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Talk of moving farmers market intensifies

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Rows of pumpkins, crates of fresh fruit and vegetables, white portable tents and people in search of farm-fresh produce filled the gravelly lot just across the street from Northville Downs on a recent gray, foggy Thursday morning.

Similar to the sprawling horse racing venue it has called neighbor for several decades, change is in the wind for the Northville Farmers Market as discussion surrounding relocating it to the deserted acreage (the former site of McDonald Ford) near the intersection of Seven Mile and Northville roads gains traction.

Renderings of a more-modern, spacious market — with restrooms, ample parking and a large covered area for vendors and customers — were revealed during the Sept. 30 Farmers Market Task Force virtual meeting.

Relocation plans were spurred by the looming future development of the Northville Downs property. Home

builder Hunter Pasteur Homes has been in pursuit of purchasing the Downs property since 2018 and in September submitted paperwork that will start the clock on a planned unit development for the site.

An informal survey of vendors and

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South Lyon mayor and write-in challenger talk issues

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South Lyon voters will choose a mayor on Nov. 2 for a 2-year term.

Hometown Life sent identical questionnaires to the two candidates, incumbent Dan Pelchat and newcomer Jennifer Redfern, who has filed as a write-in candidate.

Only Pelchat will appear on the ballot.

Dan Pelchat, 38, has lived in South Lyon for more than 30 years. The 2001 South Lyon High graduate took the Specs Howard School of Media Arts program in 2010. He is an IT technician for South Lyon Community Schools, PA announcer for South Lyon High School sports, and the mayor of the City of South Lyon since 2017.

Jennifer Redfern, 36, has lived in South Lyon 30 years. A member of the South Lyon High School class of 2004, she earned degrees from Washtenaw Community College and Eastern Michigan University (bachelor's degree in history with a minor in political science). She is a guest teacher at Salem Elementary School, historical presenter and tour guide. It is her first run for political office.

Both candidates were asked to keep responses to each question within 50 words. Anything over is cut off.

Meet the candidates:

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School custodian Kevin Flores touches up the cafeteria floor at Heritage Elementary on Oct. 1. Custodial services are among several school-related positions experiencing staffing shortages in some districts. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Labor shortages don't stop at busing for local districts

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Some local districts started the school year with busing issues and transportation troubles are continuing with some districts only offering rides on alternating days.

But there are many more areas where fewer workers are putting a strain on districts from food and custodial and maintenance services to right into the classroom with paraprofessionals and substitute teachers in short supply.

In Huron Valley, there are at least 80 open positions.

"We always have job openings in any given year," Geoffrey Van Goethem, assistant superintendent for business and operations, said. "We have just found that this year — particularly with transportation as a result of the national

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Despite some neighbor concerns, Milford Skatepark popular with kids in first year

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It's been one year since the Milford Skatepark opened, and it has proven to be quite popular for almost everybody.

Neighbors of the skatepark have complained of excessive noise, profanity, and use after dusk of the park which is located near the Milford Civic Center complex at 1100 Atlantic St.

Jeff Schodowski recently attended a village council meeting where he requested a quicker remedy on behalf of three of the four residences within about 100 feet of the skate park, after several complaints to police over the past few months.

"What I want council and the police department to understand is: just imagine a sound you really don't like — a crying baby, nails on a chalkboard — and then repeat that sun up to sun down," Schodowski said. I was told from beginning (that) it's really popular when it starts and then it wears down. And that hasn't been our experience."

He said those noises includes screaming profanities, loud music, and the constant drone of skateboards hitting concrete, 7 days a week, 12 hours a day, sometimes with park participants staying past the dusk closing time. Beyond noise, he said he also witnessed kids urinating in Fairgrounds Park in broad daylight.

"As homeowners, we always felt we had the expectation of a certain amount of serenity in our own yards," he continued. "I'm not against the skatepark... A lot of people are excited about the park. But there is a set of homeowners directly impacted — not every other day or every other week, but every possible day that its open."

On a recent Friday afternoon the park was empty just before 2 p.m. and quiet when a couple skaters showed up separately and not long after were followed by several more.

Tim Beckett, a 32-year-old Howell resident, arrived with a skateboard and music he began playing at low volume.

Beckett said he visits the park about once a month when the weather is nice and he is done early with his work painting houses in the area. Ironically, one of the four 2-story homes seen across JD Caswell Drive in the Riverside subdivision he points out as one he has worked on is one impacted by skatepark noise and he raises an eyebrow when he learns the neighbors are upset.

"This park is a good way to keep kids out of trouble and off the streets," Beckett said. "I enjoy (skating), it's therapeutic... We could go skate in the subdivision and really piss them off. If there were fights, I could see (the neighbors being upset), but it's not fair if they're just hearing click-clacks or 'whew!'"

Andrew Wahowski, a 16-year-old Milford resident and junior at Detroit Catholic Central, said he was not accustomed to the relative quiet at the park he has been increasingly enjoying over the summer during his break from snowboarding. He noted that the majority of the noise comes from just usage of the park and pauses as he considers what the neighbors hear from a large number of skaters.

"I never thought about that before, but 15-20 skaters probably does add up (to a lot of noise)," Wahowski said. "I



Brighton High School student and skateboard team coach Jacob Marks catches some air Sept. 24 at Milford Skatepark.

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probably wouldn't want to live there."

Few official police reports in first year

Hometown Life requested all Milford police reports filed regarding the Skatepark since its opening. Eight reports were provided, mostly complaints of noise or after house use at the park. Three complaints were made the first week of November with a single complaint reported in June, August and September. A March 13 report time stamped at 7:56 p.m. simply said, "Skatepark complaint."

The most egregious incident was an assault and battery report on Aug. 19, but the victim declined medical treatment or to press charges against his assailant, who he alleged punched him and then kicked him while he was on the ground.

Police Chief Tom Lindberg expressed surprise at the number of filed reports, as he expected it would have been "much more" than eight. He noted a formal report is not necessary when officers routinely stop by and efforts are made to stop and speak with kids and adults alike.

Lindberg said that often the complaints are not anything criminal or on

which the police can take action "besides asking kids to turn down the boom box."

"As far as complaints that come in, it's pretty exclusive to the homes across the street there, and we're sensitive to it and understand," Lindberg said. "It's more a quality of life issue for the neighbors, and the council is trying to wrap their heads around it. It revolves around the noise being generated."

Growing pains

Village Manager Christian Wuerth said the park has been very popular, which was expected, and it may have been even more so because of the pandemic.

"It's been a popular addition for sure, and at this point we're adjusting the physical space to balance everything out," he said. "There are growing pains and we are trying to figure out how to adapt the park and how it fits in with the nearby neighborhood."

Schodowski said he is not asking to close down the park, but feels the village greenlighted a project that put four homeowners in an impossible position to bear a burden on behalf of the rest of the community.

"The village had just enough money

to put a park in, without thinking of signage, landscaping, or an operational plan to make the park a fixture, instead of something crammed off to the side," he said. "They will slow play this until we stop complaining, and we won't. It doesn't need to be open from dusk until dawn. We would be willing to accept reduced hours, but operationally how do you do that? How do you tell kids not to go to a park?"

Shannon Schodowski said village officials need to talk to their engineers to erect a barrier, preferably one that is natural, such as a berm and trees, as "no one wants to look at a wall."

Wuerth said landscaping at the park was not yet completed and he hopes that will alleviate some of the noise issues. He is also reaching out to OHM engineers for possible solutions and said the council may also look at an earlier closing time for the skate park, which may require fencing.

Jeff Schodowski added that the 6 to 7 foot fall arbor vitae trees that will take years to grow and the ornamental grasses will not fix the problem.

"We can't continue on the way we are," he said. "Something has to be done."

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Construction of VA clinic in Canton nearly complete

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Construction of a Canton Township-based U.S. Veterans Affairs clinic that will annually provide service to approximately 12,000 veterans is heading into the homestretch.

The 43,700-square-foot facility is expected to officially open as early as late-November, but could be delayed until January 2022, VA Public Affairs Officer Brian Hayes confirmed.

"The project is right on schedule and on budget," Hayes said. "There is some last-minute technology work that needs to be completed — mostly internet installation-related items — but everything else is in good shape."

The clinic is located on Lotz Road, just north of Ford Road. It is surrounded on two sides by towering trees with a sprawling pond bordering the west side of the building.

"We lucked out with the location," Hayes said, referring to the abundant nature near the facility. "The main concern when the location was select-



Inside the Veterans Affairs clinic under construction in Canton Township.

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ed was having a facility accessible from the I-275 corridor. We want to be able to bring our services to the veterans instead of them having to drive significant distances to get to us."

Construction on the facility started in January 2020.

Hayes said the clinic has not been adversely affected by the labor shortages that have crippled several industries in 2021.

"Veterans who will be utilizing this

clinic are incredibly excited that it is nearly completed," Hayes said. "I know we've had veterans drive by and look at the building. The feedback we've received from them has been very positive and they're anxious for it to officially open."

Hayes said veterans who will use the ambulatory clinic have been forced to travel to VA clinics in either Ann Arbor or Detroit.

"The Canton clinic will give veterans another option and, for many, a shorter drive," he said.

The facility will be state of the art, allowing for the full implementation of the Patient-Aligned Care Team (PACT) model of care delivery, as well as improving operational efficiencies and the veteran experience.

Along with providing primary care, the facility will offer care for mental health, laboratory and pathology, and imaging services for veterans in a right-sized, energy-efficient building.

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Northville City Council candidates talk about issues

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Three Northville residents are running for two available seats on city council in a race that will be decided Nov. 2.

Council members Patrick Giesa and Andrew Krenz are both looking to retain their seats, and newcomer John Carter is seeking to serve on the council for the first time.

Giesa, 72, worked 42 years in the computer hardware and software pre-sales fields; he also worked in program/project management and enterprise architecture consulting before retiring in 2010 to take care of his late wife.

Krenz, 46, is the lead engineer for the next generation of electric vehicles at General Motors. The 13-year resident of Northville replaced Sam Ekong on the city council in May. He has served as a planning commissioner since 2018 and leads Northville's Farmers Market Task Force.

Carter, 41, has almost 20 years of finance and management consulting experience and currently serves as the automotive and mobility leader for Slalom Consulting. Carter is a member of the Northville Economic Development Committee, the implementation chair for the Ford Field Task Force and a member of the city's Sustainability Committee.

Hometown Life sent questionnaires to each candidate seeking information on their platforms. Each question was given a 50-word limit, and answers exceeding that limit were cut short.

Why are you running?

Krenz: Bring a voice of families to our city. I am the only council member with school-aged children. Our city is aging and we need to attract young families that will raise the next generation of 40-year stewards. We have three kids (12, 10 and 7) at Hillside and Amerman and have the opportunity to see things through their eyes.

Carter: We are about to enter one of the most significant periods in our city's history. This includes ambitious plans for Ford Field and The River Walk, supporting our business district, and developing a thoughtful plan for The Downs. We need a council that can make these plans a reality.

Giesa: Today's Northville is a vibrant, active and desirable "destination" city with a deep history that we are all proud of. My goal is to ensure our children and our children's children are able to enjoy Northville just as we do today.

What's the thing you love most about Northville?

Carter: There is no

limit to the passion and energy within our community. It is because of this passion that we can be ambitious with our plans for Northville. The people of our town are always willing to invest their time and talents to achieve what is best for Northville.

Giesa: Northville is close-in to many amenities and shopping venues, but far away from the main traffic stream. There are two major parks within a few minutes of a very vibrant downtown.

Krenz: Community passion. I have had the good fortune of living everywhere from Yellowstone to Germany, and I have never seen this city's passion and stewardship replicated anywhere. On the Farmer's Market Task Force, we have 15 experts who could be doing anything else, but dedicate their time designing what could be the best market in the region.

What's the biggest change needed in Northville?

Giesa: Getting the Downs redevelopment right.

Krenz: Engagement of and building our next generation of families. One need only look at our parks. They are underfunded and in need of significant repair. To this day, we have a single porta-potty at our flagship park, Ford Field. That simply is not acceptable. Fort Griswold is in disrepair and the stairs to the east leading up to Hutton have exceeded their useful life.

Carter: Northville's committees and task forces have developed incredible plans for the future of our city. We now need to transition from establishing a vision to

implementation. City Council will need to bring people together, align on our vision, and work with local leadership to see these plans through to completion.

What Northville-related program or initiative that you have been involved with are you most proud of?

Krenz: Planning Commission Committee for Community Outreach. A group of four us spent hundreds of hours soliciting, organizing and publishing community feedback from two surveys on the areas of the city where The Downs will be for the master plan. Then, when COVID hit, we figured out a way to have online open houses where dozens of our neighbors met with us on line to design their own developments.

Carter: I served as elder, head of finance and president of the nonprofit at Northville's First Presbyterian Church during the financial crisis. I am proud we guided the church to financial stability during such difficult times. This is important as city council must serve as a steward of our community's finances.

Giesa: In 2018, I founded The Northville Sustainability Team. Key sustainability tents now appear in the city's budget goals and objectives. You will also see them in the city's long-range plans. If done right, Northville will be carbon-neutral by 2030.

What, if anything, can or should the city do as it relates to racial equity in the city?



Carter Giesa Krenz

How will you ensure city staff are treated equitably?

Giesa: One of the three pillars of the City's Sustainability Plan (Social) has to do with Diversity, Equality and Inclusiveness (DEI). The Sustainability Team will be reviewing the city's charter and recommending changes to enhance and improve our DEI standards. I will ensure city staff are treated equitably by my example.

Carter: We need to provide an entry point for young families to move into our community. Studies show this will bring with it diverse backgrounds and perspectives while also ensuring we are able to build out the next generation of "40-year Northville residents" with a passion for our community.

Krenz: The most significant, and actionable, opportunity we have in front of us is, and is written into the revision of the Master Plan, is the desire to introduce designs to The Downs that are both a "foot in the door" for young families and a destination for our seniors who want to "age in place" in the city they love or want to.

What do you think a council member's most important job is? Why?

Krenz: It is actually a behavior that applies to all their responsibilities. They must possess the ability to capture and process the opinions and positions of all stakeholders involved, from subject matter experts to longstanding members and stewards of this community to balance, without hubris, those inputs toward the best possible outcomes for each situation.

Carter: City Council is responsible for setting the priorities and objectives for our community. From there they need to work with our citizens, committees, task forces and neighboring communities to ensure these priorities are funded and managed properly.

Giesa: My most important job is listening to the people of our city and making decisions based on as much input that I can gather.

What are the most important features you would like to see included in a Northville Downs development?

Carter: Northville's rich history is exemplified by each neighborhood within our city. I support reasonable density with lot sizes that allow homes to become unique over time, commercial on Cady that is connected to and enhances our business district, greenspace including the river walk, and viable plans for traffic and parking.

Giesa: A sustainable development implemented with things like walkability, connectivity, complete streets, diversity (socially and design-wise), affordable houses, ecological design and placemaking.

Krenz: The Planning Commission has already made it a requirement to restore all 1,100 feet of the Rouge River! I have full confidence in that occurring. Inputs from our citizen surveys show the second most important amenity is the Farmers Mar-

ket. Currently, the Site Plan has NO accommodation for its future. As Chair of the Farmers Market Task Force, I will see to it that we have a permanent site with possibly a four season design.

Northville created an outdoor dining and social district, closing part of Main and Center streets through at least April 30, 2022. What are your views on the extended street closures and what's your preferred timeline for continuing the social district, called The Twist?

Giesa: Our Social District was a lifesaver for our city. The street enclosures add a net-positive effect to our city's vitality and business (i.e. far less traffic crashes, far better walkability...). I'd like to see some form of Social District remain in downtown Northville.

Krenz: The Twist has been a rousing success, even after other communities opened up last summer. I think we have something great here that other communities simply cannot replicate. A survey earlier this year showed over 80% support. With the Center St closure, congestion and accidents are way down. This is a big win for the traffic / walkability balance in our City!

Carter: The Social District played a critical role in saving our Northville restaurants and shops during the early days of COVID, and many are now thriving as a result. We need to gather community input to make a final decision ASAP so that we can address parking and traffic concerns.

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Gannett initiative awards millions in 2021 grants

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CARES of Farmington Hills is working to build what it calls a "campus of hope," a place where people who have little money and stability in their lives can go to get help, including food, job training and access to other services.

To support the nonprofit, the Gannett Foundation's A Community Thrives initiative gave a grant of \$50,000. It will go to support the nonprofit's food pantry, so it can reorganize into a more dignified, self-serve grocery experience.

"It's a total remodel," said Todd Lipa, executive director of CARES. "This is going to give us the opportunity to entirely refinish our pantry. Organizations like Gannett make it possible for us to do the work we do here. Feeding 500-plus families a month comes with a price tag. We're always looking to find partners."

CARES — an acronym for what the organization seeks to achieve: Community. Action. Resources. Empowerment. Services — is one of 16 recipients of national merit grants from the foundation, ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

CARES and its food pantry have a history that goes back a few years. According to its website, in 2014, all but one portion of the former St. Alexander's Catholic Church property had closed. The one part that stayed open was the pantry, "a lifeline for individuals and families who had found themselves in hard times."

The pantry was purchased in 2017 by a nonprofit that later became CARES of Farmington Hills.

Hometown Life's parent company, Gannett, sponsors A Community Thrives. All grant recipients raised money through crowdfunding before receiving a grant. The \$2.3 million initiative supports organizations working to address a range of social issues.

This year, those issues included homelessness, mental health care for LGBTQ people, reproductive care and girls' education, to name a few. Since 2017, A Community Thrives has distributed \$17 million in grants and donations to community-based organizations.

Michigan's local operating winners are:



CARES of Farmington Hills received a \$50,000 grant from the Gannett Foundation's A Community Thrives Initiative. PROVIDED BY CARES OF FARMINGTON HILLS

- Arts & Scraps, a Detroit group that uses recycled materials to help people of all ages and abilities "think, learn and create."

- Children's Museum of Branch County, a "community driven, child-centered space" where children "explore, learn and grow by engaging in interactive play with those who care about them."

- Hospice Homes of Genesee and Lapeer counties, an organization that provides support to terminally ill people in their final days of life regardless of income.

- Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit, a civic organization that describes itself as being made up of lay and clerical people who work to benefit the community.

- Oaks Village, a group that aims to bring "hope and restoration" to individuals, families and the Monroe community.

"Now in its fifth year, A Community Thrives awards grants to many significant causes helping to improve lives," Gannett CEO Mike Reed said. "Each of our grant winners is making a positive

impact, and we are proud to support organizations that share our purpose."

For Kristin Burgoyne, executive director of Refugee Connect, a \$25,000 grant will mean more families affected by resettlement will be supported through their transition to the United States.

Refugee Connect started a Community Navigation Program, hiring cultural leaders in refugee and immigrant communities to conduct outreach with families, connect them to resources and make sure they know how to navigate educational, financial, health care and other systems.

"I've been doing this work for about 13 years now, working with refugees and immigrants in different cities," Burgoyne said. "The common thing that I would say to any community where you have a significant refugee or immigrant population, is the best thing that you can do to show your support for those communities is to be welcoming."

Refugee Connect, based in Cincinnati and operating in southwest Ohio and northern Kentucky, hopes to support about 50 additional families using

the grant money. Those families will benefit from assistance in their own languages from someone who has experienced resettlement or migration.

The organization plans to support families evacuated from Afghanistan after the United States withdrew, leaving many vulnerable when the Taliban seized control. Partnering with resettlement organizations in northern Kentucky, Refugee Connect assembles welcome teams to help Afghans find jobs, health care providers and other resources by working with churches and mosques.

"Now we're able to use this funding to really support that people power, because of this grant," Burgoyne said. "It makes a difference between a family just surviving and a family thriving."

According to the Gannett Foundation, other A Community Thrives grant recipients include:

- Coastal Georgia Area Community Action Authority in Brunswick, Georgia. It will receive \$100,000 to enable a Head Start program and provide space for organizations to serve community members.

- The Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library in Indianapolis. It will receive \$50,000 to support its free speech programs.

- Waggies in Wilmington, Delaware. It will receive \$25,000 toward opening an additional kitchen that employs intellectually disabled adults baking dog treats.

Other nonprofit organizations will receive community operating grants that start at \$2,500, chosen by leaders across Gannett's USA TODAY Network of more than 250 news sites in 46 states. Special consideration goes to organizations focused on building up historically under-resourced and underserved groups.

"Across the country, A Community Thrives grants link USA TODAY Network brands to the communities in which we operate and beyond," said Sue Madden, director of the Gannett Foundation. "Our reporters work every day to empower communities to thrive, and this program helps fulfill that core purpose."

For the full list of grantees, go to www.gannettfoundation.org/act.



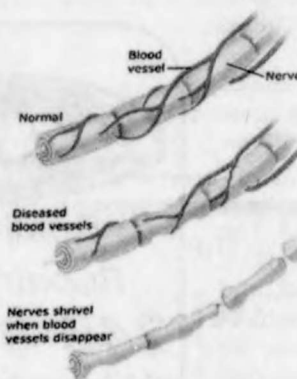
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1. It's not the days in your life, but the life in your days that counts. *Brian Williams*
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3. Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom. *General George S. Patton*
4. A career is wonderful, but you can't curl up with it on a cold night. *Marilyn Monroe*
5. I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed. *Michael Jordan*
6. You only live once. But if you do it right, once is enough. *Mae West*
7. To avoid criticism: Say Nothing. Do Nothing. Be Nothing. *Aristotle*
8. When the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence, it may be that they take better care of it there. *Cecil Selig*
9. Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great ones make you feel that you, too, can become great. *Mark Twain*
10. We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone. *Ronald Reagan*

BONUS QUOTE: "What is written in the Law?" Jesus replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbor as yourself." "You have answered correctly," Jesus said. "Do this and you will live." *Luke 10:26-28*

MEDICARE MISHEGAS

"OY VEY! DE GOY IST USING A YIDDISH WORD... SOME CHUTZPAH, DA KLUTZ!"
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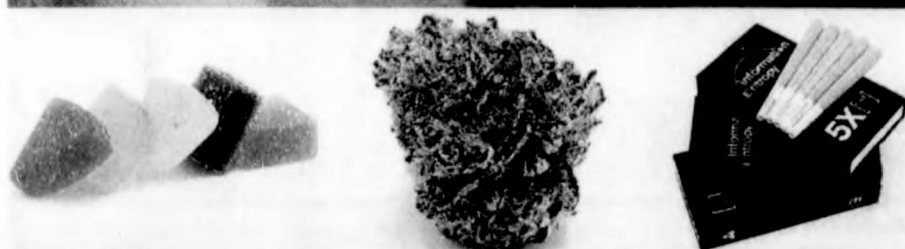
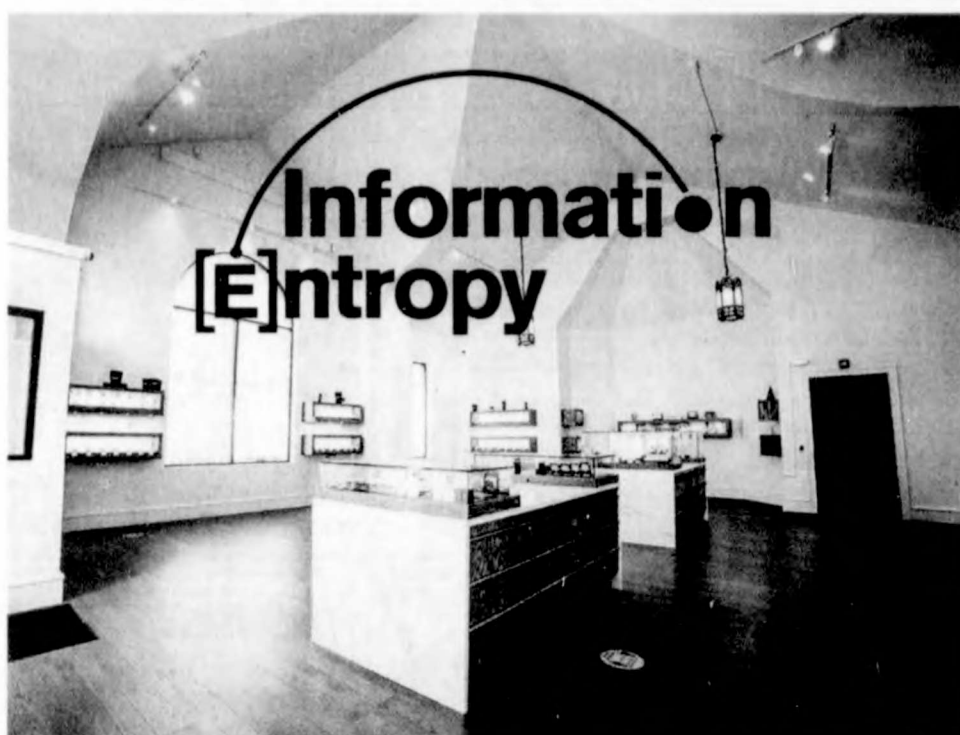


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South Lyon

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Why are you running for mayor?

Pelchat: I hope to continue the work and progress we have made so far since my election in 2017. The City of South Lyon has made so much growth and I want to continue to be a part of that.

Redfern: I am running for mayor because I feel I would give a new perspective and have new ideas that would benefit our city. I grew up in South Lyon and would love to give back to the town I love.

What are your top three priorities if elected?

Redfern: Infrastructure; building downtown; diversity in businesses.

Pelchat: Continue to work on infrastructure improvement plan; continue to provide structure and civility in council meetings; continue to change and adapt to post COVID society.

The city needs an estimated \$40 million in road improvements, which would require as much as a 20-year, 4-mill tax levy to pay for those projects. What are your priorities related to improving city streets? How much of a tax levy would you support and will this be enough? And if not, what is your plan for fixing the roads in a timely fashion?

Pelchat: The city's staff, council, and I as mayor are working on this plan as we speak. I hope in my next term to make this a priority and a successful effort towards improving our roads. It is a top concern for my vision of the city and I plan to...

Redfern: My first priority would be receiving the funding, then determining which streets would benefit the most from improvement.

I would support a minimal levy. It would not be enough, but I believe the taxes should pay for some, then find grants and funding elsewhere. Such as apply for county, state...

How will you bridge any potential political divide on council? How will you compromise?



Pelchat



Redfern

Redfern: I will listen to both sides of every situation and come to a decision based on what is best for the city.

Pelchat: In our non-partisan council there are minimal items where political tendencies cause a divide. I respect people coming from different political backgrounds as we all have something to bring to the table. Using those differences of opinions to leverage compromise is the key goal.

What will you do to encourage a city where all people feel included/represented regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity?

Pelchat: Personally I try every day to promote and encourage diversity in our town by learning from, listening to, and celebrating others. In my role with the city I am in communication with staff and our public safety team to make sure all staff and citizens are feeling respected, included, and...

Redfern: I will encourage diversity and equity and encourage events that are welcoming and inclusive to all.

What will you do to plan for growth in the city? What services will be needed?

Redfern: I will improve the city's infrastructure and increase the size of both the fire and police department.

Pelchat: Our city is almost fully built out; Therefore our focus is to continue to provide high quality city services to our residents. We are experiencing high surrounding growth. So building relationships and working with those communities will continue to be important.

Do you support term limits for mayor or city council?

Pelchat: I support quality candidates being able to serve their community. The voters are able to "enforce" term limits by using their voice. So no, I do not support term limits.

Redfern: I support term limits for mayor and city council because I believe new people with new ideas and a fresh perspective would benefit the city.

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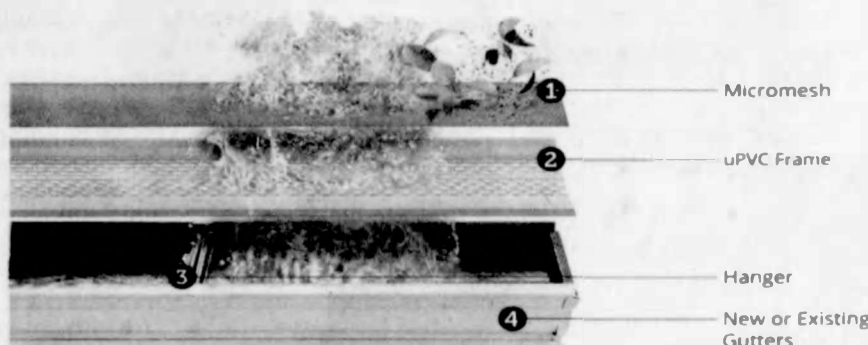
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shortage — we are seeing a larger increase.”

Huron Valley recently put students on a rotating schedule of days when busing is offered. Livonia administrators warned families in a letter that interruptions in service was likely as well.

Michigan school districts are not required by state law to transport regular education students.

Van Goethem and other district officials note widespread labor shortages for many businesses, including restaurants, retailers and more.

However, the employee issues for school districts have been highlighted in the past month, after a year of mostly virtual learning.

“It’s really a 2021-22 school year problem, because almost all our kids are in-person now,” Gary Kinzer, assistant superintendent of human resources for Novi Schools, said. “It’s a significantly greater impact than pre-pandemic.”

Novi has had issues with busing to athletic events, but is “getting by” when it comes to busing kids to school and home again, but Kinzer said the district is particularly struggling with substitute teachers and full-time custodians, services contracted through Edustaff and Enviroclean, respectively.

Some bus drivers in the district are chipping in to help with custodial services in between morning and afternoon runs.

“We don’t believe COVID is commonly spread by germs on tables, but sanitized conditions are very important and we prioritize them,” Kinzer said.

The substitute shortage poses a more immediate problem. Kinzer explains that daily employee absence reports are divided into two sections: positions that will go unfilled that day, and ones where a replacement must be found — primarily teachers.

Novi has about 425 teachers. On a recent Wednesday, there were 22 substitutes filling in, comprising about 5 percent of the total teaching staff, which Kinzer said is average. There were seven teaching positions unfilled.

“When we don’t have enough substitutes, employees step up and teachers will pick up a section or help with a class on what is normally their planning time and they get compensated,” Kinzer said. “We have a culture in our district where we pitch in for the greater good.”

The labor shortage is driving competition between districts in the area and raising wages.

“When one district raises sub pay, we have to follow,” Stacy Jenkins, administrator of communications for Livonia Schools, said. “It’s a delicate balance.”

Kinzer said Novi has a base rate of about \$105 for guest teachers. Huron Valley isn’t having as much of an issue with substitutes, but Van Goethem said rates were increased to retain them. The daily rate for a substitute there is \$125 while long-term and permanent subs



Due to a shortage of bus drivers, more parents than usual line up in vehicles to pick up their kids at Heritage Elementary. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

“Hopefully we will be out of this sooner rather than later. ... schools in general are a great place to work. No other profession can impact kids to this level.”

Brian Toth South Lyon assistant superintendent for administrative services

receive \$150 per day, “not a bad gig for seven hours of work.”

Employees in other areas gets trickier, however, particularly when districts have to open and renegotiate contracts.

Brian Toth, assistant superintendent for administrative services in South Lyon, said the district is looking at certain incentives, including adjusting benefits, to attract and retain employees. Currently, signing bonuses are not on the table, but communications are ongoing with other districts as they discuss how to solve issues.

“Hopefully we will be out of this sooner rather than later,” Toth said. “South Lyon Schools and schools in general are a great place to work. No other profession can impact kids to this level. Hopefully they will consider joining us, whether it’s a custodian who keeps schools looking beautiful or a bus driver who starts and ends the day with kids, it’s a great opportunity to make a difference.”



Brad Roberts, Huron Valley School District supervisor of operations, is looking to hire people for several custodial positions in the school district.

Market

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regular customers of the market reflected mixed emotions about what appears to be an imminent eastward move down Seven Mile Road.

“I think we’re hopeful and optimistic (a relocation) will be good for the market,” said Paul Prielipp of Mark Prielipp Greenhouse and Mohr. “We’ve been here in the same spot for a long time, so it kind of feels like home, but we’re definitely open to the move as long as it can maintain its current integrity.”

Prielipp, whose father Mark has been selling produce at the site for close to 40 years, said he is impressed by the renderings of the new market.

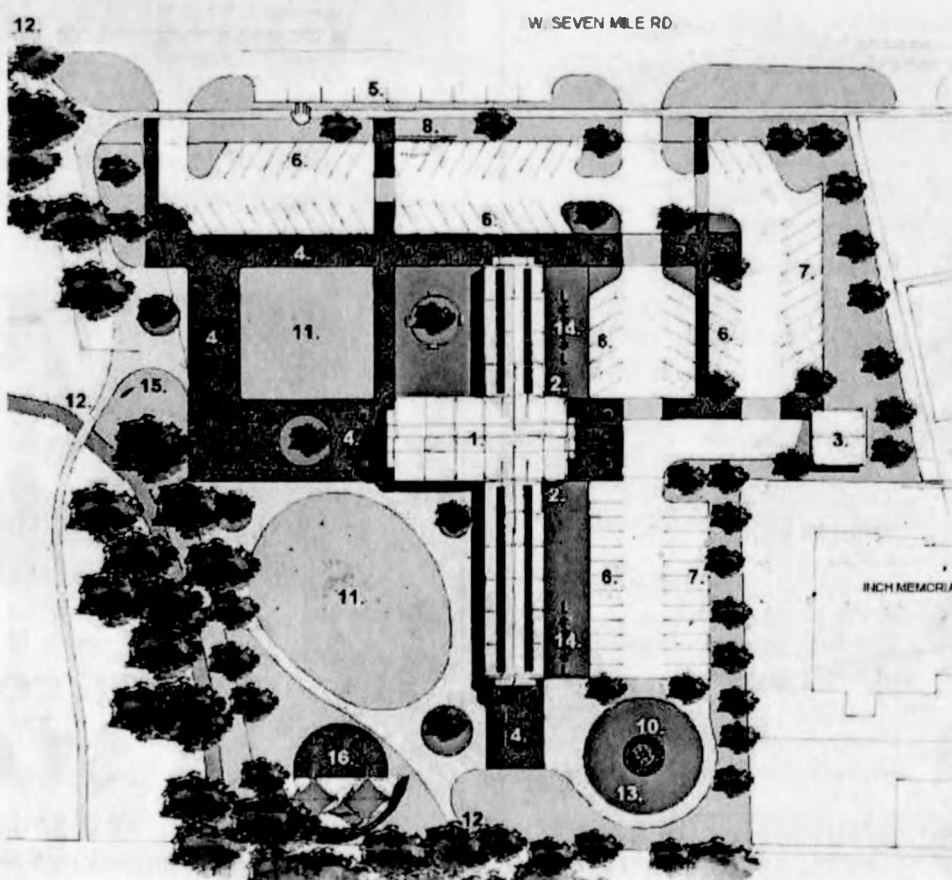
“They look great,” he said. “The city certainly is deserving of a nice, permanent home for the market. This is one of the best markets around, so hopefully people are willing to invest the time and money a move requires.”

When Noah Davison, owner of Be-Green Microgreens, was told about the potential move, he said, “it’s a cool idea. This market is awesome; we always get a lot of traffic.”

Rick Vanover, owner of Livonia-based Babchia’s Boy, a company that produces homemade canned goods, said he’d be satisfied if the market stayed at its current location.

“I’m going to be sorry to see it move,” Vanover said. “One thing I like about this site is that I can park right here behind my stand. It makes a big difference because parking is at a premium around here. It’s a great location; everybody knows where it’s at.”

Novi resident and farmers’ market



An aerial view of how Northville Farmers Market at Seven Mile Road could look. COURTESY OF CITY OF NORTHVILLE

regular Jeremy Pecora expressed caution regarding the apprehension that accompanies uprooting such a long-standing venue.

“Nobody likes change; my wife (Julie) and I have been coming here awhile and it’s a comfortable setting,” Pecora said. “Moving is going to cause some disruption, which a lot of people don’t like.”

“One thing I would worry about is

that this location is close to downtown and a lot of people visit the local restaurants for breakfast before or after they stop at the market. If you move it a mile or two away from this location, are people still going to visit the downtown businesses as frequently?”

“Ultimately, I think people will move with it and support it,” Julie Pecora added. “But change is hard; people like this

location.”

Preliminary concept plans discussed during the Sept. 30 task force meeting revealed two potential footprints for the market, each depending on how much property was purchased near the Seven Mile/Northville roads intersection.

The first concept included a 50,000-square-foot space that was anchored by a 10,000-square-foot structure where vendors could rent 10-foot-by-10-foot areas. Preliminary plans for the aisles in the main structure would be 15 feet wide, but subject to change, emphasized Keith Kohler, who led the plans’ design work.

The first concept discussed had two entry ways off Seven Mile Road.

“The aesthetics in these drawings give us an idea of what the site could look like; obviously they can change as we share more conversation,” Kohler said.

The plans also include unique site options, including the addition of an accessory building, rain gardens to help with water runoff and a green space for recreation.

Task force members emphasized that the project could be phased in over time, depending upon the amount of funds available at the time of construction.

The Farmers Market Task Force is charged with investigating options for future Farmers Market operations. Roles of the task force include establishing a vision for the market, assessing the needs of all stakeholders, identifying and evaluating potential locations, and identifying funding opportunities such as grants and partnerships.

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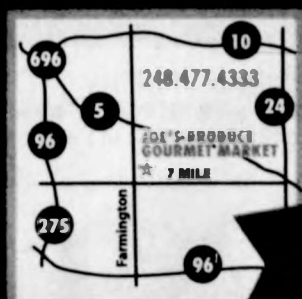


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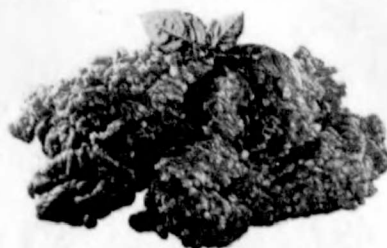
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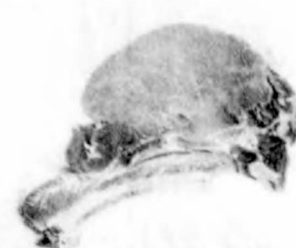
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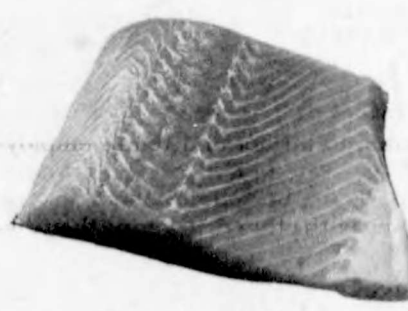


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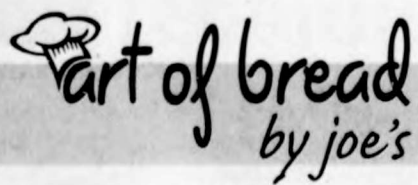
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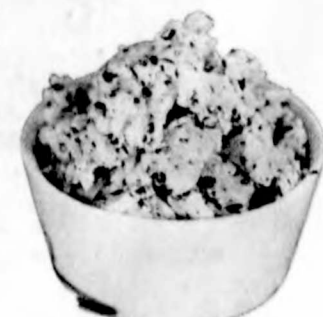
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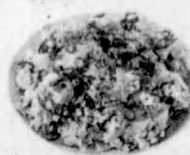
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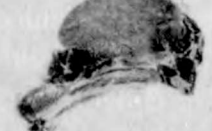
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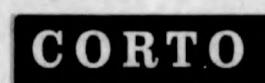
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MSU commit shines in Fordson vs. Churchill

Brad Emons Special to Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Dearborn Fordson's Alex Osman had a game Friday night that only quarterbacks could dream about.

With a passer rating off the charts, the 6-foot, 170-pound senior pulled the host Tractors (6-1, 5-1) even in the KLAA East Division race with a monster

throwing effort before holding on for dear life in the second half, 38-33, to defeat previously unbeaten Livonia Churchill (6-1, 5-1).

In the first half alone, Osman made Justice Field his own personal playground as he connected on an astounding 13 of 15 passes for 315 yards and five touchdowns to build a 28-point lead, much to the delight of the Fordson

homecoming crowd.

Osman finished the game 20-for-25 for 367 yards.

"I tried to stay off of it as much as I can, but it wasn't really a big factor tonight," said Osman, who was voted homecoming king. "I just had to do what I had to do. The line did their job. They made me look good tonight. People were telling me maybe I should break the oth-

er foot. But like I said, it was a team effort tonight."

The Tractors, however, managed just three second-half points and thwarted a last-minute Churchill comeback. Backup QB Ethan Brown — who was in for injured starter Taj Williams — had his pass batted down near the goal line.

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Lutheran Westland's 'secret weapon'



Lutheran Westland's Chibi Anwunah tackles Advanced Tech's Cobey Cureton during a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game Oct. 7 at Lawrence Tech.
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Senior Chibi Anwunah scores TD as Warriors win first-ever league title

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

There were plenty of program firsts at Lawrence Tech.

The Lutheran Westland football team posted its first shutout since 2011.

That 40-0 victory over Advanced Tech gave the Warriors (6-1, 5-0) the Michigan Independent Athletic Confer-

ence championship, their first league title in their 36 seasons as a program.

What's more, left tackle/defensive end Chibi Anwunah scored his first-career touchdown.

Midway through the opening quarter, Lutheran's defense forced the Lakers to punt from their own 2. The kick made it 10 yards before it caught an awkward bounce and wound up rolling backward.

And it continued to roll backward until it finally rested at the goal line. It went down, officially, as a minus 1-yard net punt.

The Warriors took advantage of the opportunity by giving the ball to their 6-foot-7, 220-pound senior lineman. Anwunah took a dive handoff and churned his feet past the scrum of Lakers until he reached the end zone.

So what's the big deal here? Linemen score TDs all the time, right?

Well, Anwunah isn't your typical skinny 7-footer. He looks like a massive Big Ten defensive end without an ounce of fat on him. And he plays like it, too. His motor is relentless. On offense, he pushes around blockers with ease.

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Howell football rebounds to take down Novi, 34-7

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

HOWELL — This wasn't how their senior football season was supposed to play out, watching in street clothes from the sidelines while their teammates tried to fulfill life-long dreams without them.

Linebacker Noah Ramonaitis, the leading tackler in Livingston County last season, wasn't sure he would ever

put on a Howell uniform again. Running back August Johanningsmeier, the county's leading rusher in 2020, hoped to return before the start of the state playoffs.

It seemed like perfect timing that when they were able to return from injuries sooner than expected, it was on senior night.

With two of their stars back in the fold after they missed three games, Howell bounced back from its first loss

of the season with a decisive 34-7 victory over Novi on Friday in a game that was called because of a long lightning delay with 4:51 left in the third quarter.

"I was really excited when we got word those guys were going to be able to suit up on their senior night," Howell coach Brian Lewis said.

Johanningsmeier and Ramonaitis were initially eased back into the lineup, not taking the field until Howell already had a 21-7 lead late in the first quarter.

Johanningsmeier's first carry was on the final play of the first quarter. He quickly regained his role as the Highlanders' workhorse, carrying 14 times for 119 yards and a touchdown. Ramonaitis had three tackles, one for a loss, while playing with a brace after injuring his medial collateral ligament.

"There was a second there when I thought I might have lost my senior

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Our top 10 high school football teams in Week 8

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The top half of the rankings didn't change this week, even with Livonia Churchill losing a close call to powerhouse Dearborn Fordson.

But there was some movement among the final four spots in the top 10 (Hello, Milford!).

Here's where Hometown Life sports reporter Brandon Folsom ranked the best teams in the area heading into Week 8:

1. Livonia Churchill (6-1, 5-1 KLA-East; Last Week: No. 1)

There's no shame in losing to Fordson, one of the top teams in the entire state. The Chargers put together the winning drive against the Tractors. And they might have even pulled it off had quarterback Taj Williams not suffered a right ankle injury during the series. You don't get knocked down the rankings for losing to a powerhouse.

2. South Lyon (7-0, 6-0 LVC; Last Week: No. 2)

The next two weeks for the Lions are no cakewalk. They travel to Mott in Week 8. Yes, the Corsairs are coming off a two-game losing streak, but it's never easy to win on their turf. Plus, with South Lyon East upsetting Lakeland last week, that Week 9 game doesn't look like a guaranteed win for the Lions either. It'll be a hard-fought effort for them to finish the regular season unscathed.

3. Detroit Catholic Central (5-2, 2-1 CHSL-Central; Last Week: No. 3)

The Shamrocks got the bounce-back victory they needed over St. Mary's. Now they get an interesting test in Week 8 against visiting Newmarket Huron Heights from Canada. At this point, they're just looking to collect playoff points to ensure home-field advantage in two weeks.

4. Brother Rice (5-2, 1-2 CHSL-Central; Last week: No. 4)

The Warriors gleaned nothing from beating up on Chicago Christ The King Jesuit 56-14 last week. But they'll travel to Traverse City Central well-rested. The Trojans should be as tough a test for Brother Rice as Warren De La Salle and Catholic Central were earlier this season.

5. Detroit Country Day (4-2; Last week: No. 5)

The Yellowjackets got a bye week in

Week 8, but they come back with a tough match up against Detroit Loyola. A win over the Bulldogs would be super impressive, even with Loyola being a Division 7 team.

6. Bloomfield Hills (7-0, 6-0 OAA-Blue; Last week: No. 6)

The Black Hawks took care of business, and so did Troy, who is also 7-0 and undefeated in the Blue. That Week 9 match up between Bloomfield Hills and the Colts will tell us everything we need to know about the Black Hawks.

7. Canton (5-2, 5-1 KLA-East; Last week: No. 9)

How about a five-game winning streak for the Chiefs? A win over rival Salem was expected, but, as cliché as it sounds, they now control their own destiny. They sit in a three-way tie for first place in the West with Hartland and Howell, and they get to visit the Eagles this week. They're *THIS* close to stealing a division title.

8. Livonia Clarenceville (6-1; Last week: No. 8)

It's hard to be mad at the Trojans' loss to Berkley, a D-2 school with another 650 students than they have. A three-point loss is nothing to scoff at, plus a game like that will help them prepare for the D-4 playoffs.

9. Lakeland (5-2, 5-2 LVC; Last week: No. 7)

Don't expect any Eagles fans to show their faces in the South Lyon area any time soon. Both of Lakeland's losses have come against South Lyon and South Lyon East. Last week's loss to the Cougars was a shocker, and it's not getting easier for the Eagles. They host Carlson and Milford in back-to-back weeks to round out the regular season.

10. Milford (6-1, 5-1 LVC; Last week: Unranked)

Welcome to the rankings, Mavericks. This is your first six-win season since 2011, and you're currently sitting in second place in the Lakes Valley Conference. It's unlikely South Lyon will trip up and hand you a share of the league title, but it's impressive you're on your way to your best season since winning 10 games in 2006.

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Our picks for Week 8

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Last week was rough for the prognosticators out there.

So many games in western Wayne and Oakland counties were decided by fewer than six points.

It stinks losing picks on a coin toss. So let's try this again.

Folsom went 2-3 in Week 7 and is 7-3 picking games since joining Hometown Life this fall.

Canton (6-1, 5-1 KLA-West) at Hartland (6-1, 5-1), 7 p.m. Friday

This is the game of the week. Canton, Hartland and Howell sit in a three-way tie for first place in the West. The Chiefs haven't lost to the Eagles since 2014. And they've scored fewer than 34 points only once during that stretch. There's a chance Canton walks away with a division title this week.

Folsom's pick: Canton 24, Hartland 21.

Livonia Churchill (6-1, 5-1 KLA-East) at Livonia Stevenson (3-4, 2-4), 7 p.m. Friday

Both teams are coming off heartbreaking losses. But the Chargers are a cut above the Spartans this season. They should make a decent run in the Division 2 playoffs in a few weeks. This game should be decided relatively early.

Folsom's pick: Churchill 38, Stevenson 13.

Westland John Glenn (0-7, 0-6 KLA-East) at Wayne Memorial (0-7, 0-6), 7 p.m. Friday

Yeah, it's the battle of the not-unbeatens. But this should still be a fun rivalry match up. Only 3 miles and two streets separate these two schools. Expect a big celebration from whoever picks up their first win of the season.

Folsom's pick: John Glenn 27, Wayne Memorial 22.

Melvindale (5-2, 5-1 WWAC) at Redford Union (6-1, 6-0), 7 p.m. Friday

The Panthers have already secured at least a share of their first league title since 2004. But a win gives them the championship outright. An upset by the Cardinals could force a three-way tie for first place with Crestwood, Melvindale and Union, which would be, simply put, a mess to sort out.

Folsom's pick: Union 36, Melvindale 22.

South Lyon (7-0, 6-0 LVC) at Waterford Mott (4-3, 3-3), 7 p.m. Friday

The Corsairs have lost two straight, but they're still tough enough to give the Lions trouble. If South Lyon wants to win the Lakes Valley Conference outright, it must take care of business on the road. That's easier said than done.

Folsom's pick: South Lyon 38, Mott 13.

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WEEK 7 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Dearborn Fordson defeated Livonia Churchill, 38-33
Livonia Franklin defeated Livonia Stevenson, 28-12
Dearborn defeated Wayne Memorial, 49-0
Belleville defeated John Glenn, 47-14
Canton defeated Salem, 35-7
Hartland defeated Northville, 38-19
Howell defeated Novi, 34-7
Brighton defeated Plymouth, 35-6

Catholic League

Brother Rice defeated Chicago Christ the King Jesuit, 56-14
Detroit Catholic Central defeated Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 21-0
Cranbrook defeated Walled Lake Central, 7-6

Lakes Valley Conference

Milford defeated Waterford Kettering, 21-13
South Lyon defeated Walled Lake

Northern, 42-0
South Lyon East defeated Lakeland, 17-14

Oakland Activities Association

Rochester Adams defeated Groves, 24-7
Seaholm defeated North Farmington, 41-34
Bloomfield Hills defeated Ferndale, 37-6
Farmington defeated Pontiac, 50-8

Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Redford Union defeated Garden City, 30-6
Dearborn Heights Crestwood defeated Redford Thurston, 42-6

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Lutheran Westland defeated Dearborn Advanced Tech Academy, 40-0
Berkley defeated Livonia Clarenceville, 36-33

ROUNDUP

Redford Union football wins first league title since 2004

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Redford Union football coach Ian Iler remembers the last time the Panthers won a league title.

The fourth-year coach was a senior on the 2004 squad that won the Michigan Mega Conference-Gold.

The Panthers (6-1, 6-0) have been chasing that success ever since. They've routinely finished in the basement of their other leagues over the past decade.

Friday's 30-6 victory at Garden City (3-4, 3-3) finally changed that narrative, as the win ensured Union at least a share of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

A win over Melvindale (5-2, 5-1) in Week 8 gives them the outright championship.

The Panthers are hoping to take care of business against the Cardinals. But, at this point, they're just happy to be back on the football field.

They've had two forfeit wins over the past four weeks. That included Thurston canceling on them at the beginning of their rivalry week. Plus, COVID-19 concerns forced Iler to cancel practices.

They finally returned to practice to prepare for Garden City.

Outside of allowing the Cougars to score on their opening series, Union played lights-out.

It scored 30-unanswered points, which included Cory Chavis throwing for 107 yards (including a 25-yard touchdown pass to Kyren Ware), Curtis Keels totaling 152 yards and a score on the ground and Duwayne Strickland rush-



ing for 55 yards and two TDs.

Defensively, DeMatthew Fixon and Antione Stoudmire each intercepted passes in the first half, which allowed Union to take a 22-6 lead into halftime.

"Our first forfeit win came in Week 2. Not having a game that week and then going right into Crestwood was tough on us, but we pulled that out in overtime," Iler said. "We had another forfeit win with Thurston and a couple of COVID scares, so we shutdown that week. I didn't want to take a chance to forfeit any games."

"We came back Monday knowing Garden City would be scrappy and disciplined. They have a good quarterback in Nathan Wasil and some tough kids

like No. 5. That Owen McGraw kid is an athlete for them. I love watching what he does outside of when he's playing against us. So our plan was to stop him and take away the misdirection."

The Panthers held McGraw to eight rushes for 53 yards and seven receptions for another 76 yards. Wasil was 9 of 17 passing for 113 yards.

"They did what they had to do to get the win," Garden City coach Thomas Michaelsen said. "They had those two turnovers in the second quarter that directly led to points, and we just gave them the lead. We just couldn't execute inside the 30 when we needed to. We had three chances to score, but we got penalties and got behind the sticks. We

just didn't execute."

Cougars, Mavericks pick up wins

South Lyon East has been playing football for 15 years, but it had never beaten Lakeland until Friday night.

Willie Johnson rushed for a 10-yard TD with 2:05 left to ensure the Cougars (3-4, 3-3 Laves Valley Conference) a 17-14 victory. It was their first win in eight tries against the Eagles, who dropped to 5-2 overall and 5-2 in the league.

Lakeland attempted a comeback on its final offensive possession, but East's Braeden Tillman-Jones came up with an interception on fourth and 4 with 51 seconds left to ice the win.

The Cougars secured a 10-7 lead by halftime thanks to Tillman-Jones tossing a TD to Jordan Newbill and Manaki Watanabe booting in a field goal.

Next up for East is a game at Milford, which defeated Waterford Kettering 21-13 to capture six wins in a single season for the first time in 10 years. The Mavericks (6-1, 5-1) are on pace to have their best season since winning 10 games in 2006.

Billy Sternberg led the offense by finishing 18 of 23 passing for 294 yards and two TDs. The senior QB also rushed seven times for 147 yards and a score.

Brandon Gibson caught TD passes of 41 and 28 yards and totaled seven catches for 157 yards, while Noel DeLand caught five passes for 74 yards.

Wyatt Lesnew paced the defense with 16 tackles. Garrison Stehr and Tyler Freer each nabbed interceptions.

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Fordson

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To start the third quarter, Churchill showed some life as Williams threw a 19-yard TD pass to Bailey Brooks. Then a Boston Clegg Jr. 1-yard TD run made the score 35-20. (The extra point was missed.)

Hadi Saad's 30-yard field goal with 4:36 to play in the game put Fordson up 38-20, but Churchill got a late 33-yard TD pass from Williams to Brooks and recovered the onside kick.

Clegg then scored on a 2-yard TD run and recovered the onside kick for the second straight time. But the Chargers simply ran out of time and downs after a heroic effort by Williams, who went down with an injury after running to the Fordson 19 with just over a minute left.

One of Osman's favorite targets during the first half was "Mr. Yards After Catch" Antonio Gates Jr.; the Michigan State commit recorded five receptions for 166 yards and two TDs to give the Tractors a 35-7 advantage.

The Tractors got rolling as Gates caught passes of 35 and 20 yards from Osman to give Fordson a 7-0 lead with 7:12 left in the opening quarter.

Churchill went three-and-out and



Dearborn Fordson's Antonio Gates Jr. catches a touchdown pass against Livonia Churchill's Josh Brown on Oct. 8 in Dearborn. KIRTHMON F. DOZIER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Osman connected with Haidar Alzubaidi over the middle for a 17-yard TD pass to make it 14-0 with 45 seconds remaining in the period.

Churchill's fourth possession, nine-play, 80-yard drive, ended in 10-yard TD run for Williams to trim the deficit to 14-7.

But the Tractors and Osman kept picking apart the Churchill secondary, scoring in just four plays following a 33-yard kickoff return by Hassan Shinawah. Ahmed Harb made the 26-yard TD grab for a 21-7 lead with 5:34 to play in the half.

After 295-pound lineman Kamarii

Landers stuffed Churchill and a fourth-and-2 at the Fordson 34, the Tractors went up 28-7 with 1:41 to go in the half on an Osman 66-yard bomb to Gates, who had five catches for 166 yards alone over the first two quarters.

"He comes up big for me," Osman said of Gates. "I wouldn't be the same quarterback I am. He makes me look good."

And if that wasn't enough, Osman connected with Mohammed Sayed for a 43-yard TD toss — his fifth of the half — with 25 seconds remaining for 35-7 Fordson lead.

"He (Osman) was amazing tonight," Fordson coach Walker Zaban said. "He was supposed to be the (injured) scratch, didn't practice all week. The story of the game he gets dressed, goes out there and toughed it out. He couldn't really move ... and look at the performance he had."

Meanwhile, the 5-10, 215-pound Williams was heroic in defeat connecting on 15 of 23 passes for 240 yards to go along with 108 yards rushing in 18 attempts.

On Churchill's final drive during the final minute, Williams rushed down to the Fordson 19, but 15 yards were wiped out on a penalty. He limped off the field, but came back on second down, on which he was sacked by Armon Parker.

Warriors

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On defense, he's always bottling up runners in the backfield. He's virtually unblockable.

He looks like he belongs at Dearborn Divine Child or Detroit Catholic Central, or one of those other Division I football recruit factories around metro Detroit. Instead, he's a Plymouth Christian Academy student taking advantage of his school's football co-op agreement with Lutheran.

Offensive coordinator Mike Ellis smiled when that was brought up after the game.

"He's our secret weapon," the third-year assistant said. "He's under the radar. We want to keep it that way. Amen. He's awesome."

Anwunah has definitely been hiding

at Lutheran. He doesn't have a recruiting profile on any of the major recruiting websites. Nor has The D-Zone profiled him yet, and that blog rarely misses on up-and-coming recruits in Michigan.

The wild part about Anwunah's story is he's brand new to the sport.

He tried running cross country his freshman year, but he couldn't stand it.

His personal best in the 5 kilometers was a sub-22-minute jaunt around Thelma Spencer Park in Rochester Hills. But his average race finish was around 24 minutes.

"I was pretty bad at it," the senior said. "I didn't like it. My friends said to come to football, so I said, 'OK, why not?' So I played football my sophomore year, and I loved it."

Anwunah said he picked up the game quickly by working with defensive coordinator Steve Faith, who said his star defensive end is still a raw prospect but doesn't doubt he could play at the next

level. Faith hopes Anwunah scrounges around enough tape to impress coaches before it's too late to catch on with a D-I team.

Anwunah definitely added a few highlights to his film against Advanced Tech.

Outside of a handful of tackles for loss and his 1-yard TD, he also took a sweep 25 yards for a score. But an illegal motion penalty wiped the points off the scoreboard. Still, he ran with blazing speed once he got the edge on the Lakers' linebackers.

The Warriors recouped the score a few plays later when quarterback Noah Etnyre scrambled 9 yards for a rushing TD on a broken pass play.

Etnyre, who also plays defensive back, said he loves being Anwunah's teammate.

"It's crazy (playing with him)," said Etnyre, who also threw three TD passes in the win. "On defense, with him, half

of the field gets shut down. On offense, we run power to his side. We run that side every time. (I never get tackled) and my jersey's always the cleanest when we run to his side."

Games against only Bendle and Star International are left for the Warriors before the postseason begins. And it's a surprise Anwunah has made it this far into his career without being recruited away by a bigger high school.

But he said he would've never transferred. He likes playing for the Warriors too much.

"I love it here. These guys are my family," he said. "I like it. It's a good Christian environment. It's a good way to praise the Lord and do what I do (on the field). It's a fun experience."

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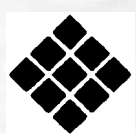
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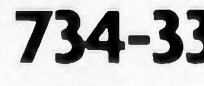
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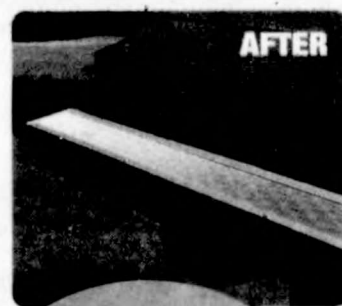
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'Everyone lights up' during Stanley Cup's visit to Brighton hockey rink

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BRIGHTON - The Stanley Cup has visited exotic locations all over the globe, but it seems most at home in the local hockey rink.

The latest small arena to host Lord Stanley's mug was the Kensington Valley Ice House, where hundreds of players in the facility's youth program had the opportunity to have pictures taken with the oldest trophy in North American team sports.

The trophy was brought to Brighton by John Burkart, an amateur scout with the two-time champion Tampa Bay Lightning, during his day with the Cup.

Burkart, who lives in South Lyon, has a daughter playing out of Kensington Valley on the Brighton Ice 13 Mite AA boys travel team.

Burkart is one of the last members of the Tampa Bay organization to get a day with the Cup. The Lightning

will begin the regular season Tuesday against Pittsburgh.

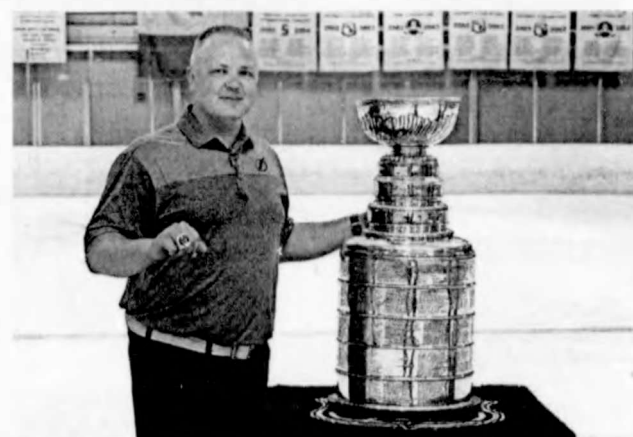
The Cup was brought to six countries during the Lightning's 100 days with the trophy.

"They're all in the NHL now, but they all started somewhere at some minor hockey rink somewhere, whether in North America or overseas," said Hockey Hall of Fame curator Phil Pritchard, a.k.a. the keeper of the Cup.

"It's their way of giving back and saying, 'Thanks.' They know the team is much more than the guys on the ice. It's all the parents, the Zamboni drivers, it's everybody who makes hockey what it is. To give back the way John's doing is amazing."

Kensington Valley was the last stop in a whirlwind day for Burkart, a retired Detroit firefighter who took it to a couple of fire stations, a bar in Detroit, Victory Ice

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Tampa Bay Lightning scout John Burkart of South Lyon brought the Stanley Cup to Kensington Valley Ice House to share with youth hockey players.

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Obituaries

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Daniel G. Schmedlen

LEMOYNE, PA - Daniel G. Schmedlen, 78, of Lemoyne, PA died on Oct. 6, 2021 at home after a courageous multi-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He leaves behind his wife, Jeanne, and two sons, Daniel Jr. (Greenwich, CT) and wife Nida, and Michael J. (Malvern, PA) and wife Rian, and five grandchildren whom he adored: Jurgis, Tatum, Elena, Lindy and Henry.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Audrey Ruth Walker Schmedlen and Henry E. Schmedlen, and by his beloved brother, Roger. Born (7/1/1943) and raised in Detroit and Milford, MI, Dan spent most of his adult life in central PA.

Dan was an avid downhill skier and sailor. He took up running later in life and completed his first marathon (Chicago) in 4:22 at age 58. Dan cherished his family above all else and spent countless days with Jeanne and his boys skiing at Roundtop and cruising on the Chesapeake Bay on his sloop, Thursday's Child. He was a lifelong Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions fan.

A decorated Veteran, Dan served as a tank commander with the U.S. Army in Germany in 1967-68. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in English Literature from Eastern Michigan University with a particular affinity for 17th century English lit, especially the works of John Milton. While in college he worked at the General Motors Proving Grounds in Milford as a test driver. Dan taught English literature at Dodge City Community College and later served as Dean of Students at St. Mary of the Plains College in Kansas before he began his 35-year career at IBM. At IBM, Dan worked in marketing and sales until his retirement in 2010. Dan prized his relationship with his IBM state team colleagues and with his customers, many of whom managed data processing departments at state agencies in Harrisburg PA.

Dan's intelligence, integrity and engaging personality drew others to him. He had a quick and easy smile and could dazzle his friends with an extraordinary ability to quote, verbatim, poems and prose, including (in Middle English) Chaucer's Prologue to The Canterbury Tales.

Dan also leaves behind his brothers Michael J. Schmedlen (Judy) of Laingsburg, MI and George W. Schmedlen (Valerie) of Cleveland, OH, and his sister Lynda Ruth Terrill (Thomas) of Arlington, VA, and their children.

All the Schmedlens are grateful for the support of their friends and family and the caregivers of Hospice of Homeland during the heart-breaking chore of saying good bye to a much-loved and extraordinary husband, father, brother and uncle.

Dan's family will receive well wishers from 5-6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021 at the Parthemore Funeral Home in New Cumberland, PA followed at 6 p.m. by comments from Dan's sons. Instead of flowers, those wishing to honor Dan's memory are asked to recall their favorite 50s rock-and-roll songs and sing or hum them, which he often did.

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Rita Shirley Lipa

(Rita) Shirley Lipa died peacefully at Ben Atchley Veterans Home in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 9, 2020. She was 97 years old.

Shirley was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on December 8, 1922, the daughter of Albert E. and Marguerite Della (Clark) Northup.

A graduate of Detroit's Cooley High School in 1941 Shirley attended Wayne State University.

Shirley met Chester (Chet) Anderson Lipa, through her best friend Dorothy Lipa when she was still in high school. Within a few years, they were engaged and married in June of 1943. Chet enlisted in the Marine Corps shortly after their wedding and was deployed to the Pacific theater of World War II.

Shirley went to work for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company where she worked until Chet returned home from the war.

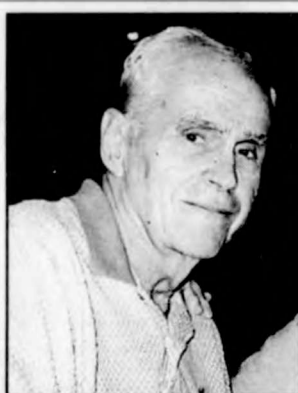
After the war, Shirley and Chet lived in Detroit, Traverse City, Flint and Redford Township while they began raising their children. They eventually made their home in Northville, Michigan where they would spend the majority of their lives. Shirley went back to work at the Michigan Bell Telephone Company at age 43 and retired with over 20 years of service. Shirley was a charter member of the Northville Mothers Club and a prominent member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, serving on many committees. Shirley enjoyed gardening, sewing, spending time with her family and playing bridge. She was a sought-after partner in the Northville bridge community and prided herself on hosting lively get-togethers with friends. Shirley and Chet were founding members of a gourmet dinner club that met regularly for many years.

In 2013, Shirley moved to Tennessee to an assisted living care center.

Shirley is predeceased by her loving husband of 56 years, Chet, her infant son, Michael, her parents Albert and Marguerite Northup and her younger brother, John Northup.

Shirley's surviving family include: four children; Mark Lipa, Carol (Jamie) Jameson, Marcia (Doug) Swiss and Janet Goode, nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

A service of Remembrance is planned for October 16, 2021 at The First Presbyterian Church of Northville at 11:30 a.m.



Robert Walter Ratcliffe

Loving companion of Audrey Anne Collard.

Dear friend and supporter to Kim F. Smith.

Brother of Elizabeth (Hank, Deceased) Bauer, Comming, GA, and Carol (Glenn) Small, Charlotte, NC.

Special thanks to Management and Staff at South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab, South Lyon, MI, for the compassionate care and time each gave to Robert Ratcliffe.

Funeral Mass and Luncheon will take place December 7, 2021 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon, MI, (248) 446-8700

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WEEK 8 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Livonia Churchill at Livonia Stevenson; 7 p.m., Oct. 15
Livonia Franklin vs. Belleville; 7 p.m., Oct. 15
Wayne Memorial vs. John Glenn; 7 p.m., Oct. 15
Canton at Hartland; 7 p.m., Oct. 15
Northville at Novi; 7 p.m., Oct. 15
Plymouth vs. Salem; 7 p.m., Oct. 15

Catholic League

Brother Rice at Traverse City Central; 7 p.m., Oct. 15
Detroit Catholic Central vs. New Market Huron Heights (CN); 7 p.m., Oct. 16
Cranbrook Kingswood vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard; 1 p.m., Oct. 16

Lakes Valley Conference

Milford vs. South Lyon East; 7 p.m., Oct. 15
South Lyon at Waterford Mott; 7 p.m., Oct. 15
Lakeland vs. Gibraltar Carlson; 7 p.m., Oct. 15

Oakland Activities Association

Groves at Clarkston; 7 p.m., Oct. 15
North Farmington at West Bloomfield; 7 p.m., Oct. 15
Seaholm at Lake Orion; 7 p.m., Oct. 15
Bloomfield Hills at Royal Oak; 7 p.m., Oct. 15
Farmington at Auburn Hills Avondale; 7 p.m., Oct. 15

Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Livonia Clarenceville at Tecumseh;

7 p.m., Oct. 15
Garden City vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood; 7 p.m., Oct. 15
Redford Thurston at Romulus; 7 p.m., Oct. 15
Redford Union vs. Melvindale; 7 p.m., Oct. 15

Independent

Lutheran Westland at Burton Bendle; 7 p.m., Oct. 15
Detroit Country Day vs. Detroit Loyola; 1 p.m., Oct. 16

Stanley Cup

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Center in Canton and his daughter's elementary school.

"You always grow up and want to be a Stanley Cup champion," Burkart said. "I've been fortunate enough to win at a couple different levels, then make it to the NHL and we've won the Stanley Cup twice now."

Seeing the reaction of youngsters getting close to the Cup for the first time made all of the long hours he spends away from home scouting for the Lightning worth it.

"I'm just trying to share it with everybody," he said. "You just see the joy in everyone's face when the Stanley Cup comes around, especially the kids."

Burkart didn't get this opportunity last season when the Lightning won the Stanley Cup in a closed environment in Edmonton. The team had a boat parade to celebrate with fans back in Tampa last year, but team members didn't get

to spend a day with the Cup.

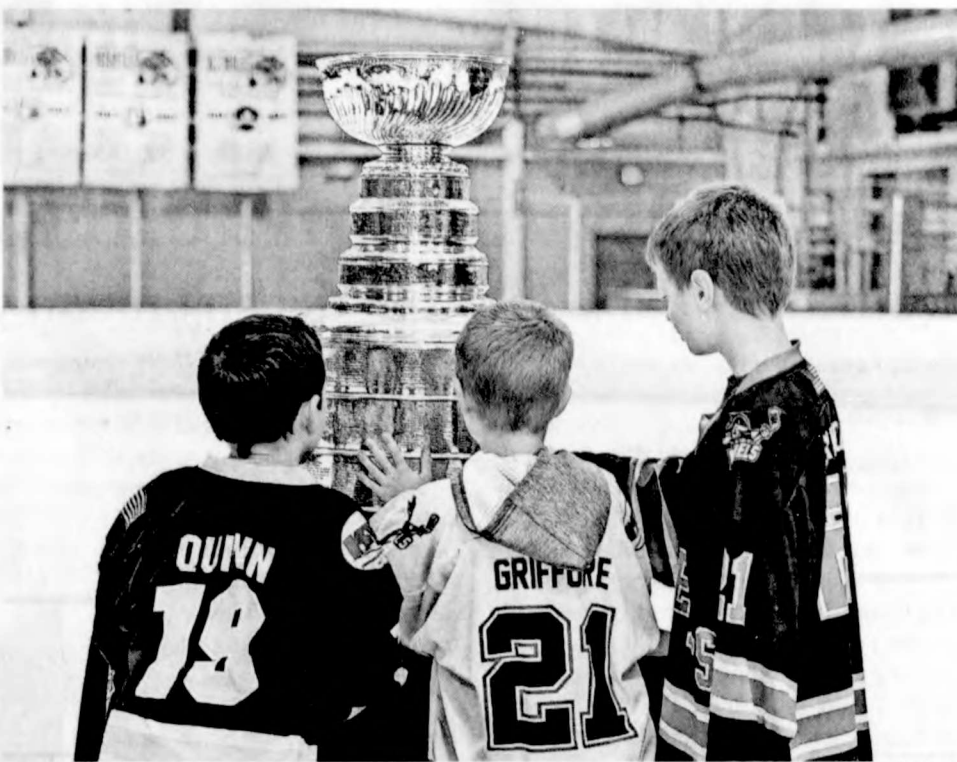
Burkart didn't even get to be present when Tampa Bay beat Dallas in six games to win the 2020 Stanley Cup.

"The world the way it was, we're sitting in our living room, my wife and I, and my daughter's already sleeping," Burkart said. "Everyone went to bed. ..."

"Winning it again this year was definitely a great experience. My wife and I could go down to the game. ... We couldn't do this last year."

Burkart has been an amateur scout for the Lightning since 2011. He and Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper have worked together since coaching a Honeybaked U18 Midget team in Michigan. They were together at two stops in junior hockey.

"It's great to have that feeling we won at the highest level together," Burkart said. "That was awesome for me. Coming back here, pulling it out of the car, bringing it onto the bus and just bringing it around to all these people, you see everyone's face when you go in the door; everyone lights up. This is a great experience to share this with everybody."



Youth hockey players check out the engravings on the Stanley Cup at Kensington Valley Ice House on Oct. 5. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

Howell

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season, but I didn't," Ramonaitis said. "Just being out there again, getting to play with the guys again was an awesome feeling."

Johanningsmeier injured his shoulder in the same game in which Ramonaitis went down.

"It was great to be back out there with all my teammates," Johanningsmeier said. "They were all cheering me on, hoping I did great, and we succeeded. I thought I was going to be back for Brighton (next Friday)."

Lightning strikes twice

Before lightning showed up in the

night sky, it materialized on the field in the person of Howell senior Jackson Kovarik.

Kovarik scored long touchdowns on his first two touches, scoring on a 54-yard run on the Highlanders' first play from scrimmage and on a 93-yard kick-off return.

The carry was the first of the season for Kovarik, a receiver who lined up in the backfield.

"It's something new that we put in," he said. "We thought it would be good to get somebody different the ball, switch it up a little bit. They wouldn't expect it."

The kick return was Kovarik's second for a touchdown this season.

"Our coach always preaches, 'To the house, to the house' every single week," Kovarik said. "I took it to heart. My blockers blocked perfectly. There was a huge hole for me to run through."

Heavy hearts

Earlier in the day, longtime Howell assistant coach Ken "Spider" Richards died after a lengthy battle with cancer.

A moment of silence was held in his honor before the game.

"I was pretty close with him," Ramonaitis said. "He used to be our running back coach. He used to give out the Spider of the Game every week. I got a kick return my sophomore year. He's like, 'We want a kick return every time now.' I loved him. He was huge to the community of Howell. We're going to miss him a lot."

A public viewing will be held at MacDonald's Funeral Home in Howell from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday.

"This is a relationship-oriented deal," Lewis said. "Coach Richards was really good at building great relationships

with our kids. It wasn't just that the kids knew him through football coaching. They've known him a lot of their life."

Bounce-back victory

Howell was coming off its first loss of the season, a 29-7 decision at Hartland.

After struggling to score against a tough Eagles defense, Howell put up five touchdowns in the first half. In addition to Kovarik's touchdowns, quarterback Nolan Petru threw a 20-yard scoring strike to Brevin Weller and ran for a 1-yard touchdown, and Johanningsmeier scored on a 3-yard run.

"We had to put all our effort in this week and make sure we were ready," Petru said. "Last week, we came in unfocused and overconfident a little bit, but this week we came in and had a tough week of practice."



Howell's Jackson Kovarik returns a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown in a 34-7 victory over Novi on Oct. 8. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

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5 Totally Acceptable Reasons to Quit Your Job

Quitting is hard. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't do it.

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Let's just get real for a moment—quitting your job is scary. There's really no getting around that fact. And, as if that nausea-inspiring conversation with your boss, that dreaded exit interview, the awkward goodbye party, and the mountains of related paperwork weren't enough to have you hyperventilating, you're also almost always left with a bad feeling in the pit of your stomach. Even if you hand in your resignation the right way.

But, it's totally natural. Whether you've been there for twenty years or 6 months, finding a new job is a big decision, and it will almost always inspire some feelings of guilt—regardless of how much you might hate that dreadful gig of yours. There's still a small part of you that will undoubtedly feel remorseful about walking away.

However, this is important for you to remember: You are completely entitled to leave your job—and, there are plenty of justifiable reasons for doing just that. Everyone has done it. So, whenever that gnawing guilt monster threatens to keep you from packing up your cubicle, remember these six reasons to quit and then gather your courage. Because, yes, these are totally acceptable.

1. You Have a Better Opportunity on the Table

You've heard that old, "Sometimes the only way up is out" sentiment, right? Well, there's a reason it's a tired cliché: Because it's the truth.

So, when a better opportunity comes

along and presents itself? It's totally acceptable—and maybe even slightly encouraged—that you take it. Nobody can blame you for wanting to advance your own career. And, if you just aren't getting those opportunities with your current company, sometimes you really do need to see your way out in order to keep moving up.

2. You Don't Feel Safe

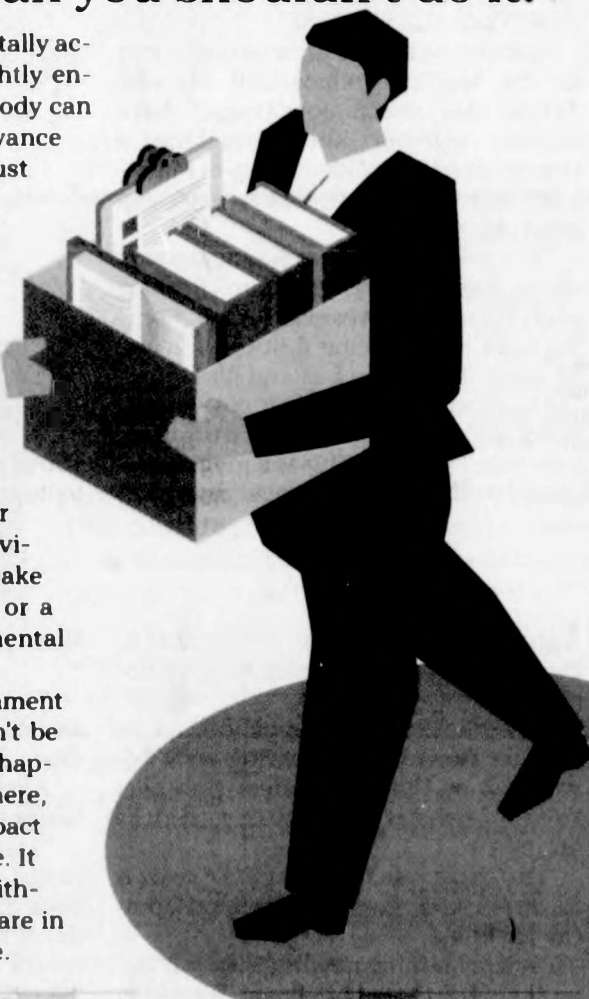
If the past year or so has taught us anything, it is the importance of feeling safe in the places you go. Whether your office seems like a hazardous environment, a place that doesn't take the proper safety precautions, or a role that takes a toll on your mental health.

If you aren't in an environment where you feel unsafe, you won't be able to do your best work. What happens at work, and how you feel there, has far-reaching effects that impact your wellbeing outside the office. It is always a last resort to quit without notice, but if you think you are in danger, it may be the only choice.

3. You're Continuing Your Education

First things first, congratulations! That's an exciting decision, and furthering your education is almost never a bad move.

But—let's face it—it's going to involve a lot of time, commitment, and elbow grease on your part. And, if you think you can't quite manage all of that while still working in your current position?



Then, by all means, hit the road and find a part time job or something that will be a better fit for your new schedule.

Yes, leaving your job behind might be a little scary (particularly if you like where you work). But, think of that leap as an investment in your future.

4. You're Treated Poorly

There's just no nice way to phrase it—you hate your terrible, horrible, dead-end job. Getting up each and every weekday morning seems like a superhuman feat of strength. And, when you do manage to get yourself out from under the covers? You trudge into the office every day with an overwhelming sense of dread while feeling like your legs are made of concrete.

Listen, there's really no such thing as a perfect job where every single moment will be flawless. But, that doesn't mean you deserve a gig that makes you positively miserable. You don't need a dream job, but you do need a job where you're treated fairly. If you're not getting that where you are? Then you're completely justified in packing up in search of greener pastures.

5. You Want to Try Something New

Very few career paths are completely linear. And just because you chose a college major when you were 19, doesn't mean you have to stick to that decision until you retire. More often than not, you'll find something new that you'd like to try or a totally different career path you're interested in exploring.

First, it's important to remember that making a career shift doesn't mean you're a distracted commitment-phobe. It just means you've gathered new information and experiences that have enlightened you about something new.

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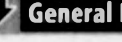
To the person who adopted Tasha, then a one yr. old purebred black/white German Shepherd from the humane society in Ann Arbor at the end of December 2020, I would like to offer you \$12,000.00 for returning Tasha to us. I will also cover her unilateral hernia repair if you had the surgery performed. I was misdiagnosed for asthma there fore leaving the underlying condition untreated. (I have since recovered). This led me to believe along with the doctor I had allergies to Tasha and Eve. The Allergist/immunologist who also misdiagnosed me said the dogs were making my asthma worse. This is why I brought Tasha and Eve to the Humane Society. So excruciating painful! I later tested negative for asthma and properly treated. No words to describe knowing that giving up Tasha and Eve was preventable if I was diagnosed properly. This is traumatizing. Each provider followed the original doctors misdiagnosis (Medical records available). I have been trying to find Tasha since then. I was planning when Tasha was 1 1/2 yrs to have her spayed as well as her hernia repair and gastropexy (breed prone to bloat). Also to follow up on her spleen and blood work. Her two aunts had splenectomy (had the spleen removed with treatment) and HYPERTHYROIDISM with treatment. The family who adopted Eve returned her to us and she offered for you to call her. I will give you her number. We kept the name the family gave Eve. We are forever thankful to them. We love Tasha and Eve very much. We would love to have them reunited and playing together again. If it was an issue I certainly would not have taken Eve back nor ask for Tasha. I never would have given Tasha and Eve up if I had providers who diagnosed me correctly. Eve had her gastropexy, blood work and spleen exam. We have always taken excellent care of our animals and with vet care. I hope you will consider my offer of \$12,000.00 for Tasha's return. We love Tasha and are heartbroken. Please share this. Thank you. Please respond to: kindshepherd@gmail.com

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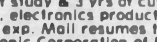
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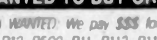
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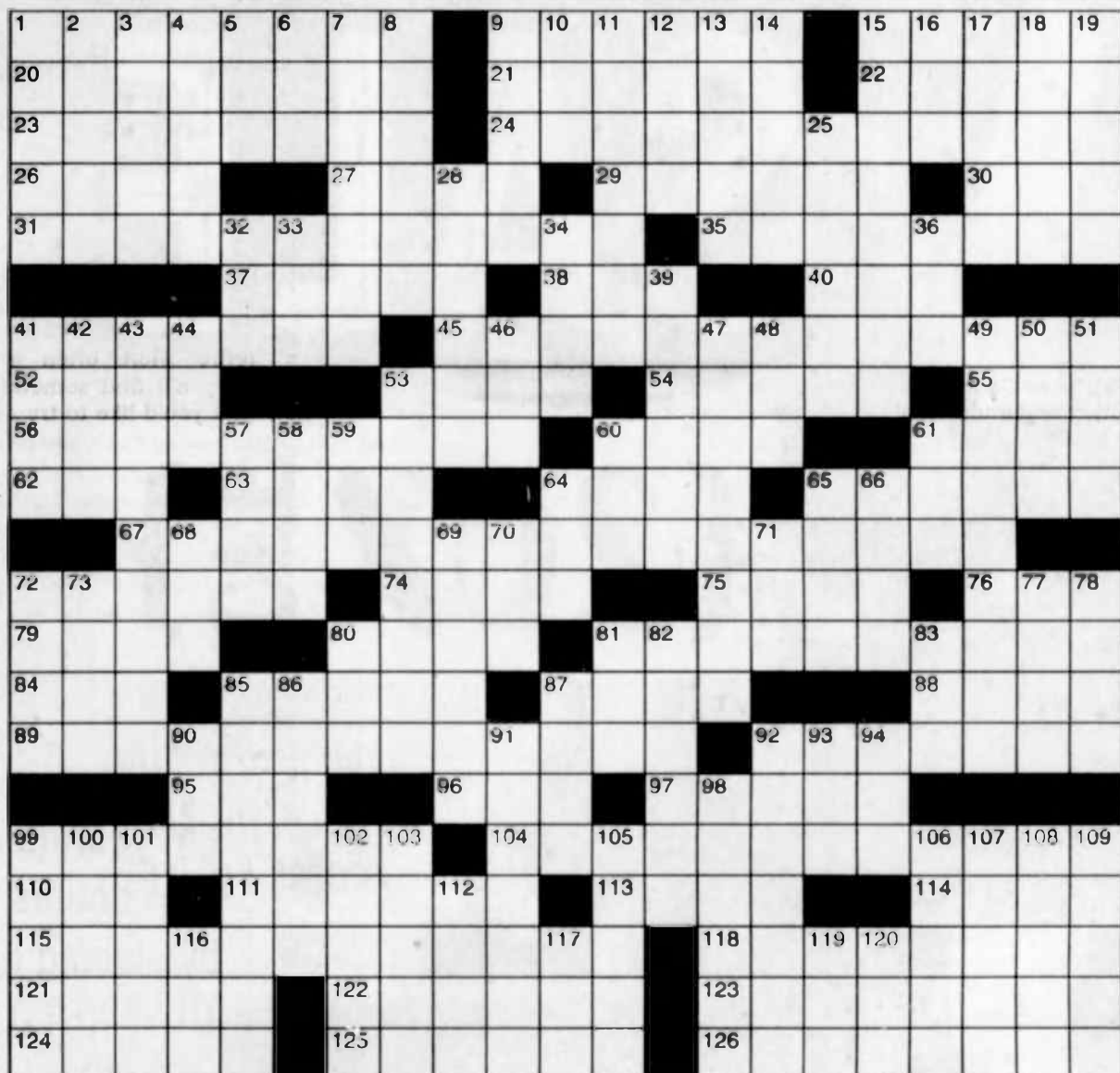
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"Atlanta"
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121 Pacific island
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7 Touches
down
8 Leave alone
9 Second half
of a single
10 "— Beso"
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13 Casino chips,
e.g.
14 J.R. Ewing's
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with an ax
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10/14

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ONE TO ONE

Can you find all the words containing ONE? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even
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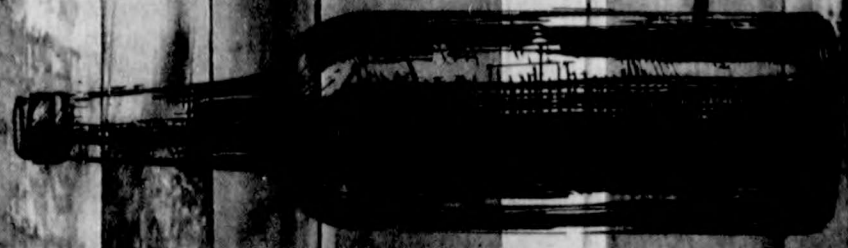
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