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Parking deck damaged hours after reopening

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Less than 24 hours after downtown Northville businesses started celebrating the ultra-early end of construction on the Cady Street parking deck, a party-crasher interrupted the

festivities — literally!

No huge worries, though: The mess caused when a way-too-tall truck smashed into the upper-deck entrance sign only shut down the vital parking structure for a few hours and there were no injuries.

Projected to last eight weeks, struc-

tural fixes to the decades-old two-story structure were completed in less than a month by Ram Construction, which also managed to squeeze in several cosmetic improvements — painting of railings, staircases, etc. — much to the delight of Northville's Downtown Development Authority, which paid for the \$250,000

project.

The construction was spurred by a summer walk-through by engineers that revealed structural instability on the second level of the deck.

The loss of parking spaces during the

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A 200,000-pound compressor is hauled along Haggerty Road on the way to Lansing from the Port of Detroit.

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Mysterious caravans pique drivers' interest

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com
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The science-fiction-esque scene has unfolded close to a dozen times over the past few weeks throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties all the way out to Lansing.

Suburban intersections along Haggerty Road and Grand River Avenue have been shut down temporarily by Michigan State Police escorts who are guiding massive vehicles hauling ominous-looking, tarp-covered objects.

What's under the mystery-cloaking tarp? Nuclear weapons? Toxic waste headed to Michigan from Ohio? Defense-focused torpedoes?

Actually, none of the above.

The larger-than-life objects that have piqued drivers' interest on the morning commute are actually giant compressors headed to Lansing from the Port of Detroit.

Made in China, the compressors are

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The flatbed trailer carrying the compressors is 170 feet long.

"There are 14 in total and there are, I believe, two more still to be transported. It's quite an operation."

Craig Bryson Spokesman, Road Commission for Oakland County, talking about the giant compressors headed via semitrailer to Lansing

What would automated cars mean for Detroit?

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Smart mobility technology, which includes automated and self-driving vehicles, is likely inevitable.

Smart mobility is about cutting emissions and traffic. When technology gets thrown into the mix, smart, electric and autonomous cars become part of the conversation.

U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens (D-Birmingham) brought that conversation to Livonia last week when she held a field hearing for the House Science Research and Technology Subcommittee, which she chairs. Her fellow representatives Michael Cloud (R-Texas) and Bill Foster (D-Illinois) were also there.

"It's a community issue," Stevens, the first-term representative for western Wayne and Oakland counties, said. "Michigan's 11th district has been on the forefront of these innovations, playing a key role with our industry leaders and best in class work force."

The subcommittee members and a witness panel comprised of Oakland County Executive David Coulter, Mark Dowd with Smart Cities Lab, Raj Rajkumar with Mobility21, professor Tierra Bills and Scott Averitt with Robert Bosch, believe smarter vehicles would dramatically reduce road accidents.

"(We're) launching a pilot to use

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Find election results online

Election Day results were not available in time for today's print edition.

Results from Tuesday's local elections can be found online at **HometownLife.com** on our local masthead Facebook pages.

Information from the elections will also appear in our next print edition.



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Car giveaway 'a total game-changer' for family

Susan Bromley
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When Sarina Carr was announced winner of a fully refurbished Toyota RAV4 in Milford, she gasped and clasped her hand over her mouth, dis-

solving into both smiles and tears.

"This is awesome," she said after hugging employees at the Downtown Garage auto repair shop in Milford, as well as Highland Elementary Principal Patty Woodruff and Social Worker Ashley

Tucker, who nominated Carr for the gift. "I am so thankful. It couldn't have come at a better time...This is huge, a total game-changer."

The 2008 Toyota sport utility vehicle, adorned with a big red bow on Saturday, looked brand new as Carr described, and was the newest vehicle she had ever owned.

Downtown Garage in Milford, with help from various donors including Ellis Brothers collision shop and local auto parts suppliers, has given away a free car annually for the past five years to a family in need through the Wheels to Prosper program.

"It's hard to give back on a regular basis, but when we can it's nice to

see people happy," John Wielkopolan, Downtown Garage service writer and mechanic, said. "The auto field gets such a bad name, but it's nice to be the opposite of that."

Over the past six months Downtown Garage mechanics have worked to refurbish the donated Toyota RAV4, including giving it a new transmission that required 17 hours of labor, including new brakes, tires and more.

In the past month, the garage has received more than 100 nominations for people in need of a car.

Oak Pointe Church Pastor Paul Jenkinson helps Downtown Garage owner Karen Wielkopolan select a deserving person.

"We look for someone who's making a difference in the community or for their family," he said. "We want a giving person who blesses others and who we want to bless."

The decision was difficult, he added, with a lot of worthy applicants, but they chose Carr, 35, a Highland Township resident and stay-at-home mother of three daughters, Katrina, 14, Savannah, 9, and Sierra, 7.

Carr's husband, Daniel Carpenter, has a truck he uses for work, but she has had to depend on a 2002 van that is no longer dependable and in recent weeks has caused the PTA volunteer to miss meetings, doctor appointments and even Savannah's birthday party

at Zap Zone when it overheated on the way there, stranding them.

Savannah, 9, implored her mother to stop crying on Saturday, but Carr explained through tears the hardships she has been facing. Her husband had another vehicle, but they sold it because "times are tough."

The gift of this vehicle will make a huge difference in their lives, starting with helping the family to get to a dentist appointment this week.

"I just want to thank everybody," Carr said. "I am so grateful."

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Sarina Carr, center, with her daughters Sierra, 7, and Savannah, 9, joins Karen Wielkopolan, fourth from left, and others involved in the Downtown Garage giveaway of a Toyota RAV4 on Nov. 2. Mechanics at the garage in Milford worked to refurbish the donated vehicle over six months. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Schoolcraft College announces that the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, has been completed by Plante & Moran, LLP, Southfield, Michigan. It has been presented to the College Board of Trustees and has been accepted by them.

Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection in the Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in the Jeffress Center, Room 406, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, on weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. The financial statements are also available on our website at <http://www.schoolcraft.edu/budget-and-transparency>.

Glenn Cerny

Glenn Cerny
Vice President and CFO

Published: November 3 & 7, 2019

INVITATION TO BID 2020 INTERIOR RENOVATIONS AT MORaine ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & THORNTON CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of Northville Public Schools is accepting firm prime contractor trade specific bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the interior remodeling work at Moraine Elementary and Thornton Creek Elementary Schools.

Plans and specifications may be downloaded electronically and are available for review at the office of the Auch Construction, 65 University, Pontiac, MI 48342 248.334.2000, on or after Friday, November 1st, 2019. Bid Package consists of Instruction to Bidders, Proposal Forms, General and Supplementary Conditions, drawings and pertinent trade specifications. Contact Mitch DeLange or Shawn Debo for download instructions.

Your proposal will be accepted **NO LATER THAN 12:00PM NOON, Tuesday, November 19th, 2019 TO: NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION - 405 WEST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167**. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud beginning at 1:00 P.M., November 19th, 2019 at the Northville Board of Education, 405 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Friday, November 8th, 2019 beginning at 4:30pm at Moraine Elementary School (46811 Eight Mile Rd, Northville, MI 48167) and Monday, November 11th, 2019 beginning at 4:30pm at Thornton Creek Elementary School (46180 W. Nine Mile Rd, Novi, MI 48374). These meetings are not mandatory but highly recommended.

All contracts to be entered into by the Northville Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Northville Public Schools, Board of Education or the Northville Public Schools, Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Northville Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$24,924 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner.

Sarah Prescott, Secretary
Northville Public Schools, Board of Education

Published: November 7, 2019

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 13, 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, November 13, 2019.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

Published: November 7, 2019

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ekong letter disappoints

I have been a reader and subscriber on the Northville Record for 59 years.

(Oct. 17) your newspaper published a letter to the editor authored by Northville City Council Member Sam Ekong titled "Reject negative campaigning." Unfortunately Ekong has embarrassed himself by wrongfully asserting that I am responsible for an anonymous direct mail piece. Of course, the anonymous direct mail piece to which Councilman Ekong refers included such statements as "Experience in public office does not equate to good judgment" and "Northville Needs A New Mayor And Two New Council Members."

When I received this direct mail piece — which I did not send and was not responsible for — I immediately put out a statement stating that neither I, nor anyone associated with my campaign was involved in any way

and that there was no place for this type of negative campaigning in Northville.

Because (1) I did not author or have any involvement with this direct mail piece; and (2) immediately disavowed any association with whomever did, I believed I took the "high road." Ekong thought otherwise.

Instead, Ekong (who is not running for election this year) authored an unsupported, and untruthful letter to your paper, which you published, declaring "the individual(s) who sent it knows that they cannot compete on their own merit to win the election hence, they have taken to mudslinging . . ." Councilman Ekong adds "how effective would such a person be as a leader if they must lie, bulldoze and cajoled their way to victory."

Certainly this letter defies the editorial standards for decorum of your newspaper. Please recognize that without this newspaper's mistake of allowing this

publication to occur, Councilman Ekong's three humiliating mistakes could not have. First, he wrongfully assumes the individual responsible is a candidate; second, he wrongfully assumes that individual is me; and three, he wrongfully assumes I needed to "lie" in some anonymous direct mail piece to compete. Thankfully Ekong's mistaken assumptions will be corrected by the Bureau of Elections which is now investigating this anonymous mailer as a result of a formal complaint.

Unfortunately, the Bureau of Elections won't be able to correct the publishing error of this newspaper. The only appropriate remedy is to remove Councilman Ekong's letter. This is the very least this newspaper can do for all candidates, like me, who at all times have remained on the high road.

Brian Turnbull
Northville Mayor candidate

Parking deck

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deck's shutdown was compensated by the opening of a temporary parking lot directly across the street from the Cady Street facility.

"The most important work was the safety-related repair of the concrete on the second level," said Ram Construction estimator Peter Brady, who oversaw the project. "When you have a structure that's over 20 years old like this, the materials start to deteriorate, which could cause materials to fall onto the lower deck."

"We brought a lot of personnel out here to get it done as thoroughly and as quickly as possible. When we finished early, (Northville DDA Director) Lori (Ward) asked us if we could complete a few other projects, like the painting, which we were more than happy to do."

One logistic that made the work go faster than originally anticipated was the layout of the deck, Brady added.

"The beautiful thing about a deck like this is that there are only two floors and it's very expansive, so we could, for instance, have painters working over here and welders over there ... and they could kind of chase one another around the deck. If you have a taller, more cramped structure, we have to have one crew working on one deck at a time."

"We know they hold a lot of festivals downtown, so we wanted to get it done as quickly as possible."

"We actually opened it up to parking for the Heritage Festival and the Halloween festival they had."

Brady said the damage caused by the truck crashing into the entrance sign was significant, but did not create a long-term closure up the upper level.

Contact Ed Wright at edwright@hometown-life.com or 517-375-1113.



Ram Construction estimator Peter Brady points to part of the damage caused to the entry ramp at the Northville parking deck when an oversized truck hit it. No one was injured in the incident, and the parking deck reopened after a few hours.

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Less than 24 hours after the parking deck renovation was completed, a truck that was too tall jolted the signs above the entry ramp. COURTESY OF NORTHVILLE DDA



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NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OCTOBER 29, 2019

The Northville Public Schools (also referred to as the District or NPS in these documents) will accept sealed bids for:

Door and Door Hardware Replacement Program
Amerman Elementary School
Ridge Wood Elementary School
Silver Springs Elementary School
Winchester Elementary School
Cooke School
Northville High School

Drawings will be available for this project on October 30, 2019. The drawings, specifications and bidding documents will be made available on-line at the District's web site (www.northvilleschools.org) by accessing the Finance & Operations Department information page. The information will also be posted to the State of Michigan's bidding system (SIGMA). There will not be a pre-bid meeting for this project. Pre-bid walk throughs (not mandatory) will be performed by appointment by contacting Mr. Steve Banchemo, Director of Operations by calling (248) 231-9879.

Sealed bids should be submitted to Mr. Michael Zopf, Assistant Superintendent, Northville Public Schools, 405 W. Main Street, Northville MI 48167. Bids are to be submitted no later than 11:00 AM, Wednesday, November 13, 2019. The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. Bids will be publicly opened immediately following the close of receiving bids. No oral, email, telephonic or telegraphic proposals shall be considered.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part; or, for reasons of establishing uniformity, delivery time or preference, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

The contents of RFP and Bidder's (also referred to as Contractor in these documents) Proposal will become contractual obligations, if a contract ensues. Failure of the Bidder to accept these obligations will result in cancellation of the award. Award of a contract by the District is subject to the Contractor executing a Contract, which shall incorporate the contents of this RFP and the Contractor's Proposal and final approval if the same by the District's legal counsel.

In compliance with MCL 380.1267, the bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board, or the Superintendent of the School District. Additionally, the bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized affidavit that represents and warrants that the bidder, including its officers, directors and employees, is not an "Iran Linked Business" within the meaning of the applicable Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012, and that in the event bidder is awarded a contract as a result of the RFP, the bidder will not become an "Iran Linked Business" at any time during the course of performing under the contract. The Board shall not accept a bid that does not include these sworn and notarized disclosure statements.

Certified check or Bid Bond must accompany each proposal by an approved surety company in an amount not less than 5% of the proposal amount. All bids shall be firm for at least sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids. Length of time required for completion shall be specified in the bid. All bids submitted must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Bids are to be submitted on the District's Bid Proposal Form, signed by the Bidder, in a sealed envelope and clearly marked. Two (2) copies of the Bid Proposal Form should be addressed to the attention of:

Mr. Michael Zopf, Assistant Superintendent
Northville Public Schools
405 W. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
"Door and Door Hardware Replacement Program - State
Police Grant Program - BID"

One (1) copy of the bid form should be retained for your files. Any questions regarding bid requirements should be referred to Michelle Kerns (248) 921-3929. Contact David Mielock from Mielock Associates at (248) 349-2708 for questions regarding project specifications. To make an appointment to visit the District, please contact Mr. Steve Banchemo (248) 231-9879.

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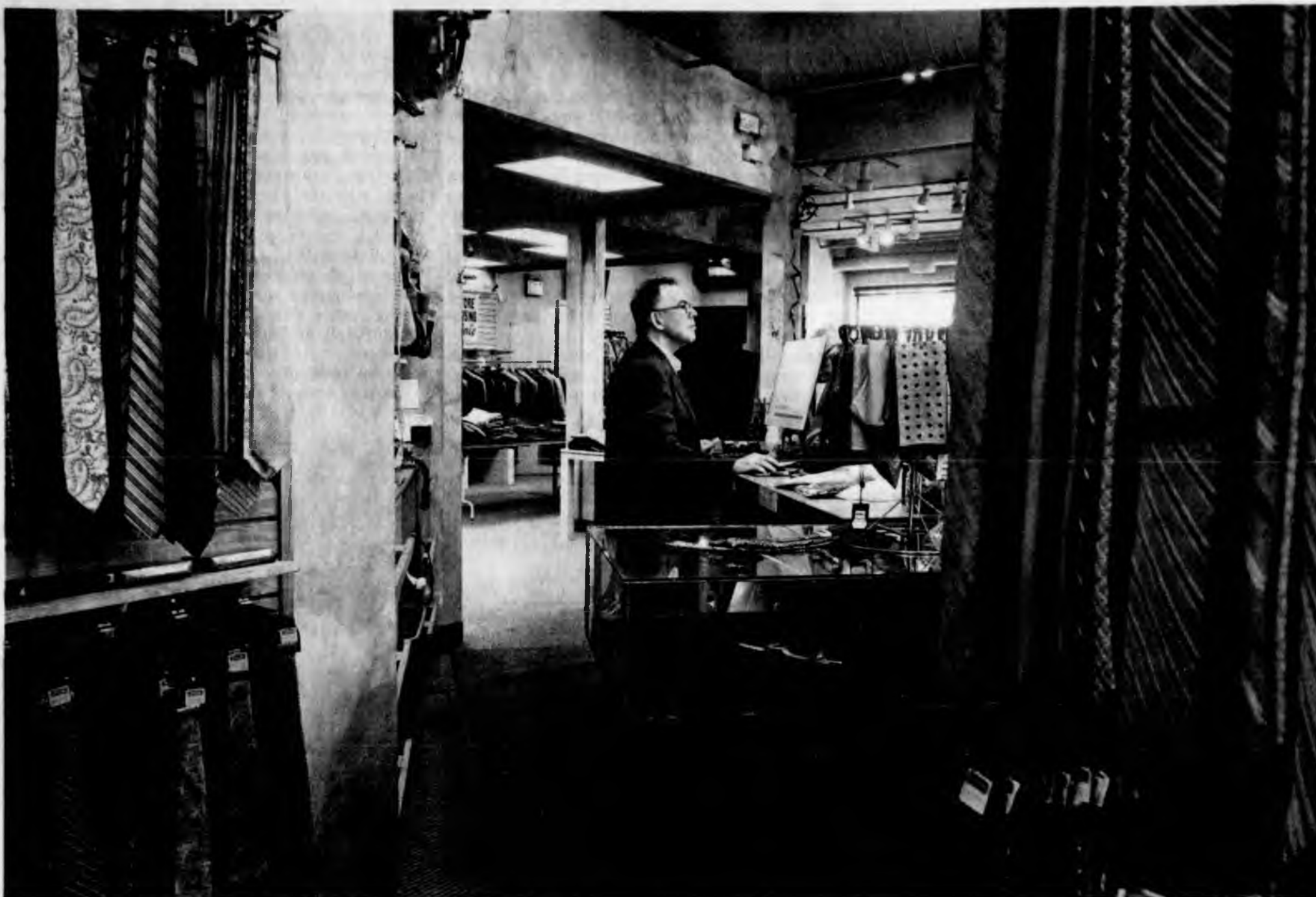
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Ron Elkus stands behind the counter at his men's clothier, the Shirtbox, in Farmington Hills on Oct. 29. The Huntington Woods man said he is closing the shop after 38 years in business. "It's just something personal," Elkus said of his decision. "I want to volunteer and give back to the community." JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Longtime Farmington Hills clothing shop closing

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Making men feel their best when dressing up has been a labor of love for Ron Elkus.

The 60-year-old Huntington Woods resident has owned and operated The Shirtbox for 38 years, first selling men's clothes in an old house on 10 Mile in

Southfield before moving to his current location at 32500 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

But he's decided to hang up his tape measure and begin a life of retirement, traveling and helping other friends with their ventures.

"I am going to be very busy," he said. "It's just something personal. I want to volunteer and give back to the

community."

Elkus originally planned on going to Chicago to enter a management training program at Marshall Field's. Knowing he would need to borrow money from his father to sustain a life in the Windy City, he decided he'd give owning his own business a try.

"I said, 'What do I have to lose?' I was going to lose money every month in Chi-

cago, so I thought let me try," he said.

He began selling men's shirts and ties, and eventually added more items.


After operating in Southfield for 15 years, he moved to Farmington Hills, needing more space. The Shirtbox then became a staple in the community, becoming the go-to shop for men across

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Applications open for redistricting commission

Carol Thompson Lansing State Journal
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LANSING — It only takes a few clicks to apply to be one of the 13 Michigan residents who will re-draw the state's political districts before the 2022 election cycle.

The online application process for the commission launched Thursday, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced.

The commission, created after Michigan voters passed Proposal 2 in 2018, will consist of four people affiliated with the Republican Party, four affiliated with the Democratic Party and five members not affiliated with either party.

Commissioners will be randomly selected from the pool of eligible applicants. They will be paid \$40,000, according to a press release. The workload will vary throughout the year and include at least 15 public hearings.

Here's what to know if you're interested in applying.

Figure out if you're eligible

Almost anyone who is registered and eligible to vote in Michigan may serve on the commission.

Applicants don't need any prior knowledge or experience in drawing political districts, since the 13 chosen to sit on the commission will be trained and can hire staff to help.

There are a few people off-limits, including: partisan political officials, political candidates, lobbyists and their

employees or close relatives.

Lying on the application is a criminal offense, the Secretary of State said.

Apply online, print one off, or check the mail

The online application portal launched Thursday. It's available at RedistrictingMichigan.org.

The Secretary of State also will mail applications to 10,000 randomly selected Michigan residents.

A hard-copy application can be downloaded at shorturl.at/pwNW5.

The application deadline is June 1, 2020. Commissioners will be selected by Sept. 1, 2020.

Get it notarized

Every application needs to be notarized. All Michigan Secretary of State offices will have free notaries available for these applications starting Dec. 1.

A list of free notaries is available at Michigan.gov/FreeNotary.

Need help? Attend a workshop

The Secretary of State will host a series of workshops around Michigan to help people sign up for the commission:

- Nov. 13 in Grand Rapids
- Nov. 14 in Kalamazoo
- Nov. 17 in Pontiac
- Nov. 20 in Saginaw
- Nov. 21 in Detroit
- Nov. 23 in Benton Harbor
- Dec. 3 in Traverse City
- Dec. 6 in Marquette



Ron Elkus, right, helps customer Sandy Kuretzky with a purchase at the Shirtbox.
PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The Shirtbox

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metro Detroit and garnering loyal customers throughout the decades.

His announcement that he'll close the shop in January has resulted in a wave of emotions from customers across the state.

One man who used to live in the area but moved to Ohio even made the drive to personally deliver flowers to the shop once he heard it was closing, Elkus said.

"People have just been so kind," he said. "We've gotten flowers, we've gotten a gift card, we've got cakes."

"It's been amazing."

'Barbershop for clothes'

The closure of the shop will also mean several longtime employees will be moving on. Diane Starr, the shop's manager of 31 years, said she was sad when Elkus told her the news, but hasn't had a lot of time to dwell on it because of the outpouring of support from customers.

"We're like brother and sister," she said. "Everyone has been so nice and wonderful, and we've been so busy, that you don't really have a chance (to think about it)."

The store, which Elkus hopes could potentially get a buyer, is running a sale on everything in stock. He continues to receive new items and will keep the normal business hours, which are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, while staying open until 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

Dewey Reeves, a haberdasher wardrobe consultant who's worked with Elkus at the store for 27 years, said he began selling in the shop because it was inexpensive. He stayed on because of



A customer enters the Shirtbox, which sits at 32500 Northwestern Highway.

the top quality merchandise and customer service over the decades.

He described the shop as just one more community hub for men to gather and catch up over a common interest.

"I liked the quality of the merchandise he was selling ... and his affinity for customer service," he said. "It's a barbershop for clothes."

Elkus said while he's looking forward to retirement, he's been so appreciative of the love he and his employees have had since he announced his decision a few weeks ago. It's those memories, he said, he'll cherish.

"I've been very blessed to be able to have created relationships that are long-lasting," he said. "I'm totally overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support."

Contact David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Twitter: @davidveselenak.

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School lunch: Kids forced to gulp, pitch

Experts say extending period important for better nutrition

John Wisely Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

When Angela Peters' two young sons return from school, they bound into her Commerce Township home to check the kitchen counter for fruit, plus the pantry and a garage fridge for snacks.

The boys are hungry, or as Peters puts it, hangry — a combination of hungry and angry.

"I would probably be able to eat all of my lunch if there was more time," said Dante, 7, a second-grader at Keith Elementary School.

Dante and his younger brother, Gabriel, a kindergartner, qualify for free lunch at school. But after they walk to the lunch room, wash their hands and stand in the food line, there's barely enough time left in the 20-minute lunch period to eat their food. Much of it ends up in the trash.

Peters, 32, wants to get them more time — and she discovered she's not alone. Two weeks ago, she posted an online petition asking for a longer lunch period, and the petition garnered more than 2,600 signatures.

She ended up networking with parents and others across the country who want the same thing. Turns out, there's a national discussion about seat time, the actual amount of time a child gets to sit down and eat after receiving the food.

"This issue is even more important since updated nutrition standards began taking effect in 2012," the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a research paper on the topic. "Today, students receive significantly larger portions of fruits and vegetables with each meal and more of these produce choices are fresh, which take longer for students to consume."

Healthier eating

School nutrition experts say seat time is important to healthier eating.

"Kids are kids, and typically they go



Gabriel Peters, 5, of Commerce Township looks through the refrigerator for snacks after returning home from Keith Elementary School. Angela Peters says her children often come home wanting snacks because of the lack of time they have for lunch and recess. PHOTOS BY RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

for their favorite item first, usually the center-of-the-plate item," said Diane Pratt-Heavner, a spokeswoman for the School Nutrition Network, a nationwide group of school food professionals. "They need to have enough time to not only eat that but to be able to try those fruits and vegetables."

Pratt-Heavner said revised nutrition standards required schools to offer a wider variety of produce, including dark leafy greens and red/orange vegetables once a week.

"Schools really have tried to introduce students to items that they might not have encountered at home," she said. "But you've got to encourage kids to give those new foods to try, and they're certainly not going to eat those items right away if they're rushed

through the lunch period."

Research shows that many of the school meals under the new standards are healthier than the typical packed lunch, Pratt-Heavner said.

The CDC recommends at least 20 minutes of seat time to allow kids the chance to finish their meal, though it notes that less than half the school districts in the nation don't require that.

Widespread issue

When Peters launched her effort, she quickly learned that other parents near and far had been involved in the same struggle.

Kristina Blasko has two children enrolled in the neighboring Clarkston School District and she joined Peters' ef-

fort for the same reason; her kids' lunches go to waste and they come home hungry.

"I'm trying to help her get this going," Blasko said. "The hope is that once we get one school district to make a change then hopefully the other neighboring schools such as Clarkston would also follow suit. I'm so surprised by how far widespread this issue actually is."

Blasko said the issue really hit home for her when she was visiting her child's school one winter to volunteer in the classroom. When lunchtime came, the kids all started putting on their winter coats and outdoor gear, which they wore through the lunch period.

"They wear their snow gear in order

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Angela Peters, 32, of Commerce Township, talks with her sons Gabriel Peters, 5, foreground, and Dante Hilton, 7.

School lunch

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to save time," she said. "So not only is it not enough time to sit and eat, but in the wintertime, they're wearing some snow pants and whatnot in order to gain even more time. How uncomfortable is that to be sitting in snow gear eating your lunch?"

Amy Ulrich is a mother in Bellevue, Washington, a Seattle suburb, who saw Peters' petition online and contacted her to help.

Ulrich faced the same issue a few years ago with her own kids and banded together with other parents to try to extend the lunch period.

"They need to have enough time to not only eat ... but to be able to try those fruits and vegetables."

Diane Pratt-Heavner, a spokeswoman for the School Nutrition Network, a group of school food professionals

"They created a working group at the district level to do to try different things, try different technology in the checkout lines," she said. "We ended up doing a staggered schedule for lunch where instead of bringing in two grades worth of kids at a time, they only brought in one."

Those measures helped, but parents

still wanted more time and the district was reluctant, Ulrich said.

"What led to the change in our district was that parents hired a lawyer and threatened a lawsuit," Ulrich said.

In 2017, the district extended the lunch period from 20 to 25 minutes, Ulrich said. But that affected only the Bellevue schools. Some neighboring districts were working with a 15-minute lunch period, she said.

Ulrich used the Parent Teacher Association to help lobby for a new law in Washington on the topic. She didn't get one that extends the lunch period, but the state eventually passed one that allows for six districts to run pilot programs to experiment with different approaches, collect data on how they work and use that data to help create a new

law at some future point.

Amanda Venezia is the director of dining for the school district in Londonderry, New Hampshire, about an hour north of Boston. She got connected with Peters through a colleague and has offered her support as well.

She said she and her peers in school lunch circles talk about the issue all the time.

"It's definitely a topic of conversation," she said. "Not only the time for the lunch, but as standardized testing is so prevalent, curriculum time is always a concern. They're always looking to increase curriculum time and unfortunately, sometimes that time is found with the cafeteria within the cafeteria time."

School schedules

Peters found out that what others have already learned, that changing a school schedule isn't easy.

"The time allotted for elementary school children to eat their lunch involves the entire school day schedule," the Walled Lake Consolidated School District said in a statement, noting that the state requires 1,098 hours of instruction each year.

Other factors to be considered include teacher union contracts, bus schedules and time needed for special classes like physical education, art and music.

Still, Peters' efforts have begun to pay off.

The school superintendent, Kenneth Gutman, at whom her petition is directed, called her this week and said he agreed with many of her concerns. She said he acknowledged the obstacles but agreed to work with her to make a change.

In Peters' kitchen after school this week, Dante gnawed on an apple before he and his brother decided they'd each like a banana. Peters relented and let them eat, even though she planned to start dinner in an hour.

She said she's committed to making a change and will continue to press for more seat time.

"I don't like to be told no," she said. "I'm a pretty stubborn person and for our children's sake ... I think with all the support of the parents and everything we will keep pushing."

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South Lyon Veterans Memorial gets new home

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The South Lyon Veterans Memorial is almost ready for its dedication ceremony Sunday at its new location in McHattie Park.

City officials are enthusiastic. At least one veteran is not.

"We're pretty excited, we've received a lot of compliments and a lot of people have donated," Bob Donohue, DDA and economic development director for South Lyon, said. "We've been trying to settle different questions and had very little opposition. We hope everyone will enjoy and once they see it they will finally understand."

The official unveiling, planned for 1:30 p.m., Nov. 10, will feature a ceremony with a bagpiper, bands from both local high schools playing a medley of service songs, Scouts raising the flag and veterans from the American Legion and VFW posts, Donohue said.

But Dave Forsyth, quartermaster for South Lyon VFW Post 1224, called the memorial "horrible" and said he will not be participating, and "none of the VFW guys" will be, either.

"I'll never step foot in that," he said. "They completely ruined it and they only moved it because they want to develop that corner. Not too many people are happy. Especially people in town that are old timers and have been there for generations."

Donohue, a Navy veteran from the Vietnam era, explained that the city has been working on a plan for the last three years to move the Veterans Memorial, which is known as "the Rock," from a parking lot at the southwest corner of Liberty and S. Lafayette streets.

The city owns that parking lot, he added, and the idea for moving the rock came from Harvey Wedell, a Vietnam veteran and former South Lyon City Councilman who died last year.

The enormous limestone rock, about eight feet tall and 6-feet wide, estimated to weigh at least a few tons and with a plaque dedicating it to all military veterans, was moved to McHattie Park last month after more than 40 years at its previous location.

Also moved were several legacy bricks, which have been arranged in a



The crew which assisted with the move of the big rock in October to McHattie Park, the new location of the South Lyon Veterans Memorial, gathers for a photo. From left, Larry Ledbetter, Glenn Kivell, Phil Weipert, Bob Donohue, John Race (on top of the rock), Jeff Heinanen, Herb Stricker and Trevor Piasecki. PHOTOS COURTESY OF BOB DONOHUE

star pattern around the rock with five flags representing each branch of the military in each point of the star. The American flag will be flown next to the rock in the center of a concrete plaza.

The new star formation "looks like a place to go worship the devil now," Forsyth said. "They should have left it where it was, that is what the townspeople wanted."

South Lyon Mayor Dan Pelchat, said the city owned the land on which the rock formerly sat, in a location where many people in the town of 12,000 were not even aware of, and now it will be in a better, more prominent spot at the front of McHattie Park, honoring all service members.

"We got blowback, but this new site

will be beautiful," Pelchat said. "In my eyes, Harvey wanted to improve the memorial for all of the area's veterans and make it more of a place for reflection to honor these American heroes. I think when it is all said and done, the community will have a memorial that people can be very proud of... It easily doubles in size what the old memorial was."

Donations and in-kind service from businesses and individuals made the new memorial possible, he said.

Donohue said Sunday's dedication at McHattie Park will include, at the request of the VFW, the Veterans Day observance that is normally done the following day.

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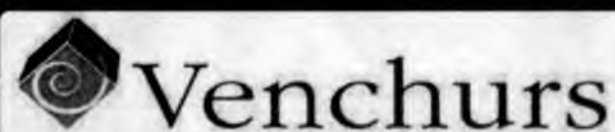
A dedication ceremony is planned for Nov. 10 to celebrate the relocation of the rock and renovation of its home.

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Businesses to offer Veterans Day deals

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Veterans Day is the perfect time to celebrate those who have put aside their own lives and given themselves in service of the United States.

Plenty of businesses plan to offer discounts or freebies for veterans Nov. 11 as a "thank you" for serving the nation.

Here's a list of just a few:

Applebee's

Applebee's will give veterans and active-duty military members a free entree from a list of the restaurant's signature dishes when they dine in, including the Oriental Chicken Salad, Fiesta Lime Chicken and Three-Cheese Chicken Penne. Applebee's can be found locally at 13301 Middlebelt in Livonia, 36475 Warren in Westland, 17101 Haggerty in Northville Township, 43500 Ford Road in Canton, and 47900 Grand River in Novi.

BJ's Brewhouse

All current and former military mem-

bers can receive a free entree (up to \$14.95 in value) and a free Dr. Pepper. Diners must provide military ID or other proof of service to receive the free meal. BJ's is at 19470 Haggerty in Livonia.

Beerhead Bar and Eatery

Veterans and active-duty military members in uniform or with a military ID can receive a free entree. Beerhead Bar and Eatery is located at 44375 W. 12 Mile in Novi.

California Pizza Kitchen

Those veterans or active-duty members in uniform or with a military ID can receive a free entree and drink. Entrees that are offered to veterans include several styles of pizza, salads and pastas. California Pizza Kitchen is at 37546 W. Six Mile at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, 27500 Novi at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and 31005 Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills.

Chili's

Veterans and active-duty members

can select a free meal from a list of seven entrees. Chili's can be found locally at 29563 Plymouth in Livonia, 41680 Ford Road in Canton and 20901 Haggerty in Novi.

Famous Dave's BBQ

Veterans can receive a free two-meat lunch combo with one side and cornbread. Ribs may be excluded depending on location. Active-duty members must show proof of service. Famous Dave's is at 36601 Warren in Westland and 43350 Crescent Blvd. in Novi.

Little Caesars

Detroit's very own Little Caesars Pizza will give all veterans and active-duty military members a free \$5 lunch combo, which includes four slices of deep-dish pepperoni pizza and a 20-ounce pop. The offer is good from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Veterans Day at participating Little Caesars.

Mission BBQ

Known for its commitment to public

safety officials, Mission BBQ is offering veterans a free sandwich and some cake. Mission BBQ is at 20420 Haggerty in Northville Township.

Red Robin

The restaurant will give veterans and military members a free Tavern Double Burger with unlimited steak fries when they dine in with proof of service. Red Robin can be found locally at 37701 Six Mile in Livonia, 36350 Warren in Westland, 43250 Crescent Blvd. in Novi and 3003 Commerce Crossing in Commerce Township.

Target

The superstore is offering veterans and active-duty military members 10% off one purchase made Nov. 3-11. Those who want to have access to the discount must sign up at target.com/military to receive the coupon. Target is at 29451 Plymouth and 2100 Haggerty in Livonia, 30020 M-5 in Farmington Hills, 35401 Warren in Westland, 43670 Ford Road in Canton, 27100 Wixom in Novi, and 2400 S. Telegraph in Bloomfield Township.

Caravans

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so huge that their route to the Lansing Board of Water & Light's new Delta Energy Park site is restricted to surface streets — a logistical challenge that required the moving company to attain permits from each of the counties through which they travel.

"They're too tall and too wide to go on the highways, so they travel along Haggerty and then, once they get to I-96, they turn west on Grand River and take that to Lansing, from what I understand," Road Commission for Oakland County spokesman Craig Bryson said last week. "There are 14 in total and there are, I believe, two more still to be transported. It's quite an operation."

The flatbed truck hauling the 200,000-pound compressors is 18 feet

wide and 170 feet long — large enough to cause modest-at-minimum delays for people headed to work.

The convoy is slow moving, taking almost two days to get from Detroit to Lansing, BWL General Manager Dick Peffley said.

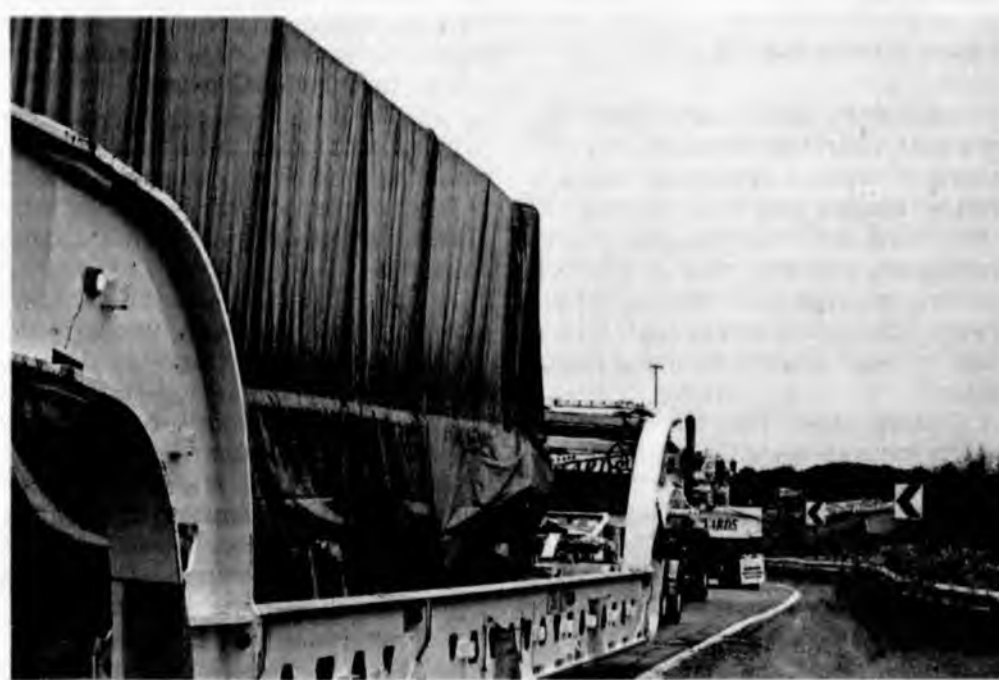
"They're not in danger of getting a speeding ticket," Peffley quipped.

Peffley said he's not aware of any major tie ups when the latest two other compressors were moved but the utility did get a lot of questions about what was in the boxes.

"It's a large jet engine similar what's on an aircraft," Peffley said. "Just a little bit bigger."

The last of the compressors are expected to be transported Nov. 7 and arrive in Lansing Nov. 8.

Bryson said he can't remember a similar case of a larger-than-life scenario during his tenure with the road commission.



A flatbed carrying a compressor carefully maneuvers around a curve in the road. COURTESY OF ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY

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U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI-11) talks to a community member after a field hearing for the House Science Research and Technology Subcommittee. PHOTOS BY SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



David Coulter, Oakland County's executive, also attended the event.

Cars

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roadside units placed at intersections to test both smart mobility technology and multiple revenue-generating opportunities," Coulter said of Oakland County. "Advanced safety technologies provide consumers with improved vehicle innovations that save lives. We believe these new technologies can eliminate 94 percent of fatal crashes involving human error."

Coulter added that some of those safety innovations will come soon to Interstate 75 between 8 Mile Road and M-59 through a Michigan Department of Transportation project.

"Cars can receive information about road conditions on the freeway, on road conditions, backups, curve lines ahead, that sort of thing," he said.

Stevens said she believes there's a federal role to be played in the local im-

plementation of these technologies.

"The big thing is safety," she said. "We are looking to save lives with new technologies that create better outcomes for individual drivers."

But, the biggest change drivers likely will see is the mass use of autonomous vehicles. Rajkumar estimated that it will only take a decade or two for self-driving vehicles to make up a sizable portion of the vehicles on the road.

If or when those autonomous vehicles dominate the roads, Stevens said colder states like Michigan might find road quality even more important.

"I'm making it a priority to encourage the federal government to help Michigan and make sure that we're getting our fair share of federal funding and that the assets we have here are showcased," she said. "The state government is largely been charged with the maintenance issues, but the federal government can help with the innovations and technology."

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U.S. Rep. Michael Cloud (R-TX-27) talking to a panelist after the event.



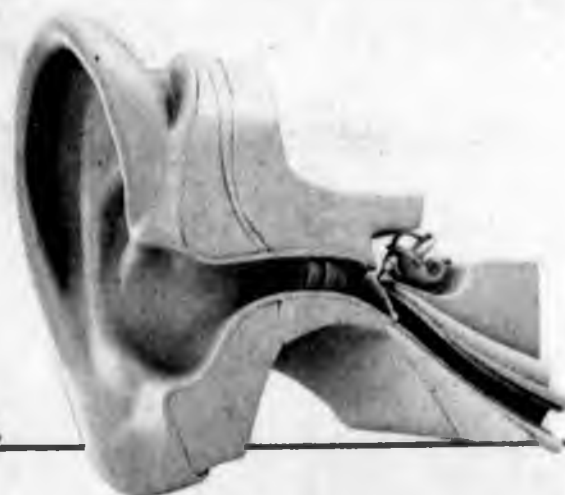
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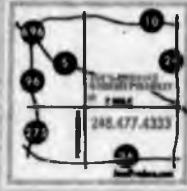


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Plymouth's Solomon caps career with state title

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Carter Solomon took a quick peek to his left to verify he was in the clear.

With a few steps remaining before he secured his spot in Michigan high school cross country history, Solomon raised his arms, then rested his hands on his head.

He could finally exhale. His mission was accomplished.

The only missing item from Solomon's glittering resume in four years of running for Plymouth was an individual state championship, a box checked off Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

Solomon won a three-way duel for the Division 1 championship by posting

a time of 15:01.2 on a muddy course, the fastest in any division Saturday and the sixth-fastest since the cross country finals were moved to MIS in 1996.

Solomon completed an undefeated senior season and posted the state's fastest time in five years, a 14:42.7 performance at regionals.

"I think I came in as the favorite, but coming away with it still means a whole

lot," Solomon said. "In my head, I was the third guy coming into this race. These guys are legit. I raced how I wanted to race, and it worked out."

While Solomon was the state's dominant runner all fall, Clarkston senior Brendan Favazza and Brighton senior Jack Spamer conceded nothing to him.

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South Lyon High varsity golfer Gabriella Tapp scored two 75s in the state final to secure the individual championship.

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Churchill stuns Dexter in football playoff opener

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With seven seconds on the clock, trailing 20-6, Churchill head coach Bill DeFilippo knew three points was not going to cut it.

Coming out of a time out, facing a 1st-and-goal from the Dexter 5-yard line, junior quarterback Gavin Brooks targeted junior wide receiver Shane Morelli on a quick slant.

Incomplete. Whistle blown. One second left.

Dexter head coach Phil Jacobs was furious, stomping down the sideline toward the middle of the field, turning toward the press box and screaming as if he were addressing the clock operator personally. "This is our home field. How is there one second left on the clock?"

"No, not at all," Dexter head coach Phil Jacobs said when asked if he thought Churchill had enough time to run two plays. "Apparently our clock operator did."

The Chargers obliged. Brooks connected with Morelli for the score, igniting a stagnant offense into a second-half surge, scoring 28 points and leading Churchill (6-4) to a, 41-39, first-round victory against Dexter (8-2) on the road.

Churchill will take on Battle Creek Lakeview in the district round of the MHSAA high school football playoffs.

Here are three takeaways from Churchill's two-point victory against the Dreadnaughts.

Trading scores

After the Chargers brought their deficit down to one touchdown right before halftime, junior wide receiver Shane Morelli said the team left for the locker room confident, knowing that the offense had its mojo heading into the second half.

"We came out there knowing they wanted the ball to start the game," Morelli said. "So we got the ball coming out of halftime and just punched it in."

After two runs for 31 total yards by senior Mitchell Regan, Brooks found senior receiver Brendan Lowry for the first of three second-half touchdown passes to tie the game at 20.

But the Dexter offense continued to answer.

After Brooks' touchdown pass to Lowry, Dreadnaughts junior Colin Parachek found Brendan Parachek on a 9-yard right shoulder fade in the end zone 10 plays later.

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Tapp shines in first season at South Lyon

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In the golf world, Gabriella Tapp was book smart.

For five years, she worked with her father, learning how to swing a club, becoming fundamentally sound before ever playing a round. The plan was to take the course for the first time in the summer between her seventh- and eighth-grade year.

Until it wasn't anymore.

While playing soccer during gym class, Tapp felt a pop in her knee, planting her foot awkwardly in the turf. That pop, a torn ACL, led to four months of physical therapy, four months off the golf course.

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Tapp celebrates after securing the first individual state title in school history.

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Games (home team listed first):	Andrew Vaillencourt	Colin Gay	Ed Wright	David Veselenak	Phil Allmen (coin flip)
West Bloomfield vs. Plymouth	West Bloomfield	West Bloomfield	Plymouth	West Bloomfield	Plymouth
Brighton vs. East Kentwood	Brighton	Brighton	East Kentwood	Brighton	Brighton
Brownstown Woodhaven vs. Belleville	Belleville	Belleville	Belleville	Belleville	Brownstown Woodhaven
Battle Creek Lakeview vs. Livonia Churchill	Battle Creek Lakeview	Battle Creek Lakeview	Battle Creek Lakeview	Battle Creek Lakeview	Livonia Churchill
Walled Lake Western vs. Fenton	Walled Lake Western	Walled Lake Western	Walled Lake Western	Walled Lake Western	Fenton
Farmington vs. U-D Jesuit	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	U-D Jesuit
Detroit Martin Luther King vs. Livonia Franklin	Franklin	King	King	King	Livonia Franklin
Birmingham Groves vs. Birmingham Seaholm	Groves	Groves	Groves	Groves	Groves
River Rouge vs. Redford Thurston	River Rouge	River Rouge	River Rouge	River Rouge	River Rouge
Detroit Country Day vs. Harper Woods	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day	Detroit Country Day
Michigan State vs. Illinois	Michigan State	Michigan State	Illinois	Michigan State	Michigan State
Minnesota vs. Penn State	Penn State	Minnesota (Row the boat!)	Minnesota	Penn State	Penn State
Alabama vs. LSU	LSU	Alabama	LSU	Alabama	LSU
Wisconsin vs. Iowa	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
Chicago Bears vs. Detroit Lions	Lions	Lions	Bears	Bears	Bears
Last Week's Record:	13-7	11-9	10-10	14-6	8-12
Season Record:	145-54-1	152-47-1	137-62-1	142-57-1	95-104-1

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HTL top 10 high school football teams: Week 11

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We're one round into the playoffs, and Hometown Life Sports is back with its weekly top 10. 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 by our two sports reporters: Andrew Vaillencourt and Colin Gay. Here is the top 10 for week 10:

1. Livonia Franklin (8-2, Last Week: No. 2)

The Patriots move up to the top spot in this week's rankings. They pounded Wyandotte Roosevelt thanks to a stout defensive performance and will face King in the district final. It should be a close, entertaining game and if we're lucky, we could see our top two teams face off in the regional finals.

2. Farmington (8-1, Last Week: No. 5)

Farmington pulled off one of the most impressive upsets of the post-season Friday, beating Oak Park 12-6. Oak Park was a team many thought would challenge for a state title. The Falcons will play U-D Jesuit this week.

3. Birmingham Groves (8-2, Last Week: No. 3)

Groves lucked out this week and received an automatic pass to the district finals after De La Salle forfeited its opening round game due to a hazing scandal. Now, Groves will face a familiar foe: Seaholm. The rivalry showdown will determine which team advances to the regional finals.

4. Plymouth (9-1, Last Week: No. 4)

Plymouth, despite being short a few key players due to injury, took care of business against a strong Lakeland team on Friday. Now, the Wildcats will face a significantly tougher opponent in West Bloomfield, which clobbered Canton in its opening game.

5. North Farmington (9-1, Last Week: No. 1)

After an outstanding regular season, the Raiders failed to advance to the next round, falling to U-D Jesuit. It was a great improvement from a year ago, but an early exit in the playoffs certainly puts a damper on some of the excitement.

6. Detroit Country Day (10-0, Last Week: No. 7)

Detroit Country Day has been rolling through its schedule. In the pre-district round of the postseason, the Yellowjackets pounded Harper Woods Chandler Park, 42-0, and will face Harper Woods for a chance at regionals.

7. Livonia Churchill (6-4, Last Week: No. 9)

Churchill's momentum brought the Chargers to a first-round win against Dexter in the pre-district round. Churchill will have to match undefeated Battle Creek Lakeview on the road.

8. Birmingham Seaholm (7-3, Last Week: No. NR)

Looking for its first regional appearance since 2000, Seaholm will have to get past Groves, a team it lost to in Week 8 of the regular season. In losses this season, the Maples have averaged just under 14 points of offense, while in wins, Seaholm has scored 45 points per game.

9. South Lyon (8-2, Last Week: 6)

After taking a 21-0 lead, South Lyon allowed Fenton to come all the way back for its second pre-district loss in the Lions' last three playoff appearances. The Lions end the season scoring the most points in a single season since 2004.

10. Redford Thurston (8-2, Last Week: NR)

Redford Thurston will have a tall task in front of them with a district final game against River Rouge. But it has been impressive as of late, earning a 35-8 victory against Eastpointe in the first round of the playoffs.

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

GAME OF THE WEEK

Groves, Seaholm to face off in OAA White rivalry rematch

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After starting with 15 in the pre-district round, eight Hometown Life-area teams remain in the hunt for a state title heading into the district finals. Here are the seven games featuring area teams, including an OAA White rivalry rematch as the Hometown Life's game of the week.

Birmingham Groves vs. Birmingham Seaholm: 7 p.m., Nov. 8

Birmingham Groves and Birmingham Seaholm have seen each other already this season. Trailing 14-7 near the end of the first half, the Falcons scored 28 unanswered points in the final 25 minutes, leading to a 35-14 victory against the Maples on Oct. 18.

But Seaholm's offense has stepped up in the past two weeks. Running back Chaz Strecker and quarterback Caleb Knoer have led the Maples to score 118 points in the past two weeks against Auburn Hills Avondale and Sterling Heights, outscoring their four previous weeks combined.

While the Maples lit up the scoreboard with a first-round win against Avondale, Groves stayed at home after its pre-district opponent, Warren De La Salle, forfeited the game, automatically advancing the Falcons to the second round.

In its three losses this season, Seaholm averages just under 14 points per game, which Groves saw in Week 8.

Groves faced Seaholm in the pre-dis-

trict round in 2018, beating the Maples 35-14, which helped the Falcons to their second semifinal bid since 2016.

Here are six other games to watch in the district finals of the MHSAA high school football playoff tournament:

Livonia Franklin at Detroit Martin Luther King: 6 p.m., Nov. 8

Livonia Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert was there when the Patriots last faced Detroit Martin Luther King in 2015.

Coming off a 2-7 regular season in 2014, Franklin had a resurgence, advancing to the semifinal round of the playoffs. But the Patriots faced a rude awakening, as the Crusaders beat them 40-6 on their way to the first of three state titles in the past four years.

In 2019, Franklin looks a lot like the team it did in 2015: recording its first season since 2015 with over 400 points scored. It has a better defense than that semifinal Patriots team, allowing an average of 22.1 points per game.

However, Franklin will go to King with the Crusaders on a roll. After losing its first two games to Detroit Catholic Central and Muskegon, King has won eight straight, outscoring opponents 333-43, including three shutouts.

Plymouth at West Bloomfield: 7 p.m., Nov. 8

After a 41-14 loss to Belleville in the KLAA championship, Plymouth got back on track with a pre-district win against White Lake Lakeland.

But the Wildcats will face the team

that led to their exit in 2018: West Bloomfield.

The Lakers beat Plymouth 49-14 in the first round a season ago in the only meeting between the two schools. West Bloomfield has allowed only 28 points in the past five weeks, holding onto an eight-game win streak after its Week 2 loss to Groves.

Redford Thurston at River Rouge: 7 p.m., Nov. 8

Redford Thurston has found success against River Rouge in the past. As former division rivals, the Eagles have defeated the Panthers in five of seven total meetings, the first of which came in 2001.

However, Thurston has not seen River Rouge since 2006, and the Panthers have changed a lot since then.

The Panthers have made the playoffs for 10 straight years, advancing as far as the state final in 2015, where River Rouge lost to Grand Rapids West Catholic.

Even though Thurston has scored 327 points this season through 10 games, its highest since 2011, the Eagles will face a River Rouge defense that has stifled opponents to 70 points in 10 games, 41 of which came in two games.

Farmington vs. Detroit U-D Jesuit: 7 p.m., Nov. 8

After defeating the previously undefeated North Farmington in the pre-district round, University of Detroit Jesuit will try and end the season of the Raiders' city rival Farmington in the district final.

The Falcons have not played the Cubs

since 1999, when U-D Jesuit beat Farmington, 28-23, in the regional final.

Coming off the first-round upset of Oak Park, Farmington will try and advance to its second regional in two years with a win against U-D Jesuit.

Detroit Country Day vs. Harper Woods: 7 p.m., Nov. 8

Through 10 games, Detroit Country Day has been rolling through its schedule.

The Yellowjackets are averaging 39 points per game, the most in the school's history, while allowing a total of 49 points in 10 games, the lowest since 1969, when Detroit Country Day played in nine total games.

The Yellowjackets will take on Harper Woods, a team looking to get to its first regional since 2007.

Livonia Churchill at Battle Creek Lakeview: 1 p.m., Nov. 9

Livonia Churchill is seemingly getting better as the weeks continue. The Chargers upset Dexter in the first round of the playoffs, recording their third 40-point game of the season.

However, the match ups get harder for Churchill. The Chargers will take on Battle Creek Lakeview on the road.

The Spartans are undefeated, and have allowed 22 points in their past four games, including two shutouts. It will be the first meeting between the two teams.

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Football

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And when a 58-yard pass from Brooks to Lowry set up a 1-yard touchdown run by sophomore Davieon Pitchford, Parachek found senior wide receiver Rhett Jacobs for a 46-yard score to keep the one-score lead five plays later.

For DeFilippo, knowing the quality of the Dexter offense coming in — having scored more than 40 points in each game since its 22-17 season-opening loss to Chelsea — he knew touchdowns were the only thing that would keep the Churchill offense in the game.

This may have not been something that seemed feasible in September with a team that lost four of its first five games. But the Churchill head coach said the Franklin loss was the turning point, scoring 48 points against the Patriot defense in a triple-overtime loss.

A performance like that, Brooks said, allowed the offense to perform the way it did against Dexter in the playoffs.

"We started off the year so slow, and I think we have been putting things little by little together every week, and here we are putting up 41 points," Brooks said. "It shows how much work we have been putting in."

Defense shows up late

After a 17-yard touchdown from Brooks to sophomore receiver Bailey Brooks to bring the Chargers up by one point at the end of the third quarter, the defense started to click.

Junior free safety Jimmy Targosz came up with Paracheck's only interception of the day. On the next Dexter offensive drive, the Chargers forced a three-and-out, sacking Paracheck for a 1-yard loss on third down.

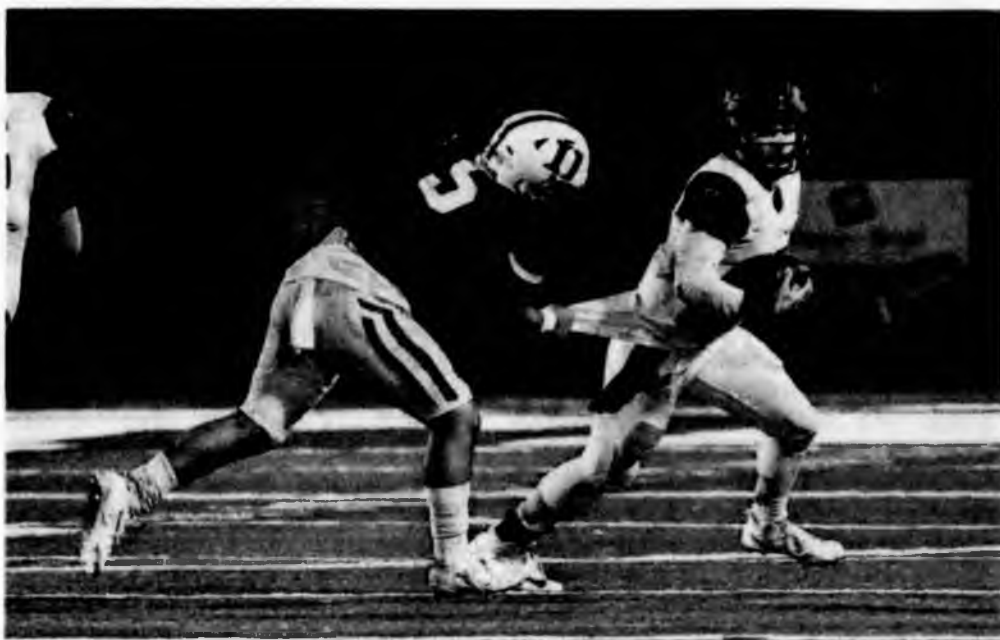
While the Churchill offense failed to convert on either of those opportunities, the defense continued to show up. The Chargers recovered a backwards-pass fumble at the Dexter 42-yard line, leading to the final touchdown of the day: a Gavin Brooks floater to Morelli for the 45-yard score.

But the defense was not done.

Dexter marched down the field, with Parachek finding Jacobs in the end zone to bring the Dreadnaughts to within two. However, with junior defensive end



Livonia Churchill coach Bill DeFilippo congratulates his team after its win against Dexter. Churchill won, 41-39, in the pre-district round of the MHSAA high school football playoffs. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Gavin Brooks fights off the Dexter defense.

Khalil Ford leading the charge, Churchill rushed the quarterback on the two-point try, forcing him to rush a floater and secure the victory with an incomple-

"This one's going to hurt and we've

earned the right to mourn this loss," Phil Jacobs said. "This one stings."

Momentum continues

DeFilippo does not know what the

ceiling for Churchill is. But he knows one thing for sure: the Chargers are playing the best football now than they have all season.

The head coach said winning is contagious, feeding into the energy used in practices during the week and into preparation for the next opponent.

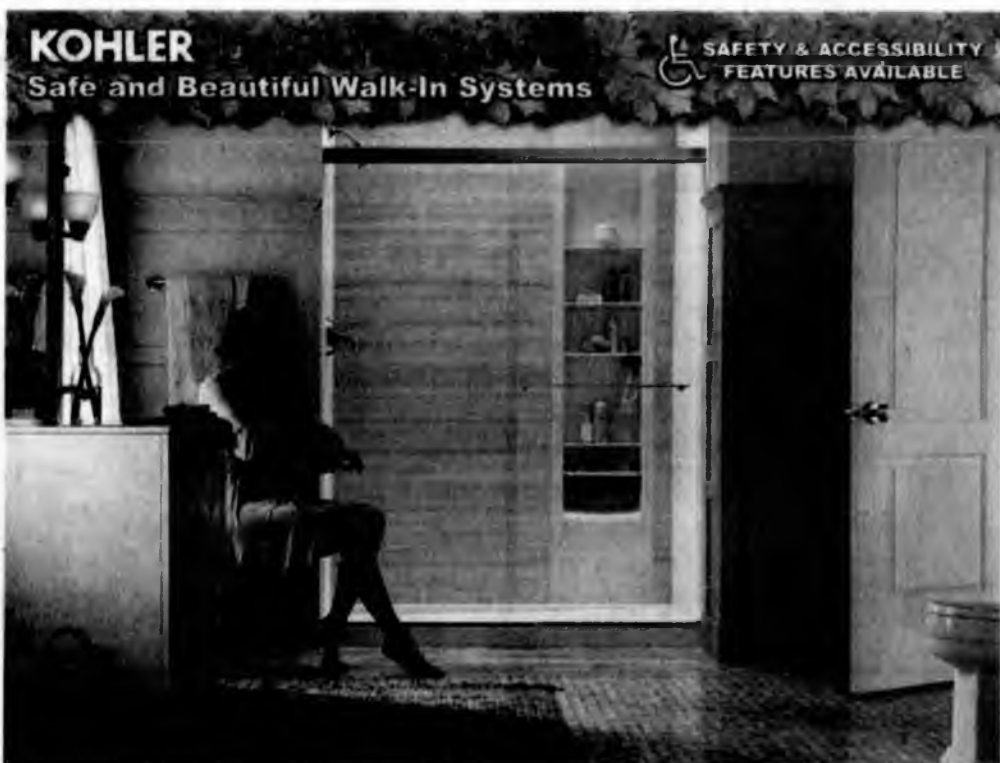
As a leader of an offense that used momentum to its favor in the win against Dexter, Gavin Brooks said that same momentum has been used for the past five weeks for the team as a whole.

"I feel like we just keep playing better every week," Brooks said. "Who knows how good we can be."

Churchill faces Battle Creek Lakeview in the second round, a team DeFilippo does not know much about, but that he knows is undefeated after a 47-8 win against Jackson in the first round of the postseason.

But that's now what he's worried about. The Chargers have played Belleville, and Brighton, and Fordson, and Franklin, and Dexter.

He said his focus has been on what his team can control, what his team can do, because at this point, it's seemingly limitless.



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Tapp

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It was four months that was not a part of Tapp's plan.

But Tapp got her swing back, becoming the first golfer in South Lyon girls golf history to become an individual state champion in her freshman season, leading the Lions to a second-place finish in the Division 2 state finals, the program's best finish since 2014.

"It was just really crazy to me at first," Tapp said. "Literally a year ago, I was scared to even pick up a club and swing. It's so crazy how far I have come in a year."

Tapp called the rehab process to repair her ACL "stressful and painful," saying it was incredibly difficult to gain her range of motion back.

And even after she was cleared to swing again, it was still a process for Tapp.

"I was very scared that I was going to hurt myself somehow again," Tapp said. "It took a little bit of time to trust myself again."

Tapp eventually returned to the golf course, playing in her first tournaments a year later than she expected to. In her first tournament, she finished with a 91, which she called encouraging, expecting much more out of herself at that

point.

The timeline was not exactly where she wanted it to be. What she did not realize at that point was how much of an impact the physical therapy would have on her development.

"I think I came out of physical therapy much stronger than I was before," Tapp said.

The 'safety net'

Tapp is a kind of golfer head coach Dan Skatzka does not have very often.

Most of his golfers come in like junior Katherine Potter: the fifth-place individual Division 2 state finisher who had never played golf before high school.

That is what Skatzka bases his year-round training off of: starting in the winter in the indoor batting cages to the two-a-day training sessions he holds in August before the season starts.

As a former football coach, Skatzka aims to revolve his players' lives around golf.

But even in those early camps, Tapp seemed to separate herself early.

"Even the first couple times I saw her swing, I just knew she had something great," junior Bella Campbell said.

But like her rehab, Tapp's initiation into the team was a process.

At South Lyon, the majority of the freshmen are separated from the upperclassmen into the beginner group. Tapp

joined the varsity team right away, with many juniors and seniors looking at her at or exceeding their level.

"We already knew a couple of her scores," senior Emma Mackey said. "She just skipped right along."

Tapp describes herself as shy, saying that everyone on the team was extremely welcoming, but it took time for her to adjust mentally.

And while Tapp knew that her skills matched her teammates, she did not think her ceiling would be so high.

"I didn't think I had it in me to do that well," Tapp said.

Throughout Tapp's first season with the Lions, Potter viewed her as the "safety net" for the team, saying that no matter how the team performed as a whole, that the freshman would always put up a good score.

At the state final, it all clicked for the freshman. The two 75's that Tapp scored in the state final to secure the individual championship were the best two scores that she had scored all season.

Great expectations

Skatzka knew that South Lyon was going to get its first individual state champion.

Both Potter and Tapp were neck-and-neck in the final, with the freshman securing the victory after Potter, who had

a better overall season score than Tapp, triple-bogeyed.

The South Lyon head coach knows, no matter what year a player is, that it's extremely difficult to repeat as a state champion. For Tapp, she is going to have to pass a state-final contender on her very same roster.

"She is going to have to work extremely hard to be in the same position in another year," Skatzka said. "She is going to have to work extremely hard to beat Katie."

Potter said she likes being the underdog, not only individually, but as a team.

South Lyon finished second to Forest Hills Northern in the Division 2 state final, a girls golf powerhouse that has won three-straight state titles.

Potter said next season, with the roster the Lions have, it will be "any given day" which team will come out on top, what she calls a "50 percent" shot.

For Tapp, she is not thinking about next season, about how hard it will be to repeat.

She is still remembering seeing her father break down in tears just off the green at the state championship.

"He reminded me, 'You've been doing this your whole life,' Tapp said. "You are stronger than you ever have been. You are going to be OK."

She is still remembering the painful process it took to get to where she is now.

Cross country

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They stuck right with Solomon through a 4:44 opening mile and a 9:43 two-mile split.

As Spamer began to drop back in the final mile, Favazza clung to Solomon and even had a brief exchange of words.

"It helps when you're best friends with him," Favazza said. "He pulled up right beside me when I took the lead and he said, 'Let's go one and two together; this is it.' I'm like, 'This is the guy. I'm sticking with him the whole way.'"

Solomon went into another gear as the two sprinted down the long straightaway at MIS to hold off Favazza, who was second in 15:06.0. Spamer, whose Brighton team won the championship,

was third in 15:17.1.

"Something we worked on this year was that closing speed," Solomon said. "In workouts, the last couple reps we worked on that closing speed. I was confident with it. I know these guys can close, too."

Solomon will go down as one of the greatest cross country runners in Michigan history after becoming only the second boy to crack the top 18 four times in the state's largest classification in 24 years of racing at MIS. The other is Rockford legend Dathan Ritzenhein, who made the top five four years in a row from 1997-2000 and holds the course record of 14:10.4.

Solomon led Plymouth to a team championship as a junior when he was the individual runner up, then went on to earn All-America by finishing fourth in the Foot Locker National Cross Coun-

try Championship.

A possible successor to Solomon's throne is junior teammate Patrick Byrnes, who finished fifth behind four seniors in 15:33.3. Plymouth senior Tyler Mussen grabbed the final all-state berth, taking 30th in 16:04.8.

The Wildcats weren't able to defend their championship because of a drop-off after their No. 3 runner. They finished 12th with 309 points.

Also scoring for Plymouth were junior Conner Davis (139th in 17:20.7) and senior Matthew Biros (144th in 17:22.9).

Plymouth had two all-staters in the girls race, with sophomore Lauren Kiley placing 11th in 18:14.8 and junior Londyn Swenson taking 18th in 18:24.6.

Salem was 14th as a team with 399 points and Plymouth was 18th with 407.

Junior Olivia Millen led Salem, finishing 44th in 19:12.0.



Plymouth's Carter Solomon leads the pack about 700 meters into the state Division 1 cross country meet.

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The difference between football in the regular season and in playoffs can be like night and day.

With such a flair for the dramatics, playoff football is a true test of strength, as all that matters is who will be the last team standing at the final whistle.

Fenton (9-1 overall) dug deep to find that strength, as the Tigers spurred a second-half comeback to hand South Lyon (8-2) a 31-28 defeat in the first round of the Division 2 playoffs.

Quarterback Dylan Davidson threw for three touchdowns over the final two quarters, including a seven-yard toss to receiver Brady Triola for the game-winning score with 2:40 remaining.

"The line played great and blocked, receivers caught balls, and we played great in the second half," Davidson said. "That last play was really something and honestly I don't know how it happened."

And if fans want to chalk it up to luck, Fenton head coach Jeff Setzke is completely OK with that.

"Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good. South Lyon was able to blitz off the edge and Dylan was able to see it and throw the ball up," Setzke said. "It was a big play at a critical time. There was probably some luck in it, but you earn your own luck and these kids have done that all year long."

It's certainly the sort of ending that players grow up dreaming of, but there's still plenty of work to be done before this Tigers' tale can be told in its entirety.

"We're really dedicated as a team right now," Triola said. "All the practices have been long, but we're OK with it because we're all in for this playoff season. We have four weeks left to go and we're going to be practicing longer and getting ready for every single game we have left."

Here are three other takeaways from Friday's MHSAA Division 2 playoff clash:

Riding the hot hand

Senior quarterback Connor Fracassi led the charge for South Lyon right out



South Lyon's Mitch Komorous is tackled by Walled Lake Western players.
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of the gates, throwing two touchdowns passes and running in another to give the Lions a 21-0 lead after the first quarter.

"We got out to a hot start and I think they took us for granted a little bit," South Lyon head coach Jeff Henson said. "We showed up ready to play and were fired up. In the second half, it was a role reversal where we had a few bounces not go our way. But that's how football goes."

On the first play from scrimmage, Fracassi connected with classmate Brenden Lach on a deep route, taking it to the house on a 45-yard bomb less than 15 seconds into the contest.

Although the next series would stall on a missed 19-yard field goal, Fracassi was able to put South Lyon on the board minutes later on a designed draw play up the middle from two yards out to make it a 14-0 affair.

Fenton's drive would be short-lived, as sacks by Lions seniors Mitch Komorous and Jesse Powell stalled a drive near midfield on third down, forcing the Tigers to punt.

The momentum generated by that

defensive stop carried over to the South Lyon offense, as they needed just five plays before reaching paydirt.

Fracassi connected with wide receiver Keegan McGrath on a crossing route for 36 yards, before hitting up Steve Shelton in the corner of end zone for an 11-yard strike with 29 seconds left in the first.

"We blew a couple opportunities in the first half, especially right before halftime," Henson said. "We had all the momentum going our way, and credit them for making good adjustments defensively. Fenton was able to execute a little bit better on offense in the second half and we didn't. Overall, we had our chances to put it away in the first half and we weren't able to do that."

The tide begins to turn

Despite being down by three touchdowns, the Tigers began to make some waves offensively in the second quarter.

Helped out by a 75-yard kickoff return following the Lions' last score, Fenton broke its scoring drought six seconds in on a 12-yard burst up the middle

by senior running back Jaden Lainesse.

Senior kicker Braden Moore narrowed the lead to 21-10 by booting a 35-yard field goal with 44 seconds until intermission.

In the final moments of the half, South Lyon looked to extend their lead on 1st-and-goal, only to have defensive back Ethan Pyeatt pick off a pass in the end zone.

"This team has been really resilient," Setzke said. "Even when we were down by 21, nobody panicked and nobody flinched because I think everyone knew that we were going to be OK and had to settle in. South Lyon did some different things that we haven't seen on film, but we looked at the second quarter as a 10-0 win at halftime. We were playing our game right and they couldn't stop us. Once we start running the ball, we're tough to handle."

Odds and Ends

The Lions end their season having qualified for the playoffs two years in a row and in six of their past nine seasons.

"We've been very fortunate to have a good group of kids coming through," Henson said. "We had a good senior class this year who came up as sophomores and took a beating, but they persevered last year."

"Fenton's ability to run the ball effectively in the second half on us is what did us in. They were able to physically take control of the game."

Offensively, the Lions tallied 351 points, marking the first time they have scored over 300 points since the 2006 season (302 points). This is the third-highest total in school history, behind only the 1992 and 2004 teams at 369 points apiece, and the 1994 squad at 357 points.

"I'm proud of these kids and I'm proud of what they've done over their career," Henson said. "Obviously only one team doesn't finish the season with a loss and unfortunately ours came earlier than we expected."

For Fenton, this is the program's 12th straight year having qualified for the postseason and are looking for revenge against Walled Lake Western in the district final after having lost to them 24-9 last season in pre-districts.

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Franklin's Jake Swirple shakes hands with a Wyandotte Roosevelt player after Franklin won 23-7 to advance to the district final. ANDREW VAILLIENCOURT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Franklin shuts down Roosevelt football in 23-7 playoff victory

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For the second year in a row, Livonia Franklin took on Wyandotte Roosevelt in the opening round of the playoffs, and for the second year in a row, the Patriots are advancing to the district final.

Franklin defeated Roosevelt, 23-7, Friday night at Franklin High School.

The Patriots will play Detroit Martin Luther King in the district final Friday, Nov. 8. That game will be played at King, the top seed in the district. King defeated Temperance Bedford, 45-7, in pre-districts.

It's safe to say the low-scoring win was a surprise for Franklin. The Patriots have only scored fewer than 23 points once this season, and have only held opponents to fewer than 19 points in two games, against lowly Wayne Memorial and John Glenn.

"It's a great feeling, we're so lucky to have a home playoff game," Franklin senior running back James Carpenter said. "The environment is great, the community is all behind us. To get a win on this field, there's nothing like it. I appreciate all my teammates pulling through."

Franklin goes to 8-2, while Roosevelt falls to 7-3.

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Defensive battle

It's no secret that Franklin typically wins with its high-powered offense. The Patriots averaged 42.78 points per game in the regular season, its lowest total being 21 in their loss to Fordson.

Friday night's playoff game was a whole different story. This time, it was the defense's turn to pave the way.

Roosevelt got on the board late in the first quarter with a two-yard touchdown run by Christian Cooper, but that would be it for the remainder of the game.

"We've been hearing the news around how we let up a lot of points and we wanted to stop that," Franklin senior defensive tackle/offensive guard Jake Swirple said. "We wanted to come out and play angry today and we played angry. We played that Franklin south side football."

Franklin quarterback Jake Kelbert hit receiver Connor Hatfield for a 58-yard yard touchdown pass to tie the game up early in the second quarter. That was all the scoring from either team until the second half.

The Franklin defense forced two intentional grounding penalties, recorded



Swirple, left, blocks a Spartan during a Sept. 20 game. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

six sacks and eight tackles for loss. The defense also forced and recovered two fumbles, blocked a punt and tallied a safety.

"Our defense played awesome," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We did a really good job, especially in the second half of getting pressure and getting to the quarterback. We were talking all week about how we needed to keep him in the pocket and we didn't do that a couple times in the first half and we made some plays getting out of there. But in the second half we did a much better job of keeping him in the pocket and making him uncomfortable."

The Patriots may have even been able to return an interception for a touchdown if the play hadn't been blown dead due to a flag for delay of game. On a third and 38, Roosevelt threw the ball right to a Franklin defender who had space ahead of him for a long return. After the officials talked it over, however, the flag was picked up and Roosevelt had another chance at the long third down before ultimately punting.

The Franklin defensive line found itself in the Bears backfield on nearly every third and fourth down play in the second half, forcing Roosevelt quarterback Jalin Pitchford to make poor throws or just get rid of the ball.

On two different key third and fourth down chances late in the second half, the Patriots defense got to Pitchford for

the sack, including the Bears final offensive drive where Swirple took him down on fourth and 10.

"We were sticking together," Swirple said. "The whole time, just playing as a unit, playing as some dogs. Playing mean and angry. We wanted to hit someone as hard as we could tonight and we obviously did."

Franklin simply had the edge up front on both sides of the ball, allowing the team to wear out its opponent as the game went along.

"It was the difference in the game," Kelbert said. "It gave us opportunities to get the ball and score, but we didn't do a good job of that. (The defense) gave us good field position a couple of times which changed the game as well."

Safety time

Kelbert often tells his team that the most important defensive series of the game is the first of the second half. It sets the tone for the rest of the game, and in some cases like Friday night, can provide a huge boost to the team.

Roosevelt received the ball to open the third quarter and was subsequently shut down by the Patriots defense. A false-start penalty then backed the Bears up to their own three-yard line.

Long-snapping and punting had been shaky all night, with snaps being high and slow. Franklin sensed an op-

portunity and pounced.

After a high snap that almost when over the punter's head, Colin Downing burst around the edge and blocked the kick. The ball bounced to a Roosevelt player who was gang tackled in the end zone for a safety. That made it 9-7 Patriots and ultimately was the game winning score.

"I've been telling Colin all week, one play that's all it takes," Swirple said. "He made that one play and got the safety. That was huge. I'm excited for him. It was amazing. It shifted all the momentum towards us."

Kelbert added that it was a huge swing in momentum and gave the team the boost it needed.

"I thought in the first half, they were being a little more aggressive and physical than we were," Kelbert said. "That's what I challenged our team at halftime, we had to be more physical. We had to be the team that was dominating the line of scrimmage. We did in the second half."

Carpenter runs wild

It took a while for the offense to get going, but Franklin leaned on Carpenter to get it done. He finished the night with 16 carries for 176 yards and two touchdowns, both scores coming in the fourth quarter to ice the game.

"He ran hard," Kelbert said. "He's always been a kid that has good vision. I think tonight he ran with a little bit more power. He didn't go down on some tackles. We knew were going to be able to create some misdirection with him, that they showed a weakness, and that's where he got some of his big runs from."

Outside of the long touchdown bomb to Hatfield, the passing game struggled all night. Jake Kelbert only completed 4-of-12 passes for 78 yards, a score and a pick. However, with the defense shutting Roosevelt down completely, the offense was able to do just enough.

"Our line does a great job of opening up holes," Carpenter said. "I think we have the best offensive line in the state and when they open holes, I hit them. That's my job. They did a great job and all the credit goes to them."

Franklin will be the road team in next week's playoff tilt against King.

"They're one of the best teams in the state of Michigan," Chris Kelbert said. "It's an opportunity for our kids to play the best and we're going to give them everything we have. We played them in 2015 in the semis, so we have a pretty good idea of their talent and who they are. It'll be something that we're looking forward to for sure."

Traverse City West eliminates Novi in OT

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The dark rain-filled night matched the mood on the field after last week's state semifinal game between Novi and Traverse City West.

Novi seniors cried, their tears blending in with the rain as it fell from the sky, while parents yelled from the sidelines to keep heads held high. The Wildcats got out to a two-goal lead, but couldn't close out the Titans, falling 3-2 in overtime Oct. 30 at Holt High School. Novi's season is now over.

Athens defeated Salem that night, ending the possibility of an all-KLAA championship game like the girls had in the spring when Novi took down Plymouth. Troy Athens won the state title.

Novi was hoping to be the first school since Troy in 2003 to win both the girls and boys soccer championship in the same year. As it is, this Novi team is only the third in program history to reach the final four.

"There's really nothing you can say," Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said. "The boys gave it their all. It was tough conditions for both teams. It took a lot of hard work just to get to this point. This season started way back in August. ... I am so proud of them. There's nothing that I can say in this moment that's going to make them feel better, there's just not. You can see all the emotion that they put into this game and it stinks. You're one game away from making it to a state championship and we came up a little short."

The Wildcats fall to 20-2-2 and Traverse City West improves to 18-4-2.

"They played their hearts out, they've made their teammates proud, me proud, their friends and family proud," Pheiffer said. "They've made the Novi community proud."

It took 33 minutes before the game saw its first goal. Novi had a few scoring chances early, including a goal waved off on an offside call and a missed shot after a West turnover in the box. With 7:43 to go in first half, Novi senior Bruce Turner got the ball to the right side of the net and fired it past West goalie Blade Kalbfleisch and into the back left corner of the net.

Five minutes later, Turner struck again, this time on a beautiful feed up the middle from junior Shion Soga. Turner beat the goalie one-on-one for the goal.

"Bruce did a nice job tonight," Pheiffer said. "He worked hard for us. ... We couldn't be as finesse around the goal as



Novi forward Bruce Turner runs to find open space during game action Oct. 7. KATIE MAISONVILLE/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

we wanted to because the ball kept skipping away. ... Credit to Bruce for scoring those two goals, we hoped it would be enough."

That sent Novi to the break with a 2-0 lead, but that didn't last long.

The second half was all Traverse City West.

After several minutes of pressure from the Titans offense, the Wildcats committed a foul in the box and gave the Titans a penalty kick. Sophomore Collin Blackport took advantage, scoring on Novi freshman goalkeeper Ryan Zotkovich. Blackport sent the shot to the bottom left, which is where Zotkovich dove, but he wasn't quick enough.

The chances continued for the Titans. A shot inside the box went just wide and a few minutes later, a phantom offside call negated a scoring opportunity. Less than 30 seconds later, however, Traverse City West junior Kaden Ales tied the game up at two.

The key play of regulation came with 13:24 to go in the second half, when the Titans were awarded another penalty kick. Blackport took the kick, and once again went for the lower left side. Zotkovich made the save and kept the Wildcats alive.

With eight minutes left, Novi junior Odin Lim found senior Kevin Kapilaj in the box, who turned and made an incredible move, kicking the ball with his heel towards an open net. The ball rolled just wide and the game stayed tied.

"We couldn't play today like we normally play because of the conditions, we knew that was going to hurt," Pheiffer said. "We like to possess the ball and knock the ball around, but in these conditions you can't do that as well. The ball is skipping around, you don't have a clean touch on the ball. These conditions definitely didn't play well to our style so we had to adjust a little bit."

The rain continued to pour down throughout overtime, where neither team was able to get much going. In a game affected so much by the weather conditions, it would take a wacky play for the tie to be broken and that's exactly what happened.

With under seven minutes to play in the second overtime period, Traverse City West junior Tony Gallegos sent a shot towards the goal, the only problem for Novi was that the hard-hit ball ricocheted off a defender's back, completely changing the direction of the shot. It sailed in the right corner of the net.

The Titans held on for the final six and a half minutes before storming the field to celebrate.

"Credit to them, they worked hard," Pheiffer said. "They never gave up, even when they got down two. They kept fighting until the end. Credit to them, it's hard to lose that way. First goal was off a corner kick, the second goal was off a PK ... and in overtime, they take a shot and it deflects off of one of my players and goes in. If you look at the three goals, we have nothing to be ashamed of."

Pheiffer said he's excited to keep building on the foundation this year's seniors have laid. He will have plenty of talented players back next year Soga, Lim and both goalies. 13 seniors will graduate.

"We have a great group of seniors that has done so much for this program over the last four years, setting the example for the younger players, showing them what it takes to get to this level," Pheiffer said. "We're going to miss them and I know they're going to do great things when they move on."

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South Lyon East volleyball wins Lakes Valley Conference

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The South Lyon East volleyball team secured its first regular season Lakes Valley Conference title with a three-set sweep of Waterford Kettering on Oct. 15.

This conference title for the South Lyon East volleyball team is the first conference title for any sport in South Lyon East school history, the smallest school by enrollment in the conference.

South Lyon East also won the LVC conference tournament, defeating fourth-place finisher Walled Lake Central in the final.

The Cougars finish the season with a 7-1 record in conference play, improving upon their fifth-place finish in 2017 and their three-way tie for second place in 2018.

South Lyon East opened the MHSAA high school volleyball tournament Monday against Howell (after press time).

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South Lyon swim and dive team wins against Walled Lake Central

The South Lyon girls swim and dive team finished conference swim Oct. 31 with a win against Walled Lake Central.

The Lions went 7-0 in Lakes Valley Conference play and were 8-1 overall with their only loss having been to Dexter.

The team honored their seven seniors — Nicole Hanshaw, Emerson Ramey, Megan Sartori, Savannah Dzumaryk, Grace Gargiulo, Hannah Maciejewski, and Katherine Beauvais — Tuesday night with a traditional "senior swim" in their warm-up suits, honoring them for their accomplishments both in and out of the pool.

The season ended with another Lions swimmer making becoming a state qualifier with Emerson Ramey

making the cut in the 100 Backstroke event. This is Ramey's third individual MHSAA state cut this season, already making the cuts in the 100 and 50 Free events. Ramey is part of the Lions state-qualifying relay teams in the 200 and 400 Free.

"We had a great dual meet season, but now things will really heat up with our two championship meets coming up," South Lyon head coach Bob Crosby said. "We're excited to try and reach our next goal of repeating as LVC Champions. We also hope to add to our number of state qualifiers for the state meet."

South Lyon will host the LVC Championship meet Nov. 8-9 at South Lyon East. Competition will begin noon that Friday with the swim prelims, followed by diving at 4 p.m.

Northville finishes strong in MHSAA state race

The Northville girls cross-country team finished in sixth place at the MHSAA Division 1 state final with a score of 231. The Mustangs finished two spots ahead of the eighth-place finish they had in the state final in 2018.

Ann Arbor Pioneer won the state title with a team score of 80.

Junior Yasmine Mansi led Northville with a 19th-place finish in 18:26.8, earning an All-State title. Junior Emily Gordon finished just outside of the top-30 with a 18:59.4 finish.

Junior Keira Courtney (89th in 19:40.4), freshman Onivas Tupa (101st in 19:47.8), senior Olivia Masse (121st in 20:01), sophomore Gina Couyoumjian (137th in 20:08.8) and sophomore Jenile Line (142nd in 20:09.6) rounded off the top-7 for the Mustangs.

"The girls ran well but we were a little

off today with our splits and we had a pack but it was a little too far back," Northville head coach Nancy Smith said. "This group is young and so talented and they just haven't been able to put it all together in one day."

With Masse as the only senior on the roster, Northville will return the majority of its roster next season.

"With the experience they gained today we are hoping that we can build on that and make a run at it again next season," Smith said.

Northville boys cross country finishes 19th

The Northville boys cross country team ran to a 19th-place finish in the MHSAA boys cross-country Division 1 state championship at Michigan Inter-

national Speedway in Brooklyn.

Brighton, who was favored entering the meet, scored 136 points en route to winning its third state title in school history and first since 1995.

Dexter finished runner-up with 154, and Saline (188), Clarkston (188), and Traverse City Central (207) rounded out the top five. Northville scored 472.

"I thought we would be in the thick of things, placing in the mid-teens," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "I'm pleased with how the boys competed all season long."

Plymouth senior Carter Solomon, last year's individual runner-up, won the five-kilometer race in 15 minutes, 1.2 seconds. Senior Josh Morrissey was Northville's top finisher, placing 107th in 16:41.4.

"Josh has been steady and consistent

for us all season long," Dalton said. "He's really come a long way from where he was as a freshman. He didn't come into high school being a superstar, but he's bought in to the program, worked hard and developed over time into a very good high school cross-country runner. It's rewarding to watch athletes like him develop as runners and competitors and grow into young adults."

The Mustangs lose a number of varsity athletes to graduation, but the cupboards are far from bare. Junior Sean McKee, who missed this season with a foot injury, will bolster Northville's roster next year.

"We've got a couple of freshmen and some other underclassmen that have shown a lot of promise," Dalton said. "I expect us to again have a competitive team next fall."

Coulter to run for Oakland County executive

Bill Laitner Detroit Free Press
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Oakland County Executive David Coulter — appointed in August by a slender Democratic majority of just one vote of the county commissioners — announced Thursday morning inside a bustling Ferndale metal-fabricating factory that he will run for the job in 2020.

"In just a few short months, I have seen the bright possibilities we can create for our county," Coulter said, before reporters and about 100 employees of Brass Aluminum Forging Enterprises.

Coulter's decision sets in motion what's sure to be a heated primary season next year, as both Republicans and Democrats in Michigan's richest county vie to elect a successor to the late L. Brooks Patterson, a legendary Republican who held the county executive's office for nearly three decades.

With the announcement, Coulter has decided to take on at least one prominent Democrat who has already declared his intention to run next year for the executive's job — Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner of Huntington Woods. Also declared as a candidate had been Oakland County Board of Commis-

sioners Chairman Dave Woodward of Royal Oak, but Woodward stood beside Coulter at the announcement to endorse Coulter's candidacy, saying, "Together we're going to do incredible things."

Of Meisner, Coulter said, "I respect the county treasurer very much." He acknowledged that the two, and other Democrats, might square off in next year's primary.

Meisner responded to Coulter's announcement with a statement Thursday.

"I'm running for Oakland County Executive with real plans to protect what we love about Oakland County while making our county stronger by building regional transit, embracing diversity, and moving forward on a 9-point equity agenda tackling health care, education and the environment," Meisner said. "My candidacy offers a proven track record on the job and at the ballot box, and I trust the voters to do the right thing."

"I respect Dave Coulter, but think he got it right when he endorsed my campaign for Oakland County Executive, and when he said he was too busy doing the job he was given to run for State Representative," said Meisner. "I can't help but wonder if Oakland County wouldn't be better served by Dave doing the job he was

given. We've already been through so much."

Coulter endorsed Meisner in June when Meisner declared his candidacy for Oakland County's top job. But now, Coulter explained his change of heart by saying he'd become excited "to see all the possibilities" if he stayed in the executive's seat.

Coulter made the announcement inside what he calls one of Ferndale's biggest success stories, the sprawling factory of Brass Aluminum Forging Enterprises, which in 2006 was the gutted shell of a defunct steel firm.

Introducing Coulter was Jeff Denha, chief operations officer and co-owner of the industrial site's current occupants, who used brownfield redevelopment aid and other assistance from Ferndale City Hall to clean up the site and create more than 150 jobs.

"Dave's policy was: We're a team — city and business," Denha said.

Denha, a member of the Mayor's Business Council in Ferndale that Coulter formed, was on Coulter's transition team when he took over the reins of county government. The Council helped drive down the city's vacancy rate for industrial property, which, in turn, led to boosting the city's bond rating by three tiers, Denha has said in previous Free Press reports.

Obituaries

Mary Beth Collins

HIGHLAND - Mary Beth Collins, age 78, of Highland, passed away November 1, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Norman. Loving mother of Colleen Bennett and Ernest (Robin) Collins. Treasured grandmother of Justin Bennett. Dear sister of Arrua Keerl. Proud aunt of numerous nieces and nephews. Mary Beth was preceded in passing by her parents, Ernest and Margaret Hibbard; and her sister, Janice Stern.



Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 6, 2019 from 4:00pm until 8:00pm and Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 10:00am until the time of the Funeral Service at 11:00am at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, 3295 E. Highland Road, Highland. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Highland. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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Ann Henningsen

Ann Henningsen, age 81, longtime resident of Northville, passed away on November 2, 2019. She was born on June 8, 1938 in Port Clinton, Ohio; daughter Jesse and Martha (nee Brown) Browder. She graduated from Salem Oak Harbor High School in Oak Harbor, Ohio; Class of 1955. Following high school, she attended Bowling Green University where she studied culinary arts and dress design. Ann was united in marriage to Richard Henningsen on September 27, 1958; they spent 61 loving years together as husband and wife.



Ann was a devoted homemaker and took great pride in taking care of her family and raising her children. When her children were grown, she began a career as a ticket agent with American Airlines. A dedicated employee she worked for 20 years without missing a day of work, before retiring in 1996.

Ann was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She kept in touch with many of the people from her graduating class at Salem Oak Harbor High School and served on the committee for class reunions. Ann was an incredibly talented seamstress and made beautiful dresses for herself and relatives. She was an avid reader; mysteries were her favorite. Ann liked to travel; she travelled all over the world, including all of Europe, the entire United States, the Caribbean, as well as Mexico. She was a terrific baker and made delicious desserts, including Italian Cream Cake and German Sweet Chocolate Cake. She was also a good cook and made healthy meals for her family. Ann was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend; she will be missed dearly by those who loved her.

Ann is survived by her beloved husband, Richard Henningsen; her children, Douglas Henningsen, David Henningsen, Beth McLeod, and Daniel Henningsen; her grandchildren, Jessica and Davis; and her brother, Richard Browder. She was preceded in death by her parents and her son-in-law Fred McLeod.

Private family services were held.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or Civic Concern, PO Box 323, Northville, MI 48167.

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Helen Eva Korzek

MILFORD - Helen Eva Korzek, a resident of Milford, a former longtime resident of Berkley, former owner of The Village Bakery in Berkley, and a native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, died peacefully on October 30, 2019. She was 96 years old.



She was preceded in death by her husband, John. She is survived by her children, Amy (Richard) Rasmussen of Highland, Joanne (Timothy) Cole of Port Huron, Jean Wass of Phoenix, AZ, John (Sandra) Korzek of Traverse City, Paula (James) Neville of Marquette, Scott Korzek of Brighton, Michael (Elizabeth) Korzek of Metamora; eighteen grandchildren, many great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary (Henry) Bucci of Newcastle, PA and Elizabeth Cwynar of Hubbard, Ohio; brother, Samuel "Benny" Tencer of Newcastle, PA.

A Funeral Service was held at Christ Lutheran Church, Milford, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Outreach at the church.

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John Kapnas

VALPARAISO, INDIANA - October 31, 2019, Age 84.

Beloved husband of the late Barbara. Step-father of Kevin (Linda) Lundquist, Caren Jobe, Kirsten (Nick) Plehn and Craig (Michelle) Lundquist. Grandfather of 14 and great-grandfather of 26. Preceded in death by 2 brothers.

A private family graveside service was held Wednesday, November 6 at Fairview Cemetery, Brighton. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

Care and services were entrusted to Keehn-Griffin Funeral Home, Brighton, MI

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Catherine "Kay" O'Brien

SOUTH LYON - Catherine Helen O'Brien, age 86, of South Lyon, peacefully entered eternal life on October 26, 2019. She was born on December 26, 1932 in South Lyon, Michigan; daughter to the late Smith and Violet (Balden) O'Brien. She is survived by her brother Jerome, sister-in-law Diane—who was her dedicated caregiver for the past 8 years—as well as two nephews and three nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother James, and her sister Caroline (Stewart).



Catherine graduated from St. Thomas High School in 1951 then continued her studies first at the University of Michigan School of Education and later at Eastern Michigan University where she received her Master's Degree. She began her teaching career in kindergarten and first grade classrooms in Santa Barbara and San Francisco, California, before teaching elementary school at a U.S. Army base in Germany. Following that, she returned to South Lyon where she taught for 25 more years before retiring in 1999.

Her greatest love was teaching and Catherine dedicated her professional life to enlightening and inspiring her young students at the very beginning of their educational careers. She was highly regarded by her students and peers and received several awards over the course of her career from the South Lyon School system. Known by many for her mild manner and calm demeanor, her gentleness and sense of humor showed her strong Irish heritage.

A memorial mass will be held for Catherine on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 11:00am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette St. in South Lyon, with a luncheon at the church immediately following the service. You may sign her online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com and the family ask that any memorial donations be made in Catherine's honor to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



Salem ends season in state semifinal

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Eight minutes into Salem boys soccer's state semifinal game Oct. 30 against Troy Athens, Luke Benford received a gift from forward Ryan Doyle.

As both sprinted toward the goal, Doyle found Benford in stride, giving him an open opportunity for a one-on-one with the Athens goalkeeper, one he converted on, giving the Rocks the early 1-0 lead.

Benford sprinted to celebrate with his teammates, fired up that the momentum seemingly continued from Salem's penalty kick-win against Ann Arbor Pioneer in the regional final.

"I wasn't expecting to get one goal up," Benford said. "I thought we were going to have it."

But the goal did not give Salem long-term momentum. It woke Athens up.

The Red Hawks (22-2-1) scored three unanswered goals in the first half, beating the Rocks (15-7-4), 5-2, in the MHSAA state semifinal. Saturday, Athens won the state title.

"It's hard to overcome a large amount of individuals that just don't have a great night," Salem head coach Kyle Karns said. "I don't think we were as sharp as we were in the past."

Tying the game on a middle strike from junior Anthony Kapala, Athens took control late in the first half, scoring two goals in two minutes, with midfielder Andri Myftari finding Davis DiGiovanni to take a 2-1 lead, and Austin Looser finishing a 15-yard shot by forward TJ Renaud.

The offensive momentum continued in the second half, as Athens senior Rishi Kalyan took advantage of a Salem defensive miscue, scoring a goal in the first two minutes of the second half.

With DiGiovanni scoring his second goal of the day later in the second half, ballooning Salem's deficit to four, Athens head coach Todd Heugh never doubted his team's ability to come back after its one-goal deficit early.

"We've prepared all season long for this," Heugh said. "We've seen everything: we've lost, we've tied, we've played from ahead, we've played from behind. Whatever happens, there's a lot



Salem's Andrew Schwartz, right, goes up for the ball against Troy Athens. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

of game left."

For Salem, Benford did not think this team, in his senior season, would make it as far as it did. With the pieces returning, he said he hopes that the run continues next season, possibly going even deeper than the Rocks did this season.

This was Karns' message.

"You are one of the last four teams here," Karns said. "Be proud of that."

For Benford, there would be no next season. But in the final game of his high school soccer career, he was not done.

With a minute to go in the game, Benford found an opening. Daylight, similar to the one he got in the first eight minutes of the game. He fired, passing the goalkeeper for the second goal of the game.

The senior did not celebrate as he did for the first one. All he could say was it was nice to get one more before the season ended.

But the goal seemed to represent more. It represented Benford's role on the team as an offensive leader. And

even with many sophomores and juniors on the roster, it represented what Salem is losing.

Benford found it as an appropriate way to cap off his career.

"It's been fun playing with them," Benford said. "It just sucks we couldn't keep going."

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Four signs it's time to take something off your resume

 Michael Hoon
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Your resume is a timeline of all your valuable work and educational experience, as well as your most marketable skills. However, sometimes all those details that may entice a potential employer accumulate to the point that they become a bit, well, too much. When your resume starts ballooning beyond the standard single page, it may be time to start pruning a few of those fun facts. Here are a few things to keep in mind when deciding which details go and which ones stay.

It's not doing you any favors

Job seekers tend to be completists when creating resumes. If they worked somewhere — anywhere — they are compelled to include it in the Experience section. Some career counselors will even compel clients that they must include every little job to avoid any odd gaps that might suggest a long period of unemployment. But don't be pressured when deciding which of your past jobs to include on your resume. If the job is not relevant to your current career path, leave it off. No employer is going to hire you to work as a law clerk because you made ends meet as a check-out clerk during your college days.

It's from too long ago

Speaking of your college days, you might want to consider when you held a job as you decide to keep it or cut it from your resume. An employer probably won't be interested in where you were working 20 years ago. A job you performed that long ago would have to be impressive to warrant a spot on your



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current resume — perhaps a particularly high-level position at a particularly impressive company. Even if it is suitably spectacular, it might be best to just discuss that experience in person during your interview.

Your listed experience is not actually work experience

Employers want to hire well-rounded individuals with an abundance of life experience, but they're most interested

in actual on-the-job experience. You may have performed work relevant to your career path as a student or intern. However, your resume may not be the best place to list such experience, since the focus should remain on where you've been employed. Such non-work information is best left to the resumes of those who do not have much experience as an employee.

Your experience suggests you're overqualified for the job

On the flip side of that last point, there are circumstances under which you might not want to appear too experienced. If you're sick and tired of toiling away as management and would like to simplify your life by getting back into a simpler, lower-level position, indicating you are overqualified on your resume could work against you.

A potential employer might decide that there is a more appropriate person for a job and that you'd be better off remaining closer to the top of the corporate ladder — even if you'd prefer to slide down a few rungs. So, you might not want to include the loftiest experience on your resume when seeking a lower position.

Basically, your resume should not be a roadmap of your life as a worker. You should tailor it to the kind of job you really want now. Thinking about your resume in those terms will help you to make the big decisions when it's time to decide which details to leave in the past as your career heads into the future.

Michael Hoon is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com where this article was originally published. He investigates and writes about current strategies, tips, and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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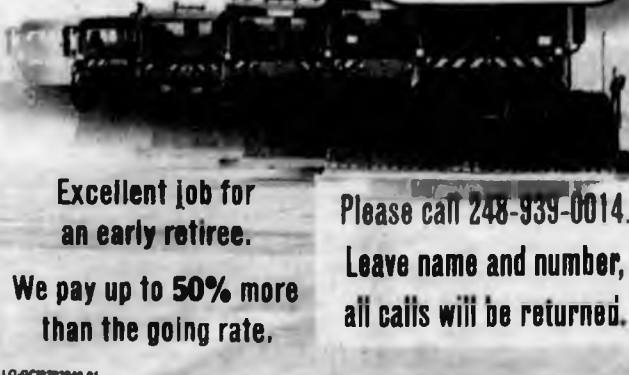


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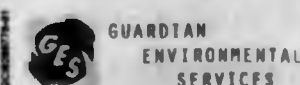


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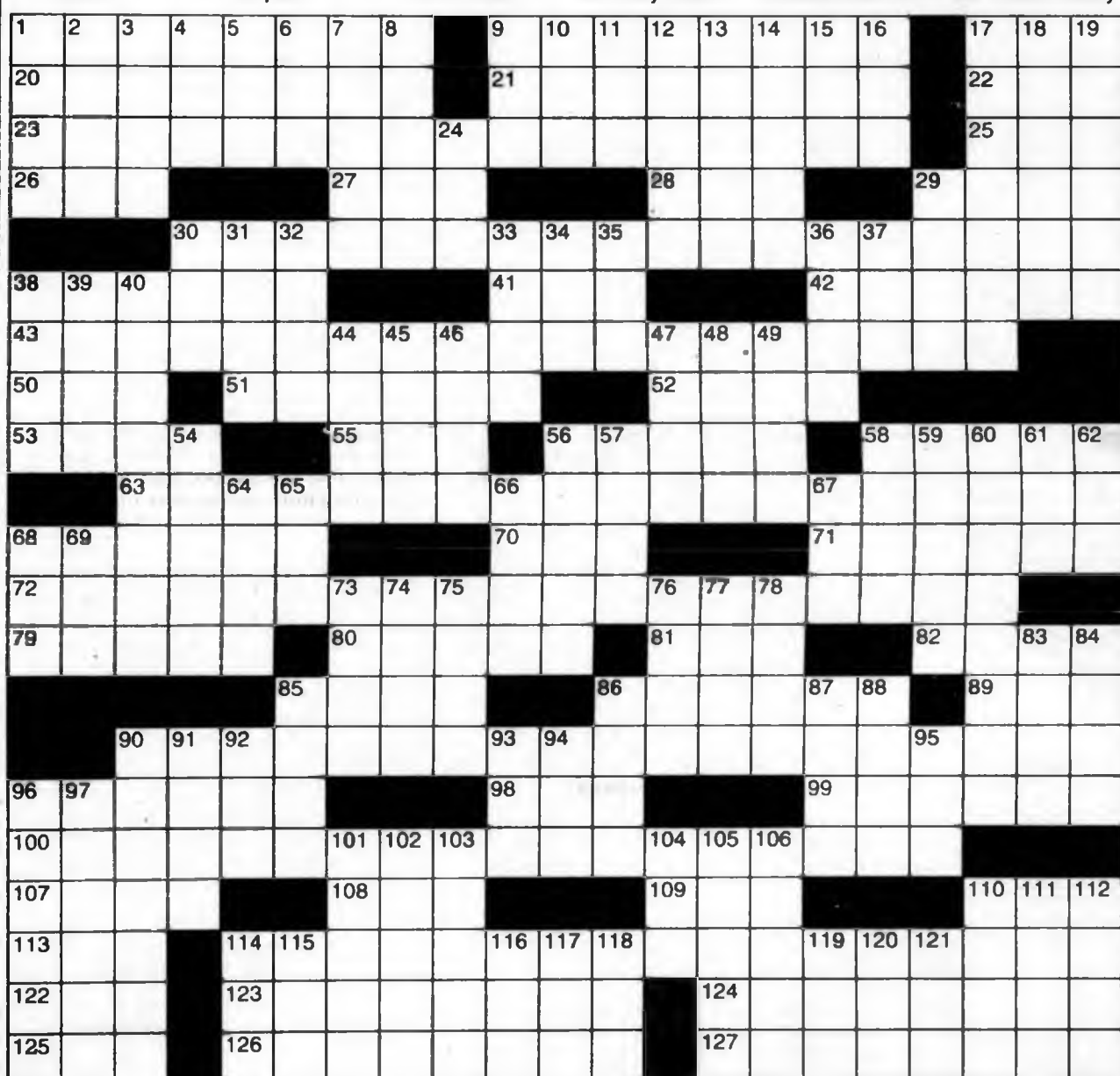
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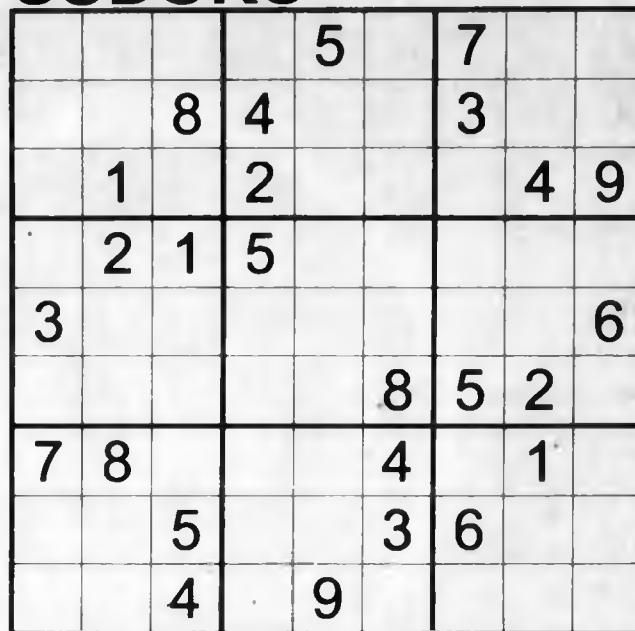
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38 Later time of life
41 Kind of PC screen
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51 Yarn coils
52 Ontario border lake
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56 Bridal gown material
58 Hindu sage
63 "Charlotte's Web" star using fireplace bellows?
68 Tarzan, e.g.
70 Was inactive
71 Minnesota port
72 "A Brief History of Time" author peddling goods?
79 Transparent kitchen wrap
80 Actor Haim or Feldman
81 Fair-hiring inits.
82 Batting avg., e.g.
85 Rocket org.
86 See 109-Across
89 Lead-in to mo or pitch
- 90 "Paracelsus" poet making toast?
96 Dazed state
98 Atty.'s gp.
99 Epic poem by Virgil
100 "Tom Jones" novelist catching pop flies?
107 Nothing but
108 Week unit
109 With 86-Across, "You bet!"
110 Discontinuity
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122 Kindled
123 Legendary lost island
124 Employees' clip-ons
125 Milwaukee-to-Miami dir.
126 Soda jerk's workplace
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6 Cut (off)
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8 Less than
9 15-season CBS show
10 Have do some karaoke, e.g.
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12 In need of a refill of
13 See 49-Down
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15 20-volume ref. work
16 Tpk., e.g.
17 High hairdo
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29 — terrier
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33 "Oh, woe!"
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39 Name in jets
40 "The Sound of Music" refrain starter
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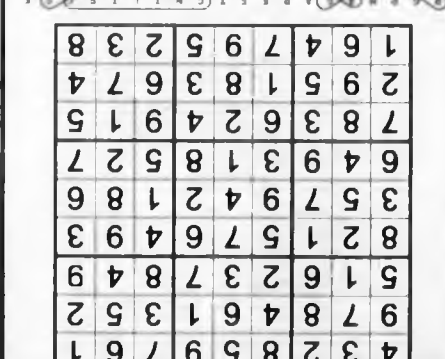
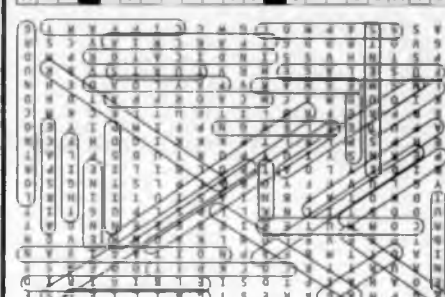
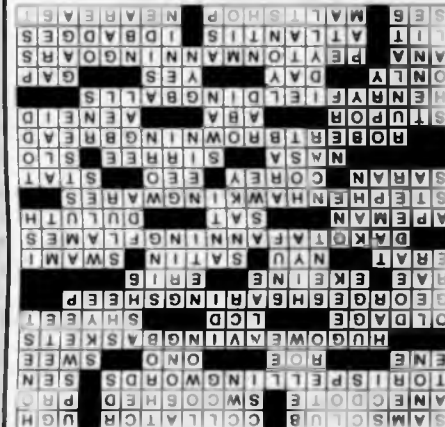
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