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Feedback taken on Pavilion Shore area

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What should the area south of Pavilion Shore Park look like? That's the question posed to residents last week at the park.

The city of Novi held a visioning ses-

sion Aug. 23 at the park on the south shores of Walled Lake, designed to gather feedback for the area near the South Lake Drive/Old Novi Road/13 Mile intersection. As part of the city's master plan approved last year, the city has worked with Detroit-based MKSK Studios to help determine the best use of the land in that area.

The plan focuses on several pieces of property, mostly along Old Novi Road, though the city was getting feedback for the entire area on the south side of the park.

"We're mostly focusing on that, but if people have comments about what they'd like to see in the surrounding area, we'd certainly take those com-

ments as well," said Barb McBeth, a planner with the city.

The area had been identified as one that could see multi-story development and other entertainment businesses, per the city's master plan put into motion back in 2016 and approved last year.

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IT'S A DOG'S WORLD

**South Lyon couple
opens Dogtopia
franchise in Northville**

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Nick and Shelly Mills of South Lyon needed a place where they could leave their dog Jersey, a German shepherd mix, while they spent a weekend in Chicago for a relative's wedding.

They found the perfect place — Dogtopia of Commerce Township, part of the nation's fastest-growing dog daycare, boarding and spa franchise.

And now they own one themselves.

The couple this month opened Dogtopia of Northville at 20510 Haggerty Road. It's the first in Wayne County, the fifth in Michigan and the 78th in North America.

"I have a passion for dogs," Shelly said, as the couple gave a tour of their new business.

It shows. And judging by the way the dogs play together, they have a passion for Dogtopia, with golden retrievers, cocker spaniels, beagles, French bulldogs, doodles and huskies, among others, enjoying a place where they can meet, chase, sniff and bark at newfound furry friends.

"We see the fun, crazy, excited-to-be-here side of the dogs," Shelly said. "By the time they go home, they're exhausted and ready to sleep."

Nick has kept his sales and marketing job, but Shelly has given up her career in retail management for Dogtopia. "Shelly is the face of the business," Nick said.

Before they discovered Dogtopia, the couple wanted to start a business and researched ideas such as a hair salon, child daycare and a frozen yogurt place. They found their own utopia of sorts with Dogtopia.

Statistics indicate they made a good choice. According to the American Pet Products Association, pet owners are expected to spend \$72.1 billion on their



Just another day at the beach. One of the playrooms at Dogtopia has a beach motif. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Finally, new headstone placed for three in Novi cemetery

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Few people have gotten to know the Novi Cemetery on Novi Road as well as Don Weston has the past few years.

Determined to locate the graves of his great-grandparents and great-aunt, he's wandered the small cemetery filled with residents of Novi Township who died in the 1800s.

"My sister and I about two years ago spent 2½ hours ... and we looked at everything," he said. "There are so many stones that you can't read."

That search resulted in Weston, who grew up in nearby Highland Park but now calls California home, locating several unmarked graves near another ancestor believed to be a member his family. Desiring a monument to remember these family members, he paid to have a new memorial stone crafted and placed near where he believes his family members' final resting place is. That stone was placed Aug. 16 at the cemetery south of Grand River, finally giving his ancestors John Vogt, Caroline Vogt and Jennie Vogt-Punches some acknowledgement.

Several other relatives of Weston's are buried in the cemetery and he was sure these three were also buried there as well: he discovered an obituary for Vogt-Punches, his great-aunt, in an 1893 edition of the Northville Record with the help of Kathleen Bilger of the Northville Historical Society. There, he found mention of his great-aunt dying in Toledo and being brought back to Novi, "tenderly laid by the side of her mother whose grave she had so faithfully and lovingly tended."

Weston flew in for his annual trip to the Woodward Dream Cruise, a venture he makes every year, and came to see the monument laid in the ceme-

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When: Sept. 1-30
Details: Kids who live in Northville — and who are old enough to write their own name — are invited to sign up for a library card during the month of September and receive a fun gift bag.

Coloring for Grownups

When: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5
Details: Explore creative relaxation. A variety of coloring pages and art supplies provided. No registration required, just drop in.

Between the Lines Book Discussion

When: 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10
Details: Join us for a lively discussion of "Before We Were Yours," by Lisa Wingate. Just drop in.

Make Veggie Egg Rolls

When: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11
Details: Learn to make scrumptious veggie egg rolls. For ages 9-12. Online registration begins Sept. 1.

The Victorian Lady

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12
Details: Experience what it took for a Victorian Lady from the 1890s to get dressed — layer by layer. Presenter

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Science Spectacular

When: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13
Details: Kids take a tour of fascinating science concepts with large-scale demonstrations. All ages welcome. 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk five minutes prior to the event. Tickets not available in advance.

Kidz Time

When: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20
Details: For grades 1-3. Listen to robot stories and play robot bingo with fun

prizes. Registration begins Sept. 1.

Hooray for LEGO Day

When: 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26
Details: Kids in grades 1-5 make a fun hand-sized castle themed LEGO creation to be displayed in the youth area of the library. Limit 30 attendees. Online registration begins Sept. 1.

Fall TOT Storytime

Details: For ages 2-3 with caregiver. Develop your toddler's early literacy skills and preschool readiness in this fun, interactive, small group experience. Registration begins Wednesday, Sept. 5, for Northville residents; open to non-residents next day. See library website for dates and times.

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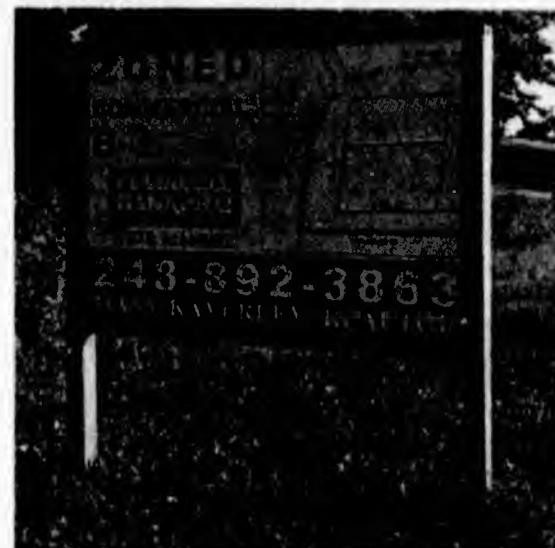
"Two- to three-story buildings of high-quality design and materials are envisioned. Seasonal and year-round outdoor restaurant-entertainment activity is appropriate," the master plan document reads.

Currently, several businesses operate in that area, including the Lakeview Bar and Grill, VetSelect Animal Hospital of Novi and Lakeview Market.

Many of the residents who attended, said Brad Strader with MKSK, had leaned toward keeping it more residential and less commercial and like to see things to reduce traffic speeds around the area.

Those who still wish to have a say in the area's future can submit their comments to McBeth at bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org. The city will then take those comments and submit a zoning plan later on for recommended approval to the city's planning commission. After it is reviewed by the planning commission, the city council will have the final say.

A second stretch of the city, along Grand River east of Beck, will also have a time of public comment for what residents and business leaders would like to



Old Novi Road, just south of 13 Mile, in Novi. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

see for that area. McBeth said the city plans to reach out to area businesses and get their feedback in the coming weeks.

It's a different group of people, though these people might be interested in that too," she said. "It's more of a business area, so we might invite business owners to come."

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Brad Strader of MKSK writes suggestions on a map at Pavilion Shore Park. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Annual Victorian clothing sale: 1-4 p.m. Sept. 9 and 1-7 p.m. Sept. 10-11.

Heritage Festival activities: 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sept. 16.

30th annual Duck Race: 3 p.m. Sept. 16.

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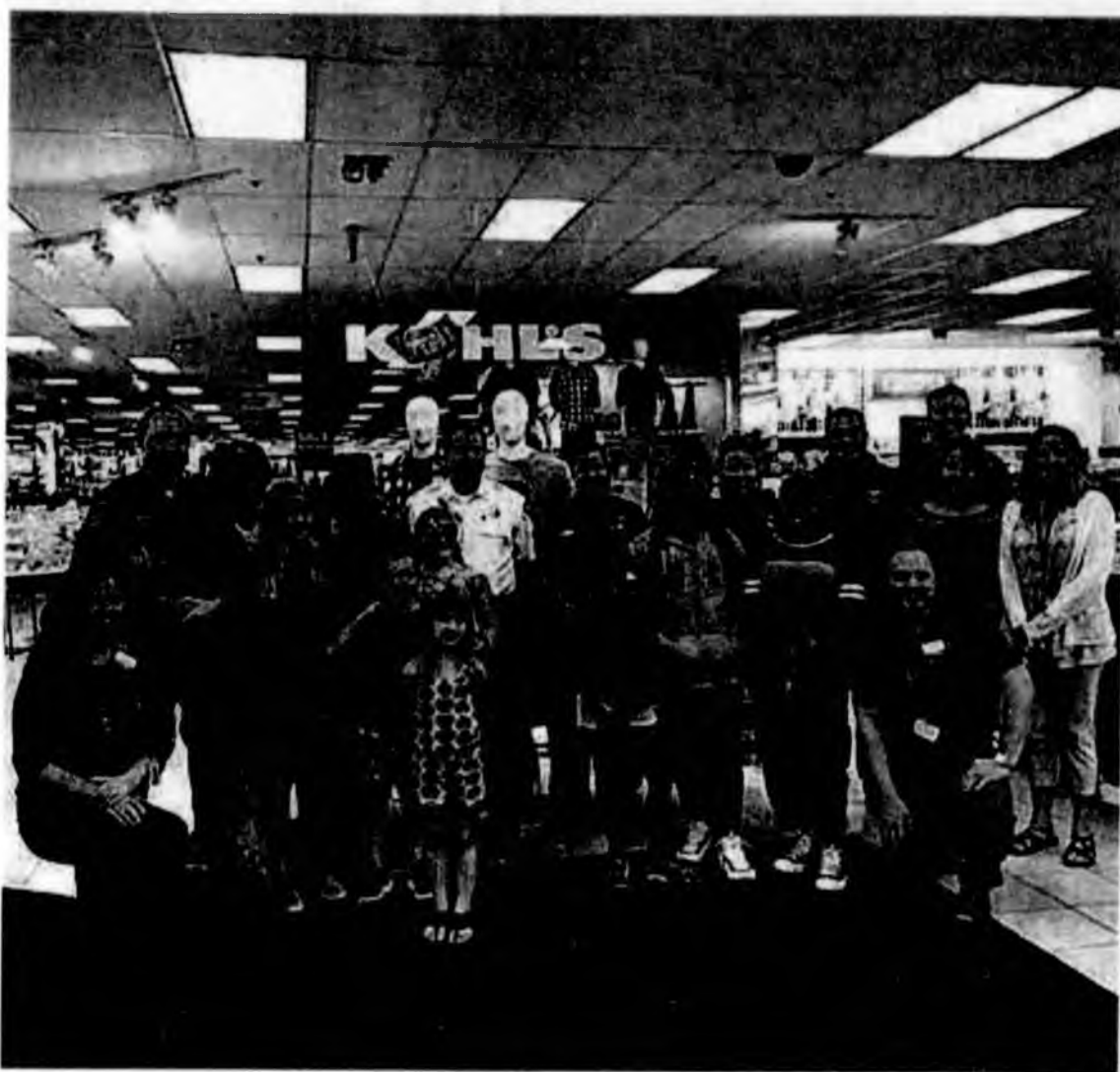
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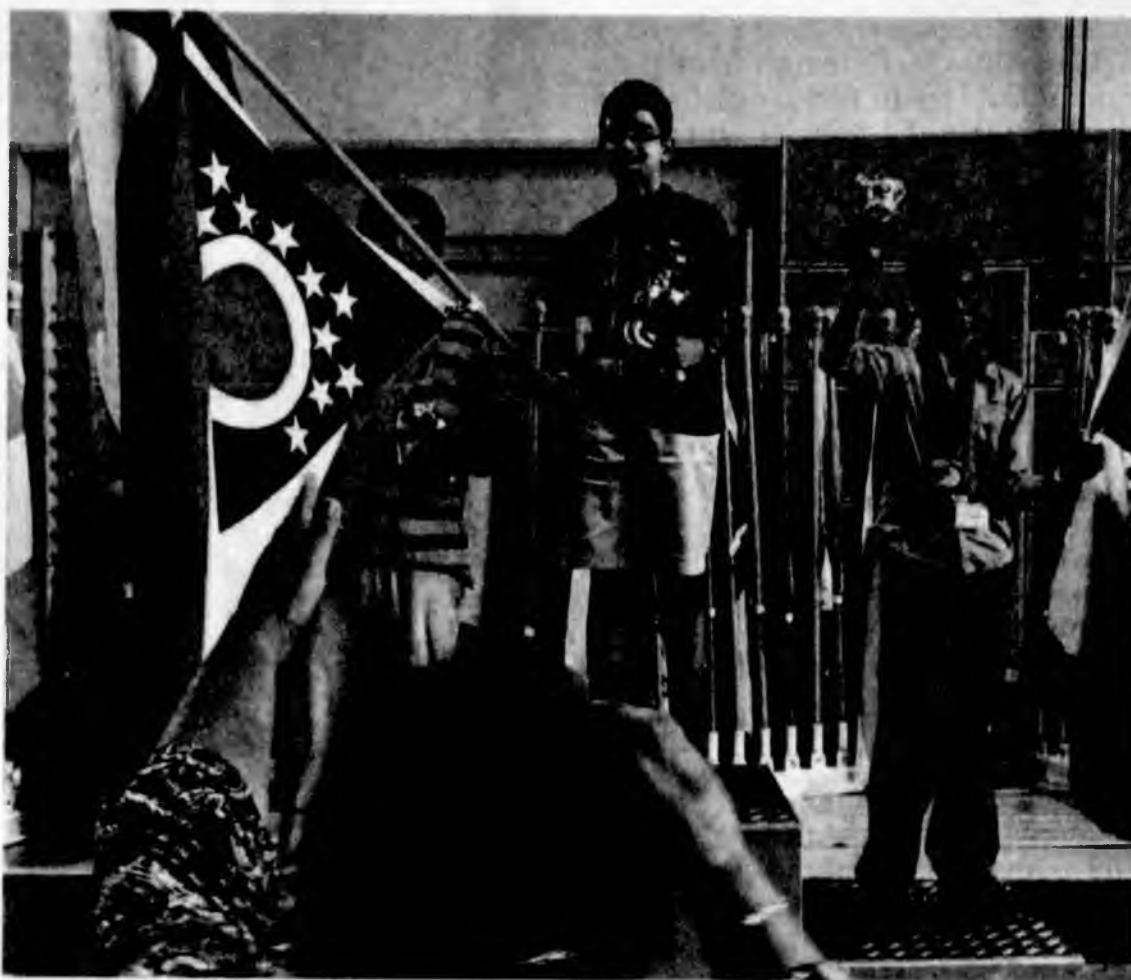
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Novi Youth Assistance provided an opportunity for local students to go back-to-school shopping at Kohl's in Novi. Local volunteers, including Novi police officers and firefighters, assisted the shoppers in purchasing items from shoes to outfits for the upcoming school year.

LOCAL STUDENT WINS BRONZE AT INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE



Ved Muthusamy (right), who will be a freshman at Northville High School this fall, earned a bronze medal in middle school division at the International Geography Bee World Championships in Berlin, Germany, which concluded July 17. International Academic Competitions holds this World Championships and the History Bee World Championships every two years. The students who finish in the top tier of the National Championships progress to the World Championships. Muthusamy graduated from Hillside Middle School and Amerman Elementary School's ALPS (alternative learning) program designed for gifted kids.



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School shootings give context to district security improvements

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North Farmington High School student Bebe Schaefer, who helped organize a rally to protest the spate of school shootings around the country, pointed out there was a good reason for planning and participating in such an event.

To put it simply, Schaefer, who will be a senior this year, called life with the possibility of school shootings "our reality" and said, "We go to school every single day in fear that we will not come home that night."

Similar sentiments were voiced at similar rallies in Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Novi, South Lyon and other districts around the area — around the country, really — as students pushed nationally for a strengthening of gun laws and school safety.

Around this area, districts are doing something about it, enacting school safety plans and adding security measures to buildings as they strive to provide as safe a learning environment as they can.

Dr. George Heitsch is superintendent in Farmington Public Schools district, where a variety of security upgrades are happening this summer. He said the reasoning is simple.

"We have to do it," Heitsch said. "In order for us to be able to sleep at night, we have to know we did everything we could to make sure kids feel safe in their learning environment."

Monica Merritt, superintendent for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district — fourth largest in the state — couldn't agree more.

Plymouth-Canton believes in it so much, officials have actually created a position for a director of security and are adding hundreds of cameras and other security measures to help create a safer learning environment for the district's some 17,000 students.

"We say that the safety and security of our students and our staff is our No. 1 priority," Merritt said. "In order to teach



Jason Klinkovsky caulk the new double set of entrance doors installed at North Farmington High School. He works for Service Glass. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

students, they need to know their environment is safe. We read (school shooting) stories too many times and, if we can do anything to help prevent that for our students, it's worth any investment."

Here's a look at some of what districts around the Hometown Life area are doing this summer:

Novi

Superintendent Dr. Steve Matthews pointed out the district has had "a lot of

security measures" in place already. Those include cameras and secure entrances, where visitors must be buzzed in.

The district has added a second police liaison officer. It's a collaborative project with the city of Novi police.

"This officer will help us with issues that arise but, more importantly, will give us time and resources to review our security plans and update them as needed," Matthews said.

South Lyon

Earlier this year, the South Lyon Community Schools district reached an agreement with Lyon Township to provide a school resource officer at South Lyon High School, which had been operating without one.

The previous year, Lyon Township and the Oakland County Sheriff had agreed to put an SRO at South Lyon East.

This past year, a student was charged with making false terrorist threats against South Lyon High. The student, 18-year-old Ryan DeBruyne of Green Oak Township, recently entered a guilty plea in that case.

While there was political back-and-forth between the city and Lyon Township — the school rests within city limits — Lyon Township Supervisor John Dolan said the question is ultimately about providing an atmosphere where students feel safe.

"It's a different time we live in. Kids are shooting up the schools and getting arrested for making threats. If we can help, it's for the kids," Dolan said. "It's more or less about the community as a whole, not invisible dividing lines. We need to get the political crap aside. It's the kids, in my view."

These are definitely "different times," administrators agree, while pointing out that many of these measures were in the works long before last year's shooting at Marjory Douglas Stoneman High School in Parkland, Fla. Still, Parkland and shootings like it have sharpened the safety senses around the area.

"The physical changes were planned before Parkland," Heitsch said. But (Parkland) re-emphasized how critical those changes are. The big thing that seems apparent is the depth of the students' voice. This spurred the most engaged and robust student involvement we've seen."

Farmington

■ Double-entry doors are being added at Kenbrook and Beechview elementaries and North Farmington High School. By the time school starts, Heitsch said, all of the district's buildings will have the doors.

■ Cameras in the secondary buildings. "Police will have direct access to the cameras," Heitsch said, a change from past practices. "If they need to see what's going on, they'll have that access. It's a matter of response time to safety concerns."

■ The district is "in the process of doing a safety audit to see if there are other measures we could do to make kids safe," Heitsch said.

Livonia

Superintendent Andrea Oquist called safety and security "an ongoing priority" for the Livonia Public Schools district.

"Certainly, the tragedies through

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Security

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school violence we saw across the country last year heightened all of our concern," Oquist said, "and in those times, we always re-evaluate our processes, our practices and our protocols."

The district has:

- Completed Phase V of its five-year implementation plan. Secure vestibules, requiring office staffers to admit any visitor, are at every school.

- Updated security camera systems throughout the interior and exterior of school buildings, along with security cameras on every bus.

- Moved forward this summer with putting into place a new entry system for before/after school child care, which will involve every family utilizing a pass card in order to enter the school to drop off or pick up their child from child care.

- Held a comprehensive parent safety night last spring, which focused on district practices and security plans and also featured partnerships with the Livonia and Westland police departments.

"We want our students and staff to feel secure in our schools each and every day and have invested greatly in both the physical upgrades to our facilities," said Oquist, who pointed out the district spends about \$1 million a year on security issues. "We have a long-standing commitment to keeping our schools safe and secure."

Plymouth-Canton

The district has not only emphasized physical security — it's paying for millions of dollars in improvements through bonds approved in 2013 and 2015 — but the district has added a director of security to head up safety issues.

It's a position the district put in its budget back in October 2017. Board of Education members filled it last month by hiring Livonia Police Department veteran John Walker.

"When we initially started having conversations about safety and security and how do we get a unified approach to our emergency operating plans across the district ... our students are moving every 55 minutes," Merritt said. "We need the subject-area expert here at the



P-CEP students held a walkout during the last school year. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

table to help us look big picture and unify our strategies K-12 across the district. Having someone coordinate our efforts ... was important."

In other improvements, the district:

- Is installing some 1,300 additional security cameras around the district. At the moment, they exist only at the three high schools — Canton, Plymouth and Salem — and Liberty Middle School, the district's newest school.

"If we're chasing excellence and we

have the ability as a preventative measure and to help mitigate threats, why would it be any different in any buildings?" Merritt said. "Either we're in the camera business or we're not. If this is the best way to help deter threats, the cameras need to be K-12. That's really the lens we're looking through."

- Has added card readers for swipe-card access across the district. Keys to current door locks have "been out there forever" and installing the new ones will



Raleigh Nolan, a high school junior, was one of the organizers of the student walkout at the Plymouth-Canton schools. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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make every building in the district more secure.

- Has added sally ports in all district buildings that can support them. A sally port forces visitors to go through the school office to get access to the rest of the building. It's something that was originally planned for the 2013 bond, but was cut.

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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. The club is open to residents of Northville and all surrounding communities.

For more information, go to 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.

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 Tibedeau.

This free exhibit will be displayed until the end of August. The exhibits are open during regular library hours unless the room is hosting another event. For more information, go to www.milfordvfaa.org.

Michigan War Dog memorial 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 to the community. For more information, call 248-685-8307 or email 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 or 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.

Country Garden Club meeting

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

Summer classes at Tollgate Farm

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, in Novi 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:

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

Exhibit at HVCA

Portraiture of Landscapes, plein air originated paintings by G. Bruce Foxworthy, will be at Huron Valley Council for the Arts, 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland through Saturday, Sept. 29. The 31 oil paintings in the show, including "Afternoon on the Huron River, Proud Lake Boat Launch" will be featured in a gallery reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, giving those attending the opportunity to meet the artist. Regular gallery hours are scheduled 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

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 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.

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

For time schedule, a list of activities and more details go to Facebook and search 38th annual South

Lyon Depot Day.

Spectrum Fest 2018

The nonprofit organization Living and Learning, 315 Griswold Street, in Northville, is holding Spectrum Fest 2018 from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. Proceeds will support the establishment of Living and Learning's new Mod Market, a market and job hub located at 150 Mary Alexander Court that will provide job training, real world job experiences and jobs for individuals with autism and other special needs.

Admission is free. Music will be performed by local bands and headlined by Fifty Amp Fuse. There will be an assortment of food, beverages and spirits available to purchase, along with a variety of vendors and activities for all ages.

For more information or to learn more about Spectrum Fest 2018, go to www.LivingandLearningCenter.org or call 248-308-3592.

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

Northville Heritage Festival

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will present the Northville Heritage Festival, formerly the Victorian Festival, to celebrate the history of the Northville. The festival is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, Sept. 14-16, at various sites throughout the city. Hours are 5-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The festival will kick off Friday with the Victorian Parade and continue throughout the weekend. Included will be community nonprofit booths, live entertainment, a kids zone, crafters, free horse and carriage rides (noon to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday) and the Heritage Festival Saloon on Friday night.

The complete schedule of Heritage Festival activities is available at www.northvilleheritagefest.com.

5K Color Run and Walk

Color My World, a Northville High School club founded to prevent teen suicide and depression, is hosting a 5K Color Run and Walk from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the school, 45700 Six Mile Road, in conjunction with National Suicide Prevention Awareness month. Its fundraising goal is to raise monies to host a series of peer to peer mental health awareness activities that will directly and positively impact more than 2,000 Northville High students.

The race fee is \$25 and includes the color run/walk with color powder, T-shirt, food, refreshments and music. There will be food and refreshments and live music from local band Tink and the Lost Boys as well as local DJ Shon. The University of Michigan's Depression Center and the local chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness will also be on-site.

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Dogtopia

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pets this year, up from \$69.5 billion last year and much more than the \$48.3 billion in 2010.

Nick and Shelly believe Dogtopia is money well-spent by dog owners. Nick said their business already is drawing clients not only from Northville, but also from communities such as Livonia, Plymouth, Novi and Farmington.

Dogs have to pass a wellness inspection, temperament test and have up-to-date vaccinations before they can play or stay at Dogtopia. Daycare is 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each weekday, though owners can drop their pets off at 6:30 a.m., while weekend hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Daycare includes a two-hour nap-and-rest period to split up the playtime. Nick said daycare focuses primarily on socialization, exercise and basic commands.

Some pet owners choose to put their dogs in solitary suites or arrange for boarding while they are away.

Owners can give their own dogs a bath and blow dry in the spa area or arrange for Dogtopia staff to do it and provide additional grooming.

Other than Nick and Shelly, Dogtopia has 15 employees, including certified canine coaches and an animal behaviorist.

Shelly greets the pets as they are dropped off and bids them farewell when they leave.

"I give each dog their special love when they are coming to daycare and when they are going home," she said.

Dogs are divided between two playrooms based on size and temperament. Nick said the rooms are equipped with webcam technology that allows owners to check on their pets from anywhere. Each playroom has compressed rubber flooring that promotes safe play and easy clean-up, along with a powerful HVAC system to maintain fresh air. Dogs also are fed meals at Dogtopia.

"We want to keep this place as safe and healthy as possible," Nick said.

One playroom has a beach motif and is about 1,100 square feet in size, while the other has a city motif and is about 1,200 square feet.

Inevitably, dogs playing together on occasion have scuffles — and the canine coaches are ready for it. They have a cit-



Dogtopia owners Nick and Shelly Mills have opened the first Dogtopia in Wayne County and the fifth in Michigan. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ronella spray that is 99 percent water, buckets of water and metal bowls they can bang together to intercede.

Despite their busy schedules, Nick and Shelly make time for their two children, Brooklyn, 8, and McKenna, 5. But at Dogtopia, their mission is to create an exciting place for pets while giving their owners peace of mind that they are receiving proper care.

Aside from Dogtopia's facilities, the company also has created a partnership with The Dogtopia Foundation to enable dogs to positively impact society by helping organizations that pair service dogs with veterans, promote youth literacy and find employment for adults with autism.

For more on Dogtopia of Northville, including pricing, call 248-289-3507 or go to www.dogtopia.com/northville.

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Owner Nick Mills goes for a stroll with a few of his clients. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Residents angry at meeting on Ford pollution

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Ed Sena never planned to stay in Livonia's Alden Village neighborhood for long.

He and his wife decided they would purchase their home, fix it up and sell it for a profit. The work was done, the "for sale" sign went up and they began working with a Realtor. Then, Ford Motor Co. announced publicly it had found pollution in the groundwater beneath the nearby transmission plant at 36200 Plymouth and it had most likely migrated under his family's property.

After seeing their house featured on a local television broadcast reporting the story, the couple decided to take the sign down, knowing they would have a hard time selling.

"Regardless if it's a real concern, perception is much more powerful than the reality, regardless of what the reality is," he said. "That's the fear all of us have in the neighborhood, is the fear of the unknown."

Sena was one of many who attended a public meeting Aug. 20 put on by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality over the Response Activity Plan put in place over the groundwater pollution near the transmission plant. The plan essentially calls for Ford to continue monitoring the groundwater and soil gases in and around the plant, as well as drill additional wells in surrounding areas to better define where the pollution is migrating.

Brandon Alger, a geologist with the DEQ, said the agency isn't convinced the boundaries determined by Ford in late 2016 are completely accurate and said it's possible the pollution could have migrated outside the originally-proposed boundaries.

The DEQ will also require Ford to drill wells to test more, which could include in private homes and on their property.

"We have some questions about their sampling methodology at this point," he said. "Ford, they believe their sampling methodology is solid and we have some questions about it. So we're requiring them to further investigate to put these sub-slab soil gas samples in that will go beneath homes."



Livonia resident Tom Groves asks a question while Leslie Smith of the DEQ holds the microphone. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Brandon Alger, a geologist with the Michigan DEQ, speaks at the public meeting over the groundwater pollution Aug. 20 in Livonia. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The meeting held Aug. 20 was to gather feedback on the proposed plans, which include plans for both a vapor intrusion evaluation and a remedial investigation.

The pollution has been an issue since it was publicly announced in early 2016 by Ford. It's a result of a parts cleaner used by the company up until the 1980s that spilled contamination containing trichloroethylene that broke down into vinyl chloride into the groundwater. That prompted the company to notify the state and neighboring residents about the issue and resulted in testing done by the company.

In a statement, Ford said it continues to monitor the situation and reiterated there appeared to be no risk to area residents.

"We remain fully committed to protecting the environment. All community samples collected to date show no health risk to residents and drinking water is not at risk. When we discovered the issue, we promptly alerted MDEQ and the plant's neighbors. Since then, we have actively investigated the potential for groundwater contamination and

cooperated with MDEQ along the way and we have worked to keep the community informed of our progress through mailings, meetings and a dedicated website."

The DEQ has set up a website for the plans at michigan.gov/livoniavi.

'Now do your job'

Ford and the DEQ settled on a consent decree last summer in federal court, which led to the crafting of the two plans. Alger said the DEQ will take the comments provided during the meeting in Livonia and use that to finalize the plans. Once approved, they'll be sent to Ford for its review and approval.

Once the plans are approved, residents and businesses in the area could expect to see mailings regarding new wells on their property as early as September, Alger said. Ford is required to cover all costs associated with the plans, including covering fees for the public meeting, Alger said. The DEQ will bill the Dearborn-based automotive company annually for the expenses, Alger said.

The meeting attracted plenty of residents, many of them still angry over the pollution and the settlement the DEQ made with Ford in federal court. That settlement meant residents could not sue to require Ford to clean up the pollution. Instead, residents filed a lawsuit against the company for the damage done to their property values, a case that continues to work its way through Wayne County Circuit Court.

"We have a mess over there, possibly the largest land-based spill in American history, and the answer from the agency that stood up in court and said, 'We're going to take care of the cleanup,' is doing nothing about it," Bruce Tenniswood, an Alden Village resident who's also involved in the civil lawsuit against Ford, said during the public comment. "Remember what your job is: Your job is to look out for the environmental quality and, right now, the environmental quality in our neighborhood sucks. And it's your job to clean it up."

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Mourners remember fallen sheriff's sergeant

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Sgt. Lee Smith was remembered Aug. 23 as a big-hearted mentor who gave his all in everything, from his job in law enforcement to his family to the roller skating and motorcycle riding he loved so much.

The 55-year-old was killed Aug. 14 when he was hit by a vehicle while jogging along Hines Drive in Westland; a 47-year-old man has been charged in the case.

Smith was a Redford Township resident and a 26-year member of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and is survived by Simone Lloyd-Smith, his wife of 31 years, and their son Aaron.

"He put a stamp on this department," WCSO Lt. Theodis Sims said during a funeral at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit. "He raised the bar so high that when I say there will never be another Lee, I mean that from the bottom of my heart."

Sims and other eulogists called Smith a perfectionist and charismatic role model whose personality and skills towered over others. Smith had trained local law enforcement in firearms use, horsemanship and motorcycle riding; when WCSO Sgt. Rachael Davis asked how many police personnel had been influenced by him, more than half of the 200-plus uniformed attendees stood up.

God "needed a trainer and He needed the best," Sims said.

"Making a difference in this world was more important than anything" for Smith, Davis said.

Smith was the youngest of six children, a 1982 graduate of Mumford High School and a 2002 graduate of Wayne County Community College. He met his future wife, Simone Lloyd, while roller skating, a sport he loved and practiced for years, according to his obituary. They were married in 1987.

Smith had a variety of assignments while with the sheriff's department, including in the jails, on mounted patrol, with the special response team and on park patrol, on which he'd served since 2009.

A brother, John Smith, recalled diffi-



Smith

cult circumstances the family had faced while the children were growing up.

"This guy could've went down the wrong road," he said. "But he turned his anger into success."

Bishop Charles Ellis III, pastor at Greater Grace, said Smith's unexpected death illustrates life's uncertainties and told mourners to be thankful for every day — and to act in the present to make a difference.

"This day is not about him, it's about us," Ellis said. "It's about, what do we do when we leave here?" He added: "Love people while you can, help people while you can."

"Life ain't but a thing that appears for a little while," Ellis added, quoting the Bible's Epistle of James. "All you have is right now. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is not promised."

The funeral of more than two hours began precisely at 11 a.m. as the Metro Detroit Police & Fire Pipes & Drums, which plays at funeral ceremonies for police officers and firefighters, marched through the sanctuary with a plaintive dirge. The ceremony included a police honor guard, singer Vickeigh Mitchell's performance of two Gospel numbers and a prayer by Bishop Anthony Craw-



The funeral for Wayne County Sheriff's Sgt. Lee Smith was Aug. 23 at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



A mounted unit from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department attended the funeral for Sgt. Lee Smith. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ford, who started by reading Psalm 27, which begins, "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

The funeral procession to Detroit Memorial Park West in Redford included a police escort and a large contingent of motorcyclists — both from law en-

forcement and from the Motown Hogs, a biker club of which Smith was a member.

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Vietnam Wall display offers respect, memories in Howell

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Gary Brum tipped his mother Barbara, 95, back slightly in her wheelchair and pushed her gently on two wheels across the grass to panel E55 on "The Wall That Heals."

The replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was on display earlier this month in Howell.

Barbara Brum reached out to touch the name of her firstborn son, Peter, whom she had to bury five decades before. The U.S. Army sergeant was killed by hostile fire May 5, 1968, in Hoa Nghia when he was 21.

"I'm glad I survived this long," Barbara said in a faint voice. "I'm glad to be here with my last son. This is healing — they have named the wall right. This is right."

Peter Brum is one of 58,318 veterans who gave their lives in Vietnam and are honored on "The Wall That Heals," a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. It is 375 feet long and 7½ feet tall at its apex.

The wall, all 7,000 pounds of synthetic granite of it, arrived at the Spencer J. Hardy Airport in Howell via a semi accompanied by a motorcycle and police escort. About 40 volunteers worked to put up the 146 panels that comprise the wall, 140 of which bear

the engraved names of the fallen.

"Some of the volunteers were Vietnam veterans that laid panels on that wall, and it is emotional for them — they had the chance to touch their comrades," said Paul DeSha, senior vice commander for the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit 125. "It was a humbling experience to be chosen from hundreds of applicants and we struggled with how to present it. It's very open and as quiet as possible."

Tim Tetz, director of outreach for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund said the newest traveling wall, which will make 38 stops this year, staying a week in each location around the country.

This is the only stop in Michigan for this particular exhibit, which includes items left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in D.C., as well as extensive digital displays to tell the story of Vietnam.

There are four other walls that travel the nation, but this is the newest, largest and most exact replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which at its apex has the starting year of the U.S. entry into the conflict — 1959, side by side with the date of our nation's exit from Vietnam — 1975.

"The last and first deaths are side by side, showing that no death is more or less important,"



Robert Kirsten and his grandson Calvin Malisow watch volunteer Racheal Daniels make a rubbing of Joseph B. Bowman of Roanoke, Va. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

Tetz said.

At each stop, The Wall averages 9,000 visitors over the course of four to five days.

Tetz often accompanies the exhibit to different stops and has heard many stories over the years and seen emotions that run the gamut.

"You hear laughter as people share stories about hi-jinks, and you see a lot of tears," he said. "You can't help but cry — even folks with total de-

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Barbara Brum, 95, and Gary Brum, 60, locate the name of Barbara's son Peter. SUSAN BROMLEY

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Ann Kalasa, Secretary
Northville Public Schools, Board of Education

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Daryl St. Arno (left) who served in Vietnam in the 101st Airborne Division, gets a moment of support from chaplain Wade Natho Sr. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY



Gold Star mother Barbara Brum, 95, points to her son's name. Peter Brum was a Livingston County resident who was killed in the Vietnam War. SUSAN BROMLEY



The last complete Biehn family photo, taken while Maurice John Biehn (left) was home in Gregory on furlough in August 1967. Biehn drowned Oct. 9, 1967, in Vietnam. He was honored on "The Wall That Heals," a replica and mobile education exhibit that stopped in Howell.

Wall

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tachment that don't know anyone on the wall, or young ones who don't know about the war. They will see a name and a picture and realize each and every one on this wall are like each and every one of us."

He points to a replica of one of the items that was left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington — a care package sent to Charles Stewart from his parents that contained cookies and Kool-Aid packets and still does. It was never opened as Stewart died before it arrived. It was returned to the family and Charles' brother, Gary, left it at the Wall in D.C. years ago with a note:

"Mom and Dad want you to have these cookies and Kool-Aid. It's time they gave these to you. They send all their love."

Gary Brum, who was only 10 when his brother served in Vietnam, recounts a letter Peter wrote to him, now kept as a treasured memento in his Bible.

"He told me to be grateful I live in the country I do, because the kids over there worked in the fields all day for half of what I ate at one meal," Gary said. "We were blessed to have him as long as we did. He's our hero and we miss him."

Phillip Pham, 43, was at the exhibit to share with visitors the story of his father, Khiem Pham, a Vietnam native who was taught English and how to fly by U.S. soldiers during the war. Khiem Pham, now 71, used that knowledge to steal a Vietnamese plane and transport more than 50 people to safety near the end of the war.

The story is one that Phillip, whose Vietnamese name is Phi, didn't share for years, nor did his family.

"We avoided it because we felt (as Vietnamese) we were blamed," he said.

That changed when he was thanking a Vietnam veteran, who in turn thanked Pham.

He had always felt immense gratitude and wanted veterans to know what a difference their actions had made in the lives of the Vietnamese people.

"The freedom the South Vietnamese people enjoy today is because of their service and sacrifice," Pham said. "If it wasn't for U.S. soldiers we wouldn't enjoy the freedom we have today and I wouldn't be here."

Kenneth Hunroe, 72, of Brownstown, served in Vietnam in 1967-68 with the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne infantry. He knows



Families visit "The Wall That Heals" at the Spencer J. Hardy Airport in Howell. SUSAN BROMLEY

personally an estimated 15 men on the wall. He recalls himself and two others were the only ones

from his unit that survived a Tet offensive ambush in January 1968 in Phan Thiet.

"These are my brothers and sisters, too," he said of all the names on the wall. "I wonder why

I'm still here. God wasn't ready for me...I will never forget that day, I wish I could. One day when I

pass, I will meet up with my brothers again."

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The state fair and more: Check these events out

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Did you enjoy summer? We hope so, because this weekend marks its unofficial end.

If you aren't heading out of town this week for the Labor Day holiday, there are a few events worth checking out around town this weekend for those who haven't returned to school yet.

Here are three events happening around town while summer's still here.

Michigan State Fair in Novi

The Suburban Collection Showplace is the place for plenty of fun all year round. This weekend marks one of the biggest events that comes to Novi each year.

The Michigan State Fair returns Thursday through Monday at the convention center, 46100 Grand River. Returning this year are plenty of rides, livestock and the Shrine Circus at the showplace, which now boasts 180,000 more square feet after a recent expansion.

In addition to staples such as the butter cow and the endless cup of chocolate milk from Guernsey Farms Dairy, a nighttime drone show put on by the Great Lakes Drone Co. will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights over the fair.

The fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday. For more information and tickets, go to michiganstatefairllc.com.



The Ford Arts, Beats and Eats festival raises money for local nonprofit organizations. FILE PHOTO

Arts, Beats and Eats in Royal Oak

If you're closer to eastern Oakland County, be sure to head to this annual festival celebration of art, food and music in downtown Royal Oak.

Arts, Beats and Eats returns this weekend for its annual Labor Day festivities. Now in its 21st year and its ninth year in downtown Royal Oak, the festival will have plenty of art, including drawings, glass, jewelry and more.

Food from more than 40 restaurants will be available, including Famous Dave's BBQ, Bigalora Wood Fired Cucina, Imperial Ferndale, Niko's Gyros and more. Tickets are for sale at the festival and can be bought to redeem for food.

The musical lineup features a wide range of artists, including the Gin Blossoms, .38 Special, Everclear, Eddie Money, Ben Folds and AWOLNATION.

For more information, including scheduled times for each performer and

ticket prices, go to artsbeatseats.com.

Michigan Renaissance Festival

If you'd prefer to escape to a more primitive era, grab your lance and ride up to Holly for the annual Michigan Renaissance Festival.

A Labor Day weekend tradition, the festival opened several weeks ago and runs through the end of September. Plenty of entertainers will be on hand to perform during the event and this weekend will feature several events for the themed weekend, High Seas Adventure.

For more information, including ticket information and where they can be purchased, go to michrenfest.com.

Contact David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728.

Farm Bureau essay contest marks 50th anniversary

Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan is once again sponsoring its annual America & Me Essay Contest, celebrating its 50th year with additional awards and spotlighting student writers from the past six decades.

For 50 years, several thousand eighth-graders from hundreds of Michigan schools have entered the patriotic writing contest, which encourages Michigan young people to write about their heroes, especially those individuals who have made a difference in their lives.

This year's contest, held Sept. 1 through Nov. 15, will again ask students to write on the topic "My Personal Michigan Hero."

Sign-up kits will be sent to schools throughout Michigan in late August. The contest is open to any eighth-grade student in Michigan enrolled in a public or private school and offers a variety of awards on the local and statewide levels.

A special day will be planned to celebrate the top 10 winners in May 2019. Each of the winners is allowed to bring their parents and a teacher to the awards celebration.

For more information, go to FarmBureauInsurance.com/AmericaAndMe.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 07-16-18Zb

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 07-16-18Zb for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The text amendments amend Article 21 Signs to define an electronic changeable copy sign, and prohibit any new such type of sign in all zoning districts. Existing electronic changeable copy signs are grandfathered and may continue.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on July 16, 2018, and was adopted by the City Council on August 20, 2018. The ordinance shall become effective on September 7, 2018. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The Northville City Council received a vacating petition signed by the owners of privately-owned property which abuts the following described street:

A portion of the 50 ft. street in the City of Northville, County of Oakland, commonly known as Horton Avenue, located mid-way between Carpenter and Novi Streets and which runs in a North-South direction from Hill to Maplewood Streets and as depicted below and is immediately adjacent to the following parcels: Parcel No. 22-34-406-011, Parcel No. 22-34-406-012, Parcel No. 22-34-406-013, Parcel No. 22-34-406-018, Parcel No. 22-34-407-004, 22-34-407-005, Parcel No. 22-34-407-006, and Parcel No. 22-34-407-007



The Northville City Council will conduct a public hearing on September 17, 2018, at 7:00 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9905.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments and objections to the proposal to vacate the portion of a 50-foot wide public street as described above. Written comments will also be accepted at the above address.

DATED: AUGUST 30, 2018

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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SYNOPSIS August 16, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, August 16, 2018
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Richard Allen, Trustee
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Fred Shadko, Trustee
Mindy Herrmann, Trustee

ABSENT: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:**
 - Regular Amended Agenda and the Consent Agenda items – Approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - WTUA Presentation – Proposed Budget – Approved
 - Michigan Landbank Presentation and Resolution – Approved
 - Gary Sixt – Appointment to ZBA – Approved
- Public Hearing:**
 - Industrial Development District 12 – MITC – Opened & Conducted
 - Industrial Development District 13 – Zhongding – Opened & Conducted
 - IFT Application for Zhongding – Opened & Conducted
- Brief Public Comments:** 3 members of the audience had questions or comments for the Board of Trustees.
- New Business:**
 - Village at Northville – Development Renderings – Approved
 - Ward Church – PUD Amendment – Approved with Conditions
 - Seven Mile Property Demolition – Change Order #2 – Approved
 - Zhongding IDD & IFT Application – Approved
 - MITC Industrial Development District – Approved
 - Millennium Park Baseball Field Renovation – Approved
 - NHGC Curb and Sidewalk Improvements C.O. #1 – Approved
 - Property Assessment – Waive penalty for filing – Approved
- Unfinished Business:** None
- Ordinances:** None
- Check Registry:**
 - In the amount of \$1,811,739.64 for the period of 7/7/18 to 8/3/18 – Approved
- Board Communication & Reports:**
 - Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Richard Allen, Symantha Heath, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
- Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
- ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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Don Weston found that relatives buried in a Novi cemetery more than 100 years ago had no headstone. So he fixed that. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Don Weston's relatives now have a monument. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Don Weston, who lives in California, comes back to Michigan for the Dream Cruise and to check up on deceased relatives. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Cemetery

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tery.

Adding a new stone to the cemetery isn't something that happens often, said Wendy DuVall, community outreach and events specialist for the city. Many of the families who are buried no longer reside in the area and some of the records from when the city was a part of Novi Township in the 1800s have also been lost.

"A lot of these families, there's no relatives anymore," she said.

So much of Weston's family history went to the grave with his other family members, leaving him to scramble and answer questions he was sure relatives such as his grandfather knew.

"It's really sad because now, it's really too late," Weston said.

Bilger, who's done historical research in several communities, including Livonia and Northville, said she's helped with locating sunken headstones in other historical cemeteries, but hasn't seen a new headstone get

"A lot of these families, there's no relatives anymore."

Wendy DuVall
community outreach and events specialist

laid as a result of historical research.

Doing so is important under the genealogist's creed, Bilger said, which states a man dies three times: once when he takes his last breath, another when he's buried and another the last time his name is uttered.

"This is why we do what we do," she said.

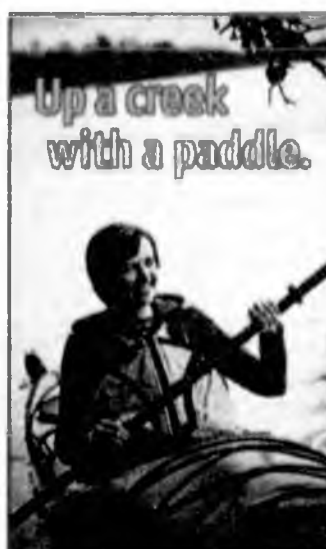
The new monument isn't necessarily right where his ancestors' remains are, but the location is the most logical,

Weston said, since it's near another Vogt family member.

Still, he's happy just to have his family's memory remembered with a new headstone.

"If you connect the dots, it makes sense," Weston said. "If they're within 100 yards of here, I'm happy."

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 07-16-18Za

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 07-16-18Za for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The text amendments Amend Article 18 General Provisions, Article 25 Board of Zoning Appeals, and Article 26 Construction of Language and Definitions to allow administrative review and approval of the following temporary uses: mobile food vending stands, trailers and vehicles; seasonal sales of perishables items conducted by a non-profit entity; and temporary outdoor special events held on private property that invite the general public. The new language covers new uses that were not captured by the existing permits/licenses or in the Zoning Ordinance and simplifies the approval process for a number of temporary uses already permitted in the Zoning Ordinance.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on July 16, 2018, and was adopted by the City Council on August 20, 2018. The ordinance shall become effective on September 7, 2018. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us

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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 a variance request to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- Article 25, Use Specific Standards (120' netting & pole height), for Oasis Golf Practice Center, a commercial recreation facility, located at 39500 Five Mile Road, (Parcel ID#77-052-99-0008-708.

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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Don Weston (right) was assisted by the efforts of Kathleen Bilger of the Northville Historical Society, Wendy DuVall of the city of Novi Community Relations group and Dan Puschell, historian for the First Baptist Church of Northville. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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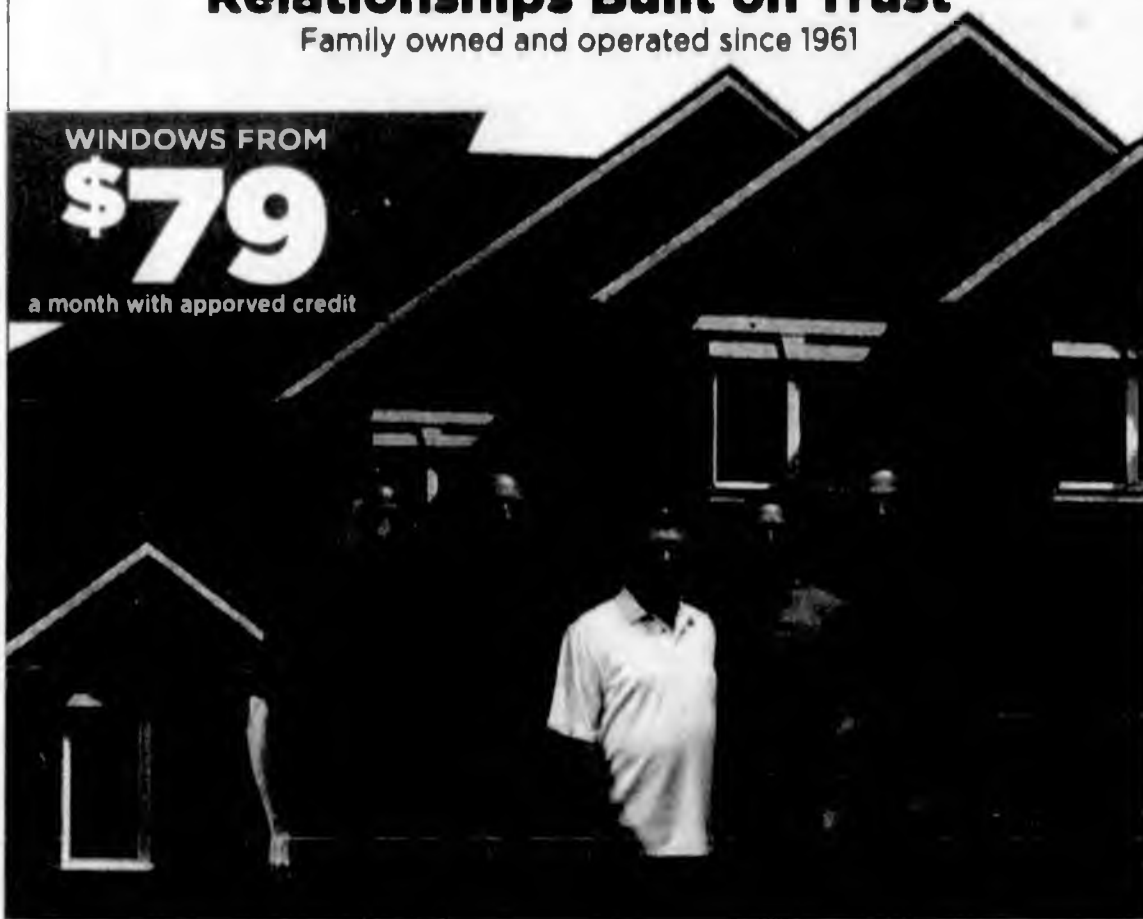
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Novi man facing charges after rollover crash

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A Novi man faces a drunken driving charge after allegedly driving his pickup truck through a red light and crashing into another vehicle, resulting in the truck rolling over. Milford police report recovering multiple empty vodka bottles at the crash scene, according to a report.

The man, 51, was driving his 1992

Ford truck south on Hickory Ridge at West Commerce Road when the crash happened at 5:35 p.m. Aug. 18. The truck struck a 2005 Saab convertible driven by a Milford woman, 48.

The woman, who suffered a sprained wrist, told police she was westbound on Commerce Road and was heading through the intersection on a green light when the truck went through the intersection, striking her vehicle.

When police arrived, the pickup truck was on its roof in the southbound

lane of Hickory Ridge, about 100 yards south of the intersection.

The Novi man told the officer that the truck was illegal — it had no insurance. He added he was planning to get insurance after the weekend and was returning from Holly, where he had picked up a new engine for the truck.

The officer noticed the man smelled of alcohol and, upon questioning, the Novi man reported having a few drinks, but was unable to say how long it had been he had the last one. He had a 0.20

percent blood-alcohol level based on a portable Breathalyzer, 2.5 times the legal limit allowed for driving in Michigan.

When the truck was impounded, the officer noted numerous empty Five O'Clock vodka bottles were found, both in the vehicle and on the ground nearby.

Contact LeAnne Rogers at lroggers@hometownlife.com or 734-883-9039. Follow her on Twitter: @LRogersObserver.

Mental exam ordered for murder suspect

LeAnne Rogers
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A mental competency evaluation has been ordered for a Novi man charged with killing his girlfriend at the mobile home they shared.

Jay Allen Burnett, 34, is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Jamie McManaman, 38, who was found fatally stabbed Aug. 13 at the residence in the 26000 block of Indiana Avenue, in the Novi Meadows mobile home community.

The mental competency evaluation was ordered by 52-1 District Judge Robert Bondy at the request of the defense.



Burnett

A hearing on the competency evaluation report and a probable cause hearing have been scheduled for Oct. 31 before Bondy.

Held without bond at the Oakland County Jail, a not guilty plea was entered for Burnett at his arraignment. If convicted, he faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without chance of parole.

Novi police had gone to the residence Aug. 13 to do a welfare check on McManaman, who uncharacteristically had not turned up at work.

Officers and emergency personnel

entered the residence to find McManaman dead on the kitchen floor. An autopsy by the Oakland County Medical Examiner found she had died of multiple lacerations and stab wounds, ruling it a homicide.

Burnett was not at the mobile home, prompting Novi police to release a photo and vehicle description as they identified him as a person of interest in McManaman's death. With police actively looking for him, Burnett turned himself into the Michigan State Police Metro North Post late Aug. 13 and remained in custody.

Contact LeAnne Rogers at lroggers@hometownlife.com or 734-883-9039.

Northville resident earns health care promotion

Prem Reddy, M.D., chairman, president and CEO of Prime Healthcare, announced the promotion of Saju George to regional CEO overseeing Prime Healthcare's two hospitals in Michigan. George currently serves as CEO of Garden City Hospital and he will also have regional oversight of Lake Huron Medical Center in Port Huron. Jay de Los Reyes will continue as CEO of Lake Huron Medical Center.



George

Since 2014, George has served as CEO of Garden City Hospital, a 323-bed, community teaching hospital. Prior to joining Garden City Hospital, George held various leadership positions with Ascension Health St. Mary's Health System/St. Joseph Health System. He is a resident of Northville.

"This is a promotion well-deserved. Mr. George is a strong leader with compassion, he cares about the hospital employees, the patients, their families and the diverse communities that Garden City Hospital proudly serves," said Osama Sibani, chairman of the Board of Garden City Hospital.

For more information, go to www.primehealthcare.com.

Zelenak selected as new South Lyon city manager

Ed Wright
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

South Lyon's city government took a major step toward returning to normalcy Aug. 23 when the city council approved hiring Paul Zelenak as the city's next city manager.

But it wasn't easy.

The decision — a 6-0 approval with Rose Walton absent — capped a tumultuous eight-month stretch that includ-

ed the resignation of Lynne Ladner, the appointment of Lloyd Collins to a dual role of interim city manager and chief of police and an unprecedented job search process that concluded with Zelenak as the only one of three finalists present at the round of second interviews.

Thomas Skrobola, former director of management services for the city of Kalamazoo, dropped out of contention for the position when he accepted another job offer.

Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, supervisor

of Redford Township, was hospitalized and in critical condition following a single-car accident Aug. 15. City officials were unable to learn details about Kobylarz's condition and recovery.

City council members admitted they were stymied — but at the same time understanding — by the lack of updates on Kobylarz's health when it came to potentially tabling the hiring decision until she was recovered enough to be interviewed.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Plymouth rocks the Big House, 35-11

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Before Friday's Battle at the Big House began, Livonia Stevenson wanted to make it Ed Belea's house.

Belea — sidelined for the season by Hodgkin's lymphoma — led the Spartans out of the Michigan Stadium tunnel, hoping to spark his teammates to an emotional victory.

But Plymouth had other ideas, playing a solid two-way game and scoring 35 unanswered points en route to a convincing 35-11 victory to launch the Brian Lewis coaching era in successful fashion.

"This is a very, very neat thing, coming here," said Lewis, a former coaching assistant for the Michigan Wolverines

who's very familiar with the venue. "I told them to embrace it. This is the biggest stadium in the country, embrace this, have fun with it.

"But at the same time, their field is just as big as our turf field at P-CEP ... Let's just play Plymouth-style football here."

After a sluggish start, the Wildcats (1-0) seemed to quickly regain their footing after an early 21-yard field goal by Stevenson's Ethan Hamm opened the scoring.

Plymouth junior quarterback Nick Downs then orchestrated a 68-yard scoring drive with several clutch extra-effort plays by junior wide receiver Mike Mathias (75 all-purpose yards) and senior running back Carson Miller (21 rush-



Plymouth's Carson Miller (right) tries to elude Stevenson's Lucas Kyle during his 46-yard catch-and-run TD late in the first half. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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PREP FOOTBALL

Harrison's final season gets off on right foot

Marty Budner
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Farmington Harrison absolutely rocketed out of the gate in its final season of football.

Playing its home opener against district rival North Farmington, Harrison scored 41 first-half points and rolled to a 41-0 victory. The scoreless second half was punctuated by a running clock.

Harrison scored five of its six touchdowns on the ground, with senior speedster Ben Williams and Vincent Rawls both scoring twice. Roderick Heard accounted for the other rushing touchdown, while quarterback Max Martin connected with receiver Sylvon Brown from 9 yards out to complete the scoring.

Harrison head coach John Herrington was pleased to get the win and simply wants to concentrate on football rather than the fact the program is in its final season.

"We had our alumni here tonight and it's going to be like that all year and that's great," said Herrington, the only coach Harrison has had in its 49-year

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Harrison's Ben Williams speeds into the end zone for one of his two first-half touchdowns. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Churchill's Desmond Dewberry (3) comes up with the block on a punt attempt by Canton's Ben Stasiak during the second quarter. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Chargers throw block party

Churchill rolls against Canton in opener, 35-21

Brad Emons
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Joel Forgacs had a tough time coming up with an answer when he was asked what felt better — blocking two punts or catching a touchdown.

"Probably the touchdown, because I only had one or two last year," said the 6-foot-3, 205-pound senior tight end and defensive end. "The punts were great, too, so ..."

Churchill blocked three of them in the first half to build a 14-0 lead and went on to spoil Andrew LaPata's debut as Canton's head coach in a 35-21 victory on the road.

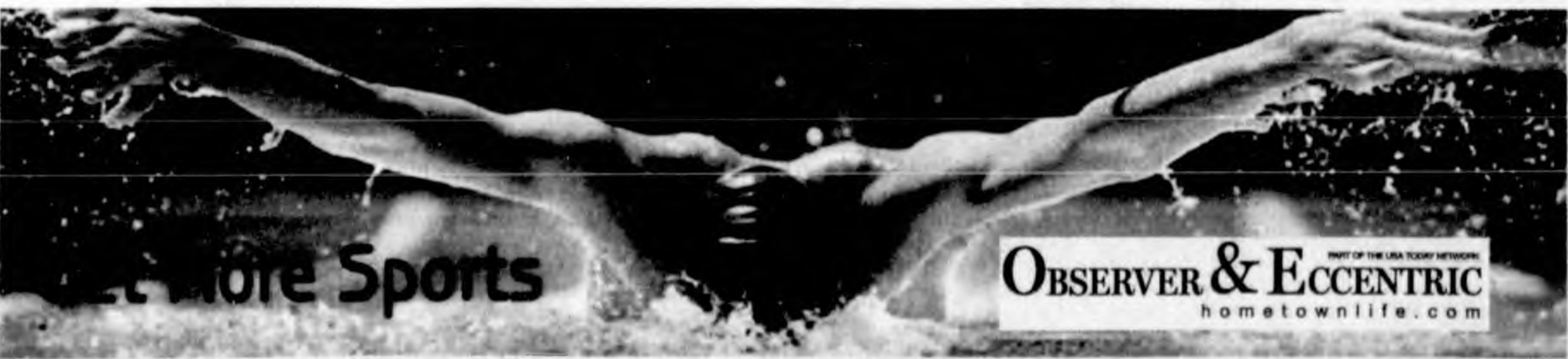
The Chargers never anticipated getting three turnovers the way they did in the first half.

"We just went with our regular

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Canton's Steven Walker (right) eludes a tackler as Churchill's Avery Grenier tries to contain. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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es for 97 yards, one catch for 46 yards and two touchdowns).

Yet perhaps the biggest play of that momentum-turning series was a fourth-and-five pass to junior Jeremy Fuchs, who dodged tacklers for a 12-yard catch. The Wildcats scored four plays later on a 5-yard run by Mathias, with a sweep around left end. After he appeared to be stopped short of the end zone, he fought forward the rest of the way.

Conversely, Stevenson's offense could not get going as sophomore quarterback Coltrane Rubner (5-of-21 passing, 51 yards, two interceptions) struggled in his first varsity start.

"I don't know so much about being nervous, but he just didn't make some good decisions with the ball and it cost us," Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said.

Mathias added his second TD on an electrifying run down the right sideline from 33 yards out with 1:28 to play in the half, making it 14-3.

The Wildcats then got the ball right back and Miller did the rest, catching a screen pass from Downs and taking it to the house for a 46-yard romp. Following the third of five extra points from Jackson Vacca, the Wildcats enjoyed a comfortable 21-3 halftime advantage.

Miller did it again in the third quarter, this time on a 46-yard run, to close out Plymouth's scoring.

The Spartans (0-1) finally scored their first touchdown of the season midway through the fourth quarter on a short run by sophomore Caden Woodall, who was one of the bright spots for them. Woodall ran for 89 yards in 17 carries.

Following are three other takeaways:

BATTLE OF THE YOUNG QBS

Plymouth's Downs outplayed Stevenson's Rubner, especially during the tone-setting first half.

Downs's scrambling ability was enough to avoid pressure, creating enough time to find a target. In the final minute of the half, he threw a screen



Plymouth's Mike Mathias scampers towards the end zone during the second quarter Friday. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

pass to Miller and the running back took it from there for a 46-yard touchdown to open a 21-3 lead.

"We put that play in two days before this game and we wanted to try it out and it worked out perfectly," Miller said. "So I'm really excited that play broke for a TD."

According to Downs, a lot of the credit for Miller's big game was the offensive line's prowess.

"Our O-line blocked their butts off today, they did really good," said Downs, who completed 9-of-12 passes for 100 yards. "They were paving holes and that set up that screen right there. I think (Stevenson) had no idea what was coming."

IVAN'S IN THE 'HOUSE'

The Wildcats also displayed a tough-as-nails defense, putting plenty of heat on Rubner and closing down the Spartans in relatively quick fashion.

Senior defensive end Ivan Davis sacked Rubner for a loss on a fourth-down play inside the Plymouth 20 to stop a promising drive for the Spartans. Plymouth then turned it around and marched 71 yards in 10 plays and scored on Mike Mathias's 33-yard run, giving the Wildcats a 14-3 advantage.

"You saw (Davis) turn it on today," Lewis said. "We've been waiting for him to turn it on and have that 'a ha' moment. You saw what he can do when he has that moment."

BELEA LEADS THE CHARGE

Before the third annual Battle at the

Big House, spirits were high for the Spartans, who were led out of the tunnel by Belea — still an important part of the team, even though his cancer diagnosis has ended his football career.

Belea and his teammates had the chance to cheer early, thanks to a field goal by Hamm just 2:30 into the game.

"It was an exciting moment for him and for our team to have Ed be here and be part of this situation," Micallef said. "Unfortunately, we didn't execute as well as we needed to on the field. And that emotion didn't carry over to what we needed to do in the field of play."

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history. "It's going to be that way every week. But I'm mostly just concentrating on what we're doing out here."

Here are four other takeaways:

DYNAMIC DUO SHINES

Williams and Heard are going to be Harrison's dynamic rushing duo all year.

Williams finished with six carries for 98 yards, while Heard had 14 carries for 119 yards.

They aim to lead Harrison to another victory this week, when it hosts Troy Athens before facing a monstrous Week 3 showdown at state-ranked Oak Park.

According to Williams, Harrison is using its first two games as preparation for the huge road showdown.

"I was very satisfied with how we played tonight," Williams said. "But there are still things we need to touch up on. I had a few missed blocks and our third quarter wasn't the greatest."

"But we're going to critique those things and go out against Athens next week and do great. We have two great teams that we play (at the beginning of the season) and we're using those game to propel us up for Oak Park. That's a red letter game and that's the biggest game on our schedule."

"So coming out and putting up 41-0 is huge for us," he added. "It raises the morale and it raises the team bonding. The second game, we should still be on the high and, by the third week, we're going to do great. Once that game is over, the heavens await."

Herrington was satisfied with the first-game rushing attack.

"Ben can fly. Ben did a great job getting outside," Herrington said. "Rod got some good runs in there, too, but he can run better."

"I think we have to improve our quarterback play so we are able to throw the ball a little bit, but the running was good and the line blocked well," he added. "We just had too many penalties."

RAIDERS DIDN'T 'CHECK OUT'

Second-year North Farmington head coach Bob Chiesa knew his young Raiders would face a battle against Harrison.

Chiesa didn't shy away from the encounter, but was hoping the game would be played at North Farmington as possibly the season finale. It ended up as the road opener.

"What can you say? It's their last year and I respect the program and what they've done," Chiesa said. "That's why



Harrison tailback Roderick Heard is stopped at the line by North Farmington defender Justin Bryant. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

I said let's play them. But we can't compete with them — yet.

"I was proud of our team, because we held them to seven points in the first quarter. We were doing what we wanted. But they made adjustments and started rolling all over us. They got 35 points in the second (quarter), but we held them scoreless in the third and fourth."

"We eliminated the turnovers. We're still growing with this offense, but we'll be fine," he added. "I hate to say this, but in years past they would have checked out. Last year, they would have checked out. They didn't check out tonight and that was my message to them. They'll be fine."

THAT '70S BUNCH

Harrison will welcome back alums all year in its final season as a program.

Friday, it was players from the 1970s who showed up. Former players like Larry Sweeney proudly recalled their time helping to establish the Hawks' foundation of success.

"This was a rocky field with a little bit of grass mixed in when I played," said Sweeney, a 1974 graduate who played three years of varsity football. "We'd run a play, get on the ground and pick up the rocks and throw them to the side and run another play and do the same thing."

"After three years of doing that, there were no more rocks out here," he added with a laugh. "We were told we were the foundation of the Harrison legacy. I

think they were just being nice to us. We never went 14-0 and won a state title. We went 5-4 and we were just happy to be able to play."

THE STREAK CONTINUES

With Friday's victory, Harrison owns a 19-5 record in the series against crosstown rival North Farmington.

Although the teams haven't played ever year, the Hawks have won 16 straight games over the Raiders, dating back to 1979. North's last victory came in 1978, 35-0, when it went all the way to the Class A state title game.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Northville edges Franklin; Salem tops Wayne

Saturday, Aug. 25 games

White Lake Lakeland 45, Walled Lake Central 0
Detroit Edison 18, Lutheran Westland 12

Friday, Aug. 24 games

Northville 28, Franklin 21: Enzo Rodriguez rushed for 93 yards and 16 carries, including a pair of 1-yard TD runs, leading the host Mustangs (1-0) past Livonia Franklin (0-1). Quarterback Nick Lauderback also threw an 11-yard TD pass to Trevor Schornack and scored on a 16-yard run for Northville, which held a 21-0 first-half lead. Jackson Cooney went 4-for-4 on extra points. Junior quarterback Jake Kelbert, who was 8-of-18 passing for 122 yards, got Franklin on the board in the fourth quarter on a 35-yard TD run, followed by an 81-yard TD strike to Fredrick Biles. Adam Saghir and Anthony Montemayor both had five tackles for Northville. Arsell Weary had 10 tackles, including two sacks, while Aidan Pittenger had nine tackles for Franklin.

Salem 23, Wayne 14: Nathan Hunt scored on a 75-yard touchdown run and Tyler Overatits added a 30-yard TD pass to Sheldon Lyall as the Rocks (1-0) won at Wayne Memorial (0-1) in Justin Reed's debut as head coach. Overatits also scored on a 5-yard TD run, while Joshua Gilmour added a 23-yard field goal as Salem led 9-8 at halftime. Jacob Rhiien made seven tackles to lead Salem. Wayne junior QB Ricardo Covin threw TD passes of 8 and 40 yards to seniors Chris Bopala and Cartier Muse-Suber, respectively. Sophomore linebacker Isaac Thomas led Wayne's defense with 10 tackles, including six for loss and two sacks. Freshman linebacker Owen Roper Jr. added eight tackles.

John Glenn 26, Novi 14: Senior Chad Stevens threw TD passes of 22 and 66 yards to Jarrad Tarrance and Dante Barthwell added TD runs of 83 and 3 yards, leading Westland John Glenn (1-0) at home against the Wildcats (0-1). Barthwell had 127 yards rushing on 13 carries, while Justin Morrison added 95 on eight attempts for the Rockets, who had 402 yards total offense. Stevens was 8-of-18 passing for 176 yards. Elijah White paced the Glenn defense with eight solo tackles and two assists. Jason Jennings, who rushed for 107 yards on 19 carries, scored on a 38-yard run for Novi. Quarterback Drew O'Connor added a 32-yard TD run. Josh Erno contributed 58 yards rushing and had eight tackles for Novi.

Thurston 20, New Boston Huron 3: Leonard Funchess ran for 102 yards on 15 carries and scored on touchdown runs of 3 and 42 yards for visiting Redford Thurston (1-0). Quarterback Keysean Ware, who was 7-of-10 passing for 123 yards, hit Davon Hedwood with a 35-yard TD pass. Defensive standouts for the Eagles included Xavier Coleman-Patrillo (three solo tackles, six assists);



Northville running back Enzo Rodriguez is chased by Franklin linebacker Ethan Cooper. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Dancer

Marvus McWright (two solo, six assists, fumble recover), Javonne DuBose (four solo, sack, two assists) and Martez Nabors (interception) •

Birmingham Brother Rice 28, Detroit U-D Jesuit 0: Greg Piscopink was 15-for-19 passing for 195 yards and three touchdowns for Birmingham Brother Rice (1-0). Colin Gardner caught nine balls for 133 yards and three touchdowns, of 54, 29 and 18 yards. James Donaldson ran for 80 yards and a 1-yard touchdown on 17 carries.

Farmington 37, Berkley 21: Farming-



Kaminski

ton's Kendall Williams had 15 carries for 176 yards and three touchdowns and added an interception on defense. Anthony Reaves was 4-of-6 passing for 47 yards and a touchdown, while Jayone Fletcher scored on a 70-yard punt return.

Macomb Lutheran North 36, Livonia Clarenceville 22: Angelo Basilisco was 3-for-7 passing for 103 yards and two touchdowns for the Trojans. Basilisco ran for 49 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries. Jake Mlynarek ran for 39 yards on four carries. Connor Fin-

kel caught three balls for 103 yards and two touchdowns.

Thursday, Aug. 23, games

Birmingham Seaholm 41, Troy Athens 7: Birmingham Seaholm opened the season with a convincing win at Maple Field in an OAA crossover battle. The Maples were led by senior Chase Men-tag, a three-year starter, who registered three touchdowns and 109 yards rushing. Senior Max Schumaker gained 119 yards on the ground. Quarterback Gray Kinnie, a senior who missed all of last season with a knee injury, had 97 yards rushing. The victory snapped a seven-game losing streak dating back to Week 2 of last season.

South Lyon East 29, Waterford Kettering 0: East's first victory was a shut-out on its home turf over Kettering. The defense was led by Jon Carter (interception), Colt Kovach (interception) Ayden Oliver, Terry Day, Rashard Ray (interception) and Nick Helfrick (fumble recovery). Quarterback Chris Kaminski paced the offense by completing 11-of-18 passes for 160 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Sean Clary hauled in eight passes for 81 yards and a touchdown. The rushing attack was led by Matt Gilbert, who carried 23 times for 153 yards and a touchdown. Donovan Wright also scored a touchdown while rushing for 83 yards.

South Lyon 22, Walled Lake Northern 21: South Lyon gave its home fans an opening night thriller with the come-from-behind win over Northern. The Lions trailed 21-14 before registering the game's final touchdown and pulling out the win with a successful two-point conversion. The late touchdown was a 15-yard pass from quarterback Brendan Dancer to Brendan Lach. South Lyon's other touchdowns were scored by Jack Schafer (22-yard run) and Michael Dancer (98-yard kickoff return). South Lyon, which finished with 220 yards total offense to Northern's 344, led 14-7 at halftime. Schafer finished with 70 yards rushing on 10 carries, while Michael Dancer had two receptions for 21 yards. Brendan Dancer completed 8-of-20 passes.

Cranbrook Kingswood 13, Redford Union 0: Jack Fairman (3-yard run) and Torrell Williams (28-yard reception) in a successful debut for new coach Scott Steward at Cranbrook (1-0). RU (0-1) was led by Amir Rashed, who finished with 45 yards rushing on nine carries. Carl Ware was the Panthers' leading tackler with 11.

Waterford Mott 41, Milford 0
Bloomfield Hills 39, Utica 14
Flat Rock 15, Garden City 0

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Chargers

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scheme," Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo said. "That was them struggling a little bit to get that off. Always early season special teams ... all head coaches, I think, are worried when you've got to play special teams Week 1. We stepped up and got three of them tonight, which helped us a ton first half."

Churchill missed a first-quarter field goal and stalled on two other drives, but got on the board after Forgacs blocked his second punt of the half, putting the ball at the Canton 47 with 8:21 left.

"I think one guy missed his assignment, because I heard one of their coaches yelling, I saw nobody was there to block me, so I just went for it," Forgacs said. "The first one I only got a glance off of it, but the second one I obviously got the full arm, so I was really happy. I was just happy to get it."

The Chargers used 10 plays to score their first touchdown, capped by Darrell Mason Jr.'s 5-yard run up the middle with 5:03 left to make it 7-0.

Churchill's Desmond Dewberry, a senior transfer from Salem, then blocked Ben Stasiak's third punt attempt of the half and Jacob Robertson snagged the ball out of the air at the Chiefs' 14.

"I dove for it and I didn't think I was going to get it," the senior linebacker said, "and all a sudden my left finger I felt this pain and I'm, like, 'Oh, I must have blocked it.'"

The next play, Alsobrooks hit Avery

Grenier on a slant for a TD and the Churchill QB converted the PAT to make it 14-0 with 3:13 left in the second quarter.

"And when I saw my teammate (Robertson) pick it up, I was, like, 'That's a big turn,' because as soon as we blocked that, we scored on that drive," Dewberry said. "It was really nice, a really good feeling. When I was at Salem, I had about four blocked punts in a season, so it's nothing new."

After getting three punts blocked, LaFata had no choice but to go for it on fourth-and-one at his own 37 with just over a minute left in the half as Stasiak converted on a keeper.

And LaFata, in his first game after replacing Hall of Fame coach Tim Baechler, took the blame himself.

"It all comes down to the coach. We didn't have them prepared enough, it's my fault," LaFata said. "It's 100-percent my fault."

Other than runs of 36 and 54 yards by Walker in the opening half, Alsobrooks connected with Grenier, who got behind a Canton defender, for a 74-yard TD bomb to make it 21-0.

"We were practicing that play all week. We knew it could be a big play, because they were running man-to-man," said Alsobrooks, who was 10-of-19 passing for 187 yards. "That's our best receiver right there - Avery Grenier. He did a hell of a job, broke the route. We had it. We knew coming out of the locker room we were going to run that first play. It's just the way it happened. We knew it. I did miss a deep ball earlier that I should

have had, but our team played great today."

Helped by a 15-yard personal foul, the Chiefs traveled 70 yards in 10 plays, which resulted in their first TD, a 2-yard run by Juwan Frazier with 7:43 left in the third.

Churchill, however, was undaunted as Alsobrooks found a tight window on third-and-four and hit Forgacs for a 24-yard TD with 4:53 remaining in the third to make it 28-7.

Taking just five plays in 1:34, Canton scored its second TD on a 1-yard run by Luke Joppi to cut the deficit to 28-14 with 3:18 left in the third.

Grenier then made a big play on the defensive side with an interception of a Stasiak pass at his own 20 with 10:59 left in the game.

Canton, however, made a game of it with another 10-play, 70-yard drive, capped by Marco's Johnson's 21-yard TD run with only 4:56 to go to cut the deficit to 28-21.

"You shoot yourself in the foot a few times - my fault, though - but our kids showed they competed," LaFata said. "They felt what it was like to play a really good football team who is coached up. Those guys are damn good over there. They competed. I'm proud of the way they fought that second half. But coaching-wise, we put them in a bad spot."

The Chargers' Deon Pitchford returned the ensuing kickoff 34 yards and the speedy Mason put it away on the next play when he broke a couple of tackles and cut loose 47 yards for another Churchill TD with 4:40 remaining to make it 35-21.

"Darrell was hurting, too. He rolled

his ankle the drive before, he just manned up and made a huge play," Alsobrooks said. "I love that kid, I'm so proud of him."

Canton finished with 364 yards total offense, including 331 yards on the ground, led by Walker (17 carries, 137 yards) and Stasiak (nine carries, 84 yards). But the Chiefs couldn't dig themselves out of a 21-point hole.

"It's a game of momentum," LaFata said. "Bad things are going to happen. You've got to respond and I'm happy by the way we responded. But then again, (it was) our fault as a staff for allowing that to happen and not have them ready."

Churchill, meanwhile, used a balanced offensive attack with 187 yards passing and 176 rushing, led by Mason, who had 91 yards on 10 carries.

"I thought we were able to mix it up tonight well," DeFillippo said. "We were able to run the ball when we needed to. I thought we were good on offense, we were good on defense and good on specials, getting contributions from so many of our guys. We had a lot of guys make big plays tonight. I'm thrilled for our guys - 1-0. We've got a quick turnaround, because we got to play Belleville next week."

The Chargers were able to set the tone from the start.

"We came out on the first drive and we realized they weren't hitting hard as usual and that we could hit just as hard as them, so we didn't back down at all and that helped us all day," Forgacs said.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Northville heads to Canton in HTL's top game

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The first week of prep football featured some colossal match-ups, with interesting outcomes.

Week 2, again sporting a Thursday-Friday game menu, offers more of the same.

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

5 to Watch

Oak Park (1-0) at Birmingham Groves (0-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30: The good news for Groves is this OAA White Division opener is at Falcons Field. The bad news is the Falcons will be facing one of the state's top teams loaded with Division I talent. Groves is coming off a tough loss to West Bloomfield, while Oak Park took care of Utica Eisenhower in the Prep Kickoff Classic. The teams split their last two meetings, with Oak Park earning a 34-14 victory last season. They were involved in a three-way tie for the OAA White Division title last year with Harrison. Picks: Emons (Oak Park), Budner (Oak Park), Smith (Oak Park).

White Lake Lakeland (1-0) at Waterford Mott (1-0), 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30: Lakeland is coming off a confidence-building shutout victory over Walled Lake Central in its LVC opener. The Eagles face a much tougher battle this week at Mott, which opened the season with an equally-dominating LVC shutout victory over Milford. Lakeland was a preseason favorite to win the LVC title this season, according to league coaches. Coach Chris Fahr's Corsairs won nine games last year and he will have his team ready. Picks: Emons (Lakeland), Budner (Mott), Smith (Lakeland).

Livonia Churchill (1-0) at Belleville (1-0), 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30: Churchill played a strong game and surprised Canton in the season opener. The Chargers must put in an ever better effort this week in the KLAA East opener against Belleville, led by massive lineman Devontae Dobbs and defensive back Julian



Churchill quarterback Drew Alsobrooks fights for extra yardage as he tries to elude Canton's Victor Mancuso during the season opener. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Barnett — both Michigan State commits. Belleville is hoping to not only win the KLAA East Division title, but has its sights set on its first state championship. Picks: Emons (Belleville), Budner (Belleville), Smith (Belleville).

Northville (1-0) at Canton (0-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31: Northville had its way in the season-opening victory over Livonia Franklin. The Mustangs figure to face a much tougher test this week against an angry Canton team that dropped its opener to Churchill. Picks: Emons (Canton), Budner (Canton),

Smith (Canton).

Rochester Adams (1-0) at Bloomfield Hills (1-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31: Both teams are coming off nice wins last week — Adams by a point over district rival Rochester and Bloomfield Hills by 25 points over Macomb County foe Utica. The Black Hawks must find a way to keep the momentum going against a traditional OAA powerhouse that dealt them a stinging 40-point defeat last year. Picks: Emons (Adams), Budner (Adams), Smith (Bloomfield).

Bonus game

Troy Athens (0-1) at Farmington Harrison (1-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31: The Hawks were impressive in opening their final season with a big victory over North Farmington. Harrison will use this game as another tuneup for its monumental Week 3 showdown at Oak Park. Picks: Emons (Harrison), Budner (Harrison), Smith (Harrison).

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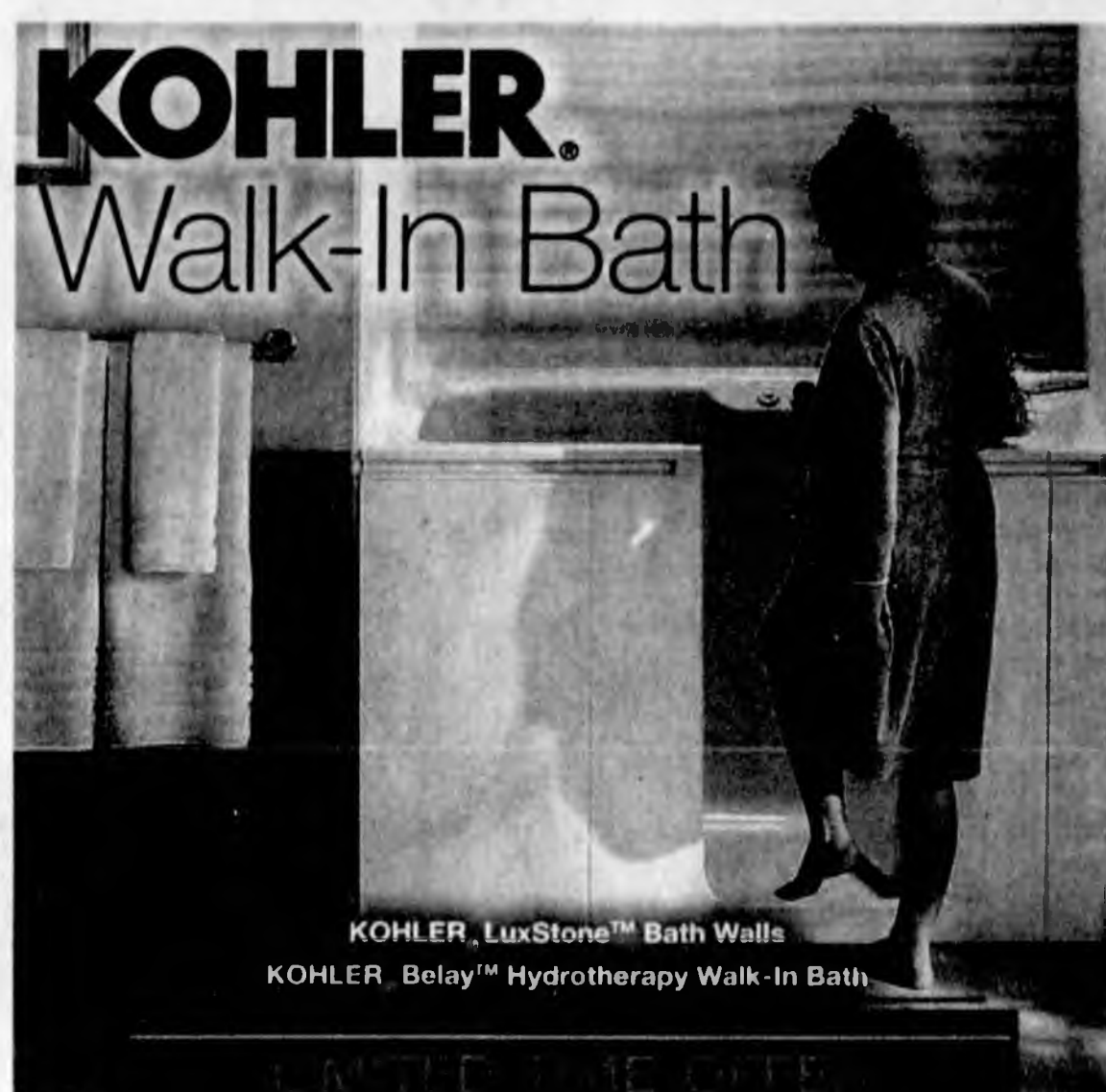
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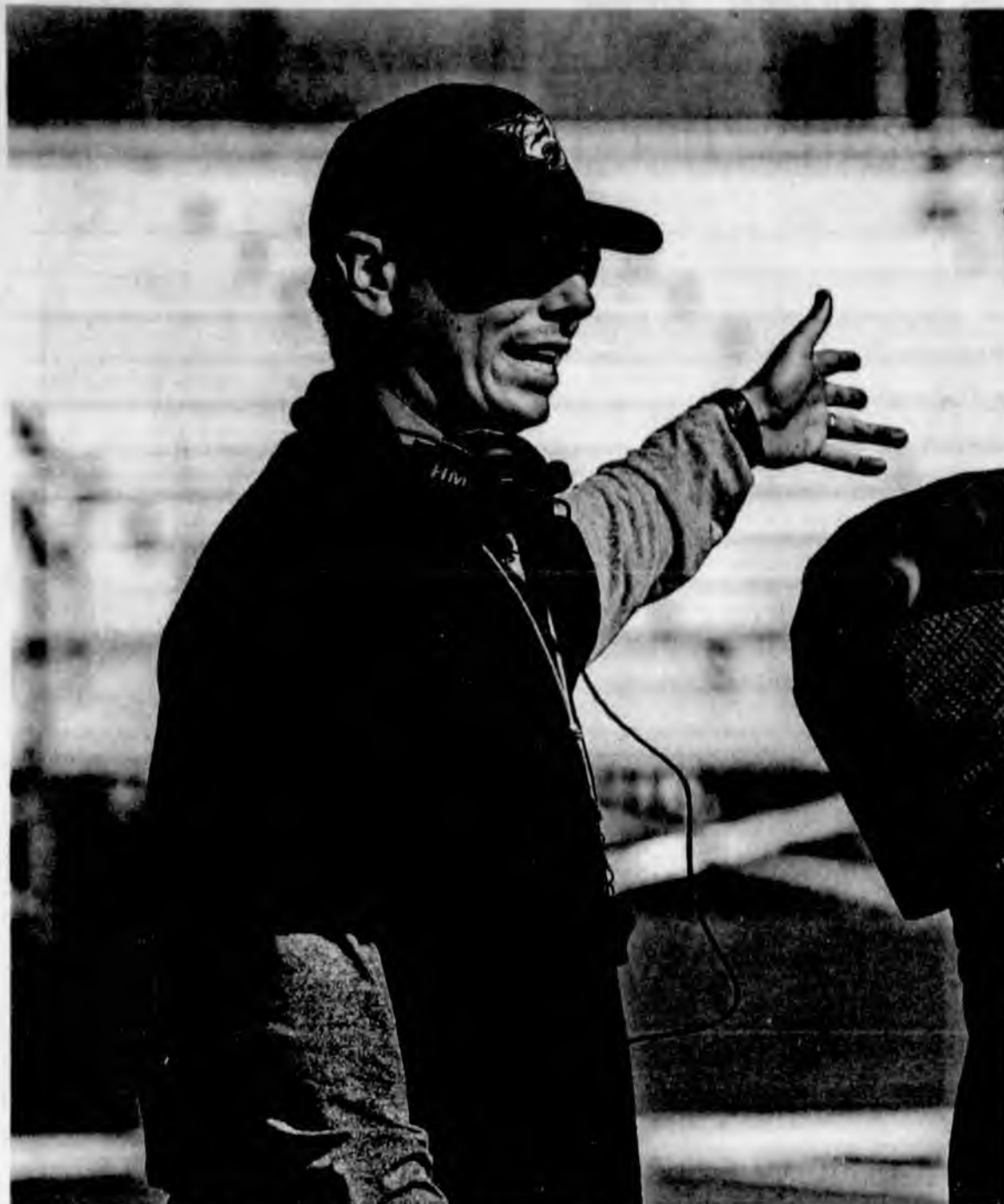
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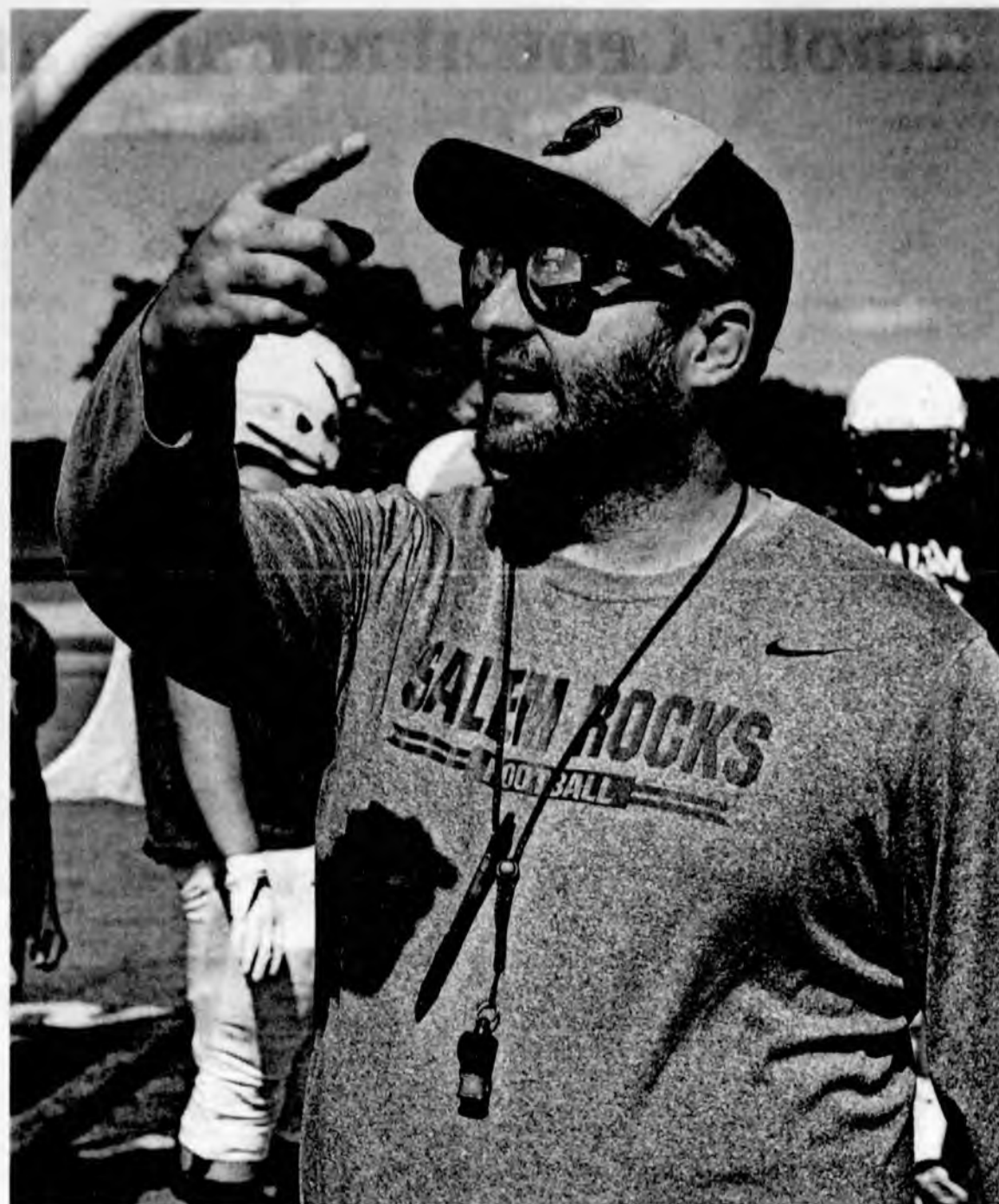
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PREP FOOTBALL



Building trust up and down the roster is one of Plymouth head coach Brian Lewis's top priorities entering his first season with the Wildcats. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Salem also has a new head coach, Justin Reed. With all three Park teams starting new coaching eras in 2018, he said the Rocks have a unique opportunity. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Wave of new coaches making splash at Plymouth-Canton

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Aligned from one side to the other of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park football stadium end zone are the campus' three high school logos.

Canton's red, Salem's blue and Plymouth's black share turf space in equal parts — even though their football fortunes have not always been so balanced.

But 2018 could be the start of new Park turf wars, with the Chiefs, Rocks and Wildcats each starting anew with a new head coach, fresh ideas and plenty of optimism.

"You don't see that too often," said Salem coach Justin Reed, taking over from Kurt Britnell. "I think we're the only place in America that has all three schools on one campus. There's others with two.

"But having all three here — and with all three new head coaches — is a challenge and an exciting time, all in the same breath."

On-field results haven't always matched preseason enthusiasm, but at least two of the Park's three squads have been consistent contenders — especially Canton, from 1998 to 2017 under the watch of now-retired hall of fame coach Tim Baechler.

Conversely, Salem's playoff spot last season (with a 5-4 mark) was its first since 1991.

Meanwhile, Plymouth has been a playoff regular during Mike Sawchuk's decade-long regime.

"I think it's pretty cool, because everybody's got a fresh canvas," said Brian Lewis, who succeeds Sawchuk. "I think guys are able to show us who they are, who might have had a certain persona for the previous staff.

"So I think it's pretty cool that guys got a fresh canvas and myself, I got a fresh canvas, and we kind of get to create an identity together and create a team together with everybody with a fresh slate."

Chiefs know the drill

The Chiefs probably have a bit of a jump on the Wildcats and Rocks, simply because of familiarity both in the coaching staff and roster. Last year's 10-2 team lost a heart-breaker to Novi Detroit Catholic Central in the Division I regional championship.

New head coach Andy Lafata (who was on Baechler's staff for a number of years) welcomes back a number of players from a season ago.

"High expectations ... the kids are working," Lafata said. "A lot less sleep being the head coach, after being the assistant ... but we're excited about it. We're just trying to outwork people right



Lafata

now and teach things up."

Leading Canton's impressive cast is potential Division I recruit Darius Robinson, who towered over just about every other player during an afternoon practice earlier this week.

"Hype is not real," Lafata said about lofty D-I projections following senior defensive lineman Robinson. "So we hope that Darius is real and that he lives up to the billing of what people are saying. But for us, he's just another guy playing a position. If we put someone else in there, we expect the same results.

"He's been a good leader, a good vocal leader for us. We've yet to play a game, so we haven't seen him live yet."

The Chiefs have much more talent, including record-smashing senior tailback Steven Walker, senior tight end/defensive end Noah Van Berkel and senior linebacker Seth Troszak.

"It feels great. We're getting our team chemistry up and we're all coming together. It's a nice thing to see," Van Berkel said. "New coaches, new faces everywhere, we're doing good."

They also have a lot of others hungry to make their mark and keep the Canton tradition of success going.

"Helps a lot that there's people familiar with the system, so that we're all on the same page on what we're coaching and we're familiar with the practice schedule and who the kids are," Lafata said. "That helps. But every year's different. Even if you have carryover, the kids are different. Every single year, you got to come and teach them."

Robinson and Van Berkel took a knee together during a water break, discussing some of the day's schemes and assignments. Just like the Baechler days, a lot is expected of the Chiefs.

"It's a new era, a little bit. We're running the same offense," Robinson said. "Everything's still practically the same, it's just new coaches, new bond, new chemistry. But all in all, we've been transitioning really well.

"We still want to win games, win our division, make a playoff run. We just got

to keep pushing ourselves even further, further, harder, every day at practice to get to the ultimate goal we want to be at."

Wildcats building trust

The future is somewhat more uncertain elsewhere at the Park, although that "fresh canvas" provides extra hope for immediate relevance in the newfangled Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

According to Plymouth's Lewis, who last year coached Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, it helps to have stellar veteran returnees, such as senior running back Carson Miller, to provide a strong connection from the previous coaching regime.

"Carson Miller is a heck of a tailback and, yes, he'll be a leader on the field for us," Lewis said. "Anytime you get a kid of Carson's talents and abilities, it's good to have him carrying over, wherever. If we had 11 Carsons, we'd be pretty good."

During the transition period and with his late hiring (June) contributing to less time to know the playbook and the players, Lewis is leaning on the expertise of returning assistant coaches such as offensive coordinator Brian Rochon.

"We got a couple guys that are carryovers from (Sawchuk's) staff and they're great, they're phenomenal," Lewis said. "(Sawchuk) did a great job with this program and a great job with this team, so those guys are all quality, quality guys.

"And we have a couple guys that we brought in, that I brought in, that I have relationships with. So it's quite a blend of old and new. It's nice."

The No. 1 task is building trust between every player and every member of the coaching staff.

"Everybody's still learning," said Lewis, 29. "But my hope is that we see a team that's together. The ultimate thing is for us to walk in together, walk out together and, no matter what during the game, stay together."

Miller is setting the tone both on and off the field, with his offensive ability and leadership qualities.

"For me, personally, it's been easy," Miller said. "The new coaches are great. And the transition is super-easy.

"I mean, this season, I do feel like everybody on the team likes each other and we're all family. And I think the new coaches really pulled that together and made us come together in a really good way."

Junior defensive end Ivan Davis, meanwhile, has noticed "a different tone, kind of more upbeat" during August practices.

"We're all getting closer together," Davis said. "And we're also working really hard."

Salem's energy boost

There is no shortage of energy or effort on the P-CEP turf field as the young and scrappy Salem Rocks gear up for the first season with Reed at the helm.

"Just hit the ground running," Reed said about the key to starting the 2018 season. "New challenges and learning as we go but, just like our kids, I think we've got to grow up fast."

"We have a lot of guys that haven't had a ton of playing time and now it's their time to actually hit the field and see what they can do."

The Rocks will be trying to earn a playoff spot for the second consecutive season, but the young group already is experiencing adversity — with the season-ending ACL injury to junior quarterback Matt Claerhout, suffered on the first play of the Blue and White scrimmage.

"(Claerhout) went to plant, no contact, and he's out," Reed said, adding that the injury is not foretelling a tough season. "I think it's the opposite of an omen. Right now, the energy is positive here.

"The excitement level is high because, across the entire Park, it's kind of a brand new feel with all the new coaches."

Claerhout's devastating injury has opened the door for Tyler Overaitis and he plans to make the most of the chance.

"We're excited for what he can do," Reed said. "He was brought up last year as a sophomore, so he has varsity experience, more on the defensive side of the ball. But like I said, he's seen the Friday night lights, so I don't think they'll be too bright for him."

Overaitis said he immediately bought in to his elevated roster status.

"I thought it was unfortunate to happen and I just got to step in and take over and keep this offense over," Overaitis said. "I just got to focus up and just know all the plays and be a leader."

One of Lewis's former players at Gabriel Richard will be a main cog for Salem, junior lineman Josh Williams (6-3, 290).

"We're definitely really excited to start a new regime here, we're really excited to just play our first game," Williams said. "We've been working hard all summer."

Williams than talked about the team's determination to play with pace and discipline.

"Each practice, we have to play with a good pace and we have to go out there and work hard, we can't come out slow," he said. "If we come out slow, then we're going to get beat."

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PREP FOOTBALL

Catholic Central remains atop HTL Sports Top-10 list

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Catholic Central remains No. 1 in the Hometown Life Sports Top-10 list after the first week of football.

Seven of the 10 teams won their opener.

The biggest game affecting the Top-10 list was Livonia Churchill's surprising 35-31 triumph over then No. 2-ranked Canton. The result lifted Churchill up three spots in this week's rankings.

Livonia Franklin, ranked No. 8 heading into Week 1, suffered a two-touchdown defeat to Northville. The Mustangs replaced the Chargers in this week's poll.

Following is this week's Top-10 list:

1. Catholic Central (1-0)

Last week: No. 1. The Shamrocks opened with a convincing 28-7 triumph over Walled Lake Western in the Prep Kickoff Classic at Wayne State University. CC utilized its usual rock-solid rushing attack, led by senior Keegan Koehler's 244 yards and two-touchdown performance, to register the impressive 21-point victory. *Next game: Aug. 31 at Toledo Whitmer*

2. Farmington Harrison (1-0)

Last week: No. 3. The Hawks moved into the No. 2 slot thanks to a solid 41-0 victory over district rival North Farmington. Harrison's overall speed, led by sprinters Ben Williams and Roderick Heard, will be the offensive key all season. *Next game: Aug. 31 home vs. Troy Athens*

3. Brother Rice (1-0)

Last week: No. 4. Brother Rice gave a solid effort in a 28-0 shutout over Catholic League crossover foe U-D Jesuit. Greg Piscopink, Colin Gardner and James Donaldson were the offensive stars in the game, which was dedicated to coach Greg Piscopink, who was injured in a recent car accident. *Next game: Aug. 31 at Mishawaka (Ind.) Penn*

4. Livonia Churchill (1-0)

Last week: No. 7. Churchill rode the momentum from last year's eight-win season to register the two-touchdown



Andrew Brown and his Harrison teammates have jumped to No. 2 in this week's Top-10 football rankings after a big opening night win over North Farmington.

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victory over Canton in a KLAA crossover battle. Oddly enough, Canton defeated Churchill by that same score last season. The Chargers avenged last year's loss thanks to a sterling all-around effort by Joel Forgacs, who had two blocked punts and caught a touchdown

pass. *Next game: Aug. 30 at Belleville*

5. White Lake Lakeland (1-0)

Last week: No. 6. Lakeland opened its season and Lakes Valley Conference play with a convincing 45-0 victory over Walled Lake Central to move up a spot in the rankings. Head coach Joe Woodruff

had to like what he saw from his Eagles. *Next game: Aug. 30 at Waterford Mott*

6. Canton (0-1)

Last week: No. 2. After dropping its home opener to Churchill, Canton moves down four spots in the rankings. Despite the loss, the Chiefs remain in the Top-10 heading into Week 2. Canton and new head coach Andrew LaFata aim to please the home fans and secure the season's first victory in its KLAA opener this week. *Next game: Aug. 31 home vs. Northville*

7. Birmingham Groves (0-1)

Last week: No. 5. It doesn't get an easier for Groves. The Falcons dropped their season opener at home to 2017 Division 1 state runner-up West Bloomfield. Groves will need an improved effort this week as it opens OAA White Division action. *Next game: Aug. 30 home vs. Oak Park*

8. Northville (1-0)

Last week: Unranked. Northville had just three wins last year, but opened the season with a sterling 28-21 victory over Livonia Franklin behind the strong effort of Enzo Rodriquez, who rushed for 93 yards and a pair of touchdowns. The Mustangs face a tough battle this week. *Next game: Aug. 31 at Canton*

9. Redford Thurston (1-0)

Last week: No. 9. Thurston had a nice 20-3 road victory over New Boston Huron. Leonard Funchess ran for 102 yards on 15 carries and scored on touchdown runs of 3 and 42 yards to lead the way. Now it gets to play in front of its home crowd for the first time this season. *Next game: Aug. 31 home vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood*

10. BH Cranbrook Kingswood (1-0)

Last week: No. 10. Cranbrook traveled to Redford Union and played a solid defensive game in a 13-0 victory. The Cranes received their touchdowns from Jack Fairman (3-yard run) and Torrell Williams (28-yard reception) in a successful debut for new head coach Scott Steward. *Next game: Aug. 30 home vs. Windsor Holy Names (5 p.m.)*

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Clarenceville grad Boyd savors experience as bat boy

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Doing the laundry and cleaning shoes may not sound glamorous, but for Detroit Tigers bat boy and clubhouse attendant Lusire Boyd Jr., it's the greatest part-time job in the world.

The 2015 Livonia Clarenceville High grad is in his fifth season with the team and he wears many different hats when he reports to Comerica Park for the each of the Tigers' 81 home games.

For night games, Boyd will generally arrive at the stadium around 2 p.m.

"The first thing I do is start restocking all the bubble gum and seeds that go out to the dugout," he said. "Then we'll fill up the coolers with ice, water, Gatorade ... everything that needs to be cold by game time and batting practice. By the time that's done, we have batting practice. Once I finish with all that stuff, I'll go out to the field and shag balls with the team and bring them back to the pitching mound so they can keep hitting balls for the whole team."

Boyd serves primarily as the main clubhouse attendant and bat boy for the visiting side working, with all the teams that come to Detroit.

"Once we're done with BP, we get the helmets out and ready for the game," he said. "We have a big van with the helmets that come in and we store them during the night and put them in numerical order in the helmet cubbies. Then we'll go back in the clubhouse and clean their shoes, getting laundry. The players get undressed from BP and get ready for the game. We put them in the laundry room and put them in different washers with the jerseys and uniforms, shirts and undergarments."

The 22-year-old Boyd will then change into the opposing team's uniform and get ready for the 7:10 p.m. game.

"My job is to pick up the bat, first base, second base ... wherever they land and get whatever they have on their legs, their arms, whatever, and bring it back to the dugout," he said. "And in any event where a player breaks a bat, then I have a spare bat, get the backup bat so they can have it ready if a bat breaks."



Lusire Boyd Jr. serves as the bat boy and clubhouse attendant for the visiting teams at Comerica Park. This day, he was wearing the colors of the Chicago White Sox.

Following the game, Boyd returns to the clubhouse and goes into preparation mode, working behind the scenes.

"Post-game, I pretty much wrap up everything, take everything back down to the room where we store everything in, pack up the helmets, store everything away, get laundry again, clean shoes all over again and reset the locker room for the next day, so when they come in, everything is ready to go," he said.

Depending on the length of the game, he'll usually wrap things just past midnight.

Boyd, who lives in Redford, started working for the Tigers at age 17. He works under Tigers clubhouse manager Jim Schmakel, a former bat boy himself who has been with the club for 40 years.

"One of my friend's parents recommended me to somebody in the office and my name got down to the right person, I guess," Boyd said. "It was a great opportunity that somebody recommended me and I had the opportunity to do it. I just took it by the reins and ran with it."

During in his five seasons with the

club, he's developed some close relationships with the players and coaches. Among his favorite players is Miguel Cabrera, who has been sidelined for the season with a torn bicep.

"He's a big jokester," Boyd said. "He likes to play with us on and off the field. He's my favorite person right now. He's not active right now, but he's pretty cool. Nick Castellanos, he's also a cool guy. He's always joking around and just having a good time. He makes it fun when you're at work."

And while working for the visitor's side, Boyd has also struck additional friendships as well.

"Most of the time when they come back and after a few years of doing it, they'll recognize me," he said. "Some of the teams will get newer players, but guys like Mike Trout (L.A. Angels) will recognize me and we'll strike up a conversation, joke around. Joe Mauer with the Minnesota Twins, he's really nice. I think he's the nicest guy in the league, in my opinion. Tito (Francona) with the Indians has got to be the funniest guy, manager-wise. I don't have any complaints about anyone. They're all really nice."

Each season, Boyd has flown out to meet the Tigers on a road trip. Last week, he traveled to Los Angeles and, the two previous seasons, he visited Texas and Cleveland. He's also spent time at the Tigers' spring training facility in Lakeland, Fla.

"We checked out the stadium (in Anaheim) and see how the other locker rooms are run," Boyd said. "You know how it is when you go to someone else's shop, you want to see how they're doing it and see how we can improve and bring back ideas to our stadium. It's really an experience to go out there."

Boyd says he'll occasionally get tips, but it's nothing major.

"We get tickets to the game or whatever," he said. "And I'll get an autograph, if I really want to get an autograph from someone. I'm not trying to get any type of perks, I'm just trying to take it all in and just love the opportunity of doing it, if that makes sense."

Boyd played baseball during his seventh- and eighth-grade years, but participated in football, wrestling and track

and Clarenceville. He wore No. 72 and played right guard during the Trojans' 11-1 season and run to the MHSAA Division 5 state semifinals in 2013.

Boyd, who is African American, attended the Detroit Public Schools before transferring to Clarenceville Middle School as a seventh-grader, where he admitted struggling initially both socially and academically.

That's when Heather Hilton, a reading intervention teacher, took Boyd under his wing.

"We had a whole class dedicated to academics," he said. "If you weren't strong enough to ask the teacher for help, then you wouldn't get it. So when I came to this school, everyone was at a certain reading level and I was, like, 'Wait a minute, now, we're not doing what I used to be doing,' if that makes sense."

But by the time he was a senior, Boyd ended up graduating from Clarenceville with a 3.4 grade-point average.

"Clarenceville is a great school," Boyd said. "If they know you're struggling somewhere, they will take the initiative to help you to get to where you need to be without secluding you from the crowd, not making you feel like you're special needs, if that makes sense. I was trying to prove myself to everyone else, but I needed to get my act together. After that, I just took off."

Boyd not only works for the Tigers, but he has a couple of other part-time jobs. He does landscaping along with security work for the Detroit Lions and events at Ford Field.

"When different celebrities come into town, I'll do bodyguard-type things, bar mitzvahs, weddings, anything that requires security, I'll be ready for," he said.

Boyd said he will continue his education and enroll at Schoolcraft College during spring 2019, but he also plans to return to the Tigers next season.

"If they want me, I'll go back, for sure," he said. "I know next year I won't be in the locker room or the field. I'll be more of a locker room guy, more visible in the locker room and behind the scenes."

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Crain leaves Plymouth to take Alma job

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Plymouth High School's loss has become Alma College's gain, as Jason Crain will return to his alma mater to coach baseball.

Crain leaves Plymouth with 128 victories in five varsity seasons, the most by any coach in program history. His teams captured four straight MHSAA Division 1 district titles (2015-18), two Kensington Lakes Activities Association division crowns and one KLAA Association championship (2018).

The 45-year-old Northville resident wanted to build on his impressive half-decade with the Wildcats, but the Alma opportunity was too good to resist.

"A couple people told me when I was hired in there (Plymouth), that I was going to be a lifer and I actually believed it," Crain said during an interview. "I thought so, too. It's the campus where I went to high school. I fully expected to be there a long period of time."

"Probably Alma was one of the few places that could call and say, 'Hey, what do you think?' to get me to even think about it."

Crain, who also served as a JV and freshman coach for the Wildcats, is a five-time District Coach of the Year, as well as the Hometown Life Coach of the Year in 2015.

In addition to coaching the three teams, Crain's other duties included overseeing the Booster Club, participating in weekly media interviews and managing communication with parents and collegiate programs recruiting his players. Thirteen players in his six years at Plymouth have gone on to play collegiate baseball.

One of those players, outfielder Pete

Carravallah (2016 grad) is one of the players Crain will coach at Alma.

"That will be nice for both of us, but for me in particular, to have someone there who knows how we do things and how we run our program," Crain said. "I always felt like we tried to model our high school program after a small college atmosphere."

Joining Crain at Alma will be his Plymouth pitching coach, Scott Niemiec.

Crain said he will commute between Northville and Alma the first year and, subsequently, move to the greater Lansing area.

"He called me right after he accepted the position ... was obviously very open about it," Plymouth athletic director Luke Swanson said. "Obviously, he's had mixed feelings because he's so proud of the program he's created here, but I was excited for him as well."

"It's a great opportunity from being a high school coach and having the opportunity to really make it into your own profession. Hard to fault him for that."

Crain becomes Alma's 29th baseball head coach in the school's 118-year history, replacing Jake Sabol, who resigned in July to take the Northwood University position.

"He brings an unmatched energy and a deep respect of Alma College, along with thoroughness and attention to detail," Alma athletic director Steven Rackley said. "We look forward to seeing the work he'll put into this program come out on the field."

Crain, who graduated in 1991 from Canton High School, is owner of Crain Heating and Cooling and general manager and instructor of the Motor City Nine Baseball Club in Canton. He has also spent time with Green Energy/Pritchard Wilson/Pritchard, Inc., in a number of roles, ranging from CEO to



Crain

technician.

The Alma job opening took Crain by surprise.

"I honestly was never looking for another position at any high school or college," Crain said. "And it just so happens that Alma College is where I played and there's lots of alumni that have connection to the program."

"And obviously, we try to send players there. And when the coach decided to step down and move on to a different opportunity, I had countless people send me notes and call me and tell me I should inquire."

"I was on the baseball field working at a clinic with Jake Boss, who is head coach at Michigan State. He and I played together in Alma and he said, 'Hey, you need to look into that job.' I said, 'What job?'"

He ultimately decided to go for it after two weeks of discussion with wife Melissa (a 1996 graduate of Alma College) and their four boys — Matthew, 17; twins Luke and Ben, 14; and Andrew, 8.

"It's chasing a dream, it's something I've always wanted to do," Crain said. "And I feel fortunate to be able to chase a dream with the support of my family and show my kids that it's an OK thing to do and it does happen sometimes, so don't be scared of it."

During his introduction at Alma, Crain also thanked his parents (Jim and Audrey Crain), father-in-law (Russ King) and assistant coaches at Plymouth, Niemiec and Beau Adams, for their support.

Niemiec, who played at the University of Michigan, will be also part of Crain's staff at Alma.

"I took the job not knowing whether Scott was going to come," Crain said. "I

was a little apprehensive calling him, because I enjoy working with those guys so much, but I called him and he instantly said, 'I'm in.'"

"That's exciting, because he and I and Beau coach as a team. We're egoless and I think that's what's represented on the field by our players and to have that component come with me is a huge benefit and the wealth of knowledge he brings and the experience and the connections is priceless."

Niemiec and Crain also co-founded the MC Nine baseball facility. Plans are for the business to continue.

"That's not going to change. For the most part, it runs itself," Crain said. "I'm not moving for a year, because I'm going to let my kids finish this year in school before we move. And Scott's not moving at all, so he'll be in this area."

Meanwhile, the search is on for a new varsity baseball coach at Plymouth.

"I think we have a really solid foundation with our program. Jason had developed a program that is winning division and district titles and is competing for regional titles, so I think we're looking for somebody that's going to build on his foundation," Swanson said. "I think it's a really appealing job to applicants that will want to come into and (be) ready to compete and win. We're looking for somebody with the similar qualities that Jason has had, but obviously somebody that's going to put his own spin on a successful program and take it to the next level."

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BENEFIT HOCKEY GAME

NHL stars honor Johansson's memory, legacy

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When USA Hockey's Jim Johansson died in January, many NHL players such as Detroit Red Wings center Dylan Larkin were in the middle of an unforgiving schedule that prevented them from properly saying good-bye to the beloved man nicknamed "JJ."

But once summer rolled around, Larkin — a product of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program that Johansson devoted so much time and energy to — thought there must be another way to honor him.

Of course, a hockey game fit the bill perfectly. Larkin was the catalyst for the inaugural Stars & Stripes Showdown, played Sunday afternoon before a standing room only crowd at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The Waterford native got on the telephone and recruited NHL players to fly in on their dime and toast Johansson's memory. Red Wings teammates Jimmy Howard, Justin Abdelkader and Luke Glendening were among those recruits.

Also competing during a loosely played contest that ended up with Larkin's Team Blue besting Team White, 14-9, were American-born NHL standouts such as Auston Matthews (Toronto), Patrick Kane (Chicago), Cam Fowler (Anaheim), Jacob Trouba (Winnipeg), James van Riemsdyk (Philadelphia) and Nick Foligno (Columbus).

They wanted to help

"Not hard, not hard," Larkin said about how challenging it was to get enough players to fill two teams. "Guys have busy summers, busy schedules, it's a busy time of year right now with getting ready for training camp and the NHL season. It speaks volumes to the kind of person JJ was for all these guys to come out."

The game was the focal point for Sunday's gathering, but it was very much a Johansson celebration just the same.

Players on both teams wore uniforms with "JJ" prominent on the crest. A tribute video was shown before the ceremonial puck drop at center ice, where JJ's wife Abby, 2-year-old daughter Ellie, father Ken, brother John and sister Judy were gathered.

For the actual puck drop, Ellie, in her mom's arms, enthusiastically flung the puck several feet from the center ice dot — resulting in a warm-hearted reaction from the packed stands.

"It was amazing, an absolutely in-



Following Sunday afternoon's Stars & Stripes Showdown in Plymouth, Detroit Red Wings teammates Justin Abdelkader (left) and Dylan Larkin greet each other in the handshake line. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

credible outpouring of support for JJ," Abby Johansson said during a post-game press conference, with a sleepy Ellie still in her arms. "The fact the players organized it made it even more meaningful."

"Such a special day and something I know he would have been very proud of, the guys for pulling this together and everything ... I think he'd be slightly embarrassed that it was him they were doing it for."

All proceeds from ticket sales, along with money generated from raffles and an online auction, will be earmarked for the Jim Johansson Legacy Fund of the USA Hockey Foundation and the Ellie Johansson College Fund.

"I think that was really, really special," Abby Johansson said. "JJ was so proud of Ellie, I think he was the proudest father I've ever seen. It's really, really special that they'd want to do something to help Ellie."

"More importantly, while she may not remember this day perfectly, looking back, she'll have the opportunity to know a little bit more about what a special person her father was. ... I think she had a great time, as you can tell."

Scoring blitz

Hockey fans also enjoyed a scoring blitz, including four goals in the first five minutes. One of those was Kane's tap-in of a Larkin feed, beating Craig Anderson (Ottawa), left defenseman on the play.

Later in the first period, Abdelkader (Muskegon/Michigan State) cut into the left circle and ripped a low drive between Howard's goalie pads.

"(Howard) wasn't too happy. He came in after the first period and asked me what I was doing," Abdelkader said with a smile. "He thought I was going to deke on him, but I know where to shoot on Jimmy once in a while. I've had plenty of practice. He wasn't too happy about that."

Abdelkader said the response to the benefit game was "just great to see. ... The first time you met him, you just felt like you knew him for your whole life. He made you feel at home, he made you feel comfortable. We miss him. This is a great way to honor him."

According to Howard, who like Larkin is an NTDP alum, participating in the game was the least he could do to honor Johansson.

"The first time I met JJ, I was 17 years old," said Howard, who made 10 saves in the first period before being replaced by Northville High grad and NTDP product Dylan St. Cyr. "Had a lot of great times with him, a lot of great times traveling, playing for world juniors, playing for the world championship. Over the years, I really got to know him well."

"It means a lot. JJ's very special. One way or another, he's helped every single guy in that dressing room, in both dressing rooms. So to be able to be a part of this event and come out here, be a part of the first one is extremely special."

Here are several other takeaways:

U-M INFLUENCE

Larkin's Team Blue featured eight players from the University of Michigan, including current Wolverines defenseman Quinn Hughes (another NTDP alum), who was drafted in June by Vancouver.

"I'm not surprised, with Dylan and with all his connections," Howard said. "It was a lot of fun and I'd love to do it again."

HOMETOWN HELP

In addition to St. Cyr, who filled in for Winnipeg goalie Connor Hellebuyck (Commerce), area players included Fowler (Farmington Hills), Patrick Sieloff (Ann Arbor/Ottawa), Jacob Trouba (Rochester/Winnipeg), Riley Barber (Livonia/Washington Capitals), Kyle Connor (Shelby Township/Winnipeg), Andrew Copp (Ann Arbor/Winnipeg) and Kevin Porter (Detroit/Buffalo).

HELLO AGAIN

When the second period began, the goalies were St. Cyr and Alex Nedeljkovic (Carolina). The latter also was enjoying a return to his former arena, although Nedeljkovic starred for the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League. On Sunday, Nedeljkovic had a rough time of it, giving up 11 goals on 35 shots.

The 5-foot-9 St. Cyr (Notre Dame) was outstanding in the middle period, making 14 saves; he wound up making 31 saves overall.

FAN FRIENDLY

Before the game, a long line of fans waited to get autographs from coaches Jeff Blashill (Detroit), Tony Granato (Wisconsin Badgers), John Hynes (New Jersey) and David Quinn (New York Rangers).

It also was a time of great anticipation for Christie LaDouceur and Melvyn Mina of Sterling Heights, who were bringing 3-year-old daughter Emmersyn to the contest.

"I'm friends with (USA Hockey's) Scott Monaghan and, obviously, JJ was his boss," LaDouceur said. "I met him quite a few times. Scott told me about it and I was, like, 'I'm in,' so we bought tickets. ... (Johansson) would be pretty humbled, I think."

Mina called the showdown "an awesome event. I think he'd be pretty happy."

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AMATEUR GOLF

MSU's Piot rules GAM tourney

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James Piot couldn't have asked for a better send-off to his fall collegiate golf season.

The incoming sophomore at Michigan State turned in a masterful 54-hole performance over two days to capture the Golf Association of Michigan Men's Championship at Northville's Meadowbrook Country.

The Canton native, who helped lead Novi Detroit Catholic Central to three consecutive MHSAA Division 1 state team titles, shot a 67-67-69—203 to beat defending champion Alex Scott (Traverse City/Grand Valley State), who took runner-up honors with 69-68-69—206.

Piot's former high school coach at CC, Mike Anderson (68-68-72), along with Mitchell White (69-71-68), tied for third at 208 each, while Dan Ellis rounded out the top five with a 70-70-69—209.

Piot was paired in the final grouping with Anderson and Oakland University golfer Alex Kleckner, each of whom were only two shots off the lead entering Tuesday's final round.

Anderson finished his final 18 holes with 72, while Kleckner slipped down the stretch and wound up eighth overall with 76.

"I'd definitely say this was a great win and definitely a great place to have it at," Piot said. "Everything this week, the course and everything, was perfect ... it was a pretty hard field, too, especially with all the college kids out here. It was awesome to string some birdies together and happen to get a win out of it here today."

Piot competed in all 12 tournaments during his first MSU season, recording four top 20 finishes and one top 10 finish while ending the season with a 73.47



Michigan State sophomore and former Catholic Central golfer James Piot (right) won the Golf Association of Michigan Men's Championship at Meadowbrook Country Club. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Catholic Central golf coach Mike Anderson tied for third in the GAM Men's Championship held at Meadowbrook Country Club. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

stroke average, third on the team.

In addition to having a stellar high school career, Piot also won the 2016 and 2017 Michigan Junior PGA championships. He captured the 2015 Michigan Junior Amateur and was runner-up in 2014. He was the youngest player in Michigan Amateur history to qualify for match play in 2013.

Piot, whose home course is Fox Hills, took a liking to the newly redesigned Meadowbrook Country Club course from Arizona golf architect Andy Staples.

"I just like how it was open out there off the tee," he said. "I could just hit driver out there anywhere, just find it and hit a wedge out there and onto the green. That's the hard part, but once you're on the green, there are no breaks

there. I just happened to get to the right spot all week, make some putts and make the best out of it."

Playing the final round with the 48-year-old Anderson proved to be a cherished experience in more ways than one.

"It was intimidating at first, I'm not going to lie to you, because he always takes me out and he thumps me every time we go out and play," Piot said. "And just this week, this tournament atmosphere, the emotional levels change and stuff like that. It was nice to be able to hit the ball as well as I did today and beat him by a little bit there."

Coming down the 18th fairway with Piot, Anderson got somewhat choked up.

"We were coming up 18 and he said,

'Coach, you all right? You're awful quiet.' I said, 'I'm getting real emotional,'" Anderson said. "He said, 'I haven't won yet,' but I said, 'You will and I'm proud of you.' He just continues to mature. He's always been a mature player, but he keeps getting better and better. I couldn't be more proud of him and to be able to play with him and how he conducted himself well under those circumstances is really cool, a unique thing for me."

Despite missing a short birdie putt attempt, Piot parred the final hole to protect his three-shot advantage, much to delight of Anderson.

"It was pretty special," the CC coach said. "I have been playing well and just being in the final group with him and him starting to accomplish all the things we knew that he would ... it was emotional for me, especially coming down the last couple of holes, just because I care so much about him. He played so well. Just for me to be in the group is just far more than I could ever expected."

For Anderson, who happens to belong to Meadowbrook, it was only his second tournament of the year. (He previously tried to qualify for the U.S. Mid-Amateur.)

Piot hopes he can parlay his GAM Championship victory along with a solid freshman season at MSU, where he earned Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors. He's moving back to East Lansing this weekend, with the fall season right around the corner.

"I would say it was a pretty solid first year there," Piot said, "and definitely looking forward to another year playing for the green and white and, hopefully, win all-Big Ten this year. That's definitely what we're looking forward to."

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PREP FOOTBALL

Koehler makes amends as Shamrocks roll, 28-7

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On his first carry of the 2018 football season, Keegan Koehler coughed up the ball on a fumble at his own 20.

Not the way you want make a debut.

But the shifty senior from Novi Detroit Catholic Central didn't let it bother him as he rushed for a game-high 244 on 25 carries and two touchdowns Aug. 23 as the Shamrocks rolled past Walled Lake Western, 28-7, in an early season showdown in the Prep Kickoff Classic at Wayne State.

I tried to shake it off; it's not a great way to start," Koehler said. "I got a lot of encouragement from my coaches, from Marco Genrich, our quarterback ... just had to come out and keep that mentality that I'm going to run the ball and I'm going to get yards every play. I had to keep it going."

CC's defense was also stellar, as it contained 6-foot-4 Boston College commit Sam Johnson, who finished the night only 9-of-24 passing for 148 yards with two interceptions. Johnson rushed 10 times for 62 yards, but was gobbled up for the most part by the CC defense.

"We know that they're, like, really good D-I players, they have all these offers, but we're just a team and we play together, so I think that's why we won," said CC senior defensive end Mike Harding, who had a pair of sacks and a batted down pass. "We tried to trust our coaches, practice hard, we trusted the game plan and executed."

CC started slowly, but Western couldn't take advantage.

Western's Aiden Jennings missed two field goals during the first half. The Warriors also had nine penalties for 50 yards.

CC was effective on offense after fumbling away its first possession. Koehler had nine carries for 116 yards in the first half, including a 7-yard TD run to make it 14-0 with 7:27 remaining in the second quarter.

Alabama transfer Bryson Trantham, a senior, scored CC's first TD of the year on a 10-yard run in the opening quarter, set up by Koehler's 55-yard burst up the middle.

Johnson, meanwhile, was 7-of-19 for 125 yards in the first half, but he was picked off by CC's Ryan Birney in the second quarter.

The Warriors finally got on the board with 1:21 left in the half, on K.J. Jackson's



Detroit Catholic Central's Bryson Trantham scores the game's first TD after it was set up by Keegan Koehler's 55-yard during the first quarter. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

7-yard TD run following Johnson's 50-yard bomb to Abdur Yaseen.

"They're fast, so we wanted to stay over the top of them," Harding said. "We wanted to get a good pass rush, because they have really fast wide receivers. If Sam Johnson got a lot of time to throw, he would hurt us, so the defensive line just wanted to get a good pass rush and make him throw it quickly."

The Shamrocks separated themselves with a 10-play, 91-yard TD drive in the third quarter, capped by Jack Birks' 1-yard run after Koehler had seven carries on the march to make it 21-7 with 2:05 left.

"The support system is really crazy," Koehler said. "It's the brotherhood, they're going to cheer for whomever is in."

The Shamrocks ran their signature 'wham' play frequently, with Koehler doing the bulk of the work.

"I lost track ... we definitely ran it," Koehler said. "The energy that is coming

off everyone — 'Let's go,' it was crazy and it was nice. It was good."

CC's Noah Shanlian also came up with a fumble recovery late in the third and the Shamrocks sealed it on Koehler's 16-yard TD run with 5:05 remaining in the fourth.

The Shamrocks' Nate Anderson also picked off a pass with 2:15 left in the game.

"They had some big pass plays, but I thought we did a very good job of shutting down their pass game overall," CC coach Dan Anderson said. "That quarterback, as you saw, is elusive. He made a number of guys miss and had some great runs. It looked like he was limping though, but fortunately he's OK. I thought we did a nice job of containing him, a lot of rushes and some sacks on him, which is good."

Despite the fumble on his first carry, Anderson was still confident in Koehler.

"He made up for it, though," he said. "That's just amazing against a team like

Walled Lake Western. They've always had a pretty good defense and a lot of big bodies in there. He ran well. He read his blocks and he made some awesome cuts, just so proud of him."

For the Warriors, it was a night of miscues and turnovers.

"Mistakes added up too quick and they capitalized on them," first-year Western coach Alexander Grignon said. "In the first half, they got two good plays where we missed a gap assignments. I thought inside, we stopped them pretty good all game and got a couple of outside runs where (Koehler) made some great plays. They're a good team. It was going to be a chess match. We just didn't put ourselves in a good position to capitalize offensively to strike back and we kept our defense on the field a long time and they wore us down a little bit."

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GIRLS GOLF

Northville obliterates school record

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Northville seized its second girls golf invitational title of the season by dominating the 19-team Sentech Services Tournament by a school record 22 strokes Aug. 20 at the Kensington Metropark Golf Course.

The Mustangs, led by sophomore Nicole Whatley's career-best 5-under 67, shot a blistering 291 to eclipse the previous 18-hole tournament school record of 313, set at the 2017 Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship.

Plymouth (327) and Bloomfield Hills (329) placed a distant second and third, respectively.

"We have a very talented team," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "I know the kind of scores our girls can put up, but to actually see four scores of that quality go up on the scoreboard, it's super-impressive."

Whatley, who posted six birdies and an eagle during her round, set a Northville individual school record as well.

"Nicole is in a great groove right now," Cronin said. "Her swing is phenomenal and she is capitalizing on a majority of her opportunities. What is so incredible is that her score could have been even better. She missed a couple of makeable putts and posted a double-bogey — we'll have to work on that (laughing)."

"With this group, I've stressed playing for par and running into a birdie now and again. Nicole is making me rethink that formula."

Northville posted four of the top five rounds of the day as senior captain Mariella Simoncini had two birdies on her way to 2-over 74 in her first action of the season.

"Mariella is rock steady and that starts with her wedge game," Cronin said. "She has elevated all aspects of her game since a year ago and that's a direct reflection of her dedication and hard work."

Sophomore Katelyn Tokarz also recorded 2-over 74, her best result as a Mustang.

"It was good to see Katelyn achieve such an outstanding result today," Cronin said. "She works as hard as anyone, but her season has been off to a slower than expected start. I'm a big fan of Katelyn's game and I had a sense that she would have a round like this one sooner than later. She has the ability to run into birdies and today she had six of them."

The Mustangs' fourth scorer was Sufna Gill, who shot 4-over 76.

"If you want to know how these girls posted a 291, you probably only have to realize that we took a 4-over par as our final scorer today," Cronin said. "That's simply incredible."

Plymouth's Shae Zydeck also tied for second with 74, followed by teammates Bridget Boczar (81), Maire Sullivan (86), Grace Boczar (86) and Grace Iacopelli (91).

Leading Bloomfield Hills was Lizzie Pierce (77), Cassidy Proctor (79), both making the top 10, along with Sanju



The Northville girls golf team shattered the school record with a score of 291, winning the Sentech Services Invitational Aug. 20 at Kensington Metropark. DEBBIE STEIN



Northville sophomore Nicole Whatley shot a school-record 5-under 67 to win the Sentech Services Invitational at Kensington Metropark. DEBBIE STEIN

Swamy (81) and Esha Varchasvi (92).

South Lyon East was sixth with 371, led by Camilla DeGiacomo (81), Kaitlyn Mallory (94), Alyssa Strong (96) and Madeline Sexton (100).

Julianne Small shot 89 to lead Salem (seventh, 373), followed by Megan Kozlowski (92), Ava Martin (94), Ryleigh Reed (98) and Mackenzie Dole (102).

Leaders for Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (ninth, 379) included Natasha Samsanov (87), Katheryn Cohen (90), Julia Frykman (100) and Sydney Greenlee (102).

Farmington Hills Mercy (10th, 381) was led by Elyse Zurawski (83), Hannah Juday (93), Sojo Posch (99) and Emily Marzolino (106).

Kate Mullany shot 89 for Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (11th, 395), followed by Chreya Chalasni (100), Alana McKeen (102) and Maria Sicilia (104).

Livonia Stevenson (13th, 401) was led by Sydney Maurier (88), Nicole Stefanick (98), Hailey Mydock (106) and Joanna Berriman (109).

Canton (14th, 406) was led by Simi Neeluru (89), Zoe Barkoff (99), Ava Song (103) and Jodi Weak (115).

South Lyon East's 'B' team took 16th (416), paced by Nina Perl (101), Alison Currie (103), Arien Trent (106) and Emilie Nussbaum (106).

Marian's Shannon Kennedy earned a top 10 finish, tied for seventh with 77, as the Mustangs placed 17th with 419. Other Marian scorers included Katie Chino (109), Ashley Carroll (114) and Caitline Cahill (119).

Birmingham Groves was 19th (441), led by Monica Inda (98), Sydney Yates (111), Rachel Pawlik (115) and Kaitlyn Capongila (117).

Hartland Eagle Invite

The Northville 'B' team placed third in the third annual Hartland Eagle Invitational, a 22-school tourney held Aug. 20 at Hartland Glenn.

Freshman Megha Vallabhaneni posted 7-over 79 to finish tied for fifth to lead Northville.

"Megha has really impressed me with her composure and poise," Cronin said.

"She doesn't get ahead of herself and she manages pressure situations with aplomb."

Other Mustangs scorers were Paige Molloy (86), Victoria Boisineau (87), Kannon Furuyama (89) and Haesol Park (89) to card a four-player total of 341.

"It's impressive to see how well these girls are competing against other school's varsity 'A' teams," Cronin said.

Hartland, led by individual medalist Sydney Bradford's 72, took team honors with 319, while Brighton was runner-up with 323.

Novi (10th, 395) was led by Hrishika Gogineni (90), Anna Biberstein (94), Despina Alexander (95) and Mackenzie Murtha (116).

Bryn Dubin led White Lake Lakeland (11th, 398) with 91, followed by Sophia Shaw (100), Malina Gallmeyer (102) and Morgan Jantz (105).

Birmingham Seaholm (12th, 407) was led by Allie Wiena (91), Bella Rodrigues (103), Andrea Johnson (106) and Grace Simpson (107).

Milford (16th, 414) was paced by Jordan Conway (90), along with Devin Chaldecott (104), Emma Berry (108), and Madeline Ricci (112).

Emma Grodek shot 90 to lead Livonia Churchill (20th, 44), followed by Rachel Parrelly (105), Kenzie Compton (120) and Megan Myrtaj (125).

Lakeland Blue (21st, 462) got results from Lauren Sullivan (110), Morgan Main (111), Lexie Martin (120) and Claire Getzen (212).

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BENEFIT HOCKEY GAME

Goalie St. Cyr has stars in his eyes — and on ice

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Dylan St. Cyr is focused on playing between the pipes this season for Notre Dame.

So what was the 5-foot-9 Northville High School grad doing playing the final two periods of Sunday's inaugural Stars & Stripes Showdown at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth?

"I was a late addition," said St. Cyr, 19, who played two seasons for the U.S. National Team Development Program. "We had the (Warren) Strelow (goalie) camp here and Jimmy (Howard) asked me, so obviously I couldn't turn that down."

With that invitation to be part of the benefit game honoring legendary USA Hockey executive Jim Johansson, who died unexpectedly in January at age 53, the heartbeat started racing a little faster for St. Cyr. The game had been billed as a match-up of the top American players and a number of NHL stalwarts participated.

"For sure, in our locker room looking to my left and right, Jimmy Howard and Patrick Kane, just to name a couple key guys that were here," St. Cyr said. "But obviously, every one of these guys are



Playing big in net despite his 5-foot-9 frame was Team Blue goalie Dylan St. Cyr, here rejecting Justin Abdelkader's scoring bid. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

NHL all-star caliber players. So it was pretty special, but definitely nerve-wracking."

Howard, the veteran Detroit Red Wings goaltender and also a NTDP alum, played the first period for Team Blue, giving up three goals. When the

teams came out for the second period, it was the diminutive St. Cyr heading in the direction of the net.

And the acrobatic St. Cyr stood on his Notre Dame-gold goalie helmet. On one shot, he stretched as far as he could to reach behind him and used his stick to

bat the puck away as it slid over the goal line.

He jumped up and got a catching glove on another blast. He also looked like Dominik Hasek with his penchant for extreme bending and flexing.

St. Cyr said he was honored to get the late invite.

"For me, it was being out here, playing for the purpose of charity, for Jim Johansson," he said. "Just being able to come out here and get in a game situation is really special and I really appreciate it."

But now he's making the return trip to Notre Dame to resume preparation for the 2018-19 Big Ten men's hockey season.

"It was pretty special just to be back here," he said. "Being able to be back in this rink and throwing on that USA jersey was a pretty special moment."

"I was not trying to think too much about who was out there playing because, obviously, we have some special players. Just going out there and trying to play my game."

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Student rises to challenge of Hodgkin's diagnosis

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High school football players live for "Friday Night Lights" and hard-hitting encounters on the gridiron.

They also think they are infallible, that bad things aren't supposed to happen to kids in their prime. Yet they sometimes do. Just ask Ed Belea, a 16-year-old entering his senior year at Livonia Stevenson.

"I'm sorry Ed, but you have cancer."

Those words, spoken May 7 to Belea by a doctor at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, belted the 5-foot-7, 300-pound lineman like a sledgehammer of unfathomable power — much, much harder than the most violent open-field hit.

"It's much worse," Belea said, standing on the sidelines during a practice he'd do anything to be smack in the middle of. "I've had a lot of collisions as a lineman and it's nothing compared to the few words saying you have cancer. It's just nothing. ... Nothing can mentally prepare you."

The bad news was confirmed May 12 at University of Michigan C.S. Mott Hospital in Ann Arbor, where he heard the official diagnosis of Stage 4 Hodgkin's lymphoma. His football playing career was over.

But his life isn't — with the Stevenson football brotherhood helping spur Belea through a rough summer of chemotherapy and beyond.

Leader of the pack

Now, it's his turn to help them. On Aug. 24, the Spartans opened their season against Plymouth at Michigan Stadium. Although Belea wasn't be in the lineup, he was the first player rushing out of the tunnel.

And he is done with his aggressive schedule of chemo and hopes to find out by the end of the month whether the cancer is in remission.

Teammates Hadi Beidoun and Dalen Cobb would rather their buddy still be wreaking havoc on the line of scrimmage, of course.

"He is one of my best friends. We've been together since sixth grade," said Beidoun, a senior lineman. "When I first heard the news, it was just terrifying, but I knew he was the strongest person to ... go through it."

Cobb, a senior linebacker and running back, took off his helmet and shook his head about the dose of perspective Belea's ordeal has taught the rest of the squad.

"Yeah, you never know when it can be taken from you," Cobb said. "Take every moment you can get from it and don't take it for granted. You never know when it's going to be taken away from you, like it was taken from Ed."

Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said the team wasted no time deciding that Belea would lead the team onto the Big House turf. Belea is in a non-playing "utility" role of sorts with the Spartans, doing whatever he is asked to do.

Humor helps

Micallef said the burly lineman's quick wit and ability to deliver the best dead-pan one-liners also



Ed Belea is still a valued team member, according to Spartans coach Randy Micallef. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

will help the team stay loose and connected.

"Ed's personality is bigger than a lot of high school kids," he said. "And through all of this, Ed has his comedic way of looking at things."

There is no doubt Belea still is able to crack jokes and smiles, despite his personal trauma. To illustrate, he removed his team cap to reveal a completely bald dome.

"It was crazy," Belea said. "I had a nice fade, it was short on the sides, a little long on the top. I'd spike it up in the front. But right now, I'm rocking out the bald look. I'm matching with coach."

'Find out what's wrong'

Of course, he'd like nothing better than to still have his head covered with brown hair — or to be strapping on the

pads and playing.

It all changed in a whirlwind of pain, agony and angst during the spring.

As April morphed into May, Belea started getting back pain. There were random fevers and night sweats. He went to a clinic, was told he probably had a virus and was prescribed ibuprofen.

But Belea remained in agony and, May 7, he visited Stevenson athletic trainer Erin Pavlovich for some guidance.

"The pain in my back was so bad, I went in for help and Erin gave me a heating pad and she told me 'After this, go to the hospital, find out what's wrong,'" Belea said. "So that's what I did. I went home, I told my mom (Simona) and we went to the hospital."

The original bad news arrived after hours of scans and other medical

tests. He and his parents were given the choice to transfer to C.S. Mott in Ann Arbor or Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and they decided on the former because of its excellent oncology department.

Then May 12, Belea found out the true severity of his illness — he had Stage 4 Hodgkin's, because it had spread beyond the lymphatic system.

Even then, Belea maintained his sense of humor.

"I was diagnosed and, when they told me the results, they told us from the start they believe it's Hodgkins and that it's treatable," Belea said. "And when the results finally came in, I looked at my mom."

"She didn't like me playing football, because I'll get hurt and everything, but I love football. I

love hitting and I love being with team and all that. And I looked at her and I told her 'You got your wish' and we laughed it off like it's a joke."

Sickening reality

Yet statistics about lymphoma are no joking matter. The American Cancer Society estimates that 8,500 new cases of Hodgkin's lymphoma will be diagnosed in 2018.

According to the National Cancer Institute, the five-year survival rate for Stage 4 patients is about 65 percent.

Those are grim statistics. But like taking on an opposing lineman, Belea did not shy away from the literally sickening treatment he faced.

"It's crazy how it sounds, but I'd rather take the pain that I had in the back over the chemo," said Belea, now 325 pounds despite not wanting to eat much of anything. "I get mouth sores, a lot of nausea. I don't have an appetite. ... It messes with your body, it messes with your health. It makes you feel uncomfortable."

"The first day is when they pump all the medicines in and the feeling you have after chemo, it's a seven-to-nine-hour day and, when you get home, you're mind is just so exhausted and your body has so much energy. It feels so uncomfortable. It's the most uncomfortable feeling I've ever had in my life."

Watching his Stevenson teammates go through some slow-motion line drills, Belea realizes he won't ever be able to get back in the football

trenches.

Challenges await

A different kind of battle awaits him, regardless of whether doctors soon proclaim him cancer-free or not.

At the top of the list is eating better and getting healthier.

"I definitely got to eat better, because my cancer fed off sugar," Belea said. "I always ate sugar and, you know, just knowing the things you liked made it worse for your body, it was a weird feeling."

"So I want to eat healthier. And then next week, I want to get in the gym, finally, because I'm able to."

Returning to school, where Belea carries a 3.8 grade-point average, also will help him with his overall mindset.

Plus, everybody else around the football team will be boosted by having Belea around.

"We've got to do everything for Ed, because we know he'd give 110 percent every day," Cobb said. "So we got to work hard for Ed, we got to do this for Ed, because we know he'd love to be out there competing with us."

Beidoun — who more than anybody else on the squad makes it a daily point to check up on his pal — threw his arm around Belea.

"He's just the guy everyone likes, he's funny, he's there, he jokes around," Beidoun said. "Everyone loves him, he just does everything for us."

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Obituaries

Andre Blay

BONITA SPRINGS, FL - Andre Blay, 81, of Bonita Springs, FL passed away on August 24, 2018, surrounded by his family. Andre was born in Mount Clemens, MI, the son of Robert & Agnes Blay. He was married to Nancy Fleming on December 6th, 1957 in Mt. Pleasant, MI. He was a loyal Michigan State University Spartan, receiving his B.A. in 1959, his M.B.A. in 1977, and eventually becoming the director and president of the MSU Foundation. Andre served his country in the ROTC and the U.S. Army Reserves. Known as the pioneer of the home video revolution, Andre founded the Magnetic Video Corporation in 1969. In 1977 MVC became the first company to release theatrical motion pictures on videocassette, launching the industry that enabled people to bring movies from the theaters into their homes. His many awards include induction into the Video Hall of Fame and Consumer Electronics Hall of Fame, MSU Business Alumni of Year, and CMU Executive in Residence.

Andre was also the producer of many films and the author of Pre-Recorded History, his entrepreneurial memoir. In retirement, Andre shared his passionate business spirit by speaking to MSU M.B.A. students, UCLA law students, Central Michigan University Business School, High Point University entrepreneur students, and Florida Gulf Coast University students.

He is survived by Nancy, his loving wife of 60 years, their children Robert (Miriam) of Granby, CO, and Cynthia (David) of Falmouth, ME, and their grandchildren, Mae, Annie (Brian), Stephanie, Madison, and Mackenzie. Andre is also survived by loving nieces, nephews, and their families. To be a part of Andre's family was to know unconditional love, support, and great times.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any gifts be made in Andre's memory to the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation for the benefit of the Bower School of Music at the following address:

Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation, In memory of Andre Blay, Attn: Chris Simoneau, 10501 FGCU Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33965 or to the Mae B. Fleming Endowment Fund at: CMU, Carlin Alumni House, 524 E. Bellows St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

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Alan John Nurmi

NORTHVILLE - Alan John Nurmi died on August 18, 2018. He was 93 years old. Beloved husband of Irene E. Nurmi (Paulin); loving father of Marc (Janet) Nurmi, Linda (David) Zurek, Debra (Mark) Matheny and John (Mary) Nurmi; brother of the late Aser (Carm) Nurmi and Miriam (James) Olsen; son of the late Issac and Saima Nurmi; dear grandfather of 11 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Visitation took place Tuesday, August 28, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Wednesday, August 29, 2018 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. The funeral service was held at 11:00 am at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 W. Six Mile Road in Livonia. Alan will be laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery Friday, August 31.

Memorial contributions in Alan's memory may be made to Christ Our Savior, 14175 Farmington Rd, Livonia, Michigan, 48154.



Jane A. Walker

WOLVERINE - Jane A. Walker, 77 of Wolverine, passed away Sunday, August 19, 2018 at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey. Born June 26, 1941 in Northville, she was the daughter of Glenn and Luella Hammond.

On July 31, 1999 she married Ralph Walker who survives. Also surviving are four children, Jeremy (Robin) Ledford of Livonia, Denise (Glenn) Mitchell of Howell, Lisa (Rick) Brogan of St. Ignace, Norm (Kaylie) Walker of Kingston; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Clarence Ledford; her son, Chris Ledford and her daughter, Renee Walker.

Jane was a talented artist who enjoyed painting, making wall decor, snowmobiling and playing pool. She was a very special lady to many and will be greatly missed.

A celebration of life gathering will take place at a later date. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com

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How to work with an indecisive boss

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There's an unspoken truth in the world of work: Although we usually get to pick our jobs, we don't get to pick our bosses. If we're lucky, we get to work with the sort of boss who is a pleasure to be around — fair, pleasant, supportive, decisive and encouraging. If this is your reality, then count your blessings and try to appreciate your situation. However, if you have a boss who's something else, then it can pose some real challenges.

One category of tricky boss includes the one who never seems to know what he or she wants. They either constantly waste time dragging their heels and delaying making any type of clear decision, or they're forever changing what they tell you to do.

Both of these types can be quite difficult to work with and can really impact your ability to perform your job effectively. But it's not exactly easy to confront a boss who never seems to know what they want. So, what do you do when you're in this position?

Learn your boss' quirks

Try your best to get to know your boss — including their decision-making behaviors and habits — as well as

you possibly can over time. Although it can be tricky to expect the unexpected, as you get to know your boss more, you may get better at anticipating how they'll react to any given project or during any key decision-making moment, which may help minimize the ill-effects of their indecisive nature.

Stay calm, even when you want to scream

Your best bet is to remain patient and do your best to anticipate your boss' needs — and shifts — and try to work with them, not against them. First off, an indecisive boss

is usually an anxious person by nature, and adding to their anxiety by developing an adversarial relationship with them will only serve to make matters worse.

With the way many workplaces are structured, you have to answer to your boss' professional whims, as fickle as they may be. Once you know your boss operates this way, brace yourself and expect it. Knowing the madness is coming makes it a little easier to swallow.

When you find yourself at a crucial point that requires a final decision from your boss, try and make the moment as

stress free as possible. Also, do your best to reduce any external distractions that may make it challenging for your boss to focus on the decision at hand. If it's your job to present your boss with information so they can make a decision, be as clear and straightforward as possible.

Try to approach your boss in a calm and patient manner when a decision needs to be made. This will help put them in their best mindset to determine what they want.

Keep a paper trail

Although these strategies may prove helpful in a variety

of decision-making moments, chances are it won't completely fix the problem.

A boss who doesn't know what they want will likely remain this way — it's just human nature to revert to your "core programming," and making a lasting change is hard. That said, it would be helpful for you to get things from your boss in writing, so if they change their mind later on they can't hold you accountable if projects go over budget and off schedule.

Physical proof is always a good way to minimize the effects of their indecisiveness on your productivity and work reputation.

A boss who never seems to be able to make up his or her mind and determine what they want can be a challenging situation for you, but it doesn't have to be an insurmountable obstacle.

Use the strategies and advice provided here to make the best of a tough situation, and hopefully with a little time, experience and luck, things will get better (or your next boss will know what they want and when they want it).

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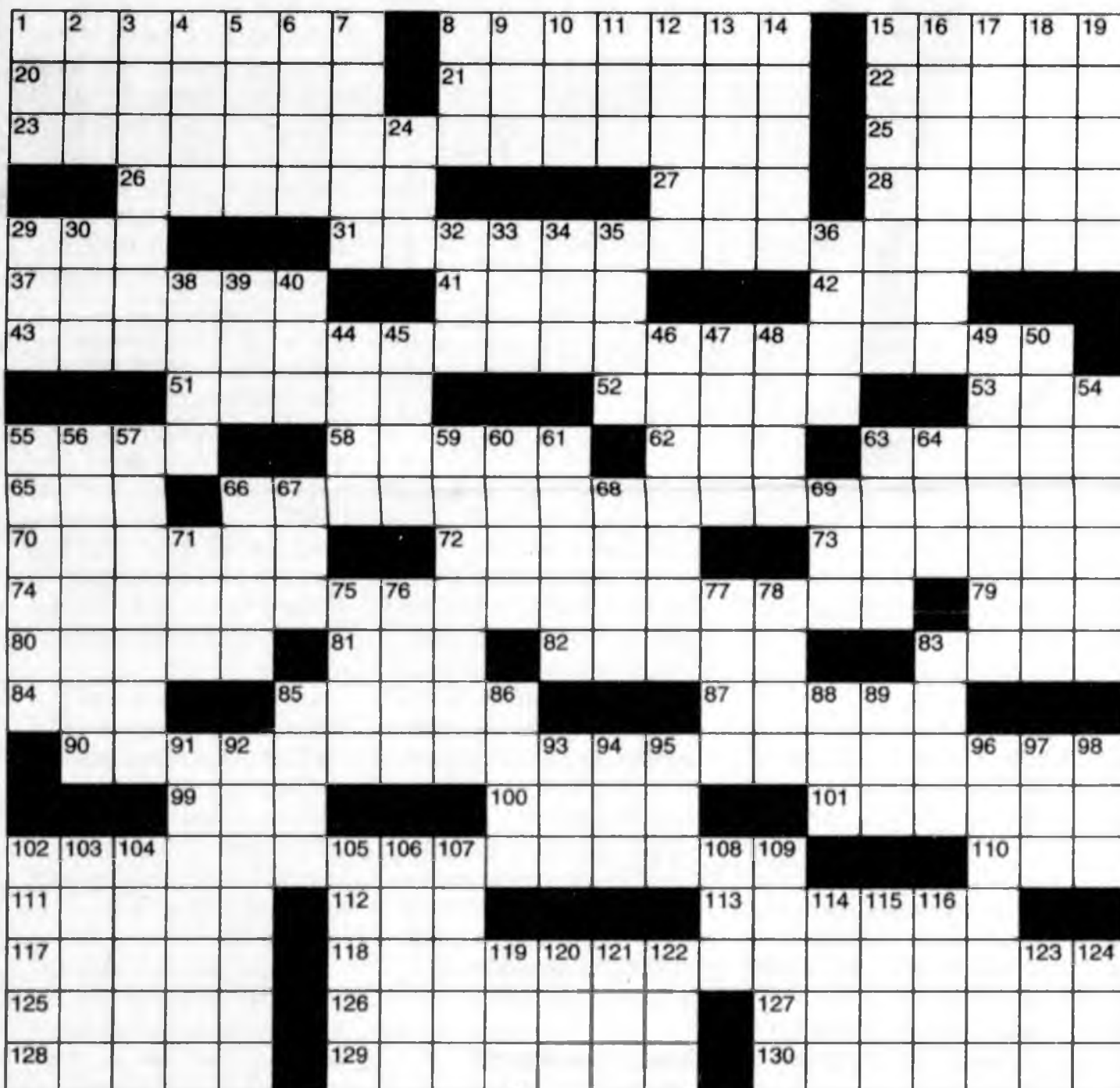
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6 Like a cold, damp cellar
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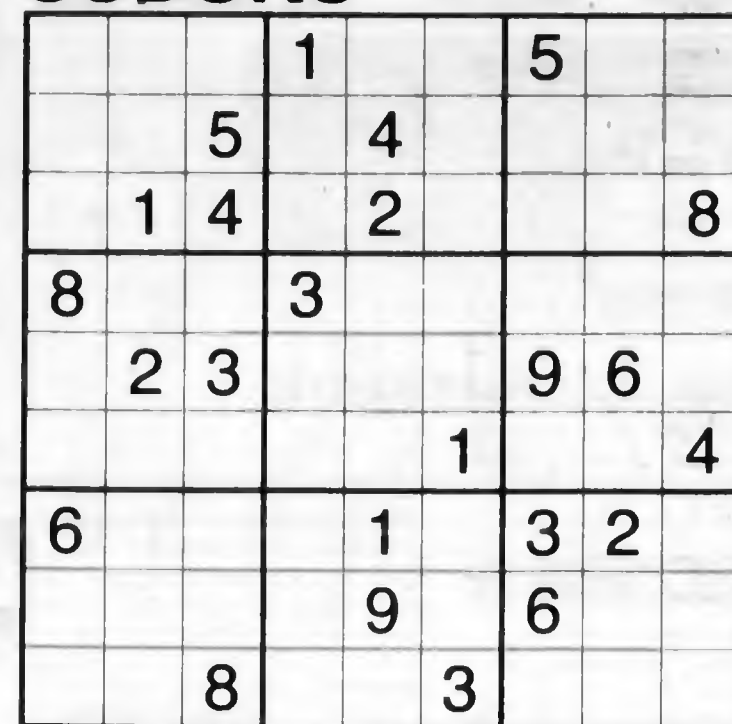
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49 Lift up
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54 Untidy states
55 New York's — Zee Bridge
56 "AWOL" or "FAQ," e.g.
57 1714-27 king of England
59 Most unctuous
60 Lo — (Chinese dish)
61 Songwriter Harold
63 Totals (up)
64 Falsification
66 Middle marks
67 Large vase
68 Retort to "Are not!"
69 Author Anaïs
71 Letters on an AC
75 Actor Bruce
76 Yard intruder
77 Bump on —
78 "The jig —!"
83 Test version
85 Action
86 Old New York ballpark

88 Robbins of "Short Cuts"
89 Hard water
91 Forked (out)
92 Many beach mementos
93 TV Tarzan player Ron
94 "Thwack!"
95 Ending for serpent
96 Get rid of, as a bad habit
97 — de Oro
98 Slithery creature
102 — Rex (cat variety)
103 Force out of the country
104 Counterfeit
105 Water jugs
106 Ignited anew
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108 "Just joking!"
109 Hair lock
114 Egyptian sacred cross
115 Twice CCI
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121 Exist
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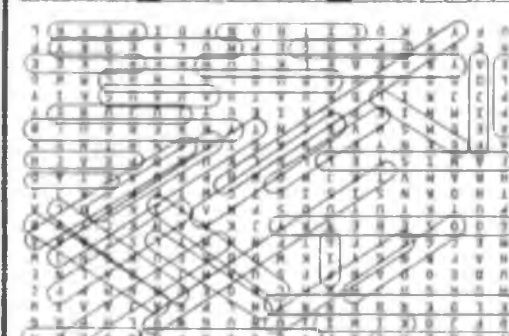
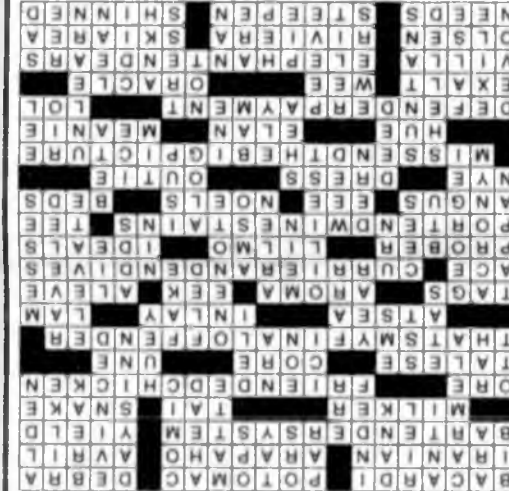
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