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# Drive to pass city roads millage begins

Officials hoping to get approved 0.9787-mill proposal

**Ed Wright** 

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For less than \$200 per year, Northville residents can transform the city's crumbling roads into smooth stretches of roadway — or at least two-thirds of them.

That was the prevailing message delivered Sept. 20 during the city's public

forum organized to shed light on a street bond proposal set to be put before voters during the Nov. 6 general election.

Residents will be asked to vote on a ballot proposal for the issuance of a \$3,050,000 street improvement bond paid over 10 years.

According to Mayor Ken Roth, the average Northville homeowner's tax bill would increase approximately \$137 per year, while the owner of a more expen-

sive house — let's say in the \$400,000range — would be asked to pay roughly \$172 more than their current rate if the 0.9787-mill bond issue is approved.

A calculator that allows residents to figure out the exact amount their taxes would increase can be found at http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/.

Scheduled to be paid over a 10-year period, the proposed street improvement bond would generate \$3,050,000 to replace and repair segments of the city's streets and provide upgraded

maintenance to the city's road network. literature distributed at the forum explained.

**Recent Paser Surface and Evaluation** Rating (PASER) studies conducted by engineers revealed that 46.5 percent of Northville's roads have a "poor" rating, while just 32.7 percent earned a "good"

Roth told the modest gathering at the Sept. 20 forum that the "good" ratings

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# No time to be hurt

### At 'CORE' of matter is getting injured back in the action

**Tim Smith** 

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Speed and efficiency don't just help high school football players get the job done on the field.

Those same characteristics as demonstrated by sports medicine professionals at The CORE Institute in Novi during the Saturday Sports Injury Clinic available during football season — are critical in getting sidelined players back into the action sooner rather than later.

For Novi senior running back/linebacker Jason Jennings Jr., 17, the decision to get quick treatment at the facility (located near Providence Park Hospital) could mean the difference in whether he plays against rival Northville in Week 8 of the 2018 season.

Jennings was hit on the outside of his ankle by a Howell defensive lineman Sept. 14 and hobbled into the clinic wearing crutches and a concerned look on his youthful face.

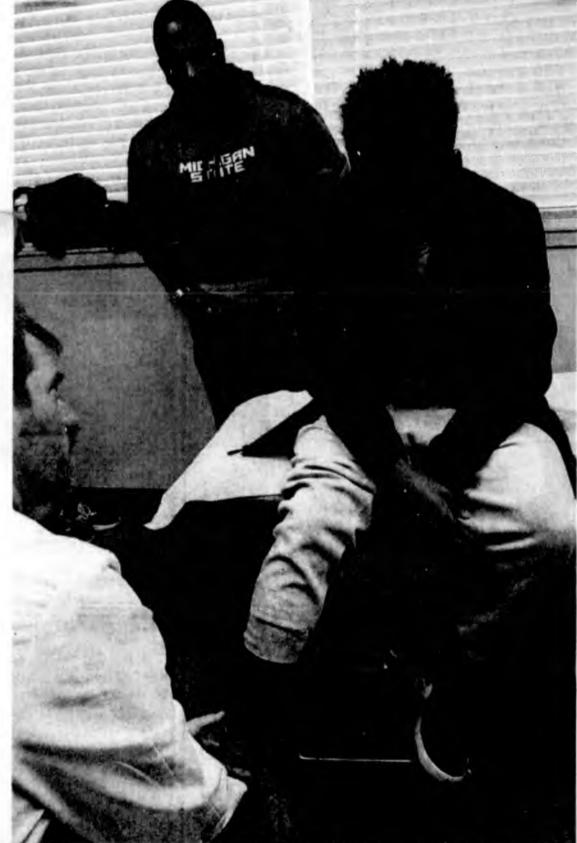
Was it a fracture or a sprain? The visit would tell the tale.

"It's pretty tough watching my friends, my teammates play without me," Jennings said. "I went to urgent care, they told me to go to the hospital so I can get another X-ray to verify if it wasn't fractured or anything. Hopefully, I get to practice in a few days."

### **Fast response matters**

Worrying that that the ankle might be broken severely enough to end his high school career, he waited with parents Ryann and Jason Jennings Sr. and younger brother Aiden, 9, to find out if a

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Dr. Jefferey Michaelson talks with Novi football player Jason Jennings Jr. and his dad, Jason Jennings Sr. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# **Share your** story of 'traditions,' live on stage

Dan Dean

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If you missed the inaugural Hometown Life Storytellers Project on music , you missed a great time of storytelling and community. More than 70 people came out to the Village Workshop in Northville to hear compelling stories of how music played an integral part in five local residents' lives.

We are looking for storytellers to brave the stage and share stories on traditions at the next event, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 8.

We purposely scheduled it near the holidays, as that is the first thing that comes to mind when we think of "traditions." But we understand that a tradition does not have to revolve around a holiday and we are not limiting it to such. Think of the things that we do over and over, year to year, no matter what time of year and for whatever

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For more information, to purchase tickets or look for updates, go to https://www.facebook.com/events/ 322093435264354/.

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would nearly double to 63.1 percent if the bond passed, while the roads rated as "poor" would drop to 34.1 percent.

### Don't expect perfection

"It would have been easy to say, 'What do we have to do (to the roads) to make everything perfect?" Roth said, referring to the projection that onethird of the city's roads would still be in poor shape even if the bond is passed. "We looked at that. But the bottom line is, the price tag for (perfection) is more than I think taxpayers would be willing to go for.

"So we came up with something that is impactful while at the same time will not break the bank of the average home-



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Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan discusses the bond issue with resident Jan Valade. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

owner. We came up with a number we think people will look at and say, 'Yes, this is a reasonable price tag that we can afford.'"

Northville resident Donna Tinberg is a proponent of the bond proposal's passage, given the positive impact it will have on the city's property values.

"The infrastructure in our city affects home values, so it's important that our roads are in good shape so that they present well to others," Tinberg said. "Plus, this is a well-researched project and, if it passes, it will save all the residents money over time."

Brian Turnbull, a fifth-generation resident of the city, agreed with Tinberg.

"It's just the right thing to do," he said. "Talking with friends of mine in other communities like Ann Arbor, we're one of the cheapest cities to live in, as far as taxes go.

"Passing this bond would be better for the city, better for the people and better for our economy."

### **Quality assured**

Roth noted during his presentation that opponents of the proposal are often

people who have been less-than-satisfied with previous road improvement projects.

"We get calls all the time with people asking, 'Why is Eight Mile in such bad shape? Why is Haggerty so bad?" he said. "Well, the truth is, those aren't our roads. They run through our city, but we're not responsible for their upkeep.

"We've included several quality-assurance clauses into this proposal that every contractor will have to follow through on if their bid is the one we choose."

The relatively large amount of the bond is vital, too, in order to assure the road fixes are done properly, Roth add-

"When you have a road project that is, let's say, \$200,000 to \$300,000, it's very difficult to get a good number of bids, because the established contractors are only interested in the larger projects," he said. "With this bond, we'd be able to get bigger projects and bigger projects have a lower cost because of economy to scale.

"This saves money for all of us, which is critical."

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### 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 through Oct. 14. 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: 3:15-5:15 p.m. Oct. 5, 2:15-5:15 p.m. Oct. 6, 1:15-3:45 p.m. and 4:45-6:45 p.m. Oct. 13, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Oct. 19, 3-5:30 p.m. Oct. 21, 2:30-5:30 p.m. Oct. 27.

28. Pre-ticketed event. See website for details.

Children's Christmas workshop

registration: Nov. 2, 218 W. Dunlap, 6 p.m. for members, 6:30 p.m for nonmembers of the Northville Historical Society.

Christmas in the Village: Noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 18. Free to the public.

Victorian Christmas Cream Tea: 12:30-3 p.m. Nov. 18. Drop-in. Small fee for entry.

Children's Christmas Workshop: 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Dec. 1.

Greek Christmas Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. Dec. 8. Sold out.

### General info

Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts Halloween Hysteria: 2-6 p.m. Oct. volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify

your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.

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

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## Ex-Wayne County worker jailed in embezzlement case

**Matt Jachman** hometownlife.com

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A former Wayne County employee was sentenced to six months in jail following his guilty pleas to two charges in the theft of more than \$90,000 worth of electronic devices.

Kurt T. Eschmann was sentenced Sept. 19 in Wayne County Circuit Court by Judge Wanda Evans, who also put him on probation for five years and ordered him to pay restitution of \$31,234.79 and fees of \$1,498.

paid the restitution total on the date of his sentencing.



Eschmann

Court records also indicate Eschmann is eligible to serve his jail sentence in Genesee County and is eligible for work release, which means he can be released during

his work hours in order to maintain a job. Eschmann is employed in Genesee County, said his attorney, Brian Lennon.

A check of Genesee County jail records Sept. 25 showed Eschmann was incarcerated there.

Eschmann had pleaded guilty Aug. 16 Court records indicate Eschmann to a felony charge of embezzlement over \$50,000 but less than \$100,000. In a plea agreement, a felony charge of lar-

ceny by conversion was dismissed and a felony charge of using a computer to commit a crime was reduced to a misdemeanor, to which Eschmann also pleaded guilty.

According to information from County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's office, Eschmann was employed by the county's technology department from April 2013 through April 2016 and was responsible during that time for ordering electronic devices. He was accused of ordering more than 200 cellular phones and iPads through the county's communications contract, but then keeping the devices.

Some of the devices were sold via the Internet and others turned over to a telecommunications provider in ex-

change for credit on Eschmann's phone bill, according to Worthy's office.

The activity was uncovered through an audit by the county's office of the legislative auditor general and investigated by the prosecutor's office.

Lennon, Eschmann's lawyer, said his client was "deeply remorseful" and cooperated with authorities.

"The court seemed to understand that this really was an aberration, that Kurt has otherwise lived a very lawabiding life and was" a productive member of society, Lennon said.

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### NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

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

### **Teen Story Terrariums**

When: Noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct.

**Details:** Plant your own story terrarium in a mason jar. Make terrariums themed around your favorite books or tell a story all your own. For grades 6-12. Regis-

### Between the Lines Book Discussion

When: 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8

Details: Join us for a discussion of "The Poisoned City: Flint's Water and the American Urban Tragedy" by Anna Clark, the 2018 Community Reads Selection. In the first full account of this American tragedy, Clark recounts the gripping story of Flint's poisoned water through the people who caused it, suffered from it and exposed it. No registration required, just drop in.

### **Vintage Strings Band**

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9 favorite musical group. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Register.

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11

Details: Hear all about Northville's first and only airplane manufacturer. Founded by pilot Eddie Stinson, the company built airplanes in downtown Northville from 1926-29. Register.

### App Café: Download Days

When: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 13 Details: Need help with Overdrive, Hoopla, RBdigital or Freegal? Bring your tablet or smart phone and enjoy coffee and snacks for our two-hour session to help you get started on these apps. Drop-in or register.

### **Drop-In Super Saturday Storytime**

When: 11-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 **Details:** Join us in the Storytime Room for stories, music and wiggles all about yummy food. Best for children ages 2-4, but entire families are welcome. No registration required, just drop in.

### The Dakota War of 1862

When: 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15

**Details:** This five-week war between the United States and Dakota/Sioux nations was brought on by various treaty vio-Details: All ages will enjoy this crowd- lations and ended with the Dakotas' banishment from their Minnesota homelands. Presented by Heather Bruegl, a member of the Oneida nation of Wisconsin. Register.

### Decorate a Mini Pumpkin

When: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16 **Details:** Decorate a mini pumpkin for Halloween. For ages 9-12. Limit of 30 attendees. Register.

### Spooktacular Halloween Show

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

**Details:** Scream in delight at the antics of Griselda the silly witch as she goofs up every trick she sets out to learn. All ages welcome. 100 free tickets available at the information desk five minutes prior to the event. All ages welcome. Tickets not available in advance.

### **Beginning Irish Genealogy**

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17 **Details:** Presented by Cathy Cottone of the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan.

### **Drop-In Morning Storytime**

When: 10:15-10:45 a.m. each Thursday through Nov. 1

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

### Fall TOT Storvtime

**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. Registration begins for Northville residents Tuesday, Sept. 11; open to non-residents next day. See library website for dates and times.

### One-on-one tech help

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### **CORE**

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return to the huddle remained possible. "After seven years of football, this is his first major injury and missing games," the elder Jennings said. "He has a lot of medical history. He's a diabetic and he's been fighting through all this.... I've always tried to encourage him that

everything's going to be all right." And 15-year-old Emma Gloetzner, who plays field hockey at Novi High School, just wanted to get a quick read on whether a slash sustained two days earlier broke her right hand.

"A girl was, like, going to shoot and she hit her stick on my hand," Gloetzner said before going in to see Dr. Jefferey Michaelson about the injury. "It might be injured slightly, I don't know if it's completely broken. My middle finger is the worst (she can't move it), my pinky is OK to move.

"This is really convenient for little injuries. If you want to get them checked out, it's, like, once a week, so it's really convenient."

A short time later, after Michaelson had seen the X-ray, he went into her room and gave her the good news. There were no broken bones, meaning she can get back to action as soon as she can tolerate the pain.

"Everything looks OK, you didn't break anything," Michaelson said. "Now I just have to check a few of the tendons. Can you bend your index finger for me? ... Perfect!"

Michaelson emphasized to the sophomore (accompanied by her mom, Elana Gloetzner) that because of the complicated network of little bones and tendons on the top of the hand, where it was traumatized, pain would be intense for a while.

"Those little crossing fibers get injured with that kind of trauma and they kill," the doctor said. "It goes away. It does not need surgery. It will never need surgery. But it's going to hurt for a few weeks. You can play, if you feel like you can hold a stick."

### Just like the pros

Both athletes took advantage of the walk-in clinic Sept. 22 and were treated



**Emma Gloetzner** and Core Institute Dr. **Jefferey** Michaelson TIM SMITH |

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had such a role with the Detroit Tigers and NFL's Cleveland Browns.

Michaelson is one of five doctors at The CORE Institute who have ties to area high school athletics programs.

Others include Dr. Sean Bak (Novi High), Dr. Timothy Scott (South Lyon district), Dr. Michael Slesinski (Howell High) and Dr. William Kesto (Walled Lake Central High).

"(The Saturday clinic) substantially cuts the time down," Michaelson said. "We guarantee that our athletes are seen in 24-48 hours. And generally by then, if they need an MRI or some other testing, we have that done within a day.

"(Otherwise) you wait a week to see a doctor, then you call to get an MRI, which may be three to seven days and now you're two weeks out from injury and you still don't have any answers to 'What's wrong?' and 'When can I go

"Even when I was taking care of pro athletes (Tigers, Browns) you still need 24-48 hours to get everything answered. So we're really treating the kids the same way we would treat any pro athlete that's in season."

According to Michaelson, the autumn clinic began in 2016. Doctors work on a rotating basis. Some patients schedule follow-up visits, such as Jen-

Others, like Gloetzner, come in without appointments for treatment of anything from strains and sprains to fractures - or, perhaps, to get peace of mind.

"There's a need, clearly people get injured during the week," Michaelson said. "And the whole thing is the (football) season is short. So if you wait a week or two to see somebody and then and then they may or may not be sensitive to the timing of the season.

"And then the trainers and the coaches want to know when you're getting back. It's just easier, we're just so accustomed to dealing with people in-season, understanding timing, when is it OK to push kids."

### Ortho on the fly

Thanks to what some describe as "ortho on the fly," parents, coaches and trainers have been generally positive about how quickly The CORE Institute treats athletes and gets them back doing what they want to do the most.

"It's really nice to have a program that's designated for high school athletes to come in and have that one-onone treatment plan, especially physicians that specialize in athletic injuries," said Jennings Sr., a former high school (Detroit King) and college basketball player who, somewhat ironically, had a torn meniscus repaired by Michaelson back in the day.

After filling out typical paperwork required for any such visit, both patients were brought back to a room where medical assistant Celeste Schuman fired off a series of basic health questions, received answers and inputted those into her laptop.

While waiting for Michaelson to arrive, the Jennings family huddled around the injured football player and talked about hopefully getting good

They also talked about how the younger Jennings has dealt with his childhood diabetes to the point where teammates don't even know he has an insulin pump stowed in a hip pocket.

"He has to make sure his blood sugars are at a good average, so it doesn't slow his healing process or hinder his circula-

tion in his extremities," Jennings Sr. said. "He's been a diabetic since he was 8 years old and he has a pump. He's been managing his blood sugars pretty

"(Diabetes) does make it a little tougher to kind of get through it, but he's been doing really, really well. That's why I'm proud of him."

Soon, Michaelson came in and physically inspected the badly swollen foot and lower leg. He also engaged in some important chit-chat.

"Can you tell me, can you remember the play?" Michaelson asked.

Jennings Jr. pointed to where the Howell player awkwardly fell onto his

Michaelson then pushed down on different areas of the foot, trying to determine the level of pain and gauge range of motion. "Any pain here? How about on the inside of the foot? ... You're going to be OK.'

### Feeling optimistic

About 20 minutes later, out in a hallway, Michaelson discussed X-ray results with the family. There was a slight crack in the back of the ankle, but nothing that was season-ending.

"If you can get rid of the crutches, get rid of the crutches, OK?" Michaelson said to the injured player. "I need you to walk correctly. I'm going to start you with some rehab right away, so we can start getting the swelling down.

"That fracture is very, very low-risk in terms of, like, re-injury and going back. I'm cautiously optimistic I'll have you back this season. But I want to check it in about two weeks. I just want to make sure."

That was as good of news as the younger Jennings could have expected as he slowly left The CORE Institute, still leaning on crutches.

But not for too much longer, it ap-

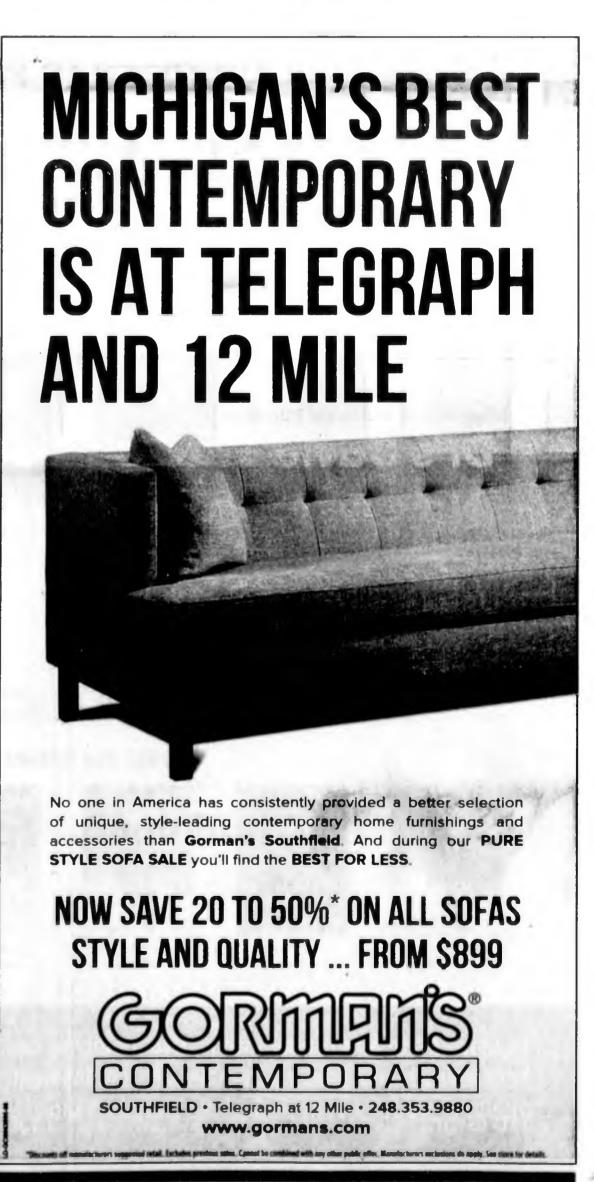
Call 248-485-7039 for more information about the Saturday Sports Injury Clinic or go to thecoreinstitute.com. Walk-in patients are seen on a firstcome, first-served basis 8-10:30 a.m. The final week of the clinic is Oct. 20.

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# What to know about Schoolcraft's ballot proposal

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Voters have plenty of choices to make this November. The leadership at Schoolcraft College hopes voters go far enough down their ballots to vote on an issue that will affect the two-year college.

In addition to voting for governor and legislative races, several ballot initiatives will be decided, including one proposed by the Livonia-based college looking to raise money.

Here's what you need to know about the college's upcoming Headlee override proposal, as gathered during a meeting between Hometown Life journalists and college leadership:

### What is Schoolcraft College proposing on the ballot this November?

The college's board of trustees voted earlier this year to send a Headlee override to the college's taxing district. This would essentially raise the amount of mills levied by the college from the current 1.7766 mills to 2.27 mills, the original amount determined back in the 1980s.

If approved, homeowners who own a home valued at \$200,000 would pay an additional \$50 per year from what they currently pay.

How is this different from the millage request made by the college in 2015?

The language and how it is applied. The request in 2015, which failed, was a simple millage increase of 0.6 mills, which could fluctuate depending on several factors.

"The straight millage increase would leave us at the mercy of the Headlee Amendment, which caused our problem in the first place," said Conway Jeffress, the college's president. "Back in 1986, the voters approved a millage increase that took us to 2.27 mills and we got 2.27 for not even one year when the Headlee started working on it."

If this request is approved, it would lock that 2.27-mill rate in for the next 10 years beginning in 2019, and bring in roughly \$7.136 million in the first year.

"It does protect the dollars. The override means that the money that we get, if the voters approve it, will stay the same for 10 years," Jeffress said. "The last thing I want to do is go out and ask for an increase, have people say yes and, the following year, it's less money and, the following year, less money."

The Headlee Amendment, approved by voters in 1978, sets limits on how much taxes can increase annually because of increases to property values, as well as requiring voter approval on local tax increases.

Why ask voters to increase taxes instead of other measures, such as raising tuition?

Community colleges in Michigan de-

pend on three main sources of revenue: money from the state government, tuition paid by students and taxes paid by property owners in the district.

Jeffress said financial shortfalls at the college have increased in recent years. He said increases in state revenue or tuition at a reasonable level aren't enough to make up the difference, leaving the college with going to the voters.

"In the last several years, I've had a shortfall of about \$7 million a year. And you just can't keep doing that forever," he said. "We got to a point where we felt that there was not going to be any significant change in state funding and we really could not raise tuition in the amount that would amount to \$7 million extra. So the only alternative we had was taxes.

"That's what brings us to this point now. It's desperation," Jeffress added. "Things are getting slimmer."

What measures are being taken to

reach out to voters in the district's communities without a campus in them?

One noticeable detail in the 2015 millage increase failure was its lack of support outside of Livonia. Voters in communities such as Canton, Northville Township and Plymouth Township voted down the millage. A concerted effort to reach voters in those communities is being targeted, Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer Cheryl Hagen said, after a shorter amount of time in 2015 led officials to mainly focus on campaigning in Livonia.

Those efforts include highlighting attendance rates from area high schools and the impact that has on those communities where the college does not operate buildings.

"More students come here from Northville High School than people think," she said. "Things like that, we're

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Dr. Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College. BILL BRESLER |





# Test scores are great, but there are other indicators



In the state of Michigan, students in grades 3-8 and 11 take the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress, or M-STEP. English language arts and math are tested every year. Social studies is tested in grades 5, 8, and 11. Science is tested in grades 4, 7, and 11.

Every year, M-STEP scores of districts and schools are dutifully reported in the newspaper and online. Superintendents are asked to comment on the scores, what they mean, how they reflect on the school district.

In Novi. we do quite well on the M-STEP — and we should. We have interested and curious students. We have excellent teachers. We have excellent facilities. We have supportive and educated parents. We have a community that values education. We have a great partner in the Novi Public Library.

In Novi, we have most, if not all, of the ingredients needed to educate students to a high level.

Yet even in Novi there are students who do not meet the standards of proficiency. Does this mean that those students are failures or that our schools are failing those students? I would answer no. It means that there is more work to

In Novi, when there are students who

try to identify why. Is there something that we could be doing that we are not doing that would help this student be successful? Should we change our teaching strategies? Should we provide more support? Do we need different instructional materials?

We also look for other evidence. Do other assessments, like the NWEA, give us the same information that the M-STEP does? Does the student's classroom performance match the M-STEP

results?

What we know is that the M-STEP provides us a snapshot of a student's ability. It is not the whole picture. We see students for 180 days a year. The evidence from the M-STEP may or may not match the picture we see of this student throughout the school year.

The bigger question, however, is are test scores really the best way to measure the ability of a student or the impact of a school?

I am not suggesting that test scores are not important. They are. As a school district, we must be able to show that our students are receiving a high-quality educational experience. We must be able to demonstrate that our students are learning the information and skills that they will need to be successful as they grow and as they leave our district for college or work.

But tests are limited in what they can ask and how they can show that a student is learning. Tests can reveal if a

student answered a question correctly, but tests cannot show why the student answered the question correctly. Did the student know the answer? Was the student able to figure out the answer? Did the student guess? Was the student just lucky?

In my view, while we should certainly be aware of and use test scores as a measure of a district's success, we should also look for other indicators.

Does the school encourage and develop student leadership skills? Does the school help a student learn to collaborate, communicate and think critically and creatively? Does the school have a quality media center? Does the school offer music, arts and physical education programs? Does the school offer activities outside of the school day, like robotics, Lego League, Destination Imagination, intramurals, coding clubs, chess clubs, Math Olympiad, HOSA, DECA, forensics, theater? Are there extracurricular athletic programs?

We put a lot of stock in test scores. They are easily reported. They give the appearance of certainty. But there is much more to education that just a

I am proud of our students, our staff and our community for the excellent test scores that we have. But I am more proud of the opportunities that we offer our students to develop skills and attitudes that will prepare them to be successful in their pursuits outside of school.

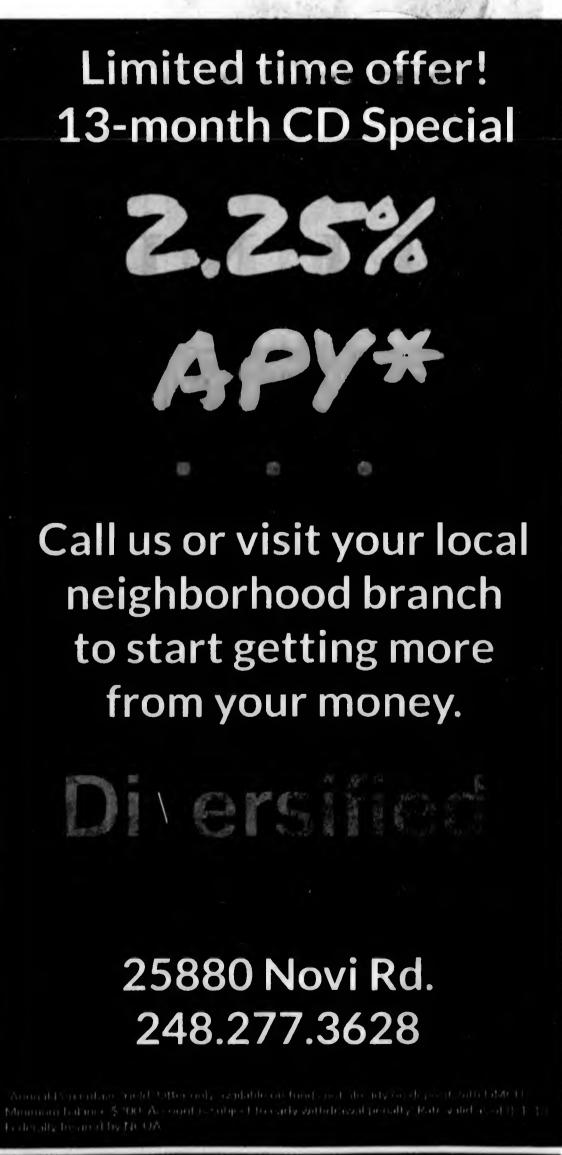
So if you ask me about test scores, that is what I would say.

Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D., is superintendent of the Novi Community School District. He can be reached at steven.matthews@novik12.org.

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### S'craft

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being very specific and letting people know because we do a lot for the entire community. It's not just about having a physical presence in Livonia."

Jeffress also pressed hope for bigger voter turnout on this proposal, considering it's on a ballot where there are lots of other races being decided. In several communities, the 2015 proposal was the lone item on the ballot for voters.

### What happens if the proposal passes?

Jeffress said the proposal is crucial to keeping the college running as-is, meaning a majority "yes" vote will keep it operating how it currently runs. Programs will remain and the college will continue

to run as the community has come to expect.

"What I'm concerned with is sustaining the operation of the college," Jeffress said. "My needs will still be right on the edge."

Jeffress cited other efforts besides tuition and taxes the college has pursued to raise money, including the addition of the St. Joe's Sports Dome, the St. Joseph Mercy urgent care clinic, the welcoming of Masco Corp. to campus and another project involving the St. Joseph Mercy Health System, which Jeffress was tight-lipped about.

### What happens if the

College officials say

Jeffress said programs

increase at a higher rate than if the proposal were approved, though not nearly enough to make up the difference in falling revenue. Tuition increased 6 percent in 2016 after the millage proposal

failed the previous year.

Programs connecting with local businesses would see cuts, if not eliminations, including programs bringing \$2 billion in federal contracts to local companies. He cited the connections the college assisted with the city of Livonia when it was seeking to attract the new Amazon fulfillment center for recruiting efforts.

"I'm not sure exactly if there's any collection of things I can do to make up that difference," he said. "We do a lot of things with local businesses. I can't continue to do that. At some point, I have to stick to my core business, which is educating students. And if all of the money disappears, then I have to let all the good stuff disappear with it."

posal? What does the taxing district look like for Schoolcraft College?

Voters who reside

Am I voting on this pro-

within the following school districts will see the Headlee override proposal on their ballots Nov. 6: Livonia, Clarenceville, Garden City, Northville and Plymouth-Canton.

If you live in one of these school districts, the proposal will appear under the non-partisan section of the ballot. Those districts include all or parts of several communities spanning three counties, including Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Westland, Garden City, Farmington Hills, Novi, Canton Township, Plymouth Township, North-

ville Township, Lyon Township, Redford Township, Novi Township, Salem Township and Superior Township.

The Secretary of State has a website dedicated to assisting voters find what's on their ballot come Nov. 6. It can be found at webapps. sos.state.mi.us/MVIC.

Contact David Veseledveselenak at nak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.

### proposal fails?

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will be cut and tuition will



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### CITY OF NORTHVILLE **NORTHVILLE DDA** ANNUAL REPORT ON STATUS OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN

|                     | 2017 TAX YEAR                                     |              |
|---------------------|---|--------------|
| Revenue:            |   |              |
|                     | Tax Increment Revenues July 2017                  | \$ 560,049   |
|                     | Tax Increment Revenues December 2017              | \$ 86,796    |
|                     | Property taxes - from DDA levy                    | \$ 56,823    |
|                     | Interest  | \$ 890       |
|                     | PPT TIF loss reimbursement                        | \$ 36,178    |
|                     | Other income                                      | \$ 7.680     |
|                     | Total   | \$ 748,416   |
| <b>Bond Reserve</b> |   | \$ 0         |
| Expenditures        |   |              |
| •                   | Design  | \$ 199,768   |
|                     | Marketing   | \$ 138,513   |
|                     | Parking   | \$ 166,741   |
|                     | Organizational                                    | \$ 65,244    |
|                     | Public Works                                      | \$ 10,065    |
|                     | Debt Service - LTGO Streetscape Improvement Bonds |              |
|                     | Principal   | \$ 135,000   |
|                     | Interest  | \$ 37,355    |
|                     | Total   | \$ 752,686   |
| Outstanding b       | onded Indebtedness                                |              |
| В                   | Principal   | \$ 1,070,000 |
| -                   | Interest  | \$ 136.089   |
|                     | Total   | \$ 1,206,089 |

|                                | Current Taxable Value | Initial (base year) Assessed Value | Captured Value |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Ad valorem PRE Real            | \$ 599,104            | \$ 522,019                         | \$ 77,085      |
| Ad valorem non-PRE Real        | \$ 28,303,498         | \$ 5,539,129                       | \$ 22,764,369  |
| Ad valorem commercial personal | \$ 2,549,800          | \$ 742,140                         | \$ 1,807,660   |
|                                | \$ 31,452,402         | \$ 6,803,288                       | \$ 24,649,114  |

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Tax Increment Revenues Received    |                        |             |
| From Wayne County                  |                        | \$ 192,802  |
| From City of Northvill             | e                      | \$ 377,034  |
| From Northville Distr              | \$ 27,944              |             |
| From Schoolcraft Community College |                        | \$ 43,791   |
| From Huron Clinton N               | Metropolitan Authority | \$ 5.274    |
| Total                              | ·                      | \$ 646,845  |
| Number of Jobs Created 52          |                        |             |

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.718

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS

CAPTURED VALUES

Publish: October 4, 2018

Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.718 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect upon recording of the PRO Agreement pursuant to Section 7.13 of the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan the 24th day of September, 2018. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



To rezone a part of the southeast ¼ of Section 30 and southwest ¼ of Section 29, T. 1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being parcels 22-29-326-022, 22-29-326-002, 22-30-401-023, 22-30-401-011 and a part of 22-30-401-009

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 30 AND THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE B EAST, CITY OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT LOCATED N84°59'12"E 768.86 FEET ALONG THE NOMINAL CENTER LINE OF 9 MILE ROAD AND THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 30, AND CONTINUING ALONG THE APPARENT CENTER LINE OF 9 MILE, N54°40'45°E 637 01 FEET AND ALONG SAID CENTER LINE N48°01'41"E 66.00 FEET AND ALONG SAID CENTER LINE N53"30"11"E 95.52 FEET FROM THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 30; THENCE N02"57"55"W 718.50 FEET; THENCE S50"15"11"W 152.36 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF EVERGREEN ESTATES, CONDOMINIUM PLAN NO. 1908 AS RECORDED IN LIBER 38483, PAGES 71 THROUGH 134, OAKLAND COUNTY RECORDS. THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE EAST LINE OF EVERGREEN ESTATES NO2"56'27"W 285.58 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF EVERGREEN ESTATES, THENCE N02°57'42"W 667 66 FEET; THENCE N85"45'28"E 1317.06 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 30 ALSO BEING THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 29, THENCE ALONG SAID LINE NO2"55"33"W 0,79 FEET; THENCE N86"30"23"E 851,95 FEET TO THE west line of the international transmission company corridor, thence along the westerly line of the international TRANSMISSION COMPANY CORRIDOR FOR THE FOLLOWING 4 COURSES, \$03"01'41"E 400.57 FEET AND \$18"04'51"W 59.86 FEET AND S38"21"57"W 540,51 FEET AND S03"49"56"E 169,15 FEET TO THE NOMINAL CENTER LINE OF 9 MILE ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 975°23'04"W 487.26 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 29 COMMON WITH THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 30, THENCE \$02"55'33"E 1.16 FEET ALONG THE SECTION LINE COMMON TO SECTIONS 29 AND 30, THENCE ALONG THE NOMINAL CENTER LINE OF 9 MILE ROAD, \$72°10'25"W 226.47 FEET; THENCE N03°29'24"W 338.57 FEET; THENCE \$86°30'35"W 324.26 FEET; THENCE \$03°29'24"E 94.19 FEET; THENCE \$81°07'19"W 123.77 FEET, THENCE S87°09'55"W 126.82; THENCE S02°48'50"E 410,12 FEET TO THE NOMINAL CENTER LINE OF 9 MILE ROAD, THENCE ALONG SAID CENTER LINE S57"34"11"W 181,85 FEET, THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID CENTER LINE S53"31"53"W 268,11 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 50,613 ACRES AND SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC ON 9 MILE ROAD.

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### **AREA EVENTS**

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

### Stormwater Summit

Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash, in partnership with Pure Oakland Water and Lawrence Technological University, will host the sixth annual Stormwater Summit from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at LTU, 21000 W. 10 Mile Road, in Southfield.

The event will feature Branko Kerkez, Ph.D., an assistant professor at the University of Michigan, and Brandon Wong, also as a faculty member at U-M. They will be presenting on the topic "Realtime Stormwater Monitoring.'

There is a \$25 registration fee. For more information, go to www. pureoaklandwater.org/stormwater-summit.

### Spaghetti dinner

The Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic Street, will host its next spaghetti dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5. The menu includes meat or marinara spaghetti sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$7 and proceeds benefit the Milford Senior Center. For more information, call 248-685-9008.

### **HVCA** exhibit

The Huron Valley Council for the Arts will feature the work of Cincinnati artist John Humphries in its October exhibit at 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland. Humphries will attend a gallery opening 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5.

Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information, go to huronvalleyarts.org or call 248-889-8660.

### Northville Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will host PATTERNS + SYM-BOLS, featuring hand-dyed fabrics, ink drawings, acrylic paintings and paper weavings by Japanese native Hiroko Lancour, from Oct. 5-27. Visitors have the opportunity to learn more about the artist and her work through a unique interactive drawing where chance dictates the outcome.

The exhibit opens with a free public reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. For information, www.northvillearthouse.org.

### Square dancing at VFW

The VFW Hall, 125 E. McHattie, in South Lyon will host a traditional American square dance 7-10 p.m. Friday Oct. 5. The event is open to the public, no experience necessary. Couples, singles or families (kids ages 9 and up with parents). All dances taught first.

Entrance fee is a \$5 per person donation to the VFW. For more information, go to http://squaredancemichigan .tripod.com/southlyon.html.

### Household hazardous waste day

The RRRASOC will host a household hazardous waste collection day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Residents in RRRASOC's ninemember communities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Milford, Milford Township, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake and Wixom have the opportunity to get rid of unwanted, unused and old household chemicals.

Items accepted at HHW collection events include: oil-based paint, solvents, automotive fluids, household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and unused and expired medications. Residents may also bring unwanted and broken electronics. Paper shredding is available on-site, with a three-box or 100-pound limit. Items not accepted include: latex paint, explosives, smoke detectors, radioactive waste, commercial/business waste or medical needles/ sharps/syringes.

A complete list of acceptable household hazardous waste items is available at www.rrrasoc.org or by calling 248-208-2270.

### **MOMS sale**

South Lyon Mothers of Multiples Society sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette, in South Lyon. Gently used clothing (including teens) sorted by size and gender, cribs, strollers, car seats, maternity clothing, books, games and more. Now accepting credit cards for minimum fee. Admission is \$1.

### **Boots on the Ground**

Boots on the Ground Color Run and Ride, which will benefit the Sobriety Court Promotion Program Inc. for veterans in recovery at the 52-1 District Court, is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 6, at James Atchison Memorial Park, 58000 Grand River Ave., in New Hudson. On-site registration is at 9 a.m., with the opening ceremony at 10 a.m.

To register for the ride, go to www. rideforrecovery2018.eventbrite.com. To register for the run, go to https:// www.active.com/new-hudson-mi/ running/distance-running-races/

boots-on-the-ground-color-run-2018 For more information, go to https:// www.facebook.com/runforvets/.

### Five Points of Hope golf outing

A golf outing to benefit Five Points of Hope will be held Saturday, Oct. 6, at Ironwood Golf Club, 6902 E. Highland Road, in Howell. Women of the Moose Chapter 2454 of Highland is sponsoring the fundraiser and will donate all profits to Five Points of Hope, a nonprofit charity that helps financially strapped Michigan cancer patients pay their bills.

The cost is \$70 per player and open to both men and women. The event includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, a goodie bag and a door prize. Participants can register by calling Marti Talbott at 248-472-5964 by Oct. 1. Golfer sign-in on the day of the event starts at noon and a shotgun start is at 2 p.m. Dinner without golf can be purchased at the event for \$20.

For more information. go to www.fivepointsofhope.com.

### **March for Animals**

The Michigan Humane Society is hosting its 13th annual Mega March for Animals, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 6, at Kensington Metropark's Martindale Beach, 4570 Huron River Parkway, in Milford.

Walkers walk up to two miles to fulfill the pledges they have recorded since July. Walkers at Kensington Metropark will enjoy free admission (up to a \$10 value). Go to MichiganHumane.org/ megamarch to register.

### 'Halloween Extravaganza' at

"Halloween Extravaganza," a liveon-stage musical, will be performed at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in Northville during the month of October. Show times are 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, plus a special performance at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26.

Tickets for all performances are \$9. Children in costume welcome (no children under age of 3). Group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more.

For more information, call 248-349-8110, email marquistheatre@ sbcglobal.net or to go northvillemarquistheatre.com.

### Spooky movie nights at Marquis

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in Northville will a series of spooky move nights, featuring a different classic Halloween-themed film at 7:30 p.m. each Saturday during October. The schedule includes "Ghostbusters" (PG) Oct. 6, "The Haunted Mansion" (PG) Oct. 13, "Gremlins (PG) Oct. 20 and "Scary Movie" (R) Oct. 27.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased via cash or check only at the Marquis

Theatre box office in advance or the night of each individual movie. Doors open at 7 p.m. Concessions will be available. The historic Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Downtown Northville.

The spooky movie nights are part October in the 'Ville. For more information, go to www.downtownnorthville.com.

### **Tollgate Pumpkinfest volunteers**

The fifth annual Pumpkinfest weekend at MSU Tollgate Farm, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, in Novi is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6-7. The farm is looking for volunteers ages 16 and older to help run the event. For more information, go to http://www.canr.msu.edu/tollgate/ events/pumpkinfest or call Rosina Newton at 248-347-0269, ext. 229.

### Trick or Feet walk/run

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is hosting its annual Trick or Feet Sunday, Oct. 7, at Maybury State Park, 49575 Eight Mile Road, in North-

There will be 5K and 10K courses and a quarter-mile Mini-Monster Dash for children ages 12 and under. The event will include a live DJ, food and refreshments, raffles, face painting, temporary tattoos and pumpkin painting. There will also be four costume contests with prizes. Dogs on leashes are welcome to attend.

The race begins at 10 a.m. and the Mini-Monster Dash at 11:30 a.m. Registration is \$35 for the 5K, \$45 for the 10K and \$10 for the Mini-Monster Dash. Participants can register online at www.nkfm.org/TrickorFeet or the day of the event 9-10 a.m. All race participants will receive a T-shirt and finishing medal. The top three male and female runners in each age group will also receive awards.

A recreational passport is required to enter the state park. For more information, go to www.nkfm.org/TrickorFeet or contact Ryder Comstock at the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan 734-222-9800 or rcomstock@

### South Lyon Young Life concert

South Lyon Young Life will host a concert featuring Kylee Phillips 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the South Lyon Theatre, 126 E. Lake Street.

Tickets are \$8 online or \$10 at the door. Children ages 3 and under are free. All proceeds will go toward South Lyon Young Life. Go to Eventbrite.com, key word South Lyon, to purchase tickets.

### Northville Garden Club

The Northville Garden Club will next meet at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 8, for a pine cone and bow workshop. Members will be wiring pine cones and making their signature bows for their annual greens mart. Guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Suemarie Klimek at 734-459-8327.

The club is also holding its 43rd annual Greens Mart from noon to 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 12-13, at the Cady Inn to provide fresh, top quality wreaths, roping and greens to businesses and residents. All profits are returned to the community in the form of local scholarships and civic improvements.

For more information, go to northvillegardenclub.com or call 248-924-2663.

### **AAUW speaker event**

The American Association of University Women Northville-Novi will host Suzanne Schulz, Novi Sports Club fitness instructor, at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road. Schultz will speak on active aging.

There will be time for questions throughout the presentation. There is no charge for this event. For more information, go to www.aauwnn.org.

### **Drinking water seminar**

A public and environmental health See EVENTS, Page 13A

seminar, titled "Drinking Water and Wells," is scheduled for 2-2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, in the South Lyon City Hall auditorium, 335 S. Warren Street. It is sponsored by the Wellhead Protection Program, city of South Lyon Water Department, and presented by the Oakland County Health Division of Michigan.

Speaker will Kimberly DeMars, RS, a senior public health sanitarian with the Oakland County Health Division's Environmental Health Services. Topics will include on-site septic systems, ensuring safe drinking water, wells, well components and the role the Oakland County Health Division plays in regulation. There will be a question and answer period after the seminar.

For more information, call 248-437-

### Wixom Library book sale

The Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, will host a used book sale, sponsored by The Friends of the Wixom Library, Wednesday through Saturday, Oct. 10-13. Wednesday is reserved for Friends members only(memberships available at the door.) Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday (fill a bag for \$5).

The sale will feature thousands of books and multimedia items for all ages, priced between 25 cents and \$1, plus specially priced items.

### Walk with the Witches

Walk with the Witches is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12. Meet at Milford's Central Park and walk to the Red Dog Saloon for a drink and then back to Central Park, followed by dinner at Baker's of Milford.

The events is free, although you pay for your own food/drinks. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/ groups/747324175453595/.

### **War Dog Mamorial interment**

The Michigan War Dog Memorial will be holding a ceremonial buried for K-9 Whiskey, a U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Security Force animal that served in Kabul, Afghanistan, at noon Saturday, Oct. 13, at the memorial, 25805 Milford Road, in South Lyon. For more information call 248-685-8307 or email mwdmk9@gmail.com.

### **Haunted hayride** SCANDONE SOLENOIS SECRETARIAS

Sokol Camp, 11633 Sokol Camp Drive, in Green Oak Charter Township is hosting its annual haunted trick-or-treating walk and haunted hayride beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

Kids of all ages can enjoy the multiple magic shows and the haunted hayrides, which start at 7 p.m., and the haunted walk with designated trick-or-treat cottages beginning at 8 p.m. Come early to enjoy dinner at the indoor/outdoor bar and concessions serving burgers, hot dogs, sausage and chili.

Admission is \$7 per person at the gate or in advance by contacting Jason at jt\_knapp@yahoo.com. No advance reservation is required. Groups welcome. For more information, email sokoldetroit@charter.net.

### **First Baptist homecoming**

The First Baptist Church of South Lyon, 60820 Marjorie Ann Street, will host its 63rd homecoming celebration Sunday, Oct. 14. Members, former members and others are welcome to attend.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., the gospel group Matchless Grace will begin singing at 10:30 a.m. Following the morning worship, a buffet-style meal will be served. There is no charge. Following the meal, there will be an afternoon service at 1:30 p.m.

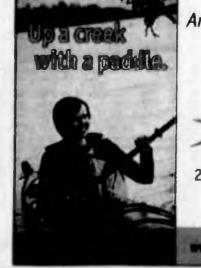
### **Zonta Club anniversary**

The Zonta Club of Milford is celebrating its 60th anniversary with a buffet luncheon 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic

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# Local public art: 'You either love it or you hate it'

**Ed Wright** 

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

What in the world is that humongous slab of rusted metal suspended prominently at the Canton Township intersection of Ford and Canton Center roads?

And what is the story behind Garden City's ultra-popular Willy the Pig, who barely survived a kidnapping and has his own Facebook page? Or the structure created by a world-renowned artist in Farmington's Riley Park that kids have mistaken for a jungle gym?

They're all pieces of eye-catching public art and, whether you love them or hate them — or have no clue what they represent — you have to admit, they're head-turners.

Following are brief back stories on some of suburban Detroit's most compelling works of hard-to-miss art, a few of which are head-scratchingly unique, others more obvious in nature.

### **Canton Community Arch**

A few blocks down the street from the McDonald's golden arches, the 6,000-pound steel and limestone structure erected in 2006 is hard to miss as visitors enter Canton Township on east-

bound Ford Road.

Here's what the 12-year-old, \$50,000 head-turner is not: a piece of the Titanic, space junk or a section of the World Trade Center.

According to literature provided by the Canton Downtown Development Authority, the piece "was envisioned to embrace the growth of the community while recognizing the area's agricultural

People are encouraged to look at the arch from a variety of angles and enjoy its many different perspectives, the literature adds.

From her perspective as an assistant manager at the Speedway directly across the street from the arch, Shayla Wood admitted she appreciates the piece, even though she knows there are others who don't share her viewpoint.

"Like any form of art, you're going to have people who love it and people who hate it," Wood said. "I like it, but I like all kinds of art. It's something different to look at.

"It's so attractive, I think it may be why there are so many accidents at this intersection," she added. People are easily distracted by it while they're driving."

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This mural appears on the back of the Marguis Theatre in Northville. **ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM** 

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### CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The test will be conducted at 4:00 PM on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.

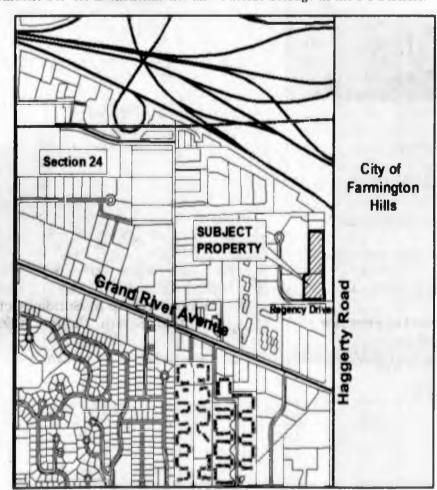
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### **CITY OF NOVI** PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider TOYOTA SERVICE CENTER AT REGENCY DRIVE, JSP 18-15 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN. The subject property, 25155 Haggerty Road, totals approximately 6.67 acres and is located in Section 24, west of Haggerty Road and north of Regency Drive. The applicant is proposing a 21,485 square foot vehicle service establishment and inventory vehicle parking in the I-1 Light Industrial District. Special Land Use approval is required for both Automobile Service Establishments and Outside Storage in the I-1 District.



Plans are available for review at the Civic Center.

Subject Parcel ID's: 50-22-24-276-024 and 22-24-276-011

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, October 24, 2018.

Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Among the work's nay-sayers is local attorney Cam Miller, who said, "Rust never sleeps? I have never seen anything attractive about it."

Each portion of the arch, which was designed by Michigan artist Kenneth M. Thompson, represents a significant part of Canton's character. Its limestone pillars that serve as a base to the sculpture represent the community's tradition, knowledge and experi-

The most prominent piece of the structure, a giant steel "plow," signifies Canton's growth over the years. Two stainless steel members connect the sculpture and meet above the piece, characterizing Canton's upward reach and the convergence of a diverse community.

"I think it would help if the (township) put a plaque near the structure, explaining what it represents," Wood said. "That would clear up any confusion."

### Farmington's David Barr Sculpture Exhibit

At first glance, the trio of sculptures recently anchored in Farmington's Riley Park scream, "Climb on me!" to energetic young children looking for a new obstacle to embrace.

"At first, we had a few kids who mistook the sculptures for playground equipment," Farmington DDA director Kate Knight said with a smile. "The overall response from the public has been delight.

"Reactions have ranged from 'You call that art?' to 'I love David Barr art and I can't believe this is in Farmington.' An overwhelming majority of the feedback I've heard has been incredibly positive."

The sculptures, which were created by world-renowned artist David Barr, who died in 2015 at age 75, were loaned to Farmington on a temporary basis from the city of Novi.

Named Temple, Avenue and Shift, they will be displayed at Riley Park because of its central location, heavy volume of pedestrian traffic and intensive programming, according to the Farmington DDA website.



Willy the Pig has been a downtown Garden City favorite since 2011.

"The sculptures are part of our Public Art Blueprint, the goal of which is to develop a strong public art presence around Farmington," Knight said. "The other day, we found that one of our portable chairs in the park had been moved close to the sculptures, so someone was admiring them."

### Garden City's Willy the Pig

Next to Porky of Loony Tunes fame and Wilbur from the book "Charlotte's Web," Garden City's Willy the Pig may be the most popular swine in North America.

The six-foot-long, 23-inch-diameter red sculpture's fame hasn't come without a price.

Willy's proper name is Cochon Rouge. Made of bright red painted steel, it was sculpted by Montreal artist Sophie Marie and arrived in Garden City with 10

other sculptures in 2011 as part of a two-year Garden City DDA display.

"The installation of the pig was met with mixed ... emotions," Garden City DDA director Kim Dold said. "People either loved it or hated it."

Dold added that the pig has been planked, dressed up for special occasions and (OMG!) kidnapped June

A widespread search ensued which led to Willy's recovery in Livingston County, although the sculpture had suffered major damage, including the removal of

The insured pig was returned for repairs to Marie, who deemed Willy unrepairable.

The story has a happy ending (don't all stories involving bacon end happily?) as Marie made an identical pig, which is currently still on display in the heart of Garden City.

Willy's welcome home party was a joyous occasion, with roasted pork the featured dish.

### Northville's American flag mural

It's hard to miss the stunning, five-story American flag mural featured on the rear wall of Northville's Marquis Theatre.

Created by Northville native Jeff Von Buskirk, the mural was finished in 2002 to help commemorate the 9/11 attacks on America.

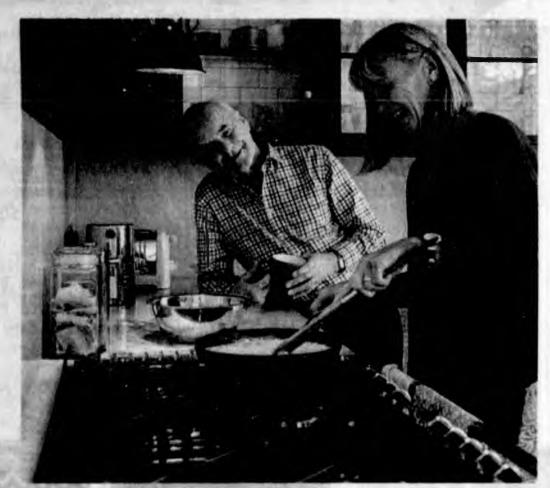
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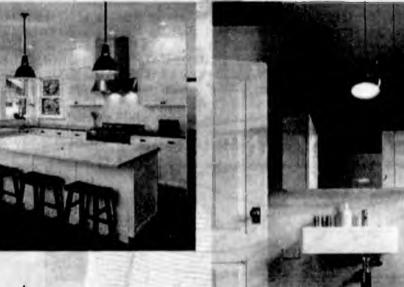
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Detroit Country Day School had 46 students who received recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

## Country Day students earn **National Merit recognition**

Detroit Country Day School announced recently that a record high 30 National Merit semifinalists and 16 commended students — which equates to 25 percent the school's class of 2019 - have been recognized by the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. DCDS Headmaster Glen Shilling made the announcement.

Country Day's National Merit semifinalists are Erin Brennan (Beverly Hills), Kevin Chang (Troy), Jocelyn Chu (Livonia), Alex Ge (Northville), Jenna Good (Plymouth), Meghan Guo (Bloomfield Hills), Connor McGeorge (Bloomfield), Ruhi Nayak (Bloomfield Hills), Nehaar Nimmagadda (Northville), Katherine Pan (Livonia), Sreeram Panicker (Troy), Shivan Prasad (Troy), Samuel Redman (Bloomfield Hills), Anusha Santhapur (Novi), Aditi Sharma (Rochester Hills), Julia Shen (Beverly Hills), Erin Shi (Beverly Hills), Nicklaus Sicilia (Bloomfield Hills), Michael Stevanovich (Sterling Heights), Anna Sun (Canton), Sahil Suneja (Novi), Ashwin Surapaneni (Bloomfield Hills), Kevin Tang (West Bloomfield), Justine Thomas (West Bloomfield), Alicia Wang (Northville), Collin Wang (Farmington Hills), Yannis Wu-Yip (Troy), George Yalamanchili (Troy), Madeline Yang (Bloomfield Hills) and Joshua Zhe (Canton).

Country Day's National Merit commended students are Molly Beachum (Birmingham), Chloe Burns-Krul (Oak Park), Harliv Chahal (Northville), Megan Charlakolu (Farmington), Jiahong Hu (Bloomfield Hills), Julie Jaipati (Farmington Hills), Aashni Khatri

(Northville). Rebecca Li (Bingham Farms), Chaitanya Manam (West Bloomfield), Vignesh Nalliah (Bloomfield Hills), Jared Nation (Rochester), Rohan Nuthalapati (West Bloomfield), Neel Shah (Rochester Hills), Hassan Siddiqui (Bloomfield Hills), Nikol Uribe Guiza (West Bloomfield) and Ariana Zarghami (Birmingham).

"This marks a momentous achievement with 25 percent of our senior class earning an impressive national recognition," Shilling said. "The entire school community is incredibly proud of our students and all the hard work they have put in to receive such a prestigious academic achievement. This honor is a reflection of the strong programs we've built here at DCDS, the rigor of our academic curriculum and the dedication and passion from our faculty."

About 1.5 million junior class students enter the National Merit Scholarship Program each year by taking the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. In order to qualify as a semifinalist, students must score well on the PSAT, which equates to test scores in the top 1 percent in the state. DCDS's 30 National Merit semifinalists have the opportunity to apply for the finalist round of the scholarship competition and will be reviewed based on their SAT score, academic records, and recommendation by the high school principal. The finalists' scholarships will be presented in spring 2019.

For more information, www.dcds.edu.





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weekend to the organizers of the annual Pumpkinfest in South Lyon.

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The event included the annual Great

Mother Nature was kind over the Pumpkin contest, which judged the area's largest pumpkins, vegetables, sunflowers and corn stalks, plus the annual pumpkin pie-eating contest.

Also crowd favorites: The South Lyon wrestling booster club's craft show, the "Lord of the Gourd" and the Ultimate Air Dogs show, where fans watched dogs fly off docks and into water while catching a Frisbee-like disc.



The South Lyon High School color guard entertains the crowd Saturday morning. TOM BEAUDOIN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Hardy Elementary Brownie Troop 76552 members are thrilled to be part of this year's parade. TOM BEAUDOIN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Thousands attended the annual Pumpkinfest parade held in South Lyon. TOM BEAUDOIN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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Myles and Elliza Visser look on as the Pumpkinfest parade makes its way down

### **SYNOPSIS** September 20, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Thursday, September 20, 2018 DATE: TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Richard Allen, Trustee

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee Mindy Herrmann, Trustee

Fred Shadko, Trustee ABSENT: Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2.

Agendas: Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items - Approved Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:

Reappoint Nancy Grandillo to Beautification Commission -3. Public Hearing: Set Public Hearings for the 2019 Budget on October 11, 2018 at

6p.m. and October 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. - Approved **Brief Public Comments: None** 

5. New Business: A. Village at Northville Phase 3 - Concept Plan - Approved w/ Conditions

B. Six Mile Tree Planting Bid Award - Approved

C. Seven Mile Property - Environmental Service Fee C.O. - Approved Intergovernmental Agreement (Beck & Six Mile Road) - Approved

D. Unfinished Business: None

Ordinances: None Check Registry:

In the amount of \$ 3,227,936.88 for the period of 8/4/18 to 9/7/18 - Approved

**Board Communication & Reports:** 

Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Allen, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider

Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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### **Events**

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Street. Guest speaker will be Dr. Viki Kloosterhouse, who will address the topic titled Women: Uniquely Designed.

The public is invited. There will be door prizes and a 60/40 raffle. Tickets are \$20 in advance. Call 248-387-9099 or go to Facebook at ZontaClubofMilford.

### Rockabully Chili Cookoff

The sixth annual Rockabully Chili Cookoff to benefit the Detroit Bulldog Rescue will be held 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Village Workshop, 455 E, Cady Street, in Northville. The organization, which serves all of Michigan, has rescued. rehabilitated and found homes for hundreds of bulldogs since its founding in 1993.

About 15 chefs have already signed up to participate in the competition. Sponsorships also are available and applications from chili chefs are still being taken on the registration page at www. detroitbulldogrescue.org. The event also will feature a silent auction and live entertainment from Cindi Lou and the Red Hot Royals.

Tickets are \$15 online and \$20 at the door and are available on the Detroit Bulldog Rescue's website and Faceobok page.

### **History of railroads**

Bob Polasky, local railroad history buff, railroad photographer, model railroader and past railroad employee, will present "History of the Chesapeake & Ohio R.R. in Southeast Michigan" through a PowerPoint presentation, 35mm slide show and historical artifacts and models, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Village Freight House, 300 Dorothy Street.

### 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. Through mid-October, the exhibit will feature work by Linda Pelowski, a full-time 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.milford vfaa.org.

### LWV school board forum

The League of Women Voters Oakland Area will be hosting an upcoming candidate forum for the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools district board at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 7601 Walnut Lake Road, in West Bloomfield. There are three candidates running for two six-year terms: Peggy Casagrande, Greg Pavuk and Marc A. Siegler.

The public is invited to learn more about the program and ask questions. For more information, call 248-594-6602 or go to www.LWVOA.org

### **Dinner and silent** auction

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce Street, in Milford will host a traditional turkey dinner and a silent auction Saturday, Oct. 20. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 6

You must have a ticket to attend. Suggested donation is \$12 for adults (ages 12 and up) and \$6 for children (ages 5-11); ages 4 and under are free. Tickets are available during office hours, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and also Sunday morning.

For more information, call 248-684-0495 or go www.stgeorges milford.org.

### **Toligate Farm classes**

MSU Tollgate Farm, Meadowbrook 28115 Road, in Novi will host two fall garden classes. Photo Tour of World Gardens, with Steven Nikkila, is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 25. Cultivating Your Green Thumb – Indoors!, with Lisa Steinkopf, is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 8.

Advance registration is requested. The cost of each class is \$20 and supports further adult education programming at MSU Tollgate. For more information and to register, go to https://events. anr.msu.edu/evenings 2018fall/.

### Tutor training session

Oakland Literacy Council is in urgent need of volunteer tutors to teach adults in Novi and surrounding communities to read, write, and speak English. The council will hold a training session for tutors from 9

Oct. 27, at the Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road.

For more information or register for the training, call 248-253-1617 or go to oaklandliteracy. com/become-a-tutor.

### Capernaum Health Clinic

Capernaum Health Clinic will provide a free health care through a coalition of area churches for those without adequate insurance Monday through Friday, Nov. 5-9, at First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette, in South Lyon. Services that may be available include medical, dental, vision, audiology, podiatry and mammograms.

**Appointments** necessary for most services. Call 248-225-4581 or email capernaum healthclinic@gmail.com for appointments and information.

### **Community Reads** title, author visit

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

Each of the six NLA libraries will host 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.

To learn more about the book and for a complete schedule of 2018 Community Reads events, dates and times, http://nla

a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, communityreads.weebly. com.

### Northville Newcomers & Neighbors holiday party

The Northville Newcomers & Neighbors club will host a holiday dinner dance 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive. Tickets are \$50 for members

spouses, \$60 for guests. Make checks payable to NNN and send to: Claudia Snyder, 17945 Stonebrook Court, Northville, MI 48168. Seating is limited. RSVP and entrée choice are due Nov. 26. Please organize vour tables of eight or let us seat you with new friends.

For more information, email Patt.Doyle@yahoo. com or grandmaabba@ gmail.com.

### Adopt-A-Reader

Adopt-A-Reader links volunteers like you with children in kindergarten through second grade in the South Lyon Community Schools district who need extra support with reading and/or writing. This is an opportunity to create a learning bond by individually working with two children. You could make a real difference in their lives. All it takes is a commitment of about an hour a week.

You decide the school you would like to volunteer at, the day and time slot during school hours that's convenient for your schedule; we provide the training and materials. **Contact Lindsey Jackson** 248-941-1701 jacksonl@slcs.us for more information

### Barn dance at Kensington

The Kensington Metropark Farm Center, 4570 Huron River Parkway, will host a pair of barn dances Saturday, Feb. 18, 2019. There are two sessions to choose from: 6-8 p.m. (daddy-daughter, mother-son, parent-child) and 8-10 p.m. (adult couples, singles and families with older children).

Light refreshments will be provided. Advance tickets (\$8) are required. Call the park office at 810-227-8910 to order.

### Friday and Saturday **Night Hangouts**

The Living and Learning Center, 315 Griswold, in Northville is a center that specializes in helping teens and adults that are on the autism spectrum learn job and social skills. This center provides a program 6-9 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night that allows their clients to partake in games, art and creating friendships with their fellow peers and mentors.

Each week, teens and adults learn essential social skills (introducing themselves, carrying a conversation, etc.) while also having a fun night out of the house.

To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to www.livingand learningcenter.org.

### Youth Alpha film series

All teens are invited to the Youth Alpha film series at the Java House Cafe, 25840 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. A free Java House drink and snack will be provided. Come at 6 p.m. each Thursday. Email any questions to YouthAlpha789@gmail. com or register wp.holyspiritres.org/ alpha/.

### **SL Rec Authority**

South Lyon Area Recreation Authority board meetings are held at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month. Call the South Lyon Area Recreation office at 248-437-8105 for directions and confirmation of meeting location. To register for upcoming classes, call or go to www.slrec.net.



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**BOYS SOCCER** 

# North Farmington slips past rival Farmington

Raiders make PK to get closer to city championship

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North Farmington took the first step toward regaining the Farmington Public Schools district boys soccer city championship Sept. 27.

The Raiders traveled across town and slipped past district rival Farmington, 1-0, thanks to a successful penalty kick by senior Nick Debaker with 9:58 left in the first half.

Junior forward Javier Tobar began what turned into the PK with a hustle shot on goal. Senior forward Cole Arnold chased after the rebound, but was pulled down inside the box, which resulted in the PK call.

Debaker's shot to the right part of the net went in cleanly for his second goal of the season. It helped erase the memory of a missed PK in a recent game against Seaholm.

"A couple games back, I actually missed a PK against Seaholm and that completely killed my confidence," said Debaker, in his second varsity season. "And to come back a couple games later in a rivalry game, I had to step up. My heart was pumping. I didn't know what was going on. I was out of my mind.

"When I shot the PK and scored, it was the greatest feeling I've ever had," he added. "It was probably the highlight of my high school career, coming

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North
Farmington's
Ryan Haas (left)
and
Farmington's
Matthew
Demartini battle
for ball control
during the first
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PREP FOOTBALL

# Franklin bottles up Rockets



Franklin's Fredrick Biles (left) gets upended by a John Glenn tackier. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Patriots junior QB Jake Kelbert throws three touchdown passes in 21-7 victory

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Jake Kelbert admitted he was a little fatigued afterward.

And it certainly seemed to be a long night in more ways than one for the Livonia Franklin junior quarterback, who helped orchestrate a 21-7 KLAA East Division football win Friday and spoil Westland John Glenn's homecoming.

The 5-foot-11, 183-pound junior didn't put up gaudy offensive numbers, but he was effective nonetheless, as he threw for three touchdowns and ran for a team-best 92 yards on 15 carries as the Patriots improved to 4-2 overall and 4-1 in the division.

Kelbert was 9-of-17 passing for 112 yards and was picked off twice, but when Franklin needed a play, he deliv-

ered.

Franklin ran for a total of 199 yards, while limiting Glenn (2-4, 1-4) to just 149 yards total offense.

"We knew if we could get our run offense to click this game, we knew we could basically run all over them because our line has gotten so much better since Week 1," Kelbert said. "And we haven't gone one game with the same offensive line. And tonight it clicked on all cylinders and we had wet conditions, so we knew we had to run the ball even more. And the offensive line

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5 TO WATCH

# South Lyon punches postseason ticket with sixth win

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Who could forget Indianapolis Colts coach Jim Mora's postgame famous tirade following a galling 40-21 late season 2001 loss to the San Francisco 49ers.

"What's that? Playoffs? You're talking about playoffs? Playoffs? Are you kidding me? I just hope we can win a game," Mora said to reporters afterward.

Well, it's almost the playoffs as we embark on Week 7 of the high school football season and one coach doesn't have to worry about that question anymore.

After going 1-8 a year ago, South Lyon coach Jeff Henson has guided the Lions to quite a turnaround in 2018 as they became the first Hometownlifecom area team to earn an automatic spot with their sixth straight win, a

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South Lyon coach Jeff Henson has his team already in the playoffs with a 6-0 start. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM,

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# Canton cruises past Novi; CC tops Ohio team

As the temperatures get a bit cooler, it certainly feels more like fall football weather. Here's a roundup of all the games taking place during week 6 of the Michigan High School Athletic Association in the Hometown Life area.

Friday, Sept. 28, games

**Belleville 29, Dearborn Fordson 26 Birmingham Brother Rice 31, Grand** Ledge 28

Birmingham Groves 42, Troy Athens 6: Groves (4-2, 3-1) finished with 387 total yards in registering its fourth straight victory after opening with two losses. The Falcons were led by Demonte McCurdy who scored two touchdowns, finished with 70 yards rushing on nine carries, caught two passes for 14 vards, had two punt returns totaling 27 yards and one interception. Colby Taylor (82 yards rushing, one touchdown), Kalil Dawsey (85-yard touchdown reception) and Markis Alexander (185yards passing with a pair of TD's) also had big games for Groves. Charlie Riddle (two tackles, half a sack) and Jacob Edelman (four tackles, half a sack) stood out defensively. Austin Kenan led Athens with 73 yards rushing on six car-

Birmingham Seaholm 55, Pontiac 8: Seaholm (5-1 overall) remained undefeated (5-0) in the OAA Blue Division with this dominating win over Pontiac on Friday. The Maples, who held a commanding 41-0 halftime lead, had touchdowns from Will McBride, Chase Mentag, Paul Jokisch, Alexander Lonze, Jackson Vance and Jacob Vance. Seaholm had 256 yards rushing and 170 return yards.

**Brighton 21, Northville 0** 

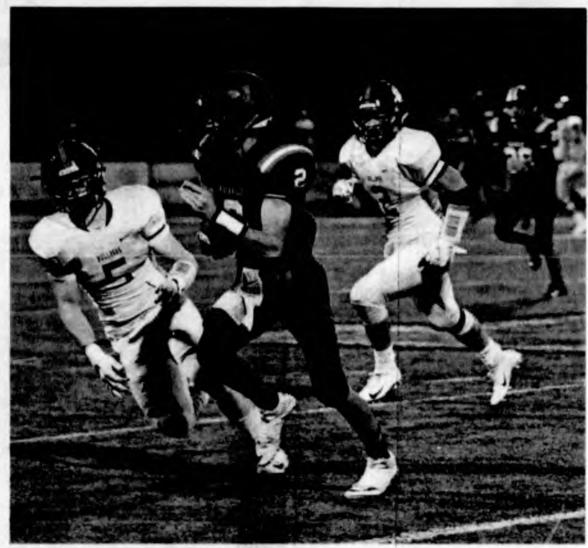
Canton 35, Novi 7: Senior Steven Walker rushed for 164 yards on just 11 carries, including touchdown runs of 60 and 34 yards, to lead the Chiefs (4-2, 4-1) past the host Wildcats (1-5, 1-4) in a KLAA West Division game. Walker also caught a pair of TD passes of 7 and 62 yards from QB Ben Stesiak, who was 5of-9 for 122 yards. Ben Wright also contributed a 7-yard TD run and Seth Troszak was 5-for-5 on PATs. Canton, which led 28-0 at halftime, outgained Novi in total offense, 418-171. Robert Wynn III scored on a 2-yard run for Novi in the third quarter. Josh Erno led Novi's ground attack with 91 yards on 17 carries. Noah VanBerkel paced Canton's defense with seven tackles, including three for loss. Darius Robinson added six tackles. Drew O'Connor and Matthew Wright led Novi with 10 and eight tackles, respectively.

Clarkston 55, Bloomfield Hills 7

Dearborn Heights Robichaud 26, Redford Union 14: Junior Amir Rashed rushed for one TD and caught an 18-yard TD pass from Carl Ware, but it wasn't enough as the Panthers (1-5, 1-4) fell to Western Wayne Athletic Conference leading Bulldogs (6-0, 5-0). Deron Gould added a 50-yard fumble recovery, while Cameron Wells had three tackles for loss for RU. Robichaud QB David McWilliams was 14-of-24 passing for 341 yards and four TDs. Kyle Smith had three catches for 104 yards and two TDs.

Detroit Loyola 20, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 17

**Detroit Catholic Central 35, Colum**bus (Ohio) COF Academy 14: Sophomore quarterback Jack Beno threw TD passes to Nate Anderson (80 yards) and Ryan Birney to lead the Shamrocks (5-1) to a non-league win over Columbus (Ohio) Christians of Faith Academy (0-5). Parker Bohland also added an interception return for a score, while senior captain Noah Shanlian had a fumble



Scampering out of trouble is Northville quarterback Trevor Schornack. Brighton players Cole Riddle (left) and Zach Pardonnet close in. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Franklin's Jake Kelbert gets loose for a gain during a 21-7 win over John Glenn. **BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM** 

recovery for a TD. Brendin Yatooma also rushed for another CC score.

Detroit Country Day 41, Richland **Gull Lake 3** 

Farmington Hills Harrison 27, Rochester 24: Senior running back Rod Heard scored three touchdowns (1, 16, 61 yards) and gained 286 yards on 37 carries to lead Harrison (5-1, 4-1) to this OAA White Division victory on Friday. Vincent Rawls also scored on a one-yard run. Harrison finished with 379 total yards, including 352 rushing. Rochester (2-4) finished with 349 total yards -- 285 passing and 64 rushing. Maverick Hansen (12 tackles) and Sylvon Brown (five tackles) were Harrison's top defenders.

Flint Kearsley 40, Milford 6

Garden City 55, Romulus 16: Senior running back David McDaniel passed the 1,000-yard mark scoring five touchdowns and rushing for 276 yards on 19 carries to lead the Cougars (4-2, 4-1) to a Western Wayne Athletic Conference win over the host Eagles (2-4, 2-3). McDaniel, who has 13 TDs on the year, scored on runs of 39, 35, 35 and 38 yards, while also catching a 22-yard TD pass from quarterback Chase McGraw, who added a 29-yard TD pass to Ithan Cholewa. McGraw, who was 4-of-6 passing for 98 yards, also rushed for 61 yards on six carries, including TD runs of 6 and 35 yards. Jay Castonguay contributed 57 yards in five carries as Garden City outgained Romulus on the ground, 421-109. Romulus, unable to recover from a 34-8 halftime deficit, lost two fumbles and were picked off by Cholewa.

Howell 27, Salem 3

Livonia Churchill 16, Dearborn 13: The Chargers (4-2, 3-2) jumped out to a 16-0 lead and held on for a KLAA East Division win over the visiting Pioneers (3-3, 2-3) as senior quarterback Drew Alsobrooks threw a 39-yard flea flicker TD pass to Shane Morelli, kicked a 23yard field goal and hit Avery Grenier on a 13-yard TD third-quarter toss. Alsobrooks was 11-of-18 passing for 223 yards. He also rushed for 72 yards on 10

carries, while Darrell Mason Jr. added 45 on 17 attempts. Morelli had three catches for 105 yards. Ali Ibrahim scored on TD runs of 5 and 6 yards for Dearborn. He also added a two-pointer. The Chargers got interceptions from Brendan Lowry, Grenier and Andrew Greff (the game-clincher late in the fourth quarter).

Livonia Franklin 21, Westland John

Livonia Stevenson 34, Wayne Memorial 0: Evan Beck rushed for 155 yards on just eight carries and two touchdowns as host Spartans (1-5, 1-4) defeated the Zebras (0-6, 0-5) in a KLAA East Division game. Dalen Cobb hit Dylan Johnson on a 13-yard TD pass and also returned a kickoff 71 yards for a TD. Shane Rakowski added 73 yards rushing on seven carries. Defensively, Stevenson's Nate Eklund had four tackles and two sacks, while Nick Broome and Jacob Reyna also came up with interceptions to preserve the shutout.

Lutheran Westland 21, Southfield Christian 7

Madison Heights Madison 28, Farmington 6

Plymouth 46, Hartland 26: Junior QB Nick Downs threw TD passes of 43 yards (to Mike Mathias) and 12 yards (to Brice Baumgart), while also scoring on a 1-yard run as the Wildcats (4-2, 3-2) earned the KLAA West Division victory over the host Eagles (2-4, 2-3). Mathias led Plymouth's rushing attack with 170 yards on 10 carries, including a 60-yard TD run. Mathias also had three solo tackles and an interception. Carson Miller contributed 75 yards on 25 attempts, while Jackson Vacca booted field goals of 33 and 30 yards. Logan Walkley also ran for a two-pointer and Jack Angott had an interception return for a TD, while Ivan Davis recovered a fumble for another TD. Spencer Korroch led the Plymouth defense with five tackles. Hartland QB Holden D'Arcy threw TD passes of 5 and 12 yards to Logan Tobel and Zach Linfield, respectively. Aiden Ross also recovered a fumble and scored a TD, while Tanner Culver had a 53-yard fumble return for another Hartland

Redford Thurston 1, Livonia Clarenceville 0 (forfeit)

South Lyon East 37, Waterford

Moot 6 man and mi minut South Lyon 48, Walled Lake Central 0: South Lyon (6-0) not only remained undefeated Friday, but secured its second playoff berth in three years with this huge Lakes Valley Conference victory over Walled Lake Central. Quarterback Conner Fracassi threw a pair of touchdown passes to Brendon Lach (35 and nine yards). Jack Schafer scored on runs of four and 17 yards. Isaac Nooe (32-yard interception return), Ian Goins (20-yard run) and Dom Santoni (61-yard run) accounted for the other Lions touchdowns. South Lyon finished with 323 total yards. Santoni had 110 yards rushing and Goins gained 92 yards on the ground. Fracassi was 5-for-5 passing for 79 yards and Lach caught four passes for 75 yards. Schafer and Michael Dancer led the way defensively with six tackles apiece.

Royal Oak 14, North Farmington 7 White Lake Lakeland 28, Walled Lake Western 7

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48-0 Lakes Valley Conference victory over Walled Lake Central.

Three other area teams, all standing at 5-1, can automatically punch their playoff ticket this week: Farmington Harrison, Farmington and Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Here's a sneak peak at this week's top five match-ups

5 to watch

(all games at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5)

Dearborn Fordson (5-1, 4-1) at Livonia Franklin (4-2, 4-1): The Tractors came within a last-second field goal of sending their game to overtime last week against unbeaten Belleville before losing, 29-26. The Patriots, last year's MHSAA Division 2 runners-up, need to KLAA East Division race. Picks: Emons (Fordson), Budner (Fordson), Smith (Franklin).

Rochester Adams (3-3, 2-3) at Farmington Harrison (5-1, 4-1): This is an Oakland Activities Association crossover match-up with Adams, a member of the tough OAA Red, being a formidable opponent for the Hawks, who escaped last week with a 27-24 OAA White victory over Rochester. Adams' only three losses this season have come against last year's Division 1 state champion Clarkston (30-8) and Division 1 runner-up West Bloomfield (24-20 last week), along with Lake Orion (28-24). Picks: Emons (Harrison), Budner (Harrison), Smith (Adams)

South Lyon East (4-2, 4-1) at Walled Lake Western (4-2, 4-1): This will be another pivotal Lakes Valley Conference match-up for both teams as East, looking for only its second postseason spot in school history, turned heads last week with a convincing 37-6 win over pull off the upset to help keep their play- Waterford Mott. Western, meanwhile, tory with a win over rival North, whose mons@hometownlife.com. Follow him

game features two outstanding QBs in East's Chris Kaminski and Western's Sam Johnson III (committed to Boston College). Picks: Emons (Western), Budner (Western), Smith (Western).

South Lyon (6-0, 5-0) at Waterford Mott (4-2, 4-1): The Lions, who wrapped up their 19th state playoff berth in school history last week, have passed all their tests so far this season in the Lakes Valley Conference and this will be another one. South Lyon sits all alone in first at the moment in the LVC, but their are no "gimmes" down the stretch as it finishes with Mott, Walled Lake Western and rival South Lyon East, Picks: Emons (South Lyon), Budner (South Lyon), Smith (Mott).

North Farmington (3-3, 3-2) at Farmington (5-1, 4-0): This OAA Blue Division encounter holds many ramifications. Farmington, smarting from its first loss of the season against unbeaten Madison Heights Madison, 28-6, can earn its 11th playoff victory in school hisoff aspirations afloat and stay in the fell 28-7 to White Lake Lakeland. This playoff chances dwindled following a on Twitter: @BradEmonsl.

14-7 setback last week to Royal Oak. These schools have met 52 times, with North leading the series 33-18-1. Picks: Emons (Farmington), Budner (Farmington), Smith (Farmington).

### **Bonus watch**

Novi Detroit Catholic Central (5-1, 1-0) at Orchard Lake St. Mary's (2-4, 0-1): These two Catholic League Central Division foes have a long history of making the state playoffs, along with success in the postseason. Catholic Central, with 10 state titles under its belt, is gunning for its 28th playoff berth in school history, while the Eaglets, having 22 postseason appearances and seven championships under coach George Porritt, are fighting for their playoff lives as an at-large as they have to win out or miss the dance for the second straight year. Picks: Emons (CC), Budner (CC), Smith (CC).

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# Catholic Central continues as HTL's No. 1 team

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Look at this.

South Lyon is in the playoffs.

The Lions, who won just one game last year, are playoff-bound and continue to hold down the No. 3 spot in the Hometownlife Sports Top-10 rankings. They are the only team in the weekly poll which has secured the coveted playoff spot.

That could change after this week, as four other HTL-ranked teams need just one more victory for the MHSAA's guaranteed playoff spot.

Following is the week's Top-10 rankings:

### 1. Catholic Central (5-1)

Last week: No. 1: Second-year head coach Dan Anderson's squad retains the No. 1 spot after last week's comfortable victory over Columbus COF Academy. Now that the Shamrocks are done with the Ohio-based portion of their schedule, they're poised to return to the tough Catholic League Central Division. Sophomore quarterback Jack Beno seems to be improving with every game. Next game: Oct. 5 at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 7 p.m.

### 2. Farmington Harrison (5-1)

Last week: No. 2: Harrison running back Rod Heard had a sensational game in lifting Harrison to a tough three-point road victory last week against a vastly improved Rochester squad. The Hawks are averaging 33 points per game and need just one more win to ensure their 34th postseason appearance in their storied 49-year history under legendary head coach John Herrington. Next game: Oct. 5 home vs. Rochester Adams, 7 p.m.

### 3. South Lyon (6-0)

Last week: No. 3: Fourth-year head coach Jeff Henson returned this season with 20 players who started last year or saw significant playing time. Even though they had only one win last season, that playing experience has proved highly beneficial as the Lions have earned their second playoff appearance in three years. They also lead the Lakes Valley Conference standings, even though they were not even considered a top-three team in the preseason forecast. Next game: Oct. 5 at Waterford Mott, 7 p.m.

### 4. Livonia Churchill (4-2)

Last week: No. 4: The Chargers retained their No. 4 ranking with a clutch three-point triumph last week against Dearborn. Senior Drew Alsobrooks led Churchill to its second straight victory and third in the past four games. Chur-



Farmington's Kendall Williams (left) and Jordan Turner (12) need one more victory to ensure a state playoff berth. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

chill is out of the running for the KLAA East title, but is well on its way to a second straight playoff berth. Next game: Oct. 5 at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.

### 5. Canton (4-2)

Last week: No. 5: The Chiefs defeated Novi by 28 points last week in a nice bounce-back win from the previous week's tough six-point loss to KLAA West-leading Belleville. Senior Steven Walker continues to lead the way for the Chiefs after running for 164 yards on just 11 carries last week, including touchdown runs of 60 and 34 yards. The Chiefs can take possession of secondplace this week. Next game: Oct. 5 home against Howell, 7 p.m.

### 6. Birmingham Seaholm (5-1)

Last week: No. 7: Seaholm just keeps winning and moving up the HTL rankings, slipping into the sixth spot this week. The explosive Maples, who put up a 55-8 pounding on Pontiac last week, are averaging 44 points per game. The move down to the OAA Blue certainly has re-energized the Maples football program. Next game: Oct. 5 home

against Berkley, 7 p.m.

### 7. Livonia Franklin (4-2)

Last week: No. 8: Like Canton, Franklin, which had lost the previous week to district rival Churchill, had a nice bounce-back win last week over Westland John Glenn. The Patriots need two more wins to make the playoffs, but face an uphill battle with upcoming games against KLAA East leaders Fordson and Belleville over the next two weeks. Next game: Oct. 5 home against Dearborn Fordson, 7 p.m.

### 8. Lakeland (4-2)

Last week: No. 9: Lakeland registered an impressive 28-7 victory over a veteran Walled Lake Western squad last week, Senior running back Robbie Tracy and his Eagles teammates need two wins in their final three games to clinch a second straight playoff berth. Head coach Joe Woodruff has the Eagles playing well at the right time of the year. Next game: Oct. 5 at Milford, 7 p.m.

### 9. Farmington (5-1)

Last week: No. 6: Farmington suffered its first loss of the season last

week and moved down three spots in the HTL rankings. The Falcons, who scored only six points against a very good Madison Heights Madison squad in non-league action, need a big revival this week against district rival North Farmington. Running back Kendall Williams hopes to keep the Falcons atop the OAA Blue Division standings. Next game: Oct. 5 home against North Farmington, 7 p.m.

### 10. Birmingham Groves (4-2)

Last week: Unranked: Surging Groves won its fourth straight game last week after opening with tough losses to West Bloomfield and Oak Park. Demonte McCurdy, Kalil Dawsey, Colby Taylor and Markis Alexander have the Falcons in the running for a sixth consecutive playoff berth. However, they need two wins in their last three games to earn the automatic postseason bid. Next game: Oct. 5 home against Troy, 7

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### Franklin

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came together when we needed them and we put drives together."

The game proved to be choppy throughout, with an extended halftime and an early third-quarter injury to Glenn's big playmaker Dante Barthwell.

The game was delayed 15 minutes after the speedy 5-foot-10, 182-pounder was taken off in a ambulance with a reported neck issue when he was gangtackled near the Glenn sideline just 1:21 into the second half.

"Dante went down, his neck was hurting him," Glenn coach Steve Waller said. "We had that (Dominic) Spalding thing (broken neck at Novi), so we were taking every precaution. He's fine, he's moving everything, he's got feeling everywhere. He's just felt some pain in his neck and we were being cautious with

Barthwell's departure seemed to suck the life out of Glenn's offensive at-

"Dante is a great player and you can't replace a great player," Waller said. "We're a very good team and other guys tried to pick up the slack, but you're never going to replace a great player."

Franklin scored on its first two possessions of the opening quarter as Kelbert threw TD passes of 21 and 31 yards to Fredrick Biles and Connor Linton, respectively.

Glenn also scored on its first drive, getting a 9-yard TD run from Barthwell to make it 7-7.

Barthwell also intercepted a Franklin pass, but the Rockets couldn't capital-

The Patriots then gambled on a fourth-and-seven at midfield as Kelbert converted a 29-yard keeper with just



John Glenn's Dante Barthwell (left) tries to break past Franklin tackler Cal Fournier. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

red zone.

"He's a tough son-of-a-gun. The kid runs the ball hard, he runs it well, he's patient, he's tough and he brings it," Waller said.

But a pair of illegal procedure calls put Franklin out of range for a field goal. Kelbert then threw a pair of incomplete passes to turn the ball over on downs with just under a minute left, leaving it 14-7 in favor of the Patriots at intermis-

"Our defense, I think played really good all night long," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "But offensively, we do a lot of good things and then we have breakdowns, we have penalties, we have missed blocking assignments, two men in motion and we're just not disciplined enough on the offensive side of under three minutes left to get into the the ball as far as where we want to be passes ended the game.

right now. But we're getting better. We're scoring points, but we've got a long way to go."

Following the long delay after Barthwell was carted off, the Patriots got on the board again with 3:09 to go in the third on Jake Kelbert's 28-yard TD strike to K.J. Worthy. That score came after the Patriots' Julius Simmons snatched the ball away from Glenn receiver Devin Strohschein just 2:09 earlier

Glenn's Zuriel Debose then intercepted Kelbert at midfield with 10:08 remaining in the game, but the Rockets couldn't move the ball and were forced

Debose also scooped up a Franklin fumble and return it to the Patriots' 20 with 1:47 remaining, but a sack by Ethan Cooper and three straight incomplete

Cooper finished with six tackles, including two sacks, while James Carpenter, Marino DiPonio and Ethan Pittenger were each in on six tackles as well.

Glenn's offense, meanwhile, virtually ground to a halt after its opening TD

"We made an adjustment to their 'wildcat' stuff," Chris Kelbert said. "I think we were out-flanked in that first series, that first drive. We realigned it and we made sure the guys were in better positions."

Glenn averaged just 2.9 yards per carry and quarterback Chad Stevens was only 5-of-20 passing for 81 yards.

"They're a well-coached team and they're fundamentally sound, front end and back end of the secondary ... they played well tonight, I'm not going to take anything away from Franklin," Waller said. "They shut us down inside with the running game and limited what we could do throwing the ball.

The Patriots now control their own destiny in the KLAA East Division race, returning home Friday, Oct. 5 to face Dearborn Fordson (5-1, 4-1) before going to first-place Belleville (6-0, 5-0) the following week.

"It's in our hands. We have two phenomenal, great football teams that we have to play, but that's what we like," Chris Kelbert said. "We want those opportunities and see what our kids can

Eliminating penalties and avoiding costly turnovers will be a key.

"There was a lot (of penalties) and we will fix those," Jake Kelbert said. "We have two really tough opponents with Fordson and Belleville these next two weeks and we have to fix those problems. We will talk about it and we will get better."

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### **Raiders**

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against a rival school in my senior year."

### First half is difference

It was a fairly even first half, with North outshooting Farmington by a slim 6-4 margin. The Raiders controlled most of the first 25 minutes, but could not score on Falcons goalie Evan Yaros during that span.

"I was pretty pleased with how we played the first half, specifically," veteran North Farmington head coach Erika Rust said. "I thought we controlled possession and we were composed on the ball. The boys played simple and I think it showed in our possession.

"I wish we could have been a little more aggressive in the first half. I think we missed some opportunities to finish. But credit Farmington, because the second half, they came out with a lot of energy and I think they out-hustled us a little bit. We were kind of on our heels a little bit.

"They fought and kind of had us on our heels, but that's a rivalry game for you," she added. "It was a tale of two halves and we were lucky to get a PK buried in the first half and close it out."

Farmington played with a bit more resolve in the second half and controlled most of the action, pestering the Raiders' back end. The Falcons had four shots in that final 40 minutes of play, two of which were stopped by North Farmington senior goalie Zach Shuck.

"I felt like it was a hard-fought game and I felt we worked hard," second-year Farmington head coach Tim Wasmer said. "It was frustrating to feel like you outworked your opponent and then lose on a penalty kick like that.

"I think they sat back a little bit defensively in the second half, which allowed us to dominate the play, but we just couldn't quite get one to go our way," he added. "In a rivalry game like, this it doesn't matter what the record is, it just comes down to grit. Give North Farmington credit for finishing it off."

### **Close games for Falcons**

That's the way the season seems to be going for Farmington.

The Falcons are playing hard, but re-



North Farmington senior Nick Debaker (left), who scored the game's only goal on a penalty kick, moves the ball against Farmington sophomore Eli Bride. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

main winless with a 0-7-5 overall record

"We've had a lot of games like this, where we've fought hard and they're one-goal games and we just could not get things to bounce our way," Wasmer said. "We're not getting a call our way or whatever. It's mentally draining for the players when it happens like that. But they are still working hard and I'm proud of them for that. Hopefully, things will start coming our way."

Meanwhile, North Farmington raised

its overall record to 6-5-1. However, the Raiders are undefeated in their last three outings as they've shut out three straight opponents.

North Farmington's defense begins with in goal Shuk, who is getting plenty of back-line help from seniors Diego Verde and Jarryn Shin, along with junior Harry Yardley and sophomore Joey Bass.

"Our back line did a nice job tonight, especially in the second half, of keeping the ball away," Rust said. "As much as (Farmington) possessed, I don't think they really had any quality shots on net and that's because the four guys in the back played hard. They never came out."

North can reclaim the city championship, but must do so on the road when it travels to Harrison for a game scheduled to kick off at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4.

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### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

# Glenn's Grove wins latest weekly voting

Brad Emons

USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Blake Grove may go down as one of the best boys soccer players ever to come out of Westland John Glenn.

And nobody could contest that so far this season, because the senior captain is off to a rousing start with 17 goals to go along with four assists in just 10 games (while missing two games due to injury)

After tallying six goals and one assist in a pair of KLAA East Division wins over Livonia Churchill, 3-2, on Sept. 20, and rival Wayne Memorial, 5-1, on Sept. 18, Grove was voted Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week.

Grove had plenty of support at the polls, racking up a total of 16,643 votes (49.75 percent) to win over South Lyon quarterback Connor Fracassi, who garnered 10,162 votes (30.30 percent), and Northville quarterback Trevor Schonack, who had 6,323 (18.89 percent).

To learn a little more about Grove, here are five questions we asked him.

week special? "We played our rivals Wayne Memorial and Churchill. I had a total six goals in those games, four against Wayne and two against Churchill. Every goal means something to me and I believe it can make the difference in the game. That held true when we beat Churchill, 3-2, contributing two of the goals myself."

Who is your soccer role model? "I don't really hold any particular role models and I don't really try to emulate anyone's game. It's just never been something I have thought about. My love for the game and my team motivate me and push me to work harder and play stronger."

Your all-time favorite movie and why? "The Conjuring.' I love scary movies because I have always had an interest in the stories of other people and the possibility of paranormal existence."



John Glenn soccer player Blake Grove was voted Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week.

Your favorite class this semester? "AP Literature with Mrs. Boyce. I never really thought of myself as an 'English person' before I had her last year, but she has changed my perspective. You can see the passion she has for English in her teaching. I have a new-found appreciation and confidence in my ability to write and it is all in thanks to my teacher."

Your plans beyond high school and do they include soccer? "I plan on attending a four-year university, ideally the University of Michigan. I aspire to go into medicine, possibly surgery. I don't see myself playing soccer in college, but am certainly open to the opportunity should it come up."

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# Howell senior achieves rarity in win over Salem

Bill Khan **Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN** 

Howell senior Shane Sovik is making a habit out of creating once-in-a-lifetime performances.

One week after he intercepted two passes and ran for two touchdowns against Hartland, Sovik did something few players in Michigan history have accomplished Friday by returning two interceptions for touchdowns in a 27-3 victory over Salem.

According to the state record book (which isn't necessarily complete), Sovik is the 17th player to return at least two interceptions for touchdowns and the first from Livingston County. He is the first player to achieve the feat in four years.

Sovik didn't have an interception in Howell's first four games, but switching from strong safety to free safety the week of the Hartland game put him in a better position to be a playmaker on defense.

"Making the switch from pressing up and always being on one man to playing back and just being able to see everything, the awareness is really kicking in now," Sovik said.

Howell coach Aaron Metz said that it's been since at least 2008, when the Highlanders had a school-record 19 interceptions, that he's had a defensive back have similar success.

"That's a pretty good start over a couple weeks," Metz said. "It makes us look smart for putting him in that spot and it looks like he's a heck of a player at free safety. That's a good thing for us. It helped seal the deal tonight."

With both offenses struggling after halftime. Sovik scored the only two touchdowns of the second half.

Salem got the ball to start the second half, trailing 13-3. On the second play from scrimmage, Howell linebacker John Trochio tipped a pass intended for Joe Kaceli. Sovik plucked the deflection out of the air and returned it 17 yards for a touchdown with 10:42 left in the third quarter.

On Sovik's second pick-six, he leaped to intercept a pass near the right side-



Salem quarterback Tyler Overaitis launches a pass during the third quarter. **GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY** 

line, then cut across the field to score from 30 yards out with 2:07 left in the

"It was kind of like a jump ball to the side," Sovik said. "The wide receiver wasn't even looking at it, so I jumped it. Instead of going back, I cut across the field and walked into the end zone."

Howell defensive lineman Philip Pietila pressured quarterback Tyler Overaitis on the second interception. Pietila had two sacks.

### Instant offense

It took only one play from scrimmage for Howell to get into the end zone.

Running back Jonah Schrock was anded the ball for a play that appeared to be going nowhere. He ran to his right, with 9:29 left in the second quarter. but was met by a wall of Salem defenders. He stayed on his feet, went to his left the other direction and tried to find open

and shook free of a tackler to get in the clear for an 80-yard touchdown run just 19 seconds into the game.

"Honestly, I think I just got really lucky," Schrock said. "I knew coming into the game if we really wanted to win it, we had to come out and hit really hard. So the first play, I wanted to make a stand. I kept driving my feet. I had a teammate behind me who kept pushing me through the line. Eventually, I got lucky and broke free."

Schrock finished with 104 yards on seven carries, his second straight 100yard game. He had 101 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries against Hartland.

Howell made it 13-0 on a 17-yard pass from Matt Hornyak to Nathan Eades

"I saw Matt scrambling, so I just cut

space," Eades said. "He found me in the end zone."

### Taking care of business

Howell has its first four-game winning streak since winning the first four games of the 2015 season. The streak follows a 0-2 start and a 2-7 2017 sea-

The Highlanders had a more favorable schedule after opening with losses to Dearborn Fordson and Plymouth, but a team that was 2-12 in its previous 14 games wasn't in a position to look down upon any competition.

Howell came from behind to beat Northville and Novi, then dominated in victories over Hartland and Salem. The streak has the Highlanders tied for second place with Canton in the KLAA West with games coming up Friday against Canton and the following week against first-place Brighton.

"We're sitting in a spot right now where we can control our own destiny," Metz said. "That's important. We've just got to come out and play inspired football."

### Settling for three

Bottled up most of the game, Salem's offense put together an impressive drive in the second quarter. The Rocks drove 76 yards in 22 plays, taking 9:25 off the clock. They reached Howell's 1-yard line with their eighth first down of the drive, settling for a field goal after a tackle for a 3-yard loss by Adam Palazollo on first down and two incompletions.

Josh Gilmour kicked a 21-yard field goal with 3.4 seconds left in the first

"Our main focus has been to continue to get better and to finish," Salem coach Justin Reed said. "We wanted to finish that drive, obviously, with more points than we did. But going into halftime, I thought it was important to have those points on the board, so we ended up with the three."

Howell has allowed only five touchdowns during its four-game winning streak after giving up 10 in the first two





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### PREP FOOTBALL

# South Lyon East stuns Waterford Mott, 37-6

Tom Morelli

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It's pretty commonplace in football to hear loud, thudding noises on every play as players collide freely in a barbaric feat of both strength and skill.

What's not so common is to hear it coming from the sideline.

The new addition of a gong to South Lyon East's sideline has been a hit in every sense of the word, as players sprint toward it to register an all-too familiar sound every time their opponent turns the ball over.

The coaches love it, the players love it and the fans love it.

Needless to say, all parties got their money's worth out of the gong Friday, as East (4-2, 3-2 Lakes Valley Conference) generated six turnovers out of Waterford Mott in a 37-6 win.

'That kind of enthusiasm and excitement for turnovers we lacked in the past," East coach Joe Pesci said. "So that was part of us coming up with the gong and how to generate excitement for creating turnovers. Now the guys are in a competition to see who can get the most gong hits. It's been a great addition to our program and everybody from players, to cheerleaders to the student section, loves the gong and wants to hit it."

### **Double dose**

Senior defensive end Nicholas Helfrick became the first East player to pound the gong twice in a game, thanks to his keen sense of awareness in the second quarter.

"Helfrick is the first guy to hit the gong twice during the game and we'll be hearing about that all next week," Pesci said. "He had a heck of a game and I could see it in his eyes that he was ready to go."

Down by a 6-0 margin, Waterford Mott (4-2, 4-2) was three plays into its scoring drive before fumbling the ball at its own 20, where Helfrick immediately cradled the ball.

With their offense setting up in the red zone, East needed just six plays to finish the job, as quarterback Chris Kaminski threw a 9-yard strike that went off the fingers of fullback Donovan Wright before falling into the hands of tight end Brendan DeWitt.

"I was more worried that I was going to get hit across the middle, but the fact that I was able to come up and get it was crazy," DeWitt said.

Helfrick put on an encore during the ensuing kickoff, as senior kicker Hunter Williams lined a squib kick down the



South Lyon East's Sean Clary makes a grab during Friday's Lakes Valley Conference win over Waterford Mott. JERRY REA

middle, where Helfrick made an advantageous scoop.

"It's just keeping my head up and playing the ball," Helfrick said of his two recoveries. "My teammates said that I came out of nowhere on that kickoff. I know we needed it and the opportunity presented itself, so I went for it."

Once again, Helfrick's recovery led set up another East touchdown, as Kaminski connected with an isolated De-Witt from 7 yards out to make it a 19-0 affair with 1:16 until halftime.

### Think like a QB

Kaminski completed 5-of-11 passes for 79 yards, while also adding 14 yards on the ground.

A two-way player, Kaminski also made significant contributions for East from the cornerback position by nabbing a pair of interceptions.

The first pick by Kaminski came at the beginning of the second quarter, as he ended a crucial third-down play for the Corsairs at midfield.

With just over a minute left in the quarter, Kaminski executed what appeared to be a 50-yard "pick six," only to

have it negated due to a penalty.

Regardless of the officials' call, Kaminski was able to get the Cougars all the way down to the 11-yard line, where senior kicker Domenic Angelosanto booted a 28-yard field goal to make it 22-0 after two quarters.

### **Good shutout spoiled**

Mott finally broke their scoring drought in the third quarter, courtesy of senior wide receiver Keimonnee Fields scoring on a 19-yard sweep nearly halfway into the quarter.

convert on the extra point due to a bobbled snap, allowing East to remain ahead by 16.

Mott used three different quarterbacks in the contest, combining for 11of-22 passing for 75 yards and four interceptions.

Senior running back Marcus Guerrero was the Corsairs' top rusher with 60 yards on 17 carries.

### **Consecutive trips**

A pair of plays from both sides of the



South Lyon East's Jonathan Carter (right) turns the corner on a Mott defender. JERRY REA

ball allowed East to continue building a comfortable lead in the fourth quarter. beginning with a strong defensive stand that forced Mott to a turnover on downs.

Two plays into the possession, Wright burst up the middle for what amounted to the longest run of the game, a 36-yarder into the end zone with 8:49 remaining. On the point after, sophomore quarterback Ayden Oliver was able to run it in for the two-point conversion.

East made quick work out of Mott's offense the next time up, with junior defensive back Drew Ranson (five tackles) intercepting the ball and taking it to the house from 26 yards out a mere 18 seconds after the Cougars' previous touchdown.

"The defense had a great, great, great night for us," Pesci said. "We were pretty focused on rebounding from last week and making the same mistakes from a week ago. That defense was real involved and ripped it out, so hats off to our defense."

### **Trivia tidbits**

East's 37 points are the second-most The Corsairs however were unable to scored this season, behind a 49-0 win over Walled Lake Central in Week 2.

The Cougars have already accumulated 170 points, which is second alltime behind the 247 they scored last

Experiencing their best year defensively. East has yielded just 57 points. highlighted by a pair of shutouts.

The best defensive scoring team in East history remains the 2012 team that allowed 267 points and fared 5-4 in the regular season before falling to Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the Division 3 playoff

### PREP FOOTBALL

# Northville slips against Brighton on rainy night

**Tim Smith** 

**USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN** 

There was the usual pomp and circumstance that goes along with a homecoming game Friday at Northville's Tom Holzer Field. Plenty of rain,

But the actual game wasn't a showstopper as far as the Mustangs and their fans were concerned, as Northville dropped a 21-0 decision to KLAA West Division rival Brighton.

The Bulldogs improved to 5-1 — one victory away from an automatic MHSAA playoff berth — with the grindit-out win. Keying the triumph were three takeaways by senior defensive back Hunter Weber (two interceptions, fumble recovery) and a strong game led by senior quarterback Will Jontz (16 carries, 118 yards, two TDs) and senior running back Chris Seguin (19 carries, 58 yards, one TD).

"You know, I'm terribly disappointed in the outcome," Northville head coach Matt Ladach said. "But I'm very proud of our players effort tonight. They really played their guts out. And their effort was tremendous. I feel terrible for them.

"Brighton is extremely well-coached, they've got good players, they've got a good scheme. And when you lose the turnover battle, like we did tonight, we put ourselves in a bad situation. Unfortunately, we could not overcome it."

Weber was a thorn in Northville's side throughout the evening, especially in the second half. He intercepted a pass early in the third quarter, then scooped up a Mustangs fumble near midfield in

One series later, Northville senior quarterback Trevor Schornack again had a pass picked off by Weber. That heeded coaches' halftime message.



One of Northville's best players Friday was senior running back Enzo Rodriguez. scooting away from a Brighton defender on this play. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

turnover led to Seguin's 4-yard score with 4:13 to play, making it a 21-0 game. Setting up that TD was a galloping run down the left sideline by Jontz, good for 51 yards.

'This is my first year. I couldn't be in this position without my coaches," Weber said. "They put me in the right spots, they harped on us all week not to look ahead of these guys. We did that, we executed well and came out on top.

"Coach (Brian Lemons) said we needed some turnovers (in the second half), we needed to get our offense on the field some more and put the ball in the end zone. That's what they did."

According to Lemons, the defense

"We came in preaching it big time tonight at halftime," Lemons said. "It was the center of the focus on defense is to get the ball out on the ground, get the ball out of the air. And defense came out in the second half and that's exactly what they did. Hawking it all over the

One of the bright spots for the Mustangs (2-4) was senior running back Enzo Rodriguez, who registered 64 all-purpose yards.

"We went out fired up and we were only down seven at the half," Rodriguez said. "We were about to come back, but they turned it around on us and our offense couldn't get a push and score the ball today."

Following are several takeaways:

### **HARD-DRIVING DUO**

Lemons said an important aspect to the victory was protecting the football on a wet night. And the solid running by Jontz and Seguin kept moving the chains and keeping Northville's defense on the field.

"They're a tough combo," Lemons said. "I feel bad Chris lost some yards on that penalty, but it was a great run. You can see what he's capable of doing.

"The two of those guys together, if you just keep feeding it to them, they're going to get one loose."

Lemons was referring to an up-thegut burst by Seguin in the third quarter that nullified a huge gainer that likely would have set up a touchdown.

### **LOOKING TO CONNECT**

It was the second game with Schornack (6-of-18 passing, 42 yards) as the starting quarterback for the Mustangs, but he was pressured out of the pocket on multiple occasions and could not follow up his good first contest against Salem.

"He started against Salem last week and did a really nice job," Ladach said. "The team has rallied behind him and they're supportive of him. He's doing a good job leading our offense."

### HALFTIME FESTIVITIES

In addition to the Northville marching band and pom squad, halftime ceremonies featured the naming of the 2018-19 homecoming queen and king.

Honored were Dora Koski and Matthew Tong, who waved to the crowd from the field after being introduced.

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# Northville playing spoiler in KLAA West race

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There are virtually no "gimmes" in the KLAA West Division boys soccer race and Sept. 27 proved to be another example at Northville's Tom Holzer Field.

First-place Salem became the latest victim as the host Mustangs played the spoiler with a 2-0 win over the Rocks, who slipped to 11-4-2 overall and 6-3-3 (21 points) in the division.

"We talked about getting revenge, we lost earlier in the year 3-2 to them at their place," said Northville coach Henry Klimes, whose team improved to 7-4-4 overall land 5-4-3 (18 points) in the division. "So we came mentally prepared. They were in first place this team. We had beaten Canton when they were in first, so it was a challenge for our guys to say, 'Hey, we belong up near the top.' We've had some devastating losses by a goal that put us back in the middle of the pack. It just shows the guys that we can play with anybody, so we're looking forward to the last couple of games to get ready for districts."

Northville junior defender Jacob Pichler scored what proved to be the game-winning goal with 5:52 left in the opening half, off a nice slide pass across the box from midfielder Nikko Wood.

The senior captain also assisted on the second Northville goal with 28:24



remaining in the match, when his pass found the head of senior forward Shane McHugh, who buried the shot against Salem senior goalkeeper Baraq Oral.

"I saw Shane back Wood post, he was standing next to my other teammate, who was there," Wood said. "I just looked up and they were both standing there, so I found them and they put it in for the goal. It was a very good play."

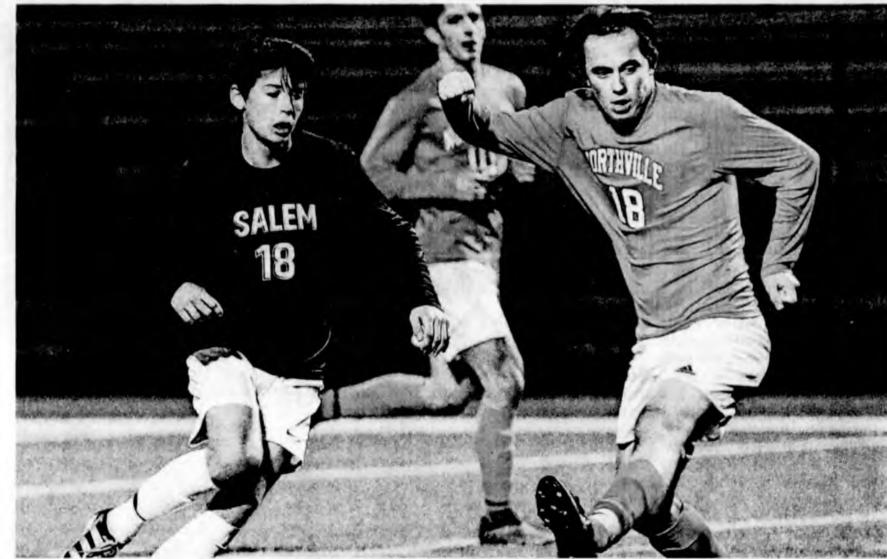
Playing its second game in as many nights, which included a 0-0 tie at Plymouth, Northville buckled down and el of the (KLAA West) division and played with tenacity.

"We went out there and 'snailed down," Wood said. "And that's a term our team plays by and we just hustled. It was good team effort out there."

And what does "snailed down" actually mean?

"It just an inside joke that we all play by. It's pretty weird." Wood said.

Northville controlled the action



Salem's Andrew Schwartz (left) and Northville's Harrison Neal contest for a 50/50 ball. KRISTAN RODWELL

throughout much of the match.

"I think we linked up really well tonight, played the feet," Klimes said. "Usually we play on grass, but today we had the luxury of playing on our (synthetic) turf field and it showed some of our possession game. It was fun, but I wouldn't say we played a complete game, but a good, solid 70 minutes."

It appears being in first place in the KLAA West is almost a curse, to a certain extent. Earlier, first-place Canton was upended 1-0 by Hartland.

"It's always a good spot to be, but when you look at between first place and sixth or seventh, it's only a matter of a game or a win," Salem coach Kyle Karns said. "That just speaks to the levwe've talked about that before."

Reflecting back on the loss, Karns pointed to one area of the field.

"They were strong tonight certainly in their midfield," Karns said of the Mustangs. "I just felt like we struggled to connect passes, keep the ball, keep possession, which obviously makes it tough to score goals when you don't have the ball.

"When you're going to face adversity against strong teams from here on out and when you're going to face teams in the state playoffs, you're facing teams that are just as tough as you are, so it's just keeping the ball, being smart and making good choices."

Salem gained some creativity from senior forward Thomas Dono up top, but the Rocks couldn't get a shot past Northville senior Yianni Kanellopoulos, who posted the clean sheet for the Mus-

"He played well and is always crafty on the ball," Karns said of Dono. "But collectively as the group, I don't think it was our best effort."

And for the Mustangs, it was not only a rewarding win, but it was also senior night as 13 players were recognized at halftime.

"It's always good to win when you've got your whole family out here to support you, so that's always good," Wood

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Northville's Brian Politi (right) and Salem's Thomas Dono get locked up. KRISTAN RODWELL

### PREP VOLLEYBALL

# Young Novi team batters Howell in KLAA West match-up

**Brad Emons** 

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If anybody thought Novi volleyball would fall off the face the of the Earth after head coach Jen Cottrill resigned and three NCAA Division I recruits graduated, think again.

The three-time defending MHSAA Class A state champions are quietly putting together another solid season under new coach Kacy Moran as the Wildcats ran their overall record to 25-6 Sept. 25 with a convincing 25-18, 25-10, 25-17 KLAA West Division win over vis-

iting Howell. Over the weekend, Novi earned runner-up honors to Saline its own tournament after upsetting Division 1 No. 8ranked Birmingham Marian in the semifinals, a rematch of last year's state final. The previous weekend, Novi went 7-0 to win the Temperance Bedford

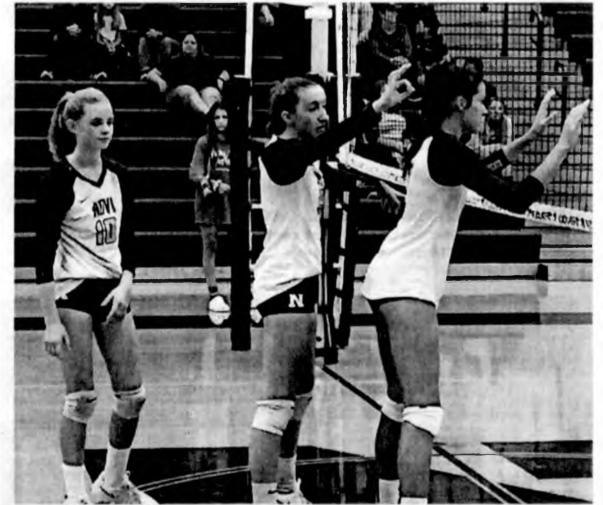
tournament. 'They are buying into what we're doing," Moran said. "I think that they obviously had a lot of faith in Jen and Ricky (Cottrill) pushing me to be the head coach and so they believe in me and the parents believe in me. As long as we can keep our team believing in everything, we're going to have a really stellar season this year."

Junior Shannon Jennings, who took over the setting position full time after Miss Volleyball Erin O'Leary (Michigan) graduated, posted another triple-double against the Highlanders with 11 kills, 19 assist-to-kills and 12 digs, to go along with four ace serves.

Sister Rachel Jennings, a sophomore defensive specialist, added 14 digs as Novi improved to 5-1 in the KLAA West.

Other Novi standouts included sophomore outside hitter Gaby Cummings (11 kills, three aces), senior outside hitter Jaeda Porter (eight kills) and senior de-

"Overall, I thought it was a really trailed 13-5 in the first set and fought tonight we weren't even close. We



Novi volleyball trio (from left) Rachel Karr, Gaby Cummings and Caleigh Robinson patrol the front row vs. Howell. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

strong match for us and we're just getting stronger and stronger as the year goes on," Moran said, "and we're able to get more and more players into the match and that's not only good for team morale for this year, but going into next year's season as well."

The Wildcats do have five seniors, but the rest of the roster is dominated by underclassmen.

"It's an extremely young team," Moran said. "If you checked our lineup on a game-to-game basis, you would see it's mostly sophomores and a freshman (Rachel Karr) on the court."

back to within two, 18-16, before Novi closed it out. The Highlanders couldn't overcome deficits of 10-3 and 15-4 in the second set and couldn't sustain anything during the third.

Defense wasn't the problem for Howell, it was more on the offensive side.

"We actually had some really good 'ups,' but we lacked finishing points, we had some great side-outs and then we'd missed the serve, a lot of the small things we work on," Howell coach Jayne Williams said. "Novi is obviously a great team. There's a reason why they're the three-time state champs. We've played Howell (II-4-1, 4-2 KLAA West) very well in many of our matches and on Twitter: @Brademonsl.

weren't close to playing the way we're capable of playing."

Senior outside hitter Kirsten Pasfield led Howell's attack with nine kills, while senior right-side hitter Amy Henderson contributed six kills and 10 digs.

Other statistical leaders for the Highlanders included senior libero Sydney Ramonaitis (15 digs), junior defensive specialist Shannon Eskola (14 digs).

Howell used three different setters, with junior Cayla Tait, senior Marisa Poma and sophomore Lauren Fowler collecting eight, seven and four assist-tokills, respectively.

When Howell is playing well, Williams can point to a number of factors.

"All of it ... we're serving well, we're running the systems well, even when we're out of systems, we're getting swings on it, we're able to control the net more, getting more blocks and forcing the other teams to play into our defensive scheme," she said. "Obviously, homecoming had an effect on us. We go home and watch a lot of video and try to learn from it, then get ready to play (Livonia) Stevenson."

The match took on special meaning as players from both teams wore Teal Attack T-shirts to support and raise money for the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance, which hit close to home for Novi senior defensive specialist Kaylee Peterson, whose aunt Karen O'Brien has been battling the disease. O'Brien is head coach at Monroe St. Mary Catholic

"Obviously, we had a lot of crowd support and with parents and family members because Teal Attack, which we support highly here considering that one of my players' families is the one that sets this up here every year," Moran

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# Northville rules Next Tee Invitational

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Make it eight straight tournament titles for the top-ranked Northville girls golf team.

The Mustangs, rated No. 1 in Division continued its unprecedented run Sept. 24 by winning the 14-school Next-Tee Invitational.

Northville carded a four-player total of 305 to beat out runner-up Plymouth (325) and third-place finisher Bloomfield Hills (328) at Northville's Meadowbrook Country Club.

Other team finishers included Farmington Hills Mercy (341), Grosse Pointe South (343), Clarkston (347), Northville 'B' (362), Troy (369), Salem (370), Utica Eisenhower (378), host Birmingham Marian (393), Birmingham Groves (397), Novi (398) and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (427).

Bloomfield Hills' Mikaela Schultz captured individual medalist honors with 2-under 70, while Eisenhower's Ariel Chang was runner-up with 1-under

Junior Sufna Gill fired a career-best 1-over 73 to place third overall to pace Northville.

"Sufna is a steady player for this team, but when all facets of her game are working like they were today, she is capable of scoring with the state's best players," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "Today she avoided the big number and that was the difference.'

Gill recorded three birdies and finished the front nine with 1-under 35.

"I don't think I can play that side much better," Gill said.

Northville's other three scorers were Nicole Whatley, who tied for sixth with 76, while Katelyn Tokarz and Mariela Simoncini, tied for ninth (78 each).

Whatley, a sophomore, returned to the lineup after missing time the previous week with a wrist injury. She started her round slowly, going 6-over for the first five holes before carding three birdies to finish 4-over.

"I thought Nicole really battled today," Cronin said. "She had to scramble at times today, but when she needed a big shot, she made it. On the par-4 ninth, she drove the green and missed a 20-foot putt for eagle. While she missed



Northville's Sufna Gill chips onto the green during the NextTee Invitational at Meadowbrook Country Club. DEBBIE STEIN



Northville's Nicole Whatley takes aim with a driver during the NextTee Invitational at Meadowbrook. DEBBIE STEIN

the putt, the energy of the big shot really got her locked in."

Tokarz, meanwhile, was able to overcome a quadruple-bogey on the par-5

fourth hole.

"For a lot of players, a mid-round hole like that would ruin their round, but Katelyn was able to play her next four holes 1-under par ... that's grit," Cronin said.

Simoncini, who carded 39 on both the front and the back nines, also found the going tough at times. On the ninth hole, her second shot found a green side bunker where she would take a triple-

"I was mad after the ninth hole, but I turned my attention to seeing how many birdies I could get on my remaining holes," said Simoncini, who would birdie the 10th and finish the remaining six holes in 2-over.

Even though she did not factor in the team scoring, Northville's Sedona Shipka was 14th with 81.

"Sedona played a solid round today," Cronin said. "When we can get a 81 from our fifth player, that bodes well for us as we move into the state championships."

Plymouth was led by Shae Zydeck (tied for sixth, 76), Bridget Boczar (eighth, 77), Grace Boczar (tied for 11th, 80) and Grace Iacopelli (tied for 26th, 90). Rachel Stipel tied for 31st (92) and Maire Sullivan added a 44th (97).

Mercy scorers included Sophie VanderWeele, tied for fourth (74); Mia Sooch, tied for 15th (82); Anna Sauer, tied 29th (92); and Elyse Zurawski, tied for 37th (94).

Northville 'B' scorers included Megha Vallabhaneni (87), Paige Molloy (88), Haesol Park (93) and Victoria Boisineau (94).

Salem was led by senior Julianne Small and junior Ryleigh Reed, both with 87, followed by Megan Kozlowski (90), Mackenzie Dole (106) and Ava Martin (113).

Marian scorers included Sarah Kuredjian (86), Lauren Sass (91), Kara Sigler (108) and Audrey Sawmiller (108), while Groves scores included Monica Inda (92), Brooke Sandercock (99), Lily Warnica (103) and Olivia Shannon (103).

Novi's Despina Alexander and Hrishika Gogineni shot 92 and 96, respectively, followed by Sarayu Chaparala (103) and Anna Biberstein (107).

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

# Mansi leads Northville girls to Legends title

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Led by sophomore Yasmine Mansi's best race of her high school career, the Northville girls cross country team bounced back Saturday in perfect weather conditions to win the Ann Arbor Running Co. Legends Classic at Huron Meadows Metropark.

After finishing second the previous week to Salem at the Jackson Invitational, the Mustangs scored 76 points, while Ann Arbor Pioneer was a distant second with 149.

Rounding out the top 10 were Pinckney (162), Plymouth (149), Brighton (177), Bloomfield Hills (234), Birmingham Seaholm (237), Romeo (278), Saline (290) and Hartland (292).

"So proud of the girls today. We had a great practice week, we talked about working on mile two today and also trying to get our pack a little tighter," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "They did great on a stronger second mile. The pack was close through the 1.5-mile mark and got a little separated, but all worked out."

Mansi captured her fourth race of the season with a 5,000-meter time of 17 minutes, 52.9 seconds.

"She stayed with a pack of seven through the two-mile mark and let them do the work," Smith said. "After she entered the woods, she took off and never looked back."

Senior Nicole Cybul, coming off a sore groin which kept her out of the lineup at Jackson, also returned to the lineup and ran a season-best 18:22.2 to place sixth.

"She worked together with Yasmine in the front pack coming through in identical splits," Smith said. "We had seven career bests today and three season bests run by the entire team."

Other Northville scorers included Emily Gordon, 15th (19:20.6); Keira Courtney, 20th (19:37.2); and Gina Couyoumjian, 34th (19:52.7). The Mus- Haupt (Livonia Churchill), 27th South (100) and Saline (111).



The Northville girls cross country team captured the Legends Invitational Saturday at Huron Meadows Metropark in Pinckney.



The Salem boys cross country team captured the Maurader Invitational held Saturday at Lake Erie Metropark.

finished 36th and 38th, respectively, with 19:57.3 and 19:58.9.

Plymouth freshman Lauren Kiley was runner-up behind Mansi in 18:05.6, while sophomore teammate Londyn Swenson was eighth in 18:42.8.

Other area runners in the top 30 included Audrey DaDamio (Seaholm), fifth (18:12.0); Thea Schley (Canton), 14th (19:08.7); Erin Seibert (Livonia Franklin), 16th (19:22.8); Anna Nagelhout (Canton), 18th (19:29.2); Kellen Fife (Bloomfield Hills), 21st (19:37.7); Abbie tangs' Emma Munro and Olivia Harp (19:45.2); Shelby Jenkins (Bloomfield

Hills), 29th (19:46.4).

### **Maurader Invitational**

Senior Luke Haran took individual first-place honors in 16:24.4 for 5,000 meters as Salem (35 points) captured the Gibraltar Carlson Maurader Invitational boys crown Saturday at Lake Erie Metropark.

Rounding the top five in the 13-team field were Ypsilanti Lincoln (93), Temperance Bedford (97), Grosse Pointe

Other scorers for the Rocks included on Twitter: @BradEmonsl.

sophomore Talha Syed, fourth (16:40.4); sophomore Hezekiah Williams, fifth (16:55.7); senior Christo Jeffers, 12th (17:31.0); and freshman Luke Nelson, 17th (17:37.8). Juniors Byce Paine (21st,

17:41.4) and Kanden Cho (38th, 18:12.9). On the girls side, Salem also captured the team title, leading the 13-school field 29 points. Temperance Bedford (95), Ypsilanti Lincoln 'B' (95), Salem 'B' (108), Grosse Pointe South (154) and Dearborn (183) rounded out the top five.

"This is homecoming weekend and the girls started to have their minds on other things," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "We knew we were the favorite today, but a top-10 ranked team in D1, Temperance Bedford, was looking to pounce on us if we faltered. We ran an 'A' and 'B' varsity today because we start championship season next week with (Wayne) County and needed to see who would step up."

Bedford's Isabella Johnson took individual honors with a 5,000-meter time of 19:10.6, while Salem's Reagan Justice was runner-up in 19:17.6.

Other medalists for Salem included Olivia Millen, third (19:25.3); Kiersten McBride, sixth (19:39.7); Hallie Younglas, seventh (19:55.2); Bridget Nelson, 11th (20:07.8); Gabrielle Mancini, 12th (20:32.1); and Brooke Kalis, 15th (20:46.2).

"We challenged the girls to give us ultimate focus this morning before turning their minds to the dance," Gerlach said. "Although they were a little lethargic today, they stepped up and took care of business to come out on top

Also in the top 30 included Grace Landon (Salem), 17th (20:58.1); Anna Kubinski, 18th (20:59.5); Lizzy Lu (Salem), 23rd (21:09.6); Elizabeth MacLelland (Salem), 24th (21:10.1); Marnie Waggoner (Salem), 26th (21:15.6); Megan Kelly (Salem), 27th (21:22.6); Kacee Szymaniak (Garden City), 29th (21:30.5).

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# Sacred Heart starts program thanks to ex-Ladywood skaters

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Field hockey has long been an athletic staple at Academy of the Sacred Heart High School in Bloomfield Hills.

Now, thanks to a group of determined young ladies from recently shuttered Livonia Ladywood High School, Sacred Heart will add ice hockey to its athletic

"Starting a brand new ice hockey team at the Academy of the Sacred Heart brings back a lot of fond memories when I started ice hockey at Ladywood 22 years ago," Sacred Heart athletic director Sal Malek said. "It is definitely a blessing for us to have eight experienced Ladywood girls join our ASH

"They are the kind of student-athlete we want at ASH, who believe in our mission and our commitment to the community," he added. "This sport will be a great addition to our competitive athletic program."

When Ladywood closed its doors following the 2017-18 school year, it was a sad day for the 350-plus student body, faculty members and administrators. The Ladywood girls who had played three years of varsity hockey for the Blazers now faced the difficult task of not only finding a new school, but finding a place where they could pursue their passion for ice hockey.

### Starting anew across town

So they decided to take their talents 25 miles across town to a school without an ice hockey program.

"Right when we found out (Ladywood) was going to close, we were in season. We were actually all just arriving at practice when we got the email," said senior Maelyn Thayer, a Farmington Hills resident who lives a mile from Ladywood. "Our first thought was, 'Oh my gosh, what's going to happen to the team?' So it had been a thought that we should all try to stay together and try to start a program at another school.

"There were many options for us to go to a school that didn't have a team. We all showed up at Sacred Heart and we liked that a lot. And it made sense, since Mr. Malek had started the Ladywood team. To be able to start the program with him here, we all just thought the pieces would be put together and all

"The environment and atmosphere here remind us all of Ladywood," she added. "So we thought it would be the best fit for the team and all of us."

It was important for the Ladwood girls to stick together, according to Adrianna Rugiero, another former Ladywood player who will be a senior this year at Sacred Heart.

"We were really excited to carry on the legacy that we had at Ladywood over to Sacred Heart and to help them get a program started," said Rugiero, a forward. "We all enjoyed playing (at Ladywood) so much. The hockey team is what made my high school experience very enjoyable and I made some of my best friends through it.

"When they put the idea in our heads that we could start a program here, that was perfect. That was like the universe saying, 'Go to Sacred Heart and start a hockey team and continue to have a hockey team and stay with your sisters,' basically.

"I'm excited that I get to finish off my career with the girls I started with," she added. "I wanted to be able to give the



Maelyn Thayer (left) and Adrianna Rugiero, a pair of former Livonia Ladywood hockey players, display the jerseys they will be wearing this year at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills. MARTY BUDNER I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



A group of Sacred Heart girls, including eight players from the former Ladywood High School, turned out for a recent informational meeting about the school's new ice hockey program, which debuts in November and will play home games at the Troy Sports Center. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Sal Malek, Sacred Heart's current athletic director, started the Ladywood High School girls ice hockey program 22 years ago when he held that same post at the now shuttered Livonia-based school. **MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM** 

girls here that same experience with the hockey team."

### Forming the program's core

Rugiero and the seven other players who skated over to Sacred Heart will form the program's core. The school's inaugural ice hockey team, which will be coached by Joe Moceri, will be a member of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

They recently met during a school lunch hour, pitching the program to their newest school mates, encouraging them to join the team, which will play its home games at the Troy Sports Center. Conditioning begins this month and the

season officially kicks off in November. A total of 19 girls, along with Malek,

were present for the meeting. "I think some of the girls who were here (at the meeting) were a little nervous about starting for the first time," said Lily McClafferty, a junior from Highland who is Thayer's defensive partner. "But at Ladywood, our coach took a groups of girls who had never skated before and turned us all into a

team of hockey players. "Our mission here is to help the girls who are new to hockey. I'm looking forward to helping the girls and see how much they improve," she added. "It's fun getting to the point where you really feel confident in yourself as a hockey player. It's fun watching the young girls who come in not knowing how to play and watching them grow as hockey players and grow as people and really get a hold of the sport. It's fun teaching

others how to play the game." The former Ladywood girls enjoyed a great deal of on-ice success — the majority of them played in the state championship two years ago. Their goal is to pass on their knowledge and enthusiasm for the sport to their new classmates at Sacred Heart. The challenge is to teach the new girls what the sport is all about.

They are proud to be the first genera-

tion of ice hockey players. "I'm excited because we are all coming here and we get to continue all the traditions we had (at Ladywood) and implement them here," McClafferty said. "And as a senior next year, I'll be able to continue and keep up the traditions after these seniors graduate. All the traditions is what really made it so memorable my freshman year and made me want to come back and play.

"We are all so close and the other players are like my family," she added. "I think that's what makes it so awesome, because some teams aren't so close and just aren't that good. But we're both. We're good because we are close and I think that's what brings us together and helps us play better."

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### **GIRLS ICE HOCKEY**

# . Moceri seeks 'sustainability' with Sacred Heart

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Joe Moceri will be Sacred Heart's first ice hockey head coach.

"I'm very excited to get going. I've been looking at the stats for the website and the teams," said Moceri, who will be assisted by former Bemidji State University hockey player and Royal Oak product Amy Shepler. "(Sacred Heart athletic director) Sal (Malek) gave me a list of the players' names and I'm looking that over.

"A couple of the girls have reached and the Sacred Heart girls team. out already and emailed me and let me



Moceri

know what their intentions of what they are hoping for in their senior year of high school and their hockey team," he added. "So it's very exciting and I'm really looking

forward to it." Moceri, a Troy resident and teacher at Troy High School for 24 years, began coaching his son and daughter during their early years as hockey players, from youth to travel levels. In fact, this year he will be coaching both his daughter's travel team — the Livonia U-14 squad —

He has also coached high school foot-

ball and swimming at Troy as an assistant. Moceri unsuccessfully tried to establish a girls program at Troy.

"I tried to get a program at Troy High last year for girls hockey," said Moceri, whose son is now a high school goalie at Troy and daughter is in the eighth grade at Boulan Middle School. "And I could not gather enough girls and this is kind of remarkable. In a school of 2,000, with over 1,000 girls, I couldn't get 14 to make up a hockey team. Yet at Sacred Heart, Sal has enough girls in a much smaller school, has enough girls to put a hockey team together and he called and asked me to coach."

Moceri's goal is simply to get the pro-

gram started and developed.

"My first question to Sal was: 'Do we have a goalie?' He said 'yes' and that's half the battle — to make sure we have a goalie," Moceri said. "I just want the girls to get together and have fun so that it has some long-term success.

"And to get some short-term success, because a lot of the girls are seniors and they want to go out on a high note for their careers," he added. "We just want to try and build a program and recruit some new girls out to have some sustainability."

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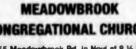
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That rejection always stings, even if you know you weren't a good fit or you didn't have a good interview. Thinking you may not get a job and the confirmation of that fact feel like two different things. So how do you cope after you get the call, email or deafening silence that confirms the worst?

### Mourn it a little, but then move on

This is a disappointment. It's OK to embrace that, but it's really not worth wallowing for too long. Whether you were the next choice on the list or dead last in the rankings, the end result is the same, so why dwell?

Even if you had your heart set on this new gig and envisioned yourself getting that sweet offer letter, you can't let

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the disappointment derail your progress in your job hunt.

### Don't expect specific intel on why you weren't

Unless you're told directly that they didn't hire you for X reason, you're probably never going to know for sure exactly why you lost out on this job. Don't look for closure from the company, because you might be disappointed in what you get. If you ask for specific feedback, you may get it, but

response like, "We decided to go in a different direction."

### Remember that it doesn't mean you're un-hireable

It can be tempting to personalize the decision. Why didn't they want to hire ME? What did I do to make this happen? Chances are, it wasn't you, personally, who

triggered the rejection. Maybe someone else had a few more experience points or aced the interview. Just be-

cause this particular company

decided not to hire you does not mean you're fundamentally flawed as a candidate or that it will affect your chances on your next application.

### Consider it a chance

to regroup Getting a rejection is a chance to take an honest look at what happened at every step of the process. Review your resume, reflect on the interview and decide what you can improve for next time. It can make you leaner and topics. He currently lives in New

next job to come along. Were you as prepared as you could have been? Did the interview go well or were there things you'd change? Can your resume be more targeted and reflective of your top skills? These are important questions

to ask after any job rejection. Not getting the job is also a chance to think about your job search goals. Did you really want this job? Do you want to continue looking for this specific kind of job after all? The bottom line is that this is a good chance to re-evaluate yourself - both as a potential employee and as a job seeker.

After any job rejection, it's important to remember that it's not the end of the world. It's a letdown for sure, but for whatever reason, this job just wasn't right.

At some point, the stars will align, and you'll find an employer who thinks you're a perfect match for their job opening.

Don't lose your motivation or your faith in yourself - see it as an opportunity to learn from the experience and move on to the next thing.

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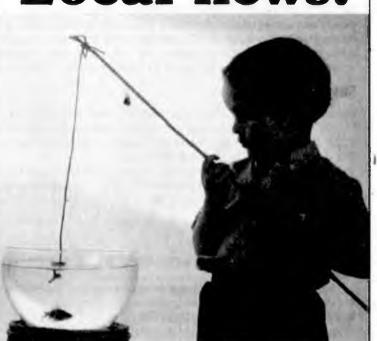
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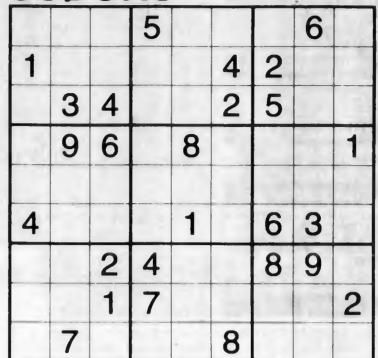
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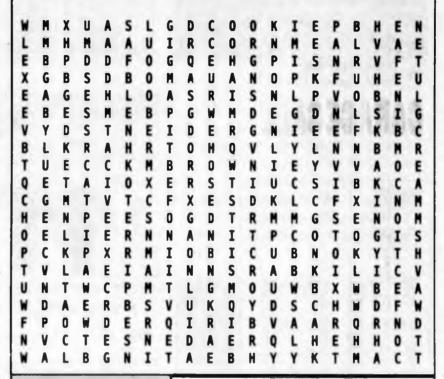
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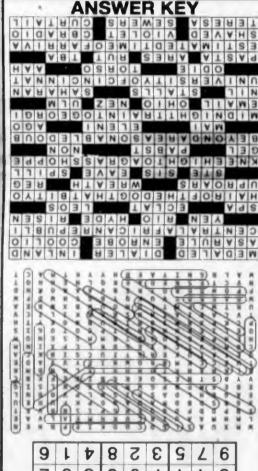
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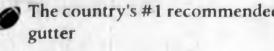
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