

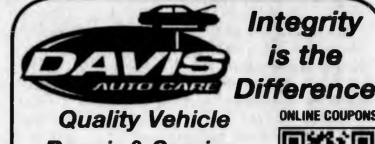
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Five Mile tech corridor gets financial boost

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Two communities have found a funding mechanism to improve roads and clean up contaminated areas along an emerging technology corridor on Five

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Mile Road, between Napier and Beck roads.

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In a joint decision, the Plymouth and Northville township boards have approved creation of a site-specific brownfield authority for the so-called Michigan International Technology Corridor, or MITC.

Known as the MITC Redevelopment Authority, the new entity will capture certain tax revenues to clean up the former Detroit House of Corrections prison site in Plymouth Township and other contaminated sites in Northville Town-

Just as important, officials say, the

MITC authority and the Michigan Land Bank, which owns the DeHoCo property, are expected to work together to improve infrastructure, including reconstructing Five Mile Road, improving Ridge Road and expanding water mains

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FETCH WITH A CATCH



Ashley Kutzli has the disc. Roadie is ready to go. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

K-9 league is doggone good show for participants

Ed Wright

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The stars of the Milford-based K-9 Frisbee Toss & Fetch League have their own walk-up songs — there's a whippet that takes the stage to (what else?) Devo's "Whip It" — and they chase down airborne discs with the tenacity that New York Jets defensive backs pursue Matthew Stafford passes.

They come in all shapes and sizes there's a great Dane that has good hops, but the receiving skills of an average-atbest Dane - and they know when it's halftime.

"As soon as Maya's round is over, she heads right to the little water puddle to lay down — whether it's hot outside or not," said Milford resident Danielle De-Carolis, describing the post-fetch habits of her border collie. "She loves the league, though. When we're driving here, she gets more excited with every

turn we make." Regardless of the weather - rain, shine and, yes, even snow — around 15 dog lovers and their furry four-legged friends converge on Lyon Township's Atchison Park most Sunday evenings for a couple of friendly rounds of K-9

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Roadie snatches the disc. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Color run helps spread good vibes

Ed Wright

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The blue, cloudless sky that hovered Saturday morning over Northville High School proved to be a perfect backdrop for the inaugural Color My World 5K Color Run/Fun Walk, an

event organized to splash a rainbow of light on the often dark spectrum of teen depression and suicide. Held in conjunction with National

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. the student-orchestrated event raised awareness and money to assist those among the school's 2,000 students

who may be suffering from mental ill-The idea for the color run was spearheaded by Northville junior Annie Heitmeier, who founded the stu-

dent-run group Color My World in

"After hearing some students and friends of mine talking about their experiences with depression and mental illness, I thought there was a need for a club where students could talk about their problems," Heitmeier said during a break during her whirlwind of organizing duties Saturday. "I wanted to put together an event that was uplifting ... something that everyone could

participate in. "Suicide and depression are problems in every high school. The more we can raise awareness to it, the more opportunities kids will have to talk about their problems and get things worked out."

Judging by the participation statistics and projected funds raised — approximately \$6,000, Heitmeier said early Saturday — the color run was a spectacular success.

Heitmeier said the money raised by the event will go toward the organization of a variety of activities that will help promote good mental health.

"Our goal was to get 100 participants and over 140 signed up," Heitmeier said with a smile. "I am incredibly proud of everyone who helped

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Trinomials aside, school remains relevant to life



Super Talk Steve Matthews **USA TODAY NETWORK -MICHIGAN**

What is school for? A recent video on YouTube (https://

www.youtube.com/ watch?v=_PsLRgEYf9E) asked that question. It appears to be a popular question, because the video has been seen more than two million times.

The message of the video is that sometimes school teaches things that are not very relevant - the Pythagorean theorem, factoring trinomials, the mitochondria as the powerhouse of the cell and ignores things that have great relevance – like applying for a loan or doing your taxes.

As I look back on my school experience, I too could recite instances where school seemed to lack relevance. I really don't remember much from reading "The Red Badge of Courage" or my geometry class or those chemistry experi-

But does that mean that school was a gigantic waste of my time?

I don't think so. I went to school for 13 years - kindergarten through 12th grade. I liked it so much I went another four for my college degree. Then two more for a master's degree. Then three more for a doctoral

Twenty-two years of school.

There were days when I wondered what I was doing. School, at times, was

a colossal bore. Worksheets, memorizing formulas, watching outdated filmstrips (yes, I am that old) were, in many instances, not very relevant and not very educational.

But there were other days. Days when I saw how what I was studying applied to things outside of my classroom. There were days when I was able to write or create or think about things in ways that excited me, transformed me, inspired me.

This week, I visited more than 20 classrooms in our school district. I saw teachers and students in a variety of settings - English, math, orchestra, band, science, social studies. I saw elementary, middle school and high school students. I saw students who were excited about what they were doing. I saw students who, honestly, were not all that engaged.

But what I saw everywhere were teachers and students trying to find that sweet spot, where what goes on in class touches something meaningful in a student's life. I was impressed once again with how our teachers and our students work hard to make learning meaningful.

What is school for?

It is a place where students find interested, caring adults who work hard to help those students make connections, learn skills and prepare to live meaningful lives today and tomorrow.

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22 Details: Make the most of your weekend. Join us for stories, music and wiggles about colors and shapes. This storytime is best for children ages 2-4, but entire families are welcome. No registration required.

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

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The Northville District Library is at fun and laughter with a librarian (not named Tammy) at Parks and Recreation trivia night. Ages 21 and older event. Register for teams up to four people.

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When: 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept.

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.

Banned Books Club

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 Details: Discuss books that have been banned, challenged and contested all around the world. Open to adults, teens and children ages 9 and up. Snacks provided. Register.

Drop-In Morning Storytime

When: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sept. 27 through Nov. 1

Details: Enjoy stories, music and more in this fun storytime for toddlers and preschoolers with a caregiver. No registration required.

Library Card Sign-Up Month

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

Fall TOT Storytime

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

Fall Storytime

Details: For ages 4-5. Enjoy stories, music and creative activities in this fun, interactive, small group experience. Children must attend independent of a caregiver and should also have basic cutting skills with craft scissors. See library website for dates and times.



Color run

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make this happen - my fellow students, parents, my mom (Kristin) and the sponsors. We couldn't have done it without any of them."

With temperatures holding in the 80s and no breeze to cool their sweat, batches of 22 runners each were released in 90-second intervals near the entrance to the high school.

The course took the participants through an adjoining subdivision, where five color stations were set up.

Whenever a runner ran past one of the stations, they were doused with a different-colored powder, giving them a rainbow hue by the time they crossed the finish line 3.1 miles later.

"Annie did a great job of organizing this event," volunteer Caleb Zhang said. "The club has done a lot in Northville as far as bringing awareness to mental illness. A guest speaker (Lisa Klein, award-winning filmmaker of the "S Word") was brought in to talk to the group and the audience filled a classroom."

Suicide is the No. 2 cause of death for teenagers — a statistic that Heitmeier and her Color My World colleagues yearn to reduce.

"I wanted to do something meaningful to try and help my fellow students," Heitmeier said. "Being a teen in 2018 brings different stresses, fears and struggles that can be really hard to work through. This club offers a space where teens can share their feelings, know they aren't alone and can work together to make a positive impact on the lives of others."

Color My World vice president Sarah Mathew concurred.

"I joined Color My World because the issues it focuses on are really important to me and to people I know," Mathew said. "It's important to talk about issues, because awareness is the way we can stop and solve these problems. People say things, but don't always take action. I'm really proud to stand up and take action for this important and meaningful cause."

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Northville High School junior Annie Heitmeier (second from right) orchestrated a color run to help raise awareness for teenage depression. ED WRIGHT HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Runners are splashed by colored powder during the inaugural Color My World 5K Color Run/Walk. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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Fetch

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Frisbee toss and fetch — a sport that features painted yard lines, specially-designed doggy discs and on-the-spot judges who determine whether Fido maintained possession through the "fetch."

There's no instant replay, but plenty of fun, which is what league founders Ashley and Ken Kutzli intended when they launched the endeavor in April.

"It started with a few of our friends and their dogs and it's branched out from there," said Ashley Kutzli, founder of the Leashed Favorite Dog Club. "We have a couple ladies who drive in from

Okemos (just east of Lansing), one from Charlotte (just west of Lansing) and Amanda, who lives in Warren. It's a great way for people to spend time with their dogs other than just going for walks.

"We're all like family now. After the league ends on Sundays, we either get together for dinner or we'll have a cookout. There's even a junior division for the kids."

Making points

The field of play is 50 yards long, with painted lines separating the space into 10-yard grids.

One by one, the dogs strut to the starting line to the beat of their walk-up song and listen intently for the five-sec-

ond countdown to begin.

The owner then launches a specially-designed disc — a company manufactures discs that have rims made easier for dogs to grasp — over the field, triggering their dog's fetching reflex. Points are awarded based on what yard line the dog makes the catch.

A 40-yard connection equals 40 points, a 5-yard hook-up nets five points.

"If there is a question as to whether a dog actually made a catch, our judges err on the side of the dog," Kutzli said with a smile.

Each team is entitled to as many attempts it can muster in each of the two rounds' 60-second time limit.

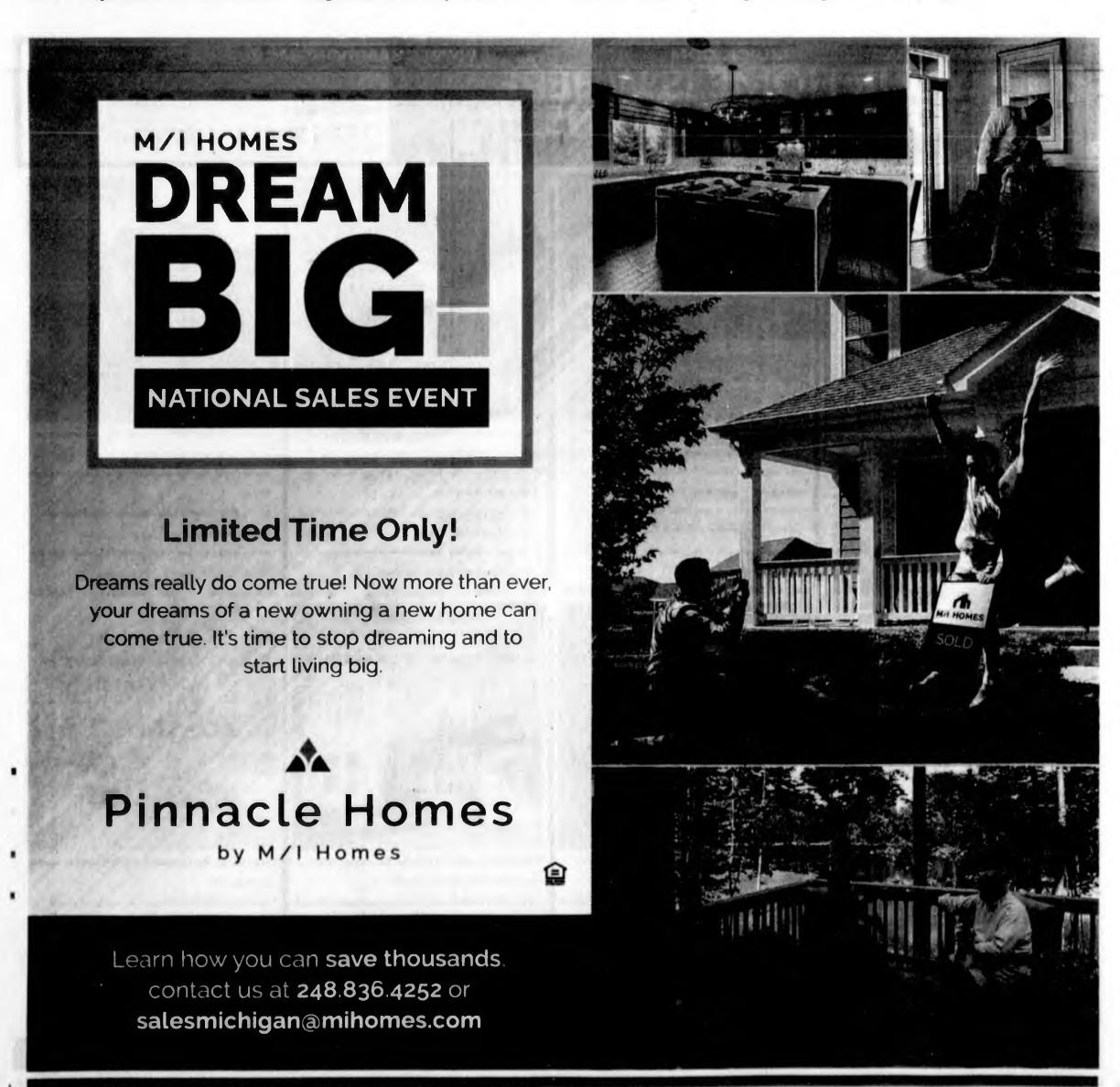
"Most of our teams are pretty new to this," Kutzli said. "Some dogs don't bring

the disc back after they catch it, some have a hard time catching it to begin with. But the goal each week isn't to necessarily score more points than the other teams, it's to beat your own personal best."

DeCarolis, her wife Heather Clinger and Maya are the epitome of the funfirst, winning-isn't-everything philosophy. They recently competed along with close to 70 other teams in the K-9 fetch world championships in Illinois — even though their personal-best score is a modest 13 points.

"Let's just say we didn't go down there with high expectations of winning," she said with a laugh. "We had a blast, though."

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Wixom's Heidi Cane said the number of points her and Boomer compile each week is secondary to the bonding that takes place.

"We love being part of the league as it brings us new friendships, doggies included," she said. "We learn a wealth of knowledge of tips and tricks to work with Boomer and we enjoy having fun and laughing, watching all the dogs get so excited to play."

Added Charlotte resident Nancy Bailey: "I play Frisbee with my dog because the partnership extends to fellowship with others of like mind. Good friends, good times."

Border beginnings

The league concept was hatched four years ago by dog lovers in Michigan and Ohio, Kutzli revealed. It has since expanded to 80 cities around the globe.

"Another cool thing about this is that, every week, we record the teams' scores and send them to a guy in Ohio, who downloads them to a website that everyone can access," she said. "We can actually compare how we do with, say, someone in Minnesota."

Toss and fetch leagues are just the tip of the iceberg for dog owners looking for another level of competition.

From Oct. 12-14 at Camp Dearborn in Milford, the Kutzlis will be hosting an UpDog Challenge competition that offers a variety of events for dog-human teams.

"The UpDog events include obstacle courses, events choreographed to music ... things like that," she said. "The most important thing is that everyone is invited, regardless of skill level. We even encourage spectators to attend."

The Sunday evening fetch league will take a break until 6 p.m. Nov. 1 at Atchison Park when the six-week winter session kicks in.

Kutzli said newcomers who may want more information can go to the league's Facebook page.

"And don't worry if you're just getting started," she said. "Hey, every dog has its day."

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Caiden returns the disc to Amanda Hammond. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE COM



Caiden makes a pretty good snatch.

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Tenzi, left, Caiden, and Roadle make the catch. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Ashley Kutzli judges the performance as Maya makes the catch. BILL BRESLER |



Vibe Credit Union and Oakland County Credit Union to merge

The Board of Directors of Vibe Credit Union and Oakland County Credit Union have announced plans to officially merge in January 2019. Approvals have been received from the National Credit Union Administration and the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, along with a very favorable Vibe Credit Union membership vote.

The combined credit union will operate with the name of Vibe Credit Union, with headquarters located in Novi. Both leaders, Tom Reagan and Allan Kemp McMorris, will continue to lead the credit union, with Reagan as CEO and McMorris as president. This exciting new partnership will provide the very best in financial services to the combined membership, employees and local communities.

This partnership will create the 14th largest credit union in the state of Michigan and the sixth largest in southeast Michigan. The combined credit union will have nearly \$1 billion in assets, have 16 branches, employ more than 250 employees and serve more than 64,000 members.

"As we prepare to meet the long-term needs of our members in the future, we believe combining forces will allow us to better provide for our members and employees. We are extremely proud of everything that we have accomplished and are even more passionate about the new opportunities this partnership will provide for our existing and new members," Reagan said.

"OCCU's recent growth through the Best Source and My Postal mergers has demonstrated the value of strong strategic partnerships," Kemp McMorris said. "Currently, over 30 percent of our members live outside Oakland County and are seeking an expanded branch network. The combined resources from this partnership will create the second largest number of credit union branches in Oakland County and a total of 16 branches across southeast Michigan."



Tom Reagan and Allan McMorris will run the new combined Vibe Credit Union. SUBMITTED

The combined Vibe Credit Union will continue its passion for giving back to the communities it serves and have even more resources to do more and volunteer more.

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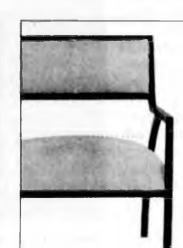


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and sewer lines to serve the corridor.

State and local officials have said the technology corridor is expected to create 6,000-8,000 jobs in coming years as the long-range vision gains momentum. Officials say the MITC authority's work will be critical to that goal.

"This is a historic moment for our communities," Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix said, lauding the leadership of the Michigan Land Bank in helping to create "an engine for economic growth and development for years to come."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said infrastructure costs could reach or top the \$28 million mark, including the rebuilding and widening of Five Mile Road and cleanup of the DeHo-Co property. It isn't yet known just how much money the brownfield authority will generate.

"We don't know what's going to be built there" or how much tax revenues those businesses will generate, Heise said, adding, "We're confident that there will be more than enough revenue generated over the next 15-20 years to pay for the infrastructure improvements."

Heise said it's likely the state will provide loans to the authority, which would pay them back as tax revenues are generated. He said the plan also could potentially help the local communities obtain federal dollars for the MITC project.

"The MITC Redevelop-

ment Authority builds on the shared vision for the long-dormant, undeveloped DeHoCo properties," Heise said. "Our team is taking an eyesore property and making it a showplace for development."

As a former state representative, Heise wrote legislation to transfer the DeHoCo property to the Michigan Land Bank.

Josh Burgett, Michigan Land Bank director, said the land bank is dedicated to boosting local economies in Michigan a goal officials say the MITC corridor is certain to achieve.

"The Michigan Land Bank works to create positive economic impact to communities across Michigan," Burgett said. "The former DeHoCo site will be a catalyst for continued growth in this region and we are proud to be a part of this partner-

Burgett, in a press release, lauded Heise, Nix and other community leaders who are working to boost the MITC project.

The MITC corridor's redevelopment will not be finished overnight.

"What we're embarking on here is at least a 10year vision," Heise said, and possibly longer.

Development of the MITC Corridor was initiated last year at the old Robert Scott prison site at Beck and Five Mile with an upscale mixed-use project. Dubbed the Village of Northville, it includes single-family houses, townhouses and lofts — and the vision also includes retail shops and possibly restaurants and a hotel.

With the Village project under construction, officials say economic development plans in the



The now-demolished former Detroit House of Corrections buildings have made way for the emerging technology corridor along Five Mile Road. BILL BRESLER I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

MITC corridor are accelerating rapidly. They incoming mentioned companies such as Verita Co., at Five Mile and Ridge in Plymouth Township, and Zhongding Sealing Parts (USA), Inc., east of Five Mile and Ridge in Northville Town-

ship. Moreover, Plymouth Township recently signed a \$3.5 million purchase agreement with Hillside Investments for former DeHoCo farmland

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corridor as "very hot" for emerging development.

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said he is encouraged that sigdevelopment nificant could occur along the MITC corridor within a few years.

"I'd say it would be closer to five years than 10," he said. "I think things are picking up at a pretty fast pace right now."

The latest developments come one year after state, county and local officials gathered on the former DeHoCo site as the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority announced it was seeking proposals to purchase and redevelop the property, where work crews already had demolished the long-unused DeHoCo buildings.

Officials have said the MITC vision could involve high-tech firms in the automotive and lifesciences sectors, recreation space and businesses such as restaurants. supermarkets and daycare centers to cater to those firms.

Burgett last August called the site "probably the second highest profile property" in the Michigan Land Bank's inventory of 4,000 sites, ranking just behind the old Michigan State Fairgrounds.

For more information about the Michigan Inter-Technology national Center, www.mitc-usa.org.

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PZ18-0043 (Ahmad Ozeir) 44015 Settlers Creek Ct, West of Novi Road and South of Grand River Ave, Parcel #50-22-252-032. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Code of Ordinance Section 3.1.5 For a 16 foot variance for a proposed 19 foot rear yard setback for a sunroom addition, 35 minimum required. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ18-0045 (Nowak and Fraus Engineers/Toyota Service Center) West of Haggerty The applicant is requesting a variance from the Novi Zoning Code of Ordinance Section 4.50.1.c to allow inventory vehicle parking in front building set back. For lots adjacent to major thoroughfare, no vehicle parking is allowed in front of actual building setback. This property is zoned Light Industrial (I-1).

PZ18-0046 (Scott Pernia) 22556 Montebello Ct, West of Novi Road and North of Nine Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-27-453-037. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinance Section 4.19.1.E.i. to allow an additional 635 square feet for an accessary building (attached garage) with 611 square feet of attic storage space, 850 square feet allowed. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-3).



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Asking the right questions provides real answers



I recently had a call from a client who stated that he received an offer that sounded so good, he couldn't believe it. He wanted my opinion as to whether he should pursue the deal. Basically, the deal dealt with refinancing his home by using a home equity loan.

The client currently owes approximately \$50,000 and has about 10 years left on a 5-percent mortgage. Currently, the house is worth approximately \$200,000 to \$250,000. The client was approached by his bank to refinance the home using a home equity loan and was quoted a rate of 2.5 percent on the home equity loan. The client told me it seemed like a no-brainer that he should refinance, because he would be substantially cutting his payments. The question he had for me was, what was he missing?

I love the fact that my client didn't

rush into anything and wanted to get a second opinion before he signed on the dotted line. All too often, people hear about a deal and rush into something before they get all the facts. Taking a step back and looking at the details is something that always works in your favor

In looking at the situation, I told him first he would need to factor in what the fees were. When it comes to things like refinancing or transferring charge card debt, people forget about what fees are involved. One of the first factors you should consider in any refinancing or transferring of debt is fees.

The next factor, particularly when you're dealing with home equity loans, is the interest rate. Is it fixed, is it adjustable or is it a gimmick rate? A fixed-rate home equity loan, which is unusual, will remain the same throughout the term of the loan. An adjustable-rate mortgage is one that periodically adjusts based upon changing interest rates. Some adjustable-rate loans will have no cap, which means that there is no limit as to how much the interest rate could rise.

some adjustable-rate loans will have a cap, which limits how high the rate could increase. Obviously, home equity loans without a cap are more risky than those with a cap. The third type of loan rate is a gimmick rate. You see this quite often with charge cards — they will give you a low rate, but unlike an adjustable-rate mortgage or a home equity loan where they adjust based upon changing conditions, a gimmick rate is going to give you a lower rate for a period of time and then automatically adjust upward.

The final factor to consider is a home equity loan. Since a home equity loan is considered a line of credit, it is somewhat different than a traditional mortgage. With a traditional mortgage, once you get the mortgage, that's it. The mortgage company cannot rescind it based upon changing circumstances. That is not the case with home equity loans. Many people unexpectedly found that out a few years ago, when they received notices from their bank saying their home equity loan was due. The problem that many people found was that, since the value of their home had

dropped so much, they no longer had equity. The bank, under the terms of the loan, had the right to call in the loan, which many did. This is something that anyone who gets a home equity loan must consider.

In my client's situation, he found that after he looked at the three factors explained above, it did make sense for him to refinance using a home equity loan. He is going to continue to make the same payment he's making today; with the lower interest rates, he will be able to cut a few years off his mortgage.

The bottom line: If you see a deal about transferring your charge card balance or refinancing your home, whether it's via a mortgage or a home equity loan, don't immediately sign on the bottom line. Ask the right questions, understand the product and then, and only then, make the decision that best suits your situation.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomasset management.com.

Novi High School boasts 27 National Merit semifinalists

Twenty-seven seniors from Novi High School were named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists recently by the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

"Novi High School is ecstatic to have 27 Wildcats who have earned National Merit semifinalist status," school Principal Nicole Carter said.

Last spring, 1.6 million high school juniors entered the National Merit Scholarship program by taking a qualifying test (PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test), which serves as the initial screening of program entrants.

"The success of our National Merit semifinalists reflects the high-quality educational experience that all Novi High School students receive," said Dr. Steve Matthews, superintendent of the Novi Community School District.

The semifinalists include (in alpha-

betical order): Shiven Acharya, Ajay Arora, Daniel Choi, Zachary T. Dembinski, Nisarg K. Dharia, Jamie Fu, Danielle J. Gardon, Jennifer Z. Guo, Anne. E. George, Danielle C. Kevelin, Lily Kosaka, Andrew Li, Vincent Ma, Advay Muchoor, Suhas Navada, Saranya S. Nistala, Amanda M. Putti, Madhu Vishnu Sankar Reddy RamiReddy, Rithvik R. Rao, Alexander G. Ratnasamy, Anjali Singh, Rishi M. Thallapally, Roshan Vadera, Amy Y. Wang, Nav Warraich, Sylvia Y. Wei and Jessica C.

Of about 16,000 semifinalists, some 15,000 will likely advance as finalists. Those students will be notified in February. About half of the finalists will be chosen for scholarship awards. Those announcements begin in April.

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: 1-4:30 p.m. Sept. 22; and 2:45-5:45 p.m. Sept. 29.

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.

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 Tuesdow

Archives: The archives are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Office: The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@millracenorthville.org.











Paul Fine, Zach Antonelli, Leah Juarez and Michael Soranno will share their stories Sept. 20 at the Village Workshop in Northville. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Storytellers to share how music heals, soothes

Dreamy days watching the season's first snowfall, kicked up family reunions with professionally recorded songs, a northern Michigan musical retreat that set the stage for a life of success and a compelling story of coping through hard times ... music moves people in many different ways.

Come listen to Zach Antonneli and Paul Fine of Plymouth, Michael Soranno of Livonia, Leah Juarez of White Lake and Phil Allmen of Holly share their stories of music's influence live on stage Thursday, Sept. 20, during the inaugural Hometown Life Storyteller Project

Former Hometown journalist and guitar player Kevin Brown of the popular band Corndaddy will entertain guests as well during the evening.

The Hometown Life Storytellers Project will be held at the Village Workshop, 455 E. Cady Street, in downtown North-now. Go to https://www.facebook.com/ ville. With a new cafe serving sand- events/267881900668026/ for updates. wiches, soup and salads, the workshop is a unique maker and shared work space in a beautiful historical building, a perfect location for the kickoff of the Hometown Life Storytellers Project. The Northville Rotary club is partnering to present beer and wine sales.

If you go

What: Hometown Life Storytellers Pro-

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

Where: The Village Workshop, downtown Northville.

Who: Everyone is welcome.

Tickets: \$7. Buy tickets at https://tickets.hometownlife.com/e/ hometown-life-storytellers-music/

The event is open to all for \$7 per person. Doors open for general admission seating 6:30-7 p.m. Tickets are on sale

Topics for future events include: Traditions (Nov. 8), Food & Culture, New Beginnings, Tattoo Tales and Glory Days of High School Sports. To submit a story idea or to become a teller at a future event, email ddean@hometown-



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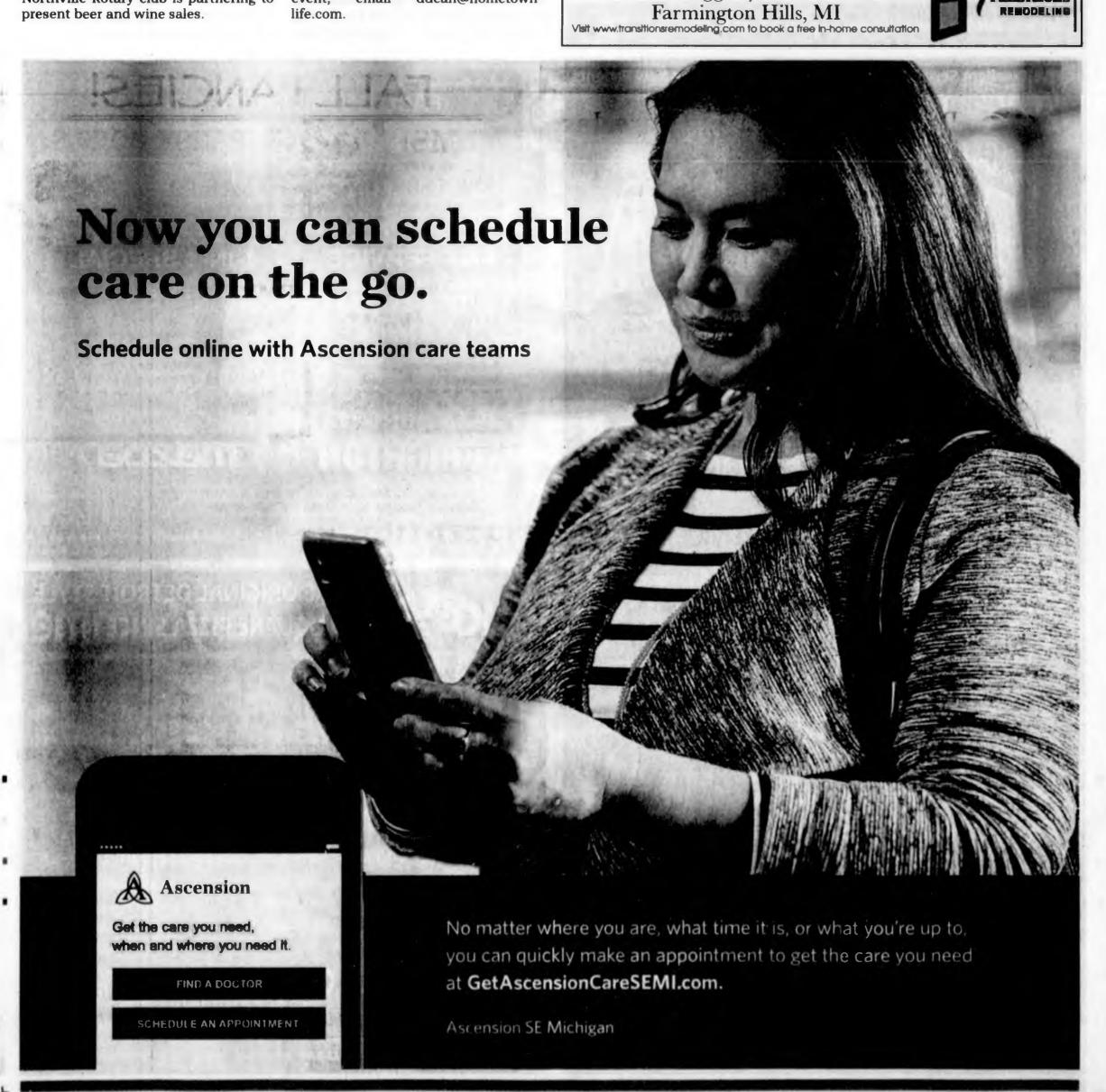
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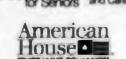
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Busch's to coordinate community milk drive

Busch's Fresh Food Market will partner with local organizations, including United Dairy Industry of Michigan and Michigan farmers, to reduce the need for milk within the community. The drive will be held from Sept. 24 through Oct. 7 at all Busch's locations.

"Donating to families in need is part of our mission," said Todd Robinson, marketing director. "We strive to build a better, stronger community."

Any MyWay guest who donates two or more gallons of milk in the same transaction will be automatically entered to win a Detroit Pistons gift package, which includes four tickets to the Pistons vs. Golden State Warriors game at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Little Caesars Arena.

Additional store contests will be held among Busch's associates and store managers for a bit of friendly competi-

tion to encourage associates to beat last year's goals and help promote the value of giving back.

"Running contests within our stores influence our team members to not only interact with guests, but to spread the joy of giving back within the neighborhood," said Gary Winters, store manager in Plymouth.

For every gallon of milk sold, UDIM will donate three servings of cheese to families in need. Prairie Farms white milk will be on sale the week of this drive at two gallons for \$5.

Busch's Fresh Food Market has locations in Ann Arbor, Clinton, Carleton, Canton, Dexter, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Novi, Pinckney, Plymouth-Northville, Rochester Hills, Saline, South Lyon, Tecumseh, West Bloomfield and Brighton. For more information, go to buschs.com.

Annual Clean Water Calendar Contest underway

Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash has announced the 14th annual Kids Clean Water Calendar Contest. Fourth- and fifthgraders living in Oakland County will have the opportunity to submit their artwork through Friday, Oct. 5. This year's calendar theme, "We Can All Help to Keep Oakland County's Lakes, Rivers, Streams and Watersheds Clean!", encourages our youth to submit drawings that reflect their ideas on playing a part in keeping our waterways and the environment clean. Drawing topics will focus on how we can all prevent water pollution, how to conserve water, and enjoy our vast water resources.

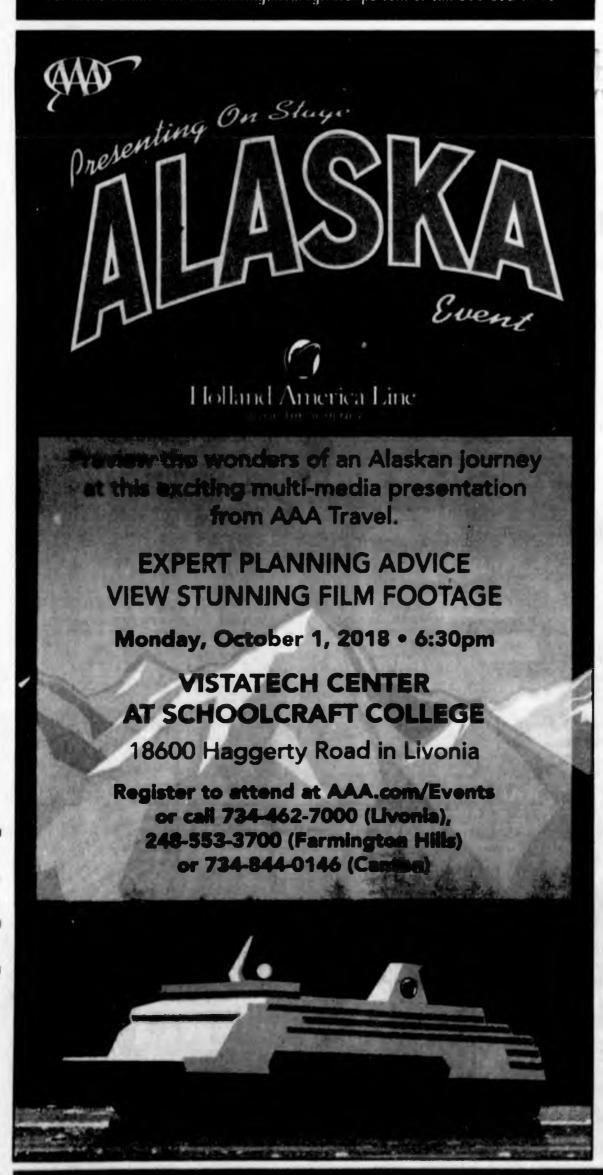
Only 12 winners will be selected. Each winner's artwork will be featured in one of the months of the calendar. Winners will be notified in November and invited to attend a special awards ceremony in December, courtesy of the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills

and Nash.

Artwork contest requirements are:

- Use plain, white, letter-sized paper, in the landscape format (11 inches wide by 8½ inches tall)
- Bold colors and lines show up best using crayons, markers, ink, watercolors, poster paint, etc.
- Students must work on drawings individually
- Do not mount, frame, fold or roll drawings
- All artwork becomes the property of the Water Resources Commissioner's office and will not be returned.

For more contest information, contact Jacy Garrison at 248-858-5264 or email garrisonj@oakgov.com. Entry forms are available online at www.oakgov.com/water or at the Water Resources Commissioners office, 1 Public Works Drive, Building 95 West, in Pontiac. Entries can be mailed to or submitted in person to the office.





MSP to host women's recruiting seminar

The Michigan State Police will host a women's recruiting seminar from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center, Kehrl Auditorium, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia. Attendees are asked to arrive by 9:45 a.m.

Recognizing the importance of a diverse workforce, the MSP is committed to reflecting the communities it serves. This free seminar will explain the variety of career opportunities available. Female troopers, supervisors and command officers will provide insight and answer questions on recruit training, the lifestyle of a trooper and positions

The minimum requirements for consideration of employment are:

■ Applicants must be at least age 21,

of good moral character and have no felony convictions.

■ Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and a Michigan resident at the time of appointment to the academy.

 Applicants must possess a high school diploma or GED.

Applicants must have a good driving record and stable credit history is required.

The starting salary at the beginning of recruit school is \$44,000 annually, with a \$7,800 raise upon completion of one year.

To attend the seminar, RSVP to Kellie Shaffer ShafferK@michigan.gov. Attire for this event is business casual.

Final county adopt-a-road week set for Sept. 22-30

The Road Commission for Oakland County has announced the final week for its Adopt-A-Road program is Sept. **22-30**.

"This is the final cleanup for 2018 and a great opportunity to remove debris from our roadsides before the season changes," RCOC board Chairman Eric Wilson said. "The volunteer groups and organizations are greatly appreciated as they volunteer their time to keep Oakland roadsides clean and beautiful."

Any group interested in adopting a paved county road section should call the RCOC Permits Division at 248-858-4891 or send an email to adoptaroad@rcoc.org. Participating organizations receive orange safety vests, training and garbage bags.

Additionally, RCOC erects signs at both ends of the designated road sections recognizing the volunteer groups responsible for the sections. Road segments are approved by the RCOC Board of Road Commissioners.

Participating groups are reminded to call the RCOC Permits Division to arrange pick up of litter bags after the cleanup. RCOC relies on groups to call and verify that contact information is current. Groups needing additional garbage bags or orange safety vests can also call the Permits Division.

Motorists can help augment the effort by slowing down when volunteers are seen picking up trash along roadways and join RCOC in reminding others not to litter. Groups are registered to clean up approximately 453 miles of roadway across Oakland County.

RCOC would also like to remind motorists not to litter. Residents can help too by keeping roadside catch basins in front of their homes free of leaves and debris so roads can properly drain throughout the fall and winter months.

For more information on the RCOC Adopt-A-Road program, go to http:// www.rcocweb.org/218/Adopt-A-Road.

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Police seek suspect who robbed Northville **Township Chase Bank**

Matt Jachman hometowniife.com

USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Police are looking for the man who robbed a Chase Bank branch in Northville Township.

The holdup occurred at about 9:40 a.m. Sept. 13 at the branch on Seven Mile, just east of Northville Road. A man walked up to a teller, implied that he had a gun and said, "Open your drawer. This is a robbery," according to a Northville Township Police Department press re-

The man took cash from the teller's drawer and left the bank, heading west on Seven Mile on foot, police said. No getaway vehicle was seen.

The robber was described as white, about 50 years old, with green eyes and a short beard. He was wearing a brown, short-sleeved T-shirt, black pants and a brown baseball cap with a white logo on Police released a still photo of the

robber taken from a bank security camera. Anyone who can help identify him or may have witnessed the robbery can call police at 248-349-9400.

Contact Matt Jachman at mjach-

man@hometownlife.com. Follow him

on Twitter: @mattjachman.

Police released this photo of the man who robbed a Chase Bank branch Sept. 13 in Northville Township. NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE

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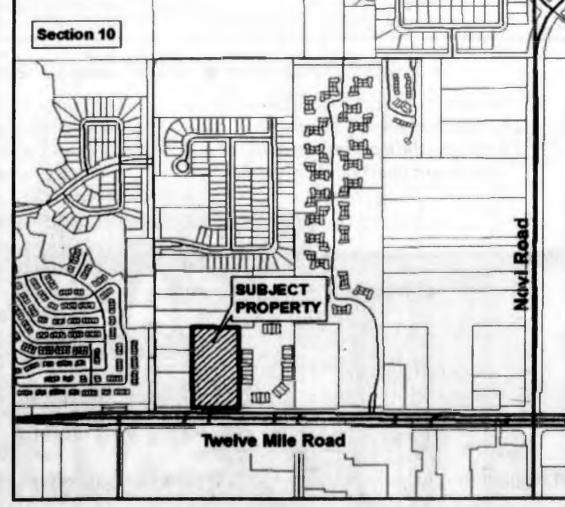
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the Council of the City of Northville on the 5th day of November, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers 215 West Main Street, on the adoption of a proposed resolution establishing a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the City of Northville, within the municipal limits of which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider STONERIDGE WEST II JSP 18-30 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLANDS PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. The subject property is zoned OS-1 (OFFICE SERVICE) and is approximately 4.45-acres. The site is located at 44244 Twelve Mile on the north side of Twelve Mile Road and west of Novi Road in Section 10. The applicant is proposing three medical and professional office buildings with a total of 40,240 square feet, and associated site improvements.

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



Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-10-400-067

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 26, 2018.

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AREA EVENTS

stip@hometownlife.com. Items must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the

Community Sharing garage sale

Community Sharing, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that provides food, clothing, emergency services, referrals and advocacy for individuals and families in need within the Huron Valley School District, will host a garage sale Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 20-22, at Duck Lake Center, 5061 N. Duck Lake Road, in Highland. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The sale will include furniture, household goods, linens, books, DVDs, CDs, toys, sports equipment, costumes, and holiday décor. Shoppers cane use cash, credit cards and personal checks made out to Community Sharing.

For more information, go to www.community-sharing.org.

Community Reads, 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 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 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 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 a complete schedule of 2018 Communi-

Send calendar items to LIV-OENew- ty Reads events, dates and times, go to http://nlacommunityreads.weebly.com

Yoga on the Lawn

Yoga on the Lawn is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, on the back 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/Happy HourYoga.

September Songfest

The Novi Public Library is sponsoring September Songfest, a fundraising concert, scheduled for 7-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at Paradise Park, 45799 Grand River Avenue. The concert will feature Julie and David Landry and friends.

Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds will go toward renovating the library's makerspace. Appetizers and a dessert buffet are available for \$11.50 and there will also be a cash bar.

To purchase tickets, call 248-869-7204.

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 to celebrate the latest showing of VFAA member art.

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 information, contact the VFAA at contactus@milfordvfaa.org or call the SHAC at 248-797-3060.

Yard sale fundraiser

There will be a yard sale to benefit the Michigan War Dog Memorial from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21-22, at 542 S. Pleasant Valley Road in Milford Township. All proceeds will be donated to support the memorial, which honors deceased K-9 animals.

For more information, call 284-685-

Document shred event

The Northville Township Beautification Commission will host on-site document 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. No plastic bags will be accepted.

Pontiac Catholic Class of '68

The charter Class of 1968 of Pontiac Catholic High School is celebrating its 50th reunion Saturday, Sept. 22, at Andiamo Trattoria, 7228 N. Main Street, in Clarkston. Any student who graduated in 1968 from the five feeder schools is invited to join, regardless of their decision to attend PCHS in its initial year. For more information, go to Facebook ans search Pontiac Catholic Class of 1968.

Milford Ramp Jam

Palate of Milford, in partnership with Project: S-Park, is hosting Milford Ramp Jam 3-9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, in the parking lot behind the restaurant, 449 N. Main Street. It will feature autographs and photos with U.S. Olympic snowboard silver medalist Kyle Mack, as well as live music from Michigan Rock School students and special guest Vinnie Dombroski from Sponge.

Food and drinks from Palate of Milford will be available for purchase, with free hot dogs for children ages 12 and under and more. Proceeds will benefit the Milford Skatepark Project.

Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Family packs are available for \$275 and include four event tickets, plus an engraved legacy brick once the park is built. Children ages 5 years and younger are free.

For more information, go to https:// www.eventbrite.com/e/ramp-jamtickets-47559386405.

'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@ sbcglobal.net or go to www.northville marquistheatre.com.

Roads public forum

The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a public forum on the road situation in Oakland County 8-10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Quality Inn & Suites, 7076 Highland Road, in Waterford. Featured speaker will be Ron Fowkes, Oakland County road commis-

Topics will include why roads are in poor condition, current funding initiatives and current and future Lakes Area projects. There will also be a questionand-answer segment.

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. She will be lecturing on her different techniques for her series of fiber art.

Come for the general meeting at 7 p.m. or for the lecture only at 7:30 p.m. more information, contactus@milfordvfaa.org, call at 248-797-3060 or go to www.milfordvfaa.org.

SAHS presentation

The Salem Area Historical Society will present a program on Florence Nightingale at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the South Salem Stone School, 7991 N. Territorial Road, in Sa-

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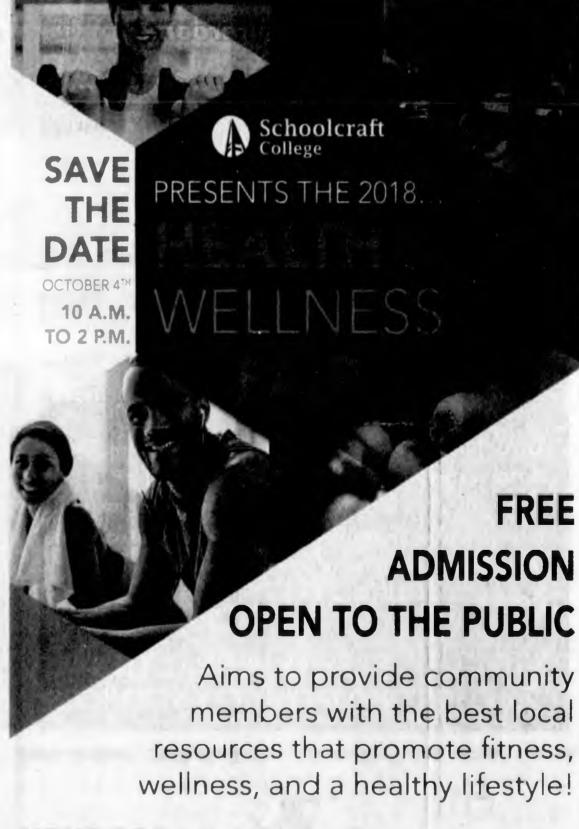
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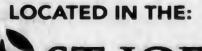
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lem Township. After a business meeting, a presentation on Nightingale by Florence Johnston, MS. RN. and Linda Strodtman, Ph.D., RN, who completed a recent trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum, estate and burial site in London, will begin.

Admission is free for SAHS members and \$2 for non-members. For more information, email vanfosse62@aol.com.

Color Me Calm

The Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, will host Color Me Calm, a coloring event for adults. 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26. Coloring sheets and pencils are provided or bring your own. Register for this free program at wixomlibrary.org, call 248-624-2512 or stop by the library.

Horizon Performing Arts pancake breakfast

Horizon Performing Arts will host a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Kiwanis Hall, 228 N. Warren Street, in South Lyon. Cost is \$5 per person, \$1 for those under age 5. Proceeds will help purchase microphones that are needed for upcoming shows.

This new nonprofit organization's mission is to produce quality art that is unique and educational for a variety of ages. For more information, go to www.horizonperformingarts.org. Its next show is "Winnie The Pooh," scheduled for Oct. 18-21 at the Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti.

National Public Lands Day

Volunteers are being sought to participate in the 25th annual National Public Lands Day beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Kensington Metropark, 4570 Huron Parkway, in Milford. National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer event for public lands.

Individuals, families, corporate and community organizations can lend a hand to help restore natural areas and do trail maintenance. Pre-event registration is required. To register, go to www.rei.com/ events. For additional information, email katie. kowalski@metroparks.com or call 810-494-6020.

Make Magic Share Joy tour

Hilltop Church of The Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, in Northville will host Justin Flom on his Make Magic Share Joy tour 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. The celebrity magician will be bringing a special night of up-close action alongside his personal sharing of faith.

Tickets are priced from \$20 to \$35. The door will

open at 5:30 p.m. for the VIP experience and at 6:15 p.m. for all others. For more information, go to www.JustinFlom.com.

Exhibit at HVCA

Portraiture of Landscapes, plein air originated paintings by G. Bruce Foxworthy, will be at Huron Valley Council for the Arts, 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland through Saturday, Sept. 29. Regular gallery hours are scheduled 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

West of Center art exhibit

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will host West Of Center, a juried all-media exhibition. through Saturday, Sept. 29. The exhibition presents 38 works of art created by 28 artists nationwide selected by juror, artist, photographer and curator Jeff Cancelosi. For more information, email exhibits@northville arthouse.org.

Walk to fight ALS

Individuals with ALS, their family members and friends will are invited to participate in the 18th annual Walk 'n' Roll for ALS, a paved and wheelchair-friendly three-mile walk to benefit ALS of Michigan, scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 30, at Kensington Metropark, 4570 Huron River Parkway, in Milford. Registration is at 10 a.m. and the walk will begin at 11 a.m.

The walk is intended to raise funds to continue providing free services such as support groups, seminars, respite care, home visits, equipment loans and other assistance to people who have ALS. To form a team, walk in the event or make a donation, go to www.alsofmichigan.org or call 800-882-5764.

VFAA exhibit at library

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, exhibits its member artwork in the library Community Room. Beginning September through mid-October, the exhibit will feature work by Linda Pelowski, a fulltime artist and muralist who has been highly awarded for her outstanding paintings.

This free exhibit will be displayed during regular library hours, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, unless the room is hosting another event. For more information, go to www.milfordvfaa.org.

LWV candidate forum

The League of Women Voters-Oakland Area will host a candidate forum for the Oakland County Circuit Court at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Oakland County Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph, in Pontiac, There will be two candidates running for one





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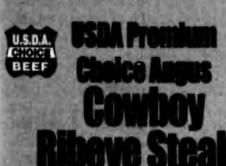
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PREP FOOTBALL

Franklin carves out 49-7 victory vs. rival Stevenson

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If there's still a Patriot Way, then new Detroit Lions coach Matt Patricia should have headed Friday over to 31000 Joy Road.

That's because the Livonia Franklin Patriots - despite some choppy moments - turned in an impressive 49-7 victory at home over rival Livonia Stevenson, the most lopsided outcome in the 50th meeting between the two schools.

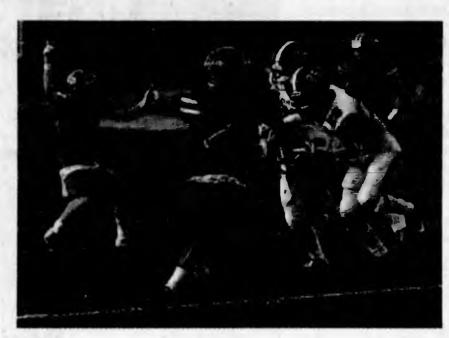
Franklin, which won its third straight, improved to 3-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA East Division, while Ste- See FRANKLIN, Page 2B

venson is winless in four starts.

The Patriots racked up 410 yards total offense and held Stevenson to 170. Franklin junior quarterback Jake Kelbert was an efficient 8-of-14 passing for 173 yards and two touchdowns.

"I think we played physical, I think played as hard as we could, always trying to make a play every time to the whistle," Franklin's 6-foot-1, 295-pound senior offensive lineman Jake Swirple said. "We played to the best of our abilities, I think. We can play higher. Even with this big victory - 49-7 - we still have higher goals. "

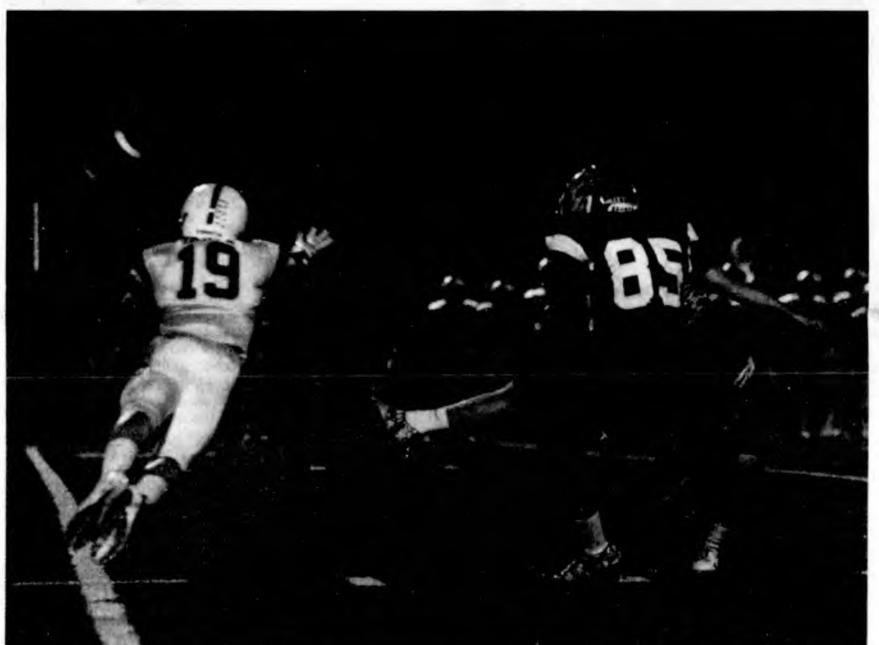
Franklin's only downfall was eight



Franklin's Fredrick Biles (left) scores on an 8-yard TD run to make it 14-7 in the first quarter. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PREP FOOTBALL

A CARDIAC KICK



South Lyon's Conner Harris kicks the winning field goal. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



South Lyon's Conner Harris celebrates his winning field goal with five seconds remaining to defeat Seaholm, 31-28. DAN DEAN I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Last-second field goal by Harris lifts South Lyon past Seaholm

Tim Smith hometownlife.com

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South Lyon football head coach Jeff Henson shook his head and admitted having just a little feeling of deja vu when senior kicker Conner Harris got ready to try a 32-yard field goal and win Friday's game against Birmingham Sea-

Last week, almost from the same spot on the turf field at South Lyon High School, the visiting team (Lakeland) hit the uprights to preserve the third win in three weeks for the Lions. Against the Maples, who had roared back in the sec-

ond half to tie the game at 28-28, it was up to Harris to keep the South Lyon

mojo going. "Conner kicked for us last year, as well," Henson said. "I trust him, he's good at what he does. He proves it in practice every day. This is only the second game he's kicked for us this year, because he's had some conflicts with soccer.

"But I trust him to do the job. He's a senior, he's been there, done that. I had no hesitation."

Harris - who also plays varsity soc-

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Plymouth a serious contender in D-1 race

Brad Emons

USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Everything fell into place nearly perfectly last season for the Plymouth High boys cross country team.

But there was one exception. Ann Arbor Pioneer played the spoil-

er, winning by a mere three points (107-110) to keep the Wildcats from earning their first MHSAA Division 1 state championship.

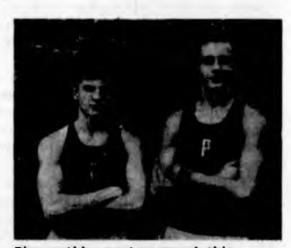
But when Saturday, Nov. 3, rolls around for the state finals at Brooklyn's Michigan International Speedway, Plymouth should once again be a viable contender after returning five of its top seven runners.

Only all-stater Ethan Byrnes (18th overall, 15:43.8) and seventh runner Adam Stepek were lost to graduation.

"We're looking pretty good this year, I think," Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz said. "If you look at where we were at this time last year and where we are as far as the guys that are on the team we're ahead of where we were at last year. Obviously, losing Ethan (Byrnes) was huge, but everybody being farther ahead of where they are this year, we're in a good spot."

The Wildcats, the reigning Wayne County, KLAA and regional champi-

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Plymouth's one-two punch this season has been junior Carter Solomon (right) and sophomore Patrick Byrnes. BRAD EMONS

cer at South Lyon - sent a high, float-



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Franklin

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penalties, but the Patriots made up for it with 257 yards on the ground.

"I'm happy with the effort we played with," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We're getting better offensively. We played very hard, aggressive defense. We kind of lost focus. Those penalties are something we've got to get better at and clean those up."

There was a flurry of scoring in the opening half as Franklin took a 28-7 advantage.

After going three-and-out on their first possession, the Patriots scored on their next four: a 71-yard TD run by K.J. Worthy, an 8-yard TD run by Fredrick Billes and Jake Kelbert TD passes of 56 and 23 yards to Cal Fournier and Worthy, respectively.

Stevenson countered with an 8-yard TD toss from sophomore QB Coltrane Rubner to Dylan Johnson with 6:11 left in the first to tie the game at 7-7. That came after Evan Beck returned the kickoff 58

Franklin's Kyle Hetu then pounced on a Stevenson fumble at the 50 with three minutes left, but the Pats couldn't capitalize on the turnover. Rubner then hit Dalen Cobb out of the backfield for 71 yards down to the Franklin 6 with 10 seconds remaining.

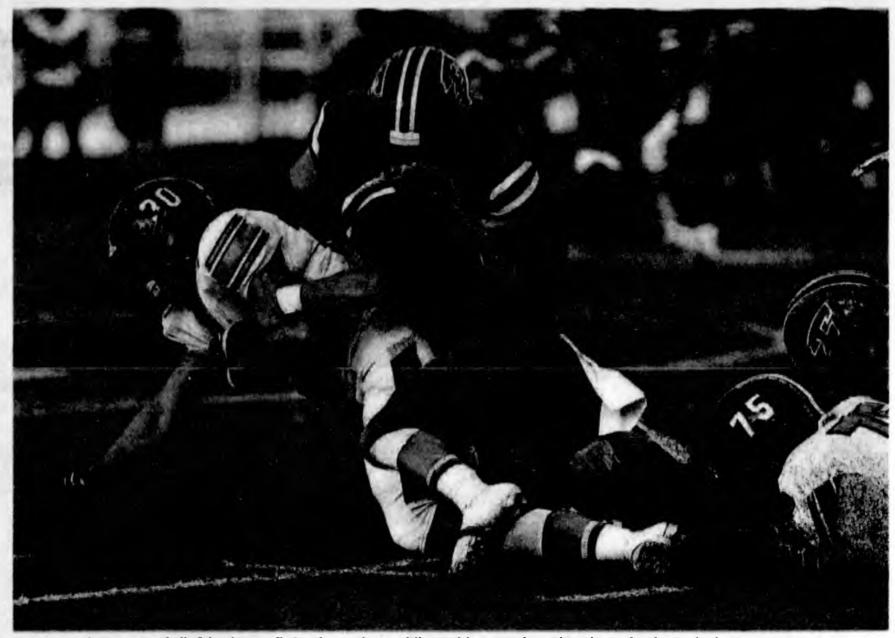
The Spartans, however, left a possible seven points on the table with a drop in the end zone on the final play of the

"We had difficulty getting out of our own way at times," Stevenson coach Randy Micallef said. "It was big at the end of the half. If we make that catch going into halftime down two scores and get the ball back to start the third quarter, we thought had something we could build off of there. But unfortunately, we didn't execute on either one."

Meanwhile, it was a sloppy start to the third quarter on both sides and neither team could reach the end zone.

But after Chris Kelbert called an impromptu timeout to get his team to refocus, the Patriots put three more TDs on the board, starting with a 10-yard run by the fourth.

'They've got a very good offensive line, No. 1," Micallef said of the Patriots. "And they've got speed in the right spots and (Jake) Kelbert does a great job orchestrating everything over there, so



Stevenson's Evan Beck (left) tries to fight through Franklin tacklers Marino DiPonio and Jake Swirple. BILL BRESLER | **HOMETOWNLIFE.COM**

they're well-coached and they have the right pieces in the right spots."

Worthy's TD run was followed by an electrifying 67-yard punt return by Biles less than a minute later. And with only 34 seconds left, Davion Reno-Smetler scored on a 4-yard run.

"I think on some plays, we messed up, but we corrected our mistakes," Swirple said. "I think the offense is starting to click. I think the defense is doing very well and we've clicked from week three and two and we're starting to get better and better. We're having good practices every day."

yards rushing on 37 attempts. Leading tackles and two assists, including a sack Worthy to make it 35-7 with 7:52 left in the way for the Franklin defense was 6-1, 210-pound senior Arsell Weary, who finished the night with five solo tackles and four assists, including a pair of sacks and two tackles for loss.

> The key to stopping Stevenson's attack, according to Weary?

"Make tackles and create havoc for them," he said, "just being faster off the ball, technique, everybody doing their job in their specific position and just playing as a team."

Weary has taken on an added role after being a key underclassman a year ago on the Patriots' Division 1 state runner-up team.

"I've got to teach the younger guys," he said. "It's more of a leadership position now. It doesn't feel like football, it's more like teaching, but it's still football at the end of the week."

Worthy, who rushed for 82 yards, also Stevenson's offense was limited to 81 stood out defensively with five solo and two tackles for loss.

"Those guys did a good job defensively stopping them and not letting them in the end zone, keeping momentum on our side," Kelbert said of the final play of the first half.

Even though Stevenson is off to a 0-4

start, Micallef said he could find a few silver linings.

"The score doesn't show it, but we had some kids that got better than last week and that's all we've been trying to preach to our kids," he said. "We're pretty young. We've got a number of sophomores and juniors that are starting, so the more experience they get the better they'll be in the long haul.'

Meanwhile, Chris Kelbert's message to the Patriots during his third-quarter timeout was to shore up the self-inflicted mistakes.

"Just play Franklin football, don't do the stupid things and the other crap," he said, "don't worry about the other things that are going on. Do what we can do and that's it."

In other words, play the Patriot Way.

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South Lyon

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ing kick through the uprights from 32 yards out for the deciding field goal, making it 31-28 and giving the Cardiac Kids their third nail-biting victory of the young season, improving South Lyon's record to 4-0 overall.

"I knew that I'm usually money from the left hash and I was kind of hoping they'd call a timeout," Harris said, after the first game-winning kick of his career. "I'm weird like that, I just wanted more time to think about. I didn't even see it go through, it just looked good and felt good off my foot. Turned around and, man, it was great."

The winning kick made another hectic day of following soccer practice with football as sweet as it could be.

"It's a nightmare," Harris said. "I go to football practice one or two times a week and then, obviously, I'm coming here after my soccer practice, which is also on Friday. I have everything every

"I've played football since I was in third grade and I skipped freshman and sophomore year and they asked me to come back junior year and they asked me to come back this year and I'm glad they did."

Seaholm fell to 3-1 despite a gallant comeback, led by hard-charging running backs Chase Mentag (17 carries, 160 yards) and Paul Jokisch (four carries, 50

yards). "We knew South Lyon's a good team and we knew it wasn't going to be easy, that it was going to be a back-and-forth game," Maples head coach Jim DeWald said. "What I told our guys was thrive on that adversity. We looked forward to a fourth quarter where we're up a score, down a score or tied. And that's what we

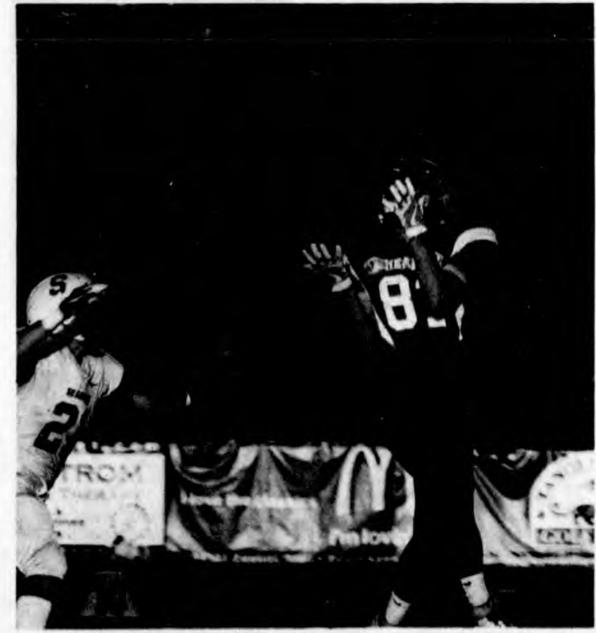
"We learned that our kids won't back down and they keep fighting. I'm really proud of our guys."

Following are several takeaways:

TAKING ADVANTAGE

Seaholm's comeback bid received a huge shot in the arm when a punt was mishandled near midfield by the Lions early in the fourth quarter.

Mentag broke a run for 25 yards to



South Lyon's Brenden Lach (right) hauls in a pass on the first play from scrimmage, scoring a TD against Birmingham Seaholm. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

move the Maples inside the South Lyon 20 and Jokisch followed with a 13-yard run down to the 8. Quarterback Gray Kinnie then scored on a keeper with 6:25 left and Justin Klotz followed with

an extra point to make it 28-28. "They played hard. It all starts up front with them," DeWald said. "If you watch our guys, they get off the ball really hard, they block hard, they play hard. First quarter, we just couldn't get anything going. But we talked to them, you wear on a team. Just keep playing hard for four quarters and things will break. It did, but obviously not enough."

According to Mentag, who also had an 80-yard gain in the third quarter to get Seaholm to within 28-21, knew they would turn things around after a slug-

gish first half. "If we just worked on our offense, we were going to eventually budge," he said. "And we did, we started driving."

Still the last-second loss is the "worst feeling in the world, nothing worse," Mentag added. "We worked our (butts) off, down 21-0, coming back. We pushed, but sometimes life doesn't go your way."

IN THE CLUTCH

The Lions shook off the Seaholm rally with the winning march, sparked by third-down completions from junior quarterback Connor Fracassi (8-of-12 passing, 121 yards) to Steve Shelton and Ron Menard — both for 21 yards.

Following up with key 9-yard runs

were Fracassi and Jack Schafer, to get Harris within field goal range.

"I thought (Fracassi) did a nice job tonight," Henson said. "I think I said last week, his experience of getting beat up last year, he's really grown as a quarterback and really matured.

"He doesn't panic back there, he's comfortable with everything going around him and he steps up and makes some nice throws.

SHAME ON ME

The Maples were twice victimized early on by short punts, which gave South Lyon glorious field position each time at the Seaholm 40.

And each time, the Lions capitalized with a first-play touchdown to build a fast 14-0 lead. The first TD came on a pass from Fracassi to Brenden Lach. After the second short punt, running back Ian Goins busted one around left end for South Lyon's second TD in two offensive plays.

"It was nice to have (Goins) back this week," Henson said. "We didn't have him last week because he had a quad injury. It's nice when everybody's healthy, he gives us a little different look in the backfield. We run the ball with a lot of guys, but it's nice when he's healthy."

Goins tallied two touchdowns in the game, rushing 11 times for 155 yards.

RED OUT GAME

South Lyon players wore special red jerseys in the game, to commemorate the 10th annual Red Out for the American Heart Association.

The game has become a way to both donate to the cause and honor the memory of Donna Thomas, wife of former Lions football coach Mark Thomas, who died heart disease. Among fans was South Lyon's original football coach, Hall of Famer Bob Scheloske, who coached the Lions from 1985-2004.

Because not all players had their regular number available in red jerseys, several had to don a different number -Christian Iaconis, Ryan Jarl, Michael Gassner and Gus Taylor.

"It's something special to us, it's bigger than we are and it's exciting," Henson said.

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Novi's 1998 state championship team saluted

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The 1998 Novi boys soccer team was

back on cloud nine Friday night. The MHSAA Division 1 state champions, led by nine seniors and supported by a strong group of underclassmen under the direction of coach Brian O'Leary, staged their 20-year reunion and were recognized during the Wildcats home

football game against Howell. The school's first and only boys state soccer champions finished with a 22-1-1 overall record, while outscoring their opponents 96-7 en route to a No. 13 ranking nationally.

Key victories over Hartland and perennial Kensington Valley Conference power catapulted the Wildcats to their first KVC title in nearly a decade.

And during their magical state tourney run, the Wildcats knocked off No. 3 Midland Dow and defending state champion Troy Athens before taking down Brighton for the third time with a decisive 4-0 victory in the championship final.



Members of the 1998 Division 1 state championship Novi boys soccer team stage their 20-year reunion. BARBARA HERBST

Among those in attendance Friday were Derek Ornekian, Joe Irimescu, Frank Raburn, Scott Jettie, Joe Hart, Kevin Callender. Kevin Southworth. Ryan Rzepka, Matt Smith, Chris Schleuder, Brent Pawlak, Doug Gibson,

Alan Lyskawa and Rusty Herbst, along with assistant coach Sam Matovski and

Unable to attend were Matt Maier. Sean Thompson, Rob Martin, Paul Ansara and Nick Slovan.

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Plymouth

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ons, have already served notice they will be a force again this fall.

The Wildcats have already won the **Running Fit Detroit Mercy Titans Cross** Country and South Lyon invitationals, as well as taking second in the A2 Running Co. Hornet Early Bird meet. On Saturday they also captured the Division 1 title at the Duane Raffin Festival of Races in Holly.

"It was an amazing season last year, but also gut-wrenching getting that far and losing by three points," Mikosz said. 'It was tough, but it's different this year. They have a target on their backs, so it's a different mentality, it's a different thing, but I think so far the other guys have responded well and training is going well."

Junior Carter Solomon, who earned all-state honors last year with a fifthplace finish at the state finals in 15:16.1 (as the top sophomore), is already turning heads this season.

"He's just on another level," Mikosz said. "We've had amazing talent right here. I think our record board is comparable, if not better than, all the other teams on the Park and we've been here the shortest. And so we've coached some really amazing athletes ... I don't know, he just finds a way to find another

Solomon was the individual winner at both the Detroit Mercy Titans and South Lyon meets with times of 15:24.0 and 15:57, respectively. He was also runner-up to Pioneer's Nick Foster at the Hornet Early Bird (15:27.0).

"This past weekend, he broke an 18year record at Cass Benton (Park) that Tim Moore (Novi/Notre Dame H.S.) had set back in 2000, when I was in high school," Mikosz said. "And Tim Moore (National Foot Locker champion) went on to be one of the best runners ... I think he's 10th all-time in MHSAA Division 1 with a 15:05. He's one of those guys, if everything goes right, he could be under 15:00 guy, or right around a 15:00-flat

Sophomore Patrick Byrnes (71st, 16:24.6) has been right behind Solomon in Plymouth's first three meets, finishing second at South Lyon (16:06.1), fourth at the Detroit Mercy Titans and seventh at the Hornet Early Bird meets.

Other top returnees for the Wildcats include senior Brandon Boyd (38th, 16:10.3), senior Jarrett Warner (45th, 16:13.3) and junior Tyler Mussen (55th,

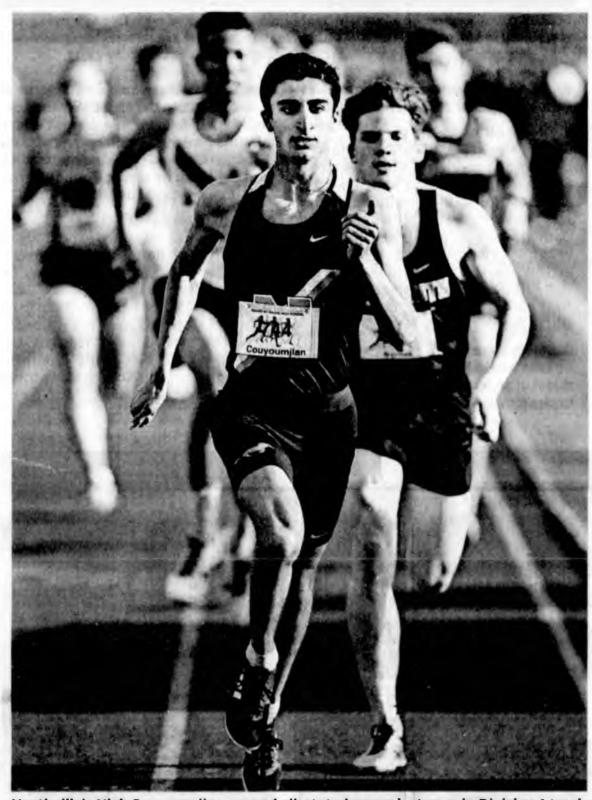
"Patrick is running really well." Mikosz said. "He's not that far off where his brother was last year. He's only a sophomore. Brandon (Boyd) is running real well and Jarrett (Warner) and Tyler (Mussen) are right there."

Senior Bassil Syed, who placed 14th in the Detroit Mercy Titans meet (17:35.9), appears to have solidified the sixth position for the Wildcats.

"Bassil had a huge P.R. last Saturday," Mikosz said. "What he ran at Cass Benton last weekend was already the best he ran all season last year."

Meanwhile, senior John Dettore and sophomore Conner Davis could battle it out for the seventh and final varsity po-

"Depth is the concern," Mikosz said. had much more depth last year than we cident during the off-season. have this year. Our goal is to just main-



Northville's Nick Couyoumjian earned all-state honors last year in Division 1 track and cross country. FILE PHOTO

tain and stay injury-free. Even if we're the same last year, at the same time this year we should be in contention. That's always what I keep telling them. We just got to keep doing what we did last year. If we're at the same place this time as we were last year – and Patrick didn't have a great state meet last year, so if he just runs with what his ability is this year at state meet - we're right there."

Here's a look at the other KLAA schools in the hometownife.com coverage area.

KLAA West Division

Northville: The Mustangs, who took runner-up honors at both the Wayne County and the KLAA meets, suffered through a nightmarish finish to their 2017 season at the regional, where they were disqualified from going to the state

finals for a uniform rules violation. Senior Nick Couyoumjian, however, was granted an individual spot by the MHSAA after an appeal and earned allstate honors with a 25th-place finish in 15:51.0.

The Mustangs, who took seventh at the Bath Invitational (Sept. 8), return seniors Raymond Jiang and Alex Flegal, juniors Josh Hardy, Brandon Liu and Alex Beloiu and sophomore Sean McKee.

Coach Tim Dalton hopes sophomore Nathan Hayes, who took 10th in last year's KLAA meet (16:21.8), will return to With Bassil coming on, we're OK. We form after suffering an injury in a ski ac-

took his team to the Division 1 state finals last November, where they placed 16th overall following a runner-up finish in the regional. The Wildcats also placed fourth in the KLAA.

Among the top returnees for Novi, which placed third in the South Lyon Invitational (Aug. 25), are junior Matt Whyte (97th, 16:33.2); senior Trey Mullins (143rd), 16:53.4); senior Prateek Bhola (179th, 17:09.2); sophomore Matt Gustitus (185th, 17:09.0); and senior Dalls Foley (229th, 17:45.0).

Senior Matthew Gamm and freshman Mihir Gupta should also be factors this season.

Salem: Coach Steve Aspinall's squad is off to a fast start after capturing the Ramblin' Rock Invitational (Sept. 8) at Willow Metropark.

Salem, which placed 20th at the Division 1 state finals, also finished third at the regional and fourth in the KLAA.

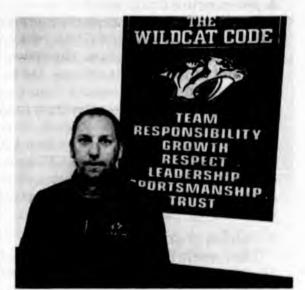
The Rocks will be led by senior Luke Haran, who placed first in the Ramblin' Rock race with a time of 16:02.2.

Other returnees off Salem's state finals team include seniors Christo Jeffers (116th, 16:31.1) and Shane McKimmy (163rd, 16:59.6), along with junior Bryce Paine (192nd, 17:14.9).

Also look for sophomores Hezekiah Willams and Gavin Ray, along with freshman Luke Nelson, to provide

Canton: Coach Bill Boyd's squad is coming off a seventh-place finish in the KLAA and eighth at the regional.

Novi: Second-year coach Brad Moore cent Warrior Classic, will be led be ju- on Twitter: @BradEmonsl.



Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz guided the Wildcats to a runner-up finish at the 2017 MHSAA Division 1 boys cross country state finals. BRAD EMONS

nior Grant Hoffmeyer, sophomore Garrett Nagelhout, junior Anurag Bangera, junior Josh Knoll and senior Daniel Jimenez.

KLAA East Division

Livonia Churchill: Veteran coach John McGreevy hopes his team can improve upon last year's seventh-place showing at the regional and Ilth-place finish in the KLAA.

Among top returnees for the Chargers, who recently placed fourth at the Ramblin' Rock (Sept. 8) and 10th at the Hornet Early Bird Open (Aug. 30), are seniors Brendan McCoy, Eric Pensari, Hunter Watson and Daniel Trakul, along with sophomore Cameron Kruse.

Livonia Stevenson: Coach Chris Inch lost a pair of individual state qualifiers to graduation in Owen Rowader (72nd, 16:24.6) and Ben Griffith (132nd, 16:49.1) as they helped the Spartans to third in the KLAA meet and fourth at the regional.

Stevenson, third at the A2 End of the Summer Classic (Aug. 25) and seventh in the Averill Invitational (Sept. 8), will be led by seniors Thomas Saad and Shane Beers, along with junior Colin Sheehan.

Sophomore Evan Doute-Ball and senior Mitchell Heath also figure to be in

Livonia Franklin: The Patriots wound up 10th in both the regional and KLAA meets a year ago as coach Pat Koelzer looks for seniors Logan Evanchuk and Andrew Ulaszek to lead the way in 2018.

Franklin, which placed third in the South Lyon Invitational (Aug. 25), should also get a boost from seniors Mike Mackiewicz and Russ Rusnell.

Wayne Memorial: Coach Thomas Gibson's team is coming off a 12th-place finish at the Warrior Classic (Sept. 7) at Lake Erie Metropark.

The Zebras, who placed 12th in last year's regional and KLAA meets, will be led by junior Jonathan Boland, who clocked 16:57.4 (22nd overall) at the Warrior Classic, along with junior Trent Griffith (25th, 18:24.7)

Westland John Glenn: It's going to be tough sledding this fall for the Rockets, who opened their season Sept. 11 against Churchill with only three runners - Joey Nunez, Joe Molinaro and Justin Cox.

Glenn entered only three runners at last year's Division 1 regional meet.

Contact Brad Emons at be The Chiefs, who took sixth in the re- mons@hometownlife.com. Follow him

Canton moving up the HTL weekly Top 10

Marty Budner hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Canton is surging up the Hometown Life's Top-10 weekly rankings.

Catholic Central, which moved back into the top position this week, Farmington Harrison and Brother Rice had been entrenched as the top three teams all season.

Not anymore.

Canton, with three straight victories after a season-opening loss to Livonia Churchill, has moved up two spots to the No. 3 slot this week. Brother Rice, following its loss to De La Salle, slid out of the top three.

Following is this week's Top-10 list:

L Catholic Central (3-1)

Last week: No. 2. The Shamrocks are back in the top spot for third time in four weeks. Head coach Dan Anderson's pound-the-rock squad slipped to No. 2 last week, but bounced nicely from a Week 2 loss with a 37-point victory over U-D Jesuit. CC puts its No. 1 ranking on the line this week without its injured starting quarterback Jack Beno. Next game: Sept. 22 vs. Brother Rice at Berkley's Hurley Field, 7 p.m.

2. Farmington Harrison (3-1)

Last week: No. 3. Harrison's lone loss this season was to talented Oak Park in OAA White Division action. The Hawks continue to refine their offense, led by Northwestern-bound senior running back Rod Heard, as they enter their final homecoming game ever this week. Harrison now must work its way through three straight Rochester-based opponents over the next three weeks. Next game: Sept. 22 home vs. Stoney Creek, 1 p.m.

3. Canton (3-1)

Last week: No. 5. The Chiefs allowed 35 points in their season-opening loss to Churchill, but have rebounded nicely by giving up just 35 points combined in their three-game winning streak. Steve Walker and his Canton teammates captured the P-CEP championship with wins over Salem and Plymouth the last two weeks. Canton now gears for a huge



South Lyon defeated Birmingham Seaholm on a field goal with five seconds remaining in the game to go 4-0 on the season. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

KLAA West Division showdown. Next game: Sept. 21 at Brighton, 7 p.m.

4. Brother Rice (3-1)

Last week: No. 1: The Warriors were blanked by Warren De La Salle last week for their first loss and slid down the chute to No. 4. Brother Rice's offense was absent against the defending Catholic League and Division 2 state champion Pilots. It doesn't get any easier this week. The Warriors have lost three straight games to their arch rivals. Next game: Sept. 22 vs. Catholici Central at Berkley's Hurley Field, 7 p.m.

5. South Lyon (4-0)

Last week: No. 6, The Lions are in the midst of an amazing turnaround season under fourth-year head coach Jeff Henson. After having won only one game all of last year, the Cardiac Kids remained undefeated following last week's lastminute non-league victory over visiting Birmingham Seaholm thanks to a 32yard field goal by senior Connor Harris. Next game: Sept. 21 at Milford, 7 p.m.

6. South Lyon East (3-1)

Last week: Unranked. The Cougars fell in Week 3 to non-league foe Traverse City Central by four points, but rebounded nicely last week with a 28-13 victory over Walled Lake Northern to remain tied atop the Lakes Valley Conference with Walled Lake Western and South Lyon, all 3-0. Chris Kaminski, Sean Clary and Colt Kovach face a tough LVC road test this week. Next game:

Sept. 21 at White Lake Lakeland, 7 p.m.

7. Livonia Franklin (3-1)

Last week: Unranked. Franklin is on a three-game winning streak following last week's dismantling of rival Stevenson to jump into the HTL rankings for the first time this season. The Patriots amassed 410 yards total offense, scoring on four straight possessions after opening with a three-and-out. Franklin is in a three-way tie for first in the KLAA West Division with Belleville and Dearborn Fordson. Next game: Sept 21 home vs. Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.

8. Farmington (4-0)

Last week: No. 9: Farmington continues to thrive under second-year head coach Kory Cioroch. The Falcons are 4-0 for the first time since 2012 and lead the OAA Blue Division with a 4-0 record. Senior running back Kendall Williams is well on his was to a second-straight 1,000-yard plus season rushing effort. Next game: Sept. 21 home vs. Auburn Hills Avondale, 7 p.m.

9. Birmingham Seaholm (3-1)

Last week: No. 7: The Maples fell from the undefeated ranks after last week's heartbreaking three-point nonleague loss to South Lyon. Despite the loss, Seaholm still has its goals of a Blue Division title and its first postseason berth in five years ahead of it. Seniors Gray Kinnie, Chase Mentag Max Schumarker, Paul Jokisch and Tre Hairston still have a lot to play for. Next game: Sept. 21 at Royal Oak, 7 p.m.

10. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (3-1)

Last week: No. 10. Cranbrook Kingswood used the powerful leg of Chris Paulus (four field goals) to capture its first Catholic League AA Division victory last week. The Cranes, under firstyear head coach Scott Steward, continue to hold the final spot in the HTL rankings and are halfway to a fifth straight postseason berth. Next game: Sept. 22 home vs. Walled Lake Central, 1

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Top-ranked Belleville holds off upset-mind Glenn

Here's a roundup of all the games taking place during week 4 of the Michigan High School Athletic Association in the Hometown Life area.

Friday, Sept. 14, games

Belleville 26, Westland John Glenn 20: Michigan State commit Julian Barnett returned the second-half kickoff 70 yards for a TD as the Tigers (4-0, 3-0) rallied from a 21-19 halftime deficit to hold off upset-minded Westland John Glenn (2-2, 1-2) in a KLAA East Division clash. Glenn quarterback Chad Stevens connected with Dante Barthwell on a 40-yard TD pass and also hit Jarred Tarrance on a 39-yard TD toss. Barthwell also scored on a 70-yard run.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 19, Dearborn Divine Child 14: Cranbrook Kingswood's offense did not score a touchdown, but the Cranes still managed to put up 19 points in a Catholic League AA Division game Friday in Dearborn. Sophomore kicker Chase Paulus led the offense by kicking four field goals -25, 27, 29 and 47 yards. He also kicked the extra point following a 25-yard pick-six by Cranbrook Kingswood defender Tariq Muhamad. The Cranes held a 13-0 halftime lead before Divine Child scored a pair of secondhalf touchdowns by Tyler Whiteside (2 and 17 yards).

Brighton 24, Plymouth 7

Canton 42, Salem 9: The Chiefs (3-1, 3-0) racked up 361 yards total offense to beat the rival Rocks (1-3, 0-3) in a KLAA West Division game. Steven Walker was Canton's leading rusher with 98 yards on nine carries and two TDs. Quarterback Ben Stesiak was 2-of-4 passing, including a 66-yard TD pass to Luke Jouppi. He also rushed for a TD. Noah VanBerkel paced the defense with seven

Dearborn 52, Wayne Memorial 6: Nick Tafelski passed for 350 yards and three TDs as the Pioneers (2-2, 1-2) rolled to the KLAA East Division victory over host Wayne Memorial (0-4, 0-3). Tommy Guajardo added 103 yards in receptions and a TD, while Ali Makled also caught a TD. Isaac Thomas scored on a 15-yard run for Wayne's only score.

Quarterback Jacquis Gant rushed for 55 yards, while Kevin Downs had six tackles defensively for the Zebras.

Dearborn Fordson 36, Livonia Churchill 25: Senior quarterback Drew Alsobrooks threw three TD passes in a losing cause as the host Chargers (2-2, 1-2) fell to the Tractors (4-0, 3-0) in a KLAA East battle. Alsobrooks hit Shane Morelli (25 yards), Avery Grenier (6 yards) and Joel Forgacs (13 yards), while also booting a 32-yard field goal. After trailing 30-10, Churchill battled back to within 35-26 after Brendan Lowry hit Forgacs for a two-point conversion pass, but the Chargers couldn't recover the onside kick with less than four minutes left. Fordson QB Hussein Ajami was 16-of-26 passing for 163 yards and two TDs. Abe Jaafar added 133 yards rushing and two TDs.

Dearborn Heights Crestwood 27, **Redford Union 8**

Detroit Catholic Central 42, U-D Jesuit 7: Alabama transfer Bryson Trantham ran for a touchdown and added a fumble recovery for another TD as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (3-1) downed University of Detroit Jesuit (2-2) in an Catholic League inter-sectional matchup. Quarterback Jack Beno hit Nate Anderson on a 63-yard TD pass, while Keegan Koehler, Noah Shanlian and Cole Price also ran for scores. Hunter Pendergraff added a fumble recovery.

Farmington 48, Hazel Park 6: Kendall Williams returned an interception 86 yards for a score and added 156 yards rushing and two TDs as the Falcons (4-0, 3-0) rolled to an OAA Blue Division win over the visiting Vikings (1-3, 0-3).

Farmington Hills Harrison 39, Troy

Garden City 38, Thurston 0: David McDaniel ran for a game-best 247 yards on 27 carries, including TD runs of 7 and 2 yards, to lead the host Cougars (3-1, 3-0) to a Western Wayne Athletic Conference win over Redford Thurston (1-3, 1-2). Jay Castonguay added 81 yards on three carries, including TD runs of 33 and 34 yards. Chase McGraw also ran for 2-yard TD, while Logan Evans booted a 37-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to give Garden City a 31-0 lead. Logan Funchess led Thurston with 148 yards

rushing on eight carries, with TD runs of 68 and 43 yards. Antonio Mathis also returned a fumble for an Eagles' TD. Thurston lost three fumbles and was outgained 376-206 in total offense. Top tacklers for Thurston were Xavier Coleman-Patillo (12) and Maki Dunigan (nine).

Groves 35, Rochester 28: Groves running back Demonte McCurdy carried the ball 14 times for 90 yards and three touchdowns to lead Groves to this OAA White Division road victory Friday. McCurdy also ran back a fumble for a touchdown. Colby Taylor gained 61 yards and also scored a touchdown for Groves. Linebacker Joel Mitchell registered eight tackles and had one pass break up for the winners. Charlie Riddle (four tackles with two sacks) had a strong defensive game for Groves.

Hartland 42, Northville 20: Reece Potter rushed for 207 yards on 15 carries, including touchdown runs of 50, 49 and 10 yards, as the host Eagles (2-2, 2-1) stopped the Mustangs (1-3, 0-3) in a KLAA West Division game. Hartland quarterback Holden D'Arcy was 10-of-13 passing for 198 yards, including TD passes to Logan Tobel (19 yards), Zach Linfield (2 yards) and Tanner Culver (16 yards). Northville, unable to recover from a 28-7 halftime, deficit got TDs from Nick Lauderback (13-yard run), Nolan Knight (73-yard pass from Trevor Schornack) and Enzo Rodriguez (41yard run). Lauderback had a team-best 80 yards on 16 carries, while Dan McLaughlin had five catches for 34 yards. Hartland outgained Northville in total yards, 460-338. Jake DelCampo and Brian Tijan were the Mustangs' top tacklers with six and seven, respective-

Howell 21, Novi 17: Matt Hornyak threw TD passes of 35 and 81 yards to Nathan Eades as the Highlanders (2-2, 2-1) scored 14 unanswered points in the final quarter to spoil homecoming for the Wildcats (1-3, 1-2) in a KLAA West game. Novi led 10-0 at halftime on a 4yard run by Troy Aikins, followed by a Gonzalo Cristobal 22-yard field goal. Malik McGhee's 1-yard TD run with 5:18 left in the third gave Novi a 17-0 advantage before Hornyak, who was 14-of-24

passing for 218 yards, hit John Trochio on a 7-yard TD pass with 2:21 left in the third. Eades had seven catches for 154 yards, while Josn Erno was Novi's leading rusher with 22 carries for 124 yards. Novi outgained Howell in total yards, 288-218. Matt George had six unassisted tackles, while Gavin Parenti and Kyle Heslop both added a sack for Novi.

Livonia Franklin 49, Livonia Ste-

North Farmington 34, Pontiac 14 Romulus 46, Livonia Clarenceville 6: Kavon LeCroix rushed for 188 yards on 12 carries and two touchdowns to give the Eagles (1-3, 1-2) the WWAC victory at Livonia Clarenceville (0-4, 0-3).

South Lyon 31, Birmingham Seaholm 28

South Lyon East 28, Walled Lake Northern 13: South Lyon East raised its record to 3-1 with this Lakes Valley Conference triumph. Quarterback Chris Kaminski tossed three touchdown passes, two to Sean Clary and the other to Colt Kovach. Matt Gilbert rushed for 70 yards on 17 carries for East. Clary also had a fumble recovery, which he returned for a touchdown. Defensively, the Cougars were led by Ayden Oliver, Terry Day and Drew Ranson.

Sterling Heights Parkway 59, Lutheran Westland 7: Julian Davis rushed for 234 yards and three TDs, along with a punt return for a TD, while Maurice Hutchinson added 226 yards on just five carries and four TDs as host Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (4-0, 2-0) posted a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win over Lutheran High Westland (1-3, 0-1).

Walled Lake Central 36, Milford 34 Warren De La Salle 13, Birmingham **Brother Rice 0**

West Bloomfield 50, Bloomfield

White Lake Lakeland 20, Waterford Kettering 12

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Livonian Bartnick captures GAM senior men's crown

Gregory Johnson Special to hometownlife com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Bolstered by a hole-in-one. David Bartnick of Livonia came from behind Tuesday to capture the 32nd Golf Association of Michigan Senior Championship at Battle Creek Country Club.

Bartnick, 59-year-old owner of DB Communications in Livonia, shot a closing 1-under 71 that featured a holein-one on the par 3 No. 4 hole of the Willie Park-designed course. He used a 7iron for the 157-yard shot. It was his third ace, but the first in competition.

"Perfect time to get it," said Bartnick, a Redford Bishop Borgess grad. "It was absolutely great to see it go in."

Bartnick's 71 left him at 1-over 145 for the tournament, one shot better than Mike LeBarre, a Battle Creek CC mem-



Livonia resident David Bartnick is the Golf Association of Michigan senior men's champion. GREGORY JOHNSON

ber who shot 74 for 146.

Westland's Matt Wiley, who shot 74, and Ann Arbor's James Landi who shot 75, tied for third at 147.

Bartnick, who started the day three shots off the lead and finished second by five shots last year to Craig Adams of Spring Lake at Muskegon Country Club, came back this year wanting a chance to win his first GAM title.

"The course played very hard," said Bartnick, who played basketball at Northwood University. "There was not going to be a 66 like last year. In talking with some of my competitors, I knew that getting anything under par, and it didn't have to be very far under par, was going to give you a chance to win it."

Rick Herpich of Orchard Lake shot 5under 67 in the first round for a sevenshot in the super senior division and held that lead through the second round with 73 for 140.

Canton's Mike Fedewa, the 2007 senior champion who shot 69 to close at 147,

was second. Ann Arbor's David Gordonshot 76 for 148 and third, while Mike Sequite of Marshall shot 75 for 149.

Herpich, who is 65, retired and competed in the super senior division this year for the first time, said he had never had a seven-stroke advantage before.

"It was a new experience and I found out it's not easy paying with the lead," he said. "You try to follow up a great round with a good round and you play conservatively. I was pretty solid today, though. Yesterday was seven birdies and two bogeys and I putted really well. Today, I just kept it in front of me and kept the lead."

A field of 156 golfers, 105 playing for the senior title for golfers ages 55 and over, plus 51 playing in the super senior division for golfers ages 65 and over, played two rounds over two days.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Now on opposite sides, PCA mates still best of friends

Tim Smith hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN**

They don't wear the same uniform these days, but that doesn't spoil things for Plymouth Christian Academy alums Grace Kellogg and Abigail Pray.

After playing important roles for the Eagles en route to back-to-back Class D state championships, Kellogg and Pray have moved on to the Division III collegiate level.

Kellogg is playing for Calvin College, while Pray is with Olivet College, both in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Activities Association. One is a Knight, the other a Comet.

But both realize they are friends and former Eagles who experienced something pretty special the final two years of their high school careers.

"It is definitely hard not being able to play volleyball with Abbi anymore," outside hitter/defensive specialist Kellogg wrote an email to hometownlife.com on the eve of the Sept. 8 Calvin-Olivet match-up. "But I'm so thankful that we're still able to see each other in conference games.

"We also are only an hour apart, so we can easily meet up whenever we are not busy. Being opponents is definitely weird, since we were always such a good team together, but it is still fun to have a little friendly competition. We will both forever cherish our time on the court together, even while being opponents."

Pray, who is a setter for Olivet, is in agreement.

"On Saturday, it will be hard to catch up, since we both have games before we play each other and then as soon as we're done after, my team will be heading back to our campus," Pray wrote. "But we've stayed in touch and being friends for so long before going off to college helped us develop a friendship that will last a long time, whether we see each other every day or not won't change that.

"It will be weird playing against each other and I'll always treasure the times we did have to play together that prepared us both to get to this point in our volleyball careers."

Kellogg and the Knights remained undefeated with a 3-0 match win against the Comets. She contributed seven kills, three aces and seven digs. Meanwhile, Pray tallied five assists, four digs and one ace.

Insider info

Of course, the lifelong friends (actually since fourth grade) pretty much know what makes each other tick. That means Kellogg has a pretty good idea how Pray will set up a teammate something she knows from first-hand experience.

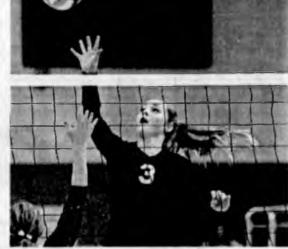
"She's always been my setter, so we basically had seven years to form the great setter-hitter connection we had (at PCA)," Kellogg wrote. "We understand each other so well as friends off the court, so I think that also had an impact on how well we worked together on the court."

Pray noted both have grown "side by side" in their skills.

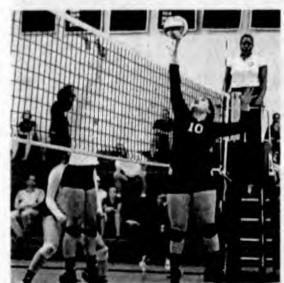
"I think going to school together and building the friendship we did off the court helped our chemistry on the court by us being able to communicate and



Olivet's Abigail Pray (left) and Calvin's Grace Kellogg, part of back-to-back volleyball state championship teams at Plymouth Christian, played against each other during a college game Sept. 8.



Grace Kellogg's tip during the second set of last season's Class D state final in Battle Creek enabled the Eagles to prevail as they won the state championship. TOM LANG



During this 2017-18 game, Plymouth Christian's Abigail Pray (right) tips the ball at the net against Livonia Ladywood. JOHN KEMSKI J EXPRESS PHOTO

wrote. "Grace and I have so many inside jokes and love laughing when we're together, so I think keeping it light on the court helped us play our best and keep relaxed and calm."

Both girls are going to a relatively small, religious college on the west side of the state.

Still, the adjustment from PCA to college is a pretty big deal — especially for two student-athletes with such a desire to achieve and succeed.

According to Kellogg, a Class D allstater last year, "Life as a college athlete is definitely a lot more demanding than high school. It's a lot more competitive, tell, contact Tim Smith at especially because every game matters.

"Getting a NCAA bid into regionals him on Twitter @TimSmith_Sports. understand each other easier," Pray depends on how we do during our nor-

mal season, unlike high school, where everyone gets a chance to compete during postseason in their district games. It's a fun change though and I'm really enjoying Calvin."

"It's hard going from class sometimes until 3:10, to practice from 3:30-6 and then getting homework and social time in," Pray wrote. "But I've loved every minute of it. For me, keeping busy is something I love and, believe it or not, it helps me manage my time and homework better by getting it does as soon as it's assigned."

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Northville's **Simoncini** tops poll

Brad Emons

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It's been quite a season so far for Mariella Simoncini and the Northville girls golf team.

The Mustangs, ranked No. 1 in Division 1 for the first time in school history, have won all six invitationals they've entered this season and remain undefeated.

One of the big reasons for Northville's success is Simoncini, who was recently voted Hometown Life prep Athlete of the Week after garnering 7,816 votes (nearly 50 percent). She edged Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day football player Josh Winovich, who received 6,563 votes (nearly 42

The senior captain earned the nod after carding a career-best 3-under 67 to earn individual medalist honors Sept. 7 at the Farmington Invitational at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

Here is a closer look at the latest Hometown Life prep Athlete of the Week honoree.

1. Tell us about your round at the Farmington Invitational: "I maintained a good attitude throughout the round, staying confident and relaxed while searching for more birdies. My putting was really great that day and certainly a major component. Our golf coach Chris Cronin has really been stressing the importance of putting with our team and it is certainly work-

ing." 2. If you had a dream foursome to play with, who would it be? "I would love to play with Nelly Korda and my Italian role models, Giulia Molinaro and Francesco Molinari."

3. What is your favorite subject in school? "My favorite subject in school is math, but I like my English class with coach Cronin, too."

4. Any future golf/college plans beyond high school? "I am verbally committed to play Division I golf at Oakland University in the fall of 2019. I plan on getting an undergrad degree in finance or economics there."

5. Your all-time favorite movie? "'Divergent,' but I can't yet hit a golf ball Happy Gilmore-style very well, so I should probably watch that movie again."

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Northville senior golf captain Mariella Simoncini was voted Hometown Life LIVINGSTON DAILY

CC vs. Rice headlines Week 5 schedule

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The time has come to separate the men from the boys.

Heading into Week 5 of the high school football season, division races have already begun to take shape and have come clearly into focus in the KLAA West and East Divisions, along with the Catholic League's Central Division and the Lakes Valley Conference.

Several critical match-ups are on the horizon for this weekend, highlighted by the Game of the Week between long-time rivals Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Birmingham Brother Rice.

For countless years, the coaching match-up was between legends Tom Mach (CC) and Al Fracassa (Rice). And now it's Dan Anderson against Adam Korzeniewski.

And there's a slight twist, or subplot, as they say.

Fracassa's immediate successor was Dave Sofran, who coached the Warriors for three seasons before being let go. Now Sofran is an assistant at CC under Anderson. An interesting match-up, to say the least, with CC leading the all-time series, 31-30-1.

Here's a quick snapshot of this weekend's key games.

5 to watch

(all games at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, unless noted)

Canton (3-1, 3-0) at Brighton (3-1,



3-0): This should be for all the marbles

in the KLAA West Division with both

teams on a roll since losing their season

opener. Canton's full-house T offensive

attack is hitting on all cylinders right

now, led by speedy running back Steve

Walker and shifty QB Ben Stesiak.

Brighton counters with dual run-pass

threat Will Jontz at quarterback. Picks:

Emons (Canton), Budney (Canton),

nia Franklin (3-1, 3-0): Nobody has

played a tougher schedule so far than

Churchill, which is coming off a 36-25

loss to unbeaten Dearborn Fordson.

Franklin, meanwhile, drubbed KLAA

East rival Livonia Stevenson, 49-7, to

win its third straight. This will be a

match-up of left-handed gun-slinging

quarterbacks in Churchill's Drew Also-

brooks and Franklin's Jake Kelbert. The

two teams split last year and this is the

Livonia Churchill (2-2, 1-2) at Livo-

Smith (Canton).

Catholic
Central's
Keegan
Koehler (right)
runs for
daylight during
the Shamrocks'
42-7 win over
U-D Jesuit.
SCOTT CONFER

50th all-time meeting between the two rivals, with Franklin leading the series, 33-16. Picks: Emons (Churchill), Budner (Churchill), Smith (Franklin).

Auburn Hills Avondale (3-1, 1-1) at Farmington (4-0, 3-0): The Kendall Williams-led Falcons, coming off a 48-6 victory over Hazel Park, have been sailing along in the OAA Blue Division so far. Avondale suffered its first loss of the season against Ferndale, 39-12, a team Farmington defeated the previous week, 10-7. Picks: Emons (Farmington), Budner (Farmington), Smith (Farmington).

South Lyon East (3-1, 3-0) at White Lake Lakeland (2-2, 2-2): South Lyon East, led by quarterback Chris Kaminski, has been an early season surprise. The Cougars, coming off a 28-13 win over Walled Lake Northern, could help solidify themselves in the Lakes Valley Conference race. Up-and-down Lake-

land, which defeated last-place Waterford Kettering, 20-12, is still searching for an identity offensively. Picks: Emons (Lakeland), Budner (Lakeland), Smith (East).

Detroit Catholic Central (3-1, 0-0) vs. Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (3-1, 0-1), 7 p.m. Saturday at Berkley's Hurley Field: This Catholic League Central Division match-up could have Prep Bowl implications. The Shamrocks, who started out with a very challenging schedule, rebounded nicely after losing their first game (34-10 to Toledo Catholic Central) by shellacking University of Detroit-Jesuit, 42-7, as Jack Beno filled in nicely for injured starting quarterback Marco Genrich. Rice only made it inside the red zone once in a 13-0 Central Division loss last week to Warren De La Salle. Picks: Emons (CC), Budner (CC), Smith (CC).

Bonus game

Stoney Creek (1-3, 0-3) at Farmington Harrison (3-1, 2-1), 1 p.m. Saturday: This will be the final homecoming game for the Hawks, who got back on track after losing the previous week 23-15 to Oak Park with a 39-10 OAA White Division win over Troy. Stoney Creek, upended last week by Oak Park, 41-14, has lost three straight after winning the season opener. Picks: Emons (Harrison), Budner (Harrison), Smith (Harrison).

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PREP FOOTBALL

Brighton posts 24-7 victory over Plymouth

Bill Khan

Livingston Daily

There were the heroes you'd expect for Brighton, like Will Jontz breaking off a long touchdown run and Jack Krause intercepting a pass.

And there were the heroes you wouldn't expect, players deeper on the depth chart, like sophomore running back Sheldon Riley scoring a key touchdown and long snapper Seth Steinacker coming up with a recovery of a muffed punt

All of those efforts and more added Friday up to a 24-7 victory for the Bull-

dogs over Plymouth.
Following are five takeaways:

JONTZ CAN'T BE STOPPED

It's no secret that Brighton's offense is most dangerous when Jontz tucks the ball and takes off.

Plymouth honed in on the quarter-back right from the start, holding him to zero yards on his first three carries. The problem for the Wildcats was his fourth carry, which he broke off for a 58-yard touchdown on third-and-10 to open the scoring with 7:16 left in the first quarter.

"It was a scramble right," Jontz said.
"I just saw an opening and took it."

Opposing coaches took notice after Jontz shredded a talented Belleville defense on opening night, not that first-year Plymouth coach Brian Lewis needed an introduction. Lewis was Brighton's offensive coordinator for two years, including Jontz's sophomore season on the varsity.

"He's a dude," Lewis said. "He's a great player. He's a special kid, too. I know the kid. He's just a great kid, a great player, the whole nine. That was a huge part, trying to stop him, but they've got a lot of guys who are good players. That's what they do well is they spread it out and get a lot of guys involved."

Jontz finished with 148 yards on 20 carries. He was held to 3 yards or less on 12 carries, but had five of 10 yards or more.

"It's great to have an athlete back there who can take it to the house every time," Brighton coach Brian Lemons said. "Teams are going to try to load up to try to stop him. We have to have other options. Right now, those options are executing."

BRIGHTON'S DEFENSE LEGIT

The result didn't go down as a shutout for Brighton, but the defense was unscored upon for the second time in three games.

Plymouth's only touchdown came on a 48-yard interception return by Jack Angott with 4:33 left in the first quarter, tying the game, 7-7.

The Wildcats were held to 180 yards on 46 plays, with 47 of those yards com-



Plymouth's Brenden Tardiff carries the ball while Brighton's Jack Krause moves in for the tackle. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON

ing on the final possession with primarily backups on the field.

"They're really good up front," said Plymouth junior quarterback Nick Downs, who was 4-of-14 passing for 63 yards and ran six times for 4 yards. "They're really tough. They had seven, eight guys in the box."

Brighton's defense has allowed only one touchdown in its last three games, that coming on Hartland's opening drive in Week 3.

"The biggest thing is, we all are best friends," Krause said. "Every guy on that defense, I trust with my life. We just feed off each other. We go out there and have fun and it takes care of itself."

OPPORTUNITY MAXIMIZED

Riley, a sophomore, was in the game for only one series, but he made the most of his limited playing time.

Riley and senior Mike Casteel split time at running back on the Bulldogs' opening possession of the second half while starter Chris Seguin got some extra rest on the sidelines. Riley got the ball on third-and-four from the 10-yard line, ran behind the right side of the line and lunged to get the ball past the goal line, giving Brighton a 17-7 lead with 7:08 left in the third quarter.

"My blockers turned and I followed right off their butts and scored," Riley said. "Some guy grabbed my jersey and tore it in half. ... It ripped right here. I've got to go home and sew it."

Riley had only three carries for 13 yards. In four games, he has eight carries for 42 yards.

REVERSE MOMENTUM

Angott's 48-yard interception return for a touchdown should have provided a spark for Plymouth, but it may have been the wake-up call that Brighton needed.

The defense made sure the Wildcats wouldn't score again. After a rough start passing the ball, Jontz completed six of his final nine attempts for 75 yards.

"In a weird way, it was a really good with 5.8 seconds left in the first half.

moment for our group," Lemons said. "It was a real slap in the face. We bounced right back. It was good to see. A lesser team probably would've crumbled there, but our guys stood strong."

SPECIAL TEAMS

It was still anybody's game, with Brighton leading 10-7, when Plymouth forced a punt on the Bulldogs' first possession of the third quarter.

The complexion of the game changed dramatically when Plymouth's Jack Wernstrom tried to field a high bouncing punt and couldn't get control of the ball. Steinacker pounced on it at the Wildcats' 16-yard line. Three plays later, Riley scored and Brighton had a 17-7 lead.

Plymouth followed with its best-sustained drive of the game, but Jackson Vacca pushed a 39-yard field-goal attempt just wide to the left with 2:57 left in the third. Brighton connected on its only field-goal attempt of the game, with Paul Skoczylas making a 27-yarder with 5.8 seconds left in the first half

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Northville digging it on all levels, sweeps Plymouth

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When Northville's varsity volleyball team practices, players challenge each other to "dig or die," namely diving all over the gymnasium to keep the ball from touching the floor.

"It's this big rally game we play all the time," Northville head coach Julie Fisette said. "The girls are constantly going after balls and making great plays and just letting it all out. Keep it fun, keep it lively, keep a lot of energy and you win games."

The Mustangs carried their practice mantra into KLAA West action Sept. 13, sweeping host Plymouth 3-0.

Northville earned 25-14, 25-15 and 25-9 wins over Plymouth to improve to 19-2 overall and at the very least maintain its No. 7 ranking by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association.

"Rankings are nice, but it doesn't matter," Fisette said. "Nothing matters until the end. So we're just playing along and keeping the focus and playing to the best of our ability and we'll see how it shakes out at the end."

But there was much more to Northville's victory than players skinning their knees on defense — although senior and MSU commit Hannah Grant registered 18 defensive digs from her libero position (along with six assists).

Also contributing to the team's 50 total digs were junior Emma Stiles (seven digs), junior Izzy Guleff (five digs) and senior Gabi Fisette (four digs).

Northville's attack was orchestrated by setter Fisette, who has a knack for passing the ball in all directions and setting it up on a tee for hard-hitting players such as senior Michael VanAcker (10 kills), junior Ellie Czarnota (eight kills) and junior Clare McNamara (seven

"We've been working really hard at the girls just all getting in there and having energy and contributing and hitting," coach Fisette said. "I think the last two games we've had this week, we've really gotten in there, played our game and kept the energy level high and we were able to take care of business."

Feeling energized

Gabi Fisette concurred that the team is having a blast on and off the floor, which is contributing to the fast start.

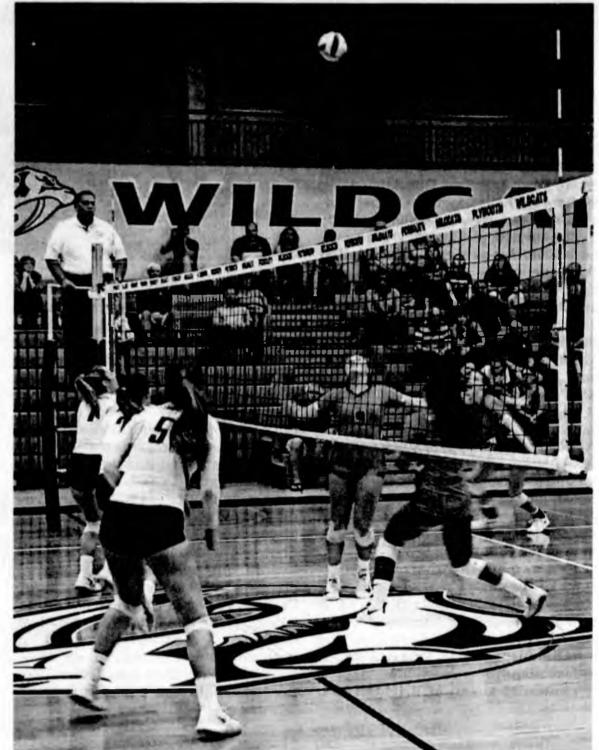
"This year, we have a lot of energy, just making sure to stay up," she said. "We're staying up really close to each other, like making sure that we all have each other's backs, just really good teammates."

Plymouth head coach Sheila Weber lamented her team (2-2) not being ready to go up against one of the KLAA West's tougher squads.

"I would definitely say that we found out what it's going look like to play in our side of the division, which is that a lot of teams are going to be tough," Weber said. "And so this was kind of our first challenge, our first taste of our division and we weren't quite ready for it."

Nothing went very well for Plymouth, although Lily Wasik (13 assists), Maddie Charles (eight digs) and Kayla Courtney (nine digs, three kills, two blocks) had respectable numbers in a losing effort.

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Northville's Emma Stiles (right) waits for the ball to come down. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

GIRLS GOLF

Northville rules Top 50 **Invite in Battle Creek**

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It was billed as a preview for this year's MHSAA Division 1 girls golf state championships.

Saturday's Top 50 Invitational at the Bedford Valley Golf Club featured a majority of the state's top teams hoping to get a feel for the Battle Creek course, which will host the finals Oct. 19-20.

The top-ranked Northville Mustangs managed an early morning fog delay and used quality play throughout their lineup to record an impressive team score of 306 to win their seventh tournament in seven tries this season.

Plymouth was runner-up with 322, while Clarkston took third with 323.

"We accomplished what we came here to do today and I was happy with our approach and effort," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "There is still a lot of golf to be played this season and we know there are some areas we need to clean up if we hope to achieve our goals this season."

Nobody could match the round of two-time Miss Golf Anika Dy of Traverse City West, who carded 6-under 66 to earn medalist honors.

But Northville's super sophomore Nicole Whatley, who was part of a foursome of some of the state's best, placed runner-up with 2-under 70.

"I felt like I was just playing with three friends and having a good time on the course," Whatley said. "I know that I have the potential to compete with these girls on every shot and my mindset never really changed throughout the whole day."

Although Whatley made long putts, one for eagle on the par-5 fourth hole and one for birdie on No. 18, she felt her putting wasn't up to par.

"I missed some very easy putts and even three-putted a couple times," she said. "I feel like my irons were on fire to-

day, hitting lots of greens." Cronin wasn't surprised, however, by

his top player's success. "Nicole had a tough tournament last week, but she has tremendous grit as an athlete and I could see it all week in her preparation and play," he said.

Whatley also had the same take.

"Playing so well this week has been a real confidence-booster and practice is what is going to set some good rounds into motion for the postseason," she

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Northville's Nicole Whatley shot 2-under 70 to take second place in the Top 50 Junior Invitational at Bedford Valley Golf Club. DEBBIE STEIN

Northville were senior Mariella Simoncini (ninth, 77) and Katelyn Tokarz (10th, 78).

"Although birdies were tough to find, our strength as a team this season has been playing for pars and both Katelyn and Mariella recorded 11 on their round today," Cronin said. "Tokarz had it rolling early, playing the front nine in 2-over par (38). Katelyn was making quality contact with the ball all day and, when she does that, she sets herself up for success."

Meanwhile, Cronin also praised his captain's ability to keep battling.

"Mariella didn't have a great start to the round - 3-over after four holes but her mental approach is so strong," he said. "She just stays with it."

Northville's fourth scorer, Sufna Gill, shot 81 to tie for 15th as the junior had to scramble a bit when her early drives weren't finding the fairways. But she managed to card a solid round with some good work around the greens.

Northville's fifth player Sedona Shipka added 84 to place 20th.

Plymouth was paced by Shae Zydeck, who took eighth with 75. She was followed by Bridget Boczar (tied, for 10th, 78), Grace Boczar (tied for 18th, 83) and Rachel Stipel (tied for 23rd, 86). Marie Sullivan added 88.

Livonia Franklin placed seventh with a 348 total, led by Sophia Wydonik, who tied for 13th with 80. She was followed by Sophia Cueva (87), Stephanie Cueva (89) and Olivia Napier (92) and Sandreena Cueva (92).

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Ice dancing coach Shpilband extends stay at Novi Ice Arena

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World-renowned ice dancing coach Igor Shpilband has reached a new eight-year agreement to continue his training program at the Novi Ice Arena through the year 2026.

The city of Novi and the Suburban Sports Group made the announcement Sept. 13.

Shpilband first brought his expertise and ice dancing teams from all over the globe to train at the Novi Ice Arena in June 2012. Since that time, 17 ice dancing teams that have trained with Shpilband and his staff in Novi have gone on to represent their country at the last two Winter Olympic Games in Sochi (2014) and Pyeongchang (2018).

"I have been living in Novi for 12 years and (training) in the Novi Ice Arena for the last six," Shpilband said in a press release. "In that time, Novi has become home for many, many skaters from all over the world. We look forward to building an even stronger relationship and understanding (of ice dance) within the city of Novi and Novi Ice Arena — and are looking forward to the next eight years."

Since he arrived in the U.S. in 1990 and began his coaching career, the Moscow-born and former World Junior champion (1983 with former partner Tatiana Gladkova) has trained skaters at both the junior and senior level who have represented more than a dozen different countries, including the U.S. Canada, South Korea, Great Britain, Russia, Hungary, Germany, France, Lithuania, Estonia, Israel, Azerbaijan, Taipei, Italy, Poland, Ukraine and the Czech Republic.

The 54-year-old Shpilband has 10 full-time ice dancing teams, representing five countries, under his tutelage this season, along with other teams that share their training time in Novi. He is currently coaching Christina Carreira and Anthony Ponomarenko, the reigning U.S. Junior National champions and silver medalists at the 2018 Junior Worlds.

"The city of Novi is proud to host Igor and his teams for another eight years," said Jeff Muck, director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Service. "Igor has put the city on the map numerous times since 2012 and we are thrilled to continue our relationship. We look forward to celebrating the hard work and dedication of his teams on the international stage over the on Twitter: @BradEmonsl.



Olympic ice dance coach Igor Shpilband will continue coaching at the Novi Ice Arena the next eight

next several years."

This past year, former Italian ice dancer Pasquale Camerlengo joined Shpilband's ice dance coaching team.

Camerlengo was as a national dance champion, two-time Olympic team member and world competitor, who has now coached and choreographed programs on the World and Olympic stage.

"We are very pleased to have a longterm agreement in place with Igor and his ice dance team," said Erik Carlson, general manager of the Novi Ice Arena. "It is a unique situation to have worldclass ice dancers and future Olympians training right here in Novi. We look forward to cheering them on at all of their world events for years to come."

Most recently, Shpilband coached two-time Olympians, six-time U.S. medalists and two-time world medalists Madison Chock, a Novi High grad, and Evan Bates of Ann Arbor. The pair took ninth in the 2018 Olympics and fifth in the 2018 World Championships last March in Milan, Italy.

Chock shortly after underwent surgery to remove loose bone fragments in her ankle and, in late May, the two announced they were relocating to Montreal to train with Marie-France Dubreuil, Patrice Lauzon and Romain Ha-

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Bloomfield Hills defends county title

Marty Budner

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When it comes to girls golf in Oakland County, Bloomfield Hills rules.

Earlier this month, Bloomfield Hills Marian captured the Oakland County Division 2 tournament at the Links at Crystal Lake. On Sept. 12, neighboring Bloomfield Hills High School took home top honors in the Division 1 tournament for the second straight season.

The Black Hawks blistered the 21team field with a score of 325 at the Pontiac Country Club, winning by 23 strokes over runner-up Rochester Hills Stoney Creek. The Cougars carded 348 to finish second, followed by Farmington Hills Mercy (351), Clarkston (353) and South Lyon (357).

"We get into this event each year considering it our first major, per se," Bloomfield Hills head coach Brendan Harrington said. "So to go in this year, after just barely squeaking it out last year, with a target on our back and to win it like we did was very exciting.

"These girls work very hard on the off-days and it paid off today. They were thrilled to be able to walk away with another county title.

"I am just proud of this team and their cohesiveness. They get along very well. They laugh a lot. They work hard in practice on the drills I set up for them," he added. "I see them applying those techniques on the course and finding them to be successful. It is just a lot of fun to see them smiling and having fun this season."

Bloomfield Hills senior Mikaela Schulz captured medalist honors with a 1-under round of 71, winning by four



The Bloomfield Hills girls golf team, led by coach Brendan Harrington, captured its second consecutive Oakland County championship at the Pontiac Country Club.

dy and Notre Dame Prep's Danielle Staskowski, who both shot 75.

Schulz was 2-over on the front nine, but bounced back on the back nine with three birdies and six pars.

"Mikaela is never out of it," Harrington said. "All it takes is one shot/putt to get her back on track and that happened on the back nine."

The other three Black Hawks scorers were all within a shot of each other.

Paige Pierce was second for Bloomfield Hills with 84. Teammates Esha Varchasvi and Sanju Swamy both shot

Mercy's low scorer was Mia Soch,

strokes over Marian's Shannon Kenne- who tied for fourth overall with Stoney Creek's Domitille as they both finished at 77. Next for the Marlins were Sophie VanderWeele (89), Elyse Zurawski (90) and Anna Sauer (95).

> For South Lyon, Julia Vess led the way with a round of 83, which placed her in a ninth-place tie with Lake Orion's Marissa Kovac. Molly Mackey was next for the Lions at 90, closely followed by teammates Katie Potter (91) and Raya Sall (93).

The remaining team finishes included Detroit Country Day (359), Marian (359), Lake Orion (370), Notre Dame Prep (374), Rochester Adams (382), Birmingham Seaholm (387), Birmingham Groves (390), South Lyon East (402), Rochester (406), Novi (422), North Farmington (438) and Troy Athens (493). Berkley, Cranbrook-Kingswood and Walled Lake Central did not post a team score.

Individually, Country Day's Kristina Roberts (eighth, 82) and Natasha Samsanov (tied 12th, 85), Groves' Chloe Collon (tied 19th, 89) and DCD's Alana KcKeen, Seaholm's Allie Wiena and Sydney Pickell and Marian's Lauren Sass (tied for 22nd, 90) all finished among the top 25 in the 92-player field.

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PREP FOOTBALL

De La Salle scores early, shuts down Rice

Marty Budner

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What else would you expect?

Brother Rice and Warren De La Salle opened Catholic League play Friday with a typical Central Division battle. The host Pilots prevailed with their second straight shutout en route to hardfought 13-0 victory.

De La Salle, the defending Division 2 state and Catholic League champion, scored on its first two possessions then relied on its defense to keep the Warriors off the scoreboard. After opening the season with a loss to top-ranked Muskegon, the Pilots have responded with three straight wins in which they've outscored their opponents by a whopping 98-7 margin.

De La Salle hiked its mark to 3-1 overall and 1-0 in the Central Division. Brother Rice fell for the first time this season and is 3-1 and 0-L

"Defensively, I thought we played a great game," De La Salle head coach Mike Giannone said. "I thought they swarmed to the football. I thought our defensive coordinator Brandon Bush and Mike Short and Reuben Simpson and Andy Crowley and Mike Szatkowski did a great job getting those kids ready. They just rallied to the ball and did a great job and I'm proud of them.

"I look at our linebackers and our defensive ends contained them pretty good," he added. "(Rice's) quarterback is really good so (Michael) McGinnity and (Michael) Young played well for us and we got a good push and put some pressure on them. They are a good football team."

Second-year Rice head coach Adam Korzeniewski was also satisfied with his team's defense, which settled down after giving up the early points.

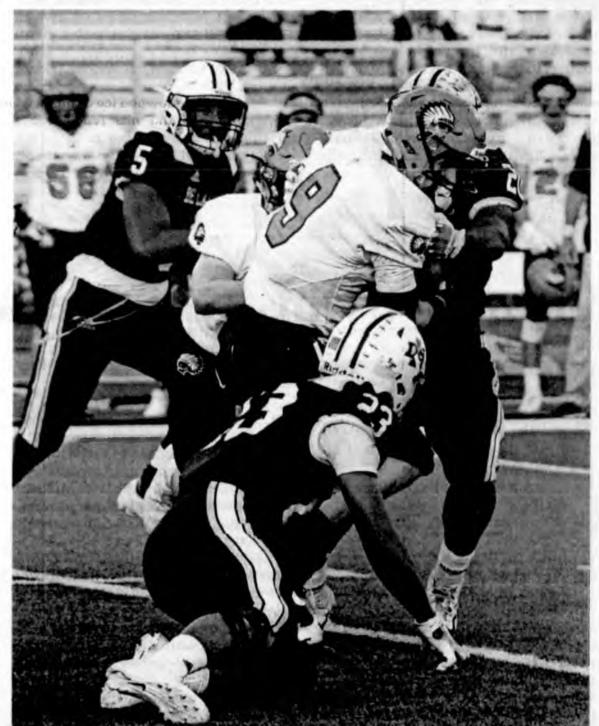
"They're tough kids and I'm extremely proud of them and I'm proud of the team," Korzeniewski said. "Those 11 kids, they play hard. It's a prideful group. They did what I asked them to do. De La Salle did some things that they haven't done and our guys were able to get off the field.

"There was nothing magical," he added. "They scored 13. As long as we keep doing what we're doing on 'D,' we can win. That's all. But we just have to score points. De La Salle is a good team, but so are we. We just have to be better in the first quarter and on offense."

Following are five takeaways:

DE LA SALLE'S SCORING PLAYS

Brother Rice had the game's first possession, but was forced to punt.



Brother Rice's Colin Gardner looks for running room against the De La Salle defense. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

De La Salle took the ball right down the field, scoring on Evan Vaillancourt's 6-yard run. The extra point was good and the Pilots were up 7-0.

The Pilots defense forced another punt on Rice's next possession and capitalized with their second touchdown when quarterback Anthony Stepnitz hit wide receiver Joshua DeBerry from 69 yards out. DeBerry, who had four receptions for 130 yards, made a nice play to snag the ball over a Rice defender and race into the end zone to make it 13-0. De La Salle missed the extra point.

De La Salle's defense then took con-

RICE'S OFFENSIVE WOES

Rice entered the game averaging 27 points through its first three non-conference wins. However, the Warriors

struggled all night against the Pilots.

The closest Rice got to scoring was midway through the final quarter, when it marched down to the De La Salle 16yard line. Four incompletions and a penalty later, the Warriors turned the ball over on downs at the Pilots' 21-yard line.

"For one, that's a good defense. We know that," Korzeniewski said. "And we had a couple guys that were open and we didn't execute. I also think we had too many mental errors and that's something we have to correct on the offensive side of the ball. We have to run the ball better."

Rice quarterback Greg Piscopink completed 14-of-28 passes for 156 yards. Running back James Donaldson rushed for 28 yards and wide receiver Patrick O'Hara caught five passes for 57 yards.

A COSTLY GAME

While Giannone was happy with the win, he was lamenting the toll the game took on his team.

Stepnitz, the junior quarterback, went down in the fourth quarter with an ankle injury and had to be helped off the field. He did not return, but threw for 139 yards with six completions before he went down.

De La Salle junior running back Gino Pelione also was forced to the sidelines.

"It was devastating, just devastating," Giannone said. "I just told one of our coaches it was a costly game right there. It was hard-fought, but we lost our running back and we lost our quarterback. It's terrible because those guys work so had and I feel so bad for them."

Giannone could not say how severe the injuries were, but added "it didn't look good at all."

THE EARLY ADVANTAGE

It marked the ninth straight season that De La Salle and Brother Rice met in the Central Division opener.

The Pilots have now won three of the last four meetings against the Warriors.

"This is huge," Giannone said. "Anytime you beat a team like Brother Rice on your home field, it was a great night Pilot Night and I couldn't be happier."

THE OVERALL SERIES

Brother Rice and De La Salle have now met 58 times, with the Warriors holding a 43-15 edge in the overall se-

The Pilots, however, own a 6-4 edge in their last 10 meetings, including the 2014 season, when they met twice. Rice won the regular-season game that season by a touchdown, but the Pilots avenged that defeat with a 26-21 playoff victory to win the Division 2 regional championship. That was Rice's only loss in 12 games.

The only team Rice has played more is fellow Catholic League member and arch-rival Catholic Central. The Shamrocks and Warriors have played 62 times and will meet again at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Hurley Field in Berkley.

"I don't know where else that I would want to play football than at Brother Rice," Korzeniewski said. "You're always going up against the top competition. We beat (Mishawka) Penn (out of Indiana), we get to go against the defending state champion (De La Salle) and we get to go against our arch rival and why would you go anywhere else to play football?"

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MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Beavers claim second straight USPBL championship

Marty Budner hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The United Shore Professional Baseball League has provided quality play and fun family entertainment over its three years of existence.

But when it comes to championships, it's the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers who rule the four-team independent league.

The Beavers have qualified for all three championship games since 2016. winning the last two playoff crowns. Birmingham-Bloomfield defeated the Eastside Diamond Hoppers, 9-3, in this year's title game played Sept. 9 at Jimmy John's Field in Utica.

In the USPBL's inaugural season, the Beavers lost to the Utica Unicorns in the championship game. Last year, they defeated the Westside Woolly Mammoths the circuit's newest team.

Adding in the Beavers' three regularseason titles, it's safe to say head coach Chris Newell has created quite an impact in the short history of the independent league, which is gaining quite a strong reputation around the metro

"For the first three years, we've definitely created a dynasty," said Newell, a former minor league coach who is widely regarded as a top-notch hitting instructor. "To be the first and only team to win the regular-season title for three straight years is special. And to be the first and only team to repeat as champions is special.

"These players have created a nice little legacy, if you will, in our league. I know these kids are holding their heads very high. They're proud and they should be. Ever since I've been in baseball, I've preached we're all products of our preparation.

"And we prepared them to be successful every single day. They all know that," he added. "There's a right way to do things and a right way to be successful and, thankfully, my players have bought in to what we're trying to do.'

A competitive season

The league's parity allowed for some exciting competition all season.

Birmingham-Bloomfield began with three consecutive wins but then lost six straight. It took a while for the Beavers to get back to .500, finally bouncing up to the top of the standings to clinch first place overall in late August with a 6-3 win over the Diamond Hoppers.



The Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers celebrate their victory over the Eastside Diamond Hoppers in the USPBL championship game. JOSE JUAREZ

The regular-season's overall winner is awarded the automatic berth into the USPBL championship game, awaiting the winner among the other three teams. The Diamond Hoppers advanced to the title game for the first time in franchise history with the goal of dethroning the champs.

"It's important to get that top seed," Newell said. "You get the full rest and you get all hands on deck as far as the pitching staff is concerned. We were able to throw our ace all three years. It was awesome."

Birmingham-Bloomfield took an early 4-0 lead in the title game and went on to the six-run victory, scoring seven of their nine runs with two outs.

Shortstop Thomas Roulis, who drove in two runs, and left-handed pitcher Kevin Matthews, a former first-round pick of the Texas Rangers out of high school who struck out eight in 5% strong innings to register the win, were named the game's co-Most Valuable Players. Ryan Smith and Nicholas Campana both had two hits and southpaw reliever Gerry Salisbury got out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the sixth with the Beavers leading 4-2.

Reliever Brian Heldman got Eastside's Trey Bridis on a ground out to third base to end the game and secure the team's second championship in three years.

A special moment

For Newell, it was a special day for a

First of all, he had dedicated the 2018 season to his childhood friend, Nathan Schomberg, who died right before the season started. Second, he clinched the title on his 45th birthday. Third, winning in front of family and friends sparked enormous sentiments.

"It's very special. The week of opening day, I buried my first ever best friend, so I dedicated the season to him and he was watching down on us, for sure," Newell said. "It was such a great moment. I've been so blessed to have great family support, as well as friend support. They've been by my side from day one. This just isn't me celebrating championships. It's everyone in my life and they're all a big part of it.

"It's nice that we set the precedent high and that was my plan from the be-

ginning," he added. "I came in with a purpose and, thankfully, I brought the right guys in for the first three years and I couldn't be more proud of all three clubs that I had."

Newell said the USPBL, founded by Bloomfield Hills resident Andy Appleby, capped another successful season.

"Andy and his staff, for the third straight year, hit a grand slam," Newell said. "We've had close to 30 players sign Major League Baseball contracts and that's a testament to everyone involved. They have identified the right players. the ones who can get out and move on to

"And the atmosphere (at Jimmy John's Field) is really unbelievable. People show up and you just know there are going to be 3,400 fans every night and that's a big draw for players. I've been to other independent leagues and watched teams and, I'm going to go on record saying, they're boring.

"But our atmosphere is truly second to none and our guys feed off of that," he added.

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MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Bloomfield Hills native wins USPBL championship

Marty Budner hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN**

Todd Weiss turned an opportunity into a championship.

Last summer, Weiss, a 2014 Bloomfield Hills High School graduate, was playing in a recreational baseball league. This summer, he hooked up with the United Shore Professional Baseball League and won a championship as a member of the Birmingham-Bloomfield

Weiss is simply overwhelmed by his good fortune.

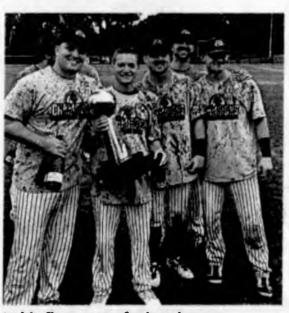
"I mean, this was absolutely the best experience of my life," said Weiss, still on cloud nine after the Beavers clinched their second straight title with a 9-3 win over the Eastside Diamond Hoppers at Jimmy John's Field in Utica. "Playing with these guys all summer - some of them are my best friends and it couldn't have gone any better, really."

Weiss was afforded the opportunity to play in the USPBL through his longtime association with Birmingham-Bloomfield head coach Chris Newell.

Newell owns a baseball academy -The Player's Edge Baseball and Softball Training Center — which Weiss attended. It was there the two met and Newell was able to keep track of Weiss's baseball exploits.

Weiss played high school varsity baseball for head coach Frank DiVito at Andover and then at Bloomfield Hills after the school's merger with Lahser in 2013. Weiss was recruited to play college ball at Wayne State University. He was with the Warriors for one year before leaving.

Never lost touch



In his first year of minor league baseball, Bloomfield Hills native Todd Weiss (second from left) holds the USPBL championship trophy. MATT

the relationship eventually evolved into a shot with the Beavers. It couldn't have worked out any better.

"Growing up, I had a personal relationship with Chris Newell," Weiss said. "I had taken hitting lessons with him while in high school and then I got back in touch with him and started working out with him and he ended up giving me the opportunity (to play in the USPBL).

"I was out of competitive baseball, but stayed in shape and played in some men's leagues, but nothing really at (the USPBL) competitive level at all," he added. "I just stayed with it. I knew I wasn't done playing and was really excited that I was able to do this."

Weiss, an outfielder, made the Beavers roster and played all season in a re-

The 5-foot-9, 175-pound right-hander appeared in six of the team's 49 year I was ready to go when he needed Contact Marty Budner at mbudn-He never lost touch with Newell and games. He batted .500 with three hits in me. He gave me the chance and it er@hometownlife.com.

six trips, including a triple and four

Perhaps Weiss's best game was in late August, when the Beavers defeated the Westside Woolly Mammoths, 9-5, to clinch the all-important top seed for the USPBL's postseason tournament. He went 2-for-4 in that game with an RBI.

Despite the limited playing time, Newell praised Weiss for his overall team attitude.

"Toddie came up big for us in a couple games and he was definitely a nice player to have around," Newell said. "He was a great teammate and he knew his role. He grew immensely as a baseball player and as a professional and that was good to see. I'm sure some people had doubts on him with that.

"I was very candid with him from the very beginning. I told him I was going to give him this opportunity for personal reasons," he added. "I told him, 'If you don't get it done and don't do the things I'm asking, I'll have to release you.' To his credit, he was on board from day one and got better ever single day. He busted his chops and the rest is history. He was awesome and fun to watch."

Weiss, who played center and left field, acknowledged his role as an upbeat team player.

"Coach told me I would start the year as a developmental player, which sort of meant I was not going to play for a while," Weiss said. "He just wanted me to get in tune with the higher level of play and sort of stick it out and grind it out. I worked hard in practice, stayed with a positive attitude and, when I finally got a chance to play, I was ready to

"I was always mentally positive and just waiting for the chance to get back into it," he added. "I was telling coach all worked out real well."

The ring is highlight

Weiss said the season's highlight for him was not any individual accomplishments, but winning that ring.

"You know, it was cool getting into some games and helping to contribute," Weiss said. "But the highlight of the year was just being with the guys and winning the championship.

"We won a league championship and district championship when I was in high school, but I've never had a feeling like (winning the USPBL championship) in my life," he added. "Being with the guys and working hard all year really paid off for us."

Weiss enjoyed his first taste of minor league baseball so much he aims to do it again next year. In fact, he plans to play winter ball in the California League with the team Newell coaches.

"Coach Newell has been a massive influence in my life," Weiss said. "This year was everything I could have wanted and more. I'm just really excited going forward and getting a chance to play.

'They get a nice crowd out there and Jimmy John's is a beautiful field," he added. "It's really cool being in that atmosphere and playing in front of people. I think they sold out 61 games this year and it's a really good place for family and kids to watch baseball."

Weiss said it was "special" to win a championship with his hometown

"Yeah, definitely it was," he said. "Kids come play here from all over the country and for me to be able to play from home, 20 minutes from the stadium, for my own city was very special."

River Raisin kicks off \$100 million redevelopment

Marc Daalder
Cetroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

It's one of the most important turning points in U.S. history – the deadliest battle in the War of 1812, helping shape American police toward native nations and opening the way for expansion.

But in the history books and America's national consciousness, the Battle of Frenchtown isn't listed alongside Yorktown, Gettysburg, Omaha Beach, Okinawa or the Battle of Hue.

That may be about to change.

A \$100 million redevelopment launched Monday with the goal of turning the River Raisin National Battlefield into a historical, cultural, recreational and ecological tourist destination.

River Raisin Heritage Corridor kicks off with purchase of 20 houses that will be demolished to make room for a recreation of historic Frenchtown and a \$20 million educational center. The project is predicted to bring more than 1 million visitors and \$30 million annually to the city of Monroe.

In many ways, River Raisin hopes to be the Gettysburg of Michigan. Gettysburg receives around 1.2 million visitors annually, so it has a decent shot.

"Fourteen million people live within three hours' drive of the park," Monroe development coordinator Mark Cochran said. Even more could see it as a tourist destination if it successfully boosts the status of the Battle of Frenchtown.

The similarities extend beyond attendance. Both carry reputations among ghost hunters as prime spots for supernatural activity

ural activity.
Scott Bentley, who has served as the national park's superintendent since its creation, in 2011 said that River Raisin "is frequently listed in the top five most haunted places in Michigan. We get asked (about ghosts) every day."

Bentley says that he tries to ensure everyone remains respectful.

"I remind them this is a sacred place," he said. "It's the final resting place for the souls of those who perished in the battles."

Until 2011, the battle-field wasn't even a national park. It was a historic site run by Monroe County and only placed on the National Register of Historic Places in late 1982. New legislation introduced in 2009 and championed by then-U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Dearborn, saw the site become one of only four National Battlefield Parks in the country.

That was only the beginning. Bentley recalled how Dingell wanted more.

"Dingell said, 'We've created the park. It's amazing – it tells the birth story for the state of Michigan, how we opened up the West and can tell the tale of forced removal and relocation of Native Americans," Bentley said. "We've gotta do something with this other than just have open fields.""

In April 2013, a team of researchers from Michigan State University released the River Raisin Heritage Corridor East Master Plan, a comprehensive document recommending how the park should be transformed

over the next 20 years.

The money for the effort will come from the state's Department of Natural Resources and private partners. At a 2017 conference announcing the donation of close to 100 acres of land by U.S. Silica, U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Dearborn, said "The public-private partnership we

celebrate today is a reflection of our shared commitment to preserving both our history and our natural resources, ensuring that people are able to enjoy the outdoors and learn at the same time."

A \$4.8 million grant from the Michigan DNR, matched with about \$1.4 million in private-public partnership funds, has allowed the city of Monroe and the park to start buying houses from willing homeowners. About \$2.9 million has been spent so far and the city hopes to acquire around 45 more structures.

Toni Cooper is the executive director of the park's foundation. Her job is to secure the fundorganizations and private partners, not the National Park Service which manages River Raisin. "The National Park money is (only) for maintenance and preservation

Once it's fully developed, the new River Raisin National Battlefield Park expects to bring in

of the land," Cooper said.

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Currently, Bentley said, the park gets about a quarter-million visitors – 239,000 in 2017, to be exact, including 10,000 students. That's already a significant increase from the 30,000 people who visited in 2011 and bodes well for the park's future.

Obituaries

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Kenneth Gutman

WAUKEGAN, IL - Kenneth Carter Gutman, 97, formerly of Waukegan, IL, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at his home in Northville, Michigan. He was born on May 30, 1921 in Memphis, Missouri, to the late David and Hazel (Carter) Gutman. Ken was the husband of 59 years to the late Louise Gutman (Ruark). He is survived by his loving family, two sons, Gregory (Vicki) Gutman, David (Susan) Gutman and two grandchildren, Sarah Louise Gutman and Andrew John Gutman.

Ken was born and raised on a small farm outside of Memphis, Missouri and after graduating high school in 1939, joined the service, where he served in the Navy during WWII until 1946. During this time, he was stationed in both the European and Asia-Pacific theaters. Following the war, Ken joined Abbott Laboratories, in North Chicago, IL, where he had a long and successful career from 1946-1986.

After he retired, Ken and Louise traveled the world, visiting many countries across Europe, Asia and South America. Ken also had a passion for trap and skeet shooting and helped run the Conservation Club of Kenosha, a shooting range in Bristol, Wisconsin, for several years.

Ken's home was Waukegan, IL, from 1946 until 2013, when he moved to Northville, MI, to live across the street from Dave and Susan Gutman.

An avid fisherman and hunter, Ken traveled far north many summers with his friends to fish in Canada and the Arctic, which kept his family well-stocked with walleye and salmon. Always the sports fan, Ken loved to watch football, baseball and golf, and even after moving to Michigan at age 92, became a fan of the Detroit Tigers, Lions and Red Wings.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, September 20 at Noon with visitation beginning at 10 am at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Rev. Douglas Vernon will officiate the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Arbor Hospice, who provided wonderful in-home care during Ken's final years. Donations may be sent to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 Ph. 888-992-2273.

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Eileen M. Lane

NORTHVILLE - Age 84, of Northville, passed away on September 15, 2018. She was born on June 20, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan; daughter of Otto and Elinor (nee Getty) Schoch. Eileen has lived in Northville since she was 2 years old. She was united in marriage to Richard F. Lane on Octo-

Richard E. Lane on October 1, 1955. They were devoted to each other for over 62 years until his death on August 12, 2018.

Eileen retired from Crowley's Department Store. Before beginning her career at Crowley's, she was a beautician who truly loved to cut and style hair. Eileen enjoyed camping throughout the Midwest with her husband and friends. She cherished the time she spent with her grandchildren and was a wonderful caregiver to many. Eileen was always there to help her family and enjoyed hosting holidays and birthdays. She loved dogs, especially her Maltese, Sparky. Eileen was a very dedicated wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her children, Ron (Mary) Lane and Rhonda (Len) Elias; her sisters, Connie (Jack) Sweet and Patricia (the late Al) Pearson; her sister-in-law Loretta Schoch; and her grandchildren, Tyler (Alexandria) Elias and Megan Elias. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brother Bob Schoch.

Visitation will be held Thursday, September 20, 2018 from 4pm until 8pm. The funeral service will be held Friday, September 21, 2018 at 11am at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Rev. Douglas Vernon will officiate the service. She will be laid to rest at Rural Hill

Cemetery in Northville.

Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.





William P. Van Buren
WHITELAKE - William
P. Van Buren, age 62, of
White Lake previously of
Tequesta, Florida, passed
away August 28, 2018. He
was born May 22, 1956 in
Detroit, Michigan, son of
William Parker and Barbara Ann (Alvey) Van Buren. He graduated from
Northville High School;
Class of 1974. Billy was

devoted to his loving companion Velvet Van Buren for over 38 years.

Billy was a very talented musician; he played the drums and sang all his life. It was a passion he enjoyed sharing with others through his teaching. His favorite type of music was Country. Other than music, his greatest joy in life was his family. He was a very proud father and grandfather. Billy enjoyed playing softball, football, tennis, and ping-pong. He liked working out, staying fit, and

being outdoors. He had a great sense of humor.

Billy is survived by his loving companion, Velvet
Van Buren; his daughters, Shannon (Kenneth)
Fournier and Shelby (Kenneth Jones) Van Buren;
and his grandchildren, Kayla Fournier, Donovan
Fournier, and Jackson Jones. His siblings, Gary
(Patricia) Van Buren, Teri Moran, Mark Van Buren, Michael Van Buren, and Patrick (Kate) Van
Buren; and his Aunt Brenda Alvey Schaller, Uncle
Ronald Schaller, Aunt Mary Ann Van Buren Lysak
as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Robert
Van Buren, and his nephew Connor Moran

Van Buren, and his nephew Connor Moran.

A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, October
6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. with a time of gathering
beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory
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Archie J. Noon

DETROIT - Age 100, entered into Heaven September 11, 2018. He was born July 8, 1918 in Detroit. Archie was a proud WWII veteran and was ordained Deacon in 1972 from Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. He is survived by his loving children: Bridget (Ray) Taulbee, Erin (Paul) Ostin, Susan (Skip) Miller, Deidre (Ferril) McCarthy, Ned (Shelly) Noon, and Brian (Susan) Noon; 15 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great grandchildren; his sister, Mary Connors; his nieces and nephews and his lifetime friends, Monsignor Robert Humitz and Marty Boyle. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Margaret; and his sister, Eleaner Noon-Shefski. Visitation was held on Sept. 16 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Sept. 17 at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. Archie was laid to rest beside his wife in St. Mary Cemetery, www. phillipsfuneral.com



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hen it comes to your professional network, the more the merrier, right? After all, more people means more chances for connection, word-of-mouth opportunities, etc. Sounds great in theory, but in reality, it might surprise you to learn that experts are recommending that you scale back your network and keep a smaller, more nimble group of people as your inner circle.

There's some debate over what that number actually is evolutionary psychologist Robin Dunbar famously did a study and determined that 150 is the magic number of maintainable social/professional relationships in anyone's life. The reality is that there's probably no rigid number for each person's professional network, but your limit should be where you can reasonably maintain a professional relationship with someone.

If that sounds counterintuitive to you, here are some of the reasons you should think about downsizing your professional crew:

Your network should be carefully curated and tended

The whole point of networking is the relationships. Think

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Campillad (Perputation back to your kindergarten class. Can you remember the names of all 20 or so kids, or do vou remember just a small subset of friends or particu-

larly memorable kids? Our brains are conditioned to keep the most important information and discard the rest, and our social relationships tend to follow suit. You want your network to be people who are the most relevant to your career growth and goals - not necessarily every

person you've met since you

were an intern at XYZ Corp. Fecus on quality,

not quantity Some people in your network are, quite simply, going to be more useful and relevant to you than other people will be. Taking a close look at your network and who still aligns with your current professional self and your hoped-for-future professional self can help you define your goals.

It's OK to let people ge

An unwieldy network of connections might be a symptom that you have trouble letting go or don't want to risk hurting anyone's feelings. Realistically, professional network "breakups" are easier than other kinds of social pruning. The stakes are low if you stop following someone on Twitter or remove them as a connection on LinkedIn.

If you don't find someone's insights useful or are not likely to ever have a conversation with them again, why keep them kicking around in the social media ether? You don't need to be obvious or mean about it or make a dramatic announcement about how you're making cuts. Plus, it's unlikely your co-worker from three jobs ago is going to send you a devastated "whyyyyyyy?" message afterward. Chances are, they were getting about as much out of the relationship as you were.

It gives you more bandwidth for long-term professional growth

Limiting your network to a small inner circle lets you put more time and energy into building those relationships --- emails, occasional hangouts, check-ins, etc. Networking isn't just about getting something from others; it's about building yourself as well

and finding your people. You want your interactions with your network to be mutually beneficial — not a chore or a one-way transaction for either of you. If you're hitting up someone in your network only when you're sniffing for an opportunity, then your calls/texts/ emails are likely to start going ignored. On the other hand, if you put time into getting to know someone, you both get the benefit of each other's expertise and a deeper knowledge of what each person has

When it comes to your network, remember: Better, not more. There's no prize for the number of LinkedIn connections, or the most "likes" on your latest professional rant on social media. You should be surrounded by people who know and support your goals, and vice versa - not hundreds of people who sort of know your name from scrolling through a newsfeed. You'll find that your professional life, and your personal one as well, will be all the better with these higher-quality relation-

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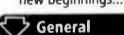
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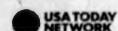
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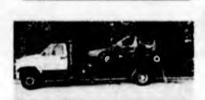
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