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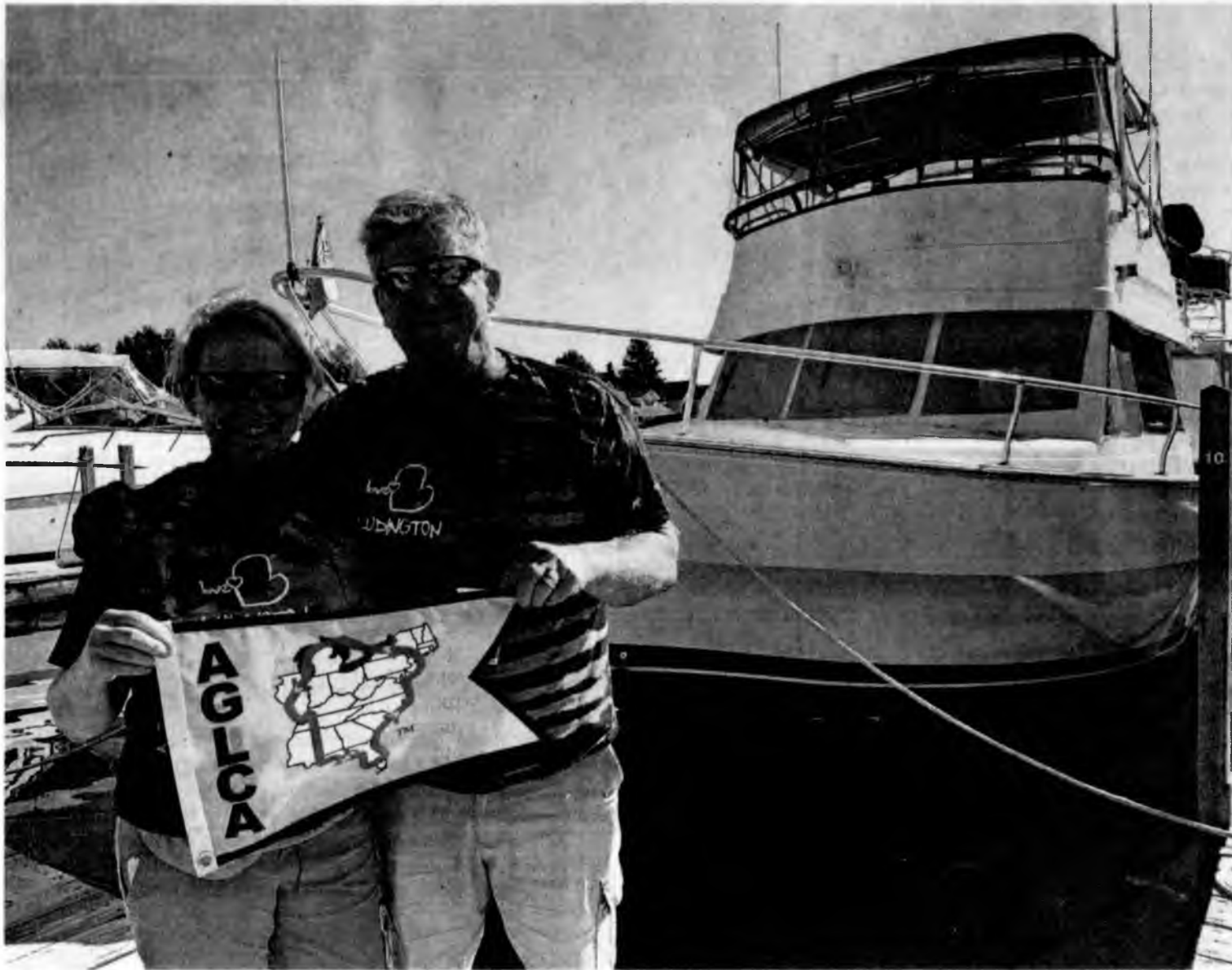
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'An epic adventure'



Rose and Dave Baker, of Milford, completed their nearly 11-month, 5,645-mile journey through America's Great Loop by boat in August. They are members of the America's Great Loop Cruisers' Association. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Milford couple travels 5,635 miles by boat on America's Great Loop

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
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Life is different on the water. Rose and Dave Baker know; the Milford couple recently returned from an 11-month, 5,635 mile journey by boat through America's Great Loop.

"People talk about doing unique things, well, this was definitely an epic adventure," Dave said. "We wish everybody had a chance to do something like this. It gives a different perspective of the United States. Everybody is on planes or highways, but when you're on a trawler doing 8 mph, that is the wonder of it all. Even though you're only circumnavigating the eastern part of the U.S., you see so much."

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The Bakers look toward shore from on board their boat, Sunshine Rose, at the start of their Great Loop journey, which departed Ludington on Sept. 13, 2018.

RCOC to lower gravel road speeds in Lyon Twp.

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Speed limits will be lowered on several gravel roads in Lyon Township, in an unusual move by the Road Commission for Oakland County.

The RCOC has agreed to a request by township officials and residents that a speed limit of 45 mph be posted on sections of Chubb, Currie, Martindale, Spalding and South Hill roads.

"We don't grant many of these requests, only a handful countywide," Craig Bryson, RCOC public information officer, said. "This is rare. The other side of the question is whether it will make a difference."

A decade ago, state law raised gravel road speeds to 55 mph, unless otherwise posted.

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Construction headed to Northville Twp. intersection

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com
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If you thought the intersection of Six Mile and Beck roads in Northville Township couldn't get any more congested, well, wait until Monday.

That is the day a two-phase traffic signal and pavement improvement construction project will be started by Wayne County.

The first phase, which is projected to stretch until early November, will consist of pavement widening and construction of a new traffic-signal foundation.

The second phase, which will start in mid-April 2020 and last approximately two months, will include modernizing the existing traffic signal at the intersection.

The June 2020 completion date is dependent on manageable weather, the Wayne County Road Commission

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Lakeland teacher arraigned on drunken driving charges

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Michael Dennis Fletcher, a Lakeland High teacher, was arraigned Sept. 19 on drunken driving charges in 52-2 District Court in Clarkston.

Fletcher, 44, of West Bloomfield is a veteran teacher who received a Michigan standard teaching certificate in

2000, according to the Michigan Department of Education's online records. The certificate was renewed in 2005, 2010 and 2015.

His latest renewal was for teaching kindergarten through 12th-grade students with learning disabilities and sixth- through 12th-grade earth/space science and geography students.

Huron Valley Schools officials de-



Fletcher

clined to comment for this story.

They have said, though, Fletcher will not return to Lakeland High until his legal issues are resolved to the district's satisfaction.

An apparent online phone number for Fletcher has been disconnected.

If his name was ever in Lakeland High's staff directory, it has been removed. Instead, a "Mike Fletcher" is listed as a teacher with the district's adult transition program at Milford High School.

Facebook comments for a Hometown Life story about his arrest ranged from

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What to know about downtown South Lyon's annual Pumpkinfest

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Fall into some fun with the 35th annual Pumpkinfest this weekend, Sept. 27-29, in downtown South Lyon.

The festival runs 6-11 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Friday and Saturday evenings are the Biergarten and main stage only.

Orange you glad we have five things you should know about this event?

Beer and music

The event kicks off Friday night at 6 p.m. when the Biergarten and main stage on Wells Street opens and brews from Witch's Hat, Drafting Table, Draught Horse and River's Edge flow while music fills the air. Taking to the stage first will be 2018 Battle of the Band winners, followed by two sets from Power Play Detroit.

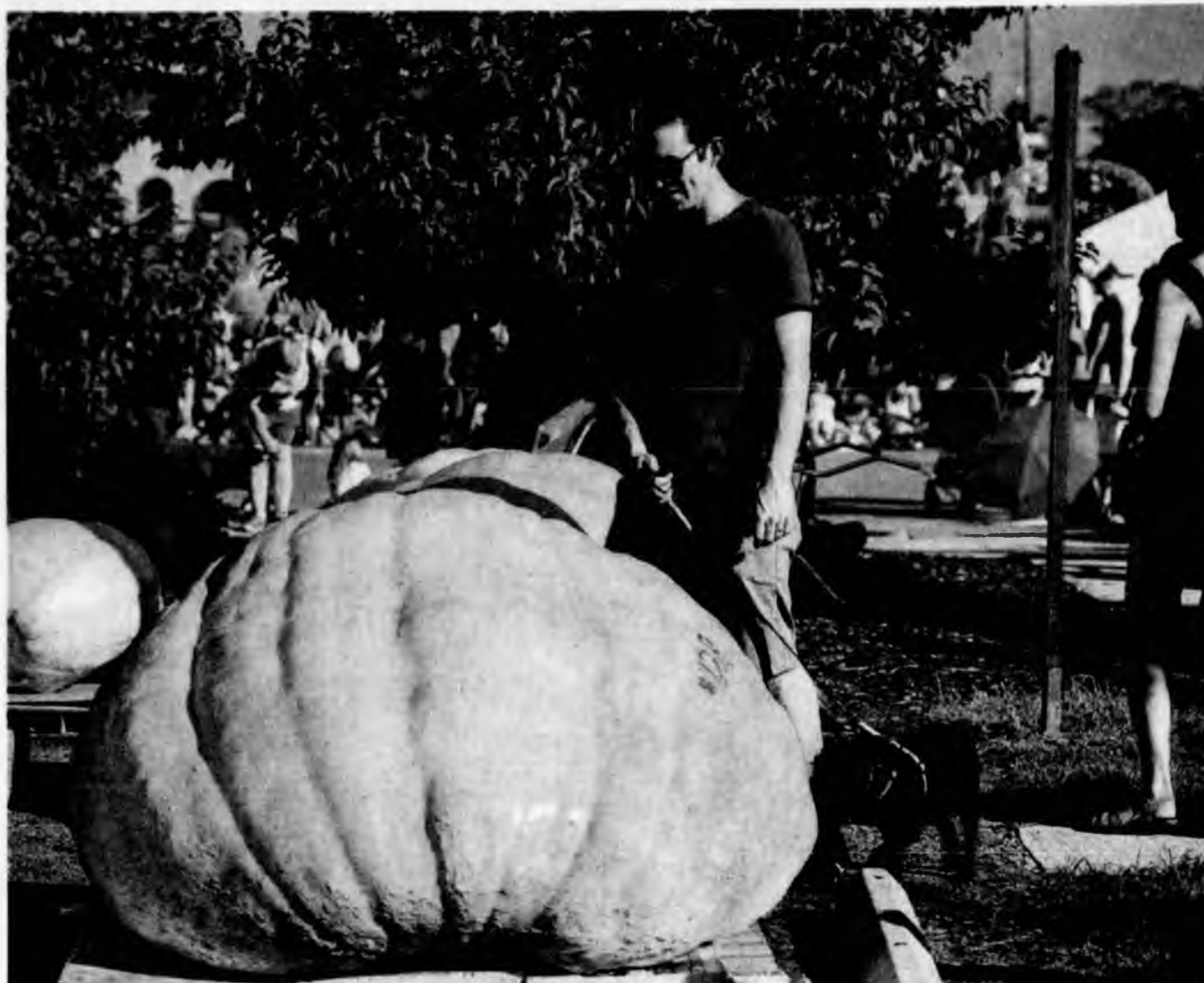
Also on tap for the weekend are David "ELTON" Sower, Sweet Cheese, Short Bus, Dig a Phony and Killer Flamingos. Visit the Pumpkinfest website for a full schedule.

Of course there's a parade

This year's parade celebrates the 35th anniversary of Pumpkinfest, and bands, floats, and classic cars are expected. The staging area is the Centennial Middle School parking lot, and spectators are encouraged to arrive early for the parade which begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday and will travel down Pontiac Trail from 9 Mile, proceed west on Liberty St. and continue to Mcmunn Street, where it ends.

Off your gourd with contests

It wouldn't be Pumpkinfest without pumpkins, and there are plenty of competitions that involve the gourd. In addition to the Pumpkin Pie Bake-off, the Great Pumpkin Contest celebrating the largest pumpkin and the Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest for kids in two different age categories, a new pumpkin decorating contest sponsored by Traveling Brushes gauges your artistic ability in painting.



The 35th annual Pumpkinfest in downtown South Lyon is set for Sept. 27-29. COURTESY OF KELLY DOBSON

Shop 'til the clock strikes 6 p.m. on Sunday

Don't have an artist's touch? You can still appreciate it and find some art, as well as numerous other items, to purchase at booths throughout Pumpkinfest. In addition to artisan and merchant booths, non-profit booths will host activities, games and crafts.

Aww, such cute, amazing, furry punkins

Returning this year are the Ultimate Air Dogs, which was started in 2005 by former Detroit Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox and features dogs competing to fly through the air farthest as they fetch items thrown over a giant pool and make a giant splash with delighted audiences.

For more, go to southlyonpumpkinfest.com.

Should reverse mortgage pay for college education?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Dear Rick:
My husband and I are both retired and are in our early 70s. My husband has a pension, which I

will continue to get upon his death. We also both have Social Security, and we both have started taking our required mini-

mum distribution from our IRAs.

Our Social Security and my husband's pension generally cover our living expenses, and we're using our IRA money for travel. We are totally debt free and our house is currently worth about \$250,000.

Our granddaughter just started college and had to take out loans for her education. My son has approached us about paying for our granddaughter's college education. We'd like to help. Our son has recommended that we take out a reverse mortgage and use that money to pay for our granddaughter's education.

My husband and I have started reading about reverse mortgages, and I wanted to get your thoughts as to whether you think a reverse mortgage would work in our situation. Between my husband and I, we have about \$75,000 in our IRAs and that's pretty much our entire investment portfolio.

Thank you, Beth

Dear Beth:

I believe reverse mortgages are a tool many seniors should use to improve the quality of their life. A reverse mortgage

allows a senior to tap into the equity of their home and at the same time, to remain in their home for as long as they choose. The key for the senior is to make sure that they are using the reverse mortgage proceeds appropriately. I question whether using the money for your granddaughter's education is an appropriate use.

The issue is, are you putting yourself at risk by doing a reverse mortgage? As you mentioned in your letter, you and your husband are doing fine financially, and are enjoying your retirement.

However, if you do the reverse mortgage, are you giving up your cushion? It would not be beyond the realm of possibility for you and your husband to live at least another 20 years. One thing I can guarantee is that if you are around 20 years from now, your costs will be significantly higher than they are today. I can also guarantee you that your pension and Social Security are not going to keep up with the increased cost of living.

The equity in your house would provide you the cushion to cover your needs. On the other hand, if you did the reverse



Rick Bloom says the key to a reverse mortgage is to make sure you will use the proceeds appropriately. GETTY IMAGES

mortgage now and used the proceeds to pay for your granddaughter's college education, you could have difficulties.

As selfish as this may be, I believe for the great majority of people, they should only consider doing a reverse mortgage if they're going to use the money for themselves. I

personally do not believe that someone should use a reverse mortgage for the benefit of others. Remember, your home can be an excellent cushion, and you have to be cautious before you use it.

One last note regarding reverse mortgages, for those of you who are considering one: the key is to make sure you understand how the reverse mortgage works and know ahead of time what you plan to do with the money. In addition, don't let anyone talk you into a reverse mortgage; make sure it works for your individual situation.

Good luck!

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for Feldman Chevrolet of Novi is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary parking for parcel 50-22-14-376-009, North of Eleven Mile Road and East of Novi Road from September 7, 2019 through September 7, 2020. The property is zoned TC (Town Center) and the use is contrary to 3.27 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 10:00 a.m. on October 10th 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 October 9th.

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Farmington Hills company sets record for largest lint ball

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Drivers on Interstate 696 may have noticed smoke coming from the base of the Farmington Hills water tower. There's no need to be alarmed: that was just the world's largest ball of dryer lint being burned in a safe, controlled environment.

The Guinness World Record attempt was a stunt pulled by Farmington Hills-based Dryer Vent Wizard, 37735 Enterprise Court, as a way to bring awareness to the dangers of dryer lint being left in drying machines and getting caught in vents.

The attempt required the company to begin collecting lint from its employees from across the country since April. Franchises from across the nation would ship boxes of lint to Farmington Hills in preparation for the record attempt, which went off without a hitch Thursday afternoon in the parking lot of the Farmington Hills Division of Public Works building at 27245 Halsted.

"Those folks all shipped boxes of lint to us," said Terry Reuer, the company's executive chair and partner and a Farmington resident. "I'm sure our UPS driver is glad we're done with this. I think one day he brought us 35 boxes of lint."

The lint had to be formed into a ball shape before it was set ablaze. The ball weighed in at 690 pounds, well over the 99-pound minimum required by Guinness to establish the record, which did not exist until Thursday.

"We decided we were going to do it big," Reuer said.

Jason Baloga, the fire marshal for the Farmington Hills Fire Department, said he's never seen such a request come across his desk for a burn permit. He said it's an important safety reminder for residents, as fires can be routinely caused by backups of dryer lint in lines.

"I have never seen a lint ball this large in my life," he said. "We do see dryer fires regularly."



Farmington Hills Fire Department Sgt. Dan Rickard, right, and firefighter Ryan Smith tend to the still-burning Guinness Book of World Records lint pile at the Farmington Hills DPW yard Sept. 19 as part of a Fire Safety Month demonstration.
JOHN HEIDER/HOMERTOWNLIFE.COM

He said there are typically 3,000 dryer fires that occur nationwide every year, though did not have an exact number for how many happen on an annual basis in Farmington Hills.

"It's not uncommon to see an appliance fire," he said.

The Guinness world record attempt is

the second one to take place in the Farmington area in the past month. Zap Zone, at the corner of Orchard Lake and Grand River in Farmington, set the world record for the longest winner stays on laser tag tournament.

The company cleans, repairs and installs dryer vents, and is always looking

for unique ways to get their name out there.

"Lint is flammable and it creates a safety hazard in your home," Reuer said. "But we wanted to have some fun in the process."

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An artist's rendering shows how the 12-story, \$920 million hospital at Michigan Medicine, the academic medical arm of the University of Michigan, will look.

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U-M to build new, \$920 million hospital

David Jesse Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Michigan Medicine, the academic medical arm of the University of Michigan, will build a new \$920-million, 12-story hospital on its Ann Arbor medical campus.

The 690,000-square-foot adult hospital building will house 264 private rooms capable of converting to intensive care, a state-of-the-art neurological and neurosurgical center, high-level specialty care services for cardiovascular and thoracic patients, along with advanced imaging, according to a news release from the school.

U-M's Board of Regents approved the project at its meeting last Thursday.

"We are proud to be at the forefront of innovation with a new hospital that will support the extraordinary work of our faculty, nurses and other providers and our research community," said Marshall Runge, executive vice president of medical affairs, CEO of Michigan Medicine and dean of the Medical School. "It's an investment in Michigan Medicine's mission of advancing health to serve Michigan and the world."

The current adult hospital routinely runs at 90% capacity.

"The addition is crucial for our state, our university, and the millions of people who rely on us for quality advanced health care," U-M President Mark Schlissel said.

Two floors of the hospital will each have 20 operating rooms built with the latest technology, many larger than Michigan Medicine's current ORs, and three interventional radiology suites.

"The new adult inpatient hospital will allow the relocation of 110 beds currently in semiprivate rooms at University Hospital to the new hospital. As a result, all Michigan Medicine inpatient beds will be single, private rooms," said David Spahlinger, president of the U-M Health System, the clinical arm of Michigan Medicine. "Private rooms are important for the quality of our patient and family member experience, and is a proven factor in reducing hospital-acquired infections."

After construction of the new rooms and relocation of the existing beds, the project will add a total of 154 new beds to the Medical Campus.

The building will be constructed adjacent to the Samuel and Jean Frankel Cardiovascular Center, with plans for bridge and tunnel connections to existing inpatient care facilities.

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Brighton Harley-Davidson facility closing

Jennifer Timar Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Brighton Harley-Davidson will close later this month.

The motorcycle dealership, store and repair shop at 5942 Whitmore Lake Road is consolidating with Motor City Harley-Davidson at 24800 Haggerty Road in Farmington Hills.

The two stores are under the same ownership.

"I'm excited to combine two good teams and make a dream team," said Craig Collins, who manages both locations and is an equity partner with majority owner, Tom Celani.

"Motor City is nearly three times as big as Brighton, and we have much better ability to service all the zip codes (of motorcycle owners) out here," Collins said.

He said Harley-Davidson Motor Company limits the zip codes that a particular store can service to keep the company's stores from competing with one another.

Brighton Harley-Davidson will remain open through Sept. 29.

Motor City Harley-Davidson expanded to a 75,000-square-foot space in a former Sam's Club in August 2016.

Collins said Celani purchased the Brighton location in 2013. He expanded the dealership, doubling its size from about 17,000 square feet to 35,000 square feet. The expansion created a new showroom and larger retail area. It also added more storage and space for special events.

The store opened in 2002.

"We came to a point where we asked Harley-Davidson to do a market analysis, and it made sense at that point to consolidate stores," Collins said.

He said most of the Brighton full-time staff will work in Farmington Hills.

"There are 26 full-time employees, and I have been able to bring 21 over, and other employees will get a severance and we'll support them finding new employment," he said.

"We're trying to sell everything between now and then," he said. "Customers can save thousands on any pre-owned bikes and there are specials I cannot disclose (due to corporate policy) on new bikes."

Parts, accessories and Harley-Davidson licensed apparel and other gear are also on sale.

"We want people to know we are honoring all Brighton gift cards and loyalty rewards points at Motor City," Collins



Brighton Harley-Davidson, will close and consolidate with MotorCity Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills. JENNIFER TIMAR/LIVINGSTON DAILY

said.

Harley-Davidson motorcycle rider Ted West said he has enjoyed riding his bike to the Brighton store over the years. West, 68, lives in Livonia, and his son lives in Brighton.

"This one is farther out for me, but it's

a much more pleasant drive. I like to take the back roads to get here, which is not objectionable on a nice motorcycle day," West said.

He said he stopped by the Brighton location to buy a part for his bike he had wanted for a while at a discount.

Bus service from Brighton to Detroit Airport starts Oct. 1

Sean Bradley Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Michigan Flyer will begin running a bus route from Brighton to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, the company said in a statement Thursday.

Starting Oct. 1, the company will run 14 daily bus trips from Brighton to the airport and 14 from the airport back to Brighton on every day but Saturday, when there will be 12.

Michigan Flyer, a division of Indian Trails, Inc., will pick up and drop off passengers at the Meijer store at 8650 W. Grand River Ave. in Brighton.

Most trips to the airport will stop at the Blake Transit Center in Ann Arbor on the way, and the majority of the re-

turn trips will continue on to East Lansing.

"The new airport service was identified as the highest priority in Livingston County's recently completed Transit Master Plan," said Greg Kellogg, director of the Livingston Essential Transportation Service, in the statement. "Our goal is to offer citizens more transportation options."

Earlier this month, the county board of commissioners approved a three-year contract running from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, 2022 with the option to renew for an additional two years.

Funding for the new Brighton-DTW service is expected to come from passenger fares, a large investment by Indian Trails in operations and equipment

and Michigan's Local Bus Operating Assistance Program, which is administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The service is similar to the AirRide service Michigan Flyer established with the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority in 2012.

"This will give residents a convenient, comfortable, and affordable option for getting to and from the Detroit airport," said Chad Cushman, president of Indian Trails.

What to know about the service

Michigan Flyer will pick up and drop off passengers at the south side of the Meijer parking lot, near Cross

Street. When its buses arrive at the airport, passengers will be picked up and dropped off at the doors of both the McNamara and North terminals;

The adult fare to ride Michigan Flyer between Brighton and the airport will be \$22 one way or \$40 round trip. Per-person fares are lower for couples or families traveling together;

Plans are in motion for Michigan Flyer to establish a small ticket office and passenger waiting area in a temporary building at the Meijer site.

Meijer will provide "low-cost, long-term" parking as well.

For more information about the service, and to buy advance tickets, visit www.michiganflyer.com.

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Woman charged with assault after stabbing

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A Fenton woman was charged Friday with four counts of felonious assault in connection with a stabbing at a laundromat in Brighton earlier this week.

Stephanie Rohn, 35, stabbed herself and two other others and attempted to harm another person, according to police.

Charges were authorized by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office as Livingston County Prosecutor William

Vaillencourt disqualified his office due to a relationship with one of the victims.

Brighton police found Rohn at the laundromat holding a large knife against her stomach about 12:25 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

Rohn stabbed herself and two other people at the laundromat and tried to stab a third person, police said. Police said one injured victim was treated at the scene and the other injured victim sought treatment at a hospital.

Susan Witkowski said she was the person who escaped injury. She said she

was folding her laundry at Tubs and Tumbler Coin Laundry in the 700 block of West Grand River Avenue when another woman carrying a knife came up behind her.

"I grabbed her wrists and pushed her with gusto," she said.

Witowski said Rohn then stabbed a woman at a different washing machine.

She said Rohn did not "look right" and "(I) just asked my angels to wrap their arms around her."

Linda Morin, an employee at Rustic Pointe Home Decor, said she was in the

home goods shop located across from the laundromat when the incident occurred.

"People just ran out of the place screaming," Morin said. "We heard screaming, blood-curdling screaming."

Morin said she locked the shop's front door and hid in the back with another employee.

Rohn was hospitalized after the incident. She has not been arraigned on the charges.

She faces up to four years in prison if convicted as charged.

Some experts say they doubt Stislicki will be found

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
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Danielle Stislicki's family may continue to grieve publicly for their lost loved one, but some local experts doubt the accused killer will ever hint to where her body is — assuming he knows.

They say that if Floyd Galloway Jr. is convicted of murder or a lesser charge, any chance of parole could be lost if he shares his secrets, and any future claims of innocence would fall on deaf ears.

In such a situation, Galloway also would lose the control he may think he wields over the Stislicki family by granting one of their most earnest wishes when it comes to closure.

"They don't usually reveal the location of body as this cements their guilt," wrote Daniel Kennedy, an Oakland University adjunct criminal justice professor, in an email. "If there is nothing in it for them, they don't talk."

"Police will have to locate (the) victim themselves, which may never happen. Perhaps someone may happen upon the remains accidentally."

Bound over

47th District Judge James Brady bound over Galloway's murder case on Sept. 10, saying that there was "overwhelming evidence" supporting that decision.

His decision concluded a two-day preliminary examination with interesting dynamics since no one has recovered Stislicki's body since she went missing nearly three years ago.

Prosecutors called about 15 witnesses and presented about 45 exhibits to build a premeditated case showing Galloway had decided not to work his security job on Dec. 2, 2016 — the day Stislicki, 28, went missing.

Testifying coworkers said they saw Stislicki talking to a suited man who seemed to be having car troubles outside the MetLife offices in Southfield after the work day ended and then saw her drive away with Galloway in her Jeep Renegade.

With her body never recovered, prosecutors emphasized during the preliminary examination a patch of master bedroom carpeting that was replaced, a nearby patch that had Stislicki's DNA and a trash can that had carpet shavings.

There also were mentions of dumpsters, garbage pickup days, incinerators and Galloway traveling on Dec. 2 between his Berkley home, the MetLife offices, Stislicki's Farmington Hills apartment, a Tim Horton's near her residence and Grodan Drive near the MetLife offices.

There were other peculiarities because no one has found a body, despite massive searches throughout the region.

Prosecuting without a body

Oakland County's Chief Medical Examiner Ljubisa Dragovic testified that he received a probate judge's order to issue Stislicki's death certificate in 2018.

"I indicated that the cause of death of Danielle Stislicki was being victim of assault and body not found," he said.

Prosecuting attorney Jaimie Powel Horowitz asked Dragovic to testify to the possibility that Stislicki was asphyxiated.

"It is my best belief that the deceased was abducted by force and rendered death by violence," he said after explaining what happens biologically when someone is asphyxiated. "This young woman did not ever show up again. I firmly believe that she died by violence."

Some experts following the case agreed Galloway, a married man, demonstrated stalker tendencies. A forensic document examiner said he wrote a secret admirer's note that accompanied some flowers placed on Stislicki's work



Danielle Stislicki's family embraces Sept. 10 after a judge bound over Floyd Galloway Jr.'s premeditated murder case to Oakland County Circuit Court.

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desk before her disappearance.

There also were texts to which Stislicki stopped responding.

Kennedy said Galloway fit the bill of a predatory stalker with paraphilias, which according to the dictionary, are patterns of recurring sexually arousing mental imagery or behavior that involves unusual and socially unacceptable sexual practices. Predatory stalkers also prepare in advance, study their victims to develop a plan, attack without warning and have prior sexual offenses.

Where is Danielle?

Galloway, 32, is serving time behind bars for pleading guilty last year to sexually assaulting a Hines Park runner in Livonia the September before Stislicki's disappearance.

He admitted to grabbing the runner as she ran through Hines Park, strangling her and attempting to have sex with her.

That woman seemed to recover, finishing a half marathon a month after her attack. Stislicki apparently never had such a chance.

Wayne State University criminal justice instructor James Geistman said "it's not really that uncommon" for charges to be filed without a body to investigate if there's strong enough evidence.

If Galloway doesn't say where the body is, "either he is innocent, which I don't think is the case, or he wants to carry on that patina of being innocent."

Geistman said the Stislicki family probably has been suffering longer than most victims' families because they don't have the closure that accompanies proper burials and cremations.

"It's a tough psychological shape to be in," Geistman said.

He noted that Great Britain has acknowledged crime victims' pain with Helen's Law: Murderers who won't share the location of their victims' bodies could be denied parole.

Trying to move on

Richard and Ann Stislicki talked to the media after Brady said there was enough evidence for Galloway to potentially stand trial for Stislicki's death. Galloway also could bargain a plea deal as his case moves through Oakland County Circuit Court.

"That was one of the items that we thought when we started this journey...that just because someone's body is not available, that does not mean that we cannot move forward with prosecution," Ann Stislicki said. "Times have changed. We want to make it very well known that this is going to stop, as far as people who believe that they can go ahead and do this and think that they can get away with murder."

The Stislickis were not available for comment for this story. Michigan State

Police Lt. Sarah Krebs, who is the founder of Missing in Michigan, spoke on their behalf.

She visited the family at the 47th District Courthouse during the preliminary examination and said they're in better shape than most families dealing with similar circumstances.

"They're incredibly positive and just strong," Krebs said. "We all know that Danielle didn't walk out of that family's life."

Krebs said, if Galloway is guilty, he could be holding out until he gets convicted and sentenced. She hopes, if that's the case, he'll then let the Stislickis know where their daughter is.

"I'm trying to hold out hope for that, just like Ann and Rich are," she said.

The law enforcer added that there are dozens of cases where prosecutors aren't pursuing charges because victims' bodies haven't been found.

A Galloway conviction could boost prosecutors' confidence and convince them to move forward with charges. Krebs noted that "people are constantly leaving a digital footprint" because of technology.

"The more success we have prosecuting these cases, the less cold cases we will have," Krebs said.

Cell phone data played a significant role in Galloway's bind-over decision. An FBI agent tracked cell phone movement and activity for both Galloway and Stislicki on Dec. 2.

He was able to show that both phones were simultaneously connected to the cellular tower near Galloway's home that evening.

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Local nonprofit attempts world record

Hundreds of volunteers were expected to converge at Stoney Creek High School in Rochester on Saturday to make 2,500 blankets for children in hospitals all across Michigan as part of Fleece & Thank You's Make A Blanket Day 2019.

Make a Blanket Day will include an official Guinness World Record Attempt to create 2,500 blankets. This attempt has been pre-approved by Guinness World Records, and one of their representatives will be out to count the blankets.

Fleece & Thank You supplies the materials (blankets, scissors, etc.), and volunteers supply the super-human manpower to make this all possible.

The purpose is to help bring a sense of comfort and hope to children facing illness and their families supporting them.

Fleece & Thank You believes in cre-

ating a better world for children suffering in the hospital.

The Farmington Hills-based nonprofit works with local groups to make blankets and video messages, and then they deliver the blankets to hospitals.

Their goal is a simple one: every child in every hospital bed receiving much needed hope in the form of a colorful, fleece blanket and a friendly face at the start of the treatment.

It aims to serve Michigan and Northwestern Ohio with more than 30,000 blankets every year, one for every child entering the hospital for treatments.

Every \$24 raised means another blanket that will be made at the event. Individuals interested in creating a team or donating to fund blankets can do so by visiting <https://ftyblanket-day19.funraise.org>.



Leo Burnett employees work on a blanket at Fleece and Thank You. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Seven-year-old pianist helps fund-raise for Seedlings

Avett Ray Maness, the 7-year-old piano prodigy of American Idol fame, will be the special guest at an Open House 4-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia.

Avett, who is blind, taught himself how to play the piano by ear as a toddler. He will attend the open house with his mother, Sara Moore, who wrote a children's book for and about him called Cotton Candy Clouds.

Avett is the little rabbit in the story wearing round glasses. Moore wrote the book to describe clouds to Avett, who cannot see them. The book is available in braille from Seedlings.

Avett will perform at the open house, and Moore will sign copies of her book at this special open house event celebrating Seedlings' 35th anniversary.

Avett became a viral sensation this spring when millions of people watched and listened to him play "Bohemian Rhapsody" on YouTube. He has performed on Good Morning America, the Today show and in GAP's back-to-school commercial. His repertoire includes songs by Queen, Adele and the



Pint-sized piano prodigy Avett Ray Maness will be the special guest at an open house Oct. 14 at Seedlings Braille Books for Children. COURTESY OF SEEDLINGS

Beatles.

Avett and his mom are donating their time to come to Seedlings from Dayton, Ohio, because they believe in the importance of braille literacy for children with vision loss. Avett reads books produced

by Seedlings.

"Having a child who reads and writes braille has shown me how imperative it is to have braille literacy resources," Moore said. "Partnering with Seedlings Braille Books for Children expands the

possibilities for blind and visually impaired children like Avett to have access to vibrant reading options that stimulate their imaginations!

"After publishing my first book, written specifically to enable the visually impaired to imagine the clouds, I was on a mission to make my book accessible in braille. It's an honor to be a part of this event. I look forward to lots of hugs, laughter and making new friends with the good people of Michigan."

Seedlings was founded in 1984 by Debra Bonde of Livonia after she met a little girl who owned only two braille books because they cost over \$100 each! Since then, Seedlings has produced and distributed more than 565,000 free and low-cost braille books to children with vision loss all over the world.

Guests are invited to enjoy 35th anniversary treats and tour Seedlings' facility to learn how the staff and volunteers make the books.

Seedlings is located in the MetroPlex Office Complex, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call 734-427-8552.

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Howell attorney appointed to replace Brennan

Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily
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After more than a year without a permanent district court judge, Governor Gretchen Whitmer appointed a Howell attorney to fill former Judge Theresa Brennan's seat.

Daniel Bain, 52, is a general practice attorney with his law firm Bain & Bain, P.C., where he represents clients in civil and criminal cases.

His firm generally represents families and small businesses, he said.

"We like to say, 'life happens, sometimes you need a lawyer,'" Bain said.

Bain grew up in Hartland, graduating from Hartland High School in 1985. He received his undergraduate degree from Michigan State and his law degree from

Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

"I was a laborer before I was a lawyer," he said. "I used to pour cement basements."

The son of a lawyer, Bain said he always wanted to become a judge.

"I'm thrilled to have this opportunity," he said. "District court is generally the first contact with the court people have, it's important to treat them with respect."

Bain said the atmosphere in a courtroom greatly affected how residents perceive the judicial system.

"I want to get in there and see that people are treated fairly," he said.

Because he has spent a great deal of time in court he also wants to ensure litigants' time is not wasted by delays in hearings.



Bain

Bain has been active in schools in metro Detroit, talking to middle school and high school students about the legal system and how to avoid ending up in a courtroom. This work is something he hopes to transfer to Livingston County. He starts his role at the end of October.

"Some judges say 'my courtroom'. That's not my courtroom, it's the people's courtroom, I'm just working there," he said.

"Daniel is a proven professional who will treat the court, and everyone who comes before it, with the highest level of integrity and fairness," Whitmer said in a release. "I have full confidence that the

residents of Livingston County will get the type of public service that they expect and deserve."

The appointment was made to fill a partial term, which ends on Jan. 1, 2021. If Bain wishes to seek a full six-year term, he would be required to run for re-election in Nov. 2020.

As as district court judge Bain will earn \$148,469 annually.

Brennan was removed from the bench in late June after the Michigan Supreme Court found she committed misconduct in office.

She also faces three felony charges, including perjury, in a separate criminal case.

Retired-judge William Hultgren was appointed to cover the vacant seat after Brennan was suspended in June 2018.

Livonia company highlights new vehicle technologies

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A car without rearview mirrors? One with the dashboard located in the center console? Storage in a vehicle's front grill? It's all part of the newest model vehicle created by one local company.

The technology of the future was put on display Friday in the parking lot of the Embassy Suites on Victor Parkway in Livonia. Two vehicles, labeled Nova Car #1 and Nova Car #2, were highlighted by Novares, 19575 Victor Parkway, as some of the newest technologies could be found inside.

"We've got a total of 41 innovations on the two vehicles," said Dean Frohey, president of the Americas business unit for Novares. "We've got a global innovation team that focuses on innovation and taking new things to market."

The innovations on the vehicles include a curved display that shows the vehicles' information, climate control and entertainment options; Smart Breeze, which is a new take on how hot and cold air travel through vents in the front of the vehicle; and Birdview, which used different-colored lights to communicate on the outside of the car.



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DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The work is a step forward for the local division, which was KeyPlastics up until two years ago when Novares acquired the company.

"A lot of the interior stuff is the cool-

est stuff," Frohey said. "Our parts traditionally are trim pieces, but now they're becoming intelligent."

The parts are shown to different manufacturers such as Ford, General

Motors, Toyota and Tesla throughout the year, enticing them to add the tech to their vehicles in the future. The display last Friday in Livonia was primarily done for area employees to see what the company has been working on.

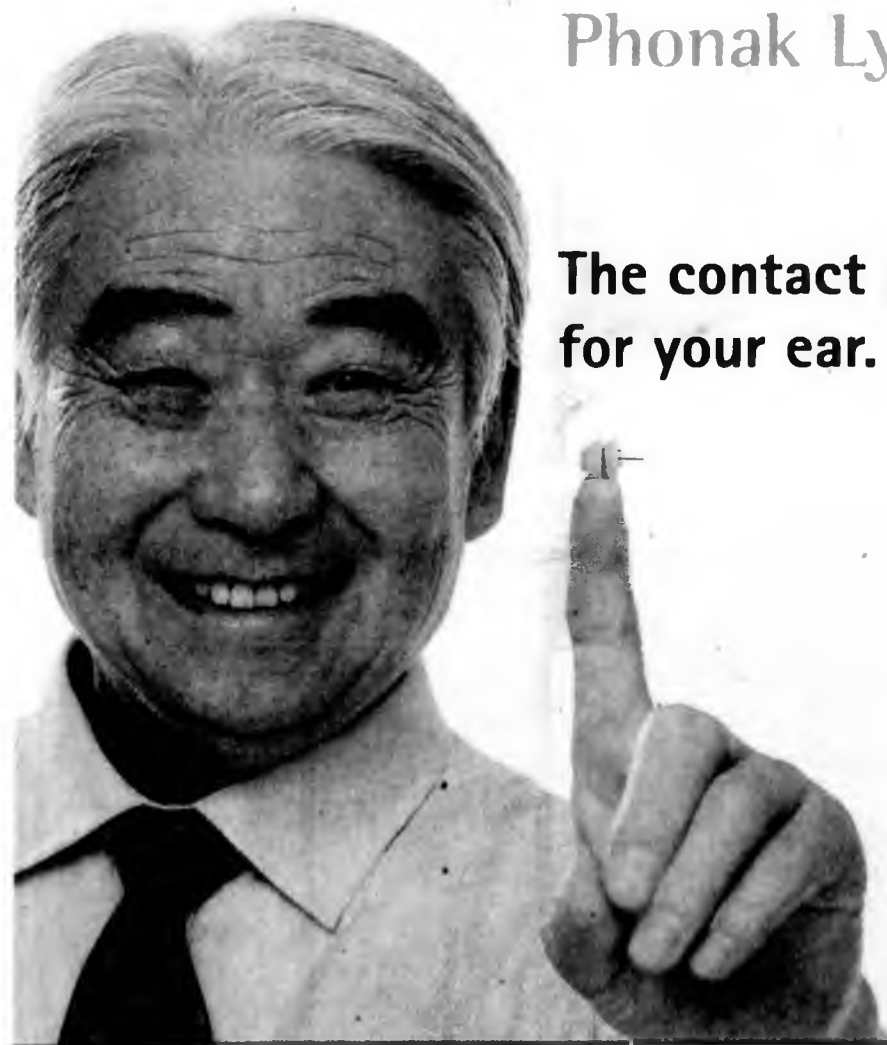
Much of the technology was crafted by employees in Livonia. One of those employees is Brent Egnor, a product innovation leader. He shared information about some of the technology in Nova Car #2, including the door handles on both the interior and exterior.

The interior handle, coated in rubber, contains the buttons to change the rearview camera angles, roll down the vehicle's window and open the door. It fits perfectly in the left hand, making the handle very ergonomic.

"You've got a smooth control surface, all the controls right there in the grab handle," he said. "It wouldn't open the door unless your hand was wrapped around it."

Working on such vehicles is something Egnor enjoys, even though sometimes deadlines loom large.

"It's fun," he said. "Sometimes you're working six or seven days a week to meet the deadline. Sometimes, it's just the normal progression of work."



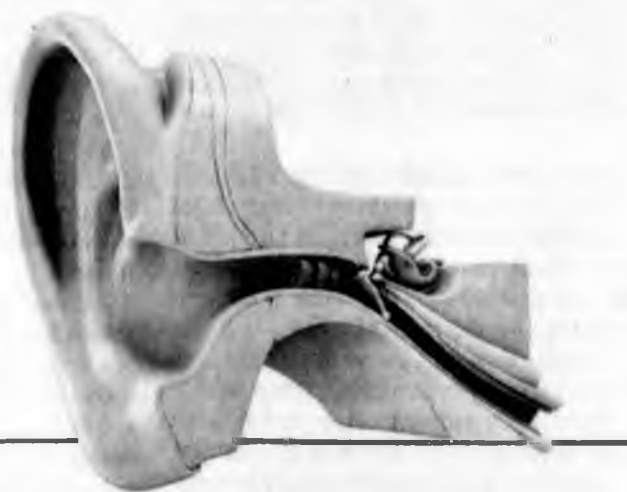
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Adventure

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The cruise on their 39-foot Mainship trawler took them through 19 states and is an adventure only completed by about 100 boats per year, making it rarer than making it to the top of Mt. Everest or swimming the English Channel.

"It was like being on vacation for a year," said Rose, 60, as the Bakers discussed their trip, just a few weeks after docking in Ludington, where they started their trip Sept. 13, 2018, traveling south to Chicago, through inland rivers to the Gulf of Mexico, down around the tip of Florida, and up through the Atlantic Intracoastal waterway, several canals and back up through the Great Lakes until they finished the circuit.

"The anxiety is not knowing what to expect," Dave, 64, said. "Once you are going, the unknown becomes more common. Every day, you get up and go somewhere you have never been before. That is the experience."

90-minute talk sparks 1-year adventure

Dave and Rose were in Ludington two years ago, working on their second home, when they met "Captain Crusty," or Harry as he is also known, and other boaters. They talked up the America's Great Loop Cruisers' Association, which has 4,000 active members, all of whom have completed, or are in a quest to complete one of the AGLCA routes spanning from 5,200 miles to 6,000 miles that loop eastern U.S. waterways.

Forty-nine members from Michigan have completed the journey, with another 32 from Michigan registered as in progress. In total, 150 boaters from around North America are expected to complete the journey this year.

"The fun part about the loop is some are a group of people who've never been boaters before and want to do a bucket list, and they do the trip and don't continue being boaters," Dave said. "Some are 'live-aboards' — they've sold their dirt home, embrace the lifestyle and live on their boat. After that hour and a half — I was close to retirement — we looked at each other on the dock and said, 'We should do this.'"

Loopers often are retirees, and Dave was retiring as a sales manager for an auto industry supplier, while Rose was working remotely as a product quality consultant at the GM Proving Ground.

But they note there are plenty of Loopers who are still working and who complete the loop not in a continuous journey, but in segments that may take years. Other loopers have young families and homeschool their children.

The Bakers had other considerations, most importantly Rose's elderly mother, who lives with them in Milford. After several conversations about their idea and a reassurance that a cousin would come to stay and help while they were gone, the Bakers plotted their course.

Preparing for life on the water

The first step was finding the perfect boat. She wanted an upper helm, he wanted a back cockpit. They both wanted something safe for the grandkids to be able to board and fiberglass construction for less maintenance. They found an 18-year-old, 39-foot Mainship trawler that fit the bill and bought it in May 2018, christening it "Sunshine Rose." It was their "motorhome on water."

Now they just had to learn to drive it.

They took online classes to learn boat operations and read blogs on the Great Loop. Their plan was to practice that summer and leave after their youngest daughter's wedding in the fall.

"Some people take years planning, but we were spontaneous," Dave said.

After provisioning the boat with food, clothing and tools in a minimalist fashion to fit their small living quarters, they left Ludington on Sept. 13, prepared for a nomadic lifestyle.

It took them four days to travel Lake Michigan to Chicago, with perfect weather, and then two months to go down inland rivers like the Mississippi and Tennessee, to get to Mobile, Alabama.

The trip involved some planning to avoid routes with bridges they couldn't go under due to the height of their boat, but was otherwise fairly spontaneous.

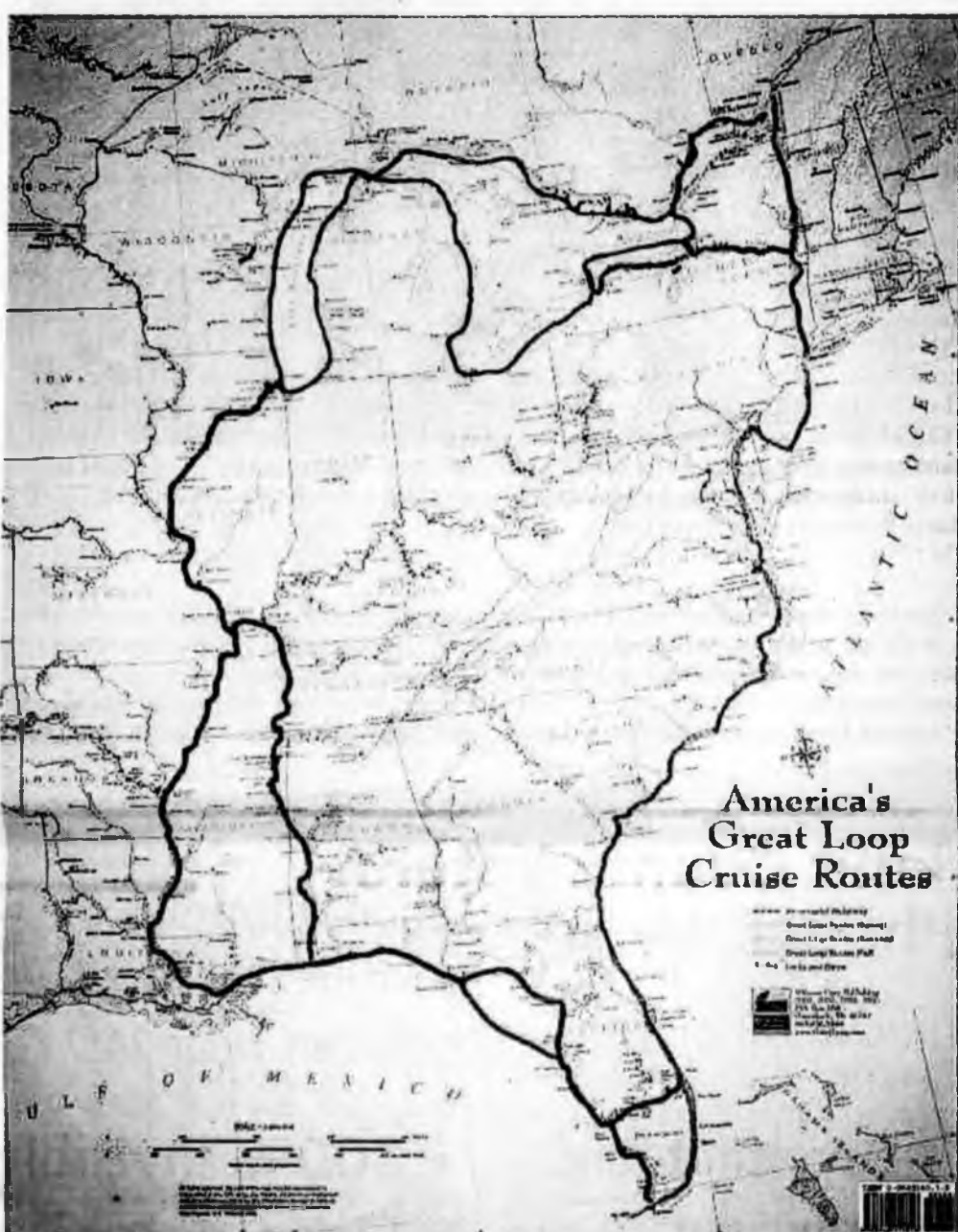
"The number one rule is you can't have a schedule," Rose said.

They made various plans each day. The chief consideration was weather, as they did not want to cruise in adverse conditions. Then they decided how far they wanted to travel each day with that night's destination in mind. At a speed of 7-8 miles per hour, and six hours a day of traveling, they averaged 40-50 miles each time they left a marina wherever they had put down their anchor.

It was raining when they arrived in



Members of America's Great Loop Cruisers' Association during their fall rendezvous at Joe Wheeler State Park in Alabama. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



A map shows the various cruise routes of America's Great Loop.

By the numbers

From the Bakers' log:

- 332 total days
- 119 travel days
- 294 days in marina
- 38 days on the hook (anchored or on free wall)
- 830 hours traveled (7 mph avg speed)
- 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel (2.76 avg mpg)
- 2 months working while looping (Rose)
- 2 times it rained near the end of the travel day (while docking).
- 4 boat repairs
- 69 locks (Great Lakes route)
- 8 extended stays: Mobile (repair/weather), Orange Beach (repair/weather), Clearwater/Maderia Beach (friends), Naples/Marco Island (family), N Miami Beach/Ft Lauderdale Beach (repairs) Delaware City (family), Brewerton, NY (floods)

Mobile in November, so they pulled the boat out of the water to have the propellers checked for possible damage from logs and other debris on the rivers. They traveled home for Thanksgiving, a drive that took them only two days by car, compared to the two months by boat, Rose noted with a laugh.

During the 332-day trip, they traveled for 119 days and made three more short trips home. They budgeted for \$100-\$150 per day for the trip, which included food, fuel, marina and boat maintenance costs, as well as entertainment.

"We were probably in the mainstream, with boat-related costs about \$30,000 for the year," Dave said.



Rose and Dave Baker, of Milford, take a selfie from their boat with the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri.



Rose Baker holds up a false albacore tuna she caught on the Atlantic Ocean.



The Bakers pause for a photo at Chesapeake Bay in Annapolis, Maryland.

Difficult challenges, great rewards

Besides dodging logs on the rivers, they also faced dangerous currents and heavy boat traffic on the river system, which backed up when they had to wait to get through various locks, or water elevators, as pleasure craft had to wait behind commercial freighters and other ships. While in the Gulf of Mexico they found themselves dodging crab pots to avoid getting entangled in the devices.

Crossing the Gulf is often the trickiest part of the Great Loop, the Bakers said, because boaters must decide whether to take a route out of view of the shoreline overnight in the open sea without a phone signal, or stick to the

"Big Bend" route that would take three days and require the same stretch of good weather. They chose the latter.

They had an extended six-week stay in Marco Island, Florida.

In the Miami area, they had one of their scarier moments after they were waked by a larger sport fishing boat that crossed in front of them.

"Our boat went down dramatically, came back up and slammed down hard, snapping a clamp," Dave recalled. "All the bilge lights went on."

They found water spraying in the engine compartment and Rose made an emergency call to the Coast Guard.

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The Bakers waited while the bilge pumps caught up so they could discover where the problem was, but they were relieved to see the Coast Guard within 10 minutes of calling for help.

While they had challenges, they had many more rewards, including beautiful wildlife: bald eagles, pelicans, seagulls, turtles, manatees and dolphins. They saw gorgeous sunrises and sunsets and night skies that dazzled "with a gazillion stars" as the Bakers were lulled to sleep by the rocking of the waves.

On Aug. 10, and completed their journey by pulling into Ludington, a feat that earned them their "baccaLOOPerate" degree from the AGLCA.

"We never had a bad day," Dave said. "I was more worried about when we were anchored out, but when the stars are out and you're the only ones in the bay, there are beautiful vistas."

Rose agreed.

"Every day was amazing, and I always said, 'This is the best day ever,' and I meant it."



Dave Baker grills on his boat in the Florida Keys during the America's Great Loop journey he and his wife, Rose, took over the course of 11 months. SUBMITTED

Teacher

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amazement, support of better background checks, hopes that Fletcher will receive proper help and concerns Fletcher's drinking happened more frequently than parents know.

According to White Lake Township police, administrators suspected Fletcher was intoxicated around 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Detective Jessica Snow, Lakeland High's school resource officer, began investigating.

Fletcher admitted to consuming alcohol and a test revealed the teacher's blood-alcohol content was .354%. That was more than four times the legal .08% limit.

Police escorted the teacher from the school on Bogie Lake Road.

Fletcher was arraigned Thursday on charges of operating while intoxicated with a high blood-alcohol content and for driving with a suspended license.

His bond was set at \$7,500, with a condition that he be fitted with an alcohol tether prior to being released.

Township police have said, before the Lakeland High incident they had a warrant for Fletcher's arrest because of an October drunken driving incident.

The charges on the warrant were identical to those tied to the Lakeland High arrest.

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Construction

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stated in a release.

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Residents who live along the project corridor and own an in-ground sprinkler system are urged to identify and stake the locations of the system

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Further information is available by calling 888-ROAD-CREW or by visiting www.waynecounty.com.

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Speeds

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Bryson said the move caused controversy, but that studies have shown people drive at the speeds they are comfortable at, regardless of speed limits, and there have been fewer accidents since the law changed.

Residents of Currie Road petitioned the Lyon Township Board and the RCOC in August, requesting the speed be reduced on their road, citing safety

concerns.

The RCOC board granted the request for not only Currie Road from 8 Mile to 10 Mile, but will also lower the speed limit on Chubb Road from 8 Mile to 10 Mile; on Spalding Road from 11 Mile to 12 Mile; on South Hill Road from Pontiac Trail south to the end of gravel; and on two sections of Martindale — from 11 Mile to the end of gravel and from Pontiac Trail north to the end of gravel.

In all, Bryson said the RCOC has put in an order for 43 speed limit signs denoting 45 mph. For every one mile stretch of road, four signs will be posted,

two in each direction.

The township will bear the costs for the signs and their installation, about \$350 per sign, or a total of roughly \$15,000.

Bryson said the earliest the signs will be installed would be December, but it could be as late as next spring depending on ground conditions.

The new speed limit will not take effect until signs are posted and it could be a limited time only for Currie Road, which the RCOC plans to pave, possibly as early as next summer. Once that occurs, the road will again be unposted for

at least a year while it is determined the speed at which 85 percent of drivers are traveling the road.

Township Treasurer Patricia Carcone said she was pleased with the decision to lower speeds on the township's gravel roads.

"It's been a long time coming," she said. "Gravel roads can be very tricky, it's more for safety reasons. Forty-five is probably still too fast, but this is a great first step."

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• Step 2: Complete it, sign it, submit it. You have two options!

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Residency verification required.

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Where to catch Michigan's fall colors

Emma Keith Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Michigan trees are getting ready to put on quite a show.

Fall colors should start showing up in full force within the next week in the Upper Peninsula, while changing foliage will make its way through the rest of the state in the next month.

Michigan's Country Road Association released a list Monday of what should be the prettiest fall drives in the state, encouraging residents to get out to see fall colors.

Check out the best weeks and the finest Michigan back roads for viewing the fall spectacular in your part of the state.

Upper Peninsula: Sept. 20-Oct. 5

Chippewa County

■ North and South Caribou Lake Roads in the DeTour Village area

■ Gogomain Road from Goetzville to Pickford

■ Lakeshore Drive from Brimley to M-123

■ Salt Point Road from M-28 to Lakeshore Drive

Dickinson County

■ Kramer Drive on the north side of the city of Iron Mountain

■ Metropolitan Road near Felch

Houghton County

■ Covered Drive Road

■ Freda Road

■ Calumet Waterworks Road

Iron County

■ Ottawa Lake Road/Hagerman Lake Road loop

■ Pentoga Trail (CR-639) to CR-424 along Chicagon Lake and Pentoga Road from CR-424 to Brule River

■ Bates-Amasa Road (CR-643) US-2 to US-141 by Paint River and Hemlock River

■ Gibbs City Road and Ponozzo Road

■ US-2 to Houghton County

Keweenaw County

■ Brockway Mountain Drive

■ Lac La Belle Road

■ Gratiot Lake Road

■ Mohawk-Gay Road

■ Eagle Harbor Road

■ Cliff Drive



Trees in vivid color near the Porcupine Mountains in Michigan's Upper Peninsula during a past fall. We've got a week-by-week breakdown of when to see the best colors this year. GARY JACKSON

Marquette County

■ County Road 510 from County Road 502 north to Big Bay

■ Triple A off County Road 510 in Big Bay

■ County Road 533 in Skandia

■ M-35 from County Road 480 to Gwinn

Northern Lower Peninsula: Sept. 24-Oct. 7

Alpena County

■ Bolton Road to Long Lake Road

■ Nicholson Hill Road

■ Scott Road

■ Long Rapids Road

Antrim County

■ Deadman Hill overlook off US-131 viewing Jordan River Valley

■ Jordan River Road off US-131

■ Pinney Bridge Road off M-66

■ Cascade Road off Alba Highway (CR 620)

Crawford County

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■ Pleasantview Road north of Boyne Highlands to Robinson Road

■ Robinson Road from State Road to Pleasantview Road

■ State Road from Harbor Springs to Cross Village

■ Brutus Road from Pleasantville Road to US-31

■ Mitchell Road from Fletcher Road to Cheboygan County line

Leelanau County

■ North Eagle Highway

■ Newman Road

■ Port Oneida Road

■ Gills Pier Road

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Mason County

■ Lakeshore Drive from Oceana Drive to Iris Road

■ Hawley from Pere Marquette Highway to Walhalla Road

■ South Masten Road to Washington Road and the Ruby Creek area

■ North Lakeshore Drive along Hamlin Lake

■ Custer Road from Hogue Road to US-10

Montmorency County

■ Pleasant Valley Road

■ Farrier Road

■ Carter Road

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■ Long Lake Highway from M-65 into Alpena County

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Mid-Michigan: Oct. 7-14

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■ Hickory Road from M-43 to east near Gilmore Car Museum

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■ Maple Rapid Roads from Harris Road to Tallman Road

■ Tallman Road from Maple Rapid Road to Stone Road

■ Stone Road from Tallman Road to Wacousta Road

■ Wacousta Road from Stone Road to Hyde Road

■ Peacock Road from M-78 to Cutler Road

■ Clark Road from Upton Road East

West Michigan: Oct. 7-14

Berrien County

■ Blue Star Memorial Highway along Lake Michigan from Van Buren to M-63

■ M-63 south to St. Joseph

■ Red Arrow Highway from Stevensville to Lakeshore Road in New Buffalo

■ Red Arrow Highway to Union Pier then back to Warren Woods Road

■ Red Highway to Madron Lake Road in City of Buchanan

Kalamazoo County

■ Q Avenue - 10th Street to 12th Street, Texas Township

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■ W Avenue - 8th Street to Schoolcraft Village Limits, Prairie Ronde Township

■ 14th Street - Lyons Avenue to U Avenue, Schoolcraft Township

■ U Avenue - Portage Road to 23rd Street, Schoolcraft Township

■ V Avenue - Canadian National Railroad to 28th Street, Brady Township

■ 28th Street - V Avenue to UV Avenue, Brady Township

■ 34th Street - UV Avenue to V Avenue, Brady Township

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■ Honey Creek Avenue from Pettis Avenue to Cannonsburg Road

■ Bailey Drive from Vergennes Street to Lincoln Lake Avenue

■ Fallasburg Park Drive from Lincoln Lake Avenue to Gavin Lake Avenue

■ 5 Mile Road from Lincoln Lake Avenue to Gavin Lake Avenue

■ Gavin Lake Road from 5-mile road to Belding Road

■ Wabasis Avenue from Belding Road to 12 Mile Road

■ Ramsdell Drive from 5 Mile Road to 11 Mile Road

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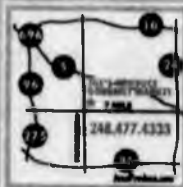
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Plymouth seizes control of KLAA West

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

CANTON — Nick Downs knew what he was up against.

This time, the Plymouth quarterback and his teammates were ready for anything Brighton threw their way.

One year after one of the toughest

games of his career, Downs threw for two touchdowns in a 14-7 victory over Brighton to put the unbeaten Wildcats in command in the KLAA West football race.

Downs was a highly efficient 8-for-9 for 74 yards and two touchdowns. A year ago, he was 3-for-8 for 48 yards and an interception as Plymouth managed

only 157 total yards and failed to score an offensive touchdown in a 24-7 loss at Brighton.

"It was in the back of my mind," Downs said. "I wasn't afraid. I love the challenge. I knew these guys were going to be a good defensive team. I have some buddies (at Brighton) — Cole Riddle, Luke Stanton, all those guys. They're

good players. I knew it was going to be a dogfight. Coach said it was going to be a 48-minute game, and it was."

On Plymouth's opening drive, Downs rolled right on third-and-four and dumped off a 7-yard touchdown pass to Alec Beshears, who dove to get the ball

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Franklin quarterback Jake Kelbert runs in his second touchdown of the game against Livonia Stevenson on Sept. 20.
PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Franklin beats Stevenson in high-scoring battle, 47-21

Andrew Vaillencourt
HometownLife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

It's always a heavyweight fight when Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Franklin get together and that's exactly what we got Friday night when the cross-town rivals met at Stevenson High School for week four of the high school football season.

The Patriots came out red-hot, scoring 21 unanswered points which led them to a 47-21 win over the Spartans.

Franklin senior quarterback Jake Kelbert was the offensive star with five total touchdowns.

"It's the greatest feeling in the world," Kelbert said. "Growing up playing against these kids, this rivalry is one like no other. I compare it to Michigan and Ohio State. It's pretty heated. We're good friends off the field but on the field we hate each other. It's a really fun game to play."

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On Stevenson's second possession, junior quarterback Ray Kastl launched a fourth down pass 35 yards into the end zone which initially looked to be caught by junior Luke Evanoff, but the Franklin defense was able to knock away the ball as he fell to the ground, resulting in a turnover on downs.

Farmington roars back against North Farmington

Colin Gay HometownLife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Farmington's Meghan Burba knew what she could do.

With the Falcons leading 24-23 in the fourth and possible deciding set, she went to the back of the court to serve the volley. Standing right in front of the loud and boisterous North Farmington student section, she just smiled.

"They were talking all this trash," Burba said. "I just smiled like, 'Just watch.'"

Burba aced the serve, securing the four-set victory in the season opener for the Falcons over North Farmington, using momentum and runs after losing in the first set to the Raiders.

In the first set, North Farmington seemed to have all of the momentum. Led by Lauren James in the front, the Raiders battled to a 27-25 set win after she blocked a ball at the net, leading to a botched serve by Farmington to secure the final point.

Farmington head coach Katie Drews had here message heard after the first-set loss, leading to momentum later in the game that North Farmington could not shake.

"We did not let the first set get to us," Drews said.

After what senior Rachel Kriese called a "fluke" of a first set, the Falcons used momentum to their advantage. In the final three sets, Farmington had stretches of four-or-more consecutive points seven times.

In the midst of a raucous crowd on the road at North Farmington, Kriese admitted that the atmosphere got to her and her teammates early on. But as the game continued, the mindset shifted.

"We were just kind of in our head, the crowd was in our head," Kriese said. "So we were like, 'OK, take it back to practice, remember the basics. We got this.'"

Farmington took the second set 25-18, leading to a 25-14 third-set win in which the Falcons had a stretch of recording 16 of the final 23 points.

While the final set was reminiscent of the first, with eight ties, the Falcons roared back, scoring five of the final six points to secure the set and the match.

In those long stretches of success for the Falcons, Burba said it was like a switch was turned on offensively, showing up and "wanting it more."

North Farmington head coach Mike Love said he was proud of the effort his team gave in the first game of the season, but saw many areas that needed to be improved.

"They definitely gave 100 percent

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HOMETOWN LIFE STAFF FOOTBALL PICKS

Games (home team listed first):	Andrew Vaillencourt	Colin Gay	Ed Wright	David Veselenak	Phil Allmen (coin flip)
Rochester Adams vs. Seaholm	Adams	Seaholm	Adams	Seaholm	Adams
North Farmington vs. Avondale	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington
Catholic Central vs. Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	CC	Brother Rice	Brother Rice
Churchill vs. Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
Salem vs. Northville	Northville	Northville	Salem	Northville	Salem
Lakeland vs. South Lyon East	Lakeland	Lakeland	South Lyon East	Lakeland	South Lyon East
Waterford Kettering vs. Milford	Kettering	Milford	Milford	Kettering	Milford
Michigan State vs. Indiana	Indiana	Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan State
Western Michigan vs. Central Michigan	Western Michigan	Western Michigan	CMU	Western Michigan	Western Michigan
Toledo vs. BYU	BYU	BYU	BYU	BYU	BYU
Season Record:	58-21-1	63-16-1	59-22-1	59-20-1	41-38-1



Brighton's Nicholas Nemecek is tackled by Plymouth's Billy Salamey on Friday.
GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

Plymouth

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inside the pylon with 5:34 left in the first quarter.

After Brighton tied it, 7-7, on a 30-yard pass from Colby Newburg to AJ Lin with 10:17 left in the second quarter, Downs connected with Nathan Janke for a 24-yard scoring strike that proved to be the winning touchdown with 3:36 left in the first half.

"Hat's off to the O-line," Downs said. "Outstanding, outstanding job up front opening holes and giving good protection. I think I got sacked only one time, and it was a coverage sack."

Following are four more takeaways from the game:

The future is now

Sophomore John Aurandt is the quarterback of the future for Brighton, but that process got sped up when Newburg was injured running the ball with 2:46 left in the first half.

In his first significant action as a varsity quarterback, Aurandt was 6-for-14 for 76 yards, completing his first four passes.

"Their atmosphere is just crazy," Aurandt said. "I was never expecting to come in, but I'm always ready. I just wanted to play my heart out for my senior guys and expected the best."

"I'm definitely going to look back at this game, figure out what I did wrong, figure out what I did right and keep on moving forward."

Champions of the West?

It's still early in the season, but the KLAA West championship is Plymouth's to lose.

The Wildcats took care of their two toughest challengers in back-to-back weeks, beating Canton (15-13) and

Brighton. Plymouth is 4-0 overall, 3-0 in the West. Brighton fell to 3-1 overall, 2-1 in the West. The other six teams in the division have at least one loss.

"The rest of the league's tough, but these last two were really emotional back-to-back," Plymouth coach Brian Lewis said. "Brighton got us last year. This was an emotional week for our kids to bounce back and get this one."

"Obviously, 4-0 feels better than anything else. We'll move on to next week (Saturday), but we'll enjoy this one tonight."

Self-inflicted wounds

It was a night of self-sabotage for Brighton, beginning on the third play from scrimmage when the Bulldogs received a personal foul penalty after stopping Plymouth on third-and-four. The drive continued and produced a touchdown.

It was one of four personal foul penalties for Brighton (one was offsetting), which had eight penalties for 71 yards.

The Bulldogs also had three turnovers, including a fumbled snap from the Plymouth 1-yard line with 7:53 left in the third quarter.

"You've got to take care of business when you get the opportunity," Brighton coach Brian Lemons said. "Tonight, maybe a couple bad bounces and things like that, but you've got to play, you've got to play and score."

Abbreviated return

Brighton senior linebacker Zach Pardonnet, who suffered a knee injury in the season opener at Livonia Churchill, returned to the field but was reinjured on the eighth play of the game.

Unlike when he was injured at Churchill, Pardonnet was able to put weight on his right leg and he came off the field.

He dressed for the previous game against Hartland, but didn't play.

Franklin

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Stevenson was able to come back and make it a game, getting within three in the second half, but couldn't hang on in the fourth quarter, where Franklin scored three more touchdowns.

"I'm proud of the kids the way they battled back, however, we can't let a good team get 21 points up on you," Stevenson coach Randy Micallef said. "It's difficult when you have a 21-point lead like they did and we were able to get back in the game, but you can't do those things against a good team and they're a very good team."

Franklin improves to 4-0 and Stevenson falls to 2-2.

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Can't stop Kelbert

The Patriots leader was on top of his game Friday night. The senior quarterback completed 15-of-21 passes for 251 yards and two touchdowns, he also ran for 81 yards and three touchdowns — including the first two scores of the game.

"We want to start out every single game fast and that's what we did tonight," Kelbert said.

Stevenson's defense frankly didn't have a solution for him. He led his offense up and down the field throughout the entire game, much like he's done to opponents all season.

"I liked his composure," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "He was very smart with the football and made good decisions. He made a couple of bad ones, but for the most part the decision-making was key."

He lost a key fumble in the third quarter, but the defense bailed him out with a big stop.

Big game, big plays

The contest feature several highlight-reel plays from both teams. On the opening drive of the game, Franklin faced a long fourth down in their own territory, but fooled everyone with a fake punt that resulted in a first down. Franklin later scored on the drive.

On Stevenson's second possession, junior quarterback Ray Kastl launched a fourth down pass 35 yards into the end zone which initially looked to be caught by junior Luke Evanoff, but the Franklin defense was able to knock away the ball as he fell to the ground, resulting in a turnover on downs. The Patriots made the Spartans pay, with Kelbert recording a 50-yard run on the next play to end the first quarter. They would score a touchdown on the first play of the second quarter, a 15-yard catch by senior James Carpenter.

Carpenter finished the game with 46 yards rushing, 82 yards receiving and two receiving touchdowns.

"We have a chemistry that you don't normally see between two high school players," Jake Kelbert said. "We've been playing together since we were in third

grade. He was my tight end back in the day. We developed chemistry throughout the past 10 years playing football together."

Later in the second quarter, Kastl connected with Stevenson senior Dylan Johnson for a 72-yard touchdown, which was responded to by Franklin with a 34-yard touchdown pass from Kelbert to Carpenter.

Kastl finished the night 12-for-19 and 234 yards and two touchdowns. He left the game late with an injury. Johnson had a big game, catching six passes for 124 yards and two touchdowns. Running back Caden Woodall, who's been a workhorse for the Spartans this year, was kept in check. He ran for 62 yards and a touchdown and caught three passes for 46 yards.

"When you play Franklin-Stevenson, it's always going to be this kind of battle," Chris Kelbert said. "Nobody wants to lose this game."

The second half didn't see as many long touchdown plays, but certainly saw more turnovers.

Turnovers and penalties

There were plenty of penalties and turnovers to go around both both teams, but especially in the second half.

A wild part of the game came in the third quarter, just after Stevenson had scored a touchdown to get back in the game. The Spartans forced a Patriots punt, but the return was fumbled and recovered by the Patriots inside the 10-yard line. However, the play was called

back due to a penalty on Franklin. On the redo, the punt came off the foot poorly and only traveled a few yards, setting Stevenson up with fantastic field position.

After taking a sack on third down, Stevenson missed a long field goal and Franklin got the ball back only for Kelbert to fumble it back to the Spartans, who after another sack on third down, attempted a long field goal, this time making it. That made the score 28-25 just into the fourth quarter.

"We got up big, had a couple of mistakes and they capitalized on those mistakes," Chris Kelbert said. "We have to do a better job, we go on this big high and then we have this low. We have to get rid of that low and continue to play well all the way through the game."

Stevenson would later turn the ball over on a fumbled lateral, which effectively killed its chances of coming back.

"There's a lot of things we have to correct," Micallef said. "We took too many penalties, we didn't protect the ball very well, we didn't play the style of football that we're capable of playing and that's disappointing."

Chris Kelbert said he's worried about the penalties because his team has received far too many this season, but also doesn't want his team to lose its aggression. It's something he plans to work on with his squad moving forward.

"Right now we're on to next week," Kelbert said. "We have another big one, the other rivalry. So we'll enjoy this for a couple minutes and then we're on to Churchill."

Hometown Life top 10 high school football teams: Week 5

Andrew Vaillencourt
Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Week 4 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 game results. The ranking will be decided on by sports reporters Andrew Vaillencourt and Colin Gay. Here is the top 10 for week 5:

1. Livonia Franklin (4-0, Last Week: No. 2)

While there have been changes at the No. 1 spot, Livonia Franklin has remained a constant: scoring over 45 points and allowing less than 25 points in each of its first four games to come into Week 5 with a 4-0 record.

Now, the Patriots have a chance for that success to continue as the No. 1 team in the area. But they will have to face rival Churchill on the road.

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

Brother Rice has been incredibly consistent over the first four games of the season.

With a tough stretch of games, including three Catholic League matchups, the Warriors have remained consistent on defense, allowing 24 points in the first four games combined behind head coach Adam Korzeniewski's defensive game plan.

Brother Rice faces a tough game in Week 5 against Catholic Central, who holds a four-game win streak against the Warriors.

3. South Lyon (4-0, Last Week: No. 3)

After a scare against Lakeland in Week 3, South Lyon came back with a vengeance, defeating Waterford Kettering 43-30 this past Friday. It was the

first time since the season opener that Conner Fracassi and co. put up more than 40 points as an offense.

South Lyon will face Walled Lake Northern on Friday.

4. Plymouth (4-0, Last Week: No. 5)

After two-straight one-score wins, Plymouth remains at the top of the KLA West with a 4-0 record.

Now, the Wildcats will look to return to their early-season dominant wins over Wayne Memorial and Howell when they take on 1-3 Novi on Friday.

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

Coming into Week 4 with momentum, Groves was stopped in its tracks. Oak Park ran all over the Falcons defense, handing Groves its first loss of the season.

However, with an offense that continues to show signs of consistency, Groves still has the potential to make some noise in the OAA White division.

The Groves defense will have a chance to bounce back this week, taking on Troy Athens.

6. Farmington (4-0, Last Week: No. 6)

The Falcons cruised to their fourth win of the season last week versus Ferndale. The sky is the limit for Farmington, which could roll into its week eight game against North Farmington undefeated.

7. Birmingham Seaholm (4-0, Last Week: No. 7)

Seaholm continued its dominating ways last week, drilling Rochester 42-7. Running back Chaz Strecker rushed for four touchdowns and 240 yards to lead the way. It's a tough slate of games to finish the regular season though, so we'll find out what the Maples are made of.

8. North Farmington (4-0, Last Week: No. 8)

One of the biggest surprises of the year continues to be North Farmington, which picked up yet another win last week. In fact, the Raiders didn't just win, they obliterated Pontiac 68-0. They'll have a real test on the road versus Avondale this week.

9. Detroit Country Day (4-0, Last Week: No. 9)

Country Day improved to 4-0 with a blowout win over the Detroit Public Safety Academy. As one of the top teams in Division 4, a state championship is a real possibility should the Yellowjackets continue their strong play.

10. Detroit Catholic Central (2-2, Last Week: NR)

The Shamrocks find themselves back in our top 10 after a win against U-D Jesuit last week. There's plenty of talent here, but we'll look to see more consistency moving forward. The schedule doesn't get any easier either, with vaunted rival Brother Rice up next.

The Hometown Life sports (HTL sports) area consists of 28 teams representing Catholic League (Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood), Independent (Detroit Country Day), the Oakland Activities Association (Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Farmington, North Farmington), the Western Wayne Athletic Conference (Garden City, Redford Thurston, Redford Union), the MIAC (Livonia Clarenceville, Lutheran Westland), the Kensington Lakes Activities Association (Canton, Livonia Stevenson, Salem, Novi, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Northville, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial) and the Lakes Valley Conference (White Lake Lakeland, South Lyon East, South Lyon, Milford).

FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Here is a look at what the scores look like for Hometown Life area high school teams in the fourth week of the football season. Stay tuned for updated scores throughout the weekend.

Friday, Sept. 20

OAA

Oak Park (3-1) 26, Birmingham Groves (3-1) 14
Birmingham Seaholm (4-0) 42, Rochester (0-4) 7
Bloomfield Hills (0-3) at Adams (2-1)
Farmington (4-0) 53, Ferndale (1-3) 14:
Max Martin- two rushing touchdowns and a passing touchdown, Jacody Sikora- 53 rec. yards, TD, Alan Robertson- two interceptions
North Farmington (4-0) 68, Pontiac (0-3) 0

Lakes Valley Conference

South Lyon (4-0) 43, Waterford Kettering (1-3) 30
Lakeland (2-2) 16, Walled Lake Northern (2-2) 10
Waterford Mott (3-1) 26, Milford (1-3) 14
South Lyon East (1-3) 49, vs. Walled Lake Central (0-4) 6

Catholic High School League

Detroit Catholic Central (2-2) 31, University of Detroit Jesuit (2-2) 15

Independent

Detroit Country Day (4-0) 49, Detroit Public Safety Academy (2-2) 8

Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Redford Thurston (3-1) 40, Garden City (2-2) 16

Redford Union (2-2) 20, Dearborn

Heights Crestwood (2-2) 0

MIAC

Livonia Clarenceville (3-1) 33, Southfield Christian (2-2) 0

Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (3-1) 31, Lutheran Westland (0-4) 13

KLAA

Belleville (4-0) 44, John Glenn (0-4) 0

Canton (2-2) 48, Salem (0-3) 12

Dearborn Fordson (4-0) 42, Churchill

(1-3) 28

Franklin (4-0) 47, Stevenson (2-2) 25

Hartland (2-2) 35, Northville (1-3) 7

Howell (2-2) 34, Novi (1-3) 7

Plymouth (4-0) 14, Brighton (3-1) 7


Saturday, Sept. 21

Dearborn Divine Child (3-1) 14, Cran-

brook Kingwood (2-1) 10

Brother Rice (4-0) 16, De La Salle (2-2)

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GAME OF THE WEEK

Brother Rice vs. CC leads must-watch matchups

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The Michigan high school football season rolls into Week 5 after an eventful fourth week of the season.

Here are six games to watch this week, including Hometown Life's Game of the Week: Brother Rice vs. Catholic Central.

Brother Rice vs. Catholic Central, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m.

The 75th edition of the Boys' Bowl is here.

Brother Rice comes into its matchup with Detroit Catholic Central with momentum.

In the midst of a grueling four-game stretch, including three-straight rigorous Catholic League games, Brother Rice has shown up.

The Warriors come off a 16-14 win against De La Salle, continuing to show the defensive prowess they have had all season: allowing 21 first-half yards against the Pilots while allowing 24 points through four games.

Catholic Central, on the other hand, has had a roller coaster of a season.

After starting the season with a two-point win against reigning Division 3 state champions Detroit King, the Shamrocks lost two straight against two Toledo-area teams, being outscored 42-13 against Whitmer and Toledo Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks came back in Week 4 with a 31-15 win against University of Detroit-Jesuit, but come into their first Catholic League game action seeking to revive that life it had after the King win.

With quarterback Greg Piscopink, wide receiver/safety Rocco Milia and the rest of the Brother Rice team trying for its fifth-straight win of 2019, and quarterback Jack Beno, running back/free safety Cole Price and Catholic Central looking to extend its four-game win streak against the Warriors, expect another highly-contested matchup between two historic area teams.

Here are five other games to watch this week:



Brother Rice sophomore wide receiver catches a 41-yard pass from Greg Piscopink in the fourth quarter against De La Salle on Sept. 21.

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Churchill vs. Franklin, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

Jake Kelbert thinks every game is a big game for Livonia Franklin moving forward.

After extending the Patriots' win streak with a decidedly dominant 47-25 win against Livonia Stevenson, Franklin looks like it can't be stopped at this point of the 2019 season, winning four straight, and outscoring opponents by no less than 22 points.

Kelbert and the Patriots have an opportunity to extend that dominant stretch against rival Churchill on Friday, a team that has struggled to find its footing this season.

Other than a 27-5 win against John Glenn in Week 3, the Chargers have struggled against area powerhouses, losing to Brighton, Belleville and Dearborn Fordson.

However, Churchill has lost two of those games — Brighton and Fordson — by 14 points, keeping the Chargers in the game.

But in facing a Franklin defense that has not allowed more than 25 points this season, Churchill is still facing an uphill battle to earn its second win of the 2019 season.

Canton vs. Brighton, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

During the 2019 season, Canton has found no trouble in games it should win, defeating both Salem and Northville by an average of 29.5 points. However, in games that pits the Chiefs against winning teams, Canton has been outscored 36-19.

The Chiefs will have an opportunity to reverse that trend in their Homecoming game on Friday, taking on a Brighton team that is looking for revenge after a 14-7 loss to Plymouth in Week 4.

A win against Brighton could bring Canton back on track, and would put the Chiefs in second place in the KLAA West behind Plymouth.

Novi vs. Plymouth, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

Plymouth has won each of its first four games to start the season, but the past two wins have not been in dominant fashion.

Facing Brighton and Canton, the Wildcats won by a combined nine points. However, Plymouth remains at the top of the KLAA West heading into Week 5.

The Wildcats will face a Novi team that, after earning a 33-7 win against Salem in Week 3, resorted back to its losing ways, falling to Howell 34-7, the team's lowest point total of the season.

Seaholm at Rochester Adams, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

With Birmingham Groves losing to Oak Park this past weekend, Birmingham Seaholm comes into Week 5 alone at the top of the OAA White division, winning all three of its division games thus far in 2019.

The Maples will now have to beat Rochester Adams, whose only loss came at the hands of Lake Orion, the first-place team in the OAA Red.

Other than a seven-point win against Stoney Creek, Seaholm has not found much competition early on.

South Lyon East vs. Lakeland, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

Coming off a one-point loss to South Lyon in Week 3, Lakeland returned to its winning ways, defeating Walled Lake Northern 16-10 in another low-scoring battle. The Eagles now have a 2-2 record, and have the tiebreaker over Walled Lake Northern for fourth place in the Lakes Valley Conference.

Lakeland will take on a South Lyon East team that pounded last-place Walled Lake Central 49-6, but scored 27 total points in the previous three games.

South Lyon East has the opportunity to continue its momentum from its first win and separate itself from the bottom of the LVC with a Week 5 win against Lakeland.

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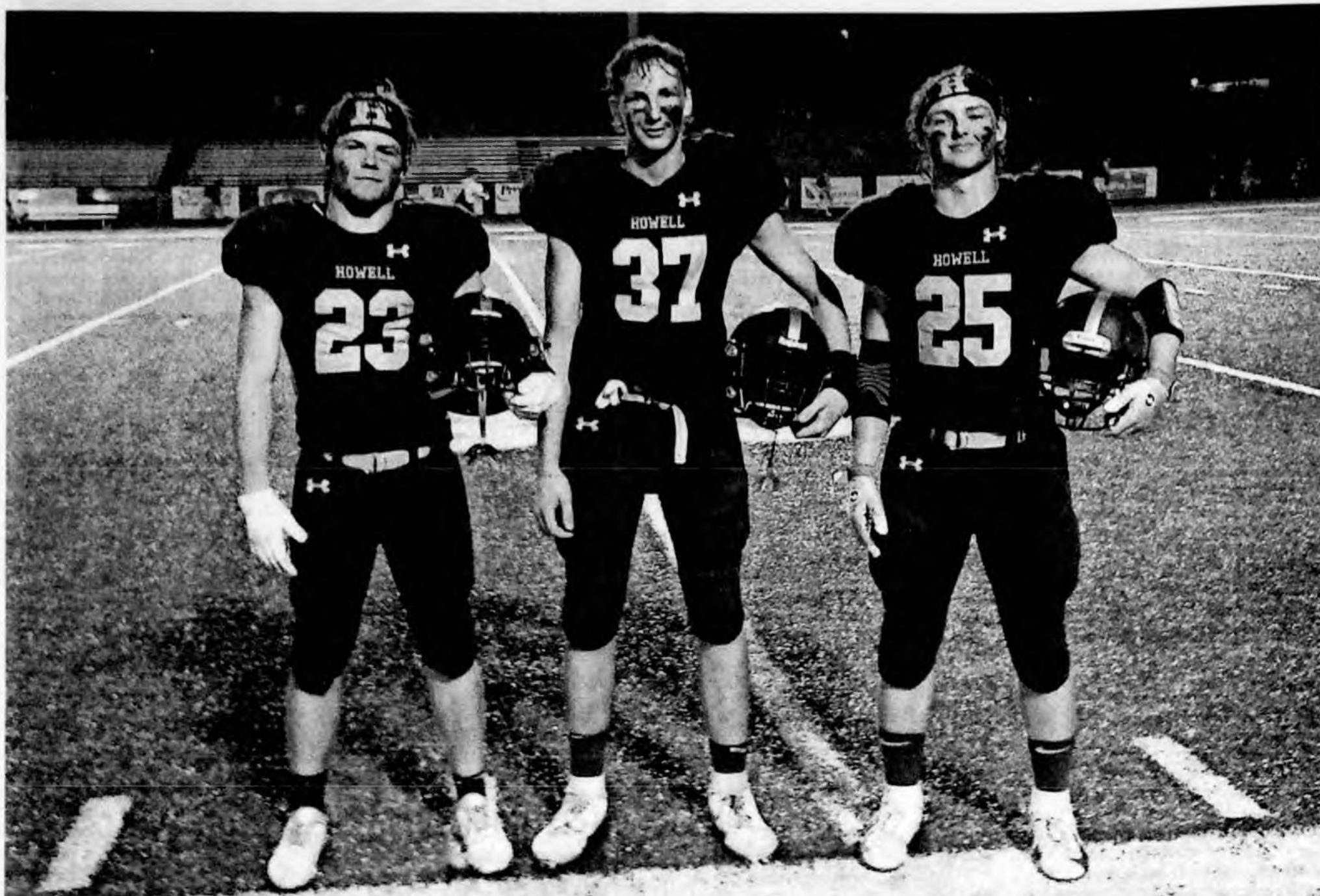


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Howell players Bryan Greene, Daniel Honkala and Jonah Schrock pose for a photo after their victory over Novi on Sept. 20. TOM MORELLI/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Ground attack powers Howell over Novi

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Pow! Bang! Splat!

While these are words you'd most likely find in the text bubbles of a comic book, they also best describe the physical style of play Howell handed out in their 34-7 win over visiting Novi in last Friday's KLAA West contest.

Play after play for 48 minutes, the Highlanders (2-2 overall, 2-1 KLAA West) stuck to their simple formula of running the ball and forcing turnovers.

The strategy worked to perfection, as 281 of Howell's 328 yards of total offense came via the ground game, complemented by six forced turnovers.

"I feel like it has something to do with our home atmosphere," Howell running back Jonah Schrock said. "There's nothing like running out of the tunnel, running through our band, and jumping up in the student section. I think that the beginning gets us all hyped, and we just go out there and do what we have to do."

Leading the charge for the Highlanders was Schrock, who accounted for three touchdowns and finished with 133 yards on 25 carries.

Decked out in green, one could have easily mistaken Schrock for the Incredible Hulk, which would've been perfectly acceptable given the amount of defenders he mauled, juked, jived, shivered and smashed.

"I've never been that light on my feet and been someone who can make good cuts, so I just use my size and power to my advantage and keep going forward," Schrock said.

Like any good superhero, a trusty sidekick is never too far and Schrock had one in his backfield mate Bryan

Greene.

A senior, Greene followed Schrock's two touchdown performance in the first half with a pair of his own to give Howell a 27-0 lead before heading to the locker rooms.

"Jonah and Bryan both run hard and if you watch them throughout the game, they bring an attitude when they run the ball," Howell head coach Aaron Metz said. "I think it just carries over to our whole team and our offensive line. In high school football, it's so important to run the football and control the clock."

Greene's first score came in the opening quarter, as Howell's 14-play, 83-yard drive was capped by a 15-yard burst by Greene that chewed up over eight minutes off the clock.

With 10 seconds to go, Greene reached the end zone again, this time via a 29-yard catch over the middle from junior quarterback Zach Metz.

"We have some pretty good guys who can run the ball back there with Jonah, Bryan, Avry (McInroy) and some guys who can come in there," Coach Metz said. "We're trying to go with our strength and we have a pretty good sized offensive line. If you throw enough guys into a hole sometimes, it pops open for you."

Sophomore running back August Johanningsmeier (six carries for 66 yards) tallied the longest run of the game in the third quarter with 26-yard jaunt up the left side to place Howell near the goal line. On the very next play, Schrock hit the trifecta on a two-yard jam up the middle with 6:31 left in the frame.

And in the spirit of comics, the win couldn't have set up a better cliffhanger for the Highlanders, as they travel to face their long-storied rival Hartland

next.

"It's a reset every week," Metz said. "We had a rough start to the year with two pretty good teams and we keep playing tough teams. Hartland's going to be no exception and it's a rivalry where all our kids know each other. It's time to get after it and it's two polar offenses; they're going to spread it out and we're going to bunch it in and see what happens."

Here are three other takeaways from Friday's KLAA West clash:

The points matter

Turnovers off points proved to be a crucial aspect of Howell's play, as the squad recorded four fumble recoveries and two interceptions.

Those played a pivotal part in the Highlanders scoring 27 points, with all but one of those scores coming in the first half.

Sophomore linebacker Daniel Honkala recovered both fumbles for Howell, while also adding five tackles.

"Daniel's a great guy and comes from a great, athletic family," Metz said. "He has a long wingspan at 6-feet-5, so if you run an option and pitch around that guy, it makes it a little hard. The way we set it up today we were able to make some plays and he was Johnny-on-the-spot to get the ball."

Juniors Marcus Childester and Jarret Hughes accounted for the other two scoops, while defensive backs Jackson Kovarik and Hunter Marshall each had an interception.

Push it to the limit

Novi (1-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA West)

made a big push at the beginning of the second half on special teams to set-up their only touchdown of the contest.

Kicking off to Howell, the ball ricocheted off a Highlanders' returner and into the arms of sophomore Tyler Patrick.

Starting their drive at the Howell 16-yard line, the Wildcats needed just four plays to punch it in, capping the drive on a five-yard dash up the left side by senior quarterback Josh Erno.

"I would have liked to do something with the next possession, but we got some light for a second or two," Novi head coach Jeff Burnside said. "We let them come down the field and score on us when we needed to stop that. Their offensive line is huge and they played great tonight, so I give them all the credit in the world. They were physical and we knew it was going to be a physical battle."

Cutting it close

Prior to Friday's contest, both of Novi's losses came by a combined 16 points.

In Week 1, the Wildcats lost to Livonia Stevenson 24-16, before dropping their next contest to Brighton by a 28-20 margin.

"We got to get into the ball game a little bit," Burnside said. "We had six turnovers and you can't turn the ball over. When you play a team like that who's running the football, you have to make use of your opportunities. When you put the ball on the ground, bad things can happen and we have to get those things corrected. In the three games we've lost, we've had turnovers. In the game we won, we had none."

Hartland scores 35 in first half, routs Northville

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NORTHVILLE — Hartland put a football rivalry loss to Brighton in the rear-view mirror, erupting for 35 first-half points in a 35-7 victory over Northville Friday night.

It's the second straight year that the Eagles have taken out their frustrations on Northville after losing to Brighton.

The Eagles beat the Mustangs last year, 42-20, one week after a 28-10 loss to Brighton.

"We had a great week of practice," Hartland coach Brian Savage said. "It showed tonight. We've got to continue that next week, as well."

Hartland (2-2) faces its other Livingston County rival, Howell (2-2), at home next Friday.

Senior Logan Tobel, who has moved from receiver to quarterback this

season because of Holden D'Arcy's season-ending knee injury, continued to look comfortable behind center.

He threw a 69-yard touchdown pass to Isaac Elmore to open the scoring with 9:04 left in the first quarter, then added a 40-yard touchdown run and 11-yard touchdown pass to Jason Hug.

He also threw a 2-point conversion to Chase Ekonen.

"He played well," Savage said. "He's getting better. The team continues to get better, so that's good to see."

"The defense played well tonight, kind of held them in check most of the game. We even got some other groups and other kids in and they did the same thing, so that was nice to see."

Junior Charlie Anderson had touchdown runs of 8 and 13 yards for Hartland.



Hartland's Isaac Elmore, center, caught a 69-yard touchdown pass to open the scoring in a 35-7 victory over Northville. MATTHEW DAE SMITH/LANSING STATE JOURNAL



The Northville boys cross country team finished in third place at the Saturday Night Lights meet in Centerville, Ohio. JONATHAN DALTON/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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

Northville, Salem make top-10 rankings

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Three area high school cross country teams have been represented in michigancrosscountry.com's weekly "Super 10" prep rankings.

According to the rankings released Monday, Salem holds the fourth-best girls cross country team in the state and the ninth-best boys team in the state. Northville is currently ranked as the No. 6 girls team.

In the LP Division 1 boys team rankings, Salem (No. 7) is joined by Northville at No. 11 and Milford as an honorable mention.

Salem finished as the No. 5 team in the LP Division 1 girls rankings as well, joined by Plymouth at No. 8.

Here is a look at the full rankings:

Super 10 Boys (school - division)

1. Brighton - D1
2. Romeo - D1
3. Dexter - D1
4. Ann Arbor Skyline - D1
5. Fremont - D2
6. Clarkston - D1
7. Traverse City Central - D1
8. Otsego - D2
9. Salem - D1
10. Hartland - D1

Super 10 Girls (school - division)

1. East Grand Rapids - D2
2. Ann Arbor Pioneer - D1
3. Traverse City Central - D1
4. Salem - D1
5. Petoskey - D2
6. Northville - D1
7. Hart - D3
8. Saline - D1
9. Frankenmuth - D2
10. Ada Forest Hills Eastern - D2

LP Division 1 Boys

1. Brighton - R4
2. Romeo - R9
3. Dexter - R4
4. Ann Arbor Skyline - R4
5. Clarkston - R7
6. Ann Arbor Pioneer - R5
7. Salem - R6
8. Saline - R5
9. Hartland - R7
10. Traverse City Central - R1
11. Northville - R6
12. Pinckney - R4
13. Rochester Hills - R9
14. Caledonia - R3
15. Ann Arbor Huron - R6

LP Division 1 Girls

1. Ann Arbor Pioneer - R5
2. Traverse City Central - R1
3. Northville - R6
4. Saline - R5
5. Salem - R6
6. Holland West Ottawa - R3
7. Brighton - R4
8. Plymouth - R6
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12. Rockford - R1
13. Romeo - R9
14. DeWitt - R4
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Northville places third at Ohio meet

The Northville boys cross country team put its depth on display Saturday night as it split its squad into two varsity races at the Saturday Night Lights meet in Centerville, Ohio.

In the 37-team Varsity A race, facing some of the top teams from Kentucky and Ohio, the Mustangs scored 256 points, good for third place. Ohio schools took the top two spots: Cedarville won with 204, and Sycamore was the runner-up with 225. Northville edged Troy High School (Ohio) by a point, with the Trojans scoring 257.

Ethan Wallis of Cedarville completed the 5,000-meter course in 16:07.1 and took home the individual title after beating Miamisburg's Corey Reese (16:08.7) to the finish line.

Freshman Brady Heron was the first Mustang to finish, taking 40th place in 17:26.3, followed by junior Zack Helner (48th, 17:31.3), junior Max Uphaus (58th, 17:35.5) and junior Matt Krahe (59th, 17:35.6). Junior Chris Martin (61st, 17:36.8) closed the scoring for the Mustangs.

"Our spread was only 10 seconds between our first and fifth runners' finish times," Northville coach Tim Dalton said of his scorers in the Varsity A race. "At the two-mile mark, our team was in 10th place.

"Over the last 1.1 miles we moved up seven spots. They closed the race really well."

"Zack Helner and Chris Martin ran really good races. They both ran personal-bests and Zack ran almost 50 seconds faster than he has this season. He's been ready to pop off a good race."

Other finishers for Northville in the Varsity A race were senior Grant Gattoni

(98th, 18:01.3), sophomore Mason Niu (111th, 18:07.0), freshman Max Potrzeba (133rd, 18:19.8) and sophomore Jack Gattoni (211th, 19:04.2).

In the championship race, junior Jacob Meek led Northville to a 13th place finish in the 23-school field, finishing 33rd with a career-best time of 16:16.6. Ohio's Woodridge won the meet with 100 points and Solon finished second with a score of 164. The Mustangs scored 350.

"We knew this would be a competitive race and we wanted to challenge our boys," Dalton said. "I'm happy with where we placed. We held our own and I think we represented Michigan well."

Pickerington North's Matt Duvall won with a time of 15:10.7, beating runner-up Nathan Moore of Uniontown Lake, who finished in 15:11.3.

Northville senior Josh Morrissey was the second Mustang across the finish line with an 81st place finish in 16:54.8. Senior Ben Steinig was next in 94th with a time of 17:00.2. Senior Josh Hardy (109th, 17:09.8) and senior Alex Beloiu (112th, 17:11.0) were the final two Mustang scorers.

"Between the one-mile mark and the finish, Josh Hardy moved up over 60 places," Dalton said. "We took these guys out of their comfort zone a bit tonight and they responded to the challenge."

Rounding out the Northville lineup were sophomore Brian McCallum (126th, 17:18.2), freshman Brandon Latta (130th, 17:22.3), sophomore Peyton McCaslin (161st, 17:45.7) and senior Adrien Jund (163rd, 17:47.9).

"We were planning to bring the boys team down here last year but found out the week of the meet that we wouldn't

be able to compete due to a technicality," Dalton said. "It's a unique event with it being run at night and they bring in portable lighting. This meet was a good opportunity for our team to grow in a number of ways. Our girls team added it to their schedule this season, too, and I think overall it was a good experience for everyone."

Mustangs fall to Brighton and Salem

The Mustangs fell to Brighton and Salem in a double-dual meet on Tuesday.

Brighton took the top four places with Zachary Stewart winning the meet in a time of 15:32, just ahead of his teammate Jack Spamer who finished second with an identical time. Scott Spaanstra was third in 15:50 and Evan Ross finished in 16:22.

Northville's Meek finished fifth in 16:31, edging Talha Syed of Salem, who took sixth with a time of 16:33.

Hardy (17:05), Beloiu (17:06), Steinig (17:16) and Morrissey (17:18) also scored for the Mustangs.

"Brighton is a top team in Michigan," Dalton said. "We knew that going in. Salem is going to be a good matchup for us a few more time this season at the Wayne County championship, conference meet and at the regional meet."

The Mustangs will take the next week off of racing before their next double-dual on Tuesday, October 1st against Howell and defending state champion Plymouth at Cass Benton Park and Bennett Arboretum.

Send game results and stats to LivSports@hometownlife.com.

Northville finds success against ranked teams

Last week, the Northville cross country team dug deep to beat two ranked teams: Salem and Brighton, finishing in third place Sept. 17.

Keira Courtney broke Northville and Salem's tie in the sixth race, and defeated Brighton 24-35.

Yasmine Mansi finished first for Northville in 18:58, while Emily Gordon was 3rd in 19:18, Gina Couyoumjian 10th in 20:01, Onivas Tupa 11th in 20:03, Jennie Line in 12th in 20:09 and Keira Courtney in 13th in 20:27.

"This was a huge win for us," Northville girls cross country head coach Nancy Smith said. "Both Salem and Brighton are great programs and similar to ours. The girls stepped up and worked as one. We have been battling some sickness and minor injuries so this was huge for us. We will need to step up our game as the season continues as we will see them several times over the next month."



The Northville girls cross country team finished in third place at its latest meet. SUBMITTED

South Lyon girls win Oakland County golf tournament

South Lyon High School has a long history of success in girls golf.

But recently, the team did something it had never done before: it won the Oakland County tournament.

The Lady Lions recorded a team score of 344 at the Pontiac Country Club, topping Rochester Adams, which was second at 345 and Detroit Country Day, which placed third at 350.

Leading the way for the Lions was junior Katie Potter with a round of 77, followed by freshman Gabriella Tapp at 81. Also contributing to the scoring were senior Emma Mackey with a 92

and junior Bella Campbell with a score of 94.

The Lions have won the state regional tournament for the past seven consecutive years and have also played in the state finals for the past 10 years.

The Lions have also finished in the top five for five of the past six years.

South Lyon has won the league championship for the first two years in the newly formed Lakes Valley Conference, and is undefeated in the league during those two years.

Send game results and stats to LivSports@hometownlife.com.



The South Lyon girls golf team recently won the Oakland County tournament. SUBMITTED

Obituaries

Diane L. Thibodeau

-- Diane L. Thibodeau, age 51, passed away September 20, 2019. She was born March 21, 1968 in Livonia, Michigan, daughter of Connie and the late John Hancock. Diane's true love in her life was her family. She was a devoted and loving wife and mother. She was so proud of her son Jordan who graduated from South Lyon East High School in 2016. Jordan is currently a senior at Grand Valley State University where he has made the Dean's list. Diane was a wonderful and passionate educator at Sayer Elementary. Her kind, caring and dedicated nature made her a favorite among the students at Sayer. She loved vacationing in the Florida Keys, enjoyed gardening and had a passion for English history. Diane will always be remembered as beautiful, kind and loving person. Her gentle, selfless spirit will never be forgotten by her students, co-workers, friends and her beloved family. Diane is survived by her husband of 24 years, Jeffrey; her loving son, Jordan; her mother, Connie Clotes; her sisters: Cynthia Scott, Nancy (Kevin) Kingslien and Sharon (Lew) Horn; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Jennifer (Fred) Roring, Michael Thibodeau, Gregory Thibodeau, Carla (Ralph) Macioce, Julie (Tim) Sheahen, Rebecca (George) Donaldson and Patrick (Heather) Thibodeau. Diane is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother-in-law, Dorothy Thibodeau and her father, John Hancock. She will also be sadly missed by her yellow lab, Chessie. Visitation was held on Tuesday, September 24 from 3:00PM-8:00PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 25 at 11:00AM with the family receiving friends beginning at 10:00AM at First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial donations may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. www.jdrf.org.



Richard Ervin Utkan

MILFORD - Richard Ervin Utkan, age 72, of Milford, passed away Saturday, September 21, 2019, at his home. He is survived by his loving wife, Carol Jean (Tollefson) Utkan, father of Dennis, Kristina, and Gail Utkan, siblings Warren and Janice Utkan, and grand-dog Baxter.



Richard was born April 11, 1947, in Highland Park, Michigan, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ervin and Erna (Schulz) Utkan. He and Carol Tollefson were married on August 4, 1973, in Vassar, Michigan. From 1966-1970, Richard proudly served his country in the United States Airforce as a crew chief on the F-111. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, he began his career as an assemblyman for Ford Motor Company. He worked at Ford for many years, until his retirement in 2007.

Throughout his life, Richard enjoyed camping, hiking, cooking, and being outdoors. Richard greatly enjoyed building and flying model airplanes, and was a member and vice president of the Electric Flyers Organization. He was also a devoted member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in South Lyon for many years.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 330 East Liberty Street, South Lyon, Michigan, 48178. Pastor Matthew Minzlaff will officiate. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, 1233 Union Lake Road, White Lake, Michigan, 48386. Those desiring may consider memorial contributions to a charity of their choice.

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Herbert E. Weston, Jr. DDS.

NORTHVILLE - Herbert E. Weston, Jr. DDS., age 94, of Northville, passed away September 12, 2019. He was born July 16, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan; son of Herbert E. and Alice (nee Wilson) Weston. Herb was united in marriage to Jean Anne Lay on August 25, 1951. They were happily married for 49 years until her death on August 28, 2000. Herb and his wife made Northville their home in 1962. He moved to Ann Arbor in 2013 after living in Northville for 51 years.

He attended University of Missouri for the Cadet Training School. After serving in the United States Army Air Corps he continued his education at Highland Park Junior College before transferring to the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. Herb graduated in 1952 with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. For 37 years Herb owned his own dental practice; he retired in 1990. He truly took pride in his career and loved taking care of his patients. Herb was blessed to work with incredible people. He and his staff had mutual respect and adoration for one another.

Herb was a trustee for the James and Lynelle Holden Fund for decades, financially supporting human rights, especially those of children. He valued his service with this group, and they valued him, mourning his departure from active participation several years ago. He also volunteered to work with students at Ida B. Cooke Middle School. He created a wooden spool game with a Polish student who gained English skills. One of Herb's salient traits was his intellectual curiosity and genuine interest in how the world works.

Herb was a talented woodworker. He was able to furnish the cottage he and his wife built up north. He made the furniture and Jean Anne crafted the needle work and macramé decorations for the cottage. Herb also used his skills to build a canoe. He especially loved carving birds and working with stained glass, as well. Another talent he had was metal working; making lamps was his specialty. Herb also enjoyed gardening, ice skating, snow skiing, and being active. He was an avid reader and loved listening to music. Herb had a great sense of humor and he and Jean Anne were the spark at many social gatherings. He was a very kind, cheerful and generous husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend.

Herb is survived by his children, Lesli (Andy Adamson) Weston, Thomas (Jean) DuRussel-Weston, Jim (Sue) Weston; his grandchildren, Weston (Charlie Cook) Adamson, Aaron (Marie) Weston, Ariel (James Jilek) Adamson, Sarah (Shaun) Sheikh, Matthew Weston, and Paige (Paul) Fry; and his great grandchildren, Daniel, Nathan, Calum, Antonia, Juliet, and Forrest due October 16, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, his daughter Barbara Jean Weston and his brother John Weston.

A time of gathering will be held on Friday, October 25 from 3pm until 5pm with a Memorial Service at 5pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. He will be laid to rest in Oakview Cemetery next to his beloved wife. In lieu of flowers, contributions would be appreciated to Penrickton Center for Blind Children, 26530 Eureka Road, Taylor, MI 48180 or Detroit Goodfellows, Po Box 44444, Detroit, MI 48244.



Winifred Crawford, a lifelong resident of Milford, died Sept. 20 at the age of 101.

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Winifred Crawford, a Milford settler, dies at 101

Susan Bromley
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Winifred Crawford, one of Milford's longest living residents, died Sept. 20. She was 101.

Crawford, the eldest member of the Milford United Methodist Church, passed in the care of her family, on the farm where she resided for more than 80 years. The majority of that time was spent with her husband of 71 years, William "Carlton" Crawford, who preceded her in death in 2007 and whose family was among Milford's earliest settlers.

Winifred was born June 13, 1918, in Ontario, Canada, one of seven children of Silas Wesley Hyatt and Nellie Mae Bancroft.

On July 4, 1926, when she was 8, she moved to Michigan, living in Saginaw and then Union Lake, before moving to Milford in 1933.

When she was 16, she met Carlton on a blind date, and the pair wed Sept. 26, 1936, his 24th birthday, at the old Methodist Church on Union Street.

The couple raised three children on the cattle farm, where they also saved hay and grew vegetables.

Bill Crawford called his mother "a very loving person."

"She cared about a lot of things, including Milford," he said.

Winifred never held a job outside of the farm, with her sole focus as a wife and mother.

One of the high moments of Winifred's life was when she gained U.S. citizenship in the 1940s, her son added.

She was a charter member of the Milford Historical Society, the Questers, a 4-H leader, and taught Sunday School at the Methodist Church. Among her hobbies was painting.

Besides her husband, Winifred was preceded in death by daughter Judith "Judy" Johnstone. She is survived by son Bill and daughter, Marge Kauffman; grandchildren, Paul (Paula), Greg (Bob) and Edward (Lynn) Kauffman; Bonnie Johnstone and Kari (Andrii) Johnstone; great-grandchildren, Braden, Brittany, Tanner, Alanna, Noah and Quinn, Nester, and Bailey; great-great grandson, Oliver, and many nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends who join with the family in mourning her death while giving thanks to God for her life among them.

May you
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of sorrow.

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ASK HUMAN RESOURCES

Beware if ex-worker lies on resume



Johnny C. Taylor
Columnist
USA TODAY

Johnny C. Taylor Jr., a human resources expert, tackles your questions as part of a series for USA TODAY. Taylor is president and CEO of the Society for Human Resource Management, the world's largest HR professional society.

The questions are submitted by readers, and Taylor's answers have been edited for length and clarity.

Question: A former employee is lying about his time with us on his resume. His employment dates are totally off (he claims he worked for us for two years when it was really only four months), and his job title and responsibilities are almost entirely fabricated. Is there anything we can or should do about this? — Lisa

Answer: You should not contact potential employers who have not yet reached out to you. And, this is probably a given, but reaching out directly to the former employee is a big no-no.

However, your organization is ethically obligated to be truthful about your former employee's history with your company. If you are approached by a potential employer about the employee's tenure, provide accurate dates of employment.

Specifically, you are able to provide a person's job title, essential duties and dates of tenure at the company — but you should not give any additional commentary beyond that. And I would not recommend disclosing this person's salary details unless directly asked to. If any of the information you provide does not line up with what the potential employer has received from the former employee, you can then point out the discrepancies.

I get your ethical dilemma here. But as long as you are honest and acting in good faith to verify employment, you shouldn't do anything more because this person will be found out in due time. But outside of the parameters I addressed above, it's not your place to be the whistle-blower.



Your company is obligated to be truthful about a former employee's history. Offer essentials but little else. GETTY IMAGES

I get your ethical dilemma.

But as long as you are honest and acting in good faith to verify employment, you shouldn't do anything more because this person will be found out in due time.

I do wish you the best with what is a tough situation.

Q: My disrespectful manager is best friends with our HR representative. Is this considered a job-related conflict of interest?

A: This is an understandable concern, and there are simple steps you could take today to start solving it.

It's highly unlikely the relationship is a true conflict of interest, simply because there are only certain parameters that would make it a conflict of interest. Employer conflict-of-interest policies typically involve employees personally benefiting in a way that negatively impacts their employer and its bottom line — such as secretly assisting a competitor. Other conflicts of interest would include: financial gain, business advantages and engaging in activities that hurt the company.

Because your question was such an easy one, I'd also like to do what I can to address your comment about your manager being "disrespectful."

While it is possible your employer has a "respectful workplace" policy that your manager is violating, I'd recommend trying to smooth over the situation by starting a conversation, rather than just immediately turning to policy. My recommendations are:

1. Communicate with your manager. Communication is the foundation of any good relationship — be it romantic, familial or professional. If you haven't already done so, discuss the situation with your manager — and throw in your concern about his/her personal relationship with the HR representative if you'd like.

There are obviously misunderstandings or misperceptions that need to be recognized and addressed by you both, and HR can help.

2. Ask HR for assistance. If your one-on-one discussion doesn't yield positive results, seek the help of HR.

However, if you're worried about your HR representative's impartiality, seek out the next highest contact in the HR chain of command. Human re-

source professionals act as stewards of their organization, administering rules and policies in an impartial spirit akin to attorneys, counselors or psychiatrists.

3. Suggest HR collect behavior feedback. One helpful approach would be asking HR to collect behavioral feedback, which means first asking you to describe your manager's actions without ascribing intent to them, then comparing the description to your manager's experience of the same events. Be prepared to answer questions like: What does your manager do to make you feel disrespected? How does it affect your work and the organization? By combining both sides of the story, HR can clarify the situation.

Maybe you'll learn your manager was unaware, and deeply sorry, that he or she seemed so disrespectful. Or maybe your gut instinct was right — and he or she is just a jerk. Either way, HR will be there to clarify the situation and identify which steps, if any, need to be taken to make your workplace work for you.

I'm sorry to hear you're going through this, but I hope this advice will help you navigate those muddled waters. Good luck!

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So you love your job, but you absolutely cannot stomach your boss. Well, you're not alone, and the good news is that there are ways to ensure the person in charge does not transform your dream job into a nightmare.

Focus on your work

If you hate your job and your boss, quitting, if possible, is a simple solution. But you're in a position that's not just slightly better — it's markedly better. You can't stand your boss but, for now, love your job. So maybe the best way to deal with the unfortunate situation is take the focus off the hate and shift it to the love. You love what you do, so you already have a leg up on a lot of others in the workforce. Take pleasure in that work (or the coworkers, or the salary) that you so love. If your boss is really grating on you and you feel like you're on the verge of storming out the door never to return, make a list of all the things you love about your work. Seeing that the pros outweigh the cons can help focus your energy on what is great about your job and help you to realize how small your boss is in the grand scheme of your day.



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Take solace in your co-workers

If you loathe your boss, there's a good chance you're not the only one in the office who cringes after every meeting,

email, or phone call. A good way to let off some steam is to meet up with co-workers (outside of work, please!) to dish on your boss a bit. Venting with friends who share your adverse feelings about

the person in charge can really make the workday a lot more bearable. Please, just don't let the boss catch you slinging mud with your buds.

Play the waiting game

You and your co-workers may not be the only ones who recognize that your boss is the worst. If the situation is as terrible as you think, those above your boss may recognize their shortcomings soon as well. If you suspect the wind is blowing in that direction, wait it out and you hopefully may find yourself rewarded with a new and improved boss once the writing is on the wall.

If necessary, take action

Sometimes a boss may be contemptible for reasons more consequential than run-of-the-mill jerkiness. If your boss is making your workday hell by subjecting you to abuse or harassment motivated by racism, sexism, homophobia, or some other form of bigotry, don't ever believe you have to take it sitting down. File an official complaint with HR. If that doesn't work, you may have to file a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) or contact a discrimination attorney. And remember that sexual harassment is against the law in most states. No matter how mild or severe a creep your boss may be, there are always ways to improve your workday so you can hold onto that job you love so much.

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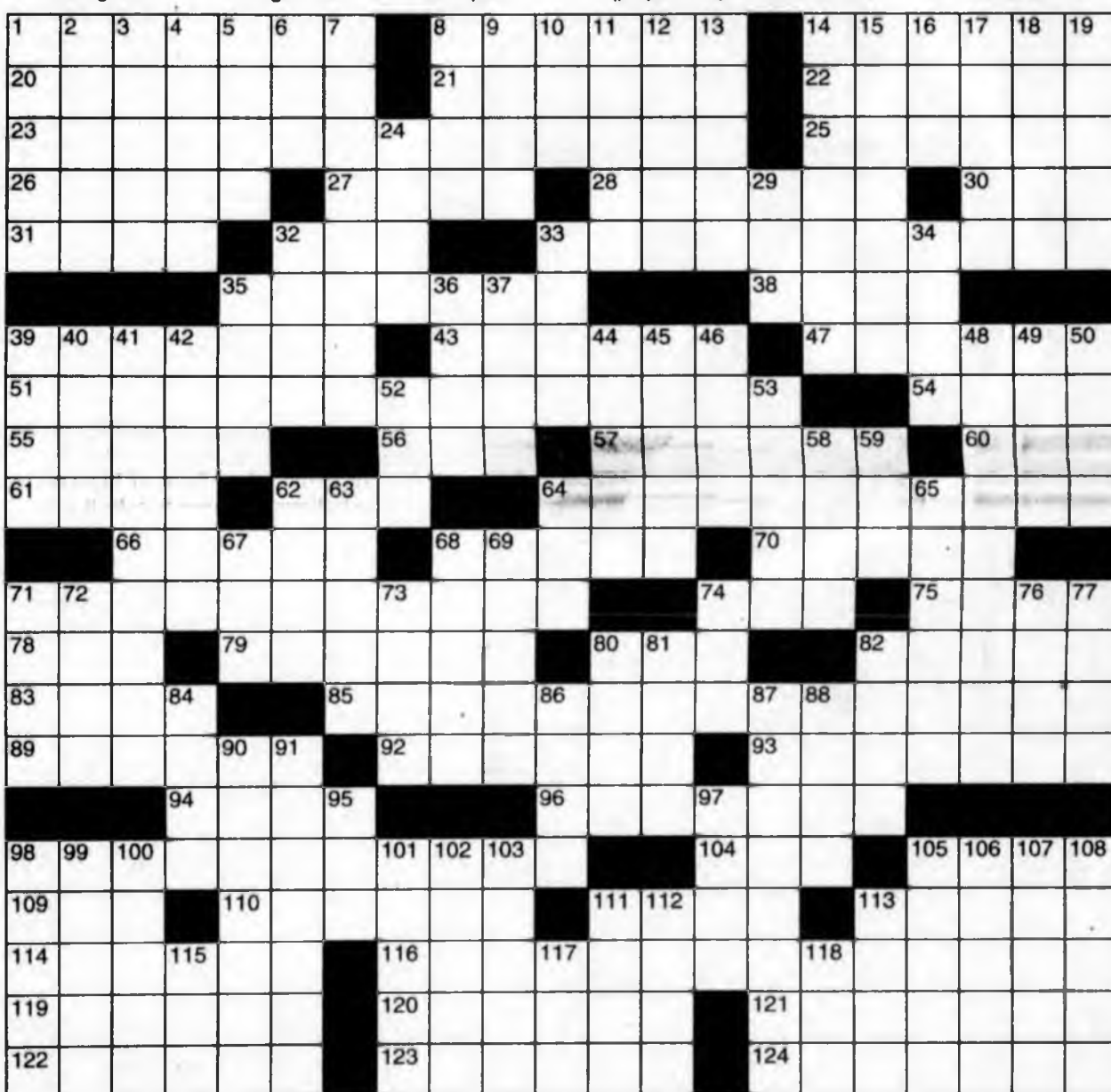
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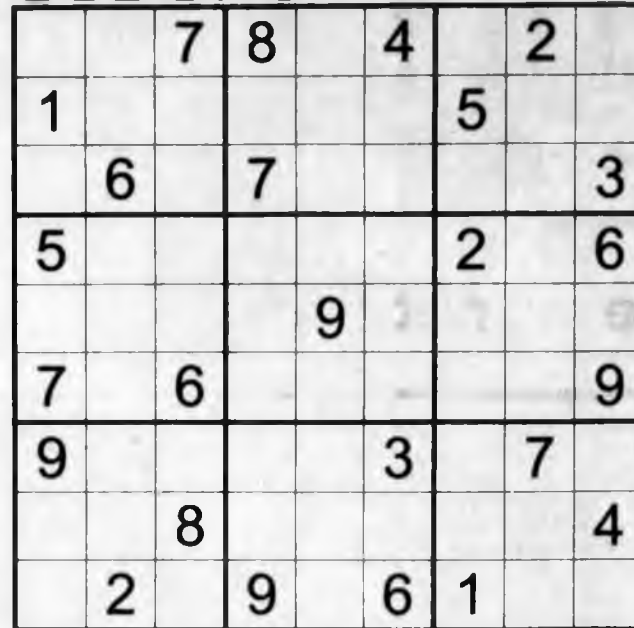
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78 Groom's vow
79 Hound breed
80 Laugh loudly
82 Cut off with scissors
83 T-man Eliot
85 Be too busy for a health-resort visit?
89 Stun guns
92 Go to bed
93 Acclimated
94 Essence
96 Making a snug home
- 98 "Alice" waitress who specialized in serving Dad's soft drinks?
104 Styled after
105 Peat source
109 Indisposed
110 Sporty Chevy
111 Clay lump
113 Vixen's boss
114 Sight-related
116 Apt getaway spelled by this puzzle's missing pairs of last two letters
119 Get even for
120 Follows
121 Discharge an egg
122 Usurer, e.g.
123 Typists in trials
124 Rode a bike
- DOWN
- 1 Zeniths
2 — Island (part of New England)
3 Edgy
4 Ocean filler
5 German car
6 Cakes of the Cars
7 Of the "Ode on a Grecian Urn" poet
8 Fodder storer
9 "Move it!"
10 Bighorn male
11 BP gas brand
12 Carrier founded in 1927
13 La — (opera house)
14 Rescuers
15 Hostess classic
16 "So that's your game!"
17 Stove light
18 Of a pelvic bone
19 Extra inning
24 Chess piece
29 Classic Ford
32 Burrito's kin
33 Very little
34 Sword sort
35 Nintendo game consoles
36 Not engaged
37 Petty of NASCAR
39 Actress Ryan of "Boston Public"
40 God of love
41 Bikers' competition on a dirt trail
42 In no key, musically
44 Take — (plop down)
45 Actor Keach of "Man With a Plan"
46 Errand, e.g.
48 Most hard and cold
49 Rights gp.
50 Reasons
52 Poking tool
53 Essence
58 Monogram letter: Abbr.
59 Final degree
62 Papa's ma
63 Edible fruit part
64 — choy
65 Rap genre
67 Chest protector, of sorts
68 Holey utensil
69 Musical piece for eight
71 — life grand?
72 Brain flash
73 Old autocrat
74 Slalom, say
76 Neck area
77 Alum
80 Bygone days
81 Former foes of Navajos
82 Forest buck
84 Labor Day mo.
86 Madre's boy
87 Postal slot
88 Actress Best of "The Man Who Knew Too Much"
90 Chest protector, of sorts
91 Thieving type
95 Dress border
97 Southwest art mecca
98 Foe
99 Antipasto bit
100 Cindy Brady player Susan
101 Goes very quickly
102 Facade
103 Mature nit
105 "The Practice" actress Sokoloff
106 "Barry Lyndon" star Ryan
107 Situation
108 Filled fully
111 Singer Laine
112 A smaller amount of
113 Valuable sire
115 Conjunction in Cologne
117 Wordplay bit
118 Actress Best of "Nurse Jackie"



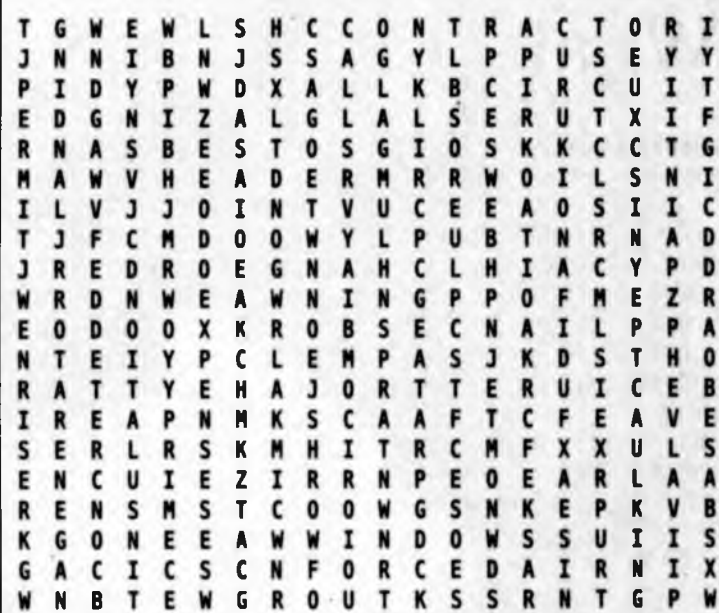
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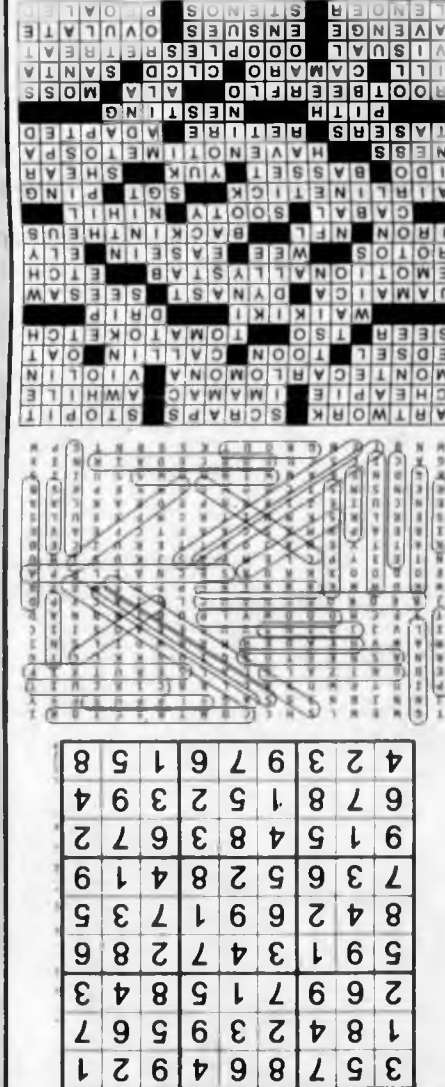
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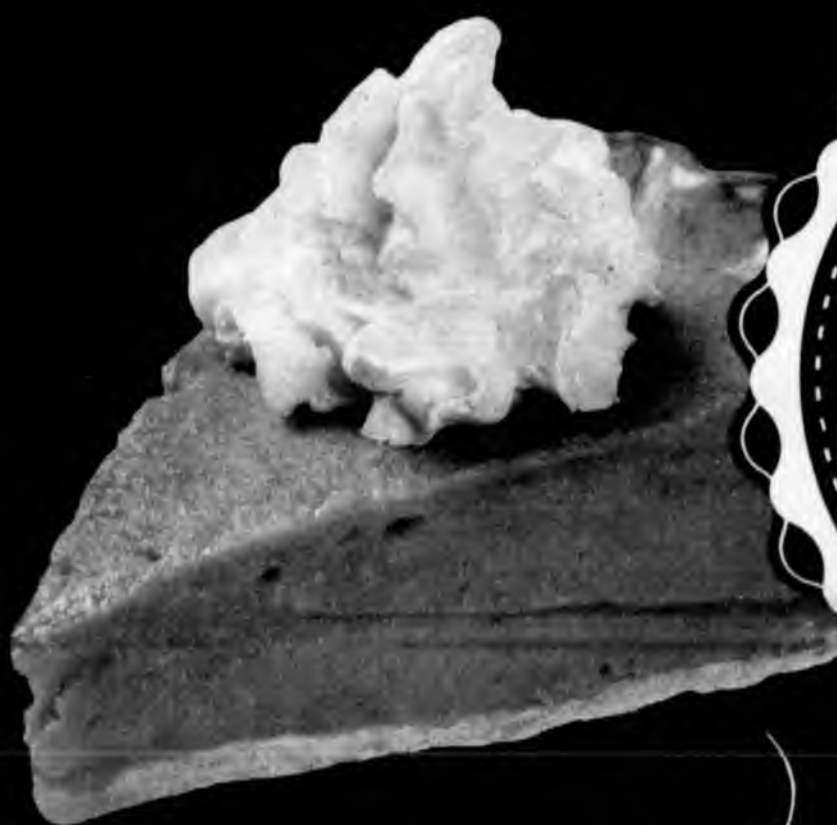


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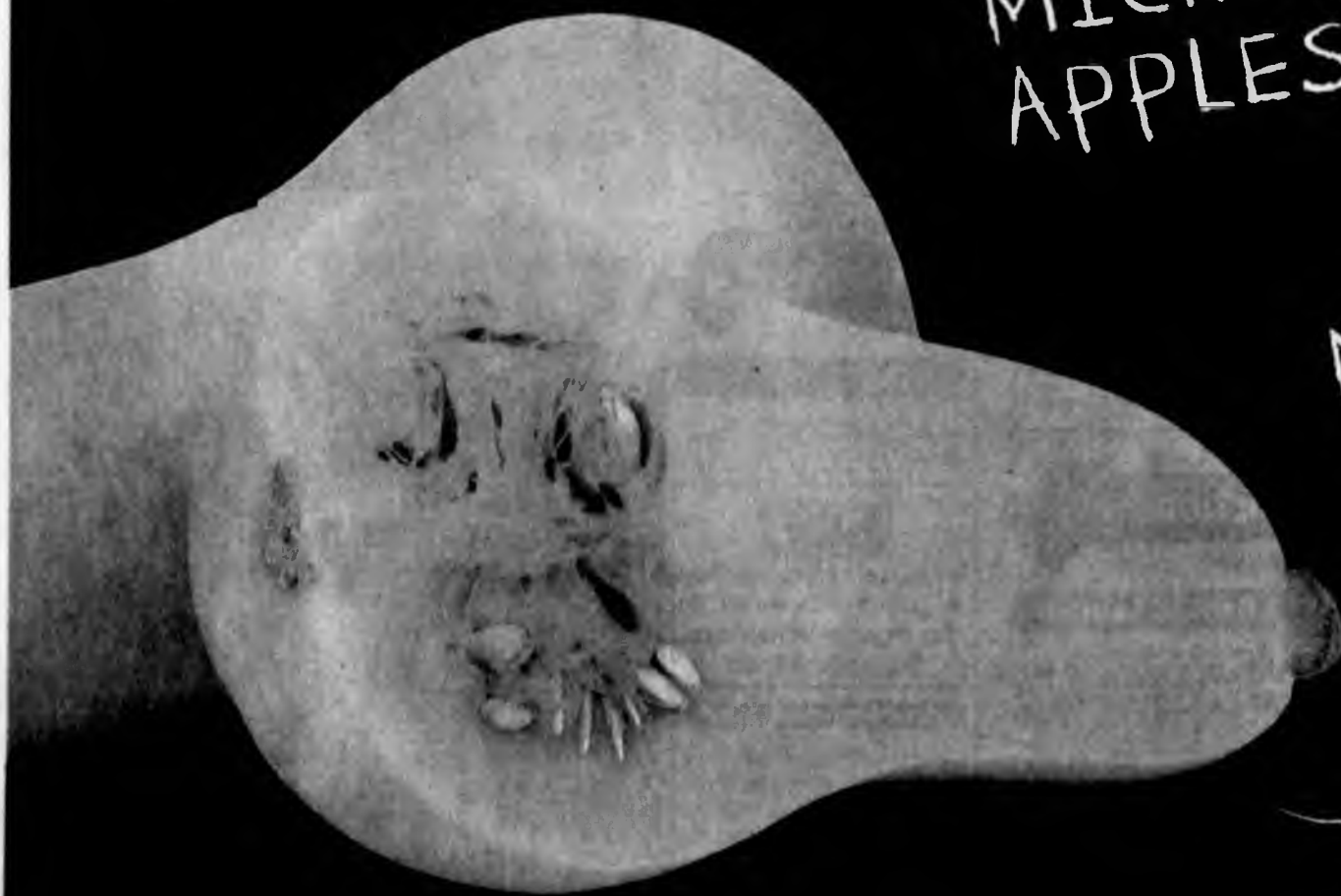
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