent fuel, there is nothing that is not organized or planned. It is a very deliberate and controlled process."

But a nuclear industry critic questioned just how safe the process is.

"Even though it's nine rods, we still have safety concerns," said Kevin Kamps, a radioactive waste specialist with the Maryland-based environmental nonprofit Beyond Nuclear.

"It's inherently high risk to transport

highly radioactive nuclear waste."

The armored casks in which the rods will be transported are "woefully inadequate for real-world accidents or attacks," Kamps said, potentially causing a release if exposed to a hot-enough burning fire for 30 minutes, and capable of being breached with a tube-launched "TOW" missile.

"There's enough radioactivity with nine fuel rods to cause a nuclear disaster in Kalamazoo even with a 40-year-old, anti-tank missile technology, fired as this presumably moves along I-94," he said.

How the nuclear fuel rods will move through Canada, and their final destination, are unclear. Cristina Canas, a spokeswoman for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, Canada's equivalent of the NRC, said a shipment of such highly radioactive material would require a license from the agency. "To date, CNSC has not received an application" for such a shipment from the LaSalle nuclear plant, she said.

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### S-SL library book sale

The Salem-South Lyon District Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail, will host a book sale through Saturday, Aug. 25. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday (bag day, \$5 per bag). Books remaining Monday, Aug. 27, will be available for free.

### Five Points of Hope fundraiser

Five Points of Hope, a nonprofit cancer charity base in Milford, will host a bowling fundraiser 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Wonderland Lanes, 8265 Richardson Road, in Commerce Township.

An admission fee of \$20 provides participants with up to three hours of bowling, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and pop. There will also be raffles during the event. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the charity, which provides financial assistance to Michigan cancer patients who are experiencing financial distress as a result of their illness.

Walk-ins are welcome anytime during the three-hour event, but participants are encouraged to reserve their bowling lane by pre-purchasing admission at [www.fivepointsofhope.com](http://www.fivepointsofhope.com) or by mailing checks to Five Points of Hope, P.O. Box 583, Milford, MI 48381. A children's activity area will be available for families bringing children. Wonderland Lanes has 40 bowling lanes available, accommodating 200 bowlers at a time. Fundraiser participants can bowl for the entire three hours or drop in for a game or two as they wish.

### Northville Art House competition

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will be hosting HOUSE OF WAX: Juried Encaustic Competition, through Saturday, Aug. 25. The competition features 39 works created by 23 artists who demonstrate the visual possibilities of working with cold wax and encaustic (hot wax).

For more information, go to [www.northvillearthouse.org](http://www.northvillearthouse.org) or call 248-344-0497.

### Runestad to host Internet safety event

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, is partnering with the Michigan State Police and Oakland County Sheriff's Office to host an Internet safety presentation 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive. The presentation will feature information on how parents can connect, learn and engage with children on Internet safety tools.

For more information, call 517-373-2616 or email [JimRunestad@house.mi.gov](mailto:JimRunestad@house.mi.gov).

### Hope Not Handcuffs training

Hope Not Handcuffs will be holding a volunteer angel training session 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River Avenue. The program is rapidly growing and is in need of more volunteers to continue its success.

For more information and to register for training, go to [hopenothandcuffs.com](http://hopenothandcuffs.com). Local contact is Angel Coordinator Pam Blair at [pam@hopenothandcuffs.com](mailto:pam@hopenothandcuffs.com) or 248-505-7904.

### Summer classes at Tollgate Farm

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center has scheduled a summer season of classes for gardeners of all levels, set for 6:30-8:30 p.m. selected Thursdays. Each class is \$20. Advance registration is required. For more information and registration, go to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/evenings18summer/>. The series includes:

■ A special class is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 30, featuring Fulbright Scholar Dr. John Hartig, who will present Waterfront Porch: How Detroit is Transforming its Industrial Waterfront to a Gathering Place for People and Wildlife.

■ Sept. 6, Beth Clawson, Michigan State University extension educator, will present Household Pests and Backyard Wildlife Management.

MSU Tollgate Farm & Education Center, 2815 Meadowbrook Road, in Novi is a 160-acre working farm featuring more than 20 demonstration gardens, farm animals, historic buildings dating back to the mid-1800s, plus modern meeting facilities.

### Northville Newcomers & Neighbors

The Northville Newcomers & Neighbors club will hold its 2018-19 membership kickoff brunch at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive.

RSVP by Aug. 30 to attend as a member (\$25 yearly dues) or guest (\$13 brunch fee) by emailing Nancy Murphy at [membership@northvillnewcomers.com](mailto:membership@northvillnewcomers.com) or write to P.O. Box 5263, Northville, MI 48167. The club is open to residents of Northville and all surrounding communities.

For more information, go to [northvillnewcomers.com](http://northvillnewcomers.com).

### Blood drives at state fair

The Michigan State Fair is partnering with Michigan Blood for the fourth year in a row to host a series of blood drives. Donors will receive free admission into the fair, free parking and a \$10 Kroger gift card.

The schedule for blood drives, all at The Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, in Novi includes: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30; 1-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3.

Blood donors should bring photo ID. Schedule an appointment to donate by calling 866-MIBLOOD (642-5663), texting MIBLOOD to 444999 or visiting [donate.miblood.org](http://donate.miblood.org).

### VFAA exhibit at library

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, exhibits its member artwork in the library Community Room. The exhibit "Three Artists, Four Seasons" will feature artists Dale Alcocer, Danny Persinger and Paul Tibeau.

This free exhibit will be displayed until the end of August. The exhibits are open during regular library hours. For more information, go to [www.milfordvfaa.org](http://www.milfordvfaa.org).

### Michigan War Dog ceremony

The Michigan War Dog Memorial, 25805 Milford Road, in South Lyon will

host an interment for K-9 Faith, a firehouse dog with the Troy Fire Department, at noon Saturday, Sept. 1. This will be a full ceremonial burial. Come to honor this K-9 for her service. For more information, call 248-685-8307 or email [mwdmk9@gmail.com](mailto:mwdmk9@gmail.com).

### Labor Day bridge walk

The 14th annual South Lyon Labor Day bridge walk is scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 3. This free event offers adults and children the chance to walk one of two 2.5-mile loops or the entire five-mile course.

The walk begins at 9 a.m.; no registration is required. The Parks and Recreation Commission will set up its tent prior to the 9 a.m. start. Walkers should meet at the tent near the path by the parking lot in McHattie Park, off South Lafayette Street.

No animals permitted, but strollers and wagons are allowed. Water and granola bars will be provided. Sponsored by the city of South Lyon, South Lyon Parks and Recreation Commission and the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority, with support from Busch's Fresh Food Market.

For more information, go to [www.southlyonmi.org](http://www.southlyonmi.org) or [www.slrec.net](http://www.slrec.net).

### Michigan Music Mega Jam

The fourth annual Michigan Music Mega Jam is scheduled for 1-4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, in conjunction with the Michigan State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, in Novi. The concert will feature Laura Rain (with George Friend); Carolyn Striho; 2017 State Fair Superstars the Gasoline Gypsies; Brandon Calhoun; Nique Love Rhodes; Al Bettis, Ideeyah; and host/emcee Nadir Omowale, all anchored by the Brothers Groove (Chris Codish on keyboards, James Simonson on bass and Skeeto Valdez on drums, plus Wayne Gerard).

Tickets are on sale at all southeast Michigan Kroger stores and at [www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com](http://www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com).

### Country Garden Club meeting

The Country Garden Club of Northville will hold its next monthly meeting

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at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road. Guest speaker Jan Whitcomb will speak on the gardens and history of Greenmead.

Guests are welcome and snacks are provided. No charge. For more information, call Sheryl Signorelli at 248-202-1518 if more questions.

### West of Center art exhibit

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will host West Of Center, a juried all-media exhibition, Sept. 7-29. The exhibition presents 38 compelling works of art created by (28 artists nationwide selected by juror, artist, photographer and curator Jeff Cancelosi.

There will be an opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, sponsored by Mark Corbin of Raymond James, with an awards presentation and juror's talk at 7 p.m. For more information, email [exhibits@northvillearthouse.org](mailto:exhibits@northvillearthouse.org).

### South Lyon Depot Day

The 38th annual South Lyon Depot Day is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Witch's Hat Depot and Historic Village, 300 Dorothy Street, McHattie Park. This is a free event that will include activities for chil-

dren, vendor booths, a craft show and various displays honoring the history of the train depot.

For schedule, a list of activities and more details go to Facebook and search 38th annual South Lyon Depot Day.

### Golf benefit at Kensington

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks Foundation will host its second annual Charity Golf Classic, set for 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at Kensington Metropark Golf Course, 13760 High Ridge Drive, in Brighton. The four-player golf scramble will begin with a shotgun start and end with a dinner and Q&A panel.

Proceeds will support the Get Out and Learn program, which provides qualifying schools in southeast Michigan the opportunity to bring students out to a metropark for a field trip, including transportation.

Registration is available online for foursomes and individuals at [www.metroparks.com/charitygolfclassic](http://www.metroparks.com/charitygolfclassic).

Sponsorship and event information can also be found online or by contacting Julie Hein at [julie.hein@metroparks.com](mailto:julie.hein@metroparks.com) or 810-494-6041.

All participants will receive free entry to Kensington Metropark the day of the event.

### Department of Public Services Building • Engineering • Planning • Water & Sewer CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING September 19, 2018- 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider variance requests to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- 50595 Six Mile Rd., ID # 77-070-99-0002-000, Article 18, Schedule of Regulations (Setback to Residential).
- 18695 Fox Hollow Ct., ID # 77-034-04-0023-000, Article 3, General Use Provisions (Accessory Structure).

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair  
Zoning Board of Appeals

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CITY OF NOVI  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **September 12, 2018** at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ADELL CENTER JSP 18-27 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL OF A SITE PLAN FOR ROADS AND UTILITIES, A WETLAND PERMIT, A WOODLAND PERMIT AND A SITE CONDOMINIUM PLAN.** The subject property is approximately 22.48-acres and is located at 43700 Expo Center Drive, north of Grand River Avenue and south of I-96 in Section 15. The applicant is proposing to develop the property as a multi-unit commercial development consisting of nine units accessed by a proposed private drive. The existing water tower on site will remain on a separate unit.



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

Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-15-476-045

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, **September 12, 2018.**

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Michigan meteor strike  
is still wowing scientists

**Keith Matheny**  
Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

A spectacular meteor flash across southern Michigan skies in January is the gift that keeps on giving for scientists.

The Jan. 16 meteor exploded in the atmosphere near Livingston County's Hamburg Township, showering small fragments on the snowy ground below. Only rarely do such large meteor events occur in a heavily populated area, with tens of thousands witnessing it light up the night sky, breaking apart as it fell toward Earth or hearing its sonic boom as it traveled faster than the speed of sound.

But the event was also unusual because it happened within the recording capability of a lot of different scientific instruments.

In a research paper slated for publication later this month, scientists at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego who study atmospheric infrasound — sound waves too low-frequency for the human ear to detect —

are teaming with seismologists from the University of Michigan who typically measure earthquakes to show their combined data revealed even more about Michigan's great celestial event of 2018.

Their findings hold promise for helping researchers understand how often bolides — meteors that explode in the atmosphere — occur outside the view of witnesses. This in turn could help improve understanding of the threats facing our planet from "near-Earth objects" of all sizes.

"It's been useful. It's been really interesting to us," said Michael Hedlin, head of the Laboratory for Atmospheric Acoustics at Scripps.

"This event kind of fell into our laps; we were studying something else."

Hedlin and his team were researching atmospheric gravity waves, utilizing an array of 159 infrasound sensors across the eastern and central U.S. that are constantly recording low-frequency sound.

When the meteor flashed across the

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **September 12, 2018** at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **SPEEDWAY JSP 17-63 AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18-720 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM OST (OFFICE SERVE TECHNOLOGY) AND B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) TO B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS).** The subject property, 31275 Haggerty Road, is approximately 2.03 acres and is located on the southwest corner of Haggerty Road and Fourteen Mile Road (Section 1). The applicant is proposing a rebuild and expansion of the existing Speedway fuel station including a 4,608 square foot convenience store and 5,400 square foot fuel canopy over 8 double-sided fuel dispensers.



Subject Parcel ID: 22-01-200-046

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, **September 12, 2018.**

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Screen grab of YouTube video from Mike Austin of the Michigan meteor Jan. 17.  
COURTESY OF MIKE AUSTIN

## Meteor

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sky, making its sonic boom, Hedlin knew he'd have a treasure trove of infrasound data related to it. He found it from instruments as far away as nearly 750 miles, near the U.S. East Coast.

At about the same time, at the University of Michigan's Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, seismologist Jeroen Ritsema was thinking along the same lines.

"This is really the first time I've studied a meteor — I usually study earthquakes," he said.

But knowing the exact time of the meteor's burst from satellite and cell phone camera recordings, Ritsema knew he could review constantly recorded seismic data from the region to try to find it.

Seismometers are so sensitive, recording the smallest ground movements, that Ritsema believed even an explosion high up in the atmosphere would be detectable. Sure enough, the meteor's blast was recorded at seven seismometer stations in Michigan, Ohio and Ontario.

"It's certainly the smallest signal I've ever looked at," Ritsema said. "It helps to have a very precise time of the burst, and an initial location."

As Ritsema was making that discovery, Hedlin called, and suggested they combine their separate disciplines into one research project.

"We could locate it (seismically) at exactly the same location where the infrasound was placing it," Ritsema said.

**"This event kind of fell into our laps; we were studying something else."**

**Michael Hedlin**  
head of the Laboratory for Atmospheric Acoustics

Among the things they confirmed: the location the bolide came into the atmosphere over Michigan, that it came in at a steep trajectory, that it exploded under atmospheric pressures and speed friction at about 23 kilometers — just over 14 miles — up in the sky, and the time of the blast. Comparing their findings with the satellite and recorded video data, it all lined up.

Meteors the size of Michigan's — about 2 yards in diameter — are far more common than, say, the 22-yard diameter meteor that exploded over Chelyabinsk, Russia, on Feb. 15, 2013, injuring nearly 1,500 people, primarily from shattering windows.

Thousands of meteors the size of Michigan's or larger may fall across the globe in a year, the vast majority away from large numbers of witnesses or sophisticated scientific recording instruments.

"We're trying to get a better idea of how common these are," Hedlin said. "How useful is our network for picking these things up?"

Infrasound microphones record 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and are very sensitive, he said. Buried in all that collected data may be new knowledge about bolide meteorite events and more.

### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **September 12, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **FOX RUN NEIGHBORHOOD 3, JSP 18-18 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE REVISED PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN WITH A PD-1 (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL) OPTION, REVISED SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, REVISED PHASING PLAN, REVISED WOODLAND PERMIT, REVISED WETLAND PERMIT AND REVISED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.** The subject property totals approximately 102.8 acres and is located in Section 1, north of Thirteen Mile Road and west of M-5. The site is zoned RM-1 Low Density Multiple Family, and developed under a Development Agreement. The applicant is proposing to revise the layout and design for Phase 3 of the senior community from what was previously approved. The four buildings proposed would contain 370 independent living units, parking lots, dining facilities, and other amenities. The total number of units within the Fox Run community would not exceed the number previously approved. No changes to the Conservation Easement on the north end of the property are proposed.

Plans are available for review at the Civic Center.



Subject Parcel ID's: 50-22-01-300-013

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., **Wednesday, September 12, 2018.**

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# Skill game room coming for adults

Jennifer Timar  
Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Adults will test their skills at a variety of games for prizes when a new adults-only electronic gaming room opens in downtown Howell.

Brighton resident Greg Miller is gearing up to open a skill-based redemption game room for those ages 18 and older.

Miller likened it to arcades, family entertainment venues and the types of electronic skill games found in some bars, bowling alleys and fraternal lodges.

"Like Zap Zone and Chuck E. Cheese's," Miller said Aug. 15. "We stay away from the word gambling ... and it's unlike a casino where those are games of chance."

He said he expects to open around Sept. 1.

The business, which Miller told city officials he might name Lucky's Skill Games, will be located at 920 E. Grand River Ave., Suite A, in the city, in a vacant portion of the recently remodeled Bramlett Heating and Cooling building. The building was previously occupied by Marcy's Dry Cleaning & Laundry Center.

No outright gambling on games of chance would be allowed, under Michigan law.

Instead, there would be a redemption system where players could win non-cash prizes while paying to play games that involve a degree of skill.

"We'll have non-cash merchandise, typically gift cards," Miller said. "We are doing gift cards only to begin with."

Miller said the business will not be for children.

"We don't want a 10-year-old coming in and getting hooked on these games," he said. "They aren't the type of games they are interested in."

His plan is to set up rows of networked computer stations for competitive gaming and also install standalone single-player games, according to a tentative floor plan submitted to the city.

Patrons will sign up for an account and purchase credits to play the games.

No alcohol would be served on the premises.

"Roughly, it's a Chuck E. Cheese's type of thing for adults," Howell Community Development Director Tim Schmitt said Aug. 14. "It's a new use for the city. ... I'm not familiar with another one around here."

Howell City Council voted unanimously Aug. 13 to grant Miller a license to operate an electronic or video arcade in the city, as was required by a city ordinance governing commercial recreational establishments.



Part of the Bramlett Heating and Cooling building in Howell might house an adult gaming room. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

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**When:** 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5  
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**When:** 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **September 12, 2018** at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **MIRAGE CINEMAS AND DICE RETAIL, JZ 18-33 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY CONCEPT PLAN (PRO) ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18-728, TO REZONE FROM OFFICE SERVICE (OS-1) AND GENERAL BUSINESS (B-3) TO COMMUNITY BUSINESS (B-2).** The subject property is approximately 14.29 acres and is located north of Ten Mile Road along west side of Novi Road in Section 22. The subject property comprises of two parcels. The smaller parcel measuring approximately 4.68 acres is being developed as a multi-tenant retail center and the larger parcel measuring approximately 9.61 acres is being developed as a multi-screen theater with a total of 773 seats. The site is accessed by two access points off of Novi Road and is served by one storm water management pond located in the northern parcel.



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

Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-22-400-008 & 50-22-22-400-010

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 12, 2018.

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## City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on September 11, 2018 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

**PZ18-0029 (Hillside Investments/D. Hardin) 25540 Seeley Rd, West of Haggerty Road and North of Grand River Ave, Parcel #50-22-24-251-027.** The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Sections: 3.6.2F.ii and 4.19.2 to reduce the required north parking setback from 100 feet to the (proposed 55 feet) and to place two accessory structures in the south side yard. Except where otherwise permitted and regulated, accessory structures shall be located in the rear yard. This property is zoned Light Industrial (I-1).

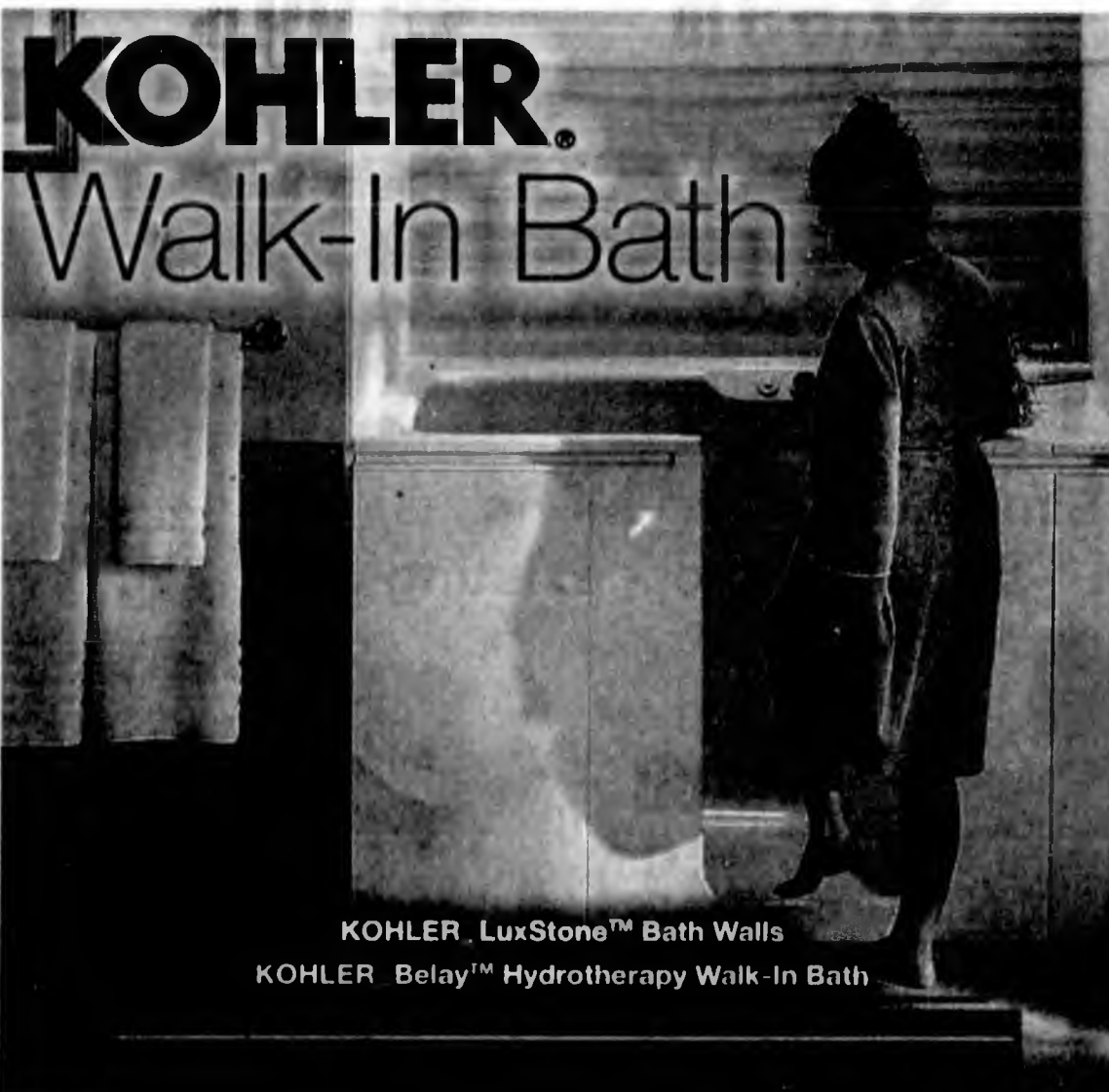
**PZ18-0037 (Saroki Architecture) 26090 Ingersol Dr, East of Novi Road and North of Grand River Ave, Parcel #50-22-14-351-064.** The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinance Section 28-5(d) for the installation of an additional 20 square foot exterior building wall sign, one sign allowed by code. This property is zoned Town Center (TC).

**PZ18-0039 (MGA Architects) 1317 E Lake Dr, North of Thirteen Mile Road and South of Fourteen Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-02-177-005.** The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Code of Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a 4 foot proposed side yard setback, (10 feet minimum required), and an aggregate side yard setback of 16 feet, (25 feet combined aggregate required). This will allow for a second story addition to the existing non-conforming structure. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

**PZ18-0041 (Tina & Mark Miller) 1957 West Lake Dr., South of Pontiac Trail and North of South Lake Dr, Parcel #50-22-03-155-003.** The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Code of Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a 8 foot variance for a proposed 2 feet and 3.7 feet setbacks required (10 foot minimum allowed), a 9.4 foot variance for a proposed 5.6 feet side yard setback required, 25 feet minimum required, and a proposed 40.1% lot coverage, (25% maximum allowed). Covered balcony is included in this requested variances boundaries. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

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## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

### The 'real story' behind LaMarre's first homer

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In this day and age of social media, there's fake news — and then there's other fake news.

After White Sox outfielder Ryan LaMarre belted a 387-foot homer in his first at-bat Aug. 14 at Comerica Park, local, national and Chicago media outlets reported that an uncle had caught the ball in the stands.

The headline in the Chicago Tribune screamed: "You couldn't dream it up."

The 29-year-old LaMarre, who grew up a Tigers fan, was born in Royal Oak, graduated from Jackson Lumen Christi

High and played at the University of Michigan. Online newspaper accounts reported that LaMarre's wife Whitney, his parents and grandparents, along with other relatives and friends, were in the stands.

Storybook stuff, right? What are the odds?

Not to be confused with Babe Ruth calling his shot or Roy Hobbs knocking the cover off the ball in "The Natural," but it didn't quite happen that way.

The ball was actually snagged by Livonia teacher and coach Dave Bjorklund, who was at the game with his two sons: Tyler, 9, and Ryan, 7.

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Franklin cross country coach Dave Bjorklund (middle), with sons Tyler (left) and Ryan, caught Ryan LaMarre's first major league homer at Comerica Park.

## BOYS SOCCER

### A FINE START



Salem senior goalkeeper Buraq Oral tries for the save in vain during a shootout win over defending Division 1 state champion Detroit Catholic Central. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Salem keeper Oral makes key save to win Balconi Invite

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When it comes to penalty kick shootouts, it's really a roll of the dice.

Salem senior goalkeeper Buraq Oral would be first to admit that, as he guessed right to make a sprawling stop of Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Drake Midgley during the third round of PKs.

And the save proved to be pivotal as the Rocks captured the annual Balconi Invitational, 1-0, over the defending

MHSAA Division 1 boys soccer state champions at the Canton's Soccer Stadium.

Salem and CC had played to a scoreless draw during the 60-minute final of the eight-team tourney, forcing PKs to determine the winner.

"Honestly, I just take a spot where I'm going to dive to and then I show I'm going to go the other way just to confuse the player," Oral said. "It's really all chance, in my opinion."

Salem scored four of its five PKs, capped by the game-winner by Andrew

Schwartz after teammates Thomas Dono, Bryan Rodwell and Nolan Chapput also converted against CC keeper Andrew Nichol森.

Michael Palushaj and Jack Leuker converted for CC, but the Shamrocks missed their first attempt and were denied on their third PK by Oral.

"Buraq, he's a stud back there for us," Salem coach Kyle Karns said. "I told him, 'Just tip the scales, give us one or two saves' and I was confident

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## PREP FOOTBALL

### 5 to Watch: Best games for Week 1

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It's that time of year again, my 40th season of covering high school football.

It's not time for a gold watch just yet, but it's a safe bet there could be some golden match-ups during the opening week of games in the Hometown Life coverage area.

Along for the nine-week regular season ride and playoffs, our three sports prognosticators will give our readers a sneak peak at some of the top area games each week.

Here are this week-end's marquee match-ups, which our staff will be keeping a close eye on:

#### 5 to Watch

**Novi Detroit Catholic Central (8-5) vs. Walled Lake Western (8-2), 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Wayne State:** Western has a new coach in Alex Grignon, who gets to coach returning quarterback Sam Johnson (Boston College commit) and 6-foot-6, 295-pound tackle Spencer Brown (Michigan State commit). Catholic Central counters with returning tight end Mike Harding, QB Marco Genrich and linebacker Samih Beydoun. **Picks:** Emons (CC), Budner (CC), Smith (Walled Lake Western).

**West Bloomfield (11-3) at Birmingham Groves (7-3), 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23:** This has turned into a nice little rivalry between Oakland Activities Association schools. West Bloomfield, featuring potent wide receiver Tre Mosley (Michigan State commit), went all the way to the Division 1 final before losing to Clarkston, 3-2, while Groves reached the Division 2 tourney. **Picks:** Emons (West Bloomfield), Budner (West Bloomfield), Smith (West Bloomfield).

**Livonia Churchill (8-3) at Canton (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24:** These

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## Balconi

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in our shooters, so he did that. He made a save and kind of tipped the scales in our favor."

Oral was a starter during his junior year and he's optimistic about Salem's 3-0 start, which also included a 2-1 semifinal win over Canton and 3-1 first-round triumph over Rochester Adams.

"I'm really excited that we won," Oral said. "To play on this team this year is looking incredible, so I'm very excited for what we're going to do. I love the feel of community that this team gives. It gives me a place where I belong. I've made incredible friends and incredible connections on this team and I'm just super-excited for this season."

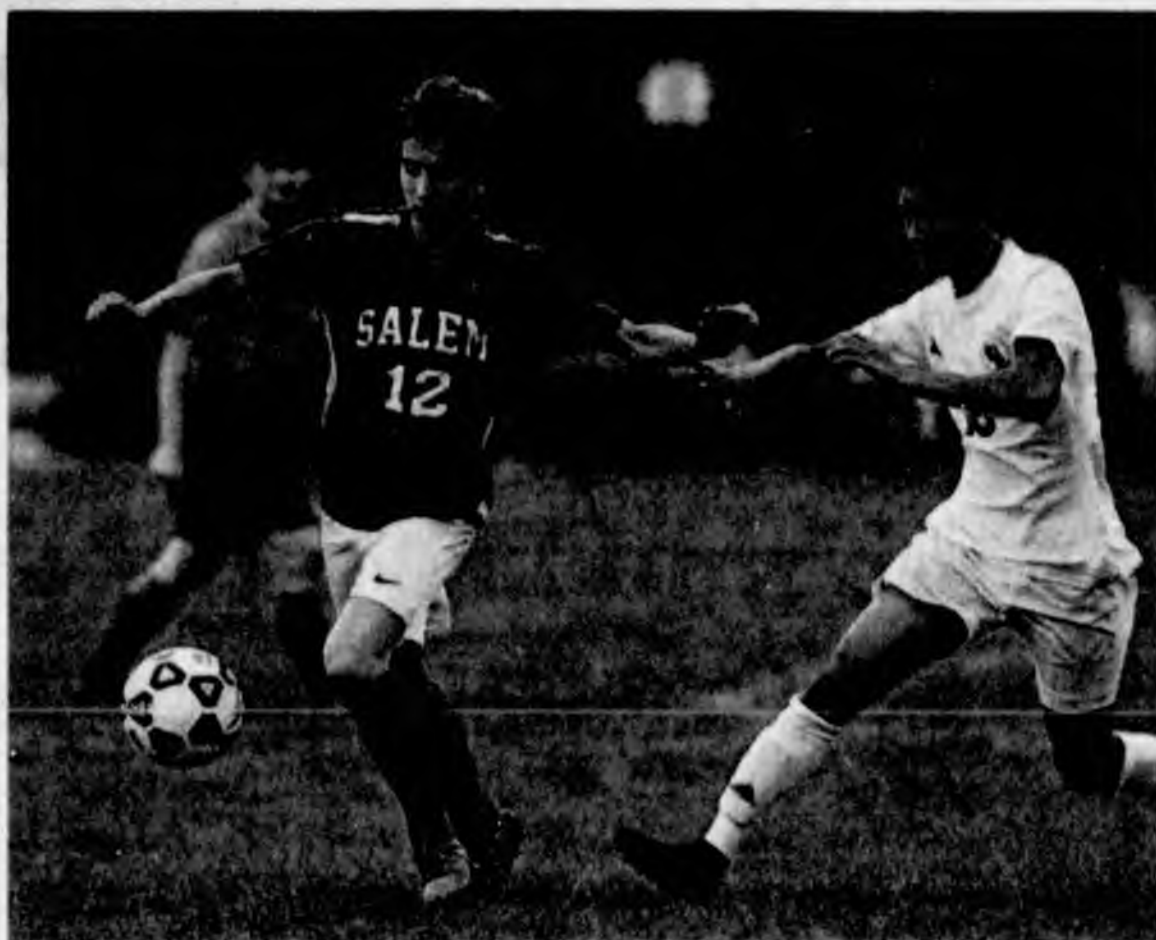
In the victory over Canton, Aidan Walsh scored the game-winner for Salem on a header late in the second half from Josh Stevens.

Rodwell also scored a goal for the Rocks, while Bennett Austin tied game for Canton off an assist from Nick Provenzano.

Oral was in goal Salem, while Ian Nielsen was in goal for Canton.

Stevens, Rodwell and Dono scored for Salem in the win over Adams, while Buraq and Riley List split time in goal.

"It's a good day when you can play yourself into a final," Kams said. "It's tough when you have the heat and try and find your legs underneath. CC is ob-



Salem's David Burt (left) tries to maneuver around Catholic Central defender Matt Ampunan during the final of the Balconi Invitational. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

viously coming off a state title and to be able to compete and win a game kind of sets you up a good season."

CC survived a PK shootout to beat Plymouth, 1-0, in the opening round after the two teams battled to a scoreless draw for 60 minutes.

Nicholsen was the hero for the Shamrocks in the shootout, as he made six saves and scored a PK himself along with Midgley and Palushaj.

Plymouth went 2-of-6 in the shootout, getting goals from Justin Wojcik and Alex Bowser. Senior Ryan Schmatz

and junior Jack Reed split time in goal for the Wildcats.

CC reached the championship with a 1-0 semifinal victory over Saline as Nick Johnson scored the game-winner from John Willemssen.

Goalkeeper Justin Johnson made two key saves in the first half, while combining with NicholSEN (second half) for the shutout.

"Overall, it's a good day," CC coach Gene Pulice said. "In the Balconi, you kind of try and do some different stuff. Sometimes you put out your best and sometimes you fall a little short for the victory. But all in all, I was happy with our guys and our performance. Losing in a PK shootout — things can be worse."

Meanwhile, Canton acquitted itself quite well, going 2-1 on the day.

The Chiefs earned a 1-0 first-round win over Utica Eisenhower on Austin's game-winner from Justin Gottschalk, while Nielsen earned the shutout.

In the final game, Canton got a pair of goals from Provenzano to beat Adams, 2-1.

For Plymouth it was a frustrating day.

The Wildcats settled for three scoreless draws in regulation play, losing a pair in a shootout to CC and Walled Lake Northern, while also battling Saline to a 0-0 deadlock in the consolation round.

Northern went 5-of-5 on PKs, while Plymouth was 3-of-4, getting goals from Cam Cieslik, Bowser and Alec Rogers.

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The Franklin High girls and boys cross country teams were in attendance Aug. 14 at Comerica Park.

## LaMarre

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Bjorklund, the Franklin High girls cross country coach, was part of what has become an annual outing with the boys cross country team (coached by Pat Koelzer) at Comerica Park.

The Franklin runners were grouped in Section 150, along the fifth and sixth rows behind the White Sox bullpen, just to the right of all the retired Tigers numbers and statues.

LaMarre's uncle and some of his relatives were reportedly sitting a couple of sections over.

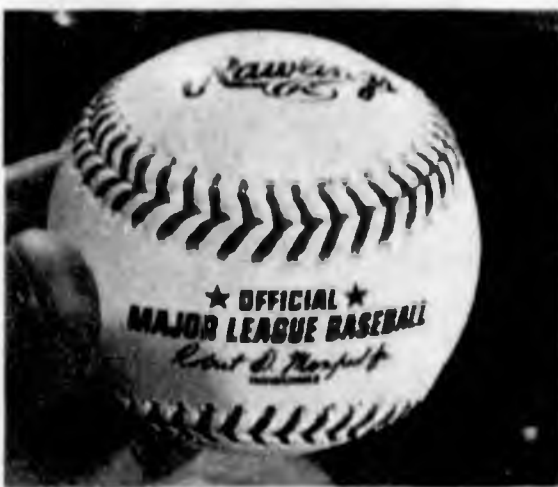
"That ball just happened to bounce off that (bullpen) roof, it ricocheted and I grabbed it off, like, the second or third bounce," Bjorklund said, "and what you can see in the video it's totally me."

Bjorklund suddenly found himself the most popular fan in his section.

"So, like, within a minute of me getting that — after some kid tried to trade me a ball — I said, 'No, dude, I've never caught one in my life at Comerica Park,'" said Bjorklund, a Farmington Harrison grad. "So the next thing I know, this guy is heading over to me and he said, 'Hey, can I get that ball?' And I'm, like, 'No.' He said, 'That's my nephew that hit that.' And I'm, like, 'OK, I'm not really buying that one.' He said, 'He's Ryan LaMarre, he's from Royal Oak and that's his first major league home run.' I was, like, 'Who would come up with that that quickly?'"

After some deliberation, Bjorklund believed the story began to pan out and a brief negotiation began with LaMarre's uncle.

"I'm, like, 'I don't know,'" Bjorklund said. "And he said, 'Dude, I'll give you some money for it.' I said, 'I really don't want your money, whatever.' I said, 'OK, you can have it.' He gives me, like, 40 bucks, which I tried to give back to him. But he doesn't want that and I give him the ball. The story sounds legit enough. Then I started to Googling the guy (LaMarre) on my phone and that all kind of checks out."



This is not the game ball for Ryan LaMarre's first major league homer, but it was the next best thing, given to Franklin teacher and coach Dave Bjorklund later in the game courtesy of the White Sox bullpen.

Following the game, won by the White Sox, 6-3, the legend of LaMarre's first big league homer continued to take a life of its own.

"You couldn't draw it up any better, at least for me, personally," LaMarre told The Tribune. "The fact it put us on top and held that way was even more special."

LaMarre, who has appeared now in 82 major league games with five different teams, is hitting .273 in 22 plate appearances with the White Sox.

"I don't think anyone in the dugout knew it was my first homer, so when (pitching coach Don Cooper) found out about it, he called the bullpen to get that ball," LaMarre told the Tribune. "It was my uncle, he already had it. He was sitting up there. I don't know if he caught it on the fly or on the bounce, but he wouldn't give it back. He was bringing it over to my parents."

Well, it didn't exactly happen that way.

"After that guy has the ball, the (White Sox) bullpen was yelling up to us," Bjorklund said. "So (the uncle) talks to the bullpen and that's why they all thought the uncle caught the ball. A couple minutes after that, a couple of other family members came down and we said, 'Some uncle came and grabbed

it."

Meanwhile, the Franklin coach did earn a small consolation prize.

"In about the sixth inning, (the uncle) came back over and gave me a different ball that LaMarre had thrown into the stands, which I gave to my son Ryan," Bjorklund said. "Someone else said, 'Dude, you should have gotten a bat.' I didn't know who it was, it wasn't some superstar or something. People said, 'You should have held out for an autograph.' I said, 'I guess, I don't know.' It all kind of happened so fast, too. (The uncle) was so worried about getting that. Usually you would think the organization would send somebody up to talk to you or something, but I think he had a lot of family at that game. And some other people came looking for it, too. I just said, 'Dude, if that's really true, then I want you to have the ball.'"

Bjorklund posted afterward what had occurred that night on social media.

"On Facebook, somebody said, 'I didn't know you were his uncle,'" Bjorklund said. "Now this thing is blowing out of control."

Not only did it turn out to be a memorable night for LaMarre, but also for Bjorklund.

"What's funny is that I've been to however many games and I've never come close to getting a ball, definitely not close enough where I ever had a chance of getting one," Bjorklund said. "I've had some a few rows behind me and bounce and never even been in the conversation about catching one."

Meanwhile, the Fox Sports Detroit cameras told the real story during the postgame highlights.

"If you look at the video of him hitting the home run, you can see ricochet out there and see me just as I'm holding it up in the air by a Tigers fan and the video cuts away," Bjorklund said. "I'm definitely glad he got it, being his first home run ... that's pretty cool."

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## Games

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are two battle-tested state playoff teams. The host Chiefs welcome new coach Andy LaFata and return Division I recruit Darius Robinson, a senior defensive end. Churchill counters with third-year quarterback Drew Alsbrooks, running back Darrell Mason and slot-back and receiver Avery Grenier. Canton has won four of the last five meetings. **Picks:** Emons (Canton), Budner (Canton), Smith (Canton).

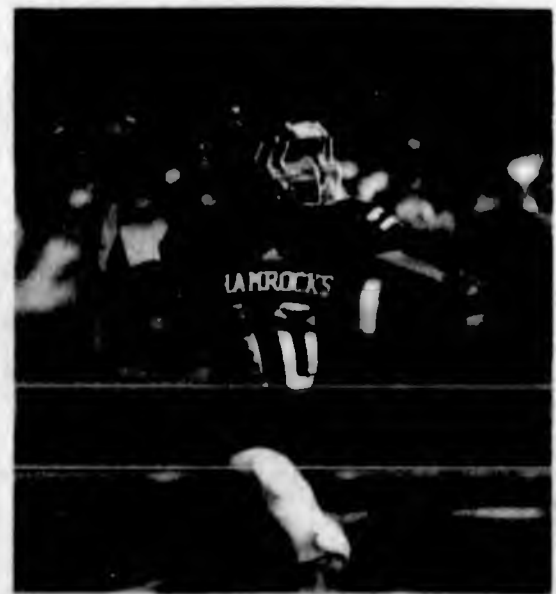
**Livonia Stevenson (5-5) vs. Plymouth (4-5), 3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Michigan Stadium:** These two area teams will square off as part of the Battle of the Big House. First-year Plymouth coach Brian Lewis comes over from Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, while Stevenson returns six starters off a playoff team. **Picks:** Emons (Plymouth), Budner (Stevenson), Smith (Stevenson).

**Livonia Franklin (11-3) at Northville (3-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24:** The Patriots enjoyed a dream season last year, going all the way to the Division 2 state final. They rallied in the fourth quarter last year to beat Northville, 19-16. Franklin returns junior QB Jake Kelbert and running back Julius Simmons, along with top defenders Marino DiPonio and Cal Fournier. The Mustangs, coming off a rare off-year under coach Matt Ladach, will be led senior outside linebacker Novan Fernandez and senior nose tackle Emile Rizk. **Picks:** Emons (Franklin), Budner (Franklin), Smith (Franklin).

### Bonus game

**North Farmington (2-7) at Farmington Harrison (10-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24:** This will be the 24th and final meeting between the two schools, with Harrison, a Division 3 state finalist a year ago, closing its doors for good in spring 2019. Harrison leads the series, 18-5. The Hawks feature the speedy Rod Heard, who plays corner and some QB, while Bob Chiesa begins his second year at North. **Picks:** Emons (Harrison), Budner (Harrison), Smith (Harrison).

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Detroit Catholic Central QB Marco Genrich, during the 2017 game against Brother Rice. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



## PREP FOOTBALL

# Harrison begins final chapter by hosting rival North in opener

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High school football is here. There are many story lines among the Farmington Public School teams in the Oakland Activities Association.



Williams

Can Harrison get to the playoffs in its final season under legendary head coach John Herrington?

Can Farmington ride the momentum of its two-game season-ending winning streak from last year?

Can the rebuilding North Farmington program bounce back after a one-victory season?

Following is a brief glimpse of each team.

## Farmington

Kory Cioroch is beginning his second year as head coach after taking over from John Bechtel.

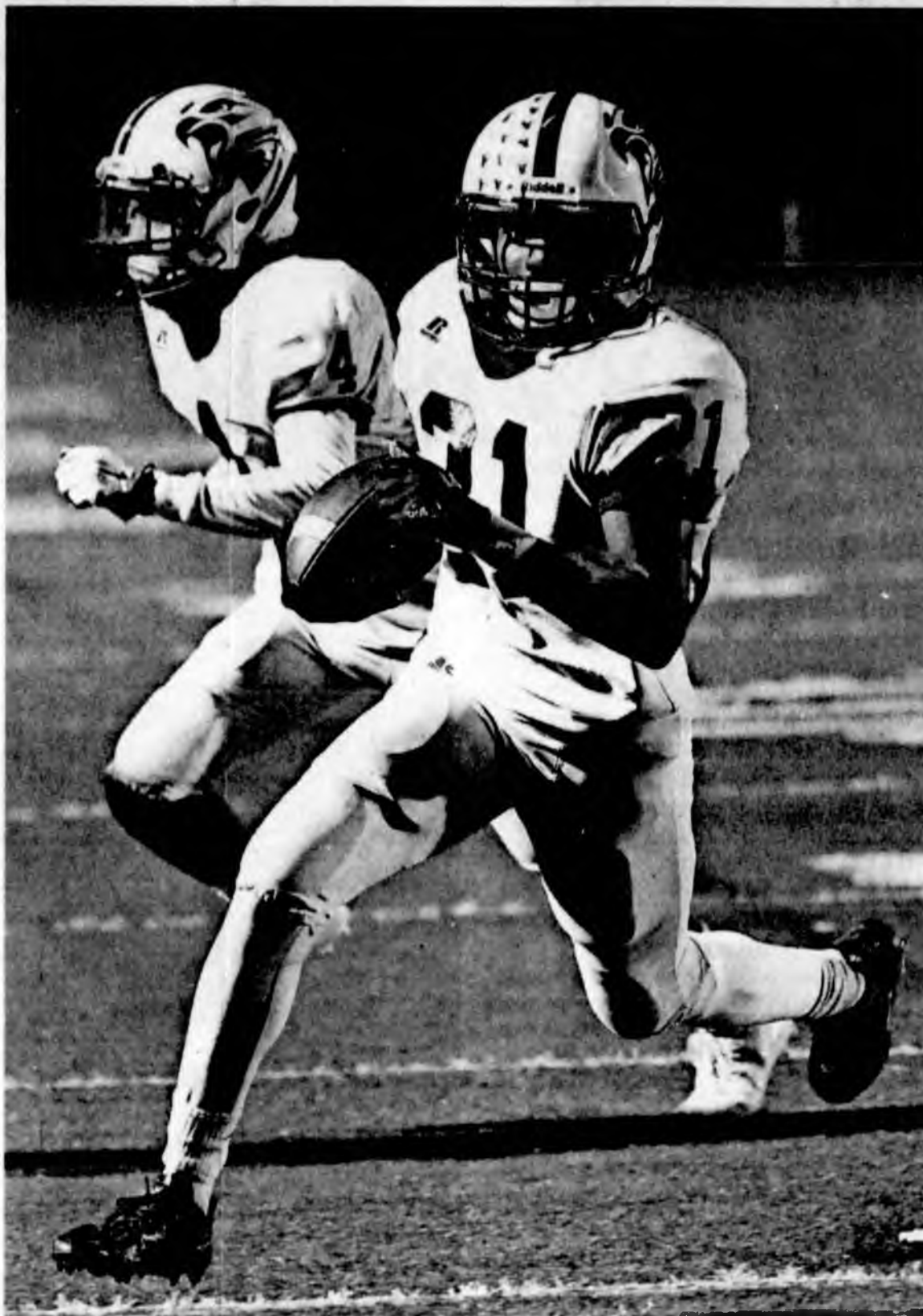
The Falcons were 3-6 last year (2-5 in the OAA Blue), but return seven starters both defensively and offensively, which is cause for optimism in itself.

However, Cioroch has assembled an experienced staff — headlined by former Royal Oak Shrine head coach John Goddard — which generates even more learning opportunities all around.

"We were lucky enough to hire John Goddard and his staff from Royal Oak Shrine," said Cioroch, whose team ended last year on a two-game winning streak. "Coach Goddard has been a coach in Michigan for nearly 50 years and, for a young guy like me, I couldn't be happier to have him with us and teach me how to run a program the right way."

Farmington is an experienced team with a potentially explosive running game, led by senior Kendall Williams. The third-year varsity veteran and second-year team captain led the Falcons in rushing the past two years, finishing with 1,200 yards and nine touchdowns last season.

Massive senior Donovan King, who missed last year with an ACL injury, will anchor both the offensive and defensive lines. Junior linebacker Jordan Turner, a returning captain, led Farmington in tackles (60) last fall.



Farmington senior and three-year starter Kendall Williams rushed for 1,200 yards and nine touchdowns last season. FILE PHOTO

"All three of those players are tremendous leaders for us and set the tone for our program," Cioroch said. "They do things right."

Senior Jayone Fletcher (wide receiver/defensive back) and juniors Jacody Sikora (wide receiver/defensive back) and Keion Shaw (running back/linebacker) will be others to watch.

OPENING GAME: 7 p.m. Aug. 24 home vs. Berkley

## Harrison

Although John Herrington prefers to downplay it, it's going to be a bitter-sweet season at Farmington Hills Harrison.

The Hawks have some talented players who figure to help the team contend for another OAA White Division championship and a playoff berth. Unfortunately, it's the program's 49th and final

season under the state's winningest head coach.

Herrington prefers to concentrate on the season's reality rather than its sentimentality.

"There's going to be a lot going on about the legacy and the tradition," said Herrington, the only football head coach the school's ever had. "But basically, we're trying to not think too much about that as a team. I want it to be as normal for these kids as possible."

"Obviously, it's tough for the underclassmen not knowing where they will be next year or who they will be playing for," he added. "But we're just trying to all buy in one day at a time. We haven't changed a thing as far as conditioning or what we're doing. The only change is that all the coaches and players will be on varsity."

The Hawks were severely hurt by graduation — including the likes of all-star Ovie Oghoufo (Notre Dame), quarterback Noah Hendricks (Davenport University) and lineman Chris Rexroth (Hope College).

However, they do have 15 returning lettermen, including the extremely talented trio of speedsters Roderick Heard and Ben Williams — both members of the state championship 400-meter relay team — and massive lineman Maverrick Hansen.

Heard, who will play football at Northwestern, led Harrison with more than 1,500 yards rushing and 24 touchdowns. He will be playing most every down this year on both sides of the ball, switching between quarterback and tailback on offense and in the backfield on defense.

"Rod is a good leader. He's a quiet leader, but a good leader," Herrington said. "He's one of the best tailbacks we've had, as far as vision and getting through a hole. That's why I hate taking him out of the tailback position, but he can do the same thing running a spread (as a quarterback)."

Williams will also spark the Harrison attack as a running back and defensive back. Hansen, a Central Michigan commit, will be an important leader in the trenches.

Seniors Dave Hiser (kicker/linebacker/quarterback), Vincent Rawls (fullback/linebacker), Caleb Williams (tight end/linebacker) and Sylvon Brown (tight end/linebacker) are other top re-

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## PREP SPORTS

# Sports coverage 2018 — what to look for

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Last year, we made a concerted effort to focus our coverage of high school sports on our growing online readership — and the response from the communities we cover was impressive.

We are looking to have more fun and introduce more ways readers can be a part of the action with new weekly features, polls and an increased presence at games, practices and other events where we can interact with those involved in the high schools sports community.

## Athlete of the Week

At the top of the list, we are returning our very popular **Athlete of the Week** poll. We will nominate each week six athletes, from any sport, posting the poll around noon each Monday. This year, we are extending voting an extra day, with the poll closing at noon Thursday. We select our nominations from witnessing performances at games we attend, but we also rely heavily on information sent to us by team representatives to LIV-Sports@hometownlife.com. Anybody is welcome to send information to help us select nominees. Emails should be sent by 10 a.m. Saturday for that week's performances. The winner will be announced online Friday afternoon and will appear in the following Thursday print editions.

## 5 to Watch

In football, we are introducing **5 to Watch**, a weekly feature to publish online two days before the week's first

games. 5 to Watch is our selection of the top five games to look out for that week with a short preview and staff predictions. This feature will also appear in the Thursday print editions.

## Hometown Highlights

New this year we will also introduce **Hometown Highlights**, a weekly highlight video that will post each Monday, featuring the best clips from the previous week. A poll will be included so readers can vote for the best highlight. This is a great way to get your team featured. We are encouraging and accepting clips from parents, teams, students and more from games you attend during the week. Clips should also be emailed to LIV-Sports@hometownlife.com, with subject Hometown Highlights. Using a service like gmail with cloud service is best, as video files can be quite large. Please limit clips to no more than 30 seconds.

## Live football scoreboard

Each Friday night, we are partnering with freep.com to compile a **live football scoreboard** that can be viewed on Hometown Life. Be sure to use #MI-Preps in your tweets to have your team included. Football scores and top performers should be emailed to LIV-sports@hometownlife.com and sports@freepress.com or call 313-222-6660.

## The Journey with Tim Smith

In a new role, Tim Smith will be roaming all over Hometown Life land, looking for off-beat and behind-the-scenes quick interviews that will appear

online as a video feature titled The Journey and in print as a short story.

## Show your team off

We are looking to expand our visual coverage of all games and invite parents, staff, students and more to submit photos and videos to be included in galleries and scoreboard features. Email images and video to LIV-sports@hometownlife.com. Students who would like to become visual correspondents can contact me at ddean@hometownlife.com.

## Tag, share and read us

On social media, readers have plenty of options to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Share our stories and tag us to possibly be included in our coverage. Just like analytics are becoming more and more a part of sports, it is true of our coverage as well. Where we are read the most is, mostly likely, where we will end up going. Tag us or use #MIPreps and #HTLSports in your tweets and Instagram posts. Be sure to like our sports Facebook page and share stories you like with your followers.

## Hometown Life sports journalists

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**Tim Smith, storyteller:** Tim has a way of weaving great stories like no other. He will be looking for behind-the-scenes stories, the off-beat and quirky, as well as those of courage, overcoming adversity and heartbreak. Tim will also be part of the Friday night football coverage team. Contact Tim with story ideas by email at tasmith1@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter @TimSmith\_Sports

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## Harrison

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turning players. Junior Max Martin is also in the quarterback mix.

The Hawks will need to work hard to manage their way through a rugged division schedule against the likes of Oak Park and Birmingham Groves. Those three teams tied for the White title last season with a 6-1 mark.

The good news in Harrison's final season is the Hawks will play both district rivals — opening against North Farmington and closing against Farmington — after not playing either of them last year.

Harrison was 10-4 in 2017, advancing to the Division 3 state championship game, where it lost to powerful Muskegon.

OPENING GAME: 7 p.m. Aug. 24 home vs. North Farmington

### North Farmington

Energetic head coach Bob Chiesa had a plan in his North Farmington debut last year.

The idea was to field a team of underclassmen and groom them for the next couple of seasons. Chiesa knew the Raiders would be going through growing pains with that philosophy.

However, he hopes last year's learning experience will reap rewards this fall.

"Probably the hardest decision I ever made last year was starting 18 sophomores and juniors," said Chiesa, who is assisted by Todd Pennycuff, Todd Negoshian, Nate McCray and Anthony Gayneir. "Most people would have thought I was out of my mind and it just turned me gray. But I knew to build a program, it's like with a company, you have to start with that foundation. So we did."

"We started 10 juniors and eight sophomores. That means this year, I have 18 guys with a year of experience and, the following year, I'll have some guys who will be three-year starters."

"The other thing is with me being hired essentially the first week of May, I didn't have time to bring in my staff," he added. "I got pieces of them. Now I have some more. On the offensive side, it's no secret, I'm bringing in the triple-option."

North Farmington has 15 different returning starters — eight on offense and



Second-year North Farmington head coach Bob Chiesa oversees a weight room workout by Raiders sophomore Andre Ballard. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

seven more on defense.

The returning offensive players include Myles Gresham, Klarc Crockett, Zach Wiggle, Shale Totin, Blake Morris, Richie Junttonen, Cameron Dunlap and Jalen Ferguson.

The defensive returnees are Jon Brunette, Kevin Prabhakar, Taj Cheathem, Matt Coleman, Chris Covington, Malik Hardy and Leon Agee.

Zion Tyler, a senior captain who figures to start at quarterback or running back, and Justin Bryant are two other players to watch.

"People who have been peeking in the weight room are saying that they haven't seen this many people out for the team in a long time," Chiesa said. "So the school is committed. They're backing us 100 percent. We have a new field and new jerseys this year."

OPENING GAME: 7 p.m. Aug. 24 at Farmington Harrison

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Senior Roderick Head, scoring a Harrison touchdown during last year's playoff game against Riverview, returns as one of the state's top tailbacks. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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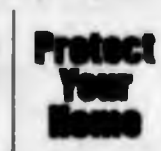
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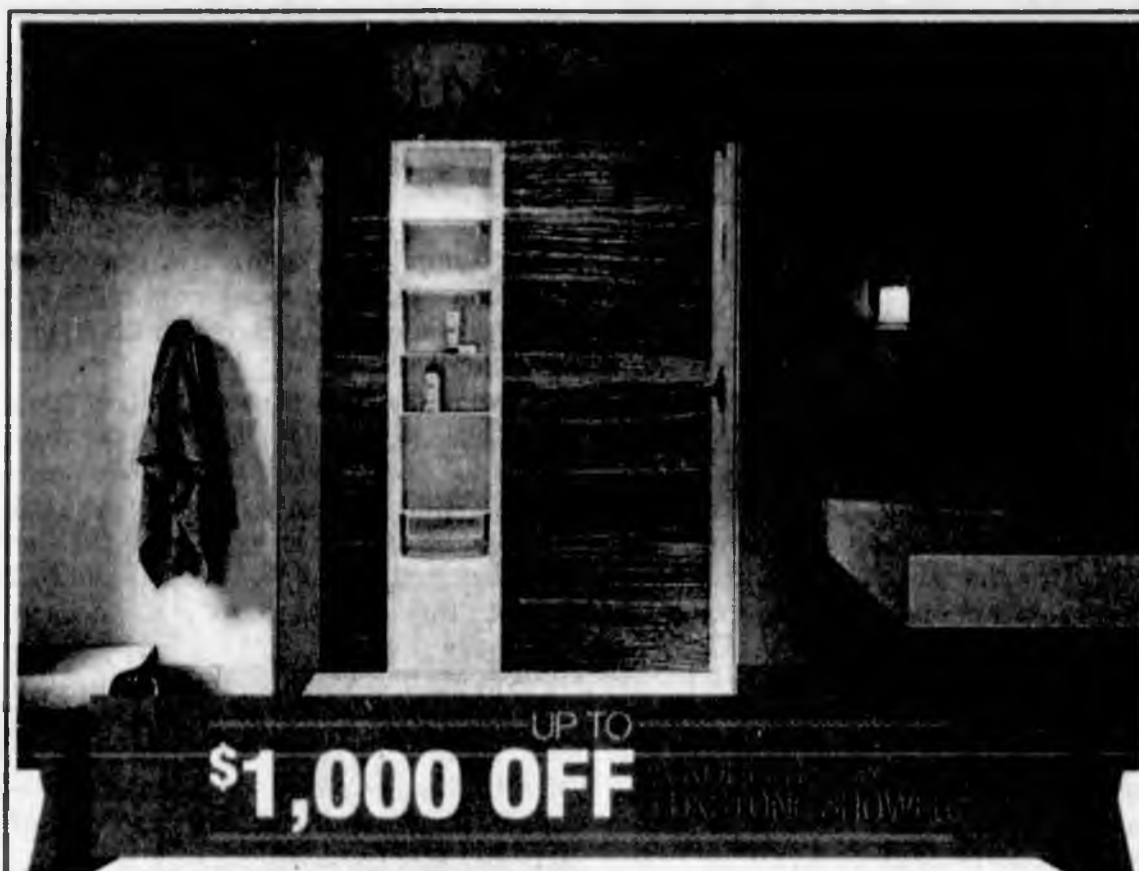
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## BOYS SOCCER

# CC will try to duplicate dream run

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All the pieces fell into place during Gene Pulice's sixth season as Novi Detroit Catholic Central soccer coach.

The Shamrocks finished 21-2-4, capped by a Division 1 state championship — the first in school history — after a 1-0 win over Walled Lake Central in the final at Rochester Stoney Creek.

Catholic Central came away with the Balconi Invitational, Catholic League, district and regional crowns after reaching the reaching the regional in 2016 and the final four in 2016. It was also ranked as the nation's 24th-best team in 2017.

Pulice enters his seventh season trying to duplicate another state championship run despite losing nine seniors to graduation, including top scorer Ryan Pierson (Saginaw Valley State), who pumped in 32 goals last season.

The Shamrocks finished 2-1 in last Saturday's Balconi Invitational, losing in the finals to Salem in a PK shootout, 1-0.

Catholic Central will be led this sea-

son by senior goalkeeper Andrew Nicholsen, a Michigan State commit, who shared the duties last year with Kevin Blossfeld.

"We really have a great group of guys who have been in and around the program for some time now," Pulice said. "These guys all want to play for me and, as the head coach, that may be the toughest aspect of the entire season. I believe this will make us competitors in the early season."

Among the players to watch for the Shamrocks is not only Nicholsen, but also senior captains Jeswin David (midfielder) Drake Midgley (midfielder) Michael Palushaj (defender) and junior Ben Kirouac (midfielder).

"As we get into the late and postseason, these guys have all been there now and know what to expect," said Pulice, who is 82-24-19 overall. "As Americans, we all know freedom isn't free. As Catholic Central Shamrocks, we all know championships aren't just for former champions."

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Detroit Catholic Central coach Gene Pulice and his team will try to defend their MHSAA Division 1 state championship after going 21-2-4 last season. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## BOYS SOCCER

# Get a quick glimpse of area KLAA teams

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In one of the earliest starts in Michigan High School Athletic Association history (Aug. 17), the boys soccer season is already underway.

Here is a quick look in the newly revamped 16-school Kensington Lakes Activities Association featuring 10 schools from the hometownlife.com coverage.

The KLAA West Division should be one of the toughest in the state, featuring Salem, Canton, Plymouth, Novi, Northville, Brighton, Howell and Hartland.

Each division will play a double round-robin schedule.

Meanwhile, the KLAA East Division welcomes three new schools — Belleville, Dearborn and Dearborn Fordson — which will join Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial.

Here's a capsule look of the area teams inside the KLAA:

## KLAA West Division

### Novi

**Head coach:** Todd Pfeiffer, third season.

**Last year's record:** 10-6-5.

**Players to watch:** Miles Brown, Soph. Def.; Calvin Kalemaj, Jr. MF; Blair Mayes, Jr. F; Taiga Shiokawa, Jr. MF; Mason Stroman, Jr. MF; Gonzalo Sanz Cristobal, Sr. MF; Eric Schulte, Sr. F; Rimpei Yamasaki, Sr. Def.

**Pfeiffer's outlook:** "We graduated 12 seniors from last year's team and lost another player to the Wolves Academy, so we only return three starters from last year's team. Even though we do not have a lot of players coming back with a lot of varsity playing experience, we do have a lot of players who know each other well and work extremely hard both on and off the field. They are a tight-knit group of student-athletes that have set their goals high and are working hard every day to reach those goals. We are looking forward to what lies ahead."

### Northville

**Head coach:** Henry Klimes, 28th season.

**Last year's record:** 13-5-1.

**Titles won last year:** KLAA Gold and KLAA Association.

**Players to watch:** Paul Kearis, Sr. Def.; Nikko Wood, Sr. MF; Brian Politi, Sr. Def. Demetri Zervos, Sr. MF; Steven Mitchell, Soph. F; Jacob Pichler, Jr. Def.

**Klimes's outlook:** "We lost lots of talented seniors playing at the next level. Our team will have to play as a committee with everyone having to contribute for us to be successful. Very happy with our goalkeeping and defense corps. We will need to focus on the offensive third this year. The new KLAA alignment will be difficult for teams on our side of the conference — tough games every week. We hope to repeat as division champs and play for the conference championship for the fourth year in a row. As for districts, we are working



Canton's Srikar Komanduri (left) tries to steal the ball away from Salem's Justin Soosik during the Balconi Invitational. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

hard every day to not get bounced out early in the tournament, and I believe our tough schedule will have us prepared."

### Canton

**Head coach:** Mark Zemanski, sixth season.

**Last year's record:** 12-4-7.

**Players to watch:** Bennett Austin, Sr. MF-F; Nicholas Provenzano, Sr. MF; Jake Crippes, Sr. Def.; Justin Gottschalk, Sr. F; Tyler Turko, Sr. F-MF; Jackson Percy, Sr. Def.

**Zemanski's outlook:** "I think we're a pretty solid team. Like every team we've got to work on our finishing and we've just got to watch some of the moments in the game where they outworked us and scored on us. I think we're in a very tough division, one of the toughest divisions in the state by far. There's going to be no easy games. It will be a battle the whole time and hopefully prepare us for the state playoffs. We've just got to work on our finishing a little better and work on our game when we're not quite focused."

### Plymouth

**Head coach:** Jeff Neschich, 17th season.

**Last year's record:** 16-5-3.

**Titles won last year:** KLAA Black Division and Division 1 district.

**Players to watch:** Caleb Crawford, Sr. F; Justin Wojcik, Sr. F; Alex Bowser, Sr. Def.; Shane Young, Sr. MF; Cam Cieslik, Sr. F.

**Neschich's outlook:** "We're going to be strong, we just need a little luck. Curse of the Balconi tournament ... haven't scored a goal yet (today) in regulation. We'll be right there with the top teams in the area. We lost a really strong senior class last year, but we've got the guys to step in and continue a pretty strong program. We defended well, we haven't given up a goal all day (at the Balconi Invitational). We just got to put the ball in the net. We have some guys that are very capable."

### Salem

**Head coach:** Kyle Karns, third season.

**Last year's record:** 11-7-2.

**Players to watch:** Bryan Rodwell, Sr. F; Luke Benford, Jr. F; Josh Stevens, Sr. MF; Buraq Oral, Sr. GK.

**Karns's outlook:** "Actually we're pretty fortunate, we have 15 seniors coming back. So in the three years I've been here this is probably the deepest we've been. Expectation again is to compete and make a run into to playoffs. Last year we had a first-round exit, so we're hoping to have something different with all that returning and senior leadership. We're just trying to stay healthy. We've got a few guys that were starters for us that were already injured or picked up some dings along the way already in preseason. But this is a great opportunity for some young guys to get some minutes and them in some very competitive games and we'll see in our division. It's not easy."

## KLAA East Division

### Livonia Churchill

**Head coach:** Matt Grodzicki, sixth season.

**Last year's record:** 10-8-2.

**Players to watch:** Sam Maraso, Sr. MF; Anthony Paul, Sr. F; Chris Chahin, Sr. MF; Jacob Szerlag, Sr. Def.; Aiden Somerville, Jr. F; Nick Reina, Sr. GK; Toma Peralta, Fr. F; Danny Jakabowski, Fr. Def.; Shaun Juliette, Fr. Def.

**Grodzicki's outlook:** "I like the balance that we have with this team with eight seniors, nine Juniors, two sophomores and three talented freshmen. Our success will depend on how well we can defend as a team and if we grind out 80 minutes each game. The senior leadership this summer has been outstanding and the team is starting to come together nicely."

### Livonia Franklin

**Head coach:** Chris Burnette, first season.

**Last year's record:** 5-14.

**Players to watch:** Tyler Piper, Sr. MF; Nick Corona, Jr. MF-F; Kellen Klegg, Soph. Def.-MF; Scott Beebe, Sr. GK.

**Burnette's outlook:** "I think we'll do OK. We have some good players and, with the league changing, that helps us, obviously. It will be better competition for us. I think we'll be all right. We've got to sort through our back line right now to see where they fit. That's where we were last weekend trying to move players around. I think I've got it figured out, but one injury and you're back is against the wall."

### Livonia Stevenson

**Head coach:** Ken Shingledecker, seventh season.

**Last year's record:** 11-5-4.

**Players to watch:** Ryan Cox, Sr. MF; Mason Miller, Sr. Def.; Evan Campau, Sr. Def.; Joe Cercone, Sr. F; Jake Kaupp, Jr. F; John Evangelista, Jr. F; Zack Gacioc, Jr. MF; Michael Deeter, Sr. Def.

**Shingledecker's outlook:** "We are very young again this year with six sophomores and a freshmen on the team. We do have a lot of talent, but we will really have to battle against the bigger schools that have more experienced players."

### Westland John Glenn

**Head coach:** John Fedulchak, first season.

**Last year's record:** 2-14-1.

**Players to watch:** Blake Grove, Sr. F; Cameron Simpson, Sr. F; Tanner Rhoades, Sr. Def.; Temilorun Myk-Ojomolade, Sr. MF.

**Fedulchak's outlook:** "We're returning a very talented group of seniors who are poised for a breakout season in the East Division of the KLAA. Excitement around the talent on Glenn's team this year has never been higher. Blake Grove is a four-year starter, captain, ODP regional player and all-conference with a 4.3 grade-point average. Temilorun Myk-Ojomolade has a 4.1 GPA. Simpson and Rhoades are three-year varsity players."

### Wayne Memorial

**Head coach:** Brad Dewar, fifth season.

**Last year's record:** 2-15-2.

**Players to watch:** Gavin Herdon, Sr.; Aiden Herdon, Soph.; Hugo Olmos, Soph.; Luis Martinez, Soph.; Jason Tilley, Sr.

**Dewar's outlook:** "With a new season upon us, this will be one of our most difficult beginnings Wayne has had in recent years. Graduating 12 seniors last year is going to make this season a completely new and challenging in the beginning. With new captains Gavin Herdon and Jason Tilley, we feel are up to the challenge of the new season and all that it brings. With the new divisions we are excited to play the new teams and keep the rivalry with some of the old."

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## AMATEUR GOLF

# Parks takes home Michigan Women's Amateur title in playoff

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Perhaps it was only fitting that the 102nd Michigan Women's Amateur Championship went to a playoff Friday at Redford's Western Golf & Country Club.

In a nip-and-tuck match, Flushing's Kerrigan Parks needed 19 holes and won it with a par on the first hole to defeat Dearborn's Elayna Bowser in the match play final.

Parks, who will be a sophomore at Marshall (W. Va.) University, continues to build upon her already strong amateur golf resumé. The 19-year-old was the 2017 Golf Association of Michigan Women's champion and a two-time Michigan Junior Amateur winner.

"This is one of the biggest tournaments of my amateur golf career," Parks said. "It brings all the best women from the state of Michigan here together for one big tournament and it's an honor to be the champion."

Bowser, who played a Dearborn High and will be a senior this fall at Loyola (Ill.) University, won the first two holes, but Parks rebounded with pars to win Nos. 4-6.

It stayed close throughout, with Park taking a 1-up advantage going into the par-4 No. 17, when Bowser made a clutch birdie to square the match.

Both parred No. 18 to send it to a playoff.

That sent the twosome back to No. 1, where Bowser's third shot, just atop the bunker near the green, was chunked, opening the door for Parks, who made par to claim the title.

The victory capped a long five days for Parks, which began Aug. 13 with two days of stroke play before the field was cut to 32 Aug. 15 for single-elimination matches.

"I didn't putt great, but I kept it in the fairways and kept it in the middle of the greens," she said. "This tournament means a lot to me, because I'm going to leave for college tomorrow. It really puts a great ending to the summer. It's great leading into the college season."

The 21-year-old Bowser is a two-time



Flushing's Kerrigan Parks is the new Michigan Women's Amateur champion. Presenting the trophy at Redford's Western Golf & CC was tournament chairman and Livonia native Dan Longeway. GREGORY JOHNSON

all-Missouri Valley Conference golfer for Loyola who played last week in the U.S. Women's Amateur in Tennessee.

"It was definitely a long week, played a lot of golf, 36 holes of stroke play and then that first match went the distance, 21 holes, and then this one went 19, but a lot of solid golf played," Bowser said. "I can't complain, really."

Parks and Bowser have been very familiar foes on the amateur circuit.

"We've seen each other in the past — match play — and it's always a good match," Bowser said. "We tend to bring out of the best in each other's game. We both were around par, a few under, so considering all things, I can't complain about that."

Western Golf & CC dates back all he

way to 1927, when then reigning British Open champ and golf legend Waler Hagen defeated U.S. Open champion Johnny Farrell in an exhibition match.

And the Donald Ross design still proves to be a shot-maker's course.

Fire destroyed the clubhouse at Western on June 1, but a large pavilion-style building was erected in the courtyard of the clubhouse and the building that houses the pro shop and snack shop at the course across from the main clubhouse were not damaged.

The Michigan Women's Amateur went on without a hitch.

"I only live 15 minutes from here, but I have not been out here prior to this week," Bowser said. "I really enjoy the course. It reminds me of my home

course, Dearborn Country Club, and, of course, I played in high school at Warren Valley. It's like a mix of those two. The course set up nice for my game, because I can work it both ways and you need that out here. It was nice."

The new champion also gave kudos to the course conditions, which softened up after some rains.

"It was such in beautiful shape," Parks said. "It was tough, though ... every hole had some dogleg or some bunkers or something weird. But the course was in great shape and they kept it up so well all week."

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## GIRLS GOLF

## Whatley co-medalist as Northville rules invite

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Returning five of its top six players off last year's fourth-place state finals squad, Northville appears poised to make another strong run after capturing the season-opening Orangetheory Fitness Invitational girls golf tourney held Aug. 15 at Hudson Mills in Dexter.

A total of 17 schools participated in the tournament, hosted by Birmingham Marian.

The Mustangs, who carded a four-player total of 304, edged Plymouth (309) for the team title by five strokes.

Northville was led by sophomore Nicole Whatley, who shot 1-under 71 to tie Ann Arbor Pioneer's Amaya Melendez for individual medalist honors.

Rounding out the Mustangs' contingent were juniors Sufna Gill and Sedona Shipka, who shot 74 and 79 to take fourth and tied for sixth, respectively; sophomore Katelyn Tokarz, 81, tied for ninth; and freshman Megha Vallabhani, 84, tied for 12th.

Whatley, who shot 89-80-169 during last year's MHSAA Division 1 state finals, got off to a tough start when her opening drive sailed into the hazard for the second straight year.

But second-year Northville coach Chris Cronin was not concerned.

"After taking a double-bogey on the first hole, she was able to settle down and play some terrific golf," Cronin said. "It's amazing to watch Nicole make the fine adjustments and correct her swing within the round. She is a unique talent."

Gill caught fire on the back nine with 4-under 32 and Cronin knows Gill has that type of scoring potential, while hoping she can develop more consistency this season.

Meanwhile, it was Shipka's first round in the 70s and, according to her coach, she was very excited after the round.



Northville sophomore Nicole Whatley was co-medalist in the Orangetheory Invitational at Hudson Mills. CHRIS CRONIN

"That's a big step for Sedona," Cronin said. "It was great to watch. We need our juniors to step up this season and today we saw what they can bring to our team."

Tokarz was able to grind out her 18-hole round to provide Northville with its fourth score.

"Katelyn was able to play consistent golf and manage the round," Cronin said. "Her attitude was terrific today, and I know she'll work to make the adjustments in upcoming tournaments."

The Mustangs have a busy and difficult August schedule, but Cronin believes it will pay dividends when the Division 1 state finals are held Oct. 19-20 at Battle Creek's Bedford Valley Golf Course.

Plymouth, fifth in last year's Division 1 state finals, was paced by senior Shae Zydeck, who placed third overall with even-par 72. She was followed by senior Maire Sullivan and freshman Grace Boczar, tied for sixth (78 each); and freshman Bridget Boczar, 81, tied for

ninth.

Senior Rachel Stibel (93) and junior Grace Iacopelli (98) rounded out the Wildcats' contingent.

South Lyon, third overall in the team standings with 332, was led by Katie Potter, fifth (77); Molly Mackey, 11th (82); Julia Vess, tied for 15th (85); Raya Sall, tied for 20th (88).

Rounding team scoring was Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 351; Ann Arbor Pioneer, 361; Salem, 365; Dearborn, 388; Dearborn Divine Child, 390; Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 391; White Lake Lakeland, 392; Hartland, 393; Marian and South Lyon 'B,' 418 each; Canton, 419; South Lyon East, 433; Dexter, 439; Jackson, 463; and Wixom St. Catherine, 468.

Kate Mullany and Kristina Roberts each shot 84 (tied for 12th) to lead Country Day, while Alana McKeen and Maria Sicilia added 90 and 93, respectively.

Megan Kozlowski and Julianne Small each shot 86 (tied for 17th) to lead Salem, followed by Ryleigh Reed (91), Avan Martin (102) and Sarah Stec (108).

Top Lakeland scorers included junior Bella Shaw (91), freshman Bryn Dubin (97), senior Morgan Jantz (100) and sophomore Sophia Shaw (104). Senior Malina Gallmeyer added a 107.

Marian's Lauren Sass was 19th with 87, followed by Sarah Kuredjian (100), Izabel Toma (107) and Kara Sigler (112).

South Lyon's 'B' got 95 from Allison Favagher followed by Cailleight Angerman (101), Olivia Tofil (108) and Nikita Wozniak (114).

Canton's four scorers included Simi Neeluru (91), Ava Song (101), Zoe Barkoff (111) and Jodi Weak (116).

For South Lyon East, Alyssa Strong shot 105, followed by Kaitlyn Mallory (107), Allison Currie (110) and Miranda Schiller (111).

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## CC RAISES FIRST LACROSSE STATE TITLE BANNER



Novi Detroit Catholic Central raised its first-ever MHSAA Division 1 state championship boys lacrosse banner during an all-school assembly held Aug. 17 at the Robert Santello Gymnasium/Bernie Holowicki Court. The Shamrocks, coached by Dave Wilson, defeated 13-time defending state champion Birmingham Brother Rice, 11-10, in the state finals June 9 at Howell Parker to finish 19-2 overall. Among those recognized included graduates Liam Cunningham, Ethan Pattinson (captain), Peter Thompson (captain), Patrick Brandemuhl (captain), Ben Herter, Breandan Martin and Zachary Downey, along with Joey Kamish, Jeffrey Trainor, John Shea, John Casalou, Ryan Birney, Jacob Aleve, Kyle Love, Justin Petouhoff, Connor Beals, Nicholas Matuszak, Patrick Lee, Jacob Petro, Connor Baratta, Matteo Corsi, Ryan Sullivan, Jacob Sposita, Ethan Zupko, Nicholas Abdelnour, Jakob Hemme, Gavin Flynn and Hunter Pendergraft. Assistant coaches included Tom Stephanoff, Craig McMichael and Nick Garry.

KAREY CUNNINGHAM

### PREP FOOTBALL

## Coaching never gets old for Snell

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One of Bob Snell's favorite hobbies is fishing, but 57-year-old Redford Thurston football coach isn't quite ready to use his rod and reel exclusively just yet.

Even after receiving a new kidney in 2016 and undergoing a surgical procedure for skin cancer this summer, Snell can't seem to get football out of his system.

He enters his 31st season with the Eagles sporting an overall record of 156-133. His teams have reached the state playoffs 11 times, including eight of the last 10 seasons.

So what keeps him grinding away?

"I love the sport, I love working with kids," Snell said. "I love seeing the kids improve from start to finish. I like working with the staff that we have. For me, every season is a new opportunity to see how well we can build a bunch of kids into a tight team that executes. Football is one of the best sports where you can see improvement in terms of a team and grow as a team. I think that's part of the reason why I like coming back. I love seeing that."

Last year the Eagles finished 7-4 and reached the MHSAA Division 4 state playoffs, avenging an earlier season loss to Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division champion Romulus (26-0) before being eliminated by Dearborn Divine Child in the district final (42-6).

### New-look WWAC

This year's WWAC will have a different look, as Belleville, Dearborn Fordson and Dearborn High all decided to accept an invitation to join the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, while Dearborn Edsel Ford left as well to become a new member of the Downriver League.

So what's in store for the revamped WWAC?

"It's really hard to tell," said Snell, who has a total of 35 players in camp. "A lot of teams in this district didn't have JV last year, so you really can't judge how the young kids are. Obviously, Romulus had a good season last year, winning the (Blue) division. We had a good season last year. We return a lot of guys, but I haven't looked at what the other teams have coming back. But I think it's going to be a very even league and I think a lot of good competition."

The remaining WWAC schools are Thurston, Redford Union, Garden City, Livonia Clarenceville, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Dearborn Heights Robichaud and



Bob Snell is entering his 31st season as Redford Thurston's varsity football coach. BRAD EMMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Romulus.

"Going into the season, it's either Belleville, Dearborn or Fordson — whichever division they're in — they're going to win it," Snell said. "So it's really open. Obviously, some of the bigger schools have a little bit of an advantage that way. If you look at Thurston, Romulus, Garden City, Crestwood, RU ... those five probably have an advantage over Annapolis, Clarenceville and Robichaud. I think anybody can win it and I have no idea what the other teams have coming back."

### Cougars optimistic

Garden City second-year coach Jim Baker likes what sees so far during the preseason.

The Cougars won three games a year ago, but had to forfeit all three victories against Robichaud, Clarenceville and North Farmington after the school district self-reported an MHSAA rules violation when it was discovered they had used an ineligible first-year senior player following the 2017 season.

"It's going to be Thurston up there, Romulus and RU up there as always," said Baker, who has a healthy 43-man

roster. "We haven't beaten Thurston in a long time, so we need to beat Thurston. We got a lot of things we got to fix to get past those teams. Garden City doesn't have a rival, so every game is like a rival game to us. That's how we're going to treat it, one game at a time. Right now, all we're thinking about is Flat Rock. And after that, we're going to try and win a couple of league games and make some noise."

The Cougars are led by 6-foot-6, 275-pound offensive tackle and defensive end Hunter McDaniel, who carries a 3.85 grade-point average and is getting some college looks.

### New RU coach

First-year Redford Union coach Ian Iler, who takes over the reins from athletic director Miles Tomasaitis, is still in the getting acquainted stage with his team, which finished 3-6 a year ago and 3-2 in the WWAC Blue.

Iler said he liked the competition Belleville, Fordson and Dearborn provided in the WWAC, but it's time to turn the page.

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### PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Coaching legend suffering through withdrawals

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Bob Hurdle admits he has coaching withdrawals.

The veteran mentor has coached volleyball at either the high school or college level every year since 1977. However, because of a mid-June surgical procedure, he decided to resign from his post as Bloomfield Hills volleyball head coach.

Hurdle did so figuring he would be sidelined for a while due to his medical condition. Fortunately, his recovery has been faster than a sideline slam and he would have been ready to go had he not resigned.

But the process is done and Hurdle will watch the Black Hawks from the sidelines this season.

"I had a medical thing I had to have done and I didn't think I'd be ready for the start of the season," Hurdle said Monday. "That, coupled with the fact that I've done this for so long, I just thought it would probably be better for the school to make sure that they had somebody who was going to be there and able to do what they needed to do for the start of the season."

"Now the good news is, my surgery went exceptionally well and, ironically, I probably would not have needed to leave, but I did not know that for sure and I did not want to leave them hanging. I even told Mike (Cordrey, the district AD) and R.J. (Guizzetti, the Bloomfield Hills AD) that I'm not retiring, that I'm resigning and I might very well be back shortly. Whether it be in Bloomfield or somewhere else, I don't know."

"I'm already missing coaching. We're what, four days into (the season) right now?" he added. "I'm sitting here wondering, what was I doing? What was I thinking? I'm having withdrawals."

### Sterling coaching career

Hurdle began coaching in the Bloomfield Hills district at Andover High School in 1977. After five years, he left the Barons program to coach the fledgling program at Oakland University and made an immediate impact.

In just his third season, Hurdle led the Pioneers (at the time) to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship. He would finish his 11-year tenure at OU with two league titles and two runner-up trophies en route to an overall 248-150 record.

Hurdle was inducted into Oakland University's Hall of Fame in 2007.

In 1993, he returned to Andover, where he coached the Barons until the school combined with Lahser to form Bloomfield Hills to start the 2013-14 academic year. He was hired to coach the newly formed Black Hawks program, leading them to the Class A district championship in 2015 with a four-set victory over Birmingham Seaholm.

Hurdle's sterling 41-year coaching career included 25 years at Andover, 11 seasons at OU and five more at Bloomfield Hills.

"You know what? It's been a great run and I loved every moment of it," said Hurdle, a West Bloomfield resident and retired teacher. "Volleyball has obviously been a huge part of my life. Like I said, I'm going through a little bit of a withdrawal right now."

"I've had it very, very good in Bloomfield Hills. The program is fully supported. I'm probably going to coach middle school volleyball for Bloomfield and, as we get close to next fall, I'll decide what I'm going to do. I'm not ruling anything out and that's why I told them it's not a retirement, it's a resignation."

"The bottom line is, if you care about the program, the program has to sustain itself and, to sustain itself, it has to have a coach who is going to be totally committed and I didn't know if I was going to be totally committed in the fall and that wasn't fair to the kids."

"Bloomfield Hills will return with a nice foundation and a fair amount of experience this year," he added. "There is a lot of talent in the program and it has some great young players."

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## PREP FOOTBALL

## HTL Sports top 10 high school teams

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Hometown Life Sports is ready for the 2018 high school football season. Below is our list of top 10 squads to watch. Starting the week of Aug. 20, look for our weekly feature 5 to Watch, where we identify and preview the top five games of the week with staff predictions.

## 1. CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Catholic Central may have been a senior-heavy team last season, but it still returns with some high-quality players. Look for the Shamrocks, led by second-year head coach Dan Patterson, to push Warren De La Salle for the Catholic League Central Division title.

## 2. CANTON

Canton begins a new era of football under first-year head coach Andy Lafata, who played as a lineman for the Chiefs and was an assistant under former long-time head coach Tim Baechler. Canton won the KLAAs Black title last year and figures to be in the hunt again this season as the philosophy and system will not change with Lafata at the helm.

## 3. FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON

This is the final season for Harrison, led by the state's winningest head coach and the only head coach the program has had in its storied 49-year history. The Hawks are employing a 'business as usual' theme in this farewell campaign and should contend for the OAA White Division title again with the likes of standout returnees Roderick Heard, Ben Williams and Maverick Hansen.

## 4. BLOOMFIELD HILLS BROTHER RICE

The Warriors won seven games and made the playoffs last year under rookie head coach Adam Korzeniewski. Brother Rice returns 10 starters, including most of its offensive line, which should open some holes for powerful senior running back James Donaldson.

## 5. BIRMINGHAM GROVES

With five straight playoff appear-



Catholic Central's Mike Harding gains extra yardage after catching a first-quarter pass against Brother Rice's DaRon Gilbert last season. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ances and two straight division titles, Groves is on a roll under veteran head coach Brendan Flaherty. The Falcons lost a big-time runner in Chaise Ford, but tailback Damonte McCurdy will still be an effective offensive force. Groves returns seven starters on defense and opposing teams will have trouble scoring.

## 6. WHITE LAKE LAKELAND

Lakeland had a strong season last year, placing third in the newly-formed Lakes Valley Conference. The Eagles return a good share of their starters and last year finished with a 7-3 record. Lakeland will be led by all-state running back/defensive back Tracy Robbie.

## 7. LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Churchill was the undefeated KLAAs Gold champion last year and hopes to contend with powerful Belleville in the

newly-formed KLAAs East Division this fall. The solid core of returning players includes three-year starters Avery Greiner and Drew Alsobrooks, who aim to lead the Chargers to their third straight winning season and second consecutive trip to the playoffs.

## 8. LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Franklin, which had a record-setting season with 11 wins and a brilliant playoff showing by landing in the Division 2 state championship game, returns with momentum and some key senior starters in Marino DePonio and Connor Linton. The Patriots need to hold their own in the KLAAs race this season to ensure a fourth straight playoff berth.

## 9. REDFORD THURSTON

Veteran head coach Bob Snell returns for his 31st season and sports an overall record of 156-133. The Eagles have

reached the playoffs eight of the past 10 seasons, including last year, when they lost in the D-4 district championship game. Seniors Leonard Funchess and Xavier Coleman hope to make it another rewarding season for their longtime head coach.

## 10. BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD

Cranbrook won its second straight Catholic League Prep Bowl championship last year, then proceeded to win three playoff games, losing in the D-4 regional title game to a very strong River Rouge team. The Cranes lost their starting quarterback and top running back, but speedy senior receivers Torrell Williams and Kobi Russel, plus emotionally-charged junior Jack Fairman, should compensate for that lost talent. First-year head coach Scott Steward takes over from Joe D'Angelo, who led Cranbrook to its best season ever last year with 10 wins.

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The Hometown Life sports (HTL sports) area consists of 28 teams representing Catholic League (Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood), the Oakland Activities Association (Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Farmington Hills Harrison, Farmington, North Farmington), the Western Wayne Athletic Conference (Garden City, Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Livonia Clarenceville), the Kensington Lakes Activities Association (Canton, Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth Salem, Novi, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Northville, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial) and the Lakes Valley Conference (White Lake Lakeland, South Lyon East, South Lyon, Milford).

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## Snell

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Iler will bank on four senior returnees: Cameron Wells (running back-linebacker), Carl Ware (quarterback-defensive end), Trevon Williams (linebacker-tight end) and Derion Gould (tight end-defensive end).

"Coming in as a first-year head coach, I would want to have a crack at those guys with them leaving, but I don't think it did anything for us or ourselves," said Iler, an RU grad who served as an assistant for the Panthers last season. "Our goal is just one game at a time, because our goal is to win the league and then the playoffs come after that. Wins and losses aren't everything with this team. It's being good men first. When you're a good man first, winning will take care of itself and that means you're doing the little things right."

## Trojans rebuilding

Clarenceville coach Ryan Irish is entering his eighth season and second stint with the Trojans, who are coming off a 2-7 season.

Irish posted 29-27 overall with one state playoff berth (2008) in his first six-year stint before going over to take the head coaching job at Royal Oak for two seasons before moving to Rochester Adams as an assistant.

Clarenceville, which returns just one senior (Will Brown), remains the smallest school in the WWAC with the smallest varsity roster.

"A lot of unknowns," Irish said. "I'm just trying to put our kids in the best position to be able to be successful. Our biggest thing, as with any football team, my biggest issue right now is safety. Safety is A-1 priority. When you have few kids, injuries can't happen. It's going to be a part of a game, so we've got to be able to be ready for that."

Here is a capsule preseason outlook of the four WWAC teams from the hometownlife.com coverage area entering the 2018 season.

## Redford Thurston

Head coach: Bob Snell, 31st season

Last year's record: 7-4

Season opener: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at New Boston Huron



Clarenceville coach Ryan Irish (right) makes sure junior Bryce Olney's shoulder pads fit properly. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

**Players to watch:** Leonard Funchess, Sr. RB-P; Javonne DuBose, Sr. LB-TE; Keysean Ware, Sr. QB-CB; Xavier Colmen, Sr. LB; Shawn Harris, Sr. OT-DT; Robert Bell, Sr. C; Tim Owens, Sr. OG; Antonion Mathis, Sr. OT; Davon Hedwood, Sr. safety; Martez Nabors, Sr. safety; Keith Lovelady, Jr. RB; Vondell Powell, Sr. RB; Jamari McCroy, Sr. DT; Paul Brissett, Soph. DT; Marvus McWright, Jr. LB; Maki Dunigan, Jr. CB.

**Snell's 2018 outlook:** "We're pretty optimistic as far as what we have coming back on both sides. We think we've got some pretty good kids and some skill kids. Obviously, every team is going to have issues with depth. If we get an injury here or there it can take you down quick. Right now we need to bolster our receiving corps a little more. I think we have some good kids out there with some athletic skills. They just need to get a little bit of experience there. Up front, I think we're going to be pretty good. I think our quarterback situation is good. The one variable always in the first game is your special teams. You don't know what's going to happen with that. We had special teams issues in the ninth game, so what's going to happen in the first one? I think we've got some tough kids and some skill kids."

## Garden City



At 6 feet, 6 inches, and 275 pounds, senior Hunter McDaniel will loom large on the offensive and defensive lines for Garden City. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

**Head coach:** Jim Baker, second season

**Last year's record:** 0-9 (three wins were vacated by forfeit)

**Season opener:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, home vs. Flat Rock

**Players to watch:** Hunter McDaniel, Sr. OT-DE; Jay Castonguay, Sr. LB-RB; David McDaniel, Sr. RB-DB; Chase McGraw, Sr. DB-WR; Mike Dropsey, Sr. WR-safety; Nick Jannise, Sr. LB-OG; Joe Grove, Jr. DL; Ryan Reed, Jr. DL; Chuckie Gaffem, Jr. QB; Ethan Chowewa, Jr. RB.

**Baker's 2018 outlook:** "We had a great off-season. A lot of these guys were in the weight room, which was great. The guys are dedicating themselves and have a whole new attitude this year. I coached these guys when I was JV coach and we went 6-3 that year, so these kids can win. We just got to finish on the field. I'm pretty excited. We've got size, we've got speed this year. Chase (McGraw) is another three-year guy for me. He'll play anywhere we want, he's just an athlete. Right now, we have him at receiver. We're trying to get the ball to him on the edge. He can do some things with the ball and we've got to get some touches for him every game. Jay (Castonguay) has got an offer from Air Force right now and other schools. Just a great kid. He's strong, just a specimen, a track kid. He's fast, he's big, he's

physical. He's everything you want in a football player."

## Redford Union

Head coach: Ian Iler, first season

Last year's record: 3-6

Season opener: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23, home vs. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

**Players to watch:** Cameron Wells, Sr. RB-LB; Carl Ware, Sr. QB-DE; Trevon Williams, Sr. LB-TE; Derion Gould, Sr. TE-DE; JuJuan Stokes, Sr. FS-WR; Andrew Draper, Soph. WR; Cam Stanley, Sr. OL; Samir Rashed, Jr. RB-CB.

**Iler's 2018 outlook:** "My observations are that we're very physical, not afraid of contact. We love competition, but obviously they're trying to get their football knowledge up being our first year there as a staff. I think with where we are excelling in athletic ability, talent and size, our football knowledge needs to catch up to that. I think that was the big takeaway from the first week of practice. I'm very pleased with the physicality, very pleased with the tempo, very pleased with the willingness to compete. It's just getting them from the neck up to be smarter and I think we can do some damage."

## Livonia Clarenceville

Head coach: Ryan Irish, eighth season (second stint)

Last year's record: 2-7

Season opener: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Macomb Lutheran North

**Players to watch:** Will Brown, Sr. OL-DL; Jordan Perfect, Jr. OL-DL; Erik Rosas, Jr. OL-DL; Zac Jones, Jr. RB-LB.

**Irish's 2018 outlook:** "Last year we graduated 22 seniors. We have one returning senior (Will Brown). We have a couple of transfers that never played football before. We have three guys competing at quarterback, so our guys have got to learn multiple positions. (Jordan) Perfect, (Erik) Rosas and (Zac) Jones all played last year. Everybody has a plan, but the biggest thing is can the kids do what you ask them to do, be able to see what their capabilities are? And that's one great thing about football is that you can adjust and make different things happen due to the personnel and the talent you have."

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# Take back the wheel

## Don't let car payments get out of control

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Maybe you lost your job, bought too much car or got into a loan you just can't afford anymore.

No matter why your car payments have become unaffordable, it's important to know what to do. Moving fast can help you avoid missing payments or having your car repossessed.

Here's what you can do to retake control of your car payment.

### 1. Talk to your lender

If you're on the verge of missing a payment, contact your lender right away. They may be willing to cut you some slack, said Jeff Huang, sales su-

pervisor at Westlake Financial Services, a national auto financing company based in Los Angeles.

"Communication is really critical. Talk to your lender, and they'll likely want to work with you, especially if you're a loyal customer," Huang said. "They don't want to take the car back."

Explaining what's preventing you from making payments might make your lender more sympathetic, Huang said. The lender may allow "forbearance," a period of time in which you can skip or make reduced payments.

### 2. Check your numbers

Other possible solutions depend on your situation, so pull a few numbers:

■ **Your car's value:** You can find out

how much your car is worth with an online pricing guide.

■ **How much you owe:** Your lender can tell you your payoff amount.

■ **Your interest rate and loan term:** Check your loan statement, or ask your lender for the interest rate and how many months you have left to repay. If you owe less than the value of your car, you have positive equity, and you'll have more options, like downsizing or refinancing.

### 3. Make your plan

Work to find a long-term solution, and be realistic about how much you can afford.

If you have positive equity, you can:

■ **Refinance:** Shop for the lowest in-

terest rate by contacting credit unions, banks or online lenders. Use an auto refinance calculator to see how much you could save.

■ **Downsize:** You could trade in your car or sell it to a dealer to get out from under high car payments. Use the equity in your current car as a down payment on a more affordable vehicle.

If you have negative equity, you can:

■ **Catch up and downsize:** Use cash or take out a loan to pay the difference between the car's value and what you owe. You can then sell your car or trade it in for a more affordable ride.

■ **Find savings elsewhere:** Consider shopping for cheaper auto insurance. This won't lower your car payment, but you could apply the savings toward your loan.

# Working at home isn't for everyone

Here are 5 signs it might not be best idea for you

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The Motley Fool

Working from home certainly comes with benefits. Not only does it allow you to avoid what might be a terrible commute, but it also saves money on travel costs and other expenses associated with working in an office. Still, working from home isn't for everyone. Here are a few signs it might not be a good arrangement for you.

■ **You crave company:** Some people don't mind locking themselves in a room and plugging away. But if you're big on social interaction, working from home might prove unpleasantly isolating. Sure, there are instant messaging tools, email and videoconferencing. But those can't take the place of an office environment in which you're constantly surrounded by people.

■ **You get distracted easily:** In any workplace, you're apt to face distractions, whether it's a chatty co-worker or



Sure, he seems to be having a good time, but you might not. GETTY IMAGES

your perpetually dinging smartphone. But when you work from home, you're likely to give in to distractions more easily, since you won't have a boss hovering about to call you out on slacking off. If

you tend to get distracted, working from home might tempt you to blow off your responsibilities in favor of other household tasks. And that could not only hurt your productivity but also compromise

your job.

■ **You're not motivated:** Even if you don't love your job, when you work in an office, seeing everyone else making an effort can prompt you to do the same. But if you couldn't care less about your job and are doing it just for the paycheck, working from home could put you in a position where you try even less and risk getting fired.

■ **You're a workaholic:** Many folks struggle with work-life balance, but if you tend to have a hard time pulling yourself away from the computer, working from home might only make things worse. Once you come to associate being home with working, you're likely to start putting in even more time, and it could end up hurting your mental and physical health.

■ **You don't have a dedicated work space:** If you don't have a reasonable amount of space in your home to use solely for work, you might get frustrated. Imagine sticking your laptop on the corner of your dining room table and typing away while piles of mail and packages surround you. That's hardly conducive to success.



# Save money before you increase spending



**Money Matters**  
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A couple of articles I read recently have caused me some concern. The first dealt with an increase in spending by the typical American family. The article pointed out that, across the board, Americans have increased their spending. The article attributed the increase to the improved U.S. economy, the new tax law and the favorable job market. The other talked about how charge card debt and auto loans are increasing, along with the rate of default. What is troubling to me is that, unfortunately, Americans are not saving more or putting away more for their retirement.

There's no doubt that the economy and the job situation have improved. For the last three months, there are more employers that have job openings than people who are unemployed. As a result, people are more secure in their jobs than they've been in a long time. It is also true that, because of the new tax law, people are finding they have more money in their paychecks.

But Americans have not learned their lessons from the past. As opposed to taking the extra money in their paycheck and investing it, Americans are spending more and increasing their debt level. I certainly have no problem with someone rewarding themselves for their hard work, but we have to be adults with our

money and do what is responsible. Although our economy has improved and people have more security in their jobs, the number of people that cannot afford to retire has not declined. My recommendation is, before you spend your extra money, you first consider your personal financial affairs. As opposed to spending the extra money, here are a couple of thoughts you should consider.

The first area you should consider putting extra money in is an emergency fund. Everyone needs an emergency fund they can tap into in time of need. My general advice is that people keep three to six months of living expenses in an emergency fund. If it costs you \$5,000 a month to live, you need between \$15,000 and \$30,000 in an emergency fund. I don't care how secure you are in your job, things happen. The emergency fund of money is to protect you so that you do not have to tap into your investments in times of need, nor do you need to incur additional debt. I recognize that emergency money is not going to get a very good rate of return, because you should invest it in money markets and CDs, which are not paying much. Having an emergency fund is an essential building block in keeping your financial house in order. Before you increase your spending, establish an emergency.

I also recommend that you save for your retirement. If you're working, you need to save at least 10 percent of your earnings for your retirement. After all, the question you have to ask yourself is, if you retire in your mid-60s, do you have enough resources to last

you 30 years? If you don't, you need to increase the amount you're saving for your retirement. I've always said that we live in the greatest country in the history of the world, but there's nothing worse in this country than to be old and poor. When you're old and, you don't have resources, you have very few options. When you don't have options, it also means that the quality of your life will suffer. Before you increase your spending, look for ways to save for your retirement.

A few ways to save for your retirement would be to pay off high-interest rate debt, like charge cards, increase the amount you're contributing to your 401(k) or other salary deferral programs or consider starting a traditional or Roth IRA. I cannot stress enough how important it is, no matter what your age, to save for retirement. Retirement is not like it was 50 years ago, when you could mostly get by on your Social Security. We live in a time when, if you're going to maintain the quality of your life, you must have a rising income throughout your life.

I recognize that you work hard and you're entitled to reward yourself, but it is important you learn you have to live for today and save for tomorrow. If you only live for today, your tomorrows are not going to be so good and that is not what you want.

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## Check out these four events this weekend

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Have you begun picking up those pencils, markers and notebooks yet? It's almost that time of year, when parents hit the stores to prepare their youngsters for the upcoming school year.

But if you haven't and are looking for a little distraction before the end of summer rolls around, here are four events happening across the Hometown Life area this week worth checking out

### Traveling Vietnam War fundraiser

If you want to support the city's efforts in bringing a traveling version of the Vietnam War memorial, this weekend is the time.

The End of the Summer Party will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, in Livonia. It will consist of offerings of local restaurants in a strolling environment, beer and wine sampling and

music from local group Major Woody. A silent auction and 50/50 raffle will also take place.

The fundraiser will support the efforts to bring a traveling Vietnam War Memorial wall to Livonia's Ford Field, which is currently scheduled to come to town Aug. 8-12, 2019.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$35 for general admission. VIP tickets are \$50 and allow patrons to attend an hour earlier, as well as more beverage

tasting tickets, premium liquor tastings and reserved seating.

Tickets can be purchased online at [livenia-parks.org](http://livenia-parks.org) or at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The treasurer's office at Livonia City Hall will also sell tickets, but can only accept checks or cash.

### Haven Hill Festival

If celebrating local history is your cup of tea, head to the state recrea-

tion area in Highland Township and White Lake this weekend for the Haven Hill Festival.

The festival, which takes place Saturday, happens at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford historic Haven Hill Estate, located on Haven Road in the recreation area. Several vintage Model A Ford cars from the members of the Livingston A's driving club will be on hand, as well as an antique sale in Edsel Ford Barn, an 1860s exhibition vintage base

ball game, guided short hikes, summer foods and beverages and plenty more will be available.

Put on by the Friends of Highland Recreation Area, the festival is free, though attendees will need a Recreation Passport on their vehicle to enter the state park.

For more information, go to [fohravolunteers.org](http://fohravolunteers.org).

Contact David Veselenak at [dveselenak@hometownlife.com](mailto:dveselenak@hometownlife.com) or 734-678-6728.

### Taste of Greece Festival

Greek festivals have taken place already this year in Bloomfield Township and Troy. Now, it's Plymouth Township's turn.

A Taste of Greece cultural festival kicks off Friday at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 39851 W. Five Mile. This festival will bring music, food and dancing to thousands of attendees.

Greek food such as spinach pie, gyros and saganaki will be available and tours of the church will also take place. A children's area will also be available.

The festival runs 5-11 p.m. Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday. A free shuttle service from the Bosch parking lot next door will be available and admission is \$2, though it is free with three non-perishable foods for Northville Civic Concern and for children under age 12.

### Back to School Bash

All right, so maybe you are ready to head back to school. The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district has just the event for you.

The second Back to School Bash returns this weekend to Canton's Heritage Park. Taking place 1-4 p.m. Saturday, the event will offer food, fun and activities for families in the P-CCS district.

Several tables full of information on more than 100 groups across the district will be at the event, as well as a EEQ Quest For Excellence event families can enter.

For more information, go to <http://www.pccs.k12.com>.

## Obituaries

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### Melisa Ann Tomanek

OSWEGO, IL - Melisa Ann Tomanek, 35, of Oswego, IL died Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at Northwest Community Hospital after a courageous battle. She was born July 21, 1983 in Southfield, MI.

Melisa was employed as the Director of Events at Heritage Prairie Farm in Elburn, IL.

Melisa is survived by her husband Steven E Tomanek, her feline companions Chewy and Drogo, her parents Jim and Pat Darga of Milford, MI, sister Elizabeth Darga of Milford, MI, two brothers Nick and Ben Darga of Milford, MI, mother-in-law Linda Eichhorst of DeKalb, IL and sister-in-law Kristen Tomanek of DeKalb, IL. She was preceded in death by her father-in-law Edward Tomanek.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Sunday, August 26, 2018, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at Heritage Prairie Farm, 2N308 Brundige Rd, Elburn, IL 60119.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018, from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S Milford Rd, Milford, MI 48381.

Cremation was accorded the wish of the family. Memorials may be directed to [www.curesarcoma.org/melisa-ann-tomanek](http://www.curesarcoma.org/melisa-ann-tomanek)

Arrangements are entrusted to DUNN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME with CREMATORY, 1801 Douglas Road, Oswego, IL. For additional information 630/554-3888 or [www.dunnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dunnfamilyfuneralhome.com)



### Ronald M. Towas

SOUTH LYON - Ronald M. Towas, age 72, lifelong resident of South Lyon, passed away August 15, 2018. He was born April 7, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan; son of Paul and Stella (nee Miazga) Towas. He proudly served his country with the United States Army during Vietnam. He served in the 47th Cavalry Unit as a Reconnaissance Scout and patrolled the border between North and South Korea. Ron was united in marriage to Martha A. Parrish on August 23, 2002, and they spent almost sixteen years together.

Ron retired from Chrysler Automotive on July 31, 1998 after 33 years with the company. He was a "successful retiree" who used his time well and was very disciplined about maintaining a productive routine. An active member of the Peoples Church in Pinckney, he served on the Outreach Team, helping with such activities as the Memorial Day Hot Dog giveaway, feeding and housing the homeless, participating in the coffee ministry for several years, and helping lead Divorce Recovery.

An avid hunter and fisherman; Ron hunted deer, waterfowl, and turkey and loved walleye fishing. He enjoyed spending time in the Gladwin area and Whitefish Bay in the U.P. Ron was a jack of all trades who could fix almost anything and either make it work again or repurpose it. His projects were always well thought out and he demonstrated great patience while completing them. During the summer months he enjoyed working in his flower gardens. During the winter months, he spent a lot of time scrolling wooden art projects such as angels, wildlife plaques, and ornaments. His specialty, though, was the beautiful crosses he made using many different patterns. He could have sold them but he preferred to give them away to friends and family. His woodworking skills also included building birdhouses and miniature log home reproductions. Ron had a very soft heart camouflaged by a sometimes gruff demeanor. He surrounded those he loved with lots of fun, laughter, and good-natured teasing. He was a wonderful father, husband, grandfather, and friend.

Ron is survived by his loving wife, Martha A. Towas; his children, Angela Arnold, Victoria (Craig) Rohrer, and Ronald (Loretta) Towas, II; his step children, Shana (Craig) Despres and Vaughn (Whitnie) Parrish and his 11 grandchildren: Cassandra, Garret, Dylan, Madelyn, Symona, Jacob, Grace, Luke, Angeleeya, Kelsey and Kendra. He was preceded in death by his parents, 1 brother, 1 sister, and 5 step siblings.

A memorial service was held Saturday, August 18, 2018 at Peoples Church in Pinckney. Pastor Patrick Bonnie officiated the service. Mr. Towas will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675, [www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org)



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### The best cities for job seekers in 2018

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Unemployment is currently lower than it has been in 17 years. Obviously, that means jobs are out there, but your town might not necessarily be the most booming place in the U.S. right now. Sometimes you have to pull up stakes and move to the zip code where the right job is waiting for you.

Here are the 10 best cities for job seekers in 2018 so far, according to jobs blog Indeed.

#### 1. San Jose, Calif.

San Jose is the top destination for job seekers in the U.S. While the unemployment rate in San Jose is no different from that of San Francisco (at 3.3 percent), at almost \$79,000, the average annual salary beats San Fran's by nearly \$10,000. Techies flock to San Jose-based companies such as Apple, Cisco and Google.

#### 2. San Francisco

The job market in California's Bay Area is at an all-time high, with an unemployment rate of 3.3 percent and an average salary rate of more than \$69,000. Those big money makers are doing well in San Fran's tourist, health care, education and biotech industries.



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#### 3. Boston

On the opposite coast is Boston, where there are a lot of jobs in higher education and health care. Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital are also some of the city's most prolific employers. Average annual salaries are well above the national average at more than \$64,000.

#### 4. San Diego

And we're back to The Golden State. A bit further south is where California's medical and education professionals

congregate, largely because San Diego is the home of the University of California and such health care companies as Sharp and Kaiser Permanente. Salaries are healthy and unemployment has been in steady decline since 2010.

#### 5. Los Angeles

A little further up the coast, Los Angeles continues to be one of the nation's biggest destinations for job seekers. Anyone who dreams of breaking into the entertainment industry can still set their sights on L.A. The city's health care and personal care industries

are also robust, and the police department is a top employer. Salaries tend to be low, but the city is unmatched in terms of employees finding a satisfying balance between life in and out of the workplace.

#### 6. Minneapolis

If you're in the personal care industry but prefer snow to sun, you may want to migrate to Minneapolis. Jobs in business, finance and technology are also plentiful there. Among the city's biggest employers are Target, 3M and Allina Health System.

#### 7. Sacramento, Calif.

By now, you've likely noticed that California is home to several top cities for job seekers. The personal care and construction industries are among the city's fastest-growing sectors. Sacramento also scores points for its strong salaries and its employees' tendency to strike a strong work-life balance.

#### 8. Miami

Job security and employee satisfaction are high in Miami. And it isn't just because of all that sun. The tourism industry is strong as more than 27 million people travelled to the city in 2016 alone. As a major port, Miami is also the place to be for those in the trade and manufacturing industries. The

city's construction boom also makes it ripe for those in architecture, real estate and, of course, construction. Salaries tend to be on the low side, but job security is currently higher in Miami than anywhere else in the country.

#### 9. Seattle

Seattle is where it's at for those in the tech industry. Nearly 7 percent of all jobs in the Emerald City are in tech, and companies such as Amazon, Boeing and Microsoft are doing much of the hiring. Salaries in Seattle are among the highest in the country.

#### 10. Washington, D.C.

The nation's capital is one of the most dramatic up-and-comers for job seekers. The federal government and the public school system are the city's biggest employers and offer some of its highest salaries. While jobs are plentiful in D.C., salaries are on the lower side, especially for those in the public sector, but it does rank highly for job security and promotions.

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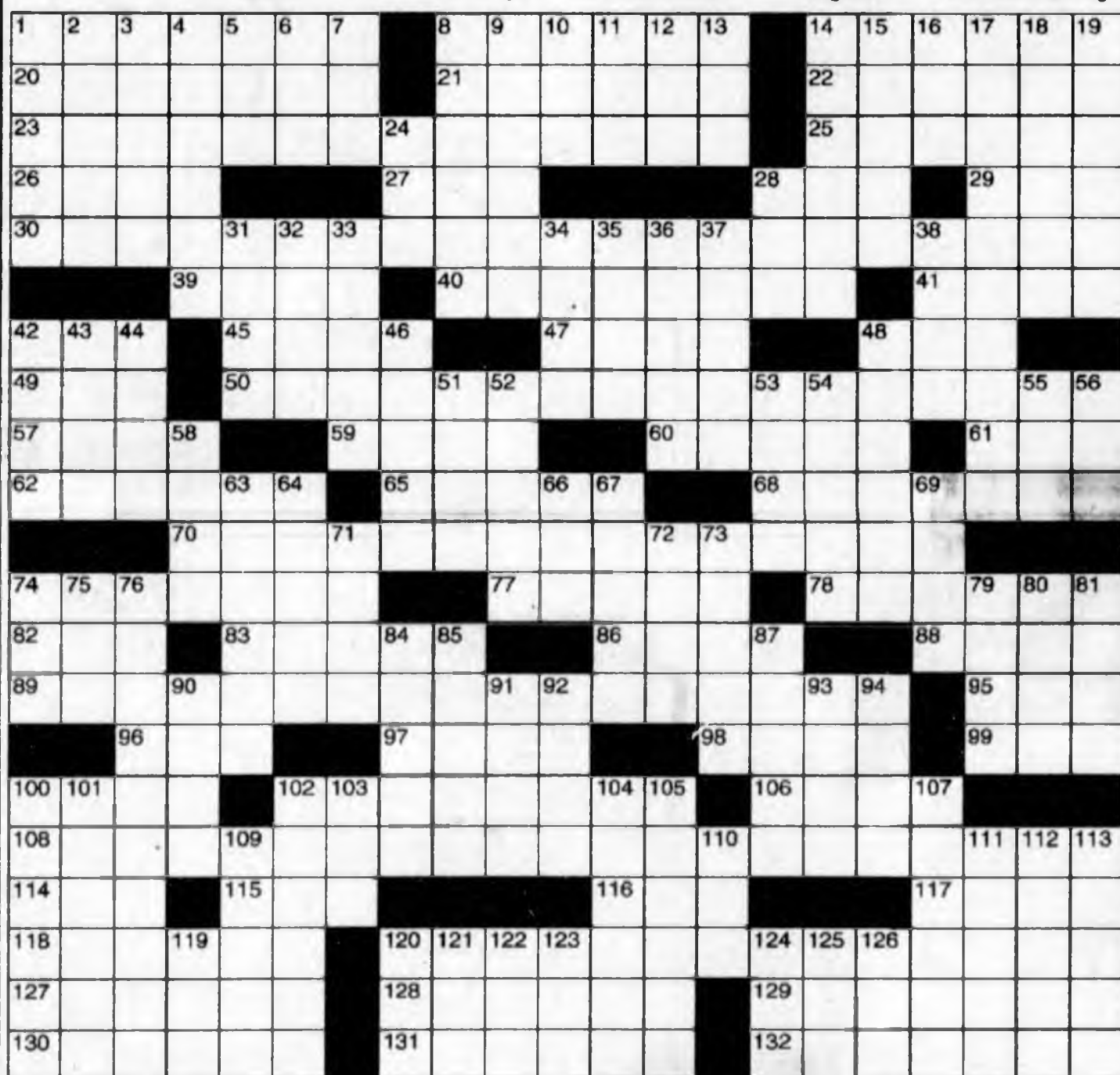
## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

### ACROSS

- 1 Whip material  
8 Complain  
14 Publisher  
20 Red-faced  
21 Fly a 727, e.g.  
22 "Heat" co-star  
23 Start of a riddle  
25 One running away to wed  
26 Title for Tennyson  
27 Roadside stopover  
28 Old Glory's land  
29 Desktop machines  
30 Riddle, part 2  
39 Chop into small cubes  
40 Fit to be donned  
41 Tire-trapping furrows  
42 Sharp nudge  
45 Tot's "piggies"  
47 Glass parts  
48 End of many 28-Downs  
49 — Pro  
50 Riddle, part 3  
57 — suit (1940s outfit)  
59 Football Hall of Famer  
60 Precipitates cold flakes  
61 Ram's partner  
62 Equine animals  
65 Bert's buddy  
68 Turned in for the night  
70 Riddle, part 4  
74 Signaled incorrectly, as an actor  
77 Substitute for chocolate  
78 Force of rotation  
82 System of beliefs  
83 Horse noise  
86 Virginie, par example  
88 "Gross!"  
89 Riddle, part 5  
95 "Dark" quaff  
96 Kit —  
97 As regards  
98 Vague sense  
99 Pop  
100 Suffix with prank or trick  
102 Swiss franc divisions  
106 Squishy ball brand  
108 End of the riddle  
114 With 24-Down, drilling structure  
116 Lady-Tramp link  
118 Sargasso Sea fish  
117 Woody Guthrie's son  
118 Future revealer  
120 Riddle's answer  
127 Mosey along  
128 With milk, French-style  
129 Leading female role  
130 Service songbook  
131 Artifacts  
132 Result of an absent goalie  
1 "A Natural Man" singer  
2 Put on — (act)  
3 "Void — prohibited"  
4 Picked up and gave to  
5 "Believer"  
6 Dawn  
7 Old Tokyo  
8 "Catch my drift?"  
9 Broad street  
10 Pre-2001 space station  
11 Big mouth  
12 H, to Homer  
13 — gestae  
14 "— Fideles" (carol)  
15 Put off action  
16 Yoko of song and art  
17 Cosmetic to enhance the kisser  
18 Trimmed to size in advance  
19 Equine animals  
24 See 114-Across  
28 Virtual address  
31 Falafel wrap  
32 Reversed one  
33 Essentialities  
34 Boat cover  
35 Singer India  
36 Really denounces  
37 "Peer Gynt" playwright  
38 Frizzy dos, informally  
42 Dixieland or bebop  
43 Emollient  
44 Oozy lump  
46 Like chiffon  
48 Sam's Club competitor  
51 50+ org.  
52 — Wars (Rome-Carthage conflicts)  
53 Actress  
54 Nest sound  
55 Have debts  
56 Poet Hughes  
58 — II (Gillette brand)  
63 Summer appliance, for short  
64 Charlie of "Spin City"  
66 — rut (stuck)  
67 Marsh bird  
69 "Just doing my best"  
71 Hippie-style "Got it"  
72 Tiniest bit  
73 Channel for hoops fan  
74 1/1,000 inch  
75 Prefix with lateral  
76 Fire safety device  
79 College area  
80 Coll. near Beverly Hills  
81 Managed, with "out"  
84 Rat race  
85 Tip-offs  
87 "For — is the kingdom ..."  
90 Kid's racing vehicle  
91 Basic street layout  
92 Powerful auto engine  
93 Wild goat of Eurasia  
94 Former Ford auto, in brief  
100 Nike symbol  
101 Six times five  
102 Howard of sportscasts  
103 Slice of time  
104 Like a utopia  
105 Ream's 500  
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122 Not well  
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### DOWN

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## SUDOKU

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### Here's How It Works:

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

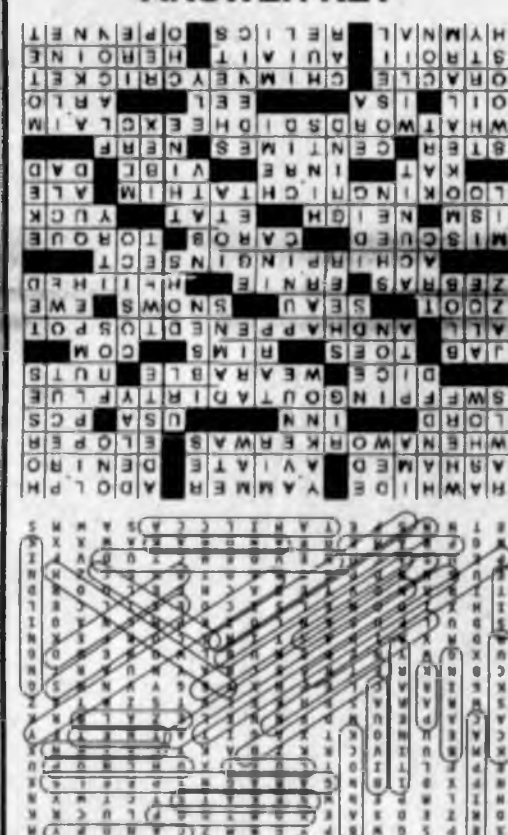
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