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Demolition of Main Street School faces obstacle

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Northville's 81-year-old Main Street School is not going away until it delivers at least one final riveting lesson: There is nothing easy about demolishing a his-

toric building in a history-rich city, regardless of who's operating the wrecking ball.

Following close to 90 minutes of compelling testimony and discussion Oct. 1, the Northville City Council voted 5-0 to direct city attorney Robert Marzano to legally challenge the Northville

Public Schools district's position that it is exempt from seeking the city's Historic District Commission's approval before demolishing the structure.

The planned NPS-funded demolition of the structure — which carries an estimated price tag of \$400,000 — would clear the way for the construction of

four single-family homes on five lots, with the fifth lot reserved for parking spaces for next-door neighbor Old Village School.

The sale of the property would net the school district approximately \$1.3

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Jimi Young, Novi High School grad, trains on the rural blacktop north of his home in Dewitt. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

20 Michigan athletes take on Kona Ironman

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Imagine seeing God and swearing at him simultaneously.

Rabid triathletes insist there indeed is that double-tracked response to pouring body and soul into the intense training needed to reach the summit of triathlon competition — the 40th annual Ironman World Championship, set for Oct. 13 in Kona, Hawaii.

"It's the Super Bowl of triathlon, for sure," said veteran triathlete Jimi Young, 48. "It's Boston Marathon times a thousand. It's probably that difficult to get in as well."

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Nikki Derrick poses at Island Lake State Recreation Area before the T-Rex triathlon series. Read inside about how Derrick is honoring her longtime friend Karen Perzyk, who died in January, by wearing her number at Kona. SUBMITTED

Restaurant serves up patriotism, barbecue

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With a salute to military personnel, police officers, firefighters and other first responders, MISSION BBQ is coming to Northville Township and serving up barbecue with a big side of patriotism.

Co-founders Bill Kraus and Steve Newton opened their first MISSION BBQ restaurant Sept. 11, 2011 — 10 years after the 9/11 terrorist attacks — in Glen Burnie, Md. They wanted to run a business that serves traditional American barbecue while paying tribute and giving support to those who sacrifice and protect local communities and country.

Steve Overholt, regional director of operations, said MISSION BBQ last year donated more than \$3 million from fundraising efforts to organizations that support the military and police and fire services.

"We are very patriotic and proud of it," he said.

That commitment continues as MISSION BBQ opens its second restaurant in Michigan — after Troy in July — and its 72nd eatery in 15 states. Its Northville Township location is at 20420 Haggerty, site of the former Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill.

The restaurant opens to the public at noon Monday, Oct. 15. Leading up to that, MISSION BBQ is hosting invitation-only charity nights to benefit the Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund and the Northville Township Police Officers Association Benevolent Fund.

Overholt said the company gets involved by helping families of fallen or wounded police officers and firefighters and by providing food to emergency personnel when they cannot leave the scene of a crime or fire. The owners didn't serve in the military or public

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safety, he said, but this is their way of getting involved.

Local officials are welcoming the restaurant. Township Manager Chip Snider said it's a company unlike any he's seen.

"First and most important is their unprecedented commitment to veterans and public safety for the communities they work in," he said, adding later, "In all my 49 years in law enforcement and government, they are the most committed to being a community partner that I've ever had the pleasure of meeting."

And, he said, "They have delicious food."

MISSION BBQ also is planning a military appreciation night that is open to

the public. It happens 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the restaurant. It benefits the United Services Organization, a non-profit organization that provides live entertainment and other programs for the U.S. Armed Forces and their families.

MISSION BBQ has grown faster than its founders expected, achieving their goal of 40 restaurants two years ahead of schedule in November 2016. With Northville Township marking the 72nd location, the company hopes to have close to 80 restaurants by year's end.

Overholt said the company chose Northville Township because of its location, demographics and proximity to other communities such as Livonia.

"We like the Northville and Livonia area. We like the market and the demographics. And it's close to where people live and close to where they shop," he said.

MISSION BBQ flies the American flag

at its restaurants and its interior walls are decorated with photos and other memorabilia saluting the military, police departments and fire departments. Every day at noon, workers pause and customers can stand while the national anthem is played.

Overholt said company founders hope their patriotism can transcend political differences and be a uniting force.

Northville Township Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said he appreciates the dedication of companies such as MISSION BBQ that get involved in supporting local communities and their police officers and firefighters.

"It's wonderful to have MISSION BBQ join the Northville Township community," he said, adding that money raised for local police and fire organizations "go to really good causes."

As for the menu, it took shape after company officials traveled to Texas, Kansas City, the Carolinas and St. Louis

to research barbecue.

Overholt said the two most popular menu items are pulled pork and beef brisket. The two sides most in demand are the five-cheese Maggie's mac and cheese and fresh-cut American fries. The restaurant also has a liquor license.

"We have no freezers and no microwaves. Our food is smoked on-site daily," he said, adding that MISSION BBQ makes all its own sauces.

The company strives to hire veterans and even has a place on its website where they can apply for hourly or management positions.

Overholt said the Northville restaurant represents an investment of \$1.5 million to \$2 million. It is expected to employ 45-50 full- and part-time workers. He said it seats nearly 100 people.

Overholt said Michigan, with the Big Three auto companies and its share of veterans, was an appealing state for MISSION BBQ's expansion.

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million.

Following a night highlighted by emotional debate, council members agreed that the school district had to follow the same rules and regulations every other historic district property owner is required to follow in terms of renovation or demolition of a building.

"I do not like spending taxpayers' dollars in legal battles that may never result in a clear decision," Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Darga said. "But I do have a very passionate respect for historic districts. Once you take a thread out of that tapestry, it starts unraveling."

"While I am going to support the need to honor the historic district ordinance, I also want to ask the commission to give the school district a fair shake. Just because ... something is historic, you have to ask yourselves, is the original integrity of the building still there and are there other proposals that will restore it to its original integrity?"

NPS Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher cited legal language in the Michigan Revised School Code and previous case law involving the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Af-

fairs she argued exempted the district from seeking approval to demolish from the Northville Historic District Commission.

Gallagher, along with several pro-NPS speakers, emphasized that a lengthy legal battle between the school district and city would cost both entities several hundred thousand dollars in legal fees — and that the battle could drag out up to four years or more.

"A vote to litigate is a vote to not allow the redevelopment of this property that is overwhelmingly supported by our school community," Gallagher said. "Forcing the district to retain this property will cause undo financial hardship to the district, as the council surely knows."

Marzano had instructed the council during a Sept. 5 closed meeting that the city's Historic Preservation Ordinance requires that the demolition of Main Street School be approved by the HDC, setting the stage for the well-mannered clash between the school district and the city.

City Council President Ken Roth attempted on numerous occasions to clarify the purpose of the discussion.

"Tonight is not a referendum about whether Main Street School should be demolished or not demolished," Roth said. "It is a discussion about whether

city council believes we should take action to try to compel the school district to seek Historic District Commission approval prior to demolition.

One pro-demolition resident feared that if the structure is allowed to stand in its current vacated state, it could attract trespassers and thrill seekers similar to what the nearby state psychiatric hospital in Northville Township experienced following its closure.

The debate drew heartfelt testimony from both sides.

"I oppose any effort by the city to engage in a legal battle over the demolition of 501 E. Main Street," Northville resident Kathy Spillane noted in a letter read to the city council. "This potential lawsuit is not only disrespectful to NPS, but a colossal waste of taxpayers' dollars. It will signal to us that the city believes preservation of this building is worth gambling taxpayers' dollars for an uncertain outcome."

Northville resident Eileen Gikas said it wasn't too late to go back to the drawing board to develop a practical purpose for the building other than multi-family units. "The cost of taking it down alone could be put back into preserving it," Gikas said. "Maybe we could make it a tech center or maybe something completely different that will add to the community."

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Young delved into the enormous task facing him and some 2,000 others, following a recent training session in preparation for the race considered to be one of the world's most grueling tests of human endurance.

A Novi High School alum who now lives in DeWitt, Young is one of 20 men and women of all ages from Michigan who will head to the big Island of Hawaii to take on Kona.

For some, like Canton's Ryan Karr, it is their first crack at the race made famous in 1982, when ABC's "Wide World of Sports" cameras documented the most incredible finish in Ironman history.

The footage shows college student Julie Moss in the lead with just yards to go when her body fails and she collapses. As folks rush to her aid, Kathleen McCartney passes Moss to claim the title. And then, miraculously, unable to get to her feet, Moss crawls across the finish line.

Ironman was born 40 years ago as a challenge between swimmers, bicyclists and runners in Hawaii to see who was more fit. The race combined the toughest races in each discipline, resulting in what is now a 2.4-mile swim in the warm waters of Kailua Bay, biking 112 miles across the hot, windswept lava fields of Kona and wrapping things up with an equally grueling 26.2-mile run.

The unforgettable footage from 1982, still popular today on YouTube, has made an impression on the 23-year-old Karr, the youngest member of the Michigan Kona contingent.

"It's still a mythical thing in my head where you hear about the heat and the lava fields and you see the videos of these people in the '80s (where) they can't move any more and they're 10 feet away from the finish line," Karr said. "It's starting to hit me, but I still can't quite wrap my head around it."

Karr, a graduate of Plymouth High School, only has one full Ironman under his belt — July's Lake Placid, N.Y., race, where he finished third in the 18-24 age division with a time of 11 hours, 20 minutes.

"Completely unexpected," Karr said about his fast ascent to the cream of the Ironman crop. "It's starting to get a lot more real now that I look at the calendar



Ryan Karr, 23, from Canton will be the youngest Michigan participant in the 2018 Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii — considered the pinnacle of triathlon events. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

and realize 'two weeks from yesterday, (Sept. 26) I'm flying to Kona.'"

Bumps, bruises and butterflies

Another first-time Kona participant is Royal Oak's Allen Hutchinson. He may have been only age 9 when Moss made her famous finish, but today he is a veteran of 13 Ironman events. He said the nervousness he used to feel when he started out in the sport is creeping back

as he contemplates racing Kona.

"So talking about the mental thing ... now here I am," said Hutchinson, who qualified via the Legacy program (for those with 12 Ironmans under their belt). "This is the first time I'm going to Kona, I have that thing again, because it's just built up so much. It's such a big thing. It's the pinnacle of the sport."

Young agrees, saying the mental aspect is as big as the three physical challenges: "It's really four (disciplines), be-

cause you have to add the mental aspect into it as well. You can actually throw a half in there for nutrition."

Rochester Hills resident Jennifer Rea, 52, might not conclude the 26.2-mile portion of the Kona challenge on her hands and knees the way Moss did. But she definitely could limp down the stretch, due to a nagging stress fracture in her foot.

"If I can walk, it will be good," Rea said. "Without a limp, I hope. And it will be the first race I've ever done where I really have to worry about the cutoffs."

Because of the foot injury, her plan is to complete the swim and bike portions with time to spare, in order to give her the best possible chance to complete the race in the allotted 17 hours.

"I have a couple friends who have gone (to the Hawaii race)," Rea said. "They have given me a lot of pointers, about how to be relaxed when you go there and not get too caught up in the excitement and seriousness that a lot of people have."

"I am mostly excited about doing the bike portion of the race. The swim is kind of exciting, but I'm also a little bit nervous as I've never raced in the ocean. But that will be a fun experience."

This will be Rea's first Kona Ironman, although she has "20-ish" triathlons and four Ironmans to her credit. She qualified in 2017 at the Chattanooga, Tenn., Ironman (finishing first in her age division), overcoming a bike crash with 100 or so miles yet to ride. She scraped up an elbow and banged up her bicycle.

"I was going through a feed zone and I decided, 'I'm not going to take anything,'" Rea said. "So I have a little (snacks) pouch, I thought I'll just get something out of my own bag and I kind of went over the yellow line and went down. The yellow lines are really dangerous. You should stay off of them at all costs."

"It was early, maybe 15 miles in. I had 116 at that race to actually ride. So I said, 'OK, I know I have to keep going.'"

And it is that mind-over-matter penchant that keeps veterans and newbies from giving up on achieving the goal of an athletic lifetime.

Spectacular view

Young's 31st career Ironman will be his third at Kona. His first visit there was

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Marching band success rooted in hard work, support



Super Talk
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USA TODAY NETWORK —
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On Saturday, Oct. 6, the Novi High School Band hosted its annual Fanfare.

Fanfare is a marching band competition. Saying that does not come close to communicating the effort and the sweat and the heartache that band directors like Mark Hourigan and his support staff and the students at Novi High School have given for many months.

Marching band requires a high level of commitment.

Since before school ended last June, our Novi High School marching band has been hard at work. Mr. Hourigan has been reviewing music, thinking of a theme, talking with his staff about how to create a rich and multi-layered show.

Our high school students have spent the summer working in sectionals — previewing the music, improving their skills, and practicing, practicing, practicing.

The drum majors began their work just after school ended last year by attending a camp just for them. Here they learned leadership skills plus specific skills needed for being a drum major.

Band camp was the first week of August. Almost 200 students participated in camp, which lasted all day and into the evening. The culminating event of band camp was a performance of pieces of their competitive show that they had learned during camp.

Then the band started their regular fall practice schedule of meeting two nights a week to continue practicing their show and preparing for the marching band season. The marching band competitive schedule runs eight weeks.

Over 80 bands from across the state participate in the Michigan Competing Bands Association. The goal is to qualify for the state finals held every year at Ford Field in Detroit.

In addition to their evening practice schedule, band members also attend band class each day of the week. Here they work with Mr. Hourigan, our outstanding band teacher, to learn the music and hone their skills.

The marching band is complemented by the Color Guard, the section of the band that provides visual enhancement to the show. These students work hard developing their skill so that they can perform in all kinds of weather — sunshine, wind, or rain.

The high school band cannot be successful without the effort of band teachers in the lower grades. Adam Ronning, Novi Middle School band teacher, and Alec Cooper and Michelle Rais, music

teachers at Novi Meadows, provide excellent instruction for our students in grades 5-8. These teachers prepare students to be successful when they reach high school so that our students can step right into the marching band.

Our marching band would not be successful without the parents and community members who support the band and who belong to the Novi Band Boosters. These wonderful volunteers help organize band camp, transport equipment, help set up each show, and, most importantly, listen as their children practice at home.

The Novi High School marching band should be proud of their effort and their performance. Their commitment to the marching band is wonderful to see.

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a thrill-per-minute joyride as he set eyes on the ocean-front beach where a couple of thousand triathletes make their start at Kailua Pier in the 79-degree aqua-blue waters of the Pacific Ocean.

"There's a hill called Palani," Young said. "I have watched the Ironman videos over and over. I bet I had 15 videos riding on the (stationary bike) trainer downstairs. I have in my mind what I thought it was going to be like and I thought I knew everything there was to know about Hawaii.

"And the first time I walked down that hill and saw the very, very small beach where the race starts and stops, the hair on my arms just stood up. It was amazing, way better than I expected."

Karr is looking forward to his own hair-raising experience.

"Just riding my bike up on the pier the day before and getting everything ready," Karr said. "I've seen it so many times on the TV specials. Once you get there and you're on the pier looking out toward the water, it's going to be real.

"And then just getting through that pain and crossing the finish line on the Ali'i Drive will be one of the most special moments in my life."

Now that's extreme

Asked about the hopeful message of Ironman's "Anything Is Possible" mantra, Hutchinson said the slogan is completely on target.

"It's exactly what it says," Hutchinson said. "And here's the thing for me. When you look at Ironman and you look at the people involved, the cross-section, there's all types of people that are there and all types of people that are accomplishing it.

"There's people that are missing

limbs. There's handicapped people. There's people that come from all types of different backgrounds. Veterans. People with stories of addiction and alcoholism. I think that's what it is. Anything's possible, you can do it."

Many of the Ironman participants who make it to Kona are merely devotees to the sport, carving time out of work and family obligations to peddle endlessly on stationary bikes, run or swim at 5 a.m. to push themselves beyond their physical limits.

But there are those who give a new meaning to extreme triathletes.

"I was in this (Ironman) race one time, I was in Louisville (Ky.)," Hutchinson said. "And it was a really hot race, it was in August. I saw a guy coming down the hotel elevator with a sling on. I stopped and I talked to him.

"It was mile 88 of the bike, he basically got in a crash. He broke his collarbone. Got back on the bike, rode the other 25 miles and then after that ran the

marathon."

That encounter dialed down Hutchinson's perspective about how he views his own Ironman accomplishments.

"On one hand, people can talk about that, 'Oh that's great, it's an Ironman, you did an Ironman,'" Hutchinson said. "But when I look at some of the people that are out there, like to me, those are the people that... I don't feel like I'm doing anything special when you look at some of these other people and what they're overcoming."

Maybe not. But there still is a Mt. Rushmore-type feeling that endurance athletes of all ages and abilities experience on the Big Island. There also is an attitude adjustment — in the best possible way.

"It means you're a bad ass," Rea said, loudly and proudly.

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Woman reports online concert ticket fraud

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A Novi woman reported paying \$250 for concert tickets through a Craigslist email address, but never getting those tickets.

The resident, 43, told police she had found a Craigslist post offering four Maroon 5 concert tickets Sept. 30. Responding to an anonymous Craigslist email address to contact the seller, the woman said she received an immediate response.

The seller directed her to use Quick Pay by Zelle to send the \$250, the wom-

an said, with the tickets then to be made accessible to the victim through her Ticketmaster account.

After sending the money from her bank account, the woman said she was notified that the email address came back as someone other than the seller. When questioned about that, the seller responded that the email was in her husband's name, according to the victim.

The money was successfully transferred, but the victim said she didn't receive the tickets. Since that point, she said the seller has stopped responding to her.

The victim told police that she had

contacted her bank about stopping payment for the tickets, but was informed that the money was already collected.

The officer noted he had again spoken with the victim, who told him that her bank had no record of where her money had been transferred to. She said she planned to speak with the bank again and would also be contacting Zelle.

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

Novi looking for items to celebrate 50th anniversary

The city of Novi is gearing up for its 50th anniversary celebration in 2019 and wants current and former residents to be involved in the historical exhibit that will be on display in the Novi Civic Center Atrium in February.

The city is looking for anything Novi-related including, but not limited to yearbooks, photos, newspapers, drawings, signs, clothing and toys.

Residents who have something to share are encouraged to reach out to the Novi Community Relations team at communityrelations@cityofnovi.org or call 248-735-5628. All items loaned to the city will be returned once the exhibit closes.

The 50th anniversary celebration kicks off later this year with the mailing of a commemorative 2019 calendar to all Novi residents. Throughout 2019, numerous city programs and events will take residents back in time and highlight Novi's unique history.

For more information, go to cityofnovi.org/50years.

RCOC seeks part-time snowplow drivers

The Road Commission for Oakland County is seeking to hire up to 25 part-time snowplow drivers to augment its full-time staff for the winter this year.

To be considered for one of the part-time positions, anyone interested must have a current and valid Michigan commercial driver's license with an 'A' endorsement. The part-time employees

may be scheduled to work up to three days per week and will be on call throughout the winter for day, night and weekend work as needed.

Every attempt is made to establish consistent work schedules. Non-snow removal work will be done by the part-time employees in addition to salting/plowing.

Paid training and introductory orientation will be provided. The position pays up to \$20 per hour and duties include snowstorm road plowing and salting, as well as other non-snow related road-maintenance activities (flagging, pothole patching, etc.).

Those interested can apply at www.rcocweb.org.

'MasterChef' contestant opens bakery in Livonia

Darrell Clem
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Amanda Saab was watching "Iron Chef America" on the Food Network when her friends were watching music videos on MTV.

Coupled with a love of baking, it paid off.

She became a contestant on television's "MasterChef" in 2015 after charming judges with her baklava cheesecake and upbeat personality.

The same recipe landed her a spot in Joe Yonan's "America The Great Cookbook," subtitled "The Food We Make for the People We Love from 100 of Our Fin-

est Chefs and Food Heroes."

And she traveled to Japan in August to film a pilot episode of "Chef in Hijab," wearing her Muslim headscarf for a segment about finding halal food in unexpected places.

Much closer to home, Saab has found another winning recipe in Livonia with her Butter Bear Shop, 33825 Five Mile, west of Farmington, where customers can find cakes, cookies, breads and pastries — all served with a smile.

Saab searched metro Detroit before locating in Livonia.

"I wanted a happy place," Saab said. "Happy people like sweet treats."

Along with strong local sales, she and pastry chef Patty Chamberlain also

have had online orders from 28 states, including Alaska, since Butter Bear Shop opened in mid-July, serving golden raisin bread, salted brown butter chocolate chip cookies, lemon rosemary bars, seeded tahini banana bread, French coconut macaroons and custom-made birthday cakes, among numerous other treats.

Saab worked several years in social work, helping troubled families to heal and addressing problems such as homelessness.

But her hobby, her passion, always has been baking.

After later marrying her husband Hussein and moving to Seattle for his job transfer in 2012, he encouraged her

to audition for "MasterChef" in California.

Saab auditioned with her baklava cheesecake and she was chosen for the show. She survived eight episodes with dishes such as her grandmother's recipe for lamb kofta with jalapeno spiced potatoes and sumac aioli, and crab cakes with green apple slaw and a spicy sauce.

Then, in a cruel twist of fate, it was Saab's 26th birthday when she had to make a birthday cake on "MasterChef." It looked good — vanilla cake with a strawberry Nutella filling and decorated with pink rosettes. But she ran out of time, it was undercooked and she was sent home.

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Homecoming queen's crowning moves crowd to tears

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It takes a special kind of person to transform South Lyon's raucous, adrenaline-pumping "Jungle" — the well-deserved nickname of the Lions' football stadium — into a sea of feel-good tears and spine-tingling cheers, especially during a football Friday.

Breanna Strange, it turns out, has that kind of power.

Looking angelic in a stylish white dress and her ever-present 100-watt smile, Strange was named her school's homecoming queen at halftime of the Sept. 28 game against Walled Lake Central, igniting a stadium-wide tsunami of heartfelt emotions.

Since she was just a few months old, Strange has lived with dystonia, a progressive condition that severely affects its victims' brain and nervous system.

The disease has confined Strange to a wheelchair and made it difficult for her to talk and use her extremities, but it hasn't dimmed her spirit or the admiration her classmates feel about the way she has handled overwhelming adversity.

"We were just ecstatic that Breanna was named to the homecoming court, so when she was named queen, well, it was kind of surreal," said David Strange, Breanna's dad. "Breanna is a vessel of hugs and joy. Her outlook on life is: How can I brighten your day? After she was named queen, I looked around the stadium and the tears were flowing. I will never forget that moment, nor will Bre."

"Most normal kids her age have milestones to look forward to — attending college, getting married, having children — that Breanna won't have. But this night is something Breanna and our family can cherish and remember forever."

Kinsey's kindness

The remarkable sequence of events that led to Strange's amazing honor was sparked by South Lyon senior Kinsey Nally, a friend of Strange's since the two attended kindergarten together at Hardy Elementary School.

"Two years ago, when I was a sophomore (at South Lyon), I watched the



Breanna Strange and Ryan Jarl were all smiles moments after being named South Lyon High School's 2018 homecoming queen and king.

homecoming ceremonies at halftime of the football game," Nally said. "I went home that night and said to my mom, 'Wouldn't it be cool if for our senior year, Bre was nominated for the homecoming court?'"

"I actually programmed a reminder into my phone that night, in the fall of 2016."

Moved by Strange's warmth and positive outlook for the past 12 years, Nally didn't need a phone app to remind her once the time came a few weeks ago to nominate deserving seniors for the 2018 homecoming court.

"First of all, I texted Bre's mom (Kim) to make sure it was OK to nominate her," Nally said. "She told me that would be great. Then I asked (South Lyon senior football player) Ryan Jarl what he thought of the idea. Ryan has been so kind and caring toward Breanna since we were in elementary school. He thought it was a great idea."

A few days before homecoming, the Stranges found out Bre had been voted to the homecoming court.

"Bre was so happy ... she couldn't stop smiling," Dave Strange said. "We, on the other hand, were shedding tears — tears of joy."

Red carpet treatment

Nally accepted the Stranges' invitation to push Breanna in her wheelchair on the red carpet ceremony during the homecoming afternoon's pep rally in the South Lyon gymnasium.

"When they announced Bre's name, everyone in the gym gave her a standing ovation," Nally said. "It was like nothing I have ever seen. It was an empowering moment."

Nally was moved by the unselfish acts of many of her senior classmates during the days that led up to the homecoming game.

"I found out that some of the other girls who were up for homecoming queen were telling people to vote for Bre," Nally said. "That's what kind of impact Bre has had on people."

"Right before the queen was announced, it was a little nerve-racking. When they announced Bre's name, the place just went crazy. Everyone was so happy."

The following night, Bre attended the homecoming dance along with the king, Ryan Jarl.

"The entire experience was like a Disney movie," Dave Strange said. "Bre is an untainted soul. She won't watch a movie if it has an antagonist. The entire homecoming weekend, it was like she was the star of her own movie."

And the ending could not have been happier.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School boards, parents should oppose Proposal 1

It is every parent's worst nightmare. Your son or daughter riding on the school bus, and a classmate shares a snack, a harmless activity that occurs every day. But instead of an ordinary gummy, this snack is marijuana in disguise.

Of all people, parents and school boards should oppose Proposal 1. The damage marijuana does to children is well-known and undisputed. One in six teens who use marijuana get addicted to it. Marijuana is the #1 reason why kids enter treatment for substance abuse: more than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, meth, ecstasy and other drugs combined. Parents who may have experimented in their past should also know that today's marijuana is substantially more potent than that of the past.

Supporters of Proposal 1 suggest that marijuana should be regulated "like alcohol." When it comes to schools, the nature of marijuana makes that impossible. First, if a student comes to school possibly drunk, the police can issue a breathalyzer test to confirm that. When it comes to marijuana, there is no reliable on-the-spot test. Districts are not trained in identifying impairment and will be powerless to act. That's one reason that dozens of law enforcement professionals have lined up against this proposal.

Second, if a student brings alcohol to school, administrators can rapidly identify it, remove it, and discipline the student. Marijuana cookies? Brownies? How are they to know? Are they expected to send it to a lab? The reality that voters should digest is that Proposal 1, if passed, will lead to more marijuana in our schools, and districts will be powerless to stop it.

One of the most pervasive behavioral issues in our schools is vaping. Children believe, due to slick marketing, that vaping is somehow healthy behavior. Under Proposal 1, children will have easier access to hash oil for vaping, and unless districts purchase law-enforcement grade devices, administrators will be unable to determine the substance's contents and take proper action. Don't be fooled; this legislation is about introducing to our great state a powerful new industry — corporate marijuana — and its

best customer is your children. Fighting this industry will redirect time, money and resources out of education and into more drug prevention. This self-inflicted wound-to-be is not what our struggling schools need at this time.

Parents and school boards should take the lead and let the public know that Proposal 1 is a disaster for local schools.

Matthew J. Wilk
Northville

SAHS barn dance thanks

The Salem Area Historical Society sends out thank yous with regards to our recently successful Barn Dance on Sept. 7. It was a great family event to kick off the fall season in Salem.

Those who attended spanned in ages from grade school, high school to senior citizens. A big thank you goes to Three Cedars Farm staff for generously donating their facility and their time for the Barn Dance. The barn is an excellent fit for our event. Another thank you goes to the Picks & Sticks Stringband for their great playing and to their dance caller, who did a great job in getting everyone involved and dancing.

More thank yous go to our major sponsors of the SAHS annual Barn Dance: Salem Tool on Salem Road, Alumitect Industries on Salem Road, AA Anchor Bolt on Salem Road, Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar on Gotfredson Road, All-American Storage on Six Mile Road, Gardner-Westcott on Six Mile Road and Three Cedars Farm on Six Mile Road. We encourage all in the area to support our sponsors whenever possible. The last thank you goes to all of the people who attended. Your participation, enthusiasm and conduct made this a super family event. Thank you all.

Terry Cwik
President, Salem Area Historical Society

Support Hanshaw for school board

I am writing to encourage people to cast their votes for Carrie Hanshaw in the upcoming School Board election.

During my tenure as school superintendent, I was privileged to work alongside outstanding board members, and Carrie Hanshaw is no exception. She is intelligent and fair-minded. Parents and staff alike find her approachable and responsive to their questions and concerns. Being one of a group of 7 can have its challenges, but as a collaborative, hard-working individual, Carrie has always had the respect and appreciation of her fellow board members and the district staff.

In addition to her fine character, Carrie brings a wealth of experience. In her 5-plus years on the board, Carrie has served as a valued member on the following committees: Policy, Legislative, South Lyon Educational Foundation, Vision/Mission Statements and Guiding Principles Review, Facilities, and Facilities Use, as well as Secretary of the Board.

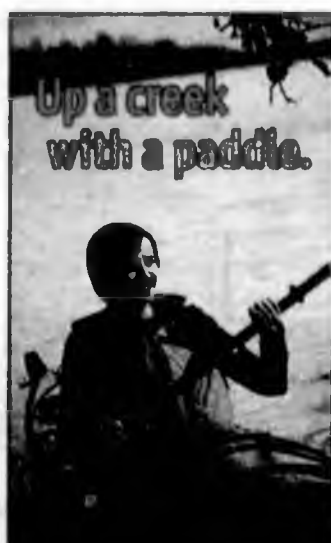
Though it may sound trite, it is absolutely true: Carrie has a genuine heart for kids and is totally committed to doing what's right for students and for the district. Once again, I urge you to support Carrie Hanshaw. She has worked hard to earn our trust, and your vote will allow her to continue her outstanding service to the community.

William A. Pearson
South Lyon

Supports Jaafar in Northville

I am writing to express my unfettered support for Angela Jaafar, candidate for the Northville School Board. I have known Jaafar for almost 10 years when we first met as parents of children who were students at Silver Springs Elementary School. Jaafar and I had the pleasure of getting to know each other very well during the years our daughters were

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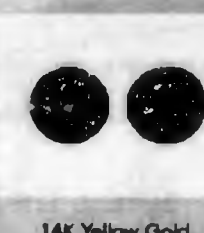
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in Girl Scouts together. I have had the privilege of considering her a part of my "parent village" of support that is so vital to raising kids today. I have also been blessed to know her children and husband who are also outstanding members of our Northville community.

Members of my family and I have also worked with Jaafar professionally in various real estate sales transactions. She is a consummate professional realtor and a woman of great integrity. Jaafar puts her heart and soul into everything she does both personally and professionally. I have no doubt that she is the best qualified candidate for this position on the school board.

Elizabeth C. Thomson
Northville

Community supported event

Berkshire Hathaway Home Services HWWB Realtors would like to thank the people of Northville for making our inaugural Sunshine Kids Tent Sale a big success. We couldn't have done it without the generous support of the Northville American Legion, Casterline Funeral Home, and many more community members. The sale raised \$6,750 for the charity, an organization that provides group activities and emotional support for kids with cancer.

Visit www.sunshinekids.org to learn more. The sale came on the heels of our Sunshine Kids Golf Outing. Together, these events raised over \$20,000 for a worthy cause in a single week. It's a testament to our town that so many people came out to donate, shop, and volunteer. We hope to meet even more of you at our next event.

G. Jack Burke
Northville

Support road millage

I want to share my thoughts, opinions and support for a road millage for our "Hamlet in the Hills" community of Northville. Our family has been ingrained in this community using these city roads for five generations, and my father who recently passed was the Ville's historic story teller.

My research points out that the

amount of funds budgeted annually for road repair and replacement have not been sufficient to keep pace with the rate at which roads are deteriorating around us, and we as tax payers are actually spending more on repairs than for new roads.

At present, I read that 46.5% of Northville roads have a "poor" rating, which means that we are repairing roads when they get closer to the "replacement" condition. This is a very expensive way to maintain roads. Bond funds will bring most street conditions up to "good" before they deteriorate to a condition that requires costly repairs.

Speaking with city officials I understand they realize that no one wants to pay additional taxes. So, the city thoughtfully put together a plan that will significantly impact our roads and prudently impact us minimally financially vs other local communities.

The estimated millage (if passed) I understand would be levied beginning in 2019 and would be less than 1 mill (\$1/\$1,000 of taxable value). I looked up the average residential taxpayer taxable value and it's \$140,000, which would amount to about \$137 for each of us over the next 10 years. Canton just approved 1.45 mills over 20 years for streets, Royal Oak voters approved a 10-year, 2.5-mills tax increase and Ann Arbor renewed 2.125 mills for roads.

Additionally, I'm told that any new development like that at Northville Downs 400-plus residents will reduce the amount of tax paid by existing property owners.

We all love this "Switzerland of Wayne County" community of Northville, and it behooves us all to keep its roads repaired to reduce vehicle maintenance and increases the value and continuity of this community. Therefore I and our entire family supports this millage because it is a win win for all of us long term. Vote yes in November for roads for Northville's future.

Brian Turnbull
Northville

Supports Lynn for school board

I am voting for Suzanne Lynn for Northville School Board. She is my neighbor and I've known her for nearly 10 years, but that's not why I am voting for her. I am voting for Lynn because she has the experience, desire and expertise needed to do the job.

Lynn has been in education and working with youth for 25 years as a teacher and as a senior leader in both small, as well as very large, complex organizations. Suzanne has a comprehensive understanding of school finance, budgets and operations. She's been on the front-end of understanding the vision and plans for the construction and facility improvements in our district, as a result of her leadership on the 2017 bond committee.

We live in one of the best school districts in the state, and Lynn is committed to ensuring that Northville Schools continues to be a top-rated district.

Currently, there is not any city representation on the Northville school Board. I believe there needs to be city representation on the school board. Lynn is the only person running who lives in the City of Northville.

Lynn has a passion for and commitment to public education. Vote for Suzanne Lynn for Northville School Board on Nov. 6. You won't be disappointed.

Michelle Aniol
City of Northville

Supports Heang for schools

I whole-heartedly endorse Roland Hwang to continue on the Northville School Board. Roland is seeking his second term on the school board and is currently the Vice President. He is a civic leader who also serves on the Northville Arts Commission, of which I am a part. As a member of the Arts Commission, which oversees the Northville Art House, Roland always offers thoughtful advice and active participation in our volunteer activities.

He is conscientious, insightful, and dedicated to the Northville community. The skills and experiences he brings to the school board are important and necessary. He gets my vote.

Sue Taylor
Northville Arts Commission chair

Novi teachers' endorsements

On Nov. 6, voters in Novi will have a choice to make for the Novi Community School District Board of Education. Seven candidates, four running for six-year term and three running for a two-year term, is the largest field for the Board of Education in recent history. On Sept. 17, representatives from the Novi Education Association, Novi's teacher's union,

as well as representatives from the Novi Educational Support Professionals Association, who are the office secretaries and paraprofessionals, interviewed all seven candidates.

The choice was unanimous to support Punita Dani and Thomas Smith for the six-year term, and Danielle Ruskin for the two-year term.

All three candidates currently have children in the district at various grade levels. Providing first-hand knowledge of how our schools provide services for the community will be a major asset at the board table, as policy discussions will have real consequences for their own students. Each of the recommended candidates also brings a unique skill set from their professional lives that will contribute to creating a cohesive and high functioning Board of Education. Our recommended candidates will focus on what is best for each of our almost 7,000 students rather than any individual group of students. More importantly, none of the recommended candidates have an agenda other than to focus on what is our absolute single most important goal, student well-being and academic success.

Our district is consistently ranked as one of the best in all of Michigan. We are consistently ranked as the top academic district in the very competitive Oakland County. We have low class sizes at our early elementary levels, our students learn in an incredibly safe environment, and we are constantly working on being better for our students and their families who we serve daily. These three candidates will help to continue this path to excellence while taking seriously their responsibilities to hold the administration accountable.

You trust your children with Novi teachers every day. On Nov. 6, trust the recommendation of those very same teachers and vote for Punita Dani, Thomas Smith, and Danielle Ruskin for the Novi Community School District Board of Education.

Seth Furlow
Novi Education Association president

Support for Dodd

Laura Dodd, candidate for state Rep-

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Fixing Plymouth's parking woes could get costly

Darrell Clem
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Now that downtown Plymouth's central parking deck has been repaired, easing safety concerns, local officials still face difficult decisions about alleviating a parking shortage that affects the business community.

Two questions loom large. What's the price tag? And how does Plymouth pay for it?

Mayor Oliver Wolcott has been candid about his belief that efforts to im-

prove Plymouth's parking system will, in all likelihood, require a special assessment on businesses, paid parking and efforts to secure private investment.

"Everyone must have skin in the game," he said, adding later, "We all need to be part of the solution — and at that point, we can make it a reality. It requires everyone to be at the table."

Wolcott said it's premature to attach a price tag to the three-pronged approach. But officials agree that, long term, the existing 280-space parking garage, built in the mid-1980s, needs re-

placing, while four surface parking lots owned by the city also need attention.

And it's unknown whether a second parking garage still could be built as part of redevelopment efforts on the old Saxton's Garden Center property on Ann Arbor Trail. Redevelopment talks with Harmonie Park Development Co. ended after the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority decided it couldn't afford the \$5 million tab sought by the company to build a parking deck adjacent to the nearby Wilcox House, with 150 dedicated public parking spaces.

With the existing parking deck work

completed, sections of it will no longer be closed off now that repairs totaling \$375,000 have been finished.

As for parking-related funding, local businesses and residents indicated that some preferred a special assessment on businesses, while others favored paid parking. It now appears that both are a possibility.

Wolcott said a special assessment could help create a dedicated source of revenue to address parking system needs. He said paid parking, which the city had years ago, also factors in.

"Parking is not free," Wolcott said.

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representative, 44th district, is running a grassroots campaign in which volunteers are eager to share Laura's abilities and qualities as a responsible, resourceful, and respectful candidate. Her slogan, "people before politics" is more than just words to her.

Laura has spent her career improving the lives of others. She holds a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in nonprofit administration from the University of Notre Dame. Professionally, Laura, as the Director of Special Events, raised funds and support for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Michigan. And while working for the Appeal of Conscience Foundation which focuses on religious freedom and human rights, she hosted the world's political and religious leaders in dialogues about peace and tolerance.

Laura's connection to people is evident in her campaign. When Laura speaks to people, she genuinely listens and never responds with sound bite political solutions to complex issues. As she knocks on doors, she asks — and keeps a record — about the concerns of each individual.

As a testament to the support for Laura, the people wearing Dodd 2018 buttons and "Dodd Squad" t-shirts are

all volunteers who are working on community service projects, knocking on doors, making phone calls and writing postcards. Her campaign is funded primarily by small donations from your neighbors and friends. So, if Laura or one of her volunteers knocks on your door please take the time to get to know Laura Dodd and vote in November so she can put "people you before politics" in Lansing.

Paul and Nancy Czech
Highland Township

Support Democrats

'Tis the season for glossy flyers in the mail and the airing of TV ads, both pro and con for candidates.

The attack ads against Democrats are understandable. The Koch Brothers and other billionaires are fearful they may have to start returning some of the bounty bestowed on them by the Republicans at the state and federal level.

The pro ads and campaigns by Republicans Bill Schuette, John James and Lena Epstein have one common thread, they all seem to list undying loyalty to Donald Trump. Hardly a mention of anything that will benefit Michigan.

On Nov. 6 lets make sure the Koch Brothers' and cronies' fears turn into reality by electing Democrats to return fairness to all segments of government.

James Huddleston
Canton

Support for Prop 2

As a registered voter, I have known about the problem of gerrymandering in our politics for a long time but never saw any way to solve it. All that changed when I heard about Voters Not Politicians. I immediately knew that it was a movement.

I wanted to be involved in and acted accordingly.

Partisan redistricting, or gerrymandering, has been a problem in the United States almost since its inception. Michigan has been excelling in this regard of late, with some of the most gerrymandered political maps in the country. The fundamental problem with the current redistricting process is that it puts the power to map districts in the hands of those who compete in those districts. Such a problem cannot be resolved except through the reforms exemplified in Proposal 2.

Proposal 2 solves the problem of gerrymandering excluding politicians. Instead, it gives the task to a citizen's commission made up of Republican, Democratic and independent voters. With at least two votes needed from each group to approve new maps, all but guaranteeing maps not marred by gerrymandering. Furthermore, the commission must act with complete transparency by holding public meetings and publishing the methods it used to determine district boundaries.

Once voters understand the problem, they will see Proposal 2 as the solution.

It is not concerned with advocating for any particular party, candidate or even policy; rather, it ensures that all candidates and ideas have a fair shot at prevailing electorally.

I invite all Michigan voters to get involved with this campaign, and most importantly, to vote "Yes" on proposal 2.

Yousuf Ali
Northville

Opposes Prop 2

I will not, and I hope many many people will not vote to approve Proposal 2 on Michigan's 2018 ballot.

The slick TV ads claiming that Proposal 2 is for the people, is in fact, an ad for special interest groups. Any time a proposal that wants to change or amend our state constitution, is proposed, be very suspect of what exactly is wanted. A yes vote on Proposal 2 would eliminate, or take away, part of our legislators job to represent us and would put it into the hands of special interest groups, leaving us, "We The People," out in the cold.

You think that auto and health insurance is high in Michigan, now, wait till you see your rates skyrocket if Proposal 2 passes.

The biggest lobbies in Michigan are, insurance companies, pharmaceutical corporations, and petroleum companies. Vote no on proposal 2.

Robert Johnson
New Hudson

CITY OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville Election Commission will meet on October 17, 2018 at 8:15 a.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, to conduct business related to the November 6, 2018 General Election.

The Public Accuracy Test for the November 6, 2018 General Election will be conducted as part of this meeting. The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Election law.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK
ELECTION COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

Published: October 11, 2018

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISION OF THE SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, a snow emergency shall be deemed to exist whenever: (1) freezing rain, sleet or four (4) or more inches of snow has been forecasted for the area by a newspaper circulated in the city, or by a radio or television station with a normal operating range covering the city; or (2) freezing rain or sleet has fallen or four (4) or more inches of snow have accumulated in the city.

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Jeffrey Herczeg
Public Works Director

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AREA EVENTS

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'Halloween Extravaganza' at Marquis

"Halloween Extravaganza," a live-on-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, 248-349-8110, marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net or www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

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.

Novi Home Show

The Novi Home Show will return to the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River



Singer-songwriter Aspen Jacobsen of Commerce signed copies of her new CD at Rivers Edge Brewing Co., in Milford Sunday. The singer spent an hour signing for fans, then performed for the packed house. CURTIS DROGMILLER

Avenue, Friday through Sunday, Oct. 12-14. Hours are 2-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The show is the one-stop destination to find home improvement products and services for every type of project imaginable, decorating and landscaping exhibits as well as experienced businesses available for consulting or hire. Exhibitors include siding professionals, landscapers, builders, kitchen and bathroom remodelers, waterproofing experts, counter top installers, basement refinishers and

much more.

Adult admission (ages 13 and over) is \$10, senior admission (ages 55 and over) is \$9 and children ages 12 and under get in free. Special "\$5 after 5 p.m." admission Friday and Saturday. Parking is not included. Purchase advance tickets online at novihomeshow.com.

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, through Saturday, Oct. 13. 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.

Yoga on the beach

The Sierra Club will host yoga on the beach at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at Island Lake State Recreation Area, 6301 Kensington Road, in Brighton. Meet at Spring Mill Pond near the shelter/bath area. Bring your own mat (and optional towel to put under mat). All levels welcome. Led by an experienced yoga instructor.

Cost is \$5, plus requires state park entry fee or passport. For more information, go to www.sierraclub.org/michigan/crossroads.

War Dog Memorial Interment

The Michigan War Dog Memorial will be holding a ceremonial burial 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

Sokol Camp, 11633 Sokol Camp Drive, in Green Oak Charter Township is hosting its annual haunted trick-or-treating walk and haunted hayride be-

ginning 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.

Spooky movie nights at Marquis

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in Northville will a series of spooky movie nights, featuring a different classic Halloween-themed film at 7:30 p.m. each Saturday during October. The schedule includes "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.downtownn

northville.com.

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 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 Facebook page.

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CALENDAR

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Adult Services is teaming up with AARP and Ascension Providence to offer driving safety programs.

On Monday, Oct. 15, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, a team of trained technicians from Ascension Providence Injury Prevention will work with each participant to ensure they "fit" their vehicle properly for maximum comfort and safety using a 12-point checklist. The program also provides safety information and materials on community-specific resources. The program is free. Pre-registration is required at ascensionmi.regfox.com/free-carfit-event-for-mature-drivers.

There is also a two-day classroom course scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 7-8. Geared toward the specific needs of the older motorist ages 55 and older, the focus is on areas where older drivers could benefit from additional training. Each participant receives a guidebook to take home and must attend both days. Cost is \$20 per person. AARP members receive a \$5 discount. Pre-registration is required by calling 248-347-0414 or stopping by the Novi Civic Center.

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.milfordvfaa.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 p.m.

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 to www.stgeorgesmilford.org.

Halloween at Fisk Farm

The White Lake Historical Society and Parks and Recreation are teaming up to host a Halloween event at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Fisk Farm, 9180 Highland Road, in White Lake. There will be trick-or-treating, a Halloween-themed movie, old-fashioned games and refreshments.

Plan ahead and bring a scarecrow you decorated and enter the scarecrow contest for some prizes. Drop off in advance 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19. Any proceeds benefit the historical society to enable upkeep of farm buildings.

For more information, go to hsmichigan.org/whitelake.

SAHS presentation

The Salem Area Historical Society will present "Detroit Prohibition" at 7:30

p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, at South Salem Stone School, 7991 N. Territorial Road. After the short business portion, Joe Oldenburg, historian and archivist, will present a fascinating tour of prohibition in Detroit. Admission is free for SAHS members and \$2 for non-members.

Flu shot clinic

The city of Novi Older Adult Services is hosting a flu shot clinic 1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

Flu shots will be available for adults and given on a first-come, first-served basis. Flu shot prices are \$33, \$50 for a high dose and no cost with most insurances. Free health screenings for blood pressure, blood glucose and bone density will also be available.

For more information, call 248-347-0414. To learn about additional older adult health and wellness programs, go to cityofnovi.org.

Tollgate Farm classes

MSU Tollgate Farm, 28115 Meadowbrook 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 events.anr.msu.edu/evenings2018fall/.

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 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 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.

Northville Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Ca-

dy Street, will host PATTERNS + SYMBOLS, featuring hand-dyed fabrics, ink drawings, acrylic paintings and paper weavings by Japanese native Hiroko Lancour, through Oct. 27. Visitors have the opportunity to learn more about the artist and her work through a unique interactive drawing where chance dictates the outcome.

For more information, go to www.northvillearthhouse.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, Nov. 2. 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>.

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 are necessary for most services. Call 248-225-4581 or email capernaumhealthclinic@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, go to nlacommunityreads.weebly.com.



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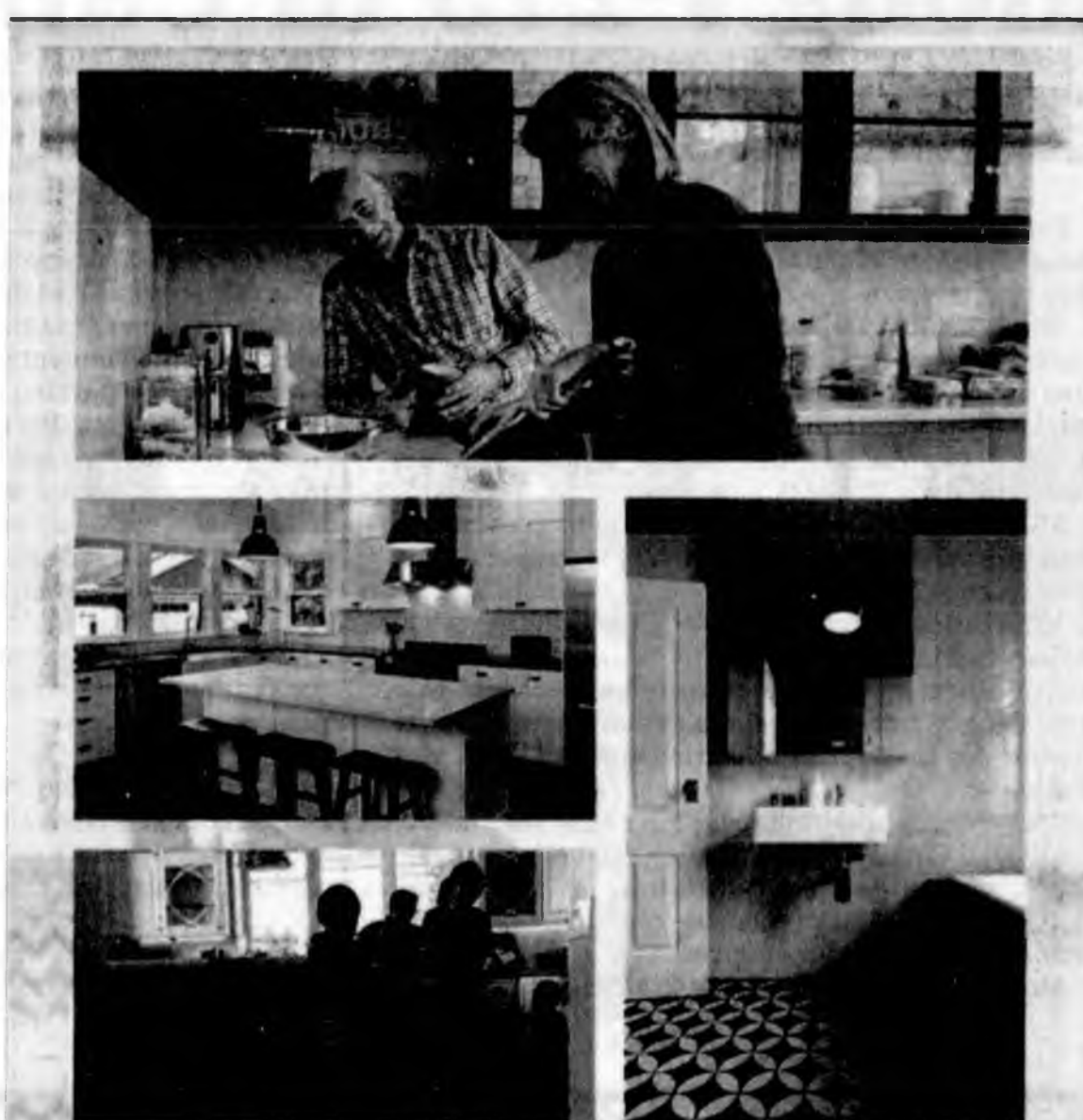
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Salvation Army stores feature October savings

All through October, The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center will be offering shoppers at all 35 thrift stores up to 50 percent off certain items during the October ThriftFest event.

Each Monday in October is men's night, where men can get 50 percent off all clothing, shoes, accessories and electronics from 6 p.m. until close.

Kids are the stars each Tuesday, when the youngest shoppers can enjoy 50 percent off all clothing, toys, accessories and shoes all day.

Residents over age 55 will benefit each Wednesday, when thrift stores will offer shoppers anywhere from 25 percent to 44 percent off select items, including jewelry and collectibles.

Shoppers who come in wearing their Halloween costumes Oct. 31 will receive 33 percent off their entire order.

Each Thursday will be ladies night from 6 p.m. until close, offering 50 percent off all clothing, shoes and accessories.

Furniture Friday offers shoppers 50 percent off all furniture, as well as 15 percent off new mattresses and bed frames.

Early-bird shoppers can look forward to Sally Savings Saturdays, when the first 25 shoppers at each store will receive 50 percent off their entire purchase.

Proceeds from all metro Detroit thrift stores benefit The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center's independently funded, 180-day residential rehabilitation program for men and women.



The building containing restrooms at the rest area along I-275 in Canton. The Michigan Department of Transportation recently announced the rest area would close in November. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

MDOT closing rest stop along I-275 in Canton

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Drivers needing a break will have one less stop along Interstate 275 in western Wayne County beginning next month.

The Michigan Department of Transportation announced Oct. 3 it planned to shutter the Westland Rest Area on Nov. 14. The rest stop, actually located in Canton, lies along the northbound portion of the freeway at mile marker 23, between the Michigan Avenue and Ford Road exits.

MDOT says the costs associated with keeping the structure open are too great to justify it remaining one of the state's 78 rest stops.

"The estimated cost to replace the building is \$1.1 million to \$1.5 million, plus the continued costs for maintenance, safety and security," MDOT said in a statement. "These costs combined amount to two to three times the typical operating costs of other rest areas."

The rest stop was built in 1977 at a time when western Wayne County was more rural. Today, as populations grow and commercial businesses line nearby Ford Road, MDOT says there are plenty of options for motorists to stop at for services.

Most of the site will go back to a natural look, with

crews planning on demolishing the building as well as remove the parking lot and walkways. Those areas will be replaced with grass. The scales and truck parking area will remain and be used by law enforcement. The site's ramp will be barricaded and locked.

The nearby I-275 bicycle trail will not be affected.

The rest area has had its problems in recent years. The closure comes less than two years after MDOT made several investments into the property, including repairs to the parking lots, after a string of vandalism. And back in 2016, a couple was charged after Canton police say the man brandished a weapon during an argument with a maintenance worker at the site. The man ended up taking a plea deal and was sentenced to six months in jail.

The closure will leave I-275 with just one rest stop, located at mile marker 5, near Carleton in Monroe County. MDOT also points out the Belleville Rest Area along I-94, just west of I-275, will also remain open.

With the closure, that leaves the Belleville Rest Area, the Mexicantown Welcome Center in Detroit, the Clarkston Rest Area and the Davisburg Rest Area (both along I-75) as the lone rest areas in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Contact David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or on Twitter @davidveselenak.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Completing FAFSA first step to getting college financial aid

It seems that college kids have just gone back to school and you already have to start thinking about next year. For those who currently have children in college or children that will be entering college next year, now is the time to start thinking about federal financial aid. As of Oct. 1, you can submit your free application for federal student aid. FAFSA is the form that is filed annually by current and prospective college students, both graduate and undergraduate, to determine their eligibility for federal student financial aid. If you want to determine whether or not you're eligible for federal student loans, but also grants, work study or scholarships, you are going to need to complete the FAFSA for — and for most people, the sooner, the better. Although you have until June 30 to submit your FAFSA application, it is better to do it as soon as you can. Not only do many universities and colleges award financial aid on a first-come, first-served basis, but also, by applying early, you'll find out where you stand with regard to federal aid. Finding out where you stand when it comes to financial aid can be a great benefit, because it can also help you to determine what college to attend.

Completing the FAFSA form is easier than it has been in the past. Two years ago, the rules changed and you no longer have to use your information from your current tax return; you can use your previous tax return. For example, for the 2019-20 school year, you would use information from your 2017 tax return.

The first step for those who've never completed a FAFSA form is to get a FSA ID through the U.S. Department of Education. Also this year, you can now electronically transfer your tax return information into the FAFSA form. To find out more about completing the FAFSA application and getting a FSA ID, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. There's a wealth of information on this site that can be of great assistance to you.

Also new this year is the U. S. Department of Education's new app. The app, named "my-student-aid," is available from the Apple Store or from Google Play. This app will allow you to complete your FAFSA form on your phone. Of course, it is important to make sure that you download the right app, because like everything else, the scam artists are at work and they've already developed some lookalike apps. The "my-student-aid" app is free and completing your FAFSA form is also free. You know you're dealing with a fake app if they are charging you money.

If you're not sure if you should file a FAFSA form, you should. First, many people think they do not qualify for federal assistance, but by completing the form, you may find that you are eligible. Income is a determining factor, but it is not the only factor. What also determines aid is the number of children in your family and how many of them are enrolled in college. My recommendation is that the great majority of people should file a FAFSA form.

Can the average person complete the FAFSA application themselves or should they hire a company to prepare them? I think the great majority of people can complete the FAFSA application on their own; the key is to take your time, because accuracy is important. If you make a mistake, it could delay the processing of your application.

If you are or think you're going to be in a situation where you need financial assistance for college next year, don't delay, complete your FAFSA form as soon as possible.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.


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Protesters call for police reforms in Westland

Matt Jachman
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About 25 people in Westland on Friday decried what they say is a pattern of police misconduct and bias against black residents and visitors.

With signs that called for justice, declared that "Black lives matter" and, in one case, pleaded, "Stop police brutality," protesters chanted and marched in a tight oval in front of city hall before announcing a warming of relations with police as well as plans to keep tabs on their actions.

It was the third demonstration in reaction to police officers' use of a Taser on two black men during their arrests last summer. A larger march between city hall and Westland Police Department headquarters had been planned, and a protest spokeswoman said "we still have the march in our pocket" if activists aren't satisfied with police reforms.

"The culture in Westland has to change," said Crystal Linton of the Inkster/Western Wayne County chapter of the National Action Network.

"Things need to start from the top down," said Will Miller, the chapter president.

Activists said Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik phoned Miller on Wednesday and that the two plan to soon meet. "He has reached out. We are trying to work with them," Miller said.

Calls to the chief's office were not returned Friday afternoon.

The protest came days after charges were announced against a police sergeant and two former Westland paramedics in the case of William Marshall, a 35-year-old black man who was in police custody when he died of cocaine toxicity Dec. 10. Prosecutors say defendants Ronald Buckley, Matt Discosola and Leah Maynard failed to properly care for Marshall while he was in the police department lockup.

Buckley, who was a police sergeant, was fired on Thursday, and Maynard and Discosola, who were paramedics, left the city's employment since Marshall's death.

In a prepared statement, Jedrusik said incarceration policies have been



Will Miller, center, president of the Inkster/Western Wayne County chapter of the National Action Network, leads marchers in a chant outside Westland City Hall on Friday. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

changed and employees have been provided with additional training.

Linton praised Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy for bringing charges in the Marshall case. "I feel safer in Wayne County knowing that she's the prosecutor," she said.

Activists on Friday said they want to see officers wearing body cameras — the department purchased cameras last summer and is in the process of deploying them — as well as retraining and disciplinary actions against police over the Taser incidents.

Raymurez Brown, 33, was Tasered outside his home on the night of Aug. 17 after an argument with officers, who were there investigating a report of assault and vandalism, escalated. Brown was arrested on several charges; much

of the incident was captured on a video that was seen thousands of times.

Brown said Friday that he was waiting the results of a test to determine the extent of a knee injury suffered during the arrest. He may have to undergo surgery, he said.

Brown was holding his two-month-old son, Chris, as police began Taser him, and an officer was suspended for 30 days following the incident, with Jedrusik calling the use of the Taser "questionable." Police say the boy was not hurt but Brown and his supporters say they aren't certain of that.

Brown said he wants to hear more specifics about what mistakes police made. "They're always so forthcoming on what we've done wrong," he said.

Shingles, 29, was Tasered in the

doorway of his house about 2 a.m. on June 22. Police had come to his house looking for his father, who was said to have been involved in a nearby crime, and arrested Shingles on outstanding warrants.

Shingles says he was polite and cooperative with police. Though he admits to having had outstanding warrants, he suggests his arrest was in retaliation for his refusal to let officers search his house without a search warrant.

Jedrusik, however, has defended police actions in the Shingles case.

Shingles said he was grateful for protesters' show of support for himself and Brown.

"All lives matter," he said. "That's what I want to see in the world today."

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Bryan Caragay and Dylan McCormack have been friends since preschool. SUBMITTED

Friends set up fund to help Plymouth family

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Amy Caragay always knew Kevin McCormack as a family man, a leader and "an amazing dad and person." Now Caragay is among friends who are trying to help Kevin McCormack's family through a tragedy, following the fire that ultimately claimed McCormack's life.

McCormack was killed, and his wife, Carrie, was severely injured last month after an accidental propane explosion caused a fire at a cabin on an island in Lake Huron.

"Kevin ... was the kindest person and very laid back and giving and just enjoyed life," Amy Caragay recalled. "Always helping others and funny and friendly. Kevin was ... an amazing dad and person."

According to Amy Caragay, Kevin McCormack, whose family lived in Plymouth, worked as a pharmacist at Henry Ford Hospital, where his wife, Carrie, is a nurse manager.

The families were friends for years. Caragay's son, Bryan, and the McCormacks' son, Dylan, have known each other since they were 4 years old (they're 22 years old now), were in a Boy Scout troop for which Kevin McCormack was the leader, and went on to Michigan State University together.

"I've known the McCormack's almost my entire life ... They are always the people there when others need help," said Bryan Caragay. "This family is composed of the most compassionate people you can meet."

The McCormacks have three sons and, according to Amy Caragay, Carrie McCormack's mother also lives with the family. That's a large family group the Caragays say are "going to need some help" in the coming days and weeks.

That's why friends have set up a GoFundMe account (<https://www.gofundme.com/the-mccormacks>) to help the family. As of Friday, Oct. 5, the account had reached more than \$14,000 of its \$15,000 goal.

Bryan Caragay, who described the McCormack



Friends set up a GoFundMe page for the McCormack family of Plymouth after Kevin McCormack died in a fire and his wife, Carrie, was hospitalized. SUBMITTED

family as "a family full of determined, amazing and thoughtful people," said he and others are administering the GoFundMe page because that kind of help is how the McCormacks would have reacted themselves.

"Something wrong in your life? Reach out to one of them ... This is the first time in a long time where the McCormacks are in a reversed situation, and they need the help," Bryan Caragay said. "We set it up to help ease some of the burden from the family. With Kevin passing, and Carrie still in the hospital, the last thing we wanted was for this family to have to worry about money. We might not be able to cover everything, but every dollar helps."



Robert Meisner
Guest columnist

Involve an attorney in all legal actions by board

Q: Our condominium association would like to make some changes to our bylaws and we formed a committee to draft them. We now have a final draft. Do we need an attorney to review them before having the membership vote on them?

A: No, of course not. Save yourself some money. While you're at it, the committee can also perform that heart surgery that you need and fix your car engine. (Please forgive me for having some fun with you here — be consoled that you are not the first to ask this question.)

But seriously, you are already getting ahead of yourselves. An experienced attorney who specializes in community association law should be involved in the process from the very beginning. Otherwise, a board of directors or committee is likely wasting its time developing language that will later be entirely revised by an expert attorney. The attorney should know how to prepare amendments in accordance with the Michigan Condominium Act, the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act and various other state and federal laws.

An attorney can also help you consider the question of whether you may wish to amend and restate your bylaws (perhaps even your master deed and articles of incorporation) in their entirety to bring them up to date with current statute and today's best practices. In fact, the vast majority of governing documents that we come across would benefit from full amendment and restatement. Does your association board have full authority to approve litigation and recover attorneys' fees and costs? Are your leasing provisions working for you? Can you take member action by ballot without a meeting? Do your directors and officers have proper liability protection? These are just a few of the major improvements that can be made to most documents.

Going entirely without an attorney's guidance carries huge risks, not the least of which is the risk that the board and committee may be accused of the unauthorized practice of law. Community association governing documents are considered legally binding contracts between the association and the owners and courts have found that preparing amendments to them constitutes the practice of law. Management companies have found themselves in trouble as well when they try to cut corners this way.

So remember, amending your governing documents is not like mowing the lawn or changing light bulbs. This is not an area where you will save money by doing it yourself or being penny-wise and pound-foolish. Engage an experienced community association attorney.

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Meet author at Seedlings' open house

The author of the popular children's book "Sheep in a Jeep" will be the special guest at Seedlings' open house 5-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29.

Nancy Shaw of Ann Arbor will read and autograph copies of her books, which also include "Sheep Out to Eat," "Sheep on a Ship," "Sheep Go to Sleep," "Sheep in a Shop" and "Sheep Trick or Treat." The books will be available for sale at the open house, both with and without braille.

Shaw's aunt, Lorma Gardner, who died in 2003, worked as a volunteer brailist, transcribing books for the Library of Congress. Shaw commends Seedlings for making children's books accessible to those who are blind. "I love the idea of getting stories out to everybody," she said.

Besides meeting Shaw, attendees will be able to tour Seedlings' facility and watch as staff members and volunteers make braille books. Refreshments will be available.

Seedlings is located in the MetroPlex Office Complex, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call 734-427-8552, go to www.seedlings.org or contact Karen Smith at Seedlink7@ameritech.net.



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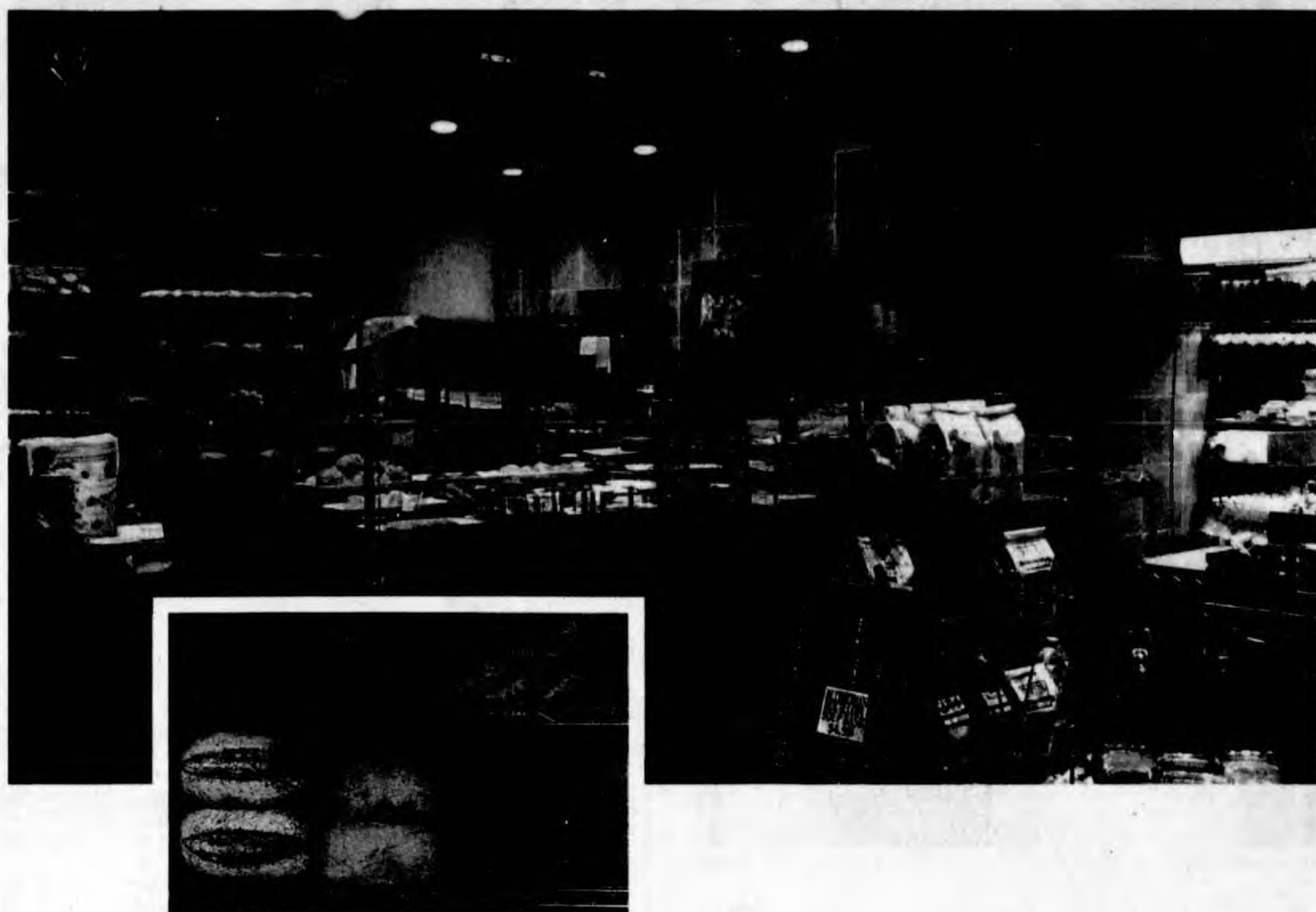
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Joe welcomes his bakers to experiment, especially with fresh seasonal flavors. With the seasonal breads, Dustin uses the freshest herbs right from Joe's Produce Gourmet Market. He's created herb and oil focaccia, crostinis, puff pastries, danish, flavored butters, and cream cheeses. On the weekends, Dustin likes to create pizza or ham and cheese croissants or specialty brioches. He says people love to buy them for their lunches. Are you hungry yet?

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Franklin football coach suspended for two games

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Livonia Franklin's Chris Kelbert was not on the sidelines during the Patriots' 35-31 homecoming loss against Dearborn Fordson.

The Patriots' head coach was suspended and placed on an administrative leave for two games, according to the

school's athletic director Ron Hammye on Friday.

Assistant coach Dusty Hall is serving during the interim. He will also coach this Friday's game (Oct. 12) against KLAA West Division leader and unbeaten Belleville (7-0, 6-0).

Hammye said Kelbert will return for the Patriots' final regular season game on Oct. 19.

According to Hammye, the decision



Kelbert

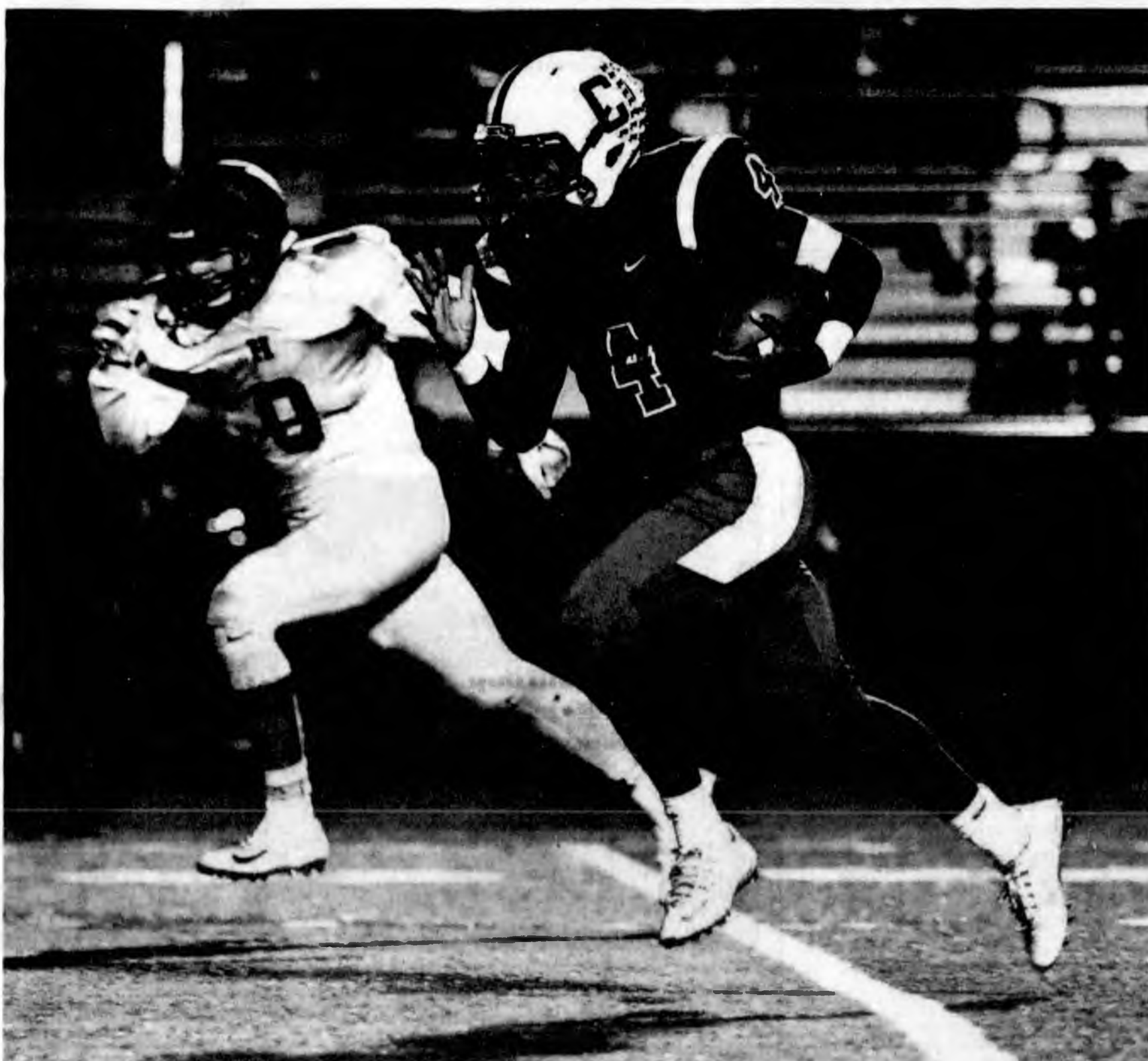
to suspend Kelbert was made jointly by the Franklin administration and the Livonia Public Schools. The Franklin A.D. said that Kelbert's teaching status is not affected and does not factor in the coaching suspension (Kelbert is a physical education instructor at Franklin).

Hammye said he could not go into any specifics regarding Kelbert's suspension, but a statement was provided by the Livonia Public Schools and shared with the Franklin football community, which reads in part:

"Head varsity football coach, Chris Kelbert, has been suspended from his football duties through October 12, 2018.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Canton's Steven Walker ran 19 times for 377 yards and five touchdowns in a 48-29 victory over Howell on Friday, Oct. 6, 2018. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

Howell victimized by Steven Walker Show

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 Livingston Daily
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CANTON — Canton defensive end Darius Robinson doesn't need to sell himself too much on the recruiting trail.

He's the state's highest-ranked uncommitted football player in the Class of 2019, holding 20 Division I scholarship offers, including one from Michigan State.

But while he's talking with college coaches to determine his own future, Robinson plans to put in a good word for senior teammate Steven Walker.

Words may not be necessary. He can just bring Friday night's game film to his next college visit and push "play."

Walker tore up Howell's defense to the tune of 377 yards and five touchdowns on 19 carries, the vast majority of that damage coming in the first half, as Canton rolled to a 48-29 victory.

In the first half alone, Walker had what would've been a record-setting day at most high schools, running 12 times for 327 yards and four touchdowns. He had six runs of at least 20 yards and three of at least 61 yards.

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'That's Steven Walker for you. I can't wait to see him at the next level.'

Darius Robinson
 Highly ranked recruit on his Canton teammate

5 TO WATCH

Championship week marks Week 8 match-ups

Marty Budner
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Well, here it is. Championship week.

Three league championships are on the line for four Hometown Life Sports prep football teams.

South Lyon can wrap up an outright Lakes Valley Conference championship against Walled Lake Western and remain undefeated on this memorable season.

Over in the Oakland Activities Association Blue Division, Birmingham Seaholm and Farmington are both undefeated in league play and the winner brings home the hardware.

And, in the Catholic League Central Division, Catholic Central can still earn a share of the crown with a triumph over Warren De La Salle.

So, if you find yourself some free time Friday evening - or Sunday afternoon this week, put on some warm clothes and go out to support your favorite team. It promises to be a great weekend of prep football.

Here's a preview at this week's top five match-ups.

5 to watch

(all games at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, unless noted)

Walled Lake Western (5-2, 5-1) at South Lyon (7-0, 6-0): South Lyon has wrapped up a playoff berth and now has its sites firmly set on the Lakes Valley Conference championship to cap an amazing turnaround season. The Lions can wrap up their first league championship since tying Livonia Stevenson for the KLAA Central Division title in 2014. Western was the pre-season pick to capture the LVC championship and enters the battle with a 5-1 series advantage over South Lyon, including a 49-28 victory last year. Quarterback Connor Fracassi and his Lions, who won only one game last year, will make it a great evening for their fans and the dream season continues. **Picks:** Emons (Western), Budner (South Lyon), Smith (South Lyon).

Farmington (6-1, 6-0) at Birmingham Seaholm (6-1, 5-0): The winner takes the outright OAA Blue crown to end title droughts. Seaholm's last division title came in 2013 when it went undefeated in the Blue. Farmington's last title came in 2014 in the Blue with a

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Farmington clinches playoff spot, retains city jug

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There was a little extra on the line Friday night for the Farmington varsity football team against rival North Farmington, and when the Falcons' were done securing a 27-7 victory they got what they were looking for.

The host Falcons — on a festive homecoming night — not only won the coveted rivalry jug that the Falcons and Raiders battle for annually, they clinched a MHSAA playoff berth thanks to improving to 6-1 overall and 5-0 in the OAA Blue Division.

"1-2-3 jug!" yelled happy Farmington players such as senior running back Kendall Williams, after a postgame talk with head coach Kory Cioroch, who still thought his squad didn't play a crisp game (four turnovers, three on special teams).

"It feels good, you know we had it last year and we just focused on keeping it," said Williams who scored one touchdown on a 39-yard reception and another on a nine-yard run. "And that's what coach just preached on us this whole week. Just keep the jug."

"A big deal, man," said Farmington head coach Kory Cioroch about the playoff clincher. "We had a couple rough years in a row. It feels good. It was our goal at the beginning of the year and we accomplished it. Now we have a chance to go above and beyond some of the goals that we set, which is pretty cool."

Farmington senior quarterback Anthony Reaves had a big game, throwing three TD passes. On each of those (a 15-yarder to senior running back Delmon Sewell, the 39-yarder to Williams and a 32-yard strike to junior wide-out Jacody Sikora) receivers gained significant



Farmington Falcons quarterback Anthony Reaves (5) eludes North Farmington defenders. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

yardage after catching the football.

In addition to his game-tying touchdown grab, Sewell helped the Falcons' cause with 61 yards rushing in 13 carries.

North Farmington (3-4, 3-3) got off to a rousing start in a bid to spoil Farmington's homecoming night. On the Raiders' first offensive snap, from their own 40-yard line, quarterback Zion Tyler burst through the line and ran 60 yards to the house, to make it 7-0 (after Massimo Sgambati's extra point) just 17 seconds into the contest.

"We got the touchdown, we saw a little glitch we thought we could take advantage of," Raiders head coach Bob Chiesa said. "It worked."

The mojo didn't last, however. Midway through the opening stanza, North Farmington fumbled the ball and it was recovered by Nate Shaw of the Falcons.

That set up the equalizer, on the TD catch by Sewell.

"Kendall Williams has been doing it for three years, he's on his way to break the school record for rushing," Cioroch noted. "He's just one of the nicest and toughest kids I've ever coached." Following are several takeaways from the contest:

CLEAN IT UP

Despite the win, which gives the Falcons a crack at the OAA Blue Division crown in Week 8, Cioroch said too many miscues were made to suit him.

"I don't think we played crisp at all today," Cioroch emphasized. "We made a lot of mistakes, we turned the ball over. Special teams weren't very good at all. But we won, so we got to go clean some

stuff up, we play for the league championship next week. And we couldn't be happier to be in that position."

BEST GAME OF YEAR

Cioroch also praised the performance of Reaves (4-5, 89 yards, three TDs passing; nine rushes for 43 yards) in spearheading the attack.

"(Reaves) probably played his best game of the year today," the coach said. "He threw a couple touchdown passes and really led the offense today."

BRIGHT SPOTS

North Farmington gave up 27 unanswered points, but Chiesa saw some positives.

"I was proud of the young men," Chiesa said. "They held tough, we forced three special team turnovers. Defense held tough. We just got to tighten it up a little bit more on that offensive side of the ball."

He cited top performers as Klarc Crockett "who played very well on both sides of the ball" and Matt Coleman.

HOMECOMING FUN

The overflowing crowd enjoyed a halftime performance of Wizard of Oz tunes performed by the Farmington Marching Band and Color Corp. Outstanding in the role of Dorothy was Alyssa Peressini.

Also named were the 2018 homecoming queen (Taja Carroll) and king (Luke Braska).

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Suspend

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suspend

Assistant Varsity Coach, Dusty Hall, will serve as the interim head coach during the next two contests. In the service of educational athletics, this action has been deemed appropriate for program integrity and growth.

"Coach Kelbert is a highly valued team player at Franklin High School and within the Livonia Public Schools. He holds his athletes to high standards of conduct and he holds himself to even higher expectations. Regrettably, while addressing his players during a film session earlier this week, he did not present himself as a positive role model."

Kelbert, who will be reinstated on Oct. 13, was contacted Friday afternoon and declined to comment.

After the loss to Fordson, the Patriots (4-3, 4-2) are fighting for a state playoff berth and need two more wins to automatically qualify for the MHSAA playoffs for the 10th time in school history. The final game is a KLAA crossover (Oct. 19) against a West Division opponent to be determined.

Kelbert, in his 17th season, is currently 88-81 overall and has coached the Patriots to eight MHSAA playoff berths.

He guided Franklin to a magical run all the way to the Division 2 finals last November before losing 41-6 to Warren DeLaSalle at Detroit's Ford Field, Franklin's first state title game appearance since 1975.

"Chris is our head coach, Chris is in good standing, Chris made a mistake," Hammie said.

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Franklin varsity coach Chris Kelbert has been placed on a two-game suspension and administrative coaching leave. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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7-0 mark. Both teams rely on exceptional rushing attacks -- Farmington's led by Kendall Williams and Seaholm's by Max Schumaker and Chase Mentag. Seaholm owns a slight offensive and defensive edge. **Picks:** Emons (Seaholm), Budner (Seaholm), Smith (Seaholm).

Livonia Franklin (4-3, 4-2) at Belleville (7-0, 6-0): Franklin has a chance to deny powerful Belleville the outright

KLAA East Division title. The Tigers can wrap up their first KLAA championship in their first season after coming over from the Western Wayne Conference. Amazingly, these programs have never played before. **Picks:** Emons (Belleville), Budner (Belleville), Smith (Belleville).

Farmington Harrison (5-2, 4-1) at Birmingham Groves (5-2, 4-1): Oak Park has wrapped up the OAA White Division title. Groves and Harrison are playing for second place. The host Falcons enter with a five-game winning streak, but, more notably, a three-game winning streak over the Hawks. Harri-

son enters with a brand new transfer quarterback in Keel Watson. Harvard-bound Khalil Dawsey is a difference maker for Groves which won a three overtime thriller last year. The winner earns a state-playoff berth and White runners-up honors. **Picks:** Emons (Harrison), Budner (Groves), Smith (Groves).

De La Salle (6-1, 2-0) at Catholic Central (5-2, 1-1), Sunday, Oct. 14, 1 p.m. at Catholic Central: These two state powers have accounted for the last three Central Division titles. The Pilots won last year en route to the Division 2 state championship. CC won in 2016 and the

teams were part of a three-way tie with St. Mary's for the 2015 crown. De La Salle beat CC twice last year and must stop CC in the Boys Bowl this year if it hopes to make it three straight. The Pilots, who are on a six-game winning streak, are playing with a back-up quarterback but have an outstanding receiver in senior Josh DeBerry. CC, coming off a loss to St. Mary's, has power running back Keegan Koehler in its corner. **Picks:** Emons (De La Salle), Budner (CC), Smith (De La Salle).

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Canton

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"That's Steven Walker for you," said Robinson, who plays on the offensive and defensive lines. "I can't wait to see him at the next level. I'm going to do everything I can to help him out. That boy's way too good not to be playing on Saturdays. He's having a great year. He's just got to keep it going. The team's doing well. We block for him and get in the end zone."

Walker came into the game with a shoulder injury, then injured his wrist during the first half. He got poked in the eye while being tackled with 1:59 left in the game and quickly got off the field to be looked at by Canton's trainer.

"It happens in games like this," Canton coach Andy LaFata said. "I'm sure everyone in the state right now is banged up."

Walker scored on runs of 19, 61, 82 and 6 yards in the first half. He also had an 83-yard run to the Howell 10-yard line. Walker, who was crowned homecoming king at halftime, had a 10-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

"I don't know if we've ever given up that many yards to a single back, and we've seen some good ones," Howell coach Aaron Metz said. "Give that kid credit; he ran hard."

The Highlanders were chasing the scoreboard the entire game, giving up touchdowns on Canton's first six possessions. The Chiefs scored on seven out of nine possessions, allowing a 73-yard fumble return for a touchdown by Howell defensive back Michael Brauer with 1:02 left in the third quarter and taking a knee from the Highlanders' 5-yard line to end the game.

Canton had 488 yards on the ground and 98 through the air.

"On film, you don't see how fast they are, you don't see how they actually

play," Brauer said. "We came out slow. They came out and hit us in the mouth harder than we did. They just played harder than we did in the first half. We should've played like we did in the second half in the first half."

The final score isn't indicative of how Canton dominated the game.

The Chiefs got out to a 27-0 lead before Nathan Eades broke off a 47-yard touchdown run for Howell with 9:07 left in the second quarter.

Canton (5-2) tacked on two touchdowns in the final 2:12 of the first half, aided by a fumbled kickoff by Howell.

Howell battled back to within 41-22 on a 7-yard touchdown pass from Matt Hornyak to Eades and Brauer's fumble return in the third quarter.

Canton responded with a 10-yard touchdown run by Walker with 8:21 left in the game. Howell concluded the scoring on a 44-yard pass from Hornyak to Christian Nichols with 6:25 remaining.

"We just missed opportunities to

keep it close," Metz said. "When you're in a track meet, you've got to keep scoring points."

The loss ended Howell's four-game winning streak and hopes for a KLAA West championship. Had the Highlanders won the battle of second-place teams, they would've been in a position to play for the division title next Friday at home against Brighton.

Howell (4-3) needs to win its next two games to automatically qualify for the state playoffs. The Highlanders have qualified at 5-4 three times.

"We've just got to have a good practice this week," Brauer said. "Like coach Metz said, lick our wounds and just get better next week against Brighton. They're a good team, but we beat them last year and we were underrated."

Hornyak was 9-for-17 for 201 yards and two touchdowns. Canton quarterback Ben Stesiak was 6-for-7 for 98 yards and a touchdown pass to Luke Jouppe.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

South Lyon soars to No. 1 in HTL Top-10 football rankings

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There's a new top dog. Or, in this case, Lion.

Surging South Lyon has slowly worked its way up the Hometown Life's Top-10 rankings. Last week No. 3. This Week No. 1 as the HTL area's lone undefeated squad.

The Lions -- the prep team, not the pro team -- are for real and have proved it each week. They've remained consistent while the top two teams from last week each lost. Thus, the South Lyon promotion.

The Top-10 rankings have a new look heading into Week 8, so check it out:

1. South Lyon (7-0)

Last week: No. 3. South Lyon has not wavered. The Lions have taken care of foe after foe, opening with a one-point victory over Walled Lake Northern and securing a nice 21-14 victory over a fine Waterford Mott squad last week thanks for some late heroics from senior lineman David Rende. South Lyon's new No. 1 status faces two major tests in its final two games, starting this week with a first-place showdown against Walled Lake Western and then at district rival East to end the regular season. *Next game: Oct. 12 home vs. Walled Lake Western, 7 p.m.*

2. Livonia Churchill (5-2)

Last week: No. 4. Churchill is on a three-game winning streak, with close wins over district rival Franklin and

Dearborn, plus last week's blow-out victory over Wayne Memorial. Its only two losses were to Fordson and Belleville -- the KLAA East's top two teams. Quarterback Drew Alsobrooks has led the Churchill offense which is averaging 35 points per game. Churchill hopes to atone this week for two straight losses to district rival Stevenson. *Next game: Oct. 12 home vs. Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.*

3. Canton (5-2)

Last week: No. 5. After suffering a heart-breaking loss to Brighton, Canton has rebounded nicely with two straight wins by a combined 83-36 points. The Chiefs continue to be led offensively by senior running back Steven Walker who piled up a whopping 377 yards in last week's victory over Howell. Highly recruited and uncommitted lineman Darius Robinson leads the way defensively. *Next game: Oct. 12 at Hartland, 7 p.m.*

4. Catholic Central (5-2)

Last week: No. 1. After spending three straight weeks as HTL's top-ranked team, the Shamrocks tumbled to No. 4 after stumbling on the road last week to Catholic League Central Division rival St. Mary's. The Shamrocks lost a two-point heart-breaker as the Eagles booted a last-season field goal. CC faces a tough bounce-back game this week against defending Catholic League and Division 2 state champion Warren De La Salle. *Next game: Oct. 12 home vs. De La Salle, 1 p.m.*

5. Farmington Harrison (5-2)

Last week: No. 2. Harrison's three-game winning streak was snapped last week by OAA Red Division foe Rochester Adams in a thriller. You can never count a John Herrington-coached team out. The Hawks trailed 17-0 at halftime, but scored 17 unanswered second-half points to tie the game. The visiting Highlanders put together a long drive and won with a late touchdown. *Next game: Oct. 12 at Birmingham Groves, 7 p.m.*

6. Birmingham Seaholm (6-1)

Last week: No. 1. The Maples dominated Berkley last week to wrap up its first post-season playoff berth since 2013. Veteran head coach Jim DeWald's crew can capture its first league championship since 2013 this week as it faces a showdown with Farmington. Both teams are undefeated in the OAA Blue Division. The Maples have been led all year by third-year seniors Chase Mentag and Max Schumaker, plus senior quarterback Gray Kinnie who missed all of last season with a knee injury. *Next game: Oct. 12 home vs. Farmington, 7 p.m.*

7. Livonia Franklin (4-3)

Last week: No. 7. Franklin fell by three points to Fordson's fourth-quarter rally in a key KLAA East Division battle last week. The Patriots, who played in last year's Division 2 state championship game, have lost two of their last three games by a combined 10 points. Junior quarterback Jake Kelbert and the Patriots face a monumental road test this week. *Next game: Oct. 12 at Belle-*

ville, 7 p.m.

8. Lakeland (5-2)

Last week: No. 8. After dropping two of its first the games by a combined 10 points, Lakeland dominated Milford last week for its fourth straight victory. The Eagles, led by senior All-State running back Robbie Tracy, play undefeated Lapeer this week in non-conference action. *Next game: Oct. 12 home vs. Lapeer, 7 p.m.*

9. Farmington (6-1)

Last week: No. 9. The Falcons rebounded from its lone loss against Madison Heights Madison with last week's 27-7 triumph over district rival North Farmington. It was Farmington's third straight win over North. Now it's on to Birmingham to play Seaholm which won the last meeting in 2016. Farmington, however, owns a 5-3 all-time series edge. *Next game: Oct. 12 at Seaholm, 7 p.m.*

10. Birmingham Groves (5-2)

Last week: No. 10. Groves, led by veteran head coach Brendan Flaherty, is on a roll. The Falcons have won five straight games -- the last a 28-0 shutout over Troy. During that impressive streak, they've outscored their foes by an outstanding 192-47 margin. Groves' offense will be put to the test this week at home in a battle for second place in the OAA White Division. It marks the last game ever against Harrison and the state's all-time winningest head coach John Herrington. *Next game: Oct. 12 home vs. Harrison, 7 p.m.*

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Week 7 prep football scoreboard, photos

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A select few teams clinched a playoff spot last week. Who will add their name to that list? Here's a roundup of prep football scores from around the area for week 7.

Friday, Oct. 5

BELLEVILLE 46, LIVONIA STEVENSON 0: Quarterback Christian Dhue-Reid threw for 271 yards and four touchdowns as the state-ranked Tigers (7-0, 6-0) clinched at least a share of the KLAA East Division title with a victory over Livonia Stevenson (1-6, 1-5). DeLand McCullen added four catches, including three TD grabs for Belleville.

BIRMINGHAM GROVES 38, TROY 0
BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM 42, BERKLEY 13: Seaholm (6-1, 5-0) clinched its first state playoff berth since 2013 with this victory Friday over the Bears (2-5, 1-4) in OAA Blue Division action. The Maples were led by senior Max Schumaker who scored on long touchdown runs of 63 and 36 yards, and finished with 138 yards rushing. Will McBride also scored twice while Jackson Vance and William McBride scored a touchdown apiece. Jeremiah Watkins scored one of Berkley's touchdowns on a 5-yard run. Now that Seaholm clinched the playoffs, it has the opportunity to win the OAA Blue Division championship next week at home against Farmington (6-1, 5-0). The Falcons and Maples are undefeated in the OAA Blue entering the huge showdown.

BRIGHTON 37, SALEM 0: Quarterback Will Jontz went 7-for-7 passing for 101 yards and one TD and also rushed for 85 yards on 11 carries as the KLAA West Division leading Bulldogs (6-1, 5-0) blanked the Rocks (1-6, 0-5). Jontz threw a 28-yard TD pass to A.J. Lin and added a 20-yard TD run. Chris Seguin (11-for-101) added TD runs of 33 and 20 yards. Jackson Krause returned a punt for a TD and Paul Skoczylas added a 25-yard field goal to cap the Brighton scoring. Salem's leading rusher was Nathan Hunt (24-for-102). Quarterback Tyler Overaltis was 4-of-18 passing for 85 yards and rushed for 42 yards. Sheldon Lyall also had three catches for 21 yards. The Rocks, who trailed 27-0 at halftime, got 10 tackles, including three for loss from Jaquan Baker. Marcus Glaze added eight tackles. Cole Riddle had seven tackles, including three for loss and a sack, for Brighton.

CANTON 48, HOWELL 29

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Brighton's Chris Seguin (20) gets around Salem tackler Joshua Williams (55). DAVE DONOHER

14. BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE 13

DEARBORN 21, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 14: Bilal Elhasan ran for 120 yards and a TD, while Ben Clark added 100 on the ground and another score as the Pioneers (4-3, 3-3) downed visiting Westland John Glenn (2-5, 1-5) in a KLAA East Division game. Zein Bazzoun also added a TD catch and Rami Mullan's later interception help seal the win for Dearborn. Jared Tarrance returned an interception return for 25 yards for a Glenn TD. The Rockets also executed a double-pass for a 65-yard TD Chad Stevens, to Sydney Tatum and then to Daijon Tatum.

DEARBORN FORDSON 35, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 31

DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY 44, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 8

FARMINGTON 27, NORTH FARMINGTON 7

HARTLAND 35, NOVI 14: Holden D'Arcy, 10-of-14 passing for 164 yards, threw for three touchdowns and ran for two more leading the Eagles (3-4, 3-3) to the KLAA West Division victory against the host Wildcats (1-6, 1-5). D'Arcy scored on a pair of 1-yard TD runs and threw two TD passes to Logan Tobel (26 and 8 yards), along with another to Zach Linfield (20 yards). Reece Potter added 80 yards rushing on 17 carries as Hartland pulled away in the second half

after leading 14-7 at intermission. Novi's Josh Erno threw an 18-yard TD pass to Ein Mack, while also scoring on a 25-yard run. Robert Wynn III (16-for-136) and Erno (13-for-109) both rushed for over 100 yards. Drew O'Connor had seven tackles and an interception to lead Novi's defense. Matthew George also had seven tackles and a sack. Carson Neuer led Hartland with seven tackles, while Reece Potter had six tackles and an interception.

GARDEN CITY 1, LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 0 (FORFEIT)

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 55, WAYNE MEMORIAL 14: The Chargers (5-2, 4-2) racked up 511 total yards and moved closer to a playoff bid with a homecoming victory over the Zebras (0-7, 0-6). Churchill's Shane Morelli had a team-high 120 yards on nine carries and a TD, while Shane Bushnell added 91 yards rushing and two TDs. Churchill quarterback Drew Alsobrooks was 6-of-11 passing for 155 yards and three TDs, including strikes to Avery Grenier (79 yards), Brendan Lowry (16 yards) and Joel Forgacs (21 yards). Other TDs came from Darrell Mason Jr. (6-for-52) and Dylan Curran. Defensively, Andrew Greff and Deon Pitchford each had interceptions, while Jake Robertson blocked a punt. For Wayne, QB Jacquis Gant threw a 35-yard TD pass to Kevin Downs and ran for

a 70-yard score.

ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY PREP 31, DETROIT CC 29: The host Eagles (3-4, 1-1) put together a late 70-yard, fourth-quarter drive and kicked the game-winning field goal as time expired to upset Novi Detroit Catholic Central (5-2, 1-1). CC took a 29-28 lead on Owen Finnerty's field goal with 5:50 left. CC's Ryan Birney returned a kickoff for a TD and caught a TD pass from Jack Beno. Marco Genrich and Beno also added TD runs in a losing cause.

PLYMOUTH 17, NORTHVILLE 10: Mike Mathias, who had 93 yards on nine carries, scored the game-winning TD in the fourth quarter to lead the host Wildcats (5-2, 4-2) to a KLAA West Division win over the Mustangs (2-5, 1-4). Mathias also had three receptions for 79 yards. Carson Miller (20-for-54) added a 7-yard TD run, while Jackson Vacca booted a 23-yard field goal to end the first half and went 2-for-2 on extra points. Plymouth QB Nick Downs was 6-of-12 passing for 139 yards. Northville jumped out to a 7-0 first quarter lead on Trevor Schornack's 1-yard keeper. Schornack was 7-of-15 passing for 124 yards. Enzo Rodriguez was Northville's top rusher (17-for-92), while Daniel McLaughlin had three catches for 71 yards. Jackson Cooney added a 44-yard field goal. Ian Davis and Logan Walkley led Plymouth in tackles with 6.5 and six each, respectively. Spenser Lorroch had two sacks and Jack Angott added an interception.

REDFORD UNION 42, ANNAPOLIS 6: Carl Ware threw a pair of TD passes and rushed for 97 yards on four carries, including a 34-yard TD run, to lead the Panthers (2-5, 1-4) to a Western Wayne Athletic Association homecoming win over Dearborn Heights Annapolis (1-6, 1-5). Ware was also 5-of-8 passing for 102 yards and led the defense with four tackles. Samir Rashed was RU's top rusher with 115 yards on eight carries, including a 49-yard TD run. The Panthers had 495 yards rushing while also getting TDs from Terrell Hallman (6 yards) and Dayshawn Jones (3 yards). Annapolis had minus-7 yards rushing and only seven passing.

ROCHESTER ADAMS 24, FARMINGTON HARRISON 17

SOUTH LYON 21, WATERFORD MOTT 14

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Fordson rallies late to avert Franklin upset bid

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Talk about coming back from the dead.

Seemingly on life support, Dearborn Fordson did just that Friday night as the Tractors revived themselves from a 10-point deficit late in the fourth quarter to stymie Livonia Franklin and stun its homecoming crowd, 35-31.

Hassan Mansour took a screen pass from Hussein Ajami and bolted through a sea of Franklin defenders for 46 yards and the game-winning touchdown with only 53 seconds remaining to give the Tractors the KLAA West Division football win.

"The whole team was just blocking, they wanted to win," said Mansour, a 5-foot-11, 180-pound junior. "Everyone was blocking and I just followed my lead blockers . . . I'm telling you. I ran right behind them, touched their back, ran through them, and that was all."

And that was not all for the Tractors, who rushed for only 67 net yards, but made up for it with Ajami's passing. The 6-1, 200-pound senior was an eye-popping 21-of-24 for 343 yards.

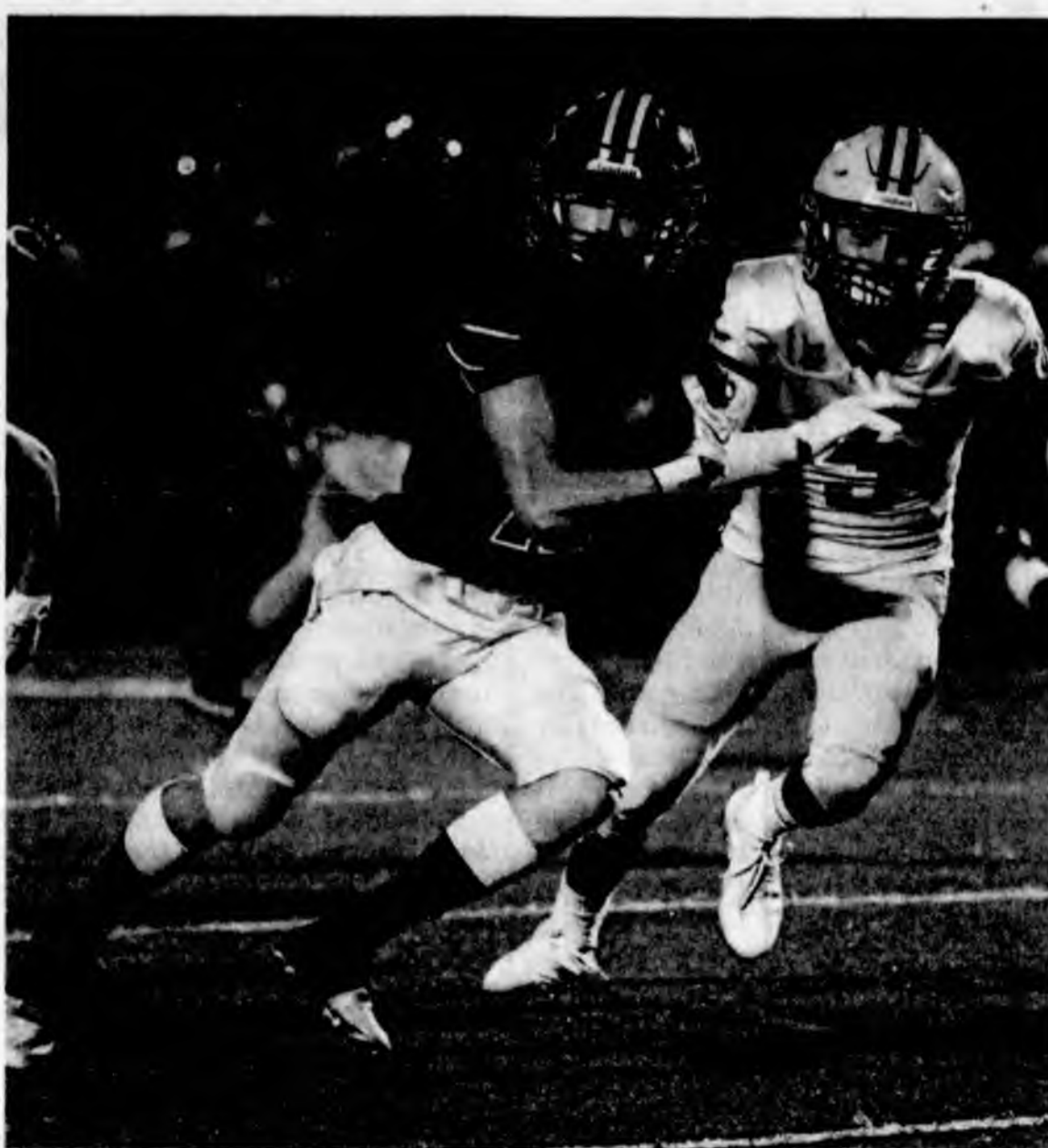
Fordson's bread-and-butter play turned out to be the screen pass to the short side of the field and it worked repeatedly.

"They were just biting on the play and coach (Fouad) Zaban knew," Mansour said. "Coach is just a good play caller . . . he knew. We just ran around their blitz and he called it. We got that thing 50, 40 yards. Every play we averaged 20 yards. That's a good play there."

After being dominated in the third quarter, Fordson (6-1, 5-1) trimmed the deficit to 31-28 with only 4:55 remaining in the fourth using the same type of screen pass with Ajami hitting Abraham Jaafar out of the backfield for a 71-yard TD.

In the fourth quarter alone, Ajami was 9-of-10 passing for 199 yards, many coming on short dump-offs.

"They run multiple screens and we knew that going in," said Franklin interim coach Dusty Hall, who was filling in for suspended head coach Chris Kel-



Franklin's Kyle Hetu (left) breaks away from Fordson tackler Adam Allie for a second-quarter TD pass. NANCY ERWIN

bert (see related story). "We felt like we had it schemed right coming in, we made some adjustments and I give all the credit to Fordson, they made all the plays. I felt like that last one we defended well and their kid (Mansour) made a play. Hats off to them."

The Patriots had a more balanced attack going for 441 yards in total offense, including 218 on the ground and 223 in the air.

But Franklin, which slipped to 4-3 overall and 4-2 in the KLAA West, couldn't milk the clock down the stretch and were forced to punt to the Tractors on two of their final three possessions.

"Fordson made their adjustments defensively and they made the plays," Hall said.

Fordson led 21-17 at halftime getting a pair of TD passes by Ajami, including a 28-yard strike to Ahmed Allamy, 69-yard screen passed to Jaafar, followed by 21-yard run by Mansour.

"Number 34, Jaafar, obviously he's a gifted player," said Fouad Zaban, the Fordson head coach. "He's somebody that we definitely lean on. And then Mansour . . . he's just a guy that we use everywhere and he knows how to play. He's done this all his life and he made a huge play tonight."

Franklin junior quarterback Jake Kelbert was heroic in defeat going 9-of-17 passing for 223 yards. He also rushed for a team-best 115 yards on 10 carries. He threw TD passes of 32 yards to Kyle Hetu and 67 yards to Fredrick Biles, the latter whom made a great individual effort for the score during the first half.

The Patriots also got a 24-yard field goal from Connor McIntosh to get on the board.

"The quarterback Kelbert . . . he's a helluva player and I'm not looking forward to seeing him again next year," Zaban said. "He makes that team go and he's a tough kid. I would love to coach him. He's a terrific player. But you have to give them all their credit. They played hard, they played tough. I thought their coaching staff did a great job tonight. And they always do. They always get better as the season goes and that's the sign of good staff and a great program."

In the third quarter, Fordson ran only five plays, while the Patriots surged ahead on Hetu's 5-yard TD run followed by a 13-play, 99-yard TD drive resulting in a 16-yard TD pass from Kelbert to the speedy Biles with only 38 seconds remaining.

But the script was flipped in the fourth period and what could have been the upset upset this season in the KLAA. But the Patriots, who were missing their suspended head coach, couldn't protect their lead.

"It's been a tough week, but I'm so proud of these guys," Hall said. "We banded together, we talked about being a family unit, staying together, and that's exactly what these guys did. I couldn't be more proud."

Fordson, meanwhile, overcame a slew of costly penalties to pull out the victory.

"I'm going to be honest with you, I'm disappointed with our effort," Zaban said. "And to be honest with you, they (Franklin) deserved to win the game tonight. I'm not proud of that performance that we just played today. I give them all the credit in the world."

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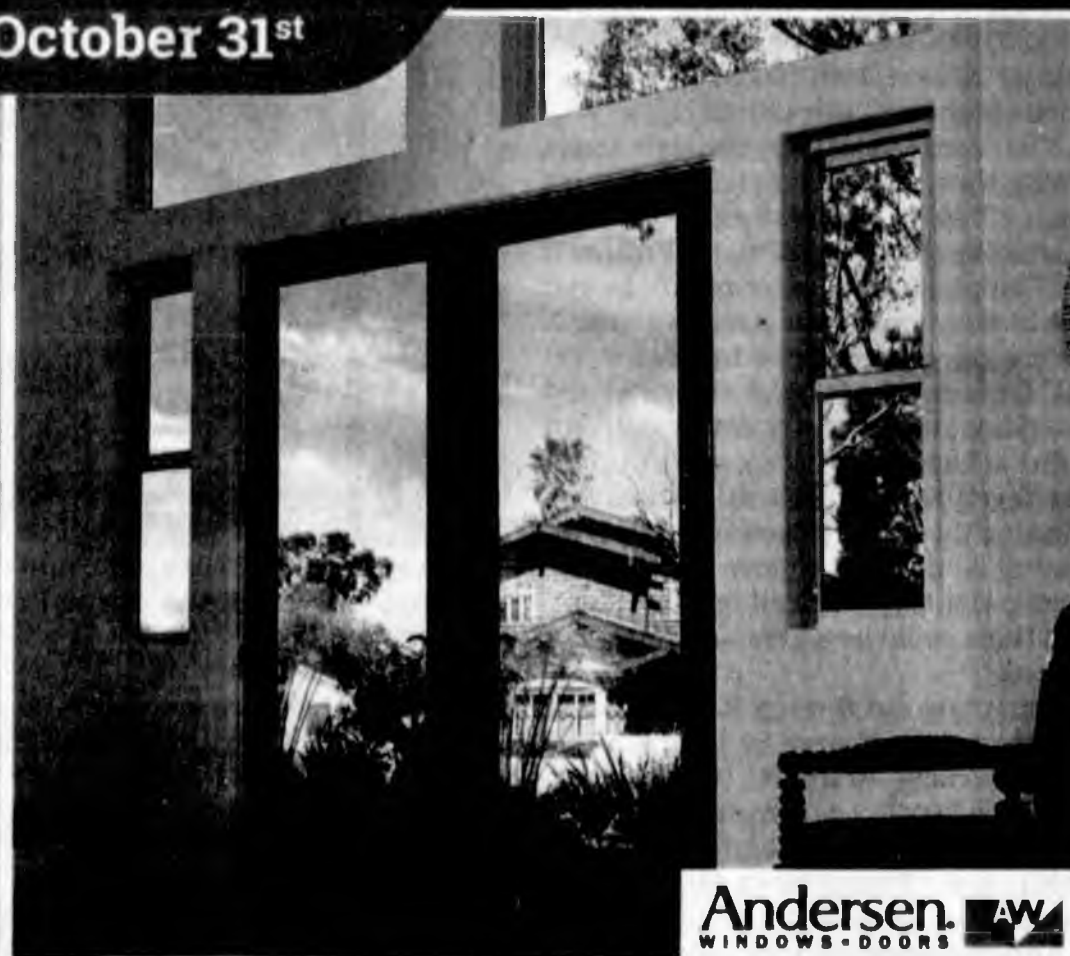
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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Top-ranked Brighton boys edge No. 2 Plymouth

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The race that matters most will come in about a month at the Division 1 cross country state meet.

But by no means did Brighton and Plymouth take their dual meet lightly Tuesday at Cass Benton Park.

Both teams were all in, putting up some fast times on a challenging course that was softened a bit by recent rain, with a mere one point separating them.

Top-ranked Brighton came away with a 27-28 victory over second-ranked Plymouth in a clash for first place in the KLAA West.

"There are bigger meets down the road, but these dual and tri meets are the real test," Brighton coach Chris Elsey said. "You've really got to battle. It's just you vs. them. In the big invites, it's easy to get stuck in a pack and pulled by the pack, but out here it's just you against them. It's a pretty good test."

Brighton improved to 5-0 in the KLAA West with one tri meet remaining Oct. 9 against Hartland and Howell at Three Fires Elementary School in Howell. Plymouth is 4-1 in the division. Both teams beat Novi — Brighton by a 17-42 score and Plymouth by a 18-41 count.

"This was, by far, the biggest dual meet we had," said Plymouth junior Carter Solomon, who took first place in 15:30. "Brighton's ranked ahead of us coming into this race. We knew that, so we had to give it everything we had. This was definitely a race we've been looking forward to."

Both teams had raced a tri meet at Cass Benton this season. Each team's



Plymouth's Carter Solomon leads Brighton's Zach Stewart midway through the race. BILL KHAN | LIVINGSTON DAILY

scoring runners ran faster Tuesday than they did in their previous races on the Northville course.

Solomon, who ran 16:11.1 on Sept. 18 at Cass Benton, crushed to a 15:30. Stewart, who ran 16:22.71 on the course Sept. 11, ran 15:38.

"I knew it was going to go out fast, but it was harder than I imagined," said Solomon, who was fifth in the state meet last year.

Solomon shot to the lead, running solo up front. Stewart stayed close enough to make things interesting.

"We went out really, really aggressive," Stewart said. "I was surprised Patrick (Byrnes of Plymouth) was sticking up there, but then he dropped in the woods. That's when I made my way for Carter. I was close to him; then he got it up the hill. My goal was to try to keep with him as long as possible and try to outkick him."

The difference in the meet was that Brighton junior Jack Spamer moved up one place midway through the race, passing Byrnes to finish in third place in 16:09.

Byrnes was fourth in 16:13, Brighton's Scott Spaanstra fifth in 16:29, Novi's Matt Whyte sixth in 16:32, Plymouth's Brandon Boyd seventh in 16:36, Brighton's Nolan McGahan eighth in 16:43, Plymouth's Tyler Mussen ninth in 16:55, Plymouth's Jarrett Warner 10th in 16:58 and Brighton's Aidan Bustillo 11th in 17:04.

"They've got a really strong team," Elsey said. "We knew it was going to be a battle. It was a nail-biter at the end waiting to see the results, but we ended up coming out on top because we ran well today."

In the girls meet, Brighton and Plymouth continued to be evenly matched, with the Bulldogs pulling out a 27-30 victory. A sixth-runner tie-breaker was needed to give Brighton the championship over Plymouth in the Monroe Jefferson Invitational on Sept. 22, while Plymouth finished one place and eight points ahead of Brighton on Sept. 29 at the Coaching Legends Invitational.

"They have two really good front-runners," Brighton coach Kristi Matuszewski said. "We tried that pack mentality we love to do and were able to come out ahead."

Freshman Lauren Kiley won in 18:37, followed by sophomore teammate Londyn Swenson in 19:12 and Novi's Katherine Ray in 20:06.

Brighton had the next three runners and five of the next six to win the meet. Morgan Crompton was fourth in 20:26, Morgan Waggoner fifth in 20:42, Hannah Tsiang sixth in 20:48, Maddie Brown eighth in 21:07 and Katie Carothers ninth in 21:08 for Brighton.

Brighton and Plymouth beat Novi by 18-45 scores.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Salem girls, Plymouth boys rule Wayne County meet

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They were able to get Wayne County Invitational cross country varsity races in on Saturday morning at Willow Metropark in New Boston, but barely.

"Today was as strange as the weather," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach, whose team repeated as girls team champion with 61 points. "The girls were fired up and ready to compete for a County championship. We had a window of opportunity in between storms and went out hard early. Some of the girls went out with a little too much enthusiasm and ended up struggling today in the second half."

Salem's top five scorers all earned medals led by Reagan Justice, sixth (19:26.1); Kiersten McBride, eighth (19:32.7); Olivia Millen, 11th (19:48.4); Bridget Nelson, 16th (20:05.1); and Gabrielle Mancini, 20th (20:22.7).

The Rocks' non-scorers also made strong showings led by Hallie Younglas (31st, 20:46.6), who also earned a medal, and Brooke Kalis (37th, 21:01.8).

"I applaud the determination and fire, but we need to run a little smarter if we are going to continue to be successful," Gerlach said. "Gabby really stepped up today and honestly saved our butt with her best race of the year. With six of our seven earning County medals and winning the County, we should be happy, but honestly we have much more team potential. We need to figure it out and there could be a great ending to our season."

Rounding out the top 10 teams were Plymouth (86), Grosse Ile (120), Canton (159), Livonia Franklin (181), Livonia Churchill (183), Northville (B), 234, Grosse Pointe North (236), Allen Park (246) and Brownstown Woodhaven (270).

Other area schools included Livonia Stevenson, 11th (282); Plymouth Christian, 15th (413); Garden City, 21st (575); Lutheran Westland, 25th (672); and Wayne Memorial, 27th (777).

Meanwhile, another storm cell came in quick right before the start of the JV girls race and the meet got postponed before ultimately being cancelled due to lighting.

Here's four other takeaways on the meet:

Plymouth girls 1-2

The future looks bright for County runner-up Plymouth, which is gunning for its first state meet berth in school history under coach Alice Ahearn after finishing fourth a year ago.

And thanks to the one-two County individual finish of freshman Lauren Kiley



Plymouth's Lauren Kiley (left) and Londyn Swenson were the top two girls individual placers at the Wayne County Invitational. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ley (18:42.6) and sophomore Londyn Swenson (19:04.9), the Wildcats could be well on their way.

Kiley came into Plymouth a bit of an unknown via Our Lady of Good Counsel School and has been quite a find. She has now won five races, placed second twice and third in another.

"She came to my preseason meeting and I didn't know anything about her," Ahearn said. "She wasn't on my radar at all, but her mom told me that she was good and she ran for Waza (Track Club). I've had plenty of moms tell me their daughters were good, and I'll say, 'Oh well.' But really from the get-go, the girl is legit. She's well trained, she's mature, she's very, very strong and fast. She needs very little coaching. I just need to keep her healthy."

Meanwhile, Swenson has made significant strides as a runner this season for the Plymouth varsity.

"Last year she was right behind my senior, then about halfway through the season she moved into the number one spot and she ran a ton over the summer," Ahearn said. "She's just really well trained. She's embracing what it takes

to be a good runner."

All-County girls

Among the other top 35 Hometown-life-area finishes included: Thea Schley (Canton), fifth (19:21.1); Anna Nagelhout (Canton), ninth (19:34.6); Erin Seibert (Franklin), 14th (20:00.5); Sierra Greener (Churchill), 19th (20:14.0); Abbie Haupt (Churchill), 24th (20:29.6); Ana White (Plymouth), 26th (20:34.5); Grace Vaeth (Churchill), 27th (20:37.2); Casse McDougall (Stevenson), 28th (20:39.2); Emily Esker (Franklin), 29th (20:41.5); Kylie Callison (Stevenson), 30th (20:45.1); Emily Cameron (Plymouth Christian), 32nd (20:53.9); Sinclair Smith (Northville), 33rd (20:55.3); Abbie Ortell (Churchill), 34th (20:57.3); Lindsay Ripple (Plymouth), 35th (20:57.9).

Boys champ: Plymouth

To nobody's surprise, the No. 2-ranked Wildcats dominated the meet by scoring 34 points with Grosse Pointe North a distant second with 104.

Plymouth, last year's Division 1 runner-up, was coming off a 27-28 dual meet loss on Oct. 2 to No. 1-ranked Brighton.

Plymouth placed four in the top 10 led by individual winner Carter Solomon, a junior, who was clocked in 15:09.2.

The top five runners all finished under 16 minutes as Grosse Ile's James Gedris was runner-up in 15:26.0 followed by the Hancock twins from Dearborn Divine Child, Michael (15:39.1) and Anthony (15:44.2), along with Byrnes teammate Patrick Byrnes (15:53.9).

"My goal for today was to come out with a victory," said Solomon, who placed third a year ago at the County meet. "I knew James (Gedris) was going to put up good competition and Anthony (Hancock) from Dearborn (Divine Child) was going to throw something in the mix. The conditions were surprisingly pretty good. We ran the course for a warm-up and we were happy for how it was. We just went for it today."

Other Plymouth scorers included Brandon Boyd, seventh (16:10.5); Tyler Mussen, eighth (16:12.0); and Jarrett Warner, 14th (16:31.3).

"We came through the mile in about 4:45, maybe a little bit quicker in the two-mile, around 9:40," Solomon said. "I was unsure about the three-mile split was, but we fell off a little bit the second mile, but it happens. It was hard to keep the pace."

Rounding out the top 10 was Salem (117), Stevenson (173), Canton (182), Churchill (190), Dearborn Divine Child (191), Woodhaven (285), Northville 'B' (307) and Franklin (340).

Other area schools in the mix included Plymouth Christian, 18th (477); Wayne, 22nd (591); Lutheran Westland, 25th (649) and Garden City, 28th (754).

All-County boys

Among the other top 35 boys area finishers who earned medals included: Luke Pohl (Plymouth Christian), sixth (16:02.9); Luke Haran (Salem), 11th (16:27.1); Talha Syed (Salem), 15th (16:31.3); Grant Hoffmeyer (Canton), 18th (16:41.8); Eric Pensari (Churchill), 19th (16:43.9); Colin Sheahan (Stevenson), 20th (16:44.2); Hezekiah Williams (Salem), 23rd (16:54.1); Daniel Carr (Canton), 25th (17:02.2); Joseph Michalak (Canton), 29th (17:05.2); Shane McKimmy (Salem), 31st (17:05.9); Bassil Syed (Plymouth), 32nd (17:07.5); Brendan McCoy (Churchill), 33rd (17:07.9); Logan Evanchuk (Franklin), 34th (17:09.4); Michael Brannan (Lutheran Westland), 35th (17:13.4).

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Adams scores late to knock off Harrison

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Rochester Adams and Farmington Harrison have had some amazing battles over the years. Friday's game -- the last one they will ever play -- was one of the best.

The visiting Highlanders scored 17 first half points, only to watch the Hawks catch up in the second half with 17 unanswered points to tie the game with 3:31 left in the fourth quarter.

Adams then took over at its own 20-yard line and drove 80 yards on 12 plays to earn a dramatic 24-17 victory. Highlander quarterback Carter Farris hit senior Jack Bishop with the winning touchdown pass from six-yards out to win the game. Bishop made a spectacular one-handed catch while falling to the ground.

The teams entered the game having evenly split the 16 previous times they've played. The record will forever show that Adams and veteran head coach Tony Patritto will hold an 8-7 series edge over Harrison and the state's winningest head coach John Herrington.

Harrison is closing its door following this school year and Patritto will miss the rivalry.

"This was everything for us. This was almost sad, to be honest with you," said Patritto, whose team is 4-3 overall and still alive in the playoff hunt. "The games we've had with this program over the last 15 years are games I will never, ever forget."

"I absolutely love Coach Herrington and all he's done for high school football, and especially how he's embraced me since I've been in the league," he said. "We wanted to give him a good game, win, lose or draw. And I think we did. We've had some big ones, and I'm pretty happy with this one. It was special."

Adams dominated the first half. The Highlanders went 51 yards on three plays on their first possession of



Rod Heard gained 88 yards rushing Friday against Adams and eclipsed the 1,000-yard rushing mark at Harrison for the second straight season. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the game, capping the drive with a 15-yard TD run by Farris.

On their very next possession, Adams drove 85 yards on 17 plays, finally scoring on a 3-yard run by junior slot back Anthony Patritto on the first play of the second quarter.

The Highlanders then got a break with seconds left before halftime.

Adams forced a Harrison punt and got the ball near midfield. The Highlanders eventually drove to the Hawks 27-yard line. Then, senior kicker Ben Patton booted a 44-yard field goal as time expired to give Adams a 17-0 half-time lead.

"When we started the game we told the kids that it's very tough to stop them in the first half until you get used to the speed because you can't simulate it," said Herrington, whose team is now 5-2 overall. "And then we got a punt that only went to the 5-yard line and they were able to score another one."

"Then we settled in and played real well after that. But, we had trouble running the ball early and we ran a little bit better later. And the quarterback settled

in and had a couple passes.

"In the second half I was pleased, but the games are played in two halves," he said. "But, (Adams is) good and they have some of the best coaches in the league, if not the best coaches. We just hung in there."

The second half

Harrison, with new quarterback Keel Watson playing his first game as a Hawk after transferring in, dominated the second half.

The Hawks scored on their first possession of the third quarter on a 1-yard run by Rod Heard, who finished the game with 88 yards on 27 carries to eclipse the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the season. Harrison now trailed, 17-7.

Harrison forced a three-and-out and took over at its own 19-yard line. The Hawks then drove 81 yards on 15 plays, finding the end zone on Heard's 3-yard run. Harrison now trailed, 17-14.

The Hawks completed their amazing comeback when senior kicker David Hiser connected on a 41-yard field goal to tie the game at 17-all.

However, Adams regained the ball and ultimately drove in for the winning touchdown as Farris completed his last five passes of the game, including the highlight-reel catch by Bishop.

"We couldn't make a first down in the second half, but when we had to down the stretch we were able to do it," said Patritto. "(Farris) ran his butt off in the first half and we asked him to throw down the stretch there and this was a big night for him in terms of his progression as a quarterback."

"Fortunately, our kids had the guts to answer them in the last three minutes," said Patritto.

The new quarterback

Watson played his first game as Harrison's quarterback after transferring in from Detroit Delta Prep Academy which closed late last month. Since the school closed, Watson was immediately eligi-

ble to play.

Watson practiced this past week and got the starting nod since regular quarterback Max Martin was out with a bruised knee. Martin is expected to return in two weeks.

Watson finished with six completions for 82 yards.

"We would have to have played Rod at quarterback the whole way under center and everything and I wanted to play him at tailback," said Herrington. "(Watson) can throw the ball. I think he had so much adrenaline going in the first half he was overthrowing the ball."

"I actually worked with (Watson) Sunday when he came in and he practiced with us on Tuesday. But I think he'll come around. He had a little ball handling problem in the first half, but it wasn't too bad for learning the offense in a few days."

"I never heard of him and never heard anything about Delta. He just kind of fell into our lap since (Delta Prep) closed," he said. "And suddenly there he is. And with both quarterbacks out for this game, it couldn't have been any better -- unless we had won."

On deck

The loss left Harrison one win shy of advancing to the playoffs for the 34th time in the school's storied 49-year history.

The Hawks have two games remaining -- on the road next week at Birmingham Groves and at home in the final regular-season game against district rival Farmington.

Harrison has lost three straight games to Groves. And, they will be facing Farmington in the final regular-season game ever at Harrison.

"(Groves is) going to be a real tough game for us," said Herrington. "We owe them something and we have to go over there and play well. And we will."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Unbeaten South Lyon pulls out another victory

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If luck occurs when preparation meets opportunity, then South Lyon must have been prepping for a win like this since last season ended.

Late in the fourth quarter of Friday's contest, the Lions (7-0 overall, 6-0 Lakes Valley Conference) cashed in their football karma to squeeze out a 21-14 victory at Waterford Mott.

In what appeared to be a simple three-and-out series by South Lyon, junior punter Brenden Lach sent a deep ball past midfield, where it was muffed by a Corsairs returner.

That's when Lions' senior offensive lineman David Rende pounced on the loose ball to give the offense a second wind.

"I just had a feeling in my instincts that if I run down there, something good will happen," Rende said. "I'll make a play, I'll make the tackle, or he's going to fumble. It was a real momentum swing."

Following a string of runs by junior running back Mitchell Komorous, South Lyon found themselves in a fourth down situation again, and opted for a 25-yard field goal from Lach.

While the kick was a success, a roughing the kicker call against Mott (4-3, 4-3) provided the Lions with another fresh set of downs as the ball moved up to the four-yard line.

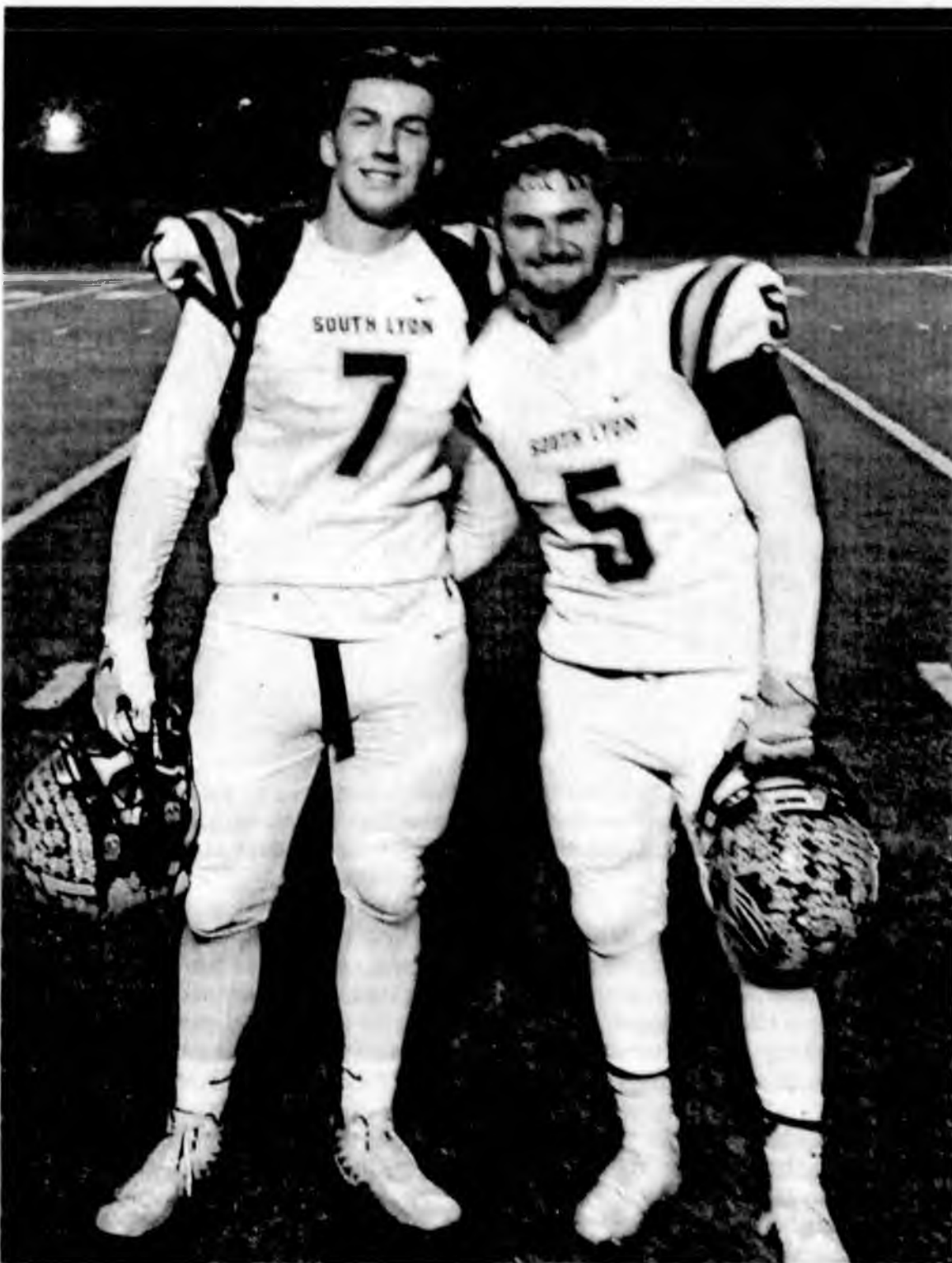
On the ensuing play, Komorous took a handoff from quarterback Connor Fracassi and barreled his way into the end zone with 4:34 remaining in what would amount to be the game-winning touchdown.

The play was so pivotal that even after the game, Komorous remained tongue tied in trying to describe his emotions.

"I knew that this was it -- if I go in, we win the game," Komorous said. "I have no words ... it's just the greatest feeling I've ever had and I've never experienced this before, so it was awesome."

Lions strike first

From the onset, it appeared as if the Lions were destined to have things go their way, as a bad punt by Mott midway through the first quarter provided South



South Lyon's Ian Goins (7) and Mitch Komorous are all smiles after the Lions defeated Waterford Mott, 21-14. TOM MORELLI

Lyon with a short field to work with.

Three plays into the possession, junior receiver Brendan Dancer registered a four-yard pickup off a screen pass from Fracassi (11-of-19 for 148 yards), only to have another 15 yards tacked on to the play due to a helmet-to-helmet hit by a Corsairs' defender.

Senior Ian Goins and Komorous split the workload thereafter and pushed the Lions all the way to the goal line, where

Fracassi snuck one in with 2:15 left.

A strong defensive stand by South Lyon coupled with another iffy punt by Mott helped to set-up the next scoring drive, which came a mere eight seconds into the second frame.

In what became an inseparable pairing all night long, Fracassi hooked-up with Goins (22 rushes for 136 yards, three catches for 114 yards) in the flats for a 16-yard strike to make it a two-

score game.

"Ian runs hard and has really grown as a running back from last year," South Lyon coach Jeff Henson said. "It goes back to trusting our blocking. Last year, he might have wanted to bounce it outside when the hole was inside, but he's playing like a senior; he's has a little more patience, is more disciplined, and it shows in his productivity."

Mott climbs back

Utilizing the quick-play ability of junior quarterback Trevor Ealy (1-of-34 for 229 yards), the Corsairs were able to answer back on their next possession.

Ealy connected with a host of receivers by dinking and dunking the ball from short distance, as Mott converted on two fourth down plays courtesy of completions to Christian Fitzpatrick (five catches for 75 yards) and Quillen Howze (five catches for 95 yards).

Faced with a third-and-long situation, Ealy hit Fitzpatrick in stride off a post-route from 23 yards out to cut the Lions' lead in half with 5:09 left until intermission.

"Mott gave us a whole different offense that we had never seen before," Henson said. "They have great athletes and are dangerous in space. Credit to our kids for continuing to believe in what we do and continuing to believe in themselves."

The Corsairs wouldn't see the end zone again until the fourth quarter, but this time their points came courtesy of their ground game.

A drive-saving catch by wide receiver Keimonnnee Fields on fourth down brought Mott to the 7-yard line, where running back Gauge Durfee reached paydirt after two consecutive carries to make it a 14-all affair.

Did you know?

With the win, South Lyon is now 7-0 for the first time since 2006. That team would finish the year 9-2, which ended in a 14-10 loss in districts to Canton.

A victory over next week's opponent, Walled Lake Western, would place South Lyon at 8-0, a streak that hasn't happened since 1996.

HOCKEY

Top players, games at USA Hockey

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Future NHL stars, hockey card giveaways, flying teddy bears and even a bobblehead night.

What's not to like about what is planned at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth for the 2018-19 season?

Of course, all eyes will be on the progress of talented forward Jack Hughes, who will lead a stellar cast on the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team.

Hughes — heavily projected to be the first pick in the 2018 NHL Entry Draft — and the rest of the U-18s hit the home ice for the first time 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 against the University of Minnesota, the first of six college opponents that will come to USA Hockey Arena this year.

The U17s opened their home season Oct. 5-6 against Madison.

"We have a good team," said the 18-year-old Hughes during a recent interview. "... If everything goes right we should for sure be able to win the gold medal at the end of the year."

Hughes is one of a handful of players who were moved up from the Under-17 team to the U18s during last season. Even with the promotions of Hughes, high-scoring forward Cole Caufield and winger Alex Turcotte, the younger group racked up wins at a program-record pace.

All told, with a 42-18-0-1 record, Team USA (including the U17s and U18s) qualified for the United States Hockey League playoffs for just the second time in the development program's 22-year existence (mostly based in Ann Arbor).

And hopes are running rampant that 2018-19 will be just as enthralling for area hockey fans.

"We got five guys (including Hughes), all of them are rated to go in the first round of the NHL Draft (in 2019)," said NTDP spokesman Kris Nolt. "So they're going to be guys that are going to be looked at across the board."

Who to watch

Here's a closer look at those players, who fans will want to be sure to catch at the arena:

Jack Hughes, forward: He registered a NTDP-record 116 points (40 goals, 76 assists) in 60 games between the two U.S. teams. At the 2018 IIHF Under-18 World Championship, in Russia, he led the tournament with 12 points to



Defenseman Alex Vlasic is one of many Team USA players on the radar of NHL scouts this season. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

lead Team USA to a silver medal.

Cole Caufield, forward: A perfect fit on the Hughes line, Caufield scored 54 goals in 59 games, including 44 markers to lead the U17s. At the U18 worlds, notched four goals in seven contests. He is committed to play at the University of Wisconsin.

Alex Turcotte, forward: Another Wisconsin commit, Turcotte helped the cause with 16 goals and 41 assists. He chipped in with five points at the U-18 worlds.

Matthew Boldy, forward: Boldy led the U17s with 47 assists among 76 points and followed up with three goals and six assists to help Team USA win the 2017 World Under-17 Challenge. He is a Boston College commit.

"Matthew Boldy was not called up (to the U18s) last year," Nolt said. "But after the five other players were called up he helped to keep the offense flowing for the younger group."

Alex Vlasic, defenseman: The blue-

liner's shorthanded game-winning goal in overtime advanced Team USA to the USHL Eastern Conference final. The 6-6 Vlasic is committed to play at Boston University.

"Alex Vlasic is a big, big defenseman," Nolt said. "You'll see him out there. But he's a guy that can actually skate, a big defenseman who is mobile and can move the puck."

According to Nolt, there are more than 15 players on the Under-18 team that potentially could be selected during the opening round of next June's NHL draft.

"It's hard for me just to name five, just because of how talented this team is all the way through," Nolt added. "There's other guys outside these five that are ready to go in the first round."

Of local interest, Birmingham's Ryder Rolston (a forward and Notre Dame commit) also is on the U18s. He is the son of ex-NHL player Brian Rolston.

Splitting Under-18 netminding duties

will be returnees Spencer Knight (Boston College) and Cameron Rowe.

Games to see

Nolt listed the following NTDP Under-18 games as must-see hockey for metro Detroit fans to check out.

Saturday, Oct. 13 vs. Minnesota (2 p.m.);

Wednesday, Nov. 21 vs. Bowling Green (7 p.m.);

Saturday, Dec. 8 vs. University of Maine (7 p.m.);

Friday, March 15, Green Bay Gamblers (7 p.m.);

For Under-17 fans, top games include: Dec. 9-15, Under-17 Four Nations Tournament;

Saturday, Jan. 12, Central Illinois (7 p.m.).

PROMOTIONS GALORE

Although top-level hockey against college and USHL opponents should be enough to whet the appetite of metro Detroit fans, Nolt said there is a bevy of promotions on tap to entice more to check out USA Hockey Arena.

■ The Nov. 21 game against Bowling Green is a special '90s night.

■ On Dec. 8 against Maine is the annual Teddy Bear Toss. It's one of our staples here, it's a great promotion," Nolt said. "After the first Team USA goal everyone who brings a teddy bear can toss it on the ice. That all gets donated to needy families in the area, through the Plymouth United Way."

■ The Jan. 12 matchup with Central Illinois is "Jurassic Night," a first-time promotion. "It's going to be a dinosaur-themed night, but the really exciting thing is we're going to have those inflatable dinosaur costumes and we're going to be racing those on the ice and they'll be around the concourse," Nolt said.

■ The first NTDP bobblehead night is slated for March 15 against Green Bay, one of Team USA's USHL opponents.

■ Also new will be a series of five trading card giveaways (Dec. 1, Jan. 1, Jan. 8, Jan. 15, Feb. 1). "Something unique and something to give fans a little extra takeaway," Nolt said. "It's going to be something that, with as talented as this Under-18 team is, those items can become very valuable as collectibles down the road."

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PREP ATHLETICS

Rice hall to induct three athletes, three teams

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Brother Rice's Athletic Hall of Fame will swell exponentially this year.

In addition to two standout athletes, the Class of 2018 will include three national and state championship swim teams and their head coach.

Two-sport stars Paul Jokisch ('82) and Steve Morrison ('90) will be inducted into the Hall of Fame, along with former Rice swim head coach the Rev. Ron Richards and three of his stellar squads.

Following is a brief profile of each athlete and team:

PAUL JOKISCH: He excelled in both basketball and football as he gained Parade All-America honors in both sports. He also was first team all-state in football and, during his senior season, won the Michigan blue chip basketball award. In football, Jokisch finished with 18 touchdown catches on 72 career receptions for 1,454 yards. He teamed with quarterback Dave Yarema to form one of the state's most spectacular tandems. Jokisch went on to play football at the University of Michigan, where he was a receiver for then quarterback and current head coach Jim Harbaugh. In 1987, he was a fifth-round draft choice of the San Francisco 49ers. Jokisch, who lives in Bloomfield Hills, is vice president of business development for Atlas Tool. He and his wife Carolyn have three children: Bethany, Paul and John.

STEVE MORRISON: He was a hard-hitting linebacker and power fullback who earned all-state Dream Team and all-Midwest honors as a senior captain on the 1989 team under legendary head coach Al Fracassa. Morrison also went on to play football for late head coach Bo Schembechler at Michigan, where he became a rare, five-year letter winner. He earned all-Big Ten honors as a senior



Paul Jokisch was an all-star football and basketball player at Brother Rice. BROTHER RICE



Steve Morrison was a powerful fullback and hard-hitting linebacker during his prep days at Brother Rice. BROTHER RICE



Richards

co-captain and was a semifinalist for the Butkus Award (given to the nation's top linebacker). He also entered into the college coaching ranks, serving as a graduate assistant at Michigan and later in a variety of coaching positions at Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan and Syracuse. In total, Morrison played or coached in 11 bowl games, including four Rose Bowls. He also played professional football. In addition, Morrison was an all-state and all-Midwest lacrosse player for the Warriors. Morrison now lives in Ann Arbor with his wife Mary and three boys: Alex, Marco and Roman. He works for a medical device company and coaches youth football in Saline.

THE REV. RON RICHARDS: Before he was ordained into the priesthood, Richards was a teacher and highly successful swim coach at Brother Rice. He had a remarkable coaching career that included 116 victories with five consecutive state championships and three No. 1 national rankings. He experienced

only one defeat — in his first dual meet — during his amazing six-year coaching career.

1996 NATIONAL AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM: The 1995-96 Brother Rice swim team won the state championship by winning five of the 12 events, including setting state records in the 200 free and 400 free relays. The team finished with 10 individual All-America times and three All-America relay honors. The 200 and 400 free relays finished with the nation's best times. The 1996 team became the first Brother Rice program to win a national championship.

1997 NATIONAL AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM: The 1996-97 team again proved a dominant force both in Michigan and the country. The Warriors repeated as Oakland County, Catholic League and Michigan High School Athletic Association state champions. The '97 Warriors had 10 individual All-Americans and three All-America relays for the second straight year.

The 200-yard medley relay was No. 1 in the nation and the team repeated as national champion.

1998 NATIONAL AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM: Richards announced prior to the 1997-98 season that it would be his last as head coach and the Warriors sent their coach out with a third straight national championship and fifth consecutive Class A state championship. At season's end, Rice owned five state records, had 13 individual All-Americans and three All-America relay teams.

The Brother Rice Hall of Fame Induction will be held Saturday, Oct. 6, at Fifth Avenue Sports & Entertainment in downtown Royal Oak. The honorees also will be recognized at halftime of the Oct. 5 football game at Berkley's Hurley Field.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Marian field hockey star is latest weekly poll winner

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Kate Biglin was as surprised as anyone.

Biglin, a field hockey standout at Bloomfield Hills Marian, used a late surge to earn the Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week honors. She gained more than 7,000 votes in the weekly poll's final two days to overtake Plymouth football standout Mike Mathias by less than 1,000 votes.

With more than 24,000 votes cast and five of the six candidates receiving more than 2,500 votes, Biglin finished first with 7,621 votes (30.64 percent). Mathias was second with 6,597 votes (26.52 percent), followed by Churchill volleyball player Sarah Dunn (4,478), Harrison football player Rod Heard (3,511) and Northville cross country runner Yasmine Mansi (2,553 votes).

"I actually didn't find out myself (that I was nominated). One of my teammates texted our field hockey group

chat and told me I was in it," said Biglin, who also plays soccer. "And, people just started voting. My dad put it on Facebook and a bunch of people just started voting."

A junior captain, Biglin is the leading scorer for Marian, which owns a 10-2-1 overall record for third place in the Michigan Field Hockey Association's Division 1 standings.

Biglin was nominated for the Athlete of the Week honors after scoring three goals in a two-game span, including the game-winner in a 2-1 victory over Dexter. She has 15 goals on the season, including three in the recent Catholic League semifinal victory over Mercy, after having scored 18 last year.

"Against Dexter, it was tied 1-1 and then we were having some good forward attack," Biglin said about her game-winner. "We finally got a corner and there were a few rebounds in front of the net. I was on the post for that play and hit it right through the goalie's legs for the goal."

"I led the team last year in goals and

so far I'm leading in goals this year," she added. "I've been on varsity since my freshman year and feel like I've been progressing ever since then."

Here is a closer look at Biglin:

Tell us about your performance so far this year for Marian: This year is my third year on Marian varsity field hockey. I was elected captain this year and was awarded first team all-Catholic. I am the leading goal scorer this year with 15 goals as well as last year with 18 goals. I have also had many assists this season. I am currently in Catholic League playoffs and will enter the state tournament next week.

Favorite all-time movie? "High School Musical."

Who would you consider your sports role model? Mia Hamm.

Favorite song? "These Heights" by Bassjackers.

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

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Kate Biglin, Marian field hockey's leading scorer, is the latest Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week.

GIRLS GOLF

Northville adds KLAA title to impressive resume

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Nicole Whatley dabbled in a number of sports growing up including basketball, soccer, track, taekwondo, snowboarding and skiing.

But golf has become her calling card and that was never more evident Oct. 4 at Salem Hill as the Northville sophomore posted the low number on the day with 4-under 68 as the No. 1-ranked Mustangs posted a team total of 302 to capture their first Kensington Lakes Activities Association tournament title since 2009.

Plymouth, ranked No. 3 in Division 1, was a strong runner-up with 314, while defending champion Brighton, ranked No. 4, placed third with 326 to pace the 15-school field.

Whatley, who repeated as KLAA medalist, finished her round with a birdie on No. 17, followed by an eagle on No. 18.

She finished five strokes ahead of teammate Mariella Simoncini, who fired 1-over 73.

"Last year, Nicole shot a 73 here and was able to beat the field by five strokes," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "And today she improved upon that. For her to go out shoot a 68 today ... conditions were good, a little wet out there and it got windy as the day went on, but I was really impressed on how she managed the course. She got into a little trouble on No. 11, put it into the woods, had to punch out, took a double-bogey. But aside from that, her round was almost flawless."

Had it not been for the double-bogey on No. 11, Whatley might have gone lower.

"I had a lot of holes where I missed out on opportunities, I actually three-putted that hole and I three-putted another," she said. "I missed two shots there. I could have done a lot better."

Once she decided to concentrate on golf, Whatley's career has taken off. She works during the off-season with PGA professional Jordan Young at Fox Hills G.C.

"My parents wanted to play a family sport and they picked golf because we could do it all together," Whatley said. "And I started taking lessons and got much better progressively over the years. I started playing tournaments when I was 10."

In addition to Whatley and Simoncini, Northville's other four other players posted solid rounds: Sufna Gill (80), Katelyn Tokarz (81), Megha Vallabhane (81) and Sedona Shipka (83).

"Mariella was plus-1, she ends up bogeying No. 18 and gave a stroke away there, but ends up plus-1 on the day," Cronin said. "But she's been so consistent for us all year. And to be a plus-1 with a 4-under and almost an even-par round is amazing. And then we got really contributions from the rest of our lineup. Those scores are really, really impressive."

Northville, which has not lost a match or tournament all season, will be a heavy favorite at the MHSAA Division 1 regional Thursday, Oct. 11, at Travis Pointe C.C. in Ann Arbor.

The Mustangs have plenty of options available.

"It will be curious to see because Megha (Vallabhane) did not play in the



The all-Kensington Lakes Activities Association girls golf team poses for a group photo following their tourney Oct. 4 at Salem Hills. BRAD EMONS



Northville earned its first KLAA girls golf tournament title since 2009. BRAD EMONS

(KLAA) preseason tournament, but her score today will definitely be a top six score," Cronin said. "She may not qualify for all-conference, but she was our sixth player today and that shows our depth that we have an all-conference level player."

Plymouth got strong showings from Shae Zyedeck and Bridget Boczar (78 each), along with Grace Bodzar and Maire Sullivan (79 each).

"We're on average with our 2013 state championship team — average — overall," Plymouth coach Dan Young said. "And this group is peaking at the right time. Four in 70s is really solid, so this group is right there with any of best teams in the state."

The Wildcats have three seniors, a junior and two freshmen.

"With three seniors, that's experience," Young said. "And all those kids were in the state tournament a year ago and been in these matches a year ago, so that's a big advantage. Grace Iacopelli is a junior and has worked her way in behind the seniors and has really been a

solid addition and plus this year and has put in a lot of work. And the Boczar twins have been playing golf their whole life ... they're golfers. So we're just really good. And Shae (Zyedeck) is an all-stater and Maire (Sullivan) and Rachel (Stibel) have both been incredible. They've gotten so much better from their freshman year to their senior year, it's unbelievable. It's a great group."

Among the top 18 golfers to earn all-conference honors based on the KLAA preseason (Aug. 23) and postseason tournaments were: Northville — Whatley, Simoncini, Gill, Tokarz and Shipka; Northville; Plymouth — Zyedeck, Bridget Boczar, Grace Boczar and Sullivan; Brighton — Maggie Pietila, Annie Pietila, Autumn Bailey; Hartland — Sydney Bradford, Savannah Grabowski, Violet Sinishtaj; Jordan Piatek; and Livonia Franklin — Sofia Cueva, Sophia Wygonik.

Northville (KLAA West) and Franklin (KLAA East) were awarded trophies for being the divisional dual match champions.



Northville's Nicole Whatley shot 4-under 68 to repeat as individual medalist at the KLAA girls golf tourney Oct. 4 at Salem Hills G.C. JIM JAGDFELD | LIVINGSTON DAILY

KLAA POSTSEASON GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS Oct. 4 at Salem Hills G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 302 strokes; 2. Plymouth, 314; 3. Brighton, 326; 4. Hartland, 339; 5. Livonia Franklin, 353; 6. Salem, 368; 7. Novi, 384; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 389; 9. Canton, 409; 10. Livonia Churchill, 427; 11. Dearborn, 426; 12. Howell, 444; 13. Westland John Glenn, 517; 14. Dearborn Fordson, 531; 15. Belleville, no team score.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
Northville (302): Nicole Whatley, 4-under 68 (individual medalist); Mariella Simoncini, 74; Sufna Gill, 80; Katelyn Tokarz and Megha Vallabhane, 81 each; Sedona Shipka, 83.
Plymouth (314): Shae Zyedeck and Bridget Boczar, 78 each; Grace Bodzar and Maire Sullivan, 79 each; Grace Iacopelli, 92; Rachel Stibel, 102.

Brighton (326): Annie Pietila, 75; Maggie Pietila, 79; Autumn Blaney, 83; Alyssa Yaggie, 89; Lilly Stolz, 91; Gracie Schueneman, 93.

Hartland (339): Sydney Bradford, 82; Violet Sinishtaj, 83; Jordan Piatek and Savannah Grabowski, 87 each; Olivia Root, 93; Audrey Brown, 94.

Franklin (353): Sophia Wygonik, 82; Sophia Cueva, 83; Olivia Napier, 92; Stephanie Cueva, 96; Sandreena Cueva, 107; Haley Pregitzer, 119.

Salem (368): Megan Kozlowski, 86; Julianne Small and Ryleigh Reed, 91 each; Sarah Stec, 100; Ava Martin, 103; Mackenzie Dole, 113.

Novi (384): Despina Alexander, 92; Hrishika Gogineni, 93; Sarayu Chaparala, 99; Sriya Vallapareddy, 100; Mackenzie Murtha, 107; Anna Biberstein, 121.

Stevenson (389): Joanna Berriman, 95; Nicole Stefanick, 96; Hailey Mydock, 97; Sydney Maurier, 101; Kayla Korol, 113; Kennedy Reid, 133.

Canton (409): Simi Neeluru, 94; Ava Song, 104; Zoe Berkoff, 110; Jodi Weak, 111; Sydney Olejnik, 125; Emily Mundorf, 130.

Churchill (427): Halena Harris, 90; Emma Grodek, 100; Rachel Parrelly, 108; Megan Mryta, 123; Paige Melcher and Kenzie Compton, 125 each.

Dearborn (426): Grace Doverspire, 97; Holly Schweiger, 103; Brytton Berkoff, 108; Stella Doverspire, 118; Grace Obermiller, 136.

Howell (444): Miriam Moreno, 90; Skye Grant and Sarah Konard, 115 each; Victoria Squires, 124; Elkie Nelson, 127; Brooke Strand, 143.

John Glenn (517): Sasha Luz, 112; Andrea James, 127; Madison Diemnick, 130; Katelyn Eggenberg, 153.

Fordson (531): Kawthar Albaitty, 124; Joheina Hussein, 137; Neveen Shukr, 129; Bayann Antouni, 141.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

It's a gold medal for South Lyon Special Stars

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As the South Lyon boys soccer team was introduced to the crowd before its recent Pink Out game, each team member who trotted out to midfield was accompanied by a gold medal winner.

It was hard to tell who was more excited — the gold medal winners or the Lions soccer players.

The gold medal winners were the South Lyon Special Stars, a co-ed group of special-needs athletes of all ages who captured first place in the recent Fall State Games for Special Olympics held at Independence Park in Canton.

"The South Lyon team invited us to practice with them one night and then invited us to come out onto the field with them for the (Pink Out) game," Special Stars coach Jackie Sawle said. "It was pretty cool and all of our players enjoyed it. We really, really did appreciate them inviting us to do that. It really meant a lot to everybody."

The South Lyon Special Stars captured the Division 2 gold medal after defeating another Stars team in the semi-final (13-3) and the Ark Hot Shots (8-3) in the championship game. It marked the first time in Sawle's four years as head coach that the Special Stars left as champions.

"They were very, very excited to win the gold medal," Sawle said. "They've been practicing very hard and everything just kind of came together for them. They were passing to each other and sharing the ball and looking for their teammates. They really played together as a team."

"One of the boys, after we had won, went over and gave high-fives to congratulate the other team, then came over to me and actually lifted me up and picked me up into the air," she said. "He told me, 'We got you a gold medal' and he was very, very excited."

The Special Stars athletes include



The South Lyon Special Stars co-ed soccer team captured the gold medal at the recent Fall State Games for Special Olympics held at Independence Park in Canton. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Stephen Lloyd, Shane Kapo, Nathan Rane, Martin Hansen, Chris Wilson, Melissa Goyt, Leonna Knight-Ardito, Chelsey Ramsay, Nicole Sawle, Brenna Hoorn, Toufic Jordan, Mackenzie Howard and Abby Brown.

The South Lyon Special Stars is a nonprofit group based in South Lyon and has fielded a soccer team for the past 17 years. The Stars also participate in other sports from season to season.

Lions like Pink Out

The Pink Out game was played Oct. 1 at South Lyon High School, with the host Lions squaring off against district rival South Lyon East. South Lyon's varsity won, 2-1, and the Lions' JV team won, 4-3.

However, the night's focus was on

raising money for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is why players from both teams wore pink jerseys and many of those in attendance sported pink necklaces or bows. There also was a 50/50 raffle that raised close to \$400.

In addition, a special halftime ceremony had the three captains from each team release pink balloons in honor of all those who have been afflicted with breast cancer.

"We wanted to do a Pink Out — none of the schools do one — and we thought it would be a fantastic opportunity to host this event since soccer is a fall sport," said Andrea DeSantis, Boosters Club president and the event organizer. "When we saw on the schedule that we play South Lyon East on Oct. 1, which is the first day of national Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it was a great oppor-

tunity for us to have this event with our sister school. They were on board with it.

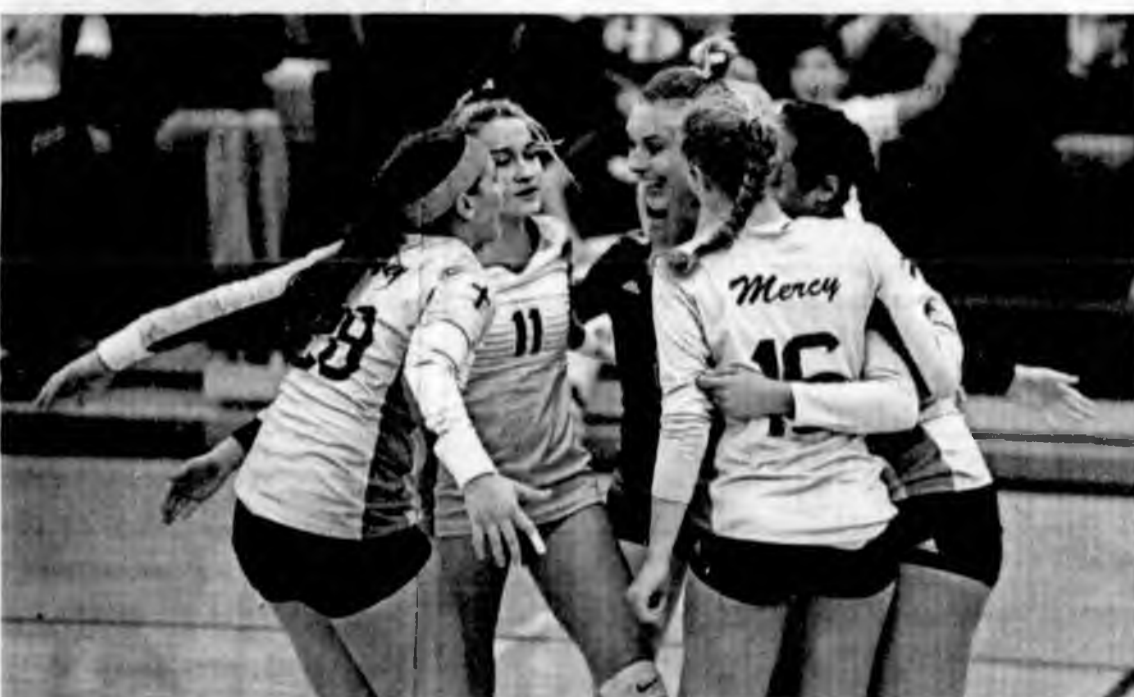
"We went ahead with getting the boys to wear the special shirts and they were all on board with it and they promoted it in the school. We got all of the decorations that the boosters did on their own."

"Last year's Pink Out was really, really small," she added. "But this year, when I decided to be president again, we've been planning it since August."

All proceeds were directed toward the Pink Fund, a local nonprofit charity that aids cancer victims who are in financial distress.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL



Mercy players celebrate a point against Marian. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Mercy continues mastery over Marian

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Mercy continued its volleyball mastery over Marian on Oct. 2.

The Marlins completed a sweep of the Mustangs in Catholic League regular-season action by winning in three straight sets for the second time this year. The final scores were, 25-19, 25-18, 25-23.

Mercy also defeated Marian in two straight sets in the Dakota Invitational in late August.

Although Marian has dropped eight straight sets to Mercy so far this year, first-year head coach Mayssa Cook believed this was her team's best effort against its Catholic League rival.

"The scores were definitely better tonight," said Cook, whose starting lineup included three freshmen, two seniors and a junior. "But I think the bigger indication is that we hung in there throughout the entire set. Whereas the first two times we played them, the first two sets they had a big lead early on and we never caught up. I think it was more neck-and-neck tonight."

"They have three amazing middle players and they can't go wrong with any one of them that they put in there. They have three or four kids who are stud outside hitters."

"Their bench is so deep. They essentially have two starting lineups that could beat almost any one in the state," she added. "They are well-coached and they are disciplined."

Rivalry is always heated

Veteran Mercy head coach Loretta Vogel was simply happy to get past Marian again.

"This is the rivalry between Mercy and Marian. We see this every time we compete against each other," Vogel said. "It's good volleyball and the level of play is high between the two teams."

"But I think we're on a roll right now. Our passing could have been a little better, but we had a game plan and we were able to pick up on everything we thought they would do," she added. "We had one small area in the third game that we had to change and that helped us."

The seasoned Marlins, led by junior Jess Mruzik, who played this summer with the U.S. National Team Development program, never trailed after going ahead early 4-3 in the first set en route to the six-point victory.

The No. 2-ranked Marlins hiked their overall record to 30-2. The Mustangs, ranked No. 7 in Division 1, fell to 22-5-2.

BOYS SOCCER

South Lyon clips rival East in Pink Out game

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South Lyon's praise-worthy Pink Out boys soccer game Oct. 1 against district rival East turned into the Freaky Fog-Out Classic.

The first day of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, players from the South Lyon and East teams wore pink jerseys to accentuate the evening's theme. Stands were decorated with pink bows, patrons were given pink ribbons and necklaces and a special balloon-releasing halftime ceremony was also included.

What wasn't planned was the fog that hovered over the stadium and grew thicker as the game progressed. Late in the second half, goalies had a hard time seeing the other end of the field and coaches had a hard time seeing players on the other side of the field.

In the end, it was the host Lions who registered a 2-1 victory in the remarkable conditions. South Lyon scored twice in the game's first 17 minutes and held on at the end as East scored a late second-half goal to make things interesting.

It marked South Lyon's second one-goal triumph over East this season. The Lions won the first meeting, 3-2.

"It was a good win for us. But honestly, the most important thing was the cause that we were attempting to raise money for and awareness for," said South Lyon head coach Brian Elliott, whose team improved to 7-5-2 overall (4-4-1 in the Lakes Valley Conference). "Everything else, sports-wise, falls in comparison to that. So that was the biggest focus for us."

"But besides that, I thought we played well as a team and I thought everything else about tonight was perfect. The fog was crazy, though. You could barely even see to the opposite end of the field and at times it was hard to coach because you couldn't see what was going on."

"I thought we played hard with some great individual efforts and that was the most important thing," he added. "Even when they got within a goal there are the end, I thought we

had things under control. Our defense and goalies held strong, for the most part."

Same conditions for both

East head coach Pete Stoyanovich's take was that both teams were forced to play in the same conditions.

"It was a little foggy out here, tough at times, but you can't complain about the conditions," said Stoyanovich, whose team fell to 3-8-1 overall (2-6-1 in the LVC). "There's no excuses about that because they had to play in it as well."

South Lyon junior forward Matt Moore who scored South Lyon's second goal was bemused with the foggy weather.

"I never played in conditions this bad. I couldn't even see the bleachers," Moore said. "It was weird. You could see on the field, but you couldn't see up in the bleachers."

"I feel like we lost that game in the first 15 minutes. We let in two goals on some set pieces that were very atypical of our team," Stoyanovich said. "But the guys fought hard and fought back and got within one. That's all I could ask of them."

"We lost by one goal to them at home earlier in the year and I really liked our chances coming into tonight," he added. "But we just fell short once again."

Elliott likes the way his team is improving as the season winds its way towards the postseason.

"I think we're progressing to a point right now to where we are ramping up things, getting more cohesive as a team and just getting better," Elliott said. "That's exactly what you want as you're approaching the postseason playoffs. We have a tough district — we have Catholic Central, Novi, Northville, Stevenson, but hopefully, we can shock the world and make something happen."

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USA HOCKEY

Big-league hype doesn't bother mega-talented Hughes

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It's not hard spotting Jack Hughes on the ice for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program.

Just watch the puck. Chances are pretty good 17-year-old Hughes is there, too.

Mesmerizing, quick, nimble and creative are just some of the words that aptly describe Hughes. Scoring machine, workout freak and almost certain top pick in the 2019 National Hockey League Entry Draft are other spot-on characterizations.

"The draft is 10 months away," said Hughes, a 5-10, 168-pound forward, who opened the 2018-19 season along with his NTDP U-18 teammates with road games Sept. 29-30 in Cranberry, Pa. "All those websites can come out or people can come out with the rankings, but really, none of it really matters until the teams' rankings come out at the draft."

"I'm not too worried about it, I'm just worried about my game and focusing on that. I'm not the only guy on the team with high expectations. I could go pretty high. We got a really good team with a lot of really good players. There's a lot of good stuff looming with our team."

Hughes already is displaying traits both on and off the ice that give a strong indication that he'll be ready whenever he gets the NHL call.

"I haven't been around anything like this," NTDP U-18 head coach John Wroblewski said. "Where there's been pressure for almost a year and a half for him to be the No. 1 overall pick in the upcoming (NHL) draft, I've never seen anything like it."

"I know the kid hasn't changed much. He's still the player and the young man who comes to work. He's got teenaged tendencies, but he's also a very impressive young man. If you tell him something, his uptake is so quick and he'll put it to work. And it's the same kid that always comes to the NTDP every day."

And who knows, if the Detroit Red Wings miss the playoffs (as is widely expected), the younger brother of University of Michigan defenseman Quinn Hughes (this summer's No. 7 pick by Vancouver) could wind up as Detroit's next cornerstone teenage player — just like then-18-year-old Steve Yzerman was in 1983.

"It'd be cool, of course. Detroit's a great place to play," said Hughes, who attends classes at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "But it's the NHL. All 31 teams are unbelievable and, if you got the chance to play for any team, it would be just so special."

Work comes first

Hughes isn't getting too far ahead of himself. He knows he has a lot of work to do for the NTDP, including international medals to go after next April in Sweden, when the IIHF U-18 Men's World Championship takes place. USA Hockey Arena fans will get their first chance to watch him play at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, against the University of Minnesota.

"It's a big year, of course. It's fun," said Hughes, whose parents are Ellen and Jim Hughes of Plymouth. "First of all, it's our last time playing together with our team. None of us will play together again after this year, so it will be really fun. We'll make the most of it, for sure."

"With the NHL draft, most of the (U-18) guys are draft-eligible, so it's a really important year and we're all really excited about it."

Hughes isn't the only budding NHL prospect with the team. He and 17 other NTDP players took part in the recent All-American Prospects Game in St. Paul, Minn. — six of whom are projected top 20 picks in the 2019 NHL draft.

Puck finds him

Wroblewski raved about Hughes' uncanny ability to find open ice and either go top shelf or thread perfect feeds to linemates such as Caufield.

But the coach sees all the intangibles that add up to a future NHL superstar.

"(College and pro scouts) see the guy that flies

around the ice. But in games, sometimes the puck is attached to him," Wroblewski said. "I don't think that they see how hard he works in a game. The reason the game sometimes looks easy for this guy is he works so hard in practice. He's got such an unbelievable VO2 (oxygen rate during exercise) and ability to create at the end of shifts, because of what he does in practices."

Yeah, skating fast is one thing. Of course, Hughes is like any hockey player in that he loves to score goals.

Last year, playing for both the NTDP U-17 and U-18 teams, he tallied 40 goals and a program-record 76 assists in 60 games.

"I'd definitely say scoring a goal," Hughes said, when asked about which part of the game he gets the most buzz out of excelling at. "If you don't say scoring a goal, I think you might have a problem, because that's the name of the game. Score goals."

"Anytime you get to score a goal, it's definitely something you don't forget about. You get really excited for it, just like it's your first goal."

Just relentless

Yet he is the guy who doesn't stop in practice drills.

"He loves the drills that involve up and down the sheet that exhaust you to the point of being keeled over," Wroblewski said. "But he's always going to jump in line for the next rep. Some guys, not necessarily on this team, who are lesser players, might try to find the line where they can rest in — or go to a line that has a few more guys in it."

"He'll go right back up in our hardest drills if that line is vacant. He's a relentless worker."

The coach was asked whether or not Hughes could be a Wayne Gretzky-like player in the NHL and he smiled. He quickly pointed out how much the league has changed since The Great One hung up his skates in 1999.

"It's just such a different era," Wroblewski said. "What I'll say is, I'll compare (Hughes) to Gretzky in that he's got that class. You read the stories about Wayne, how he used to take on all the media requests and handle them with dignity and be able to still perform at a high level ... carry himself as a gentleman and ambassador of the game. I see Jack as the type of kid who can carry on that type of legacy. Respect, charismatic and still humble."

"It's a different superstar compared to what it was back then. Gretzky was playing a different game than everybody else that was out there. There's a lot of players who play like Jack. There's not a lot of players who play exactly like Jack — it's speed, skill. There's a lot of people out there that have it, (but) it's his determination and desire to be the best that separates him from a lot of other guys."

Family plan

Another plus for Hughes was growing up in a hockey hothouse. It didn't matter whether they were in Florida, Boston, New Hampshire or Toronto.

"It was unreal," Hughes said. "With three of us in the house, it was crazy and hectic for my mom, of course. We'd always have friends at the house, (playing) mini sticks, watching hockey, going to the outdoor rink."

"It was always hockey, hockey, hockey for us. It was a really good childhood growing up. The house was really competitive whatever it was, whether it was ping pong or whatever."

Wroblewski also credited the Hughes family for instilling the winning traits that all three of their sons (next up is 15-year-old bantam phenom Luke) possess in droves. Luke Hughes played last season with the Little Caesars Bantam Major AAA team.

Yet in the case of Quinn and Jack Hughes, they have had to step up to expectations seemingly every step along the way from childhood. They've aced every test coming their way. By the time 2019-20 rolls around, both could be playing in the NHL.

"They're different kids," Wroblewski said. "I'm sure that (family) support system helps, but they're very

unique. There's sometimes where you'll see them in an interview and they appear similar, but they've got some dimensions that are different."

"It has a lot to do with how they play on the ice. Jack, his motor is relentless. And Quinn is much more deliberate and he's able to kind of make people, he baits people in."

"It's a different position (each plays). They just have a different mentality, a different mindset. It shows in their personalities, too. Jack goes and that's him. Quinn is a lot more calculated and deliberate. They're both unbelievable kids, teammates and competitors."

This season, in what might be his final season in Ann Arbor, the older Hughes will try to pick up where he left off last year with the Wolverines.

As far as Jack Hughes is concerned, however, Wroblewski expects opponents in college, international and United States Hockey League play to ratchet it up and see what the uber-talented prospect is made of.

Obituaries

Matthew Robert Serwinek

NORTHVILLE - Matthew Robert Serwinek, a resident of Northville MI, died on October 1, 2018 after a yearlong battle with Leukemia.

Matt was 50 years old and is survived by his loving parents, Paul and Marlene; sisters, Alissa Sparks and Kathryn (Andrew) Van Fossen; nephews, Adam and Peter Van Fossen; aunt, Sally Findlay; uncles, Mark (Maryann) Struman, Daniel (Kathy) Serwinek and Mark Serwinek; cousins, T.J., Darren, Monica, Molly, Jason, John, Meagan, Mark, Nathan and Holly. He was also survived by many close friends and extended family members. Matt was preceded in death by his uncle, John (Linda) Struman.

A Memorial Gathering has taken place on Friday, October 5, 2018 from 4-8 PM at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, Michigan 48381. A Memorial Service has taken place at Oak Pointe Church, 1250 S Hill Rd, Milford, MI 48381 on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 11:00 AM. For further information, please contact Lynch & Sons, Milford 248-684-6645 or visit : LynchAndSonsMilford.com

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Elaine Kopatz Rose

NEWPORT BEACH, CA - Elaine Kopatz Rose (1933-2018) of Newport Beach, California, formerly of Northville, Michigan, Longboat Key, Florida and Poughkeepsie, New York, passed away on September 21, 2018. She was born and raised in Sullivan County, New York, was a graduate of Cornell University and retired from IBM in Poughkeepsie.

Survivors are a daughter, Julie K. Kurcz (Joseph), a son, Eric W. Kopatz, a grandson, James J. Kurcz, a sister, Irene Wagner and several nieces. She was pre-deceased by William M. Kopatz and William J. Rose.

Private services and inurnment at a later date in New York. Donations appreciated and may be made to: Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Rd. #150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

Arrangements are under the direction of the VanInwegen-Kenny, Inc. Funeral Home of Wurtsboro.



Patricia Ann Schuchard

SOUTH LYON - Patricia Ann Schuchard, age 90, of South Lyon, passed away peacefully at home on October 1, 2018. She was born in Terre Haute, IN on August 3, 1928 to Douglas and Helen Lemon. Patricia is survived by her children: Celia Schuchard, Richard (Holly) Schuchard, William (Sue) Schuchard and Steven (Lora) Schuchard; 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother Robert Lemon. She is preceded in death by her husband Raymond R. Schuchard. Services entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com



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Eric Titner
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A new job can often take you to a new, exciting place. But what if you're ready for the excitement of a change of scenery, but don't know where to start when it comes to finding a new job? Whether you need to move for family reasons or are simply unsatisfied with your current location, here's a few steps to hone your job search and up your chances of landing a gig from far away.

Step 1: Research your options

Location, location, location is the mantra of the house hunter, but it should also be the mantra of the job seeker. Not only is it important to research where the jobs are within your industry, it's also important to find a place that will satisfy the rest of your needs. Whether you're looking to move closer to family, you want to be on the coast or you just want to live in a place with a lower cost of living, get as much information as possible before you start your job search. Does a particular city have a subway system or bus? Would you bike to work or drive? Are you looking for better weather or one of the nation's healthiest cities? Prioritize locations that will work support your reasons for moving in the first place. Also, be sure to check if certain cities have a local job search network, as many do. Local sites may help you learn more about a new place in addition to finding more opportunities in a particular area.

Step 2: Network

Does your current job have possible transfer opportunities? Do you have personal or professional contacts in



Some simple steps can help achieve a change of scenery. GETTY IMAGES

your preferred area? Referrals are a time-tested avenue for employers to find good hires — and that's a two-way street. Put the word out on social media and see what opportunities people in your desired location might know about. Also, chances are your alumni network has contacts in your new desired area. Take advantage of whatever resources and contacts you have that can get you an "in" with the place you want.

Step 3: Apply

When applying, consider the perspective of your potential employers. You don't want to be automatically disqualified simply for having an out-of-state address. It's often more practical for an organization to hire local talent rather than consider having to cover transportation or moving costs. Leave your address off the resume and cultivate a compelling reason for why you

want to move to a new area. Providing a good, honest reason for your desire to move and presenting the choice in a positive light can show a future employer that you are a serious candidate.

Step 4: Sharpen your Skype skills

Even though almost everything is online, job-searching from another state will present a challenge when you get close to the interview process. Taking a transatlantic flight for a first-round interview may prove costly and impractical if the job opportunity doesn't pan out. Interviewing in person is very different than interviewing via Skype or by phone. Don't be afraid to ask if this is a possibility for first-round interviews. And practice your Skype performance: Find a quiet, clean and properly lit spot to do your online interviews, pay for quality Wi-Fi to prevent dropped calls, and get used to making eye contact with the camera rather than the screen.

Step 5: Realize you might need to compromise

Sometimes a great job opportunity will lead you to another state, but it's a little harder to do this in reverse. This doesn't mean you will need to automatically take a pay cut, but if you prioritize location, you may need to budge somewhere else. So, if you really need to move, you need a back-up plan. Find a starter job in your ideal location where you can stay for a while and continue your job search from a stronger position once you've moved.

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

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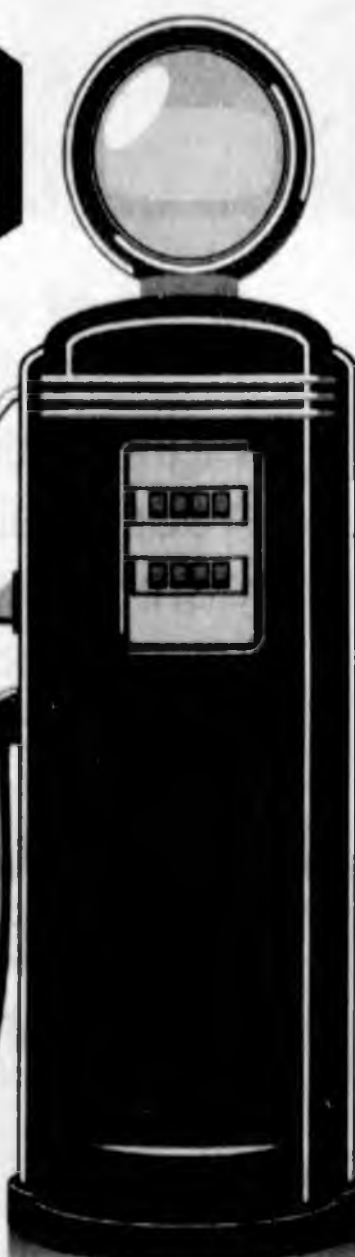

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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Goo! (up)
5 Gland near a kidney
12 NASCAR units
16 ER skill
19 Vocal quality
20 On the dot
21 Jai —
22 "... boy — girl?"
23 "This shop sells every fruit frozen dessert flavor?"
26 Ryan of films
27 Hot peppers
28 Bank charge
29 In — (bored)
30 Three or four
31 Segway inventor
Dean
32 Broncos' gp.
33 "John Brown's Body" poet's wages?
36 Mexico Mrs.
37 Long cut
38 TV's Swenson
39 Lofty nest
40 Flying disc that toy spaniels love to fetch?
44 Was a blowhard

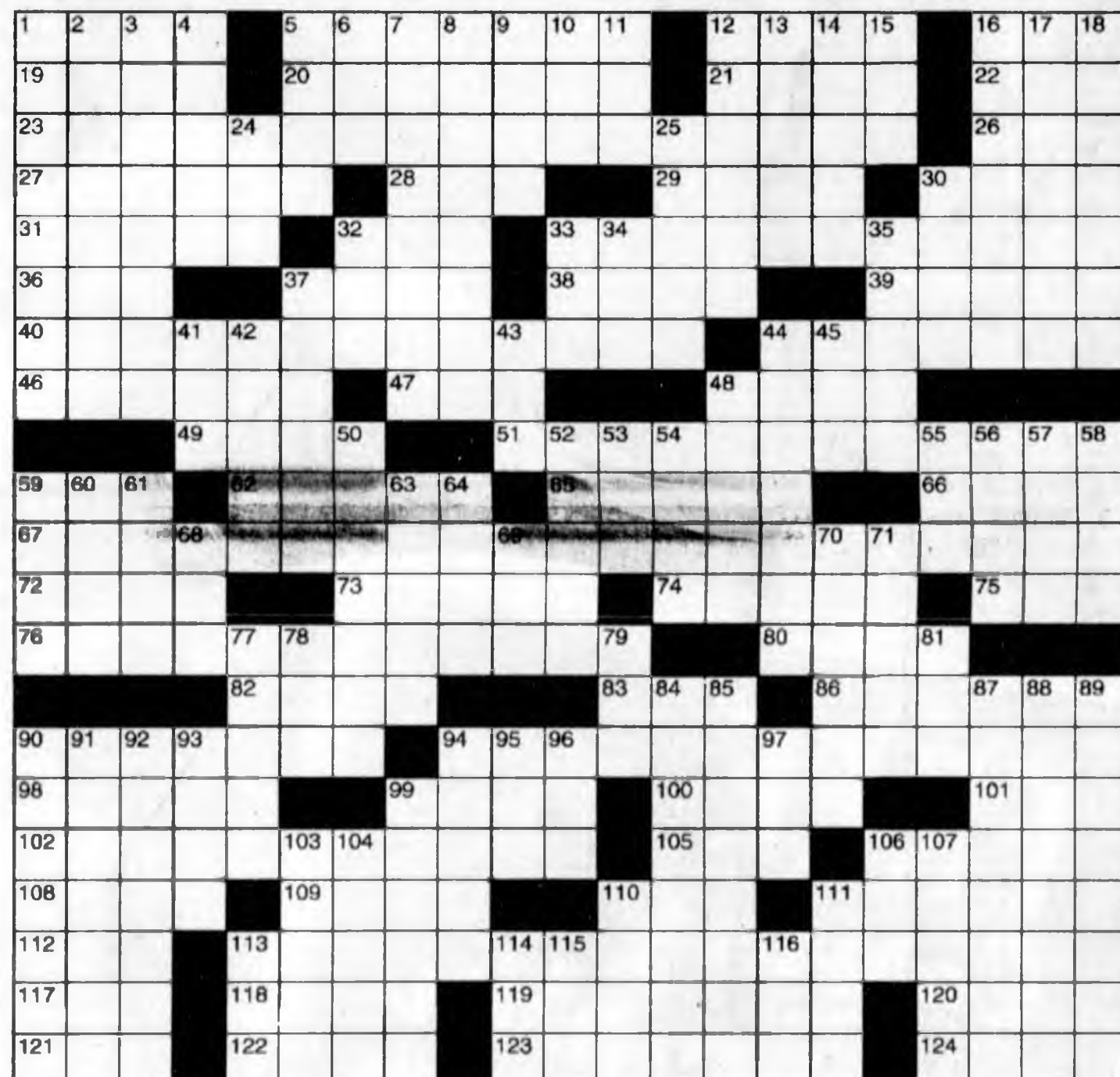
- 46 Big name among cello virtuosos
47 Label for Elton John
48 Bnc-a — (trinkets)
49 Ship's trail
51 Thorough search of an Apple computer?
59 Pierre's "here"
62 Virile type
65 inferior to
66 Mixed in with
67 Lots of sundried brick surrounding an empty space?
72 Former Navaho foes
73 Toy with
74 Massive mammal, for short
75 K'ung Fu — (Confucius)
76 Political group turns against one of its own members?
80 This, in Argentina
82 Dinghy pair
83 — polloi (the masses)
86 Some electric cars

- 90 Early-flowering leguminous trees
94 Flemish painter being violent?
98 Love, in Paris
99 Slacken
100 Beard, e.g.
101 Ming of basketball
102 "The Zoo Story" playwright with red hair?
105 — Jima
106 "— de Lune"
108 Momentous time periods
109 Omanis, e.g.
110 D.C. ballplayer
111 Milano of "Charmed"
112 Was idle
113 Enter a sea between Siberia and Alaska?
117 Broke bread
118 Years on end
119 Put in place
120 Tony winner
121 Danson of "Dad"
122 Player's fee

- 123 Mutinied ship of 1839
124 Mem. of the upper house
DOWN
1 Is loyal
2 Romeo type
3 Closeness
4 Norman Vincent —
5 Big goons
6 ER figures
7 Assert again
8 Drawing from many styles
9 Aswan
10 Obsolete animal
11 Astral feline
12 Noted locale of tar pits
13 Alaskan language
14 Singer
15 She's part of the fam
16 Solace
17 Early baby, informally
18 Pollen-count plant
24 15-Down, e.g.
25 Scope
30 Tennis zingers
32 '80s sitcom

- 33 Highchair neckwear
34 Atlanta-to-Charlotte dir.
35 Racial rights gp.
37 Twisted and turned
41 "— goes it?"
42 Largest city of Nebraska
43 Walton of Wal-Mart
44 Chocolate treat
45 Sturdy wood
48 Kiosk, e.g.
50 Stage hams
52 Nuns' home
53 Co. honcho
54 Hazy image
55 Rally yell
56 Skip over
57 Boxes for recycling
58 Ax feature
59 "It's my turn"
60 — rug (dance)
61 Cake froster
63 Helps illicitly
64 Approaching
68 Pres. before DDE
69 White — ghost
70 GM security service
71 Clan symbol
77 "— one to talk!"
78 Severe

- 79 The lady
81 Nile slitherer
84 Away for an extended break
85 Cry after catching someone in the act
87 Save for later
88 "Little Birds" author
89 Warehouse charges
90 Directs fury toward
91 Dubai, e.g.
92 Gave away
93 Pesters
94 Shul head
95 Spend
96 Stinging flier
97 Brazilian port city, in brief
99 Pass by
103 Expose by blabbing
104 "— you clever!"
106 The Indians, on sports tickers
107 U-shaped instruments
110 Terse denial
111 Undercover?
113 Viking realm
114 Intel org.
115 Senator Kaine
116 Hellenic "H"



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SUDOKU

9		5		3		2		
3				2			6	1
	7		4		5	8		
	9	3			1		8	
8			6	4		9		
	1				9		5	3
	2		3		6		4	
		1		7		3		6
7		6	8					5

Here's How It Works:

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

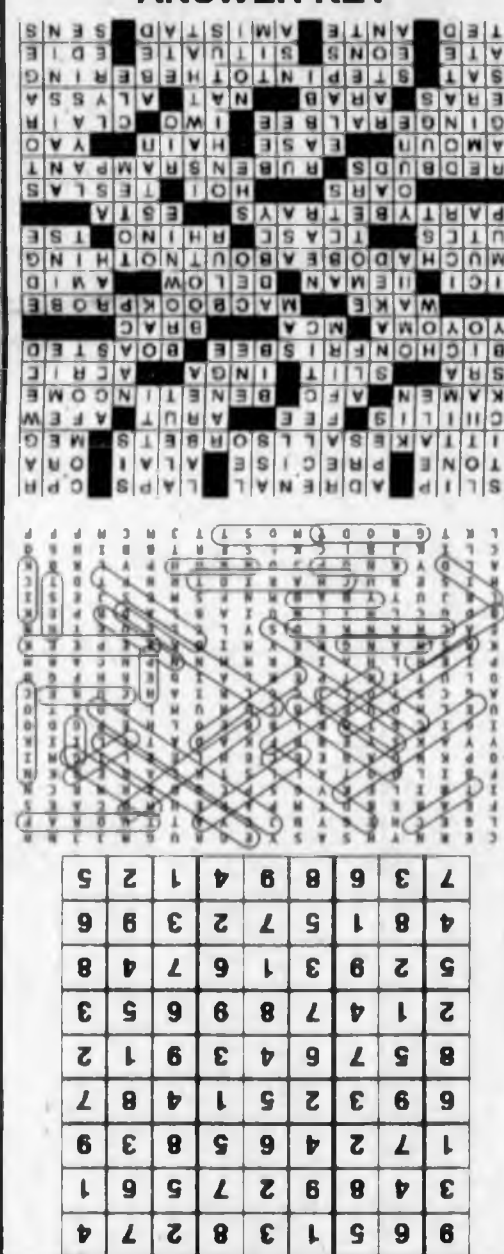
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L G E C H E G Y B J C Y A T T U O R A F
F E A B E B D T M P A P E H M D C A E S
I T B I L E K Y G S P C O B A R M R C N
F B I L D O T A L L S T K L A R E B K N
O P K N O A R E E C E H L E E L I G M I
Y Y A K S Y E B B F K A D A T T L I I K
I G I C G T B R L B B E O L H E P G D O
U E L H O U E I B C U R U M L S D A T O
A G C S T O C J C C L R I A H C U B E C
O L U T I K T P E R L A I D E R H F G B
P I E H L H A I R R M M N N P N C A B M
K R S H A N G K E Y M I B K R E P E E K
E A C R A N K E D S Y L C L E U E T N N
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A L D Y K N U P J D N R O H P Y L R B K
C L I K J B L C K L S E R T B B I N G O
L K T G R O D Y M O S T T J M C H F F F

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BALLAD
BASH
BIT
BLAST
BREAD
BURN
BUTTER
CAT
CHARIOT
CLANKED
CLYDE
COOKIN
COOTIES
CRANKED
CUBE
DEUCE
EYEBALL
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