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First responders get leadership training

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Two Northville Township first responders recently completed public safety-focused leadership training programs at Eastern Michigan University.

Sgt. Dan Jones, an 11-year township police officer, and Lt. Jason Hendrian, a 16-year fire department veteran, both graduated from EMU's Staff and Command schools in their respective fields. The well-regarded programs draw public safety professionals who want to

continue their education in police department or fire department management.

Hendrian, who was promoted to lieutenant in 2017, has served as a mentor for probationary firefighters and is an original member of the Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue Team. He is also a medical specialist with Michigan Task Force 1, an urban search and rescue team that recently assisted in rescue and relief efforts in North Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. He is also chairman of the fire department's health and safety commit-

tee.

Hendrian has a bachelor's degree from Siena Heights University and plans to begin a master's degree program this winter.

EMU's School of Fire Staff and Command requires of 360 hours of classroom instruction over nine months.

Jones, who was promoted to sergeant in 2017, has been assigned to the Wayne County special operations team, the Michigan State Police western



Hendrian



Jones

Wayne narcotics team and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. He has been an instructor at the Wayne County Regional Police Academy and has trained officers within the de-

partment.

Jones has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Eastern.

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Just say, 'Thank you'



Eugene McDonald reads aloud from a newspaper article written in 2013 about his World War II exploits.
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98-year-old World War II veteran sharp as a tack

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Eugene McDonald sits back in his chair and tugs on his baseball cap with "World War II Veteran" emblazoned on the front in loud and proud yellow lettering.

And for the 98-year-old McDonald, who served in the U.S. Navy from August 1940 through the end of World War II in 1945, any time spent talking about those years more than seven decades ago is like tugging on something else, too — his heartstrings.

"I toured the whole country. I enjoyed the navy," McDonald said, reminiscing

inside the small apartment at American House in Westland where he lives. "I never was one for the army and all that dust and dirt.

"When we were doing convoy duty, we went from the island of Bermuda to Boston to Texas and down to the country of Brazil and up the Amazon River — where your little piranha fish play, the ones that like to eat you. And that

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Novi man pleads no contest to murder of his wife

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A Novi man is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 19 after entering a no-contest plea to a charge of second-degree murder in the death of his wife.

Derrick Dixon, 31, entered the plea to the reduced charge before Oakland County Circuit Judge Hala Jarbou. Dixon had been charged with first-degree murder in the death of his wife, 32-year-old Heather Dixon, on Jan. 4.

The no-contest plea entered by Dixon doesn't admit guilt, but legally is treated the same as a guilty plea. The second-degree murder plea can carry a sentence of up to life in prison, but offers the possibility of parole, unlike a first-degree murder charge, which has a mandatory life sentence without parole.

Heather Dixon was found strangled to death with a neck tie in the bedroom of the couple's mobile home, where they lived with their three children.

Testimony at the preliminary examination at 52-1 District Court revealed the couple had been having marital problems and Heather Dixon was seeking a divorce.

Derrick Dixon had been living at the mobile home again for the previous

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Drop-In Thanksgiving Crafts for Kids

When: 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 and 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14

Details: Kids of all ages get creative making a fun Indian corn magnet for Thanksgiving. No registration required, just drop in.

Minute-To-Win It

When: 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13

Details: Compete for prizes in a

series of 60-second challenges based on the popular NBC-TV game show. Limit of 30 attendees. For ages 9-12.

Kidz Time

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

Details: Learn all about polar bears at this fun after-school program for students in grades 1-3 featuring stories, games and crafts.

Drop-In Little Me Storytime

When: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16

Details: Little ones — babies to age 2, along with parents and caregivers — can enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. Just drop in.

Drop-In Super Saturday Storytime

When: 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17

Details: Join us in the Storytime Room for stories, music and wiggles all about bears. Best suited for children 3 and older, but all ages welcome. Just drop in.

How to Avoid Getting Scammed

When: 7-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19

Details: Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management will discuss all the various financial scams that people should be aware of and provide tips on how to avoid being scammed. Register.

Drop-In Morning Storytime

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

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

Fall TOT Storytime

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

Fall Storytime

Details: For ages 4-5. Enjoy stories, music and creative activities

in this fun, interactive, small group experience. Children must attend independent of a caregiver and should also have basic cutting skills with craft scissors. Registration begins for Northville residents Tuesday, Sept. 11; open to non-residents next day. See library website for dates and times.

One-on-one tech help

When: 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. each Tuesday; 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. each Thursday

Details: Free one-hour session with our Digital Services librarian to help you navigate our downloading services, help with email, Facebook, DropBox and more. Not for computer repair or configuration questions. Register online or in person or call 248-349-3020.

ESL Conversation Group

When: 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Tuesday

Details: Join us for informal conversation to help improve your English. Just drop in.

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Upcoming events

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

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

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

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

General info

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

Building rentals and school and private tours available: Call or email

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

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

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NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EXPANDS



The Northville District Library celebrated the completion of its new building addition with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 21. The addition — the first major building construction since the library was built in 1996 — features two additional study rooms and a small conference room. The new conference room, called the Friends Community Room, was made possible in part by a donation by the Friends of the Library. The room holds up to 20 people, features an 80-inch TV and large whiteboard and can be reserved by local businesses, organizations or individuals. Go to northvillelibrary.org for information on reserving the library's two meeting rooms or call 248-349-3020. Those at the ceremony included (from left): library Trustee Joe Corriveau, library Trustee Deborah Stanifer, Friends of the Library president Martha Nork, Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix, Northville Mayor Ken Roth, library board Chair Alan Somershoe, library Director Anne Mannisto and library Trustee Mike DeFrancesco.

Murder

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three or four months after staying with his parents during a separation from his wife.

Testimony was that the couple had spent the early hours of Jan. 4 arguing

and Derrick Dixon's mother had been contacted to pick up the children and take them back to her home.

Not having heard from the couple during the day, Dixon's mother went by the mobile home after she finished work and, through a window, saw Derrick Dixon slumped on the living room couch. She called 9-1-1 and police discovered Heather Dixon's body.

Derrick Dixon was hospitalized after taking some type of pills in an apparent suicide attempt after his wife was killed. Following his release from the hospital, he has been held in the Oakland County Jail.

Prior to the case moving to circuit court, a competency examination was done on Dixon, who was found competent to stand trial.

Other testimony revealed that Dixon had attempted suicide in July 2017 and also as a teenager.

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Veteran

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was quite a deal there."

He remembers getting much sicker smoking a vintage K-Woody pipe (the same one favored by legendary movie star Bing Crosby) than he did on the USS Lake Champlain in 1944, when an electrical malfunction caused the ship to rock harder than anything Elvis Presley recorded a decade later.

"Our ship was rolling 35 degrees to one side and then 35 degrees the other side, that's 70 degrees," McDonald said. "Day and night — and that's quite a rolling. Now fortunately, I've never been seasick in my life. But my wife (Kathryn, now deceased) gave me a K-Woody pipe, like Bing Crosby was always smoking."

"I never was so sick in my life. ... The darn pipe. It's a blessing, because you notice now everything is 'Don't smoke, don't chew, you're going to pay a terrible price for it.'"

McDonald gave up smoking on the spot. He doesn't drink alcohol, either. Both are factors in his incredible longevity, having turned 98 in August. But the California native has other secrets to living a long life.

Check out American House on any given day and chances are good McDonald will be patrolling the sidewalk out on Venoy Road, trusty wooden cane in hand. If the weather isn't cooperating, such as one recent rainy weekday, he'll make his rounds inside the assisted living facility — where he deservedly is a bit of a superstar and the second-oldest resident.

"I've got this heavy breathing," McDonald said, discussing a July hospitalization, when he was diagnosed with acute respiratory failure. "That sets you up for heart attacks and other cheery stuff. But I walk a lot. I have a big cane here and I don't use the walker, because that weakens you."

"Well, you got to every single day of your life, so I walk every day."

The apartment where McDonald lives now isn't very stylish. Main items include a bed, television set, dresser and chair. On the outside of the apartment door is his nameplate, a nice touch. But for all his sharp, insightful memories, not even Buckingham Palace could contain his still-robust mind.



Eugene McDonald, 98, gets ready to take a walk at Westland's American House, where the World War II veteran remains active. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

McDonald puts on his jacket and cap, grabs the cane and then starts moving in the direction of the American House office. Once there, he exchanges pleasantries with the facility's doctor and executive director, Elizabeth Churnesky.

Back on his walking tour, he kibitzes with a couple of neighbors in the hallway and takes a look down the hallway where a bingo game is in full swing. McDonald keeps on walking because such activities aren't his cup of Lipton.

Tells it like it is

Walking the walk keeps him active physically and he augments that by keeping up on current events such as the midterm elections and the recently concluded World Series between the Boston Red Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers.

Just ask him, he's got an opinion. But he isn't a troublemaker, giving opinions quietly but with the kind of gusto an old

navy man can give them.

"Surprisingly, a lot of (resident neighbors) are hard to talk to," McDonald said. "They pride themselves on never watching the news. ... I've never heard so many people running for election that says the other one was a despicable so-and-so."

"A lot of people pride themselves (that) they didn't vote. One vote's the only reason we speak English and not German. There are people who say your vote doesn't count."

McDonald lived and fought through one major war and, obviously, was a student of another, the Revolutionary War. The vote that made English the official language of the American colonies took place in 1776.

Baseball is another of his favorite pastimes, switching out his World War II cap for one with the logo of the Cincinnati Reds on it. He became a Reds fan while living in Lawrenceburg, Ind.

"Everybody around here wears a hat to keep their head warm," McDonald said with a chuckle. "Here's an interesting point. Look inside the label of that (the Reds hat) and it says New Era, (official maker of MLB caps since 1920). That's the same year I was born. But now I have to be a Detroit fan, if they quit giving all their players away!"

The champion Red Sox featured four key players and a general manager that had close-but-no-cigar postseason experiences with the Tigers.

The recent World Series was something that made him bristle, particularly an 18-inning game that took 7:20 to complete.

"People aren't going to sit around and watch a game for seven and a half hours," McDonald said. "One of the girls that works here, she got up early to go to work and said, 'The damn game is still on.' That's ridiculous. I think baseball better wake up."

Nice to be recognized

Despite the chilly rain falling outside, this was a good day for McDonald. For breakfast, he had some scrambled eggs, toast, bowl of regular Cheerios and a single cup of coffee. He expected 72-year-old son Jay McDonald, a Plymouth resident, to stop in for a visit later on. Jay is one of four children he and now-deceased Kathryn raised.

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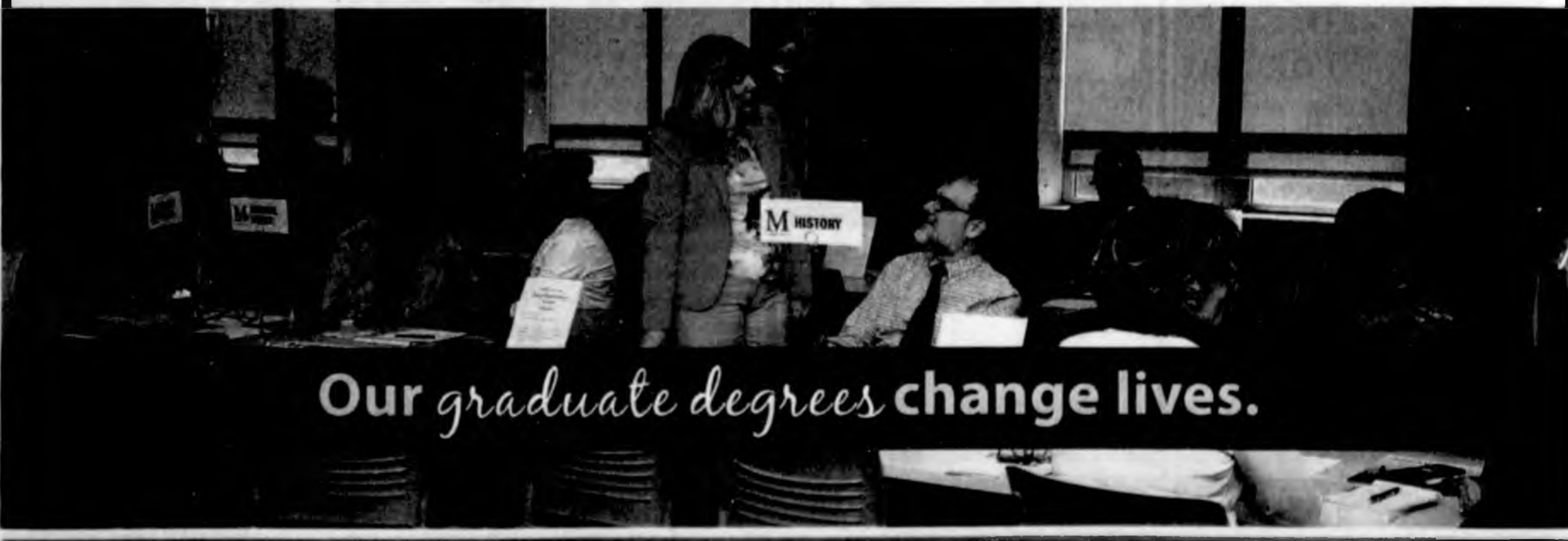
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In the afternoon, he had something else to chew on — the heartbreaking lack of attention that American heroes often deal with. Veteran's Day is looming (it is Sunday, Nov. 11), but McDonald isn't planning anything special.

"In Cincinnati, you (heard) the words, 'Thank you for your service,' very much," McDonald said, referring to when he lived in Indiana. "Here in Michigan, it's very seldom. Now they all couldn't have worked for Ford Motor Co. or Chevrolet. You just don't hear that much, at least I don't."

"Well, it hurts. I tell you, there's nothing to describe the feeling you get when somebody out of the clear blue sky says, 'Thank you for your service.' It just puts a warm glow through you. And I think a lot of people think by being quiet, they're being helpful. No."

"And a lot of (U.S. veterans), especially from Vietnam... everybody looked down on them because they didn't volunteer for that, they were forced to go. And then everybody called them bad names. So, 'Thank you for your service' goes a long, long, long ways to making you feel like a human being."

War stories

For as much as McDonald loved his family and civilian life in the decades since Harry S. Truman ordered atomic bombs be dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki — prompting the Japanese to surrender — he wistfully wonders about staying in the navy a bit longer than he did.

After all, he did have some unique wartime experiences. For example, he spent five months on the USS Osmond Ingram "cruising the Caribbean, visiting all the islands, all the way from Cuba to Trinidad. Then they pulled us out and made us into a sea-planing tender."

The day when the United States defeated Japan and triumphantly signaled the end of the war, McDonald doesn't remember doing anything "dramatic" to celebrate.

"We were in port (in Norfolk, Va.), and, as the high point man on my ship, they said, 'You want to get off today?'" he said. "And I'll tell you, at 25, you do not know all the answers. You're not as



Eugene McDonald, 98, of Westland, holds a 1941 photograph taken during his World War II U.S. Navy tenure. He is shown with his first wife Kathryn.

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smart as you think you are. I should have stayed in the navy. My god, I had six years in. That's the hard years. By then, you know the ropes or think you do."

Another thing McDonald recalls about serving during World War II was that young Americans during the 1940s didn't think twice about it.

"Well, they attacked us and everybody went," he said. "The president's sons, Roosevelt's sons, went into the service. The movie stars signed up.

Some of them would sign up as privates because they were so good."

"I was on the USS Richmond, a light cruiser from World War I, and she was stationed in Kodiak, Alaska. Well, before I got on her, the USS Salt Lake City, a heavy cruiser, those two were in a task force and they had five brand new destroyers with them. They ran across four Japanese heavy cruisers and somebody did something wrong on the Salt Lake City... the ship stopped dead in the water. The Richmond was still going, so she

circles the Salt Lake — and later on they called her the Greyhound of the Pacific."

Those American ships crept up to within striking distance of the Japanese.

"They got within 2,000 yards, that's only about a mile, and they dropped all their torpedoes and the Japanese cruisers were, like, 'Let's get out of here,'" McDonald said. "About 25 torpedoes coming at you, you don't want to take a chance."

Nick of time

McDonald realizes he was a lucky guy, though. His World War II experience was book-ended by a knack for really good timing.

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, McDonald wasn't there. Instead, he was on the U.S. east coast, in port with the USS Osmond Ingram.

And when the atomic bombs were dropped in August 1945, McDonald wasn't there. The USS Lake Champlain was undergoing sea trials off the coast of Virginia. But the ship's number was next to be called.

"Two days before we were going to go to the South Pacific, they stopped the war and that's when I got off," McDonald said.

The western world went wild, but not McDonald. Oh sure, he was happy that the United States had prevailed, but he was ready to just return to Kathryn and start a family.

"We were in port in Norfolk and I just wasn't one of those that got carried away like a lot of people did," McDonald said.

The McDonalds, who were married in November 1941, went on to have four children (the late Eugene, Jay, Sandra and Mary Ellen) and were proud grandparents, great-grandparents and even great, great-grandparents.

As one of the dwindling members of America's Greatest Generation (those born from 1910-24), McDonald still doesn't cotton to the limelight or to celebratory hoopla.

All he wants are handshakes and thank yous.

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Board needs to take action on collecting money



Condo Living
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Q: Our community association has historically only pursued assessment collection to the point of recording a lien on the delinquent owner's property and no further action is taken after that. I was just elected to the board and I'm thinking maybe we need to do more. Am I right?

A: Absolutely. The assumption that people make with the above approach is that the association will eventually be paid when the owner refinances or sells their property. However, they are taking on significant risk that there is enough equity in the property to begin with and the additional risk that there will not be

a housing market crash that erases that equity. It seems many have already forgotten what happened just 10 years ago, when housing values plummeted and associations everywhere were out of luck when delinquent owners' properties were not worth anything near the amount of their mortgages. When the banks foreclosed, there was no money available for the association. This raises the additional question of whether your board is properly addressing its fiduciary duties to the association, which could form the basis of a claim against the board.

Perhaps your association does not yet have the ability to recover fees and costs of collection in its governing documents and that is part of the reason why the board has decided on its current approach. If that is the case, then you should amend your governing documents right away to give the association

that ability.

I am also going to make an educated guess that your association has not yet adopted a collection policy. Adopting such a policy is crucial to ensure the defensibility of your collection efforts. It would set forth the timing of each step in the collection process (e.g., late notice, lien, foreclosure), late fees and interest, partial payment provisions, payment plan provisions and other items which may not be addressed in your declaration or bylaws. Then, everyone will be on notice that you are drawing a line in the sand and are going to be aggressively pursuing delinquent accounts going forward.

I should mention that all of the above holds true whether you live in a subdivision or a condominium.

The association members are wise to have elected you and, hopefully, you can convince the rest of the board that

changes need to be made. You need to contact an experienced community association attorney who can assist you with amending your governing documents as may be needed, preparing a collection policy and determining the next steps to take for each individual collection matter.

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Sometimes getting what you don't deserve is a good thing



Cultural Relevancy
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When I was a kid, I went to summer camp on a scholarship because we were poor. At the camp was a place called the Canteen, the camp store where you could buy candy, pop, T-shirts, ice-cream, etc. You didn't use cash. You put your money in an account and drew on it for the two weeks you were there. But my account was empty, because I didn't have any money. Then one day, they told me that someone had put money into my account. (And it was some huge amount at the time, like \$50.) I knew it wasn't anything I had earned. Someone had just credited money into my ac-

count that I hadn't earned.

In the apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans, Chapter 4, he makes the claim that a person can be righteous before God not by doing good deeds, but by simply having faith. As Exhibit 1A, he offers Abraham, founder of the Jewish religion: "Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness." He goes on to say that it wasn't just available to Abraham, but to all of us.

As an example of when Abraham showed great faith in God, Paul tells the story of when God told Abraham he would be the "father of many nations" and Abraham believed God, even though both Abraham and his wife were very old and way past child-bearing age. It got me to wondering, if someone wanted to give an example of how I have faith, what could they point to in my

life? What would people point to in your life?

It's also a bit humorous when Paul says that Abraham "never wavered" in his faith. If you actually read the story of Abraham in Genesis 12-25, you'll see that he did doubt, question, stumble, act impulsively and make lots of mistakes. But at the end of the day, he always came back to trusting God. That's what the Bible calls faith in God: Not perfection, but at the end of the day you confess your shortcomings and you say, "God I still believe."

It reminds me of "The Lord of the Rings," where Frodo is hailed as the hero for courageously destroying the ring of power in the fire of Mt. Doom. Remember how he struggled? But in the end, it went in and that's all anyone remembers.

My sister-in-law Eileen was a much loved and highly respected woman in Alaska — both in the native community as well as the mainline culture — right up until she died two months ago. My oldest daughter is currently in Alaska finalizing Eileen's affairs. My daughter tells me that when she goes places, she keeps receiving honor and respect from people, not because of anything she has done, but because she is Eileen's niece. "I don't deserve it, Dad," she told me. The respect that Eileen earned is being credited to my daughter. She keeps getting credit for something someone else did. That's pretty much the Gospel.

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Set a budget and stick to it for holiday spending



Money Matters
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It's hard to believe, but the holidays are right around the corner. It seems every year the stores are starting earlier and earlier with holiday sales. It used to be that the Friday after Thanksgiving (Black Friday) signified the beginning of the holiday season. Today, the sales are starting earlier, with many stores actually opening Thanksgiving Day. The goal of all these sales and advertisements is very simple — for us to spend, spend and then spend some more during the holiday season. But just because they are urging us to spend more doesn't necessarily mean it's something you and I should be doing.

It seems every year I write a column, such as this one, encouraging people not to overspend for the holidays. Likewise, it seems every year at this time, I read an article about people who have finished paying for last year's holiday gifts just as they're about to start spending for this year. Going into debt is no way to celebrate the holidays. We should all make a pledge to not over-

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At the same time you establish a holiday budget, you should also decide who you have to buy gifts for. Once you do, it's much easier to allocate your resources. Establishing a game plan before you go shopping makes it much easier to stay the course.

Another thing that families can do to help ease the pressure people feel during the holiday season is to set a limit within the family as to the amount to be spent on a holiday gift. We always tell children it's the thought that counts, not how much you spend. Maybe this is the year we actually put that into effect.

The reality of the situation is that,

despite an improving economy and an improved job situation, unfortunately, gift giving detracts from the true meaning of the holidays. The holidays are a time to spend with family and friends in order to enjoy each other's company. It is not a time to go into debt and cause financial difficulty. All too often, that's what the holidays end up being for all too many people. Before you begin your holiday shopping, consider talking to family and friends who you traditionally exchange gifts with and consider putting a cap on holiday gifts. I recognize this may be an uncomfortable conversation to have, but family and friends should be able to discuss finances without being embarrassed.

The holiday sales and push from retailers has already begun. As consumers, you and I can't fall prey to their tactics. Don't get caught up in that vicious circle of spend, spend and spend some more. I can assure you that if you don't have the financial pressure that inevitably happens during the holiday season, you will enjoy the holidays the way they're meant to be enjoyed.

Good luck!

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Canadian firm to grow tree seedlings in Brighton area

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North America's largest producer of container-grown tree seedlings plans to grow about 8 million seedlings a year in the Brighton State Recreation Area, following an agreement to lease about 14 acres from the state.

A large commercial tree nursery with 22 greenhouses comprising about 7,000-square-feet, several outdoor raised beds and a building for production and office space will be constructed this year at 5995 Chilson Road, at the corner of Bishop Lake Road in Hamburg Township in the recreation area.

Victoria, British Columbia-based PRT Growing Services, Ltd., signed a 20-year lease with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division for about 14 acres at the site. The lease includes an option to renew for up to another 20 years.

"We have a fairly well developed base of customers from the (Great Lakes) region, but we had no local production there ... for growing and providing seedlings for reforestation," PRT Growing Services CEO Rob Miller said.

The company's customer base includes states, parks agencies and counties, as well as the lumber industry and other private sector businesses.

Miller said the Michigan DNR is "a key customer for us ... so we felt building the nursery would be the best way to tend to their needs."

Miller declined to comment on how much the company plans to invest.

Ann Arbor SPARK estimated the company's investment will be in the range of \$4 million to \$5 million.

The company will pay the state \$1.4 million in rent over 20 years, according to Nicole Toman, a regulatory unit manager for the state's Parks and Recreation Division.

He said the new facility will create



Property on the east side of Chilson Road, north of Bishop Lake Road, part of the Brighton State Recreation Area, will be leased to a British Columbia-based company that plans to use the land to grow tree seedlings. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

about 50 seasonal jobs and a couple year-round jobs. He expects growers to begin sowing red pine, jack pine and other tree varieties next spring.

"In Brighton, we expect this nursery can expand further in the future," he

said. "When we build a facility like this, they are very long term assets."

Mike Donnelly, park supervisor of the Brighton State Recreation Area, said the state's Forest Resources Division grew a small number of trees on the property for decades. A tree improvement center is located there.

"They were growing different types of trees, a lot of red pine and a lot of tamaracks, but the state has moved away from wanting to do that and instead contracted it out," Donnelly said.

He said the Forest Resources Division will grow "some other species" of trees in different parts of the recreation area.

Miller said he has noticed "a trend across North America" of states and

other government entities contracting with reforestation companies rather than growing their own trees.

"I think it's because there is a viable commercial sector, and more and more they are turning to commercial seedling companies," Miller said. "Containerized seedlings have advantages over bare root seedlings, which means they are grown in a field. ... One problem is those seedlings suffer a great amount of damage when they are dug up and moved ... and seedlings in containers are not subject to the same kind of damage."

PRT Growing Services's facility in the recreation area will be the company's first in a Great Lakes region state, its fourth U.S. nursery and 16th overall in Canada and the U.S.

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Seedlings' benefit auction open until Nov. 14

Win great items for yourself or holiday gifts and help blind children learn to read by bidding in an online auction through Nov. 14 benefiting Seedlings Braille Books for Children, a nonprofit in Livonia.

Hot auction items include tickets to Detroit Red Wings, Lions and Tigers games; a two-night stay at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island; a Crystal Mountain weekend getaway; golf packages; Amazon gift cards; handmade quilts; a 2018 NASCAR Cup Series Racing Helmet autographed by 15 drivers;

tickets to the Henry Ford, Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Nutcracker Ballet; restaurant gift certificates; vintage items; and more. Check out the nearly 300 items or make a cash donation at www.BiddingForGood.com/braille books.

Bidding goes until 10 p.m. Nov. 14. Seedlings hopes to raise \$18,000 for 1,800 braille books for children around the world who have vision loss. For more information, contact Karen Smith at 734-427-8552, ext. 301, or seedlink7@ameritech.net.

Busch's kicks off annual holiday food drive

Busch's Fresh Food Market is partnering with local charity organizations to collect food and monetary donations for families in need.

The food drive will take place Nov. 12-21, at all 17 of Busch's locations. This is the 22nd year that Busch's will host the event. Busch's is partnering with Food Gatherers, CARES of Farmington Hills, Saline Social Services, Livingston Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest to collect and distribute donations for area families.

Guests who shop at Busch's can donate pre-made "ready-to-go" food donation bags filled with 16 items, recycling bottle slips, a \$5 produce or \$10 bakery donation or any cash amount. Busch's will also have a hot dog cart staffed at various times throughout the campaign and proceeds will benefit the local food banks.

"It's so important to give back to the community, especially during the holidays," said Doug Busch, community development director. "Anything helps."

All donations will stay in the community, ensuring that local families are the ones to receive assistance.

Busch's Fresh Food Market has served southeast Michigan for more than 40 years. Busch's is Michigan's largest family-owned independent grocery retailer, with locations in Ann Arbor, Brighton, Canton, Clinton, Carleton, Dexter, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Novi, Pinckney, Plymouth-Northville, Rochester hills, Saline, South Lyon, Tecumseh and West Bloomfield. Busch's also operates a Central Kitchen located in Clinton and a self-distributing warehouse in South Lyon. For more information, go to buschs.com.

OLGC parishioners leave their comfort zones for a night for area's homeless

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Nine-year-old Ella Montes proved that you can never be too young to walk in the shoes of someone less fortunate.

Montes, a fourth-grader at Canton's Eriksson Elementary School, was one of 28 Our Lady of Good Counsel parishioners who spent one of three consecutive nights (Oct. 28-30) sleeping outdoors behind the Plymouth church to help raise awareness and money for the area's homeless people.

According to a story published in May by Crain's Detroit, the nonprofit Homeless Action Network of Detroit estimated there were 1,769 people experiencing homelessness in the cities of Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park.

Detroit's suburbs are not immune to homelessness, which is why the OLGC contingent left their comfort zones last week to gain invaluable perspective.

Katie Montes, who spearheaded the fundraiser, said the group raised approximately \$28,000, which will be divided among three charities that directly help the area's homeless population.

"I participated in a similar sleep-out a couple years ago at St. Anastasia in Troy and I found it to be a worthwhile experience," Katie Montes said. "I approached the leaders of at Our Lady of Good Counsel and they gave me the go-ahead to organize this event."

Young enough to care

Inspired by a cause far removed from most fourth-graders' radar, Ella Montes raised more than \$1,000.

"I did a video and my mom (Katie) put it on her Facebook," said Ella, who was less than an hour away from slumbering in a tent for the night. "I want to do whatever I can to help the homeless."

"I want people to know that even though they're not part of our church, they can help, too."

OLGC Deacon Dave Carignan explained that the purpose of the homeless event was about more than just raising money.

"We really want to bring awareness to the many people who have no home to go to," Carignan said. "We're trying to bring attention to the fact that there are those living in our community who are without a home. We're doing what we can to be the Lord's servants and help those in need."

Braving the cold and damp mid-autumn air to help a cause wasn't a new experience for Plymouth resident and OLGC member James Kempa, who en-



Several members of Plymouth's Our Lady of Good Counsel congregation braved cold and damp conditions to raise money for the homeless. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

dured a similar experience last year in Troy.

"It was a cool experience, because it gave me a better perspective on what homeless people live through," Kempa said. "You realize the needs that others have. Some of the small things that I complained about (prior to his overnight experience last year) seem trivial now compared to what homeless people face."

"It makes you want to give back."

In an effort to simulate a night as a homeless person, the OLGC members slept outdoors in tents and relinquished all electrical devices — cellphones included — food and water.

Kempa did have to make an excep-

tion, however, and for good reason.

"I will have my phone on me tonight," he said with a smile, "because my wife is due to deliver a baby at any time."

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Eighth-graders get a lot from Washington trip



Super Talk
Steve Matthews
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

As you read this, I am probably somewhere between Washington, D.C., and Novi on a bus with 47 eighth-grade students and four adult chaperones.

I am one of the chaperones.

My bus is one of eight buses from the Novi Community School District filled with more than 350 students and 32 adults. We are on the annual Novi Middle School trip to Washington, D.C. We left early in the morning Nov. 6 and will return late in the evening Nov. 10.

I have been on this trip five previous times. On my first trip in 2012, a norovirus swept through our merry band of travelers. Let me just say, it was not pretty.

Why do we do this? Why do 32 adults willingly give up their time to spend with other people's children riding a bus, touring Washington, D.C., eating with middle school students and looking for lost socks on a bus?

To learn history, of course. To see the U.S. Constitution displayed in the Rotunda of the National Archives Building. To see the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. To think and reflect on Thomas Jefferson and Martin Luther King Jr. and the Vietnam War Memorial.

Our students can at times be very reflective, understand the enormity of a moment, see with clarity how what they are studying about history in Novi con-

nects with the larger world they live in.

But at times, we are reminded that they are eighth-graders.

On one trip, as we sat in Ford's Theater, a student listened to the guide and asked earnestly, "Wasn't President Lincoln shot in a theater?" The answer, of course, was "Yes. Yes, President Lincoln was shot in a theater. In fact, he was shot in this very theater."

So at times, the lessons of history are not as clear as we think them to be. And that is when I am reminded that there are other purposes for this trip.

The Washington, D.C., trip is educational, but it is also about other things.

It is about eighth-grade students learning to navigate social situations on a bus for 10-12 hours. It is about eighth-grade students keeping track of their own suitcase. It is about eighth-grade students listening to adults who are not their parents. It is about eighth-grade students problem-solving how to charge a phone. It is about eighth-grade students being with friends.

It is about eighth-grade students seeing that there are adults who are not their parents who care deeply, who can serve as advocates, who are willing to be with them.

I am glad that our students have this chance, can experience this trip in this way.

It will provide lasting memories.

And, if we are lucky, it will reinforce that we are fortunate to have each other.

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Novi Pet Expo

The 14th annual Novi Pet Expo is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, Nov. 9-11, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue. 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 event will include an expanded pet rescue area with a wide array of Michigan pet rescues and shelters with adoptable animals seeking their forever homes. Some are available for guests to adopt and take home on-site. Other features will include Sara Carson and her dog Hero, past contestants on the hit TV show "America's Got Talent," Johnny Peers & The Muttville Comix, the Rock N Roll K9s dazzling agility demos, the cute huskies of Gone to the Snow Dogs, plus Ultimate Air Dogs dock diving feats, Rainbow Feather Bird Club and Rescue, Dog Lovers Day Lure Course and more. The Michigan Humane Society will be on hand to share information about its community programs and offer tips on integrating a new pet into your family.

Well-behaved dogs are welcome with proof of current vaccination status, but retractable leashes are not permitted. General admission is \$10 (ages 12 and up), \$5 for children (ages 6-11) and free for children age 5 and under. "Bounce House Mania" requires additional wristband purchase of \$5 per child (ages 2-11) for unlimited jump time. Friday is Senior Day: ages 55 and up can receive discounted admission for \$5. Guests can save \$2 off the general full-price admission with a contribution of pet food or supplies for the Michigan Humane Society and coupons for admission are also available (with purchase) at select locations of Premier Pet Supply and Pet Supplies Plus.

For more information, go to novipetexpo.com.

Hollywood Nights fundraiser

Imagine Theatre and Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan will host its 19th annual Hollywood Nights 24-hour fundraising event. It will take place

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10, at Imagine Theatre, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, in Novi.

Film enthusiasts and supporters of CLF can enjoy a great movie watching experience while raising money and awareness to benefit children and adults affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other blood-related cancers.

There are various packages and ticket prices, including 24 hours of movies, as well as lunch and dinner, unlimited snacks and a raffle. For more information, contact Kristen King at 248-530-3002 or kking@leukemiamichigan.org.

Community Reads author visit

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

Each of the six NLA libraries will host book discussions and book-related events, culminating in an author visit at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail.

To learn more about the book and for a complete schedule of 2018 Community Reads events, dates and times, go to <http://nlacommunityreads.weebly.com>

War Dog Memorial ceremony

The Michigan War Dog Memorial, 25805 Milford Road, in South Lyon will be hold an interment for K-9 Moose of the Novi Police Department at noon Saturday, Nov. 10. Come to support his handler, Officer Shawn Penzak, and say a final goodbye to this K-9 hero.

For more information, contact Phil Weitlauf at 248-685-8307 or mwdmk9@gmail.com.

Northville Genealogical Society

The Northville Genealogical Society will host its next meeting at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street. The first discussion is titled Hidden Hints of Ancestry.com, followed by a business meeting and then Judy Pfaff will discuss her

work in genealogy. The public is invited to attend, free of charge.

Harvest dinner

Milford Baptist Church, 133 Detroit Street, will host a harvest dinner at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11. It will include a free turkey dinner with all the trimmings, followed by a participation service at 6 p.m.

AAUW Northville-NovI presentation

The American Association of University Women Northville-NovI will host Karen Moore, executive director of Sanctum House, who will discuss how Sanctum House helps human trafficking survivors, during its next meeting at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Northville Public Library, 212 W. Cady Street. Sanctum House provides a two-year in-residence program that offers integrated services in mental therapy, physical health care, education, life skills, spiritual guidance and employment.

The public is invited to attend this free out-reach program. For more information, go to www.aauwnn.org.

Free event at First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street, in Northville will host a free event titled "Don't Worry, Be Thankful." 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14. All are welcome for free dinner, entertainment and activities for all ages. The program will include a pasta dinner, a message about Thankfulness, music, adult and youth activities and nursery care. For more information, call 248-349-0911.

'Comedy of Tenors' at Tipping Point

Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, in Northville is producing Ken Ludwig's "A Comedy of Tenors" Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 15-18, 23-25 (no show Thanksgiving Day), Nov. 29 through Dec. 2, Dec. 6-9, 13-16 and 20-23. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. There are also performances scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 and Dec. 12.

Tickets for Nov. 15-16 are \$26 and include a post-show discussion with producing artistic director James R. Kuhl and director Angie Ferrante.

In addition, the performance Nov. 25 will benefit American Association of Women - Northville Novi. Tickets are \$45 with a reception that includes food and beverage. AAUWNN is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to support equity and education for women and girls, providing scholarships and educational programs for local women and children.

For more information, go to <https://www.tippingpointtheatre.com/tenors>.

Young artist art fair

The Northville Art House will present its third annual Young Artist Juried Art Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main Street. More than 30 artists, in grades 2-12, will showcase their talents and be selling their original artwork. Featured work will include: acrylic, watercolor, illustrations, jewelry, mixed media, fiber art, photography and much more.

The Northville Strings Students will open the art fair with a performance 10:30-11:15 a.m. Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase to support the First Presbyterian Youth Group's Mission trip to Puerto Rico this July. Suggested donation of \$3 at the door to the Young Artist Juried Art Fair. Kids under age 12 get in free.

Closing the event is musical guest Neil Woodward, Michigan's troubadour. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 14 and under. All proceeds go toward the Northville Art House outreach programs and events.

For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to <http://northvilleart.house.org/young-artist-art-fair-2018/>.

South Lyon Area Historical Society

The South Lyon Area Historical Society will host its ninth annual dulcimer concerts Sunday, Nov. 25, in the Little Village Chapel, 300 Dorothy Street. The Village String Dulcimer group will be performing at two seatings 4 p.m. and another at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at Bakman Florist, Parkside Cleaners and Java House.

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 the end of November, the exhibit will feature pastel and oil paintings by multi-award winning artist Patricia Bombach.

This free exhibit will be displayed during regular library hours (9:30 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.

Holiday season tribute

Northville's Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, will present a holiday season tribute featuring Gary Sacco as Frank Sinatra and Matt King as Elvis at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. Tickets are \$25 and are available at 248-349-8110, from the Marquis Theatre box office or at the door. Senior and group discounts are available. For more information, go to www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Veterans clothing drive

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce Street, in Milford is having a winter clothing drive of new/gently used items for both men and women. It will also accept shoes, boots, outdoor wear and small sized toiletries. Clothing must be clean and in good condition. Items collected will go to homeless veterans.

The drive runs through Saturday, Dec. 1. Donations may be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and each Sunday morning. Call 248-684-0495 in advance during the week before dropping off items.

Novi Choralaires concerts

The Novi Choralaires vocal group has scheduled two holiday concerts for this season: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook, in Novi and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, in Farmington Hills.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children under age 12, as well as for groups of 10 or more, and will be available at the door. For more information, go to www.novichoralaires.org.

Northville Newcomers & Neighbors holiday party

The Northville Newcomers & Neighbors club will host a holiday dinner dance 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive. Tickets are \$50 for members and spouses, \$60 for guests.

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

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

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, Dec. 7. 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>.

Animal shelter donation drive

Provident Dentistry, 40105 W. Grand River Avenue, in Novi is hosting a holiday donation drive benefiting the Oakland County Animal Shelter. Donations will be accepted at the office through Friday, Dec. 14.

Items in need include towels and blankets, leashes and collars, canned cat food, cat litter and pans, bound carpet samples, pet carriers, pet toys/treats/food and food dishes.

For more information, call 248-471-0345 or go to www.providentdentistry.com.

Northville Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will host an exhibit titled TransFORM: Contemporary Artworks in Ceramics, Glass and Metal, featuring the innovated expressions of metro Detroit artists Herb Babcock, John Beckman, Pamela Day, Ray Katz, John Albert Murphy and Ann Smith, through Dec. 15.

The exhibition is open during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday

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Detroit-area Jewish teens hold vigil to stand strong with Tree of Life families

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One after another, teens professed to stand in unity with the Jewish community, to fight hatred and to never hide their Star of David necklace again.

"I am deeply saddened by the 11 Jews who were killed on Saturday," Mac Bauer said during his comments. "I am angry at Robert Bowers for screaming, 'All Jews must die.' I am enraged that he used an assault weapon to convey his message. And I am scared that it could happen in our community."

"As I look out to all of you, that mix of emotions changes. I feel warmth and strength that this community is built upon, the love from my family and my friends, the oneness from all of us teens coming together," he added.

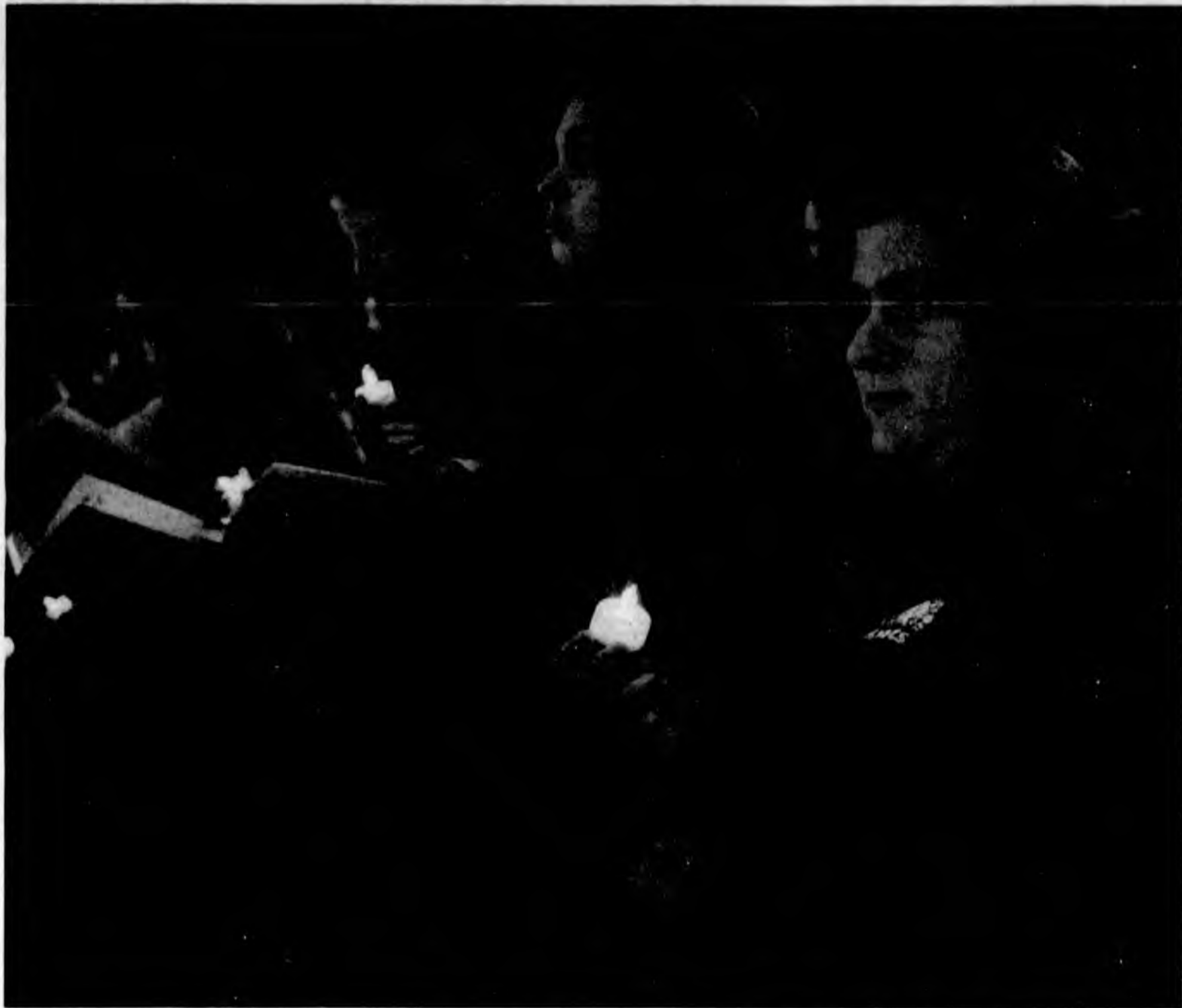
Organized by five area teen Jewish youth organizations, more than 300 teens attended the vigil at Temple Israel in West Bloomfield to sing, pray and listen to teen speakers shining light on a dark week.

Like most in attendance, Lily Kollin, one of the teen organizers, was at synagogue when she heard the news. "It was hilariously Jewish; it was unforgivably Jewish; it was proudly Jewish; it was home; it was compassion; it was generosity; it was family at its holiest," she said.

"Saturday morning," she said with a pause, "and I was in synagogue and I was pulled aside. And I was told 11 of our people were murdered. Saturday morning — in synagogue."

Saturday morning — and I was in synagogue," she added. "And for once, I couldn't think about gun laws; I couldn't think about our president; I couldn't think about God. All I could do was feel and I felt endlessly. It was as if a small part of my soul had been plucked. ... For this time, it wasn't just another shooting. This time, it was family. This time, it was home. This time, it was Saturday morning — in synagogue."

'Saturday morning, I vowed to wear my necklace (Magen David) every day



Shelby Kaufman holds a light during a vigil at Temple Israel to mourn the 11 Jewish lives lost at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. PHOTOS BY DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

for the rest of my life," she said. "I vowed to let myself feel endlessly and love without hesitation. I vowed to fight hate at its every turn."

"For I have grown up being taught to create life in the face of death. To create unity in the face of division. To create

love in the face of hatred — to hope with such intensity for the future."

In all, 17 teens came to the podium. As candles were lit, Brayden Hirsch led Kaddish and read the names of the 11 deceased: Joyce Feinberg, Richard Gootried, Rose Mallinger, Jerry Rabinowitz,

Cecil Rosenthal, David Rosenthal, Bernice Simon, Sylvan Simon, Daniel Stein, Melvin Wax and Irving Younger.

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through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. The Art House will be closed Wednesday through Saturday, Nov. 21-24, for Thanksgiving.

For more information, go to www.northvillearthouse.org.

New exhibit at HVCA

Four award-winning photographers are featured in Huron Valley Council for the Arts' last exhibit of the year in the gallery exhibition and sale, H20: An Exhibition of Fine Art Photography, at HVCA, 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland. There is no admission fee for the event.

Featured artists are Jerold Hale, Sylvia Ford, Lucinda Huff and Amy Lockard. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, through Dec. 22. For more information, go to

www.huronvalleyarts.org or call 248-889-8660.

Adopt-A-Reader

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

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

Barn dance at Kensington

The Kensington Metropark Farm Center, 4570 Huron River Parkway, will host a pair of barn dances Saturday, Feb.

18, 2019. There are two sessions to choose from: 6-8 p.m. (daddy-daughter, mother-son, parent-child) and 8-10 p.m. (adult couples, singles and families with older children).

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

Friday and Saturday Night Hangouts

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

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

To learn more about this program or

to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to www.livingandlearningcenter.org.

Youth Alpha film series

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

SL Rec Authority

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

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See a live radio show while getting a haircut

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Chad Johnson had a "wicked awesome" light bulb moment eight months ago.

Johnson, CEO of Lady Jane's Haircuts for Men, wanted to build a broadcast studio at his Birmingham headquarters and hair salon, where customers could watch live radio shows while getting trimmed and styled.

"I looked over there and the thought popped into my head. I said, 'I'm going to make this area there into the most amazing broadcast studio ever,'" said Johnson, who had mentioned the idea during a corporate staff meeting. "Everybody looked at me and said what are you talking about? Eight months later, they're seeing it come to fruition."

Lady Jane's, which has more than 100 locations nationwide, forged a two-year contract with Beasley Media Group, allowing its radio stations — WRIF-FM (101.1), WCSX-FM (94.7) and WMGC-FM (105.1) — to use the location on a rotating basis for remote broadcasts.

Juline Jordan kicked off the first live broadcast last month at the Wicked Awesome Productions Lounge with her mid-day classic rock show. The WCSX DJ told listeners she had never seen "anything like it."

"You really know how to do it here at Lady Jane's," she said. "So if you're looking to get a little haircut guys, come on out and you too can see this beautiful studio."

That's exactly what Dave Schnoblen of Macomb Township did. He needed a haircut and had seen a Facebook post about the new studio.

"I was kind of curious," he said, as salon manager Melissa Martin clipped his hair. "I think it's cool having a radio station out here. It's different than any other haircut place. You can't go to BoRics and see a DJ booth."

\$525,000 investment

The broadcast studio enhances the "unique atmosphere" created by the combination corporate offices, hair salon and adjacent coffeehouse, Birming-



Here's the crew who got the studio built, up and running (from left): WCSX account executive Jessica Pulis; program director J.T.; Jessie Dillon of Lady Jane's, the guy who built and set up the studio in about a month; Lady Jane's president Tim McCollum; WCSX DJ Juline Jordan; WCSX engineer Sherri Powers; program coordinator Bianca Jonna; and marketing director Ben Perez. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ham Roast, according to Lady Jane's president Tim McCollum. It has windows on three sides that separate it from the hair salon, the corporate offices and the sidewalk along Woodward Avenue.

McCollum pegged the cost of the studio build-out, the advertising investment and "everything else" it took to bring Johnson's idea to fruition at \$525,000.

"We've had over a decade relationship with Beasley radio, so this is a culmination of all that hard work coming together," McCollum said. "We have big plans for this studio. Now that we have

it, we're going to open this up to all kinds of opportunity."

A fantasy football show and athlete podcasts are among future possibilities.

On-air talent

Jordan has broadcast from remote locations "all over town" during her 27-year career in radio, but said she felt honored to launch the studio at Lady Jane's.

"I'm stoked. I'm really excited," she said, as Pat Benatar's "Heartbreaker" played over the air. "It's something new and different. They are incredible here. They have gone above and beyond to make us comfortable and make sure we get what we need."

That's all a part of Johnson's plan to

treat on-air talent "like royalty" by giving them a work environment with a "different vibe."

"Normally at a radio station, they are locked in a room, one person, and they see nobody for four or five hours. Here, they will mingle with stylists, with customers," he said. "We want to create the most amazing space for the on-air talent to work out of in metro Detroit."

And for customers?

"We want them to come say hi to the talent, get a haircut, listen to a little radio, get a coffee and bagel and go on about their wicked awesome day," he said.

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Dave Schnoblen of Macomb Township gets a haircut from stylist Melissa Martin. The WCSX machine is parked outside. With glass walls, the studio is visible to customers. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



WCSX-FM DJ Juline Jordan prepares to go live for the first time at Lady Jane's studio. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Facing \$450K fines, brothers defy Canton with tree farm

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A heated dispute between Canton Township and two brothers who removed hundreds of trees from property they own — amid plans to start a Christmas tree farm — could be headed for a courtroom showdown.

Canton business owners and brothers Gary and Matt Percy could owe as much as \$450,000 after township officials say they removed an estimated 1,500 trees — without permission — from a 16-acre site they own on Canton's south side.

Defying the township, the Percys already have started planting Christmas trees, according to their attorney, Michael J. Pattwell, who responded to questions Oct. 22 by email.

Pattwell said it's still possible the two sides can reach "an agreeable resolution," but the Percys aren't backing down.

"We also are absolutely prepared to take this case into a courtroom," he said. "The brothers are also moving forward with their plan to plant 2,500 Christmas trees on the property. Despite the township's roadblocks, they have already planted 1,000 Christmas trees."

Kristin Kolb, the township's corporation counsel, said aerial photos from last October reveal the former trees already had been cut down. But she said Canton officials only learned of the situation in the spring after a neighboring property owner made inquiries.

"There was absolutely nothing left of the trees," Kolb said, prompting the township to look into the matter.

Kolb said the Percy brothers initially indicated they wanted to grow corn on the site. The land is behind a trucking and logistics company, A.D. Transport Express, Inc., which the brothers have owned since the late 1980s on Belleville Road, near Yost.

But the Percys have since opted for a Christmas tree farm.

"That was news to us," Kolb said.

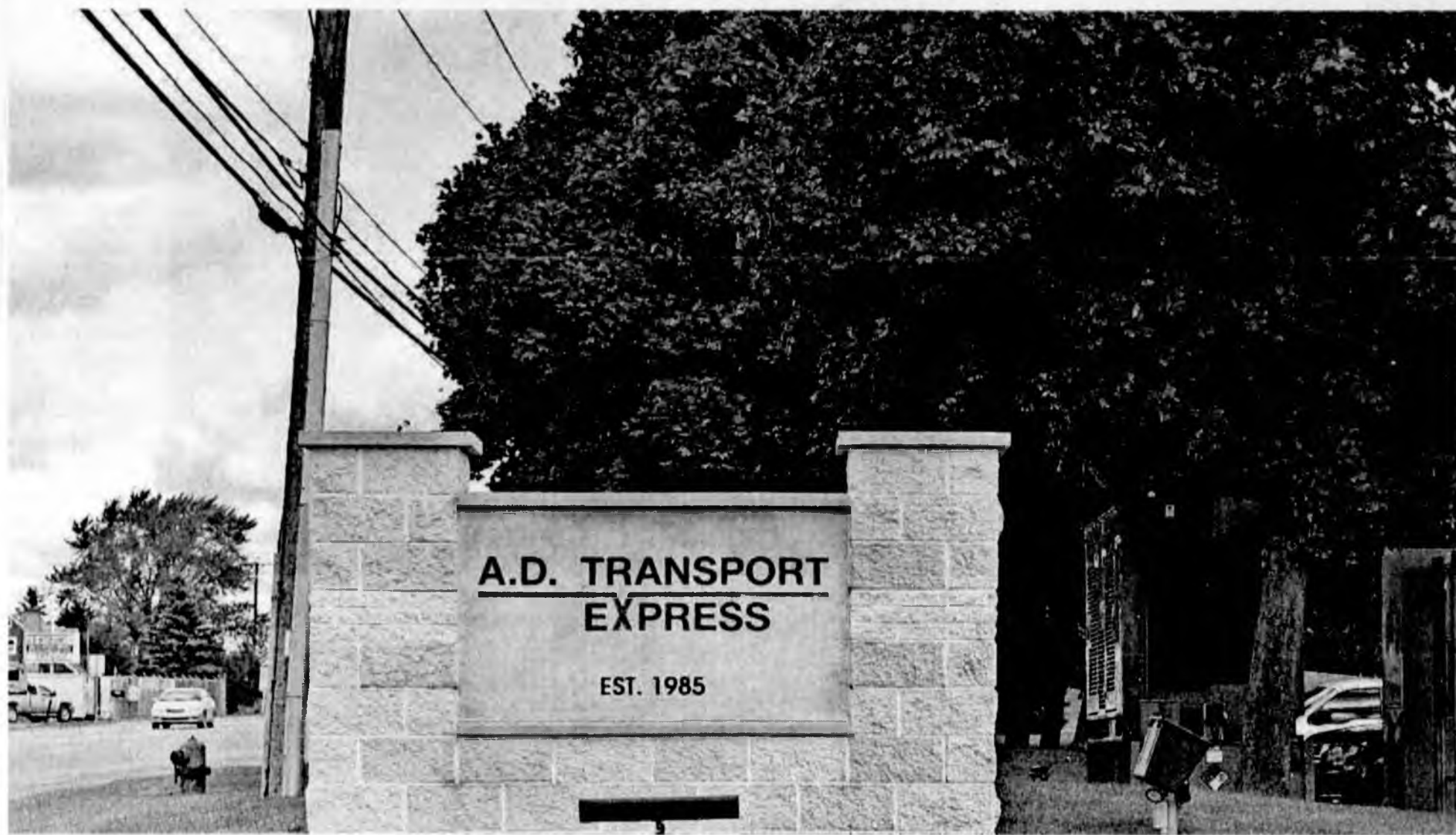
Regardless, Pattwell said the Percy brothers believed they were exercising a state and local exemption for farming when they cleared the land.

"That was when the Canton tree police showed up," he said.

Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams said he had a meeting Tuesday morning with mayors from Romulus, Westland, Livonia and Northville Township — and they discussed the situation. He said they confirmed their communities all have tree ordinances similar to Canton.

"It's not unique," Williams said.

Pattwell said township officials, after learning of the situation, signaled immediately their intention to levy big fines. He has alleged that many plants referred to as trees by the township are, in fact, invasive species. He said the site "was teeming with invasive plants like phragmites, buckthorn, autumn olive and



Gary and Matt Percy have cleared land behind their business, A.D. Transport Express, where they are starting a Christmas tree farm, without Canton Township's permission. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

other scrub brush."

Kolb said Canton had in-house and outside arborists examine sections of a wooded area adjacent to the Percys' property to help determine the likely number of trees removed from the site where the brothers want to farm. She said that is how the township arrived at the 1,500 number.

Moreover, Kolb said, that determination is how officials arrived at the \$410,000 to \$450,000 that the Percys may owe. She said the Percys could have reduced the amount to about \$350,000 by agreeing to pay into the township's tree fund. She also said it shouldn't technically be referred to as fines.

"It's a payment into the tree fund for opting not to replace trees," she said. "It's the same thing that any developer would have to do."

Brothers have Canton roots

Pattwell said the Percys were born in Canton and their families and employees live there.

"They could have relocated the business to another town, but wanted their business to succeed in Canton," he said.

Meanwhile, Kolb said a state-regulated wetlands area is on the property, prompting the Michigan Department of Environment Quality to issue a violation notice to the Percys.

Pattwell said the Percys "have worked diligently with MDEQ to be able to move forward with the Christmas tree farm and believe that they have satisfactorily resolved all of MDEQ's stated concerns." He said the brothers have been careful not to plant Christmas trees in any possible wetlands area.

A phone message was left Tuesday morning with MDEQ.

Pattwell acknowledged that Wayne County initially expressed some concerns about tree removal that occurred near a county drain on the property. But after an inspection, he said, "Wayne County has not advised of any violations."

Kolb said Canton has a few options going for-

ward: Do nothing, continue trying to resolve the issue with the Percy brothers, write them a ticket and go to 35th District Court or file legal action in Wayne County Circuit Court. It wasn't clear which action might occur.

Kolb said Monday that Canton has waited six weeks for a new response from the Percys to see what is their next course of action. She said the Percys are being given two more weeks before Canton decides how to proceed.

Kolb said the situation is multi-pronged:

■ The Percys didn't seek a permit to remove the trees. If they had, she said, they likely would have had to post a bond; agree to replace the trees on their property, in a park or elsewhere; or pay into Canton's tree fund. The brothers could have opted for a combination of those options.

■ She said Canton requires 40 acres of land for a new farm, but the property in question is only 16 acres. She said it was bought and split off from a bigger, 40-acre site.

■ Kolb said the Percys would have to ask for a variance to have a farm and would need a rezoning, because the property is zoned industrial.

Pattwell acknowledged that many Michigan communities have tree removal ordinances.

"They are meant to promote tree-lined streets in neighborhoods

and protect old, stately heritage trees. The Percy brothers, and most people, support this as a community goal. But that's not what this case is about," he said. "We are talking here about a parcel of former pasture land surrounded entirely by industrial activity."

"This case is about misguided overreach. It is unavoidably about whether people who own property are allowed to use it," Pattwell said. "And it is about local government abusing its authority to shake down its residents. We contend the Percy brothers exercised a farming exemption in the local tree removal law to clear the historic pasture behind their business and develop a

Christmas tree farm."

Williams disagreed the situation is an overreach by Canton, saying the rules are in place for a reason.

"The reason for this ordinance is so that when developers come to do their projects in our community, there are controls in place to make sure that everybody's best interests in the community are taken into consideration," he said.

Canton officials contend the tree ordinance, in general, has been in effect for years as a way to protect land in the township and to prevent developers from doing what they want without regulatory oversight.

Pattwell said it's worth noting that Canton

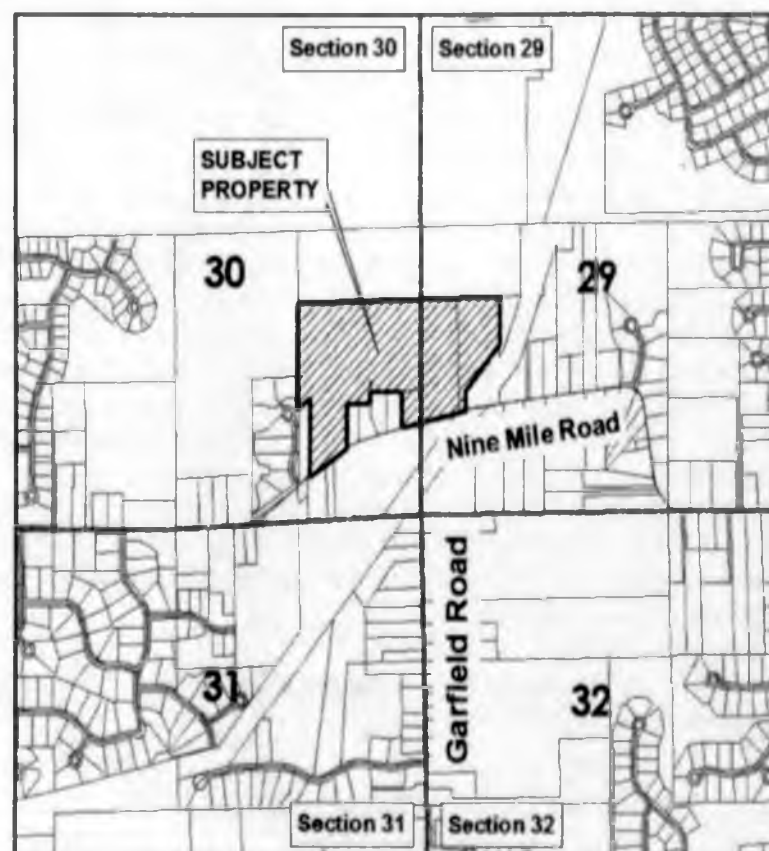
Township previously owned this land after acquiring it through tax reversion. He said fines Canton says it can impose are more than what the property sold for, calling the amount of fines "unconstitutional and outrageous."

Pattwell said the Canton site isn't the only family company dedicated to Christmas trees. Montgomery Farms, another family company established in 2006, specializes in specializes in secondary trees and has operated in Hillsdale and Albion, he said.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **VILLA D'ESTE JSP 17-52 PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, PHASING PLAN, WETLANDS PERMIT, WOODLANDS PERMIT, AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED R-1 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) TO R-1 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).** The subject property is approximately 50-acres and is located east of Napier Road and on the north side of Nine Mile Road (Section 29, 30). The applicant is proposing a 41-unit single-family ranch housing development (for sale).



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

Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-30-401-023, Part of 50-22-30-401-009, 50-22-30-401-011, 50-22-29-326-002, and 50-22-29-326-022

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be submitted to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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How ex-auto exec, dog are changing the world

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It's a late Monday afternoon and a small tavern on a remote side street in downtown Plymouth is packed.

Hundreds of folks are there to celebrate the birthday of arguably the biggest star in town: an 8-year-old Bernese mountain dog named Stella.

"I'm the township supervisor and Stella's bigger than me," Kurt Heise said. "I couldn't get a crowd like this for my birthday. She's got a book and a restaurant named after her."

Stella is the namesake for Stella's Black Dog Tavern, a once-struggling bar that is now a dining destination.

The man behind Stella's fame and the tavern's turnaround is Bob Ostendorf.

He's a turnaround specialist who spent about 30 years rescuing companies, including auto suppliers, from financial ruin. Five years ago, at age 63, Ostendorf abandoned retirement and bought Doyle's Tavern. He rebranded it and made it so successful that he plans to move it to a bigger venue in Plymouth before the year's end to accommodate its growing popularity.

But it hasn't been all triumph for Ostendorf. Along the way, he endured personal tragedies and it was this 125-pound black dog, Stella, who would ultimately rescue him.

Now they both help others. They raise money for a local humane society and Stella is a certified service dog who visits former war veterans at Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System. She also does out daily empathy to everyone she meets at the tavern, in some cases changing lives.

Here is the story of a man, his life's work and the dog who's touching a town.

Dad and the navy

Ostendorf is a reserved man who'll shake your hand with genuine warmth. He has an avuncular presence that belies his deep military discipline and financial acumen.

And he loves two things: people and dogs. He credits the former for making him a successful businessman. He credits the latter for making him a better man.

"I think God was ingenious when he created dogs," Ostendorf said. "Stella and I spend a lot of time together and we do benevolent things."

Before benevolence came business. A 1972 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Ostendorf served in the U.S. Navy and earned an MBA from Troy University in Alabama. In 1978, he joined French tire maker Michelin as an engineering manager.

He learned to speak French and, by 1985, he ran daily operations at tire maker Michelin's manufacturing facility in Dothan, Ala. While in charge of manufacturing, Ostendorf fostered a team mentality and the plant won supplier quality awards from Ford, General Motors and Chrysler, he said.

"I involved the people in all the decisions and I was very visible on the shop floor," Ostendorf said. "I pulled the opaque wallpaper off my office windows so that people could look into my office."

He learned his management style from his father, who he worked for while growing up in St. Louis. He later honed that style while in the navy.

"My father was a construction foreman and a hands-on guy," Ostendorf said. "In the navy, I was mentored by some senior officers who always took care of their people first."

At his farewell party in 1988, 2,000 of the 3,000 plant workers showed up, he said. "A lady composed a song for me," he said, "and they gave me roses."

Success and sadness

Ostendorf left to start what would become a long career rescuing financially distressed companies, many of which were suppliers to the Detroit Three automakers.

He found the work rewarding, but in



Stella licks icing from the finger of tavern owner Bob Ostendorf during a party for her eighth birthday at Stella's Black Dog Tavern in Plymouth. KATHLEEN GALLIGAN | DETROIT FREE PRESS

the midst of his success, came deep sorrow. His wife Judy was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the late 1990s. So in 1999, he moved from Novi to take a job at Morgan Corp. in Morgantown, Pa. He led a turnaround at Morgan, which makes freight truck bodies.

"It was a hard time, but you go through a lot of stuff at the Naval Academy," he said, that helped prepare him to manage a demanding career and cope with his wife's illness. Besides, taking the job was a requisite.

"I needed the money. She was using experimental drugs to fight cancer," Ostendorf said.

Ostendorf said his wife was his "childhood sweetheart" since age 7. He finds it difficult to talk about her suffering even now, but he finds comfort knowing she received the "best care in the world" for the three years she fought the disease. She died at age 52 in 2002.

Landing in Plymouth

Ostendorf pushed on and his job with Morgan brought him back to Sturgis on business calls. Sturgis is about a two-hour drive southwest of Ann Arbor and Ostendorf decided Michigan was his future.

"I bought a home in Plymouth, thinking someday I'd relocate here," Ostendorf said. "I liked the climate and I liked the people and the Midwestern mentality."

It would be a while. Ostendorf spent the next decade working for various private equity firms before retiring in 2010 and finally moving to that house he owned in Plymouth.

"I hadn't lived there in 10 years; the home had bats in it," Ostendorf said. "I had to get rid of the bats."

As Ostendorf cleared his home of one critter, he decided it was time to get another. Remarried with grown kids, Ostendorf missed his beloved golden retriever, Nugget. She was his family's dog in the 1980s, when he worked for Michelin, but she was really his dog.

"She and I were very close," he said. "When she died at about age 10, I said no more dogs. But in 2010, I was retired and I thought maybe it's time."

He'd read about Bernese mountain dogs, a versatile working dog that originated in Switzerland. The dogs are known to have endearing personalities.

He found a good breeder in Missouri whose dogs' bloodlines had longevity, often living to age 12 or 13. He saw pictures of a puppy there and fell in love. He paid \$600 for the puppy, Stella, and \$300 for a person to fly her to Michigan. Thanks to a growing popularity, Bernese mountain dogs today can cost \$2,000 or more.

Stella's Tavern

Stella and Ostendorf took to each other quickly. She would accompany him just about everywhere and, within a year, she'd be his emotional savior.

In 2011, he and his second wife were divorcing when his parents died within three weeks of each other. Ostendorf, the oldest of four boys, said during that time, "Stella was my best friend. Between the death of my parents and the divorce, she was my rock."

He buried his mother before his father and Stella was at the funeral with him, seated under his feet, Ostendorf said.

"She sleeps against me at night," Ostendorf said. "She pretty much understands everything I say to her. She is my buddy."

He would often take her with him to a neighborhood pub, Doyle's Tavern. The staff would prepare a "surf and turf" meal for Stella. Ostendorf liked the place and he was bored in retirement. It was in financial straits, so he and a minority partner bought it in 2013.

"That's what I did all my life, turnarounds and fixing stuff on timelines," Ostendorf said. So he improved the food and changed the name to honor his No. 1 pal, Stella.

"We were initially criticized with people saying, 'Who'd name a bar after a dog?'" Ostendorf said.

Touching lives

But then his customers started meeting Stella.

Stella comes to the tavern with him daily. She usually only stays a few hours, but she's the main attraction. Those who don't get to see her will come back repeatedly, asking to meet Stella. A sign graces the entrance telling patrons if she's in the house or not that day.

"She's the draw," Ostendorf said. "Our food's good, too, but she's the draw. People will come in and say, 'I've been her three times and I haven't seen her yet.'"

It's because she touches lives. Take Chloe Turnham Fleck, who had to quit college due to a severe eating disorder. Fleck read that a service dog could help her, but she didn't know what kind of breed to get.

About a year ago, Fleck wandered into the tavern and met Stella, a licensed service dog who regularly visits sick veterans at VA hospitals. That settled it.

"I got Jude," Fleck said, referring to the 10-month-old female Bernese mountain dog donning a service dog vest, standing at her feet nuzzling with Stella. The two dogs met for the first time at Stella's birthday bash.

"She's a psychiatric service dog for me. She does pressure therapy, she's grounding and comforting. She goes everywhere with me except for work,"

Fleck said. "Today, we just wanted to stop by and say happy birthday."

Extreme empathy

Then, there are the children. Ostendorf wrote a children's book about Stella, with a second one due out in December. He has Stella dolls adorning the entire restaurant that he gives to children. He said he's given out at least 2,000 in recent years. But it's nothing like the real thing.

"We had a little girl, about 10, in here once. She was in a neck brace," Ostendorf said. "I gave her a Stella doll and Stella took it over to her and sat with her. Later, her grandparents told me, 'That means so much because she just lost her brother and her parents in a car accident.'"

Another time, Stella approached a woman diner. Stella gently placed her paw on the woman's hand, then leaned on her affectionately, almost, "holding her up," Ostendorf said. Later, the woman asked him, "How does this dog know I'm paralyzed?"

"She's just a very empathetic breed," Ostendorf said in describing Stella.

When Ostendorf takes Stella to the VA hospital in Ann Arbor, he said, staff will announce over the PA system that she is in the building. Soon, 50-60 veterans, most suffering from chronic illnesses, will come out of their rooms to see her.

Some are in wheelchairs, having lost a leg to diabetes, Ostendorf said. "She goes right up to them, puts her head on the wheelchair and looks up at them, not looking at their amputation," he said.

Stella, who recently had an ACL injury and subsequent surgery, had to suspend her VA hospital visits for a while, but is resuming them.

All for love

Walking through the tavern on the day of Stella's yearly birthday party, her star power is palpable. Wrapped birthday gifts sit on many tables and two men carefully maneuver a full sheet cake (donated by a Stella admirer) through the standing-room-only crowd. Each year, the party raises about \$2,500 in donations for the Huron Valley Humane Society. Whatever amount customers donate, Ostendorf matches. In total, Ostendorf estimates her birthday parties over the years have raised \$15,000 for the Huron Valley Humane Society.

"You'll feel a lot of love here," said Pamm Bakley, a regular customer whose 8-by-10-inch framed photo of her chihuahua, Angel, hangs on the wall amid hundreds of other 8-by-10-inch photos of customers' pooches. "That's what Stella's is, a lot of love."

Customer Debbie Kinast, who's lived in Plymouth six years, comes to Stella's several times a month and said, "We always look for Stella when we come here. She's a mascot for Plymouth. Everyone knows Stella."

It's fair to say that Stella is more beloved in Plymouth than Santa Claus himself.

The first week of December each year, Plymouth opens the holiday season with Santa Claus riding the town's firetruck into downtown Plymouth to be given the key to the city.

Last year, Stella rode on the truck with Santa. Ostendorf took the stage to enthusiastic applause. But when Stella took the stage after him, the kids "went crazy," Ostendorf and customers said. She will ride with Santa again this year.

"She's kind of iconic. She walks down the street and she's well-known," Ostendorf said. "It's part of giving back. I saved a lot of jobs in private equity, but there's a tough side to that, too, and you really don't get to enjoy it."

Ostendorf's grueling years rescuing troubled businesses were spent on airplanes and analyzing numbers, he said.

"This is a little more soft side," he said. "Stella is making a difference. Now my work's not so much financially driven, it's more esoteric and more benevolent."

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The deadline for filing an application (available online at cityofnovi.org or at the City Clerk's office) is Friday, November 16, 2018. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk's Office regarding the date and time of interviews.

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Courtney Hanson, City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING November 28, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that A PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission on **Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 4816. The purpose of the hearing is to review the 2019 Proposed Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Budget.

All interested residents are invited to attend. Comments and questions concerning the proposed budget will be heard at the public hearing. A copy of the 2019 proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Township Clerk's office beginning November 8, 2018 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and on the Township's website at www.twp.northville.mi.us/budget.

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Charter Township of Northville

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Couple cost Hamburg Township more than \$137K

Kayla Daugherty
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A three-decade fight over a private road has cost Hamburg Township more than \$137,000 in legal fees over the past five years.

Island Shore Drive runs across the land of 10 property owners and provides access to the main highway to the south, M-36.

Mary Ann and Steve Lamkin live along the middle of Island Shore Drive. For Eugene Hartmeier and many of their other neighbors, leaving the subdivision by car means driving by the Lamkins' house.

"There is no alternative to leaving except to take a boat," Hartmeier said.

But in more than 40 lawsuits, the Lamkins have argued the road is an invasion of their property and not a public road for their neighbors to drive on.

The township, their neighbors and the Livingston County courts say otherwise.

"We really just want to live in peace," Hartmeier, 55, said. "I just want her to stop. If I could swing a wand and make it go away, I would."

The Lamkins' first interaction with the Livingston County Court was in 1988, when Mary Ann Lamkin had an altercation with a neighbor.

They've been back in court many times since.

Earlier this year, the state of Michigan filed an emergency motion to revoke the \$10,000 bond Mary Ann Lamkin posted last summer after being charged with malicious destruction of property, making a false report of a felony and being a habitual offender.

As part of her bond conditions, she was not supposed to interact with her neighbors or prohibit access to Island Shore Drive.

Livingston County Assistant Prosecutor Angela DelVerro said in a motion that, July 30, Lamkin did both.

"Defendant impeded with Daniel Engram's ability to travel past her house by failing to yield in any way when she was traveling in the opposite direction of him on Island Shore Drive the defendant began swearing at Mr. Engram and asked him how his 'dead daughter' was. The defendant then capped off her tirade by 'flipping off' Mr. Engram out of her car window when she was driving away.

The Lamkins, who are representing themselves in court, declined to comment when contacted by phone this week.

'You have to go through Hell'

Thomas Shenan owned a 40-acre piece of land bordering the west and northwest of Oneida Lake and established Island Lake subdivision sometime after 1980, before dividing the land and selling lakefront properties, according to court records.

Fewer than 30 houses now line Island Shore Drive. Trees and foliage surround the lakefront houses, which are bordered on the east by Lakelands Golf and Country Club.

"This is heaven," Hartmeier said. "The only problem is that you have to go through hell (to get there)."

The Island Shore Drive easement is an unimproved dirt and gravel private drive with a width of no more than 16 feet in some locations, the Lamkin's said in a 2011 complaint filed in Michigan District Court, which named Hartmeier, his wife Cynthia, Hamburg Township and 16 others as defendants.

The Lamkins claimed that Hamburg police failed to protect the couple from harm and enforced laws selectively. The neighbors were accused of conspiracy, trespassing and First Amendment retaliation. All 16 defendants were accused of intentionally inflicting emotional distress on the couple.

Livingston County Circuit Judge Michael Hatty wasn't convinced. The Lamkins would keep fighting until a federal judge dismissed the case earlier this year.

"For years, Mary Ann and Steve Lamkin attempted to control speeding by subdivision residents and their minor children's use of off-road vehicles on the unimproved Island Shore Drive easement, through the placing of speed limit signs (repeatedly stolen), asking nicely, attorney letters and pleas to the Hamburg Police Department to enforce traffic laws and state statutes. Nothing worked," the Lamkins' attorney said in that complaint.

They tried other methods, too.

In police reports, neighbors claim the Lamkins constructed speed bumps in 20-foot intervals along the private road, as well as digging holes on the road to impede traffic.

In September 2005, the Lamkins said they were protesting with signs and blocking access when Mary Ann Lamkin was hit by a neighbor's pickup truck. She pleaded no contest to filing a false police report one year later.

In 2008, Mary Ann Lamkin received a 14-day county jail sentence for trying to run a neighbor off the road. She was charged with reckless driving, a potential bond violation, but pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of careless driving, saying in court that her plea was under protest.

Both Mary Ann and Steven Lamkin have been convicted of resisting and obstructing police officers.



Island Shore Drive in Hamburg Township runs off M-36 and has been the focus of decades-long legal suits regarding access. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

In 2012, the Lamkins sued several neighbors over the use of the private road.

Hatty ruled that the road is the only access road for area residents and that residents of Island Shore Drive had the right to drive on the road to and from their homes. The Michigan Court of Appeals upheld his decision.

It didn't stop the Lamkins.

Controversy continues

In 2015, the couple sued one of their neighbors, Cathy Barrett, over a fence that went along her property, bordering the Lamkins' property.

In that suit, the couple stated Barrett removed a fence that was not on her land and in the construction of a new fence destroyed \$2,000 worth of crushed gravel.

"We put \$2,000 worth of crushed gravel on that road. It should have, based upon the guy that did it, it should have held up for at least five years if properly maintained," Mary Ann stated in Livingston County Circuit Court. "We didn't even get a chance to properly maintain it before another property owner on Island Shore Drive took his Bobcat and scraped up about 90 percent of it and then distributed it around the entire Island Shore Drive."

Hatty ruled in favor of Cathy Barrett on Sept. 3, 2015. The Lamkins took the case to the Michigan Court of Appeals, where it was denied, in part, the court wrote, because "the case arises out of a dispute between neighbors over the ownership of an approximately 1 foot wide strip of land."

In 2017, the Lamkins took neighbors Marshall and Betsy Smith to court, seeking to bar the Smiths from using Island Shore Drive.

The Lamkins' lawyer at the time, Scott M. Mackela, wrote a letter to the Smiths regarding the their use of the private road.

"Although Island Lake Drive, running from M-36 to the Lamkin properties, may appear to be a private drive, it is not," he said.

The Lamkins believe that the road is part of their driveway and not a road for others to drive on.

In a statement of title provided as part of the civil case, the Smiths said they were informed that exiting and entering the neighborhood required driving along Island Shore Drive on the Lamkins property and "that such usage had been made openly, knowingly, intentionally and continuously under a claim of right for a period of 15 years or more, without dispute."

This case is still ongoing.

The same year, Mary Ann Lamkin was charged with malicious destruction of property after allegedly striking the hood of a neighbor's car with a garden tool.

The Lamkins' previous attorney, Issa Haddad, said in 2017 that the neighbor failed to stop his van "until it was right in (Mary Ann Lamkin's) face."

Her charges were amended to a lesser charge of malicious destruction of property valued at less than \$200, a misdemeanor, a week after the incident. She pleaded guilty to the lesser charge.

The fight continues

Despite their consistent failures in the courtroom, the Lamkins have continued their fight by finding new people to sue over similar claims.

In the past five years, Hamburg Township has paid two legal firms a total of \$137,799.14 to fight the Lamkins in court. They have been a part of many lawsuits and appeals filed by the Lamkins.


Matecun, Thomas and Olson law firm billed the township \$30,200.25 from April 1, 2013, to May 30 of this year.

An additional firm, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich, billed the township \$68,908.69 in the last five years.

Three cases are currently being heard in Livingston County court and one in the Michigan Court of Appeals. Two involve the township. One involves their neighbors, the Smith family.

Hamburg Township Supervisor Patrick J. Hohl said the situation on Island Shore Drive has been a "hideous financial burden for the township" and has been tragic for the residents and the Lamkins.

"This is an issue that lies in the hands of the court," he said.



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Mom sells tea as healthy alternative

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A South Lyon mom is selling "boutique" herbal tea blends that she says are healthier alternatives to soda and juice for children.

"Kids love the taste and parents love the health benefits," said Uma Swarnam, who launched her Deliteacious tea business in August at the Buy Michigan Now Festival in Northville.

"The chocolate and vanilla teas taste like milkshakes," she added. "They have that creamy feeling. The teas have a natural sweet flavor."

Dubbed Vivacious Vanilla, Berry Burst and Choco Delight, the blends are available along with herbal and caffeinated teas for adults, from Swarnam's online store. Her long-term goal includes a tea room, but in the meantime she's eyeing a farmers market and festivals for sales and tastings.

South Lyon residents may recognize Swarnam from the annual South Lyon Community Schools district spelling bee, which she coordinates. She is married, a stay-at-home mom of a 10-year-old and a long-time tea drinker who loves to experiment in the kitchen.

"My pizza is quite famous with friends and my son and his friends," Swarnam said. "I get immense pleasure when someone tastes something I made in my kitchen and says, 'Wow, that tastes good.'"

"The tea blends evolved out of my kitchen experiments. For the past year or so, I've been doing research on tea blends. I had to do a lot of homework."

Rooibos tea

Swarnam grew up in India, where tea estates and tea gardens abound and where families, including children, drink their favorite tea blends. Golden Milk, a blend she sells on her website, has been one of her family's favorites for years. Made with spices including cinnamon, turmeric and ginger root, the mixture, which contains no tea leaves, is a common drink in many Indian households, Swarnam said. It's sometimes used to build immunity and fight infections.

After her son tasted it, liked it and asked for more, she began tinkering with child-friendly herbal blends. She used rooibos, a non-caffeinated tea from South Africa known for its antioxidants, as the basis for the teas. The vanilla herbal tea includes almond pieces, while the chocolate tea contains cacao bean. Calandula petals sweeten both varieties. Swarnam sometimes adds honey and milk when she serves them.

"With the rooibos, it has so many antioxidants that are extremely beneficial for laying a foundation for kids' health," she said.

Swarnam was reluctant to offer juices to her son's friends during play dates at her home. She asked their parents for permission to serve the vanilla- and chocolate-flavored rooibos-based teas.

"The parents loved the fact that they had control over how much sweetener they could add," she said. "They felt comfortable with it compared to the packaged juices that have preservatives and sugar. The parents were intrigued."

As word got around the neighborhood and parents began asking if they could buy her blends, Swarnam knew it was time to start a business. She researched the process, obtained a business license, found a commercial kitchen and passed inspection.

She spends approximately two days a week in the kitchen filling orders. Swarnam buys some of her herbs locally, although much of the tea and spices are sourced from countries around the world.

Teas for adults

In addition to the children's teas, she also created several adult blends using herbs, green tea and black tea. Her Panacea Cintrina tea blend grew out of the herbal tea made with moringa leaf that



Uma Swarnam started a business selling tea. She hopes to one day open a tea room. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Pumpkin spice tea latte is one of the teas created by Uma Swarnam. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

she drinks every morning.

"I realized that, after I drink it, I feel more flexible and am able to stretch more easily," she said. "Then I said,

maybe kids wouldn't like it so much because has ginger, but if it makes me feel good, let me look into benefits has to offer. The more I read about moringa, the

more I thought this surely should be shared with other people who would be benefited from this."

Her adult product line also includes a peppermint blend, pumpkin spice tea latte, Darjeeling black and Royal Fusion, made with green tea, white tea, green rooibos, roasted yerba mate and green yerba mate.

Hometown Life reached out to the American Academy of Pediatrics, an Illinois-based professional association of pediatricians, for a policy statement and guidelines on child consumption of herbal tea. A spokesman said he was unfamiliar if the organization had a policy on herbal tea, but pointed out that it has "many policies on beverages and the impact they have on children, particularly sugar, alcohol and caffeine."

Those policy statements include sweetened beverages and juices.

Swarnam encourages parents to talk with their child's pediatrician about herbal tea and to research its health benefits.

"If they are willing to give Coke to their kids, this (tea) should be guilt-free to give to them because it has so many health benefits," she said. "You don't have to take my word for it. You can find out for yourself about how much goodness there is in the tea. It's a great alternative to other beverage choices, like juices and chocolate milk, that are loaded with sugars."

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Madonna University purchases Ladywood property

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Madonna University will become the next owner of the Ladywood High School property adjacent to its campus.

In purchasing the property, 14680 Newburgh, university officials say it will locate several programs within the former high school's walls, including parts of its music program, athletics department and forensic science program, as well as use the space to facilitate the creation of an early childhood lab school.

"We feel blessed and fortunate to be able to take possession of the property," said Cameron Cruickshank, the university's executive vice president for enrollment management and university advancement. "We feel good that it's going to stay in the family."

No sale price was disclosed.

The university will begin seeing the effects of the purchase right away: Cruickshank said Madonna will be able to use the school's parking lots and its outdoor athletic fields immediately. Many of the programs moving to the site will come at a later date as the former all-girls school receives renovations.

Cruickshank said it's expected some interior work will begin in the summer and the hope is to complete it by September 2019.

The Felician Services, the business arm of the Felician Sisters, announced earlier this year it would seek proposals for uses on the site. Several proposals were submitted, including one from a group of parents looking to keep a Catholic high school on the site that was ultimately rejected.

The Felician Services originally announced a new owner would be revealed earlier this summer, but delayed the decision.

Cruickshank said Madonna University was named a preferred candidate back in July by Felician Services, but more due diligence was needed before the sale could be completed.

"While all the finalists submitted good proposals, Madonna University was decidedly the best," Andrea White, FSI president, said in a statement. "We were impressed by their proposed part-



The Ladywood High School property in Livonia will be purchased by Madonna University. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

nership with another Felician ministry and we are very pleased that the property will remain in the Felician family."

Ladywood High School closed this past June after the Felician Sisters announced late last year it would be closing its door due to declining enrollment. It celebrated its final graduation cere-

mony at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia in May.

In addition to relocating academic and athletic programs to the site, the university will also have some sort of dedication to Ladywood High School within its walls, Cruickshank said.

"We feel prepared to be able to honor

the legacy of Ladywood and take good care of the property and do good work with it," he said.

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Harrison stuns Country Day in OT

Hawks score TD following bad snap on field goal

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Senior running back Roderick Heard has provided plenty of memorable moments with his legs during Harrison's final football season.

Friday night, though, it was Heard's arm that was on display (sort of).

Heard, who never really broken loose in the running game, tossed a wobbly touchdown pass off of a failed field-goal try on the final play of the game, leading the Hawks (8-3) to a 13-10 overtime win over host Detroit Country Day in a Division 4 district championship game.

The pass, a less-than-perfect spiral,

found senior Max Martin around the 2-yard-line and Martin carried it in, carrying the Hawks into the regional against Chelsea.

"It was a bad snap and I knew (senior kicker David Hiser) wasn't going to be able to kick it; so I just took off with it," an emotional Heard said after the win. "I saw (Martin) ... and we just made a play."

"You can tell I'm not a quarterback," Heard added, smiling through the tears. "It wasn't a perfect spiral, but ..."

It was the first time Harrison and Country Day (7-3) had met in the state playoffs and only the seventh time they'd met overall (Harrison has won all

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Farmington Harrison's Max Martin celebrates after catching the game-winning touchdown in a 13-10 overtime win over Detroit Country Day. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Plymouth boys capture D-1 state championship



Plymouth runners pose after capturing the Division 1 state title at the 2018 cross country finals. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Ann Arbor Skyline's Nick Foster (left) and Plymouth's Carter Solomon race during the Division 1 2018 cross country finals. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Solomon leads way as Wildcats bring home title after finishing second last year

Bill Khan
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

In cross country, it's not about being the best team in August or September.

In this sport, it's all about that one day, the first Saturday in November, when months of training get put to the test in the state meet at Michigan International Speedway.

While other teams looked more impressive early in the season, Plymouth's boys peaked when it mattered most, coming away with their first state championship.

One year after falling three points short of the title, the Wildcats put themselves on the right side of another close meet, edging surprising Walled Lake Central by a 122-127 margin.

Of the top three teams in the final rankings, No. 1 Plymouth was the only one to place in the top three in the state meet.

"With our training, the way we do it is we kind of go slower at the beginning and keep progressing," Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz said. "We were pretty happy. After conferences, we start-

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3 TO WATCH

Only four Hometown Life teams still alive in playoffs

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And then there were four.

The 2018 Michigan High School Athletic Association's annual postseason football party began with 16 teams from the Hometown Life area. Three-quarters of them have been eliminated after the first two rounds of action.

We are guaranteed to have at least one more team advance to the state semifinals, as Birmingham Groves will host Livonia Franklin in a Division 2 regional championship game.

The remaining two teams both represent the Farmington Public Schools district.

Farmington and the lame-duck program from Farmington Hills Harrison will play for Division 3 and Division 4 regional titles, respectively.

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Farmington Harrison's Maverick Hansen celebrates after the thrilling victory over Detroit Country Day. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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BENEFIT RUN

Rick Austin 5K walk-run set for Nov. 10 at Churchill

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It's only fitting that the upcoming second annual Rick Austin Memorial 5K Walk-Run will finish on the newly reconstructed track that was dedicated in his name at Livonia Churchill High's Charger Stadium.

The school's longtime track and field coach, who died unexpectedly in March 2017 at age 57 from complications following heart surgery, would probably be grinning from ear to ear.

The five-kilometer race begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, in the Churchill High parking lot and will wind through the neighborhoods surrounding the high school with the finish on the track that was dedicated in his honor Oct. 13, 2017.

Austin was a fixture in the school's athletic programs. He also taught business education at Churchill at the Livonia Public Schools Career Center.

Austin was 1978 Churchill grad and former standout hurdler who went on to coach at his alma mater for 21 years, starting in 1996 when he replaced his former coach Fred Price. Austin guided the Chargers to one regional, three conference and six division track and field titles.

A Central Michigan University grad who ran track for the Chippewas, Austin started his coaching career at Dearborn



Proudly honoring the memory of Rick Austin by organizing a 5K run/walk in his honor last year were (from left) son Travis, daughter-in-law Becca, daughter Kaylin and wife Annette. The second annual race begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Livonia Churchill H.S. RICK AUSTIN FAMILY PHOTO

High and was also the Churchill varsity boys basketball coach for five years.

Last year, more than 300 registered for the Austin Memorial 5K and all proceeds will go toward the Churchill Athletic Patrons to help support the school's athletic programs.

"We're just blessed to be able to do

this the second year in a row," said Annette Austin, wife of the late Churchill coach. "We plan to continue to do it annually in Rick's honor."

Registration fees are \$20 for students (ages 13-18) and \$25 for adults. You can register online at a2racemanagement/registration. Packet pickup will be 4:30-



Former Livonia Churchill High boys track and field coach Rick Austin's legacy lives on with a memorial 5K walk-run Saturday, Nov. 10.

7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the Churchill Fieldhouse.

The overall men's and women's winners will earn a gift certificate from Running Fit. Age-group award winners will also receive gift certificates donated by more than 50 local businesses.

For more information, email chscap-funrun@gmail.com or go to Facebook (Rick Austin Memorial 5K).

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Canton's Walker wins latest weekly poll

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Steven Walker's high school football career at Canton ended last week, but not before leaving with a signature performance.

The 5-foot-9, 170-pound senior running back was heroic in defeat as he ran for 268 yards on 24 carries and four touchdowns in a 49-28 Division 1 pre-district loss Oct. 26 at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

In 10 games this season, Walker rushed for a total of 2,318 yards and 26 TDs.

And for his efforts, Walker was voted Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week after he racked up 5,649 votes (38.43 percent).

Walker edged two cross country runners for the honor: Northville's Nicole Cybul, who finished with 4,089 votes (27.82 percent), and Birmingham Seaholm's George Nummer, who had 3,417 votes (23.24 percent).

To get to know Walker a little bit better, here's five questions that were



Canton's Steven Walker returns a kickoff. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

posed to him.

What made last week's perfor-

mance special? We would all talk at school about how who's the real CC and

the whole day I was talking to the offensive line and I was, like, "Hey, you've got to get your stuff together, you've got to go hard this game." And what made my job special was I followed my blocks, did anything I needed to do and left with no regrets.

Who is your football role model? Le'Veon Bell (of the Pittsburgh Steelers) because he's like a balanced-type running back and that's what I try and do, be an all-around type running back.

Favorite subject in school? Science. There's a lot of cool things about science, a lot of things you can do. I like to get my hands on stuff and science allows you do that.

What is your all-time favorite movie? "Halloween" ... one of the older films. I grew up watching the scariest movies and stuff. I was just fascinated for some reason, I don't know why.

What are your future plans and do they include football? If I don't get a ride or any offers to any school, I'm going straight to, like, the marines or the navy, commit to the military part. But I'll play anywhere."

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Plymouth

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ed getting our groove more. Regionals was good and then we were able to hold on today, so it was amazing."

Junior Carter Solomon led the charge for the Wildcats, placing second to defending champion Nick Foster of Ann Arbor Pioneer. Foster pulled away from Solomon down the home stretch to win in 15:13.0. Solomon covered the muddy five-kilometer course in 15:18.1.

"Unfortunately, this is only the second time I've raced him this year," Solomon said. "The previous year, we raced three or four times. I love racing against him. I love racing against competition. It makes the race that much more fun."

"I love going out to races like this and testing myself. In a few weeks, I'm going to the Foot Locker regional. I know that's a really stacked race. I'm super-excited for that. I knew Nick was going to be there the whole race. He closed a lot harder than I did."

Walled Lake Central featured a tight pack, with only 16.2 seconds separating its five scoring runners. Plymouth won with its strength at the top of the lineup.

Following Solomon for the Wildcats were sophomore Patrick Byrnes (15th, 15:56.2), who earned all-state (top 30); senior Brandon Boyd (33rd, 16:13.8), senior Jarrett Warner (60th, 16:31.9) and junior Tyler Mussen (63rd, 16:34.8).

"I'm so proud of those guys after last year being runner-up," Mikosz said. "To have the pressure on them all year and to be able to come back and pull it off is amazing."



Lakeland's Madeline Rehm runs during the Division 1 2018 cross country finals. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Lakeland senior Harrison Grzymkowski finished third in 15:32.3 and Milford senior Evan White took sixth in 15:46.4 to earn all-state.

Other area boys all-state finishers included Alec Miracle (Birmingham Brother Rice), ninth (15:51.8); Peter Baracco (Farmington), 17th (15:56.7); Luke

Perelli (Novi Detroit Catholic Central), 20th (15:59.4); and Nicholas Couyoumjian (Northville), 30th (16:11.4).

Other area teams included Milford, eighth, (267); Northville, 15th (372); and Salem 19th (457).

Division 1 girls

Northville's girls had a tough day. The Mustangs were ranked No. 1 in Division 1 all season, but wound up eighth with 252 points. Second-ranked Clarkston won with 134, beating runner-up Ann Arbor Pioneer by 18.

Northville grabbed the final two all-state positions, with senior Nicole Cybul placing 29th in 18:43.8 and sophomore Emily Gordon placing 30th in 18:43.9.

Northville sophomore Yasmine Mansi, who didn't run slower than 18:24 in any of the Mustangs' eight invitational-style meets, placed 129th in 19:52.9.

Rockford senior Ericka VanderLende was the runaway winner individually in 17:08.4.

Among the area all-state performers were Lakeland's Madeline Rehm, fourth (18:00.0); Milford's Victoria Heiligenenthal, seventh (18:06.9); Birmingham Seaholm's Audrey DaDamio, 11th (18:09.3); Farmington's Abby Inch, 12th (18:10.9); and Plymouth's Lauren Kiley, 20th (18:32.1).

Pinckney (206), Traverse City Central (208) and Bay City Western (234) rounded out the top five team finishers.

Other area schools included Salem, 10th (310), Milford, 15th (392), Bloomfield Hills, 16th (413); Lakeland, 17th (424); Plymouth, 19th (446); Birmingham Seaholm, 25th (539).

PREP VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Churchill seizes district title

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CHURCHILL 3, FRANKLIN 0: On Nov. 2, junior outside hitter Sarah Dunn had a match-best 17 kills as Livonia Churchill (34-12) earned a 25-22, 25-19, 25-10 victory over rival Livonia Franklin in the Division 1 district final at Wayne Memorial.

The Chargers, who captured their fifth district title in a row, also got seven kills each from Mya Grant and Summer Clark. Nina Gaffke and Jessica Maladecki each served three aces. Setter Jordan Wozniak, filling in for injured starter Grace Vaeth, added 21 assist-to-kills.

Maladecki paced the Churchill defense with 13 digs, while Dunn and Clark each added nine.

Jamia Murray paced Franklin with 12 kills, 13 digs and two aces. Other leaders for the Patriots included Abi Atteveld (six kills, three blocks), Kaitlyn Merrill (seven kills, three aces, eight digs) and Joanie Evans (18 digs, one ace).

Churchill advances to the regional semifinal at Dearborn Edsel Ford to face Allen Park. The other semifinal pits Brownstown Woodhaven against the host Thunderbirds.

The regional final is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at Edsel Ford.

MERCY 3, STEVENSON 0: In the Division 1 district championship Nov. 2, top-ranked Farmington Hills Mercy downed Livonia Stevenson (34-11-4) in straight sets, 25-13, 25-10, 25-16.

The Marlins advance to the regional semifinals at Birmingham Marian against Detroit Renaissance.

Koryn Parmenter led Stevenson's hitting attack with nine kills, while Libby Cleaveland added five.

Other leaders for the Spartans included Hannah Campau (nine assist-to-kills), Abby Cleaveland (two aces, 12 receptions); Eliza Alushi (nine digs, nine receptions) and Erin Pietruszka (seven digs, seven receptions).

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 3, HURON VALLEY 0: Junior Gabriella Kellogg finished with a team-best 13 kills and 10 digs as defending state champion Ply-



Livonia Churchill defeated rival Livonia Franklin in three sets to win the Division 1 district crown.

mouth Christian Academy (20-19-3) rolled to a 24-14, 25-11, 25-15 Division 4 district victory Nov. 1 over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Elise Miera added eight kills and three ace serves, while other contributors for PCA included Morgynn Valieres (six kills), setter Izzy Racho (15 assist-to-kills) and Madison Raymond (six digs).

In the district opener Oct. 29, PCA won by forfeit over Detroit Westside Christian.

GABRIEL RICHARD 3, CLARENCEVILLE 0: In the Division 2 district semifinal Nov. 1, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard ousted host Livonia Clarenceville (13-17-6) in straight sets, 25-13, 25-11, 25-12.

The Trojans, unable to get it going offensively, got six kills from Krystal Jones and three from Sydney Vargo. Setter Madison Jaber finished with 13 assist-to-kills and went 12-for-12 from the service line.

Defensively, Allie Snage led Clarenceville with nine digs with a handful of back row attacks. Jaber and Cassidy Galvin added seven and six digs, respectively.

CHURCHILL 3, GARDEN CITY 0: Junior outside hitter Sarah Dunn finished with 15 kills and served six aces as Livonia Churchill (33-12) rolled to a 25-14, 25-7, 25-22 MHSAA Division 1 district triumph over the Cougars Oct. 31 at

Wayne Memorial.

Seniors Summer Clark and Molly Chantres each added six kills, while setters Jordan Wozniak, a freshman, and Nina Gaffke, a junior, contributed 13 and nine assist-to-kills, respectively, as they both filled in for senior starter Grace Vaeth, who was out with a sprained ankle.

Other standouts for Churchill include Jessica Maladecki (four aces, six digs), Carly Dlugos (nine digs) and Takanta George (six digs).

FRANKLIN 3, JOHN GLENN 0: In the other Division 1 district semifinal Oct. 31, Livonia Franklin ousted Westland John Glenn in three sets, 25-15, 25-22, 25-19, as Jamia Murray led the way with 10 kills, 14 digs and three aces.

Other standouts for Franklin included Kaitlyn Merrill (10 kills, three blocks, one ace) and Hannah Rhatigan (nine kills, three blocks).

STEVENSON 3, FARMINGTON 1: Erin Pietruszka served six aces Oct. 31 as Livonia Stevenson (34-10-4) advanced with 20-25, 25-22, 25-20, 25-13 Division district semifinal win over the host Falcons.

Leaders in kills for the Spartans included Libby Cleaveland (nine), Koryn Parmenter (eight), Abby Cormier (seven) and Abby Cleaveland (seven).

Assist-to-kill leaders for Stevenson were Abby Cleaveland and Hannah

Campau with 13 and 11, respectively.

Sedona Coon and Eliza Alushi paced the defense with 15 digs apiece for Stevenson.

NORTHVILLE 3, PLYMOUTH 0: On Oct. 31, junior Clare McNamara and sophomore Jenna Boksha each finished with eight kills as the host Mustangs (43-6-1) cruised to a 25-16, 25-13, 25-15 Division 1 district semifinal victory over the Wildcats.

Eleanor Knight chipped in six kills, while setter Gabi Fisette recorded 25 assist-to-kills. Michigan State commit Hannah Grant, a senior libero, paced the defense with 15 digs, while Nyia Setla added six.

NOVI 3, SALEM 0: Senior Jaeda Porter finished with 14 kills as the Wildcats (40-8-2) advanced with a 25-20, 25-15, 25-12 Division 1 district semifinal victory Oct. 31 against the Rocks at Northville.

Other stalwarts for Novi included Shannon Jennings (32 assist-to-kills, five aces, eight digs), Megha Gondi (nine kills) and Rachel Jennings (14 digs).

NOVI 3, CANTON 0: Setter Shannon Jennings had 25 assist-to-kills, four aces, four kills and five digs as the three-time defending MHSAA state champion Wildcats (39-8-2) opened Division district play with a 25-10, 25-12, 25-21 win over the Chiefs Oct. 29 at Northville.

Other stalwarts for Novi included Jaeda Porter (11 kills, 13 digs), Rachel Jennings (19 digs, four aces), Caleigh Robinson (six kills, two blocks) and Gabby Cummings (six kills, three digs).

FRANKLIN 3, WAYNE 0: Kaitlyn Merrill had nine kills, eight aces and six digs leading Livonia Franklin to a Division 1 district first-round victory Oct. 29 over host Wayne Memorial.

Joanie Evans added five aces and 20 digs, while Abi Atteveld added eight kills and three aces as the Patriots advanced to the district semifinals.

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Harrison

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seven). Before Friday's three-point verdict, the closest game between the schools came in 1999, when Harrison won 17-13.

Ironically, both teams went on to win a state championship that season.

The latest meeting featured a wild end to a strange game that saw the Hawks score on a pair of safeties, each team miss a field goal and featured tremendous defense on both sides.

Harrison took an early 5-0 first-quarter lead on a safety and a Hiser field goal. The Yellowjackets had a chance to get on the board, but had kicker Zain Abu-Akeel's field goal sail wide right with 7:43 left in the first half.

Country Day finally got on the board with 1:30 left in the second quarter on a 21-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Ahlon Mitchell to senior receiver Darrin King, giving the 'Jackets a 7-5 lead.



Farmington Harrison head coach John Herrington hoists the district trophy after the thrilling victory over Detroit Country Day. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

It looked like the Hawks would reclaim the lead just before halftime, but on a first-down play from the Country Day 22-yard line, senior quarterback Keel Warston took a sack. He called timeout with 0:00.7 left on the clock, but Hiser's field-goal attempt fell short of the crossbar.

Harrison tied it with 4:22 left in the

third quarter. Country Day had the ball at its own 34-yard line, then fumbled. The ball bounded off of players all the way back into the end zone, where the Yellowjackets finally recovered it to prevent the touchdown.

The resulting safety, though, tied the game at 7-7, setting up the dramatic fourth quarter.

Both teams used fourth-down daring in attempts to win the game in the fourth quarter. On a drive that started at its own 47 following the free kick after the safety, Harrison twice went for it on fourth down.

The first time, senior Vincent Rawls gained 2 yards on a fourth-and-one at the Country Day 33. But on a fourth-and-seven from the 27, Martin was tackled for a loss.

On a drive that started at its own 37 with 6:25 left in the game, Country Day found itself facing fourth-and-five at the Harrison 15-yard-line, but took a false start penalty. Mitchell, scrambling on fourth-and-10, was stopped short.

Country Day's Abu-Akeel drilled a field goal on the fourth play of overtime,

setting up Heard's climactic finish.

"I'm very disappointed for it to end like that," Country Day coach Dan MacLean said. "It was a great game. I give (Harrison) a lot of credit. But there were some turnovers ... in a game like that, you can't have that."

Harrison coach John Herrington was all smiles — albeit nervous ones — after the win. He said he thought it was over — "I thought we were done when we bobbled that snap," he said — but had nothing but praise for Heard, who scored on a kick return during last week's win over Cranbrook.

"Last week, it was a kickoff return, this week he does that (the touchdown pass)," Herrington said. "Some guys are just playmakers."

The win puts Harrison into the regional final against Chelsea, back on the Hawks' home field.

"We get another game," Herrington said, the smile even wider.

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Playoffs

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In an interesting side note, Groves, Harrison and Farmington all compete in the Oakland Activities Association, while Franklin is out of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Here is a closer look at each of the three games involving those four teams this weekend:

Livonia Franklin (7-4) at Birmingham Groves (9-2), 7 p.m. Friday: Franklin has won 10 playoff games the past four years, including four last year before losing in the Division 2 state championship game to Warren De La Salle. The Patriots have enjoyed another strong season despite what their four-loss record might indicate. Two of those defeats were to Belleville and Dearborn Fordson — both of which are still alive in the D-1 playoffs — in KLA East Division play. Franklin is led by quarterback Jake Kelbert, who accounted for three touchdowns in last week's win over Bedford. The Patriots also have been bolstered by the return of running back Julius Simmons and defensive end Arsell Weary,

who missed some time with injuries. The Patriots allow an average of 24 points per game and the host Falcons could exploit that with their big-play offense, led by senior speedsters Damonte McCurdy and Khalil Dawsey. Dawsey, headed to Harvard, had a strong game against Brother Rice in the district final with a pair of TD catches and a pick-six. Like Franklin, Groves has enjoyed recent playoff success, losing to Detroit King by a touchdown in the 2016 semifinals. Groves has never defeated Franklin in nine previous meetings (one tie). This should be an entertaining clash. **Picks:** Emons (Groves), Budner (Groves), Smith (Franklin).

Farmington (8-3) vs. DeWitt (11-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Lansing Catholic Central High School: Kendall Williams and his Falcons teammates will have their hands full against undefeated DeWitt. The Capital Area Conference Blue Division champions have a playoff pedigree that includes a 49-24 postseason record and 18 playoff berths over the past 19 years. DeWitt has played in five state championship games without having won a state title. The Panthers are solid on all fronts, averaging a whopping 39 points per game offensively and giving

up just 89 points all season on the defensive side. They scored 34 points or more in each of their first 10 games before squeaking by East Lansing, 9-7, in the district championship game last week. Farmington, the OAA Blue Division runner-up, has averaged 38 points in winning its first two playoff games. Williams, a senior running back, has led the Falcons' postseason offense with nine touchdowns in wins over Avondale and South Lyon East and will face his stiffest test this season against the stingy Panthers defense. Massive defensive lineman Donovan King is playing well in the trenches. It marks the first-ever meeting between the two schools. The Falcons will be heavy underdogs to the Panthers and will need to play a mistake-free game in order to pull off the upset. **Picks:** Emons (DeWitt), Budner (DeWitt), Smith (DeWitt).

Chelsea (7-4) at Farmington Harrison (8-3), 1 p.m. Saturday: Well, now. Harrison's final season continues after a miracle finish against Detroit Country Day in last week's district championship game in Beverly Hills. The Hawks trailed by three points in overtime and lined up for a field goal. After a snap miscue, holder Rod Heard picked up the ball and

tossed a pass to senior Max Martin for what proved to be the game-winning touchdown in a pulsating 13-10 triumph. The last-second win allowed Harrison to extend its final season — the school is closing after this year — at least one more week. And the Hawks earned a home game to boot for a chance to win a regional championship on their own turf. Heard has more than 2,800 career rushing yards and is seventh on the school's all-time rushing list. The Hawks will face a Chelsea squad that placed third in the Southeastern Conference White Division behind Jackson and Dexter. The Bulldogs, like the Hawks, have been perennial playoff participants this millennium, with a 25-20 overall postseason record. They lost in the 2015 D-3 state championship game to Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Chelsea has never defeated Harrison in three previous meetings. It should be a memorable day for Hawks nation in their final ever game at Buller Field inside the John Herrington Athletic Complex. **Picks:** Emons (Harrison), Budner (Harrison), Smith (Harrison).

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PREP FOOTBALL

Franklin defense holds off late Bedford comeback

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Talk about a crazy finish.

After building a 21-0 advantage during the first half, Livonia Franklin nearly watched its football state playoff hopes evaporate before holding on in the waning seconds for a 27-25 victory Friday at home in the district championship final.

The Patriots, last year's Division 2 runners-up, improved to 7-4 and will travel Friday Nov. 9 to face Birmingham Groves (9-2), a 38-24 winner over Birmingham Brother Rice.

It was Franklin's third district title in four years and the fourth under coach Chris Kelbert (2007, 2015, 2017 and 2018).

Bedford (6-5) recovered a controversial onside kick and scored with 3:25 remaining in regulation to pull within two, 27-25, on a 26-yard touchdown run by Christian Brown.

The Kicking Mules went for the two-point conversion, only to have Franklin linebacker Marino DiPonio break up the toss sweep play with a clutch tackle.

"The defense had a couple of really good stops in the first half," Kelbert said. "But (Bedford) made some half-time adjustments and found some things that they could do effectively and were able to score points."

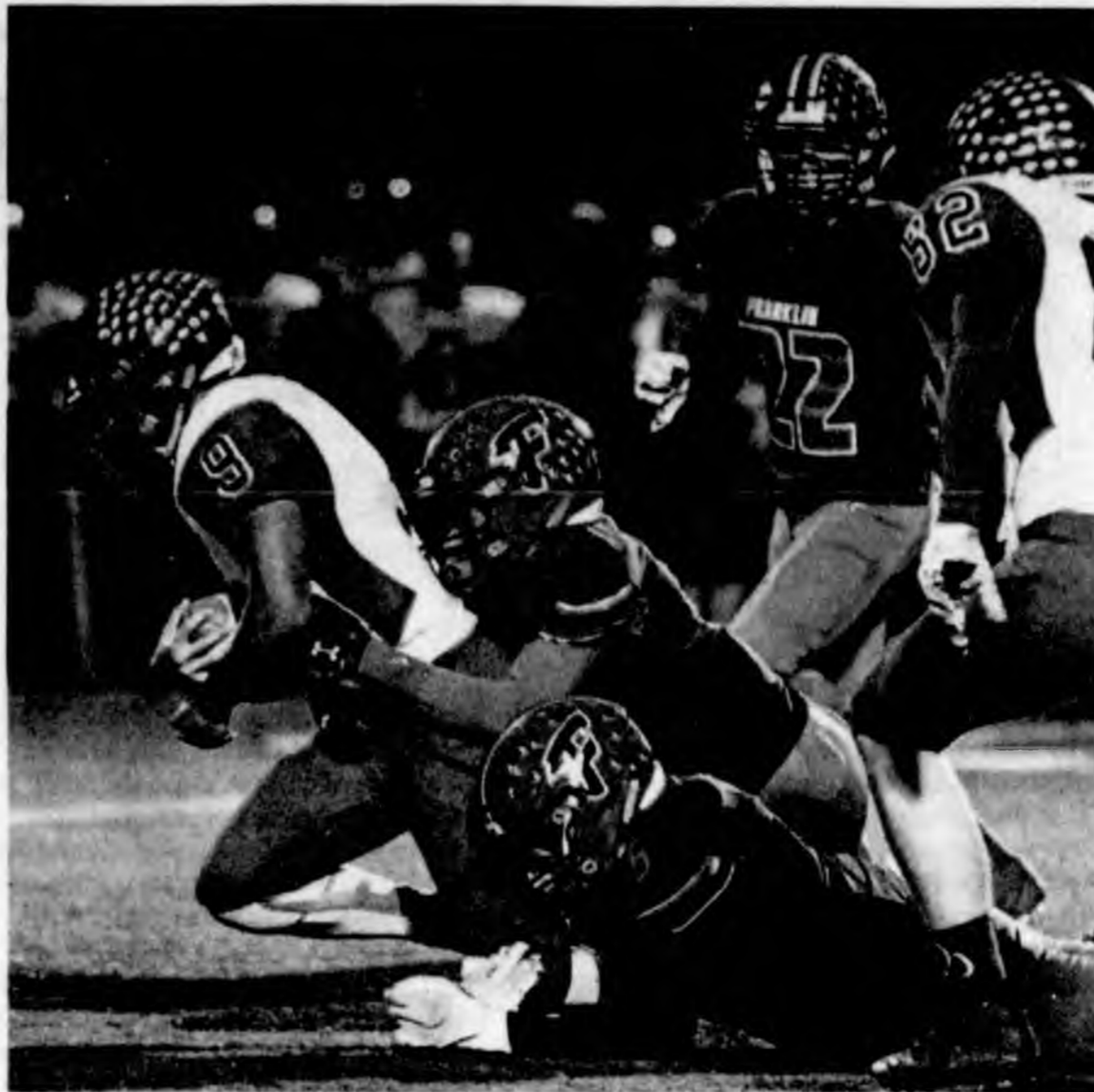
After pulling to within two, Bedford went for another onside kick, which the Patriots recovered.

Franklin answered with a first down, but coughed up the ball on a bad snap at its own 45 as Wade Johnson recovered, giving Bedford a final chance to go ahead with a field goal or touchdown.

With a short field, the Mules drove down and had first-and-goal at the Franklin 4 with only 12 seconds remaining before calling their final timeout.

After missing pair of extra points earlier in the game, Bedford coach Jeff Wood shunned a field-goal try and went for the TD, only to have the Patriots' Erick Reeves make a clutch tackle on Bedford QB Austin Malabanan short of the goal line as time ran out on the Mules.

Franklin jumped out to a 14-0 first-



Bedford quarterback Austin Malabanan (left) is tackled by Franklin's Doug Neal (top) and Arsell Weary. NANCY ERWIN



Franklin captured its third Division 2 district title in four years with a 27-25 win over Temperance Bedford. NANCY ERWIN

quarter lead as Connor Linton caught a 78-yard TD pass from junior quarter-

back Jake Kelbert, followed by a 53-yard TD run from Fredrick Biles.

The Patriots went up 21-0 early in the second on Aidan Pittenger's 2-yard TD catch from Kelbert, who was 6-of-13 passing on the night for 165 yards.

Malabanan then ripped off an outside veer play and ran 80 yards for a TD to cut the deficit to 21-6 at halftime.

"We came out and did everything we wanted to do," Chris Kelbert said. "We had a couple of missed tackles on that play before the half when the quarterback had that big run, a couple of missed assignments, so it gave them momentum."

In the third quarter, the Mules got a 44-yard run Malabanan to make it 21-13, but Kelbert answered with a 39-yard TD toss to Biles in the fourth to put Franklin up 27-13. (The extra point was missed.)

Bedford came back again with a 5-yard TD run by Brown, who had 116 yards on the game. The Mules then recovered the onside kick, resulting in a 26-yard Brown TD run to pull within two.

The Mules edged Franklin in total offense, 476-435, and in first downs, 18-15. Each team lost a fumble.

Franklin's leading rushers were Biles (four carries, 80 yards) and Kelbert (eight carries, 60 yards). Linton had two catches for 93 yards, while Biles added three catches for 70 yards.

Franklin's Kyle Hetu had an interception and recovered a fumble.

Leading tacklers for the Patriots included Ethan Cooper (seven solo, three assists), James Carpenter (six solo, three assists), Arsell Weary (three solo, a sack, six assists) and Jake Swirple (two solo, six assists).

The Patriots now will be gunning for their second straight regional title against Groves, which has won nine straight since losing its first two games to West Bloomfield (39-28) and Oak Park (13-7).

"They're really good," Kelbert said of the Falcons. "They're athletic, they play in a really good conference (Oakland Activities Association). It will be a tough test for us."

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PREP FOOTBALL

All-KLAA divisional teams announced

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The Kensington Lakes Activities Association recently announced its East and West Division 2018 football teams.

Here is a list of the players, along with honorable mention all-KLAA selections:

All-East Division

Belleville: Christian Dhue-Reid, 5-11, 200, Soph. QB; Cameron Wallace, 6-1, 260, Soph. OL; Jakobe Watkins, 6-1, 260 Fr. OL; Darrell Johnson, 5-8, 155, Soph. WR; Andre Seldon, 5-8, 150, Jr. DB; Damon Payne, 6-3, 260, Soph. DL; Dylan Zagala, 6-1, 220, Sr. LB; Deon Selma, 5-10, 190, Sr. RB; Isaiah Foster, 6-2, 210, Sr. DL; Christopher Lunsford, 5-11, 190, Jr. K; Ronald Jackson, 6-0, 180, Jr. DB.

Dearborn Fordson: Hussein Ajami, 6-1, 200, Sr. QB; Hadi Hamid, 6-4, 220, Sr. TE; Abraham Jaafar, 5-9, 180, Sr. RB; Mouhamad Mehdi, 6-2, 225, Sr. OL; Brandon Thomas, 6-1, 165, Jr. DB; Ahmed Allamy, 6-1, 205, Sr. WR; Mohamed Rizk, 6-0, 240, Sr. OL; Isaac Kaczmarek, 6-2, 250, Sr. OL; Tim Stallworth, 6-1, 195, Sr. LB.

Livonia Churchill: Drew Alsobrooks, 6-1, 205, Sr. QB; Darrell Mason, Jr., 5-10, 180, Sr. RB; Avery Grenier, 6-0, 180, Sr. WR; Andrew Greff, 6-3, 215, Sr. LB; Joel Forgacs, 6-4, 205, Sr. TE; Matt Salutes, 5-9, 235, Sr. DT; Ethan Gyurnek, 6-4, 250, Sr. DT.

Livonia Franklin: Marino DiPonio, 5-6, 182, Sr. LB; Cal Fournier, 6-1, 155, Sr. DB; Jacob Kelbert, 5-11, 183, Jr. QB; Jake Swirple, 6-0, 295, OL; Arsell Weary, 6-1, 210, Sr. DL.

Dearborn: Jake Tafelsi, 5-10, 190, Sr. RB; Rami Mullan, 5-10, 200, Sr. LB; Hassan Aboukhodr, 6-0, 200, Sr. DE; Tommy Guajardo, 6-3, 230, Jr. WR.

Westland John Glenn: John Florn, 5-11, 2243, Sr. OL; Elijah White, 6-1, 195, Sr. OLB; Lee Williams, 5-10, 264, Sr. DT.

Livonia Stevenson: Dalen Cobb, 5-9, 190, Sr. RB; Carter Ackman, 6-2, 255, Sr. DL.

Wayne Memorial: Jordan Holt, 5-8, 335, Sr. OL-NG.

Honorable mention

Belleville: Jamari Buddin, DL; Darrian Murray, LB; Khalid Crawford, RB; Deshann Lee, DB; **Fordson:** Ali Baiz, OL; James Wheeler, LB; Mohamed Elmokdad, OL; Walaa Mazloun, DB; **Churchill:** Brendan Lowry, DB; Jake Robertson, DE; Keegan Cutshaw, OL; Evan Lay, OL; **Franklin:** Ethan Cooper, DL; Kyle Hetu, SB; Evan Pittenger, LB; Julius Simmons, RB; **Dearborn:** Bilal Elahassan, RB; Dean Elder, DE; Ali Makled, WR; Ali Saad, DE; **John Glenn:** Dante Barthwell, RB; Zuriel Debose, S; Jarred Tarance, Chad Stevens, QB; **Stevenson:** Evan Beck, RB; Nick Lamothe, DB; Zak Ziemba, WR; Jacob Townley, DB; **Wayne:** Chris Guipi-Bopala, LB; Kevin Downs, WR; Christian Jones, DB.

All-West Division

Brighton: Will Jontz, 6-3, 195, Sr. QB; Chris Seguin, 5-10, 180, Sr. RB; Jacob LaFave, 6-4, 260, Sr. OL; Brad Luketic, 6-3, 265, Jr. OL; Nate Hoffman, 6-3, 255, Jr. OL; Colby Ford, 5-11, 235, Sr. DL; Luke Stanton, 6-4, 230, Jr. DE; Cole Riddle, 6-0, 215 Jr. LB; Zach Pardonnet, 6-1, 210, Jr. LB; Jack Krause, 6-2, 195, Sr. LB; Zach Hopman, 5-11, 170, Sr. DB.

Canton: Steven Walker, 5-9, 170, Sr. RB; Noah VanBerkel, 6-4, 220, Sr. DT;



Churchill senior quarterback Drew Alsobrooks, an all-KLAA East Division pick, runs the ball during a pre-district game Oct. 26 against Brother Rice. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Canton senior defensive end Darius Robinson, an all-KLAA West Division selection, tackles Brighton quarterback Will Jontz during a Sept. 21 game. JON VESPAZIANI

Darius Robinson, 6-5, 265, Sr. DT; Ben Stesiak, 5-11, 175, Jr. QB; Kale Vickers, 6-4, 225 Jr. OT; James Deese, 6-0, 230, Sr. DT; Luke Jouppli, 6-0, 185, Sr. RB; Seth Troszak, 5-10, 200, Sr. LB; Jawuan

Frazier, 5-9, 160, Sr. DB.

Plymouth: Mike Mathias, 5-8, 165, Jr. RB; Nathan Janke, 6-0, 165, Jr. DB; Alec Beshears, 6-2, 185, Jr. DB; Carson Miller, 5-9, 160, Sr. RB; Ivan Davis, 6-4, 200, Jr.

DE; Logan Walkley, 5-8, 160, Jr. LB.

Howell: Nathan Eades, 5-10, 185, Sr. OL; D.J. Hamilton, 6-1, 225 Sr. OL; Matthew Hornyak, 6-2, 215, Sr. QB; Shane Sovik, 5-10, 160, Sr. DB.

Hartland: Reece Potter, 5-10, 160, Sr. TB; Tanner Culver, 6-1, 170, Sr. HB; Zach Linfield, 6-3, 160, Sr. WR; Mitch Waters, 5-11, 180, Sr. LB.

Northville: Jake DelCampo, 5-10, 175, Sr. DB; Enzo Rodriguez, 5-10, 167, Jr. RB; Jackson Weaver, 6-2, 305, Sr. OL.

Novi: Drew O'Connor, 5-9, 175, Sr. DB; Kyle Heslop, 5-11, 220, Sr. DL.

Salem: Josh Williams, 6-3, 295, Jr. DT.

Honorable mention

Brighton: Jacob Possorek, OL; Noah Piercy, TE; Wyatt Tyrna, DL; Nate Kwapisz, DL; **Canton:** Tim Pennington, LB; Liam Radomski, LB; Cody Bartos, OT; Caden Domzalski, DB; **Plymouth:** Brice Baumgart, TE; Luke Fisher, OL; Jack Angott, DB; Josh Carver, LB; **Howell:** Philip Pietila, DL; Jonah Schrock, RB; Adam Palazzolo, LB; John Trochio, LB; **Hartland:** Corey Cavanaugh, DB; Garret Sis-co, DL; Logan Tobel, WR-DB; **Northville:** Nolan Fernandez-Forgwe, ILB; Daniel McLaughlin, DB; Anthony Montemayor, DB; Nicholas Prystash, WR; **Novi:** Troy Aikens, RB; Ryland Bennett, DL; Ayden Wasser, OL; Josh Erno, QB; **Salem:** Nathan Hunt, RB; Sheldon Lyall, WR; Jaquan Baker, ILB; Joe Kaceli, OLB.

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PREP FOOTBALL

South Lyon's memorable season comes to an end

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South Lyon's second go-around with Walled Lake Western didn't fare as well as the first — and it couldn't have come at a worse time.

The Lions hooked up with the Warriors for the second time in three weeks during Friday's Division 2 district championship game.

In the first meeting, South Lyon defeated Western 29-19 to claim the Lakes Valley Conference championship. The Warriors avenged that 10-point loss on a cool, crisp evening at The Jungle.

Western used a 21-0 third-quarter blitz to take control of a close game and went on to a 35-14 victory. The Warriors held a 7-6 halftime lead and took a 28-6

lead into the final quarter.

Western's five touchdowns were scored by Michael Beauchamp (54-yard run), Christopher Harris (31-yard interception return), Sam Johnson III (1-yard run), Abdur-Rahmaan Yaseen (25-yard pass from Johnson) and Kevin Jackson (5-yard run).

South Lyon's touchdowns came in the first quarter (Keegan McGrath's 21-yard pass from quarterback Connor Fracassi) and fourth quarter (Fracassi's 2-yard run).

Although South Lyon had two more plays in the game (58-56), Western had a decided edge statistically, with 368 total yards to South Lyon's 150. The Warriors had 16 first downs to the Lions' 11.

Fracassi finished with seven completions in 21 attempts for 92 yards and a pair of interceptions. Ian Goins was

South Lyon's leading rusher (25 yards) and Ron Menard was the leading receiver (36 yards on one reception).

Senior running back Kevin Jackson led Western with 72 yards rushing on four carries. Yaseen had five receptions for 69 yards and Johnson was 16-of-29 passing for 169 yards.

The loss ended a dream season for South Lyon.

The Lions went through the regular-season without a loss and won their first playoff game in overtime over Dexter. South Lyon finished with a 10-1 record.

Western (8-3) will host Midland (8-3) in the D-2 regional championship game this week.

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Keegan McGrath and his South Lyon teammates had their dream season end with Friday night's loss to Walled Lake Western in the Division 2 district championship game. TOM BEAUDOIN

PREP FOOTBALL

Williams spurs Farmington's district victory over S.L. East

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Farmington's 2018 football season could have been derailed in the fifth week, when senior lineman Donovan King tore his ACL.

The Falcons (8-3) lost their way for a couple of games immediately after King's injury, but it wouldn't be long before the team got it going again — behind senior quarterback Anthony Reaves, senior running backs Kendall Williams and Delmon Sewell and a tough-as-nails defense.

And Friday at Farmington High School, in the Division 3 district championship game, Williams was unstoppable in the Falcons' 34-3 rout of pesky South Lyon East (6-5).

Williams carried the load and the football (21 rushes for 238 yards and three touchdowns) while Reaves (6-of-7 passing, 112 yards and a TD) completed just enough passes to keep the Cougars' defense guessing and Sewell helped the cause with 80 all-purpose yards (49 on the ground) and a touchdown.

"We ran the ball all day long. I'm not sure what the stats were, but Kendall and Delmon both are punishing backs," said Farmington head coach Kory Ciuroch, who was age 12 in 2002, the last time the Falcons won a district title. "They're sort of our thunder and lightning and they're hard to stop. I wouldn't want to play defense against them myself."

He got no argument from his East counterpart, Joe Pesci.

"He's a heck of a back and, if you don't get him on the first point of attack and he gets through or breaks one tackle, he's got great agility and great vision," Pesci said about Williams. "He just makes those little slide cuts and, as soon as he gets through there, he's gone."

"We missed on him a couple times, he gets out into the open field and he's off to the races."

Farmington scored 28 unanswered points in the second half, blowing open what had been a tight game (6-3 at half-time). Williams took the first snap of the third quarter, got past Cougars tacklers and scooted 68 yards down the left sideline for a touchdown.

Williams also took it to the house from 41 and 7 yards, the latter TD a zig-zagging work of art into the end zone. His big game enabled him to break Farmington's season and all-time rushing records.

"We had a lot of energy after that first touchdown, we just ran with it," Williams said, tipping his cap to the injured King — who drew the loudest cheer during the postgame awards presentation.

"He's a motivator. We just had to do it. We had to do it for (King). He put us in this position, so we just had to move on. We can do a lot, we just got to realize that."

Also scoring for the Falcons was Sewell, on a 1-yard run to cash in on an interception by senior linebacker Nate Shaw.

Opening the scoring for the Falcons was junior receiver Jacody Sikora, on a 52-yard touchdown catch-and-run. Reaves fired the ball over the middle and Sikora was all alone, grabbing it and finishing the job in fine fashion.

East managed to get on the scoreboard with 1:20 to play in the first half on a 35-yard field goal from senior Dom Angelosanto. Helping set up that score was a 17-yard pass from Cougars sophomore quarterback Ayden Oliver to senior receiver Sean Clary.

That drive got off to a promising start when senior Matt Gilbert ran back a kickoff 38 yards.

"Our goal from the start was just get one more, get one more win," Clary said. "It's a season of firsts. And we accomplished pretty much everything we possibly could."

"I'm just proud to be here. East is on the rise. I can't thank anyone else enough, my senior class, the coaches, everyone. It's just a blessing to be here."

Following are several other takeaways:

YOU DID GOOD

While Farmington players mobbed each other at the other end of the field, Pesci and his assistant coaches consoled Cougars players — including a group of seniors that took the program to the playoffs for the first time.

The players stood in a line and, one by one, spent a few minutes with Pesci.

"It was a heck of a season for us," Pes-



Farmington senior running back Kendall Williams bursts through South Lyon East defenders en route to a 68-yard touchdown early in the third quarter. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Farmington celebrates after winning its first football district championship since 2002. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ci said. "It was the first true winning season in school history, the first team to win six games."

"That message to all those seniors is that I absolutely love them and I appreciate every single thing that they've done for our program over the four years. They kind of are the model of what we want our players to look like when they're leaving here."

EARLY DRIVE STALLS

Pesci wondered what might have been had the Cougars finished what they started on the game's opening drive.

East moved the ball to the Farming-

ton 30-yard line after big runs by Gilbert (8 yards), junior Donovan Wright (14 yards) and a 20-yard pass from Oliver to Clary.

But the Falcons' defense stiffened and a fourth-down pass was dropped in the end zone.

"There's always those 'what-ifs' or 'shoulda-couldas,' we probably should have looked to sprint out and throw the ball a little earlier, especially on that first drive," Pesci said. "But I don't want to look back and say hindsight's always 20/20. We didn't execute when we had certain plays called in the fourth-and-four, things like that."

TURNOVERS MATTER

Farmington did not just dominate on offense in the second half.

Falcons defenders also got in on the act, with junior lineman Sam Zervos recovering a fumble and Shaw picking off a pass.

NOW WHAT?

Next up for the Falcons is a D-3 regional match-up against DeWitt (11-0) at 7 p.m. Friday.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

South Lyon wins district championship

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South Lyon has greater goals than winning league and district volleyball championships, but the Lions have to start somewhere.

A second district title in the last three years is a good beginning.

South Lyon won the Class A district championship at Howell with an 18-25, 25-16, 25-14, 25-18 victory Friday over the host Highlanders.

They will now shift their attention to winning the first regional championship in school history when they were scheduled to play Ann Arbor Huron in the regional semifinals at Dexter. Two-time defending state champion Novi lurks in the other semifinal, along with Walled Lake Central.

"We're trying to establish South Lyon volleyball in the state of Michigan," first-year Lions coach Rebecca Tincknell said. "It starts tonight."

South Lyon has played in three straight district finals, losing last season to Brighton. The Lions avenged that loss in the semifinals.

Howell, meanwhile, hadn't won a single set in the districts since 2009 before beating rival Hartland two nights earlier.

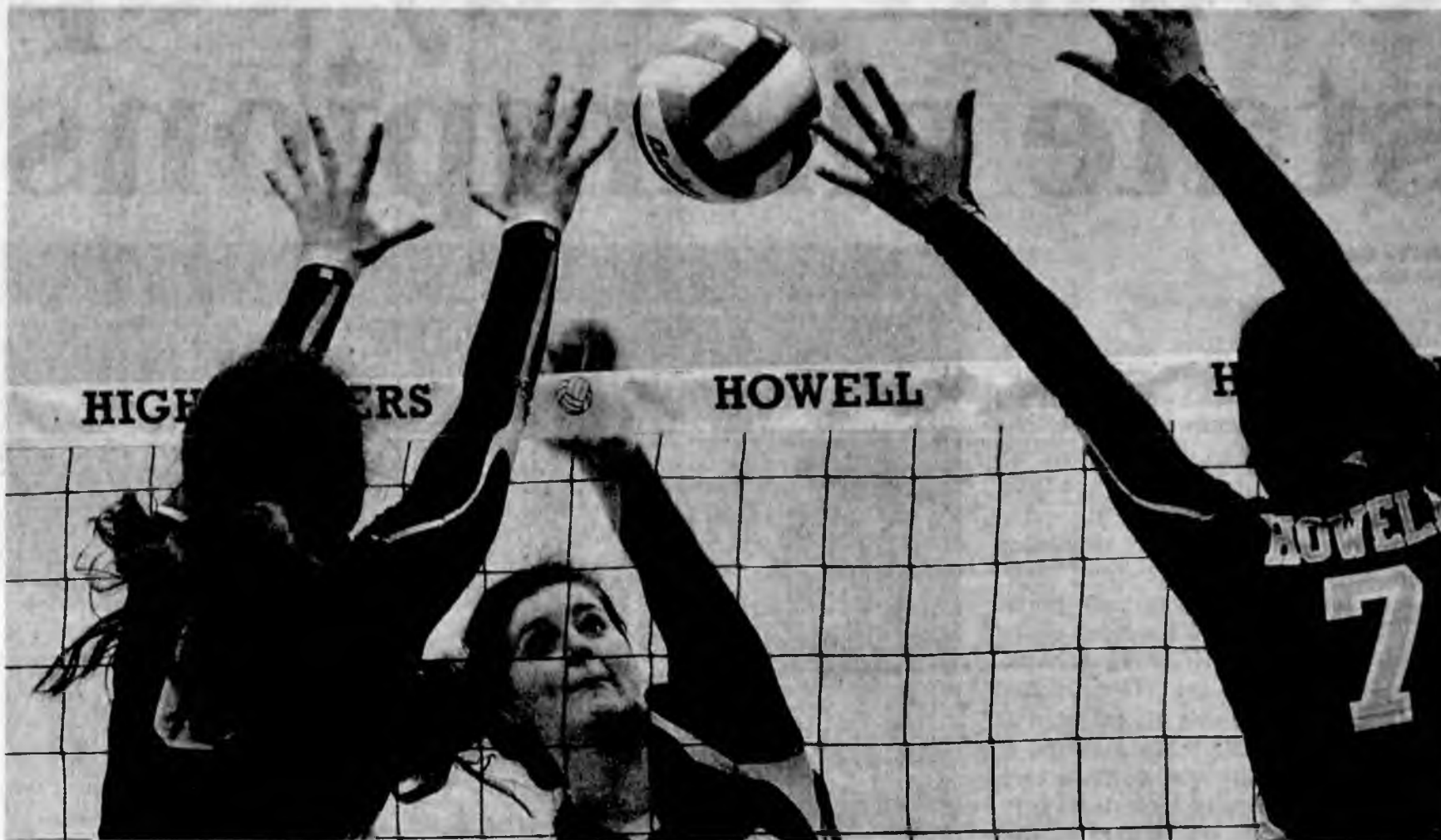
Howell seemed to carry over the momentum from that victory into the first set against South Lyon, scoring the first four points and never trailing. South Lyon got within 15-14, but Howell ended the set with a 10-4 run.

"We were just excited with our initial energy coming into this game," said Howell senior Ivy Earl, who had nine kills and 17 digs. "We knew we could definitely play with them."

As was the case in the semifinals against Brighton, South Lyon (40-9-3) won the final three sets after losing the opener.

"It wouldn't be South Lyon volleyball if we didn't start out a little bit low," Tincknell said. "We did the same thing on (Oct. 31). We came out a little bit slow, but they had the confidence, they got the jitters out and they came back in the next three."

Howell led 7-6 in the second set before



South Lyon's Chloe Grimes, who had 15 kills, puts a shot through Howell's front line during the district championship victory. JIM JAGDFELD

fore the Lions took the lead for good with three straight points.

In the third set, South Lyon outscored Howell 17-7 after the Highlanders got to within 8-7. Several long rallies went the Lions' way as they took a 2-1 lead in the match.

Howell battled to keep its season alive in the fourth set, trailing only 19-17 before South Lyon closed out the match with a 6-1 run.

"We had a little bit of scouting on them, but it really wasn't what we expected," said 6-foot-1 South Lyon junior Chloe Grimes, who had 15 kills. "They were really scrappy and they got a lot of balls up, so that was surprising. I'm really proud of our team. We came back and won three in a row, which is awesome."

Abby Durecki had 14 kills, Morgan Booth had six blocks, Emily Kalinowski had 40 assists and Stephanie Kalinowski had 15 digs for South Lyon.



Howell's Jescia Krakowiak (right) hits the ball while South Lyon's Morgan Booth attempts to block the shot during the district championship game. JIM JAGDFELD

PREP FOOTBALL

Aerial assault lifts Groves to playoff victory

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Birmingham Groves unleashed the sting of last year's heartbreaking triple-overtime pre-district playoff loss to neighborhood rival Brother Rice in a big way Friday night.

The Falcons scored two first-quarter touchdowns and went on to eliminate the Warriors from the football state playoffs with a 38-24 victory in a marathon Division 2 district championship game that took three hours to complete at Falcons Field. Groves also defeated Brother Rice two years ago, 24-0, for the district title.

"It felt great to beat Brother Rice after last year's triple overtime loss," said senior defensive lineman Jacob Edelman, who led Groves with six tackles. "This was great for our team. We've been preparing for them all year, pretty much. We had the scoreboard of the game last year that we had been looking at all year in the weight room and it was good to get this back."

"Our defense has been playing well all year and our run defense is great and I'm proud of them," he added. "I'm excited and we're excited about moving on."

Veteran Groves head coach Brendan Flaherty echoed Edelman's remarks and said his team was solely focused last week on its Catholic League foe.

"It's great to beat a quality program and a quality coach. We respected the heck out of those guys and it's great to beat a time like Brother Rice," said Flaherty, whose team has now won nine straight games after opening the year with consecutive losses to West Bloomfield and Oak Park. "This means a lot to our seniors. You're as good as your senior class."

"Our guys have worked really, really hard to get it together," he added. "All the credit goes to them. Every year, it's a new senior group and I'm really pleased with those guys."

Groves surprised Rice with an awesome aerial attack that resulted in four touchdown passes from junior quarterback Markis Alexander to three different receivers.



Groves junior linebacker Darryll Allen watches as Rice quarterback Greg Piscopink absorbs a first-half sack during Friday's district championship game. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Veteran head coach Brendan Flaherty clutches the district championship while talking to his Groves squad following Friday's victory over Brother Rice. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Flaherty had a tough time recalling when the normally ground-oriented Falcons won a game without a rushing touchdown. Alexander completed 7-of-13 passes for 178 yards.

"The box was just so loaded up and

(Brother Rice) basically said you're going to have to beat us throwing and we did," Flaherty said.

The Falcons set the tone on their first play from scrimmage after recovering a Rice fumble on its opening possession.

Alexander hit Harvard-bound wide receiver Khalil Dawsey, who made a fine finger-tip catch down the left sidelines that resulted in a 49-yard TD.

Groves got the ball back at midfield eight minutes later after Rice miscued on a punt attempt. Alexander then found Damonte McCurdy, who leaped high into the air over a Rice defender to haul in the pass, down the right sidelines for a 40-yard TD reception.

Groves held a 14-0 lead at halftime after a scoreless second quarter.

Dawsey helped the Falcons seal the game in the pivotal third quarter with a 21-yard touchdown reception from Alexander and a 56-yard interception return for a TD. Dawsey finished with two receptions for 59 yards, two interceptions and two tackles.

In between Dawsey's touchdowns, junior kicker Moritz Preuss booted a 23-yard field goal.

Groves went up 31-0 after three quarters and held on through a crazy, elongated fourth quarter, when Rice scored all 24 of its points. The Warriors scored on four touchdown passes from junior quarterback Greg Piscopink to DaRon Gilbert (5 yards), James Donaldson (48 yards), Patrick O'Hara (15 yards) and Patrick Balow (18 yards).

The Falcons scored their final touchdown on a 21-yard pass from Alexander to junior receiver Eli Turner.

Those final 12 minutes featured numerous unsportsmanlike conduct penalties on both teams.

"I think they're a great team and (Brother Rice head) coach (Adam) Korzeniewski does a great job with them," Flaherty said. "You're never comfortable until the clock hits zero-zero. It's a credit to (Rice) and their program. They battled back and they worked hard. I tip my hat to them, but I'm proud of our guys too."

Groves (9-2) will host Livonia Franklin in the Division 2 regional championship game set for 7 p.m. Friday. Franklin (7-4) slipped past Temperance Bedford, 27-25.

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BOYS SOCCER

Country Day captures state championship

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Detroit Country Day head coach Steve Bossert believes he has the state's best goalkeeper in Jon Dougherty. The 6-foot-3 senior certainly backed up those claims Saturday during the Division 2 state championship game.

Dougherty made 19 saves in leading Country Day to its state-leading 15th title in its illustrious program history with a 1-0 victory over No. 1-ranked Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern at Comstock Park High School. The unranked Yellowjackets survived 80 minutes of regulation time, 20 more minutes of overtime and finally won with a 4-2 advantage in the penalty-kick shootout.

"I've got the best goalie in the state," said Bossert, who took over DCD's boys soccer program from Bob Bukari in 2014. "He is such a great athlete. He is so big. He is so strong and he has great anticipation. And unless there is a deflection or something weird happens, he's going to be able to save everything he sees."

"Dougherty was the difference. Our whole defensive line played wonderfully. Time after time, they headed balls out of the way and, really, we were somewhat undersized. We've worked all year on PKs, because if it comes down to this, you want to be on top."

"The boys have done everything I've asked of them all season long," he added. "They've worked so hard with this in mind and I'm so proud of them to accomplish this. This is just a great feeling."

Setting the tone

Dougherty stopped Northern's first PK shot with a diving save to his right side to set the tone.

Country Day's four shootout scorers were freshman Grant Mateer, sophomore Justin Harris, freshman Maclin Stover and senior Kevin Tang, who knocked in the eventual deciding tally.

"We've been practicing shootouts all year, so we were confident stepping up," said Daugherty, who is now 2-1 in career playoff shootouts. "I had trust in my guys. I had faith in my guys and I told them I'd have their backs in case they missed. I had pure confidence all the way through."

"This is really magical. It's, like, the perfect way to end things," he added. "We've worked so hard, our senior class, since freshman year, through JV, finally getting a spot on varsity and then to come out all the way in top is truly magical. Almost a storybook ending."

It was Country Day's 14th shutout of the season — Daugherty's 12th. He was sensational in the 100 minutes of action with a number of clutch saves, two of which came right at the end the second overtime period.

Dougherty was aided tremendously by a young back line defense that included senior James Naaman, sophomores Tyler Foulk, Josh Gust and John Nino and Stover. They blocked shots and thwarted Northern scoring threats all game, none more so than Naaman, who blocked a hard shot with his face in the final seconds of regulation and was forced to sit out both 10-minute OT periods.

"I just did what I had to do to keep the ball out of the net," Dougherty said. "I just kept telling my defenders where to be in position and they did a heck of a job, too. I'm really proud of our team. Just keeping them off the board was really a struggle."

"We talked about it before the game," he added. "Given the fact that they were faster, stronger and bigger than us, if we could get to PKs, we were confident in our guys to bury them."

Northern's first defeat

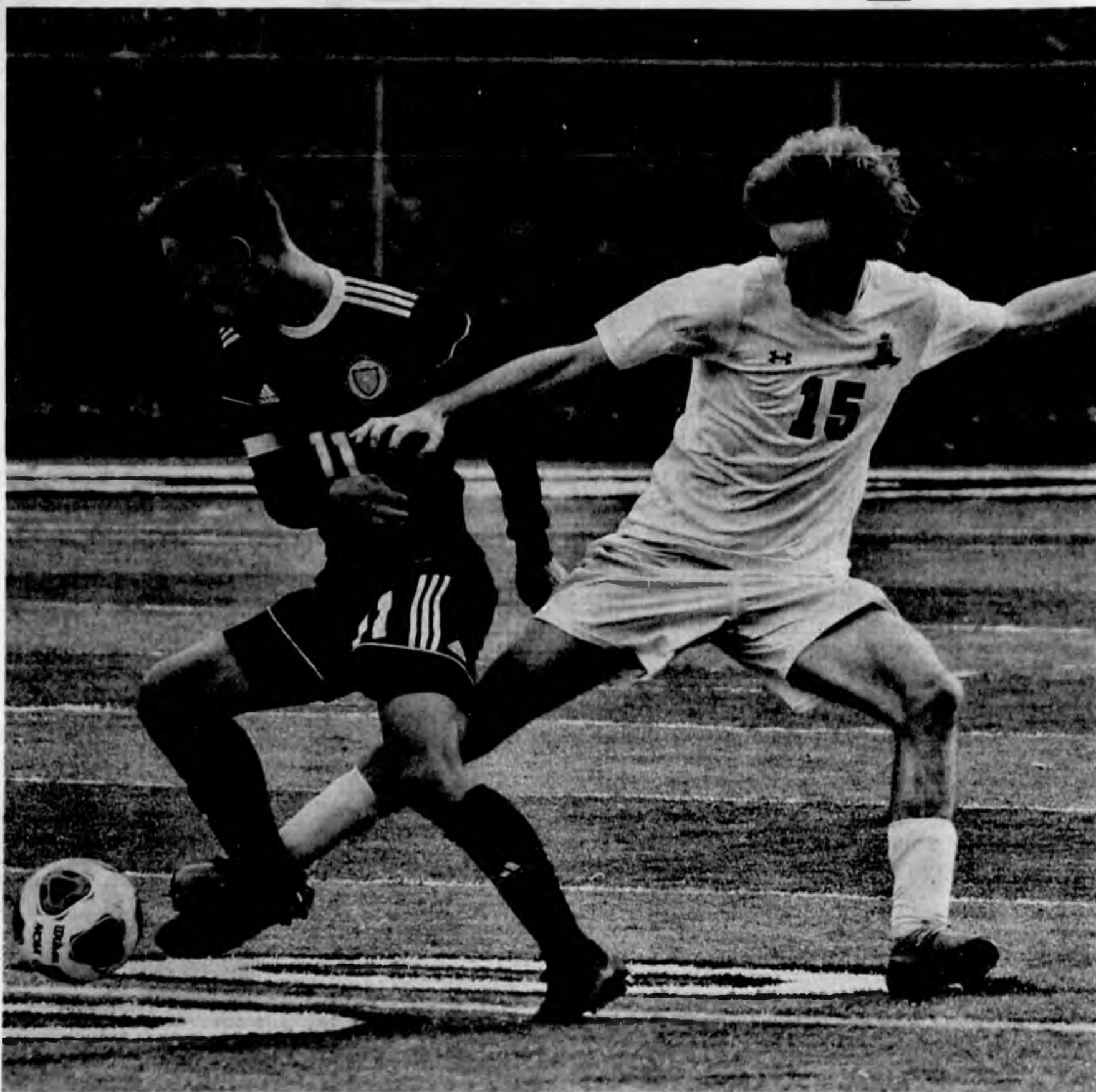
The high-scoring Huskies entered the finals averaging 4.5 goals per game, including an 8-0 victory over Petoskey. They've scored five or more goals 10 times this season.

And Northern was on the offensive most of the game against Country Day.

However, they could not put the ball past Dougherty in quest of its first state championship. Northern also lost on penalty kicks in the 2015 state title game to Mason.

The loss was Forest Hills Northern's first of the season in 25 games.

"It's a tough pill to swallow after the



Country Day senior midfielder Gabe Akeel (left) takes the ball away from Forest Hills Northern's Will Patrick during the Division 2 state championship game. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



DCD sophomore defender Tyler Foulk aids goalie Jon Dougherty by heading the ball away from the net during first-half action. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

season we've had, but really you can still say we are undefeated since we lost in PKs," fifth-year Northern head coach Daniel Siminski said. "But really, it's a small consolation at this point."

Country Day, which finished with a 20-5-2 record, has now won state titles in four different divisions. The last Yellowjackets title was in 2011 (Division 3)

under Bukari. The previous 13 championships were under Paul Bartoshuk.

"I'm so proud to be able to have Country Day win another state championship," Bossert said. "I was an assistant for seven of them, so I knew this feeling and I'm glad we could bring it back home."

"There's a lot of people who worked

really, really hard," he added. "All the kids, my coaching staff, the parents. It takes an enormous amount of people in order to accomplish this and we did."

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USL SOCCER



Flint Mayor Karen Weaver (middle) is all smiles with Michigan Bucks president Costa Papista (left) and chairman Dan Duggan. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Michigan Bucks on the move, relocating to Flint

Atwood Stadium will be the home stadium for the soccer franchise

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The city of Flint has found a new tenant for its newly renovated Atwood Stadium.

Welcomed with open arms, the two-time North American Premier Development League champion Michigan Bucks (2007 and 2016) are leaving the northern suburbs of Detroit to relocate its storied U-23 United Soccer League 2 franchise, announced during a press conference last month at Kettering University's Campus Center.

The Bucks, who played the past decade at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas, an indoor venue, will be going back outdoors after the announcement was made by Livonia native Dan Duggan, the team's chairman and CEO.

Kettering University, which took over and renovated historic Atwood Stadium through community donations, has now formed a partnership with the Bucks, who have a PDL-record 249 wins (1996-2018) to go along with five PDL regular season, seven Central Conference and 14 Great Lakes Division titles.

"From a purist, I think we're all happy to be back outdoors," Duggan said. "But we did have a good 10 years at Ultimate. It gave us a distinct advantage in a lot of ways, but we need to move on to level of where we're going in this country, which is the sport of professional soccer and getting an outdoor venue is important.

And doing it up here at Atwood Stadium is a no-brainer."

The Bucks' history of success also includes the only amateur team to win a pair of Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup games against Major League Soccer teams in the 104-year history of the tournament.

New Michigan Bucks president Costa Papista, who was instrumental in the sale of the Ontario Hockey League Plymouth Whalers to the Flint Firebirds, was originally trying to bring a new USL 2 franchise to Flint before forming a partnership with Duggan.

"When we talked about doing hockey and soccer, there's many similarities, you've got a beautiful stadium at Atwood to play in, so we thought the timing was right and he's up here full time," said Duggan, who was inducted into the Michigan Soccer Association Hall of Fame in 2010. "(Papista) has got all the connections in the market, he's got all the support, he's been here four years of doing this, so having his feet on the ground is really the key to making this work."

The USL 2 season runs from May through the end of July. The only two Central Conference teams from Michigan are the Bucks and Lansing United.

The USL umbrella includes more than 100 teams in three different leagues throughout the U.S. and Canada. The USL 2, which features primarily top NCAA Division I, II and III amateur talent, has 75-plus teams in 10 different divisions and four conferences.

A total of 76 Bucks players have been drafted or signed by MLS teams since 1999. It is the only soccer team in the world with at least one player drafted in every MLS SuperDraft since its inception.

Duggan started the Bucks franchise, which was known then as the Mid-

Michigan Bucks, in Saginaw in 1996, along with his brother Jim. Dan Duggan will continue to team up with former Oakland University men's soccer coach Gary Parson, the Bucks director of coaching, to procure top amateur talent and put a championship-caliber team on the field.

"I'm very familiar with the market and I think it's an absolutely fantastic sports market," Papista said. "I'm going to really focus on the business, the promotion side of it. Dan and Gary will continue to do their great work in putting a first-class product on the pitch. I think it really has a lot of potential to succeed here. I think it's going to be a great summer time event for families, for kids and local soccer players. I think it's going to be all positive."

Before the Firebirds arrived in Flint, Papista was a consultant for Whalers owner Peter Karmanos, who sold his 4,000-seat, two-rink facility to USA Hockey four years ago. (USA Hockey now houses the U-18 and U-17 National Development Program Teams out of the former Compuware Arena in Plymouth.)

Papista also consulted and served for three years under Rolf Nilsen, a Norwegian who became the eventual buyer and owner of the OHL Firebirds.

Atwood Stadium, which opened in 1929, is located in the Carriage Town historic district area of downtown Flint and can seat up to 11,000. (In 1982, Atwood hosted the first Michigan High School Athletic Association boys soccer championship match between Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill.)

"Venues and stadiums are one of the core components the league looks for in any new franchise or any current franchise, all the way from professional league teams from building stadiums," said Joel Nash, USL 2 vice president, who made the trek from Tampa, Fla.

"What Atwood brings is something that people would dream to be able to build and spend millions of dollars to build and to have. I think Atwood, just from the size, to the location downtown and understanding all the economic development that's going in there, it's going to be the perfect home and back-drop for the team to be successful."

Papista, meanwhile, said he was "blown away" when he first visited Atwood Stadium.

"It was absolutely gorgeous," he said. "Kettering has put so much into it and the Friends of Atwood ... my initial thought was sometime and someday down the road, this would be an amazing venue for a soccer franchise. I'm personally a soccer fan. I have two daughters that are playing competitive soccer. It kind of came together quickly. Initially, I was thinking about bringing an expansion USL 2 franchise here and Dan was actually giving me some great advice about the league because that's not my expertise. It kind of morphed into talking about maybe doing something together as a partnership and that's what happened."

Also on hand for the press conference to greet the Bucks with remarks during the press conference were Flint Mayor Karen Weaver and Kettering University President Dr. Robert McMahan.

"It's a wonderful and natural evolution that the team now moves to a city and community like Flint and, paired with the leadership that Costa Papista brings and his knowledge and industry expertise, I think it sets up best from a league standpoint to continue be successful," Nash said.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Dixon's OT catch lifts West Bloomfield over CC

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On a night when yards were hard to come by on both sides, West Bloomfield figured out how to make one more play.

The host Lakers found themselves down 17-14 in overtime Friday night against Novi Detroit Catholic Central following D.J. Breault's 21-yard field goal.

All they needed, however, was 8 more yards and a touchdown to win it.

On second down, 6-foot-3, 210-pound senior Lance Dixon lined up wide and found himself in a one-on-one situation when his quarterback C.J. Harris decided it was time to go to the Penn State commit, who caught the flare-out pass, bolted toward the end zone and broke through the only CC defender in his way at the goal line for a dramatic 20-17 victory.

"We were running the same play all game with that formation, so they decided to hold that play up for overtime," said Dixon, who took in the 8-yard pass. "We came out, ran the play. They weren't guarding it fully, so they weren't ready for it. C.J. threw a good pass and had I had a good catch."

West Bloomfield (9-2), last year's MHSAA Division I state runner-up, lives to play another day after earning the district title over the Shamrocks.

"We knew it was going to be a battle, (CC) knew it was going to be a battle," West Bloomfield coach Ron Bellamy said. "You have two of the perennial state powers and two of the better teams in Oakland County squaring off. Coach (Dan) Anderson has a fine group over there. It was a heck of a football game."

West Bloomfield's defense was the story, as it held CC to 217 total yards, including just 91 on the ground.

"We've got a great defensive line, great linebackers, great safeties ... so they came up and made tackles, the corners came up and made tackles," Dixon said. "We were planning the run 'D' all week."

With the score tied at 14-14, Lakers sophomore defensive lineman Chris Johnson came up clutch when he tackled CC quarterback Marco Genrich short of the first-down marker on a fourth-and-two at West Bloomfield 29 with 5:13 to go.

CC's inability to convert on short-yardage situations killed the Shamrocks all night, including the OT.

"They had more guys than we could block, I guess," Anderson said. "I haven't seen the film, so I don't know. I thought we could have punched it in there, but they stacked us up and stuffed us."

After the CC defense held on a fourth-and-eight on its own 31 during West Bloomfield's opening drive of the game, the Shamrocks forced a turnover when Parker Bohland recovered a Harris fumble at the Lakers' 43 with 4:22 to go in the first quarter.

Five plays later, Genrich scored on a 1-yard keeper to make it 7-0 following Breault's extra point with 1:59 remaining in the quarter.

West Bloomfield responded with a 10-play, 68-yard drive, with Dixon carrying it in from 5 yards out in front of Nittany Lions head coach James Franklin with 10:18 left in the first half to make it 7-7.

The Lakers' defense came up with a key fourth-and-one stop themselves at its own 20.

C.J. Harris then found Tre Mosley over the middle and the Michigan State commit did the rest for an 81-yard TD hook-up with 6:41 left in the half to give the Lakers their first lead, 14-7.

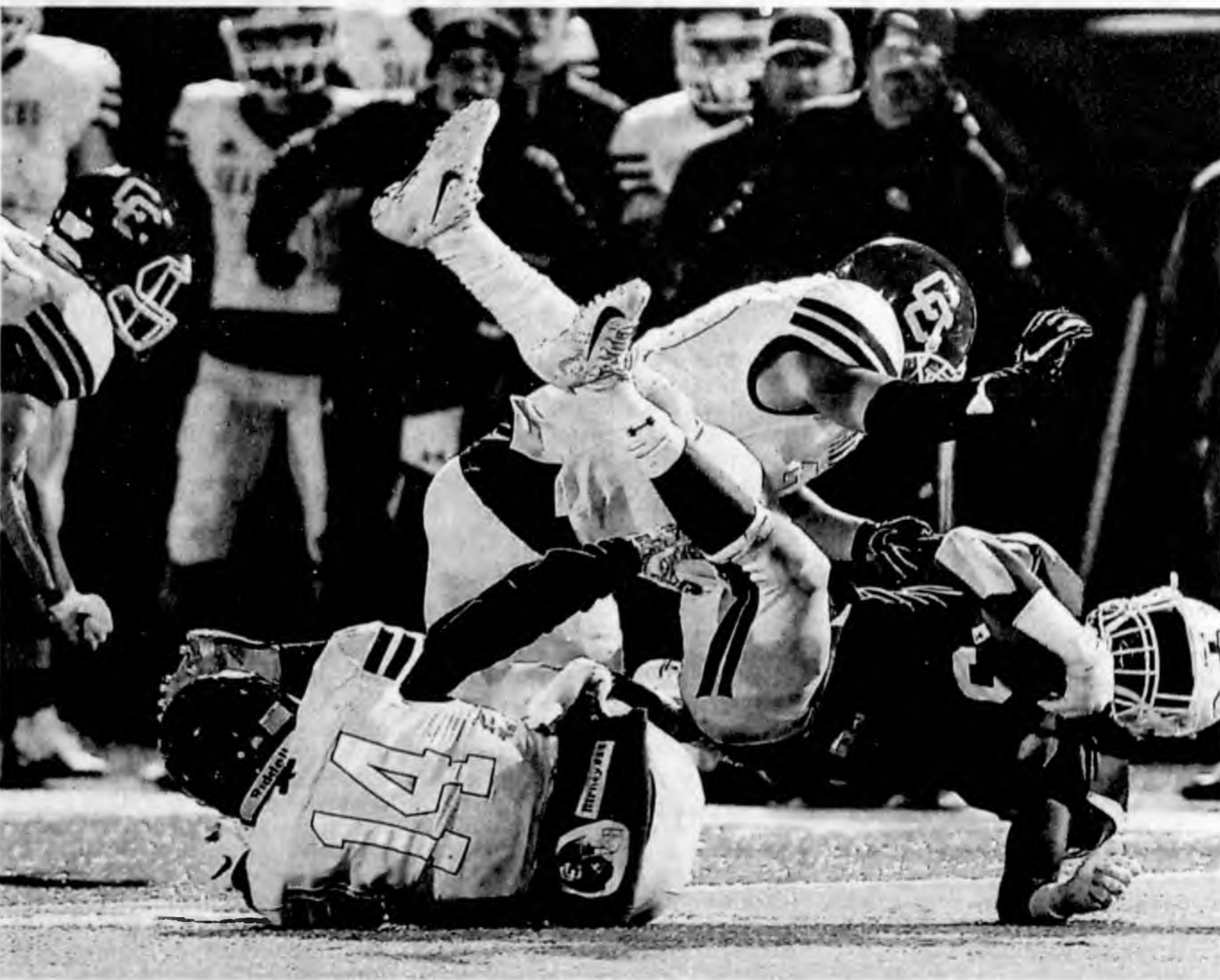
"We have some big-time athletes and we wanted to find ways to get them the football," Bellamy said. "We got a chance to play a Catholic League opponent (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) a couple of weeks ago, saw their film and saw how stout (CC) were in the middle, so we knew it was going to be tough sledding. We wanted to give our athletes the ball in space. We were able to do some things. We made some adjustments and we wanted to put the ball in their hands the second half."

With 5:26 to go in the first half, West Bloomfield partially blocked a CC punt to gain good field position, but then the Lakers' offense stalled and a fake punt attempt backfired at midfield.

CC's Jonathan Brewer returned the second-half kickoff to the Lakers' 45.



Catholic Central's Mike Harding (left) can't come up with the catch against West Bloomfield's D.J. Jenkins. SCOTT CONFER



West Bloomfield's Lance Dixon (right) is upended by CC's Ryan Birney (left) and Brendin Yatooma. SCOTT CONFER

Genrich hit Nate Anderson on a 39-yard pass and Price carried it in from 24 yards out to knot the game at 14-14 with 9:52 left in the third quarter.

But neither team was able to get on the board the rest of regulation.

"We were making adjustments all night, just like they were," Anderson said. "You could see them jumping around and trying to figure out what we were doing. And we were doing the same sometimes. Both teams played

well. It was a great, hard-fought game. You've got to give it to West Bloomfield. They played really well."

In the overtime, CC took the ball first as Price ran to the 1 on first down, but the Lakers' defense came up big again, forcing a field goal by Breault, who was filling as the kicker due to the absence of starter Owen Finnerty, who was on a team bus to Chicago to play in a weekend club soccer tourney.

With the win, West Bloomfield trav-

els Friday to face unbeaten Belleville (11-0) for the regional crown.

Catholic Central ends its season at 7-4.

"I really appreciated the seniors," Anderson said. "They did a great job for us this year. I thought we had a good season, just stinks that it ends now."

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Northville takes title in KLAA meet

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Apparently things have changed dramatically since Sept. 6, when Brighton crushed Northville in a girls swimming dual meet, 119-67.

On Saturday, Northville got its revenge by beating the West Division champion Bulldogs for the Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship, 875-794.5, at Novi.

Rounding out the top eight in the 16-school field were the host Wildcats (715), Canton (567), Plymouth (365.5), Livonia Stevenson (351), Hartland (332) and Salem (249).

"I was very proud of the girls for how hard they worked all year," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "There were a lot of upperclassmen on this conference team and their experience really showed in how we performed at this meet. They knew they were prepared physically and mentally and were ready to swim fast and they did."

Junior Sophia Tuinman was the catalyst for Northville, figuring in four first-place finishes as she captured the 200-yard individual medley (2:04.17) and 500 freestyle (4:55.69).

She also teamed with Riley Szara, Lauren Heaven and Katelyn McCullough for a victory in the 200 medley relay (1:45.91) and swam the lead-off leg in the Mustangs' first-place 400 freestyle relay (1:04.24) along with Heaven, Lulu Mans and McCullough, a senior who also earned an individual win in the 100 backstroke (58.03).

"This was a great meet for us," McNeff said. "We swam really fast and had a lot of dropped time. This whole season we were swimming well, but so were the other teams in the conference. This was going to be a pretty close meet because of that."

Brighton senior Chloe V. Reed swept the 100 and 200 freestyles in 51.97 and 1:52.68, respectively. She also teamed with Maddie Mince, Julianne Libler and Drue Thielking for a victory in the 200 freestyle relay (1:37.01). The Bulldogs' Jordan Libler took the 100 breaststroke (1:04.24).

Meanwhile, Plymouth freshman Brady Kendall made quite a splash in her KLAA meet debut with wins in the 50 freestyle (23.49) and 100 butterfly (55.71).

Novi loaded up points in 1-meter diving, taking the first five places, led by senior McKaela Hill, who scored 403.90 points. In that event alone, the Wildcats scored a total of 180 points. Sophomore Julia Katulski set a new school record with third in the 100 freestyle (53.27). Additional state cuts were achieved by Anna Fonda in the 500 freestyle (ninth, 5:18.25) and Annick Gardon in the 100 backstroke (ninth, 1:00.53).

During the dual meet season, Brighton finished 7-0 in the KLAA West, while Northville was 6-1.

"Brighton has some very fast swimmers, Novi has a lot of great divers and we have a little bit of everything," McNeff said. "Going into (the prelims), there was only about 60 points separating the three of us, which in a conference meet is not a lot at all. ... Our girls decided that they were going to put a little more distance between us and the other teams. We moved up spots in just about every event and just had an amazing day. That continued on Saturday and we were able to win the meet."

KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET Nov. 1-3 at Novi H.S.

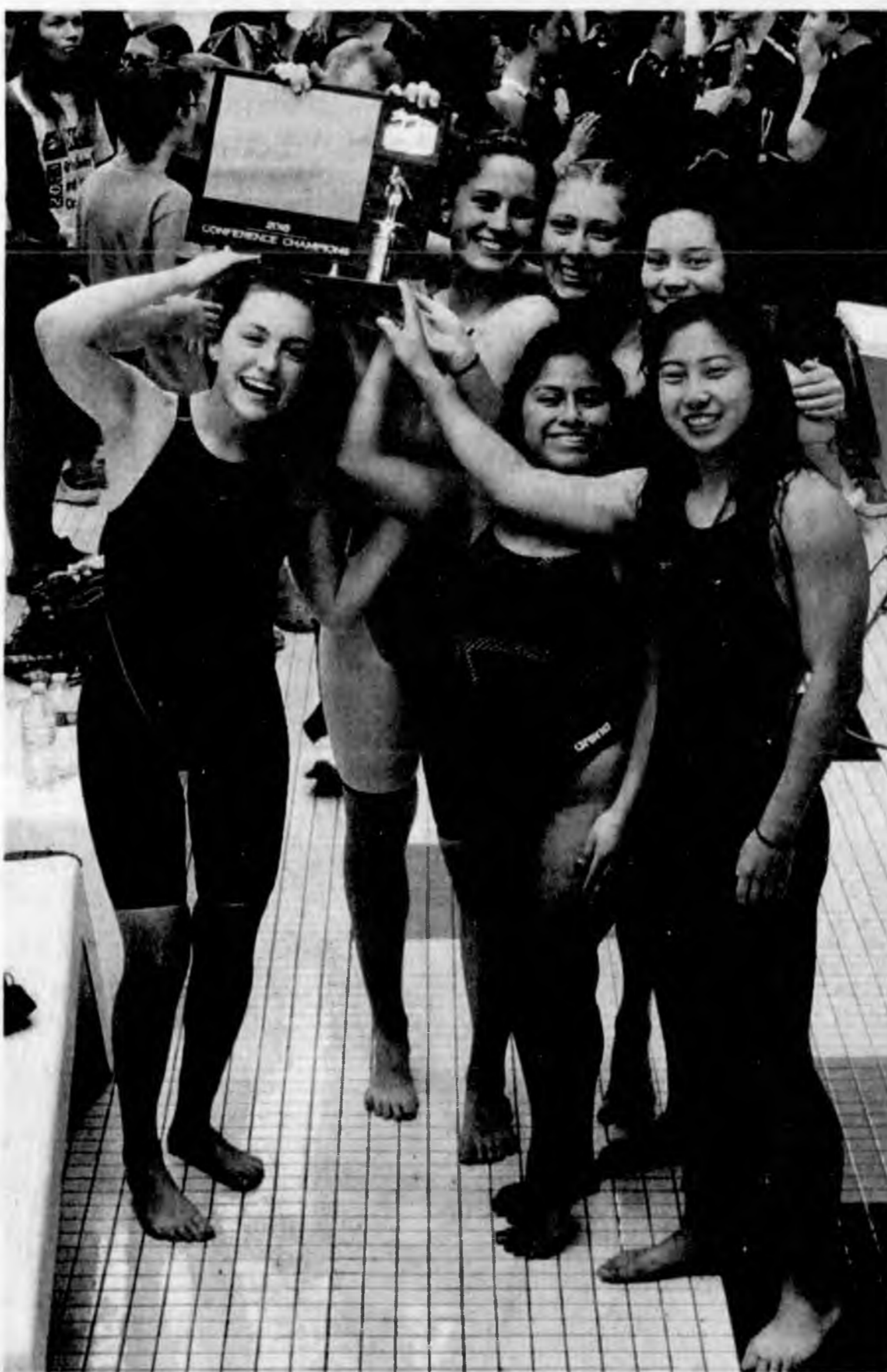
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 875 points; 2. Brighton, 794.5; 3. Novi, 715; 4. Canton, 567; 5. Plymouth, 365.5; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 351; 7. Hartland, 332; 8. Salem, 249; 9. Howell, 227; 10. Livonia Churchill, 288; 11. (tie) Belleville and Dearborn, 93 each; 13. Livonia Franklin, 89; 14. Westland John Glenn, 84; 15. Wayne Memorial, 72; 16. Dearborn Fordson, 68.

CHAMPIONSHIP HEAT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Sophia Tuinman, Riley Szara, Lauren Heaven, Katelyn McCullough), 1:45.91; 2. Brighton (Maddie Mince, Jordyn Libler, Lindsey Witte, Julianne Libler), 1:46.56; 3. Plymouth (Liz Breda, Kelsey Peregord, Brady Kendall, Regan Peregord), 1:49.14; Novi, 1:49.55; 5. Canton,



Northville celebrates its Kensington Lakes Activities Association girls swimming and diving title. LYNETTE LAMBERT



Northville swimmers hoist the championship trophy after winning the KLAA championship Nov. 3 at Novi. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

1:51.32; 6. Stevenson, 1:52.03; 7. Hartland, 1:52.03; 8. Churchill, 1:55.23.

200 freestyle: 1. Chloe V. Reed (Brighton), 1:52.68; 2. Lulu Mans (N'ville), 1:55.14; 3. Heaven (N'ville), 1:55.25; 4. Kayla McCall (Brighton), 1:55.27; 5. Maria Arakelian (Stevenson), 1:55.90; 6. Laurel Wasiniak (N'ville), 1:56.90; 7. Sophia Balow (Canton), 1:56.96; 8. Jimin Son (Novi), 1:57.01.

200 individual medley: 1. Tuinman (N'ville), 2:04.17; 2. Witte (Brighton),

2:07.04; 3. Julianne Libler (Brighton), 2:08.48; 5. Drue Thielking (Brighton), 2:08.56; 6. Jessica Clark (Canton), 2:12.55; 7. Emma Phillips (N'ville), 2:14.01; 8. Zoe Langenderfer (Canton), 2:15.20.

50 freestyle: 1. Brady Kendall (Plymouth), 23.49; 2. Mince (Brighton), 24.21; 3. Julia Katulski (Novi), 24.32; 4. Gabby Mainhardt (Brighton), 24.42; 5. Kotoko Blair (Novi), 24.54; 6. Sabine Bradford (Salem), 24.85; 7. Marissa Har-

ris (Hartland), 24.91; 8. Olivia Nied (Hartland), 24.95.

1-meter diving: 1. McKaela Hill (Novi), 403.90 points; 2. Anna Shinohara (Novi), 350.75; 3. Miranda Pieur (Novi), 336.65; 4. Lauren Gudeman (Novi), 320.45; 5. Anna Rogers (Novi), 317.45; 6. Natalie Yurgil (LC), 312.75; 7. Ella O'Brien (N'ville), 287.15; 8. Amanda Ciolli (Novi), 282.20.

100 butterfly: 1. Kendall (Plymouth), 55.71; 2. Heaven (N'ville), 57.04; 3. Mince (Brighton), 57.79; 4. Amber Gulau (Stevenson), 59.02; 5. Sarah Griffiths (Salem), 59.97; 6. Lauren Bailey (N'ville), 1:00.90; 7. Annick Gardon (Novi), 1:01.37; 8. Mia Testani (N'ville), 1:02.33.

100 freestyle: 1. Reed (Brighton), 51.97; 2. McCullough (N'ville), 52.35; 3. Katulski (Novi), 53.27; 4. Branford (Salem), 53.35; 5. (tie) Sadie Miller (Canton) and Mainhardt (Brighton), 53.91 each; 7. Wasiniak (N'ville), 54.41; 8. Madelyn Weber (Canton), 54.91.

500 freestyle: 1. Tuinman (N'ville), 4:55.69; 2. Balow (Canton), 5:04.24; 3. Witte (Brighton), 5:05.79; 4. Arakelian (Stevenson), 5:06.00; 5. Mans (N'ville), 5:10.75; 6. McCall (Brighton), 5:10.89; 7. Son (Novi), 5:14.59; 8. Danielle Gardon (Novi), 5:19.96.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Brighton (Mince, Julianne Libler, Thieling, Reed), 1:37.01; 2. Northville (Wasiniak, Meghna Ancha, Phillips, Mans), 1:38.64; 3. Plymouth (R. Peregord, Ella Pierzecki, K. Peregord, Kendall), 1:39.01; 4. Hartland, 1:40.43; 5. Canton, 1:40.85; 6. Novi, 1:41.15; 7. Salem, 1:41.53; 8. Churchill, 1:45.75.

100 backstroke: 1. McCullough (N'ville), 58.03; 2. Clark (Canton), 58.70; 3. Malayna Mancinelli (N'ville), 59.56; 4. Langenderfer (Canton), 59.71; 5. Harris (Hartland), 1:00.11; 6. Leah Kolb (Canton), 1:01.74; 7. Jordan Carney (Stevenson), 1:01.94; 8. A. Gardon (Novi), 1:02.50.

100 breaststroke: 1. Jordyn Libler (Brighton), 1:04.24; 2. Emily Lowman (N'ville), 1:05.90; 4. Julianne Libler (Brighton), 1:06.15; 5. Jenna Leppik (Canton), 1:07.39; 6. Szara (N'ville), 1:07.66; 7. Phillips (N'ville), 1:08.48; 8. Nicole Freitag (Salem), 1:10.34.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Tuinman, Heaven, Mans, McCullough), 3:31.02; 2. Brighton (Reed, Thielking, Mainhardt, Witte), 3:31.29; 4. Novi (Blair, A. Gardon, Son, Katulski), 3:36.21; 4. Canton, 3:39.68; 5. Stevenson, 3:42.21; 6. Howell, 3:47.30; 7. Hartland, 3:50.88; 8. Plymouth, 3:51.41.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Northville ends Novi's state championship run

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It didn't seem that long ago, but for the first time since 2013, Northville was able to hoist a volleyball district trophy.

The Mustangs won't have to play second fiddle this time around to rival Novi — the three-time defending state champion — as they earned a 25-13, 25-10, 25-19 victory Nov. 1 at home in the MHSAA Division 1 district final.

With the win, Northville (44-6-1) moves into the regional against Temperance Bedford at Ann Arbor Skyline.

"For the Hannah Grants and the Ally Zayans ... and the kids that have been on this team, the seniors who I've watched every year losing to Novi and stuff, it's just really nice," Northville coach Julie Fisette said. "We've had some remarkable seasons the past two years when I've been here. The girls deserve it as well, but to see them get this finally and bring it home ... my God, this is more hardware than we've had in five years. We're pretty excited."

It was the third meeting between the two teams this season, with Northville dominating the first encounter in three convincing sets Oct. 9 in a KLAA West Division match. On Oct. 20 in the KLAA championship final, the Mustangs were extended by Novi in a close three-setter, 28-26, 23-25, 15-11.

In the district final, Northville dominated Novi (40-9-2) during the first two sets and took a 7-0 lead to start the third before Novi rallied to go up 12-9.

"They just kept getting point after point and your momentum grows," Fisette said. "They were digging us and they were doing all the right things. I think it put us back a little bit on our heels. It was, like, 'Oh, they're starting to play and they're a great team.' And then you fire them up and you build a monster out there."

Fisette took a timeout to settle her team down and the Mustangs responded with a 16-7 run to close the match.

"We told them, 'Hey, we've got this, get the next point. Let's go, don't look back, look ahead,'" Fisette said.

Northville got contributions from several different players, led by junior Clare McNamara, who finished with a team-high 10 kills, two assist-blocks and eight digs.

Senior Michael VanAcker and junior Eleanor Knight added nine kills apiece, while sophomore Jenna Boksha chipped in five kills. Laryssa Imbuzeiro was also in on three blocks.

Setters Gabi Fisette and Emma Stiles collected 19 and 15 assist-to-kills, respectively, while Grant, the senior libero committed to Michigan State, paced the defense with 15 digs.

More importantly, Grant served six aces.

"We've got a very aggressive serving team," Fisette said. "Kills are big, but aces and blocks come so infrequently, but when you get them it's really a big momentum push."

Novi struggled with serve receive throughout the night.

"The nerves definitely showed in the first two sets," first-year Novi coach Kacy Moran said. "The third set, we came out fighting and, unfortunately, we couldn't string enough points together. I would definitely say it was serve receive in the first two sets kind of hurt us."

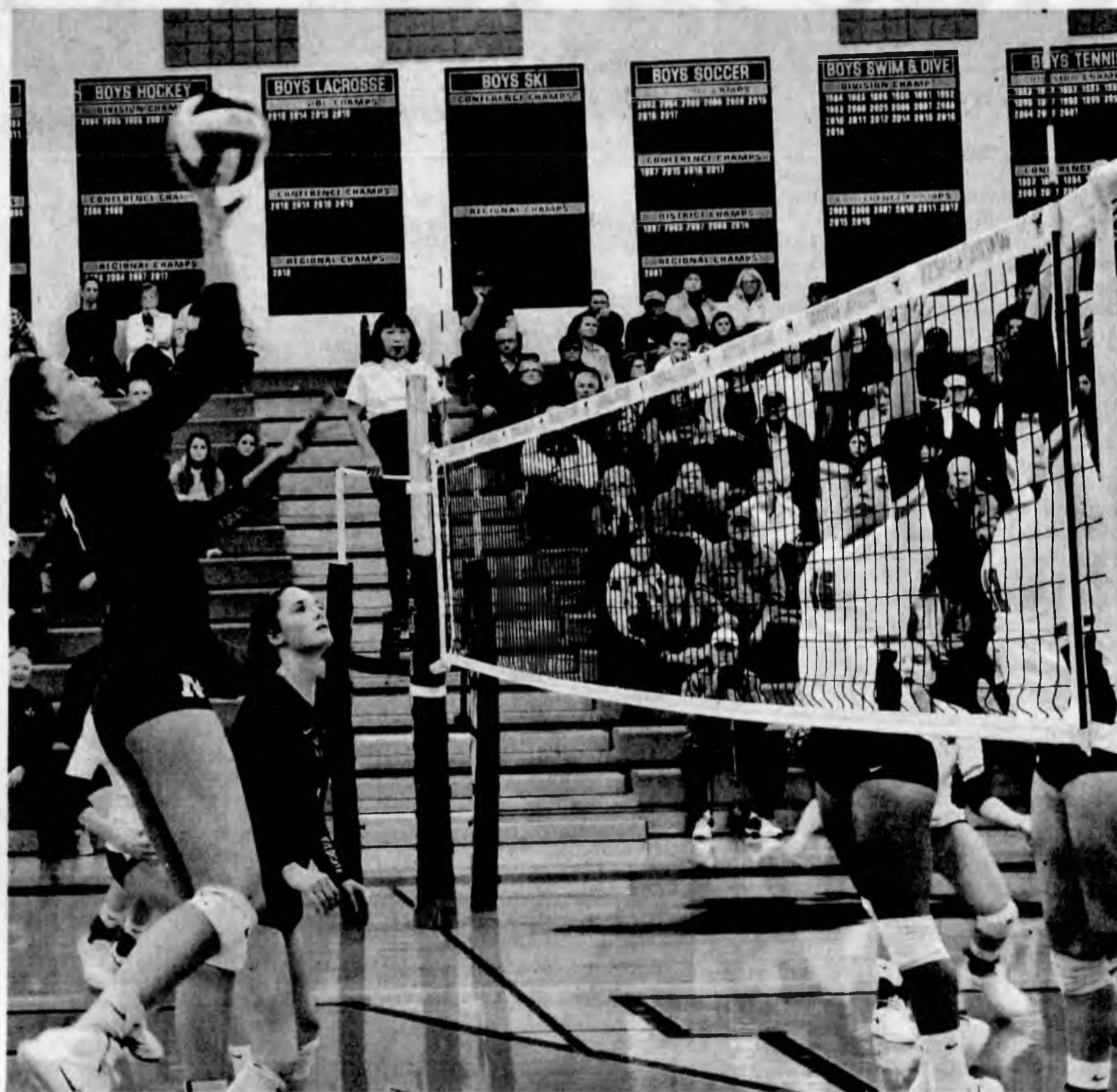
Moran decided to go a different direction scheme-wise for the third set.

"We did make an adjustment, we changed our lineup, which I thought proved to work for the most part, because we kept fighting and fighting," she said. "But unfortunately, at the end of the day, we just couldn't execute when we needed to and that's the biggest thing that hurt us."

Sophomore Gaby Cummings, who helped spark Novi's third-set run, finished with a team-high eight kills, while junior setter Shannon Jennings had 16 assist-to-kills.

Rachel Jennings, a sophomore, paced the defense with 14 digs, while Jaeda Porter, one of the few holdovers from Novi's last two Class A state championship teams, added nine digs in her final match.

"Regardless of tonight, I could not be more proud of my team," Moran said. "They went out there, they proved everyone wrong. Everyone was saying we were losing nine seniors, we're losing coaches ... they showed up every day. We have have 40 wins on the season and



Novi's Caleight Robinson (left) goes up for the tip against the Novi block of Laryssa Imbuzeiro and Jenna Boksha (right). GEORGE SIPPLE | NCSD



The state-ranked Northville volleyball team captured its first district title since 2013. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Northville coach Julie Fisette (right) tries to get a clarification from an official in the Division 1 district final. GEORGE SIPPLE | NCSD

less than 10 losses, so to me that's a phenomenal season given the circumstances, not only what we lost ... any team would be proud of that, so what they did over the season I'm so proud of and can't wait to move forward in future seasons as well."

The Mustangs seem poised to make a run in the state tournament as they did in 2013, when they reached the Class A semifinals. The other regional final pits South Lyon against host Skyline.

"From the beginning of the season, this team had it," Fisette said. "And

there's a great satisfaction to see three sophomores on the front row, two juniors and one senior on the floor at one time."

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PREP TENNIS

Coaching lifer Lehmann leaving Chiefs on a high note

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Barb Lehmann has considered the tennis courts as an extension of her counseling office at Canton High School.

Outside in the fresh air, Lehmann for many seasons has offered advice and encouragement to players on her Canton varsity boys and girls tennis teams.

But with the 2018 boys season now over (the Chiefs finished third at Division 1 regional and went on to place 18th in the state finals Oct. 19-20 at Midland), Lehmann's 27-year coaching career at Canton is over.

Lehmann recently announced she would retire from coaching a sport she has played (at Salem) and loved since her own youth.

"The decision to retire from tennis was not an easy decision, but I felt it was time for me to make a change," Lehmann wrote in an email. "While I have loved the years of coaching and working with so many truly wonderful kids, it is a year-round responsibility.

"I never wanted to do the minimal amount, so I created and worked to have my players in as many tournaments as the state allowed, having at least a team dinner or event off the court each week and worked to create a bond and level of success we would all be proud of. That came as a full-time job. Now it is time for me to follow my other passions and interests."

Lehmann is going out on a high personal note, as she received Regional Coach of the Year honors, an award that "is more than I can believe."

When she began her Canton coaching tenure, she took over from Carol Michaels (who stuck around to help Lehmann that first season) for what was "a great learning experience."

And she plans to extend the same transitional courtesy to whoever is next in line with the Chiefs.

"I want to be around to help continue the program and help if I can," Lehmann said. "The kids that I have had the honor of working with over the years, I believe are some of the truly best around. They deserve the program to be as great as they are."

A tennis family

The longtime love of tennis is something she picked up organically — as she was in a top-flight, tennis-loving family. Her parents (George and Diane Hanosh) set the tone. George Hanosh was his daughter's first tennis coach at Garden City West High School and "he would run a tennis camp for four weeks in the summer and I along with my brother (Ted) learned the sport at a very young age."

"It was with my dad that I learned the sport of tennis and about competition," Lehmann said. "I learned how to play hard, play with consistency and never give up."

"When I made the varsity team at Salem High School, it now was my mom who took over. With my dad coaching, my mom became my biggest fan and still is even today."

In fact, according to Lehmann, Diane Hanosh continues to be Canton's No. 1 cheerleader. George Hanosh died in 2003.

Another key tennis influence for Lehmann was her high school coach, Judy Braun: "She (Braun) encouraged me to join the state tennis organization and become an integral part of the future of tennis."

Also on her list to thank were Carol Michaels, Jim Hays and Canton assistant coaches "for their dedication and friendship. Each of them helped me to grow to the coach I am today."

A common thread during her three decades as head coach was making sure the athletes were all about being good teammates.

"The sport hasn't changed much, other than the state and our league have added flights to the varsity lineup to include a fourth doubles team and our

league added a fifth," Lehmann said. "The goal was to have more players on the varsity. The difference has changed off the court a great deal."

"My players used to play multiple sports and letter in them, but the demands for so many sports has created a year-round program. While I have always encouraged my players to play in the winter, take group lessons to stay on top of their game, it was never a requirement. It had its trade off of not being the most winning team each and every season, but we always were the team with the best sportsmanship and team connection."

Now that her coaching career has ended, Lehmann will continue counseling duties at Canton and also enjoy autumn weekends up north.

"My husband and I were not lucky enough to have children, but I have had the pleasure to have three months out of the year to be the coach for so so many," she added.

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Lehmann

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Benjamin Beggs Jones

MILFORD - Benjamin Beggs Jones, age 26 and a resident of Milford, Michigan died suddenly on November 3, 2018 after suffering a cardiac arrest and having lived with the trials of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy for many years.

Benjamin is survived by his mother Annette Jones (Rico Sambiagio), and his father Bruce (Jessica Kahn) Jones; his brothers, Theodore Sampson Jones (Melissa Summerfield), Zachary Alden Jones and Noah Dylan Jones; grandparents, Sally and Robert Cockayne and Whipple and Maryann Jones; many aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his brother, Alexander Michael Jones and grandparents, James Dell and Martha C. Brown.

Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Friday, November 9, from 3-8PM. A Funeral Service will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, November 10, at 10AM with visitation beginning at 9AM. Cremation will follow. Memorials may be made in Ben's name to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan or to Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy. For further information please visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com or phone 248-684-6645.



Lorraine "FIFI" McCutchan

NORTHVILLE - August 15, 1917 - October 23, 2018

Lorraine passed away peacefully at the age of 101. She was born in Ludington, MI and was a resident of Northville, MI for over 40 years. Full details can be found on www.cremationmichigan.com.



Longtime Canton tennis coach Barb Lehmann (standing, far right) is retiring from coaching after nearly three decades on the job.

MICHIGAN HAWKS U-15 BLACK EARN STATE CUP



The Michigan Hawks Black U-15 girls soccer team captured the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Cup with a 6-0 victory Oct. 14 over the Michigan Jaguars at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac. The Hawks, coached by Derek Williford, advanced to the finals with a 3-1 overtime win over Nationals the previous day, also at Ultimate. Members of the Hawks, based out of Livonia include: Brooke Pendleton, Caroline Doody and Sylvia Bohlen, all from Northville High School; Eliza Fisher, Plymouth; Regan Dancer, Soraya Puerto-Khalil, Farmington Mercy; South Lyon; Grace Konopatzki, Garden City; Lauren Carrico, Brighton; Sophia Zaleski, Olivia Rush, Maya Carter and Charlotte Sobotka, all of Troy; Alyssa Carnes and Erica Peake, Troy Athens; Carlen Baker and Abigail Zugay, Ann Arbor Pioneer; Justina Bitzer, Ann Arbor Huron; Sophia Morgan, Ann Arbor Skyline; Juliana Karkaba, Dearborn; Scarlett Thomas, Sterling Heights Stevenson; Hayleigh Lewis, Flint Powers Catholic; Shannon Brown, Sylvania Southview (Ohio).



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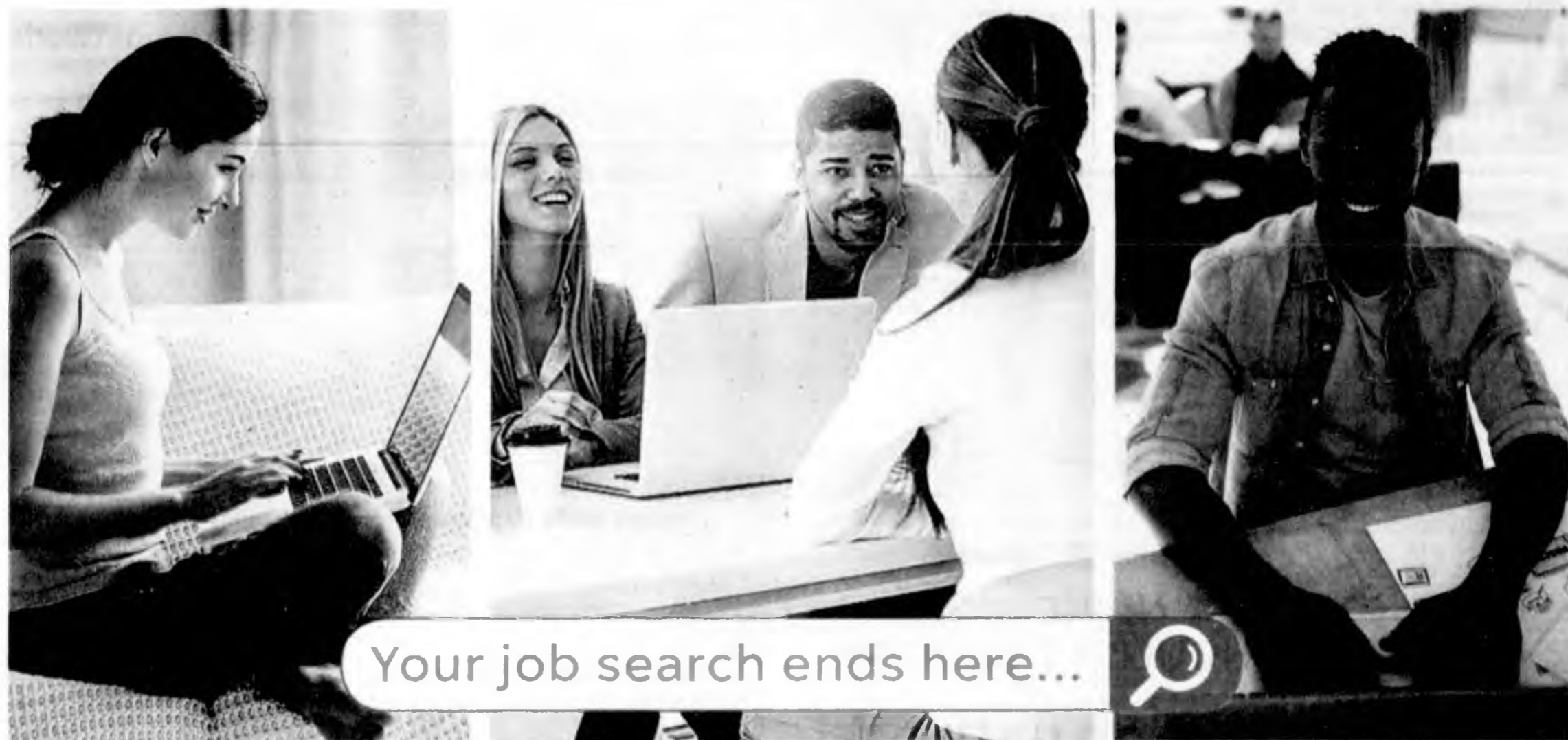
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Polite and professional ways to call out lazy coworker

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It's not your job to motivate or police your coworkers. If it were, you would be their boss. But if you have a lazy coworker it can be a drag on your department or a team project—and in large and small ways, a coworker's laziness can grate on you and affect your work life for the worse. Mix in a sense of unfairness about what some coworkers get away with, and you have a recipe for frustration and job dissatisfaction.

But you don't just have to throw up your hands and despair—there are a few ways to make sure someone else's laziness doesn't create a dysfunctional work day for you.

Be direct

The worst thing to do would be to engage in passive-aggressive behaviors—jokes, subtle hints, and sarcasm rarely land the way you want them to and your message may not be taken seriously or received at all. Make it easy on yourself: sum up the problem and how it affects you in one sentence and ask to have a short conversation with your coworker. You don't need to agonize over a carefully worded email. Don't be too confrontational or accusatory; just keep it simple, like: Could you pay more attention to this? When you don't, I have more work to do. Sometimes laziness continues precisely because no one points it out. The simple antidote? Be direct.

Be quick

Never call out a coworker when you are truly annoyed, because that will surely lead to unprofessional behavior. On the other hand, it's best to address



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an issue soon after it happens, so your coworker is clear on a specific time they were engaging in lazy behavior, and they don't perceive you as nursing a weird grudge. Waiting too long after the fact can make it seem like you've been stewing for days—and rehashing the past can add another toxic element to the mix, causing your coworker to become defensive. Again, be direct, and point out something concrete that will make things better, and help your coworker snap out of their lazy habits.

Ask a favor

If either of the first two options seem too confrontational, you can directly

ask your coworker for help on a project. It's easy for some to ignore a task; it's much harder to ignore a human being asking for help. This puts the lazy coworker in an awkward position: either they have to take the strong stance of saying "No," or simply help. Just something to keep in mind—a lazy person is not necessarily a discourteous person, but the favor will pit their laziness against their sense of decency to their coworkers.

Set up check-in meetings

A deadline can be a great taskmaster for the go-getter. Why not try this out for the lazy? A check-in meeting where

each coworker sums up their progress on a project creates a certain level of accountability. The lazy coworker will be lagging behind, have nothing to report, and it will be obvious to everyone in the room. In essence, the lazy coworker will call themselves out, and the burden won't be on you.

Suggest a better workflow to your supervisor

This doesn't mean rat someone out or complain about their laziness to a supervisor, because that may not appear professional either. This option acknowledges that it's not your job to pick up the slack for coworkers, nor is it your job to get them to do their work. If you see a better way to divide and conquer a task and you suggest it, this shows you are taking initiative and can help change the dynamic of how your team or department works together.

Form a bond

Sometimes the only thing you can change about your work situation is how you react and feel about it. If your frustration has reached the boiling point, take it down a notch. You don't know what personal life issues your coworker may be facing. Be friendly. Bond with your coworker and try to reach a better understanding of them on a personal level. This can help reduce your frustration and make it easier if you ever do need to call them out on their behavior in the future.

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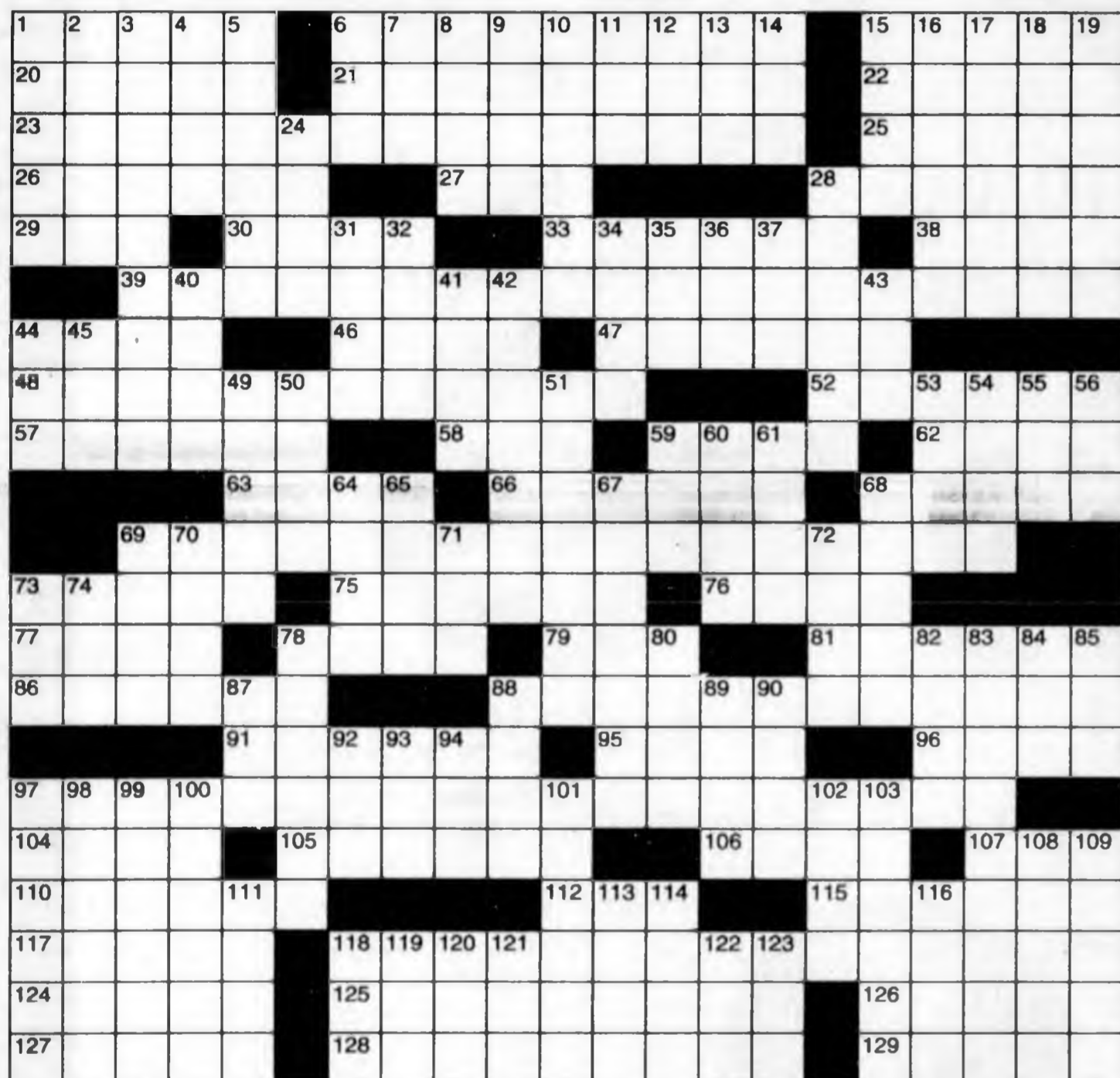
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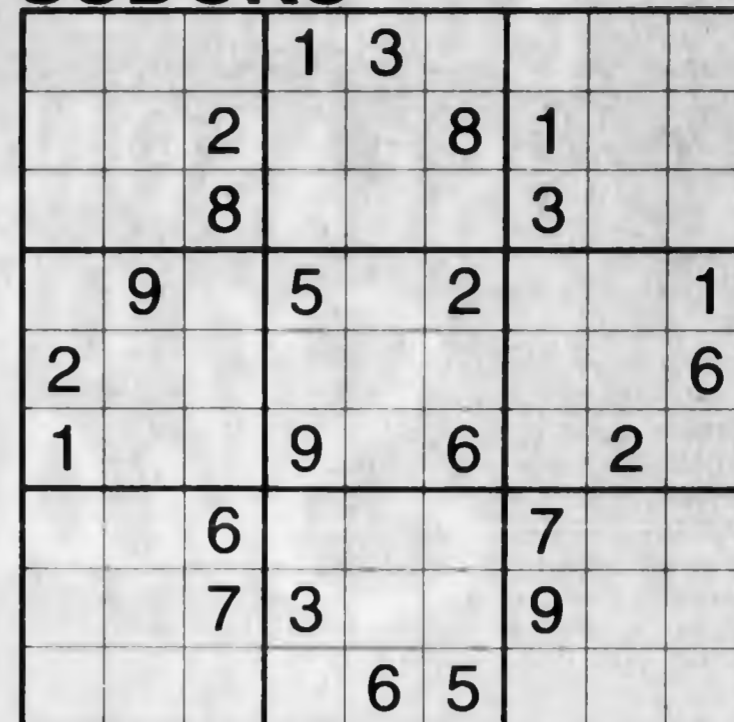
ACROSS

- 1 Talk big
6 Generally speaking
15 Lhasa — (little dogs)
20 Ed of "Gus"
21 Small drying item on a bathroom bar
22 Obama's successor
23 Start of a riddle
25 Have a blast
26 "Yummy!"
27 "Exodus" actor Mineo
28 Lyric forgetter's syllables
29 "Yippee!"
30 "Forbidden" perfume
33 Common pet lizard
38 Warlike deity
39 Riddle, part 2
44 India's place
46 Brand of contact lens cleaner
47 Place to exit
48 Riddle, part 3
52 Unfurl, e.g.
57 Former Disney head
58 Uncle, in Spain
59 Depict by drawing
- 62 Met maven
63 No, in Essen
66 — bow (upper lip shape)
68 A-list person
69 Riddle, part 4
73 "Neon" fish in a tank
75 Naturally illuminated at dusk
76 Duel weapon
77 Baldwin of "Andron"
78 Morse E's
79 Jet grounded in '03
81 "— Fideles"
86 West Texas city
88 Riddle, part 5
91 Munchkin
95 Farm baby
96 Crimson and carmine
97 End of the riddle
104 Actress Tara
105 Write the score to
106 Polo of "The Fosters"
107 Time of note
110 Official seal
112 — Na Na
115 Lopsided
117 Lopsided
118 Riddle's answer
124 Plow maker
125 Consensus
- 126 Acting teacher
127 "90210" actor
128 Quality of sharp pain.
129 Ex-NFLer Grier
- 17 Actress Mena
18 Egg yolk
19 Belly flop result
24 Fake display
28 "The Far Side" cartoonist
31 Hamilton dueler Aaron
32 Web surfer, say
34 Great joy
35 Brand of fleecy boots
36 — Lingus
37 Vegas-to-Helena dir.
40 Violin virtuoso
41 Having a shot to win
42 Shaped like a die
43 Purported psychic gift
44 Suffix for an enzyme
45 Fashion's Anna —
49 Skin dye
50 State north of Calif.
51 Like a boor
53 Blissful site
54 Aswan's river
55 Woman in 53-Down
56 Little bit
- 59 Actress Tyler or Ullmann
60 Concept, in Calais
61 New car sticker fig.
64 Words in an analogy
65 Food box datum: Abbr.
67 Miniature couch for a pooch
68 Female college students, outdatedly
69 One foot forward
70 Two-tone whale
71 Part of HRH
72 52-week unit
73 — Bo (fitness option)
74 Certain pipe fitting
78 Neglects to
80 "How Great — Art"
82 To be, in Le Havre
83 Ville villainesses
84 Danson of "Mad Money"
85 Gp. activated by a 911 call
87 Snoop (on)
88 Whence one wicked witch
- 89 Whence one wicked witch
90 Sheltered from the wind
92 Immodesty
93 Saturated
94 Abbr. at LAX
97 Pinball parlor
98 Hires out
99 Wire arch on a croquet course
100 Hold fast
101 Tabloid monster moniker
102 In — (stagnant)
103 Karaoke problem
108 Fleming of opera
109 Spitting nails
111 Lambs' mothers
113 Many a carol
114 See 122-Down
116 Within: Prefix
118 In the role of (Lat.)
119 Dad's bro
120 — de cologne
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122 With 114-Down, "Not true!"
123 Part of CBS: Abbr.



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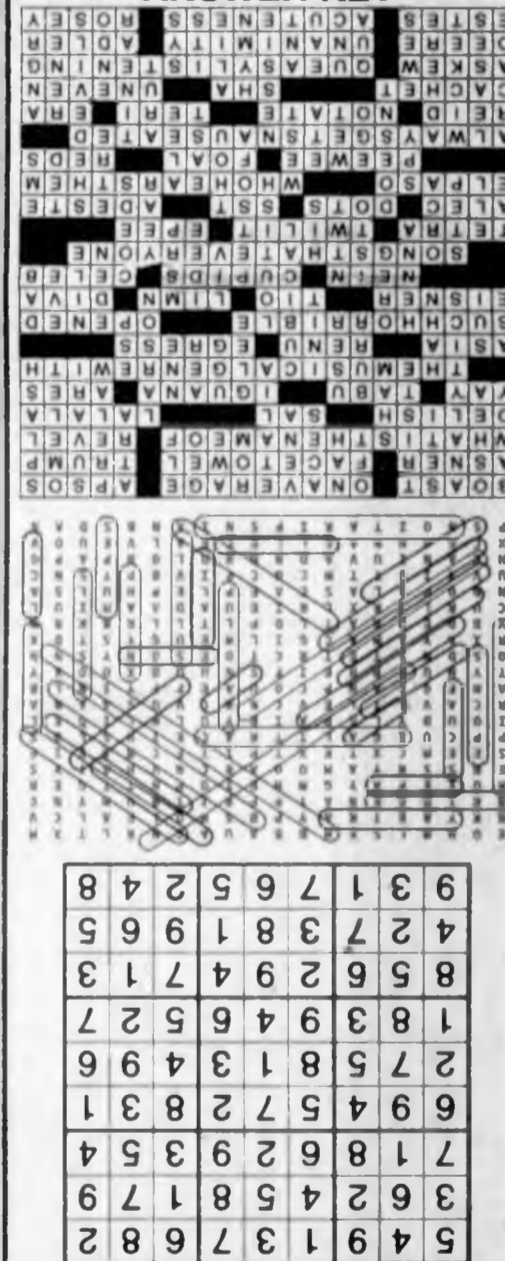
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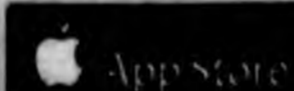
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