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## Dog goes rogue in GM Proving Ground

Rex the pug has been seen several times on vehicle testing facility's property

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A pug is on the loose in the GM Proving Ground in Milford.

Rex the renegade has gone rogue for more than a week now, escaping on Halloween night from the home he shares with Annette Jones near Commerce and Hickory Ridge roads.

He has been spotted several times inside the Proving Ground, GM's massive vehicle testing facility in Milford and

Brighton townships.

"I've been here 30 years and have never seen anything like this," said Frank Taverna, operations manager. "We are pretty thoroughly fenced in, with an 8-foot-high fence that goes around the property and is carefully maintained. It keeps most things out."

While deer can jump the fence topped with barbed wire at the high-security facility, and other wildlife roam parts of the campus that contains forest, four large lakes and smaller ponds,

this is the first time Taverna knows of that someone's pet has been inside.

The 25-pound dog is believed to have squeezed under a gate that lets in trucks.

Getting security clearance for the Proving Ground isn't easy, but Jones was allowed in twice last weekend, accompanied by guards, to search for Rex.

"It's very frustrating, but they understand and they let me into 'Fort Knox' –

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Rex, a rogue pug from Milford, is on the run in the GM Proving Ground. COURTESY OF ANNETTE JONES



Kevin DeGrood, owner of North Center Brewing Co., said the brewery plans to move from North Center Street to a space in the former Village Workshop on East Cady, which is nearly four times the size of the current space. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

## North Center Brewing relocating in Northville

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com  
 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

After nearly five years, North Center Brewing Co. is getting an upgrade.

The brewery at 410 N. Center St., which has operated in Northville since 2015, will relocate to a larger space in the former Village Workshop at 455 E. Cady.

Kevin DeGrood, the brewery's owner, said the decision to move will allow for the brewery to add more offerings to its customers, such as a wider food menu.

"The biggest thing for us was the ability for expansion," he said. "Our current space is really tight."

"We have a kitchen crammed in there with a brew house."

The move from the current location

will result in a space nearly quadruple the size, giving more room for customers and employees and allowing for other types of brewing, including a barrel-aging program.

North Center Brewing will have its brewing tanks located in the garage of the space, and its taproom will take over the current cafe area at the former Village Workshop.

It's a space, DeGrood said, he's always had his eye on.

"This building was a building that I originally looked at before it was the Village Workshop," he said. "From a layout building perspective, it was exactly what I wanted."

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Kevin DeGrood  
 Owner, North Center Brewing Company

## Developer pitches new Summit View project plan for Milford

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com  
 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A developer whose housing project was denied last month in Milford as "too big" has a new proposal.

Ray LeDuc presented the Brownstones at Summit View of Milford to the village council during their meeting Nov. 4.

He will bring a revised site plan to the planning commission at its meeting next month, and just a few days later, he hopes to get final approval from the council.

The council denied LeDuc's original plan for 140 W. Summit St.

"I took your comments to heart," LeDuc told the council Nov. 4. "The Brownstones at Summit View of Milford is dramatically decreased in size and scope."

Summit View of Milford was four years in the making and featured a four-story "urban depot" with 49 condo units at the front of the parcel and 44 single-family homes, or "villas," on the back.

LeDuc has revised his plan to completely take the urban depot off the table, offering instead the brownstones, which will have 18 units, a 63% reduction from the former proposal.

"The most striking difference is elevation," LeDuc said.

The urban depot building had a proposed height of just over 51 feet. The brownstones would have a height of 38 feet.

A resident at the meeting pointed out the reduced height is still three feet more than the 35-foot limit required by village ordinance.

The single-family villas planned for the back end of the parcel remain unchanged.

In total, the revised project would have 62 units instead of the previously-pitched 93.

Council members had mixed reactions.

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# Turnbull upends incumbent in Northville

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Brian Turnbull, whose family roots run five generations deep in Northville, will be the city's next mayor after he defeated incumbent Ken Roth in the Nov. 5 election.

Turnbull compiled 1,348 votes to Roth's 744 (64.3 percent to 35.5 percent), according to the Oakland County Elections website.

Barbara Moroski-Browne and incumbent Marilyn Price won the two vacant city council seats. Moroski-Browne received 1,284 votes and Price tallied 1,211 votes to barely out-distance the third candidate, Joseph Patrick Coriveau (1,101).

All votes are unofficial until certified by the county.

"I had roughly 100 families that asked me to do this, so I'm representing them," Turnbull said. "My parents always taught me to learn, do and give back, and I've gotten to the point in my life when I can give back.

"Ken Roth did an outstanding job of building a foundation for the city and I will do my best to build on his accomplishments."

Turnbull received nearly double the number of absentee votes than Roth, 754 to 384.

At the polls, Jennifer and Tim Luikart wouldn't reveal who they voted for, but praised the integrity of both mayoral candidates.

"Both candidates are very involved in the community and they're both good guys," Tim Luikart said. "It will be interesting to see who everyone chooses. The political climate in Northville this year isn't as confrontational as it seems to be everywhere else."

Precinct chair Wendy Gutowski said a "steady stream" of voters showed up throughout the day.

"I was impressed with the turnout today," she said. "Then again, the city of Northville is known to have very active voters. I think there is a lot of interest in elections in general because political awareness is up."

Northville resident Craig Serra voted for Roth "because he's brought in a lot of family activities to the town.

"And that's definitely a plus because I'm the father of a 3-year-old, so that's a major driver. I haven't heard anything truly negative come from him either, which I find appealing."



Newly-elected Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull thanks his supporters Nov. 5 at Genitti's. Turnbull compiled 1,348 votes to Roth's 744, according to the Oakland County Elections website. COURTESY OF BRIAN TURNBULL

# Novi votes for familiarity, passes school proposals

Susan Bromley | Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Voters in Novi reelected Mayor Bob Gatt and returned incumbents to the council as well as former council members, in addition to approving two school proposals, according to unofficial results in the Nov. 5 election.

Gatt defeated challenger Christine Ingles with 6,618 to 3,379 votes.

Three council seats with four-year terms were available, and incumbents Laura Casey and Dave Staudt will reclaim each of theirs, with Casey receiving the most votes, 6,487, followed by

Staudt with 5,274. Joining them for a four-year term will be Hugh Crawford, who has previously served on council, as a state representative and as a county commissioner. He received 5,128 votes. Missing the cut were Colleen Crossey with 4,474 votes, Tia Marie Sanders with 2,917, and Bin Qamruzzaman with 1,026.

Justin Fischer, who previously served on the city council, won the partial term that ends in November 2021 with 4,454 votes, defeating Carolyn Upton with 3,513, and Alexandra Dinser with 1,345.

The Novi Schools bond proposal also

passed, with 4,386 yes votes to 2,035 no votes. The district plans to use the bond for building and program needs, including renovations for the Meadows fifth- and sixth-grade building, an activities center, and support for technology.

The district also had a sinking fund renewal question which voters approved with 4,824 yes votes to 1,600 no votes. The sinking fund, used to help pay for capital improvements, is levied at about 0.4731 mills and generates about \$1 million per year. Renewal keeps it on the tax rolls until 2030.

"I voted yes for both school issues," Ann Wizinsky said. "They need new

buildings and improvement. ... My only fear is that what happened in Farmington Hills will happen here eventually and they will have to close a school."

Wizinsky is a graduate of Harrison High School, which closed in June.

Jean Cartwright also voted for the school proposals, saying it was one of the reasons she is happy with the city.

What she is not happy about is the amount of tax abatements granted to businesses and "constant building and developments" and the additional traffic on the roads.

She is hoping the new council will work toward solving these concerns.

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# Voters approve 10-year OCC millage renewal

The Oakland Community College millage renewal passed Nov. 5 with a resounding 72 percent of voters approving the measure.

"We are grateful to the voters for maintaining their support of OCC," Chancellor Peter Provenzano said in a press release. "With this renewal, we will continue delivering high-quality educational opportunities that empower our economy and benefit the entire community."

The unofficial vote total is 133,134 yes votes to 50,825 no votes. Locally, voters approved its passage in every precinct.

Across the county, two precincts voted against the request: one each in Addison Township and Madison Heights. Results are unofficial until certified by the county.

The renewal provides OCC with \$45 million per year for 10 years without raising the local tax rate above current levels. The millage represents 27 percent of OCC's annual operating budget.

"Oakland Community College



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serves a critical role in advancing our community by delivering a quality education at an affordable rate," OCC Board Chair John McCulloch said.

OCC offers nearly 100 programs of study in fields such as robotics, IT, health care, emergency-services and

advanced manufacturing in its effort to meet the demand for a highly-skilled workforce.

The college is also the top transfer institution in Michigan, with nearly 50 percent of students continuing their education after OCC.

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### City of Novi Notice of Public Hearing Community Development Block Grant Funds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The Hearing will be held Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., EST, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2020 application in the approximate amount of \$130,530 to fund eligible projects.

All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerk's Office, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., November 25, 2019. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Contact City Clerk, Cortney Hanson at 248-347-0456 for special services.

CORTNEY HANSON  
CITY CLERK

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### NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU19-0011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for Manor Motorcar Co dba Mercedes Benz of Novi is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary parking for parcel 50-22-24-476-017, South of Grand River Ave and West of Haggerty Road from December 2, 2019 through December 2, 2020. The property is zoned B-3 (General Business) and the use is contrary to 3.27 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

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

A public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on December 2nd at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the Mayors Conference Room. All written comments should be directed to Katherine Oppermann and must be received prior to November 27th.

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# Tea shop opens in Twelve Oaks Mall

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Those who miss going in and smelling the tea at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi can thank Cody Wallace and Noah Cannon for bringing back those aromas.

The graduates of Chippewa Valley High School just opened their business, Taste of Tea, in the former Teavana store at the mall at 27500 Novi.

The duo went into business together last year and expanded into brick-and-mortar locations earlier this year in Clinton Township.

"We raised the money to jump-start the business for that," said Wallace, a Clinton Township resident. "Then after that, we kind of got away from the online subscription box business and we opened up the first store at Partridge Creek Mall."

Wallace said he's been into tea since he was a child, and using the business sense he began developing in high school, he joined forces with Cannon.

"My mom, she's from Poland, so tea's kind of the whole Polish culture," Wallace said. "I grew up with it. I drank it every day."

The shop boasts all kinds of teas, from black tea to herbal to white teas. In addition to loose tea, the shop sells several accessories, including infusers, and other items vital to enjoying a cup of tea.

The two said they received a lot of attention opening in the space formerly occupied by Teavana, which closed all its shops across the country last year due to under-performance. Starbucks, which owns the Teavana brand, made the announcement of the closures in 2017.

Having a physical presence in a mall allows for customers to experience their products more fully, something not easily achieved through a computer screen.

"Starting off online, coming in is a whole other experience for the customer," Cannon said. "You come in and get an experience. You smell the tea, you taste the tea."

The two decided they wanted to expand into a new area to serve a different clientele. Novi made perfect



Noah Cannon, left, and Cody Wallace raise a mug to their opening of Taste of Tea in the Twelve Oaks Mall. The shop, specializing in all things tea, opened Nov. 5 near Lord and Taylor. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

sense, and the reputation Twelve Oaks has helped make their decision that much easier.

"It seems like a close community," Cannon said. "This mall is second to Somerset (Collection). This is still close, but in a different area."

The two said that despite their youth - Cannon is 21 and Wallace is 20 - they know they've got the smarts to navigate the business landscape and be successful.

They're hoping the holidays will give customers a chance to try out their product.

"I feel that if you go into business, it's not something you can learn," Cannon said. "You've either got it or you don't."

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## Detroit Institute of Arts asks for millage renewal after vow not to

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The Detroit Institute of Arts will seek to renew a tri-county millage next year - two years before the museum's 10-year millage is set to expire.

The museum's board of directors voted Monday to request that Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties place the renewal of the DIA's 0.2 mills on the March 10 ballot.

"Since 2012, we have transformed the DIA to a museum that is outwardly-focused, building relationships with the residents of all three counties by providing important services to students, seniors, veterans and thousands of others. To continue providing those services at the current level, a renewal of the millage is necessary," David Flynn, DIA senior vice president of community and public affairs, said in an email.

Voters in Wayne and Oakland counties handily passed the millage in August 2012 while the millage squeaked by voters in Macomb County with 50.5% of the vote. During the 2012 campaign, DIA officials said they did not expect to seek a renewal if the millage passed.

Before the millage would go to voters in 2020, each counties' Arts Institute Authority would need to agree to put it on the ballot. The millage would be decided individually in each county.

Macomb County may offer the biggest challenge in the renewal effort given that voters there are expected to see two other countywide millages on ballots in 2020 - including one slated for March in the form a new 10-year, 1.9-mill enhancement millage for public schools from the Macomb Intermediate School District.

Then, in August 2020, Macomb County voters

are expected to see another countywide ballot proposal to fund the building of a new county jail.

Flynn said the DIA is following the precedent of the Detroit Zoo by placing a renewal on the ballot two years ahead of expiration, "which gives us time to evaluate next steps pending the outcome of the vote."

Flynn, a former Macomb County Board of Commissioners chairman, said the DIA is proud of the work it has done in Macomb County and the relationships built with elected leaders and residents.

"We are confident that we have provided residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties a significant return on their millage investment, including free field trips with free bus transportation for more than 62,000 tri-county students each year," he said.

When the DIA millage was first discussed years ago, it was to funnel an estimated \$23 million a year to the financially-strapped DIA. It also was to turn its fundraising machinery toward building an endowment.

The goal was to have enough money on hand - about \$400 million - to cover 60% of the DIA's operating budget once the millage expired.

Critics in 2012 believed that once the tax was in place, it would only be a matter of time before the

DIA sought an extension.

But former DIA Executive Vice President Annmarie Erickson told the Free Press in an July 2012 article that the museum would not seek an additional millage if the museum fell short, and would instead continue to raise money for the endowment.

What changed?

"A lot changes in 10 years," Flynn said. "We should allow the counties and voters to decide if they want to continue receiving services, such as free admission and the weekly senior program, at the current levels. We sincerely hope voters will choose to continue and improve those benefits by approving the renewal."

One of those changes included the Grand Bargain of Detroit's bankruptcy, which involved numerous philanthropic foundations, the State of Michigan and the DIA pooling hundreds of millions dollars to avoid DIA being sold off as part of the City of Detroit's historic bankruptcy.

Flynn said the DIA raised \$100 million toward the Grand Bargain "that went to support City of Detroit pensioners instead of the endowment. This also makes it difficult to return to those donors so soon to ask for endowment funds."

Flynn said the museum is run "extremely efficiently. The endowment was approximately \$91 million in 2012. It is

currently \$230 million. The DIA has no debt, and as a result of the Grand Bargain, the collection, building and grounds are now held by the DIA."

In return for passage of the millage in 2012, the museum promised free admission for residents of the counties that approved the tax, extended hours and additional educational and community programs.

The DIA stated in a release that the millage renewal will allow the museum to continue to offer free educational opportunities to students in local schools, provide free professional development to more than 1,500 teachers annually and offer the region access to "unique history and culture that can't be found on TV, online or in books."

If the millage renewal gets on the ballots and isn't passed, Flynn said: "When the current service agreements end, it will be difficult to provide free general admission, free field trips with free transportation, free senior programs and community partnerships such as our Inside Out and Public Art programs. The museum will also have to reduce its operations."



Super Talk  
Steve Matthews  
Guest columnist

## Students experience US history on DC trip

From Nov. 5-8, I was a chaperon for our Novi Middle School eighth-grade students on their trip to Washington, D.C.

This experience reinforced for me that these eighth-grade students are who you would think that they are. At times they are frustrating. At times they don't listen very well. At times they seem to think that they are the only ones on the planet.

At times, eighth-grade students are more interested in what is on their phones than they are in what is outside the window. At times they become caught up in the drama of a situation.

But there are other times that eighth-grade students exhibit a maturity that is amazing. At times they are very considerate. At times, eighth-grade students gain insight and understand that others have paved the way for them.

It is at those times that all of the effort and all of the struggle to teach and motivate and encourage eighth-grade students makes sense.

There were many times on our field trip to Washington, D.C. that I could tell that our eighth-grade students understood the significance of the trip.

From Arlington National Cemetery to the Vietnam War Memorial to the tour of Ford Theater, our students heard and saw things that had an impact.

As I stood with a group of students surveying a wall that had 57,000 names etched onto it, the meaning of the wall was difficult to grasp. But then we looked at individual names and talked about the lives lost and the families that were impacted by this war.

Then the wall came alive. No longer was it just another memorial. As we thought about the sacrifice of others, a small group of students understood our country is made possible because of this sacrifice.

Eighth-grade students can both confound and astound. That is the beauty of eighth-grade students.

Our Novi Middle School eighth-grade students will grow into wonderful, articulate, and committed adults who will remember their trip to Washington, D.C. And I hope that they will remember some of the lessons learned there, as well.

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

### CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, (248)347-0456.

The deadline for filing an application (available online at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or at the City Clerk's office) is Friday, November 22, 2019. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk's Office regarding the date and time of interviews.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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# Livonia kindergartners make cards for veterans

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Kindergartners in Emma Chapman's class at Kennedy Elementary spent Monday morning learning about Veterans Day and making cards to say "thank you" to those who served in the military.

The kids personalized their cards with stickers, drawings and notes that Sami McKay, a mom in the school district, will make sure land in veterans' hands.

"The veterans that are home and they've served - they can't be forgotten," McKay said. "They need to know that this generation still cares about them and we're thankful."

The project, the latest for McKay's D.O. it for Denny Facebook community service page, has brought together students in Livonia, Farmington, Howell and Northville to show gratitude to active-duty military personnel, veterans and new recruits. Local veterans and Girl Scouts have also gotten involved.

McKay is hoping to collect 11,111 cards for service members throughout November. She'll send the cards through A Million Thanks.

Anyone who wants to lend a hand can contact McKay at her Facebook page or via doit4denny@gmail.com.

"If you're out there and you want to help, let me know," McKay said.

A Million Thanks' guidelines call for



Rivers Peterson adds stickers to his greeting card for a veteran Monday at Kennedy Elementary in Livonia.

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the cards to be unsealed, not political, not heavily religious and without glitter, confetti or anything edible.

McKay hopes these small acts of thanks remind the troops and veterans who receive them that they have people rooting for them at home.

"When we think of heroes, it's Superman and Spider-Man," she said. "But these people are the real heroes, and so I think it's important they know that's how we feel about them."

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A student in Emma Chapman's class holds up the greeting card she made.

## Summit View

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The new proposal lacks east-west sidewalks and Councilman Harley Maxwell said that where developments lack sidewalks, "people walk right down the middle of the road."

Council President Pro Tem Jim Kovach said sidewalks were never a concern of his.

"These are nice changes that are much more palatable," he said.

LeDuc noted a right turn lane was being added to alleviate traffic issues.

Traffic was a primary concern before

with the proposal, but Village Manager Christian Wuerth said 10 scenarios had been looked at and because of the railroad tracks near the 8-acre parcel at the intersection of W. Summit Street and N. Milford, there was no good solution.

LeDuc agreed, saying the "geometry there forced the issue to what it is today. You have to drive around a block to get into the project. It's satisfactory the way it is because it's residential. If it was commercial or industrial, it's another question altogether."

Councilman Steven Burke said he appreciated LeDuc taking the feedback to heart so quickly and giving the council a development proposal "that fits more with what we already have in village."



Ray LeDuc shows a rendering of the Brownstones at Summit View of Milford to the Milford Village Council during its Nov. 4 meeting. His previous plan was denied because of concerns about its proposed size, so he came back with a new plan. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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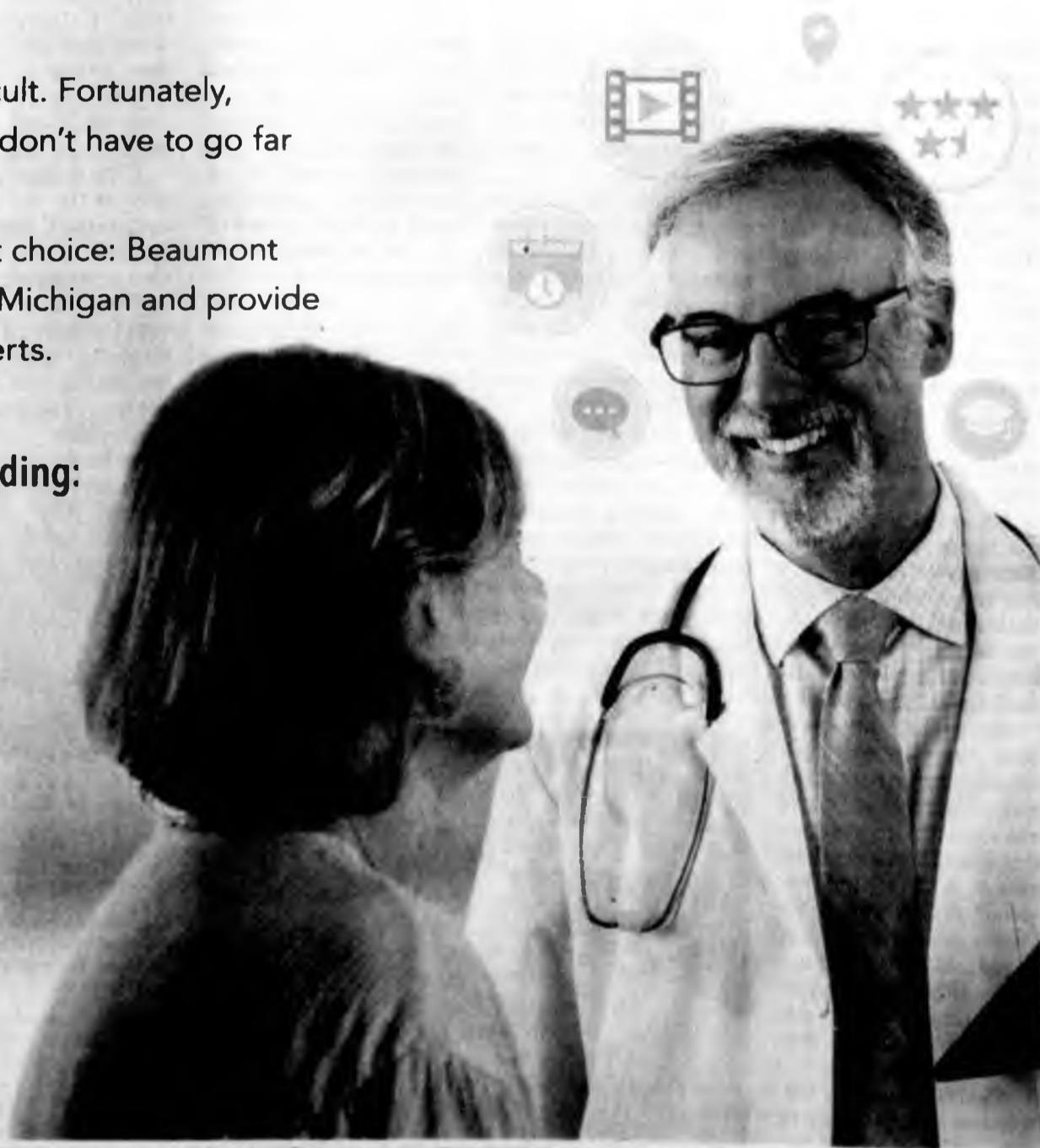
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# When should I consider a Roth IRA conversion?



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

**Dear Rick,**  
I got divorced in 2018. In the settlement, I received the house, our IRAs of about \$75,000 and a monthly income for 10 years when I turn 65.

Ever since I got divorced, I have not filed a tax return because I have no income. The money I receive from my ex-husband, I was told was a property settlement and thus, I did not have to pay taxes on it. After reading your column about Roth IRA conversions, it seems to me that I should take advantage of it.

My first question is: Am I eligible for a Roth IRA conversion even though I have no income? My second question is: If I do a Roth conversion, will I have to file a tax return? My third question is: How much do you think I should convert? You should know that I have no intention to go back to work.

Eventually, I will be able to collect Social Security, and when I turn 65, I will get a pension. My pension and Social Security will more than cover my needs, and I figure my IRA would act as a supplement.

Thank you.

Amy

**Dear Amy,**

Yes, you are eligible to do a Roth conversion and it is definitely something you should take advantage of. After all, at a very low cost, if any, you can convert taxable money into tax-free money.

With regard to how much you should convert, my thought is that each year you should convert enough so you don't pay any taxes.

For this year, since you have no taxable income, you should be able to convert up to \$12,200 and stay in a zero-tax bracket. My recommendation is that you do this every year so that hopefully, by the time you have to draw down on the money, it will all be within the Roth

IRA, allowing you to withdraw the money without paying taxes.

There probably will be some Michigan taxes you owe; however, that number should be nominal at best. By following this strategy, in a few years you will be able to convert your entire IRA virtually tax free.

Because you are converting existing IRA money into a Roth, you would have to file tax returns on a year-by-year basis. However, your tax return would be relatively simple.

It is important to remember that for anyone thinking about doing a Roth conversion this year, the transaction must be completed before the end of the year. IRA custodians get busy near the end of the year; you do not want to wait until the last minute to do a Roth conversion. In addition, the sooner you do a Roth conversion, the sooner your money will convert from growing tax deferred to tax free. Therefore, there is no reason to delay.

In the situation at hand, it is the perfect scenario where someone should take advantage of a Roth conversion. That being said, it still makes sense for people to convert even if they would have to pay taxes, as long as by converting it doesn't throw them into a higher tax bracket. Therefore, everyone should be looking at their tax situation; and if you can take advantage of converting some of your existing IRAs into a Roth IRA, and it keeps you in the same tax bracket, why not.

One last note regarding the conversion: Don't forget that you don't have to wait until the end of year to do your 2020 Roth conversion. You can do it right after the first of the year. The advantage of doing a conversion early is that it would give your money more time to grow on a tax-free basis.

Good luck!

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## Brewery

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The Village Workshop closed earlier this year and is currently in the process of being revamped into more of a co-working space.

The plan for the new center, which does not have a new name yet, has always included talks of adding a local brewery.

Carter Guider, the space's general manager, said they looked at a few options and decided North Center Brewing was the best choice to occupy the space.

"The good news is, we had some very positive options," he said. "This just really fits well for them and for us and we think the community."

DeGrood said he hopes to begin operations in the brewery's new space by the end of January.

In the meantime, the brewery continues to gather the proper approvals -

it received approval on the move from Northville City Council at its meeting Nov. 4 - and prepare to leave its current space.

It's expected the pub will close for a short amount of time to transfer the supplies across Northville, but DeGrood is hoping it won't be closed for long.

The move comes as several Metro Detroit breweries have shut their doors in the past year, including Axle Brewing in Ferndale, Black Lotus Brewing in Clawson and Falling Down Brewery in Warren.

DeGrood said while it's scary to see so many breweries close down, he said North Center is currently in a position to make the move for expansion.

"We're in a position where we can make a maneuver where this new space puts us in a good spot in the market," he said.

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## Rex

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I couldn't believe it," she said. "There are tons of tracks in there, it's pretty highly secretive; Rex is a corporate spy."

The pug didn't stay undercover while Jones was on a mission to bring him home. She said he came within 20 feet of her at one point, but then ran into the woods again. Jones said she wonders if Rex is hunting a few of his favorite things: grasshoppers and rabbits.

Rex left home when a gate was accidentally left open. He and Jones have been staying with a family at the Milford home since May, but have lived in the area for years. She keeps the dog for her son, Ted, who can only have one dog at his condo in Northville.

This is not the first time Rex, 7, has escaped. Four years ago, he ran away and spent two days in Kensington Metropark. Jones thinks he may be feeling a little put out about Chewy, his sibling, who has been seeking more attention than usual from Jones after her son, Ben, died a year ago.

"Rex is a runner, he thinks it's a game," Jones said. "He's a pain in the neck."

She is hoping for another miraculous return and said GM has been great.

Security is keeping a lookout and the GM staff and Jones are hoping Rex will get hungry or cold enough to finally give up the game.

Jones has left Rex a McDonald's Happy Meal, beef jerky, and his favorite dog food. Two live traps have been set up, but they remain empty.

Taverna, who once owned a beagle who also liked to run, said he understands.

"This little pug might be one of those dogs on a mission," he said. "We are heartbroken about it, a lot of us have dogs and pets of our own and we understand how painful it is, but we can't think of what else to do."

Rex has been mostly hanging out in the woods, he said, which keeps him out of the way of vehicles traveling up to 100 mph, but that also makes it harder to find him. Taverna said there are also other frightening prospects at the GM Proving Ground for the pug, including coyotes and foxes.

"We were initially worried that he would leave, but he has been seen every day," Taverna said. "I am hoping they will catch him. People are driving around the perimeter of the proving grounds and looking for him. ... I guess it is up to God and Rex now."

Anyone who sees Rex, inside or outside of the Proving Grounds, should call Jones at 313-461-4302 or 248-880-5541.

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# Highland Twp. author highlights heartbreak and humor in new book

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Laurie Powers always knew she wanted to be a writer. She started journaling when she was in the seventh grade and never stopped.

Now, she is transforming her journals into a book: "What Once Was Hidden."

"God told me to get moving and get beyond your fear. It's a little daunting to put your journals out in public," she said.

Powers, 60, describes her book as "inspirational" and said it is meant to be a source of encouragement.

She keeps her journals in her hope chest along with other items she's held onto over the years.

"I love the word 'hope,'" Powers said. "I hope (readers) see there is no hopeless story. People feel hopeless because they forget hope."

The 166 pages contain excerpts from her journals encompassing some of her biggest trials and accomplishments over the last several decades.

"Some of my favorite stories in there are ones where it was a really hard time ... just to see how God walked through that with me," she said.

It took her more than two years to go through her journals prior to starting the writing process in December of last year. Her book was published in late September.

Powers previously worked at the Milford Times and the Livingston County Press newspapers and operated a photography business for 14 years. She now lives in Highland Township.

When she closed her photography business, the book idea was already in the works.

"Our God is a creative God and he instilled that gene in me," she said.

When writing her book, Powers said one of her hopes was that her father, in failing health, would be around when her dream came to fruition.

She said her father always supported her desire to write, telling her, "you need to be a writer, you need to write."



Highland Township resident Laurie Powers said she wants to inspire hope in readers of her book, "What Once Was Hidden." GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

Last month, she visited him in a rehabilitation center and handed him her book.

Powers said her father called her the next day crying, telling her he couldn't put the book down. She mentions her father in one of the stories.

"It was a time where God used my father to show me something about him as a father," she said. "I didn't expect it because I didn't think my dad was the kind of person He would use in that way."

The book takes the reader through stories that are heartbreaking and humorous.

"My life exists on those extremes," Powers said.

A mother of two, she does not have a relationship with her older son, but holds out hope for reconciliation.

"Even in the situation with my son I still have hope. Even when everyone else has turned their back I will never, ever give up that hope because once you

do, it's a dark road," she said.

The book, published through Christian Faith Publishing, retails for \$15.95 and of that, Powers receives approximately \$3 per purchase.

Powers never planned on becoming rich writing her book. For her, making money is secondary.

"God didn't say, 'Go write a book and make lots of money off it.' He said, 'Go write a book and watch me change lives,'" she said.

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# NEW VETERANS MEMORIAL IN SOUTH LYON DEDICATED

A new memorial for South Lyon veterans was dedicated on Sunday.

Veterans, residents, city officials and numerous groups attended a service at McHattie Park which included the raising of flags and music to honor those who have served.

Numerous donations and in-kind services were contributed to move "the rock" from its former location in a parking lot at the southwest corner of Liberty and S. Lafayette streets to McHattie Park, and expand the memorial.

Additions include a concrete plaza and new arrangement of legacy bricks.

Five flags representing each branch of the military are situated in a star pattern, surrounding the U.S. flag set next to the rock, which bears a plaque honoring all veterans.

The new memorial was three years in the making.

Mayor Dan Pelchat said it easily doubles in size the former memorial and he feels the community will take pride in it.



David Allen, left, and his wife, Rita, attend the Veterans Memorial dedication ceremony held in South Lyon on Sunday. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Reverend Stan Tokarski gives the invocation.



John McMahon, senior vice commander for Veterans of Foreign Post #1224, talks about Veterans Day.



Terry Bradley plays "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes as part of the ceremony.



Veterans have a moment of remembrance for fallen brothers and sisters in arms.



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# Veterans among leaders at St. Mary Mercy

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Nick Nickolopoulos and Dr. Matthew Griffin weren't taking part in any freebies this Veterans Day, although they started their careers in the military.

Instead, they were working at St. Mary Mercy Livonia hospital.

Nickolopoulos enlisted in the Army around the same time Griffin served in the Navy in the 1990s.

Griffin had a scholarship through the Navy to get him through medical school, and Nickolopoulos was trying to jump-start his life.

"My parents couldn't afford to send me to college and I was working at a full service gas station in Lapeer," said Nickolopoulos, now chief nursing officer and vice president of patient care for the hospital. "Honestly, one day I was there working with one of my best friends and the recruiter called us both on the same day. So we were talking while we were working ...

"The next day, we met with him and that's all she wrote. We were off."

Nickolopoulos served 1992-97 at the border of North Korea and South Korea and then at Fort Hood in Texas. He said that time working as a specialist gave him knowledge he still uses now.

"I would not be as successful as I am, I don't think, without the Army," he said. "One, it really provided me with the confidence to advance in my career. It also taught me what it is to be a team.

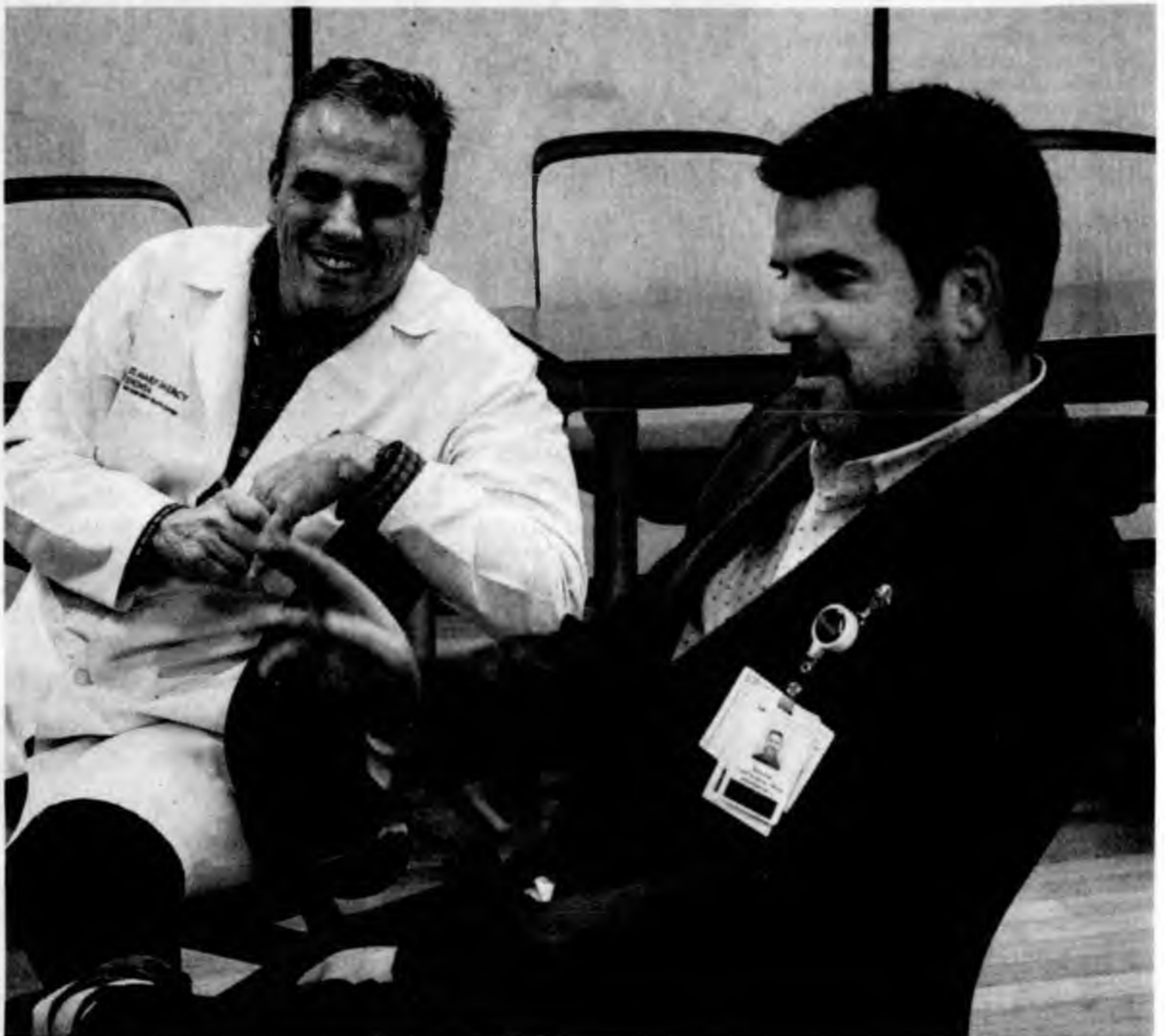
"Throughout the service, you don't do anything without each other. You can't succeed without each other."

At St. Mary Mercy Livonia, Nickolopoulos manages about 1,000 people. The team-building lessons he learned in the Army are how he tries to lead his team today.

"I think bringing the whole team together, you have your medics, your infantry, your cooks, and it takes everyone coming together to survive and be successful. ... It's really guided me through-out my life," he said.

As chief medical officer, Griffin often works hand-in-hand with Nickolopoulos.

"It's learning to put others before yourself and not just saying you're part of a team, but immersing yourself as



Veterans and St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia Chief Medical Officer Dr. Matthew Griffin, M.D., left, and Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Patient Care Nick Nickolopoulos talk about how their time in the military helped their careers.

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part of the team," he said

While on active duty between 1991 and 1995, Griffin worked in combat circumstances in Okinawa, and then in peace at Winter Harbor, Maine, as an emergency resident.

"I couldn't get a residency because, really everywhere at the time, emergen-

cy medicine residencies were really competitive," he said. "So I ended up to going to Winter Harbor, Maine, where I took care of the sailors and their families."

He agreed that his time in service gave him opportunities he probably wouldn't have had otherwise.

"I didn't worry about nearly the same things my classmates did because by comparison, I had been trying to provide medical control to a ship 2,000 miles away in the ocean and trying to figure out how to help them," said

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Though they both had their challenges in the service, Nick Nickolopoulos, left, and Dr. Matthew Griffin say they try to stay out of the spotlight on Veterans Day and recognize people who lost something in service. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Nurse Nick Nickolopoulos while he was serving in the Army in the 1990s. COURTESY OF NICK NICKOLOPOULOS



Dr. Matthew Griffin while he was serving in the Navy in the 1990s. COURTESY OF DR. MATTHEW GRIFFIN

"I would not be as successful as I am, I don't think, without the Army. One, it really provided me with the confidence to advance in my career. It also taught me what it is to be a team. Throughout the service, you don't do anything without each other. You can't succeed without each other."

**Nick Nickolopoulos**  
Army veteran

## Veterans

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Griffin, who left the service as a lieutenant commander, said. Though they both had their chal-

lenges in the service, the men say they try to stay out of the spotlight on Veterans Day and recognize people who lost something in service.

"I had it much easier than a lot of the guys now, and their combat circumstances are a lot different than mine," Griffin said. "I don't ever pretend I had it

like others have."

"They saw way much more than I did, things you can't imagine," Nickolopoulos added. "Even though I'm proud of what I did, they really sacrificed."

So on Veterans Day, they paid tribute to the World War II, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan service

men and women they know.

"I try to recognize those who maybe didn't have as much of a positive experience or had a much more harrowing experience, like our combat veterans," Griffin said. "They're truly the heroes."

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## Former commander of Westland Jail cleared of misconduct charge

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A jury has cleared Westland Jail's former watch commander of misconduct in office charges related to the late 2017 death of inmate William Marshall.

Former Westland Police Sgt. Ronald Buckley, 55, was found not guilty, concluding his Third Circuit Court trial.

He was one of three charged, initially with felony manslaughter and then with felony misconduct in office, when Marshall, 35, of Inkster died after a Dec. 10, 2017, jail stay.

Prosecutors alleged Buckley, as watch commander, was responsible for Marshall being mistreated at the jail with unlawful use of force.

Marshall was in custody because police caught him driving with a suspended license and in possession of marijuana and cocaine.

While at the jail, Marshall experi-

enced four stages of "full body tremors" that lasted a total of about 40 minutes without receiving proper medical attention.

He was transported to the hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

The Wayne County medical examiner's office later determined Marshall died of cocaine toxicity.

Attorney Todd Flood, representing Buckley, said during last week's trial that his client's intent was not corrupt.

"He didn't have the information," Flood said during opening statements. "(In the booking room), Mr. Marshall denies and denies and denies and denies. 'I did not take cocaine. I do not have any ingesting problems. I don't have any problems with epileptic seizures. I do not have any medical issues. I'm not going to withdraw from anything.'



Buckley

"That's what Mr. Marshall says."

Flood has said Buckley was a scapegoat for other public safety workers more to blame for Marshall not getting the medical care he needed.

The former police sergeant lost his job because city officials said he failed to follow department policies with Marshall.

Also, the city agreed to a \$3.75 million settlement with Marshall's estate because of the jail stay.

Two former Westland paramedics, Leah Maynard, 37, and Matt Dicosola, 33, saw Marshall during his jail stay and also were charged after his death.

Maynard's misconduct in office trial was declared a mistrial, and she is scheduled for another court appearance in December.

Dicosola was sentenced to a year of probation.

He pleaded guilty to intentionally placing false information on medical records, a misdemeanor.

## Brennan to pay \$16,500 for fees, expenses

Rachel Greco | Lansing State Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

LIVINGSTON COUNTY - The Michigan Supreme Court has ordered former Livingston County District Judge Theresa Brennan to pay \$16,500 to the Judicial Tenure Commission.

The decision follows the court's decision that Brennan is responsible for costs, fees and expenses incurred by the commission throughout its investigation into her alleged misconduct.

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

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

## South Lyon High presents 'Moon Over Buffalo' through Nov. 17

The South Lyon High School Theatre presents Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo" this weekend.

"Moon Over Buffalo" is a step back to the golden age of both the large and small screen.

The play surrounds a troupe of Broadway actors, Charlotte and George Hay, and their hilariously dysfunctional stage family, who try to put on some classics in the lovely town of Buffalo, New York, in 1953.

If you love old-school, slapstick comedy with sword fighting and quick wit, you'll love "Moon Over Buffalo."

South Lyon senior Marina McMahon says of her character Charlotte Hay, who is trying to reclaim her fading Hollywood stardom: "Charlotte struggles in a relationship with George, her husband, by working in a low-budget theater company, and having him hold her back

from being a celebrity. She is fun, witty, and a little bit insane, but she's an amazing role to take on.

"Lucille Ball is my inspiration for Charlotte because she is always making funny faces and has a comedic quality to her that I aspire to live up to. I want to be able to have her stage presence and make Charlotte a fun character, not only for the audience, but for me as well."

Senior Nick Smathers plays Charlotte's husband, George Hay. Smathers feels he shares George's passion for acting: "I sincerely hope audiences will be able to see the true love I have for theater through my portrayal of George. And I hope our story can provide the laugh audiences need."

Another senior in the cast, Walter Alexander, plays Howard, an aspiring, anxious actor who doesn't realize the challenges of his desired profession.

This role was a challenge for Alexander in that it is his most colorful role to date.

"With Howard being one of the most colorful characters I've ever played, I had to overcome the constant fear of what people would think about my acting," he said. "But once I did overcome this, Howard was brought to life."

As the characters prepare for a performance of "Cyrano de Bergerac," the plot within a plot unfolds when famed director Frank Capra is set to be in town scouting for his latest movie.

George Hay's infidelity is exposed and when Charlotte learns of it, she prepares to run away with the company lawyer. Nothing is normal with this family, rounded out by the elderly and acerbic Ethel; Charlotte and George's daughter, Rosalind; her ex-boyfriend, Paul; and her fiancé, Howard.

Playing Rosalind is junior Cassidy

Lynn. She had a little anxiety about her part: "Some of the challenges I've had to overcome is my nervousness about trying new things. I can sometimes be afraid to go in an outrageous direction with a character, but I got over that pretty quick!"

Other cast members include senior Cooper Schultz as Richard, juniors Olivia Patanis as Ethel and Brenna Tarlton as Eileen, and sophomores Malachi Blades as Paul and Will Miller as "the Company."

"Moon Over Buffalo" runs Nov. 14-17. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$8 for seniors, and \$12 at the door.

Tickets can be purchased through slhstheatre.com, showtix4u.com, Java House, Corner Caffé, or the Center for Active Adults.

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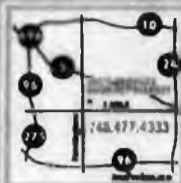
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"We have to hold our head high," said second-year Plymouth coach Brian Lewis. "I'm really proud of how this team came together, how they bought into being unbreakable. I'm especially proud of the legacy the seniors left."

Lewis said it's going to be difficult for programs like Plymouth to close the gap on school-of-choice juggernauts like Belleville and West Bloomfield.

"No, you probably won't," Lewis said. "You have to hit two classes in a row, if not three. Our senior class is full of talent. You'd have to have a big junior class full of talent and a big sophomore class full of talent to catch up to the Bellevilles and West Bloomfields of the world, but that's just the reality of the situation."

"We'll always have our challenges, but I love our kids, I love Plymouth and the guys we have, so we're just going to keep getting after it until we get there."

Incredibly, the Lakers didn't complete a single pass, but they didn't have to with Edwards running for 171 yards and four touchdowns (three that covered 32 yards or more) on just 10 carries.

The Wildcats' top producer against West Bloomfield's fast and swarming defense was senior Mike Mathias, who capped his career with 84 yards rushing on 21 carries.

Mathias also registered a dazzling 40-yard kickoff return, but it was brought back due to a block-in-the-back penalty.

Plymouth senior quarterback Nicholas Downs, who was under pressure from the get-go, completed eight of 16 passes for 29 yards.

"They were so fast up front and they have great linebackers," Downs said, when asked about the Lakers' defense. "I played seven-on-seven with Cornell (Wheeler) last winter and he can really play."

The Wildcats operated in the red zone for one possession in the second quarter, but couldn't find the end zone.

All but 2 minutes and 32 seconds of

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Plymouth's season ended with a 9-2 record, with both losses coming against the uber-talented Lakers and undefeated Belleville — both of whom will square off next Friday night in regional title encounter.

"We have to hold our head high," said second-year Plymouth coach Brian Lewis. "I'm really proud of how this team came together, how they bought into being unbreakable. I'm especially proud of the legacy the seniors left."

Lewis said it's going to be difficult for programs like Plymouth to close the gap on school-of-choice juggernauts like Belleville and West Bloomfield.

"No, you probably won't," Lewis said. "You have to hit two classes in a row, if not three. Our senior class is full of talent. You'd have to have a big junior class full of talent and a big sophomore class full of talent to catch up to the Bellevilles and West Bloomfields of the world, but that's just the reality of the situation."

"We'll always have our challenges, but I love our kids, I love Plymouth and the guys we have, so we're just going to keep getting after it until we get there."

Incredibly, the Lakers didn't complete a single pass, but they didn't have to with Edwards running for 171 yards and four touchdowns (three that covered 32 yards or more) on just 10 carries.

The Wildcats' top producer against West Bloomfield's fast and swarming defense was senior Mike Mathias, who capped his career with 84 yards rushing on 21 carries.

Mathias also registered a dazzling 40-yard kickoff return, but it was brought back due to a block-in-the-back penalty.

Plymouth senior quarterback Nicholas Downs, who was under pressure from the get-go, completed eight of 16 passes for 29 yards.

"They were so fast up front and they have great linebackers," Downs said, when asked about the Lakers' defense. "I played seven-on-seven with Cornell (Wheeler) last winter and he can really play."

The Wildcats operated in the red zone for one possession in the second quarter, but couldn't find the end zone.

All but 2 minutes and 32 seconds of

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**HOMETOWN LIFE STAFF FOOTBALL PICKS: WEEK 12**

Games (home team listed first):	Andrew Vaillencourt	Colin Gay	Ed Wright	David Veselenak	Phil Allmen (coin flip)
Detroit Country Day vs. Milan	Country Day	Country Day	Milan	Country Day	Milan
Birmingham Seaholm vs. Port Huron	Seaholm	Seaholm	Port Huron	Port Huron	Birmingham Seaholm
Belleville vs. West Bloomfield	Belleville	Belleville	West Bloomfield	Belleville	Belleville
Brighton vs. Hudsonville	Brighton	Brighton	Hudsonville	Hudsonville	Brighton
King vs. U-D Jesuit	King	King	King	King	U-D Jesuit
Portage Northern vs. Muskegon Mona Shores	Portage Northern	Portage Northern	Mona Shores	Portage Northern	Portage Northern
Penn State vs. Indiana	Indiana	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Indiana
Michigan vs. Michigan State	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan State
Auburn vs. Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
Iowa vs. Minnesota	Iowa	Minnesota (Row the boat)	Iowa	Minnesota	Minnesota
Baylor vs. Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Baylor	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Iowa State vs. Texas	Iowa State	Iowa State	Texas	Iowa State	Iowa State
Lions vs. Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Lions	Cowboys	Cowboys
Last Week's Record:	8-7	9-6	10-5	9-6	8-7
Season Record:	153-61-1	161-53-1	147-67-1	151-63-1	103-111-1

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**GAME OF THE WEEK**

**Churchill set to face Walled Lake Western for first time since 2006**

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As the MHSAA high school football playoffs move forward to the regional championship, more area teams' seasons have ended.

In the district round, five of the eight Hometown Life-area teams remaining in the postseason lost: Livonia Franklin, Farmington, Redford Thurston, Plymouth and heavy favorite Birmingham Groves. Now, with eight teams left in each division, Livonia Churchill, Birmingham Seaholm and Detroit Country Day remain in the hunt for a state championship.

Here is a look at what those teams have in store in the next round, including our game of the week: Churchill at Walled Lake Western.

**Livonia Churchill at Walled Lake Western; 7 p.m., Nov. 15**

After a 1-4 start to the season, losing to Brighton, Belleville, Dearborn Fordson and Livonia Franklin, Livonia Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo thought his team had a chance to make the playoffs.

After winning the final four games of the regular season and defeating Dexter in the first round of the playoffs, DeFillippo said he did not know what his team's ceiling was, saying Churchill was playing the best football it had all season in the playoffs.

Now, after a 28-0 win on the road against previously undefeated Battle Creek Lakeview, the Chargers advance their first regional final since 2004.

In the regional, Churchill will take on Walled Lake Western, a team that has scored 35 points each game this season and has allowed over 21 points in a game only once.

Churchill and Walled Lake Western have a history, playing against each other each season from 1969-2003 while in the WLAA West.

The Chargers hold a 13-22-1 record against the Warriors, and have not faced Walled Lake Western since 2006: a 27-0 Churchill loss.

Here are the other two games to watch in the area:

**Birmingham Seaholm vs. Port Huron; 7 p.m., Nov. 15**

Seaholm had not been to a regional

since 2001. The team that stood in its way: Birmingham Groves, a team the Maples have not defeated since 2013.

Both happened in the district final, as Seaholm blasted the Falcons, 42-7, to advance to the regional final.

In the regional final, the Maples will take on a team with a very similar story as them. Coming into the playoffs with a 6-3 record and 62.556 playoff points, Port Huron has earned one-score wins in each of the first two rounds of the playoffs.

In 14 games over the course of the school's history, Seaholm has only four wins against the Big Reds. However, the Maples have not faced Port Huron since 1963.

With an offense that ran over the Falcons — with senior running back Chaz Strecker scoring three touchdowns with 175 rushing yards — Seaholm will face a Big Reds defense that has allowed more than 30 points three times this season.

**Detroit Country Day vs. Milan; 1 p.m., Nov. 16**

With a 10-0 record heading into the district final, Detroit Country Day faced adversity for the first time against Harper Woods. The Yellowjackets defeated the Pioneers, 17-12, the smallest deficit an opponent has had against Country Day this season.

In the regional final, Country Day will face another team with an unblemished record in Milan, who defeated Romulus Summit, 56-22, in the district title game.

Even though they are undefeated, the Big Reds have had some close calls this season, including a one-point win against New Boston Huron and a one-point win against Carleton Airport in the first round of the playoffs.

Before allowing 12 points in the district final against Harper Woods, Country Day had allowed a combined 20 points in their previous six games, scoring at least four touchdowns in each of those wins.

The Yellowjackets are looking to return to the semifinal round for the first time since 2016, when Country Day advanced to the state title game, losing to Grand Rapids Catholic Central in the final.

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**HTL top 10 high school football teams: Week 12**

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We're deep into the playoffs, and Hometown Life Sports is back with its weekly top-10 teams in the area. Each week, we rank the top 10 teams in our coverage area based on record, strength of schedule, experience and of course, the game results. The ranking will be decided on by our two sports reporters: Andrew Vaillencourt and Colin Gay. Here is the top 10 for week 12:

**1. Livonia Churchill (7-4, Last Week: No. 7)**

After surging into the playoffs at 5-4, the Chargers have now beaten Dexter and Battle Creek Lakeview, teams that were a combined 18-1 and were No. 1 seeds. The toughest challenge will come this week against Walled Lake Western.

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

Seaholm has been the other surprise this postseason, dominating rival Groves just weeks after Groves beat the Maples. Seaholm has a very winnable regional final against Port Huron.

**3. Livonia Franklin (8-3, Last Week: No. 1)**

Our top team from last week suffered a devastating loss to Detroit Martin Luther King in the district final.

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

A week after being knocked out of the playoffs, rival Farmington got knocked out as well by the same team, meaning



Seaholm quarterback Caleb Knoer steps into a pass. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the Raiders jump back ahead of the Falcons thanks to their head-to-head win.

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

The Falcons were upset by U-D Jesuit in a close, low-scoring contest. Farmington proved it was an elite team by beating Oak Park, but wasn't able to advance past the district finals.

**6. Detroit Country Day (11-0, Last Week: No. 6)**

After a five-point win against Harper Woods in the district final, the closest any opponent has come to defeating the

Yellowjackets all season, Detroit Country Day will try to end Milan's perfect season in the regional final on Saturday.

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

Birmingham Groves had not lost to Seaholm since 2013, but the Maples found holes in the running game and stopped quarterback Markis Alexander and the Falcon offense defensively, ending Groves' season in the district final.

**8. Plymouth (9-2, Last Week: No. 4)**

In its first district final since 2012,

Plymouth could not pass West Bloomfield, who handed the Wildcats their first shutout since Sept. 19, 2014.

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

Despite losing in the first round to Fenton, South Lyon had its most successful season offensively since 2004, scoring an average of 35.1 points per game, recording under 30 points in four games, two of which were losses.

**10. Lakeland (7-3, Last Week: NR)**

Lakeland continued its playoff streak in 2019, losing, 29-13, in the first round to Plymouth. The Eagles recorded its best defensive season since 1983, allowing an average of 13 points per game to opposing offenses.

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).

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## Lakers

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the second half was played with a running clock, the result of the hosts bolting to a 35-0 lead on an electric 35-yard scoring run by Edwards.

Jake Ward was perfect on all five of his extra-point attempts.

West Bloomfield jumped ahead 7-0 on its opening drive when Anthony May plunged in from the 1.

The Lakers doubled their advantage to 14-0 with 4:50 left in the first quarter when Edwards dashed 32 yards to paydirt.

West Bloomfield secured a 28-0 half-time lead thanks to two more TD runs from Edwards (1 and 47 yards).

May, who was the early catalyst for the Lakers, rushed for 91 yards on 10 hauls.

Senior Logan Walkley spearheaded Plymouth defense by notching a team-high six tackles.

Alec Beshears caught three Downs aeriels for eight yards.

**"I'm really proud of how this team came together, how they bought into being unbreakable. I'm especially proud of the legacy the seniors left."**

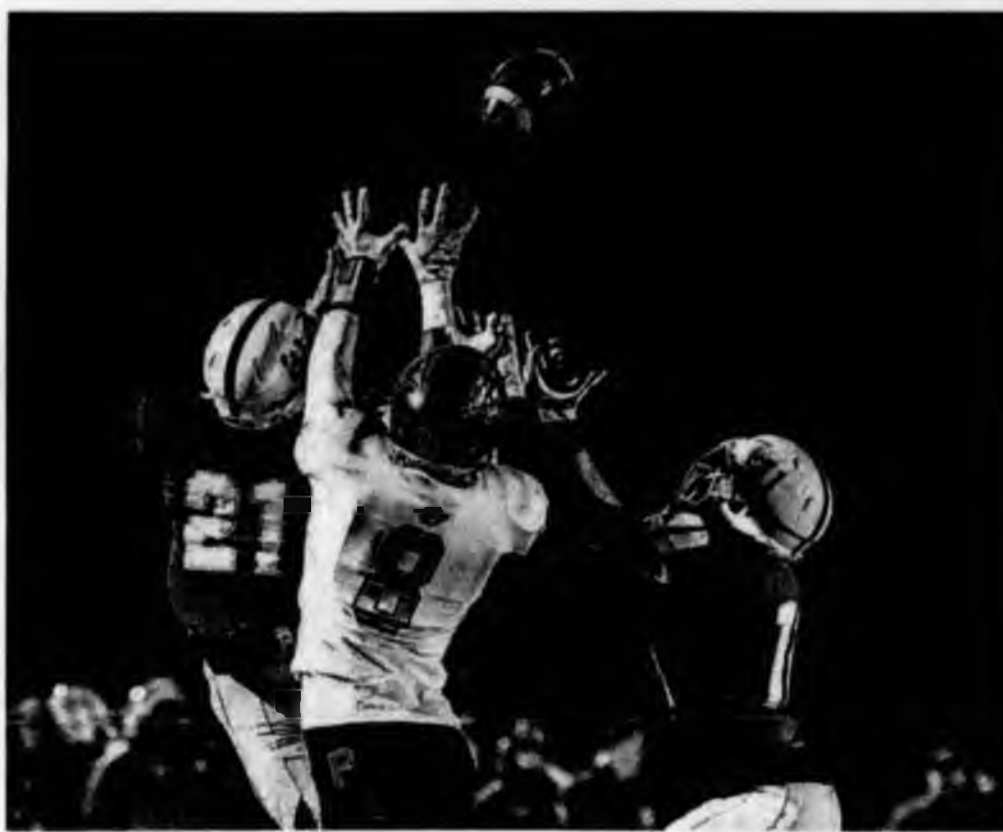
**Brian Lewis** Coach, Plymouth football

"They're really good," Lewis said of West Bloomfield. "You have six, seven, eight Division 1 kids so, at a point, it doesn't matter how well you block, their guys are just going to run around you and do their thing. Give them credit, though. They have a lot of good players."

Downs said he'll carry incredible memories of his senior season "for the rest of my life."

"The bond this team had was something special," he said. "Our coach brought a family aspect to the program that made us unbreakable."

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Plymouth's Alec Beshears, center, was unable to haul in this second-quarter pass against West Bloomfield from Nicholas Downs. COURTESY OF MICHAEL VASILNEK

## Franklin

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### The Dante Moore show

Despite facing a defense that played its best game of the season last week against Wyandotte Roosevelt, King quarterback Dante Moore — just a freshman — put on a show.

He finished the night 16-for-19 passing for 260 yards and five touchdowns. He threw all five touchdown passes in the first half alone and only had one first half incomplection.

"Who do you defend? They have so many weapons," Kelbert said. "You load the box to stop the run, they throw it. You play lots of defensive backs to stop the pass and they'll just gash you with the run. They're so talented and have so many weapons. You have to pick your battles."

After Franklin drove down the field for a touchdown on the opening possession of the game, Moore led the Crusaders down the field and found senior

Marshawn Lee for a 20-yard touchdown. Following an interception by senior Antoine Evans, Moore again led his team down the field.

On the first play of the second quarter, he hit Indiana University wide receiver commit Rashawn Williams for a 23-yard score, but it was called back on a penalty. The very next play, he found junior Rahiim Mersier for a 28-yard touchdown. That made it 14-7.

Later in the quarter, Moore fired touchdown passes to junior Justin Whyte, Lee again and a dagger to sophomore Lynn Wyche-El from 46-yards out with two seconds left to play in the half.

That score came after Franklin's second interception of the night gave King the ball at its own 40-yard line with 19 seconds left. Two plays later, it was 35-7.

### Running clock

For roughly the final five minutes of the third quarter, King held a 35-point lead of greater to force a running clock. Franklin was able to get the game back within 35 after senior running back

Grant Gibson scored a touchdown with 31 seconds left in the third.

Franklin then recovered an onside kick, giving the team life. However, on the next play, the Patriots fumbled it away and King's Rishad Hence returned it 65-yards for a touchdown. The running clock did not go back into effect though, because Franklin successfully went for two after Gibson's touchdown.

The two teams traded fumbles, but the score held at 49-15.

### End of an era

Franklin senior Jake Kelbert has been the Patriots starting quarterback since his sophomore year. He led the team to the state championship game in 2017 and playoff berths in both 2018 and 2019.

"It's the end of a long road," Jake Kelbert said. "Where this program came from, everything we've done in the recent past, it's all for good measure. Every group of kids that come in here are going to work their tails off. We put this place on the map and it's going to stay there for a really long time."

His high school career ends with the loss to King, as it does for a number of prominent Franklin seniors, including James Carpenter, Gibson, Jake Swirple, Tim Sayers and Erik Reaves.

"We've won a lot of football games while these kids have been a part of our football program," Chris Kelbert said. "That's our goal, to leave the program better than when they got there, to continue the success we've been experiencing here as of late. This group definitely did that."

Kelbert is coached by his father, Chris, and both were very emotional after the game.

"We've accomplished a lot," Jake Kelbert said. "The biggest accomplishment of all was that we grew into men. We're going to walk away from high school football and we're going to be a lot better at facing adversity than most kids will. That's the biggest accomplishment of all."

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## Churchill

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Churchill since 2004.

"We told our guys that when we were 1-4 that this was possible," Churchill coach Bill DeFilippo said. "We knew at the 1-4 mark that the rest of the games were winnable and then we said, let's see what happens with our draw in the playoffs."

"Our guys showed great resiliency and character and we knew if we stuck together we had a chance to get to this point. It's been a long time since this program won a trophy and now this team has created a great legacy for itself."

Churchill set the tone early with a 75-yard scoring pass from Gavin Brooks to Shane Morelli to go up 7-0 in the first two minutes of the game.

Lakeview looked to match the Chargers as it came up with its own big play as Jaris McIntosh took the kickoff all the way back to the 27. However, the Spartans couldn't take advantage of the good field position as the Churchill defense stiffened. It would go on to hold Lakeview to just one first down the entire first half and a total of 63 yards of offense for the game.

Lakeview would turn the ball over on a fumble and later mishandled a squib kick on a kickoff to end two other early possessions.

Churchill took advantage as Brooks threw three more touchdown passes in the opening quarter. Brendan Lowry caught two of those scores with Morelli getting the other.

Another Lakeview turnover on an interception by the Chargers' Dylan Curran midway through the second set up a short touchdown run by Lowry as the visitors went up 35-0 with 4:08 in the half.

The Spartans tried to turn things around as they blocked a late punt, and was scooped up by Tayvon Hughes who ran to inside the 20. But Lakeview couldn't turn that into points as it ran out time before half.

Lakeview looked to jumpstart its offense to start the second half with a long pass on the first play in the third quarter, but it was intercepted by Jimmy Targosz as the mercy-rule running clock went into play.

Churchill scored two add-on touch-



Lakeview running back Frank Tatum, left, rushes the ball as Churchill safety Brendan Lowry covers him at the Division 2 district championship Nov. 9 at Lakeview High School in Battle Creek. PHOTOS BY ALYSSA KEOWN/THE BATTLE CREEK ENQUIRER

downs after getting the big lead on a pass from Brooks to Jordan Gracia and a short touchdown run by Garcia.

The Spartans' lone score came on a 12-yard touchdown run by Frank Tatum late in the fourth quarter.

Lakeview (10-1), which went 2-7 last year, suffers its first loss of the season after going 10-0 for the first time since 2013 and playing in the second round for the first time since 2014.

"I told the seniors that they are the foundation of the program," Diorio said. "What they did is more than just a 10-0 season. They laid the foundation for our program here at Lakeview and set the tone for how things are supposed to be done. And I hope our young guys took note."



Lakeview linebacker Jack Goodman, left, and teammates bring down Churchill quarterback Taj Williams. Churchill won, 47-7.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Senior QB brings power to South Lyon football

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Senior quarterback Connor Fracassi and the South Lyon football team ended its regular season on a high note, defeating rival South Lyon East, 42-18, advancing to the first round of the playoffs winning eight of its nine regular season matchups.

Completing 21-of-23 pass attempts for 254 yards and six touchdowns, Fracassi, receiving 8,049 total votes (48.36 percent) was named as the Hometown Life Athlete of the Week for the week of Oct. 28.

The South Lyon quarterback beat out Salem goalkeepers Chris Pohl and Quinn Tews (38.08 percent with 6,338 votes) and Stevenson running back Caden Woodall (11.84 percent with 1,971 votes) for the top spot. Churchill safety Brendan Lowry and St. Catherine of Siena Academy golfer Sarah Haupt rounded out the top-five spots.

Even with the momentum heading into the postseason, Fracassi's playoff run was short lived, as South Lyon fell in the first round in a road game against Fenton.

We caught up with Fracassi after the season about how he thought his final season at South Lyon went, who he likes to emulate on the football field and basketball court and to get some insight on what's next.

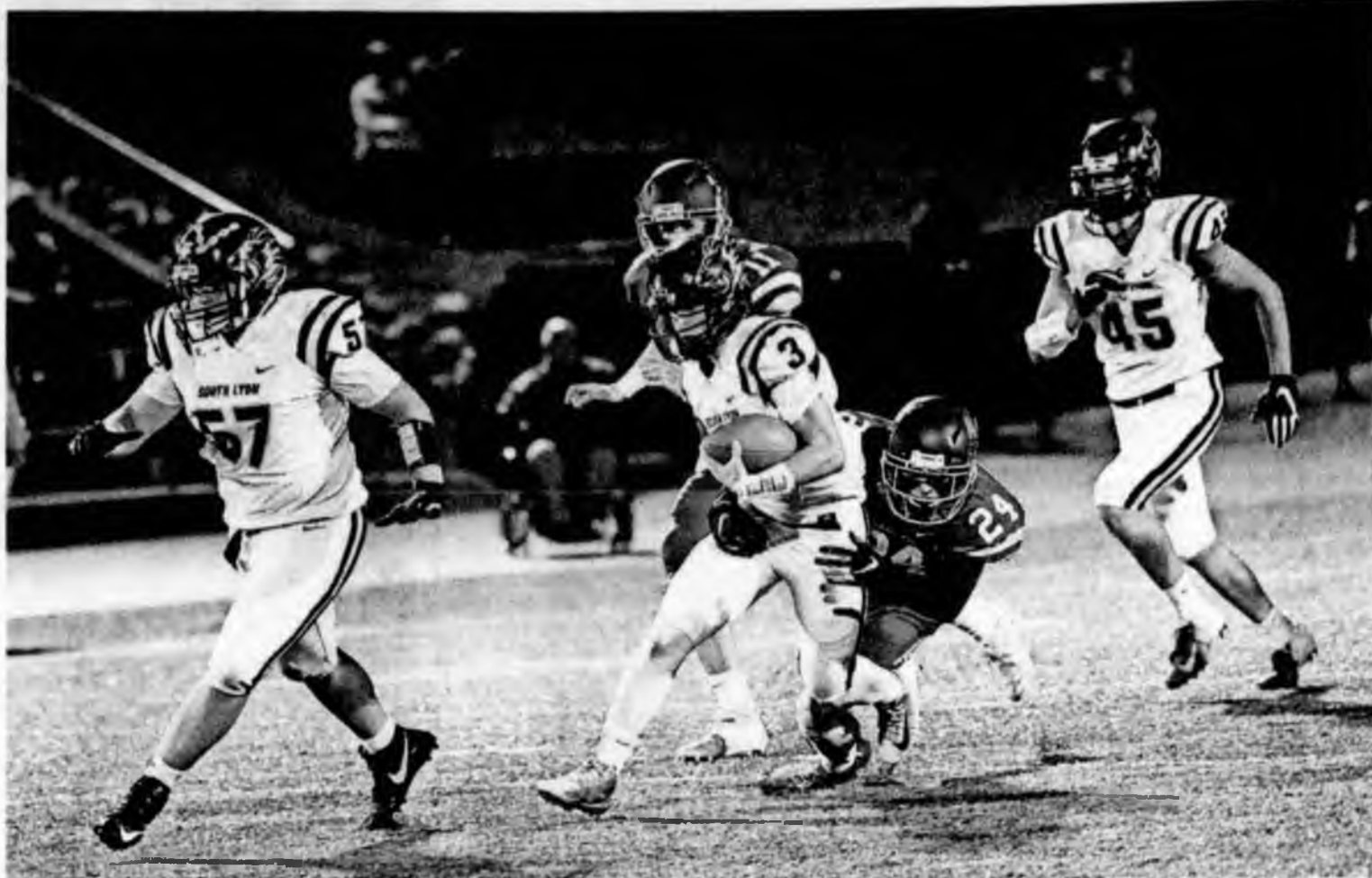
**What was your goal coming into the season, and what do you think South Lyon proved this year?**

"Our goal, obviously, going into the year was to make it to the state championship and win it. Obviously, that didn't happen, but I also think that we proved this year that last season, with our 10-1 record, was not a fluke and this program, we are for real building up. We are a real program that can compete."

**Is there a quarterback or an athlete that you try to emulate when you are on the field?**

"I'd probably say Russell Wilson. I just kind of play similar to him. I'm more of like a scrambler, and can make plays outside of the pocket, while also making plays in the pocket when needed, and can run."

**With you possibly playing basketball for South Lyon next season, is**



South Lyon senior quarterback Connor Fracassi breaks free from Lakeland defenders during game action in September.

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**there an athlete you like to model your play after on the court?**

"I play kind of all over. No specific person, I just like to be a leader as I am in football and just do what the team needs me to do."

**What do you like to do in your spare time when you are not on the field or working on schoolwork?**

"Outside of school and everything like that, there's really not much else that I do other than sports. Sports is one of the biggest parts of my life. Whether it's just watching a game or playing Madden, or just hanging out with friends and just playing backyard football or basketball or stuff like that. It just never leaves my life, and it's one of the biggest parts of me."

**What were your emotions attached to the playoff loss to Fenton being your last game in a South Lyon foot-**

**ball uniform?**

"The emotions were there was nothing like it, knowing you just played the last game with your brothers. Playing for that school, you grow up starting with Panthers and you watch all the games at the school throughout your entire life. Then you get there and, for some of us, it was being three-year starters we were lucky enough to be there. For three years, having that come to an end, a childhood dream, just leading your community, your city, your school, it's just very sad to see it end, especially with all your brothers and your family watching."

**Do you have an idea of what's next? Are you going to play football collegiately?**

I am trying to play college football. I've talked to some schools. I had an offer last year from Miami (Ohio). I can't

commit there at the moment. I've had other schools talking to me, but not real big offers I can commit yet.

**Before you take the field, you see a lot of kids with headphones and ear buds in. What are you listening to?**

I normally just like to listen to rap music and just motivational stuff that can get me ready to play for the certain moment. Also, just being with your teammates before the game and just having conversations with them are moments you will never forget. You got to enjoy the moment, whether it's listening to music or just bonding with your teammates before we go out to battle."

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## Northville swim team wins KLAA championship for 4th straight year

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For the fourth season in a row, the Northville girls swim and dive team captured the KLAA championship.

The Mustangs also broke three pool records (200 Medley Relay, 200 free, 400 free relay) and two school records (100 fly and 400 free relay). They will swim for a state title in two weeks.

"I think this year was special because we weren't really sure what to expect out of this year," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "We lost a lot of good swimmers from last year's team, but we were getting a good group of freshman in. Throughout the year, though it just seemed like everyone was willing to step up in big situations and swim faster than we have ever before."

"When it came time for finals on Saturday, I just had a feeling that we were going to have a good day, and we did. It was probably the best overall performance I have ever coached at a conference finals."

"Everyone improved in some way from Thursday to Saturday, whether it was dropping time or moving up spots. It was just a great team effort."

**Full team standings**

1. Northville - 932 points
2. Novi - 851
3. Brighton - 594.5
4. Canton - 477
5. Plymouth - 446
6. Salem - 354
7. Hartland - 314
8. Livonia Stevenson - 308
9. Livonia Churchill - 214
10. Howell - 184
11. Livonia Franklin - 110.5
12. Dearborn - 107
13. Belleville - 96
14. Wayne Memorial - 53
15. John Glenn - 31

"Winning four years in a row is pretty special," McNeff said. "This was a very good freshman class when they came in and there were a lot of expectations on them."



These Northville seniors won the KLAA championship four years in a row.

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"To see them do something that no other swimmer in Northville History has done is pretty cool and I am very proud of them."

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**"It was probably the best overall performance I have ever coached at a conference finals."**

Brian McNeff Northville swim coach

## South Lyon finishes as LVC champs

The South Lyon girls swim and dive team had one primary goal for the season: to win the Lakes Valley Conference championship for the third straight year.

This past Saturday, that goal was achieved as the Lions became the Lakes Valley dual-meet conference champions by winning the LVC tournament meet and outscoring their opponents by more than 150 points.

Leading the way for South Lyon was senior Emerson Ramey, who took first place finishes in all four of her events: the 50 free, the 100 free - an LVC record of 52.86 seconds - the 200 Free Relay and the 400 Free Relay.

In the 200 Free Relay, the team, consisting of Ramey, Grace Gargiulo, Nicole Hanshaw and Sierra Newton, swam a 1:39.59, which was a division 1 state cut. The 400 Free relay team, consisting of Gargiulo, Newton, Ramey and Emma Cusumano, also made a division 1 state cut, swimming the event in 3:39.71.

On Friday, Sabrina Oliveira became the third swimmer to make the division 2 backstroke state cut joining Megan Sartori and Cusumano. Additionally, Savannah Dzumaryk, made the division 2 breaststroke state cut to join Kendra Ebel in that event.

South Lyon also had three divers who made top-8 finishes in the conference, including McKenzie Valencia, Molly Younkin and Kourtney Taggart.

"It was great to see all of the girl's hard work pay off, resulting in reaching one of our goals to repeat as LVC Champions again," South Lyon head coach Bob Crosby said. "We hope to finish a great season with good performances at the upcoming State meet."

The Lions now have nine swimmers who will be competing at the MHSAA State Championship meet Nov. 22-23 at Oakland University.

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# Novi defeats Northville in district final

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For the third time this season, Novi and Northville volleyball met with high stakes.

Novi defeated Northville early in the season before the Mustangs beat the Wildcats to win the KLAAs tournament championship, but this game, the district final, meant even more.

It was a back and forth contest, with each of the final three sets being decided by two points. Novi withstood a late push by Northville to secure a 3-1 set victory, winning 25-15, 25-27, 26-24, 25-23 on Nov. 7 at Northville High School.

"Rival matches are always fun to be a part of, but you talk about a nail-biter, I can't think of another scenario that was more nail-biting than what occurred to-night," Novi coach Kacy Byron said. "It was hard-fought on both sides. They had great plays and we had great plays. Luckily we edged them out."

The Wildcats (30-7-6) were scheduled to play Brighton in the regional semifinals on Nov. 12.

Novi started out hot, building an 8-1 lead in the opening set and held on to take a 1-0 set advantage. The remaining three sets were much different.

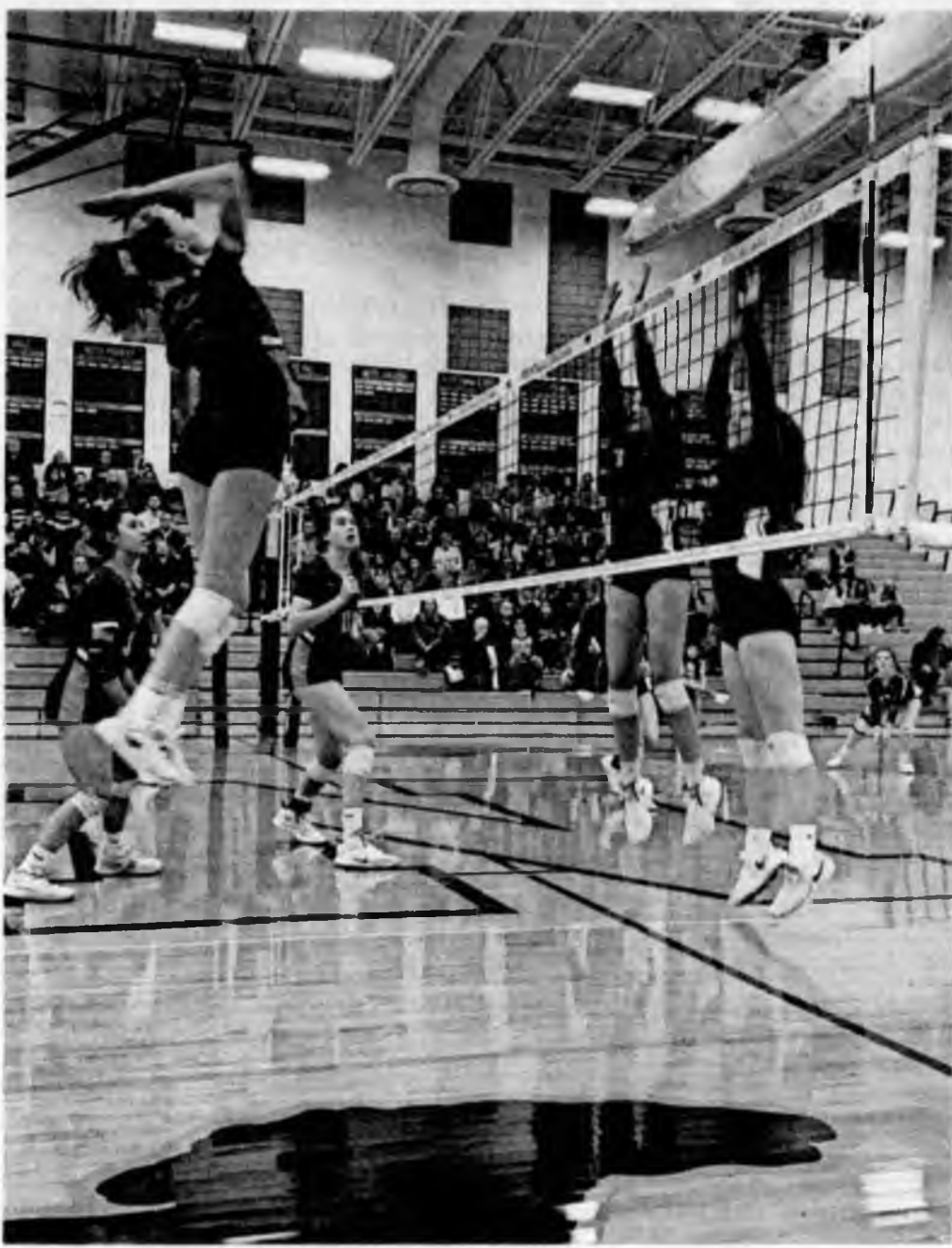
Northville settled down and exchanged blows with the Wildcats, coming back from both a 24-22 and 25-24 deficit to win the set and tie things up.

"This is what it means to be in the district finals," Byron said. "They've been in and out of the top 10, we've been in and out of the top 10 and I think it shows how competitive both our teams are."

The third set was also highly competitive, as Northville again came back after Novi took a five-point lead. The Mustangs held a 24-22 lead, but couldn't hang on, losing the final four points of the set.

"Novi has great defense, so you really have to work hard for your points," Northville coach Rick Vander Veer said. "We did the right things strategically, but you can tell other than the one set, it came down to one or two points every set."

Northville again started slow in the



Northville's Sydney Reed goes for a kill against Novi in the district final Nov. 7.

ANDREW VAILLIENCOURT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

fourth set, trailing by as many as 10. It was 20-10 and Novi appeared to be cruising to the win until the Mustangs woke up.

Northville, led by juniors Jaden Rice and Jenna Boksha, who had 14 and 12 kills respectively, stormed back and won six points in a row. It then brought the score all the way to 24-23 before Novi was able to score the match winning

point, which was hit by Novi senior Shannon Jennings.

"I think we definitely got a little complacent, but I think it took some senior leadership," Byron said. "Shannon Jennings stepped up and pulled the girls in and said 'everybody take a deep breathe, let's finish this out' and then what better way than for her sister to set her up for game point for us to win it all."

Junior Rachel Jennings, Shannon's sister, had 21 digs and three aces in the win.

"It's amazing, we worked really hard for this over the last few weeks," Jennings said. "We've been looking forward to this, watching film every day to prepare for this game."

Both schools had a large group of students attend to support the teams, but it was the Wildcat student section that got the last laugh.

"Our fans were way louder on the court for us and off the court when we were up and down," Jennings said. "They were supporting us louder than the other fan base so it was easier for us to focus on our team."

Junior Gaby Cummings led Novi with 16 kills, while freshman Sarah Vellucci tallied 10 and recorded 17 digs and three aces. Sophomore Sarah Calanchi had 18 digs. Shannon Jennings had 15 digs and 35 assists.

"Being a first-year head coach and a cross-town rival, everything was in place (for a thrilling game)," Vander Veer said. "They beat us early in the season, we beat them for the conference title, we battled hard. I'm so proud of the kids for not giving up, especially in the fourth set when we were down by 10 points. We battled so hard and I'm proud of them for that. It was a great game, that looked like a state championship game."

Other leaders for Northville included sophomore Juliana Imbuzerio, who had 21 assists, junior Livvy Setla who had 14 assists and senior Nyia Setla who recorded 32 digs in her final high school game.

"We're going to be losing some very important seniors, but we were able to be successful missing some of our biggest guns," Vander Veer said. "I think that's a really good sign that we have all of our firepower coming back. Some of the younger kids now have some real hardcore experience. We won the Marian tournament, the conference tournament, we've had some nice success. ... It's hard to think about all that in this moment."

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# Thurston falls to Farmington in district semifinal

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While the goal at hand was to beat Redford Thurston in the MHSAA high school volleyball district semifinal, Farmington head coach Katie Drews found herself thinking one game ahead: the district final against Mercy.

Drews changed up her lineups, placing her players strategically on the court in ways they were not used to after keeping a pretty stagnant lineup for the majority of the regular season.

The Falcons embraced the different looks, sweeping the Eagles in the district semifinal, 25-16, 25-5 and 25-16, to earn a district-final bid.

However, the different looks did not prove to be a factor against Mercy, as Farmington fell in three sets to the Marlins in the district final.

For much of the match, Drews said her players had to embrace the idea of being uncomfortable, learning to step up from different spots on the court.

"It's a good opportunity, and a good day, to be like, 'OK, I'm giving you a whole different thing to work through. Figure out how to do it,'" Drews said.

The Falcons suffered growing pains along the way, allowing a nine-point run late in the first set to bring Thurston back to within six.

However, that was after Farmington surged to a 17-3 lead after a 14-point run, helped by a pair of aces by Meghan Burba, a block by Sydney Eggleton and a kill by Brooklyn McDowell to end the run.

"I think the offense was clicking very well," Eggleton said.

The offense continued to click in a major way in the second set. Thurston failed to record a run, spreading out its five point between significant runs by the Falcons, including an 11-point run to secure 25 points.

Thurston head coach Scott Gray said he knew the history of Farmington volleyball, and expected the game to be



Farmington Falcon Rachel Kriese serves during a game in September. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

over even more quickly than it was. While the Eagles put up a good fight in the first and third sets, he said they fell apart in the second.

"It's kind of like how the Lions used to be: when the defense ain't chiming and they can't stop, or vice versa, the other part of the game falls to pieces," Gray said.

Thurston faced a Farmington team Drews said was at its strongest in the second half of the season.

The goal for Gray on Wednesday was simple:

"With my kids, we are just trying not to get killed and keep the ball in play," Gray said.

After bringing the third set to within seven points, Farmington scored four of the five final point, with Kayla Ghafari securing the win with an ace.

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Farmington Hills Mercy senior Jess Mruski attempts a block against North Farmington in the district semifinal. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Mercy sweeps North Farmington for district final bid

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After allowing two points in the first set, North Farmington did the unthinkable against Farmington Hills Mercy: the Raiders got a lead. North Farmington scored three consecutive points, including a block by Bethanit Lill of Mercy senior Jess Mruzik.

However, the Marlins settled in quickly, sweeping North Farmington in the district semifinal, 25-9, 25-14 and 25-17, to advance to the district final Friday after a dominant regular season, winning 50 of 51 total games.

In the district final, Mercy defeated Farmington in three sets, advancing the Marlins to the regional against Bloomfield Hills Marian.

Like the first game against Livonia Stevenson, head coach Loretta Vogel said Mercy played consistently, while planning for later in the tournament: trying different things offensively trying to prepare for the later rounds.

With Amina Robinson at serve, trailing 3-2 in the first set, the Marlins scored 10-straight points and 16 of the next 18, including two aces and three kills by Mruzik, cruising to a 16-point set victory.

Right in the middle of the offensive success was junior Julia Bishop. Vogel praised the setter, raving about her ability to communicate the play to whoever was on the floor at any given time.

"From the time she came to us as a freshman, she's the quarterback," Vogel said. "She makes it all work."

Sitting in between outside hitters such as Mruski and Ellie Tisko, who Bishop said is "playing out of her mind," the junior setter distributed the ball with ease, leading two five-plus-point runs in the second set, leading to a, 25-14, win.

With five assists in the third set, Bishop secured the third set and match, assisting a spike by Charli Atiemo for the second-straight sweep of the playoff run.

"Having every single hitter step up, it's huge...," Bishop said. "Especially as the competition gets harder and harder as we go along, it'll be amazing to see if our speed continues."

North Farmington head coach Mike Love said the Raiders came out stronger in the third set, scoring four of the final seven points of the deciding set.

"We weren't as timid," Love said. "I think we were a little bit nervous coming into this game."

# Restaurant starts Birmingham rail district remodel

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Birmingham has cleared the way for restaurant developments on multiple properties in an area that once was industrial.

The city commission unanimously approved a zoning amendment Oct. 28 which allows all properties in the southern portion of the rail district, specifically those on Cole and E. Lincoln streets, to be eligible for economic development licenses.

Immediately after, they approved the final site plan for the first restaurant in line: the long-awaited Lincoln Yard at 2159 E. Lincoln St., site of the former Birmingham Schools bus yard on the city's east side.

The "comfort food" restaurant was proposed three years ago by married couple Curt Catallo and Ann Stevenson, co-owners of Union Joints, which also operates Vinsetta Garage in Berkley and Union Woodshop in Clarkston, among others.

"The zoning encourages a mix of uses, is compatible with residential neighborhoods, and discourages large scale industrial uses," City Planner Brooks Cowan said. "Properties over here (in the rail district) are generally assessed at values over \$1 million on the north side. The applicant believes (Lincoln Yard) will improve the area and increase assessed values."

Commissioner Stuart Sherman interrupted, noting that the zoning amendment could not be altered based on a single project. Ultimately he and the four other

commissioners in attendance agreed the zoning for economic development licenses, and also allowing for special land use requests for liquor licenses, would be a benefit to the city.

Some restaurants already exist in the area, including Big Rock Chophouse, The Reserve, and Griffin Claw Brewing Company.

"This (the zoning amendment) is a catalyst to invigorate the whole area," Commissioner Carroll DeWeese said.

Birmingham resident Larry Bertolini worried about the scope of the amendment, property price increases and traffic access, particularly from 14 Mile and Adams roads down Eton.

"I'm concerned about this big of a chunk being changed," he said. "Even when bistros were introduced, there was pushback from residents. To go full force with this economic development, I don't advise going that route. It just seems like there is so much land that might be more appropriate in the central business district."

But the zoning amendment does not mean full steam ahead for the rail district. Instead, it is more like chugging along.

Commissioner Mark Nickita explained that the zoning amendment includes a number of parcels, but "that doesn't mean there will be 25 restaurants" and every project submission needs to come before both the planning board and city commission for review. That process ensures there are not too many business-

es of one kind, or certain activities.

"We allow opportunities for properties to be considered, but not necessarily implemented," he said. "I am comfortable with a general approach."

A business with an economic development license also has the ability to attain a liquor license if granted a special land use permit. To meet the criteria for an economic development license, the business must bring a 500% increase in assessed property value and/or an investment of \$10 million, resulting in significant positive fiscal impact for the city.

Businesses with economic development licenses in Birmingham currently include All Season, Hazel Ravines & Downtown, and Triple Nickel. The majority of parcels that are eligible are located along Woodward between Oakland and Lincoln Avenue in the downtown and triangle districts.

Lincoln Yard, a dine-in restaurant with outdoor seating, is now set to join them.

Cowan said Lincoln Yard will bring an "eclectic" option to Birmingham's "vibrant restaurant scene, serving American comfort food with an emphasis on roasted meats and elevated vegetarian options."

A carry-out establishment, Little Yard, will be adjacent to the main restaurant and features fast casual options, including breakfast.

The business in total will bring \$3 million in investment, 85-95 new jobs to staff the restaurant, and 40-50 contract jobs as the blighted bus garage is repurposed.

## Obituaries

### Kelly Jean Catrell

**BRIGHTON** - Kelly Jean Catrell of Brighton past on October 29, 2019.

Kelly is the daughter of Shirley Skinner and the late Greig I. Skinner of South Lyon.

She was born on August 27, 1958 in Detroit and moved to Brighton in 1972 and graduated from Brighton High School in 1976 then began a nearly 20 year career at University of Michigan Hospitals, holding several positions and ending as a Supervisor in the Admissions Dept. She was then hired away from U of M by Jomar International, a large plumbing supplier. After a few years of working so far from home with a small young family in South Lyon and not wanting to miss so many of her children's events, she began working on what became a 20 year career at Excellda / Kem-Krest in Brighton, starting in the shipping Dept. and after several promotions, becoming the Facility Manager. Kelly met her husband David Catrell in 1972 when she moved into his neighborhood. They were good friends throughout high school, and rekindled their relationship with an engagement in 1978 and were married in April 1979. They had two sons, Ian Norman Catrell (Lara) and Daniel Scott Catrell (Michelle). Kelly is survived by her husband David, her mother Shirley, her sister Laurie and mother-in-law Maryann. She is also survived by several sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law and several more nieces and nephews, who she loved very much. In her spare time she did enjoy camping with friends, bike riding, cooking, reading, bowling and volunteering.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Nar-Anon Family Groups.

Funeral services were held at Phillips Funeral Home, [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### Greg Hegle

**HIGHLAND** - Greg, a longtime resident of Highland passed away on November 4th, 2019

Greg was born on May 18th, 1954 in Michigan to Carl and Donelda Hegle. As a child Greg excelled in many sports, baseball most of all. After High school Greg got into the work force where he partnered with his brother (Phil) in the plumbing business before accepting a career with Mechanics Uniform. Greg will be remembered for his "Grill Master" skills and love for all of his Detroit sports teams, including Red Wings, Tigers, MSU and of course his undying loyalty to the Lions. Greg was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 41 years Sandi, to which they met in grade school.

Greg leaves behind his son, Nicholas (Kailey); his daughter, Brittany; grandchildren, Allie Jaye, Jordan, and Hunter; father, Carl; sisters, Sandy and Kim and nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.



### Gary D. Heikes

Gary D. Heikes, age 65, of Raymore, Missouri, passed away November 2, 2019 at North Care Hospice House, Kansas City, Missouri surrounded by his loving family.

A visitation will be held 10:00-11:00 a.m. on November 16, 2019 at O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, Michigan 48375. A Memorial Service will immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Omaha, Nebraska.

Gary was born on November 2, 1954 in Omaha, Nebraska to Harold Sr. and Eleanor Heikes. As a young man, Gary and his friends spent a lot of time at the local YMCA playing basketball, baseball, flag football and just hanging out.

At the age of 15 a friend of his got him a job as a busboy at the Mr. Steak restaurant. There working at the restaurant is where he meets the love of his life, Colleen Hartin. After four short years, Gary and Colleen were married on August 17, 1974. Together, they were blessed with two boys, Benjamin and Gary II.

Gary created a career for himself working in a few different companies, Frontier Airlines Operations Manager, sadly after ten year with no notice Frontier had to shut down. After the shutdown, again he had a good friend from Frontier gave him a lead on a job with Federal-Mogul Motor parts. There he started at the bottom, pulling parts at their Omaha Distribution Center. Over 27 years he had worked his way up to Sales and Marketing Business Manager for Federal-Mogul in Southfield, Michigan. Federal-Mogul gave him and his family a really good life and will always treasure his time there.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Eleanor Heikes; and his sister, Susan Kleine.

He is survived by his love of his life, Colleen Heikes of 45 years; his two boys, Benjamin C. Heikes and his wife Amy, and Gary D. Heikes II; his brothers, Timothy Hartin (Cindy), Leroy Kleine (Joyce), JC Cisneros (Marcia) and Harold Heikes.

Arrangements: Cullen Funeral Home, Raymore, MO 816.322.5278



## Scouts BSA's Camp Munhackle in Gregory set to close Dec. 31

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Fun, growth, and learning new skills.

Those are some things Colton Liske will remember about going to Camp Munhackle in Gregory after he joined the Boy Scouts of America (now known as Scouts BSA) in 2004.

"I'd say most of the talks about the camp are quite fond," said Liske, 24, from Howell. He's now an assistant scout master with Troop 364 in Howell and a volunteer on the district committee of the Three Fires District, which represents Livingston County's scout troops. He is not employed by BSA, he said.

But soon, the camp that has existed for 68 years will shut down permanently.

Camp Munhackle is one of two BSA camps in the Lower Peninsula that will cease operations beginning Dec. 31.

BSA released a statement last month about the changes, which were agreed during a meeting of the Michigan Crossroads Council, which oversees all of the scouting groups in the Lower Peninsula.

"These decisions were based on a thorough and extensive multi-year review of all MCC camps across the state, which included review and analyses of historical and camping revenues and costs, camping attendance, and the operational and capital reinvestment requirements needed to make these camps sustainable in the future," the statement read.

The Rota-Kiwan Scout Reservation in Kalamazoo will also stop hosting weekend and summer-time camps, which includes day camps and resident camping.

Programs at both Camp Munhackle and the Rota-Kiwan Scout Reservation will be moved to Camp Teetonkah near Jackson.

Liske said he was saddened by the news of the closure of the camp, which sits on 120 acres near Bruin Lake.

"I'd like to hear more on why those chose to Munhackle," he said.

A "fireside chat" is set for Wednesday for those involved with BSA to learn more about the closure, according to the organization's website.

The camp, which is open to all scouting programs, hosts Cub Scout resident camp in the summer and weekend camping and events the rest of the year, Liske said.

As of August, there are more than 1,000 youth in Livingston County involved in BSA, Liske said. Those in scouting can be up to 20 years old.

Hamburg Township resident Dennis Stratton, 67, is a volunteer at the camp.

"We have so many Cub Scouts in the county, which won't have Cub Scout camp," Stratton said.

Money is a reason the camp is closing, he said.

"They've been losing money for the last several years, but I don't think they are doing what they can to help us make money," Stratton said. "It's my opinion that not enough on the upper echelon side was done to make sure Camp Munhackle is in the black."

The closures come at a perilous time for Scouts BSA.

Annual membership fees will increase starting Jan. 1 for those wishing to join, according to the Associated Press. Youth membership nationwide has dropped steadily since its peak at 4 million members.

As of Jan. 1, the annual membership fee for 2.2 million youth members will rise from \$33 to \$60; the fee for adults will rise from \$33 to \$36, BSA said.

"Unfortunately, the cost of liability insurance we must carry to cover all Scouting activities has increased dramatically over the past several months, and the organization is no longer able to offset the cost of insurance," the BSA said.

The increases, which could generate more than \$60 million in additional funds in the coming year, come as the BSA tries to maintain its programs and avoid bankruptcy.

# Michigan All-State golf teams released

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More than a dozen area golfers were named to the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association All-State teams this week across all four divisions.

Division 1 state champion Northville led the way with four first-team honorees.

Here are the area's all-state golfers and honorable mentions by division:

### All-State Super Team

- Plymouth sophomore Bridget Boczar
- Marian junior Shannon Kennedy

### Division 1 All-State

- Plymouth sophomore Grace Boczar
- Northville freshman Samantha Coleman
- Northville senior Sedona Shipka
- Northville junior Katelyn Tokarz
- Northville sophomore Megha Valabhaneni

- Livonia Franklin senior Sophia Wygonik

### Honorable Mention:

- Northville senior Sufna Gill
- Salem junior Megan Kozlowski
- Northville sophomore Haesol Park
- Bloomfield Hills junior Sanju Swamy

- Bloomfield Hills sophomore Esha Varchasvi

### Division 2 All-State

- Birmingham Groves senior Chloe Collon
- Livonia Churchill senior Halena Harris

- South Lyon junior Katie Potter
- South Lyon freshman Gabriella Tapp

### Honorable Mention:

- South Lyon East senior Kaitlyn Mallory
- Birmingham Seaholm senior Sydney Pickell

- Birmingham Seaholm senior Allie Weina



Northville freshman Samantha Coleman has been named to the Division 1 All-State golf team. COURTESY OF DEBBIE STEIN

### Division 3 All-State

- Marian senior Marlo Hudson

### Honorable Mention:

- Cranbrook-Kingswood sophomore Ashley Cong

- Detroit Country Day senior Alana McKeen

- Detroit Country Day senior Kate Mullany

- Cranbrook-Kingswood sophomore Natasha Samsonov

### Division 4 All-State

- St. Catherine of Wixom junior Sara Haupt

### Division 1 All-Academic

- Novi's Hrishika Gogineni

- Salem's Ava Martin
- North Farmington's Aditi Putta
- Salem's Sarah Stec
- Livonia Stevenson's Nicole Stefanick

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- Salem's Mackenzie Dole
- Northville's Sufna Gill

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### Division 2 All-Academic

- Groves' Chloe Collon
- Seaholm's Sydney Pickell
- South Lyon East's Miranda Schiller
- Seaholm's Allie Weina
- Mercy's Elyse Zurawski

### Division 3 All-Academic

- Country Day's Shreya Chalasani
- Marian's Kathryn Corden

### Honorable Mention:

- Country Day's Alana McKeen

### All-Academic Teams (minimum GPA 3.5/4.0)

- North Farmington
- Livonia Stevenson
- Novi
- Salem
- Bloomfield Hills
- Northville
- Walled Lake Western
- Birmingham Groves
- South Lyon East
- Marian
- Detroit Country Day
- St. Catherine of Wixom

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### How to spot a potential bad boss during an interview

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When it comes to job satisfaction, almost nothing derails your ability to be happy at work each day than a bad boss. Sure, bad bosses come in many types and they aren't all created equal, but regardless of the type of bad boss you're dealing with, there's a unique type of dread that comes each morning when you're getting ready to work with someone you can't stand.

Bad bosses can make an otherwise satisfying job a nightmare and leave you exhausted and running for the exit at the end of each workday — not a recipe for professional happiness. Furthermore, one of the greatest predictors of job success is the ability to get along with and work well with your boss. If that isn't happening, you may find yourself stuck in a situation that is keeping you from realizing your true potential.

The tricky thing about a bad boss is that initial impressions can be incredibly deceptive. Often, a potential manager couldn't seem nicer when meeting them for the first time at a job interview. They can be very good at luring you in during the first few conversations, making it seem as if it'll be amazing to work with them. But then comes the sonic boom of unfortunate realization when you discover that this couldn't be further from the truth — and at that point after your foot is in the door, it can be hard to make a quick escape.

That's why it's in your best interest to try and recognize a bad boss as early as possible. Yes, some of them are sneakier than others and are harder to spot early on, but there are some red flags to look out for on interviews to help you avoid a potentially unhappy work situation. The next time you're out on an inter-



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view, keep your senses sharp and look out for the following potential warning signs to help you uncover a potential bad boss.

#### Ask questions

Many people forget that job interviews are a collaborative and mutually informative process in which both sides are engaged and learning about the other, all to make a fully informed decision about whether a candidate — or a position — is the right call. Instead of just eagerly waiting to answer questions that are fired at you, make sure to ask targeted questions that can help you root out a bad boss. Questions like "What is the work culture like at [company name]?" or "What are some of the primary challenges that your team faces?" can get to the heart of a boss's leadership style and work philosophy — which can provide

key insight into what it might be like to work for them.

#### Observe body language

Keep your eyes open — not just toward potential bosses, but also toward other employees you encounter. Do they get impatient when you ask them questions? Do they seem tense or short-tempered during any part of the process? Are they exhibiting other behaviors or mannerisms that make you uncomfortable? These can be real red flags. Do others seem anxious or nervous around your potential boss? Is the conversational tone between them relaxed and friendly or just the opposite? True, these early indicators may not be fully indicative of what it might be like to work with a potential boss full time, but they also shouldn't be completely ignored either. Instead, use all the infor-

mation you gather during the entire interview process — pros and cons — to help you make an informed decision should a job offer be made.

#### Do your research

This one may seem obvious, but you'd be surprised by how many people ignore this step during the interview process. The Internet is your friend when it comes to researching a prospective job opportunity, so take full advantage of it. These days, people leave reviews online about the companies — and bosses — they work for, and if they exist for the companies that you're interviewing for they shouldn't be hard to find. Do your research, but make sure that your first-hand impressions are weighted heavily when forming your opinions.

#### Trust your instincts

This is a more elusive concept than the others, but no less important when trying to coax out a bad boss. We all use our instincts to help us figure out a wide variety of people and situations in life, and interviews shouldn't be any different. Do your senses start giving off warning signals when you're on an interview? Are there just some things — either in the mood, the atmosphere, or the environment — that you maybe just can't quite put your finger on but that don't feel quite right? These may be early indicators of a toxic personality or work environment, which often results from a bad boss, and we strongly suggest you pay attention.

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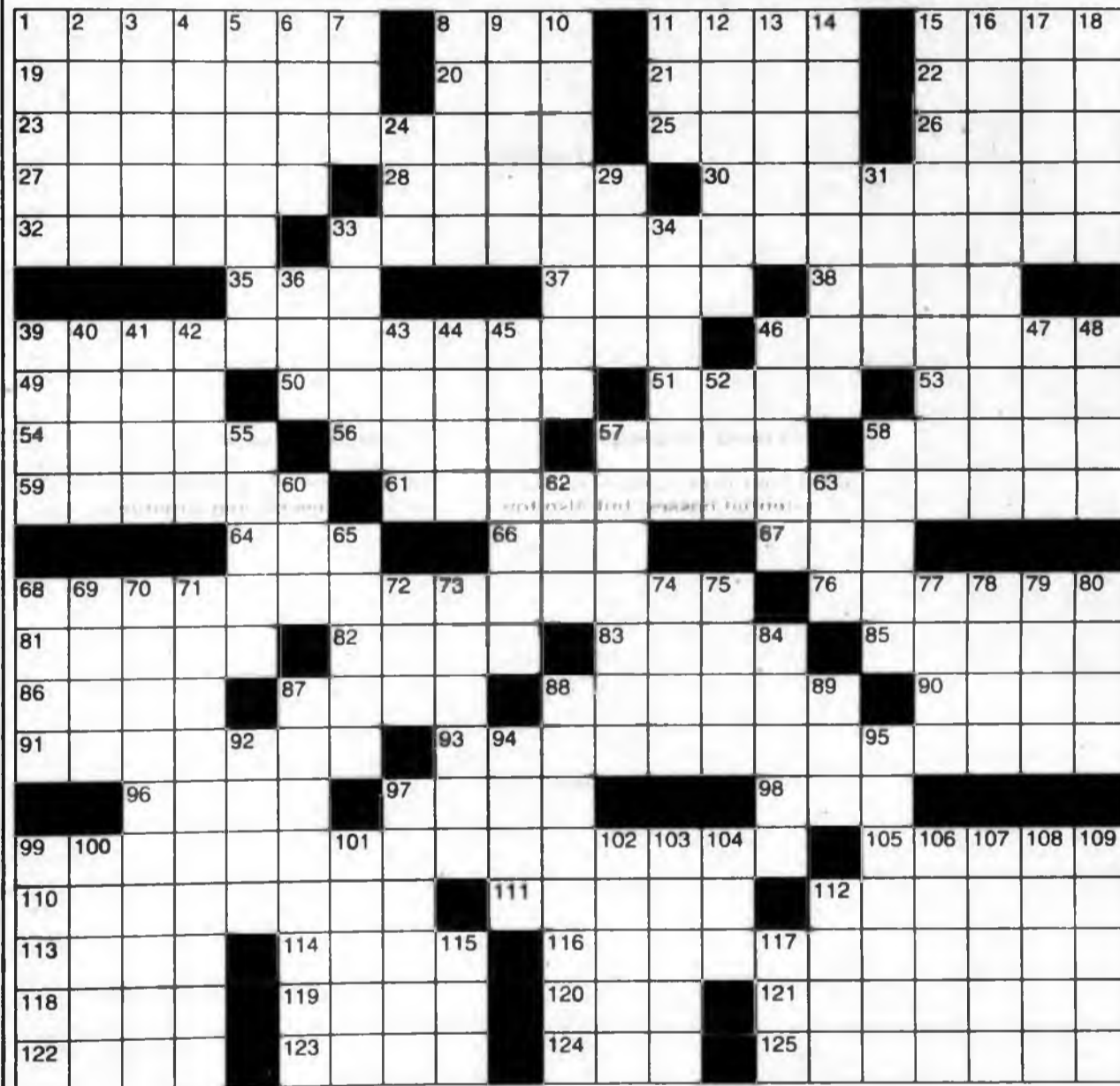
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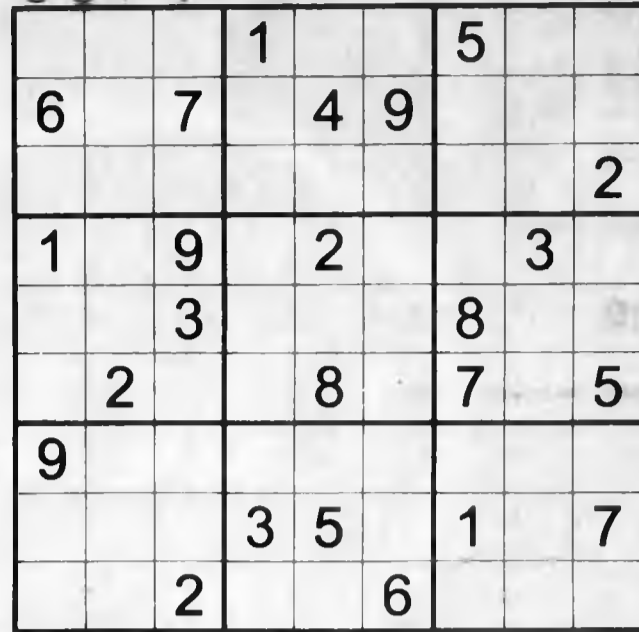
## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 John, James or Judas
  - 8 GI show sponsor
  - 11 13-digit publishing ID
  - 15 Just barely
  - 19 Taking place in cyberspace
  - 20 Give a very bad review of
  - 21 Piddling
  - 22 Papa's mate
  - 23 For a very long time
  - 25 Experts
  - 26 Body part over the eyes
  - 27 Bakery units
  - 28 Brand of fat replacer
  - 30 Arouse the interest of
  - 32 Auntie — (pretzel bakery chain)
  - 33 Good-fortune symbols
  - 35 Here, in Cannes
  - 37 Beards on barley
  - 38 State, in Cannes
  - 39 Cruel ruler in "Alice in Wonderland"
  - 46 High-ranking clergyman
  - 49 Terrifying dino
  - 50 With no muss or fuss
  - 51 Nintendo consoles
  - 53 CNN anchor Burnett
  - 54 Dots on sea maps
  - 56 Torah temple
  - 57 Car ding
  - 58 "— a vacation!"
  - 59 Volkswagen sedan model
  - 61 Aspire to high goals
  - 64 Seek the love of
  - 66 100%
  - 67 Thumbs-up vote
  - 68 Their passengers stand in baskets
  - 76 Skewered meat dishes
  - 81 Old family name in violinmaking
  - 82 "Dies —" (Latin hymn)
  - 83 Castro of Cuba
  - 85 Monte —
  - 86 Nada
  - 87 Round hammer part
  - 88 Conical shelters
  - 90 Bog grass
  - 91 Enchants
  - 93 Pursue impossible dreams
  - 96 One-named singer who was a muse for Andy Warhol
  - 97 Subpar grades
  - 98 Historic start?
  - 99 Get ringers and leaners.
  - 105 Topic to debate
  - 110 In a disturbed way
  - 111 Gem often on a string
  - 112 Goddess of wisdom
  - 113 Think (over)
  - 114 Offers
  - 116 Cereal associated with seven key words in this puzzle
  - 118 Tablet
  - 119 Composer Charles
  - 120 LAX info
  - 121 Icy treat
  - 122 Stick around
  - 123 Big top, e.g.
  - 124 — Moines River
  - 125 Old Greek harp players
- DOWN**
- 1 Home of St. Teresa
  - 2 Attach, as a boutonniere
  - 3 Financial adviser
  - 4 Fend (off)
  - 5 Listens to a broadcast
  - 6 Deposits
  - 7 "Slippery" tree
  - 8 Samoan island where Robert Louis Stevenson died
  - 9 More lucid
  - 10 Getting a regular paycheck
  - 11 Small demon
  - 12 Tiny letter flourishes
  - 13 Bucking ride
  - 14 People cuddling up
  - 15 Having mixed feelings
  - 16 Place to set one's sights
  - 17 Illicit affair
  - 18 1920s U.S. veep Charles
  - 24 Hugs, in a letter
  - 29 Salamander
  - 31 Memorizing process
  - 33 Military flutes
  - 34 Part of Q&A
  - 36 Swindle
  - 39 Swab brand
  - 40 Celestial bear
  - 41 Sinuous swimmers
  - 42 Previous spouses
  - 43 Gag reaction
  - 44 Needle case
  - 45 Men-only
  - 46 Succinct
  - 47 Arena part
  - 48 Finales
  - 52 Acct. accrual
  - 55 Horror film sequel of 2005
  - 57 Del Rio of old Hollywood
  - 58 Sci-fi writer Asimov
  - 60 Blue Jays, on a scoreboard
  - 62 Andy Capp's missus
  - 63 "Eww, mical"
  - 65 Some theater awards
  - 68 Mental fog
  - 69 Boding sign
  - 70 Fast Italian whirling dance
  - 71 How a nation with nukes is armed
  - 72 Consist of
  - 73 Cavalry weapons
  - 74 Neck back
  - 75 Bringer of a legal action
  - 77 Catty remark
  - 78 Nabisco bite
  - 79 Erupted
  - 80 Grassy turfs
  - 84 Vaults
  - 87 Put a ban on
  - 88 Like grads' caps
  - 89 Titled man
  - 92 Folkie Phil
  - 94 Dickens' Uriah
  - 95 Nor's partner
  - 97 "All for Love" playwright John
  - 99 Oil rig parts
  - 100 Native Alaskan
  - 101 Drab hue
  - 102 Terre —
  - 103 Killer whales
  - 104 Wapiti
  - 106 Ventriloquist Lewis
  - 107 Kosovo inhabitants
  - 108 Not fulfilled, as a goal
  - 109 The Far and the Near?
  - 112 Suffering a flu symptom
  - 115 Old JFK jet
  - 117 Big initials in fashion



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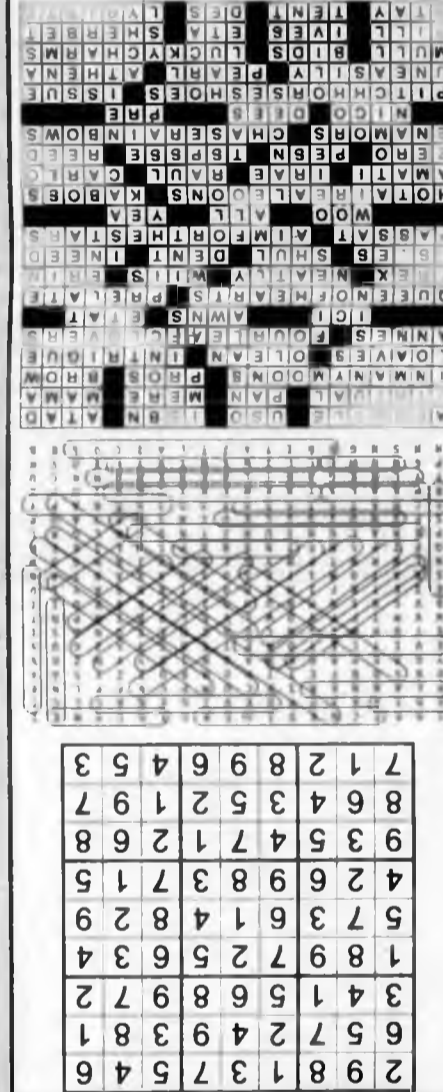
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