

Commissions hand out beautification awards

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When the folks at Deadwood Bar & Grill in Northville Township didn't even get a participation sign for their work in the annual beautification award competition, Renee Ross and the rest of the staff were a bit disappointed.

But Ross, the restaurant's general manager, soon found out there was a pretty good reason: The restaurant had been chosen as the competition's first Best in Township honor.

"It felt great," Ross said. "The owners are creative geniuses and they plant the flowers every year ... they put a lot of work into it. We work really hard to make it look the way it does, so it was very nice to be recognized. It was a great surprise."

It's the first time the township's beautification commission decided to do a Best in Township award. After watching the city's beautification commission hand out a Best in City award, township commission members decided it was time they followed suit.

"The city has had quite a competition going on (for years), but we haven't necessarily felt that same vibe in the township," said Lynne Mosteller, who cochairs the township's beautification

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Five fun things to do at annual Heritage Festival

Ed Wright hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

From craft beers to arts and crafts,



The pavilion in the Sakura Garden, seen through the leaves of a yoshino cherry tree. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Tollgate Farm plants 18 new cherry trees to mark ties with Japan

David Veselenak

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Drivers will have to pay extra attention to the road when driving near 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads in Novi in the coming springs.

That's because they may be tempted to look at the 18 new cherry trees that will result in beautiful blossoms that were planted Friday at the Michigan State University Tollgate Farm and Education Center.

The trees, which are yoshino and kwanzan cherry trees, were planted as a part of the celebration of the relation-

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Mitsuhiro Wada, consul general of Japan (from left); Jeff Dwyer, director, MSU extension; Gov. Rick Snyder; Taizo Mikazuki, governor of Shiga Prefecture; Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson; and Novi Mayor Bob Gatt. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the 2018 Northville Heritage Festival has something for everyone.

Saturated in tradition, this year's festival will run from Friday through Sunday, Sept. 14-16, offering a variety of attractions for all ages.

Here are five things that visitors may want to put on their to-do list:

Victorian Parade

Kicking off at 6:30 p.m. Friday on West Cady Street, this annual eyecatcher features participants dressed in Victorian-era fashions. It's not too late to participate.

Victorian Saloon beer tent

Open throughout the festival, the beer tent is always one of the most popular attractions. Located at the corner of Cady and Wing streets, it's also the place to enjoy entertainment by The Shawn Riley Band (7-10:30 p.m. Friday).

Eclipse Vintage Base Ball

If you're getting tired of the Detroit Tigers' losing ways, check out the eclipse vintage base ball game set for 1 p.m. Saturday at Ford Field. Players will wear 1800s uniforms and follow Abner Doubleday's original rules.

Northville History Makers

A new addition to the festival, this inaugural presentation will honor Mary Lapham and Francis Beal, two of the city's most influential difference-makers.

Back to the '80s Exhibit

If you have a thirst for the '80s, get ready to have it quenched at Town Square.

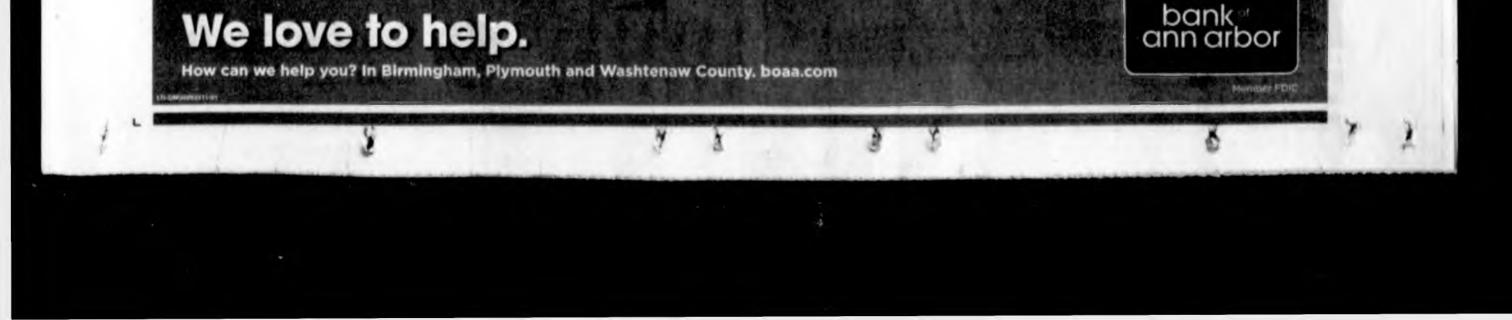
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Gunman robs Northville Township CVS

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A man carrying a rifle or a shotgun allegedly robbed a CVS drug store in Northville Township of cash Sept. 4 and police say the same man may be responsible for similar recent incidents in Livonia and Redford Township.

Tuesday's holdup at the CVS on Haggerty, south of Six Mile, occurred about 8 p.m., while the store was open and customers were inside. No one was hurt.

The robber, wearing dark clothing and a white mask, approached the counter, put the barrel of a long gun to the back of a male employee and demanded cash. The employee complied,

according to Northville Township Police Lt. Paul Tennies.

The robber left on foot with the money and headed toward the area behind the store, Tennies said. No getaway vehicle was seen.

Someone inside CVS, the lieutenant said, was able to phone 9-1-1 while the holdup was occurring and the first officer to arrive was on the scene in about two minutes, but the gunman had disappeared.

Tennies said early reports of the holdup included images of a possible suspect vehicle that had been seen on security video, but that detectives later determined that vehicle was at the store about 20 minutes before the holdup and was not associated with it.

Tennies said police see a "strong

possibility" that the same man tried to rob a Livonia liquor store the night of Sept. 1 and robbed a Redford a convenience store less than an hour after that. The robber and the long gun he carried were described similarly in all three incidents, police said, and his way of operating appeared to be the same.

The holdup try at the Wine Palace, on Middlebelt just north of Schoolcraft Road in Livonia, occurred minutes before closing time Sept. 1. The gunman left empty-handed after employees told him there was no cash available, a police report said.

The Livonia report described the gunman in detail: a black male between his mid-teens and his early 20s, wearing a black hoodie with a white logo on it, black pants, black boots and white gloves, plus a black bandanna on the lower part of his face and a white bandanna over his forehead. The jacket's hood was pulled up to conceal his hair.

The gun was described as having a dark barrel and a pump-action mechanism. Employees at the Wine Palace told police the man spoke quietly and was "mellow."

About 40 minutes after the Livonia incident, police learned a man fitting that description had just robbed the 7-Eleven at Schoolcraft and Inkster roads in Redford, escaping with cash.

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NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

The Northville District Library is at 212 W. Cady Street. Call 248-348-5001 or go to northvillelibrary.org for more information.

Infamous Michigan Crimes

When: 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 Details: Author Tom Carr tells fascinating stories of historical and unusual crimes throughout Michigan's history. We'll hear tales of crooked sheriffs, ruthless gangsters, bandits and killers, including an unsolved case from Northville. Books sale and signing to follow event. Register.

How Michigan Became a State

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18namDetails: Did we really fight a wartionwith Ohio for Toledo? Presented by lo-
cal historian Joe Oldenburg, and spon-
sored by the Friends of the Library.RegiRegister.Hoo

The Northville District Library is at fun prizes. Registration began Sept. 1.

Foreign Film: 'Bye Bye Germany'

When: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24 Details: David Berman and his friends, all Holocaust survivors, are trying make it to America, but suddenly David finds himself deprived of all his savings and is overtaken by his shady past. (German, 102 minutes). Just drop in.

Trivia Night at the Sports Den

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25 Details: Bust out your Lil' Sebastian T-shirt and treat yousrelf to a night of fun and laughter with a librarian (not named Tammy) at Parks and Recreation trivia night. Ages 21 and older. Register for teams up to four people.

Hooray for LEGO Day

ENGAGEMENT



Jeffrey Wallen and Jessica Fishwick

Wallen-Fishwick

Diane and Dave Wallen announce the engagement of their son Jeffrey to Jessica Fishwick.

Jeff is a 2003 graduate of Novi High School and a 2007 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed

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Kidz Time

When: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20

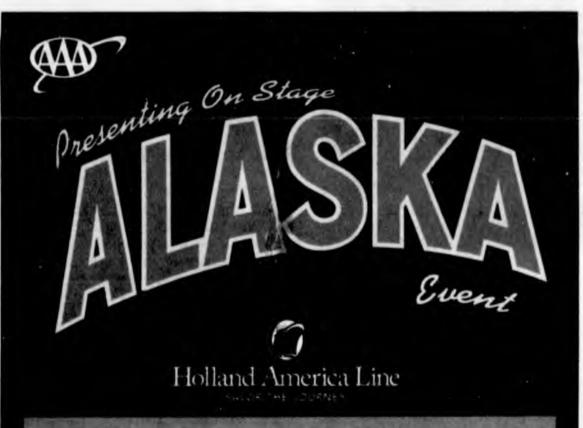
Details: For grades 1-3. Listen to robot stories and play robot bingo with

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. by Progressive Insurance in Plymouth.

Jessica is a 2002 graduate of Mercy High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Notre Dame. She is employed by Young and Associates in Farmington Hills.

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League of Women Voters schedules candidate forums

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County has released its schedule for candidate forums prior to the Nov. 6 election. All forums are open to the public and the audience is welcome to submit questions for the candidates, either at the forum or via email at lwvmail@yahoo.com.

When: Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive Details: 7-8 p.m., state Senate 7th District (covers Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Livonia and Wayne), three candidates are running for one seat; 8:05-9 p.m. state House 19th District (covers most of Livonia), two candidates are running for one seat.

When: Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive

Details: 7-8 p.m., Livonia Public Schools board, four candidates are running for three seats; 8:05-9 p.m., Wayne County Commission 9th District (covers Livonia and Northville), two candidates

are running for one seat.

When: 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct.
4, at Henry Ford College, Berry Auditorium, 5101 Evergreen, in Dearborn
Details: This forum is for the six candidates running for three seats on the Wayne County Circuit Court.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization that encourages active participation in government. It never supports or opposes any political party or candidate.

Awards

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commission. "We thought it might spur some interest and make something that's already beautiful even more spectacular."

Mosteller is right: The competition in the city was strong, so much so the city's beautification commission added another award this year: The Pride of Northville. That honor went to Yerkes Garden in Mill Race Village.

Commission chair Diane Pittaway pointed out that the usual nominees and winners are businesses or civic organizations or the like. But this year, Pittaway said, included Yerkes Garden, which she called "unique."

"It's a historical garden, planted and designed according to records of Victorian gardens. ... They plant a vegetable garden and donate all the produce grown to Civic Concern," Pittaway said. "We felt it was above and beyond what we could expect from regular businesses and civic organizations. We decided we'd give it a special award. It just won an award from the Keep Michigan Beautiful organization for the number of community members involved in working on it. All volunteers take care of it, so it's kind of in a category all by itself." Angela Carson Photography won the annual Best in City award. "Aside from the fact it is so colorfully and fully landscaped, the whole appearance of the business establishment is just in precise, top-notch shape," Pitta-

way said. "All around the building is



Yerkes House Garden in Mill Race Village won the inaugural Pride of Northville award from the beautification commission. CITY OF NORTHVILLE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

neat and clean and, throughout the year, she changes her decorations to fit the season. It looks absolutely magnificent."

Other city winners were Allen Terrace Senior Housing; Casterline Funeral Home; Corriveau Law; Elizabeth's Bridal Manor; First Presbyterian Church; First United Methodist Church: Gardenviews; Good Time Party Store; Jerome Law; Kelly & Kelly Law; Main-Seven, LLC/Cross Fit & 540 S. Main-Seven; Marathon Judeh Corp.; Northville Academy; Northville City Hall; Northville Garden Club Park; Northville Town Square; Our Lady of Victory Church; Pizza Cutter; Poole's Tavern; Red Dot Coffee Co.; Rotary Park; Singh Development Co.; Starbucks; Tipping Point Theatre; and Wagon Wheel Lounge. Other township winners were 2Your Door Dry Cleaners; Aisin World Corp. of America; Applebee's Restaurant; Beacon Square Northville; C.W. Bearing; Cedarbrook of Northville; Community Choice Credit Union; Exxon Mobil Gas – Six & Haggerty; George's Senate Restaurant; Graphic Visions, Inc.; Haggerty Dental; Harbour Village Apartments; Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic; L. J. Griffin Funeral Home; Masonpro, Inc.; Meadowbrook Country Club; Mr. C's Plaza; Noah Properties; Northville Moose Lodge 1190; Northville Township Hall; Northville Woods Apartments; Oakmont of Northville; P.F. Chang's Restaurant; Park Place Apartments; Patio Plus; Rocky's Restaurant; and ZF Technology Group.

The city and township beautifica-

NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold, north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Buildings are open 1-4 p.m. each Sunday. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation; go to www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

Grounds closed for weddings: 4:15-6:15 p.m. Sept. 14; 4:15-6:15 p.m. Sept. 15; 1-4:30 p.m. Sept. 22; and 2:45-5:45 p.m. Sept. 29.

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

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

Victorian Cream Tea: 12:30-3 p.m. Sept. 16. Not a pre-ticketed event. Drop-in.

Halloween Hysteria: 2-6 p.m. Oct. 28. Pre-ticketed event. See website for details.

General info

Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.

Building rentals and school and private tours available: Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or church for a wedding or party. You may also schedule a school tour or a private tour. Many dates are available. You may find more information on the website.

Donations: Archives donations accepted from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

tion award winners will be honored at the annual beautification luncheon at noon Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

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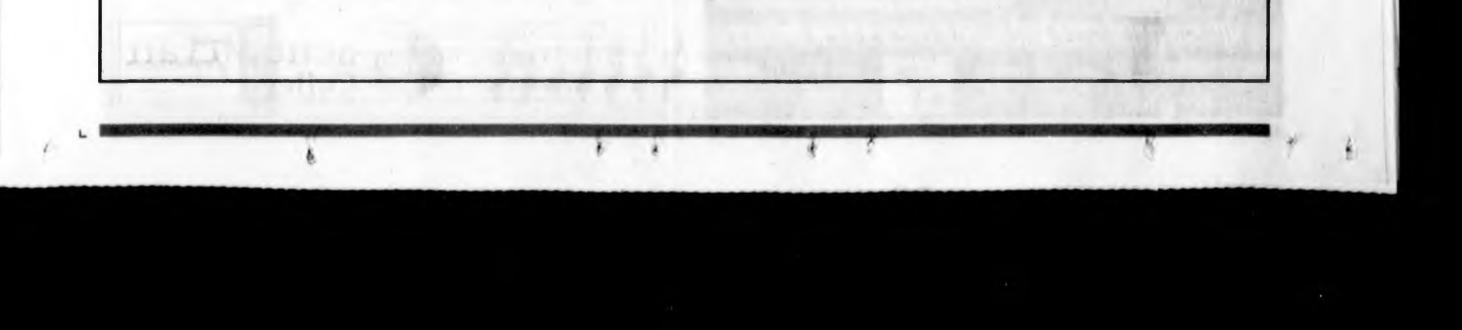
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Hazardous waste drop-off days set for Oct. 6 and 27

Two household hazardous waste drop-off days will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road and Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Recycling Authority, 20875 Mapleridge, in Southfield. Residents of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Milford Township, village of Milford, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake and Wixom are all eligible to attend with proof of residency.

Acceptable items include household products such as cleaners, oil-based paints, herbicides, insecticides and solvents. Bring them in labeled containers that do not hold more than five gallons or weigh more than 50 pounds. Propane tanks and fluorescent bulbs, including CFLs (energy-saving compact fluorescent lights), are also accepted. Electronic waste is accepted, including televisions, radios, computers and computer components such as CPUs, monitors, printers and keyboards. Document shredding is also available, with a threebox or 100-pound limit per household.

Household (alkaline non-rechargeable) batteries can be taken to a drop-off

day for recycling or taken to one of the free drop-off locations listed on http://www.call2recycle.org/locator/. Batteries are not allowed in the curbside recycling cart since they present a fire hazard at the recycling facility. While not the ideal option, used alkaline nonrechargeable batteries may be placed in with the regular trash to be landfilled, since they no longer contain toxic materials such as mercury, which was banned by federal law.

Items that are not accepted at the drop-off include commercial or business waste, unknowns over five gallons, smoke detectors, radioactive waste, ammunition or explosives. Latex paint is also not accepted because it isn't considered hazardous waste. If the can is full, pour some paint onto newspapers and then add sand or kitty litter to what's left.

For a complete list of items accepted and a list of green non-toxic alternatives, call Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County at 248-208-2270 or go to www.rrrasoc.org.

Trees

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between Oakland County and Shiga Prefecture in Japan. This year marks 50 years in the sister-state relationship with the prefecture, which is located on the western side of Honshu Island.

"They will flower in the spring, but because they're so small and so young, it won't be the brilliant show you'll see in two or three years," said Edward Scott, MSU's district coordinator for Oakland and Macomb counties.

The trees were planted during a ceremony with plenty of local, state and international dignitaries. In addition to speeches by Novi Mayor Bob Gatt and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Gov. Rick Snyder gave remarks during his first visit to the farm.

He expressed gratitude toward several Japanese dignitaries also in attendance, including Mitsuhiro Wada, consul general of Japan in Detroit, and Gov. Taizo Mikazuki, who governs the Shiga Prefecture in Japan.

"This is a special place. When you look at our state, the center of our Japanese community is right here," Snyder said. "What's most powerful to me is beyond the Japanese community. It's an opportunity for the people of Novi, the people of Oakland County, the people of the state of Michigan, to reflect on our relationship and be thankful for what has been built between Shiga and Michigan among the last 50 years, what has



Raion Taiko is a drumming group. The group of drums is called kumi-daiko. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

binding the two nations.

"You may have seen the cherry blossoms in Washington, D.C. The cherry tree is a symbol of friendship between the United States and Japan," he said. "Today, we put up a new symbol of friendship, not just between the two countries, but also between the two states, Michigan and Shiga."

The new garden is one of a few Japanese-inspired gardens across Michigan. A bonsai garden currently grows at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, while a Japanese garden was recently installed at Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids.

While the cherry trees will take a few years to reach their full potential, Scott said the MSU extension is already looking at possibly holding events surrounding the trees when winter breaks next year and bring out members of the community who wouldn't normally visit the farm.

'We don't have anything for certain on the books for certain happening now, but we are hoping this whole thing is just a big invitation to the Japanese community," he said. "Every year in Japan, there is a cherry blossom festival. We do hope to have something similar here.

been built between the United States and the country of Japan over many decades and to be proud of that."

In addition to remarks from area and international leaders, plenty of Japanese culture was part of the event, including the playing of taiko drums and Koto players playing "Sakura Sakura," a

traditional Japanese folk song that translates into "cherry blossoms."

Mikazuki compared the small garden of cherry trees and new pavilion put in at the farm to the much larger, more well-known group of cherry trees in the nation's capital. He said he hoped the new grove will serve as a similar symbol

"So many people don't even know this place exists."

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Five things to know about the upcoming Milford Home Tour

Pamela A. Zinkosky Special to hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

The Milford Home Tour is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-16. Here are a few points to note about the annual event.

Longest-running

It's the 42nd annual event. Running since 1976, the Milford Home Tour is one of the area's longest-running home tours. It's run by the Milford Historical Society and proceeds support operation of the Milford Historical Museum at 124 E. Commerce Road.

Six spots

It includes six historic homes, all of them purchased within the last year or so. It's not typical, tour chairperson Rena Valentine said, but all of the homes on this year's tour were recently purchased by owners interested in historic preservation.

The homes are at 800 E. Commerce, 540 Union, 702 E. Huron, 324 East, 335 S. Houghton and 405 Hickory. Also included on the tour are the Milford Historical Museum and the log cabin next to the fire department.

One of the tour sites is actually Home Sweet Tree, a home decor shop that was once the largest apiary in the country and produced the popular Walkers Honey Whip. The owners live above the shop in a renovated apartment, which will be part of the tour.

Kids are free

Kids ages 13 and under can tour the homes for free



Participants in the Milford Home Tour will get to see this home at 405 Hickory.

and also take part in children's activities at the log cabin, including old-fashioned games and demonstrations of cooking and other daily activities in the 1800s.

The museum will also have a railroad-themed display, with artifacts from the recently demolished Milford Train Depot.

Car show, too

The tour runs concurrently with the Milford Car Show. From 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, you can see plenty of classic cars on Main Street as you tour the sites.

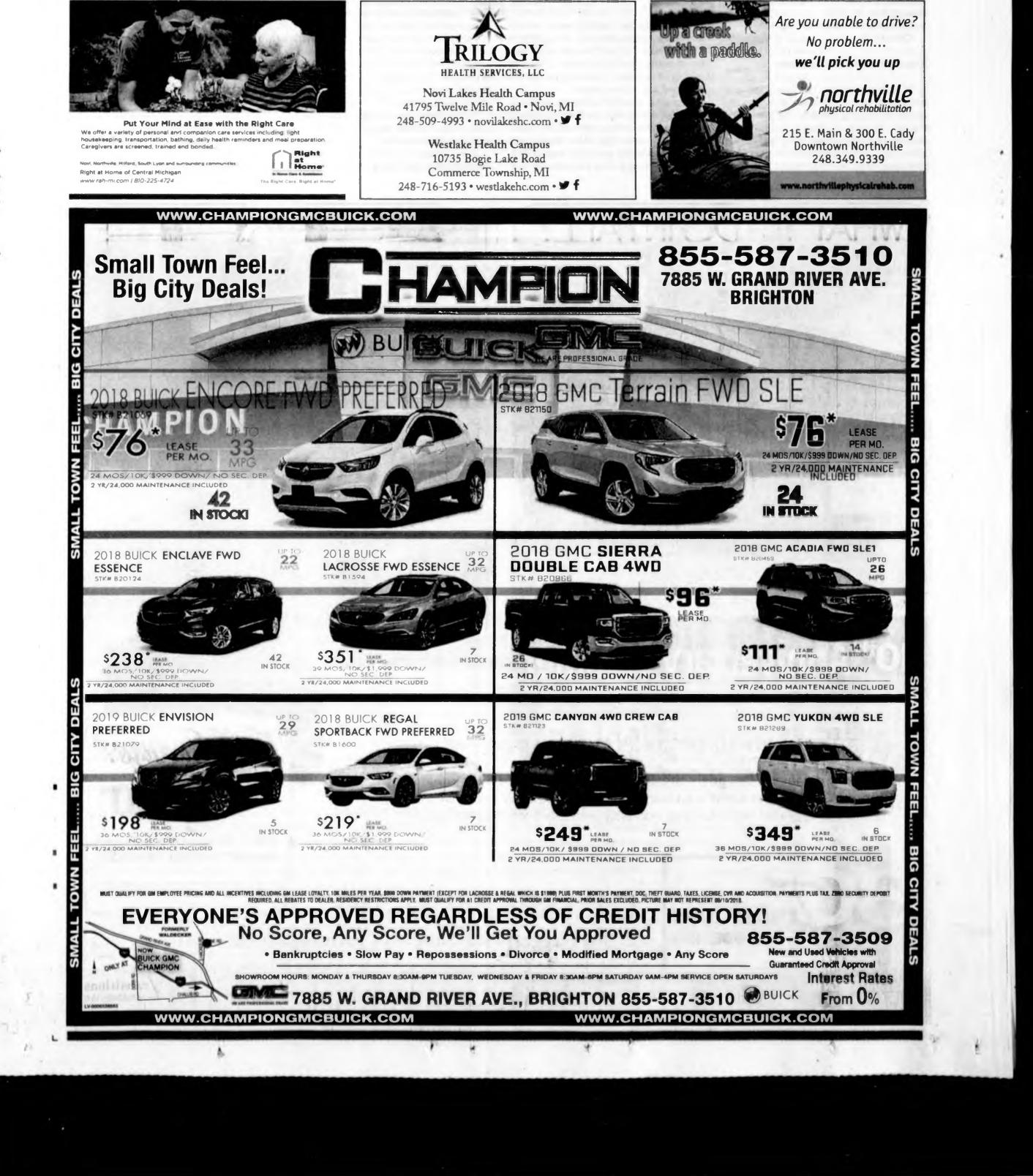


This home at 800 E. Commerce is part of the 42nd annual Milford Home Tour.

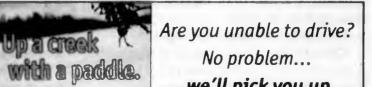
Hundreds take part

It's been known to draw as many as 600 people. Ticket sales are typically around 600 over the two days, Valentine said.

Get your tickets - \$20 for adults and \$15 for senior citizens - at the Milford Historical Museum, 124 E. Commerce Road, or from Milford merchants Acorn Farm, Main Street Art or Your Nesting Place. Visitors can also purchase tickets at any of the home sites during the tour.







Protecting child's online identity a new priority for parents



Money Matters Rick Bloom USA TODAY NETWORK MICHIGAN

It's hard to believe that Labor Day has come and gone and kids are back in school. In other words, summer is over. For parents with minor children, whether the kids are back in school or not, their job is never done. Unfortunately, I am going to add another thing that they need to do. A few years ago, you wouldn't have thought that what I'm about to tell you would be an issue, but in our tech-crazy world, this has become important. What I'm talking about is identity theft of minors.

According to the experts, children are now becoming one of the more favorite targets of identity thieves. In fact, what research has shown is that on the dark web, where the crooks operate and where peoples' personal information is bought and sold, a child's personal information is going for 10-20 times more than an adult's information. The crooks know that they are less likely to be caught when they use a child's stolen identity as opposed to an adult's.

When the lowlifes steal a child's Social Security number, it allows them to create a fake profile for the child and then use that profile to obtain credit cards, take out loans and even apply for public assistance. What makes this scam so attractive to the crooks is that, in the great majority of cases, the crime goes unnoticed for years until the child starts applying for credit cards in their own name or student loans. In fact, identify theft among children is so prevalent, that Experian, one of the largest credit reporting companies, estimated that identify theft will affect one in four children before they become an adult. Because identity theft is such a problem and because once a child's personal information is stolen it is very difficult to correct the problem – parents need to be proactive.

A new federal law that goes into effect Sept. 21 will make is easier to protect your child's identity. The law will allow parents for children under age 16 to freeze a child's credit file until the child is old enough to use credit. Basically, a credit freeze will restrict access to your credit file, making it harder for identity thieves to open new accounts in your child's name. My recommendation for parents with minor children is that, when the new law takes effect Sept. 21, they contact the three main credit reporting agencies (Experian, TransUnion and Equifax) and check on your child's credit file. In the great majority of situations, the child should not have a credit file. If that is the case, parents should then freeze the child's credit. According to the new law, there is no charge to freeze your child's credit. If your child does have a credit file, it may signal that there is a problem, which you cannot ignore.

Identity theft is a major problem in our country and it is not getting any better. This is a reminder how important it is that you always protect your sensitive information, including that of your child's. Just because someone asks for your Social Security number doesn't mean you have to give it to them. When someone asks for my Social Security number, my general answer is no. I make them prove to me they need it you'd be surprised how often they admit that they really don't need the number. I know it seems crazy that we have to be worried about a child's identity theft, but it is what it is. If you have a child who is under age 16, make sure that when the new law takes effect, you become proactive and check your child's credit and freeze their accounts.

Good luck!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support Democrats

In this era of income inequality, I suggest persons in the 1% should be grateful for the Labor Day weekend. This special holiday was created to pay tribute to the achievements of the American workerin the late 19th century by the labor movement. Labor Day was made a federal holiday in 1894.

Today many Republicans accuse Democrats, who try to speak for the 99%, of being socialists. Democrats are seeking justice and equity. Vote for change Nov. 6, 2018.

Hannah Provence Donigan Commerce

Support James for Senate

ator should stand out more than the vice from the battlefield to the boardeponymous character of the children's Where's Waldo books.

Where's Debbie been while factories closed eviscerating the economies of cities like Lansing, Flint, and Jackson?

Where's Debbie been while our school systems have been failing our young men and women as too many are unprepared to enter the modern work force?

Where's Debbie been on poverty? Our poverty rate has increased almost 50 percent while she's been in Washington.

And where has Debbie been on unnecessary regulations? Regulations have burdened on our free market economy making products more costly and

room. He is a proven servant-leader who will represent all Michiganders and help unify Washington.

Matt Dietrich Northville

Support for Epstein

I've been studying all the Congressional issues in preparation for voting on Nov. 6. After reviewing all the information, I'm totally impressed with Lena Epstein and her passion for an "America First" agenda for 11th District residents in Wayne and Oakland counties.

First, Lena is not a politician. That's very attractive to me. She's a smart suburban-Detroit business women who un-

momentum going. We're finally moving forward, and Lena supports that agenda: Reducing unnecessary government regulations; reining in excessive government spending; stopping illegal immigration and fighting to secure our borders; fighting to balance our federal budget; and supporting a safe country with a strong, well-funded military.

We need this type of critical thinking in Washington, D.C. Please join me in supporting Lena Epstein for U.S. Congress at the Nov. 6, general election.

Dennis O'Connor Novi precinct delegate

More Epstein support

The term "career politician" is widely

Where's Debbie? Debbie Stabenow has spent the last 42 years, an entire career in Michigan politics. She has spent the last 22 years in Washington and the last 18 as our senator. But what have been her accomplishments over the past four decades? Our senior U.S. sen-

making it difficult for companies to grow and hire more people.

Michigan deserves a leader not a politician who pops up at election time to remind us why we should vote for them. We need a leader like John James who has demonstrated energetic leadership, clarity of vision and a passion for ser-

derstands the brutal constraints that Washington D.C. bureaucrats can have on a thriving economy.

I don't want to experience the heartache of the disastrous policies that hurt our state last decade.

We're finally starting to get results in Washington, D.C. We need to keep that

viewed with distaste because we're all tired of living with the results of their handiwork.

For that reason, as well as several others, I'm pleased that successful business woman Lena Epstein is willing and

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able to bring her expertise, intelligence, compassion and experience to bear on the good ol' boys clubs in Washington, D.C., as Michigan's representative for all of us in the 11th Congressional District.

Proving to be a successful business woman requires foreseeing the impact of her decisions- both positive and negative, on everyone connected to her business.

As a Congresswoman, her experiences of dealing with what the feds are dishing out gives her a perspective shared by most us of living here in the district, and her strong opposition to the Democrat's spoken goal of rescinding the recent tax reforms is important for our entire country.

It's refreshing to have someone with an admirable career of making instead of taking representing our best interests in our nation's Capitol.

Timothy J. Bos White Lake

And even more for Epstein

Lena Epstein has my vote. We do not need another Washington, D.C., swamp creature. Career politicians only care about getting reelected. They do not care about our ballooning national debt or our wide open borders.

D.C. insiders got us into this mess, they will never get us out of it. We've had enough insiders. It's time for an outsider. I like Lena Epstein because she has never worked in D.C. or run for office. Lena is the outsider in the 11th District and she has my vote.

Philip Seamon

Birmingham

Vote Democrat in November

He separates children from their parents and locks infants in cages. He demeans war heroes, brags about sexually assaulting women, and praises brutal dictators. He has no concept of the truth, and he attacks those in the free press who challenge him. He ignores the constitutional rights of the people. He encourages racial hatred and violence.

His minions are named Schuette and James and Epstein. They have strenuously supported him no matter what he has said and done. He has endorsed them all as they seek their own powerful positions. He and they are a danger to everyone.

I hope the good forces of Whitmer and Stabenow

Novi

Support Northville roads

There are a lot of reasons my wife and I so enjoy living in Northville and the one I want to talk about now is how we as a community come together and work together on projects.

Our current project is getting ahead of our road repair; no one is coming to our rescue. We own it, we fix it. Fixing our roads, among other things, increases our home values. I'm sure you have all seen the plan our city officials have put together. I have. I've studied it, it's a good plan. Vote YES to repair our roads.

Doug Bingham Northville

Northville school board support

Please allow me to introduce Suzanne Lynn as a candidate for the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools. I first met Lynn in her role as the cofacilitator of the Bond Review and Advocacy Committees for the successful passage of the district's bond in November 2018. I was immediately impressed by her ability to digest the district's complicated funding sources and succinctly articulate the district's desire to provide a 21st century learning environment within an aging real estate portfolio.

Suzanne's professional credentials are impressive. Her life's work in both the public education and notfor-profit sectors allows her to understand the significant differences in each, yet she knows how they can work together to benefit every student. Case in point, Suzanne served as the Interim Deputy Superintendent of Talent for Detroit Public Schools to create a new vision and direction to staff members during a time when DPS was struggling to establish itself as a financially viable district and coached staff members to accomplish their vision.

As a nationally recognized leader in public education, Suzanne will have the advantage to hit the ground running to successfully implement the District's goals and vision and provide a fresh perspective for future enhancements to curriculum, the arts, STEAM, athletics, security and student achievement.

Lynn has served on the Northville Educational Foundation board for 3 years, 2 as an executive committee member and is a commissioner for Northville Youth Assistance (NYA), and mentored through NYA for 2 years. Suzanne is ready to take the next step in her commitment to Northville Public Schools. She has our students' best interests at heart and has the skill-set to evaluate the fluid dynamics of public education. She



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Debi C., Living with ovarian cancer Tim Johnson, MNE, BSN, RN, OCN, TESARO Oncology Nurse Educator

and Stevens prevail in the forthcoming autumnal battle. Those good people worry about health care for all, better funding for our schools and fixing our awful roads. They have a history of protecting our auto industry, our farms, our great lakes, and helping those in need. We need to vote for Whitmer, Stabenow and Stevens.

John A. Kuenzel

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will be an exceptional advocate for our students and our community.

I encourage you to take a look at her website at www.suzannelynnforschoolboard.com or her Facebook page (Suzanne Lynn For Northville School Board) to learn more about her desire to serve NPS as a trustee





Mirage Development Showcases Experience & Versatility at Montebello Estates





Public welcome to Grand Tour of Montebello Estates on Saturday, September 15th between 12pm-5pm. Information and guidance provided by sales agent, Nicolas Petrucci with Max Broock Realtors.

Montebello Estates, a premier and exclusive Novi/Northville residential community featuring the elite craftsmanship of Mirage Development. Mirage has upheld a well respected, quality-based, "hands on"building reputation in Southeastern Michigan. With their main office located in Novi, Mirage remains a private, higher-end, custom home building and development company with many communities built in Novi and the surrounding areas. Partners, Claudio Rossi & Mauro Petrucci combine over 40 years of building and site development experience and their dual expertise creates a niche that is wonderfully displayed at their latest development, Montebello Estates. Located on the north side of 9 Mile between Novi & Taft Rd, the former historic, "Van Buren Estate" was selectively sold to Mirage as one of the very few builder/developers who could develop this challenging 27 acre parcel and protect and enhance the natural beauty of the site along with creating distinct homesites with panoramic views. As Novi residents, they approach every project with the intention of creating an exclusive, natural setting unlike any other in our area.

When mapping-out their communities prior to developing the land, Mirage's main objective is to carefully preserve as much natural beauty as possible. Montebello Estates displays rolling hills, live winding streams, vast nature parks and mature trees in a serene tranquil setting. "We're aiming to give the residents at Montebello the 'up north' feel while still being conveniently located within proximity of downtown Northville, the Novi shopping Mecca and access to major highways," said builder, Claudio Rossi. "On the build-side, we ultimately work to establish a personal relationship with clients in order to truly gain an understanding for their wants, needs and tastes. What we offer is a common blend of unique design with personal attention to details and quality construction tailored to the home-buyer's preferences."

Montebello Estates offers 31 premium homesites with several homes currently under construction as well as current residents who have already completed building. Various floor plans and sizes are offered along with the ability to make custom modifications and selections over a wide variety of styles. Home pricing begins in the lower \$700's. The Novi neighborhood falls within the Northville school district. This is a place you will want to visit and explore the



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of the BoE. I hope you will join me in casting a vote for Suzanne Lynn on November 6, 2018.

Cyndy Jankowski Northville Northville

Novi readers rock

It's hard to believe that summer is over, students have spent an unbelievable amount of time reading over the past few months, and we are so proud of them. The Novi Public Library's 2018 Summer Reading Program was hugely successful, with 3,085 people participating.

As always, the library also offered a number of programs to educate and entertain its patrons. There were story times, crafts, book clubs, and entertainers galore. Those that completed the reading program were invited to special finale parties. An after-hours lock-in party was hosted for the 7th-12th grade students, and the culminating event for all students in grades kindergarten through 6th grade was the chance to go to Paradise Park. Students were able to ride go-karts, play laser tag and minigolf, and try out the climbing wall and trampoline, after which they could enjoy pizza and a drink, all generously donated by Jeff and Theresa Wainwright, owners of Paradise Park. This was the Library's seventh year working with such an outstanding Novi business that really cares about our readers!

There are many other members of our community who supported the **Summer Reading Program participants** in their accomplishments, too. We could not have conducted our program without the help of our Teen Leader Volunteers; Quinna Halim and Aliyah Hirji for overseeing our registration table and our teen volunteers. In addition, our teen volunteers, who helped participants in the reading program register and log their books, assisted with crafts fied Members Credit Union, and The Goddard School for Early Childhood Development.

Many thanks go to the Novi Community School District which partnered with us to promote reading over the summer. Also to the Northville and Walled Lake school districts, for kindly distributing our program brochures to their schools. Students were encouraged to read and keep track of the amount of books read, take Accelerated Reading Tests at the library to document their progress, and turn in their reading logs at the beginning of the new school year.

Finally, we want to thank the parents, grandparents, and caregivers who brought their children to the Novi Public Library and encouraged them to read. Without their support our Summer Reading Program would not exist.

Novi Public Library staff

Another great concert season

The success of the 2018 Summer **Concert Series at the LaFontaine Family** Amphitheater could not have been possible without the help and support of so many. Financial support was provided by the Downtown Development Authority, along with a generous donation from Dr. Sherry Zylka and George Magro, in addition to our budgeted amount from the township, and last but not least all of the concert goers that gave cash donations.

Time and commitment to the concerts came from many sources. Nonprofit organizations provided dinner each week for purchase. The Knights of Columbus arrived early to get the grill going so the food would be ready for purchase, and stayed late cleaning up. The Boy Scout Troup #172 provided beverages and collected all the returnables, and Seniors Inc. provided ice cream for sale.

The Milford Historical Society and Heavner Nature Connection joined the Milford Summer Concert Series this year. Linda Dagenhardt and many others dedicated their time and knowledge of the Milford Power Plant by opening the doors to the Milford Power House. The Village Fine Arts Association displayed beautiful art pieces made by local artists. Al Heavner from Heavner's Canoe and Kayak Rental provided free shuttle rides to the concerts in addition to having "Paddle to the Milford Concerts in the Park." Many concert goers took advantage of this relaxing drive to the concerts.

We'd like to thank the Village of Milford for the use of Central Park, and the DPS for always having the park ready for show time, and making sure that all of the parking supplies were on hand. Thank you to The Milford Fire Department and Milford Police Department for being present at the concerts to ensure the safety of attendees. A big thank you to Jim Mussat and Dennis Finkbeiner, Milford's Ordinance Officers, for their time and dedication in keeping the parking lots safe and orderly

Finally, we'd like to thank the Lafontaine family and the DDA for the LaFontaine Family Amphitheater. The Amphitheater was once again a great hit with the Bands and concert goers.

We are already busy planning for the 2019 Summer Season and we hope to see everyone next summer! For information on upcoming events, 'like' us on FB, at Milford Township Parks and Recreation or send comments about the Summer Concert Series to concerts@milfordtownship.com.

Milford Summer Concert Committee

Milford Township Parks & Recreation

Program benefited many

The African saying "It takes a village to raise a child" has almost become a cliche in recent years, but it remains the best way to describe a special annual effort by local churches, volunteers and businesses.

Again this summer, children in three of South Lyon/Lyon Township's economically challenged neighborhoods had nutritious, free lunches twice weekly. In 2018, a decade after its modest debut, more than 2,500 meals were served thanks to the time and resources given from within our community - no government funds.

While we are blessed to live in an area in which many are affluent, some of our volunteers gathered at the First United Methodist Church kitchen in South Lyon to assemble 110-140 lunches. The overwhelming majority were served to kids, plus a few senior citizens and parents. The Milford YMCA also offered swimming instruction on lunch days at the Kensington Place mobile home community.

This project could not have succeeded without the hands of the volunteers. Some were able to come once or twice; others served faithfully every Tuesday and Thursday. They assembled lunches of fresh veggies, fruit, a cookie, and a sandwich or pizza, or occasionally a hot dog or taco. Helpers included teachers; parishioners and youth of the local United Methodist, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran and Evangelical Presbyterian congregations; retirees; South Lyon East and South Lyon High students; and even junior high and elementary school children and a youth baseball team.

Special thanks go to: The employees benevolent committee of Kem Krest (Brighton), for a very generous donation. Hungry Howies/South Lyon, which donated eight pizzas weekly. The St. Joseph Catholic Church Altar Society for its donation, and St. Joe parishioners who baked an average of 22 dozen cookies and brownies every week, throughout the summer. And the church's 6th, 7th and 8th-grade confirmation classes, for \$1,000 in grocery gift cards, plus paper goods, fruit cups, peanut butter and jelly. The Lovell family, providers of yummy submarine sandwiches every week. The First United Methodist Church, for opening its kitchen and financially supporting the program.

Any business, civic organization, church congregation or individual with a heart for children and an interest in supporting this community-wide effort for 2019, as a benefactor or volunteer, is welcome to contact me.

Joanna Firestone

summer lunch program coordinator First United Methodist Church

Golf outing thanks

and other programs, and a myriad of other jobs.

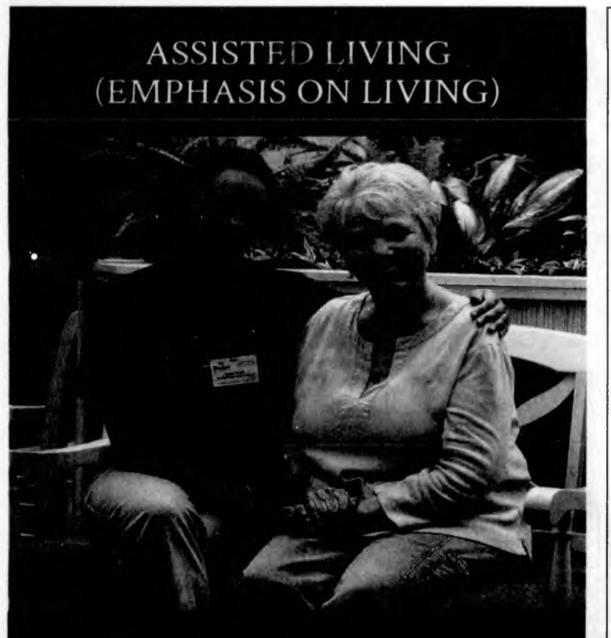
We also owe a large debt of gratitude to those who supported and sponsored our efforts. Among them are: The Friends of the Novi Public Library, Paradise Park, Novi Community School District, Town & Country Eyecare, Diversineighbors remain in need. About 15 percent of children in the school district qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. When school is out for the summer, food security may be an issue for these families.

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning for 11 weeks throughout the summer,

On Aug. 19 there was a Knights of Columbus Bishop Fulton Sheen #7444 golf outing.

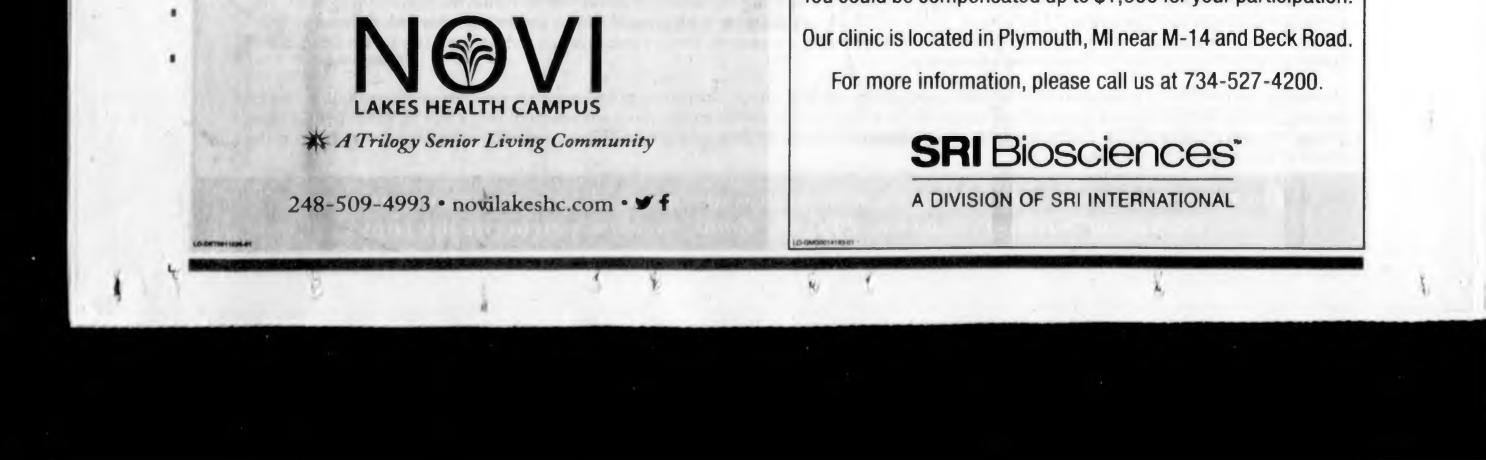
Not just a Sunday get together with the guys for a fun day, but a special golf

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What you will do in the study:

- You will have a physical exam, including blood and urine tests, to see if you are eligible for the study
- You will be given a total of 3 vaccine doses over 4 months, then checked for any reaction

You could be compensated up to \$1,600 for your participation.

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Utility worker helps save dog trapped in house fire

Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Man truly is a dog's best friend. A Howell dog was saved from a house fire early last month thanks to the quick thinking of a Consumers Energy employee.

Guy Houseman, a 26-year employee of the utility company, responded to an emergency request to shut off natural gas at a house on Coon Lake Road in Howell. Firefighters were fighting a blaze there, believed to have been started by fireworks in the garage.

While working to shut off the gas, Houseman, 56, said he kept thinking he had visited the house before and believed an elderly dog lived there.

"Either this was really bad deja vu or I've been there," Houseman said he

thought to himself. He said he called the company's central dispatch and confirmed he had been to residence the past November.

Houseman remembered an elderly beagle keeping him company while he worked on the furnace. "Every time I turned around there was a dog," he said. He told the fire officials on scene that

he believed a dog lived there. Houseman said that the fire chief

sent several firefighters into the house and, two minutes later they came out, one holding Pearl, a 12-year-old beagle.

Firefighters were able to locate Pearl under a bed, scared but unhurt.

"Everybody had this huge sigh of relief," Houseman said. "It was a really really good feeling."

He said that he has responded to fires where the family dog doesn't make it. "They bring out the dog covered by a white sheet," and there is not a dry eye around, he added.

When Pearl's owner, Claire Stevens, arrived at her home she was able to thank the firefighters, but was unable to thank Houseman until recently.

Houseman lives with his wife in Howell and their four dogs and cats.



Claire Stevens and Guy Houseman, with Stevens's dog Pearl.

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outing for some special children battling all kinds of cancer (some of which are life threatening). The weather was as great as the golfers who came out to this fundraiser. Also great were the merchants who donated some very nice items for the raffle. Please thank them any time you visit their businesses.

The list of businesses include Acorn Farms, Baker's of Milford & Comeback Inn, Coratti's on Main, Club Pet, Czapski's, Charlie's Jewelers, Clothing Cove, Duke's of Highland, Dimitri's Coney Island, For Feet's Sake, Hartland Glen Golf Course, Hartland Smilemakers, Highland House, Holden's Party Store, Heavner Canoe Rental, Kensington Dairy Queen, Milford House Bar & Grill, Milford Mane Care, Pet Supply Plus of Milford, Palate, River's Edge Brewing, Smoke Street BBQ, Salon Del Sol, Schwartz's Delicatessen, Sweet Retreats, Village Pizza & BBQ, Village Toy

that a rose makes you forget a bad day of golf? Special "Thanks" to Phil Wiepert for the golf clubs, balls, tees and the donation of his winnings of the Putt-Putt competition. Remember the old saying "There Oughta Be a Law!"? Jack & Dave Law and their foursome make special donations every year. Thanks also to all who bought 50/50 raffle tickets and other tickets for the prizes. Thanks to Trent Smith, Kathy Patterson, Chef Joe Curtis & Richardo Bowring and the staff at Mystic Creek for all their help and service. Thanks to the Milford Times, Oakland Press and the Detroit Free Press for advertising the golf outing.

And last, but not least, thanks to these great helpers – Don "Pops" Sheridan, Paul Castiglione, Bob B. Sobczak, Gene Sypniewski, Don Green, Bob Bozyk, Anthony Barbone Sr. and Tony "Texas Ranger" Barbone Jr. for all their help that day.

And thanks to all the golfers who played and donated to the children at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. They include Tom & Bryan Powers, Steve & Cam O'Connell, Harlon & Doris Smart, Karen Maynard, Jackie Hark, Donna Trapp, Ginny Foley, Nancy Kay, Cheryl Youd, Angie Breneman, Deb Nowak, Deb Morefield, Sue Krase, Kathy Depp, Gary Beasley, Jeff Rimalzki, Frank Fogarty, Phil Weipert, Bill Ciurzenski, Bob Surma, Darrell Woodard, Barry Wolf, Wally Wolfe, Tony Wolfe, Mike Gulbernat, Kenny, Walt Wyniemko, Wally Wyniemko, Bredy Wyniemko, Sophie Wyniemko and Bob Kiefiuk.

In our 12 years of hosting a golf outing for the children at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, who all have some kind of cancer. This was the smallest group of golfers – only 15 foursomes (60 golfers) to support 77 children in the hospital fighting for their young lives.

Danny Thomas, founder of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital said two things make me help these children. Danny said "Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplished for yourself - it's what you do for others". And his other saying was "No child should die in the dawn of his/her life". Think about that with your children - hope they are healthy. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance. No child is ever denied treatment because of the family's inability to pay. This is because of people like you, who donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospi-

tal.

We are still accepting donations until Sept. 22, 2018. If you want to be included, make a checks out to St. Jude. Please mail the checks to John Rogers - 3101 Sands Ct., Milford, MI 48380. Thank you and God bless.

John Rogers Milford

Many cleaned river

The Friends of the Huron-Oakland would like to thank all the volunteers who showed up this year to help clean the Huron River.

This was our 32nd annual clean-up. We had great weather, and more than 95 dedicated volunteers participate this year! These folks removed several hundred pounds of garbage from the river including bottles, cans, several pairs of flip-flops, and a large garbage can!

We would like to thank all our sponsors for their generous support and donations. Thanks go to: Heavner Canoe Rental, Village Canoe Rental, Kensington Park, Camp Dearborn, Don Green, Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, Colasanti's, Duke's, Holden's, Jimmy Johns, Milford Baking Co., Bakers of Milford, Americus Coney Island, Village BBQ, Awesome Burger, Sparky's, Village of Milford, Charter Township of Milford, and the Zonta Club.

Shoppe and Burger Joint.

Also thanks to Ken Snook for a donation of bananas & a gift basket, Jake Thome for apples, Kroger bakery to start our day with doughnuts, coffee cakes & rolls and Village Florist for again this year, donating roses for every lady golfer to make their day better. Did you know

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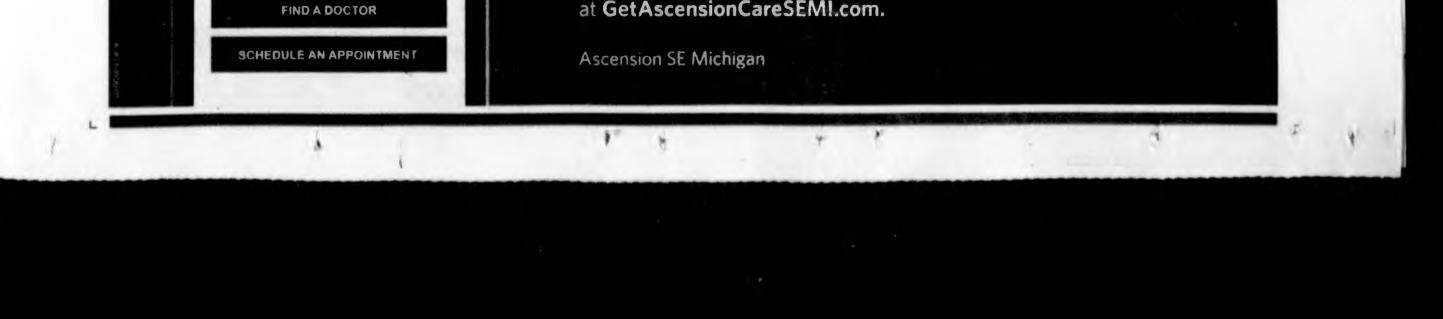
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Volunteers needed for AARP tax program

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking to expand its team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide, celebrating its 50th year, offers free in-person preparation and assistance to anyone, especially those ages 50 and older, who can't afford a tax preparation service. Volunteers make a difference in their communities by assisting many older, lower-income taxpayers and their families, who might otherwise miss out on the tax credits and deductions

they've earned.

Since its inception, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has served more than 68 million taxpayers. The program is seeking volunteer tax preparers, client facilitators, those who can provide technical and management assistance and interpreters. Every level of experience is welcome. Volunteer tax preparers complete tax preparation training and IRS certification.

Last year, 1,048 AARP Foundation

Tax-Aide volunteers helped more than 67,000 people file their federal and state tax returns. The program is offered at approximately 144 sites in Michigan including senior centers, libraries and other convenient locations.

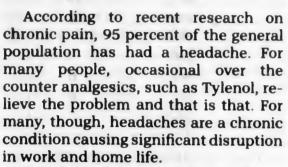
AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has grown since its inaugural team of just four volunteers in 1968. The program now involves 35,000 volunteers and serves more than 2.5 million taxpayers at nearly 5,000 sites nationwide. In 2018, taxpayers who used AARP Foundation Tax-Aide received \$1.3 billion in income tax refunds and more than \$213 million in Earned Income Tax Credits. Taxpayers do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use Tax-Aide.

To learn about our volunteer opportunities and to apply, go to aarp foundation.org/taxaide or call 888-687-2277 by Oct. 1. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in coordination with the IRS.

Headaches can be treated and possibly prevented



Our Mental Health L.J. McCulloch USA TODAY NETWORK -



Now it stands to reason that sufferers can benefit from knowing more about headaches and treatments available. Did you know that President Abraham Lincoln suffered from horrid frequent headaches? Of course, he had a lot on his mind with the Civil War and so forth. The point being that some say that the majority of headaches are caused by stress and unexpressed emotions.

Tension headaches often are experienced as a tight squeezing of the head, which may feel like a clenched fist. These can occur frequently and are often said to be the result of stress. They

Triggers of headaches have been documented as too little sleep or skipping meals, being under a lot of stress, changes in hormone levels, strong odors and consuming certain foods.

of personal conflict. Some people have attacks of migraines several times a week. Research from recent studies points toward a chemical disruption in the brain. The pain is usually experienced as a severe throb with each heartbeat.

Cluster headaches are usually perceived by sufferers on one side of the head behind an eye. These headaches may be described like an ice pick being stabbed into the eye. They are very debilitating. A while back, a newscaster on a major TV network shared his story of cluster headaches, which eventually came to be relieved by oxygen treatment that he could self-administer behind the set and keep broadcasting.

a continuum with migraines and cluster or shorten the length of a migraine headaches and suspect an underlying headache. Another class of medications common mechanism related to brain chemistry. Interestingly, the brain itself does not experience pain. Cranial muscles, blood vessels and nerves are problematic. Triggers of headaches have been documented as too little sleep or skipping meals, being under a lot of stress,

changes in hormone levels, strong odors and consuming certain foods.

There are other general and specific medical conditions which can contribute to headaches, including brain injuries causing post traumatic head pain, Lyme disease and the phenomena of rebound headaches caused from too frequent us of analgesics.

There are many pharmaceutical treatments for headaches. Narcotics such as Vicodin, codeine and new drugs called triptans may be prescribed. Antidepressants are commonly used for several reasons, one of which is the fact that centers in the brain for pain and depression overlap.

There are abortive medications such Some consider tension headaches on as the commonly used triptans to stop is prophylactics. This means they are taken daily and can have the result of prevention of headache development in the first place. Alternative therapies, such as bio-feedback, stress management, massage and acupuncture, can also be very helpful. Chiropractic care is often employed for recurrent headaches

that do not respond to other medical treatments.

Other sources in the literature warn that when a headache is sudden and severe in onset and is described as "the worst headache in my life," immediate medical evaluation is indicated to rule out a stroke or bleeding in the brain. Similarly, headaches associated with high fever, nausea, vomiting and stiff neck need to be treated as an emergency to rule out meningitis, an inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain.

Finally, others report that headaches can be of psychogenic origin, i.e., emotional problems and conflict transformed into somatic pain in the head. Nowadays, this is often included under the categorization of "stress headaches." It is notable that stress may be external in our lifestyles, but may also be internal as a result of psychological conflict, which may be unconscious.

Your primary care physician can refer you to a local head pain specialty clinic or contact the National Headache Foundation at www.headache.org.

Leonard J. McCulloch is a diplomate

often worsen with noise and bright light and exertion.

Migraine headaches are experienced as a throbbing pain and often involve one side of the head only. Heightened sensitivity to light or noise is also common like in the tension headache from the environment and the internal stress of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is a certified brain injury specialist and is board certified in traumatic stress, mental health, addictions and social work. He can be reached for a courtesy consultation at his Farmington Hills office at 248 474-2763, ext. 222.

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nation's leading builder of luxury homes, is hosting a National Sales Event going on now through September 30, 2018. This event offers home buyers the opportunity to get exclusive, money-saving incentives, along with low interest rates, to help build the home of their dreams.

This offer gives home buyers the opportunity to get the most out of Toll Brothers' extensive option selections to customize their homes.

Home buyers can choose from townhomes and villas to single-family homes and gorgeous home sites in communities situated in the most sought-after locations throughout southeast Michigan - at a great value. Once they their purchase home, buyers work with designers at the new Toll Brothers **Design Studio in Plymouth** to create breathtakingly beautiful home by choosing from literally hundreds of fabulous options. In addition, Toll Brothers offers several homes throughout Metro Detroit with quicker move-in time frames or immediate occupancy. For the latest availability, visit QuickDeliveryHomes.com. To take advantage of this

make a deposit by September 30. Incentives will vary among communities, so buyers should contact their community of interest and speak with a sales representative to learn more.

Popular Villas in Ann Arbor Kensington Woods is located on the north side of Scio Church Road, just west of Maple Road in Ann Arbor. The low maintenance luxury villas feature an exceptional list of included features in a stunning setting with pricing from the mid-\$400,000s. Quick occupancy homes are available. For details, call (734)769-9660 or visit Kensington- Woods.com. **Clubhouse Now Open**

North Oaks is located minutes from the University Michigan's north of campus, the VA Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Children's Mott C.S. Hospital, and downtown Ann Arbor. Children attend Ann Arbor Schools with the elementary and middle

Toll Brothers, the opportunity, buyers must setting with Ann Arbor schools on Ann Arbor's west side is now open. Two collections of homes offer all new home designs with an impressive list of included features. Prices begin in the low \$400,000s. Two model homes are now open and quick occupancy homes are available. For more information, visit TrailwoodsOfAnnArbor. com or call (734) 995-5503. **Resort Amenities in Canton** Westridge Estates is the only new community in Canton offering resortstyle amenities, including a clubhouse with fitness room, gathering room, kitchenette, locker rooms, pools, sand volleyball court, children's play park and walking paths. Westridge Estates is located just south of Ford Road west of Ridge Road, and home prices start in the upper \$400,000s. For more information, visit

> Selling Fast in Canton Hamlet Pointe and Hamlet Meadows are

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pricing starts in the upper west of Beck Road just \$300,000s. Two-story home designs range from 2,411 sq. ft. to more than 2,842 sq. ft. A new first-floor master suite home design is available.

Hamlet Pointe features large home sites and sideentry garages. Homes are priced from the low \$400,000s. A first-floor master plan is available. Immediate and quick occupancy homes are available. For details, visit The-Hamlet.com or call 734-398-5939.

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mid-\$400,000s. For details, visit RidgeviewVillas.com minutes from the historic downtown. A range of home designs are available with an exceptional list of features on grand oversized 1/2- to 1+ acre home sites. Prices start in the upper \$700,000s. Call 248-924-2601 or visit TollBrothersAtMontcaret. com for details.

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Schulz honored as latest Veteran of the Month

Charles A. Schulz, a World War II veteran from Wayne, was honored as the September 2018 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. **Beals American Legion** Post 32 in Livonia.

Schulz was born and raised in Saginaw. He attended a local school until the ninth grade, when he quit to get a job as a bricklayer to help support his family. He was 16 when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. His brother joined the U.S. Navy and a cousin joined the U.S. Marines. At age 17, Schulz went to the recruitment office and joined up.

"I just wanted to get in the war and get revenge for what they had done to us in Hawaii," Schulz said. He was sent to Detroit and June 26, 1943,

was put on a train for boot camp at the Marine Corps **Recruitment Depot in San** Diego, Calif.

Schulz recalls boot camp and the first time he had ever drunk milk. "We were very poor," he said. "At home all we had was water to drink and sometimes my mother would put a teaspoon of sugar in it. I liked the milk."

Schulz spent the next seven weeks in basic training, then was off to training as an aircraft mechanic. "I was designated as a mechanic, but all I did was fuel planes and park them," he said. After training, Schulz was assigned to VMF-112, MBDAG-42, MCAS (U.S. Marine Corps Air Service) and assigned to the USS Vella Gulf (CVE-111), which was an escort car-

Vella Gulf arrived in

The Novi Twp. Board will hold a public mini-budget hearing for the 2018-19 fiscal year on September 25 at 7:30 pm at 44218 Wyngate. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection. Individuals with disabilities requiring assistance may contact the clerk at (248) 231-6210.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

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The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on the following request in regards to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance: To



Charles Schulz is a World War II veteran who now lives in Wayne.

San Diego on May 4, 1945, to pick up her assigned marine air group. After completion of a postshakedown, she departed for Hawaii and arrived at Pearl Harbor on June 25 and conducted 11 days of intensive training operations. On July 23, she sailed for the Marianas to conduct air strikes against Rota and Pagan Islands. The next day, she launched 24 sorties against Pagan Island.

Schulz recalled one day when the fighters were coming back to the

carrier. "I was in charge of parking the planes, but one smart-alecky pilot told me, 'If I can fly it, I can park it,' so I nodded OK and went below, only to return 20 minutes later to see two planes severely damaged. We lost both of those planes due to stupidity. Don't know what happened to the pilot, but I bet he never did that again."

Three days later, the escort carrier launched 21 sorties against Rota, with a dozen Corsairs, eight Avengers and one Hellcat taking part. Light antiaircraft fire from Japanese guns peppered the skies. Two planes returned from the mission having conducted their aged their tail surfaces. cific.

Next stop was Okinawa on Aug. 9. Schulz's one night spent there was a memorable one since, during the evening, word arrived that surrender negotiations with the Japanese were in progress and prompted many ships and shorebased units to set off fireworks. Vella Gulf arrived back at Guam on Aug. 15 in time to receive the welcome news that Japan had surrendered. She participated in the initial occupation operations of the Japanese home islands. She provided food and fuel to other fleet units off the coast and, in late August, alternated with Gilbert Islands in furnishing air cover for a replenishment group.

The Vella Gulf then sailed for Tokyo Bay, arriving there Sept. 10. "I remember looking through binoculars at Tokyo. It was a mess, everything was flattened for as far as I could see," Schulz said. "I'll never forget it."

On Sept. 21, Vella Gulf picked up 650 men at Okinawa for passage back to the United States. After a brief stop at Pearl Harbor, she arrived at San Francisco on Oct. 14. She subsequently operated in the Puget Sound area as a training ship for escort carrier personnel until late March 1946, when she sailed for the coast of southern Califor-

On June 18, 1946, Schulz was discharged and sent home to Saginaw. He became a mason and specialized in building fireplaces. He had his own company and, in 1948, married his wife Betty, who died in 1993 after 46 years of marriage. They had four sons and one daughter, three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He married Alice in 1994 and moved to Freeland. Schulz loved to go hunting and even spent some time hunting on horseback in Montana. He now lives with his granddaughter's family in Wayne.

Schulz was interviewed by members of S.A.L. and a DVD was made of the interview and shown at the S.A.L. September membership meeting. Schulz and 10 members of his family attended the meeting and a plaque was presented to him from Livonia Trophy with his picture and service information. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall. The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the

consider a variance request on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, located at 624 Carpenter St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-001-02-0037-000. The applicant is seeking a variance to install a fence in the front yard along Base Line Road, which is located ahead of the front building line. The variance needed is to permit 91 lineal feet of privacy fence ahead of the front building line on Base Line Road from the requirements in Section 18.09.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request will also be received at the above address.

> DOMINIC SILVESTRI, CHAIRPERSON **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

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City of Novi Notice of Public Hearing Concerning the Consideration of the Proposed DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) PLAN

Grand River Avenue (Wixom Road to Haggerty Road) **Corridor Improvement Authority**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., EST, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the adoption of a resolution approving a Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan for the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) according to the provisions of Public Act 280 of 2005, as amended.

At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and officials from any taxing jurisdiction whose millage may become subject to capture if a tax increment financing plan is subsequently adopted, will be afforded an opportunity to be heard. All aspects of the Development Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing, including the impact of the tax increment financing plan on all affected taxing jurisdictions. Maps, plans, and a detailed description of the Development Plan and TIF Plan are available online at citvofnovi.org/cia, and at the City Clerk's Office, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 347-0445. While the Act allows for relocation of persons displaced under the plan, there is no displacement and relocation contemplated in the current proposed plan.

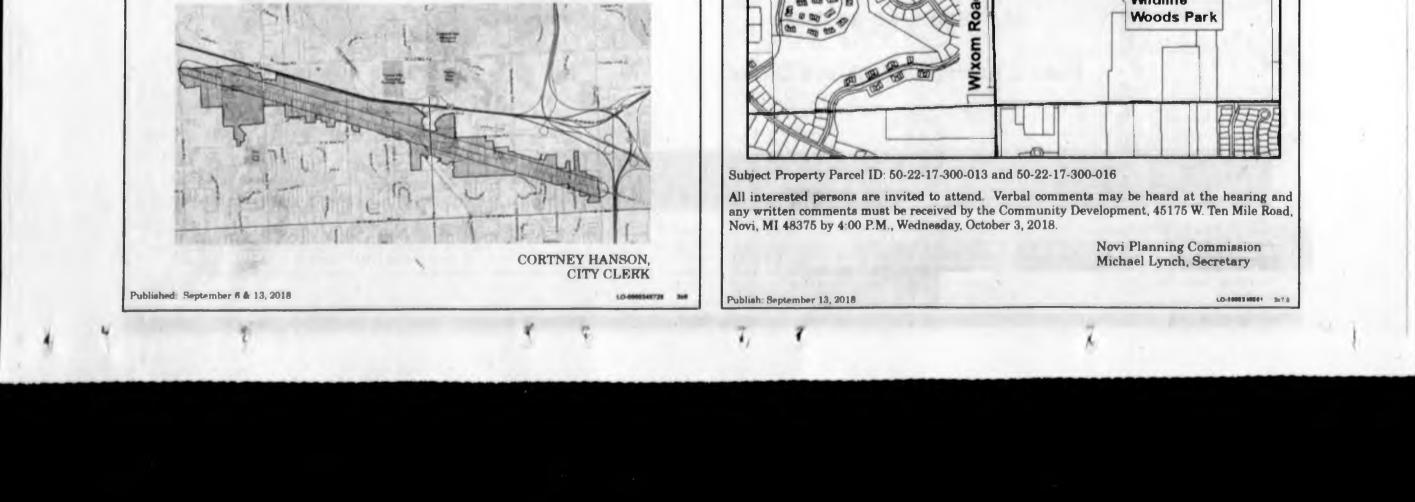
The Corridor Improvement Authority Act was created to help communities plan for and fund improvements along an identified community corridor. The goal of the legislation is to help support economic development and redevelopment of the targeted area. Potential enhancements include sidewalks/pathways, street lights, streetscape enhancements, façade improvements, parking garages, and other public investments that could support and enhance economic development and the quality of life for business owners and residents within this district.

The proposed Development and TIF Plans describe the types of activities the CIA can participate in as well as how those activities are expected to be financed. The Plans cover a 20-year period and explain how Tax Increment Financing (the primary means of funding the contemplated improvements within the corridor) works.. It is important to note that TIF financing is not a new tax, nor does it raise property owner's taxes. Rather, it establishes a base year for taxable values (2018), and contemplates that, if values increase above the 2018 values within the District as time progresses, the CIA can "capture" 50% of those value increases to fund public improvements within the District.

All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerk's Office, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., October 8, 2018

A description of the proposed development area is provided in the depiction below and generally includes the area along Grand River Avenue from Wixom Road to Haggerty Road

City of Novi Corridor Improvement Authority Improvement Map



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Diego on 27 March. Vella 9318 Newburgh Road, in Livonia.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on the following requests in regards to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance: To consider three variance requests on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, located at 248 Linden St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-002-01-0462-002. The applicant is seeking variances to construct a new home in the same location as an existing home and detached garage, which locates the wall of the house 3.9 feet from the north side property line and 4.3 feet from the south side property line. The variances needed are 3.1 feet (north) and 2.7 feet (south) from the minimum side vard requirement of 7 feet and 6.8 feet from the total side vard requirement of 15 feet from Section 15.01.

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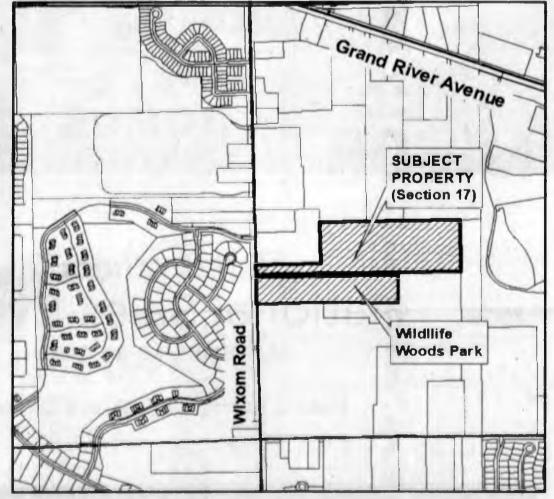
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

P.L. Column

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider VILLAS AT STONEBROOK SITE PLAN NUMBER 17-62, FOR SPECIAL LAND USE, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLANDS PERMIT, WOODLANDS PERMIT, AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT APPROVAL. The subject property is approximately 26 acres and is located on the east side of Wixom Road, north of Eleven Mile Road in Section 17. The applicant is proposing a 43 duplex (86 total units) "age-targeted" ranch style housing units. The subject property is currently zoned I-2, General Industrial with Planned Suburban Low-Rise Overlay. The development also proposes a shared public entrance to Wildlife Woods Park, which is zoned RA and some related minor parking improvements within the park.

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



AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com. Items must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Runestad to host coffee hours

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, invites residents to join him for local coffee hours Friday, Sept. 14. They will take place at the following times and locations: 8-9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 6845 Highland Road, in White Lake; 10-11 a.m. at Colasanti's Market, 468 S. Milford Road, in Highland; and noon tc 1 p.m. at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road.

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or by email at JimRunestad@house.mi.gov.

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.

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

Astronomy at the Beach

The opportunity to view the planet

include sky viewing with many big telescopes and laser constellation tours (both weather permitting); comet making; a 3D tour of the solar system; science demonstrations; astrophotography; and astronomy club and vendor tables. There is no charge, but visitors will need a Michigan State Parks recreation passport.

For more info, go to https:// www.glaac.org/astronomy-at-thebeach/, https://www.facebook.com/ GLAAC/posts/10154457193806932, email contact@glaac.org or call 810-229-7067 during business hours.

Yoga on the Beach

The Crossroads Group will sponsor Yoga on the Beach 9-10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Island Lake State Recreation Area, 6301 Kensington Road, in Brighton. Bring your own mat (and optional towel to put under mat). All levels welcome. Led by an experienced yoga instructor.

Cost is \$5, plus requires state park entry fee or passport. Meet near the Kent Lake beach bath/shelter building. For more information, go to crossroadsoutings@michigan.sierra club.org or call 734-355-3822.

Bottle and can drive

Residents can support the Novi High School band program by donating empty returnable bottles and cans Saturday, Sept. 15. Residents are asked to leave their returnable bottles and cans either on a porch or driveway prior to 9 a.m. that day. Band members will be in the neighborhoods to pick up the donated bottles and cans. Donations will also be accepted at the Novi High School parking lot on 10 Mile Road between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

5K Color Run and Walk

Color My World, a Northville High School club founded to to prevent teen will directly and positively impact more than 2,000 Northville High students.

The race is sold out; there will be no on-site registration. 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.

Widow/Widower Support Group

The Widow/Widower Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 (and the third Saturday of each month following), in the chapel of The Neighborhoods of White Lake, 10770 Elizabeth Lake Road, in White Lake. People of all faiths are welcome. For more information, call Kathy at 248-918-1622.

Kensington nature hike

The Crossroads Group will sponsor a nature hike beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Kensington Nature Center parking lot. Join us for a two- to three-mile slower-paced nature hike around Wildwing Lake and other trails.

Cost is free, but requires a metroparks entry pass. For more information, go to crossroadsoutings@michigan. sierraclub.org or call 734-716-9621.

Northville Garden Club

The Northville Garden Club will hold its next meeting at noon Monday, Sept. 17, at the Cady Innin the Mill Race Village. A light lunch will proceed the meeting. This month, Carol Paretta of Gardenviews at Home of Northville will be presenting Accessorizing and Decorating.

Guests are always welcome. For more information, call SueMarie Klimek at 734-459-8327.

Dems of West Oakland

The Democrats of West Oakland

Author visit at St. Paul

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, 201 Elm Street, in Northville will host Kent R. Hunter, author of "Who Broke My Church? 7 Proven Strategies for Renewal and Revival," 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19. This is a free presentation and no registration is required. For more information, go to www.who brokemychurch.com.

Library lecture series

The Friends of the Novi Library will kick off their Kaleidoscope Lecture Series 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road The topic will be Michigan Modern: An Architectural Legacy and scheduled speakers are Brian Conway, state of Michigan historic preservation officer, and photographer James Haefner.

Climate change town hall

The Northville Democratic Club will host town hall meeting about culture and climate change at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Hillside Middle School, 775 N. Center, in Northville. Professor Andrew J. Hoffman of the University of Michigan will discuss what causes people to reject or accept climate change, using evidence from sociology, psychology and political science.

This event is free and open to all. For more information, email law2psych@ gmail.com.

Community Reads title, author visit

The Neighborhood Library Association has announced the selection of its ninth annual Community Reads book, "The Poisoned City" by Anna Clark. It recounts the gripping story of Flint's poisoned water through the people who caused it, suffered from it and exposed it.

Each of the six NLA libraries will host

Mars through telescopes is the focus of Astronomy at the Beach from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14-15, at Island Lake State Recreation Area, 6301 Kensington Road, in Brighton. Meet at the Kent Lake beach.

U-M professor Aaron Ridley will talk about missions to Mars. Other activities

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

County club will hold its next meeting Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road. A social hour is set for 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. November ballot initiatives will be discussed. For more information, go to www.dwoc.info book discussions and book-related events, culminating in an author visit at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail.

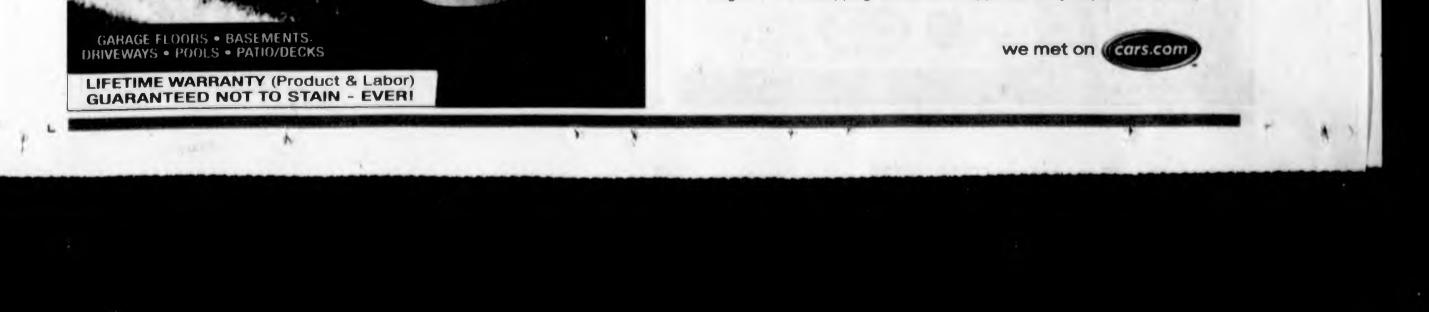
Everyone is welcome to attend the Community Reads events: Oakland

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Group home couple jailed after violating bonds

LeAnne Rogers hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A judge ordered a Highland Township couple facing drug charges locked up for violating their bond conditions after ordering that both be bound over for trial.

Russell Cockerham, 48, and Angela Cockerham, 45, were before 52-1 District Judge Robert Bondy for preliminary examination Sept. 5. Also facing weapons charges, Russell Cockerham was ordered jailed on \$1 million cash/surety bond in response to what Bondy described as a fraudulent report regarding drug testing.

"Mr. Cockerham thinks he can do whatever he wants. You need to follow the bond conditions. The bond amount is high with the attempted fraud with the false sheet," Bondy said. "I gave Mr. Cockerham a chance to get in line. I was very patient and understanding."



Russell Cockerham and Angela Cokerham

At a prior hearing, Bondy had included a bond requirement that Russell Cockerham be drug tested four times a week. He said he had also very explicitly told Russell Cockerham that the testing facility he wanted to use was unacceptable and suggested he use the same facility as his wife.

When Russell Cockerham provided a document from that recommended facility showing he had done drug testing, Bondy took a break to have the information verified. The judge wasn't pleased with the results.

"I am somewhat bothered by the bond issues. The director (of the testing facility) said Mr. Cockerham isn't a client, that signature isn't from anyone from her office and they wouldn't attest to a form in that manner," Pondy said, noting that even if the document were legitimate, only three tests had been done - not four per week.

Angela Cockerham was found in violation of her bond condition after testing positive for cocaine Aug. 24.

If Russell Cockerham ends up making bond, Bondy ordered that he be drug tested daily. For Angela Cockerham, Bondy set her new bond at \$25,000 cash/surety and also required daily drug testing if she is released.

Russell Cockerham is charged with possession with intent to deliver cocaine, possession with intent to deliver MDMA (ecstasy), possession with intent to deliver marijuana, possession of morphine, being a felon in possession of a firearm and five counts of felony firearm. Angela Cockerham is charged with one count of heroin possession.

The sole witness at the preliminary examination was Waterford Police Det. Jerry Niedjelski, assigned to the Oakland County Narcotic Enforcement Team, which executed a search warrant at the Cockerhams' home in the 1200 block of Essay Lane, located in Holly but having a Highland Township address. The home is being used as an adult assisted living home, with the Cockerhams identified as the facility managers. Angela Cockerham's license to operate the facility has been summarily suspended by the state.

The couple was taken into custody at the end of the hearing and taken to the Oakland County Jail. Not guilty pleas had been entered for them. Both are scheduled for Oakland County Circuit Court arraignment Sept. 18.

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

Events

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County Water Infrastructure 101 at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Novi Public Library; "Roger & Me" screening at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Walled Lake City Library; The Flint Water Crisis & the Ongoing Struggle for Justice in Flint at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Salem-South Lyon District Library; "Flow: For the Love of Water" screening at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, the Walled Lake City Library; and The Flint River & the Drinking Water Crisis at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at the Northville District Library. Contact each library to register.

To learn more about the book and for

lawn of Gazelle Sports, 39737 Traditions Drive, in Northville. This event includes a 45-minute yoga session, followed by a fall happy hour and shopping extravaganza. The event is free, but advance registration is required at Runsignup.com/Race/MI/ NORTHVILLE/HappyHourYoga.

Artist exhibit reception

The Village Fine Arts Association will host a free artist exhibit reception 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at at the Suzanne Haskew Art Center, 125 S. Main Street, Suite 700, in Milford. The event will include finger food and beverages.

Also at this reception will be the drawing for the 2018 VFAA raffle ticket fundraiser. The exhibit is on display until Oct. 31 at the SHAC. For more infor-

ment shredding 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, in the parking lot of township hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. Motorists should enter the parking lot from Sheldon Road. There will be a minimum charge of \$3 per car for up to six bags. The bags must be paper.

'Hansel & Gretel' at Marquis

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in Northville will present the play "Hansel & Gretel" through Sept. 23. Performances are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. each Saturday and select Sundays (Sept. 16 and 23).

Tickets for all performances are \$9 (no children under age 3). Group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more. For more information, call 248-349-8110, email marquistheatre@ mation, contact the VFAA at sbcglobal.net or go to www.northville marquistheatre.com.

a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Quality Inn & Suites, 7076 Highland Road, in Waterford. Featured speaker will be Ron Fowkes, Oakland County road commissioner.

The forum is open to the public and. The cost is \$5 per person and includes a continental breakfast. Reservations are required and can be obtained by calling the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce at 248-624-2826. For more information, go to www.LakesAreaChamber.com.

Artist lecture at VFAA

The Village Fine Arts Association invites the public to a free artist lecture, featuring Michigan-based fiber artist Jill Ault, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Suzanne Haskew Art Center, 125 S. Main Street, Suite 700, in Milford.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Walker runs for 315 yards as Canton downs Plymouth

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His last name is Walker, but he's turning out to be quite the runner for the Canton football team.

Steven Walker put up Herschel Walker-like numbers during Friday's 47-26 win over rival Plymouth as the 5-foot-9, 170-pound senior, whose favorite NFL player is LeVeon Bell, busted loose for 315 yards on the ground and four touchdowns as the Chiefs improved to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA West Division.

Walker, a third-year varsity starter,

has had no trouble fitting into Canton's wing-T attack, which chewed up a total of 513 yards rushing against the Wildcats (2-1, 1-1).

"I like it a lot, it teaches you how to be tough, follow your blocks, read the keys and everything," said Walker, who had TD runs of 13, 4, 50 and 47 yards.

Walker, however, deflected the praise afterward, giving credit to the guys up front.

"They blocked terrific," Walker said. "They worked so hard in practice, to the point where I can't explain. It's crazy. If it wasn't for the offensive line, this

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Canton's Steven Walker (left) gets corralled by Plymouth tacklers Luke Fisher and Nathan Janke (right). MICHAEL VASILNEK

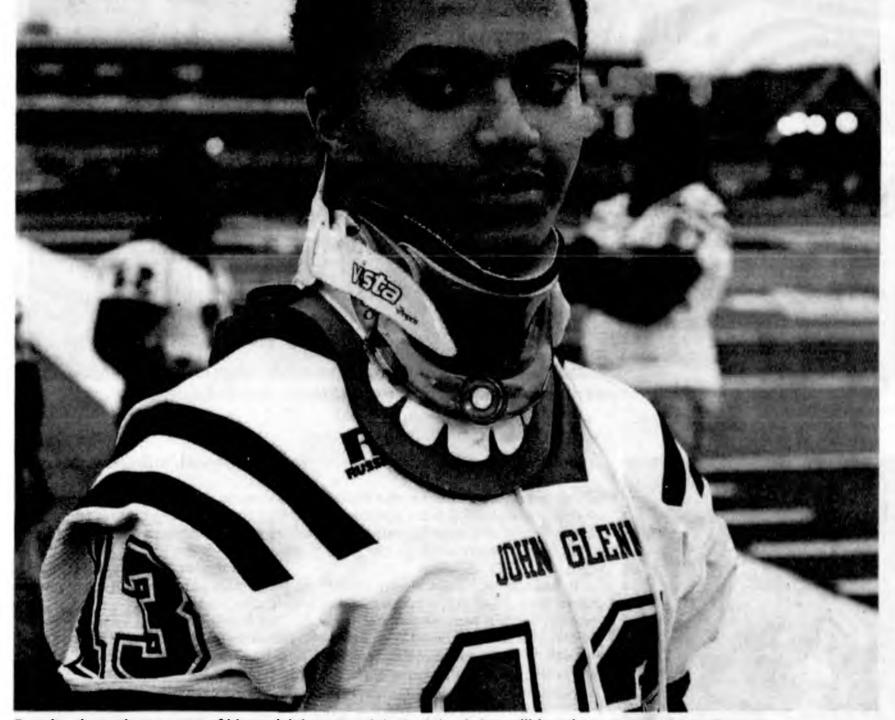
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Neck is broken, but not spirit

Stewart's running lifts Oak Park past

PREP FOOTBALL

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Despite the serious nature of his neck injury, Dominic Spalding is incredibly upbeat. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Glenn senior Spalding down, but not out, and on miraculous mend

Tim Smith hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

It didn't seem like anything but a routine football play. Westland John Glenn senior Dominic Spalding jumped up from his safety position to put a hit on a

Novi running back.

"He was on defense, he came up to make a tackle," Rockets head coach Steve Waller said, recalling the Aug. 23 season opener at Novi High School. "Kind of a freak play. Wasn't a severe hit, just had his head positioned a little bit incorrectly and ended up with is face

mask on the runner's hip."

But the first-quarter play turned out to be life-changing for Spalding, 16. The seemingly innocent hit wound up shattering the C5 vertebra at the base of the teenager's neck.

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Harrison

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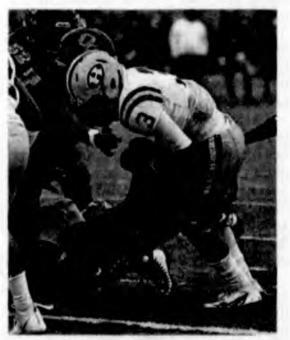
Farmington Harrison and Oak Park have alternated victories every year since 2011. Oak Park continued that trend Friday.

In a key early-season OAA White Division showdown, the host Knights surged to a satisfying 23-15 triumph over the Hawks to remain undefeated after three games. Harrison suffered its first loss and is now 2-1.

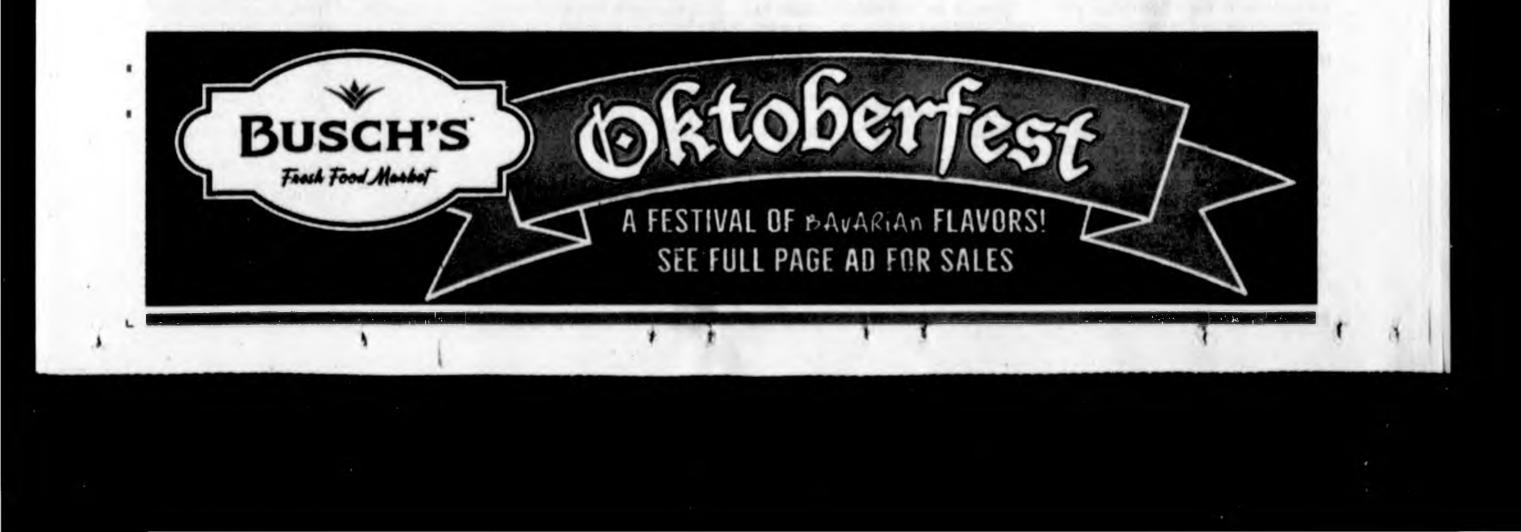
"It was a great game. It was a dogfight. I don't think we survived," said Oak Park head coach Greg Carter, who took over in 2011. "We had to hold on at the end. I'm glad we won."

Veteran Harrison head coach John Herrington watched his team surrender its first points of the season as the first two wins were shutouts over North Farmington and Troy Athens. Herrington acknowledged it's been a good back-and-forth rivalry the past eight years against Oak Park.

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Roderick Heard heads over the goal line for a Harrison touchdown. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Harrison

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"These games are always like this. We've had a great rivalry and I just said I hate to see it end," said Herrington, whose program will cease following this season as Harrison is closing its doors. "We have been trading wins and losses with them. We knew it was going to be close and we were hoping to come out ahead, but they'll probably win the division now."

Following are five takeaways:

STEWART SHINES

Oak Park senior running back Phillip Stewart turned in another brilliant performance. He rushed for 145 yards on 18 carries and scored a pair of touchdowns — one via rushing and the other on a pass reception. It marked the third straight game he's eclipsed the 100-yard mark and he now has 450 yards rushing on the season.

In the third quarter, with Oak Park holding a slim 9-7 lead, he dazzled the fans with a highlight-reel 65-yard touchdown run. At his own 35-yard line, he took a hand-off from Ohio Statebound quarterback Dwan Mathis and headed toward the left sideline. Harrison's defenders closed in and appeared ready to take him down.

Stewart, however, quickly reversed his field, found a slim hole through the Hawks tacklers and pranced untouched into the end zone to the delight and amazement of the large and vociferous home crowd. It gave Oak Park a comfortable 16-7 lead.

Early in the fourth quarter, he caught a 16-yard, fourth-down pass in the right flat and outraced the Harrison defenders to the corner of the end zone for what turned out to be the game-winning touchdown.

"Sometimes you have to let (Stewart) be himself, because a lot of the runs are supposed to go inside, but he just makes stuff happen. He's just instinctive," Carter said about his uncommitted star. "He's a super back and he's just as tough as heck. He's a phenomenal player and he's done everything we've asked him to do to improve. Now in his senior year, it's an opportunity for him to show what he can do."

OAK PARK HEARD NOISE

Stewart was not the only running back who stood out in the OAA White clash. Harrison's Northwestern-bound Roderick Heard had another stellar game, as he scored both of his squad's touchdowns.

Heard hopped into the end zone from a yard out midway through the first quarter to put his team up 7-0.

Then, after Oak Park scored its third touchdown in the fourth quarter, Heard took the ensuing kickoff straight up the gut in an 85-yard dash to paydirt. The Hawks made the two-point conversion when quarterback Max Martin hit Sylvon Brown on a short pass, even though it was deflected by an Oak Park defender.

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

Harrison had two more possessions following Heard's dazzling return, but could do no further damage.

The first possession ended with a punt and Oak Park took over at its own 37-yard line with 7:17 left in the fourth. The Knights drove all the way down to the Harrison 1-yard line, but fumbled the ball on a fourth-down play.

Harrison took over with 2:42 remaining.

The Hawks did manage to make it interesting, driving to the Oak Park 48yard line. However, on a third-down play with 25 seconds remaining, Martin's attempted pass downfield was intercepted by Mathis and that was the game.

"We needed to throw the ball enough on them for us to maintain something and we missed a couple wide open passes," Herrington said. "And when we did that, we never seemed to come back and get it. They're pretty tough on defense and they're a pretty good team.

"We never quit. We had some lulls in there and guys were getting dinged and coming off the field," he added. "That hurt our substitution patterns a little bit. We were trying to figure out what to do. And in our two-minute offense, we moved it a little bit, but not enough."

OAK PARK TAKES CONTROL

With the victory, Oak Park took a major step toward repeating as the OAA White Division champion, even with four division games remaining.

Oak Park, Harrison and Birmingham

Groves all took turns beating each other last year and the teams finished as White tri-champions.

The Knights opened their division schedule this season with consecutive victories over Groves and Harrison. The three figured to contend for the title, but the Knights certainly have the upper hand now.

Unless they stumble somewhere along the way in their next four division games, Oak Park should claim the crown by itself. Groves and Harrison who meet in Oct. 12 Beverly Hills — figure to battle for second place.

"Our defense has played well all year," said Carter, whose team opened the season with a win in the Prep Kickoff Classic against Macomb County power Utica Eisenhower. "To play against the three teams we've played against and not given up very many points is just a tribute to our defensive coaching staff. Our defense is really good and it's young and growing."

THE OVERALL SERIES

Despite the loss, Harrison still holds a 5-4-1 advantage over Oak Park in their 10 meetings.

Herrington and Carter have a 4-4 record in head-to-head meetings. Harrison won in 2010 by a 55-14 score. The schools' first meeting was in 1970 — the year Harrison opened — and they played a scoreless tie.

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Spalding

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"I went to make a routine tackle and I hit the kid and then my whole mind went kind of blank," said Spalding, who Friday cheered his teammates on from the sidelines at Livonia Churchill and even played catch during pregame warmups. "And I know I didn't feel myself hit the ground and I could feel my whole body had been numb. And I was just freaking out, because I didn't know what was going on. I couldn't talk. "And then they stood me up, because I thought I was fine. The numbness had went away a little bit. As soon as I stood up, I had a really harsh pain in my neck." Spaiding in all likelihood can't play football again. Fusion surgery melded the C4 and C6 vertebrae together, with the injured disk completely removed. He wears a neck brace now, but cannot yet drive or go up a flight of stairs.



Just a miracle

But miraculously, he was not permanently paralyzed from the injury or from the fact he walked (with medical assistance) to the sidelines — despite feeling numbness and pain.

And then his mom, Sheila Kelm, drove him four miles to Novi Providence Park Hospital. She had no idea then just how seriously injured her son was.

"Dominic walked off the field and I just shoved him in my little car. I have a Fusion," said Kelm, a Canton resident. "Because his bone was shattered and it was pushing into his spinal cord."

At any time along the route, Kelm could have hit a pothole or bump in the road. Any such sudden movement easily could have done permanent damage.

"Oh yeah, they said he's a blessing, they said he's a miracle," Kelm said. "Because they just had a case just like his and the guy was paralyzed.

"So it's a blessing. You know, Dominic's thoughts on this have been great. He has a great attitude about it and I'm just really proud of how he's handling it."

Novi Community School District Superintendent Dr. Steve Matthews responded to Kelm's criticism about how Spalding was moved from the field instead of being immobilized.

"Anytime a player gets injured on the field, it is a cause for concern," Matthews said. "We are fortunate that we have both an athletic trainer and a doctor on the sideline at all of our events.

"They attended to the student quickly and they followed all their protocols. We continue to hope that things turn out for the best for this young man."

Need for caution

Kelm sounded disappointed, not angry, when she looked back on the sequence of events that happened on the field immediately following the injury.

"It was when he was on the field. I don't know exactly what he said to them," Kelm said. "I just feel with his neck pain and stuff and he kept telling them he wanted to lie down.

"And so then the doctor on the field

Dominic Spalding (right) and teammate Marco Delisio chat before the game at Churchill. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Waiting for the next snap during a 2017 contest is Westland John Glenn's Dominic Spalding. JOHN GLENN ATHLETICS

and get him checked out and that he was going to be fine.

"I had to get him cleared before he could come back to play. So I was going to take him to urgent care and then Dominic was crying and said it hurt really bad. So I ended up taking him to the hospital. I'm glad I did. That's when we found out his neck was broke."

Hearing those words was "shocking, scary," she said.

"They said he couldn't move because his spinal cord was actually turned in, the bone was pushing on the spinal cord," Kelm said. "They said he had to lay flat and he couldn't move or he was at risk of being paralyzed. So it was very

Completely shocked

The rest of the team also was fooled by what they saw following the injury. They thought perhaps he suffered a concussion or aggravated an old knee injury.

"It drained us," John Glenn senior quarterback Chad Stevens said. "We were all cheerful because we just won (26-14). And then we heard Dom broke his neck. We're, like, 'Wow, this can't be real, I can't believe this happened.'

"And then we got the message from Dom the night after. He's, like, 'I'm OK guys, keep balling out.' We can't let it bring us down, because Dom would want us to keep winning for him. Everything that Dom wants, we're going to get it for Dom."

Perhaps Spalding's best friend on the team, senior running back Dante Barthwell, said the team has dedicated the 2018 season to Spalding.

"It was surprising, I guess you could say shocked, when he hurt himself," Barthwell said. "It was so unexpected. We were only 24 plays into the game. It really brought our team spirits down after the game.

"This season is basically for him. ... It hurts, because he's a key player for us. But we just know we have to come out here, we still have to work hard and we know that Dom wouldn't want us to pout. He's a great kid, man."

It's a football family

But the cliche of football teams being a brotherhood rings true yet again. Spalding, Stevens, Barthwell and coach Waller all talked about how that camaraderie has lifted everybody's spirits — especially Spalding's. me," Spalding said. "I just know they got my back."

Concurring was Barthwell, who described Spalding as "a brother from another mother, that's it. Blood wouldn't make us any closer."

The teammates, who became friends in ninth grade, also regularly visit each other after school.

"We watch film, play video games," Barthwell said. "Talk about anything serious. We just bond with each other, we just click.

"(Spalding's) outgoing, funny, he loves to have fun. He's always caring about somebody, always looking out for him. You'll never, ever see him talk down on somebody. He's just a good kid."

Always play hard

Spalding, who carries a 3.5 gradepoint average, said it's easy not to get too down about his injury simply by the bond he has with his teammates. "I've had constant support, so I don't really have time to think about it like that," he said.

Even fitted in a neck brace instead of a John Glenn helmet, Spalding said he doesn't think about the "what ifs." He also wouldn't advise any other players to become too cautious due to the fear of concussions or other major injuries.

"I say don't think about it like that," Spalding said. "I also say, play your hardest on every down, but don't think about (that) your career could end on any play. That's not a good mindset to have. You still got to go out and play the game."

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Canton came out of the gate fast, going 80 yards in just seven plays, capped by Marco Johnson's 2-yard TD run. The Chiefs then scored again with just under a second left in the first quarter, on Walker's 13-yard TD jaunt, to make it 14-0.

But on the ensuing kickoff, Nathan Janke injected some life into the Wildcats' sideline as he raced up the middle for a 79-yard TD return. But the Wildcats were unable to convert the point-after.

In the second quarter, Canton got a key fourthand-14 conversion pass from Ben Stesiak to tight end Noah VanBerkel for 30 yards. On the next play, Walker took it in from 4 yards out with 5:16 left in the half for a 21-6 lead.

But Plymouth, despite only 69 total yards in the opening half, cut the deficit to 21-13 when junior quarterback Nick Downs hit Jeremy Fuchs on an alley-oop 12-yard TD pass with only 34.1 seconds remaining (Jackson Vacca's extra point was good.)

The late Plymouth score made Canton sit up and take notice at intermission.

"It's football, it's a game of momentum, especially a game like this." first-year Canton coach Andrew LaFata said. "They get the kickoff return. And our kicker, he's trying, he's doing the best he can. It's the best kicker we have at Canton, but it's a game of momentum. Sometimes the stats lie." On Plymouth's first

possession of the third



quarter, Downs found Janke wide open on a fade for a 32-yard TD pass. Down 21-19, the Wildcats lined up for the two-point conversion, but got called for a delay of game penalty, forcing Vacca out for the extra point to cut the Canton lead to 21-20, with 10:37 left. Canton's Marco John-

son then ripped off a 40yard run and Stesiak took it in on an 18-yard fake and keeper to put the Chiefs ahead 28-20 with 5:17 remaining in the third.

Canton then stopped the Wildcats on fourthand-four at their own 28 with 3:09 to go in the third and went up two scores, 34-20, when fectly thrown ball to Walker busted up the gut of the Plymouth defense for a 50-yard TD run. (The extra point was no good

with 1:10 remaining.)

"He could be one of the greats, he's fast," LaFata said of Walker. "He just competes. He plays angry, tough and competes. Every single time he touches that ball, he wants to do something with it. Even when he doesn't have it, he wants to block for teammates."

Plymouth had good field position most of the night, but the Wildcats had a drive foiled on the last play of the third quarter, when Darius Robinson picked up a Carson Miller fumble at the 15

and returned it to the 43. The Wildcats then got Canton to cough it up with a fumble and Downs

deficit. The Chiefs, who recov-

ered the onside kick (by Zach Kubacki), put it away with 4:59 left on a 3yard TD run by Luke Joppi after Walker burned the Plymouth defense for a 39-yard run on thirdand-six. The PAT kept it a 14-point spread, 40-26.

Walker capped his big night with a 47-yard TD run to break the 300-yard barrier with 1:22 left to put an exclamation point on the victory for the Chiefs.

Walker was under orders to go down at the line of scrimmage with the clock winding down, but he had other ideas.

"I had to put points up on the board, so I just

kept going," Walker said. Plymouth, meanwhile, had its moments on both sides of the ball, but couldn't match Canton's prolific ground attack.

Miller, a senior who racked up 295 yards on 41 carries the previous week in a win over Howell, finished with 85 yards on 20 carries. The Wildcats had 115 yards on the ground and 188 passing as Downs was 10-of-23.

"Offensively speaking, we started off slow, missed a couple of throws early and we kind of had the jitters early," first-year Plymouth coach Brian Lewis said. "It was one of those deals where I don't think our start helped us. We got it to a one score game and even a pointgame ... we've got to be able to finish, get a stop, get a score when it's at that point."

To complement Walker in the backfield, Johnson added 80 yards on 11 carries, while Joppi chipped in 77 on 15 attempts. Stesiak also added 37.

"They're tough to prepare for, because it's hard for our kids to emulate the speed in practice, so I thought we took some

time to get used to it," Lewis said. "Once we got used to it, we made some plays defensively that were good plays."

LaFata compares Canton's wing-T to novacane.

"We run the 12 plays, that's what we do," he said. "Years back, we were running too much. We went back to the JV playbook and that's what we're doing."

When LaFata, a former offensive lineman at Canton, was asked to give out a grade for his blocking unit, he said: "They get a 'W.' We won."

And Lewis gave his props to Canton as well, which now leads the series between the two schools, 15-5.

"They're good," he "They're said. wellcoached and they have a great scheme. They do those things and it's tough to stop. They definitely busted a few long runs that were back breakers, for sure, but I thought our kids battled tonight."

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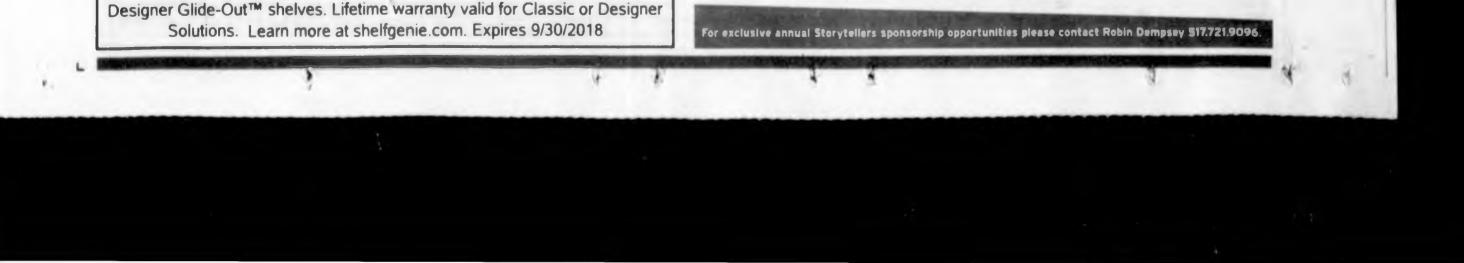
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PREP FOOTBALL Mason's four TDs lead Churchill to lopsided win

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Nothing was going to spoil Friday's football game for host Livonia Churchill.

It was a big night from before the opening kickoff against Westland John Glenn, with the official unveiling of a brand new turf field.

And the Chargers got off to a fast start, as senior running back Darrell Mason Jr. scored on a 3-yard run early in the first quarter. He scored three more times before the contest was over, sparking Churchill to a 48-24 victory.

"Darrell's a great high school football player, running the ball, he can catch it out of the backfield," said Chargers head coach Bill DeFillippo, whose team improved to 2-1 in the KLAA East Division. "He's returning kicks and plays some defense for us. He does whatever we need him to.

"Last year, he battled through a bunch of injuries. This year, he's stayed healthy so far. He's had a real good first three games for us, for sure."

Churchill's defense, however, sealed the victory with Brendan Lowry's 85yard interception return, opening up a 27-8 halftime lead.

John Glenn (2-1) was marching down the field and attempting to cut the Churchill lead to four points (20-16) at halftime. But Rockets senior quarterback Chad Stevens had a deep pass tipped by junior Mitchell Regan and Lowry grabbed it.

He then scampered 85 yards down the left sideline for the touchdown.

That followed a couple of decisive sacks against Stevens.

First it was Jacob Robertson to bring down the scrambling Stevens for a 10yard loss. Joel Forgacs had a sack just three plays later.

"You know, that was a huge play," De-Fillippo said. "We had momentum early, lost a little bit when they scored. That was a key play by Brendan Lowry to take it to the house, give us good momentum going into the half."

terception before half was definitely a back-breaker."

Following are several takeaways.

UNDER ATTACK

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Stevens was under siege much of the night, scrambling and throwing on the run or taking hits in the backfield.

"They blitz more people than we have the block on," Stevens said. "We got five linemen and they blitzed six guys - and they blitz two linebackers. We try to throw under them, but we just don't have enough time. Our line can't make up for it."

POWER GAME

Left-handed senior quarterback Drew Alsobrooks led the Chargers' bluecollar offense, mixing passes to receiver Avery Grenier with handoffs to running backs Mason. and Desmond Dewberry. The opening drive of the night, Alsobrooks ran for a 12-yard gain to the John

Glenn 43, plus he picked up first downs on laser throws to Grenier and junior Shane Morelli.

Mason then scored on a 3-yard TD.

Later in the first quarter, Mason scored again with a 6-yard run that looked like he was shot out of a cannon after taking the handoff. Dewberry also scored, on a straight-ahead run from the 1-yard line.

MORE FROM MASON

The Chargers padded their lead to 34-8 about four minutes into the third quarter, when Mason took it into the end zone from the 8-yard line (one play after Alsobrooks connected with Morelli on a 38-yard completion).

Mason then registered his fourth TD

and do my own thing. I'm excited to play every play of the game, it's just natural to me.'

LATE SPARK

Despite the outcome being essentially determined early in the fourth, the Rockets showed some fight with a pair of touchdowns. The first came on a spinning 3-yard TD run by Stevens.

Then, following Morelli's touchdown run from 15 yards out for Churchill (making it 48-16), the Rockets closed the scoring on a 75-yard kickoff return by Tony Romero.

"We didn't give up, we didn't quit," Waller said. "We came out in the second half and still played hard, still played physical. We were smacking."

TURF REVEAL

Before the contest, athletic director Marc Hage unveiled the new turf football field during a pregame program at Larry Joiner Field. The ceremony featured Livonia Orioles youth football players, cheerleaders, pom pon participants, coaches and family members.

And from first glance, the new turf is destined to be a Livonia showpiece.

Big, bold block letters comprise a sharp look, with the 'L' and 'C' merging at midfield.

Churchill boosters club president Mark McCusker read scripted remarks about the improvements, courtesy of the Livonia Public Schools district, the school board and the community.

"Without these three entities working in conjunction with design engineers, contractors and installers, none of this would have been possible," McCusker said.

New turf also is improving the softball outfield and baseball infield, with numerous other upgrades putting Churchill's "at the forefront of athletic facilities throughout the entire Michigan High School Athletic Association."

Similar projects are expected at Franklin and Stevenson in 2019.



Livonia Churchill's Darrell Mason Jr. (right) fights his way past Westland John

Glenn defenders for one of his four touchdowns Friday. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO

Rockets head coach Steve Waller agreed that the interception/TD return was the turning point: "That tipped inon a 15-yard run, just 43 seconds into the final quarter, to make it 41-8.

"It's kind of unexplainable for me," Mason said. "I just kind of get the ball

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PREP FOOTBALL ROUNDUP



Harrison ball carrier Vincent Rawls (middle) runs int Oak Park defenders Jaylin Mones (left) and Enzo Jennings. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

U-D Jesuit edges Cranbrook in OT

Here's a roundup of all the games taking during Week 3 of the Michigan High School Athletic Association in the Hometown Life area.



Senior Demetriess Champion (six tackles, two quarterback hurries), senior Dan MacLean (nine tackles), Ron Scott (six tackles) and Will Leggin (eight tackles, one sack) were CDD's defensive stars. **GARDEN CITY 21, REDFORD UNION** 20: David McDaniel rushed for a total of 168 yards, including TD runs of 10, 7 and 18 yards, as the Cougars (2-1, 2-0) scored all 21 points in the second quarter to edge the Panthers (1-2, 1-1) in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference game. Junior linebacker Ian Will's interception at the goal line and 58-yard return sealed the win for GC. Senior linebackers Evan Bringold (10 tackles) and Josh Wallbon (nine tackles) paced the GC defense, while Tyson Doyle and Nick Janisse each had a fumble recovery. RU's Ju-Juan Stokes scored on a 41-yard run in the third period and Terrell Hallman, who rushed for 145 yards on 15 carries, added a 85-yard TD in the fourth for RU. Carl Ware had eight solo and five assisted tackles in a losing cause, while Stokes added five total tackles. GC had the edge in total offense, 243-234. **ANNAPOLIS 16, CLARENCEVILLE** 14: In a WWAC game, quarterback David Reese scored the lone offensive TD as Livonia Clarenceville (0-3, 0-2) fell to host Dearborn Heights Annapolis (1-2, 1-1) in a WWAC encounter. Zach Jones added the other Clarenceville TD on fumble return to go along with two forced fumbles, five solo tackles and three assists. Ibrahima Kebe added eight solo tackles in a losing cause and a fumble recovery. **TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL 14,** SOUTH LYON EAST 10: South Lyon East (1-2) suffered its first loss Friday evening against visiting Central (3-0). Tobin Schwannecke was Central's standout as he scored twice and managed a game-high 148 yards rushing. For East, junior running back Donovan Wright was the leading rusher with 66 yards on 11 carries. Senior Jon Carter had an 87-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Drew Ranson had an interception to lead the Cougars defense.

Saturday, Sept. 8 games

University of Detroit-Jesuit 35, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook 29 (OT): Junior linebacker Jack Fairman had a 61-yard interception return for a touchdown and led the team with seven tackles, but the host Cranes (2-1, 0-1) fell to the Cubs (2-1, 1-0) in the Catholic League AA opener.

Birmingham Brother Rice 42, Windsor Holy Names 21

Friday, Sept. 7 games

TOLEDO CC 34, DETROIT CC 10: Sharif McGee scored on a pair of touchdown runs to lead Toledo Central Catholic (3-0) to a non-league win over host Detroit Catholic Central (2-1). Troy Durden and Jase Bowen also added TD runs of 22 and 14 yards, respectively, while Victor Copeland contributed a 36-yard 'Pick 6' for the Fighting Irish, ranked No. 2 in Division II in Ohio. The Shamrocks took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on a Marco Genrich 22-yard TD pass to Nate Anderson. Owen Finnerty added a 30yard field for Detroit CC, which trailed 21-7 at halftime and 27-10 after three quarters.

FRANKLIN 44, WAYNE 6: Julius Simmons rushed for 108 yards on 10 carries, including TD runs of 49 and 3 yards, as Livonia Franklin (2-1, 2-0) cruised to a KLAA East Division win at Wayne Memorial (0-3, 0-2). Dayvion Smettler added 67 yards on 11 attempts for the Patriots, who led 37-0 after one quarter. Quarterback Jake Kelbert was 6-of-10 passing for 56 yards, including TD tosses of 1 yard (to Adam Pittenger) and 18 yards (to Cal Fournier). K.J. Worthy also added a 55-yard kickoff return for a TD. Defensively, Dontez Day had a two-point safety and Worthy collected two sacks. Franklin's Ethan Cooper had a total of six tackles, including a sack and two for loss. Isaac Thomas scored on a 13-yard TD run and had 10 tackles for Wayne.

NOVI 43, SALEM 18: Jason Jennings rushed for 186 on 16 carries, including an 88-yard touchdown run to lead the host Wildcats (1-2, 1-1) to a KLAA West Division win over the Rocks (1-2, 0-2). Novi's Josh Erno added 112 yards rushing on 10 carries, including TD runs of 11 and 68 yards. Other Novi TDs came from Robert Wynn III (25-yard run and 72-yard fumble return) and Drew O'Connor (87-yard interception return). Gonzalo Crisotbal added a 21-yard field goal as Novi led 29-7 at halftime. Salem TDs came from Nathan Hunt (20-yard run) and Benjamin Bennett (30-yard pass from Tyler

Westland John Glenn quarterback Chad Stevens (left) tries to elude Churchill defender Brendan Lowry. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

passing for 120 yards and two interceptions (both by O'Connor). He rushed for 125 yards on 18 carries. Matthew Wright had 13 tackles to pace Novi, while Ethan Locke had nine for Salem, which was outgained 342-268 in total yards.

HOWELL 16, NORTHVILLE 7: Shane Sovik (6-for-61) ran for a 13-yard TD and Jonah Schrock (11-for-55) added a 1-yard TD run as the Highlanders (1-2, 1-1) defeated host Northville (1-2, 0-2) in a KLAA West Division clash. Aleck Le-Brun contributed the go-ahead 20-yard field goal. Howell QB Matt Hornayk was 8-of-16 passing for 72 yards. Nathan Eades added 59 yards on seven attempts as Howell won the total yardage battle, 260-145. Enzo Rodriguez (15for-61) scored on a 1-yard TD run and Jackson Cooney added the PAT to give Northville a 7-0 lead with 5:22 left in the first quarter. Jake DelCampo had eight tackles to lead Northville's defense.

GROVES 28, STONEY CREEK 6: After suffering two tough losses to open the 2018 football season, Groves finally managed to register its first victory. The Falcons (1-2) were led by quarterback Markis Alexander who completed 8of-14 passes for 115 yards and a pair of touchdowns - one to Christian Thomas and the other to Colby Taylor. Harvardbound Khalil Dawsey rushed for 73 yards and one touchdown and Demonte McCurdy rushed for 44 yards and a touchdown. Joel Mitchell (seven tackles) and Henry Van Faussien (five tackles) stood out in defense. Stoney Creek (1-2) was held to 133 total yards. Groves opened the season with losses to stateranked foes West Bloomfield and Oak Park.

SEAHOLM 47, NORTH FARMING-TON 6: Undefeated Seaholm (3-0) surged to its third straight victory at

commanding 37-6 halftime advantage. Chase Mentag led the Maple rushing attack with 99 yards on 14 carries, including touchdown runs of 26, 2 and 10 yards. Max Schumaker opened the Seaholm scoring with a five-yard run. North Farmington's lone touchdown was a 95yard kick-off return by Myles Gresham. The winless Raiders were held to 19 total yards of offense — all on the ground.

SOUTH LYON 17, LAKELAND 14: Undefeated South Lyon (3-0) registered this big Lakes Valley Conference triumph over Lakeland (1-2). The Lions trailed 14-10 at halftime but scored the second-half's only touchdown in the third quarter - a 19-yard pass from junior quarterback Connor Fracassi to senior Ron Menard -- to earn the win. Junior Jack Schafer scored for South Lyon on a 12-yard first-quarter run following a 23-yard Brendon Lach field goal which gave the Lions an early 3-0 lead. Lakeland's two touchdowns came in the second quarter by Robbie Tracy (12 yards) and Dakota Myers (6 yards). Each team finished with nine first downs, but South Lyon managed 213 total yards to Lakeland's 172. Fracassi finished with 137 yards passing on eight completions. Michael Dancer led the Lions with 31 yards rushing. Junior Jake Newman led the Lions defense with eight tackles. Tracy led Lakeland (1-2) considered a pre-season contender for the LVC title - with 57 yards rushing.

COUNTRY DAY 14, FLUSHING 9: Country Day hiked its record to 2-1 with this close triumph at Shaw Field over visiting Flushing. Senior Josh Winowich paced the Yellowjackets offense with 133 yards rushing on 11 carries, including a 54-yard touchdown run. Winowich also forced a fumble early in the game that was turned into a 22-yard fumble

Other area scores

FARMINGTON 10, FERNDALE 7 DEARBORN FORDSON 45, LIVO-NIA STEVENSON 15

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 39, MILFORD 20

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBI-CHAUD 24, REDFORD THURSTON 20 LUTHERAN WESTLAND 45, MOUNT CLEMENS 20

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Overaitis). Jack Lukomski added a 27- Maple Field. The Maples held a 21-6 lead return by senior Anthony Toma. Toma press.com and liv-sports@hometownyard field goal. Overaitis was 13-of-30 after the opening quarter and held a finished with a team-high 12 tackles. life.com.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

D-1 state runner-up Northville reloads

Brad Emons

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If the early season returns are any indication, Northville should be a team to be reckoned with once again when the MHSAA Division 1 girls cross country finals roll around Saturday, Nov. 3, at Brooklyn's Michigan International Speedway.

The Mustangs came close a year ago, finishing runner-up to Troy by a mere five-point margin, 127-132.

Northville has been in the championship hunt for the past five years, winning it all in 2013, followed by a pair of third-place finishes (2016 and 2014), along with fourth (2015).

"I think that once we get healthy, we will be very good and we need to keep them healthy," said Northville coach Nancy Smith, whose team captured the **Bret Clements Invitational on Saturday** in Bath. "We have a lot of great new freshmen and our sophomores have basically moved up a notch."

The Mustangs' top two returnees are all-staters Yasmine Mansi, a sophomore who was ninth (17:59.9) in the Division 1 finals, and senior Nicole Cybul, who placed 18th (18:10.4).

The two also finished second and third, respectively, at the Willow Metropark regional behind the graduated Ana Barrott (now at Indiana University). They went one-two in the Bret Clements Invite on Saturday with times of 18:24.0 and 18:35.9, respectively.

"Yasmine is coming back from a track injury that's she's just basically getting back to full-time running now," Smith said. "So she's a few weeks behind, but I think when she gets a little more training under belt, she'll be better than last year.

"Nicole only ran two track meets last year. She was at Stanford (University) all summer, taking college classes, so she didn't come back until Aug. 18, so she's been running on her own and seems to be OK. We're just trying to keep it slow right now." Freshman Emma Munro, meanwhile, finished first (19:44.23) in last week's Northville Invitational freshman-sophomore race and took 11th (18:54.4) in the season-opening race at the Benzie Pete Moss Invitational.



Northville's top two returnees from last year's Division 1 state runner-up team are Yasmine Mansi (left) and Nicole Cybul. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"(Munro) had an amazing first meet," Smith said. "She came from Meads (Mill M.S.) and we really didn't really know a lot about her. She's got an incredible work ethic, probably one of the best freshman I've ever worked with. She's got that competitive drive that never stops."

Other returnees from that Division 1 runner-up team include sophomore Emily Gordon (72nd, 19:05.7), senior Olivia Harp (74th, 19:07.9), sophomore Keira Courtney (96th, 19:19.8) and junior Oliyia Maase (104th, 19:24.9).

Also vying for the varsity spots are freshman Gina Couyoumjian, junior Emily Assemany, senior Jenna Lauderback and sophomore Elle Slater.

Smith will be juggling her starting varsity lineup as the season goes along.

"Right now, we're about 11 deep fighting for seven," she said. "They're kind of motivating each other, realizing that maybe because I was in the top seven last year, I'll have to work a little harder

rotate them to give them a little more competitive nature," she said.

Not only is the future now for the Mustangs, but the future also looks bright for Northville beyond 2018.

"We're basically reloading, which is a nice thing," Smith said. "My sophomore class is big. We still have 15, but when they graduate, we'll losing a lot. But we have some eighth-graders in the works that are already showing great times coming in next year."

Here is a look at the other Hometownlife.com area teams in the KLAA.

KLAA West Division

Salem: The Rocks, regional runnerup and 18th place in Division 1 a year ago, are off to a flying start after winning Saturday's Ramblin' Rock Invitational at Willow Metropark along with the Ann Arbor Running Co. Hornet Invitational (Aug. 30).

Coach Dave Gerlach has a veteran team, led by returning state qualifiers Bridget Nelson, Reagan Justice, Gabrielle Mancini, Hallie Youngla and Olivia Millen. Freshman Marissa Henry and sophomore Kiersten McBride have also turned in strong early season results.

Plymouth: The Wildcats, fourth in last year's regional, are coming off a first-place finish Sept. 7 at the Warrior CC Classic at Lake Erie Metropark as freshman Lauren Kiley took first in 18:50.6. She also won individual honors at the South Lyon Invitational.

Sophomore Londyn Swenson, who was runner-up at the Warrior Classic (19:38.9), is a returning individual state qualifier who placed 63rd overall in Division 1. Also showing promise are sophomores Paige Cristea. Erin Tromblev and Lindsay Ripple, along with senior Ana White and junior Lily Tiplady.

Novi: Senior Katherine Ray, a steady four-year performer for coach Marsha Reid, leads the way after finishing 48th in last year's Division 1 finals as an individual qualifier (18:49.1).

placed in the freshman-sophomore race at the Mustang Invitational.

Sophomore Amita Tuladhar and senior Anna Nagelhout will provide support to the Chiefs' lineup.

KLAA East Division

Franklin: Veteran coach Dave Bjorklund will once again rely on senior Erin Seibert, an individual Division 1 state qualifier (19:22.7) from a year ago, to lead the way this season.

Also showing early promise for the Patriots, who took runner-up team honors in the Ramblin' Rock, include senior Hailey Kutrukis, senior Allyson Stabler and junior Emily Esker.

Stevenson: The Spartans, under coach Rick Brauer, finished seventh in last year's regional and placed runnerup in the small school division as a team last Saturday at the Averill Invitational.

He will rely junior Cassie McDougall, senior Gracie Droz, senior Kylie Callison and junior Kayla Senczyszyn.

Churchill: New coach Sara Kroll is no stranger to the Chargers' program, as she takes over the reins for longtime coach Sue Tatro.

Churchill took third as a team in the Ramblin' Rock as Krol, a former Churchill all-stater and Big Ten cross country champion from NCAA champion Michigan State, boosts four solid runners in the early going: junior Sierra Greener, sophomore Abbie Haupt, senior Grace Vaeth and junior Abbie Ortell.

Wayne Memorial: Coach Michael Gibson's squad has competed in the Downriver Watermelon Run (Aug. 30) and the Warrior CC Classic (Sept. 7), finishing 11th and 12th, respectively, in the team standings

The Zebras will be led by sophomore Kaitlyn Logan and junior Savanah Grondy.

Westland John Glenn: The Rockets, under coach Alyssa Ambrose-MacGuidwin, were scheduled to compete in their first dual meet Sept. 11 against Livonia Churchill.

to stay in the top seven."

With not only talent but also depth, Smith has the luxury of resting her runners throughout the season.

"Probably during the dual meets, we'll sit them down at Cass (Benton Park) and, in the big meets on the weekend, we'll try to run our top seven and

Sophomore Elizabeth Babcock also shows promise after placing 10th at the Ramblin' Rock Invitational.

Canton: Freshman Thea Schley has already made quite an impact for the Chiefs, taking individual runner-up honors at the Ramblin' Rock Invitational with a time of 18:58.5. She also took

Glenn entered only four runners in last year's Division 1 regional at Willow Metropark.

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PREP FOOTBALL Clean bill of health gives Belea new lease on life

Tim Smith

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After going through a nightmare he thought would never end, Livonia Stevenson senior Ed Belea is feeling almost reborn.

The 16-year-old Belea found out just May 12 that he had Stage 4 Hodgkin's lymphoma, which slammed the door shut on his football career as an offensive lineman with the Spartans.

But after a late-August medical checkup revealed that Belea's cancer is completely gone, he can't wait to begin the next stage of his life - living healthier and getting after it the way he did on the gridiron.

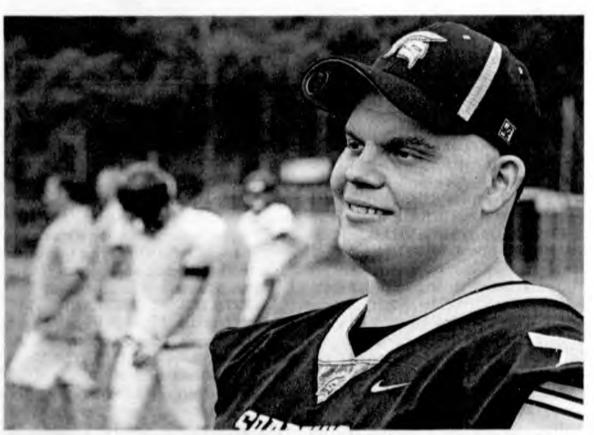
"I started to eat a lot healthier and just watch what I eat, because I want to lose weight," Belea said, responding to emailed questions about his updated health prognosis. "Now that I finished this chapter in my life, I want to finish another one and that is to be comfortable in my own skin.

"Losing weight was a problem for me my whole life — either because I was busy, wasn't dedicated or didn't care. But this whole thing taught me that health is so much more important than I thought. I'm also getting started to work out in the gym a couple days a week at the beginning just to try to get back in shape.

No more football

Belea, looking to slim down from the 300-plus pounds he weighed during his cancer treatment (which included an aggressive schedule of chemotherapy), isn't planning on a return to the football field.

"As great as it is to be cancer-free, I unfortunately am not able to play football for the time being," Belea said. "The medications and post-cancer followups don't allow me. So there's not a possibility I can suit up ever again this year."



Livonia Stevenson's Ed Belea recently learned that he is cancer free, following months of fighting Stage 4 Hodgkin's lymphoma. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"This was a nightmare, but I never lost hope. There were many nights I spent thinking and wishing I was different that I was normal. But this changed me into a better person."

Ed Belea Livonia Stevenson senior

encouragement and friendship.

The admiration between Belea and the squad is mutual - he was unanimously chosen to lead the Spartans through the tunnel onto the Michigan Stadium field before the Aug. 24 Battle at the Big House against Plymouth.

the cancer was gone.

"This whole thing was definitely a journey and being positive played a huge part for me to get better," Belea as bad as they are - because negative energy spreads much faster than positive.

"When I went in for those scans, I was worried I still had a little more cancer left in me. But what changed my mind was how I felt. I remembered the last time I did my CT and PET scans and I felt a lot different. I just didn't feel like I was myself.

"This time, even though I didn't feel like myself (numbness, hair loss), I felt new in a sense. My body felt much better and I had no pain in my back or near my heart (places where he had lymph lumps). The fact that I had no pain and I felt much more refreshed, gave me such a more positive outlook for my results."

Aug. 31. Then he went to work his shift at Levant Kitchen in Canton.

"I was tearing up a little, but I didn't really realize what happened until I got home from work that day," he said. "I sat down after a busy day and just unloaded everything. I always complained about my hair loss and my weight gained, but at that moment I didn't care.

"I could change most of those things. I was just thankful to be living."

Renewed purpose

Belea added that the next year will the most important one in his recovery.

"My doctors told me that the possibility of it coming back is close to 10 percent for someone my age," Belea said. "Of that 10 percent, 9 percent is in the first year. My doctors are doing a lot of checkups on me for the first couple months, just so we don't have anything go bad.

"The staff at University of Michigan (C.S. Mott Hospital in Ann Arbor) is just so organized and I'm just glad that they helped me get out of my worst nightmare."

And now, Belea is up and at 'em with a renewed purpose and outlook.

"This was a nightmare, but I never lost hope," he said. "There were many nights I spent thinking and wishing I was different - that I was normal. But this changed me into a better person.

"I am now much more grateful for things in life. I appreciate a lot more things to life than I did before. I treated being outside like it was nothing and now, every time I walk outside, I take a deep breath and am thankful for being able to live and see another day.

"I'm grateful for my friends, people who supported me, most importantly my family. They taught me how to be positive when the worst comes into play. Now I can say I'm stronger than I was before, because of them."

If you have a compelling story to tell.

The good news came in a phone call contact Tim Smith at tsmith@home-His positive attitude might have He will remain with the team in a from his doctor during the afternoon townlife.com. non-playing role, providing inspiration, played a role in finding out Aug. 31 that

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Miracle races to weekly poll honors

Marty Budner

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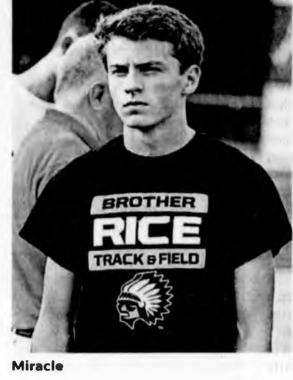
Brother Rice and Catholic Central extended their rivalry to new heights last week.

Rice senior Alec Miracle, a cross country runner, and CC senior Ryan Birney, a defensive back on the football team, were among six student-athletes from the Hometown Life Sports area recently nominated for Athlete of the Week recognition.

Right from the start, it was clear that Miracle and Birney would be involved in a classic race for the top spot. With more than 10,000 combined votes cast at one point before the poll closed Sept. 6, Miracle held a one-vote lead over Birney.

However, thanks to a late kick from Brother Rice nation, Miracle pulled away down the stretch for a runaway triumph.

Miracle finished with a whopping 14,446 votes, or 57 percent of the total



25,341 votes cast. Birney amassed 9,485 votes, 37 percent of the total. Plymouth Carter Solomon was a distant third with 756 votes.

"It was pretty crazy there for a while, for sure," Miracle said after winning the weekly poll. "I first heard about it from (Rice head) coach (Bob) Stark. He told me I was in the running for Athlete of the Week.

"There was a lot of talk around the school. A lot of people were voting to try and get me the win, especially since the guy I was going against was from Catholic Central," he added. "So there was definitely a little extra motivation there in our school to help me out. It is an honor to be recognized in this way."

Miracle earned the Athlete of the Week nomination after winning the recent Golden Grizzlies High School Invitational, which included a field of 192 runners. It was his first high school cross country invitational triumph.

Tell us about your performance (at Oakland University): "My plan for the race was to stay with the leaders from the start and then try to break away

High School cross country standout from everyone in the last half-mile. However, with about a mile left, I noticed the pace was starting to slow down, so I decided to take the opportunity to make a move and to open up a gap between myself and the rest of the field. From there, I just made sure to keep a good distance between myself and the chase pack."

> Favorite all-time movie? "I don't have one specific favorite all-time movie, but 'Shawshank Redemption' is up there as one of my favorites."

Who would you consider your sports role model? "I would consider Kirk Cousins to be my sports role model. because he's a great person of integrity. both on and off the field."

Favorite song? "I also don't have a single favorite song, but one of my alltime favorites is 'Renegade' by Styx."

If you could take a trip anywhere in the world, where would you go? Italy.

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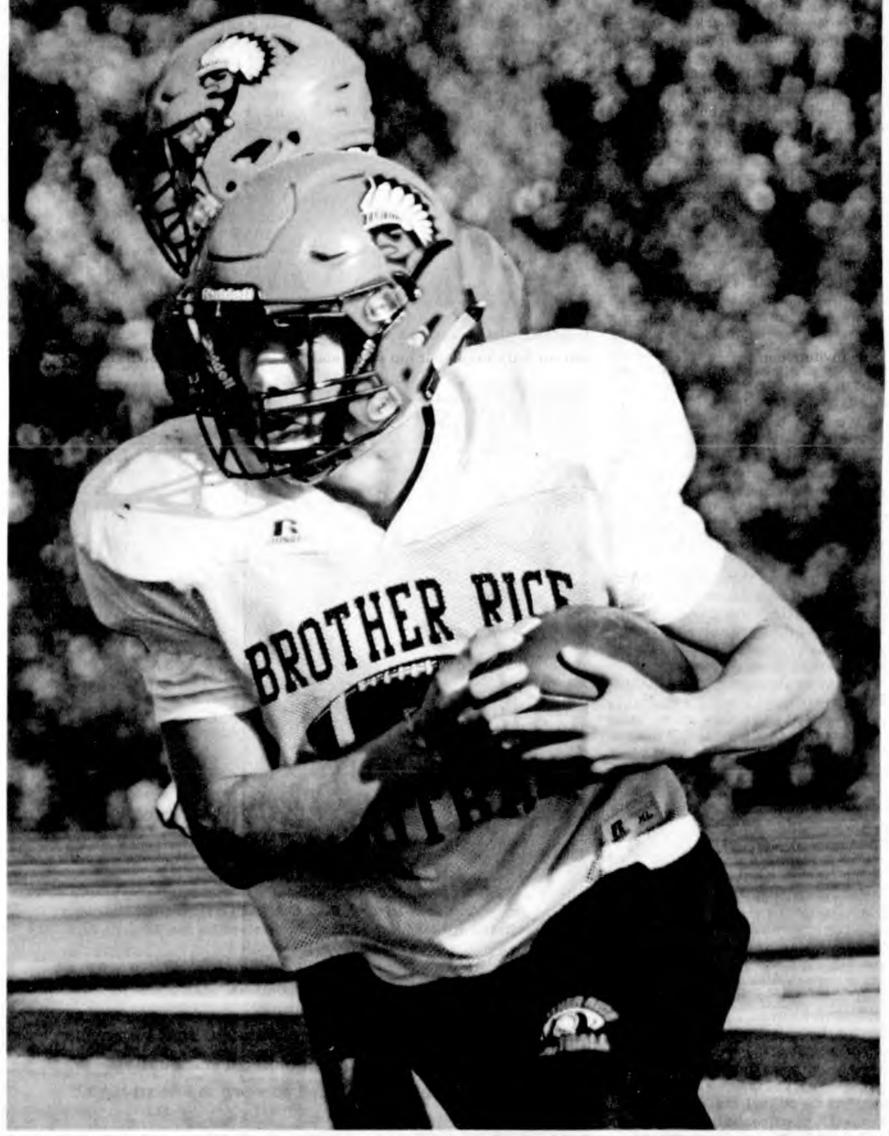
PREP FOOTBALL Rice moves to No. 1 in HTL Sport's top-10 rankings

Marty Budner

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There's been a shakeup. Catholic Central, after a three-week reign atop the Hometown Life Sports Top-10 rankings, is out of the top spot. Brother Rice, a fellow Catholic League Central Division member, takes over.

The top three teams have exchanged positions and a number of squads are making a first-time Top-10 showing. Following is this week's Top-10 list:



L Brother Rice (3-0)

Last week: No. 3. Catholic Central slipped, so it just seems natural that arch rival Brother Rice moves up to take over the top spot in the weekly top-10 rankings. The Shamrocks fell last week in a tough battle against a state-ranked foe from Ohio. The Warriors this week face the defending MHSAA Division 2 state champion in what will be a very tough Catholic League Central Division opener. Next game: Sept. 14 vs. De La Salle at Wayne State University

2. Catholic Central (2-1)

Last week: No. L Catholic Central's two-week Toledo tour ended in a draw. The Shamrocks won at Toledo Whitmer in Week 2 and then lost at home, 34-10, against Toledo Central Catholic in Week 3. CC returns to playing against Michigan-based teams this week and its powerful rushing game resurfaces. Next game: Sept. 14 home vs.University of Detroit-Jesuit

3. Farmington Harrison (2-1)

Last week: No. 2. Harrison also suffered its first loss of the season last week, but it was in its first road game against Ohio State-bounded quarterback D'Wan Mathis and the talent-laden Oak Park Knights. The Hawks aim to get back on track with a pair of home games over the next two weeks. Next game: Sept. 14 home vs. Troy

4. Livonia Churchill (2-1)

Last week: No. 4. Churchill retained its spot with a big 48-24 win last week over John Glenn behind a strong effort by senior running back Darrell Mason Jr., who mustered four TDs The Chargers, whose lone loss was to Belleville, aims to retain their ranking this week in a key KLAA match-up. Next game: Sept. 14 home vs. Dearborn Fordson

5. Canton (2-1)

Last week: No. 5. First-year head coach Andrew LaFata and the Chiefs captured their second straight win last week. It took a while for Canton to get going against P-CEP rival Plymouth, but

once the rushing game revved up, it was no problem. Canton's Steven Walker should again eclipse the 1,000-yard mark with the way he is playing. Next game: Sept. 14 home vs. Salem

6. South Lyon (3-0)

Last week: Unranked. South Lyon trailed a very good Lakeland team by four points at the half, but netted the game's only second-half touchdown en route to a 17-14 triumph last week. The Lions remained undefeated, winning their first three games for the first time since 2014, when they won five straight en route to a state playoff berth and an eight-victory season. Next game: Sept. 14 home vs. Birmingham Seaholm

Senior James Donaldson and his Brother Rice teammates have moved to No. 1 in the weekly HTL Sports Top-10 rankings. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

7. Birmingham Seaholm (3-0)

Last week: No. 8. Veteran head coach Jim DeWald has the Maples playing with confidence and vigor with three straight wins to begin the campaign. It's an amazing feat since Seaholm won only one game last year and hasn't enjoyed a winning season since 2013. A

val Canton. The Wildcats trailed early and got to within a point at 21-20 early in the third. However, the roof fell in in the second half. Plymouth aims to hit the win column again this week. Next game: Sept. 14 at Brighton

9. Farmington (3-0)

Last week: Unranked. Farmington Scott Steward's squad took U-D Jesuit win this week would equal its win total won only three games last year, but to overtime before losing its first ever from the past two seasons combined. equaled that total with last week's close Catholic League AA Division game. Next Next game: Sept. 14 at South Lyon game: Sept. 14 at Dearborn Divine Child 10-7 victory over Ferndale. All three Fal-8. Plymouth (2-1) cons wins have come in the OAA Blue Last week: No. 6. Plymouth suffered Division, where they sit alone atop the Contact Marty Budner at mbudnits first loss last week against district ri- standings. Running back Kendall Wil- er@hometownlife.com.

liams leads the rushing attack. Next game: Sept. 14 home vs. Hazel Park

10. Cranbrook Kingswood (2-1)

Last week: No. 10. The Cranes dropped their first game last week, but still retain some Hometown Life Sports rankings love. First-year head coach

PREP FOOTBALL

'DOING THE BEST WE CAN'

Brother Rice football team carries on despite adversity

Marty Budner hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

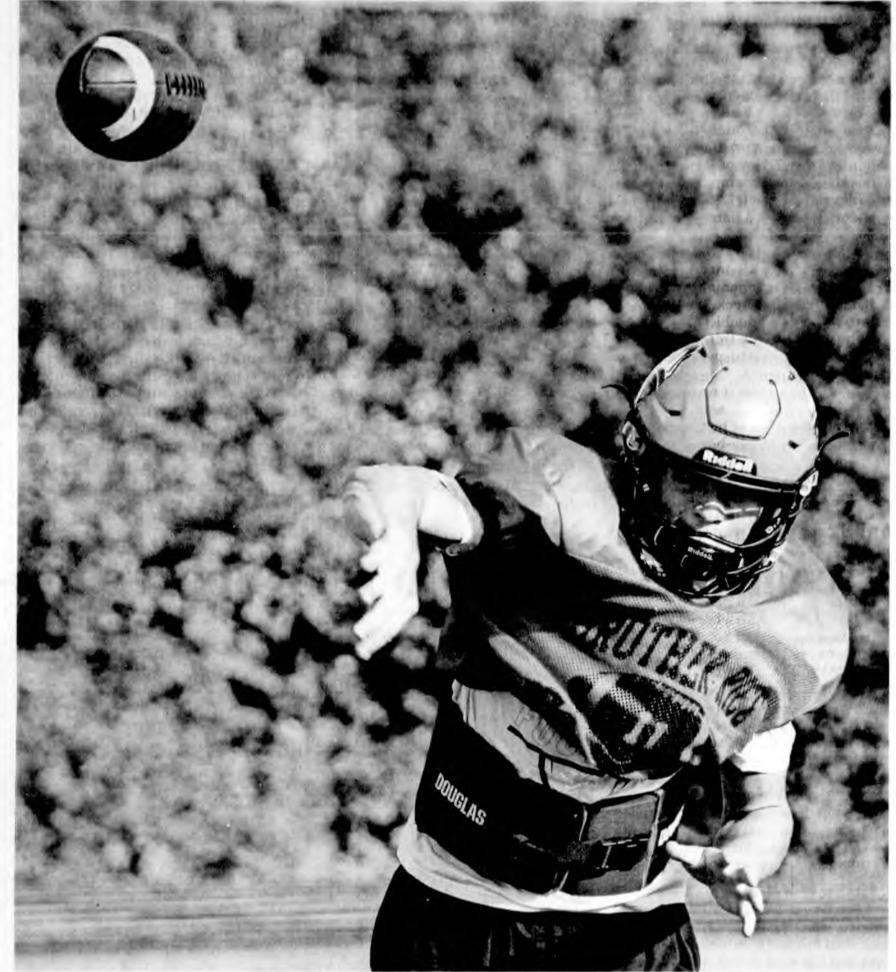
Gregory Piscopink, carrying his equipment in one hand, sauntered off Fracassa Field early Wednesday evening after a tough two-hour practice session that ended with short sprint work in searing 90-degree temperatures.

Brother Rice's junior quarterback and his teammates completed the upbeat practice, executing drills with the pride and confidence that two straight season-opening wins help instill. After registering a shutout victory over U-D Jesuit (28-O) in Week 1, Rice held on for a satisfying victory (13-7) in Week 2 over Mishawaka (Ind.) Penn — the same team that dealt the Warriors a crushing defeat (38-O) last year at Berkley's Hurley Field.

The Warriors are enjoying the fruits of an undefeated season thus far, despite suffering huge adversity before the regular season even kicked off.

Prior to the annual four-way scrimmage at Farmington Harrison High School in mid-August, Piscopink was driving with his father Greg — Rice's defensive coordinator — on northbound I-75 after practice. The car slid off the road from the shoulder area and rolled over, hitting trees and other obstacles along the side of the freeway.

Piscopink recovered rather quickly from the horrific accident, returned to practice and started both of Rice's games. His father, however, sustained multiple injuries, including broken bones on his lower extremities and his



rib cage, along with some swelling in the brain.

Coach Piscopink is slowly improving from the bilateral injuries at Detroit Henry Ford Hospital, but does face a long recovery period that has required a number of surgeries. A Gofundme page has been set up to help the family deal with the long-term rehabilitation process.

"It's been tough. Like, before this happened, my dad was out here every single day being a coach and me being able to talk to him and have him help me out during practices," Piscopink said. "Now, not having him here, he's not been able to be that role model to me and being the leader and talking to me about it.

"But the main thing is he's getting better every single day, so I just have to keep my head high and I pray for him every day and it's a going good. Actually, on Tuesday, he had his last leg surgery, so it's just all recovery from here. We're not sure when he's going to get out of the hospital yet.

"We're just going day-by-day, doing the best we can," he added. "I want to stay here for the team and do the best every single day for them and I want to keep my head high."

Constantly in thoughts

Second-year Brother Rice head coach Adam Korzeniewski said 44-year-old coach Piskopink is constantly in everyone's thoughts and prayers. A sign recognizing coach Piskopink is attached to the fence near the entrance to Fracassa Field and T-shirts in his honor are constant reminders of their beloved mentor.

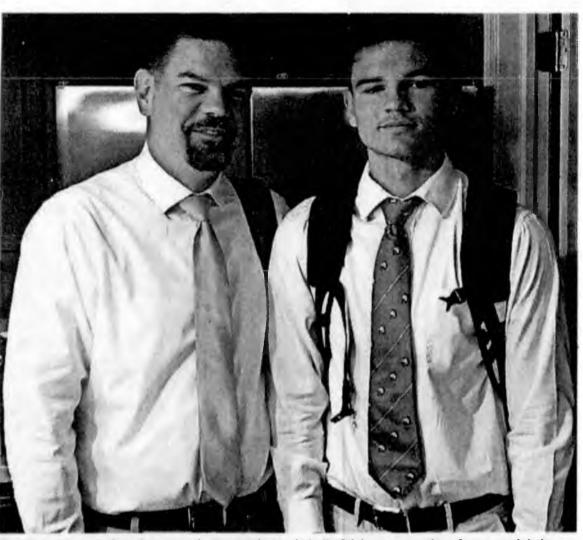
"I don't know how (Piscopink) is doing it, to be honest with you," Korzenewski said of his young quarterback. "He's been really good through our first two games so far. The first one a little bit better than the second, but he's been very focused in practice and doing a great job of being a leader."

Korzeniewski said the team has rallied around the Piscopink family, which also includes mom Jennifer and 11-yearold daughter Lauren.

"Everyone on the team loves Gregory. I mean, he's a great kid. He's humble. He's not a jerk. I think it's galvanized the team," Korzeniewski said. "Plus, coach Piscopink, we all know coach Piscopink. We care about him. We care about the family. We see Gregory in school and we want what's best for the entire family.

"So everyone is behind him and he's coming back. He's getting better," he added. "Don't get me wrong — he's got a long ways to go, but he's making slow

Greg Piscopink unleashes a pass during a recent practice. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Brother Rice defensive coach Greg Piscopink (left) is recovering from multiple injuries suffered in a car accident that also involved his son Gregory, who is the Warriors' starting quarterback. PISCOPINK FAMILY PHOTO

"We're just going day-by-day, doing the best we can. I want to stay here for the team and do the best every single day for them and I want to keep my head high." Gregory Piscopink

Brother Rice junior quarterback

Without coach Piscopink, the defense has been forced into somewhat of a transition. Korzeniewski, a former defensive coordinator at both Brother Rice and Birmingham Seaholm before taking over as Warriors head coach two seasons ago, has now taken on that role in addition to his head coaching duties.

"I think the tough part was someone had to take over the defense," Korzeniewski said. "Coach Piscopink is a very good coach. He's exceptional. Him and I solved problems in a different way. He knew how to solve things this way and I knew how to solve things that way. him. You gotta trust in what I'm asking you to learn," he added. "He's his own self and he knew the defense the way he knew it. I tried to keep things the same as I could with what he was doing. Just the nomenclature, the terminology, I'm trying to keep the same things. Just some of the structure is changing slightly."

Excelling with heavy hearts

Brother Rice players have carried on extremely well while playing with heavy hearts. sity seasons. He had won all seven of his starts in a reserve role prior to this year and then opened with the pair of wins as a starter this season.

In Rice's two games, Piscopink has completed 29-of-46 passes (63 percent) for 317 yards and four touchdowns. The right-handed signal-caller threw three touchdown passes to senior receiver Colin Gardner in the opener, covering 54, 29 and 18 yards.

"Coming into this year, it did me help having the experience of playing games (as a freshman and sophomore)," Piscopink said. "I've been able to come to the games knowing what to expect. I felt confident this year because, in our practices, we've been going good and I was just excited to get out there and start the season.

"This year, we have been playing really good," he added. "Our practices have been intense every single day. The scout (offense) and scout (defense) have been given the No. 1 reps and telling them what they need to do every game and we've been preparing well."

Gardner has 18 receptions for 216 yards as Piscopink's go-to receiver. Gardner also has excelled defensively as he made a key goal-line interception in the final seconds to secure the big road triumph last week over Mishawaka Penn.

"You can't have a better start than the one we've had," Korzeniewski said. "And to beat Penn was very important. They are a regional powerhouse and we all know that. That's the kind of game Rice has been looking to win over the last number of years, really.

"You probably have to go back to 2014, I want to say, when we had a victory like that. Especially knowing that last year (Penn) went to the state championship game and lost to a very good Penn Davis team. For us to come back from a 38-0 loss the year before, that was a very good win for us.

"If someone said at the start of the season you'd be 2-0, especially beating Mishawaka Penn, I'd say thank you very much," he added.

Korzeniewski and the entire Brother Rice family are also thankful for the thoughts and prayers for coach Piscopink.

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RECREATIONAL GOLF

Boghikian edges Wiley for O&E men's title

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Raz Boghikian can now clam he's a three-time winner of the Observer & Eccentric Men's Golf Open.

The West Bloomfield resident, who just turned 50, shot rounds of 70-74 for a 144 total to edge two-time defending champion Matt Wiley of Westland by a single stroke in the championship flight.

Wiley finished with 73-72-145, while Brandon Gray placed third with 74-75-149.

Boghikian, the 2014 and 2015 O&E championship flight winner, led Wiley by three shots after opening round Sept. 2 at Livonia's Fox Creek G.C. and was able to withstand a double-bogey on his final hole to earn his third title in five years at adjacent Whispering Willows G.C.

"It got pretty close, I wasn't playing that good," Boghikian said. "The last couple of holes, I went birdie, par ... on the last hole, I double-bogeyed with a three-putt, but I still had a one-stroke lead."

Boghikian and Wiley started on the back nine and finished on the front nine.

Boghikian's short game saved him. He had a pair of birdies during the final round, including one on the par-3 No. 7 hole, which proved to be pivotal. On the No. 8 hole he made a par, while Wiley dropped a stroke with a bogey.

"I made a couple of good putts coming in ... except for the last hole, I guess," Boghikian said with a chuckle. "Matt kind of got into trouble, too. I knew I had a two-stroke lead going into that hole. It was a little shaky, of course. Matt's a very good player, but overall I played steady enough where I tried to keep my head in the game."

Boghikian plays on the Michigan Publinx circuit and qualified in June for this year's Michigan Amateur at the Country Club of Detroit. He has also been invited to represent the Michigan Publinx Seniors in a Midwest team



First-place winners at this year's O&E Men's Golf Open include (from left) Raz Boghikian (championship flight), Barry Slegers (first flight) and Dan Longeway (senior flight). PAUL WORLEY

to the University of Detroit after graduating from Alex Manoogian High School.

He started playing competitive golf after graduating from U-D Mercy.

"My brother (Dickron) and I kind of played a little bit at the end of my senior year in high school for fun," Boghikian said. "When finished at the University of Detroit, I started getting more into it. I don't know, to be honest with you, just found some friends and tried to get better and better."

Winning the tournament certainly brought back fond memories of his early golf days.

"When we lived in Livonia, we used to play twilight at Whispering Willows," said Boghikian, who earned a \$300 gift certificate and first-place trophy. "It was fun to go back and win it there."

Wiley, meanwhile, received a \$160 gift card for his second-place showing. Greg VanGorp (Livonia) and Joel Hall (Plymouth) tied for first low net honors

First flight

Livonia's Barry Slegers shot 77-76-153 to take home the \$250 gift certificate and first-place trophy for low gross honors with a nine-shot victory in the first flight over fellow Livonian Gordon Harrison (81-81-162), who earned a \$140 gift card.

Joe McCullough (84-79) and Jeff Orzel (Westland) tied for third at 163 each, but McCullough won the \$120 gift card.

Tommy Stansell Jr. (Livonia) took took net honors with 139 and a \$130 gift card, while Peter Mianowski (Livonia) and Jeff Orzel (Westland) tied at 143, with each getting a gift shop voucher for \$92.50 apiece.

Senior flight

Livonia native and 1974 Franklin High grad Dan Longeway (Brighton), took first-place low gross honors senior 86-177; 13. John Newman, 88-93-181; 14. flight (50-and-over) with 79-73-152 total.

dentist, was runner-up with 75-79-154 (and \$120 gift card).

Garden City's Steve Geanides took low net with 139 (\$115 gift card), while Canton's Don Mullett was second with 141 (\$90 gift card).

O&E MEN'S OPEN GOLF TOURNEY Sept. 1 at Fox Creek G.C

Sept. 2 at Whispering Willows Championship flight: 1. Raz Boghikian, 70-74-144; 2. Matt Wiley, 73-72-145; 3. Brandon Gray, 74-75-150; 4. Greg VanGorp, 75-75-150; 5. Andrew Newman, 75-78-153; 6. Joel Hall, 76-78-154; 7. (tie) Kazutoshi Nobukawa, 77-79-156; Mike Lawton, 78-78-156; 9. James McComb, 81-78-159; 10. Matt McComb, 86-74-160; 11. Justin Chantres, 80-81-161; 11. Junichi Miura, 83-80-163; 12. Erik Newman, 85-82-167; 13. Thomas Morris, 83-86-169; 14. Brendan South, 83-87-170; 15. Paul Otanez, 87-85-172; 16. (tie) Logan Willoughby, 84-92-176; Jason Adkins, 90-86-176.

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Senior flight: 1. Dan Longeway, 79-73-152; 2. Bill Himm, 75-79-154; 3. Don Mullett, 80-80-75-155; 4. Sam Williams, 84-76-160; 5. Steve Geanides, 77-84-160; 6. (tie) C.B. Flint II, 79-85-164; Dennis Kitchen, 80-84-164; Vince Rhodes, 81-83-164: 9. Steve Clearv. 85-88-173: 10. Doug Harmala, 87-87-174; 11. Ken Gardner, 92-84-176; 12. Larry Semczak, 91-John Waterworth, 94-89-183: 15, Darryl Essix, 101-84-185.

event later in the month.

A teacher in the Southfield Public Schools district, Boghikian earned an land) was third at 146, winning a \$100 NCAA Division I scholarship as a fencer

at 144 apiece to each win \$137.50 a gift certificate, while Matt McComb (Westgift card.

Longeway, member at Western Golf & Country Club, earned a \$175 gift card and trophy, while Livonia's Bill Himm, a

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PREP FOOTBALL

South Lyon, Seaholm ready for huge showdown

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Holy gridiron.

One-third of the high school football season is over.

Heading into the season's middle third, the Week 4 schedule offers a number of eye-popping games.

Perhaps the most unlikely of top games this week is a non-league tilt between Birmingham Seaholm and South Lyon – a pair of undefeated teams. In addition, a Catholic League Central Division battle looms at Wayne State University, where host Warren De La Salle takes on Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice.

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

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(all games are 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14)

Birmingham Seaholm (3-0, 2-0) at South Lyon (3-0, 3-0), 7 p.m.: Both teams are off to an impressive start. South Lyon tore through its first three Lakes Valley Conference foes, picking up a huge 17-14 victory over highly-regarded Lakeland last week thanks to a strong overall effort led by quarterback Connor Fracassi. The Maples surprisingly have been have been dominant, having outscored their three foes by a whopping 141-21 margin thanks to the strong play of three-year varsity veterans Chase Mentag and Max Schumaker. Picks: Emons (South Lyon), Budner

(South Lyon), Smith (South Lyon). **Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (3-0,** 0-0) vs. Warren De La Salle (2-1, 0-0) at Wayne State University's Tom Adams Field, 7 p.m.: The Catholic League Central Division is always a battle of attrition and this opener for each team begins the flurry to the finish. Brother Rice enters with a perfect record, including a confidence-building Week 2 13-7 road victory in Indiana over state power Mishawaka Penn. De La Salle lost a tough opener at top-ranked Muskegon,



South Lyon players David Rende (left) and Michael Dancer, led by fourth-year head coach Jeff Henson, are undefeated after their first three games and host a showdown against undefeated Birmingham Seaholm this week. MARTY BUDNER HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

foes by an 85-7 margin. Picks: Emons (Brother Rice), Budner (De La Salle), Smith (Brother Rice).

Dearborn Fordson (3-0, 2-0) at Livonia Churchill (2-1, 1-1): This is a key Kensington Lakes Activities Association East Division battle. High-scoring Fordson, which is on a 12-year state playoff streak, can take a huge step toward the postseason and remain tied with state power Belleville atop the division with a victory. Churchill, which put up 48 points in a win over John Glenn last week, needs a victory if it hopes to stay in the title chase. Picks: Emons (Churchill), Budner (Fordson), Smith (Churchill).

whipped Plymouth thanks to an awesome ground attack that logged 530 yards, led by Steven Walker's brilliant 315-yard effort. Salem has struggled after an opening-week victory over Wayne Memorial. Picks: Emons (Canton), Budner (Canton), Smith (Canton).

University of Detroit-Jesuit (2-1, 1-0) at Catholic Central (2-1. 0-0): The Shamrocks fell for the first time last week, but it took a state-ranked Ohio power - Toledo Central Catholic - to do them in. The Cubs needed overtime last week to squeak past Catholic League AA Division newcomer Cranbrook Kingswood. U-D fell hard to Central Division member Brother Rice in Week 1. Picks:

Harrison watch

Troy (1-2, 1-0) at Farmington Harrison (2-1, 1-1): Harrison heads home to gather its collective well-being after suffering a tough road loss at Oak Park last week. The Hawks played hard against the host Knights, but could not keep up with the talent-laden squad that is considered a legitimate state-title contender. The Hawks also have their eyes on the playoffs in their final season of existence. Picks: Emons (Harrison), Budner (Harrison), Smith (Harrison).

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PREP FOOTBALL **Birney keys Detroit CC victory in Toledo**

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The last holiday of the summer turned out to be a quite the weekend for Birney.

Make that Detroit Catholic Central senior defensive back Ryan Birney, who was the defensive catalyst in an impressive 35-7 win Aug. 30 over host Toledo Whitmer, one of northeast Ohio's top football programs.

It was a bizarre first half, to say the least.

CC was totally stymied on its first four possessions and didn't get a first down until well into the second quarter.

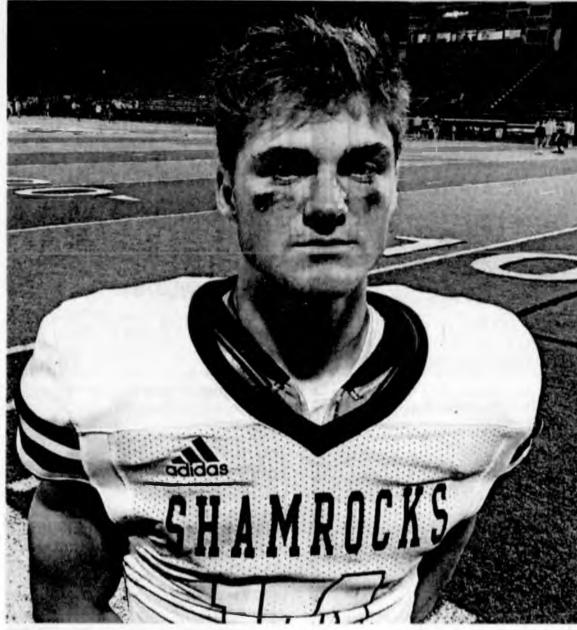
But the Shamrocks' clutch defense was keyed by Birney, who picked off a Riley Keller pass and made a nifty 83yard return for a touchdown with just under a minute left in the first quarter.

Interceptions are nothing new for Birney, who as a junior had seven on the season, including one for a TD against the University of Detroit-Jesuit.

"I saw the quarterback before the play, I eyed down his slot, so I kind of cheated to get over a little bit to get over there," Birney said. "I bobbled it a little bit, then I picked it and I was running behind Lucas Hendershot, our captain. I completely stopped, I was waiting for him to block and, eventually, (Keller) kind of went in, so I went around the outside of him and eventually scored."

Just 17 seconds later, Keller fumbled at his own 41, Birney scooped it up and ran it in for another CC touchdown to make it 14-0.

"That was weird," Birney said. "Obviously, I read the run and I was just kind of running and I looked down and the ball was rolling perfectly to me. I picked it up. I was, like, falling over. I don't know if I stepped out of bounds, but I definitely hugged the sideline, eventually I tripped, jumped the guy and made it into the end zone. That one ... I just got lucky, I guess. It rolled right to me."



CC's Ryan Birney BRAD EMONS

ney's interception "incredible."

"And to pick up that fumble and snake down that sideline ... was just awesome," Anderson said. "Up until that time, we hadn't done anything. That kind of opened it up for us a little more."

The Shamrocks made a mistake on their ensuing punt attempt, losing 13 yards and the ball at their own 13. But the opportunistic CC defense got anothin the end zone.

The Shamrocks then marched 83 yards in 10 plays, capped by Keegan Koehler's 38-yard TD run with 5:09 remaining in the second quarter to make it 21-0.

Stung by the three turnovers, the Panthers did get going offensively with an identical 10-play, 83-yard TD drive, capped by Trey Mathena's 6-yard run up the middle with 1:58 remaining in the

But it was all CC in the second half. Senior quarterback Marco Genrich, who was an efficient 9-of-14 passing for 119 yards, made two big runs of 25 and 26 yards to set up Koehler's second TD run of the game, a 3-yarder with 9:08 remaining in the third quarter.

Genrich was also CC's leading rushing on the night with 75 yards on eight carries, while Koehler added 62 yards on 19 attempts.

The two hooked up on a 27-yard bubble screen on third down for yet another CC touchdown with 7:10 to play in the fourth to put the game out of reach, 35-7.

"We were watching the Hudl sideline (video) and, ultimately, what was happening is that we were missing a block here or a block there," Anderson said of the first-half offensive woes. "It was just killing us. And against a good team like that, you miss a block and they will be on your back right away. Like I said, we've got a lot of stuff we've got to clean up."

The Shamrocks held Keller, a 3-star recruit, to 8-of-14 passing for 45 yards. Keller had minus-8 yards rushing and was sacked four times, including three in the second half.

"I thought we put great pressure on him," Anderson said. "I think that was the key tonight. He was looking around and trying to see what was coming for him. I just felt like we had really good pressure on him tonight. We knew we had to do that."

The Shamrocks, who outgained the Panthers in total offense, 309-165, improved to 2-0 overall.

The loss dropped Whitmer to 1-1. The Shamrocks are 3-4 against the Panthers in the seven-year series, but have won the last two on the road.

"It was awesome for our defense to give up only seven points and kind of really push us through the rest of the season," Birney said.

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BOYS SOCCER

Stevenson earns 2-0 KLAA East victory

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It's been a longstanding rivalry in boys soccer, dating back to the inaugural Michigan High School Athletic Association championships in 1982, when Livonia Stevenson defeated Livonia Churchill, 4-1, for the Class A title at Flint's Atwood Stadium.

And 36 years later, it's still very important. Just ask Jake Kaupp, who had a goal and an assist in host Stevenson's 2-0 victory Sept. 6 over the Chargers.

"We're just trying to go out here and play our game," the rangy junior forward said, "and get as many wins as we can, play as hard as we can. It's always good to beat some rival, people we know, people we play club with. It's fun to see them and compete."

Shamm Hammami, another junior forward, got Stevenson on the board when he scored from Kaupp in the 18th minute.

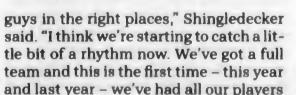
Kaupp, who was Stevenson's second leading scorer a year ago, then scored his fourth goal of the year to give the Spartans a two-goal cushion with 1:27 left in the half.

"I had kicked it to my friend John (Evangelista) down the line and he kind of had it for a little bit," Kaupp said. "It ended up getting back out to about midfield. I had a touch, it was pretty hard to settle down, but I got it down on the ground and kind of just looked at the goal. I took shot and it just went in."

The win pushed Stevenson to 5-2 overall and 5-1 in the newly configured East Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. The Spartans trail Dearborn Fordson by three points in the division race.

"I thought we played very well," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said, "and we haven't been clean as far as keeping people off the board very much this year, so that was a step in the right direction for us. I thought we battled in the back. We knew who their dangerous players were and they had a couple of dangerous moments, but for the most part, I was pleased with the goalkeeping and the back line today."

Stevenson outshot the Chargers 12-6.



in the world for us."

Churchill nearly made it a one-goal deficit with 28:24 left in the match, but team and this is the first time - this year Ryan Richards's attempt glanced off the somehow cleared it off the line and out.

"Typical rivalry game where kids are excited, up-and-down a little bit," said Churchill coach Matt Grodzicki, a former Stevenson player. "We talked about the first score being the most important one always. In this game, the team that normally scores first wins the game. They got it and (Hammami) finished up the ball. The second one is the one that really knocked us down a minute-anda-half before the half. That one kind of gut-punched us a little bit."

Churchill goalkeeper Nicholas Reina made six saves and kept Stevenson at bay during the second half.

"Nick has been playing real well. He made the adjustments he needed to at halftime coming off his line and things like that," Grodzicki said. "He was aggressive and kept us in the game there the second half. Overall as a team, I thought we played much better in the second half. We created chances, we played a little looser and I appreciate that out of the boys. They make the adjustments, they listen and they compete."

The loss dropped Churchill to 2-4-1 overall and 2-3-1 in the KLAA East.

"Last two games, we haven't scored a goal," Grodzicki said. "We can be better at that ... and setting the back line up a little bit. The freshmen are seven games into high school now and they can start stepping up as they have been. Just keep grinding out games in the division. With everybody playing each other twice, it's going to be different the second time."

Kaupp, who plays club soccer for the Michigan Wolves, continues to evolve as a dangerous offensive threat for the Spartans.

"He scores dynamic goals," Shingledecker said. "He can do it multiple ways - headers, different things. That was a great finish, obviously, today. He set up the first goal with a really nice cross. And I thought Shamm really did a good job bringing it down to finish it. I've got five very good forwards right now and four or five really good center midfielders. We're really on a good path, as far as our roster looks right now."

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"We're young and, to be honest, we're and last year - we've had all our players leg of a Stevenson defender and a re- mons@hometownlife.com. Follow him trying to figure out a little bit of a rota- that are in our program healthy and bound attempt ricocheted back to Ste- on Twitter: @BradEmonsl. tion and make sure we've got the right playing. And it makes all the difference venson goalkeeper Trey Serazio, who

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Christine Anne Richardson

JEFFERSON, TX - A Mass of Christian Burial for Christine Anne Richardson, 69, of Jefferson, Texas is scheduled for 10:00 AM Friday, September 14, 2018, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Mark Dunn officiating and under the direction of Haggard Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Oakwood Memorial Park. A time of visitation will be held from 5-6 PM Thursday, September 13, 2018, with a Rosary following from 6-7 PM at the Cpt. Wm. Perry Chapel of Haggard Funeral Home.

Mrs. Richardson passed away September 06, 2018

in Ft. Worth, Texas. She was born March 6, 1949 in Brooklyn, New York to Leonella and Rose (Petillo) Memolo. Christine has been preceded to heaven by her parents as well as her siblings, Eleanor Marra, Jean Davanzo, Natalie Foster, Marie Marra and Leo Memolo Jr.

She and her mother moved to Watertown, NY in 1960, after her father's passing. She graduated Watertown High School and Creshelles Beauty Academy. She was an outstanding beautician for fifty years. Her clients were an extension of her family. She was also a dedicated trainer in the Weight Watchers organization for more than thirty years. She truly enjoyed helping people.

She married Dennis Richardson in Watertown in 1981. They have two daughters, Meghan of Fort Worth, TX and Caitlin of Euless, TX. She also has a stepson, D. Brett Richardson, daughter-in-law, Susan and two wonderful grandchildren, Payton and Braden of Woodbine, GA.

She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, including Karen (Tim) Adderley, Watertown, Pamela (Tim) Clement, Watertown, Patricia Virkler, Watertown and James (Dawn) Marra Jr., Omaha, NE, whom she considered like siblings, as well as a multitude of great and great-great nieces and nephews.

She always enjoyed her work as well as gardening, watching baseball and shoe shopping. She always said she didn't smoke or drink, she "did shoes". Dennis' work allowed them to live in several states, of which she always preferred Texas. She liked to say she may not have been born in Texas, but she got here as quickly as she could. She was a lifelong fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers until she moved to Texas and became a Texas Rangers fan, spending as much time at the Ballpark or watching on television as she could. She was also intrigued by the history of Jefferson, including the story of Diamond Bessie, who like her, came from New York. She adopted Jefferson as her home and enjoyed life every day.



"Jackie" Kanerva

MILFORD - Jacqueline Marie "Jackie" Kanerva, a resident of Milford, died on September 8, 2018 at the age of tweny-seven.

She leaves her parents, Bob and Sue; her brother, Eric; aunts and uncles, Kathy (Jerry) Conroy, William Massey and Sheryl Babladelis; many cousins, great cousins, many, many dear friends, and her dog, M.J.

A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Thursday, September 13th, at 11AM. Friends may visit at the funeral home on Wednesday, September 12th, from 2-8PM and on Thursday from 10AM until the time of service.

For further information please phone 248-684-6645.

Marjorie A. Kelner

NORTHVILLE - Marjorie A. Kelner, 98, of Northville, Michigan, passed away peacefully on September 3, 2018. Marjorie was born on October 15, 1919 in Langdon, North Dakota. She relocated with her family to the Northville/ Plymouth area in 1932 and graduated from



Plymouth High School in 1937. After receiving her cosmetology license, she opened Margie's Beauty Salon in 1941 in downtown Northville. She operated her shop at the same location on North Center St. for over 40 years, and retired in 1983.

Marjorie was a parishioner at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville for many years and often walked to services from the home on Grandview Ave. she shared with her Mother and Sister.

Marjorie and her sister, Lillian, were world travelers, visiting all fifty states, in addition to many international locales, including Rome, Japan, Switzerland, and Marjorie's favorite, Venice. She learned to drive at age 40 and was very proud of her first car - an original 1965 Ford Mustang. In later years, Marge, became an avid cross-stitcher and could often be seen in her "one-of-a-kind" sweatshirt designs. She loved yard work, along with shoe and bargain shopping.

Marjorie was a resident at Oakmont Retirement Center in Northville for the past 10 years and leaves behind many friends and fond memories of her time there.

Marjorie is survived by the family of her beloved brother, Donald Kelner, and will be lovingly missed by nephew Ward (Laurie Dowling) Kelner; nieces Andrea (Brian) Keefer and Julie Kelner; great nieces Emily (Jeremy) Whelan and Margaret Keefer, and sister-in-law Marilyn Kelner. She is predeceased by her parents Jacob & Nellie Kelner, sister Lillian Kelner, and brother Donald Kelner.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, can be made to The Battleship Texas Foundation. The battleship had a close family tie to Christine because her brother in-law, Vince Marra, served aboard during World War II.

Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over,

it became a butterfly ...

~proverb

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Marjorie will be interred at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan. The family plans a mass and private service at a date to be determined.

Harold "James" Bostwick

Richard J. Duncan

SOUTH PLAINS -Richard J. Duncan, age 71, passed away September 5, 2018.

Richard is survived by his wife Connie; children: Brad Duncan, Andy (Jennifer) Duncan and Sarah (Nate) Emery; grandchildren Chloe and Carson. He is also survived by his brother Gerald (Carolyn) Duncan and sister Marilyn Duncan.

A Memorial Gathering will take place on Sunday, September 9th from 10:30 AM until the time of service at 12:30 PM at Phillips Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to a charity of your choice. phillipsfuneral.com

NOVI - Harold "James" Bostwick, age 88, joined his beloved wife in heaven September 3, 2018. He was born August 3, 1930 in Saginaw, Michigan, son of the late Walter and Jennie Bostwick.

Jim was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was a longtime member of Legacy Church of Novi. He loved music and could often be found playing piano and organ at Church and home and also enjoyed playing the steel guitar and accordion. He will always be remembered for his strong, abiding faith and love in Jesus and his passion in life was sharing his faith with others.

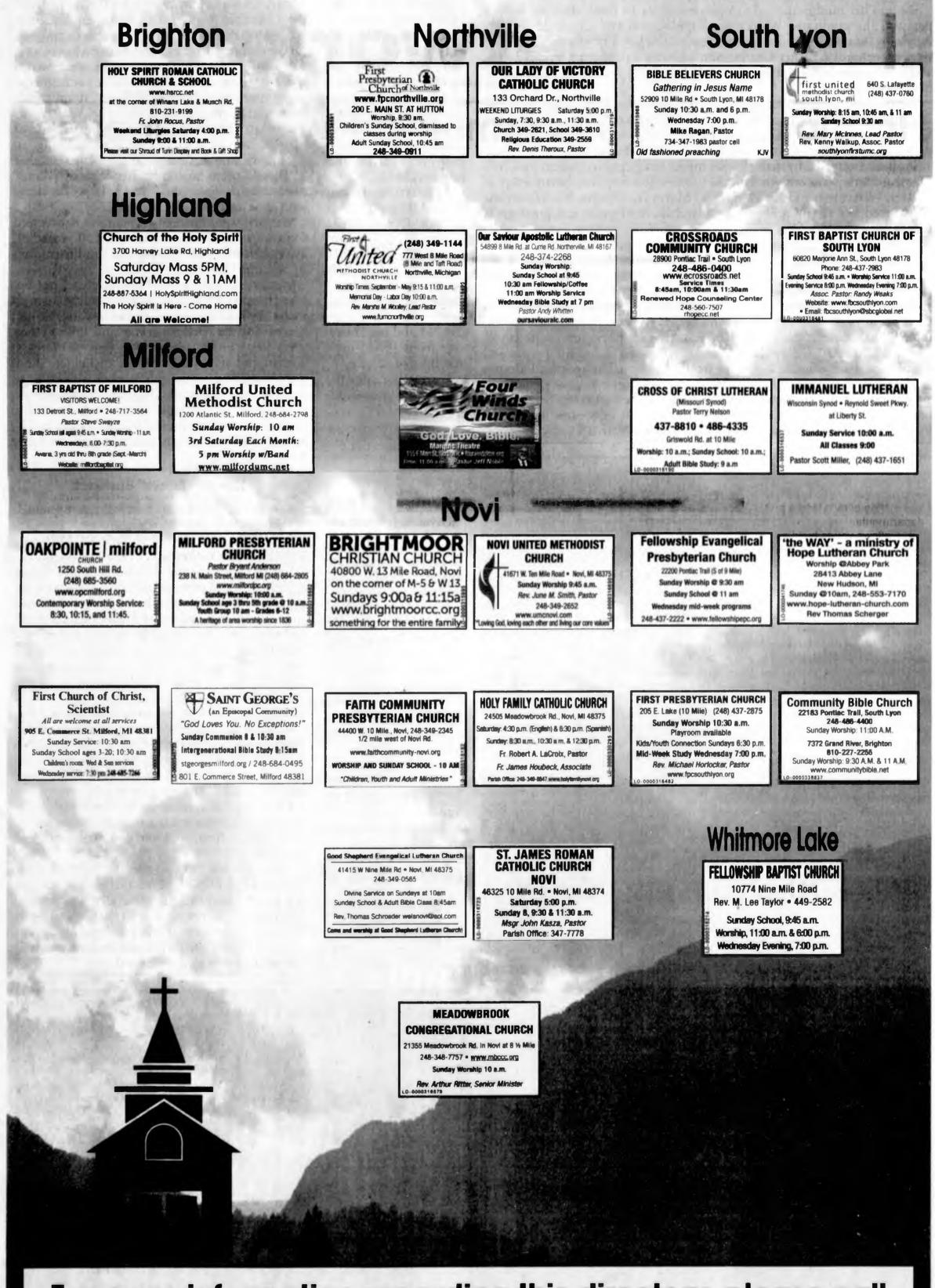
He is survived by his loving children: Mike (Sandy) Bostwick, Diana (Larry) Coleman, Cathy (John) Ellsworth, Robert (Linda) Bostwick, Jenny Bostwick-Bowden; his grandchildren: Anne, Lisa, Sara, Brian, Josh, Joy, Ben, Danielle, Katie, Sean, Melanie, and Ryan. Jim is also survived by nine great-grandchildren and his brother, Jerry (Joyce) Bostwick. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sally in 2011 and two sisters and three brothers.

Visitation was held on Sunday, September 9th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Monday, September 10 at 11:00AM at Legacy Church of Novi, 45301 W. 11 Mile Rd., Novi. Jim was laid to rest beside his wife in Oakland Hills Cemetery. www.phillipsfuneral.com

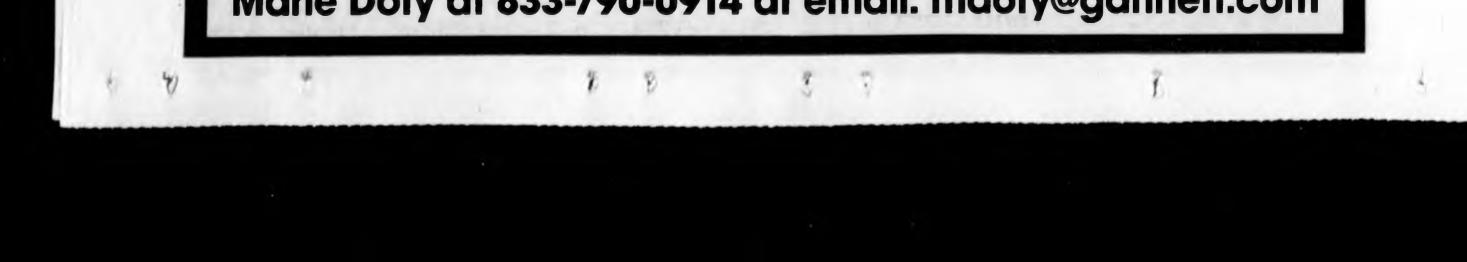


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How to effectively communicate with your boss

BY ERIC TITNER THEJOBNETWORK.COM

A nyone who's ever had to answer to a boss whether you have one destined for the great boss hall of fame or quite the opposite — has learned that the key to having an effective working relationship is communication.

Developing and maintaining an appropriate flow of thoughts, ideas and work updates with the person you report to on a daily basis does the following:



Whenever possible, just cut to the chase with the information you need to share. Hopefully, that will inspire your boss to do the same.

Also, be sure to strategically choose your moments for communication. If your boss is about to go into an important meeting or heading out for the day, it might not be the best time to drop an important work bombshell. Choose wisely.

Look ahead

Try to anticipate your boss' reaction to the information you're about to share. Do you foresee specific questions? If so, be prepared with answers. Can you envision requests for additional data or stats to back up something you're going to share? Have it at the ready. look polished and put together when interacting with your boss.

Figure out how and when your boss likes to communicate and do your best to adapt to their preferred style and approach. It will benefit your relationship in the long run.

Don't wait

If you have important information to share with your boss — even if it's not great news — don't wait. If you put off providing them with actionable information until it's too

■ It empowers you to perform the varied tasks and responsibilities associated with your job while minimizing confusion or miscommunication.

■ It helps you stay connected to the flow of essential information across teams and departments.

It allows you to build a relationship of mutual respect and trust with your superiors and colleagues.

Ideally, this communication flow goes two ways, and your boss will be just as eager to share information with you as you are with him or her, which serves to benefit your team's productivity.

Although some of us are lucky enough to work with managers who are naturally gifted communicators, some of us must work harder to ensure

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municated. The flip-side of the coin is also true — some employees are great communicators with minimal effort while others among us have to work harder

at it. If your communication with your boss needs improvement, these strategies might help:

Cut to the chase

In today's hectic work world, most of us are doing multiple

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Avoid meandering stories, long speeches and lengthy preambles. If you get a reputation for being too verbose, your supervisor may start trying to avoid you and your relationship might suffer.

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Choose your communication approach

Of course, the substance of your communication matters a great deal, but what also matters is how you deliver the message. Make sure your body language and tone are appropriate and professional. It might be helpful if you took a second to make sure you

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late, then your news will never be well received.

In almost every scenario, it's to your advantage to fill your boss in as quickly as possible, allowing everyone involved to understand and digest the information, formulate an appropriate reaction and respond accordingly.

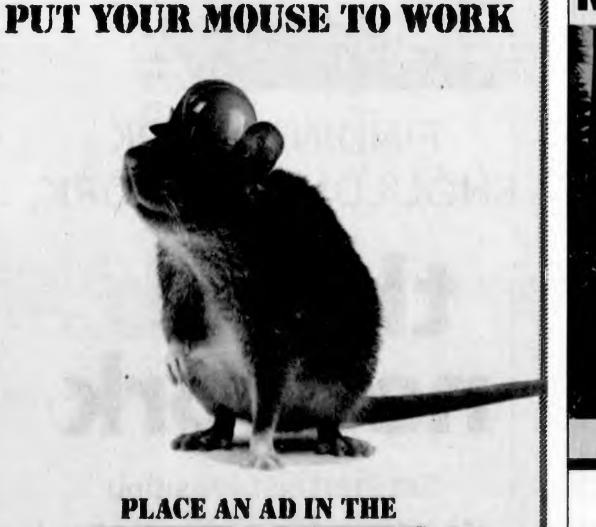
If it is bad news, your early warning might allow for sufficient planning to minimize the damage.

Above all, remain professional, polite, direct and clear — traits that will move your communication in the right direction.

Eric Titner has been an editor and content creator for more than a decade. His primary professional focus has been on education- and career-related topics. He currently lives in New York City.

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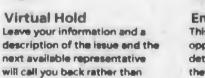
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