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## Residents to decide fate of downtown post office

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com  
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Thirty-year Northville resident Mark Pastula has a suggestion for the United States Postal Service, which is planning to move from its central-city site due to "space constraints."

"If they need more room, why not move up ... add a second story to this building," Pastula said, moments after

he mailed a few packages at the current post office on Wing Street. "For all intents and purposes, as I look around, I see a lot of two-story buildings around. I mean, how much more room do they need?"

Input like Pastula's supposedly will help determine if Northville's downtown post office will move, according to Elizabeth Najduch, strategic communication specialist for the USPS Detroit

District.

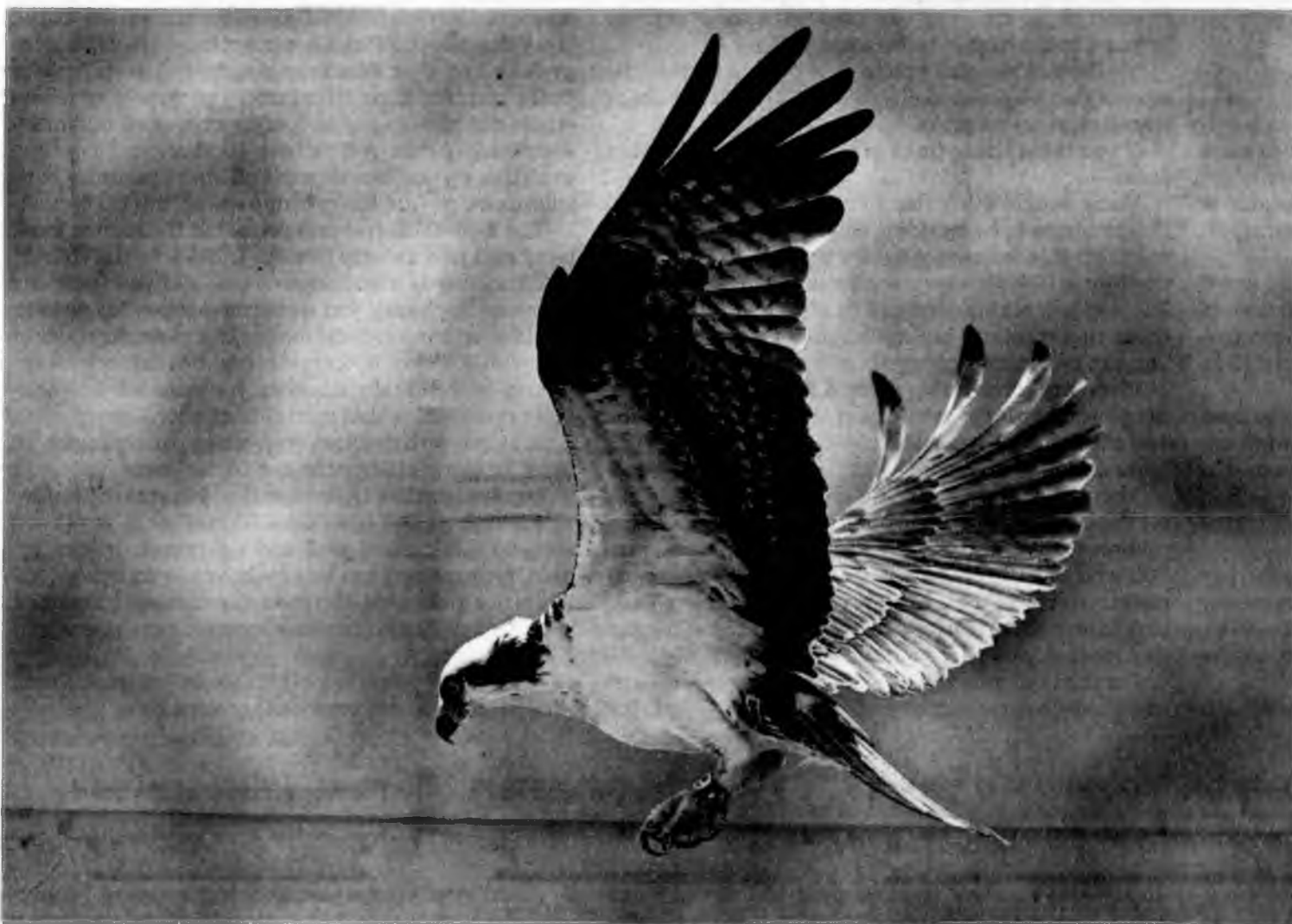
Following protocol, the USPS is requesting that Northville residents mail or email their opinions on the pending relocation of the post office prior to an Oct. 3 deadline.

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"The United States Postal Service is constantly evaluating its sites, like the one in Northville. The feedback we receive from residents is very important."

Elizabeth Najduch  
strategic communication specialist,  
USPS Detroit District



Osprey C09, seen here in 2009, turns 20 years old this year. The threatened species usually lives to 10 years old at most. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## Osprey takes flight

### 20-year-old bird moved to Kensington Metropark

Sean Bradley Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

An osprey originally brought to Kensington Metropark as a chick in 1999 has turned 20 years old.

Southeast Michigan's oldest known osprey, named C09, was brought to the park as part of the Metroparks' Osprey Reintroduction and Hacking Project, done in partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Detroit Zoological Society and DTE, according to a news release.

"The habitat within Kensington was suitable for raising osprey because of the water amenities and the habitat that surround them," said Danielle Mauter, chief of marketing and communications at Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

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Police officers with the Metroparks helped members of the Michigan Osprey organization get the birds back into their nest after they fell out last year.

## Adell Center work resumes after delays

### Opening pushed to 2020

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Wet weather can take part of the blame for delays with construction of the new Adell Center at Novi Road and Interstate 96.

Owner Kevin Adell said a wet spring and early summer caused developers to lose months of construction time at the 21-acre property earlier this year.

Couple that with a longer time to get the proper permits from the City of Novi and, and construction has been delayed that was expected to begin earlier this summer.

Now that the weather has dried up and the permits are in hand, Adell said the work has now begun across the planned center, which will contain two hotels, a Marriott and a Hilton; a new two-story Planet Fitness; Carvana; iF-LY indoor skydiving; and a Texas Roadhouse restaurant.

"We lost three months," he said. "They're all starting to get their footings in before mid-November."

With the footings in place, Adell said, construction could continue throughout the winter.

What was originally planned as a center that would open around Christmas now is expected to open sometime in spring/summer of 2020, Adell said.

Some businesses could open sooner than that, depending on how quickly they finish building.

Much of the infrastructure for the center is in place, including water retention and water and sewer. DTE Energy and Consumer's Energy is expected to come out in the coming days to work on providing gas and electrical services to the area.

Adell said all the lots on the site are sold to the companies that will occupy them, save for one.

He said he's still weighing his options for what type of business will go there, saying it would most likely be either a restaurant or entertainment option.

"I found uses, I'm still waiting to see what's the best one," he said. "I want to make the project right."

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# What to do when a condo board member resigns



**Robert Meisner**  
Guest columnist

**Q:** Someone resigned from the board of directors of our condo association in the middle of their term, and the other board members just decided to choose a replacement. Can they do that?

**A:** Actually, it is common for bylaws to provide that if a director resigns or the seat otherwise becomes vacant during a director's term, the board may appoint someone to serve out the remainder of the term, or until the next annual meeting. If you don't like the person appointed by the board, or for that matter anyone else currently serving on the board, you can collect members' signatures on a petition to call a special meeting to recall the appointed director and elect a new director.

You would likely need at least 10% of the members to sign the petition, but it could be less if so provided in your bylaws. But note that this is the percentage needed just to call the special meeting. You will need much more, likely a majority of all members, to vote to recall and replace a director. And it could be more depending on the provisions in your governing documents.

Also note that some articles of incorporation provide that directors can only be removed "for cause" which means they did something illegal or seriously breached their duties under the governing documents. If you just think someone else could do a better job, it would be a vote for removal "without cause."

It would be best to have any petition drafted by a community association attorney. And the association would also want its own experienced community association attorney to review the petition and draft the recall election ballot, notice, and other related items.

**Q:** We love skiing and we love Utah, and we are thinking about buying a home around Park City, but

we understand it is very expensive. Do you have any idea what the market is like now?

**A:** In talking to real estate agents in Park City, the best way to describe the market is that it is steady. One Realtor told me that his 5,000-square-foot home in an adjacent community about 20 minutes from Park City is worth \$1.4 million, but if it was in Park City it would be worth \$3 million.

The good thing about this area is that there are a number of towns around Park City which are much more modest in terms of housing expenses and costs. However, if you want to live in and around Park City or the condos that are in the canyons around Park City, they can often be in the millions. Consult with several real estate agents in the area before making a decision.

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# How to convert your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

Labor Day has come and gone and the days are getting shorter. That means it is not too early to start thinking about year-end tax or financial moves.

One move that many people should consider is whether they should convert a portion of their traditional IRA into a Roth IRA.

I've spoken about this many times in the past and it deserves repeating. I believe every year you should look at your situation and decide whether it makes sense to convert any of your existing traditional IRAs into a Roth IRA.

The benefit of this is that when money is withdrawn from a Roth IRA, it is withdrawn tax free. In addition, Roth IRAs are not subject to required minimum distributions at age 70½.

The following are the rules I use to decide whether converting is a good move.

The first rule is that you must have the money to pay the tax on the conversion without touching the money you're converting. When you convert a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA, you are going to pay taxes on the amount of money you are converting.

The second rule is that by converting into a Roth

IRA, it will not put you into a higher tax bracket. You can use your last year's return as a guide to determine how much, if any, you can convert without putting yourself into a higher tax bracket.

My third rule is that you have to be able to leave the money that you have converted in the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years.

If you meet these three criteria, converting makes sense.

Many people think that to convert your traditional IRA you have to be working; that is not the case. Anyone is eligible to convert money into a Roth IRA from a traditional IRA. However, for those of you who are over 70½ and are taking required minimum distributions, those distributions are not eligible to be converted. You can convert anything above and beyond that.

If you are considering doing a Roth conversion, remember: the transaction must be completed by the end of the year. There's still plenty of time to allow you to make an informed decision.

There is another year-end move that only applies for those of you who are over 70½ and taking required minimum distributions. As you know, when you turn 70½, you must begin taking from your retirement account. However, a strategy that many people should look at is to potentially donate your required minimum distribution, or a portion thereof, to charity.

For those of you who are charitable in nature and will make charitable contributions, you may find that

under the new tax law you are no longer itemizing your deductions, and thus your charitable contributions would not be deductible. If you're in that situation and you still make charitable contributions, a better strategy is to use your minimum required distribution for those contributions. The benefit of this is that you would not have to pay tax on your required minimum distribution that you donate to charity. Therefore, even though you cannot write off your charitable contributions, you are still getting a significant tax benefit.

The key to this transaction is that the money must be transferred directly from your IRA into the charity. If the money is distributed to you and you write the check to the charity, you would have to pay tax on your required minimum distribution. Therefore, for those of you who are over 70½, if you have not taken your required minimum distribution, you may want to consider distributing that money to charity.

Just like with the Roth conversion, this transaction must be completed by the end of the year.

It may seem like December is a long way off, but we all know how fast time goes. Therefore, it is not too early to think about year-end tax moves. In that regard, remember when you make year-end moves, the key is not to do what everyone else is doing, but rather, to do things that will make economic sense for you.

Good luck!  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Barn dance was great

The Salem Area Historical Society (SAHS) sends out thank yous with regards to our recently successful Barn Dance. It was a great family event to kick off the fall season in Salem. Those who attended spanned in ages from grade school, high school to senior citizens.

A big thank you goes to the Three Cedars Farm staff for generously donating their facility and their time for the Barn Dance. Its barn is an excellent fit for our event. Another thank you goes to the Picks & Sticks

Stringband for their great playing and to the dance caller, Dave Smith, who did a great job in getting everyone involved and dancing.

More thank yous go to our major sponsors of the Barn Dance; Salem Tool on Salem Road, Alumitex Industries on Salem Road, AA Anchor Bolt on Salem Road, Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar on Gotfredson Road, All-American Storage on Six Mile Road, Gardner-Westcott on Six Mile Road and Three Cedars Farm on Six Mile Road. We encourage all in the area to support our sponsors whenever possible.

The last thank you goes to all of the people who attended. Your participation, enthusiasm and conduct made this a super family event.

**Terry Cwik**  
*Salem Area Historical Society president*

### Blood drive issue disappoints

I read the article about the Red Cross canceling the blood drive at Huron Valley Guns. I say ... shame on them.

They are projecting their anti-gun views on people willing to donate blood. I am willing to bet that the people receiving the blood don't care if a Republican, Democrat, gun owner etc. donated. They are just damn grateful that someone did.

I don't donate often, but I am not donating in the future in view of this narrow-minded thinking. You would think that someone at the Red Cross would have seen the word "Guns" in the first email and at that time refused their offer to sponsor a blood drive. The owner even offered to have it outside but that wasn't good enough. So, the real loser in this is that the blood supply will not have a few extra gallons in it.

**Craig Knapp**  
*Northville*

### Schools prepare children for future

As children head off to school, I am reminded of the importance and significance public education played in my life and the lives of my children. Although my children are grown and I have no grandchildren, I share Thomas Jefferson's belief in public education and the need to invest in our future.

Ninety percent of Michigan children attend public schools. This year's third graders will graduate high school in just 10 short years. They will go off to start their lives and will become the future farmers, carpenters, nurses, steel workers, engineers, construction workers, electricians, doctors, plumbers, teachers. They will take care of us in our old age, build our hospitals, cure our diseases, buy our homes, and yes, pay to fix our roads.

Those third graders will never pass through third grade again. Each grade is their one opportunity and one step closer to becoming productive citizens. We owe it to these children to invest in their future because our future depends on them. I am forever grateful to the Huron Valley teachers who gave my children

a great start in becoming their responsible adult selves. Urge your state representatives and senators to invest in our future by fully funding (not taking funds away from) public education.

**Nancy Czech**  
*Highland*

### Hines Park's demise

Three years ago Wayne County Executive Warren Evans proposed selling the Warren Valley Golf Course, part of Hines Park, for \$1.8 million to a developer who intended to turn the site into a real estate project. Dearborn Heights Mayor Dan Paletko led a successful effort to purchase the golf course in order to save it.

Evans' efforts to fragment Hines Park have not ceased; currently he is in the midst of a quiet effort to sell several of the historic Ford mill sites along Hines Drive, including the nearly three-acre Wayne County Sheriff's complex at Newburgh Lake, to entrepreneurs who plan to restore these old buildings and operate them as businesses. However there is nothing to prevent purchasers from doing whatever they like with these sites once they take possession. We find the thought that a Hooters, a filling station or a Dollar store could pop up along Hines Drive chilling.

Wayne County Commissioner Terri Marecki (Livonia), has been an enthusiastic supporter of Evans' efforts. We would like to hear from mayoral candidates Laura Toy and Maureen Brosnan for their stand on Mr. Evans' efforts to dismantle Hines Park, since the Sheriff's complex and Newburgh Lake are within Livonia.

**John Covert and Bill Craig**  
*Livonia*

### Supports Turnbull for mayor

I have known Brian Turnbull for 30 years both personally and professionally. I can vouch for his dedication to the city. I have worked with Brian on various church projects where I've seen first hand how he can "get things done". He is a great motivator and team builder. His success in business will translate well for Northville.

All of these attributes will ensure that Brian's mayoralship would allow Northville to develop and evolve with input from residents, with clear communication and with thought and purpose.

I'm looking forward to seeing what he will do to move Northville forward as mayor using all the skills that I have come to appreciate in him.

I'd ask all residents to consider voting for Brian Turnbull for Mayor this November.

**Tom Good**  
*Northville*

### More Turnbull support

The Brian Turnbull that we have come to know will:

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# Former South Lyon mayor Wallace dies

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Tedd Wallace, the former five-term mayor of South Lyon and a 20-year teacher in South Lyon Community Schools, has died. He was 68.

His son broke the news Sept. 10 on Facebook.

"We just lost a great man," Drew Wallace wrote. "My father Tedd Wallace was Mr. South Lyon, a friend to hundreds, and gave attention to anyone who needed help. I loved him so damn much."

Tedd Wallace served as mayor of South Lyon from 1985-1989, and again from 2009-2015. He also served as a councilman for 12 years and was a South Lyon teacher for 26 years.

South Lyon Mayor Dan Pelchat said he initially met Wallace at Bartlett Elementary when he was a second grader and Wallace was a teacher and "an all-time quarterback" for the kids at recess.

Wallace would later mentor Pelchat in broadcasting at SLC-TV, the local cable station, and Pelchat welcomed his advice and feedback on community issues in recent years as mayor.

"He was a lifelong advocate for the city as an educator and as a public ser-



Wallace

vant," Pelchat said. "On a personal level, he was a dear friend. ... He was definitely all about South Lyon and represented the community very well. We all are hurting today."

Wallace had lived in South Lyon nearly his entire life. In recent years, he had enjoyed spending time at a second home on St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands. He was the author of the 2016 book, "My Boogie Board Ride to Denmark," in which he described how the year before he was saved from near-drowning in the Caribbean by two rescuers. The initial man who responded to Wallace's cries for help, a Danish tourist, lost his own life in the incident.

Earlier this year, Wallace was again in St. Croix when he ran into former Vice President Joe Biden at a grocery store and shared the story with Hometown Life.

He was married to Ellen; the father of four children, Amy, Steve, Aaron, and Andrew; and was a grandfather.

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# Milford this weekend promises events galore

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

This weekend will be a bonanza for car, home, tractor and duck enthusiasts in Milford.

The 43rd annual Milford Home Tour kicks off Saturday and continues Sunday, when festival goers can also enjoy the 35th annual Classic Car Show, the Tractor Show and the Duck Race & Family Festival.

The tour highlights five homes in the village and in Milford Township and runs from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. both days.

Sue Gumpfer, vice president of the Milford Historical Society Board, expects between 500 to 700 guests to tour homes that range from an 1844 Greek Revival style to a 1953 abode similar to construction of those in the Bonnie Highlands subdivision.

"People come on the tour for several reasons, to see how the homes are decorated, to see older homes, and to see how they are preserved and made comfortable for today's living," Gumpfer said. "These homes are good representatives of all three."

Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$15 for seniors age 65 and up. They can be purchased in advance at Main Street

Art, 432 N. Main; Acorn Farm, 367 N. Main; Your Nesting Place, 322 N. Main; and the Milford Historical Museum, 124 E. Commerce.

Proceeds support the Milford Historical Museum and the Milford Fourth of July Parade, as well as helping to provide funds for school scholarships.

The museum will be open both days, as will the log cabin adjacent to the fire station on W. Huron Street.

The car show downtown Sunday is expected to draw thousands of automobile fans, with vehicles dating back to the early 1900s, as well as hot rods, motorcycles, and various sports and muscle cars. Participants vie for Best of Show, Fuzzbuster, pre-war, and post-war awards.

The tractor show runs 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Huron Valley State Bank parking lot on S. Milford Road, where you can find all sorts of tractors both old and new, put together by longtime organizer Bill Crawford.

Got kids? Wing it on over to Central Park on Sunday for family fun, including bounce houses and the annual duck race hosted by the Milford Rotary Foundation. The duck race begins at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for one duck, or 5 for \$20, 12 for \$50 or 25 for \$100.

# Post office

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feedback we receive from residents is very important."

At its current location, the Northville Post Office offers a convenient, visitor-magnet asset to downtown.

"I can walk here from my home; it's convenient, which is a top priority for me," said Pastula. "I know from talking to people in other areas nearby, like Plymouth and Rochester, that they don't have this convenience when it comes to having a centrally-located downtown post office."

"I believe (the USPS) tried to move about 10, 15 years ago, to Northville Township, but it turns out they were going to move a little further out than was allowed."

"I'd like to see the city's leaders talk to the state and try to put some pressure on them (to stay)."

In a July 30 letter addressed to Mayor Ken Roth, Vee A. Spikes, Real Estate Specialist Facilities Implementation Team United States Postal Service, said



The United States Postal Service may relocate downtown Northville's post office. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the USPS is seeking "to pursue a New Construction Owned (NCO) facility consisting of approximately 15,845 gross square feet. We are requesting the City support to locate suitable land within the City of approximately 102,000 (square feet) to relocate the Post Office."

Since the early 2000s, it has been a goal of past Northville city councils "to retain the Post Office within the Central Business District as it generates hundreds of trips a day to Downtown Northville," according to a post on the city's website.

While previous Northville officials

have purchased land adjacent to the current site to accommodate potential Post Office expansion, it would be difficult to grow on that property given the proximity of the Northville Art House and dog park.

During a Sept. 3 public hearing, Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan offered information to the USPS on the city-owned property adjacent to the current Wing Street address, the Foundry Flask site on East Cady Street and the former MacDonald Ford site on Seven Mile Road.

Najduch said the new site will be within one mile of the current site, if at all possible.

"I believe it's better for everyone if the post office stays here," said Marcecael Peres, after he dropped an envelope in one of the exterior mail boxes. "Everyone knows where it's at, there's easy access, and people can come here, then maybe shopping or go out to eat while they're in the city."

Peres said he wouldn't commit to sending a letter to the USPS.

"I don't know how much it would help," he admitted. Northville resident Humayra Bobby

was indifferent as far as whether the post office stays or goes.

"I don't use it that often, to tell you the truth, so I don't have any strong feelings on the issue," she said. "It's just a short drive from my house now, so I'd probably prefer it stay here, but if it relocates nearby, I'm fine with that."

Berj Manoukian was firm with his thoughts on the matter of a potential relocation.

"I'll definitely consider sending an email to let them know how I feel about keeping it here," he said. "On the other hand, I understand (the USPS) has to accommodate their needs, too. I understand that."

Northville residents are encouraged to email input to Spikes at Vee.A.Spikes@usps.gov or mail their comments to: Vee A. Spikes, 1211 Towanda Ave., Room 135, Bloomington, IL 61701.

Following the Oct. 3 deadline, the postal service will read over the comments and appeals it receives from residents, Najduch said, before making a final decision.

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# Osprey

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The male bird was taken as a chick from a nest at the Soo Locks, said Barbara Jensen, director and bird bander for the Michigan Osprey Association. Bird banders attach identification tags to birds to keep track of their development.

"We know C09 was one we raised and released at Kensington as a juvenile," Jensen said. "We raised him in the park."

Jensen said a factor in the bird's long life could be because of its genetic makeup, or that it overcame issues related to its migration.

C09 was the first osprey to consistently return to Michigan from migration to Central and South America to raise young, Jensen said.

"Some people shoot at them, especially if they're in an area where someone's doing farming," she said. "They've run into all kinds of obstacles. He's made it through all of those."

The bird was the first recorded osprey to raise its young in the southern half of the lower peninsula, Jensen said.

"For them to actually return to where they took their first flight is amazing," she said.

## Back from the brink

Around 1998, the future was unclear for the ospreys of southeast Michigan. The species is listed as threatened by the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species.

A threatened species is vulnerable to becoming endangered in the future.

The Metroparks began working to save the bird population by reintroducing it into the southern half of the lower peninsula.

The program was created to combat a

significant decline in osprey population that began in the 1960s due to habitat destruction, indiscriminate shooting, and the use of the now-banned chemical DDT.

Today, the majority of ospreys living in southeast Michigan started their lives at Kensington Metropark as a part of the initiative.

"He was the one that began the growth," Jensen said.

C09 was the first osprey known to nest and raise young in southeast Michigan since the DDT era in the 1970s. He has continued to support growth in Michigan's osprey population by raising up to three young a year.

Today, he nests safely at a water tower near Kensington Metropark with his mate.

"There was a time when we thought there might never be ospreys in southeast Michigan again, which is why it's such a thrill to know that C09 is turning 20 this year," said Amy McMillan, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority director. "It's truly a testament to what a group of committed partners and volunteers can achieve."

"Everyone who was a part of this project should be proud that they helped support the comeback of the osprey in Michigan."

The goal of the Reintroduction and Hacking Project was to introduce 30 nesting pairs into southeast Michigan by 2020. That goal was reached in 2010.

C09 was originally brought to the area through hacking - an integral part of the Metropark's program to increase population. Hacking is the process of transplanting young osprey from northern areas to "hacking towers" in southeast Michigan to be hand fed and raised.

Southeast Michigan's osprey population has continued to grow, with about 50 to 60 nests currently in the area.

In the spring, two Metroparks police officers assisted Jensen with the rescue of two osprey chicks that had tumbled from their nest into the water at Ken-

sington Metropark.

"The park police really went the extra mile," McMillan said. "Without them, the rescue would not have been possible. I'm thankful to them and the entire team of people that has gone above and beyond to restore and protect the osprey population."

Without actions such as these, the species might still be rare in southeast Michigan, said David Kirbach, deputy director at the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, in a news release.

"These efforts are an extension of the longtime work of passionate people in and outside the organization to restore the species," Kirbach said. "Thanks to them, Michigan is well on its way to having a large, stable osprey population that can survive and thrive on its own."

The osprey is still listed as a species of special concern.

"We're running into all kinds of different issues because now they're nesting on cell towers and power poles," Jensen said.

**CITY OF NOVI  
REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE  
FOR SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
PSLU19-0001**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the applicant **Texas Roadhouse** is requesting Special Land Use approval at **26730 Adell Center Dr** parcel number **50-22-15-478-012**. The applicant is requesting approval to use a portion of the parcel for service of alcoholic beverages in accordance with Section 4.89 of the Zoning Ordinance. A public hearing will be held on **October 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM** in the **Mayors Conference Room** at the **Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375** to consider the request. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department.

All interested persons are invited to attend; verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. All written comments must be received by **October 3, 2019** and should be emailed to [koppermann@cityofnovi.org](mailto:koppermann@cityofnovi.org) or sent to the Community Development Department, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375.

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**NOTICE  
CITY OF NOVI  
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT  
PTSLU19-0007**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for **Comau LLC** requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary **tent storage** on parcel **50-22-15-402-003**, north of Grand River Ave and west of Novi Road from **October 3, 2019 through September 6, 2020**. The property is zoned I-2 (General Industrial) and the use is contrary to 3.14.1.A of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

A public hearing will be held at **10:00am** on **October 3, 2019** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the **Mayors Conference Room**. All written comments should be directed to Katherine Oppermann and must be received prior to **Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 3:00PM**.

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# Lawmakers demand evidence from Russia in accused spy case

Kristen Jordan Shamus Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

WASHINGTON, D.C. — If Paul Whelan really is a spy, show evidence or let him go, a contingent of lawmakers demanded of the Russian government Sept. 12 on Capitol Hill.

Whelan, 49, of Novi, was arrested in December at Moscow's Metropol Hotel, accused of espionage. For nearly nine months, he has been detained without a trial at the Stalin-era Lefortovo Prison.

"We believe that the Russians need to release Paul unless they can come up with some sort of concrete evidence to keep him there," said U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, D-Michigan.

Peters was joined by U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, and U.S. Reps. Haley Stevens, D-Rochester Hills, Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, and Dan Kildee, D-Flint Township, Andy Levin, D-Bloomfield Township, and Massachusetts Rep. William R. Keating in calling on their colleagues in both houses Thursday to support resolutions condemning the Russian Federation for continuing to imprison Whelan on spying charges without presenting evidence.

"Together, we are all pressing for Michigan's Paul Whelan's release and safe return home from Russia," said Peters, who stood beside fellow members of Congress and Whelan's sister, Elizabeth. "... To be able to pick an American citizen off the street, put him in prison and not a very good prison at that, under very difficult circumstances. ... It is simply not the way that a government should operate.

"... Certainly after nine months, enough time has passed. It's time for action. It's time to release Paul."

Stevens said Whelan, who lives in her congressional district, has written to her from prison, and told her the conditions are deplorable.

"He has personally written to me and said we can rest assured that he is in a miserable place. ... I have prayed for Paul during these dark days," Stevens said.

Stevens introduced the House reso-



Lawmakers came together Sept. 12 on Capitol Hill to press for the release of Michigan businessman Paul Whelan from a Russian prison, where he's been held for nearly nine months. From left are U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens, D-Rochester Hills; Whelan's sister, Elizabeth Whelan; U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee, D-Flint Township; U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton; U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, D-Michigan; U.S. Rep. William R. Keating of Massachusetts; and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan.

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lution, which urges the Russian Federation to present credible evidence or immediately release Whelan, to give him "due process, and universally recognized human rights" and encourages the president and the State Department to press for speedy, fair and transparent judicial process.

Whelan has said that since he was arrested, he was hurt by a guard at the prison, has been interrogated without his lawyers and has had very limited access to consular services from the U.S. Embassy.

The coalition of lawmakers said Thursday that needs to stop.

"All we ask is give us the reason (for his detainment) or release Paul," Walberg said to the Russian government. "And while you have Paul, take care of him. Be humane. Allow information to be given to him. Allow correct counsel to be given. ... Enough's enough."

Whelan is a former U.S. Marine and

was director of global security for Auburn Hills-based auto-supplier Borg-Warner when he was arrested.

The Russian Security Service (FSB) has said Whelan was caught with a flash drive containing classified information. He maintains his innocence and insists that his arrest was a setup. His family has said he was in Russia to attend the wedding of a friend.

Whelan has had several pretrial court hearings, and his detention has been repeatedly extended. A trial for Whelan isn't likely to take place until November or December at the earliest, said his attorney Olga Karlova.

The timing of his trial might also depend on his health, Karlova said, which has been deteriorating since his incarceration.

Whelan had an independent medical exam last week at a hospital outside the prison, Karlova told the Free Press, and doctors confirmed that he likely will

need surgery to repair a hernia.

"He feels better because he has some pain medication. ... His hernia is needed to be operated on," Karlova wrote in an email. "Before taking a decision whether to have surgery or not, Paul will have deep examination including scanning, analyses, etc. So after it the results could be sent to his doctors in Canada and the USA to take a decision about further actions."

Karlova said X-rays also were taken of a sore shoulder and knee, and an ointment was prescribed along with physical therapy.

Whelan's sister, Elizabeth Whelan, thanked the lawmakers for their support Thursday, and said her family will not rest until her brother is back on American soil.

"What has happened to Paul could happen to any one of us," she said. "Paul is an extraordinary brother, but he is an ordinary American citizen who traveled to Russia to help a friend and became trade fodder in a geopolitical dispute which is not of his making. ...

"Paul's unlawful and continued detention is quite simply a violation of the fundamental rights of an American citizen. We can't allow American citizens to be used in a political tug of war. This cannot be tolerated. We don't know the circumstances surrounding his arrest, but we should all be alarmed and outraged at this continued injustice."

Kildee said Whelan's detainment is a nonpartisan issue, and it's not all that different than a case several years ago involving one of his constituents, Amir Hekmati, who was arrested in Iran and accused of being an American spy. Eventually, following a similar resolution in Congress, Hekmati came home, along with three other Americans as part of a swap negotiated with Iranian officials.

President Donald Trump has been silent about Whelan's case, despite Whelan's plea from court in June, asking the president to intervene with a tweet.

To that, Stabenow said: "We would welcome the president's involvement."

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# Gary Childs switches political parties

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Livingston County Commissioner Gary Childs announced Monday he is leaving the Republican Party and joining the Democrats.

In a letter to his colleagues on the county's Board of Commissioners, Childs said he is disturbed by "increasing political polarization" and is "choosing not to be linked to the new extreme Republican Party."

In an interview, Childs described a situation where he was criticized for working with members of the Democratic Party to pick up trash in the county.

"I picked up trash in Livingston County with the Democrats," he said. "I

am not helping any party, I'm just helping the county."

He said the other commissioners were open to his announcement and told him, "We are still going to work together."

Childs said he won't be drawn to the extremes of either party.

"My philosophy, my heart and my votes are not changing," he said. "I am not a different person than I was four hours ago. I will still always vote for the best idea."

Childs was first elected to the county board in 2012, defeating the late Jack LaBelle, the longest-serving county commissioner in Michigan history. He was re-elected in 2018 for another two-year term.

"I have been a Republican with mod-



Childs

erate views throughout my adult life," Childs said in the letter. "I believe strongly whatever is best for our country, our county, and our towns should drive our leadership. With the growing polarization of our political system, I fear that even listening to a valid idea from an alternative party is now shunned. I am sad that we, as a county, have traveled down this path. As cliché as it may sound, I am not leaving my Republican Party as much as I feel it has left me."

He represents District 9, which includes Green Oak Township Precincts 1-7 and 9 and Brighton Township Precincts 3, 5 and 8.

In his letter, he wrote that he is more

closely aligned with the moderate Democratic Party and hopes Livingston County evolves to reflect a two- or three-party system.

"I truly believe our county has a diverse body of people, I think we need diverse representation," Childs told the Livingston Daily. "I think in our society, everybody is pigeon-holed one way or another. If I could start a Livingston County party, I would. I am pro-Livingston."

Childs said there was no scandal or fighting with his Republican colleagues. He said he has been dwelling on this for some time.

"Part of me is showing people that the world will not fall apart if a Democrat is on the Livingston County Board of Commissioners," he said.

# Meet South Lyon candidates at forums

Want to learn more about the candidates interested in planning the future of South Lyon?

Meet the candidates for South Lyon mayor and South Lyon city council next week during a pair of candidate forums.

Current Mayor Daniel Pelchat is running to serve a 2-year term, challenged for the seat by Ryan Lare. Pelchat is wrapping up his first term in the position, one he won after no one initially filed to run for mayor. A slew of candidates stepped forward with Pelchat winning.

The mayor's forum is 7 p.m. Sept. 24.

The city also will have seven candidates for three 4-year council seats, with incumbents Steve Kennedy and Maggie Kurtzweil joined on the ballot by Lisa Dilg, Jim Hamade, Dayna Johnston, Amber King and Lori Mosier.

The council forum is 7 p.m., Sept. 26.

Both forums will take place at the Salem-South Lyon District Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail.

Hometown Life Editor Phil Allmen will moderate the forums.

The League of Women Voters will serve as timekeeper.

Candidate will have the opportunity



Julie Walker applies to vote at the South Lyon City Hall while John Schimpf finishes his ballot on election day in 2018. Two forums have been scheduled for next week to give South Lyon residents a chance to ask questions of the mayoral and city council candidates.

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to introduce themselves and explain why they are running for elected office.

Each candidate also received pre-empt questions to answer during the forums.

Audience members can ask questions of the candidates. Index cards will be available to write down questions for the moderator to read to the candidates. Candidates will have time for a concluding statement.

The forums will be videoed by South Lyon Cable 19 and later available from Channel 19, YouTube and the library website. This event is free.

## Letters

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consult widely, listen attentively, look backward historically, look forward clear-headedly, reflect thoughtfully, plan collegially, communicate articulately, advocate forcefully, lead passionately and, all the while, care deeply.

Turnbull has deep roots in our rich Northville soil. We know him, and have yet to see him tackle anything at which he could not excel.

Now, he's running for mayor. How lucky does one town get?

We have only known Brian a few years, but it feels like he has been a friend forever.

We heartily endorse him for mayor.  
**Bill & Kristine Ritter**  
Northville

### Wants Northville to vote Turnbull

I grew up in Northville and lived here most of my life. I currently live in Plymouth, but I drive through downtown to drop my daughter at daycare in Northville every day. I enjoy the events and restaurants in downtown Northville and still think of it as my home.

I have anxiously been following the Northville Downs development and am concerned that more thought, research on infrastructure and leadership has not guided this project.

Brian Turnbull is on record urging Northville to halt the over-development on this project. He is listening to citizens and pushing for value for all Northvillians. I hope his platform of thoughtful development is shared by all surrounding areas. I hear him talk about increasing green space and decreasing density.

This is not a message I've heard from the current city leadership and I hope it is highlighted more in your publication and throughout Northville.

**Katelyn Drake**  
Plymouth

### Another one for Turnbull

All year I have read about and listened to others talk about the issues facing our valuable community: the Northville Downs development, traffic and a proposed roundabout at 7 Mile and Center, the relationship with Northville Public Schools, etc.

Observing Mayor Ken Roth and the accompanying development and infrastructure issues, I believe there are some clear takeaways, room for improvement and needed change.

First, the mayor's trumpeted "experience" and "leadership" on the Northville Downs project simply missed the mark. Leading a proposal to pack 300-plus apartments, 180-plus townhouses and 50-plus single family homes into this area when the overwhelming majority of city residents were (and remain) opposed, is not superior leadership or experience.

This site development process has a ways to go, but after hearing the initial proposals and subsequent feedback, Roth had a great chance to "calm the waters" upfront as mayor. He didn't.

For those residents who work outside of Northville, the traffic issues that already exist at 7 Mile and Center should not have been missed, but seemingly were. We haven't handled this thus far and there seems to be no clear traffic plan once the Downs site develops. The outrage expressed in the open-forum planning commission meetings should be eliciting dramatic leadership actions from our mayor.

Finally, and perhaps most perplexing, was the mayor and city's decision to initiate litigation against our award-winning Northville Public Schools. The school district could not financially maintain both the Old Village School and the former Main Street Elementary, so it chose to restore and save the Old Village School.

The mayor and city voted to sue and challenge its decision to sell and let go of the Main Street Elementary property. In two months, the lawsuit was dismissed and thrown out of court. If our mayor is proud of his leadership and experience in using taxpayer dollars to Northville Schools — and force our school district to use its tax dollars on legal fees and to maintain a building it cannot use — then perhaps he's not the best person for job.

There is more for everyone to learn about both Roth and Mayoral Candidate Brian Turnbull before the Nov. 5 election, I am heartened by Turnbull's desire to halt the Northville Downs development and take time to look at alternatives. I like his appeal to do better. At this point, I have to agree, we can (and should) do better.

**Dave Gutman**  
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# Inclusive art gallery will feature works by people with special needs

David Veselenak [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

When one walks into the new Mod Market art gallery in downtown Northville, customers would never guess a portion of the work is created by artists with special needs.

And that's exactly the point the people behind the Living and Learning Enrichment Center are going for.

"We wanted it to be inclusive," said Rachelle Vartanian, founder of the Living and Learning Enrichment Center in Northville. "That's the whole goal."

Vartanian, a former special education teacher for Farmington Public Schools, moved the center a few years ago out of downtown Northville and up to Mill Race Village. She then began thinking about what she could do with the space and thought up the art gallery concept as a way to help teach valuable job skills, something that can be hard to find for people with autism.

"When we moved over there, we still had a lease agreement over here," she said. "Then I thought, 'Oh my God, this is a blessing.'"

The art gallery at 150 Mary Alexander Court will open its door Saturday.

It took several months to revamp the interior to turn it into an art gallery. It's planned to also have outdoor seating in the future for customers to enjoy a cup of coffee from Northville's own Red Dot Coffee Company.

About 30% of the Michigan artists featured in the gallery have a developmental disability. You would never be able to tell the difference, judging by the wide range of art in the space. It has ceramics, metal, paintings and many more styles of art, all for sale.

Abbi Colvin, a Northville High School graduate, continues to assist with the project even with moving away to college. She said she reached out to about 150 artists to see if they would be interested in selling their work in the shop.

She said she got involved at Living and Learning and wanted to do everything she could to help.



Rachelle Vartanian, director of Northville's Living and Learning Enrichment Center, and Mod Market co-creator Abbi Colvin, right, talk about their new project, the Mod Market cafe on Mary Alexander Court. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I kind of just fell in love with it," said Colvin, a sophomore at Hope College. "I want to be a special education teacher and I love it."

The shop will employ about five people and will continue to hire in the future. Those interested can stop by the gallery and inquire.

"We also knew that we needed a place that was safe for people with special needs to be able to learn job skills, but safe for them to make mistakes," Vartanian said. "And that's what this is."

A grand opening celebration will take place at noon Saturday as a part of the second Spectrum Fest, which takes place in downtown Northville. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

More information is available on the center's website at [livingandlearning-center.org](http://livingandlearning-center.org).



Vartanian, Colvin and others completely re-did the interior of the shop.

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# Woman pours passion into South Lyon bar

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The bar on the northern border of South Lyon has had several different names throughout the years: Rhino, Trail, Northwood. It's changed again, but this time, it's owner hopes it's for good.

Enter Suzi's Bar and Grill, the latest iteration of the watering hole as one enters South Lyon along Pontiac Trail. It was purchased and reopened under the new name earlier this summer by Suzanne Lossia, a Birmingham-area resident known for her television appearances on shows such as "Cutthroat Kitchen" and "Food Network Star," she decided it was time to own her own restaurant and found the bar.

"Nobody really touched it. Everybody just made money," she said. "This place had a really, really, really bad reputation."

"I've been looking for a place to get a kitchen. My passion is cooking. I've been cooking since I was a little girl."

Since coming in, she's had to ban several people from coming back who had a bad reputation, as well as keep in touch with the South Lyon Police Department to keep the bar's new reputation squeaky clean.

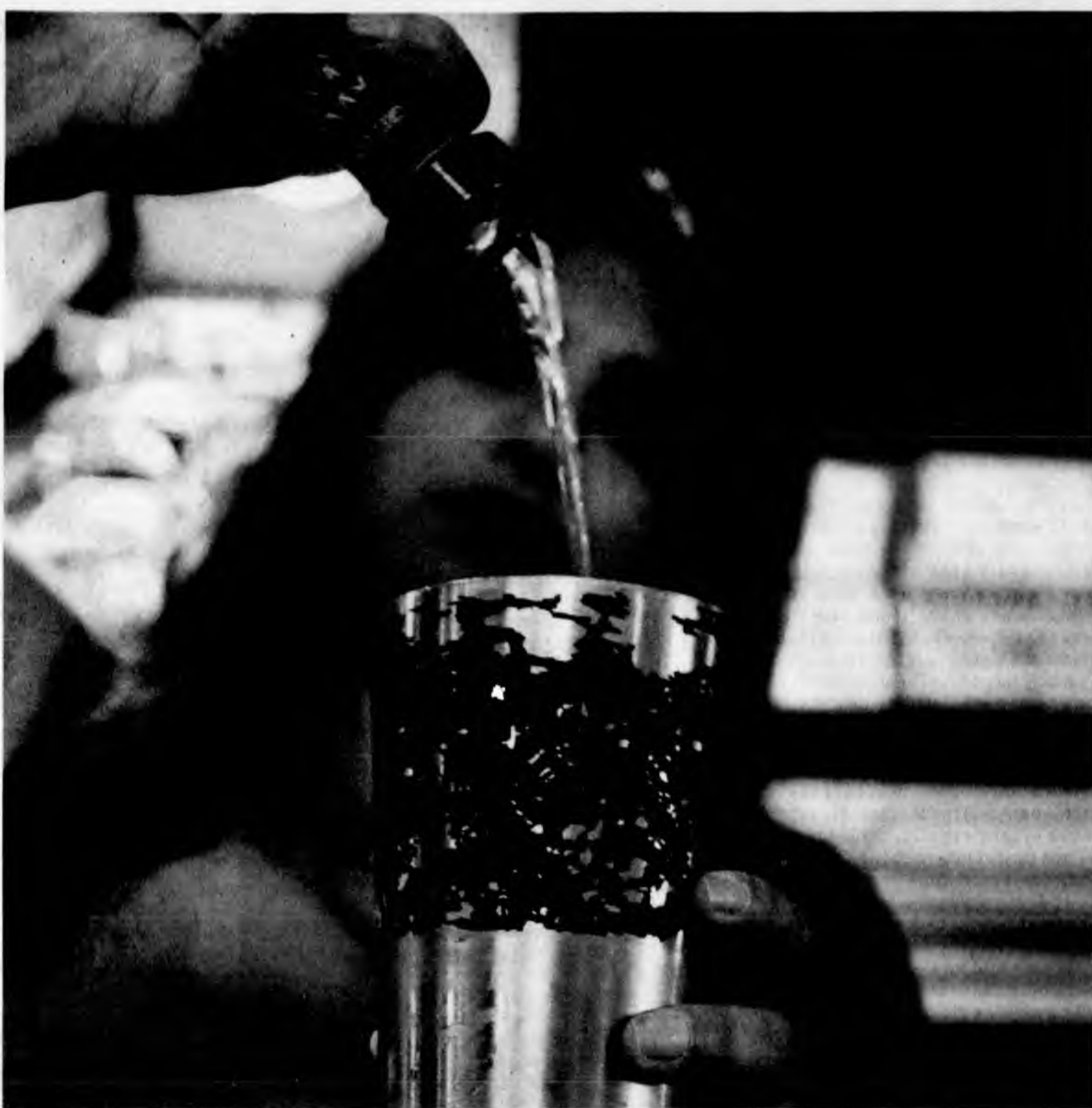
Lossia has big plans for the bar, including renovations and a new menu in the coming month. While the menu hasn't changed yet, she has brought on some signature drinks, including her Suzi Shot, her signature drink using vodka and other tasty ingredients.

"It's like a Jolly Rancher," she said. "Everybody loves it."

Soon, patrons can expect to see items such as pizzas, calzones, "20 kinds of burgers" and other items on the menu she's devising.

In addition to the updates she's already done such as removing the carpet, she hopes to make additional renovations to the space, including expanding the kitchen, put on a new roof, add a patio and bring in some new furniture. She expects to ask the city for approvals to expand the cooking area the bar currently has and increase the size of the kitchen.

"I'm in the middle of completely renovating, but I'm still open for business,"



Suzanne Lossia mixes a "Suzi's Shot" at her bar in South Lyon, Suzi's Bar and Grill, on Aug. 30. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

she said. "I'm fixing it all up."

The community has been fairly open to her coming to town, Lossia said. She's hoping to eventually launch other events, including a car show and a farm-

ers market at the bar, a place where she wants to live her work. She wants to make her establishment one area residents are proud to come to.

"I'm not looking to socialize and hang

out," she said. "I'm looking to live my passion."

"I want to do a lot with it. The city deserves it."

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# Stislicki murder case sent to circuit court

**Susan Vela** Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Evidence piled up Tuesday against Floyd Galloway Jr., a convict accused of planning Danielle Stislicki's murder and disappearance more than two years ago.

From an FBI agent: Cellphones belonging to Stislicki and Galloway were simultaneously connecting with the same cellular tower on Dec. 2, 2016, when she went missing.

From a forensic biologist: Evidence of Stislicki's DNA was found in Floyd Galloway's master bedroom carpeting a few days later.

From a forensic document examiner: Galloway's writing samples indicate he wrote a secret admirer's note accompanying flowers once left on Stislicki's work desk at the MetLife office in Southfield.

"From: Secret Admirer," the note read. "Hope this made you smile today!"

The dam of evidence broke shortly after Tuesday's lunch break in 47th District Court in Farmington Hills, where Judge James Brady bound over Galloway's first-degree premeditated murder case to Oakland County Circuit Court.

Brady mentioned 15 prosecution witnesses and 45 different exhibits. The defense had no witnesses.

"The court has listened very intently (and) taken copious notes," Brady said. "The notes are overwhelming evidence in this particular case. There is probable cause — overwhelming probable cause — that the defendant Floyd Galloway Jr. committed that crime."

## Stislicki family talks

There's still an Oakland County Circuit Court trial to endure. But Tuesday's ruling gave the victim's family some solace in their quest for justice and relentless hopes of finding Danielle Stislicki's body.

Her relatives embraced and shed tears outside the courtroom. The judge's decision concluded a two-day preliminary examination that was scheduled to last up to a week.

"We are elated to have the answer and know that we are moving forward," said Ann Stislicki, who testified this week about her daughter's friendly relationship with Galloway at the MetLife office in Southfield.

Both women worked there. Before Stislicki went missing, Galloway did, too, as a security guard.

"We will move to the next step. We are super happy to know that this is another step," Ann Stislicki said. "It's a stepping stone into the greater picture."

Father Richard Stislicki thanked investigators for shedding light on Galloway and what may have happened to their daughter. They still want to know where her body is.

"Perhaps the spirit will come to Floyd," he said. "There is no advantage in him holding onto that information. We hope that at some point that he will repent. It will give us some peace."

No one has recovered Stislicki's body since she went missing that day her phone was linked with Galloway's. She was 28.

Galloway, 32, is a convict now behind bars for demonstrating criminal sexual conduct when assaulting a Hines Park runner in Livonia the September before Stislicki's disappearance. He pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit sexual penetration.



Jamie Powell Horowitz, special assistant attorney general, center, stands with Farmington Hills Police Dept. Detective Ryan Molloy as they begin to interview witnesses Sept. 9 in the 47th District courtroom of Judge James B. Brady about the disappearance of Danielle Stislicki on Dec. 2, 2016. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Danielle Stislicki's family embraces Sept. 10 after learning Floyd Galloway's case will be bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Building a murder case

This week, prosecutors painted a picture of Galloway as a security guard romantically interested in Stislicki while they both worked at MetLife offices in Southfield. She apparently was creeped out by the flowers on her desk, declined his text requests to hang out and, in time, stopped responding to his texts.

"We know Mr. Galloway had been carrying a torch for Miss Stislicki since at least October of 2015," prosecuting attorney Jaimie Powell Horowitz said.

The attorney recapped testimony that Galloway made plans to be absent from work on Dec. 2, 2016. His wife was in the hospital.

Data indicates his cellphone traveled from his Berkley home around 11 a.m.

that day and headed toward the cellular tower servicing the MetLife offices once located on Telegraph Road, north of Ten Mile Road. Horowitz said he was making sure Stislicki's Jeep Renegade was in the parking lot.

A coworker testified she saw Stislicki talking to a suited man in the MetLife parking lot with his vehicle's hood up at the end of the work day. Another saw Stislicki drive from the MetLife parking lot with Galloway in her passenger seat around the same time.

Detectives showed video of Stislicki's Jeep Renegade traveling eastbound around 5 p.m. along 11 Mile Road, a convenient road to Galloway's Berkley residence and then her vehicle moving westbound on the same road about three hours later.

Galloway's phone seemed to be turned off during this time period. Investigators testified they tracked Stislicki's phone to Galloway's residence at 5:07 p.m. and it stayed there until 7:53 p.m. Galloway's phone is connected to the same cellular tower network, along with his home, at 6:20 p.m.

Whatever happened to Stislicki was already over by then, Horowitz said. She then dwelled on a carpet patch that was removed from the side of Galloway's bed and, between that patch and the bed, evidence of Stislicki's DNA.

Scraps of carpeting were found in Galloway's trash bin when detectives searched the residence.

"Whatever happened in this bedroom was of so much concern to Mr. Galloway that he cut that portion out and removed it," Horowitz said. "Blood is going to leave a stain. Evidence of trauma is going to leave a stain. That was cut out and removed. But, unfortunately, Mr. Galloway didn't think about that touch DNA."

Video footage shared during the preliminary examination showed Galloway at a Tim Horton's within a 10-minute walking distance from Stislicki's Farmington Hills apartment on Lincoln Court around 8:40 p.m. on Dec. 2, 2016. The missing woman's keys and Fitbit were found near the Tim Horton's.

A cab picked him up at the Tim Horton's about a half hour later and took him to an apartment building near Grodan Drive and Telegraph Road. The MetLife offices were nearby.

More video showed Galloway purchasing a new comforter a few days after Stislicki's disappearance.

"The prosecution did what the prosecution does," defense attorney William Mitchell III said afterward. "They throw up a bunch of stuff. It's not a trial, there's no finding of guilt."

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# Former Brighton police dog shot

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Hearing the gunshot didn't alarm Sharon Farrell.

Her dog, a German shepherd named TJ who retired earlier this year from the K-9 unit of the Michigan State Police Brighton Post, had been outside on Sept. 2 in front of her home in Hudson, out of Farrell's sight.

"I wasn't watching him close, and he went down the road," Farrell said Thursday.

But then she went out to the front yard and saw TJ on the ground bleeding.

Someone had shot him, leaving the dog with three holes in his stomach and a cracked rib.

"I think it's a horrible situation," she said.

TJ was taken immediately to the Michigan State University Veterinary Medical Center, more than 60 miles away, where he underwent surgery.

After four days in the hospital, he returned home to recover.

Now, Farrell needs money to pay for TJ's medical bills.

A GoFundMe page, launched Monday, is aiming to raise \$9,700. As of Friday afternoon, the campaign had raised \$905.

A close friend of Farrell, Sherry Barker, started the fundraiser.

"I don't think he would ever hurt anybody unless someone was trying to hurt him," said Barker, who lives in Camden. "I don't know what happened but I do know he didn't deserve what he got."

Farrell adopted TJ after her son, a state trooper, told her about the dog, who retired in April from the K-9 unit due to hip-related issues.

"I'm just so thankful he's on the road to recovery," Farrell said. "He's just the sweetest, gentlest dog I've ever met."

There are no leads in the case so far, said Chris Mathews, MSP Brighton Post community service trooper.

Lenawee County Sheriff Troy Bevier did not respond to requests for comment.



Camden resident Sherry Barker, left, and Hudson resident Sharon Farrell pose for a photo Sept. 13 with TJ, Farrell's dog. A retired Michigan State Police K-9 officer at the Brighton post, TJ was shot Sept. 2 by an unknown assailant. Funds are being raised toward his recovery. SUBMITTED

# Police: Lyon Twp. man shot neighbor in face with BB gun

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An altercation involving neighbors living in a Lyon Township mobile home community erupted in BB gunfire over the weekend, according to deputies with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies said in a report they were dispatched to Boyne Street at 7:21 p.m. Saturday because a Kensington Place resident wanted to report a fight between her boyfriend, 30, and a neighbor, 27.

The neighbor had brandished a BB gun and shot the boyfriend in the face and chest. A BB became lodged in the boyfriend's nose.

The suspect was gone when deputies arrived.

Lyon Township firefighters and Huron Valley Ambulance paramedics treated the boyfriend's injuries.

An investigation continues. svela@hometownlife.com



# Milford firefighter's workout honors victims of 9/11 attacks

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Drew Burrow doesn't remember much about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks; he was just a kindergartener.

But this year, the Milford firefighter formed a plan for how he would honor 343 firefighters who gave their lives 18 years ago and those who had climbed 34 flights of stairs four times in the rescue effort at the World Trade Center.

Burrow arrived at Planet Fitness at about 1 p.m. Sept. 11 and started by climbing 110 flights on the stairclimber in full firefighter turn-out gear, which he estimates weighs at least 30-50 pounds.

Burrow's friend Keith McCaffery, who was just finishing his workout and had seen Burrow enter the gym, was stunned and snapped a photo.

"I was kind of lost in my own world until I realized what he was doing and it made me stop and recollect that day and what was happening when I was just a high schooler," McCaffery, 35, who coached Burrow in soccer when the two were younger, said. "I just think it shows what that brotherhood means to be a firefighter and live in that legacy of those people who sacrificed so much. He is taking on that role now and being that next generation of firefighter and learning from the history of that."

Burrow, who comes from a family of firefighters, said he grew up wanting to be one, and since May has realized his dream with the Milford Fire Department. On Sept. 11, he said he was just looking for a way to get a good workout in while honoring those who gave their lives that day in 2001.

It took him about 45 minutes to climb



Drew Burrow, a Milford firefighter, uses exercise equipment in full gear at Planet Fitness on Sept. 11 to honor those who lost their lives Sept. 11, 2001. COURTESY OF KEITH MCCAFFERY

the stairs, and another hour to do 100 push ups, 100 lunges, 100 squats and 43 "backpoles" or lat pulldowns using weighted cables.

He admitted it was a struggle. "If they did all that, and they risked their lives, I figured I could do this," he said, and recalled a conversation with his dad from the night before in which his father noted that for 3,000 people, Sept. 10, 2001, had been the last night to see their families.

For Burrow, his recollection of this day 18 years ago is vague.

His muscles will remember the effort he put in to honor the heroes of that day, and he hopes that those who are just reaching adulthood will continue to recognize the events and heroes of that day.

"We are the last generation to remember it," Burrow said. "... they went in there to save people and some didn't come out."

# No birds killed in goose hunt at Lyon Oaks

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Hunters laid a goose egg during the first ever managed hunt of the birds at an Oakland County Park.

The pilot program Sept. 8 at Lyon Oaks resulted in zero birds taken by youth hunters.

"We didn't get any geese, but the hunters had a great time," Sarah Cook-Maylen, natural resources coordinator for Oakland County Parks and Recreation, wrote in an email.

Ten hunters ages 10-17 had the potential to take up to five geese apiece, with the assistance of guides at the golf course section of the more than 1,000 acre park.

It was the first hunt of its kind held at an Oakland County Park, and Cook-Maylen said it was held with the hope of reducing the amount of goose poop.

Lyon Oaks was chosen as the ideal location of the first managed goose hunt in an Oakland County park through mutual agreement by parks and recreation partners National Wild Turkey Federation, MParks Archery group and the non-profit organization, Our Global Kids.

Several other techniques are employed at the parks to manage the birds, including using canines; egg and nest destruction; geese roundups in which they are released elsewhere; and habitat modification, such as letting grass grow longer and reducing sightlines for predators.

During Sunday's hunt, additional noisemaking devices were also used.

The parks commission will decide whether to hold future goose hunts.



Canton resident Emily Florence was pleasantly surprised by some helpful good Samaritans on Sunday afternoon in the parking lot of the Canton Sam's Club. JOHN HEIDER/HOMERTOWNLIFE.COM

# Good Samaritans found at Sam's Club in Canton

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A feeling of uncertainty gripped Emily Florence on a Sunday afternoon as she prepared to transfer an industrial-sized load of bottled water and Gatorade from a flatbed cart to her Ford Expedition in the parking lot of Canton's Sam's Club.

Two strangers — both men Florence estimated were in their 50s — approached the Canton resident as she popped the back hatch of her vehicle.

"They were walking across the parking lot toward me, looking very determined, but not threatening," Florence recalled. "I was never scared."

"As they approached me, one of the gentlemen said as he walked by me, 'We've got this,' then they started to lift these heavy 40-pack cases of bottled water into the back of my vehicle."

As Florence placed a few smaller items she had purchased into the back seat of her SUV, the men finished unloading the cart.

"When they were done, they smiled at me and said, 'Have a nice day!' Then they walked into the store," Florence said. "My initial expression was proba-

bly one of concern because they had approached so quickly; I thought maybe someone had hit my car while I was in the store, they witnessed it and were going to give me the details. But it turns out they were walking so quickly because they wanted to unload the cases of water before I did.

"They were just the nicest, friendliest gentlemen. Their gesture made my day. I felt so good."

Florence posted a recap of the good deed on a Canton-based Facebook page. The post had generated close to 700 likes as of Wednesday night.

"So many people are seeing so many negative things on the internet ... I think to actually see something positive like that makes people feel good," Florence said. "I know this may sound a little hokey, but it just gave me a sense of hope that there is a lot of kindness in this world. You just don't see things like this very often."

"I have no idea who they were, but in hindsight I wish I would have asked them their names. ... It was clear from the start that they weren't looking for gratitude or recognition. They just wanted to do a good deed."

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# Haggerty Road to close between 13, 14 Mile roads for culvert repair

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Starting on Monday, Sept. 23, the section of Haggerty Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads will close for repairs. The closure, which will affect Novi and Farmington Hills residents, is expected to last through October.

An old culvert that carries the Seeley Drain, which is located between MacKenzie Drive and Lilly Court, will be replaced as part of the \$300,000 project. That area will also receive new resurfacing, painting and guard rails.

"When we take out the old culvert there will be a big open cut across the road," said Craig Bryson, the public in-

formation officer for the Road Commission for Oakland County. "So, you won't be able to get all the way through."

Though that section of the road will be closed to thru traffic, folks who either live or work on the stretch will be given access at all times of the day. Thru traffic will be detoured to M-5 and either 13 or 14 Mile Road to get back on Haggerty.

"If you can find another alternate route, it's a good time to do that," Bryson joked.

For more information on the project, visit [www.rcocweb.org/449/Haggerty-Road-Culvert-Replacement](http://www.rcocweb.org/449/Haggerty-Road-Culvert-Replacement).

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# Study reveals state's most dangerous freeways

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As Michigan State Police crack down on speeders, a new study also is revealing why motorists should slow down.

Michigan Auto Law released a report Tuesday on Michigan's most dangerous highways for 2018. The top 10 most dangerous highways have speed limits of 70 mph, with half of them in Oakland County.

Other highlights of the report:

■ More than 40% of all fatal car crashes in the state happened on a highway.

■ January and February had by far the highest number of injury crashes compared to the remainder of the year.

■ Fridays and Mondays had the highest volume of injury crashes in a given week.

■ The highest amount of injury crashes happened between 3-7 p.m. on any given day.

■ The majority of car crashes and injuries occurred in densely populated areas, or around ramps to other highways and roads.

■ Distracted driving, high speeds, merging traffic and semi-trucks were common factors in the accidents.

Car crash and injury data were provided by the Michigan State Police Traffic Crash Reporting Unit. Their report is a compilation of official crash data from vehicle accident reports filed by law enforcement across the state.

Here are metro Detroit's most dangerous roads, according to the study:

## Wayne County

**Northbound I-75 between the service drive Warren Avenue exit and I-94 exit, Detroit**

Total crashes: 42

Injury crashes: 17

The stretch of road between these two exits has heavy traffic volume with drivers merging and changing lanes right before the heavily traveled I-94/I-75 interchange. This segment also had the highest number of injury crashes as well for the city of Detroit.

**Northbound I-75 between the 7 Mile exit ramp and the 7 Mile overpass, Detroit**

Total crashes: 35

Injury crashes: 7



Cars on Interstate 75 travel southward near Ten Mile Road. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

Despite being less than a half-mile long, this other busy stretch of I-75 just south of 7 Mile Road saw several crashes in 2018.

## Oakland County

**Eastbound I-696 between Bermuda Mohawk and Campbell Hilton, Royal Oak**

Total crashes: 84

Injury crashes: 39

This stretch of road between Woodward Avenue and the I-75 interchange is not quite a half-mile in length, but the daily traffic volumes are extremely heavy. Plus, it didn't help that road construction in 2018 likely affected the car accident and injury numbers.

**Southbound I-75 between 14 Mile Road Exit Ramp and 14 Mile Road overpass, Troy**

Total crashes: 68

Injury crashes: 19

This stretch of southbound I-75 as it goes over 14 Mile Road to the area where cars enter the highway from eastbound 12 Mile Road had 68 crashes last year. Westbound 12 Mile Road traffic entering the freeway and merging over within this short distance is likely the cause of many of these reported car accidents.

**Southbound I-75 between 11 Mile Road exit ramp and 11 Mile Road overpass, Royal Oak**

Total crashes: 47

Injury crashes: 22

Another interchange along I-75 had the second-highest number of crashes involving injury in the state. With major construction under way last year, 11 Mile Road was likely used heavily as an alternate route with last-minute lane changes to exit the interstate contributing to the dangerous and congested road conditions.

## Kent County

**Northbound US-131 exit ramp between I-96 West exit and Alpine Avenue, Walker**

Total crashes: 39

Injury crashes: 8

This road segment is actually an exit ramp off of U.S.-131 that takes drivers to busy Alpine Avenue. With 39 total crashes, it had the highest amount in 2018 for Kent County.

**Southbound US-131 between Wealthy Street exit ramp and Wealthy Street overpass**

Total crashes: 38

Injury crashes: 17

At just under two-tenths of a mile, this stretch of U.S.-131 had the highest number of highway injury crashes in Kent County last year. In addition, the intersection at Wealthy had the highest amount of total as well as injury crashes in 2018 with 85 and 24, respectively.

## Washtenaw County

**Northbound US-23/Westbound M-14 between the railroad overpass and M-14/US-23 Exit Ramps, Ann Arbor Township**

Total crashes: 26

Injury crashes: 4

As M-14 drivers are forced to exit onto one of two busy Michigan highways, many are trying to merge into the correct lane through this road segment. This likely causes many of the 26 crashes.

**Southbound U.S.-23/Eastbound M-14 between Nixon Road and Eastbound M-14/Southbound U.S.-23 Exit Ramps, Ann Arbor Township**

Total crashes: 26

Injury crashes: 2

Tied with U.S.-23/Eastbound M-14, this segment is within the same vicinity along the area where three major Michigan highways converge. As drivers once again have to merge lanes to continue onto either US-23 or M-14, crashes are likely to occur.

## Ingham County

**Eastbound I-96 between Meech Road and Dietz Road, Leroy Township**

Total crashes: 22

Injury crashes: 5

In between the cities of Williamston and Webberville, this eastbound stretch of I-96 saw the most highway car crashes in Ingham County in 2018. As many commuters who travel I-96 frequently know, this area seems to slow down at times to a crawl but eventually clears up before Fowlerville.

**Southbound U.S.-127 between Michigan Avenue and Kalamazoo Street, Lansing Township**

Total crashes: 17

Crashes involving injury: 10

Located east of downtown Lansing, U.S.-127 is another road segment on a busy freeway where once again drivers are merging lanes to exit onto I-496 west, or they are staying on U.S.-127 to continue south. With commuters going home from both the busy downtown area as well as the Michigan State University campus, traffic is slow through this area during the evening hours. This road segment also had the highest number of crashes involving injury of any stretch of highway in Ingham County.



A technician working on behalf of Comcast installs network infrastructure. The company recently completed a \$4 million expansion in South Lyon. SUBMITTED

## Comcast completes \$4M expansion in South Lyon

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South Lyon businesses and residents are getting expanded choices when it comes to cable and internet.

Comcast announced Sept. 10 it has completed a \$4 million network expansion into the city, building on an investment that began in 2017.

The additional infrastructure will present an option to 59 more businesses and more than 3,585 homes to connect to the technology giant for video service, high speed internet, landline phone service, and home automation.

"That's for all home security and for anything in the home that uses internet — your smartphone to control your thermostat, in-home cameras, anything that runs off Wi-Fi," explained Rob Ponto, senior manager of public relations for Comcast.

Ponto declined to share the number of Comcast subscribers now in the area, "for competitive reasons."

South Lyon Mayor Dan Pelchat has signed up for Comcast services and is excited that area businesses and residents have a new option.

"Any time the community can get a bolstering in infrastructure on media

and information technology is good," he said.

WOW! was long the sole cable provider for the area, Pelchat said.

Ponto said additional competitors in the area include AT&T and Spectrum.

Comcast also has franchise agreements with Lyon Township, Green Oak Township, Brighton, Milford, Highland and Northville.

"Connectivity has become the center of the digital home and business, and Comcast is redefining what both consumers and businesses should expect from their broadband provider," said Tim Collins, senior vice president of Comcast's Heartland Region, which includes Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky.

The city-wide expansion follows investments made in 2018 when Comcast first entered South Lyon to build infrastructure to businesses in select industrial and business parks.

The fiber network is capable of delivering up to 100 Gigabits-per-second (Gbps) of network capacity and provides access to high-performance ethernet, internet and advanced voice solutions.

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## New mural planned for Farmington theater

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Downtown Farmington is about to get a bit more artsy this fall.

A mural is planned to go up on the west elevation of the Farmington Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River, in a few weeks to celebrate the theater's 80th anniversary next year.

The mural, which will feature actors such as Jimmy Stewart, James Dean and Veronica Lake, is expected to get painted as early as the last week of September. It will be visible from the parking lot on the north end of downtown.

"We're excited about that," said Kate Knight, executive director of Farmington Downtown Development Authority. "We're really optimistic we'll be able to install it this year."

The DDA received about a dozen submissions for potential murals for the space earlier this year. It selected Plymouth artist Adrienne Pickett as the one to paint the mural. She's created other mural work in Detroit's Lindale Gardens neighborhood.

The Farmington City Council approved the mural Sept. 3, and it then went to the DDA board for its final approval, which was expected. The mural painting should take roughly a week, Knight said, weather permitting.

The mural will be the second one to grace the walls of downtown Farmington. The first was installed late last year on the north side of the retail building at State Street and Farmington.

Scott Freeman, general manager at the Civic, said he's happy to see the art coming to the back wall of the theater.

"I am excited about it," he said. "It's been on my list of things to investigate for a number of years. I kept thinking what a great place this would be for a mural."

The project will hopefully contain a public viewing element, Knight said, though the exact plans are not yet determined, as DDA officials are finalizing plans for the Harvest Moon Festival taking place later this month.

The planned mural won't be the last public artwork planned for downtown Farmington, Knight said; there's plans for even more artistic visions for 2020.



This mural will be painted on the side of the Farmington Civic Theater later this fall. It will be the second mural to grace the walls of downtown Farmington. COURTESY OF FARMINGTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



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## South Lyon gets comeback win at Lakeland

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Down 17-6 late in the fourth quarter, South Lyon senior wide receiver Brenden Lach saw a matchup he could exploit.

With the 5-foot-11 Lakeland defensive back Leo Skupin defending him in

man coverage, Lach ran a post, using his 6-foot-3, 180-pound body to reach over the defender and grab the touchdown, bringing the Lions within five.

South Lyon quarterback Conner Fracassi liked what he saw, and, with just under three minutes to go in the game, found Lach — whom South Lyon head coach Jeff Henson called a matchup

nightmare — again for the 37-yard score, giving the Lions (3-0) the comeback win against Lakeland (1-2) on Friday night, 18-17.

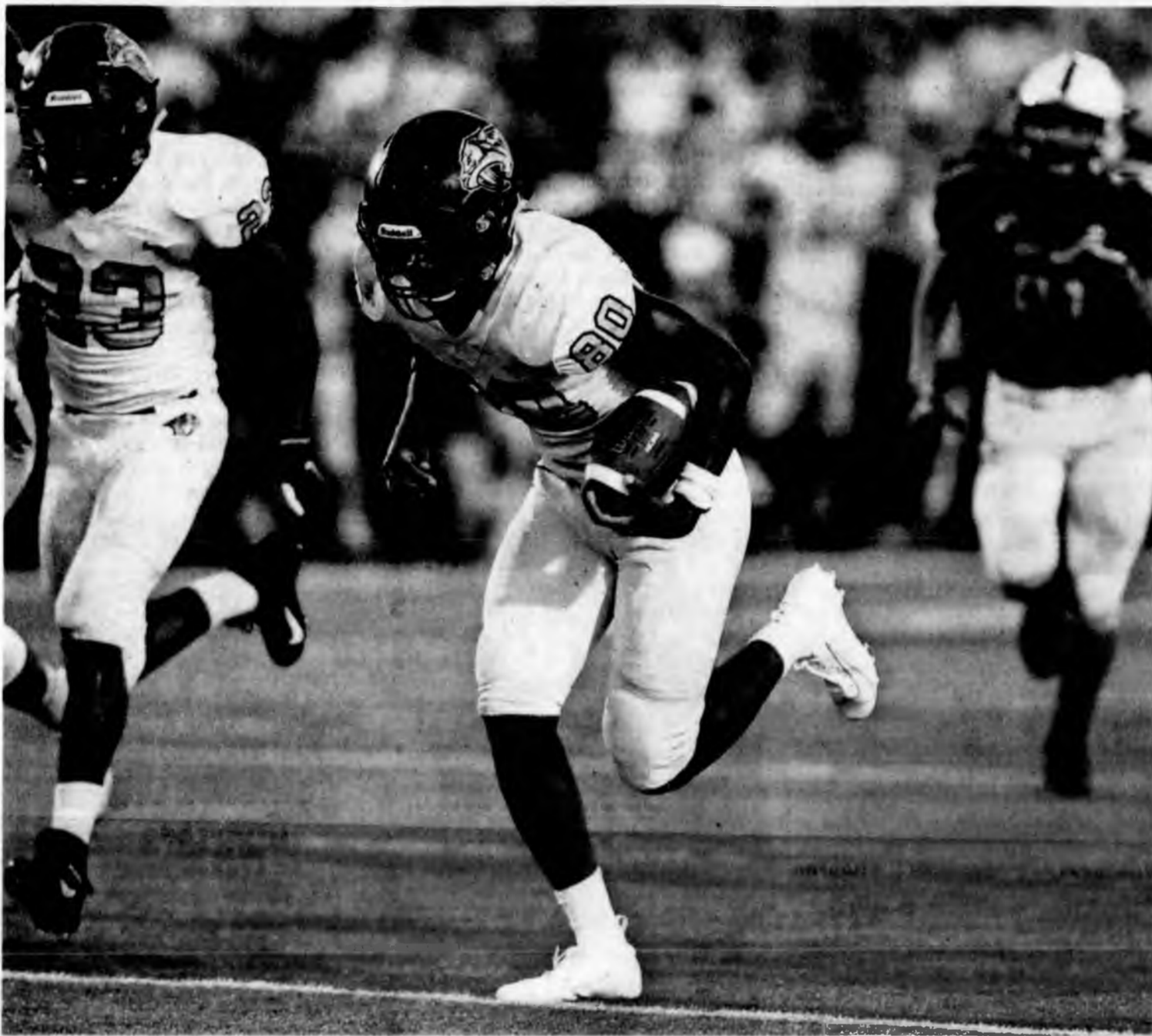
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Here are three takeaways from South Lyon's one-point road win against Lakeland on Friday.

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When Henson addressed the huddle

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Plymouth's Ian Davis scoops up a fumble and runs it in for the Wildcats first touchdown against Canton on Friday night.  
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## Plymouth beats Canton in KLAA West showdown

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Not only was Friday night's battle between Plymouth and Canton a huge rivalry game, it also was a key showdown in the KLAA West division.

Both the Wildcats and Chiefs have high expectations and are considered two of the top three division contenders along with Brighton, but after tonight, the path to the top is much more clear for Plymouth.

The Wildcats held off the Chiefs 15-13 at Canton High School in a game that had its start time delayed due to weather. It was a sloppy affair, but Plymouth was able to take advantage of several Canton miscues to get its first win over the Chiefs since 2016.

The Plymouth players and fans erupted with excitement after the clock



Canton's Caden Domzalski makes a miracle touchdown catch against Plymouth.

## Fordson runs rampant over Stevenson

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The best thing about football is that winning doesn't always have to be pretty.

After all, in a sport based on physicality, blocking, and unforgiving collisions, the last thing it should resemble is a beauty pageant.

Less is more, and when taken into account the physical reality that is football, if it ain't ugly, it ain't right.

Such was the case in Friday's KLAA East contest, with host Dearborn Fordson pulling off a 47-29 win over Livonia Stevenson in a game chock full of penalties, missed extra points and turnovers.

In what was a callback to the smash-mouth football of yesteryear, Fordson head coach Fouad Zaban admitted that he'll take the win any way he get it.

"Our play was really sloppy today and we had a lot of penalties," Zaban said. "It didn't help our cause, but the 'W' is always good to have."

Down by a 23-19 margin in the final minute before halftime, the Tractors (3-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA East) were able to find their groove, thanks to a 70-yard kickoff return by senior wide receiver Andrew Holston.

Utilizing the short field, Fordson needed just three plays to finish the job, which came on an 11-yard strike by quarterback Ali Beydoun to Holston. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the touchdown by the Spartans placed the Tractors at the one-yard line for the point after, where running back Bashar Alijahmee ran the ball up the middle to make it a 27-23 affair with two quarters in the books.

Beydoun (5-14 passing for 154 yards) added his fourth touchdown pass on the game on the opening drive of the third quarter, connecting with running back Hassan Mansour for a 35 yard strike, followed by Kiem Smith's 2-point conversion.

Turnovers became a concern in the stanza for both squads, with Fordson tossing a pair of interceptions, while Stevenson (2-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA East) also threw a pick.

Needless to say, the Spartans were able to convert on one of those opportunities, as tight end Maxim Smith hauled in a 22-yarder in the corner of the end zone from quarterback Ray Kastl (10-19 for 89 yards) to pull within a touchdown of the Tractors, despite a missed extra point.

With the lead in tow, Fordson continued to pummel their opposition on the ground, scoring on consecutive drives to begin the final frame with touchdown runs by Leonard Smith and Keyshawn Smith for four and

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Canton scored its first points of the night in the second quarter on a seven yard run by senior Caden Domzalski. The Chiefs then went for two but were shut down.

The Chiefs' offense never felt like it established a rhythm, especially given the turnover problems. Stesiak completed five passes for 81 yards and a touchdown and Domzalski ran the ball seven times for 81 yards and a score.

The play of the night, however, came late in the fourth quarter. Canton faced a 4th and goal from the 20-yard line and Stesiak fired a pass into triple coverage to Domzalski who somehow went up and snagged the ball away from the defenders and came down with it for the touchdown. It was a highlight reel play that gave the team new life.

Stesiak said his coach, Andy LaFata, told him he had to make a play and he delivered, calling Domzalski's catch "amazing".

Down two with 4:42 to go, Canton attempted an onside kick, but Plymouth recovered and ran out the clock.

"This win is huge, my freshman year was the last time we beat these guys," Downs said. "This is just the biggest game of the year. We all had this one game in mind. As freshmen, we were all really tight, we said in four years we're going to get these suckers again and we worked so hard all off-season in the weight room."

**Unbreakable**

Plymouth's team theme this year is to be unbreakable.

That's exactly what he felt the Wildcats were Friday night, even after Canton scored its late touchdown to make the game close again.

"I wasn't nervous," Downs said. "We didn't waver on the sideline, our new theme this year is unbreakable and we worked really hard on that. We knew everybody on the sideline said 'hey we're good, we're up by two points, we're going to get the ball, go down and take a knee to win it.' None of us really wavered, it was just a minor setback."

Plymouth had to milk more than four minutes off the clock in order to get the win and Canton still had all three timeouts. However, Lewis relied on his run-

ning game with Mathias and his quarterback Downs to get the job done.

On two consecutive third downs, Downs ran the read option and kept the ball himself for first downs. Canton put the Wildcats in third and mediums scenarios, but just couldn't make the key tackle on third down.

"We were going to come to this play if we really need a first down, so I knew in the back of my mind that (Lewis) was going to call that," Downs said. "We talked about it there during a timeout. Alec had a great block there on the edge to seal it. I found a hole and was able to get the first down and stay in bounds."

Lewis said he knew he could count on his seniors to do their jobs and that having a quarterback like Downs is great for the team.

"Presence, that's what he has," Lewis said. "The way he sets in the huddle, he has a presence about him, the guy's unflappable. He commands the huddle, that's what guys do that love this game and prepare and do those things, that's what those guys do in big game, they make plays."

Next week, Plymouth will face Brighton, which is also 3-0. The game will likely determine the KLAA West division champion and at least give one team a lead in the race. Brighton beat Plymouth last year, but the Wildcats are confident they can come on on top this time around.

"We just have to win week in and week out," Downs said. "Brighton is a very tough opponent. Last year didn't go our way against them, but we got the 24 hour rule, we'll enjoy this win for 24 hours and then get back in the film room and break them down. The division title is our goal and then to make a run at Ford Field... everybody is really coming together and that's when special things happen."

## South Lyon

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after his team's one-point victory on Friday night, he sighed and said a simple phrase.

"We found a way."

It's a phrase that has been characteristic of this South Lyon team for the past two seasons: showing resiliency in the end to come out on top.

"We find a way to get it done at the end," Henson said. "It may not be pretty all the time, but we find a way."

South Lyon was able to take advantage of some mistakes in the fourth quarter by Lakeland.

Down five points and driving with 3:17 left on the clock, the Lions faced a 3rd-and-9 from their own 43-yard line. The Eagles were then called with a pass interference, extending the drive, and leading to the second Lach touchdown.

"When you look back at it, I think you are going to decide we let some things go," Lakeland head coach Joe Woodruff said. "Give credit to them, they made the plays. If you were a spectator, I don't know much it cost to get in here, what five bucks? You got five dollars worth."

With 2:29 left on the clock, Eagles quarterback Jordan Shaw had one last chance to give Lakeland the victory on his senior day. After starting the drive with an incompletion, Shaw threw the ball into the hands of South Lyon senior defensive back Steve Shelton, who slid on the turf towards his sideline, securing the victory.

Fracassi knew this was not the team's best performance. But he said it's an important trait to be able to pull off wins even if the team is not at its best.

"It just shows the courage we had as a team and character: to be able to come together when the chips are down and be able to pull through," Fracassi said.

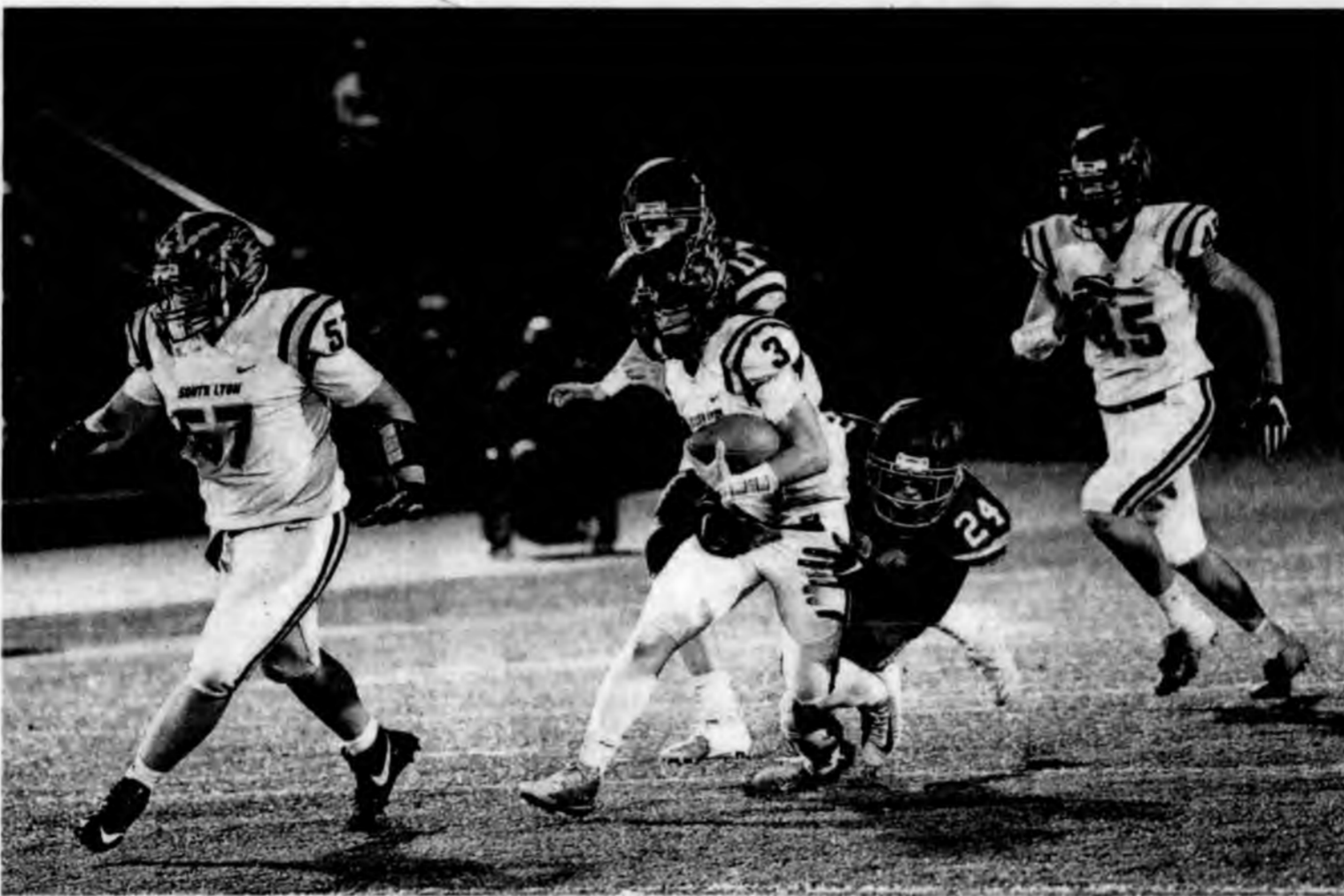
Or in the words of his head coach: to find a way.

### Defense steps up

If anything was consistent for Henson and his staff throughout the game, it was the performance of the defense.

The head coach said the defense played "a hell of a first half," allowing negative yardage for the Eagles offense and recording an interception.

In the second half, after adjusting to a



South Lyon senior quarterback Connor Fracassi, center, breaks free from Lakeland defenders Sept. 13.  
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few wrinkles Lakeland made in the locker room — allowing a 60-yard touchdown run to sophomore running back Luke Kaletto in the third quarter, which was his second of the day — the Lions settled down again.

"We are a senior-dominated defense," Henson said. "We have nine starters back from last year, and they played like it in the first half."

Most of that had to do with the pressure South Lyon was showing. Henson credited defensive lineman Gus Taylor and linebacker Jesse Powell for the disruption they caused for Shaw and sophomore Tate Farquhar in the pocket.

Woodruff even had to change his formation to try and keep South Lyon at bay.

He said he brought four or five wide receiver sets in triple-T formation to try and keep the Lions off balance. But, in what he described as another mismatch, he could not keep them away for long.

"They are animals up front," Woodruff said.

### Fracassi steps up late

With Lakeland fired up, ready to secure a home win on its senior night, Fracassi had a bit of a slow start.

In the first half, the South Lyon senior completed only 3-of-10 pass attempts for 38 yards, throwing an interception in the Lions' first drive of the game.

Fracassi said this was the second-straight week that the South Lyon offense did not meet its expected results. "We obviously did not play to the best of our ability. We had a very off day," Fracassi said. "Our execution was not good on offense today at all."

However, Fracassi did keep the Lions in the game offensively, scoring on a 4-yard option run early in the second quarter for the first score of the game.

While Fracassi thought the offense had an off night, Henson was very com-

plimentary of his senior quarterback, saying he thought he stepped up and made great throws from the pocket.

"We dropped a ton of passes tonight," Henson said. "I thought we showed some great poise tonight, but we obviously had some issues offensively."

However, with the late fourth quarter rally — scoring 12 unanswered points late in the fourth quarter to secure the third victory of the season — those things have an ability to be fixed with another win in the win column.

"It's always better to learn from a win than from a loss because if you win ugly, you can learn from it, because at least it's a 'W,'" Fracassi said.

South Lyon will try and keep this momentum going when it takes on Walled Lake Northern on the road on Sept. 20. Lakeland will remain at home on Sept. 20 to host Waterford Kettering.

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Mathias ran the ball 15 times for 98 yards and Downs completed three passes for 76 yards and a touchdown.

**Comeback falls short**

Canton scored its first points of the night in the second quarter on a seven yard run by senior Caden Domzalski. The Chiefs then went for two but were shut down.

The Chiefs' offense never felt like it established a rhythm, especially given the turnover problems. Stesiak completed five passes for 81 yards and a touchdown and Domzalski ran the ball seven times for 81 yards and a score.

The play of the night, however, came late in the fourth quarter. Canton faced a 4th and goal from the 20-yard line and Stesiak fired a pass into triple coverage to Domzalski who somehow went up and snagged the ball away from the defenders and came down with it for the touchdown. It was a highlight reel play that gave the team new life.

Stesiak said his coach, Andy LaFata, told him he had to make a play and he delivered, calling Domzalski's catch "amazing."

Down two with 4:42 to go, Canton attempted an onside kick, but Plymouth recovered and ran out the clock.

"This win is huge, my freshman year was the last time we beat these guys," Downs said. "This is just the biggest game of the year. We all had this one game in mind. As freshmen, we were all really tight, we said in four years we're going to get these suckers again and we worked so hard all off-season in the weight room."

**Unbreakable**

Plymouth's team theme this year is to be unbreakable.

That's exactly what he felt the Wildcats were Friday night, even after Canton scored its late touchdown to make the game close again.

"I wasn't nervous," Downs said. "We didn't waver on the sideline, our new theme this year is unbreakable and we worked really hard on that. We knew everybody on the sideline said 'hey we're good, we're up by two points, we're going to get the ball, go down and take a knee to win it.' None of us really wavered, it was just a minor setback."

Plymouth had to milk more than four minutes off the clock in order to get the win and Canton still had all three timeouts. However, Lewis relied on his run-

ning game with Mathias and his quarterback Downs to get the job done.

On two consecutive third downs, Downs ran the read option and kept the ball himself for first downs. Canton put the Wildcats in third and mediums scenarios, but just couldn't make the key tackle on third down.

"We were going to come to this play if we really need a first down, so I knew in the back of my mind that (Lewis) was going to call that," Downs said. "We talked about it there during a timeout. Alec had a great block there on the edge to seal it. I found a hole and was able to get the first down and stay in bounds."

Lewis said he knew he could count on his seniors to do their jobs and that having a quarterback like Downs is great for the team.

"Presence, that's what he has," Lewis said. "The way he sets in the huddle, he has a presence about him, the guy's unflappable. He commands the huddle, that's what guys do that love this game and prepare and do those things, that's what those guys do in big game, they make plays."

Next week, Plymouth will face Brighton, which is also 3-0. The game will likely determine the KLAA West division champion and at least give one team a lead in the race. Brighton beat Plymouth last year, but the Wildcats are confident they can come on on top this time around.

"We just have to win week in and week out," Downs said. "Brighton is a very tough opponent. Last year didn't go our way against them, but we got the 24 hour rule, we'll enjoy this win for 24 hours and then get back in the film room and break them down. The division title is our goal and then to make a run at Ford Field... everybody is really coming together and that's when special things happen."



# South Lyon

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after his team's one-point victory on Friday night, he sighed and said a simple phrase.

"We found a way."

It's a phrase that has been characteristic of this South Lyon team for the past two seasons: showing resiliency in the end to come out on top.

"We find a way to get it done at the end," Henson said. "It may not be pretty all the time, but we find a way."

South Lyon was able to take advantage of some mistakes in the fourth quarter by Lakeland.

Down five points and driving with 3:17 left on the clock, the Lions faced a 3rd-and-9 from their own 43-yard line. The Eagles were then called with a pass interference, extending the drive, and leading to the second Lach touchdown.

"When you look back at it, I think you are going to decide we let some things go," Lakeland head coach Joe Woodruff said. "Give credit to them, they made the plays. If you were a spectator, I don't know much it cost to get in here, what five bucks? You got five dollars worth."

With 2:29 left on the clock, Eagles quarterback Jordan Shaw had one last chance to give Lakeland the victory on his senior day. After starting the drive with an incompletion, Shaw threw the ball into the hands of South Lyon senior defensive back Steve Shelton, who slid on the turf towards his sideline, securing the victory.

Fracassi knew this was not the team's best performance. But he said it's an important trait to be able to pull off wins even if the team is not at its best.

"It just shows the courage we had as a team and character: to be able to come together when the chips are down and be able to pull through," Fracassi said.

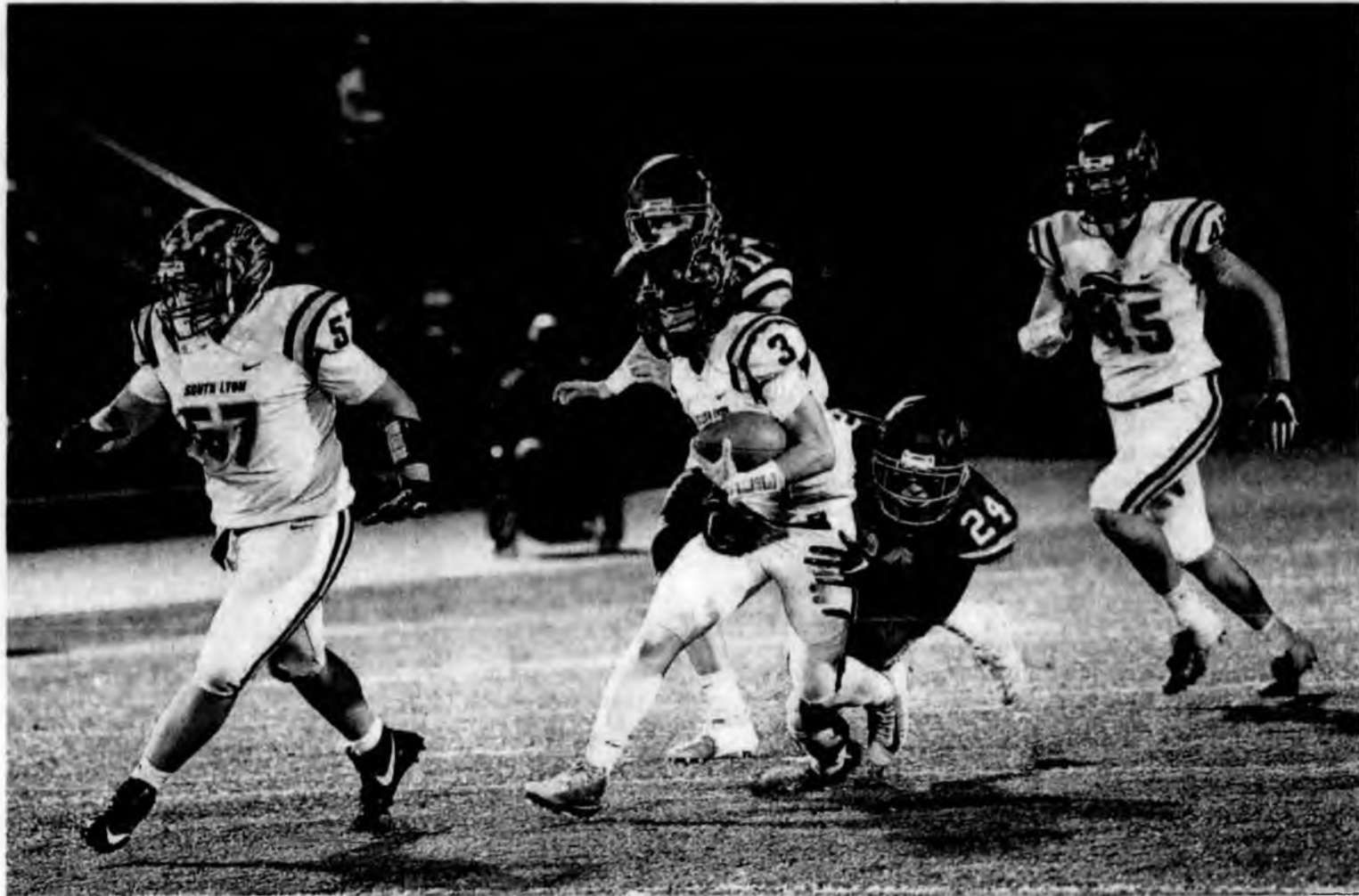
Or in the words of his head coach: to find a way.

### Defense steps up

If anything was consistent for Henson and his staff throughout the game, it was the performance of the defense.

The head coach said the defense played "a hell of a first half," allowing negative yardage for the Eagles offense and recording an interception.

In the second half, after adjusting to a



South Lyon senior quarterback Connor Fracassi, center, breaks free from Lakeland defenders Sept. 13. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

few wrinkles Lakeland made in the locker room — allowing a 60-yard touchdown run to sophomore running back Luke Kaletto in the third quarter, which was his second of the day — the Lions settled down again.

"We are a senior-dominated defense," Henson said. "We have nine starters back from last year, and they played like it in the first half."

Most of that had to do with the pressure South Lyon was showing. Henson credited defensive lineman Gus Taylor and linebacker Jesse Powell for the disruption they caused for Shaw and sophomore Tate Farquhar in the pocket.

Woodruff even had to change his formation to try and keep South Lyon at bay.

He said he brought four or five wide receiver sets in triple-T formation to try and keep the Lions off balance. But, in what he described as another mismatch, he could not keep them away for long.

"They are animals up front," Woodruff said.

### Fracassi steps up late

With Lakeland fired up, ready to secure a home win on its senior night, Fracassi had a bit of a slow start.

In the first half, the South Lyon senior completed only 3-of-10 pass attempts for 38 yards, throwing an interception in the Lions' first drive of the game.

Fracassi said this was the second-straight week that the South Lyon offense did not meet its expected results. "We obviously did not play to the best of our ability. We had a very off day," Fracassi said. "Our execution was not good on offense today at all."

However, Fracassi did keep the Lions in the game offensively, scoring on a 4-yard option run early in the second quarter for the first score of the game.

While Fracassi thought the offense had an off night, Henson was very com-

plimentary of his senior quarterback, saying he thought he stepped up and made great throws from the pocket.

"We dropped a ton of passes tonight," Henson said. "I thought we showed some great poise tonight, but we obviously had some issues offensively."

However, with the late fourth quarter rally — scoring 12 unanswered points late in the fourth quarter to secure the third victory of the season — those things have an ability to be fixed with another win in the win column.

"It's always better to learn from a win than from a loss because if you win ugly, you can learn from it, because at least it's a 'W,'" Fracassi said.

South Lyon will try and keep this momentum going when it takes on Walled Lake Northern on the road on Sept. 20. Lakeland will remain at home on Sept. 20 to host Waterford Kettering.

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# Top 10 high school football teams: Week 4

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Week 3 of the high school football season is complete, and Hometown Life Sports is back with its weekly top-10 teams in the area. Each week, we rank the top 10 teams in our coverage area based on record, strength of schedule, experience and of course, the game results. The ranking will be decided on by our two sports reporters: Andrew Vaillencourt and Colin Gay.

Here is the top 10 for Week 4:

**1. Birmingham Groves (3-0, Last Week: No. 1)**

Groves continued to show why it is ranked in the top spot in its third win of the season. Senior quarterback Markis Alexander and Co. walloped Rochester 42-0 at home, the first time the offense had put up 40 points or more this season. The Falcons have a test in front of them, as they travel to face Oak Park this Friday.

**2. Livonia Franklin (3-0, Last Week: No. 3)**

With senior quarterback Jake Kelbert at the helm of an experienced offense, Livonia Franklin seemingly can't be beat. The Patriots' third win of the season was a 55-0 blowout of Wayne Memorial, continuing the streak of putting up at least 40 points and allowing less than three touchdowns.

**3. South Lyon (3-0, Last Week: No. 2)**

In what head coach Jeff Henson referred to as his team finding a way, South Lyon came back after facing a 17-6 deficit in the fourth quarter, rallying behind two touchdown passes from quarterback Connor Fracassi to wide receiver Brenden Lach to defeat Lakeland 18-17. The resiliency of the Lions keeps them in the top half of the top-10.

**4. Brother Rice (3-0, Last Week: No. 4)**

Brother Rice started its difficult

stretch of games with a win, defeating University of Detroit Jesuit 27-7 at home this past Friday. With the win, the Warriors have allowed only 10 points to opponents through three games.

**5. Plymouth (3-0, Last Week: No. 7)**

After dominant wins against Wayne Memorial and Howell to start the season, Plymouth placed itself at the top of the KLAA West with a 15-13 win against Canton. Now, Plymouth will face the team it's tied with in first place on Friday: Brighton.

**6. Farmington (3-0, Last Week: No. 8)**

Farmington took it to Ypsilanti Lincoln in a high-profile road game last week, winning 35-14 on Lincoln's new gray and blue turf. Max Martin accounted for three touchdowns and running back Keion Shaw had himself a big day on the ground, rushing for 133 yards and two touchdowns.

**7. Birmingham Seaholm (3-0, Last Week: No. 6)**

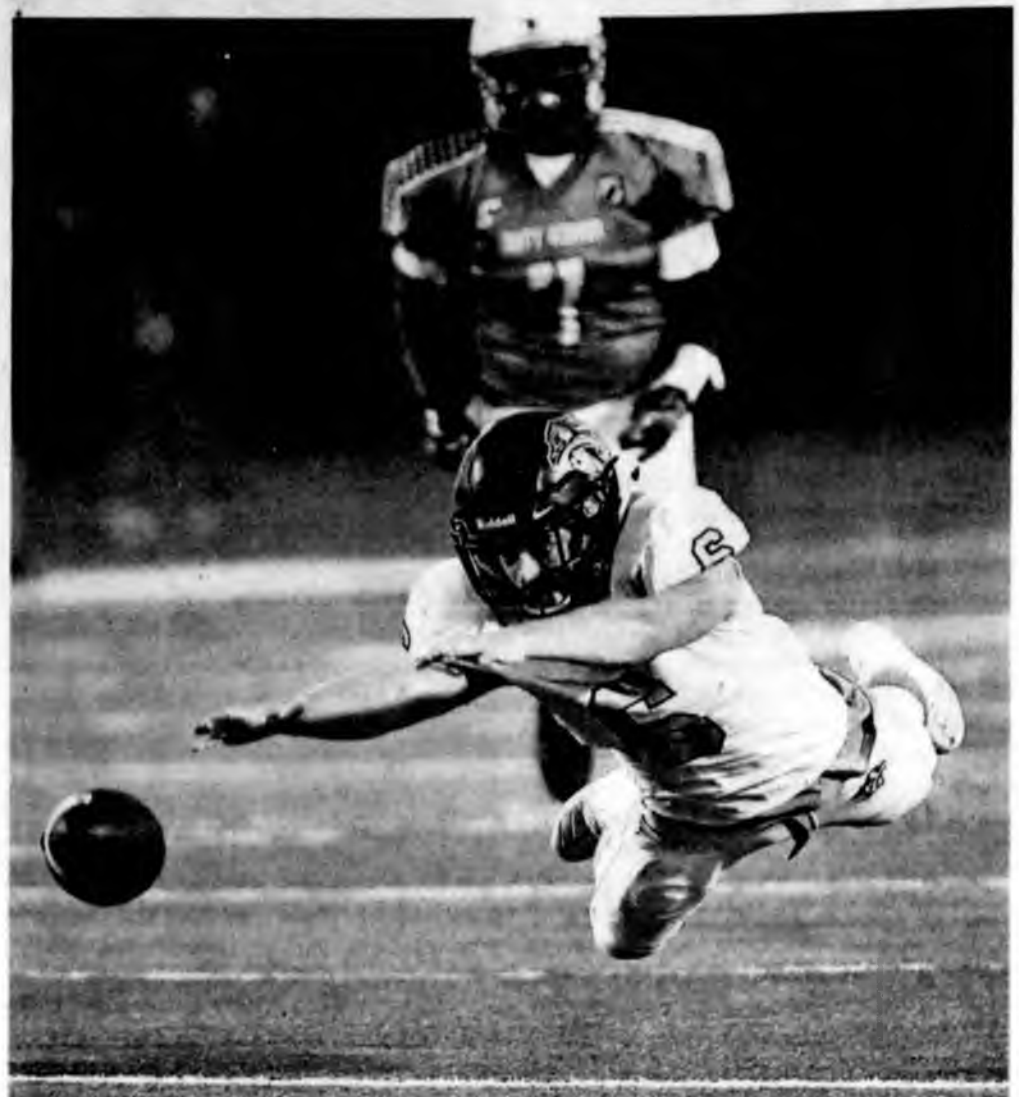
Seaholm cruised along with a 44-0 clobbering of Troy. This team appears has both the talent and schedule to have a very good season. It seems odd to have the Maples at No. 7, but that should tell you how strong the area football are so far this year.

**8. North Farmington (3-0, Last Week: NR)**

The Raiders might be one of the area's biggest surprises this season, but thanks to the additions from Harrison High School, this group is a true OAA contender. We'll have our eyes on that week eight showdown with Farmington.

**9. Detroit Country Day (3-0, Last Week: NR)**

Country Day is quietly putting together another great season and is 3-0 after beating Warren Michigan Collegiate last weekend. The Yellowjackets



Plymouth's Logan Walkley comes up a bit short as he dives for a pass. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

are ranked as the Detroit Free Press' No. 1 team in division four.

**10. Livonia Stevenson (2-1, Last Week: No. 10)**

The Spartans put up a great fight against Fordson, one of the best teams in the state. In fact, it was only a four-point game at halftime. Stevenson will have a huge opportunity to rebound this week with a rivalry game against Franklin. It'll need a win to stay in these rankings next week.

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Howell lineman Grant Porter, right, pressures Northville QB Tyler Peterson during the Highlanders' 27-14 victory. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

## Howell linebacker picks off 3 passes in win over Northville

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Sometimes, a change of scenery works wonders for a football player.

Last year, Shane Sovik had back-to-back two-interception games for Howell after moving from strong safety to free safety.

This year, a position change led to a monster night for senior Peyton Ward.

Ward, who moved from outside linebacker to inside linebacker, had three interceptions Friday night for the Highlanders in a 27-14 victory over Northville.

"We moved some kids around," Howell coach Aaron Metz said. "Peyton did a nice job being Johnny-on-the-spot and making good plays. We got some pressure on the quarterback and forced the quarterback to move. Peyton did a good job of jumping the ball."

Ward had three of Howell's five interceptions. Jackson Kovarik and Jakob Martinez had the others.

It was the first victory of the season

for Howell, which was blown out by Livonia Franklin and Plymouth the first two weeks.

The Highlanders' offense performed as envisioned during the preseason, grinding out yards on the ground and controlling the clock. Howell ran 52 times for 283 yards, led by Jonah Schrock's 183 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries and Bryan Greene's 95 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries.

"The line played well," Metz said. "We went to a two-back system with Bryan and Jonah. Both were lead blocking for each other, both were making runs, and it was nice. We ran right down the field. It was nice to control the clock and control the tempo of the game."

After a scoreless first quarter, Howell scored 20 points in the second quarter to take a 20-0 halftime lead. Northville got within 20-7 on a 26-yard pass from Tyler Peterson to Grady Zoroya in the third quarter before Howell regained a 20-point lead on a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

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# South Lyon East, Milford soccer earn first tie

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Heading into their Sept. 12 matchup, both Milford and South Lyon East needed momentum.

The Cougars, coming off a loss to South Lyon, had not scored more than two goals in a game this season, while Milford had been outscored 6-1 in its past two games, both home losses.

On a dreary September night with a consistent drizzle, neither team could get the momentum it needed, as Milford and South Lyon East tied, 2-2, the first tie for both teams this season.

With an offensive approach that focused a lot on pressuring opposing defenses consistently and quickly South Lyon East head coach Pete Stoyanovich said his team was not able to solve the Milford defense and junior goalkeeper Frank Vulaj.

"I thought we had the majority of the possessions and had the opportunities. We just couldn't finish," Stoyanovich said. "The kids played hard considering, but we couldn't put the ball in the back of the net."

Vulaj kept momentum on Milford's side in the first half, posting a shutout with four saves, including a dive to block a shot on goal to his left.

Sophomore Matthew Mrozinski added some cushion for Vulaj in the first half with a goal in the 15th minute, connecting on a shot from his left foot after finding daylight in midfield.

"When I got the ball, I saw that there was a little opening to the middle of the field, so I cut it back and tried to get it on frame," Mrozinski said.

Mrozinski left the game in the second half after he fell to the ground, saying he "felt a pop in his knee."

Adding a second goal on an own-goal credited to Milford sophomore Dylan Meek, momentum seemed to leave the Mavericks in the second half.

South Lyon East senior Alex Neville scored a quick transition goal early to cut the deficit to one on the 45th minute.

After calling a handball in the penalty



South Lyon East senior Natalino Scappaticci kicks the ball out of bounds. Milford tied South Lyon East 2-2 on Sept. 12. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

box, Cougars senior Colin Boulard connected on a penalty kick, tying the game and deciding the contest in the 63rd minute.

"We're happy to walk away with a tie tonight," Stoyanovich said. "Tough conditions, tough circumstances — it was senior night tonight — being down two goals early in the second half, I liked

how the kids came back and fought.

Milford head coach Tommy Hipple said he saw the defensive effort from his team early in the game, saying it was a big talking point after this past Tuesday's 4-0 loss to Walled Lake Central.

However, the Mavericks head coach said, despite the injuries and the illnesses the team is going through, it was

not the result he wanted, especially in the final regular season home game.

"We would have loved to get three points, especially on senior night. But to get one point, move forward," Hipple said. "We have a little bit of momentum heading into Lakeland, but we just have to figure out sicknesses and illnesses right now."



Members of the South Lyon East soccer team help youngsters with drills during their team camp last week. PHOTOS COURTESY OF TOM DESKOVITZ

## South Lyon East soccer team holds youth camp

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The South Lyon East Boys Soccer program hosted its first-ever "Cougar Night Under the Lights" soccer camp on Friday evening.

The camp was free and offered kids grades K-8 the chance to have some fun while participating in various activities designed to develop their soccer skills and learn about the game.

After some stormy weather late in the afternoon, the skies cleared and about 40 kids attended the camp and enjoyed a fun-filled evening. The camp participants rotated through five different stations, which were run by boys from the South Lyon East Junior Varsity and Varsity soccer teams. The South Lyon East coaches were also on hand to help oversee the camp.

At the end of the evening, the boys and girls were treated to ice cream sandwiches and popsicles. The kids got to enjoy their treat while watching the South Lyon East soccer players participating in a 30-minute scrimmage to give everyone a feel for what high school soccer is all about.

The idea for the camp was conceived



A few of the campers enjoy some treats at the end of the week.

earlier in the year when the boys decided they wanted to do something as a team to give back to their community. That "something" turned into "Cougar Night Under the Lights".

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No. 3 - Michael Wesner - Jack Leardini, SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL def. Emilio Szumski - Chase Ziskoe, SOUTH LYON EAST HIGH SCHOOL, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-2.                  No. 4 - Evan Petrovitch - Jacob Perrone, SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL def. Mason Long - Swaraj Kokatam, SOUTH LYON EAST HIGH SCHOOL, 5-7, 6-0, 6-3.                  No. 5 - Steven Garrett - Karl Danstroem, SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL def. Emilio Cascardo - Jordan Long, SOUTH LYON EAST HIGH SCHOOL, 6-2, 6-3.                  No. 6 - Alexander Petrovitch - Brett Whitcomb, SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL def. Guyoon Kim - Benjamin King, SOUTH LYON EAST HIGH SCHOOL, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 10-8.  <b>Northville 9, Salem 8</b>  <b>Westland 11, Westland City 0</b>  <b>Salem 8, Howell 8</b>  <b>South Lyon 9, Mott 6, Kettering 6 - Singles</b>                  No. 1 - Josiah Ayudante, SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL def. Spencer Cummins, WATERFORD KETTERING HIGH SCHOOL, 6-1, 6-1.                  No. 2 - Owen McCarthy, SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL def. 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Jackson Moffit - Hunter Watson, WATERFORD MOTT HIGH SCHOOL, 6-0, 6-0.  <b>Boys Soccer</b>  <b>OAA</b>                  North Farmington 2, Adams 1                  Clarkston 1, Groves 0                  Farmington 3, Avondale 1                  West Bloomfield 1, Bloomfield Hills 0                  Seaholm 2, Rochester 1                  Athens 3, North Farmington 2                  Groves 3, Berkley 1                  Bloomfield Hills 2, Oxford 0                  Rochester 4, Farmington 0                  Seaholm 4, West Bloomfield 1  <b>KLAA</b>                  Fordson 4, Churchill 0                  Franklin 9, Wayne 3                  Stevenson 4, John Glenn 0                  Canton 2, Howell 1                  Salem 0, Northville 0                  Novi 1, Plymouth 1                  Fordson 5, Franklin 0                  Stevenson 4, Churchill 0                  Dearborn 9, John Glenn 1                  Northville 3, Howell 2                  Salem 3, Brighton 3                  Plymouth 3, Canton 0                  Novi 6, Hartland 2                  Churchill 6, Wayne 3                  Franklin 1, Belleville 0                  Fordson 7, John Glenn 0                  Plymouth 1, Hartland 1                  Salem 2, Canton 1                  Brighton 1, Northville 0                  Novi 6, Howell 1  <b>Lakes Valley Conference</b>                  South Lyon East 2, Waterford Mott 1                  Walled Lake Western 2, Milford 1                  Walled Lake Central 1, Lakeland 0                  South Lyon East 2, Milford 2                  South Lyon 2, Waterford Mott 1  <b>Waterford</b>                  Livonia Stevenson def. Canton - 25-14, 17-25, 25-11, 25-19                  Howell def. Wayne Memorial - 25-6, 25-11, 25-13                  Northville def. Livonia Churchill - 18-25, 25-20, 25-20, 24-26, 15-8                  Dearborn def. Wayne Memorial - 25-15, 25-15, 25-10                  Livonia Churchill def. Belleville - 25-20, 25-20                  Livonia Stevenson def. Belleville - 25-20, 25-20                  Brighton def. Salem - 25-13, 23-25, 25-19, 25-13                  Lansing Christian def. Novi Christian - 25-14, 25-22, 25-19                  Novi Christian def. Everest Collegiate - 25-19, 25-23, 29-27  <b>Girls Swimming</b>                  Garden City 94, Ann Arbor 83                  South Lyon East 117, Walled Lake Western 69                  South Lyon East 109, Detroit Country Day 77                  Chelsea 102, South Lyon East 84                  Northville 107, Plymouth 79  <b>Girls Golf</b>                  Hartland 173, Salem 187                  Plymouth 168, Salem 188                  Reach Colin Gay at <a href="mailto:cgay@hometownlife.com">cgay@hometownlife.com</a>, 248-310-6710. Follow him on Twitter @ColinGay17. Send game results and stats to <a href="mailto:Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com">Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com</a>.</p>	
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# Northville finishes third at Spartan Invite

The Northville boys cross country team notched a third-place finish at an invitational meet for the second consecutive week.

The Mustangs scored 133 points in the 33-team Green Division field at the Michigan State Spartan Invite, held at Forest Akers East Golf Course in East Lansing.

Caledonia won the meet with 77 points. Zeeland West was runner-up, scoring 98 points.

"We were competitive in this race. It gave us a good gauge of where we are at as a whole," Northville coach Tim Dalton said.

Zeeland West senior Ethan Senti was the individual winner of the five-kilometer race in 15 minutes, 52 seconds.

"The sun came out right before the race started and it was humid," Dalton said. "I stressed to the boys that it was humid for everybody, so we needed to just go out and compete."

Northville junior Jacob Meek again paced the Mustangs with his fourth-place finish in a time of 16:56. Freshman Brandon Latta was next across the line for Northville - his highest finish on the team this season - as he took 26th in 17:35, just edging senior teammate Alex Beloui, who finished 27th in 17:36.

"Brandon showed some promise early on this summer at our team camp in northern Michigan and he has been pretty consistent the last few meets," Dalton said. "He really stepped up for the team today."

Rounding out the scoring for the Mustangs were senior Josh Hardy (17:54) and senior Adrien Jund (17:55), who took 40th and 44th, respectively.

Freshman Brady Heron (46th, 17:59), sophomore Peyton McCaslin (53rd 18:03), senior Ben Steinig (70th, 18:16) and sophomore Brian McCallum (146th, 19:10) completed Northville's lineup.

"I'm pleased with how we competed as a team," Dalton said. "This is one of the most competitive meets in the Midwest. It's not easy to earn a trophy here."



The Northville boys cross country team finished in third place at the Michigan State Spartan Invitational in East Lansing. COURTESY OF NORTHVILLE CROSS COUNTRY

## Mustangs down Hartland, Canton in double-dual

The Mustangs kicked off their KLAAs season with wins against Hartland and Canton in a double-dual meet.

Hartland's Riley Hough broke the tape with a time of 16:35. Northville's Meek was next across the line in 16:52, followed by Grant Hoffmeyer of Canton

in 17:06.

Beloui (17:10) was the second Mustang runner to finish, followed by the freshman duo of Latta (17:16) and Heron (17:26).

"Hartland and Canton both have some good runners, so we knew they both would be tough matchups," Dalton said. "Brandon (Latta) and Brady (Heron) worked together throughout the

race and put down some good times. We had a number of guys who ran well."

The Mustangs next double-dual will be one of the most competitive three-team meets in the state this season, as it will consist of three top-ten ranked teams. Brighton, the top ranked team in the state will host sixth-ranked Salem and the 10th-ranked Mustangs at Huron Meadows Metropark on Tuesday.



The South Lyon East girls swim and dive team started off the LVC season with a win. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

# South Lyon East swim starts LVC play with win

**Andrew Vaillencourt**  
HometownLife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The South Lyon East swim and dive team is off to a nice start.

The Cougars started the Lakes Valley Conference season with a win over Walled Lake Western, 117-69.

"It was a good start to the season for us, but we have a lot to work on," South Lyon East coach John Burch said. "It will take us a while to get up to speed like we want to be, but right now our focus is on the end of the year and performing well there. We made a lot of mistakes and against some larger teams, we will need to minimize those mistakes if we want to win."

In the team's second meet of the year, which was a tri-meet against Detroit Country Day and Chelsea, the Cougars went 1-1. They beat Country Day, 109-77,

and lost to Chelsea, 102-84.

"It was great to see the medley relay and 200 free relay qualify for the state championships," Burch said. "It took us a lot longer to qualify last year, so to qualify this early is wonderful."

The relay teams are made up of: Lindsay Boals, Abby Seybert, Maria Mayorga and Melanie Cosens.

Boals also qualified for the 50 free-style.

On the diving side, Sophia Ohland took first in the event with 198.20 points and sophomore Kate Benjamin achieved a personal best.

The Cougars are now 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the LVC.

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South Lyon East's relay team, from left, Melanie Cosens, Lindsay Boals, Maria Mayorga, and Abby Seybert qualified for states.

## South Lyon man gets jolt with java and jackpot

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Joseph Jensen woke up Aug. 24 to find himself \$110,000 richer.

With a cup of coffee in hand, he went online to check his Fantasy 5 lottery numbers, something he does nearly every day and has been doing for years.

Only this time, for the first time ever, it showed he matched all five numbers from the Fantasy 5 Double Play drawing the day before, winning the grand prize.

"I was shocked," he said. "I looked at it again, and looked again, and drank a cup of coffee and looked again."

The jackpot had provided a jolt, but Jensen still needed his java. He also needed his wife, Carla, to confirm what he was seeing.

"I asked her to check the number, and she knew right away that I must have matched all five," he said.

Jensen bought the ticket at the Mobil gas station at 12500 10 Mile Road in South Lyon, and his winning numbers, 06-15-19-21-35, are ones that he has been playing for the last several months, chosen not as special birthday or anniversary numbers, but just an easy pick from the first double play option he gambled with this year.

On seven previous occasions, he matched four numbers, but finally, he hit the jackpot.

"You play because someday you hope you will win — it's not a million, but still, it's \$110,000," he said.

Jensen, who manages a truck stop in Ann Arbor, plans to pay bills and put the majority of the approximately \$78,000 he will have after taxes toward his retirement, about four years away for the 56-year-old.

"I'm gonna have fun when I retire," said Jensen, who plans to keep playing Fantasy 5 with a new set of easy pick numbers. "We'll take an Alaskan cruise and cruise to Bermuda, but not until I retire. If I was younger, I'd probably take a trip now, but I'm in the home stretch of retirement."



Joseph Jensen of South Lyon won the Fantasy 5 double play jackpot in August. SUBMITTED

## Benefit concert to feature popular singer-songwriters

Susan Vela HometownLife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Two popular singer-songwriters and fan favorites within the Detroit area Americana music scene will perform Sept. 26 for a concert benefiting Lost Voices.

The 7 p.m. concert is slated for the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$25 and available at [www.lostvoices.org/events](http://www.lostvoices.org/events).

Don White and Matt Watroba, both mainstays on the national music scene, individually paint vibrant imagery with their original storytelling lyrics and melodies that take audiences on emotional journeys.

Together in concert, White and Watroba's decades-long musical and personal friendship makes for a highly-entertaining stage pairing.

Established in 2007, Plymouth-based Lost Voices

helps at-risk children who are victims of trauma find hope and healing through songwriting, poetry and the power of music.

Using the principles of trauma-informed cognitive therapy, teams of professional singer-songwriters help youngsters ages 6 to 18 in residential placement facilities explore their deepest feelings by creating original compositions during week-long workshops.

Lyrics for individual and group songs are set to acoustic music for the children to perform in a professional setting at the week's end.

The song-writing process, along with the emotions children unleash in their songs, often lead to breakthroughs and healing that youngsters explore in therapy long after the Lost Voices experience.

White is a storyteller-comedian-author-troubadour-folk singer-songwriter who brings audiences to laughter and tears with his humorous stories and pow-

erful songwriting.

The 25-year industry veteran from Lynn, Massachusetts, is inspired by all he observes, infusing his work with his experiences as a husband, a father, a seeker, and a joker.

Watroba, an Oakland County resident, is known for his witty and intelligent lyrics and his easy connection with audiences.

He has an encyclopedic knowledge of Americana music and culture which he has shared over the airwaves for decades via the Folks Like Us program on WDET- Detroit Public Radio, and nationally syndicated Sing Out Radio Magazine and Folk Alley shows.

Proceeds from the benefit concert will fund Lost Voices workshops across southeast Michigan. In groups of 8 to 12 at-risk youth per session, the nonprofit has touched more than 2,500 children since its inception.

## Obituaries

### Tedd M. Wallace

**SOUTH LYON** - Tedd M. Wallace, age 68, passed away September 10, 2019. He was born June 11, 1951 in South Lyon, Michigan, son of the late James and Norma Wallace. He was a devoted member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lions Club and the Upper Peninsula Club.



Tedd Wallace was the embodiment of this great city of South Lyon. A genuine caring person to all walks of life. Tedd was a prominent pillar within this everchanging community. An entire life's evolution that all blossomed in South Lyon as a; Student, Janitor, Teacher, Jim Dandy Car Wash Owner, Lyons Club Member, Local sports broadcaster, Volunteer to Local events, Historian, Writer, Grand Marshall, Mayor, Councilman, Husband, Father, Grandfather, and a Best friend to so many. South Lyon will never be the same without this beautiful man's presence.

Tedd is survived by his beloved wife, Ellen; his children: Drew Wallace, Aaron (Christina) Wallace, Steve (Angelle Hall) Metzner and Amy Metzner; his grandchildren: Connor, Cameron, Carson and Chase and a baby granddaughter on the way. Tedd is also survived by his brother, Greg (Sandy Heinz) Wallace. He was preceded in death by one brother, and his parents.

Visitation was held Friday, September 13 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, September 14 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Tedd was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

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Penguins from the Detroit Zoo's Polk Penguin Conservation Center have been relocated so construction can be done on the facility. About 9 gallons of groundwater were seeping into the conservation center. COURTESY OF LEE FISHER

## Detroit Zoo's penguins moved until June for repairs to exhibit

Emma Kelth Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

The penguins have left the building.

The Detroit Zoo's Polk Penguin Conservation Center will remain penguin-free for the next nine months as the center closes to undergo waterproofing repairs.

A zoo spokesperson confirmed that the repairs started Monday right on schedule, and the penguins had been removed from the center. They'll live in the zoo's old penguinarium, away from visitor viewing, while their newer exhibit is repaired.

The zoo reported several months ago that about 9 gallons of groundwater were seeping into the conservation center and being pumped out each day.

The flaw was because of faulty waterproofing by the construction contractor that worked on the \$32 million facility. It's expected to reopen in mid-June of next year after repairs are complete.

"Unfortunately, the contractor failed to properly waterproof the foundation, was aware that groundwater was seeping into the building throughout construction, didn't fix the problem and failed to inform us," said Ron Kagan, Detroit Zoological Society executive director and CEO.

The center's contractor, DeMaria Wharton Smith, will be making the repairs at its own expense after the zoo won against it in arbitration. Repairs to the conservation center, which houses 75 king, Rockhopper, Macaroni and Gentoo penguins, should be complete by June 2020.

# Few parents using 529s for private K-12

Some states are pushing awareness of program

Janna Herron  
USA TODAY

Few parents are using 529 savings plan for their school-aged children's tuition more than a year after the Trump administration first allowed the tax-advantaged funds to go to K-12 private education, according to several plan administrators.

About 5.5% of withdrawals for beneficiaries 16 and under were made in 2018, up 4% from 2016, according to Ascensus, which administers 529 plans for 20 states and the District of Columbia.

In Virginia, which has the largest 529 plan by participation, only a fraction of 1% of the dollars distributed in the previous school year went to private or parochial school tuition.

"It hasn't been a groundswell by any stretch of the imagination," said Virginia 529 CEO Mary Morris.

The lack of participation doesn't necessarily reflect disinterest, administrators say, but rather an unawareness by the American public of the change in regulation.

## Varied response to new 529 rule

The new tax law signed by President Donald Trump at the end of 2017 expanded the qualified use of 529 savings accounts to include tuition for K-12 private and parochial education. Before, only withdrawals made to pay for higher-education expenses were considered qualified.

Adoption of the new rule has not been uniform by state. Some states aren't offering the same tax treatment for withdrawals made for K-12 education.

In Colorado, for example, withdrawals used to pay for K-12 tuition expenses still are considered unqualified withdrawals and subject to penalties, according to the state's 529 plan website, CollegeInvest.org.

Other states, such as Virginia, are

choosing to highlight saving for college rather than promoting 529s for primary and secondary school costs.

"We see that as our real mission to save for the long term," Morris said. "We have sent out messaging that it can be used for K-12 as well, but it's not the focus in terms of outreach."

## States embracing 529s for K-12

There are states, though, taking other tactics, said Peg Creonte, senior vice president of business development at Ascensus.

"Some states are neutral," she says. "And on the other end of the spectrum, some states are actively encouraging people to use the funds for K-12."

Take Louisiana: The state created a specific 529 savings plan for K-12 tuition expenses - called START K12 - in December 2018. Unused funds in the account can be rolled over to the state's 529 plan intended for higher-education costs.

The state poured resources into advertising it. There was a media tour with Rep. Franklin Foil, who wrote the program's legislation.

Foil made morning show appearances on local and statewide news outlets, said Brittany Francis, a spokeswoman for the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance.

In the first eight months of this year, the START K12 program opened 600 accounts with about \$11 million saved. That represents about 16% of the 3,791 529 accounts opened in the state during that period.

By contrast, the Virginia 529 program so far has seen about 800 accounts opened for K-12 expenses, or just 1.6% of the 50,000 new accounts that open on average each year, Morris said. However, some customers are tapping funds in existing plans for elementary, middle school and high school costs, she pointed out.

## Future of 529 plans

More parents may take advantage of 529s if the government further expands



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its uses to pay for uniforms or tutoring to make them more appealing to folks who don't send their children to private school, Morris said.

It also takes time for the change in 529

rules to permeate, Creonte said.

"We're taking a wait-and-see approach to see how it will impact how people are using 529s," she said.

"It will take five years."

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### What are former employers allowed to say about you?

**Eric Titner**  
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There's a common question that pops up whenever we decide to move on to newer and hopefully greener career pastures and leave a job in search of new opportunities: What exactly is my former employer allowed to say and share about me now that I'm gone?

It's a valid question, and one that can kick up a wide mix of feelings, often depending on how things went there. If you left your previous job on great terms and are confident that all those with whom you had worked were left with nothing but positive impressions of you, then wondering what previous employers can disclose about you moving forward might not bubble up to the level of a crisis. However, if things were a bit more contentious or challenging and there are some things regarding your previous employment that you'd rather not be made public, then knowing the answer to this question may be high on your list of concerns.

Whatever situation you may be in, it's helpful to know what former employers are able to disclose about you as you travel along your career journey. Let's look at some facts employers are allowed to disclose about you.

**It's often a legal matter**

Laws regarding what former employers are legally allowed to disclose about employees exist only at the state level — there are no federal laws designed to regulate when and what your previous bosses can share about you. Therefore, the answer to this question depends upon in which state you resided and/or worked in at the time of your employment. The best resources for determining



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the specific types of information that can legally be disclosed are the Department of Labor websites for the state (s) in question.

Typically, employers can share general information regarding your tenure with their companies — things like your dates of employment, job title, and responsibilities, all which serve to confirm

your employment and validate the things you likely provided on your resume for potential employers. Some states, however, allow employers to go a bit deeper. Topics like salary, ability, performance, and reasons for your leaving (e.g., were you laid off, did you quit, or were you fired for a specific reason and why) are fair game to share.

Of course, despite what states allow, employers use their own discretion when choosing what to share. Companies are often cognizant of laws regarding defamation, slander, and libel, and usually make sure that everything they disclose is factual and precise. This helps them avoid any legal retaliation or lawsuits being brought to them by former disgruntled employees.

**Control as much as you can**

You have some options here. If you're concerned about what a former employer may disclose about you then it might be in your best interest to refrain from using them on any list of references, you provide prospective future employers (although this approach might raise some red flags and follow-up questions).

You can also ask previous employers what they plan to share about you and politely ask them to keep certain information private. (Just keep in mind, they aren't required to comply and it's a risk to expect them to convey exactly what you prefer.)

Be careful when trying to coordinate what you plan to say about a previous job. Nothing sounds off warning alarms for HR managers quite so loudly as when you and a previous employer have different stories to tell about your tenure. Hopefully, this will keep you on the honest, straight-and-narrow path whenever sharing information about your work history — which is always your best approach when on the job hunt trail.

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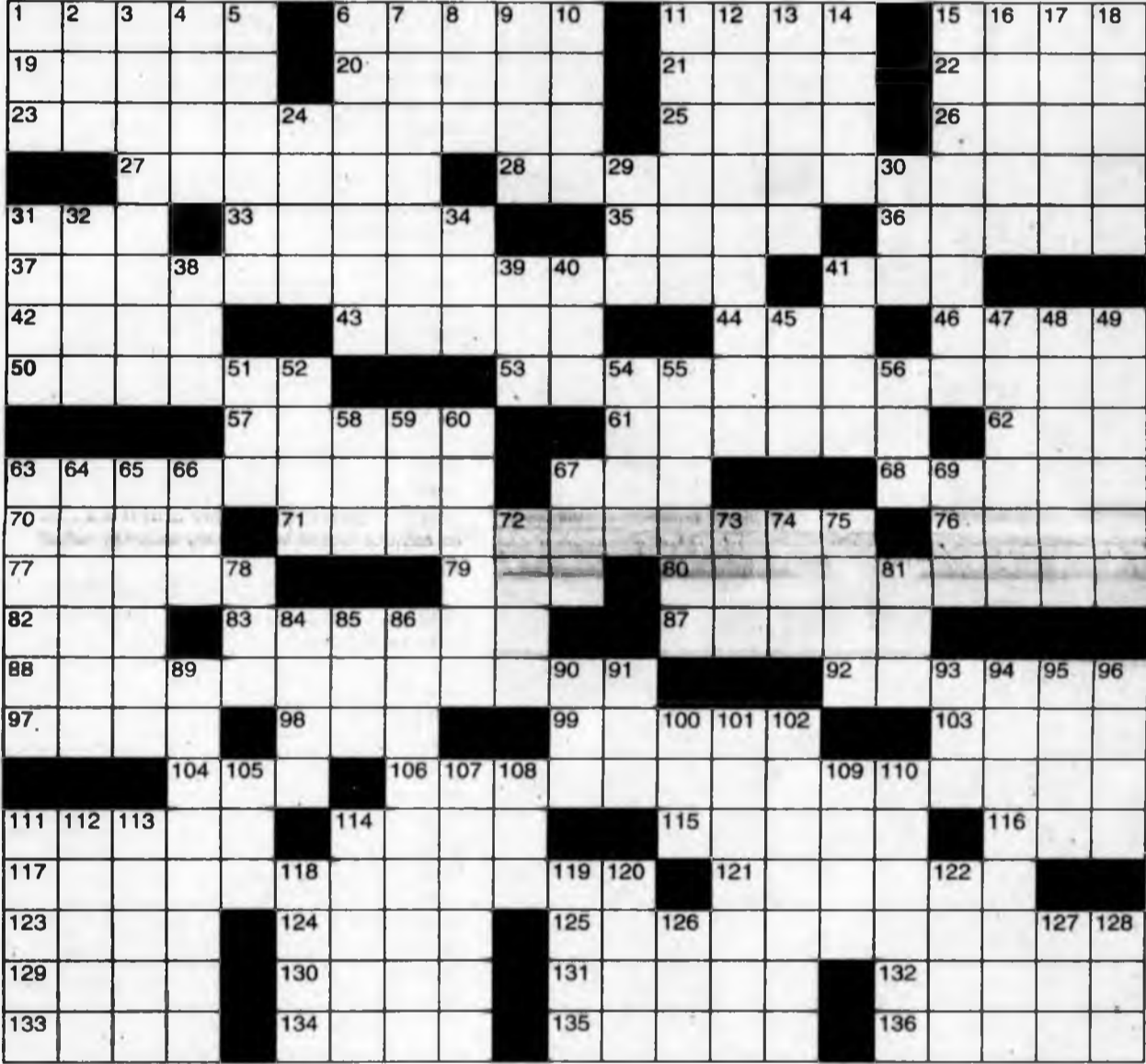
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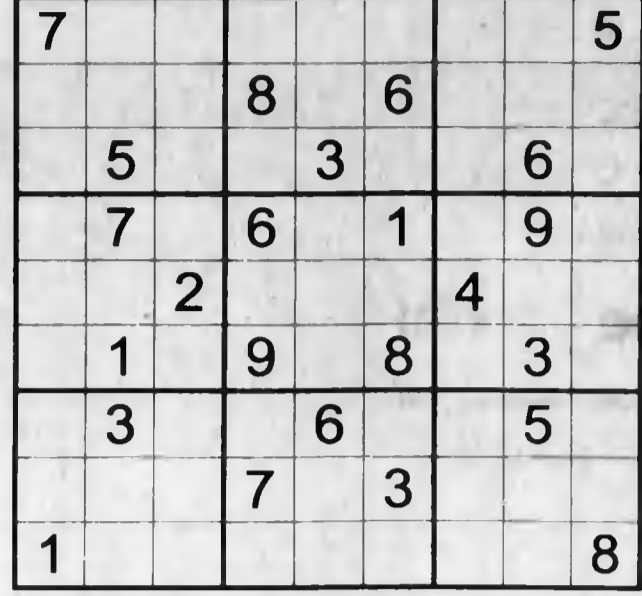
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Father
  - 6 Gather
  - 11 No. on a car lot sticker
  - 15 Quaint letter salutation
  - 19 Pool table fabrics
  - 20 Large town, in Italian
  - 21 Burn slightly
  - 22 Purple fruit from a palm
  - 23 Candid bow wielder? [Anne]
  - 25 Green
  - 26 Lisa formerly of "The View"
  - 27 Bread eaten at Passover
  - 28 Gallic senior citizens? [Victor]
  - 31 Subside
  - 33 Earnest and solemn
  - 35 D.C. VIPs
  - 36 Four doubled
  - 37 Ebony-colored card given on February 14? [Karen]
  - 41 Stable scrap
  - 42 Writer Ayn
  - 43 Houston site
  - 44 Little bit
  - 46 A Great Lake
  - 50 Cry of worry
  - 53 Precious gem that formed just recently? [Neil]
  - 57 Port in Italy
  - 61 Boot leathers
  - 62 Chi precursor
  - 63 Hueless
  - Focus or Fiesta? [Betty]
  - 67 Self-help writer LeShan
  - 68 Butts in
  - 70 Long-eared hopper
  - 71 Undersized carriage with a fold-down top? [Martin]
  - 76 Prefix with plane
  - 77 University of Maine's town
  - 79 Reply to "Are you?"
  - 80 Annoyed
  - small songbird? [Christopher]
  - 82 PD alert
  - 83 Mutiny
  - 87 Pioneer in graph theory
  - 88 Sweetheart
  - prone to sulky? [Ron]
  - 92 Sailor who flew on a roc
  - 97 Absorbed by
  - 98 Follower of
  - "Co." often
  - 99 Little bit
  - 103 The last Mrs. Chaplin
  - 104 Showery
  - 106 Robust artisan working in precious metal? [Oliver]
  - 111 Venue
  - 114 Byte lead-in
  - 115 Brand of fake fat
  - 116 Wee, in brief
  - 117 British noble who feels no affection? [Patty]
  - 121 Quartets doubled
  - 123 Oratorio solo
  - 124 "Der —" (nickname for Konrad Adenauer)
  - 125 Clear quartz fashioned to look like a suitor's flower? [Billy]
  - 129 Mets' clubs
  - 130 In tatters
  - 131 Tickle pink
  - 132 Long-term con
  - 133 Louver strip
  - 134 ERA or HRs
  - 135 Quick
  - 136 Up to now
  - 40 General on Chinese
  - 51 Stage prize
  - 45 Total up
  - 47 More stringy
  - 48 Possible follower of "Psst!"
  - 49 Menlo Park "wizard"
  - 51 Grow mellow
  - 52 Ring arbiters
  - 54 Meat stamp
  - inits.
  - 55 Subtlety
  - 56 Homed viper
  - 58 Osaka drama
  - 59 "— y plata"
  - 60 "This is not —!" ("Red alert!")
  - 63 Self-reflective question
  - 64 Talk about ad nauseam
  - 65 1950 Asimov classic
  - 66 Five doubled
  - 67 Elegant tree
  - 69 With 109-Down, unprocessed
  - facts
  - 72 "Mon Oncle" star Jacques
  - 73 Actress
  - Joanne
  - 74 MSN rival
  - 75 Employs
  - 78 Suffix with audit or arm
  - 81 — Lanka
  - 84 Revise copy
  - 85 Ryder
  - vehicle
  - 86 A maestro conducts it
  - 89 In Maine
  - 90 Doze off
  - 91 Dude
  - 93 — de plume
  - 94 Removes via very hot water, as impurities
  - 95 "No" voter
  - 96 Writer Roald
  - 100 Oxfam or Amnesty Intl.
  - 101 Huge statues
  - 102 Voted in
  - 105 Twisty fish
  - 107 Wing-ho
  - 108 Writer Santha Rama —
  - 109 See 69-Down
  - 110 Fishhook
  - lines
  - 111 Hefty slices
  - 112 Deep pink
  - 113 Madonna musical
  - 114 Groove for a letter-shaped bolt
  - 118 Ingests
  - 119 Old Chrysler
  - 120 Bombeck of humor
  - 122 Sextet halved
  - 126 "I reckon so"
  - 127 Body of water
  - 128 Drop the ball



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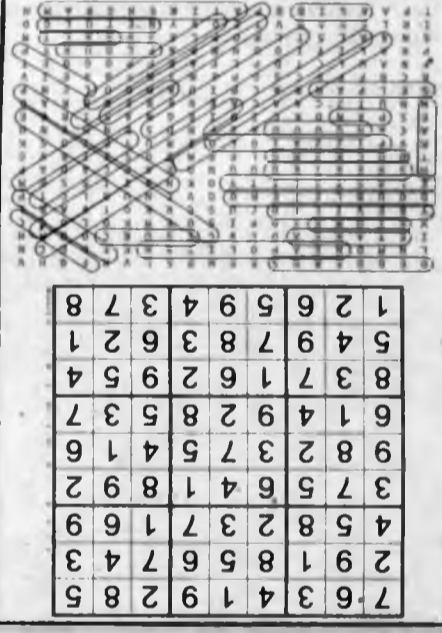


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