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Northville may consider food truck ordinance

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Could a Detroit staple open up a temporary food truck location somewhere in Northville?

Slows Bar BQ proposed the idea of setting up its food truck in Northville on a semi-permanent basis next summer

as a way to bring its barbecue goodies from its home base in Detroit's Corktown area to Northville. The company would look to set up its truck for a couple of days a week for a few months in the city and leave it overnight.

Terry Perrone, a Northville resident and a director for Slows, told the city's planning commission of the company's

hopes of bringing its food to the city.

"It's got to be the right fit," he said. "I appreciate the opportunity to talk to everybody about it."

Perrone said he's looked at locations across the city, including one location along Seven Mile just west of Main Street. That location would keep the food truck far from the restaurants

downtown, something several restaurant owners supported.

Six restaurant owners submitted a letter to the planning commission, asking them to avoid allowing a semi-permanent food truck to set up near downtown, arguing that trucks could

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Milford shop to give away vehicle

Downtown Garage seeks nominations for those most in need of transport

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Do you know someone who needs a car?

Downtown Garage in Milford has a Toyota RAV4 sport utility vehicle it is giving away to an individual or family who has found themselves in dire straits.

You can nominate someone for this amazing gift through Oct. 29.

"We're looking for an individual or family that has suffered a temporary setback, someone who is temporarily down," Karen Wielkopolan, owner of Downtown Garage in Milford, said. "Previous winners have been people trying to better their family situation."

Downtown Garage, joined by local automotive partners including Ellis Brothers Collision, have given away one car per year since 2015.

Wielkopolan said she and the mechanics at the auto repair shop were looking for more meaning in their work.

"After a few years, they said, 'This is it? We just work on old cars?'" she recalled. "They started to feel like there was no purpose, what is our accomplishment; I was wracking my brain trying to keep these guys happy and I started to feel the same way, 'There has to be more to it than this.'"

Wielkopolan then heard about Wheels to Prosper, in which auto shops and collision shops pair together to refurbish cars and give them away. They decided to try it, with no idea the impact it would have on the community.

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The staff at Downtown Garage in Milford plans to give a vehicle to an individual or family in need. From left are owner Karen Wielkopolan, son John Wielkopolan, Nick Streng, Jake Roberts, Robert Theisen, and Rowdy. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

September restaurant health inspection reports released

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
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Bugs found in liquor bottles. Moldy melons in the refrigerator. Food left out above safe temperatures. Unauthorized pest control devices in the kitchen.

These are just a few of the issues found by health inspectors in Oakland and Wayne counties last month. In Sep-

tember, inspectors visited dozens of restaurants, churches, schools, senior living facilities and other commercial kitchens to make sure food safety is a top priority.

Restaurants in the following communities received "priority" violations, the most serious of violations that can lead to food borne illness.

■ 40 priority violations in the Bir-

mingham/Bloomfield area

■ 39 priority violations in Farmington and Farmington Hills

■ 33 priority violations in Novi

■ 11 priority violations in South Lyon and Lyon Township

■ 10 priority violations in Milford and Highland townships

■ 18 with priority violations in Northville and Northville Township

■ Eight with priority violations in Plymouth and Plymouth Township

■ 17 with priority violations in Canton

■ 25 with priority violations in Wayne and Westland

■ 46 with priority violations in Livonia

Find the complete lists of restaurants with priority violations, as well as the violations, at hometownlife.com.

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Super Talk
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Northville does not allow food trucks parked on city property, unless it is part of a special event.

They also require registration with the city if operating on private property, such as the Northville Winery, a place where the truck has operated before, Perrone said.

Perrone offered several options for moving forward, including doing a test run next year in the month of May and seeing how it is received.

While no action was taken by the planning commission, it's expected to discuss the issue at a later date. Many members cited the effect food trucks have on communities and what they can do to benefit them, including in cities such as Seattle or Portland.

Marc Russell, the com-

mission's vice chair, said he's visited the staging area for food trucks in Portland before and can see how such an entity could be valuable, including if it serves as a starting point for businesses to eventually move into a brick-and-mortar space.

"That is a very welcome food truck entity in that community and has been for ... 30 years," Russell said. "It is a unique body of restaurants that you can't find anywhere else."

"I think Portland and Seattle would be the two areas we look at as models."

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **KEFORD COLLISION AND TOWING JSP 18-31 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED I-2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) WITH AN ASSOCIATED PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO) AGREEMENT.** The subject property is approximately 7.61 acres and is located on the south side of Grand River Avenue between Taft Road and Novi Road (Section 15). The subject property contains two existing buildings which are currently unoccupied. The applicant proposes to use the larger building (23,493 square feet) for an auto body collision repair shop and related offices, along with an accessory use of car rental services. No particular subtenants for the second building have been identified yet. In addition to the indoor uses, the applicant proposes to use up to 160 spaces in an enclosed yard in the rear yard for storage of towed vehicles.

Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.
Subject Property Parcel ID: 50-22-15-351-012

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 30, 2019.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary



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City of Northville Proposed Amendment to Code of Ordinances Chapter 54 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article VIII Offenses Involving Minors

At its regular meeting on November 4, 2019, the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading an amendment to Chapter 54 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article VIII Offenses Involving Minors, by adding Section 54-348 Possession or use of tobacco, vapor products or alternative nicotine products by minors.

The proposed ordinance amendment will prohibit the use or possession of tobacco products by persons under the age of 18. This includes cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco and vapor products. The ordinance also provides for penalties for violating the ordinance.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for November 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time or on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

ALAN MACIAG, CHIEF OF POLICE
DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

To the qualified electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a General Election will be held in the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The election will be conducted in all polling places in the City of Northville for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

LOCAL: Mayor, City Councilmember

Polling Place Locations

Precinct 1 (Wayne County) Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
Precinct 2 (Oakland County) Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.

The polls open at 7am and remain open until 8pm. Polling places are handicapped accessible and each precinct is equipped with Braille and audio voting instructions and ADA compliant voting equipment.

Absent Voter Ballot Deadlines

Friday, November 1, 2019 by 5pm is the last day the City Clerk can mail an absent voter ballot (exceptions apply).

Saturday, November 2, 2019, the City Clerk's Office will be open from 8am to 4pm. Voters may obtain an absent voter ballot in-person.

Monday, November 4, 2019, by 4pm, AV ballots are available for voters that are already registered to vote. The ballot must be voted at City Hall.

Absent voter ballot applications are available at the City Clerk's office, on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us, or by calling 248-449-9914.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC
CITY CLERK

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MDOT: I-275 project will take all season

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com
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Interstate 275 will be a bear for the 2020 construction season as the expressway between Ford Road and Six Mile Road will be under construction. The \$50 million project through Northville, Livonia, Plymouth and Canton will affect westside commuters for most, if not all, the construction season.

On Oct. 15, employees with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) met with residents in an open house meeting at Canton's Summit on the Park. Attendees could ask the engineers and designers present about the project's details.

The project will include repaving, shoulder widening and bridge maintenance, picking up where 2016's massive reconstruction project left off.

"You have the old concrete from the 1970s that was built, and you have 3½ inches of asphalt that's on top of that," said Adam Penzenstadler, an engineer for MDOT and a Livonia resident. "That surface is deteriorating."

"We have been out there every year doing patches and you can start to see the potholes."

He said that older concrete doesn't need to go just yet, so this repaving will focus on the asphalt.

"There's still a little bit of life left in that concrete pavement that's underneath and we're trying to maximize dollars and get as much out of that as possible," Penzenstadler said. "So what we're going to do is take off all of the asphalt, leave the pavement below and repave asphalt back."

None of the 20 bridges along the stretch need major

repairs, but they will receive preventative maintenance like epoxy overlay, deck and sidewalk patching and rail replacements.

Throughout the project, two northbound and two southbound lanes will remain open at all times. Penzenstadler said residents can still plan to use I-275 throughout the project's lifetime.

"This isn't going to be like some of the larger projects where it's a full reconstruct and we shut down and detour," he said. "We're not doing that."

The only full closures drivers can expect are exit closures at Ford Road and Ann Arbor Road, but they won't happen at the same time.

"We'll alternate, so if we close one of the interchanges, we won't close the other," Penzenstadler said. "That way people don't have to go very far to get around."

What still has yet to be seen is the project's work schedule from day to day. Penzenstadler said MDOT is just exiting the design phase and doesn't have a contractor yet. Because of that, MDOT doesn't yet know what residents who live along the corridor can expect when it comes to noise and work hours.

Some residents who live near the area had concerns about additional traffic and noise levels.

"They're putting in a hospital where the K Mart used to be on Haggerty Road," said Karen Senior, a Plymouth resident who lives near the Ann Arbor Road ramp. "So now we're going to have construction on 275 and, as soon as you get off, voilà, there's going to be the construction going on with the hospital. ... It's going to be crazy."

Novi fire captain becomes assistant chief

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Novi Fire Captain John Martin has been promoted to assistant fire chief, filling a position that has been vacant for the past 10 years because of a reorganization within the public safety department.

Martin has been fighting fires since 1997 when he joined the Macomb Township Fire Department. He served as Macomb's firefighter and training coordinator until 2006.

He actually started as an auxiliary firefighter for the Novi Fire Department in 2003. He was promoted to fire training lieutenant in 2005. In January 2011, he was promoted to captain where he served as a shift supervisor.



Martin

"I have every confidence Assistant Chief John Martin will take our excellent, combination fire department to all new levels of excellence and achievement," Novi Public Safety Director David Molloy said. "John is a proven leader and is respected by those he serves with and our community partners. Fire Chief Jeff Johnson and I look forward to working with him as we enhance our public safety programs throughout the community."

Martin has an associate degree in fire science from Macomb Community College, and a bachelor's degree in public safety administration from Eastern Michigan University.

He graduated from EMU's Fire Staff and Command Executive Leadership Program in 2010, and he has graduated from University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service's LEAD program.

Martin also has completed professional emergency management training.

For more information about the Novi Fire Department, visit cityofnovi.org.

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Novi police sergeant graduates from EMU program

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Novi Police Sgt. Amanda Kulikowski recently graduated from Eastern Michigan University's School of Police Staff and Command Executive Leadership.

She was one of about 50 law enforcement professionals representing approximately 40 different Michigan communities.

"The SPSC program provides excellent lead-

ership and problem-solving skills," Kulikowski said. "I am very proud of my accomplishment and look forward to bringing my new skills back to the Novi Police Department and implementing them throughout the organization."

The EMU program includes instruction on leadership development, planning and decision making, human resource management and homeland security.

"I am extremely proud of Sgt. Kulikowski's pro-



Kulikowski

David Molloy said. "The staff and command program prepares our team with the education and training needed to lead the Novi Police Department, while enhancing public trust with the community members of Novi."

Kulikowski joined the

Novi Police Department in 2004.

She had served a year as a Detroit Police Department officer.

She has held numerous assignments including serving as a field training officer, radar instructor, and an undercover detective.

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CITY OF NOVI LEGAL NOTICE 2020-24 STRATEGIC COMMUNITY RECREATION & MASTER PARK PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi has posted a draft of the 2020-24 Strategic Community Recreation & Master Park Plan online for public review. Members of the public interested in viewing it can do so in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services section at cityofnovi.org or directly through <http://bit.ly/NoviParksMasterPlan>. Feedback and comments can be sent to noviparks@cityofnovi.org or to the PRCS Department at 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 by November 24, 2019.

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Notice is hereby given that a general election will be held in the City of Novi on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

1	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
2	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	41415 W. Nine Mile Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	23333 Willowbrook Road
4	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6 & 7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
8	Meadowbrook Elementary School	29200 Meadowbrook Road
9 & 11	Crosspointe Meadows Church	29000 Meadowbrook Road
10	Fox Run	41000 Thirteen Mile Road
12	Hickory Woods Elementary School	30655 Novi Road
13	Novi Meadows 6th Grade House	25299 Taft Road
14	Faith Community Presbyterian Church	44400 West Ten Mile Road
15	St. James Catholic Church	46325 West Ten Mile Road
16	Novi Public Library	45255 W. Ten Mile Road
17 & 18	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
19	Thornton Creek Elementary School	46180 West Nine Mile Road
20 & 21	Novi Middle School	49000 Eleven Mile Road
22	Deerfield Elementary School	26500 Wixom Road

For the purposes of electing candidates for the following offices:

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

Bob Gatt

Christine Ingles

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Laura Casey

Hugh D. Crawford

Colleen Anne Crossey

Bin Qamruzzaman

Tia Marie Sanders

David Staudt

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

Alexandra Dinser

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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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Food trucks have become a lucrative business across metro Detroit, with some communities looking to regulate them. The City of Livonia originally looked at creating an ordinance governing their usage earlier this year, though the city council decided not to act on it for the time being.

Northville does not allow food trucks parked on city property, unless it is part of a special event.

They also require registration with the city if operating on private property, such as the Northville Winery, a place where the truck has operated before, Perrone said.

Perrone offered several options for moving forward, including doing a test run next year in the month of May and seeing how it is received.

While no action was taken by the planning commission, it's expected to discuss the issue at a later date. Many members cited the effect food trucks have on communities and what they can do to benefit them, including in cities such as Seattle or Portland.

Marc Russell, the com-

mission's vice chair, said he's visited the staging area for food trucks in Portland before and can see how such an entity could be valuable, including if it serves as a starting point for businesses to eventually move into a brick-and-mortar space.

"That is a very welcome food truck entity in that community and has been for ... 30 years," Russell said. "It is a unique body of restaurants that you can't find anywhere else."

"I think Portland and Seattle would be the two areas we look at as models."

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **KEFORD COLLISION AND TOWING JSP 18-31 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED I-2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) WITH AN ASSOCIATED PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO) AGREEMENT.** The subject property is approximately 7.61 acres and is located on the south side of Grand River Avenue between Taft Road and Novi Road (Section 15). The subject property contains two existing buildings which are currently unoccupied. The applicant proposes to use the larger building (23,493 square feet) for an auto body collision repair shop and related offices, along with an accessory use of car rental services. No particular subtenants for the second building have been identified yet. In addition to the indoor uses, the applicant proposes to use up to 160 spaces in an enclosed yard in the rear yard for storage of towed vehicles.

Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.
Subject Property Parcel ID: 50-22-15-351-012

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 30, 2019.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary



Published: October 24, 2019

City of Northville Proposed Amendment to Code of Ordinances Chapter 54 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article VIII Offenses Involving Minors

At its regular meeting on November 4, 2019, the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading an amendment to Chapter 54 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article VIII Offenses Involving Minors, by adding Section 54-348 Possession or use of tobacco, vapor products or alternative nicotine products by minors.

The proposed ordinance amendment will prohibit the use or possession of tobacco products by persons under the age of 18. This includes cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco and vapor products. The ordinance also provides for penalties for violating the ordinance.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for November 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time or on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

To the qualified electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a General Election will be held in the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The election will be conducted in all polling places in the City of Northville for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

LOCAL: Mayor, City Councilmember

Polling Place Locations

Precinct 1 (Wayne County) Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
Precinct 2 (Oakland County) Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.

The polls open at 7am and remain open until 8pm. Polling places are handicapped accessible and each precinct is equipped with Braille and audio voting instructions and ADA compliant voting equipment.

Absent Voter Ballot Deadlines

Friday, November 1, 2019 by 5pm is the last day the City Clerk can mail an absent voter ballot (exceptions apply).

Saturday, November 2, 2019, the City Clerk's Office will be open from 8am to 4pm. Voters may obtain an absent voter ballot in-person.

Monday, November 4, 2019, by 4pm, AV ballots are available for voters that are already registered to vote. The ballot must be voted at City Hall.

Absent voter ballot applications are available at the City Clerk's office, on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us, or by calling 248-449-9914.

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Is taking a buyout from your pension a good idea?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

The other day, GE announced that it will be offering many of its retirees a buyout of their pension. This is not unusual and we've seen more and more of this over the last number of years.

If you receive an offer from GE or, in fact, from any company that you have a pension with, you need to take the offer seriously and not decide one way or the other without some investigation. This is an important decision for your future, and you need to take your time in order to make the right decision.

When a buyout is offered, generally the amount offered is substantial. All too often people are enticed by the number, which can be a mistake.

Obviously, the amount offered in a buyout is important, if nothing more than to determine whether the offer is fair. In fact, one of the first things you should do when you receive a buyout is to determine if the offer is fair. You should not assume the buyout number is fair. In looking at an offer, keep in mind that the company is not doing this for your benefit, but for theirs.

There are many times that it pays to accept the offer; however, in the majority of situations, an individual would be better off financially keeping their pension.

The key if you do get a pension buyout offer is to focus on your individual situation, not what your next-door neighbor or your best friend is doing.

Ask yourself what you plan to do with the money. For example, if you're going to need income on a regular basis from that money, the question is, how you are going to invest it? In my view, if you're planning to invest it in CDs, government bonds or an annuity, you're probably much better off to keep your pension. On the other hand, if you don't need the income from the buyout, and you will invest the money in equities, and you are looking long term, it probably is best to accept the buyout.

Whether someone accepts the buyout or not is a difficult decision, and

many people don't have the knowledge or skill to make that decision themselves. Therefore, they may have to retain the services of a professional. In that regard, make sure you hire a professional as opposed to a salesperson.

Whether it is the GE buyout, a buyout from one of the automotive companies or, in fact, any company, you need to take time to analyze the proposal to determine if it's in your best interest.

My advice: if you're not sure what best works for you, probably the safe way of going is to keep your pension.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. Email Rick at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Giveaway

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She tears up as she recalls how grateful she was for the community support she was given when her husband John passed away 17 years ago and thinks of Wheels to Prosper as a way of paying generosity forward.

So far, their beneficiaries ranged from inaugural recipient Jaleane Thomas, a single Highland Township mother who was working 80 hours a week and hadn't owned a car in five years to last year's winner, Milford resident Tammy Stockbridge, who worried about caring for her diabetic grandson without a car during medical emergencies.

Last year, Downtown Garage received about 15 nominations. In other years, they've had as many as 26 or as little as three.

Nominations come from all over—individuals, school staff, members of churches, clubs and organizations who know of someone in need.

"These are people depending on others to get them to work, to doctor appointments, other treatments, they are depending on other people for every ride," Wielkopalan said. "I am shocked. I think of Milford as a high standard community, but we still have people who

have had hardships that affected their lives. We have no public transportation in this area, which is a big issue."

The gift of a free fully refurbished car is a community effort, usually begun when someone donates, or Wielkopalan buys, a vehicle that someone finds too costly to repair.

The work on this year's vehicle, a 2008 Toyota RAV4, began six months ago. Through a partnership with Ellis Brothers Collision, as well as several other auto parts suppliers, the Toyota sports a new transmission, brakes, battery, sway bar links, valve cover, axles and tires.

"We try to make it as new as possible," Wielkopalan said. "It really is a bigger process than it seems. The boys donate time and we try to break it up so no one person takes the burden. I like to share the stories of the nominees with the guys, because you want them to know their efforts are going to people that need them."

Downtown Garage is waiting to hear this year's stories and help someone who needs a car. Write a letter nominating someone to receive this free vehicle, including their name, address and phone number, along with your name, address and phone number as the nominator and why the person you have nominated needs or deserves the opportunity to be awarded the 2008 Toyota RAV4.



Downtown Garage in Milford has given away one vehicle each year since 2015.
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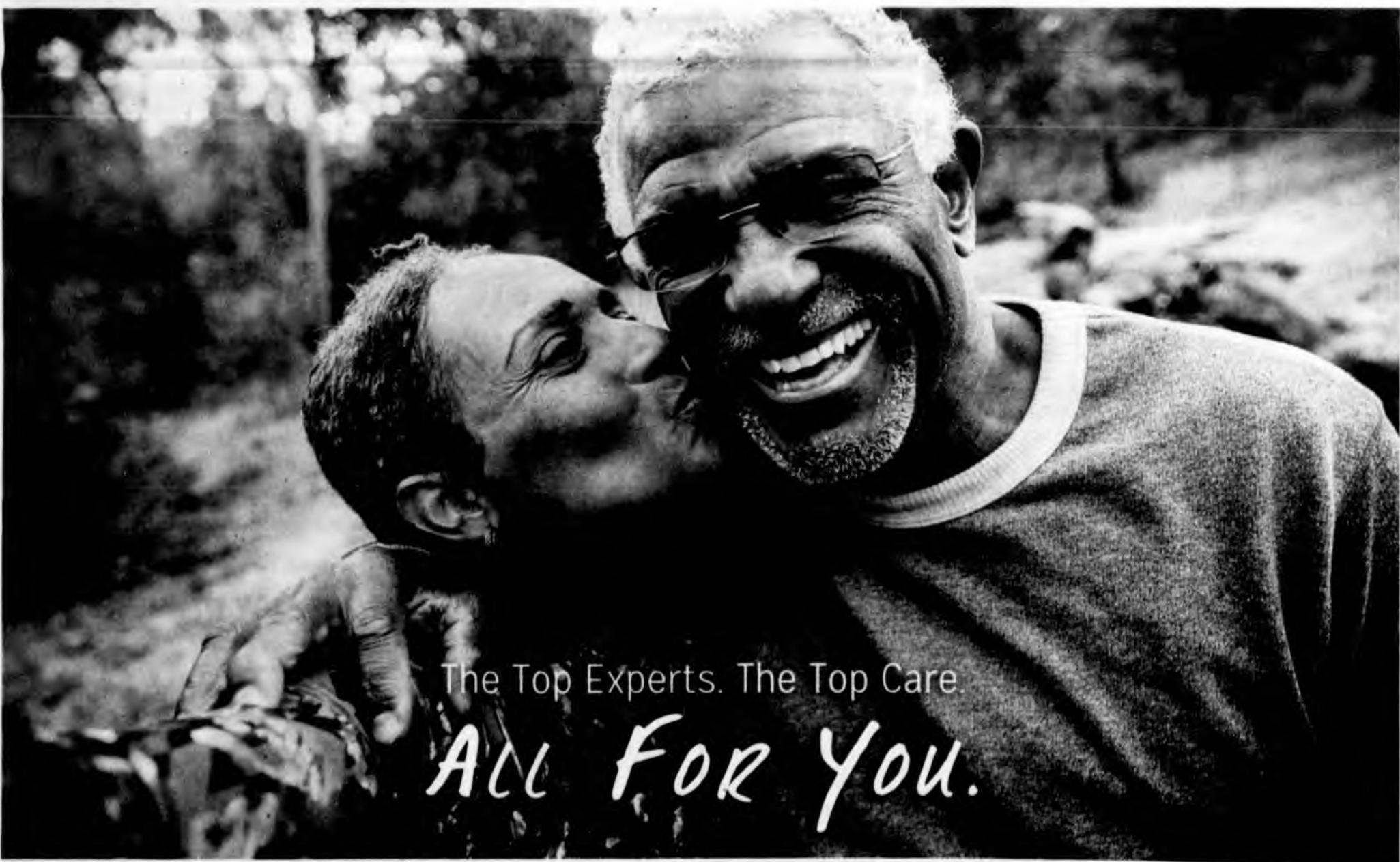
ta RAV4.

Before midnight on Oct. 29, submit electronically at www.downtowngaragemilford.com, or have the letter postmarked by Oct. 29 and mail to Downtown Garage, "Wheels to Prosper," 120

W. Huron St., Milford, MI 48381.

A winner will be announced on Nov. 2 and take possession of the vehicle at Downtown Garage.

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Second lawsuit against Milford alleges extortion

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Two fired employees separately are suing the Village of Milford alleging unfair treatment by Public Services Director Robert Calley. It's the second federal suit in the span of a week.

The most recent one, filed Monday in U.S. District Court against both the village and Calley, demands a jury trial and at least \$75,000 because the public services director allegedly demanded a slice of the money his employee was receiving for cement work the employee did as a side job during his off hours.

Calley could not be reached for comment.

"The Village has not yet been notified by the court of any suit," Village Manager Christian Wuerth said in a written response. "The Village has forwarded what we believe to be the complaint to our insurance carrier, but no legal counsel has yet been assigned. As such, neither the Village nor its employees have any further comment."

Michael Esson said in his lawsuit Calley began extorting money from him soon after he became Calley's assistant public services director in 2014.

Esson had 20 years of experience in



Two federal lawsuits have been filed against the Village of Milford in the span of a week. FILE

the cement business, and "using accrued vacation time for personal projects, errands, and the like was common among village employees."

In May 2014, he asked Calley if he could use some of his vacation time to complete a "six-figure job" that was supposed to take one week in Indiana.

Calley apparently agreed to the request, but only if he received 20% of Esson's earnings from the cement job.

Esson said no to the proposed deal, and Calley denied the vacation request.

"Later that day, Calley called Plaintiff and told him that he would approve his vacation time in exchange for \$5,000," the lawsuit stated. "Plaintiff felt as though accepting Calley's offer was the only way for him to keep his job with the Village of Milford, as well as take the once in a lifetime cement job, so he agreed to pay Calley. After Plaintiff received payment for his cement job, he gave Calley an envelope with \$5,000 in it."

Thereafter, Calley demanded that he be a part of Esson's side jobs laying cement, and Esson apparently agreed to those arrangements to make his village job more manageable, according to the lawsuit.

The assistant occasionally used vacation time for the cement work. When Esson requested time off in spring 2017, Calley asked if it was for a cement job. Esson lied, saying that there would be no cement labor.

"Plaintiff did in fact do a cement job at a location outside of the Village while on vacation, and when Calley found out about it, he was furious with Plaintiff and told Plaintiff that he is not allowed to do any concrete work during his time

off if he wanted to keep his job with the Village of Milford," the lawsuit alleges.

The lawsuit claims Calley informed Wuerth of the off-duty projects and that Wuerth did not have an issue with Esson's side labor, as long as the work wasn't within village limits.

Esson alleges in the suit Calley retaliated with an unwarranted writeup, routine undermining of his authority and intimidation. The public services director apparently began denying Esson's vacation requests or "he would demand that Plaintiff pay him \$100 per day of vacation time."

Esson said that he filed a police report regarding Calley's "abuses" in April. Hometown Life has filed a Freedom of Information request with the Michigan State Police to review those complaints.

Esson said Wuerth sent him a mid-June email that said he had talked to police and considered "some or all" of Esson's allegations were not credible. Esson was placed on administrative leave and terminated from his job on July 18, as stated in the lawsuit, "in retaliation for filing a complaint against a Village employee."

See LAWSUIT, Page 10A

Huron Valley teacher pleads guilty to drunken driving

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Most recently at Lakeland High School, an Oakland County teacher arrested last month for flunking a breathalyzer test pleaded guilty Tuesday to drunken driving and suspended license charges stemming from a 2018 incident.

Seeming perfectly affable, Michael Dennis Fletcher, state certified to teach since 2000, told a 52-2 District Court judge he had been bad.

"How do you wish to plea to the charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated?" asked Judge Kelley Kostin, presiding over her Clarkston courtroom. "How do you wish to plea to the charge of operating a motor vehicle

without having a valid operator's license on your person?"

"Guilty," said Fletcher, although he had to repeat his answer with a firmer tone.

"It sounds like you're asking me a question," the judge admonished.

Fletcher then admitted to being drunk from beer while driving Oct. 4, 2018, through White Lake Township. He failed a breathalyzer test that day.

"Mr. Fletcher, did you have a valid operator's license on your person?"

"Yes," said the West Bloomfield resident, apparently making a mistake.

"You did?" the judge asked.

"I believe at that time ... No. No."

"All right, I'm going to ask you again," the judge warned.



Fletcher

Fletcher, in his 40s, then said more firmly he didn't have a valid driver's license that day.

The teacher's sentencing date is set for Nov. 25. He told the judge that he is enrolled in an intensive 12-step outpatient program because of his drinking problem.

She agreed that he could switch from a tether to the Soberlink at-home, alcohol monitoring system requiring tests twice a day.

Meanwhile, Fletcher remains under a law enforcement review for identical charges of operating while intoxicated with a high blood-alcohol content and for driving with a suspended license

from a September incident.

Police escorted Fletcher Sept. 18 from Huron Valley Schools' Lakeland High School in White Lake.

Police say the teacher then admitted to consuming alcohol prior to driving there. A test revealed the teacher's blood alcohol content was .354%, or more than four times the legal .08% limit.

He was arrested and arraigned on the outstanding Oct. 4, 2018, warrant.

Fletcher remains employed by Huron Valley Schools. District officials have said the teacher will not return to campus until his legal issues are resolved to their satisfaction.

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Memorial honors fallen Iraqi Freedom soldiers

Diane K. Bert Special to HometownLife.com
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It was a somber group of about 250 people who gathered at the Fallen Heroes Memorial dedication on the grounds of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. The memorial honors the 22 soldiers from Oakland County who sacrificed their lives in the Iraqi Freedom campaign. It is part of the Lest They Be Forgotten Memorial Project.

The monument was created by donations of individuals, groups and foundations including American Legion groups, bikers, the Anderson Family Foundation and the UAW Region 1. The Fallen Heroes Memorial Foundation also benefited from donations of materials and services. The Bikers group was especially generous. Many individuals shared their talents and services.

Civil Air Patrol members from the Oakland Composite Squadron led the flag raising.

Honored guests at the ceremony were the Gold Star families who lost loved ones.

Frank Kidd of Milford notes: "My son was a casualty. I feel it is a nice thing to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. It is an honor that I can do this for my son."

Tim Moore, another kind and caring guest, described his relationship with Duane J. Dreaskey. "He called me Uncle Tim. He was a very outgoing, happy child who wanted to be in the military. He died as a result of burns after an IED explosion." Moore wears a badge with a photo of Dreaskey.

"Damain Bushart was a fine cadet with the Civil Air Patrol," remembers Mike Saile. Damain was the son of John "Skip" Bushart who is president of the Fallen Heroes Memorial Foundation and the organizer of the Memorial.

Jerry Grzywinski is a friend of Skip Bushart who is a member of the American Legion which supported the Memorial. He says, "It is appropriate to honor our Oakland County soldiers who died for their country. The Memorial does this."

The ceremony featured patriotic music, bagpipes and speeches by dignitaries. Sheriff Mike Bouchard welcomed people and noted, "This site honors he-

Lest They Be Forgotten

The memorial on the grounds of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office honors the following servicemen and women from Oakland County who lost their lives during the Operation: Iraqi Freedom campaign.

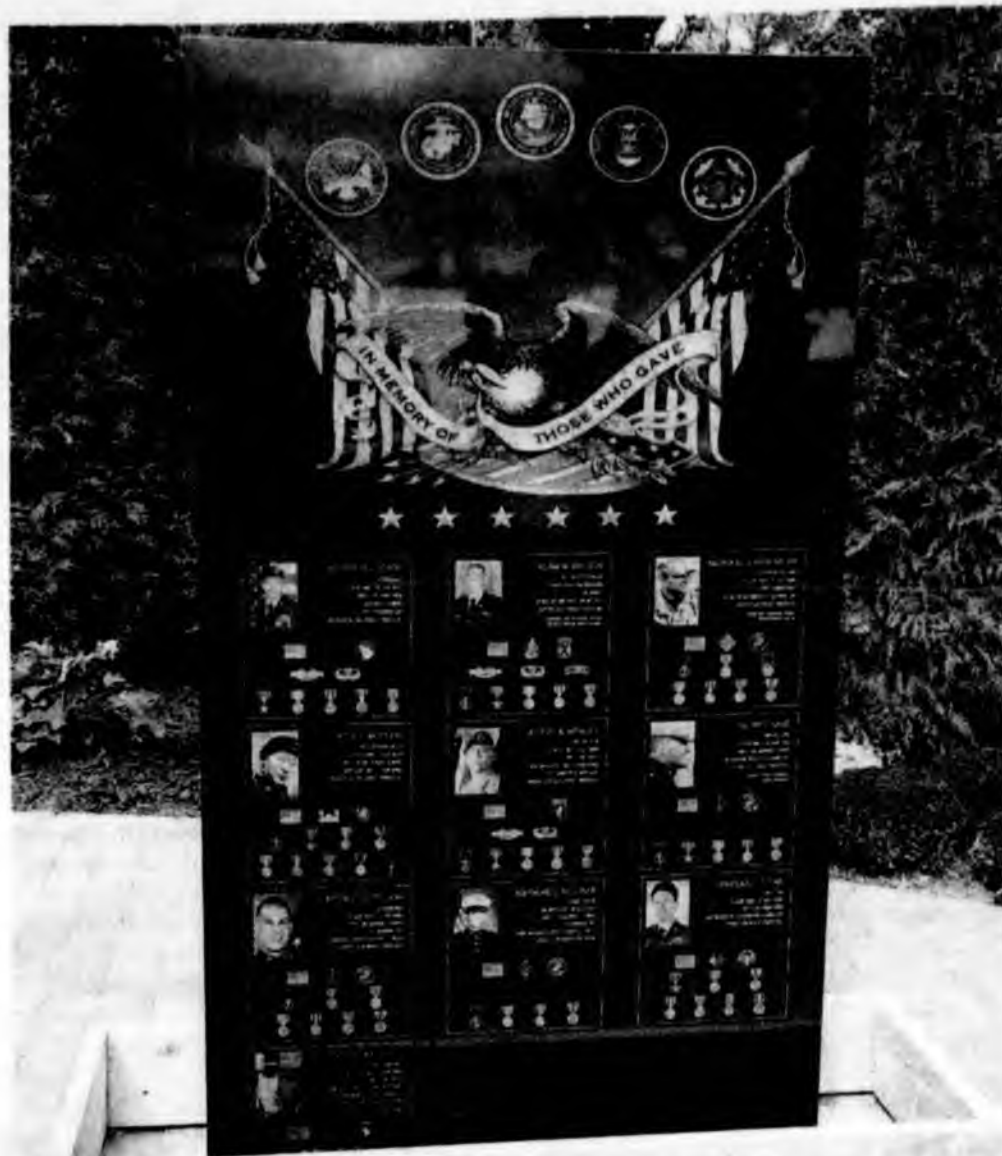
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roes as we show appreciation to Gold Star families showing that we have not forgotten and never will. The Gold Star group is the most revered group that no one wants to become a member of."

Patrick Rich, vice president of the Fallen Heroes Memorial Foundation, distributed beautiful hand embroidered unique plaques to each Gold Star family. The framed plaques featured a patriotic design and the name of the honoree. The families showed deep appreciation for this thoughtful remembrance.

As the moment arrived for the unveiling of the monuments one member of each Gold Star family was invited forward.

The covers were removed from the two monuments and the tributes to each soldier were revealed. Family members were moved by the photos and tributes. The two beautiful monuments were placed on a cement platform adjacent to a flagpole and statue of boots and paraphernalia of a soldier. Dog tags for each soldier hung from the helmet.



The Lest They Be Forgotten memorial on the Sheriff's Building campus in Pontiac commemorates the sacrifices made by 22 Oakland County soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

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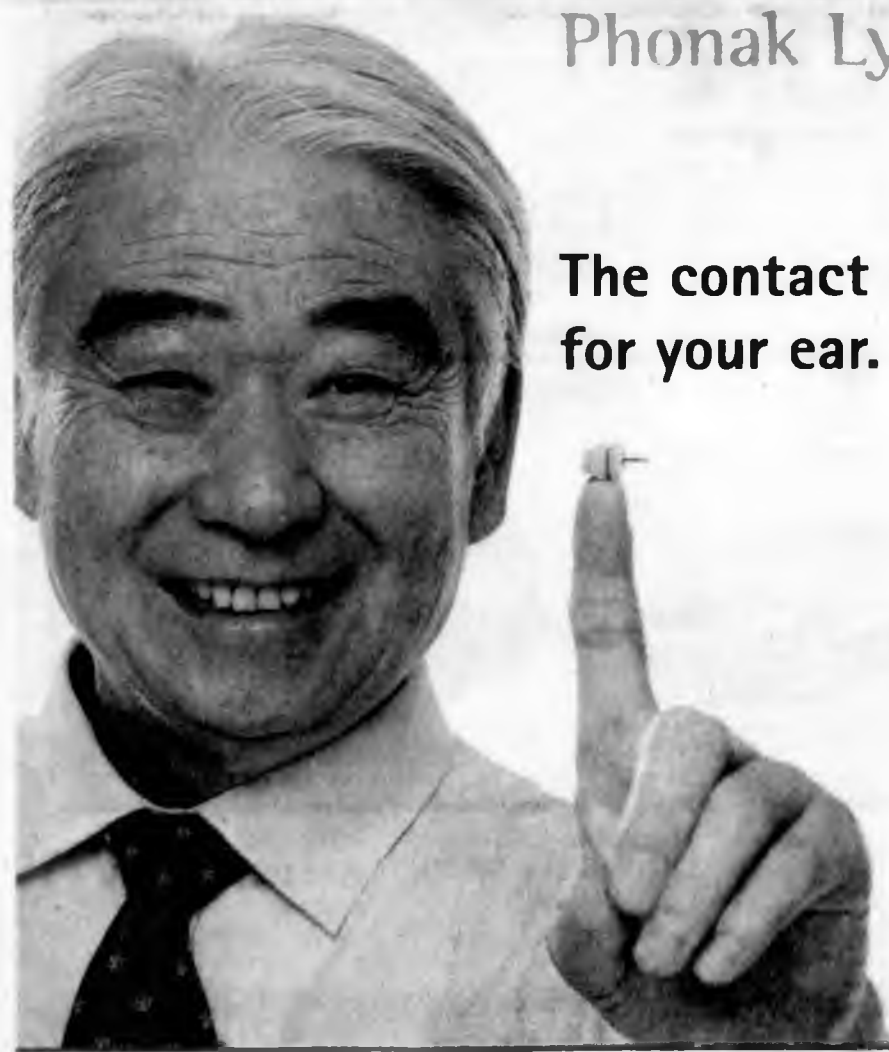
Taps were played by two buglers, Paul Roche and Dave Devine. Amazing Grace was played by Kim Johnson on her bagpipes. Skip Bushart gave closing remarks and Chaplain James Dewey gave the benediction as the moving ceremony came to a close.

There was a tone of reverence as the guests came forward to look closely at the memorials. Some tears were shed and many expressed thanks that their loved ones had been honored.

Oakland County Executive David Coulter says, "This memorial is a way for

us to remember sacrifices made. At the end of the day the privileges and freedom we enjoy are a result of Oakland County soldiers and others whom we can't forget. Today we are polarized. Our real enemy is not each other. These brave soldiers remind us of the ultimate sacrifices made to help preserve our country."

The Lest They Be Forgotten Memorial is located on the grounds of the Sheriff's office building at 38 East, County Center Drive in Pontiac. Nearby are other memorials.



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Builder won't show condo documents to buyers before closing



Robert Meisner
Guest columnist

Q: I have read about a growing trend in Illinois regarding "deconversion" of condominiums into apartments. Is any of that going on in Michigan, and is it a good idea for investors?

A: Unfortunately, over the years, I have seen situations where certain investors have taken a dilapidated condominium project which was partially owned by a number of investors and/or the developer causing the remaining co-owners to sell their units out of frustration about the operation of the association.

However, in Michigan, it has been rare that an investor has gone into a development and attempted to buy out all of the co-owners in an effort to make it an apartment complex. The reason an investor might consider this is because they think they can generate a better return on investment with an entire apartment complex than leasing out individual condominium units. It can be accomplished if the co-owners are willing to cash out.

However, some condominium associations choose to resist deconversion by amending their governing documents. In a recent well-publicized maneuver in downtown Chicago, the 70-story Lake Point Tower condominium association fought back against efforts to deconvert it from a condominium to an apartment complex. The owners approved an amendment limiting rentals to 25% of all units and an amendment limiting ownership to no more than 2% of all units. With those restrictions in place, an investor would not be able to buy enough units to force a bulk sale of the remaining units. If any association is facing a similar situation, it may wish

to consult an experienced condominium attorney to offer some options.

Q: We are in the process of buying a condo from a nationwide builder who refuses to allow us to review the condominium documents before closing. He signed a purchase agreement that acknowledges that we received the documents, but we have not done so. We have complained to the real estate agent representing the developer, but have received no response. What do you think we should do?

A: Get a lawyer, because your developer is in violation of the Michigan Condominium Act, and you should run from that condo project as soon as possible.

The developer has an obligation to provide you with the condominium documents within a nine-day business period from the time that you sign the purchase agreement so that you can intelligently evaluate the decision to buy into the condominium. These documents include the master deed, bylaws, and a seller's disclosure statement, which is different from the disclosure statement normally given by sellers of used property to purchasers. It must contain pertinent information about the condominium development.

Your salesperson is equally culpable for not complying with the Condo Act, and I would walk away as soon as possible and look for another development with the guidance of an attorney helping you make the right decisions.

Robert M. Meisner, Esq. is the principal attorney of The Meisner Law Group, based in Bingham Farms, Michigan, which provides legal representation for condominiums, homeowner associations, individual co-owners and developers. His book, "Condo Living 2: The Authoritative Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium" is available at momentumbooks.com. He can be reached at 248-644-4433 or bmeisner@meisner-law.com. Visit the firm's blog at www.meisner-law.com/blog.



St. Mary's Prep in Oakland County has had an exclusively male student body for 135 years. The school has announced it will begin accepting applications for girls. COURTESY OF GOOGLE MAPS

All-boys prep school to accept female students

Frank Witsil Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

St. Mary's Prep, an all-boys Catholic high school for 135 years, is now taking applications for girls.

But it isn't becoming a co-educational institution, officials of the Orchard Lake school said. Instead, it will offer separate classes for boys and girls next fall and in effect, it would be like having an all-boys school and an all-girls school on the same campus.

"This model offers a single-gender classroom experience alongside opportunities for boys and girls to engage socially, spiritually and in co-curricular activities," the school's announcement said.

The shift to admitting girls, which school officials said they have contemplated for years, permits the school to continue to offer what will essentially be a single-sex education, but also allows students of both genders to interact.

Next year, the school hopes to have about 50 to 75 girls and gradually increase that number so that the number of girls and boys are about the same.

St. Mary's move hedges against steady enrollment declines projected for the state by expanding its student base.

State data show that in the 2002-03 school year, there were 1.69 million stu-

dents in Michigan; by last year, that had fallen to 1.45 million.

"While we recognize this opportunity represents change, our core values remain the same," St. Mary's Headmaster Bob Pyles said. "Importantly, the extraordinary men and women of our faculty and staff remain the foremost resource in the daily formation of St. Mary's students."

In some ways, this follows what the Boy Scouts of America have done in accepting girls, but organizing them into separate troops.

Founded in 1885, the school was initially established in Detroit for Polish-American boys to prepare for the priesthood, and in 1909, it moved to the campus where it is now, which had been the Michigan Military Academy. St. Mary's was a boarding school until 1987.

The school offers college prep courses for about 500 boys, about 10% of whom are boarding students. But its Polish roots are still apparent in its school colors, red and white.

Polish-born Pope John Paul II visited the school twice.

St. Mary's officials said the move is modeled after other Catholic high schools that have adopted similar approaches, including DeLaSalle Collegiate in Chicago, Holy Cross High and Xavierian High, both in New York.

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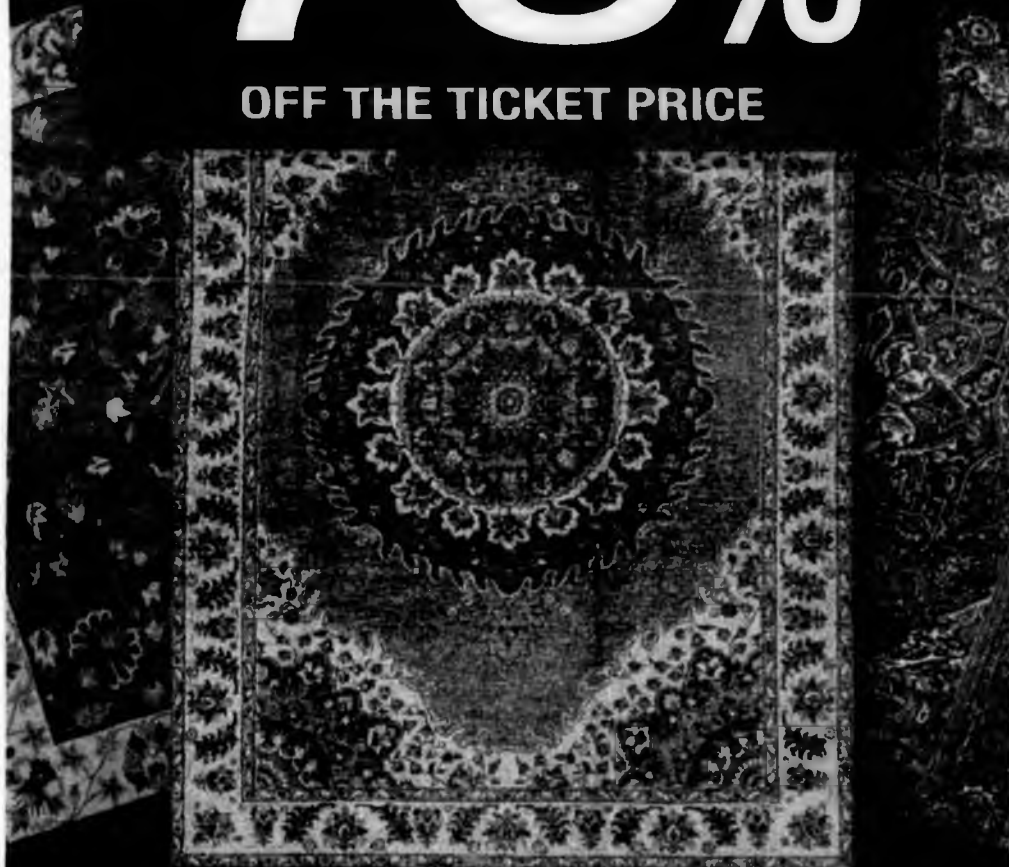
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These skeleton dancers should be competing on "Dancing with the Stars."



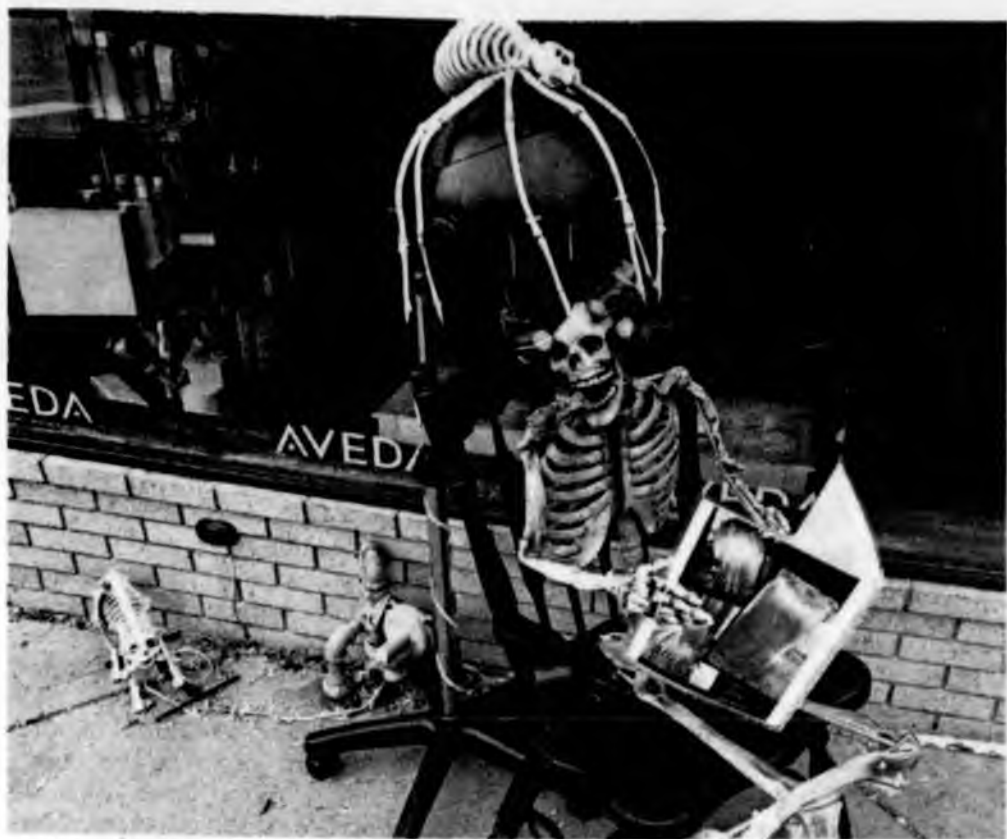
A skeleton photographer and his muse were on display near Main and Wing.



A firefighter skeleton was on display in front of Northville's fire station.



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Judge to rule next month on request dismissing charges against Brennan

Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily
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A Wayne County judge said he'll rule next month on motions to dismiss felony charges against former Livingston County District Judge Theresa Brennan or move her trial to a different county.

Britt Cobb, one of Brennan's attorneys, argued Thursday that Flint District Judge David Guinn didn't have enough evidence to bind her over for trial on three felony charges after a preliminary hearing in June.

Brennan was charged last year with perjury, tampering with evidence and common law offenses by the Michigan Attorney General's office.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel's office alleges Brennan gave false testimony regarding a cell phone that was considered a marital asset during proceedings in her own divorce case. It also said she committed misconduct by failing to recuse herself immediately from her own divorce case and used the delay to dispose of evidence.

Cobb said Brennan did not commit perjury and did not tamper with evidence when removing personal information from a cell phone during her 2016 divorce from Don Root.

But Daniel Grado, an assistant state attorney general, said Guinn made the right decision to bind the case over for trial. Any other arguments over the evidence should be left for a jury decide, he said.

After nearly three hours of arguments, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Paul Cusick said he would issue a written opinion on the defense motion in early November.

The phone

Brennan's attorneys argued the former judge did not commit perjury when testifying about a marital asset in her 2016 divorce case, a cell phone.

"Ms. Brennan's statements that all her apps did not go off her phone was true. Resetting it takes user information off, not all the apps," Cobb said. "The old phone keeps factory-installed apps on it."

Cobb argued the phrases of "my apps" and "the apps" are synonymous.

"I will state forcefully, on the record that we have, all her apps did not go off the phone. She used those factory installed apps," Cobb said.

Grado argued the two phrases are not the same and said Brennan's intent is something a jury should decide.

He said Brennan committed perjury by telling her ex-husband's attorney, Tom Kizer, that she made no attempts to remove anything from the phone.

Cobb also argued Brennan did not tamper with evidence when removing personal information from a cell phone after a motion was filed by Kizer to preserve evidence in the divorce case.

She called Kizer's motion a "fishing expedition," saying Don Root, her ex-husband, already knew about the affair.

Cusick asked Cobb why Brennan would do anything with potential evidence if she knew legal proceedings were to take place.

"Because it is a divorce proceeding, not a criminal case ... people can just ignore motions to preserve evidence whenever they want?" Cusick said.

Cobb said the tampering with evidence statute refers to criminal situations, and "expanding it to this would be unprecedented."

The AG's office argued the motion to preserve evidence is not a catch-all claim, and because information was deleted off the phone, they can't know if it was relevant to her divorce case.

Misconduct in office

The AG's office also alleged Brennan committed misconduct in office by not disqualifying herself from her own di-

vorcase until Dec. 8, 2016, despite being served with divorce papers Dec. 2.

In ordering her to stand trial, Guinn described Brennan's delay in recusing herself a "no-brainer." He said she knew she would be assigned the case because she handled all divorce without children cases in the county.

"So she knew it was coming," Guinn said in June.

Brennan's attorneys said there is no specific time allotted for judges to disqualify themselves.

"Here, Ms. Brennan's duty was to disqualify herself. She did, she disqualified herself. There is no duty to disqualify in a certain period of time," Cobb said.

Grado argued Brennan used the time between being served with papers and recusing herself to "plot and scheme."

"She had the ability to delay this case by not signing the order, and she did. She was trying to give herself a tactical advantage in the divorce," he said.

Change of venue

Brennan's attorneys also asked that the trial, now scheduled for January, take place outside of Livingston County, saying Brennan would not receive a fair trial due to extensive media coverage.

"The publicity in this case is rather pervasive, particularly locally," said Larry Willey, one of her attorneys. "The point that distinguishes from yes, there is a criminal charge, is that the publicity also involved the Judicial Tenure Commission proceeding ongoing at the same time and dealt with the result of the proceeding, as well as the events leading up to this."

Cusick acknowledged there has been significant media coverage but said there must be a showing of actual prejudice for the venue to be changed.

Willey agreed Thursday that the motion can be decided after attempts have been made to seat a jury in Livingston County.

About the charges

Last year, Brennan testified she had the cell phone restored to factory settings, contrary to her previous testimony in her 2016 divorce case. That phone is currently in the custody of the Michigan State Police.

During a Judicial Tenure Commission hearing last year, Brennan's court reporter, Felicia Milhouse, said she was asked by Brennan to look up how to delete Hotmail and Gmail accounts from a phone.

The Michigan State Police Computer Crime Unit confirmed that Milhouse's work computer was used to make searches on how to deactivate and terminate a Hotmail account two days after a motion was filed by the attorney for Brennan's now ex-husband seeking to preserve evidence in the divorce case, according to the charging affidavit.

The perjury charge is punishable by a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison upon conviction. Tampering or destroying evidence is punishable by up to four years in prison, and the charge of common law offenses is punishable by up to five years in prison.

Removal from the bench

On June 28, the Michigan Supreme Court ordered Brennan's removal from the bench.

The Supreme Court determined Brennan committed eight instances of misconduct.

"In determining appropriate sanctions, we seek to restore and maintain the dignity and impartiality of the judiciary and to protect the public," the opinion stated.

Brennan was sued by Livingston County, which claims she abused her authority by using court employees to perform personal tasks. But that lawsuit has since been dropped due to lack of notice to Brennan but could be refiled.

String of thefts hitting orchards

Tons of crops stolen from apple, pumpkin farmers

Omar Abdel-Baqi Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Two large-scale apple orchard burglaries and a pumpkin patch heist have occurred in Michigan and on a farm in northern Indiana in less than a month.

An estimated 7,000 pounds of apples were stolen from Spicer Orchards in Fenton, 1,000 pumpkins from McCallum's Orchard in Jeddo, and a reported 50,000 apples taken from Williams Orchard in LaPorte County, Indiana — one mile south of the Michigan border.

"You have to wonder if these incidents are related," said Shannon Rowe, one of the victims. "It seems like a concerted effort by people who are trained to do this."

Rowe, co-owner of Spicer Orchards and daughter of the business's founders, said she checked on the orchard's auxiliary apple farm Oct. 7 and decided the fruit needed a few more days to ripen before harvest.

When she came back with a picking crew Oct. 10, the trees were picked clean, and the apples that had fallen to the ground were gone.

"We couldn't believe what we were seeing," she said. "We're still shocked and stunned that something like this can even be pulled off."

Rowe estimates the 7,000 pounds of apples are worth at least \$15,000. She thinks "it took at least 10 trained men" and three to four trucks to filch the fruit.

The operation was conducted in the middle of the night, she says, and the thieves likely used light from a nearby airport to guide themselves.

'Major league operation'

Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell said the department is investigating but does not have any suspects.

"This is a major league operation," he said. "This is a team of pickers — a well-organized machine — with a way to put the stolen crops on the market."

In the same week, McCallum's Orchard in Jeddo, about 15 miles north of Port Huron, suffered the loss of 1,000 pumpkins to suspected burglars Oct. 7.

The pumpkins were stolen from the ground, from crates and from vines, said Raymond Peltier, owner of the or-



McCallum's Orchard was robbed of 1,000 pumpkins in a string of recent orchard and farm burglaries in Michigan and in northern Indiana in less than a month. COURTESY OF RAYMOND PELTIER

chard. The value of the pumpkins swiped was about \$7,500, Peltier said.

A few days after the Spicers learned suspected burglars hit their apple farm, they called farms across Michigan, including McCallum's Orchard, alerting them of the event and advising them to stay on guard.

By then, it was too late for Peltier, who told the Spicers his farm had already been burglarized, he told the Free Press.

Williams Orchard in Indiana could not be reached for comment.

The owners of Spicer Orchards and McCallum's Orchard agree the incidents are related and the burglaries may jeopardize their livelihood.

"The cases are just too similar" to be isolated occurrences, Peltier said.

He added that his bottom line will take a hit, "but what really hurts" is the hundreds of kids that won't be able to carve a pumpkin from his orchard.

Rowe says the incident is frustrating because "you only have a few weeks to make your living for the entire year."

"Christmas isn't going to be so nice this year," she said. "We just hope that what we have on our main farm will help get us through."

Robber Tritten, fruit educator at Michigan State University, went to Spicer Orchards after the suspected burglary and said it seems whoever took the apples was familiar with the landscape of the farm.

"Those were high-value, high-quality

apples that they took," he said.

The apple thieves are likely trained and able to get the apples on the market by the end of the season, Tritten said.

Security increased

Spicer Orchards is beefing up security with cameras and alarms in an effort to ward off future thieves.

"We just never in our lives thought we had to protect ourselves in this way. We didn't have cameras because we didn't think we needed them," Rowe said. "We're just a small family farm."

McCallum's Orchard is "forced" to take similar measures, which Peltier said is "unfortunate."

Peltier, a disabled veteran, said Disabled Veterans of America is helping him install cameras and other security gadgets.

The community support is refreshing, Peltier said. Other orchards are helping him with farming and providing supplies, and community members are attending his orchard in large numbers to show their solidarity.

He says humor has helped soothe his aggravation regarding the ordeal.

The previous owner and founder of the Orchard, a man in his 80s, called Peltier after the incident and said, "Hey, you got any good deals on pumpkins?" Peltier recalled.

"You just can't help but laugh at something like that," Peltier said.

Lawsuit

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His lawsuit alleges seven violations including retaliation because of his whistleblower's complaint to the Michigan State Police. There also are accusations of racketeering, Freedom of Speech abuses and due process violations.

Esson's lawsuit also alleges that Calley demanded in early 2019 that he not talk to an employee named Corey.

An earlier lawsuit

Corey Lemarbe filed his federal lawsuit Oct. 10 against the village. The fired maintenance worker with hand tremors also demands a jury trial and at least \$75,000 in damages, citing Americans With Disabilities Act violations.

According to the suit, village administrators transferred Lemarbe to the public services department's wastewater division in September 2018. Because of his disability and problems measuring water, he asked to be returned to his old duties.

Calley refused what Lemarbe and his attorney Scott Batey said was this reasonable ADA accommodation. His work environment became hostile, where he was mocked and ridiculed.

He further alleged that Tom Harter, the wastewater superintendent, threatened that he and Calley would write the maintenance worker up for "going too slow." There apparently were no such incidents in his old job.

Lemarbe wrote to Wuerth before being terminated in April, right around the time that Esson filed his complaint with state troopers.

Batey said Lemarbe and Esson approached him separately, not together.

There was a clear ADA violation with Lemarbe. With Esson, Batey was disappointed to hear a public services director would appear to be practicing retaliation.

"Mike was entitled to that vacation time," Batey said.

He added that the village also approached the Michigan State Police about Esson and Calley's relationship after Esson filed his complaint with law enforcement.

According to Batey, state troopers then subjected Esson to a laborious polygraph exam of more than five hours that went past midnight.



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Salem eliminates Canton in district final

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It was an emotional night for both teams.

The last time Canton and Salem met in a district final, the Chiefs won. During this year's regular season, Salem beat Canton and played to a tie.

There could be no tie Oct. 16 in the district seven final.

Salem came away the victor, taking advantage of an own goal by Canton to earn a 2-1 win at the PCEP JV field. The

Rocks advance to the regional semifinals where they will play either Dearborn or Brownstown Woodhaven.

Salem has already beaten both teams this season.

The Rocks improve to 13-6-4 and the Chiefs finish their season at 11-8-4. It's the Rocks' first district title since 2016.

"It's a tough district to get out of, having the unique situation of facing park rivals the whole way through," Salem coach Kyle Karns said. "Canton is a great team, they've been very good and

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The Salem boys soccer team captured a 2019 district title after defeating Canton on Oct. 16, 2-1. ANDREW VAILLENCOURT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



North Farmington QB Jacob Bousamra tries to complete a pass while wrapped up by Farmington's David Palushaj. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

South Lyon man, 87, is oldest to finish Freep marathon

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Bob Ranta was in a class by himself at the Free Press Marathon yesterday.

The South Lyon resident was the only person age 80 or older in the race to finish 26.2 miles.

The Marine veteran who served in the Korean War crossed the line in a time of just under 8 hours, 19 minutes, at the age of 87.

"Even though I struggled yesterday, I was glad I finished," Ranta said. "I'm hurting a little today, but it is a good hurt."

Ranta's sweet tooth after he quit smoking was what got him started running when he was 49.

"I heard if you start running, you can still eat ice cream and cake," he said on Monday, shortly after finishing a bowl of ice cream.

Yesterday's race was his 21st Free Press Marathon, and his 91st marathon overall, which includes 26 ultra marathons, in 38 years of running. He has also run countless smaller races and also competes in triathlons, including four this year.

"I don't do as many as I used to, but last year I ran five half marathons and I've done 8 or 10 races in the last year," he said.

Ranta does some form of exercise every day, including running and swimming. To train for the marathon, he built up to about 35 miles of running per week, and had two long runs of about 18 miles.

He feels fortunate that he has found something he enjoys doing in his retirement from being a tool and die maker.

He was feeling pretty good for the majority of Sunday's race and had a lot of family support cheering him from the sidelines. His son, Bruce, came in from Milwaukee, and his daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Al AuBuchon, of Clarkston were also there, along with grandchildren and even a great-grandchild.

His niece, Sandy Logan, of Northville went many steps further to offer her support. The 57-year-old who was running the half marathon met her uncle coming out of the Detroit-Windsor

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Raiders win league title, continue perfect season

Collin Gay Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

As North Farmington senior running back Myles Gresham was walking to the locker room, he was in tears. Gresham had been with the Raiders for three seasons, posting a 5-22 record from his freshman season to his junior season.

Even though North Farmington had won each of its first seven games of the 2019 season after the arrival of players and coaches from the now defunct Harrison High School, Gresham wanted one win, one win that would signify more

than just a perfect 8-0 record or a win against a rival.

It would signify a resurgence, an official return of winning football to North Farmington.

And on Friday night, Gresham and the Raiders got that. North Farmington (8-0) defeated Farmington (7-1), 13-9, to continue its perfect record in the first season under head coach Jon Herstein.

"We worked all week, all summer, all fall for this one moment," Gresham said. "And we not done yet. We still got more."

Here are three takeaways from North Farmington's win against Farmington.

Physicality and emotion drive first half

In the first meeting between Farmington and North Farmington after the closing of Harrison High School, emotions were extremely high.

Farmington senior running back Keion Shaw took the field, running straight to the 50-yard line and digging his cleats in the middle of the Raider logo. Players from both sides of the field had to be pulled back from each

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HOMETOWN LIFE STAFF FOOTBALL PICKS: WEEK 9

Games (home team listed first):	Andrew Vaillencourt	Colin Gay	Ed Wright	David Veselenak	Phil Allmen (coin flip)
Avondale vs. Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm
Woodhaven vs. Groves	Groves	Groves	Groves	Groves	Woodhaven
North Farmington vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington
Plymouth vs. Belleville	Belleville	Belleville	Plymouth	Belleville	Belleville
Brighton vs. Fordson	Fordson	Fordson	Fordson	Fordson	Fordson
Farland vs. Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Farland
Howell vs. Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Howell
Canton vs. Dearborn	Dearborn	Dearborn	Dearborn	Dearborn	Canton
Northville vs. Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Northville
Novi vs. John Glenn	Novi	Novi	John Glenn	Novi	John Glenn
Salem vs. Wayne Memorial	Salem	Salem	Salem	Salem	Salem
South Lyon vs. South Lyon East	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon East
Lakeland vs. Milford	Lakeland	Lakeland	Lakeland	Lakeland	Milford
Michigan vs. Notre Dame	Michigan	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Michigan
Michigan State vs. Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Michigan State
Ohio State vs. Wisconsin	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Wisconsin
Purdue vs. Illinois	Purdue	Illinois	Purdue	Illinois	Illinois
LSU vs. Auburn	LSU	LSU	Auburn	LSU	Auburn
Nebraska vs. Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Nebraska	Nebraska
Lions vs. Giants	Lions	Lions	Lions	Giants	Giants
East Weeks Record:	12-8	14-6	11-9	13-7	11-9
Season Record:	116-43-1	125-34-1	115-44-1	114-45-1	79-80-1

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GAME OF THE WEEK

Plymouth vs. Belleville sits at top of must-see HS games for Week 9

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The Michigan high school football season rolls into the final week of the regular season after an eventful rivalry week. With conference championships and playoff berths on the line, here are six games to watch this week, including Hometown Life's Game of the Week: Belleville at Plymouth.

Plymouth vs. Belleville, 7 p.m., Oct. 25

One season after finishing with a 6-4 record, losing in the first round of the playoffs to West Bloomfield, Plymouth has seemed to put it all together in 2019.

Mike Mathias and co. are 8-0 heading into their final week. But the Wildcats have a tall task in front of them if they want to finish the season undefeated and win the KLAA.

Plymouth will face Belleville, a team many consider to be the best in the state. At 8-0, the Tigers have had a few close calls, beating Dearborn Fordson, 20-19, on Oct. 4, while Livonia Franklin played Belleville close, with the Tigers coming out to a 39-29 win.

While the Tigers have only scored less than 35 points once this season, Plymouth has not allowed an opponent to score more than three touchdowns in a single game this season, allowing a combined seven points in the past two weeks.

Here are five other games to watch this week:

Livonia Churchill at Howell, 7 p.m., Oct. 25

Ever since its 49-48, three-overtime loss to Livonia Franklin on Sept. 27, Livonia Churchill has been on a roll. The Chargers have won each of their games since, pulling off a 2-point victory against Dearborn, while securing convincing wins against Wayne Memorial and Livonia Stevenson.

But Churchill's opponent in the KLAA crossover wants a playoff spot as well. Sitting at 4-4, Howell does not have the momentum the Chargers have, losing to Brighton in its rivalry game, 36-7.

With a playoff spot on the line, this KLAA crossover game has big implications for both teams.

Detroit Catholic Central at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 5 p.m., Oct. 26

Speaking of playoff implications, the Prep Bowl A-B final against Or-

chard Lake St. Mary's is Detroit Catholic Central's last chance at a postseason.

The Shamrocks sit at 4-4, having lost two of their past three games. In both losses, Catholic Central combined to score six total points.

However, the Shamrocks are facing a familiar opponent in the Prep Bowl: St. Mary's, a team Catholic Central beat, 20-14, at home on Oct. 11.

Canton vs. Dearborn, 7 p.m., Oct. 25

With high expectations heading into the 2019 season, the Chiefs have been underwhelming, coming into the final week of the season with a 4-4 record, finishing tied for third in the KLAA West.

In its crossover game, Canton will face a familiar opponent in Dearborn, a team the Chiefs lost to in Week 1, 21-6.

However, quarterback Ben Stesiak, running back Marco Johnson and the rest of the Chiefs offense have seen a resurgence over the past two weeks. Despite going 500 in those contests, Canton had scored 30 points in each of those games, the third and fourth time it has scored over 30 points in a game this season.

South Lyon vs. South Lyon East, 7 p.m., Oct. 25

South Lyon has a firm playoff spot. The Lions have a 7-1 record, earning their seventh win of the season this past weekend against Milford.

However, over the past two years, the rivalry between South Lyon and South Lyon East has been relatively close. After the Lions ruled the rivalry from 2014-16, outscoring the Cougars 135-20 in those three games, South Lyon East beat South Lyon in 2017, earning only a 5-point loss in 2018.

While South Lyon East does not have a playoff spot in its future, the Cougars have a chance to play spoiler.

North Farmington vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 7 p.m., Oct. 25

North Farmington did what it set out to do from the moment the former Harrison football coaching staff took over: beat Farmington.

Now, the Raiders have an opportunity to secure an undefeated season after securing the city and league championships with the win against the Falcons.

The Raiders will face a Ypsilanti Lincoln team at home that has lost six straight games, falling to Dexter, 49-43, this past weekend.

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Raiders

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other prior to the start of the game, each side amped up for a game it had been waiting for all season.

But in the first quarter, it was all Raiders.

After Farmington senior linebacker Englebert Vela ended North Farmington's first offensive drive with a sack, Raiders senior Andrew Dooley had an answer of his own.

The North Farmington defense forced a three-and-out on its first defensive appearance and, with Dooley rushing from the middle, blocked Farmington's first punt of the game. Dooley recovered in the endzone for the Raiders' first touchdown of the game.

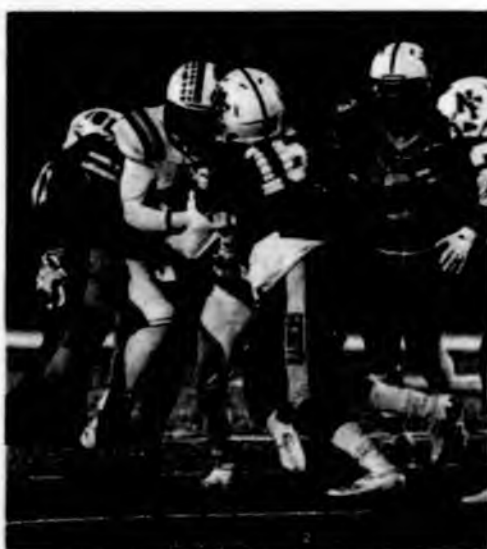
Late in the second quarter, Farmington quarterback Max Martin made sure both teams left for halftime facing the same thing each had facing when they took the field: a tie ball game.

After Shaw brought the Falcons within the 20-yard line on four rushes, Martin ran the option, taking the ball himself to the right for the 11-yard score.

In the first half alone, both teams combined for nine penalties, including three unsportsmanlike conduct calls, something Herstein knew was coming.

"We knew it was going to be a game of a lot of emotion," Herstein said.

With two unsportsmanlike penalties going towards the Falcons in the first half and adding multiple in the second, Farmington head coach Kory Cioroch said that his team shot itself in the foot, killing long drives favoring his team



A bunch of Raiders converge on a Falcon ball carrier during game action.

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while extending North Farmington drives.

"We talked all week about not doing stupid stuff, talk with your play and talk with the scoreboard," Cioroch said.

Brunette secures North Farmington win

All Jon Brunette could think was end zone.

North Farmington and Farmington were tied early in the second half. The Raiders did not seem to carry any offensive momentum out of the locker room, with junior quarterback Jacob Bousammra throwing an incomplete on the first offensive play of the half.

Brunette knew the North Farmington offense was sputtering, and it needed an

explosive play.

He saw the hole in the middle of the field – with the majority of the Falcon defenders out in coverage protecting against the pass – and he was off to the races, running down the left sideline for the 58-yard score.

"At that point, we needed points," Brunette, the senior running back, said. "We needed some momentum. End zone from the start of the play to the end of the play."

While he did not know it at the time, that touchdown run would be all North Farmington needed, an offense that has not scored less than 35 points in a game this season.

While both the Farmington and North Farmington offenses put up big numbers coming up to this game, Cioroch said he was ready for a long fight in the trenches.

"Our defense is pretty damn good, their defense is pretty damn good," Cioroch said. "It was going to be a blood-bath."

Dynasty mindset

Herstein knows that a 13-9 win against Farmington is only one win.

But, like many of his players, he was using victory as an opportunity to reminisce, to remember what he inherited, to remember the process to get his team where it is now: hoisting "The Jug" trophy as city and league champions after a win against its biggest rival.

"The kids bought into the system that we installed, we've taken pride in executed, taken pride in the coaching, a lot of hard work between January and now," Herstein said. "That right now,

you can't ask more than that. The kids have made a full-on commitment to what we have asked them to do."

Bousammra called it a culture change. Brunette called it a change in mentality and the integration of "Harrison ways."

However one thing is certain for members of the North Farmington roster. The Raiders' first victory against Farmington is a building block, one that starts a trend towards dominance, one that Herstein and North Farmington assistant coach John Herrington saw at Harrison.

"It's always been having confidence in ourselves, believing in ourselves, believing that we can make it to the next level," Gresham said. "Once these coaches came in and gave us a new mentality. We started to believe that, and the scoreboard, the record, the stats all show that."

While Farmington does not have a Week 9 game scheduled yet, something Cioroch said the team will likely finalize over the weekend, North Farmington has a chance to secure its perfect regular season against Ypsilanti Lincoln at 7 p.m. Friday.

To Gresham, North Farmington is not starting a dynasty; a consistent stretch where winning returns to a program that has not seen much success in his high-school career.

To him, the Raiders are going to dominate for a long, long time.

"This is an empire," Gresham said. "This is only the beginning."

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Top 10 high school football teams: Week 9

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Week 8 of the high school football season is complete, and Hometown Life Sports is back with its weekly top-10 teams in the area. Each week, we rank the top 10 teams in our coverage area based on record, strength of schedule, experience and of course, the game results. The ranking will be decided on by our two sports reporters: Andrew Vaillencourt and Colin Gay.

Here is the top 10 for Week 9:

1. North Farmington (8-0, Last Week: No. 3)

North Farmington had one goal coming into the season: to beat Farmington. The Raiders fulfilled that goal, beating the Falcons, 13-9, this past Friday to continue its quest at a perfect season. With a game against Ypsilanti Lincoln at home, that seems well within reach.

2. Plymouth (8-0, Last Week: No. 1)

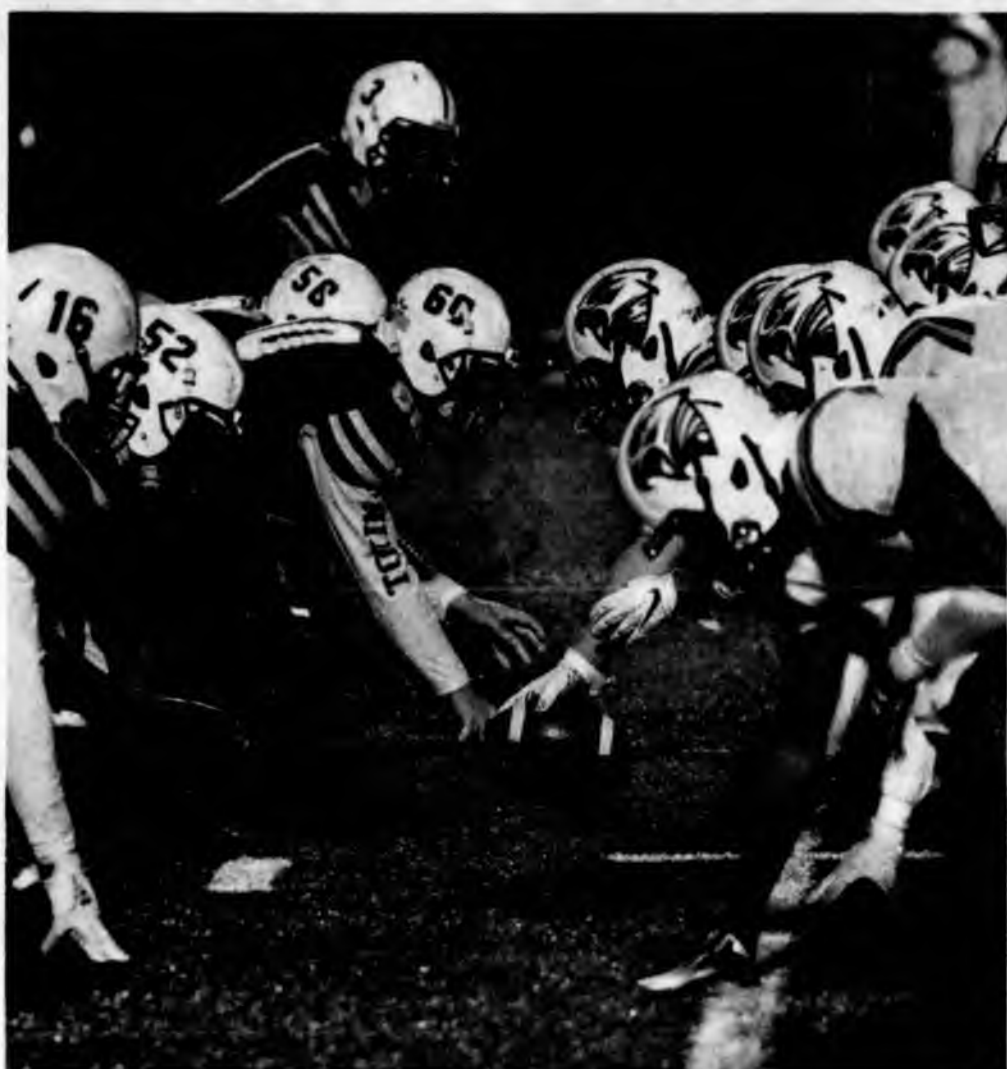
Plymouth cruised to another win last week, this time over Salem. Now the Wildcats will face their toughest test of the season against Belleville in the KLA championship game. If they win, a No. 1 seed is certainly in the cards for the playoffs.

3. Farmington (7-1, Last Week: No. 2)

With a close loss to North Farmington, Farmington's goal of winning a league or a city championship is over. Without an opponent yet for Week 9, Farmington looks like it will still have a high seed come playoff time.

4. Birmingham Groves (7-1, Last Week: No. 4)

Groves got its rivalry win this past Friday, defeating Birmingham Seaholm, 35-14. Now, the Falcons are in the middle of a four-game win streak, and are firmly in second place in the OAA White division. However, Groves faces a difficult challenge in an undefeated Brownstown



North Farmington, left, goes head-to-head against Farmington on Oct. 17.
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Woodhaven in Week 9.

5. Livonia Franklin (6-2, Last Week: No. 5)

Franklin lost to Belleville, but the Patriots came out and played much better than they did against Fordson, very nearly upsetting the Tigers. This is still a team that opponents should be fearful of heading into the postseason.

6. South Lyon (7-1, Last Week: No. 7)

South Lyon has rebounded with pair of wins after its loss to Walled Lake Western (which isn't in our coverage area, and is why WLW isn't in these

rankings). Next up is a rivalry game against South Lyon East, which the Lions should win too.

7. Detroit Country Day (8-0, Last Week: No. 8)

Detroit Country day has continued to roll through its opponents, beating Haslett on the road, 58-6, on Friday. In the final game before the playoffs, the Yellowjackets will take on Ferndale, a team that has losses against Seaholm, North Farmington and Farmington this season.

8. Lakeland (6-2, Last Week: No. 9)

Lakeland is humming along now,

winning yet again on Friday at Walled Lake Central. The Eagles face Milford in the regular season finale and is peaking at the right time heading into the playoffs.

9. Livonia Churchill (4-4, Last Week: NR)

The Chargers have been the second half story this season. After starting the season 1-4, they have won three straight and have played one of the most difficult schedules in the state. With a win over Howell this week, Churchill should find its way into the playoff field.

10. Detroit Catholic Central (4-4, Last Week: 6)

Detroit Catholic Central is walking the tightrope. With four wins heading into the final game of the season, the Shamrocks need another to secure a playoff berth.

However, it will have to come against Orchard Lake St. Mary's at Eastern Michigan University in the Prep Bowl A-B championship game.

Catholic Central beat the Eaglets, 20-14, at home on Oct. 11, handing St. Mary's its only loss of the season.

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Marathon

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Tunnel and ran the last 17 miles with him. He also ran a few miles with Pastor Joe from Crossroads Church in South Lyon.

At the 20-mile mark, Ranta found himself struggling from back pain which slowed him almost to "a screeching halt."

"Part of the challenge is don't give up," he said. "I told my niece, 'I did a lot of training and I'm only five miles from the finish, so I can't give up when there are only five miles to go and I put in all this training and effort.'"

He kept going and met his goal of finishing before dark, in a time of 8 hours, 18 minutes and 59 seconds, and then went and enjoyed a hamburger and fries at a Detroit sports bar.

While he said it wasn't like when he was younger and could feel the elation of breaking a personal record time, he felt the accomplishment of finishing. It's a unique feat for someone his age, Ranta was the sole finisher in the male over 80 bracket.

"I am continually amazed at how he does this," Bruce Ranta said. "He did his first marathon at age 54, and has now done 91, not including all the triathlons and multiple Ironmans. We are very



Bob Ranta, 87, of South Lyon, runs in the Detroit Free Press Marathon on Oct. 20. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

proud of him."

Yesterday, Bob Ranta told his niece he was done running marathons. She replied that she had heard that before.

But Monday was a new day, even with some slight soreness.

"Today I am thinking maybe I will," said Ranta, who has some smaller races booked already in Florida this fall. "I'm not saying I won't."

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Ranta stands with his niece, Sandy Logan, after she finished the half marathon.

Salem

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disciplined all year. We knew it was going to be a tough battle. It's exciting to get out of the district, it's a journey."

Canton had more scoring opportunities in the opening half than Salem, but were unable to connect. The best chance of the game came less than three minutes in, when the Salem goalie went out of the box to make a play on the ball but wasn't able to get there in time, leaving Canton with an open net. The Chiefs weren't able to score.

They kept up the offensive pressure, but couldn't break through. They had another great chance with about 24 minutes left in the half when a corner kick led to a point-blank shot, which

was saved by Salem goalie Chris Pohl.

Salem began to look more alive as time went on and scored the game's first goal with 6:35 left in the half.

Senior forward Ryan Doyle knocked it in and was assisted by junior Andrew Schwartz.

"It feels great, especially to win it against one of our rivals," Doyle said. "This was one of our goals at the beginning of the season, to make it this far, so it feels amazing."

That lead didn't last long.

Two minutes later, Canton's Christopher Kight hit Nick Rockafellow with a nice pass who fired it into the net for a tying goal. That's where things stood at the break.

The second half was as intense as you'd expect a tie game between rivals in the playoffs would be. However, one mistake loomed larger than the rest.

Less than two minutes into the half, Salem crossed a ball into the box where a crowd of players were standing. Canton sophomore Evan Morrison was in position, but the ball took a bad bounce and went off him and into the net for an own goal.

"Along the way you're going to need some bounces in the right direction," Karns said. "I thought we came out and started the second half much better than we started the first. We pressed them a little bit and were able to get a quick one."

It was a tough break for the Chiefs, who increased their pressure, but weren't able to score on Salem's strong defense.

"I already told (Morrison) it wasn't his fault at all," Canton coach Mark Zemanski said. "We needed to put the ball in the net. We should've put some balls

in the net, so it wasn't his fault at all. He's a great player, just bad luck."

Karns added that he thought Canton did a nice job of continuing to play hard throughout the entire second half.

"I thought we played a pretty good first half into the wind," Zemanski said. "The second half, they came out really hard and the ball went in the back of the net and I think we didn't play our game and were trying to score immediately instead of controlling the ball. They did a nice job with defending and earned the win."

Salem was scheduled to be back in action in the regional semifinals Wednesday.

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A bunch of Wildcats and Mustangs go after the ball near Novi's net.
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KLAA ALL-CONFERENCE BOYS SOCCER TEAM

With the MHSAA boys soccer tournament in full swing, the KLAA named its all-conference players from this season. Livonia Stevenson and Novi, the respective KLAA division champions, led all teams with eight all-conference players, while Dearborn Fordson and Brighton recorded seven.

Six players on Salem and Dearborn were named as all-conference, while Canton and Livonia Churchill each recorded five.

Here is the list of all all-conference team members as well as the honorable mentions:

Defenders

Josh Adam- Brighton
Drew Tappen- Brighton
Shane Simon- Brighton
Shawn Juliette- Livonia Churchill
Frenkli Cela- Livonia Churchill
Josh Kazyak- Hartland
Luke Winters- Plymouth
Ryan Maisonville- Livonia Stevenson
Alec Alaouiah- Livonia Stevenson
Adrian Rikipi- Livonia Stevenson
Ali Saad- Fordson
Ali Ayyash- Fordson
Kellen Clegg- Livonia Franklin
Alvin Li- Novi
Miles Brown- Novi
Chandler Wilson- Belleville
Carson Parks- Canton

Logan Hammond- Canton
Nolan Chaput- Salem
Jacob Grieb- Salem
Jacob Pichler- Northville
Samih Arabi- Dearborn

Mid-Fielders

JD Vandemergel- Brighton
Daniel Jakubowski- Livonia Churchill
Cade Kaighen- Hartland
Hugo Olmos- Wayne Memorial
Zach Gacloch- Livonia Stevenson
Josh Tragge- Livonia Stevenson
Shamsan Suleiman- Fordson
Hussein Beydoun- Fordson
Dante Davidson- Livonia Franklin
Austin Corona- Livonia Franklin
Antonio Ordaz- Livonia Franklin
Shion Soga- Novi
Taiga Shiokawa- Novi
Mason Stroman- Novi
Josiah Yoder- Belleville
Nick Rockafellow- Canton
Lon "Max" Scheffler- Canton
Ethan Harkins- Salem
Andrew Schwartz- Salem
Kyle Zaya- Northville
Colin Stoner- Northville
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CC beats South Lyon for district title

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Tensions were high. Detroit Catholic Central starting goalie John Browning and South Lyon forward Jean Gamboa collided in the box and went down in a heap. Browning got up, Gamboa didn't and a yellow card was called on Browning.

CC coach Gene Pulice was quite unhappy. Not only was he upset with the call, he now had to take out his goalie for a critical penalty kick in a one-goal game.

The call stood though, and backup goalie Erik Dosch entered the game to face a shot from South Lyon's Josh Mason.

Mason wound up and fire the shot in, but Dosch dove and made the save on the low shot and secured the rebound. The Shamrocks bench erupted with excitement.

"I could tell he was going to go to my left so I wanted to make him think I was going to go right, so I dove to my left and it worked out," Dosch said. "I was nervous though, really nervous. ... It was nerve-racking but I kept calm. It was really difficult but I felt really good."

"I've never felt this feeling before and I hope we can make it all the way."

Just 29 seconds later, CC's Clay Moscovic sent in a shot that South Lyon goalie Colin Harris stopped, but he couldn't hold onto the ball. It rolled out to the right of the net, where sophomore Vincent Stockton was there to send it in for the goal.

That 30-second span was the key turning point in the game as the Shamrocks held on for a 3-1 win over the Lions



CC's Vincent Stockton, left, sends a shot past South Lyon goalie Colin Harris for the second Shamrock goal of the night Thursday. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

to win the district 14 title Thursday night at Brighton's Sloan Field.

"Now we have a kid who's not warm, he's been sitting on the bench for 45 minutes, (Erik's) been working his butt off all year," Catholic Central coach Gene Pulice said. "Every day he comes to training and he knows his role on the team, he's our backup keeper yet he's there religiously. He comes out and makes a huge save like that in a game like tonight. ... You talk about from one emotion to the next, it's phenomenal. For that kid, he's the man of the match there's no question about that."

CC advances to the regional semifinals where it will play Clarkston on

Tuesday, Oct. 22 at West Bloomfield.

The Shamrocks improve to 8-9-4 while the Lions finish the season 10-3-5.

Pulice added that penalty kicks are always emotional and for a player that doesn't see the field a lot to come up clutch in such a big way really boosted the team and that the swing in momentum ended with the team's third goal was a good way to describe the fight his team has.

"We look adversity in the face and run at it straight on and I think that's a perfect example of our philosophy here," Pulice said. "It picks you up and carries you through the rest of the game."

Dosch big moment will be one that he remembers for the rest of his life and his teammates displayed their excitement, chanting his name after the game and mobbing him in the team huddle.

"That was big," Stockton said. "Everyone's ready, next man up, and Erik came in and stepped up big and changed the whole game. It gave us all the momentum."

CC's Matt Ampunan scored the team's second goal on a penalty kick in the first half. South Lyon notched its goal with under two minutes left in the opening half on a shot by Alex Valencia.

"I thought we were composed throughout the whole game," Pulice said. "We had tremendous composure. Our captains are from the state championship team. ... We have a lot of veterans and a lot of experience. We've been here before. We've been through overtime, we've been through PKs so I think that's huge for us."

Next up for the Shamrocks is Clarkston, a team they tied during the regular season. Clarkston beat Bloomfield Hills 1-0 Thursday night.

"I have a lot of respect for (Clarkston coach) Ian (Jones)," Pulice said. "He's turned that program around. He's got them playing very well and we can't take them lightly by any means."

"We're going to have a game on our hands."

Stockton, who Pulice called a face of the program, said the team is ready for the next challenge.

"We're excited," Stockton said. "If we want to be the best we have to play the best. One game at a time. We're ready and will stay focused."

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The Novi boys soccer team celebrates having won the district title Oct. 17 after its 4-1 win against Birmingham Seaholm. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Novi boys soccer wins district title

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Novi junior goalkeeper Issac Gibbs had a streak to uphold. In two playoff games, Novi had two shutouts, coming into the district 13 final outscoring its opponents, 7-0.

Birmingham Seaholm sophomore Nolan Miller had a chance to end that shutout streak with a penalty kick attempt, after the Maples' best offense attempt was stopped by a foul.

Miller looked straight on, kicking the soccer ball to the right at the last minute Gibbs blocked the shot with his chest.

While the Novi boys soccer team's shutout streak did not continue - allowing a goal with less than five minutes to go in the game - the Wildcats (17-1-2) used the save on the penalty kick as momentum, securing the district title with a 4-1 win against Seaholm (14-4-1) on Thursday.

Novi advanced to Tuesday's regional semifinals, where the Wildcats were scheduled to take on Grand Blanc.

Novi comes alive after penalty kick save

Gibbs knew that the penalty kick would be difficult. He knew that he would decide which way momentum swung between Novi and Seaholm.

It was something he and the other goalkeepers had been working on in practice for the past few weeks, he said. It was time to show what he had learned.

"I saw him line up that way and I just



Novi goalie Issac Gibbs tosses the ball out to a teammate after making a save. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

guessed," Gibbs said.

Novi head coach Todd Phieffer said that save changed the game in favor of the Wildcats, giving them the boost in all aspects of the game.

"It kept everyone motivated, saying 'Hey, Issac did his job. Let's go do our job,'" Phieffer said.

Already holding a 1-0 lead after a goal by junior Shion Soga, Novi senior Kevin Kapilaj was found in stride, hitting the back of the net to bring the Wildcats up 2-0 in the final seconds of the first half.

Seaholm head coach Jared Vince said his team had multiple opportunities prior to that second goal. But after the save on the penalty kick, it seemed like a

turning point favoring his opponent.

"I don't think our boys gave up, but it gave definitely gave them a boost," Vince said.

In the second half, Novi continued to ride the wave, as junior Odin Lim found the back of the net off a deflection by a Seaholm defender and Soga recorded his second goal on a penalty kick.

Despite allowing its first goal since Oct. 5 in the final moments of the game, Phieffer credited his defense and his back four.

Novi has only allowed 12 goals in 21 games this season, recording nine shutouts.

"I think we just needed to stay composed," Gibbs said. "Last game, we got out of it and we weren't ready to play. This game, we were."

As Novi celebrates its district title, Phieffer said he will be watching film on Grand Blanc.

However, he said this is not the time to change approaches on the field.

"Keep doing the things that got us here," Phieffer said. "We don't want to change the way we play. Play to our strengths."

Against Seaholm, it was building off the momentum of one save, one that Soga, who recorded two of the four goals Tuesday night, could not get off his mind.

"It's all thanks to the keeper," Soga said.

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Franklin falls to Belleville in heartbreaker

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Entering Friday night's slate of games, Livonia Franklin still had a shot at winning the KLAA East Division.

Instead, the Patriots will finish third after losing a heartbreaker to undefeated Belleville 39-29 at Franklin High School.

Franklin had opportunities to establish a big lead early in the game, but wasn't able to make the most of its chances. That opened the door for Belleville to come alive and score 18 unanswered points in the first half to take the lead. That didn't deter Franklin.

Belleville improves to 8-0 and takes first place in the division. The Tigers will play KLAA West Division champion Plymouth next week in the KLAA championship game. Franklin drops its second straight game and falls to 6-2. It will play either Hartland, Howell or Canton in its KLAA crossover next week. Despite its loss to Canton, Hartland has the most points in the MHSAA playoff point system, so it will most likely be the Eagles that face the Patriots.

"It's a catch 22," Livonia Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "I'm upset that we lost a game that I really thought we could win. Just being able to get them to believe they could do it and come out here and match them pound for pound in toughness and those kinds of things. That's a really, really good football team. It just is what it is, we didn't make plays at the end."

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Fourth down struggles

Despite losing a fumble on the game's opening kickoff, Franklin held Belleville to a 50-yard field goal try that was no good. After an interception by Dom Ufferman, Franklin marched down the field and scored the game's first touchdown — a one-yard run by senior quarterback Jake Kelbert. That was set up by a 26-yard run by senior Grant Gibson, who finished the night with 161 yards on the ground.

On Franklin's next possession, the

offense moved the ball down the field where the drive stalled at the Belleville 11-yard line. On fourth and seven with a chance to go up two scores, the Patriots opted to go for it and couldn't convert.

On the very next play, Belleville's Ty-Trayon Lewis took it 89 yards for a score.

"In a game like this, we weren't going to win kicking field goals," Chris Kelbert said. "We knew they were going to score some points so we thought we could definitely convert those."

Franklin's Connor Hatfield had a great kick return to the Belleville 41 to set his team up nicely, however, the team's fourth down woes struck again. Kelbert was rushed and had to get rid of the ball earlier than he wanted, resulting in an incompletion.

Belleville would take advantage once again as quarterback Christian Dhue-Reid connected with Chris Zaharie for a 63-yard touchdown to give the Tigers the lead.

Belleville would take an 18-10 lead into halftime.

"We can play with these guys," Chris Kelbert said. "In the first half offensively we moved the football. We got down in the red zone a couple times and came away with three points. We told the offense that we were doing what we needed to do moving the football."

Kickoff troubles

Special teams played a huge part in the outcome of this game. Each team lost a fumble on a kick return and Belleville missed three extra points (one was blocked). The game's two biggest plays occurred on kickoffs.

After Franklin's Kelbert scored a touchdown on a 38-yard run late in the third quarter, the Patriots forced a fumble and recovered it near midfield on the ensuing kickoff. It was a monumental swing in momentum and Franklin took advantage. A few minutes later, Kelbert ran in another touchdown. He finished with three rushing touchdowns and one passing touchdown. The two-point conversion was no good, but everyone on the Franklin bench was ecstatic. The Patriots were nine minutes away from the upset.



Livonia Franklin's Grant Gibson makes a move against Belleville.
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The Tigers, however, had different plans in mind. Senior Connor Bush received the short kickoff and broke through one hole after another until there was nothing but space ahead of him. The 6-foot-4, 220-pound receiver went the distance giving Belleville the lead right back.

"It gave them momentum," Chris Kelbert said. "It took the momentum that we worked for and took it away from us."

Closing it out

All of a sudden trailing again, Franklin didn't waver. The offense methodically moved the ball down the field and inside the Belleville 25-yard line.

With four minutes remaining, Jake Kelbert quickly scanned the field and threw the ball towards his receiver, but was intercepted. It gave Belleville the ball back and set up another long touchdown run by Lewis, this time for 50 yards. That would be enough to seal the deal.

"I attached a different RPO to the run play than what we had been doing,"

Chris Kelbert said. "I wanted to give them a different look and (Jake) wanted to make a play. That's who he is. He gambled and it didn't work."

Jake Kelbert said that all game the linebackers were "flying out" and that he thought he could fit a pass in where the defender wasn't, but the one time he stayed inside, he grabbed the pick.

"We had them," Kelbert said. "We brought it down to the wire, we brought the No. 1 team in the state down to the wire, we just couldn't capitalize when we needed to most and it killed us."

Belleville rushed for 209 yards as a team, most of it by Lewis, who also scored three touchdowns.

"It was a really good win," Lewis said. "Now we're just looking forward to the playoffs, working together and building a brotherhood."

Jake Kelbert said that he expects his team to come out with a chip on their shoulder next week and into the playoffs.

"This team, this program, we've developed a mentality where we never quit," Kelbert said.

Churchill charges toward victory against Stevenson

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With the late-season momentum Livonia Churchill is riding, you could say they are experiencing a renaissance of sorts.

After beginning the season 1-4, the Chargers have embarked on a three-game win streak, including a 21-10 come-from-behind victory against crosstown rival Livonia Stevenson on Friday night.

While Churchill (4-4 overall, 4-3 KLAA East) is certainly not looking to replicate Michelangelo's masterpiece known as the Sistine Chapel, its recent success has the Chargers ready to paint a playoff picture going into the final week of the regular season.

Behind every great work of art is a subject, and the Chargers were able to provide two in the form of juniors Gavin Brooks and Shane Morelli, whom connected with each other on all three scores.

"Those guys have thrown a lot of footballs to each other for sure," Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo said. "Shane had a good matchup and is a good receiver who stepped up. Gavin made the throws, Shane made the catches, and it was good to see those guys execute."

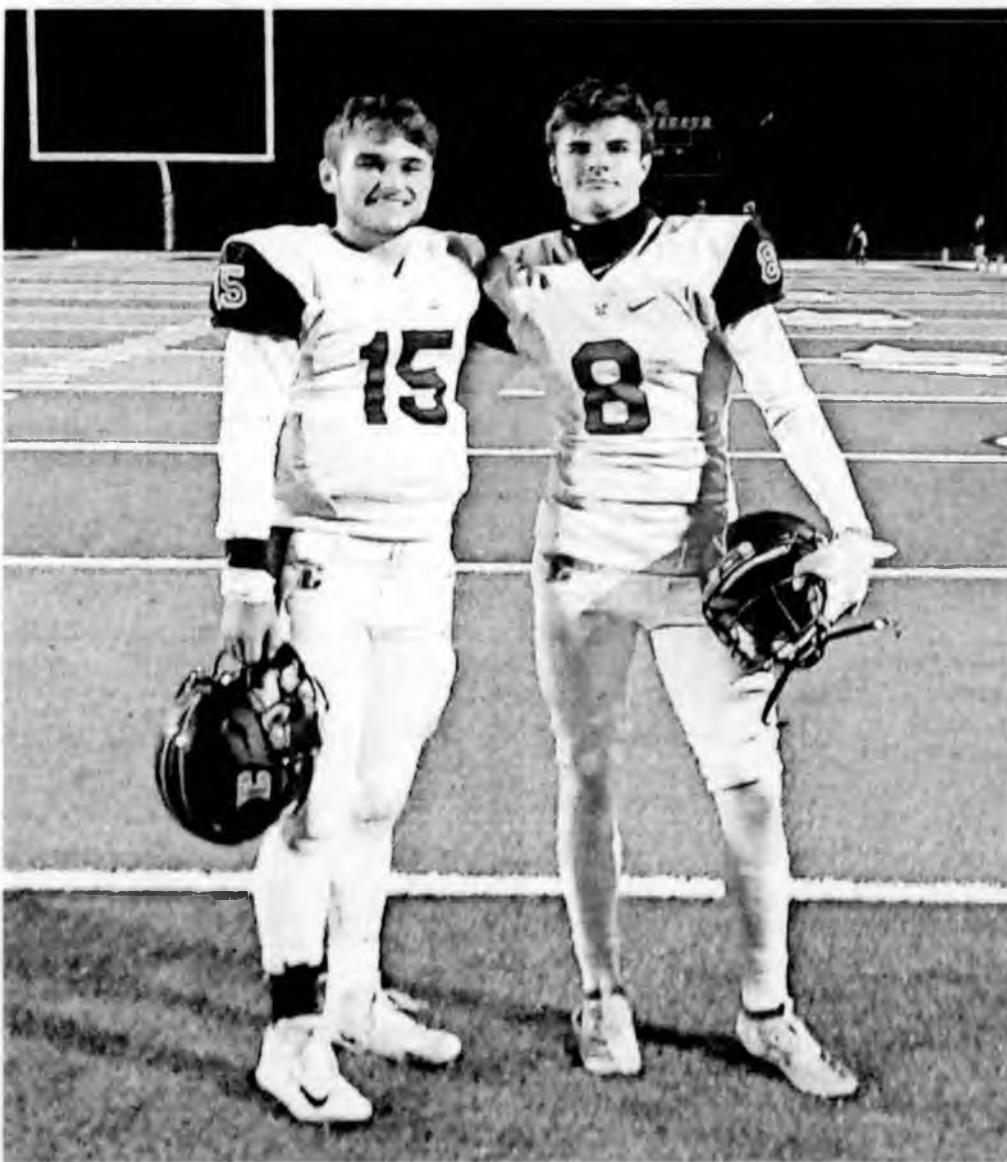
Down by a 7-0 margin, Churchill was able to tie the score just before halftime, as Brooks threaded the needle toward the direction of Morelli in the middle of the field for a 71-yard touchdown.

"We knew that this was a do-or-die game if we want to make the playoffs at 5-4," Brooks said. "We have to win out and I think we came here with the right mindset and got the job done."

The dynamic duo showed off even more of their creativity in the fourth quarter, connecting on consecutive drives to spoil senior night for the Spartans (3-5 overall, 2-5 KLAA East).

Just three plays removed from a 31-yard strike from midfield, Brooks (6-10 passing for 223 yards) found Morelli in the corner of the end zone from 11 yards out in what would be the game-winning score.

The Chargers were able to reach paydirt more quickly on their next possession, with Morelli (5 receptions for 193



Gavin Brooks and Shane Morelli had big days in Churchill's win over Stevenson.
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yards) stopping mid-stride to haul in Brooks' pass toward the far sideline and take it 71 yards with 6:22 remaining.

"We knew coming into this game that they were going to be good team and they were going to fight," Morelli said. "I think our team did a great job this week in preparing and staying focused during practice, and that was the key this week."

Any chance for a Stevenson comeback ended at the 1:39 mark thanks to junior free safety Jimmy Targosz coming up with an interception to preserve Churchill's win.

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

Fourth and strong

The Spartans were not shy about taking their chances on fourth down, as they were successful on four of five attempts, all of which came in the first half.

"In the situation that we were in this game — it's a big rivalry game and we didn't want to give them any more opportunities with the ball than we had to," Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said. "When we had fourth and short, we thought that we could execute."

One of those attempts proved to be crucial for Stevenson, which came on their second possession of the opening

frame.

With the end zone in sight, junior running back Caden Woodall (24 rushes for 88 yards) burst his way up the middle on 4th and 1 to move the chains.

Four plays later, Stevenson would grab the early lead on a fumble recovery in the end zone by offensive lineman Cavan Marcoux.

Three is better than none

After forcing Churchill to a three-and-out to begin the third quarter, the Spartans kept the ball on the ground for the majority of the ensuing possession, chewing up nine minutes of game time.

A pass interference call against the Chargers brought Stevenson down to the 12-yard line, where Woodall reached the end zone up the right side, only to have it called back for a holding call.

Three plays later, the Spartans would salvage their drive on a 26-yard field goal by junior kicker Maya Mills.

Number crunch

In all, Churchill generated 254 yards of total offense in comparison to Stevenson's 230.

"Churchill's a well-coached team. I know they're young this year and had a tough schedule to start this year," Micallef said. "Their kids played well down the stretch and made some plays in the second half that made a difference in the game."

The Spartans however had a significant edge in rushing yards, outgaining their opponent by a 136-31 margin.

Senior Lucas Kyle topped all Stevenson players in the receiving department with four grabs for 54 yards, while running back Evan Beck added 49 yards on the ground off of six carries.

Junior quarterback Ray Kastl completed 13 of 26 passes for 94 yards and an interception.

"We knew that it was going to be hard game coming in because Stevenson is much better this year and we're a lot younger," DeFillippo said. "Our guys have been working and we had to fight through some penalties and other things at times that hurt us. I thought we did a good job after they kicked the field goal because our kids refused to lose."

Obituaries

Virginia J. Kovalic

Virginia J. Kovalic, resident of Milford passed away October 12, 2019. She was 89 years old.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents Kenneth & Cecelia McCluer. She is survived by her beloved husband of 68 years, Frank, brother Robert McCluer (Carol), 9 nieces and nephews, many great and great great nieces and nephews.

Virginia was a student at Hillsdale college. She received her BS and Masters of Education at Wayne State University. Virginia was an elementary school teacher in Southfield. She subsequently became the opening school principal at Leonard D. Elementary school in Southfield. Following this she moved into administration and become the director of elementary curriculum. She then moved to the Huron Valley School system and became the opening school principal at Spring Mills elementary from which she subsequently retired.

Virginia was outstanding at breeding and showing basset hounds. She was the trophy chairman and director of the Detroit Kennel Club for many years. An additional hobby that she loved was being a professional seamstress.

Service were held at Lynch & Son Funeral Home, in Milford. Burial was at St. John Catholic Cemetery.



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Louise K. Pawlowski

PHOENIXVILLE
Louise K. Pawlowski, 87 formerly of Northville, MI, passed away Thursday, October 10, 2019 at Arbour Square in West Chester, PA.

She was the loving wife of and is survived by her husband Roman C. Pawlowski

Louise Kay was born May 25, 1932 in Detroit, MI. and was the daughter of the late John (Jack) Thompson and the late Lina Turner Thompson.

Although her first name was Louise, all her friends called her Kay.

Kay was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville and was a past member of Northville's Garden Club & Northville's Women's Club.

Kay liked to spend time with family, gardening, cooking, watching movies and reading.

In addition to her husband Roman, she is survived by her 2 daughters, Susan Romberg (husband Peter Hadley) and Sally Ellis; 4 Grandchildren and 6 Great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Michael Thompson.

As per Kay's wishes, cremation was chosen and there will only be a small family service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: K9S for Veterans - k9sforveteransnpf.org or 773-854-1000.

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Mary Margaret Rea

NORTHVILLE - Mary Margaret Rea, age 78, of Northville, formerly of Novi, passed away peacefully October 15, 2019. She was born on September 20, 1941 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada; daughter of Gordon and Mary (nee Murray) McIntyre. She graduated from West Bloomfield High School; Class of 1959. Mary Margaret was united in marriage to James D. Rea on August 1, 1962; they spent 55 loving years devoted to one another until his death on September 1, 2017.

Mary Margaret was an incredibly hard worker and had an outstanding work ethic. In 1978, she and her husband purchased the Winner Circle in Northville. In 1984, they built the Starting Gate from the ground up and it was established as a mainstay in downtown Northville. For over 30 years, Mary Margaret ran the bar restaurant while her husband took care of behind the scenes operations. Her love of people and the town was evident in the smile she gave each customer that entered the bar. Her kindness extended beyond the walls of the bar, she donated to many causes and sponsored many teams in the area.

Mary Margaret was the perfect wife and a devoted mother. When her boys were young, she volunteered with the Boy Scouts and supported them in their athletic and extracurricular activities. She also volunteered with Precious Blood school in Detroit and St. William Parish in Walled Lake. She served as a room mom and tutor with Walled Lake Schools. An avid bowler, she also enjoyed fishing. She liked to play cards; pinochle was her favorite. She was fond of all animals and created a backyard animal sanctuary by feeding the wildlife at her home. Her Canadian heritage was very important to her, but most important was her unconditional love for her family.

Mary Margaret is survived by her loving sons James D. "Jimmy" Rea and Gino R. Rea; her siblings, Thomas McIntyre, Katherine Elliott, Terry (Vicky) McIntyre, and Heather (Lawrence) Reinardy; her granddaughter, Alicia (John) Sawicki; and her great grandchildren, Courtney Burmeister, Amelia Higgins, and Daniel Sawicki. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her granddaughter Collette Higgins, her sister-in-law Sheryl McIntyre, and her brother-in-law Arnold Elliott.

A funeral service was held Monday, October 21, 2019 at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. Mrs. Rea was laid to rest next to her husband at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Shriners Hospitals for Children - Development and Donor Relations Department, 1645 West 8th Street, Erie, PA 16505.

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Walter Kushim

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Crust: Heat oven to 350 F. Using food processor or blender, pulse together almonds, chia seeds and oats into course meal. Place in medium bowl and set aside. Blend dates, cashew milk, cacao powder, coconut oil, baking soda, and salt until smooth. Add blended mixture to oat and almond meal. Stir until fully incorporated. Add batter to greased pie dish, using spatula to form batter into pie crust. Place in oven and bake for 20 minutes. Set aside to cool.

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www.fpcnorthville.org
200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON
Worship, 9:30 am.
Children's Sunday School, dismissed to classes during worship
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(248) 349-1144
777 West 8 Mile Road
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Rev. Marsha M. Woodley, Lead Pastor
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Obituaries

Virginia J. Kovalic

Virginia J. Kovalic, resident of Milford passed away October 12, 2019. She was 89 years old.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents Kenneth & Cecelia McCluer. She is survived by her beloved husband of 68 years, Frank, brother Robert McCluer (Carol), 9 nieces and nephews, many great and great great nieces and nephews.

Virginia was a student at Hillsdale college. She received her BS and Masters of Education at Wayne State University. Virginia was an elementary school teacher in Southfield. She subsequently became the opening school principal at Leonard D. Elementary school in Southfield. Following this she moved into administration and become the director of elementary curriculum. She then moved to the Huron Valley School system and became the opening school principal at Spring Mills elementary from which she subsequently retired.

Virginia was outstanding at breeding and showing basset hounds. She was the trophy chairman and director of the Detroit Kennel Club for many years. An additional hobby that she loved was being a professional seamstress

Service were held at Lynch & Son Funeral Home, in Milford. Burial was at St. John Catholic Cemetery.



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Louise K. Pawlowski

PHOENIXVILLE - Louise K. Pawlowski, 87 formerly of Northville, MI, passed away Thursday, October 10, 2019 at Arbour Square in West Chester, PA.

She was the loving wife of and is survived by her husband Roman C. Pawlowski

Louise Kay was born May 25, 1932 in Detroit, MI. and was the daughter of the late John (Jack) Thompson and the late Lina Turner Thompson.

Although her first name was Louise, all her friends called her Kay.

Kay was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville and was a past member of Northville's Garden Club & Northville's Women's Club.

Kay liked to spend time with family, gardening, cooking, watching movies and reading.

In addition to her husband Roman, she is survived by her 2 daughters, Susan Romberg (husband Peter Hadley) and Sally Ellis; 4 Grandchildren and 6 Great Great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Michael Thompson.

As per Kay's wishes, cremation was chosen and there will only be a small family service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: K9S for Veterans - k9sforveteransnpf.org or 773-854-1000.

Arrangements by DellaVecchia, Reilly, Smith & Boyd Funeral Home, Inc. of West Chester, PA 610-696-1181; www.DellaFH.com.



Mary Margaret Rea

NORTHVILLE - Mary Margaret Rea, age 78, of Northville, formerly of Novi, passed away peacefully October 15, 2019. She was born on September 20, 1941 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada; daughter of Gordon and Mary (nee Murray) McIntyre. She graduated from West Bloomfield High School; Class of 1959. Mary Margaret was united in marriage to James D. Rea on August 1, 1962; they spent 55 loving years devoted to one another until his death on September 1, 2017.

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A funeral service was held Monday, October 21, 2019 at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. Mrs. Rea was laid to rest next to her husband at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Shriners Hospitals for Children - Development and Donor Relations Department, 1645 West 8th Street, Erie, PA 16505.

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How to stay sane and healthy while on the job hunt

 Eric Titner
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Those of us who have been in the work world for a while know all about the challenges of life on the job hunt. It can be an anxious and stress-fueled time in which you're constantly riding an emotional rollercoaster of heightened anticipation and disappointment, driven by constant effort, often with no immediate payoff and with no certain end in sight — no one's idea of a fun time.

To make matters even less fun, the work world continues to get more competitive and the rules for navigating the modern job hunt becomes more unclear as technology and innovation continue to disrupt the old rules and established ways of doing things.

So, with all of that said, it shouldn't be any surprise that maintaining your physical and mental health while on the job hunt can be a real struggle. There are few challenges in life as stressful as job hunting, and the effects of stress on one's health are well documented. WebMD recently published an article that highlights some of the more pervasive symptoms of stress, which include the following:

Emotional symptoms: becoming easily agitated, frustrated, and moody; feeling overwhelmed, like you are losing control or need to take control; having difficulty relaxing and quieting your mind; feeling bad about yourself (low self-esteem), lonely, worthless, and depressed; avoiding others

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ness and shaking, ringing in the ear, cold or sweaty hands and feet; dry mouth and difficulty swallowing; clenched jaw and grinding teeth

Mental symptoms: constant worrying; racing thoughts; forgetfulness and disorganization; inability to focus; poor judgment; being pessimistic or seeing only the negative side

Clearly, the impact of these symptoms on your life can be significant and can make an already difficult job hunt even more difficult.

So, how can you stay healthy and sane while on the job hunt? Let's look at proven strategies for staying cool, calm, and collected and maintaining your physical and mental health when you're looking for a new job.

Remember the rest of your life

When you're focused — or overly focused — on a job hunt, you may start to lose your grip on all the other things go-

ing on in your life. We're talking about everything from personal hygiene to paying bills to eating properly and getting enough exercise — things that sometimes get neglected during an intensive job hunt. Bad move: avoiding any or all of these can have a real negative impact on your well-being and can drag down you and your search for a new job. Be sure to maintain an appropriate and realistic life balance and both you and your job hunt will be better off for it.

Keep your perspective

When you're out of work and struggling to find your next job, it can feel like your entire world is imploding. This mindset is both unhealthy and unhelpful — it can completely drain your self-confidence, focus, and motivation, and be a real roadblock to an effective job hunt. Remember, your job is just one aspect of your life and identity, and a job hunt can be an opportunity for bigger

and better things — if you maintain a healthy perspective on things.

Find support

When we go through a difficult challenge in life, it's often helpful to have the support of others to help us make it through. We all need to lean on friends and family during times of stress, and this notion also holds true during a job hunt. If you need the advice, guidance, or perspective of someone you care about and trust while you're searching for your next great job, then get it — and use it to help steer you towards a successful outcome.

Embrace change (if needed)

The truth is, when many of us begin looking for a new job, we get tunnel vision and narrowly focus on a specific type of job in a specific industry, effectively putting all our job-hunting eggs in one basket. Although this occasionally pans out and sometimes, we find exactly what we're looking for, hunting this way can also be very limiting and keep us from realizing other opportunities. By expanding your professional horizons, which sometimes means a significant revision of your initial plans and embracing a new path and goals, you can increase your chances for success and discover new things about yourself in the process. If you're in the middle of a job hunt take it seriously, but don't let your health and well-being suffer as a result. Use the strategies and advice presented here to help you make it through successfully.

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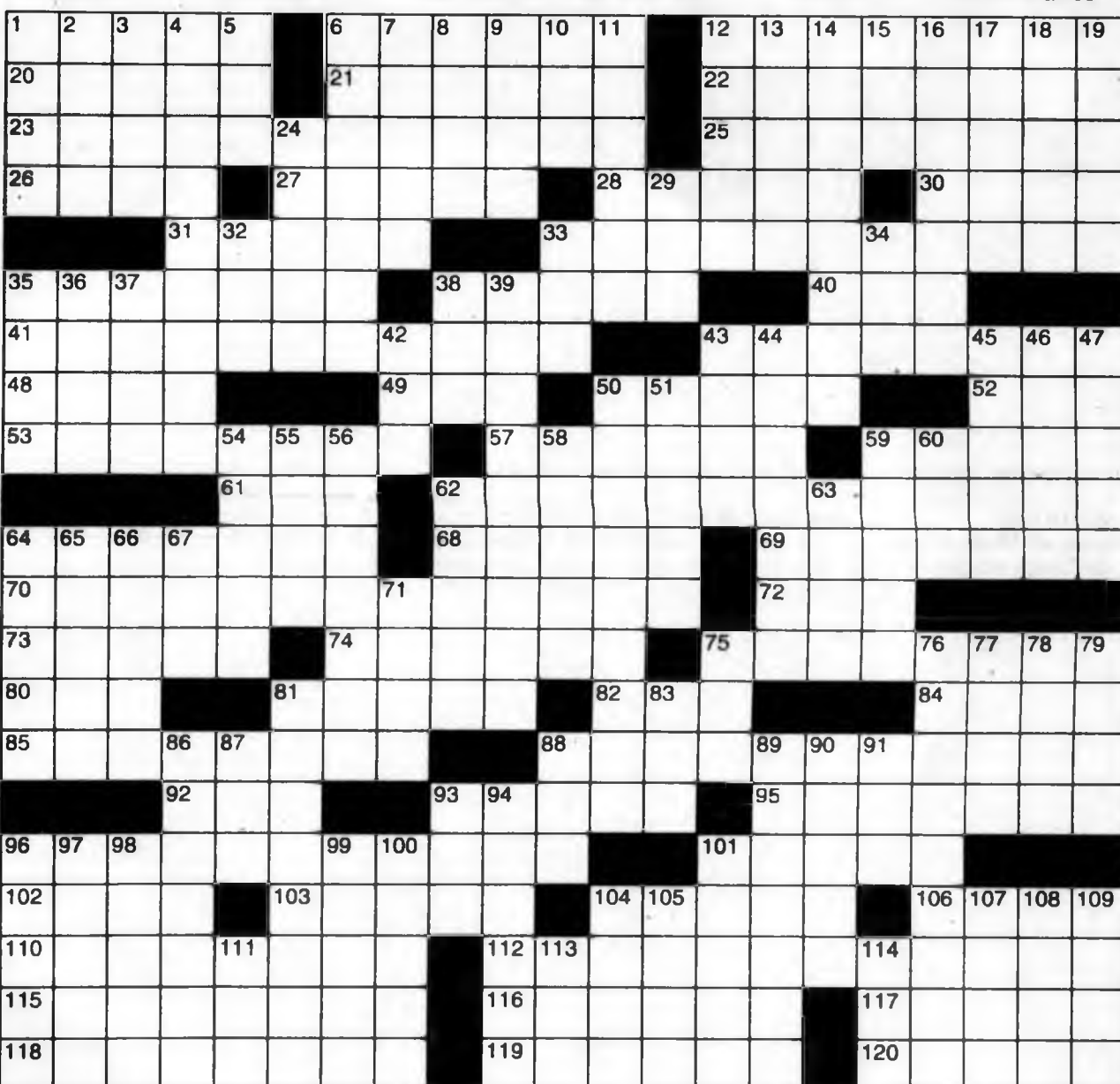
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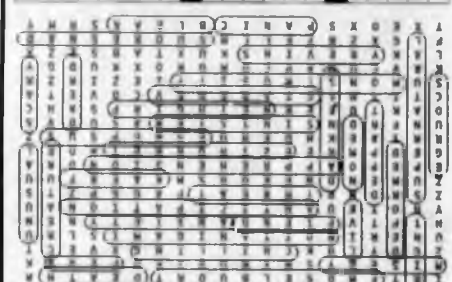
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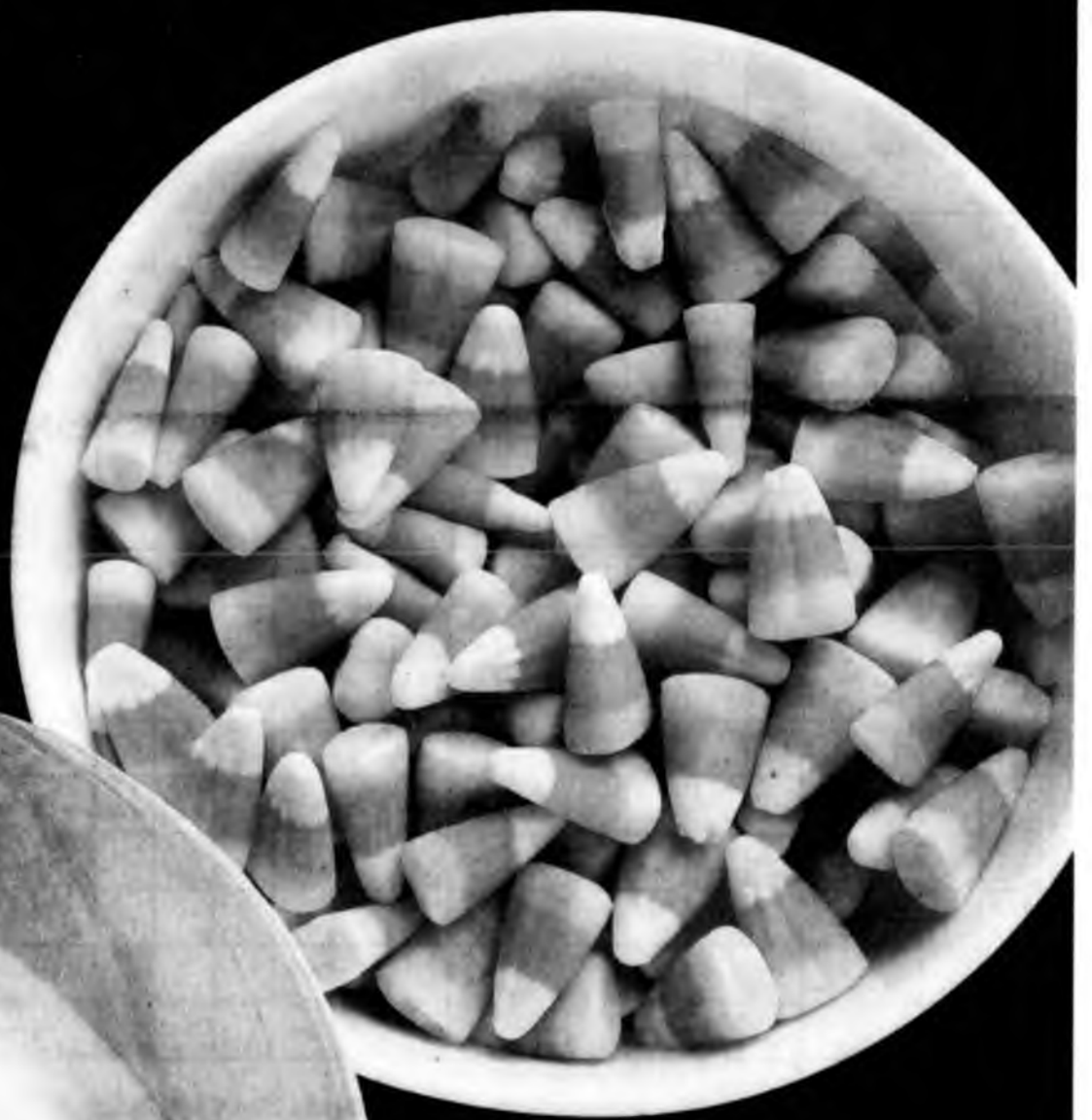


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