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Amerman Principal Devon Caudill speaks to students at a recent assembly. PHOTOS COURTESY OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Northville school earns national honor

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Northville's Amerman Elementary School was named last week as one of the 2019 National Blue Ribbon schools by the U.S. Department of Education.

The school was among 362 schools nationwide recognized as National Blue Ribbon schools for 2019.

The recognition is based on the school's high performance as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. Amerman is among the 13 Michigan schools and two



Amerman students are guided through a music-related exercise.



Restaurant inspectors visit restaurants at least twice a year, checking to ensure safe conditions related to handling and cooking food.

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Latest restaurant inspections find violations at local eateries

David Veselenak
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Milk in the refrigerator past its expiration date. Moldy food. Medication stored near food prep areas.

These are just a few of the issues found by health inspectors in Wayne and Oakland counties during restaurant inspections that took place throughout August.

In August, inspectors visited hun-

dred of local restaurants, churches, schools, senior living facilities and other commercial kitchens to make sure food safety is a top priority.

Restaurants in the following communities listed "priority" violations, the most serious of violations. Lesser violations include "core" and "priority foundation," which are not listed in the reports. Priority violations are the ones that can lead to foodborne illness.

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Teachers use crowdfunding to enhance experience

Susan Bromley
Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Dozens of teachers in local school districts have turned to crowdfunding to give their students items ranging from food and books to furniture and technology.

Among those in South Lyon is a first year teacher, Mr. Buddenborg, trying to build a classroom library.

In Livonia, teachers are raising money for science projects, musical instruments and more.

In the Huron Valley School District, Sarah LaFontaine is currently trying to provide math games for junior kindergarteners, and she already has successfully funded 19 previous projects for her kindergarteners through the internet.

"Teachers spend a lot of their own money, but education is always changing," LaFontaine, who teaches at Spring Mills Elementary, said. "To have the latest things, it takes a lot of money and this is one way to obtain those things cost effectively... If you want to try something in class and the district can't support everything, this is a way to bring that to life."

They raise the funds through DonorsChoose.org, started by a Bronx history teacher who thought about how much of their own money teachers were spending to supply their students with books, art supplies and other materials, and how the public may have wanted to help. The non-profit organization allows public school teachers to submit individual projects and Donors Choose then posts it, vetting the cost of materials, with an accounting available to anyone who visits the site.

In Livonia, multiple teachers are thrilled at the success they have had with Donors Choose, including Kristen Spencer, who teaches science at Churchill High School and has received funding for owl pellets and caterpillars for previous science projects and most recently for physics with "project egg drop."

"I use Donors Choose to go beyond the classroom instruction and put what we are learning in to 'real world' experience," Spencer said. "All students bene-

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Brummer Elementary School teacher Michele Sanders is hoping to provide more Chromebook computers for her class to use via Donors Choose. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Fanfare celebrates marching bands in Novi

**Super Talk**
Steve Matthews
Guest columnist

I started the 9th grade as first chair trumpet in the Monroe Junior High School band. I ended up the year as the first chair baritone. How I came to be in that position depends on who tells the story.

If my Monroe Junior High School band director was telling the story he might mention that I lacked the discipline to practice as much as the first chair should practice. My band director might mention that I was challenged for the first chair by the girl who sat next to me. My band director might also mention that because of my lack of practice I was soon no longer first chair trumpet.

If I tell the story I might mention that I noticed that our band had a brand new baritone sitting in the instrument storage room. I might also mention that our band had no baritone players. If I tell the story I might mention that out of the

goodness of my heart and for the good of the band, I asked the band director if I could switch to the baritone.

My motives, I would say, were pure. I only wanted to help the band.

I will let you decide which story has the ring of truth to it.

The lesson that I learned from my band experience is that in order to play well it takes a lot of hard work.

The hard work of our Novi High School Marching Band will be on display Saturday, Oct. 12, at Novi High School's annual Fanfare. I would encourage you to attend.

Fanfare is a wonderful experience. This year 19 bands from around the region will come to share their competitive marching band programs and to get judged on what they do well and how they can improve.

Marching band season starts in the summer when band members meet in sectionals to begin learning the new music. The Color Guard also begins to prepare and practice in preparation for the upcoming season.

Marching band really takes off in Au-

gust at band camp. A full week is spent from sunup to sundown practicing not only the music but also learning the marching routine.

After band camp, but still well before the school year begins, the marching band continues to practice. In order to master their routine that last approximately fifteen minutes, hours and hours of practice are required.

Ultimately all of that practice is rewarded when the band takes the field. Not only is the music outstanding but the pageantry of the routine with the Color Guard and their flags is spectacular.

On Saturday, Oct. 12, I would encourage you to come to Novi High School and enjoy Fanfare. It is a wonderful experience. Performances last all afternoon but the Novi High School Marching Band will perform at the end of the competition, shortly after 8:30 PM.

I hope to see you there!

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

ITC Trail in Novi now completely finished

David Veselenak

Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

It's been nearly a decade in the making, but Novi residents finally have their chance to walk the city's newest trail to completion.

The ITC Trail, a 4.66 mile path that runs from the ITC Community Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier to the Ascension Providence Hospital campus north of 11 Mile near Beck, has wrapped up construction after several years and is ready for the public to traverse along it.

Completing it in 2019 marks an early completion for the trail, said Jeff Muck, Novi's director of parks, recreation and cultural services, as some original estimates were that the trail wouldn't be complete until 2022.

"I think there are a lot of people who are happy to see this trail completed," he said. "It's ahead of schedule and it's going to be such a great benefit to the community."

Construction on the trail took place in phases, with the last phase finishing between Nine Mile and 11 Mile this year. The completion of the trail, located on ITC property, means those interested in walking or bicycling the entire length of the trail can now do so.

A highlight of the trail is a 2,000-foot long boardwalk, the city's longest, which was completed earlier this year. The trail is completely accessible, as it's paved the entire length, Muck said.

The trail in Novi is just the latest done by ITC, which maintains power lines

"This is really the community's trail. We want the community to help us take care of it."

Jeff Muck

Novi's director of parks, recreation and cultural services

across the region. The company also has trails in Canton and West Bloomfield.

"ITC has been supportive of trail initiatives in our corridors as well," said Kelly Fulford, manager of marketing and communications for ITC "We're thrilled to see the trail opening soon and to be a part of them."

While there's still a little work to be done on the length of the trail — some amenities are planned to go up near the new housing development at Nine Mile and Garfield — the bulk of the work is complete. The hope moving into the future, Muck said, is that the trail could connect to other regional systems, such as trails in Maybury State Park in Northville or Hines Park in Wayne County.

Even now, Muck said he's beginning to receive requests from those who live along the trail for potential spur trails into their neighborhoods. Those additions would have to be considered at a later date, he said.

He said he's hoping the community takes ownership of the trail and is respectful of those who live along it, as well as keep it clean for all to enjoy.

"This is really the community's trail," he said. "We want the community to help us take care of it."



The ITC Corridor Trail as it heads north from 11 Mile east of Wixom in Novi.
JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

City of Novi
Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **October 8, 2019 at 7:00PM** in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ19-0034 (John Harvey) 151 Pickford St, East of West Park Drive and South of W Pontiac Trail, Parcel # 50-22-03-153-007. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 4.19(E) for a 758 square foot variance for a proposed 1,608 square feet of garage space, 850 square feet and 14 foot height allowed by code. The applicant is proposing a detached garage in addition to existent attached garage. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ19-0036 (The Goddard School) 39659 Thirteen Mile Rd, West of Haggerty Road and South of Thirteen Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-12-200-050. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Code Section 4.12.2.i.a for a proposed 19,033 square feet of outdoor recreation area, 23,400 square feet required by code. Section 4.12.2.i.a for a proposed recreation area occupying 63.87% of the exterior side yard, up to 25% of the distance between the building and the property line allowed by code. Section 5.4.3 for the absence of a loading zone. Section 5.2 for the deficiency of parking spaces, 40 spaces proposed, 41 required by code. Section 4.19.2.F for a proposed dumpster located in the front yard, dumpsters are required to be located in the rear yard by code. Section 4.19 for the location of play/shade structures in the exterior and interior side yards, and less than 10 feet from the main building, by code accessory structures must be located in the rear yard and must be located greater than 10 feet from the main building. Section 5.11 for the location of a fence in the exterior side yard, by code no fence shall extend into a front or exterior side yard. The proposed plan has a fence around the outdoor recreation area in the exterior side yard on the east side. City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(a) for a second ground sign, one ground sign allowed by code. Section 28-6 for an overtime, oversize temporary ground sign. This property is zoned Office Service Technology (OST).

PZ19-0037 (Signarama-Troy) 41000 Bridge Street, East of Meadowbrook Road and North of Eleven Mile Road, Parcel 50-22-13-352-003. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-6 for a proposed oversized 48 square foot temporary real estate sign. Sign is 5 feet over height, and use beyond the 64 day limit allowed by code. This property is zoned Light Industrial (I-1).

PZ19-0038 (ID Associates, Inc. / Floor & Decor) 44075 Twelve Mile Road, West of Novi Road and South of Twelve Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-15-200-112. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(a) and 28-5(b) for multiple oversized signs, one sign allowed per code. This property is zoned Regional Center (RC).

PZ19-0039 (ID Associates, Inc. / Scrubs & Beyond) 43530 West Oaks Dr B104, West of Novi Road and South of Twelve Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-15-200-059. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(b)(1)a. for a variance of 16.7 square feet for a proposed 66.70 square foot wall sign, 50 square feet allowed by code. This property is zoned Regional Center (RC).

PZ19-040 (Phillips Sign and Lighting / Beaumont Urgent Care) 43535 GRAND RIVER AVE, West of Novi Road and South of Grand River Avenue, Parcel # 50-22-22-227-029 The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(a) for a proposed second wall sign, one sign allowed by code This property is zoned Town Center-1 (TC-1).

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE
ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019
CITY OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE, please take notice that any qualified elector of the City of Northville who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the Wayne or Oakland County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at michigan.gov/vote and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, October 21, 2019.**

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the City of Northville Clerk's office, located at 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The election will be conducted in all voting precincts in the City of Northville for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

Local: Mayor, City Councilmember

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's Office.

Dianne Massa, CMC
City Clerk

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Crash-damaged Canton sculpture hauled away

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

As its creator looked on just a few feet away, Canton Township's massive, crash-damaged sculpture was prepped Tuesday afternoon for its hour-long trip to a Blissfield repair shop.

The one-ton hunk of steel, which was damaged during a two-car crash at the intersection of Canton Center and Ford roads Sunday morning, was carefully secured to a flatbed truck, 13 years after it was mounted at the site.

Named the "Canton Community Arch" in a community-wide naming contest in 2006, the structure was made to resemble a plowshare, symbolic of the township's agrarian history, said sculptor Ken Thompson, who was given the opportunity to create the piece in 2005.

In the wake of the crash, a car's front end was demolished by the toppled piece of steel. The driver of the heavily-damaged vehicle walked away with just minor injuries.

"In the public-art contract I have with Canton, in cases like this, I have the right to refusal, so they need to call me to find out how to proceed," revealed Thompson, who helped orchestrate the structure's Tuesday-afternoon loading. "From the minute I heard about the accident, I very much intended to be involved in the repair process."

Thompson said it was too early to determine how long it will take the sculpture to be repaired and returned to the site, and the cost of the repair.

Township Supervisor Pat Williams said the sculpture was insured. The township may also seek repair funds from the at-fault driver's insurance company.

"When I first saw the photo of the sculpture resting on the top of car on the (hometownlife.com) website, I thought the damage to the sculpture might be worse than it actually was," said Thompson. "By looking at the photo, I thought, 'Oh, man, it must be really messed up.'"



The massive steel sculpture in Canton that was damaged in a two-car crash Sunday was hauled away for repairs Tuesday. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"The way we built it, there's a skin-like material over what is actually a pretty complex structure. The car tore the skin, but the structure was not damaged. We're going to have to do some surgical work back at the shop.

"One part of the base was also heavily damaged. That will have to be replaced."

Thompson assured residents that the site where the sculpture once stood is safe and secured.

"After it's gone awhile, hopefully people will miss it and look forward to the day we have it fixed and back

here where it belongs," said Thompson, whose company has been commissioned to make over 70 large sculptures throughout the country.

Surprisingly, Canton's arch is not the first Thompson sculpture that has been damaged in an automobile accident.

"We have a 37,000-pound sculpture in downtown Detroit that has been hit twice by cars, even though it's not near a major road," he said. "Nothing surprises me any more."

Erwin Orchards plan to come before Lyon Board

Susan Bromley
Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A developer who wants to put almost 500 homes on Erwin Orchards is expected to bring the plan to the Lyon Township Board meeting this Monday.

Katherine Des Rochers, planning department coordinator, said that applicant Cider Mill Village of Lyon, LLC has requested to be put on the Oct. 7 agenda for preliminary approval for a planned unit development.

The plan, she said, is exactly the same one that the planning commission recommended denial in a 6-1 vote in August.

"This is going to be the most important meeting to determine the outcome," Des Rochers said. "This is where we see if the project will be approved or denied. Even though this isn't a formal public hearing, the board is good about allowing

the public to speak."

The public had plenty to say at the standing-room-only public hearing on the matter on Aug. 12, where residents cited concerns including density of the project, which is nearly 270% more than allowed by zoning, as well as traffic issues.

Howard Fingerroot, representing Cider Mill Village of Lyon LLC, could not be immediately reached for comment.

He was criticized by planning commissioners at the previous meeting for bringing "a crappy

plan" that was lacking in detail.

The plan, which calls for 490-housing units on 264 acres currently occupied by Erwin Orchards, was revised from an earlier plan that was even denser and included apartments. It retained 3.4 acres of retail, a recreation center on another 3.4 acres, and a village center on 6.1 acres.

In defending the plan, Fingerroot noted 12 acres of the apple orchard would be kept and 23.5 acres of land would also remain as a preservation

area. As a public benefit, the applicant has also offered to realign Kent Lake Road, a multi-million dollar project.

Des Rochers said it is rare for the township board to go against a planning commission recommendation. While it has happened in her 14 years with the township, in both instances, it occurred when the town-

ship board denied the planning commission's recommendations for approval of projects. The board has never approved a project in which the planning commission recommended denial that she can recall.

The agenda for the Oct. 7 Lyon Board of Trustees meeting is expected to be finalized and posted by mid-week.

Erwin Orchards is open for business. The owners have said they are ready to retire, and township officials have heard from a couple developers interested in the property at Pontiac Trail and Silver Lake Road.

Contact Susan Bromley at sbromley@hometownlife.com. Follow her on Twitter @SusanBromley10.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Novi will be voting for City Council as listed below:

MAYOR - 2 YEAR TERM - vote for not more than 1

Bob Gatt
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David Staudt
Laura Casey
Colleen Anne Crossey
Hugh D. Crawford
Tia Marie Sanders
Bin Qamruzzaman

COUNCIL MEMBER - 2 YEAR PARTIAL TERM - vote for not more than 1

Justin Fischer
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Full text of the ballot propositions may be obtained at the administrative offices of Novi Community School District, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, 48374-2423, telephone: (248) 449-1200.

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Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Oakland Community College, 2480 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304, telephone: (248) 341-2020.

A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

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Cortney Hanson, CMC, CMMC
City Clerk

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CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The test will be conducted at **4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 9, 2019** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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

CORTNEY HANSON, CMC, CMMC
CITY CLERK

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU19-0009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for **Servman LLC** is requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary parking for parcel **50-22-16-176-019**, North of Grand River Ave and East of Beck Road from **October 17, 2019 through October 17, 2020**. The property is zoned OST (Office Service Technology) 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 17th** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the **Community Development Conference Room**. All written comments should be directed to Katherine Oppermann and must be received prior to **October 16th**.

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Attorney joins suit against pet cemetery

Kayla Daugherty
Livingston Daily
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Accusations of fraud, aiding and abetting and breach of contract are among 12 new counts added last week to a year-long lawsuit involving the now-defunct Heavenly Acres Pet Cemetery.

Oakland County attorney Lisa Barnett joined the lawsuit as an intervening plaintiff after she learned the pet cemetery where she buried three of her dogs was closing.

On Thursday morning, she asked Livingston County Circuit Court Judge Matthew McGivney to consider her 180-paragraph amended complaint.

He allowed her to do so but warned her it would "be at her own peril."

McGivney also told her she needed to file the complaint by the end of the day, approximately five hours after he granted its submission.

Barnett alleges Linda Williams, who ran the cemetery until it closed last fall, falsely created the impression that the cemetery would be open forever. One local official said there could be as many as 74,000 animals and one human body buried there.

Barnett said Williams never told her the property was leased from an Illinois company, Stone Investments.

"Heavenly Acres Pet Cemetery intended to, and did obtain money and property from Barnett through its material false representation and the false impression it had created," Barnett wrote in her complaint.

She also states Stone Investments and Carol Street Park Ridge LLC knew the property was being used as a pet cemetery.

"Stone and Carol Street provided substantial assistance to the fraud by entering into the lease with Williams and Heavenly Acres knowing that she intended to continue to operate a cemetery on the property... and by failing to notify the police about the fraudulent activity occurring on the Property," Barnett wrote in the complaint.

She says the property owners have



Zereb and Sasha, two of Milan Emanuele's cats, are buried at Heavenly Acres pet cemetery in Genoa Township, Mich. The cemetery's future is uncertain after a lease expired. SUBMITTED



Barnett McGivney Pollesch

Oakland County attorney Lisa Barnett alleges Linda Williams, who ran the cemetery until it closed last fall, falsely created the impression that the cemetery would be open forever.

refused to allow her to exhume her pets without signing a liability waiver which includes protection from future legal claims.

Last month, Brighton attorney Shari Pollesch, who represents the property owners, Carol Street Park Ridge, told pet owners they could exhume their pets any day in September.

"They can have it. They can have every day in the month in September provided they return and sign the waiver," said

That offer differs from what was written in a letter sent to approximately 600 pet owners last month.

"There will be no exceptions made to the terms of the exhumation activities. There will be no alternative dates offered," Pollesch wrote in the letter, dated July 16.

According to the letter, each pet owner was asked to contact Pollesch's office to select a date from the nine days listed in the letter between July 24 and Sept. 7.

The letter is one result of a settlement between four pet owners: Diane Rousseau, Albert Holtz, Kimberly Goldstein and Sandra Reed; the property owners; and Linda Williams, who ran the pet cemetery prior to its closure.

"The fact that people are calling my

office saying they cannot find their pets indicates they haven't been to the property regularly, and we are documenting that," Pollesch said.

As part of the settlement, all involved signed a non-disclosure agreement preventing them from commenting on the resolution. Additionally Williams agreed to release a list of pet owner's names as part of the settlement.

Lawsuit filed

The property's lease expired in September of last year, "requiring a closing of the cemetery," Brighton attorney David Johnson, who represented Williams, wrote to Rousseau last year.

In January, the four pet owners asked now-retired Livingston County Judge David Reader to issue a temporary restraining order on the property preventing the animals from being removed or destroyed.

Reader signed the restraining order, and it remained in effect until the settlement.

Since January, there have been a handful of court hearings continuing the order and the fight against Williams, Carol Street Park Ridge, Heavenly Acres Pet Cremation Services, Stone Investment and First Pet Care Services to preserve the cemetery.

Last week, one of the pet owners, Diane Fifer, told McGivney she has not been allowed to view the public court file. He did not respond to her comment in court.

Barnett said she has not been able to view the file but the court did email her a copy of the original complaint.

Staff at the courthouse in Brighton said they have made arrangements in the past to allow the public to view the file and are happy to do so in the future.

The public is not able to view files at the Brighton courthouse unless a clerk from Howell goes to the Brighton courthouse or the file is transported to Howell for viewing.

Contact Kayla Daugherty at 517-552-2848 or kdaugherty@gannett.com. Follow her on Twitter @KayDaugherty92.

Oceola Township woman gives refuge to senior dogs

Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily | USA
TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Visitors to Sheila Hall-Gabriel's property are met by an odd-looking crew.

A white Shepherd, two pit bulls and a black lab mix lead the way followed by a chubby Chihuahua and an old black Labrador known as "The Godfather."

For Hall-Gabriel, 49, this crew is nothing new. She has been rescuing dogs for 28 years, focusing on senior dogs for the last 10.

Next month she will throw a birthday party for Lucky, aka "The Godfather," as he turns 18.

Hall-Gabriel said Labradors don't often live to 18 years, and the birthday party she is throwing Lucky will be complete with a pinata and a dog-friendly cake.

"There will be shaved ice in beef and gravy flavor," she said.

While beef and gravy shaved ice is not a normal occurrence in the Hall-Gabriel home, showing love to older dogs is something Hall-Gabriel does every day.

She runs a senior dog sanctuary out of her home in Oceola Township near Howell where older dogs are able to live out the rest of their lives sleeping on couches and roaming a 12-acre lot.

A haven for older dogs

Hall-Gabriel started Gracie's Haven, a nonprofit focused on helping senior dogs, after adopting a white retriever mix, Grace.

Grace was rescued from her original owners in 2009 when she was nine-years-old after being chained to an outdoor dog house her whole life.

"They didn't feed her on a regular basis. The chain was too short so her head would be exposed all year round," Hall-Gabriel said.

Grace lived to be 15 before her back legs gave up and she was unable to stand.

"She was the best dog. I cannot put her devotion into words," Hall-Gabriel said.

Hall-Gabriel wasn't looking to take in another dog soon after Grace's death but Lucky had other plans.

"I got a call about Lucky and I told them I wasn't ready," she said. "Then they told me, it's his back legs, and that's what got me. I told them I would meet them at the vet."



Gracie's Dog Haven owner Sheila Hall-Gabriel, surrounded by (from left) Kai, Romeo, Karma and Anna, talks about caring for the senior dogs at her Oceola Township home on Tuesday.

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She adopted Lucky, then 14, on Oct. 5, 2015, exactly one month after losing Grace. Since then a handful of dogs have come and gone from her home, all seniors.

"The death rate of senior dogs is too high," she said. "They don't last three days in shelters."

Livingston County Animal Control euthanized 24 shelter dogs, according to a 2018 Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development report. In the report Christy Peterson, the shelter director, wrote 20 of those dogs were sick or injured and unable to be rehabilitated.

"We find many people are hesitant to adopt older dogs because of unexpected medical expenses," said Barbara Castleman a volunteer for Grey Muzzles, an organization that helps senior dogs across the country.

Grey Muzzles awarded more than \$400,000 in grants to animal shelters and rescues last year. Castleman said the organization also works with pet owners to keep senior dogs at home and out of shelters.

"Our vision for the world is where no old dog dies alone and afraid," she said.

Hall-Gabriel said two years ago she was told about a family who dropped off their senior dog at a shelter and took home a puppy the same day.

It's a mentality she hopes to change.

The crew

Currently she has seven dogs, which besides Lucky include two pit bulls, Karma and Bella; a blind and deaf cocker spaniel, Buddy; a black lab mix named Anna; a white Shepherd, Kai; and a Chihuahua named Radar.

Karma, Bella, Buddy and Radar are all 11. Anna is 6 and Kai, the baby of the group, is 2.

Hall-Gabriel said she normally doesn't adopt young dogs but when she heard about Kai she had to adopt him because Shepherds are on the dangerous list at shelters and are typically euthanized.

In January a bill was introduced into Michigan's legislature that would prohibit local governments from "enacting or enforcing an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that regulates a dog based upon the breed or perceived breed of the dog."

Last month Michigan achieved a "no-kill" state designation from the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance, but that doesn't mean that shelter euthanizations are now banned, or that they've been reduced to zero.

Instead, the alliance's "no-kill" status recognizes that last year, Michigan shelters achieved a 90% live release rate on the animals they took in.

That number means that 90% of animals taken into shelters were adopted, returned to their original owner or transferred to another shelter or rescue organization.

All of Hall-Gabriel's animals have been released by their owners.

"Buddy was found wandering the streets of Flint. I removed two and a half pounds of matted fur," she said.

After discovering the cost of taking care of a deaf, blind senior dog Buddy's owner asked Hall-Gabriel to keep him.

She does not adopt out animals she takes in.

"Some of dogs die on their way from the vet to a foster home from the stress and anxiety," she said. "They've had a family for 10 or 11 years, and now they are in a cement cage."

Hall-Gabriel said some of the dogs she takes in live multiple years, like

Lucky, and others are only with her for a short time.

When it is time for the dog to be put down, something she said all of her dogs have told her, her vet comes to the house.

"They don't want to die on a cold table," she said.

What's next

After searching for more than two years for a home large enough for her growing family, Hall-Gabriel found property near Howell complete with a barn she hopes to turn into a doghouse in the future.

"There won't be crates or metal grates. It will have couches and beds," she said. "Literally a house for dogs."

Hall-Gabriel has a certificate in animal nutrition and travels to dog shows educating owners on how to care for senior dogs.

"Radar's original owner dropped him off to me at a dog show in January. She came up to me with him in a stroller and told me she couldn't take care of him," she said.

Normally she does not accept dogs at dog shows, Hall-Gabriel said, but she had to take him.

Taking care of these dogs is a full-time job for Hall-Gabriel and relies on support from the community and private donors.

Currently she is looking for help putting up a fence on her property. Fencing material was donated to her, but she has no way of putting up the fence herself.

Gracie's Haven became an official nonprofit in 2017 and she hopes to take in more dogs and offer classes for owners of senior dogs.

"Senior dogs are the best," she said.

Birthday party invitation:

Hall-Gabriel said the public is welcome to come to the party on Oct. 5 but "there won't be any people food, so pack a picnic." Dogs are welcome, she said, but they have to be up-to-date on shots with paperwork.

The celebration will also be streamed on Facebook from her page, Gracie's Dog Haven.

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Schmuck's planning brewpub at gravel pit

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A vacant office building at a gravel pit and concrete business could become a new microbrewery, taproom and eatery near Howell.

American Concrete Products owner and beer brewer Brad Jonckheere and his wife, Alicia, have proposed transforming the building at 4944 Mason Road in Howell Township into Schmuck's Brewing Co., and township officials recently approved preliminary site plans.

"It will have a brewery downstairs and taproom upstairs," Jonckheere said. "It will also have a patio and a lot of things outdoors, like corn hole, fire pits and gathering tables, and igloos (made of clear plastic) in the wintertime with a heater in the center."

He said Schmuck's Brewing Co. will eventually brew 18 to 24 beers on site.

"We'll do a lot of the most popular styles, IPAs, pilsners, sours, amber ales and lagers," he said. "We'll also do spirits and wine, all produced on site. For spirits, we want to do gin, vodka, whiskey and bourbon."

The microbrewery and pub will get up and running in phases.

"Initially, it will be production only," Jonckheere said. "We'll start brewing. ...We'll start with a small one-barrel pilot system and then we are looking at a 10-barrel system."

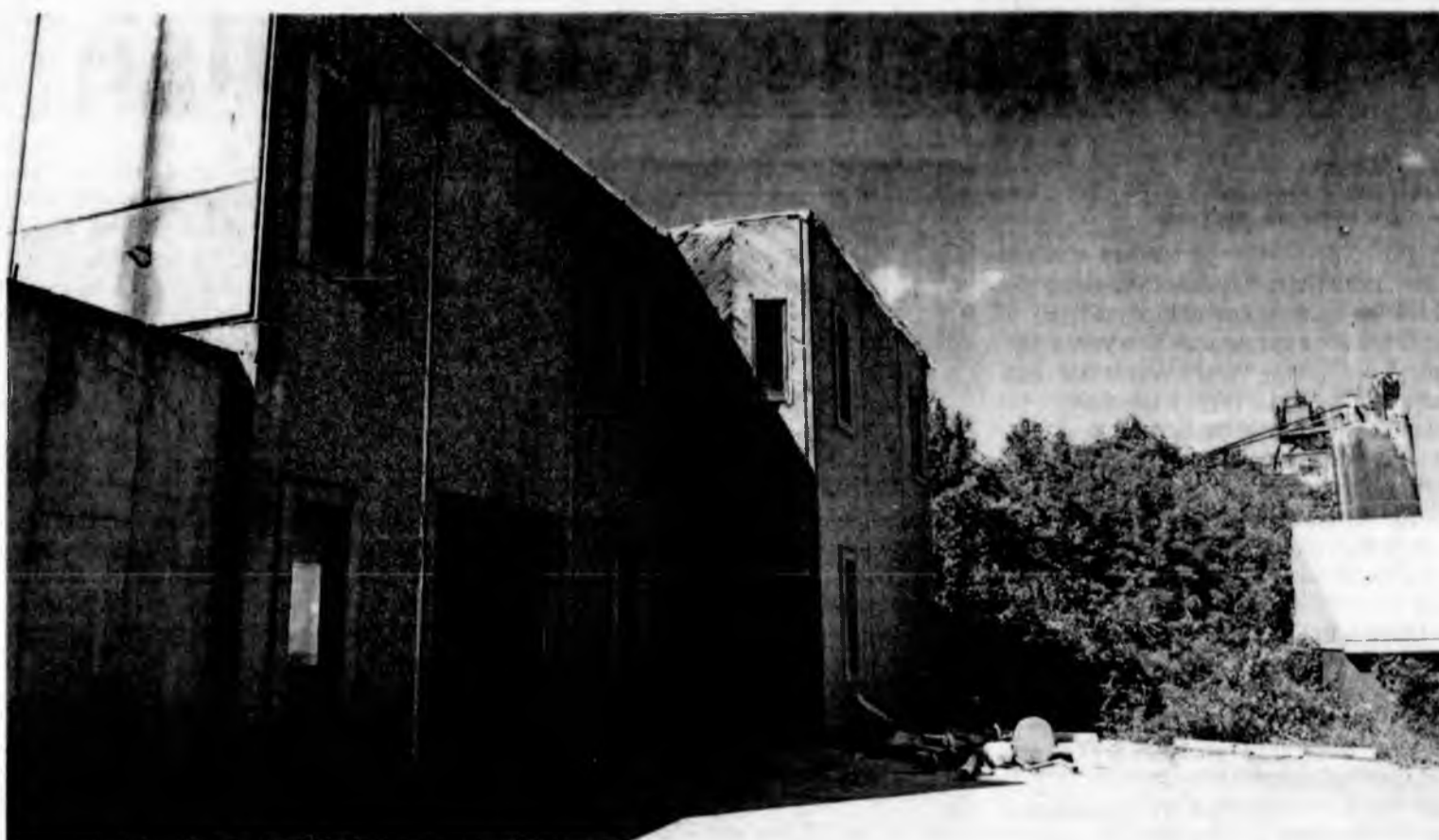
He said he hopes to have the whole thing open sometime next year and employ up to 10 people.

The establishment would also serve pub food such as pizza, sandwiches, pretzels and other comfort foods.

It would seat about 80 people indoors and about 80 outdoors.

Jonckheere said the look and feel of the pub will match its industrial setting at the gravel pit and concrete business.

"We're going to incorporate shipping containers. One will be the entrance and another will be an exit to a beer garden that will be like a little bridge," he said. "We'll have unique tables and chairs made out of different items I've acquired, like a large heat exchanger turned into a table and a section of a boom crane off one of our trucks will be the base of a table. We have a lot of stuff



Schmuck's Brewing Co. has been proposed for a former office building at a Howell Township gravel pit and concrete business American Concrete Products. GILLES BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

around here we can repurpose."

The plan is to eventually host private events such as parties and wedding receptions.

"We have a lot of ideas for the future. Someday we might put in some walking paths, mountain bike paths," Jonckheere said.

He started brewing beer as a hobby out of his home.

I said he liked it so much he decided to enroll in a brewing training program at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. He got hands-on training from Block Brewing Co.'s original brew master and Schoolcraft College instructor Tom Block.

Jonckheere stayed with Block Brewing Co. past his training program, taking over as brew master for a while.

Howell Township's Planning Commission recommended approval of a preliminary site plan Tuesday.

"Next month, we're going for final site plan approval, which the board (of

trustees) would have to approve," Jonckheere said.

He first brought his plan to township officials about two years ago.

The township's board of trustees approved rezoning in November 2017 of about four acres where the brew pub would be located to residential service use. Township officials specified that only a microbrewery could be built there.

In February of last year, township officials granted Jonckheere approvals for micro brewer, small wine maker and small distiller licenses.

He said he is also applying for a license that would allow him to sell alcoholic products to other businesses, including other pubs and stores.

More plans for the property

"In the future, the property will go back to residential and we'll be putting

houses in here and hopefully a park area," Jonckheere said. "The timeline for residential is probably four or five years."

He said American Concrete Products is getting toward the end of mining gravel on the site.

"We'd like to also have things like an auto repair shop, a hair salon, whatever fits into neighborhood service commercial (uses)," he said. "That will be after the mining is complete. We'll repurpose buildings into other shops."

He said he expects Schmuck's Brewing Co. to be a neighborhood draw.

"We're out in the country, so we're going to be a destination people will have to drive to. We'll have a lot of neighbors who can come, sit and talk with each other," he said. "We hope to have a lot of regulars and know their names."

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Bloomfield man fought on D-Day, Battle of the Bulge

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For more than 70 years Clarence Myrold of Bloomfield Township has tried to forget his life experiences as a young infantryman during World War II. He was a student at Cass Tech High School in Detroit, graduating in August 1943. He also attended classes at Detroit City Airport on Saturdays and Sundays. He had tried to enlist but was not accepted due to an astigmatism problem.

In September 1943 he was drafted, sent to Fort Custer and then to Fort McClellan in Alabama by train. He received 16 weeks of basic training there. "It was pretty thorough," he remembers. "They were training young midwestern boys and farmhands who had had no experience fighting."

From Fort McClellan the young soldiers were sent to New York for transport across the Atlantic. Because of the threat of German submarines attacking, the convoy headed north and landed in Ireland in April at "Repo Depot." This was a slang name for an area receiving new soldiers to replace those killed or wounded in battle. They received more training there. As D-Day approached in Spring 1944 they boarded troop ships and headed for the south of England. D-Day initiated the effort to free Western Europe from Nazi Germany.

The D-Day invasion was the largest amphibious landing in history as 6,939 vessels including warships, landing ships, ancillary crafts, and merchant vessels transported the troops. The 156,000 troops were American, British and Canadian. Omaha Beach was the destination for the American troops. The terrain there had about 1200 feet of beach before high bluffs making the assault very dangerous as troops were exposed. Another factor was that planes had not destroyed the bunkers and placement of German weapons. Casualties were very high.

There were also problems with men getting ashore with their heavy loads of



Clarence Myrold, above, was a young infantryman when he was part of the Normandy invasion on D-Day. He recently reminisced about his experiences and would like people to be better informed about World War II.

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As a young infantryman, Myrold performed heroically in the Normandy invasion and subsequent battles in World War II. COURTESY CLARENCE MYROLD

equipment. Many drowned. Tanks were launched too far out and ended up sinking, leaving the infantry with no support.

Myrold's ship was ordered to Omaha Beach. Upon arrival in that area their ship was diverted to Utah Beach. Mistake... they were told to return to Omaha Beach.

Myrold notes, "This probably save my life. We invaded on the second day of the battle. As we transferred from the troop ship to the landing craft, one of

our group of men lost his grip on the rope net from the troop ship and fell into the water never resurfacing. We were heavily loaded with ammunition, gas masks, rifles, a special suit, a shovel and other heavy items. It was difficult to move."

"We stayed on the beach in a stand of trees that first night. In the following days we fought our way to St. Lo. It was important to destroy the railroad there to prevent the arrival of German supplies. We eventually captured a submarine base in Brest. This base was valuable to the army because the deep water enabled large supply ships to dock and bring urgently needed supplies for the troops," Myrold continued.

"Killing people is dirty business in war and there are many incidents of friendly fire injuring troops," says Myrold. "Replacement infantrymen were needed continuously. We slept in slit trenches at night which were about 18 inches deep. We dug them with our shovels. In the winter we dug into snow banks. One time I was hit with shrapnel but fortunately its momentum had been slowed by distance and traveling through snow."

Myrold continued on moving across France and participating in the Battle of the Bulge all the while witnessing great casualties. As the war in Europe ended he was in the process of being sent to the Pacific when Japan surrendered. He was given the choice of being raised in rank or discharged. He chose to be discharged and returned to Detroit.

Enrolled in the University of Detroit, he had a very successful college career. He and his wife, Nan, were married 69 years ago. They adopted five children and have led happy lives.

As he reminisced about his war years, Myrold said, "I have tried to forget about the war, and I seldom talk about it, but not a day goes by that I don't remember it."

Myrold was honored recently by being made an honorary member of the West Point Society. Members were pleased to give him recognition.

Novi forum to feature candidates for mayor, council

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Novi voters are invited to attend a forum on Oct. 3 to learn more about the candidates for mayor and city council that will be on the November ballot.

The forum, sponsored by the League of Women Voters Oakland Area (LWVOA), kicks off at 6 p.m. at the Novi City Hall, 45175 Ten Mile Road, with the two candidates for mayor expected to discuss issues. Incumbent Bob Gatt is being challenged for the 2-year term by newcomer Christine Ingles.

At 6:40 p.m., the six candidates seeking three available 4-year terms will get their turn to talk.

Those candidates are current Councilmember Laura Marie Casey and Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Staudt, as well as Hugh Crawford, Colleen Crosssey, Bin Qamruzzaman, and Tia Marie Sanders.

Finally, at 8 p.m., the three candidates seeking to fill a 2-year partial term on council will have an opportunity to present their views.

Those candidates are Alexandra Dinser, Justin Fischer and Carolyn Upton.

The forum wraps up at 8:40 p.m. The public is invited to learn more about the program and ask questions.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization with membership open to anyone 18 years of age or older who would like to participate in hands-on work to encourage active and informed participation by citizens in government.

For information, call 248-594-6602 or see www.LWVOA.org.

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Let these chocolatiers help you gorge yourself on deliciousness

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What's better than chocolate? Chocolate for a cause and you're invited.

"A Chocolate Affair," a delectable pleasure for chocolate lovers in which you can cast aside guilt in the knowledge you are contributing to a greater good, is planned for 2-5 p.m. Friday at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland.

"Who doesn't like chocolate?" said Barbara Weir, chair of the event hosted by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, a charitable organization. "It's anything chocolate you can imagine and the restaurants are great because they try to one up each other... They really get into it. Come on an empty stomach."

At least 400 guests are expected to sample both sweet and savory concoctions from about 20 different restaurant chefs, bakers, and expert chocolate makers.

All proceeds from the affair benefit First Step, a Wayne County agency that provides counseling and emergency housing to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families. Over the 15 years, LAOH has been conducting "A Chocolate Affair," the organization has donated more than \$100,000 to First Step.

Tickets to the event are \$30 and provides not only about two dozen chocolate confections, but also various other hot and cold hors d'oeuvres so you don't overdose on sugar. Additionally, there is musical entertainment, a cash bar, door prizes and you get to vote on your favorite chocolate specialty.

A Chocolate Affair draws many return chocolate artisans, including Jeff Zak of Jeff Zak Catering of Plymouth, who has been with the event since its inception and believes in good karma from giving back to a worthy cause such as First Step.

Zak has previously brought delights to the event including "Candy Bar Quesadilla" (see recipe at the end of this article).

This year, guest at A Chocolate Affair will get two samples from Zak's table: an iced white chocolate mocha and a chocolate chevre panini.

"People say that they hate goat cheese, but I am like, 'No, you're eating that,'" laughs Zak. "We'll have an interactive table and grill the paninis on site."

Also at the event for her second year will be T'Andra Stewart, owner of Tee' Licious Dessert Creations, who will be making crepes on site for guests, filled with Bavarian custard, and topped with strawberries or bananas, with a chocolate drizzle, powdered sugar and whipped cream.

"I am always trying to give back, I believe in that," Stewart said of the cause to which the event is dedicated. She also said the Hellenic Cultural Center is a beautiful, elegant venue to host "A Chocolate Affair."

Also in attendance and bringing the goods:

1. Cupcake Station - Plymouth, with Mini Cupcakes
2. Bell Stone Toffee, Livonia, English Toffee with Chocolate
3. Claddagh Irish Pub & Restaurant, Livonia, Chocolate Walnut Bars & Salted Caramel Shots
4. Petit Gateaux Patisserie, Canton,



T'Andra Stewart finishes up making a Nutella crepe with strawberries, caramel sauce and whipped cream at her Laurel Park Place Tee' Licious shop on Sept. 23. Stewart will be making some of her chocolate goodies at the upcoming Chocolate Affair on Oct. 6.



Jeff Zak, of Jeff Zak Catering in Plymouth, will be creating these chocolate and chevre cheese paninis for the upcoming Chocolate Affair on Oct. 6.

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Mini Chocolate Macaroons & Cupcakes

5. Tee' Licious Dessert Creations, Livonia, Crepes
6. Kilwin's of Plymouth, Fudge & Chocolate Caramel Apples
7. Red Robin of Livonia, Chocolate Brownie Fruffles
8. A Serendipity Cakery, Riverview, Cake Balls & Lollywaffles w/chocolate sauce
9. Chocolate Chipped Bakery, Farmington, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Double Chocolate Chip Cookies, Funfetti Cookie, & Pumpkin Spice Cookies
10. Nothing Bundt Cakes, Novi, Chocolate "Bundtinis"
11. Jeff Zak Catering, Plymouth, chocolate chevre panini and iced white chocolate mocha
12. On the Border Mexican Cantina - Novi, Chocolate Caramel Brownies
13. Luca's Pastry, Canton, Chocolate Cannoli
14. Tropical Smoothie Cafe, Westland, Strawberry, Banana and Chocolate Smoothies
15. Sorella's Custom Cakes, Livonia, Chocolate Petit Fours
16. Dunkin Donuts, Plymouth, Chocolate Munchkins, Cold Pressed Coffee
17. Simply Gourmand, Dryden, cheesecake

A Chocolate Affair

Come cheat on your diet from 2 - 5 p.m., Oct 6, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, in Westland. Tickets are \$30 for adults/general admission, children 15 and under, \$15.



Guilt Chocolates layers semi-sweet chocolate, from this machine, into molds and lets them set overnight and then fills them with a ganache.

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Chocolate at home

Savory Chocolate Sea Salt Crostini

- 1 French baguette, cut into diagonal 1/2 inch slices
- extra virgin olive oil
- 4 ounces high-quality dark chocolate, broken into 1-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon flaked sea salt
- **** try a slice of chevre

1. Preheat the oven's broiler and set the oven rack about 6 inches from the heat source. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.

2. Arrange baguette slices in a single layer on the baking sheet. Place under broiler until golden, 2 minutes. Turn each slice over and broil 2 minutes. Turn off broiler.

3. Turn each slice over again; drizzle with olive oil. Push chocolate piece into the center of each slice and return baking sheet to oven for 2 more minutes. Remove from oven and lightly sprinkle each chocolate piece with sea salt.

Candy Bar Quesadilla

- 6 Old El Paso™ Flour Tortillas for Soft Tacos & Fajitas
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 3 bars milk chocolate candy, unwrapped

****additional fillings - marshmallows, nuts, toasted coconut, dried cherries, white chocolate, crushed cookies, gram crackers, raspberry jam, apricot jam ... the list is endless

1. Heat oven to 450°F. Brush both sides of each tortilla with melted butter; place in single layer on ungreased cookie sheet.

2. Place half of a candy bar on half of each tortilla. Fold each tortilla in half to form half-moon shape.

3. Bake at 450°F. for 4 to 6 minutes or until golden brown.

Recipes courtesy of Jeff Zak

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Oakland County workers to get wage bump

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Michigan's richest county is gradually shifting — politically — from red to purple, with blue in sight.

Last week, a slim Democratic majority on the countywide board carried on a bipartisan tradition established under longtime county executive L. Brooks Patterson, the county's Republican standard-bearer until his death on Aug. 3. They lent their votes to a unanimous approval of the county budget.

More significant? Democrats convinced most of their Republican counterparts to join them in passing a \$15 minimum wage for county workers.

The board gave its unanimous approval to the county's first annual budget measure, which provides a 2% raise for all of the nearly 5,000 county employees. It was the first budget to pass under newly appointed County Executive Dave Coulter, the first Democrat ever to hold that post in Oakland County.

But to some observers' surprise, the Democrats also were able to lead most of the GOP members away from their party's conventional opposition toward a \$15-per-hour minimum. Although it applies only to county workers, the goal of the measure is not only to make county jobs more attractive but also to set an example for local governments and private-sector employers across southeast Michigan.

In choosing \$15, they've joined the national conversation about raising the status of low-income Americans that Democrats have voiced all year, through union supporters and in the campaigns of many Democratic presidential hopefuls.

As with the county's electorate as a whole, the power shift atop county government has been gradual, and the margin for Democrats is super-slim. On the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, Democrats enjoy just a one-vote margin, with 11 Democrats and 10 Republicans. Still, that was enough to entice some Republicans to the side of a very traditionally Democratic position:

a minimum wage for county workers that's considerably higher than Michigan's minimum of \$9.45.

The budget resolution covers fiscal years 2020 through 2022. In a news release, the board's communications staff described the effort as "the result of an extensive, collaborative and bipartisan effort," one in which the board's leaders from both parties worked closely with Coulter.

"We've approved a budget that fixes more local roads than ever, protects our water, improves health care, and helps grow our local economy," said Dave Woodward, a Democrat from Royal Oak, and leader of the board's Democrats.

The Republican leader had equally warm words.

"I would like to congratulate the administration and the board on adopting a budget that is consistent with past financial practices, and that is responsible from an overall spending perspective," said Mike Gingell, a Republican from Lake Orion.

The \$15 minimum wage for county workers was supported by key Republi-

cans because it will make county jobs attractive "in this booming job market in Oakland County," said Phil Weipert, a Republican from South Lyon.

"We all realized that the public sector has been traditionally behind the private sector in wages," Weipert said, citing examples of a fast-food entry-level job paying more than \$16 in Oakland County, and "someone selling doughnuts getting \$15 an hour."

The proposal, which was first introduced by board Democrats in May, will raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour for all full-time employees and for part-time workers performing the same work. Officials believe that about 230 county workers stand to benefit. Commissioner Angela Powell, a Democrat from Pontiac, said, "We are leading by example."

"Raising wages for workers who are at the bottom rung of the economic ladder has long been a priority for us," Woodward added. "Economic opportunity should be afforded to everyone who works."



The roundabout at 10 Mile and Napier in Lyon during construction two years ago. A new roundabout is being planned for the intersection of Pontiac Trail and Seven Mile Road in Salem Township. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Meeting set on planned Salem roundabout

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The road commission plans to construct a new roundabout at the intersection of 7 Mile and Pontiac Trail in Salem Township next year.

The Washtenaw County Road Commission will host an informational meeting on the project from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Oct. 9, at the Salem Township Hall, 9600 Six Mile Road.

The Road Commission announced

in April its plans to build the roundabout at the intersection, describing it as "the ideal solution because it can move traffic through an intersection more efficiently and with less congestion than a traditional intersection. Roundabouts are also one of the safest options available and they are typically more cost-effective than a traditional signal."

This particular intersection was chosen for the roundabout due to it being one of the most congested in the county. The roundabout is expected to

alleviate congestion during peak hours.

Construction is planned for next year, and is estimated that it will take up to two months to complete. During that time, the intersection will be completely closed to traffic and a detour will be posted.

For specific questions on this project, contact Mark McCulloch, senior project manager, at 734-327-6679 or mcclullochm@wccroads.org.

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12 recycling mistakes that Americans often make

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They're 12 things that Earth-friendly Americans want to recycle — and who can blame them?

But when bad stuff goes into a recycling cart or bin, it contaminates the good stuff. So buyers refuse shipments or they pay a lot less. Either way, that drives up recycling costs for, well, Earth-friendly Americans, Lucas Dean says.

To make the point, Dean loaded his desk with a dirty dozen of recycling mistakes. He's supervisor of the SOCRRRA recycling plant in Troy, one of Michigan's largest, serving 13 cities in Oakland County. Check your town's website for your recycling rules. But, odds are, these 12 things should go to a drop-off center or into your trash can:

- Plastic bags
- Coat hangers
- Junk metal (auto parts, pots and pans, all metal but food and beverage cans)
- Paper towels and tissues
- Wire and electric cords
- Garden hoses and other hoses
- Batteries
- Large plastic junk (toys, garden tools)
- Styrofoam packaging, foam "peanuts"
- Old cassette and VHS tapes
- Pizza boxes (unless free of food and grease)
- Flimsy No. 1 food containers (if it says No. 1 but isn't a water bottle, it's trash).

Added note: Don't bag your recycling. That makes trouble for workers. Keep most stuff loose in your cart or bin.

Dixboro Road closes for 2 months for culvert work

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Dixboro Road between 8 and 9 Mile roads was scheduled to be closed for two months starting this past Tuesday.

The Road Commission for Oakland County closed the road in order to replace culverts and excavate poor soil in preparation for paving the road next spring.

The culvert work is not expected to be completed until early December.

Residential and Volunteer Park traffic will be maintained throughout the project on the road that borders Lyon and Green Oak townships as well as the City of South Lyon; however, the soil excavation on three sections of the road will shift Dixboro Road access points to either 8 Mile or 9 Mile Road.

Signs will direct traffic. The detour for through traffic will be 9 Mile Road to Pontiac Trail to 8 Mile Road, back to Dixboro Road and vice versa.

The approximately \$3.5 million project is 80% federally funded with the remaining portion shared by RCOC, Lyon Township, South Lyon, Green Oak Township and Oakland County general government through the Tri-Party Program.

Besides the imminent twin culvert



Dixboro Road will be closed between 8 and 9 Mile roads starting Oct. 1 for culvert replacement. The work is expected to take two months and is being done in anticipation of paving the road next spring.

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replacement, 2020 work will include paving the 1-mile section of gravel with asphalt; improving drainage; and some curb and gutter installation.

Once the culvert and soil excavation is completed in December, the road will fully reopen to traffic until work begins on paving in the spring of 2020.

Dixboro Road carries approximately 630 vehicles daily. The contractor for

the project is Dan's Excavating of Shelby Township.

To learn more about the Dixboro Road project, visit the project page on RCOC's website at www.rcocweb.org, then select "Road Projects" and "Dixboro Road 2019-2020."

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South Lyon's Pumpkinfest sprinkled with fun

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So it rained on the parade.

Guests of the 35th annual South Lyon Pumpkinfest on Saturday didn't seem to mind, lining the streets of downtown by the hundreds.

They arrived for a good time, watching runners in a 5K make their way down Lafayette ahead of the parade, which ambled down shortly before 10:30 a.m. and lasted well over an hour with military veterans, bands, dancers, pom teams, and an array of pumpkin-themed floats before finishing with first responders.

After the parade, visitors dispersed among dozens of booths which hosted a variety of games for children, or to food trucks, and a sizeable crowd gathered around the Ultimate Air Dogs pool, at which dogs dove off a platform in practice for competition that will be going on all weekend.

Through ups and downs, US economy leads world



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

My brother and I just celebrated our 35th year in business. It was the summer of 1984 when we opened our business, and if I look back over the last 35 years, it is amazing how much our world has changed. Back in 1984, there was no such thing as cell phones, email, texts, bill pay, and the great majority of Americans didn't have home computers.

Back in 1984, a gallon of gas was \$1.10 and a ticket to a movie was \$2.50, interest rates were 10% percent, and the Dow was around 1200.

Over the last 35 years, investors have experienced just about every type of market there can be. From Black Monday where the Dow dropped 25 percent in one day, to the United States losing its AAA rating, the dot.com bubble, the 2008 recession, and I can go on and on, but I think you get the point. Over the

last 35 years, our economy and our country have had its fair share of crisis. However, there's something that's also true.

Despite all the problems and challenges our economy has faced over the last 35 years, something is also true and that is that despite everything, just like it was 35 years ago, the United States continues to be the strongest economy in the world and the envy of the world. Another truth is that despite all the crashes and market downturns, the last 35 years have seen incredible growth in stock markets; not only here but around the world. What Warren Buffet frequently says is true; it's not timing the stock market, rather it's time in the stock market that will make you successful.

As much as things have changed in our world, it is important that as investors, we learn the lessons of the past. That doesn't mean I believe that the past is going to repeat itself or that the issues we face today are the same that people faced in the past, because

they're not.

What it does mean is that you need to take the lessons of the past and apply them to today's situation. A scam artist today has all sorts of new technology that they can use to try to scam you out of your money. The Ponzi scammers are certainly more sophisticated than they were in the past; however, basically they are no different from the Ponzi scammers 20 years ago, 50 years ago or 100 years ago. If in today's world people learn the lessons of the past, there would be less victims of financial fraud.

One of the lessons that we do have to learn from the past is that we have to change with the times. Whether we like it or not and as difficult as it may be, we have to change. Just because our parents or grandparents invested their money one way doesn't mean that you should invest your money that way as well. It means that you learn from their failures and successes and apply that to today's world.

For example, when it comes to saving for retirement, your grandparents may

have been thinking about a five- or 10-year retirement where every year they would live on less and less. That is not the reality today. In today's world you probably have to plan for a 30-year retirement, and as opposed to having a shrinking income on a year-by-year basis, you are going to need a rising income. We all know that 10, 20 and 30 years from now it is going to cost us substantially more to live than it does today.

It is nostalgic when you look back 35 years ago and think how much simpler the world was. I imagine 30 years from now, people will be looking back with nostalgia at 2019 and saying, wasn't life simpler back then.

The challenges and issues we face today are different, and in many ways, more challenging than they were in the past. That doesn't mean that we should forget about the past but rather, use it as a guide for today's times.

Good luck!

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Condo trend pushes repairs on individual owner



Robert Meisner
Guest columnist

Q: Our condo association wants to change our bylaws to make each co-owner responsible for the repair, painting, upkeep, etc. of their balcony.

If changes are passed by the membership, the balconies will be inspected by the board, and a determination will be made as far as needed repairs, etc. Could this be opening a can of worms?

A: Any major shift in responsibility from the association to the individual co-owners or vice versa has its risks. In this case, you might be concerned that co-owners who neglect their new responsibilities to care for their balconies themselves will end up affecting not only their own balconies but perhaps

other balconies and other common elements. However, the association's attorney can help mitigate these risks. Hopefully, the proposed bylaw amendment or another section of the bylaws makes clear that if the individual co-owner does not adequately address their new responsibilities, the association has the ability to do so and assess the cost to the co-owner, with all rights to collect those amounts in the same way that regular assessments are collected.

There is a prevailing trend to shift more responsibilities away from the association to the individual co-owners, which often makes sense for limited common elements that may experience significant variance in wear and tear from one co-owner to another. That wasn't always the case. In older documents, you might even find that items within the unit such as standard cab-

inetry and other fixtures are the responsibility of the association to repair and replace.

This change has occurred because we in the condominium industry have collectively learned over the years what arrangements tend to work best. Our firm has worked with hundreds of associations to update the maintenance, repair, and replacement provisions of the bylaws to a more modern arrangement. Also, when we work with developers to draft original governing documents, we are sure to include our best recommended provisions along these lines.

While I can only guess what led your board of directors to propose this bylaw amendment, perhaps they were tired of committing association funds to making major repairs to just a few heavily-used balconies. Maybe they thought that was unfair to the rest of the association members who don't tend to use

their balconies as much, so they wanted to put the question to the members through a vote. Or maybe they wanted to reduce assessments by removing something from the budget, thereby making units on the market look more attractive.

Regardless, the association should continue regular inspection of limited common elements to ensure that they are being cared for appropriately. If not, the association should take further steps to ensure same.

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Crowdfunding

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fit and gain further knowledge through these types of hands-on activities."

Enhancing classroom learning

Education is always changing, and in many districts, as enrollment declines and funding dollars are stagnant, teachers are struggling to keep up.

Funding requests for projects on the site generally ranges from more than \$2,000 for Chromebooks, to less than \$200 for snacks or books, but most fall somewhere in between. And despite the variety of costs and items requested which range, the teachers participating agree the charity is invaluable to them and their kids.

LaFontaine's project, which she titled "1,2,3 Come and Count with me!" has a goal of raising about \$264.

Livonia music teacher Leeann Kuchta, is asking for a class set of ukuleles for the Franklin Transition Program to "provide our special learners with a fun and accessible means of exploring harmony, melody and rhythm in music class."

The total project cost is just over \$800, and she is already halfway to goal.

Kuchta has found Donors Choose to be user-friendly and community-oriented in three previous music projects she has funded through the site.

"It is exciting to see friends, family and even perfect strangers rally around a project," Kuchta noted. "The whole process shows how passionate people really are about school music programs. On the flip side, Donors Choose also provides a framework for my students to reach out and thank those that contributed to their project. It really is a win-win."

When a project reaches its goals through donations made on the site within a specified time period, usually about 4 months, DonorsChoose purchases the items and ships them directly to the verified schools.

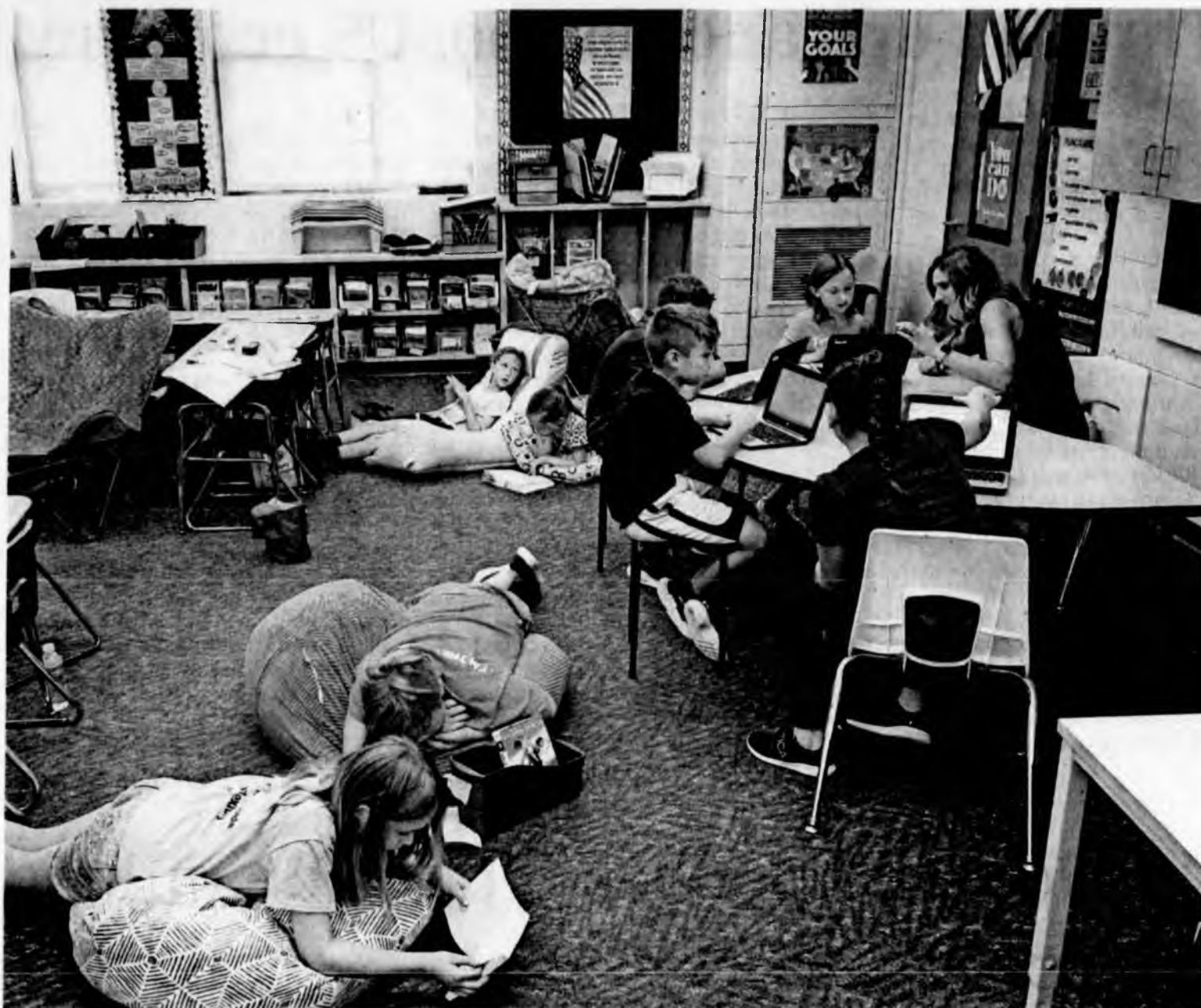
To date, teachers at 83% of public schools in the United States have listed a project on the site, more than 4 million individuals and businesses have contributed, including corporations that often offer to match donations; and nearly \$900 million has been raised to support more than 36 million students.

Plenty of active campaigns

Last week there were 16 active Donors Choose projects in South Lyon schools, ranging from a set of 30 "Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus" books at a cost of about \$166 to flexible seating for a classroom at a cost of roughly \$1,100.

Those seating options include stools, fabric chairs that bend, and even balls to sit on in which children can bounce and move around.

Ben Kirby, assistant superintendent, said flexible seating is popular, but all of



Brummer Elementary School teacher Michele Sanders, far right, is hoping to Donors Choose-supply her classroom with more seating for her readers and Chromebooks for her computer users. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the Donors Choose projects in South Lyon offer above and beyond the normal classroom experience.

"Our educators are very ambitious and always looking for additional ways to support and inspire our students," he said. "It's a win-win situation, people have additional funds they are looking to allocate to our school system. There is no greater cause; our donors benefit and certainly our children benefit."

While it doesn't necessarily relieve financial strain on the district which has one of the lowest foundation allowances in the state, or offer an alternative to seeking bond money for capital improvements to buildings, Kirby said, "It certainly creates a nicer school experience for our children and they are getting opportunities they wouldn't have had otherwise, all because of the generosity of others."

The number and type of projects and even which districts are seeking some additional assistance varies.

Birmingham has no teachers seeking to fund projects on Donors Choose. Bloomfield Hills has only one. Novi and Northville each has two teachers with campaigns currently on the site. Farmington has three.

Novi Superintendent Steve Matthews said the district has a policy



Spring Mills Elementary School students Avery Stern and Brennan Ealy check out the tablet computers that teacher Sarah LaFontaine obtained through Donors Choose.

about online fundraising activities that requires employees to get written consent from administrators first. Teachers are discouraged from using sites like Donors Choose with the district's philosophy that all needs should be taken care of through the district as it is their responsibility.

Matthews, who has donated to campaigns in other districts, adds that if a teacher has a great idea it should be applied in multiple classrooms equally, not in one second grade classroom in a specific building.

"Our students need to have a similar great experience across the district, as opposed to one school doing great creative things and not all," he said. "If you have a great idea, let's fund it, rather

than go out to places like Donors Choose. In our district, we are fortunate. Other districts struggle with funding, but we have great parents that provide support. As a result, we are able to do a lot of things other districts can't do."

Livonia Superintendent Andrea Oquist is grateful for the support shown to students and staff in her district through contributions made to Donors Choose campaigns.

"At the same time, this sheds light on the essential nature of adequately funding our schools, and the pressures faced by school budgets across the state," she said.

To learn more or to find a project to which you would like to contribute, visit donorschoose.org.

Inspections

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Hometown Life requested Oakland County's inspection reports for the month of August and found the following priority violations at eating establishments across western Oakland County:

- 45 priority violations in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area
- 38 priority violations in Farmington and Farmington Hills
- 43 priority violations in Novi
- Four priority violations in South Lyon and Lyon Township
- 14 priority violations in Milford and Highland townships

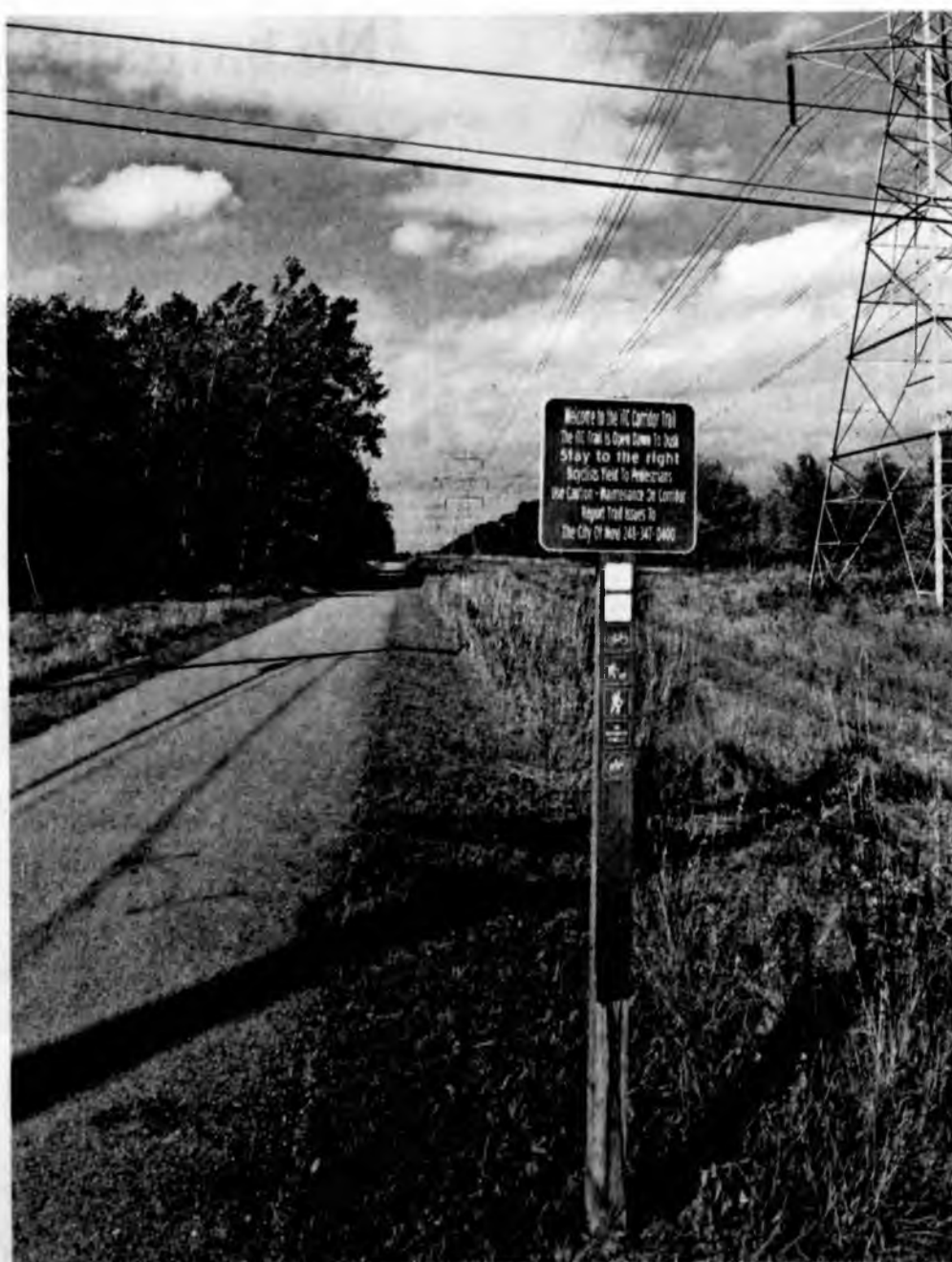
Hometown Life reviewed the inspection reports for the month of August in Wayne County and found the following priority violations at eating establishments:

- Nine with priority violations in Northville and Northville Township
- 10 with priority violations in Plymouth and Plymouth Township
- 29 with priority violations in Canton
- 24 with priority violations in Wayne and Westland
- 42 with priority violations in Livonia

The full list of establishment with the August priority violations can be found at hometownlife.com.

Check back every month to see reports from the previous month's inspections that take place.

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The ITC Corridor Trail as it heads north from 11 Mile east of Wixom in Novi. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Trail

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A highlight of the trail is a 2,000-foot long boardwalk, the city's longest, which was completed earlier this year. The trail is completely accessible, as it's paved the entire length, Muck said.

The trail in Novi is just the latest done by ITC, which maintains power lines across the region. The company also has trails in Canton and West Bloomfield.

"ITC has been supportive of trail initiatives in our corridors as well," said Kelly Fulford, manager of marketing and communications for ITC. "We're thrilled to see the trail opening soon and to be a part of them."

While there's still a little work to be done on the length of the trail — some amenities are planned to go up near the new housing development at Nine Mile and Garfield — the bulk of the work is complete. The hope moving into the future, Muck said, is that the trail could connect to other regional systems, such as trails in Maybury State Park in Northville or Hines Park in Wayne County.

Even now, Muck said he's beginning to receive requests from those who live along the trail for potential spurs into their neighborhoods. Those additions would have to be considered at a later date, he said.

He said he's hoping the community takes ownership of the trail and is respectful of those who live along it, as well as keep it clean for all to enjoy.

"This is really the community's trail," he said. "We want the community to help us take care of it."



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Kicker William Stoyanovich practices on Sept. 25 at South Lyon High. JOHN HEIDER/HOMERTOWNLIFE.COM

Franklin secures overtime win at Churchill

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The Livonia Franklin offense had struggled on third down all night against Livonia Churchill, failing to convert a third down in regulation on 10 tries.

Head coach Chris Kelbert called it uncharacteristic mistakes. Senior offensive/defensive lineman Jake Swirple called it a lack of execution. All in all, Franklin was not Franklin.

But after blocking a field goal attempt to end regulation tied 28-28, the offense came back to life.

After Churchill had scored its third touchdown in overtime, the Chargers missed the extra point, something Franklin took advantage of.

Senior quarterback Jake Kelbert rushed into the endzone, beating the defensive backs to tie the game at 48, and Franklin secured the win by hitting the extra point, allowing the Patriots (5-0) to remain undefeated and beat Churchill (1-4) 49-48 in triple overtime.

"I just hoped that our team could stay focused, they could not worry about the things that were going on and the bad things that were happening, our mistakes, and just focus on what we needed to do to be successful," Kelbert said.

Here are three takeaways from Friday's win for Franklin

Franklin shows new life in overtime

With a young group — playing five sophomore starters — Churchill had shown signs of being a challenging defense for Franklin. The Chargers allowed Westland John Glenn to score only five points in the Chargers' only win of the season and allowed 21 points in a loss to Brighton in the season opener.

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Plymouth spoils Novi's homecoming

Tom Morelli
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Trying to stop Plymouth running back Mike Mathias is like Wile E. Coyote thinking that he can outsmart the Road Runner.

Sure, it may look good on paper, but once you realize what you're in for, there's just no turning back.

Mathias played a key role in Plymouth's 42-21 victory over Novi, as the senior scored four touchdowns on 20 carries for 251 yards, adding a 68-yard scoop and score on defense.

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Stoyanovich continues family kicking tradition

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Bill Stoyanovich raised his family in a house in Northville with a big back yard.

It was big enough to hit golf balls, kick soccer balls and perfect any athletic activity that was on the mind of his kids that given day.

Stoyanovich had a mainstay in the backyard: a goalpost. It was an ode to his kicking days at Michigan State and in the Arena Football League. It was an ode to the Stoyanovich brand — his brother Pete was regarded statistically as one of the best kickers in NFL history.

But the goalpost represented a level of hope, a hope that the Stoyanovich name would live on on the football field through one of Bill's four boys growing up in that house.

If one of the Stoyanovich boys were to catch the kicking bug, it was going to happen in that back yard. That's what happened for William Stoyanovich.

In his first season as the varsity kicker for the South Lyon football team, William Stoyanovich is the next in line for a family that many consider to be the first family of kickers in Michigan. But with that brings a target on William's back, a target he won't be able to shake.

A target, much like the pressure of



Pete Stoyanovich kicks a field goal for the Miami Dolphins against Buffalo in this Sept. 26, 1993 photo. RICK STEWART/ALLSPORT-GETTY IMAGES

hitting a field goal in high leverage situations, he will have to get used to.

"That's the pressure where they feel like 'You are a Stoyanovich. You have to make this,'" Bill Stoyanovich said.

Early on, William Stoyanovich said he wouldn't feel the pressure as much. He would walk through the basement, seeing the game balls and jerseys his dad and his uncle wore on display.

He said he wanted to live up to the expectations his father and his uncle

had for him. He wanted to be next. That's when the pressure came.

"My dad, he always says he wants me to be better," William Stoyanovich said. "He wants me to be better than what he was."

And William has all the help in the world to make that happen.

In the past four summers, William has been out on the football field with

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South Lyon pounds Lakeland in LVC semis

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After dominating Waterford Kettering in the opening round of the Lakes Valley Conference boys soccer tournament, South Lyon continued its winning ways Wednesday night, defeating Lakeland 3-0 at South Lyon High School.

The win sends the Lions to the LVC tournament championship game, which will be held on October 2 in South Lyon against Walled Lake Western.

South Lyon won the regular season title by going 6-0-2 in conference play. The win bumps its overall record to 9-1-2. Lakeland, which went 3-3-2 in conference regular season action, falls to 4-5-2 overall.

"I think we fell into sort of a mid-season rut, not in terms of wins and losses, but last week and the week before we weren't playing out best soccer, so we've spent a lot of time in the classroom watching film and analyzing what needs to change and as we try to get back to more of a possession based team," South Lyon coach Brian Elliott said. "I was really happy with Kettering on Tuesday and today I thought we played a lot better possession-style soccer, the way I want us to play. I'm really happy to be playing at this point in the season, some of our best soccer."

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Early action

South Lyon took advantage of its early opportunities to reach halftime with a 2-0 lead.

With 29:52 left in the first half, South Lyon junior forward Jack Voight played a ball up to senior forward Jack Valencia. He ran into a Lakeland defender and the Eagles' goalkeeper, but the ball squirted out behind both players and Valencia watched the ball roll into the net for his team's first goal.

Eight minutes later, Voight was back at it. He fired a shot past Lakeland goalie Spencer Samson to make it 2-0 South Lyon. Voight also scored two goals earlier in the week against Kettering.

"I've been feeling pretty good," Voight said. "My teammates put energy around me and that helps me get more goals. They encourage me."

He added that the team has put an emphasis on communication and bonding outside of the soccer field, which has helped the offense pick up with each game.

"Jack's one of the top players in the country," Elliott said. "He went to nationals with his club team over the summer and got rated as one of the top 11 players in the country. His speed and endurance (are what stand out the most). There's a lot of really fast players who then tire out, but he can run forever at a faster pace than I ever could dream of. That terrorizes other teams defensively because they're going to be exhausted when they come off the field."

In the second half, South Lyon junior Owen Franges scored with 19:51 to play to make it 3-0, Lions.

"Our attackers just do a phenomenal job of putting other teams under pressure," Elliott said. "It's one of the principles that we established early on in the season. We make teams panic and defenders especially are afraid to play against our forwards because we've got



South Lyon's Alex Valencia goes up for a header against Lakeland. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

a lot of pace and skill up top. It just takes a split second and these guys will make you pay."

Shutout streak continues
South Lyon junior goalkeeper Colin Harris picked up the shutout in net for the Lions. He has a league-high seven shutouts, earning clean sheets in each of his last two games now.

His highlight play of the night came with about 32 minutes left in the second half. Lakeland junior Brendan Krause lined up a hard shot from inside the box, but Harris was able to get his hands up and make the save, he then made another great save on the rebound.

"I think in 14 games, we've allowed 12 goals, so less than a goal a game," Elliott said. "We talked early in the season that being stingy in terms of giving away goals is the sign and mark of a championship team and these guys have taken it to heart."

Championship dreams

On Wednesday, South Lyon will have the chance to earn its second LVC championship of the year. It topped Walled Lake Western and South Lyon East, which finished second and third, respectively during the regular season. Western beat East 3-1 in overtime Wednesday night to clinch the other spot in the LVC final. South Lyon tied the Warriors in the regular season.

"I think we're positioned well to put up a good fight in the final as long as we play our game," Elliott said. "Western has a couple players up top who are pretty talented on the ball. They're very deceptive and very creative. ... If you fall asleep mentally on the defensive side, even for a second, they can make you pay."

Voight said he's had some tough luck in tournaments throughout his career and that Western provides a very physical challenge.

"(Winning the LVC tournament title) would mean a lot to us because we've been working hard throughout the whole season and we've never done it before, or it's been a while," Voight said. "It'd mean a lot to us, especially to me because I've never won a tournament."

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Hometown Life Staff Football Picks: Week 6

Sports reporters Andrew Vaillencourt and Colin Gay, news reporters Ed Wright and David Veselenak, and editor Phil Allmen make their weekly picks.

Games (home team listed first):	Andrew Vaillencourt	Colin Gay	Ed Wright	David Veselenak	Phil Allmen (coin flip)
Seaholm vs. Oak Park	Oak Park	Oak Park	Seaholm	Oak Park	Seaholm
Avondale vs. Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Avondale	Farmington	Avondale
Milford vs. South Lyon East	South Lyon East	South Lyon East	Milford	Milford	Milford
South Lyon vs. Waterford Mott	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon
Divine Child vs. Lakeland	Divine Child	Lakeland	Divine Child	Divine Child	Lakeland
Warren De La Salle vs. Catholic Central	Catholic Central	Catholic Central	De La Salle	Catholic Central	Catholic Central
Orchard Lake St. Mary's vs. Brother Rice	Orchard Lake St. Mary's	Orchard Lake St. Mary's	Orchard Lake St. Mary's	Brother Rice	Brother Rice
Dearborn vs. Churchill	Dearborn	Dearborn	Dearborn	Dearborn	Dearborn
Wayne Memorial vs. Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Wayne Memorial	Stevenson	Wayne Memorial
Franklin vs. John Glenn	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	John Glenn
Brighton vs. Northville	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton
Canton vs. Novi	Canton	Canton	Canton	Novi	Novi
Plymouth vs. Hartland	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Howell vs. Salem	Howell	Howell	Howell	Howell	Howell
Michigan vs. Iowa	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Central Michigan vs. Eastern Michigan	Eastern Michigan	Eastern Michigan	Central Michigan	Central Michigan	Eastern Michigan
Ohio State vs. Michigan State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Michigan State
Florida vs. Auburn	Florida	Auburn	Florida	Auburn	Florida
Nebraska vs. Northwestern	Northwestern	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
Toledo vs. Western Michigan	Toledo	Toledo	Toledo	Toledo	Western Michigan
Last Week's Record:	17-3	15-5	15-5	15-5	9-11
Season Record:	75-24-1	78-21-1	74-25-1	74-25-1	50-49-1

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We're back for another round of picks after an exciting fifth week of games. Four of our staff reporters and our editor will be making picks on 20 games each week throughout the season. Games will be a mix of high school, college and pro, with a focus on local contests. Picks can be found below. (If the chart doesn't show up, wait a few minutes for it to download or try again on a desktop) If you have trouble viewing on Twitter mobile, copy the link and open in your internet browser, then delete the amp at the beginning of the URL.

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Northville finishes second at Coaching Legends Invite

On Saturday, the Northville girls cross country team finished in second place at the Coaching Legends Invite in a very competitive field against top ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer, Saline, Salem and Brighton.

The Mustangs finished in second place with 92 points, finishing behind Ann Arbor Pioneer, which had 35 points, and finishing in front of Brighton, which finished in third place with 117 points.

The Mustangs were led by Yasmine Mansi, who took 11th place in 19:15, Emily Gordon in 14th place in 19:30, Onivas Tupa in 15th in 19:32, Gina Couyoumjian in 23rd in 19:52 and Keira Courtney in 29th place in 20:19 to round out the top 5.

"I was proud of what the girls did today as we have been dealing with sickness through the team over the last week and difficult school things," Northville girls cross country head coach



The Northville girls cross country team finished in second place at the Coaching Legends Invite. NANCY SMITH

Nancy Smith said. "We have things to work on over the next few weeks to get ready for the Championship part of our season beginning the week of October

15th."

Freshman Onivas Tupa had a career personal record and ran a great race, taking 15 seconds off her previous best.

In the JV race, the girls finished 3rd with freshman Caroline Gillingham leading the way, taking 4th place in 21:26 running a career PR by over 1:30 seconds. Freshman Jasmine Beltrame was 10th in 21:41 and sophomore Samantha Rivera was 10th in 21:58, another career personal record performance.

Next up for the Mustangs is a tri-meet at Cass Benton at 5:00 on Tuesday against Plymouth and Howell. Northville will then split its team on Saturday, sending the top 7 to Portage with the rest of the team competing at the Wayne County Championships hosted by Salem at Willow Metro Park.

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Brighton beats Canton after weather delays

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Heading into Friday night, the weather looked like it would play a large role in the outcome of high school football games across the area.

That proved to be the case as KLA West foes Brighton and Canton battled at Canton High School. The teams waited out two separate weather delays in the second half.

Brighton took down the Chiefs 24-7 in the sloppy, rain-filled night to take control of second-place in the division.

The Bulldogs improve to 4-1 overall, while the Chiefs drop to 2-3, putting their playoff hopes in serious jeopardy with four games remaining. Both teams trail Plymouth in the division standings, which sits at 5-0 after beating Novi.

"It definitely relieves some pressure, for sure," Brighton coach Brian Lemons said. "Canton is a great program, well-coached group of guys. Their players played so hard. I'm really proud of our team for the way we responded tonight. We didn't play our best last week, and the question was, were we going to come out and feel sorry for ourselves, or were we going to put our foot forward and get back on track. They did just that."

Here are three takeaways from tonight's game:

Trading punts early

In the first half, the weather actually cooperated, yet neither team was able to do much on offense. Both teams punted on their first drives before Canton moved the ball down the field and got into the red zone.

Canton senior quarterback Ben Steiak dropped back to pass and found senior Caden Domzalski for a 17-yard touchdown in the right corner of the end zone with 5:26 to play in the first quarter.

After trading punts for the rest of the first quarter and nearly all of the second quarter, Brighton's defense stepped up and forced a Canton fumble to set the Bulldogs up at the Chiefs 37-yard line. A couple plays later, a 19-yard run by junior Sheldon Riley set up Brighton at the



Canton's Caden Domzalski is brought down by Brighton's Paul Skoczylas.
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one-yard line. Following a penalty, Brighton senior quarterback Colby Newburg faked a hand-off and sprinted around the left side for the touchdown.

Newburg wasn't even sure if he'd be able to play in the game after sustaining a mild concussion last week. He was cleared Thursday, though, and was solid in the victory.

"I think he did great," Lemons said. "He wasn't shy at all to get out there and stick his nose into it. ... The greatest thing was that he didn't feel sorry for himself because he wasn't executing, he stuck with it and came back after half-time and make some really nice throws and nice runs."

Newburg's touchdown made it a 7-7 ballgame at halftime.

"We were more physical up front," Brighton senior offensive lineman Nate Hoffman (committed to Air Force) said. "We just had to get settled in and and figuring out what they were doing and how they were adjusting. Once we figured that out, we settled in a hammered the ball down the field."

Dogs surge after delay
Brighton's Paul Skoczylas kicked a 37-yard field goal early in the third quarter to give Brighton a 10-7 lead. The team's continued to struggle moving the ball until lightning was spotted at the JV

field, located behind the PCEP Varsity field, which forced the game into a 30-minute weather delay with 2:46 to go in the third quarter.

"I don't think rain delays help anyone out," Lemons said. "You have momentum, you have things going and then all of a sudden you have to take a 30-minute break. The good thing was we came back from it, put points on the board and I think the momentum kept rolling from there."

After the break, it was all Bulldogs.

With 6:04 remaining in the fourth quarter, Brighton's passing game finally broke through with a 34-yard touchdown catch by senior Mark Pecaj. On the ensuing kickoff, Canton failed to pick up the ball on the short kick and Brighton pounced on it, retaining possession in Chiefs territory. It was a huge play that boosted the Brighton momentum even further.

"In a game like this between two programs that are pretty tough, any turnover is going to swing the momentum, and to score so quickly after that I think really was the key piece of the night," Lemons said.

Moments later, the Bulldogs added another touchdown, again following a big passing play. Junior Nicholas Nemecek ran in the score from one-yard out,

making the score 24-7.

Lemons said he felt his team showed maturity and that his coaching staff showed its experience with the way the Bulldogs responded after the delay.

Officials on the field spotted a second round of lightning with 5:37 left in the fourth quarter, but Brighton had done enough damage to secure the win by that point. When the game restarted after 10 p.m., Canton drove down the field but was unable to score and let the clock run out.

"It feels amazing to be able to come back, have a good week of practice and show up for a game and execute, especially when we face difficulties like rain delays," Hoffman said. "Being able to come out and show who we are and what we can do is amazing."

Looking ahead

The win is a significant boost to Brighton's division chances after it suffered a tough loss to Plymouth last week. The Bulldogs (4-1) hold a solid lead for second-place in the division, with Hartland in third. The Eagles had their game suspended due to weather, but are in line to pick up a win and improve to 3-2 overall. Canton and Howell both are 2-3.

Brighton has a clear path to win its next three games, which are against Northville, Salem and Howell. It will then face one of the big three from the KLA East: Belleville, Fordson or Livonia Franklin, in the crossover.

"All we can do is hope that Plymouth gets beat," Newburg said. "We're in a good spot, we'll play a good team in the crossover, we'll be ready for them."

Things look a bit tougher for Canton, which now faces an uphill battle to make the playoffs, even with the new strength of schedule based format. It will face Novi, Howell and Hartland in its next three games before its crossover matchup, which could be against one of several teams.

"The ceiling is as high as we want it to be," Hoffman said. "The sky is the limit for us."

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CC wins defensive battle against Brother Rice

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Brother Rice and Detroit Catholic Central came into the 75th edition of the Boys Bowl on opposite sides of the spectrum.

The Warriors have started the 2019 season with four-straight wins, outscoring opponents 103-24. The Shamrocks, on the other hand, know what it's like to lose, falling to both Whitmer and Toledo Catholic Central, two of the top teams from Toledo, Ohio.

However, Catholic Central held the recent history when matching up against Brother Rice, winning the past four matchups against the Warriors. And history prevailed, as Catholic Central (3-2) handed Brother Rice (4-1) its first loss of the season in a 7-3 defensive showdown on Sunday.

As the win streak continues for the Shamrocks in the Boys Bowl, Catholic Central head coach Dan Anderson said his team's first division win of the season meant everything in terms of momentum moving forward.

"Winning one game in the central division to start our push there is great," Anderson said. "We have a lot of young guys out there, and the more they live and learn, the better they are going to be."

Here are three takeaways from Sunday's win for the Shamrocks.

Byle battles in first start

Anderson said he used the long week prior to the matchup against Brother Rice to develop a quarterback competition between junior Jack Beno and sophomore Declan Byle.

He said both quarterbacks did a nice job during the week, but he felt more comfortable with Byle behind center heading into Sunday's game, playing against a defense that had allowed 24 points in four games.

Byle said that he and Beno have a good relationship on and off the field and that the "coaches had to do what's best for the team."

In the middle of a steady and consistent rainfall, success was hard to come by at points for the sophomore. However,



Catholic Central defensive end Jack Birks sacks Brother Rice quarterback Greg Piscopink. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

er, one pass proved to be the deciding play for Byle.

In the first drive of the second quarter, Byle led his team to the Brother Rice 45-yard line on 19-yard pass to junior wide receiver Aidan Dimitriou. After a sack brought the sophomore back to midfield, Byle found junior Sam Dersa in stride on a wheel route to his left, taking the ball 50 yards for the first and only touchdown of the day for either team.

It was a pass Dersa was not expecting to come his way, the receiver said, but it was an example of a quarterback finding a receiver he was comfortable with in practice in his first start on varsity.

"To me, he found his rhythm today, out there," Anderson said. "It wasn't easy — weather conditions and everything else — but I thought he did a nice job, especially on the touchdown throw."

Byle said he was nervous in the days and hours leading up to kickoff, but, when he took the field for the first time, it was just football.

Defense shines in tough conditions

As the rain fell, conditions were not

conducive for offensive prowess.

With only one touchdown on offense for Catholic Central, senior running back/linebacker Brendin Yatooma said the defense was forced to step up in a way it had not before.

To Yatooma, the defense was the decider.

"Without the way the defense had played, there would have been no win, we wouldn't have won that game at all," Yatooma said.

The Catholic Central defense forced Brother Rice quarterback Greg Piscopink to throw three interceptions, including one by defensive back Easton St. Clair with 90 seconds left to thwart any attempt at a game-winning drive for the Warriors.

Brother Rice head coach Adam Korzeniewski said Piscopink and his wide receivers really could not find rhythm with each other, with multiple dropped passes and missed opportunities.

However, with running the ball proving to be a non-factor this season, he said the team pigeon-holed into the pass game, something that Catholic Central was prepared for.

"That was the emphasis," Dersa, who

also serves as a defensive back for the Shamrocks, said. "This team is a big passing team. We haven't had to deal with that all year, so we worked our pass game all week, and did well today, came out and came together as a team."

With an offense that struggled against an as-advertised Warriors defense, Yatooma said the Catholic Central defense held together and did its job the whole way, forcing Brother Rice to its lowest scoring output of the season.

Boys bowl creates momentum

Korzeniewski wanted this one badly.

This was a game Brother Rice has not won in the past four seasons, and with a win, it would have secured momentum for the Warriors moving forward.

Instead, the Warriors suffered its fifth loss in a row to the Shamrocks, and the momentum goes to Catholic Central, a team that has had its fair share of adversity.

In the Shamrocks biggest win since the season-opening upset win against Detroit King at the Xenith Kickoff Classic, Yatooma said this brings a level of momentum that could be too much for the team to handle.

He said the focus needs to continue to focus game-to-game.

"We need to make sure we pound it into the guys and pound it into everyone else that we are here to play each game one-by-one," Yatooma said. "We are not here to already be looking at a state title when we have not done anything yet."

To Brother Rice, every goal it has is still attainable. And with a matchup against Orchard Lake St. Mary's coming up, Korzeniewski said this emotional low will have to be a quick turnaround.

"We get to sulk for 24 hours, lick our wounds, give credit to CC and then get right back at it," Korzeniewski said.

Catholic Central will next travel to Warren to face De La Salle on Oct. 4.

Korzeniewski and Brother Rice will next take on Orchard Lake St. Mary's on the road on Oct. 5.

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South Lyon off to strong start

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South Lyon's girls swim and dive team is off to a hot start this season with three straight Lakes Valley Conference victories.

The No. 7 Lions, under the direction of Bob Crosby and Julie Cippola, are undefeated in conference meets so far with wins over Milford, Lakeland and Walled Lake Northern. The Lady Lions also picked up a win against Pinckney earlier this season. The team is led by captains Emerson Ramey, Nicole Hanshaw, Grace Gargiulo, Megan Sartori and Savannah Dzumaryk.

The team has already established itself as a state contender this year having made state cut-off times in the 200 Medley Relay, the 200 Free and 400 Free Relays. The 200 Medley Relay team consists of seniors Megan Sartori and Hanshaw, junior Kendra Ebel and freshman Sierra Newton. The 400 and 200 Free Relay team of Gargiulo, Ramey, Hanshaw and Sierra Newton quickly established themselves by obtaining state cut-off times early in the season.



South Lyon's 200 Medley team is made up of Nicole Hanshaw, Megan Sartori, Kendra Ebel and Sierra Newton.
TAMI CUSUMANO

The Lions are relying upon their returning state team swimmers to lead the way toward individual state cuts. Returning swimmers are seniors Sartori, Hanshaw, Gargiulo and Ramey; and juniors Sabrina Oliveira and Ebel. Ramey and Gargiulo have already earned State Cuts in the 50 Free. Ramey also has a 100 Free cut as well.

The Lions will participate in the Oakland County Meet this weekend at Lake Orion High School.

South Lyon's Divers, despite being a young team consisting of only freshmen and sophomores, are hoping to have four divers make regional qualifications this season.

South Lyon East keeps streak alive

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The South Lyon East swim and dive team kept up its winning ways, beating Walled Lake Northern and Milford last week.

The Cougars defeated Northern, 100-86.

"This was a great victory for us," South Lyon East coach John Burch said. "We lost handily to Northern last year, so to win in the style that we did this year is great. Maria Mayorga has an outstanding meet, winning the 200 IM and the 100 backstroke. The girls were really focused and ready to compete today."

East beat Milford by an even wider margin, 111-74. Senior Sophia Ohland had her career best six dive meet score of 218.60.

"While it was not a perfect meet, we did have a lot of great swims and dives today," Burch said. "It was exciting to see Sophia qualify for the diving regional meet with a great score of 218 points. We are looking forward to the rest of the LVC season."

The team also participated in the Black Hawk Invite where team members posted some impressive times.

"Overall we were happy with the day," Burch said. "We had a couple of relays drop time, lots of girls went their season best times and overall it was a fun meet for East."

Junior Maria Mayorga qualified for the Oakland County Meet in the 200 free with a time of 2:02.11.

Senior diver Alyssa Mayer also qualified for regionals after this meet.

South Lyon East is now 5-1 overall and 3-0 in conference play.

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Kelberts and DeWalds balance family, football

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Jake Kelbert takes the snap.

The Livonia Franklin quarterback fakes a handoff to the wide receiver on an option sweep and rolls to the right. After a 5-yard gain, he hears the whistle and an ensuing voice.

"You've got to look inside, bro."

Kelbert jogs back to the line of scrimmage toward his head coach.

Shortly after practice, the head coach calls for his captains, yelling "Kelbert" in the direction of his quarterback. The senior obliges.

On the field, the relationship between the head coach and his quarterback is already close, with Kelbert entering his third season.

When exiting the field, though, the relationship changes: Coach Chris Kelbert is Jake Kelbert's ride home.

To be a coach's son could seem like a good idea, in theory.

But for two area families, the Kelberts and the DeWalds — Jim DeWald coaches his two sons, Caden and James, at Birmingham Seaholm — this is reality, and it took some getting used to.

'They look up to their dad'

When driving toward downtown Birmingham, the DeWald name is plastered at many points along the road. It was not referencing the Seaholm football program, but rather Erin Keating DeWald, the area realtor.

Erin grew up in Birmingham, graduating from Seaholm prior to attending Western Michigan, where she met her husband, Jim.

When she's not working, she spends much of her time in the stands, watching Jim coach.

Football was ingrained in the DeWald family, although it was never pushed, and Erin knew that both her children would play on future Friday nights.

"They look up to their dad," Erin DeWald said. "It's just like if their dad was a doctor or something. It's kind of like the boys mimicked and follow in their dad's footsteps."

What she did not know was her husband would eventually coach both of her sons at her alma mater, a moment she called "surreal."

As both Caden and James grew up, it became inevitable that Jim would have to coach them at some point.

"I had a lot of people say that it was going to be hard," Jim DeWald said. "I go, 'No, it should be simple because you coach the film and you do what you do.'"

"Actually, early on, it was actually harder than I thought."

'The outside noise'

Caden and James DeWald call it "the outside noise." Jake Kelbert did not have a name for it, but experienced it: the notion of favoritism associated with being a coach's son.

All three heard it in the locker room and in the hallways: "They were only there because their dads wanted their sons to be successful."

It's a perception both coaches want to avoid, both admitting that they expect more out of their sons on the football field.

"If the team sees that I have these crazy expectations for him, then they



The Kelberts stand in front of their house. PHOTOS BY COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Erin DeWald stands with her two sons, Caden and James.



Franklin QB Jake Kelbert hugs his father and coach, Chris Kelbert, after a game. COURTESY OF JENNIFER KELBERT



Caden and James DeWald talk to their father, Jim DeWald, on the sideline during a game. COURTESY OF ERIN DEWALD

are going to see that we need to rise to the level, too," Coach Kelbert said.

James was the first of the DeWalds who experienced this from his father.

Promoted to the varsity level during his sophomore season, the now-senior linebacker said it was difficult for him to deal with the expectations that his head coach gave him.

"At first, I was close to not even being on it, so that's when he was really on me because I was doing stuff wrong," James DeWald said.

Transition

It was not only on the players to prove their worthiness. It was on the head coaches, their fathers, to make sure the expectation of the quality of play remains the same.

Chris Kelbert never pushed football on his son. Much like the DeWalds, Jake served as a ball boy from an early age. Jake enjoyed playing quarterback from the moment he took his first snap, but it was never something that his father thought would be long-term.

But with the more camps Jake attended and the more training he had behind center, the more apparent it became to Chris that a decision would eventually have to be made: to start his son or to leave him on junior varsity.

The situation was hard on Jake. The Kelberts live in the Farmington

school district where Jake attended school. With Chris Kelbert teaching at Franklin, Jake transferred to Livonia Public Schools.

In the summer before his freshman year, just prior to that move, Jennifer Kelbert found Jake in his room crying. He said teammates were telling him the only reason he had an opportunity was because his dad was the head coach.

Chris Kelbert had the same worry in Jake's sophomore season.

Many of his assistant coaches wanted to bring the younger Kelbert up to play varsity quarterback earlier. But because of who he was and what the perception could be, the decision was especially taxing on the head coach.

"If Jake was not his son, he would have, without a doubt, pulled him up when he did. But because he was his son, I think he had a harder time doing it because of what others would say. They would say he just pulled him up because of who he was," Jennifer Kelbert said. "But then after a couple of games, they realized why he did it."

In his first season as the Patriots starting quarterback in 2017, things were not perfect for Jake Kelbert.

He completed 55 percent of his passes for 1,089 yards, averaged 6.12 yards per carry and accumulated 15 total touchdowns.

However, more importantly for Chris Kelbert and for Franklin, Jake Kelbert

was a winner, finishing 7-2 during the regular season, advancing the Patriots to the Division 2 state title game before losing to De La Salle.

Finding a balance

In those times where emotions run high on the football field, both head coaches realized they might not be able to be the familial support for their sons.

That is where Mom comes in.

"She would be the balance," Chris Kelbert said. "He gets the tough, stern approach from me, and then Mom is his sounding board. She will listen to what he has to say."

Chris said his wife, Jennifer, tells him to "chill out" at times, allowing Jake to address what he is feeling.

"It's great when you get chewed out on film and you come to your mom and she says 'You had a great game,'" Caden DeWald said. "I say, 'Yeah, I know I did.'"

But it's not like the father takes a back seat when any praise comes toward his son.

Jim DeWald believes he put his sons on the Seaholm varsity team for a reason. Instead of just giving James and Caden praise, he lets their actions speak for themselves.

'I don't ever want the season to end'

As soon as James and Caden DeWald took their first snap at Seaholm, as soon as Jacob Kelbert threw his first pass at Franklin, both families knew the clock had started.

On a team usually filled with juniors and seniors, all three players took the field for the first time on varsity as underclassmen. For James DeWald and Jake Kelbert — both in their senior season — time on the clock is running out.

And it's something that Jennifer Kelbert is not ready to face.

"I don't ever want the season to end," she said. "I don't know how to put it into words."

Jennifer said she doesn't know how Chris Kelbert will do next year without his son on the football field. However, when Chris thinks about the end of Jake Kelbert's tenure at Franklin, he is focused on what the Patriots will lose.

Chris said he has never seen a quarterback pick up an offense as quickly as his son did, crediting how long Jake has been around the program, after attending his first football game two weeks after he was born. Jake just understands what is expected.

"That's what I'm going to miss: just his ability to run the offense and his knowledge of what we are looking for," Chris Kelbert said.

But the Kelberts are not done with this process. Both of Jake's brothers — Drew and Ethan — play football, as well, possibly becoming the next to add the family name on the Franklin roster.

For the DeWalds, they don't have time to wait.

James currently is playing his senior season for the Maples, while Caden has one more season to go.

A normal Saturday

During the football season, Saturdays in the DeWald and the Kelbert homes usually are determined by the success of Seaholm and Franklin the night before.

But win or loss, the feeling is the same in each household: leave it on the football field, be a normal family.

And maybe see which team is on the schedule for Seaholm and Franklin next week.

Farmington's Keion Shaw wins Athlete of the Week

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Farmington senior running back Keion Shaw is the Hometown Life Athlete of the Week (for the week of voting that began on September 16) after he received 13,099 votes in our poll. Shaw was dominant on the ground for the Falcons as they beat Ypsilanti Lincoln in a key game, 35-14. He rushed 18 times for 133 yards and two touchdowns.

Farmington is off to a huge 4-0 start and is a team that will be a force to reckon with come playoff time — especially with a top tier running back like Shaw.

He earned 44.99 percent of the 29,118 votes that were cast. He beat out second-place finisher Nick Lema, a soccer player for Livonia Stevenson, who received 9,925 votes (34.09 percent). South Lyon football's Brenden Lach placed third with 3,436 votes (11.8 percent), South Lyon East swimmer Lind-



South Lyon East's Conner Turczyn catches Farmington running back Keion Shaw.

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say Boals came in fourth and Canton football's Caden Domzalski finished fifth.

We caught up with Shaw and asked him some questions:

Your team is off to a very strong start, how good can this team be and why should people be taking notice of Farmington football?

"My team is off to a great start and I

believe it's because our chemistry is through the roof and with that I think we are a team to watch for to make a deep run in the state playoffs. Last year, we showed a glimpse of how talented we were, but unfortunately lost in regionals to Dewitt. This year with the addition of Harrison football players and our returning seniors, we have a full head of steam and have one common goal — a state championship. People should take notice that the Farmington football team means business and won't stop until we reach our goal."

What are your personal and team goals for this season?

"My personal goal is to be an all-state running back, rushing for 1,300 yards combined for the season. The goal for myself and the team is to make a name for ourselves and win the states."

Who's your favorite athlete to watch or is your role model and why?

"My favorite athlete to watch is (Baltimore Ravens quarterback) Lamar

Jackson because he doesn't have to try hard to be good, he is just naturally great. My role model is my mom because she doesn't make excuses, she just makes stuff happen."

What's your favorite TV show or movie and why?

"My favorite movie of all time is 'Next Friday' because it's still funny no matter how many times I watch it."

What are your favorite hobbies outside of football and why?

"My favorite hobby outside of football is playing video games."

What are your plans after high school? Will you be playing college football?

"My plan after high school is to go to college, where I will major in Engineering. As of right now, I don't currently have any offers to play college football, but I'm hopeful a coach will be willing to give me a chance to play the game I love for another four years while I work to obtain my degree."

Championship

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In the first half, the Chargers showed that level of defensive prowess.

Other than two scoring drives of 14 and 10 plays respectively, Churchill forced four four-and-outs for the Franklin offense, three of which came consecutively to end the first half.

However, after the missed field goal to end regulation by the Chargers, senior quarterback Jake Kelbert and the rest of the Franklin offense found new life.

After allowing touchdown on a sweep by Churchill sophomore quarterback Taj Williams, Kelbert answered with a 10-yard read option to his left to tie the game at 35. The quarterback took the lead, scrambling to the left side of the endzone after looking for an open pass.

However, Churchill could not be stopped offensively either. Quarterback Gavin Brooks found Shane Morelli to tie the game at 42, taking the six-point lead after a touchdown run by back Mitchell Regan.

"We're a group that can compete with everybody no matter who we are playing," Brooks said. "We are going to keep fighting until the last whistle."

When the opportunity came for Kelbert to secure the win, he did what he had done all throughout the overtime period: he followed his offensive line, allowing the Franklin offense to have the momentum it had shown all season long.

"Once we got it, it clicked. Jake followed our blocks, we blocked our hearts out as an o-line," Swirple said. We just blocked our hearts out, Jake followed us and he trusted us to that final whistle. And he took us to the promised land.

Churchill offense shows up

After putting up 28 points against Dearborn Fordson this past weekend, the Churchill offense faced a Franklin defense with a streak to uphold.

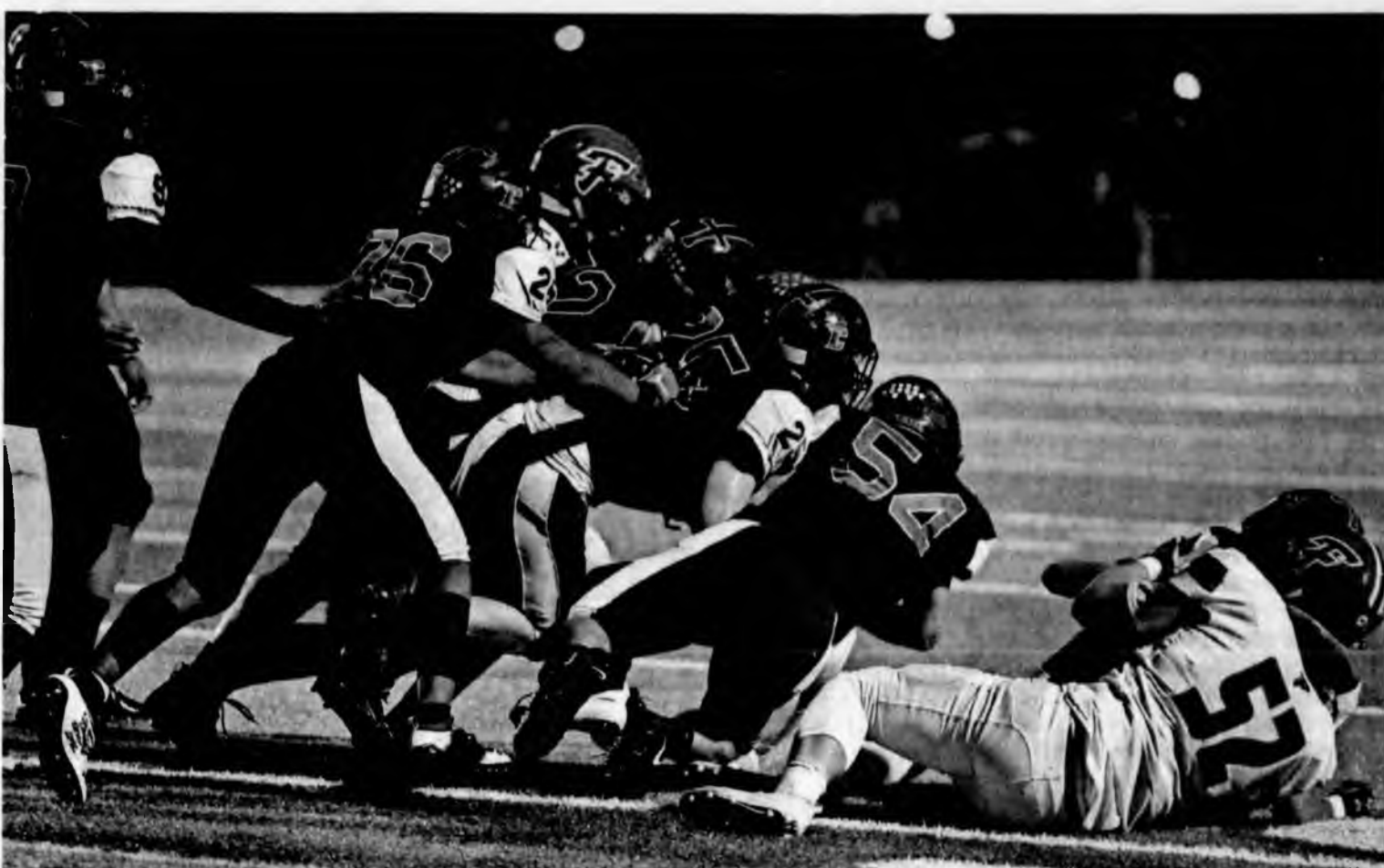
This season, the Patriots had not allowed more than 25 points in a game, allowing 25 points in its last game against Livonia Stevenson.

From the very start Brooks and the Charger offense showed up, using the running game primarily. Only one of Churchill's six touchdowns were threw the air, including a 63-yard dash by wide receiver Brandon Lowry in the second quarter to tie the game at 14.

Overall, the Chargers recorded 347 yards of offense on 61 plays, converting 5-of-9 attempts on third down, something Franklin was not able to do: converting 1-of-12 attempts.

Brooks said head coach Bill DeFilippo did not really have much to say to his team after this game, a team that had fought back and matched Franklin pound-for-pound in that overtime period.

"Pretty much at a loss for words," Brooks said. "It sucks, but we have to bounce back, and we have to win out, try and get a Week 10."



The Livonia Churchill defense stops a Franklin rush. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Livonia Churchill's Khalil Ford, left, goes up against Franklin offensive lineman Will Linton.



Even though Ryan Hutchinson has a good hold, Brandon Reinten made it into the end zone on this play for a Franklin touchdown.

City championship secured

After blocking the field goal and securing overtime, Jake Kelbert was confident.

"We knew if we got this game into overtime, we would come out champs," Kelbert said.

With a drive the quarterback described as second-to-none, Franklin secured its second city championship in the past decade in front of a Churchill crowd that was celebrating homecoming.

This continued many streaks for Franklin. The Patriots are now 5-0, recording at least 40 points in each of those wins — after coming into overtime tied at 28.

While the offense made its mistakes, the numbers look like the Patriot offense, recording 381 yards, including 258 on the ground, on 76 plays.

That's the characteristic of this team: it does not stop. "We will not stop. We will always go, 100 percent, the whole entire time," Swirple said. We play strong, Franklin football until the final whistle."

Head coach Chris Kelbert said he hopes this win propels his team forward, but he hopes it scares them too, allowing Franklin to really focus and move on without a big head.

But Franklin already secured one of its goals: to win a city championship. To Jake Kelbert, it's just the start.

"This is a big stepping stone for us, first of many goals we have," Kelbert said.

Franklin will try and make it 6-0 when the Patriots take on Westland John Glenn at home on Oct. 4, while Churchill will take on Dearborn on Oct. 4 on the road.

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Plymouth

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"I have to give it to our linemen because they made my job look so easy," Mathias said. "We really started to kick it off after that first [rain] delay."

Even in the slickest conditions, Mathias refused to go down, leaving defenders face first in the turf as the former wide receiver demonstrated more quick cuts than a barber shop.

Plymouth head coach Brian Lewis credits Mathias' split-second decision making and leadership as a big part on why his team is 5-0 overall (4-0 KLAA West).

"Mike's just unbelievable and that's just the truth," Lewis said. "The thing about Mike is that he has an unbelievable will and an unbelievable toughness. That's what makes Mike special, and obviously he can run it, but his determination, his will and his toughness are the things that we hang our hat on."

And just like the long-legged, blue bird of Looney Tunes lore, you can bet that Mathias would have ran right on through a painted tunnel had the opportunity presented itself and been just as successful.

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

Let me sweep on it

In terms of offensive production, both teams matched up fairly close with Plymouth, finishing with 371 yards of total offense to Novi's 342, although Novi



Mike Mathias had a big game for Plymouth against Novi on Sept. 27. TOM MORELLI/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

had a slight edge in rushing yards by a 332-329 margin.

Given the amount of speed on both sides, Novi and Plymouth played to their strengths by executing jet sweeps and end arounds to the opposite sides of the field throughout the contest.

Never was this more prevalent than in the third quarter, where Plymouth and Novi saw three consecutive drives result in touchdowns via sweeps.

Following a Novi three-and-out, Plymouth's series lasted just one play as Mathias took a handoff from quarterback Nick Downs and burst up the right side for a 63-yard score to make it 28-7 at the 6:05 mark.

Novi (1-4 overall, 1-3 KLAA West) went tit-for-tat shortly thereafter, thanks to senior wide receiver Ein Mack going in motion before the snap and tak-

ing it to the house on a 47-yard sprint to cut Plymouth's lead in half.

"We had a lot of great contributions tonight from Ein Mack, who had a great night," Novi head coach Jeff Burnside said. "Isiah Washington had a great night, Gavin Parenti had a couple of nice runs, and Josh Erno continues to lead us. We had some good things on offense and we just have to take care of the football."

After recovering a failed Novi onside kick, Plymouth added one last score with 14 seconds remaining in the frame on a 15-yard score by Mathias.

Plymouth would record their last score of the contest by executing a sweep play with 9:45 left in the fourth quarter, as senior wide receiver Preston Long reached the end zone from 26 yards out.

"We came out OK in the beginning and really hit our stride after the first delay," Lewis said. "We had four quick scores in a row, thank to this guy right here, No. 1 [Mike Mathias]"

Hot Potato

While the bulk of Friday's contest featured a ground heavy attack, it didn't exclude either team from their share of turnovers.

Novi lost all four fumbles and had an interception, which allowed Plymouth to score 14 points off of turnovers.

"It comes down to turnovers and it has been our Achilles heel all season long," Lewis said. "Every game we've lost, we've been well behind in the turnover margin. We preached it this week and we preached it during the pre-

game... the team that wins the turnover battle is the team that's going to win."

For Plymouth, they lost only one of their two fumbles, and tossed a pick with two minutes left until halftime.

Lightning strikes twice

The traditional homecoming festivities at halftime weren't the only lengthy part of the game, as two lightning delays added an hour of game time.

The first lightning delay occurred at around 8:30 pm, shortly after Mathias made it a 21-7 contest off his 68-yard fumble recovery in the third.

Both teams would take another break an hour later, as Novi had just crossed midfield with 7:24 of the ensuing frame.

The delay however worked to Novi's favor, as Mack (3 rushes for 161 yards) turned on the jets once play resumed to the tune of 44 yards. Although Mack would be brought down at the goal line, quarterback Josh Erno (56 rushing yards) would sneak it in on the very next play to make it a 42-21 affair.

"The competitor in me and these kids will not allow us to not come back out [after the second rain delay]," Burnside said. "I had told them that we have a good football team in here and unfortunately, the team in green continues to beat the team in green. It's not so much that everybody else is beating us, but that we beat ourselves."

Novi will travel to Canton to take on the Chiefs in Week 6, while Plymouth will try and continue its win streak at home against Hartland on Oct. 4.

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Amazon to buy e-vans from Mich. startup

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WASHINGTON — Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos said Thursday that the company has committed to meet the terms of the Paris climate agreement 10 years ahead of schedule, including by purchasing 100,000 electric vans and moving to 100% renewable energy.

The company said it will purchase 100,000 electric delivery vans from Michigan-based startup Rivian, he said. Currently, all of the company's vans burn fossil fuels. Amazon has invested \$400 million in Rivian, which also has backing from Ford.

Rivian, which rebuffed a partnership with General Motors, is a rising darling of the tech and automotive industries as vehicle manufacturers seek electrification solutions and push plans for electric pickups. Ford and Rivian have agreed to work together to develop an "all-new, next-generation battery electric vehicle for Ford's growing EV portfolio using Rivian's skateboard platform," Ford said in announcing its \$500 million investment in April.

Rivian has said it plans its manufacturing at a former Mitsubishi plant in Illinois.

Amazon has been facing pressure from its employees and activists to reduce its emissions in an effort to combat climate change.

A day before a global climate strike is expected to call attention to the world's environmental plight, Bezos said the company would use its considerable leverage to slash carbon emissions.

Bezos told reporters that Amazon would "implement decarbonization strategies in line with the Paris agreement," alter its "actual business activities to eliminate carbon" and acquire "credible" carbon offsets based on "nature-based solutions."

Former United Nations climate chief Christiana Figueres, who appeared alongside Bezos in an endorsement of the company's plan, said Amazon would also pressure its business partners to meet the goals.

"We want to use our scale and our scope to lead the



Rivian Lead Design Sculptor Andrew Frierott works on design development for an R1T electric vehicle at the startup in Plymouth on Feb. 21. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

way," Bezos said. "We have to do it."

Amazon gets about 40% of its energy from renewable sources with 15 utility-scale solar and wind farms. That will move to 80% by 2024 and 100% by 2030, Bezos said.

Bezos said he remains optimistic that the world can successfully confront climate change despite dire scientific projections of sea-level rise, environmental catastrophes, health epidemics and extreme weather.

Asked how Amazon's move to one-day or same-day delivery affects the environment, he defended the company's business model, saying that short delivery times require local warehouses and often can't be done by carbon-heavy planes.

"It actually turns out that as you increase the speed of delivery, you have less carbon," he said. "That is counterintuitive."

Thousands of Amazon's own workers have signed onto a group called Amazon Employees for Climate Justice, which organized a campaign to urge the com-

pany's shareholders to adopt a resolution forcing the company to take action.

The measure won the support of two independent shareholder advisory services but was rejected by investors in May.

Rebecca Sheppard, a senior product manager at Amazon who is active in Amazon Employees for Climate Justice, told USA TODAY recently that "Amazon's paying attention" — based on the company's recent actions, including an announcement involving plans to cut emissions from 50% of its packages.

"Being an employee is actually a great gift to change the industry for which you work," Sheppard said at the time. "If you want to invoke change, the best way to do so is to go into the industry where you want to see the change and fight for it."

Sheppard added: "It seems increasingly that being on the right side of the climate crisis is not a fringe issue. It's becoming more and more what shareholders and investors expect."

Labradoodle wins hearts in Detroit, Lansing

Emma Keith Detroit Free Press | USA TODAY NETWORK

We know Detroiters love their dogs, but which breed do they love the most?

Rover.com thinks it knows. The dog walking and pet sitting site released its annual report on the nation's most popular breeds Wednesday, zooming in on 40 top

U.S. cities like Detroit.

Rover used data about more than half a million pet parents and a survey of more than 1,000 Rover users for its findings about the nation's dog preferences.

Here are Detroit's most popular breeds this year:

■ Labradoodle (the labradoodle is the current first pup of Michigan after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and her

family adopted labradoodle puppy Kevin this spring)

- Goldendoodle
- Siberian husky
- American pit bull terrier
- Jack Russell terrier

Rover also tracks dog names' popularity across the nation.

Last year's December survey showed that the most popular 2018 male dog names in Detroit were Max, Cooper, Charlie, Buddy and Jack, while popular female dog names were Bella, Lucy, Luna, Daisy and Lola.

Unsurprisingly, Detroit loves auto-themed dog names. "Maverick" was the 107th most popular dog name on last year's Detroit list, and the most popular car-themed name. Here are the other most-used car names for Detroit dogs last year:

- 170. Titan
- 264. Chevy
- 345. Bolt
- 483. Edge

Rover's new report also lists the nation's 20 most popular breeds, available in full through its site. Here are the top 10 dogs this year:

- Mixed breed
- Labrador retriever
- Chihuahua
- Golden retriever
- German shepherd
- Yorkshire terrier
- Shih-tzu
- Dachshund
- Boxer
- Goldendoodle

The survey also looked beyond breed to figure out how Americans are feeling about their dogs. Here's what else the 2019 Rover survey has to say about U.S. dog ownership:

■ 37% of dog owners surveyed say they picked their breed without any prior research — it was just "love at first sight," according to Rover. About a third of dog owners said they got a dog the same day they decided to.

■ 46% of dog owners do research before picking their pup, and there are a few things they consider when choosing: 54% consider size, 43% think about cost and 36% factor in disposition.

■ However owners chose their dogs, they're pretty happy with them. 87% said they would recommend their current breed to a friend, and 88% say they're happier with a dog than without.

■ There are a few things dog owners wish they would have known about their pets before they brought them home, like how loud their dog might be, how much it might shed, how much attention it would need and how it might have anxiety sometimes.



Avicii, a four-month-old Goldendoodle owned by Steven and Alexis Needham of Ferndale, hangs out at Detroit Fleet in Ferndale on July 19, 2018. CAMERON POLLACK, DETROIT FREE PRESS

Obituaries

Ernest Carl Morris

HIGHLAND - Ernest Carl Morris, a longtime resident and business owner in Highland, passed away on September 24, 2019, at the age of 98.

He is survived by his 6 sons, Allen (Sue Ann), Ernest (Patricia), Charles, Michael (Margo), Christopher (Jeannie), and Joseph (Mary Jane), as well as 41 grandchildren and great grandchildren; extended family, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 59 years, Jeannette Church Morris.

Ernie was born in Britton, South Dakota, in 1921, one of six children. He was a proud member of the US Army and served in Africa and Italy during World War 2. After the war, he settled in Michigan and owned Ernie's Service in Keego Harbor and Ernest Morris Well Drilling, in Highland. Al and Mike currently run this business in Highland.

Ernie was a devoted husband and father, a challenge level square dancer, a hunter, camper, and an avid blackjack player and euchre shark.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Milford United Methodist Church or the Milford Senior Center.

A memorial service will be scheduled in December.

For further information you may phone Lynch and Sons, Milford, at 248-684-6645 or visit www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com.

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Etta Christine (Ruttan) Smith

SARASOTA, FL. - Etta Christine (Ruttan) Smith, 74, passed away unexpectedly September 2, 2019 in Sarasota, FL. She was born August 6, 1945 in Detroit, MI to J. Emerson and Jean (Needham) Ruttan of Northville.

Etta Christine (Chris) is survived by her two children, Stephanie Smith and Ryan Smith, sister Barbara Faas, and nieces and nephews Darcy Babcock, Dirk Faas, Scott Faas, and Jan Shigley. She was a loving mother to Stephanie and Ryan, a loyal and caring friend to all that knew her, and an accomplished and respected professional throughout her career.

A graduate of Michigan State's Honor College, she earned a Masters from University of Hawaii in Education - Counseling and Guidance. Chris went on to be honored for her exceptional work over a 20-year career in federal government with the GAO & TSA in Washington D.C.

Throughout her life she enjoyed traveling both domestically and internationally. She was passionate in her support of wildlife organizations and advocated throughout her life for the humane treatment of all animals. Above all else, she treasured her friends and family. She will be forever missed by those who knew and loved her - her impact on our lives cannot be expressed in words.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on October 5th at the Central Lake Chapel at Mortensen Funeral Home. Visitation will take place from 12:00 noon until the time of the service. A Graveside Service will take place following the memorial at 3:30 p.m. at Clearwater Township Cemetery, 6833 Gillett Rd. NW, Rapid City, MI 49676.

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Stoyanovich

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his brothers, Alexander and Nicholas, training with the help of Bill and Pete: doing leg workouts, practicing kickoffs and field goals and running, doing anything to increase their leg strength.

Pete Stoyanovich knows how to coach. He is the South Lyon East boys soccer coach, which limits his opportunities to be with William and his brothers at points.

He also knows what it is like to be where William is, in what he describes as the isolated position of a kicker. But he said his primary job is to keep his nephew focused, and let him do his own thing, let him figure it out on his own.

"He's got good focus, he's got good willingness — he's willing to listen," Pete Stoyanovich said. "Is it because of who I am as an uncle and as a former player? But he's willing to learn."

Through the first five games of the season, South Lyon has not let William Stoyanovich perfect his craft all that much.

In his first season on the varsity team, William Stoyanovich has connected on 10-of-13 extra-point attempts, while failing to miss his only field-goal attempt wide right. The Lions, with its high-octane offense, has attempted nine 2-point conversions in those five games, converting on eight of them.

South Lyon head coach Jeff Henson was not shy about hiding the fact that William Stoyanovich still has work to do, that there has been a learning curve in his transition from junior varsity to varsity football.

But none of those expectations of his kicker revolve around which family he comes from.

"Our focus is on him and not on what his family did in the past," Henson said. "Obviously, we have expectations of him. We expect him to perform."

William Stoyanovich is living for the opportunity to show that on the field in a game, reaching consistency in every motion he takes; doing the same thing every time.

As a pitcher on South Lyon's baseball team, he does the same thing on the mound, playing with a specific target in mind: the catcher's mitt.

It's the same thing when kicking.

"I visualize it going through the goal



South Lyon High kicker William Stoyanovich practices on Sept. 25.

To Pete Stoyanovich, the former NFL kicker, the one who brought the Stoyanovich name to prevalence, his nephew William will always have a big "X" on his back.

posts every time," Stoyanovich said.

Bill Stoyanovich thinks that when his son gets the opportunity to do that in the game, the weights of the "Stoyanovich expectation" will be off his shoulders.

But even when the weight is off the junior kicker's shoulders, the same name remains on the back of his jersey, the name representing an extremely high level of success.

To Pete Stoyanovich, the former NFL kicker, the one who brought the Stoya-

novich name to prevalence, his nephew William will always have a big "X" on his back.

"The expectation, I mean, people familiar with kicking in the NFL know the name is synonymous," Pete Stoyanovich said. "The name Stoyanovich is not a difficult name to remember."

Reach Colin Gay at cgay@hometownlife.com, 248-310-6710. Follow him on Twitter @ColinGay17. Send game results and stats to Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com.



In his first season on the varsity team, William Stoyanovich has connected on 10-of-13 extra-point attempts. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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3 ways to handle age discrimination during interview

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When it comes to interviewing, the unfortunate truth is that the rules of fairness and objectivity don't always evenly apply to all people in all situations. Although we may like to think that HR professionals and hiring personnel stick solely to experience and qualifications when making their decisions, the truth is, they're just people — and are subject to the same biases as everyone else.

Among these biases is making judgments about people based on their age. Ageism is still an issue in all aspects of society, and the professional world is not immune. This bias can go both ways during an interview, depending on who's making a judgment based on a candidate's age — being older be a sign of valuable experience and wisdom, or an indication that you're lacking energy or are out of date and not up on the latest and greatest trends. Conversely, being younger can be seen as a sign that you're full of energy and plugged into what's going on in the world, or that you're inexperienced and ill-equipped to handle serious responsibility.

As you can see, sometimes biases based on age can work in your favor and sometimes they can work against you. But there is an aspect of ageism that you do have under your control: how you respond to it if it rears its head during an interview. If you're concerned that your age may be a potential issue on interviews, consider the following strategies for dealing with it.

Beat it to the punch

Whether we like it or not, there are plenty of things that occur during an in-



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terview that is not overt or even discussed out loud. This includes judgments based on age. So, if age is a potential source of concern for you, then get out in front of it on interviews. If you're an older candidate, make sure to give off the impression that you're energetic and current. If you're a younger candi-

date, make sure that every aspect of your interview game radiates maturity, responsibility, and wisdom. Here's the bottom line — everything from the outfit you wear to the things you say and how you carry yourself will be on full display, so every aspect of your interview game should highlight the fact that the stodgy

old biases about age don't apply to you.

Shine a light on it

Sometimes in life, the best way to get through a roadblock is by going straight through it. If you're worried about ageism during interviews, then be bold and address it overtly during your conversations. Discuss your age and convince interviewers that it's not an issue. If you have tangible on-the-job examples to attest to this, even better. In fact, make turning your age — whatever it is — into an asset and you'll be doing yourself a huge favor. Be sure to handle this professionally and appropriately, and you just might impress whoever is sitting on the other side of the table with your confidence and candor.

Work around it

Sometimes in life, and in some interviews, subtlety is the best strategy. If this is the case, then working around your age just might be the approach to take. How? By overwhelming the interviewer with so many compelling reasons why you're the right candidate for the job that even if your age is a potential issue it won't matter — because you're simply too good to pass up. Focus on your strengths and make sure that interviewers see and fully believe every last one of them.

Are you worried that ageism might be an issue on your interviews and want to deal with it? Consider using the strategies presented here to keep it from adversely impacting your chances for professional success.

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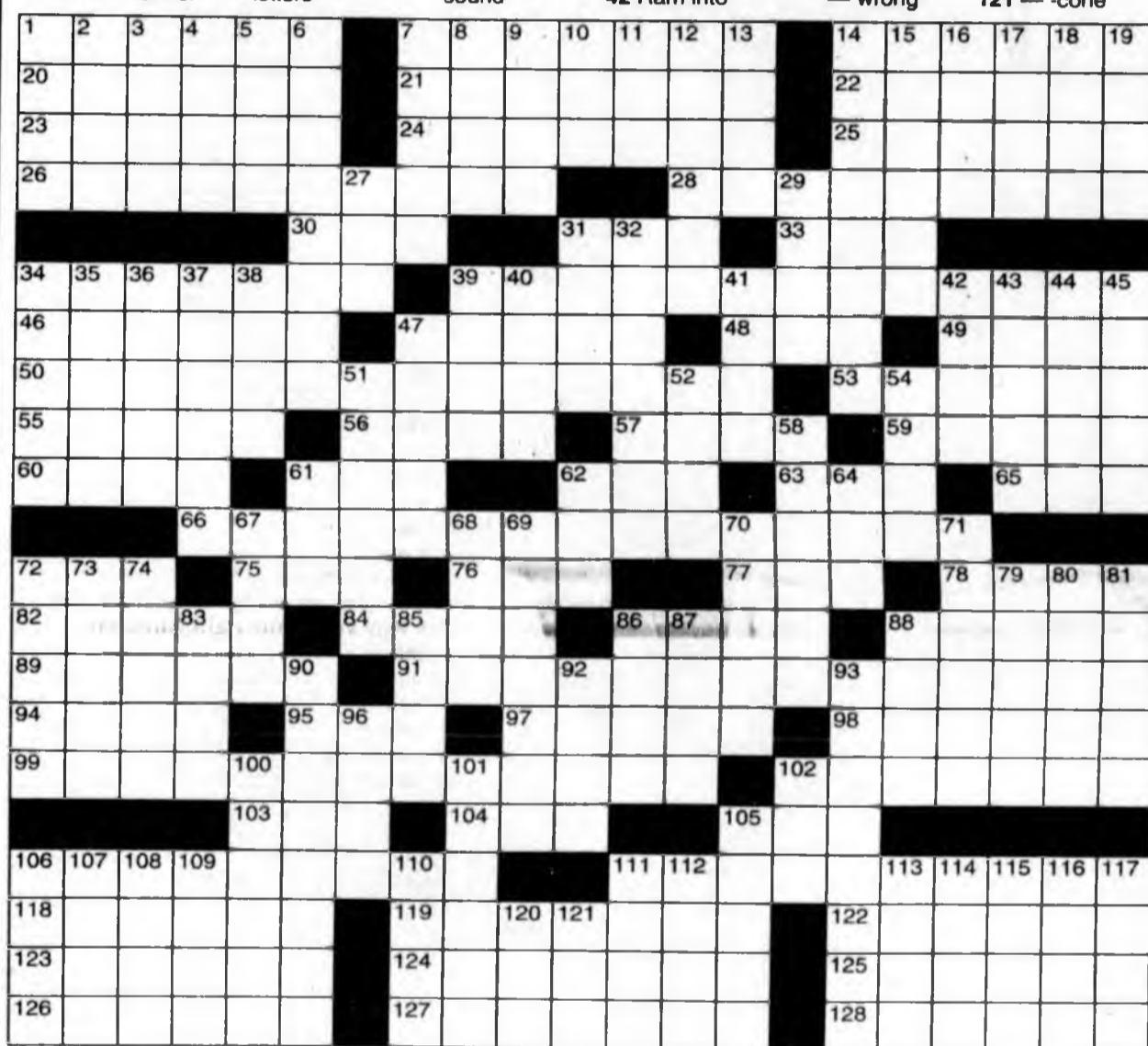
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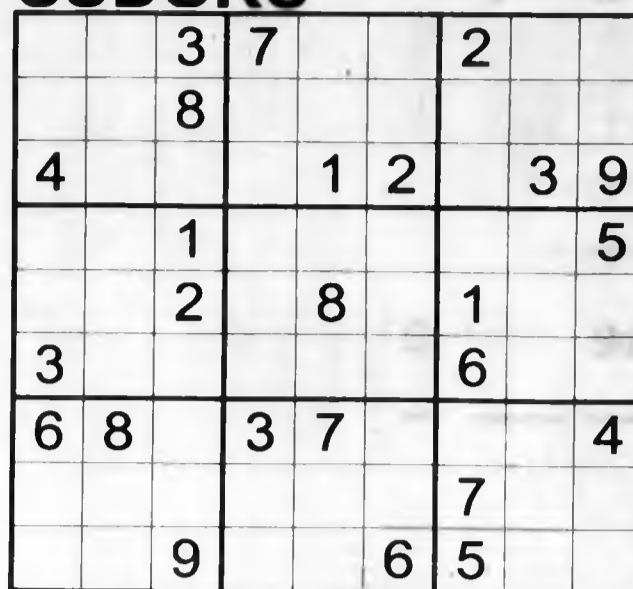
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20 Musician using reeds
21 The Who's "The Kids Are..."
22 "Frozen" studio
23 Less pudgy
24 Bertie created by Woodhouse
25 Piddling
26 Like adults
28 "Oops, I'm at fault here"
30 — Angeles
31 — Paulo, Brazil
33 Hairy "Addams Family" cousin
34 Locker-room motivator
39 Is distressed over
46 Declare
47 Opposite of 60-Across, in France
48 Pantry insect
49 Java holders
50 Looked like
53 Ontario metropolis
55 Loses control
- 56 Baba au — (alcoholic cake)
57 Sportscastrer Albert
59 Declare
60 Direction of sunrise
61 Crack pitcher
62 Explosive stuff
63 Actor Holm
65 NYT staffers
66 "You think I didn't already know that?"
72 Put down, to a hip-hopper
75 Hoppy brew
76 Ltd., in the U.S.
77 U.S. spy gp.
78 Gelatin in petri dishes
82 Put into effect
84 By — of (due to)
86 Sturdy — oak
88 Geography class spinner
89 Like the sky's color
91 A long time from now
94 Sound off
95 Sendai sash
97 Former U.N. chief Kofi
98 Last Greek letters
- 99 Popular Christmas hymn
102 Paramount
103 Suffix for hexa-
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105 Note below la
106 Title song lyric followed by the first words of seven answers in this puzzle
111 Group that had a #1 hit with 106-Across
118 Be a pilot
119 Gory film
122 Most parched
123 Small finger
125 Restlessness
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7 Grassy yards
8 Baseball's Matty or Felipe
9 Stage object
10 Fleur-de- —
11 T-man, e.g.
12 Organized crime
13 "Give it —"
14 Owns, as an error
15 Noon nap
16 Exam for jrs.
17 Actress Swenson
18 Smell terrible
19 Brontë's Jane
27 Stir-fry pan
29 Outward appearance
31 Passable
32 Fall seasons
34 Out of style
35 Justice Kagan
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37 Seduces
38 Gets older
39 Ballet skirt
40 Diane who hosted a longtime NPR show
41 Actor Bert
42 Ram into
- 43 Sound off
44 Not married
45 Pre-Soviet rulers
47 Actor Milo
51 Formed an upward curve
52 Airport part
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58 Brand of eye drops
61 Hole tool
62 Mom's forte, for short
64 Alicia of "Falcon Crest"
67 Stable feed
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69 Contest hopeful
70 Investor Carl
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72 Messing of "Will & Grace"
73 Relative via marriage
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80 The "A" of James A. Garfield
81 Shortstop Pee Wee
83 Large town
85 "Correct me — wrong"
- 86 Comic Meara
87 Asterisk
88 Forrest played by Tom Hanks
90 Toasted people, e.g.
92 Playwright William
93 Bungled
96 Nuptial ring
100 "OK already!"
101 Safe place
102 Weep
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113 Obama cabineteer Duncan
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117 Anna of "Nana"
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121 — cone



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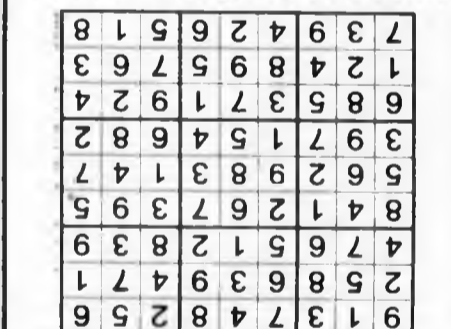
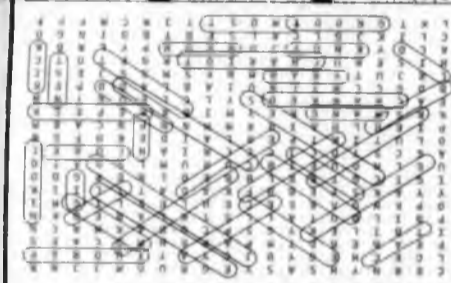
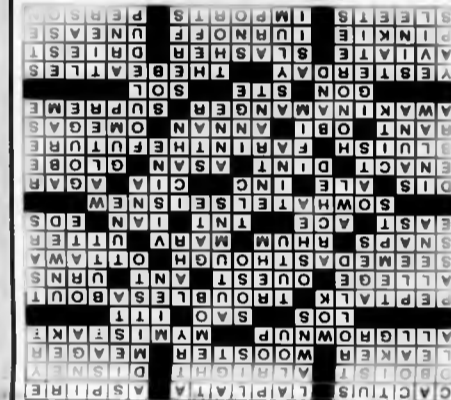
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