



# NORTHVILLE RECORD

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## MILFORD

### Mixed-use building proposed on Liberty St.

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Downtown Milford could be the home of yet another three-story mixed-use development.

Plans for a proposed structure at 120 E. Liberty St., were put before the village's planning commission earlier this

month. The building, which would be located between the Village Butcher and the Milford Presbyterian Church, would be three stories and contain commercial space, parking and a gym for the residential units.

The top two floors would each contain six condominiums, along with storage for each unit.

Megan Farkas, a Brighton realtor working on the project, told the planning commission a market study done on downtown Milford shows these types of residential units are needed, and she believes they would be filled quickly.

"These condos will be very high-end with premium features," she said. "As a

market, we think there are strong numbers to support this development."

The site would also have enough parking for one parking space per residential unit, as well as some for the commercial shops on the first floor. It could also include a rooftop patio for the

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### Trick-or-treat times, events, forecast in metro Detroit

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Get ready to think scary thoughts and fill a pillowcase with candy — Halloween is just around the corner!

Here are city- and township-recommended times to trick-or-treat, as well as a few public events in western Wayne and Oakland counties. Hometown Life area communities not mentioned do not have set trick-or-treat hours.

#### Oakland County

Oakland County Parks will have a trick-or-treat event at the Oakland County Farmers Market, 2350 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30.

The Salvation Army of Farmington Hills, 27500 Shiawassee, will host a trunk or treat 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. Food trucks will be on site with food for purchase, as well.

Birmingham will have special activities at its final farmers market of the season. The 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 31 market on N. Old Woodward will feature pumpkin decorating, hay bales, and trick-or-treating.

Farmington Hills has hayrides on Friday nights through Nov. 5 at Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road. Hayrides are \$5 each, free for those younger than 2. Rides leave every half hour from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Highland suggests trick-or-treat hours are 6-8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 31.

Milford sets trick-or-treat hours 6-8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 31.

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Allison Burtrum, left, and Jennifer Luker get ready for a fundraiser for their Five Points of Hope Charity. The Milford Cinema is hosting a screening of the Rocky Horror Picture Show on Oct. 30 to benefit the charity.

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### Rocky Horror, drag queen bingo usher in Halloween

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com  
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Looking for some campy Halloween fun while supporting a great cause?

Five Points of Hope has just the ticket for you: an Oct. 30 fundraiser at the Milford Independent Cinema, featuring a screening of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" preceded by Drag Queen Bingo. Festivities begin at 10 p.m.

The event is a quirky bonus after a difficult year of cancellations of fundraisers that support the non-profit's mission of providing financial assistance to cancer patients.

"We snuck one in on Oct. 30,"

Welsh, founder of Five Points of Hope, said. "This event will be fun and cool for Devil's Night."

The 1975 film starring Tim Curry as a transvestite mad scientist and Susan Sarandon as a heroine is a parody of old science fiction and horror movies. It became a cult classic and for many years enjoyed reruns in theaters chock full of audience participation.

Welsh and the Five Points of Hope volunteers will help a new generation enjoy the flick, as well as welcome older devotees, by providing interactive goody bags with some helpful props and scripts.

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### What to know about Tuesday elections

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Election Day in Michigan is Tuesday with city elections and ballot issues coming before voters across the Hometown Life communities.

Local elections this year are non-partisan, meaning candidates are not required to declare a political party when running for office. Often times, a look at a candidate's views on the various issues or a search on social media websites can help voters determine a candidate's political leanings.

Here are some frequently asked questions regarding the election. Visit hometownlife.com for in-depth information on candidates and ballot issues in the Nov. 2 election.

#### Does my community have an election?

Voters living in Oakland County communities of Birmingham, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, Northville, South Lyon and those living in the Huron Valley Schools boundaries have election day decisions to make. Each of the cities have elections to decide one elected leaders. South Lyon, Farmington Hills and Huron Valley Schools have ballot questions.

In Wayne County, voters in Westland, Livonia, Plymouth and Northville can head to the polls to select their municipal leaders.

#### Can I vote absentee?

Yes. Under changes in Michigan law, every registered voter is allowed

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The Twisted Cork has numerous tables and a bar for its wine-loving guests.  
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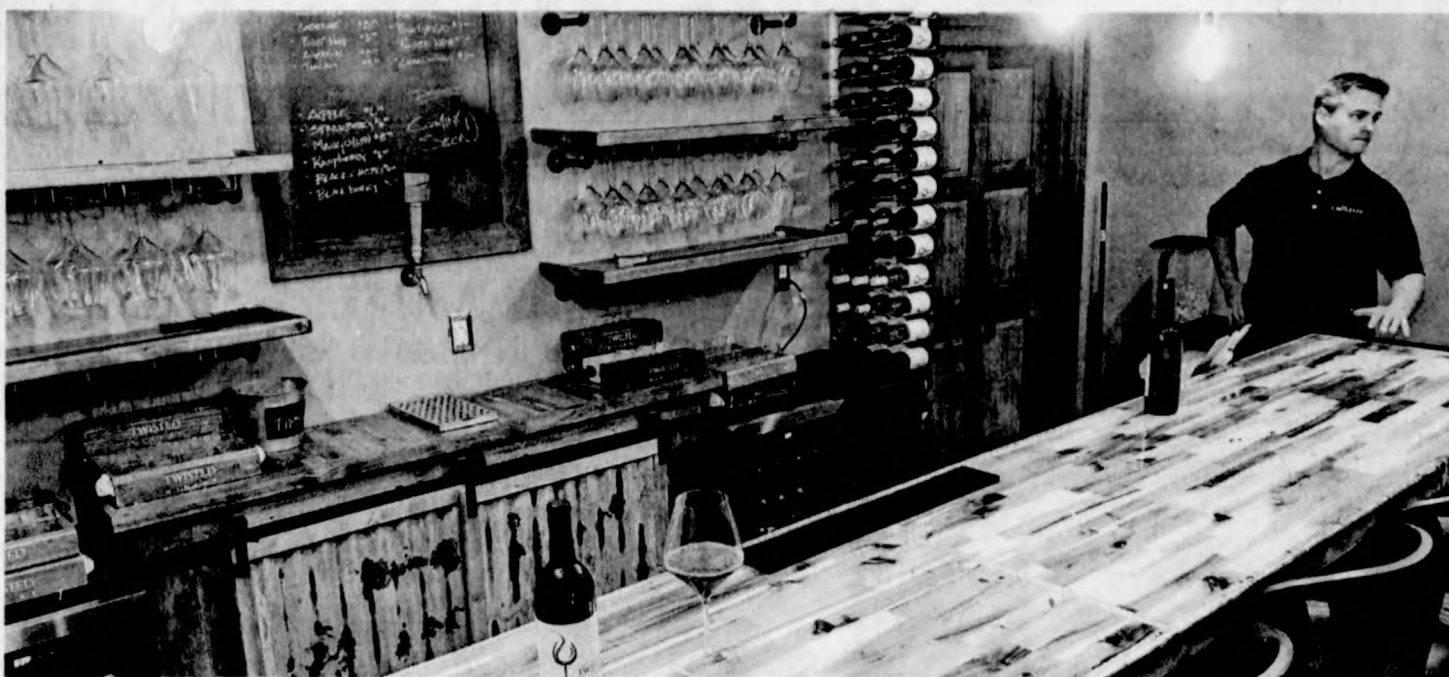
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## New wine-tasting room opens in South Lyon

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After spending much of his career in the corporate world, all David Barton wants to do now is serve drinks.

The Lyon Township resident, along with his wife Lisa, are the owners of the new Twisted Cork Winery at 105 N. Lafayette in downtown South Lyon.

After spending years working for large companies, Barton said he wanted

to find something else that called to him.

"I had a passion for it," he said. "... We took a chance to invest in ourselves and invest in South Lyon and take the business here."

After deciding on a winery, he began looking for space. That's when he discovered the suite, which was formerly occupied by a yoga studio.

The winery operates in the basement of the building, providing an intimate look and feel when guests arrive. There are more than a dozen wines available to try by the glass or by the bottle, as well as flights for those who can't pick just one. A current seasonal wine is a cranberry apple.

"It's a fruit-based wine but it's something that you can use for Thanksgiving," he said. "It's a great fall fruit wine."

Visitors can sit down and enjoy a glass, or purchase a bottle to take home.

Since opening, the couple has had plenty of customers stop by, especially over the first weekend they were open.

"The furthest I heard (customers

came from) was just about Lansing," Lisa Barton said.

The new winery adds to a rich heritage of wine and beer makers in southwest Oakland County. In addition to the several craft breweries that operate in both South Lyon and Lyon Township, Twisted Cork Winery joins Whole Hearted Winery in New Hudson as the area's newest wineries.

David Barton said opening such a business fit the needs of the community and was something they knew the community could embrace.

"From a business perspective, I saw an opportunity on the wine side," he said. "There's a lot of growth recently in South Lyon, so as opposed to a lot of these people going to outside South Lyon, I saw an opportunity for this."

The winery is open 1-8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 1-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and noon to 9 p.m. Saturday. More information, including a list of available wines, can be found at [twistedcorkwinery.com](http://twistedcorkwinery.com).

### City of Northville Notice of Public Hearing of the Planning Commission To Obtain Comments regarding the 2021 Master Plan Update Hearing to be Held November 16, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

Residents of the City of Northville, owners of real property, and other interested persons, please take notice that the Northville Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on November 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving comments from the general public regarding the proposed update to the City of Northville Master Plan.

#### Meeting Location and Participation

The meeting will be held via video conference as allowed by City Council's Local State of Emergency Declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Members of the public body and members of the public participating electronically will be considered present at the meeting and may participate as if physically present at the meeting.

The following are meeting participation links: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88228823906>  
US: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656, Webinar ID: 882 2882 3906

Those needing assistance or accommodations should contact the City Manager's office at 248-449-9905 by 4:30 p.m. the Monday prior to this public hearing. Log in instructions, information about electronic meetings, and a user guide can be found on the City's website [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us). From the Home page click on the Government tab, then click on the Agendas and Minutes tab, and scroll to the Planning Commission section of the webpage. This webpage can also be accessed at this link: <https://www.ci.northville.mi.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=11895963&pageId=13505469#pc>.

#### Draft Master Plan Update Review and Written Comments

A copy of the proposed Master Plan Update may be viewed at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902, during normal business hours of 8am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. The proposed Master Plan Update is also available for review on the City of Northville website [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us). From the Home page click on the Services tab, then Building and Planning, then Planning Commission, then Master Plan and Other Studies. This webpage can also be accessed at this link: [https://www.ci.northville.mi.us/services/building\\_and\\_planning/planning\\_commission/master\\_plan\\_and\\_other\\_studies](https://www.ci.northville.mi.us/services/building_and_planning/planning_commission/master_plan_and_other_studies).

Written comments are also encouraged and may be mailed to: City of Northville, Master Plan Update, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167; or placed in the 24-hour drop box, or emailed to [dmassa@ci.northville.mi.us](mailto:dmassa@ci.northville.mi.us).

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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### INVITATION TO BID NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS - 2021 RENOVATIONS TRANSPORTATION BUILDING REMODELING

The Board of Education of Northville Public Schools is accepting firm prime contractor trade specific bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the building addition and interior remodeling and site work at the Northville Public Schools Transportation Building.

Drawings and specifications may be downloaded electronically and are available for review at the office of AUCH Construction, 65 University, Pontiac, MI 48342, 248.334.2000, on or after **October 14th, 2021**. Bid Package consists of Instruction to Bidders, Proposal Forms, General and Supplementary Conditions, drawings, specifications, and pertinent trade specifications. Contact Rob Moelich or Shawn Debo for download instructions.

Your proposal will be accepted **NO LATER THAN 12:00PM, October 29th, 2021**. **ALL BIDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA BUILDING CONNECTED.** Address all bids to "Northville Public Schools - Board of Education". Hard copy bids will not be received for consideration. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud beginning at **1:00 P.M., October 28th, 2021** at the Northville Board of Education - 405 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. A virtual meeting link will be provided via Addendum for the bid opening.

A pre-bid walk-through is scheduled for **Friday, October 22nd, 2021 at 10:00AM** at Northville Public Schools Transportation Building (504 Eight Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48167). Enter off of the Taft Road entrance gate. This meeting is not mandatory, but highly recommended.

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

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

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

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Northville Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$25,288 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days. Electronic copies of the executed bid security / certified checks are the only hard copy item that may be delivered. Bid security must be delivered by 12:00 noon on October 28th, 2021 for your bid to be considered. Late bid security will NOT be accepted. Deliver to **Northville Board of Education - 405 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167**.

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

Roland Hwang, Secretary  
Northville Public Schools, Board of Education  
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### NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU21-0009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for **Northern Equities Group** is requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporarily **Driving Vehicles for Component Testing** at **30755 Cabot Drive**, parcel **50-22-01-200-048**, north of Thirteen Mile and west of Haggerty Road from **November 18, 2021 through November 18, 2022**. The property is zoned OST (Office Service Technology) and the use is contrary to 3.14.1 A of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

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

A public hearing will be held at **10:30am on November 18, 2021** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the **Mayors Conference Room**. All written comments should be directed to Nina Schaffrath and must be received prior to **Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 3PM**.

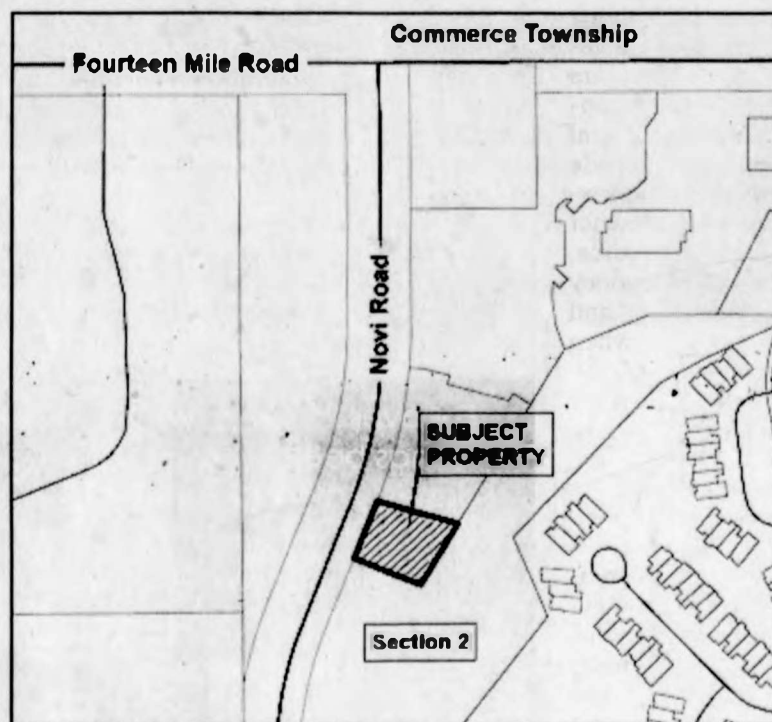
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### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **November 17, 2021**, at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **JSP21-33: NOVI MEDICAL BUILDING (AKA MAPLES OF NOVI TENNIS COURTS), FOR A REQUEST TO AMEND THE MAPLES OF NOVI PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND AREA PLAN**. The subject property totals approximately 0.42 acres and is Parcel 50-22-02-200-043, which is located east of Novi Road and south of Fourteen Mile Road (Section 2). The subject property is zoned RA (Residential Acreage) with a PUD (Planned Unit Development) Agreement. The applicant is proposing to construct a 2,652 square foot medical office on the parcel currently occupied by the tennis courts. The proposed development will not impact any of the open space that is currently used as a golf course.

Plans are available for review by contacting the Community Development Department at the following email address: [bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org](mailto:bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org)



Subject Parcel ID's: 50-22-02-200-043

All interested persons are invited to attend this in-person meeting. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, **November 17, 2021**.

Novi Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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# Three charter amendments on South Lyon ballot

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com  
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Voters in South Lyon will see three questions on the Nov. 2 ballot regarding amending the city's charter.

Clerk Lisa Deaton says the three proposals are meant to simplify language.

"Most of it is just cleaning up language from the charter," Deaton explained. "It's just clarifying information that is already in the charter."

The first question asks if a precinct section in the charter should be amended "to provide for the estab-

lishment of polling places within the precincts established by the Election Commission."

Deaton notes that a yes vote will make it clearer that the election commission authorizes the split of a precinct, while the city council authorizes a location, done to alleviate the overall number of voters at a single polling place.

The second proposal asks if the charter should be amended to instruct that "councilpersons shall abstain from voting on questions presenting a conflict of interest under state or local law or ordinance or where voting would otherwise violate the Federal or State

Constitution or state or local laws?"

The only change here is from the current language of "councilman" to "councilperson" to be gender neutral, Deaton said.

The third question asks if the charter should add a paragraph clarifying that state law supersedes the city charter in the event of a conflict.

South Lyon voters approved a charter amendment change in 2020 to define a quorum as a majority of the council members. That update was necessitated after voters approved in 2004 increasing the city council from five members to seven.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Meadowbrook development concerns

I write to object to Meadowbrook Country Club's plan to invoke special land use for property zoned R-1 Single Family Residential, specifically because of their intent to concentrate their whole "industrial operation" next to 8 Mile/Novi residents.

Our home is located in the Quail Ridge subdivision, just down from 8 mile, and backs up to a bit over 300 feet from the club land boundary. I realize this is just far enough that no one was required to advise Quail Ridge residents about this build, but I have no doubt that those of us who live so near would have objected had we been so advised.

Nor was it adequately published in my opinion. Zoning ordinance 170-40.7 Public Notice says: "Notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the township." I do not think The Eagle qualifies as it is not generally circulated, and the township website is not a newspaper.

An industrial operation so close to 8 Mile is bound to affect home values nearby, to say nothing of the noise and disruption that will impact our peaceful space — and not just during construction, but when actual operations begin as well.

I have heard Meadowbrook Country Club owns a nearly four-acre property at the North East corner of the course (along Spring Lane) which seems much better suited to "industrial operations" because it borders the established Haggerty commercial corridor and abuts the parking lot of the Assisted Living facility. Why not put their operations there?

It is wrong to degrade what up to now has been an ideal residential living situation for the convenience of developers who, despite other options, invoke "special land use" to override what every township tax-paying property owner values about this area. Worse, it will be money out of our pockets — and the township's — when property values fall.

Kathryn McLaren  
Northville

### Volunteers make library better

Among the celebrations that take place every October is National Friends of the Library Week (Oct. 17-23). The week honors the accomplishments of library Friends' groups who volunteer countless hours and raise funds for public libraries.

The Northville District Library is fortunate to have its own group of amazing volunteers: The Friends of the Northville District Library. Over the course of many years, the

Friends of the Northville District Library has provided the library with funding that has allowed it to purchase items and provide community programming that otherwise would not have been possible without their support.

These include the library's most popular programs: the Battle of the Books and Summer Reading. The Friends receive much of their funding through their operation of the Used Book Cellar and the gift store. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in March 2020, the library had to temporarily close both stores. Despite not being able to earn income from these sources, the Friends insisted on using their savings to help continue to support the library in 2020.

The pandemic dragged into 2021 and yet again, the Friends provided funding for the Library. The Northville District Library owes a huge debt of gratitude to its Friends group and wishes to publicly thank them for their loyalty and incredible generosity during this

unprecedented chapter in the Library's history. May all public libraries in Michigan be a lucky as the Northville District Library to have such incredible Friends.

Laura Mancini  
Northville

### Service drive weeds need attention

I have attempted to contact the mayors office by phone on two separate occasions only to be met with excuses and derision. Didn't appreciate either. However my concern persists.

Livonia's ordinance on weeds and grass states "noxious weeds must be cut prior to seed bearing stage or nine inches (9") whichever comes first."

Whoever is responsible for maintaining eastbound and westbound Schoolcraft service drive is failing to abide by our City of Livonia ordinance. The weeds on the service drive are feet tall not inches. It has been this way since July when I attempted to contact the mayors office previously.

While tall weeds and

unkempt grass may seem trivial to some, it is not to many. How our community looks is a representation of the citizens and leadership. How our community looks is a representation of ourselves.

In this instance our leadership is failing us, the citizens.

I would love to see this matter, as it is so simple to address, remediated in a timely fashion as it would be required if it were a business of homeowner who was breaking our ordinance.

We have a fantastic

community here in Livonia. The city does so much right compared to other municipalities throughout the state and or country.

Michael Cretu  
Livonia

### Supports Taylor in Farmington

Maria Taylor is deeply committed to maintaining Farmington's historical character, while always looking for creative ways to improve the downtown and all of the neighborhoods.

As long-time residents of Farmington, we have appreciated her attention to many matters touching the daily life of the residents and the attractiveness of the City. We have observed Maria's work on the city council these past 3 years and watched her tireless efforts to seek out and listen to residents and to be present and involved in multiple community activities.

Her ideas, voice and hard work on the council deserve a second term.

Pam & George Wright  
Farmington

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Plans are available for review by contacting the Community Development Department at the following email address: [bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org](mailto:bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org)

Subject Parcel ID's: 50-22-23-351-065

All interested persons are invited to attend this in-person meeting. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, **November 17, 2021**.

Novi Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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## Novi man killed in crash on I-96

Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A 52-year-old Novi man was killed Tuesday, Oct. 22, in a single-vehicle crash on westbound I-96 near Kensington Road, state police said.

Michigan State Police troopers from

the Brighton Post were dispatched to a vehicle that had run off the road at 7:35 a.m., police said in a Twitter post.

Officials said the driver, William Rickerman, was pronounced dead on scene.

Rickerman is the third person to die in a car crash in Livingston County in

the past week.

A Holly man was killed last week in a three-vehicle crash on U.S. 23; a Grand Blanc man was killed last Tuesday after striking a tree.

The cause of the traffic crash on Tuesday remains under investigation.

## Individual arrested after shooting threat reported at Walled Lake Central High

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The Walled Lake Central High School community may notice law enforcers near and at the Oakley Park Road building in Commerce Township because of a threat to shoot up the school on Oct. 25.

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies talked to a student's parent the afternoon of Oct. 23.

The parent said their daughter saw a social media post that indicted another student and his friends would shoot up the school on Oct. 25 because they were tired of being bullied.

Detectives met with the student considered to be the post author, and he denied any involvement.

Detectives said someone may have created a false Snapchat account to make the threat.

The next day, Oct. 24, deputies determined the threat came from St. Joseph, Missouri. The responsible person was arrested.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Follow her on Twitter @susan-vela.

## Card skimmers found at gas stations in state

Emma Stein Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Government inspectors recently found card skimmers at gas stations across the state.

During a routine inspection, the weights and measures division of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development found hidden skimmers inside gas pumps. Skimmers are not visible from outside the pump, making customers oblivious to what might be going on.

"These criminals continue to try and use gas pumps to commit theft and steal your personal information for fraudulent use. These inspections are just another way MDARD is protecting Michigan consumers at the pump," said Gary McDowell, MDARD director, in a news release. "Kudos to our weights and measures staff for their vigilance in protecting consumers pocketbooks and personal identification."

The skimmers were found at the following locations:

- Admiral, 3221 Division S., Wyoming

- Admiral, 5342 Westnedge, Portage
- Sunoco, 40200 Michigan Ave., Canton

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- Mobil, 1500 Haslett Rd, East Lansing
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Card skimmers essentially make a copy of your information.

They read the magnetic strip on your credit or debit card, according to U.S. News.

The skimmers store your name, card number and expiration date, and the information is used the stolen data to create counterfeit cards or make fraudulent purchases.

"Criminals who engage in this type of illegal activity exploit and manipulate the very technology that we depend on to conduct secure financial transactions

in the retail marketplace," said Timothy Waters, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Michigan. "The FBI and its local, state, and federal law enforcement partners are committed to protecting consumers, businesses, and financial institutions from fraud schemes conducted by criminal enterprises like this one."

Because card skimmers are hidden and blend in, it can be hard for gas station owners to prevent them and customers to protect themselves.

Gas station owners will add security tape, for example, to prevent card skimmers, but it can be broken or removed.

The department continues to work with the FBI and local law enforcement to try track down the thieves and prevent card skimmers.

The department will continue to look for skimmers during every routine pump inspection. If you believe your information may have been compromised, please contact your banking institution immediately.



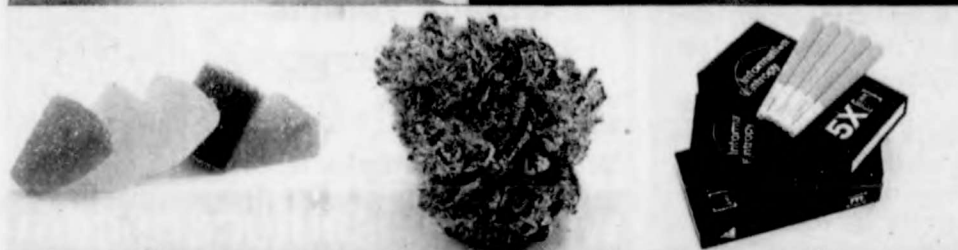
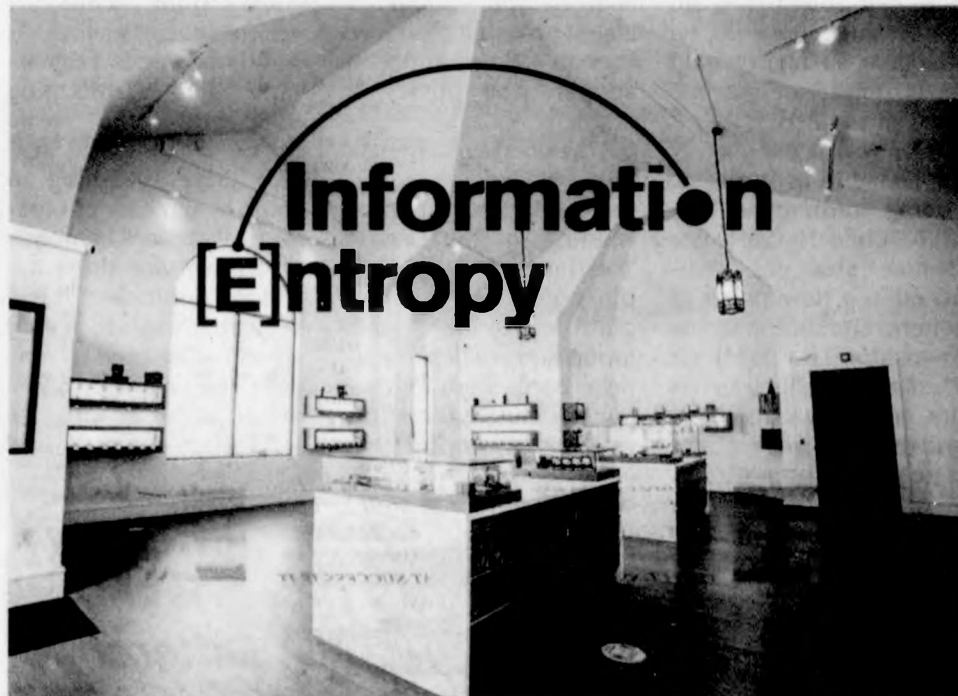
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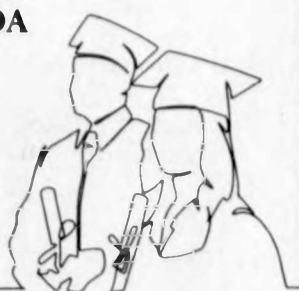


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LIFE IS THE TEST... WHY NOT WIN IT?

WAITING FOR THE TEST RESULTS.

**AMERICANS LOVE A WINNER AND WILL NOT TOLERATE A LOSER.**

GEORGE S. PATTON

What is so different about you? What enables middle-class folks to rise and win, time after time? Facing and beating challenges? At 7 years old, I began helping another kid on his paper route. Lucky for me, there was a block of triple decker houses and Paulie did not like climbing stairs. A few years later, my next younger brother and I had our own route. Hot in the summer. Cold in the winter. Raining or snowing from time to time. On foot. We did not always whistle while we worked. But the Carrier boys delivered the Evening Bulletin 6 nights a week. And early Sunday mornings, before church, the Journal-Bulletin.

You have done the same. Throughout your life, you took the overtime. The second job. Doing what it took. My weekends at Notre Dame were spent delivering pizza. As a law student, I worked full time on the graveyard shift as a security guard. Just like you. What else could we have done? We had a job. We saw the need. We got it done.

We learned it from our folks. After beating the bad guys in WWII, our parents went to work. Dad taught school all day, came home, changed clothes, and put in 8 more hours at the Narragansett brewery. For 16 years. Mom was an RN. After raising 8 kids, she pinned her nurse's cap back on and resumed nursing. Details vary, but your family lived the same values.

How do I know? Thirty years of talking to and planning for your folks. And you.

THESE ARE THE TIMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS.

THE SUMMER SOLDIER AND THE SUNSHINE PATRIOT WILL, IN THIS CRISIS, SHRINK FROM THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY... YET WE HAVE THIS CONSOLATION WITH US, THAT THE HARDER THE CONFLICT, THE MORE GLORIOUS THE TRIUMPH.

— THOMAS S. PAINE

And now COVID. The Elder Plague. Death rates: way down. Therapies: better and improving. So much winning. But we are not done yet. COVID is real. COVID can strike close to home.

By a series of commonplace coincidences, a team member tested positive for COVID. Several of us are now waiting on our own test results. We should be fine. Since the beginning, the Carrier Law team has taken every recommended precaution. And come up with a few of our own. Hand sanitizer, videoconferencing, outdoor workshops, social distancing, masks, working from home, plexiglass barriers, ultraviolet lights, temperature checks, screening protocols, Clorox-ing conference rooms, prudent behavior.

Not perfect. Last Friday, I spent a few hours (in the rain) climbing through trees on one of those courses. Team building with several paralegals. Outdoors, yes. Distanced, yes. Wearing masks, yes. Until that triumphant team photo at the finish. Mask off. Picture! Mask on. Well. So now we wait for the test results. One more thing to be taken in stride.

Aren't we all waiting on "test results"? What will your "Alzheimer's test" reveal? Of course, there is no such "test." We find out only as time goes by. With COVID, we face reality, we do not wish it away. Most of us will eventually face dementia. Personally. Not just our spouse or a loved one. Lots of statistics. One bottom-line fact.

THE TROUBLE IN AMERICAN LIFE TODAY, IN BUSINESS AS WELL AS IN SPORTS, IS THAT TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE AFRAID OF COMPETITION. THE RESULT IS THAT IN SOME CIRCLES PEOPLE HAVE COME TO SNEER AT SUCCESS IF IT COSTS HARD WORK AND TRAINING AND SACRIFICE.

— KNUTE ROCKNE

We, the middle class, do not deny reality. We accept it, make our peace, and do the best we can. With optimism and good cheer. Lots of critics have lots to say about us baby-boomers. But all agree that when we see what we want, we go get it. Make it happen. Rejecting the counsels of gloom and doom. With open eyes and stout hearts.

When you are facing long-term care, dementia, end of life issues, there are a million questions and few reliable answers. Many people, including otherwise competent financial planners, well-known attorneys, and respected members of the community, seem to believe that you should go broke when facing these issues. Maybe they are unaware of the options. Perhaps they are in denial. Is there a moral imperative that you should go broke? Some "experts" seem to think there is.



AMERICANS PLAY TO WIN ALL THE TIME. THE VERY THOUGHT OF LOSING IS HATEFUL TO AMERICANS.

— GEORGE S. PATTON

Like you, I completely reject the idea that losing is okay. Like you, I believe in winning. We all have challenges and sometimes we do lose.

But we never "get used to it." Why should we? Losing is a bitter pill. I may have to take my medicine, but I do not have to like it.

If you want to go broke, as some folks think you should, you do not need me. The state is very good at making a bonfire of your lifesavings. The state helps only when you comply with their rules. And for most folks,

compliance means poverty, insecurity, loss. Unacceptable.

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Can I convey a house to my disabled adult child with a deed of gift and not run afoul of Medicaid?

We are worried that the house will be taken away to recover nursing home or other medical costs. The adult child has SSDI. Neither I nor my spouse is on Medicaid but I may need to file an application for him soon. He is not on the deed of this house. It is not our primary residence. This house is paid off. He and I are concerned about Medicaid and want to handle the transfer properly. If a deed of gift will not do this, then could we sell it to the child and hold a loan on the house instead? Or is there another method that you would suggest?

It doesn't matter that your husband is not on the property. A married couple is an "asset control group" of 2. That means anything one of you does "counts against" the other. Good News: It is not "divestment" to gift assets to your disabled child (SSDI = Social Security Disability Income, therefore disabled). Bad Idea: Selling an asset and "holding a loan" will be treated as a divestment and incur a penalty. Best Idea: Create a third party supplemental needs trust, also known as a d4C trust (if you want to look it up: 42 USC 1396(p)(d)(4)(C), under the Social Security Act). This is great stuff, because it will: 1. Protect your Medicaid, because not a divestment. 2. Preserve the property for your adult child: the house cannot be sued away from the child, because it is in the trust. 3. Protect the adult child's future need for Medicaid, because even if the house is sold, the money will not be countable.

What happens if a Living Trust has an executor but no successor trustee?

It is easy to "run afoul" of the Medicaid rules, but almost always you can thread the needle and accomplish your goals!

A good friend of mine has put me down as an executor, but there's no successor trustee. What happens now?

It is unlikely that a trust would use the word "executor" to describe the trustee, but stranger things have happened. If so, no problem, you are still the trustee.

I am guessing, though, that something else is happening here. I guess that you are named on the will as executor, which is fine. I am also guessing that your good friend named himself as trustee of the trust but did not provide for any successor at all. That is bad. Here is another guess: this is an online, fill-in-the-blank, do-it-yourself project. What happens next depends on whether your good friend is still alive.

If alive, get to a local attorney and fix this thing. If your friend is deceased, you will have to petition the Probate Court to appoint you as trustee.

How can I have access to my husband's account while not named on the account if he is deceased?

Due to my credit I am not on my husband's bank account. He is getting older and his health is not as good. How do I protect his assets and stay out of

probate? I do not want nor need to be on his checking account I have my own. I may need to be if he died.

You can control your husband's assets without exposing those assets to your risks. From cheapest and least useful/protective to the best:

1. He names you as authorized signer and "Pay On Death" (POD) beneficiary on his accounts. You control the assets for his benefit while he is alive. When he dies the money pays to you. Field day for your creditors and the signing authority dies when your husband dies. Easy, but risky.
2. He names you on a financial power of attorney. You get explicit authority to use the money not only for your husband but yourself too. But as with #1, powers of attorney die with the person. Now you are off to probate on the checking account. Not great.
3. He creates a trust, with you as trustee or co-trustee. The trust will survive his death, so no worries from probate. Plus, the trust can be written to give you control, while protect the funds from your creditors!

If your husband's health is failing, you must also plan for his long-term care and Medicaid. Half a plan is no plan at all!

What's all this about expanding the PACE Program eligibility until further notice? Is that some sort of Halloween Trick or Treat?!

OK, so I added this one. Just to remind you! The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

is the greatest thing since sliced bread. Providing a full range of therapeutic and care services to you AT HOME! At no cost to you. If you qualify. Many folks who qualify don't even ask because they don't think they could possibly get any benefits. Yikes! Bad thinking.

And until they decide to change the rules again (without warning!), you can: Keep your cottage. Keep your farm. Keep your lifesavings. Keep your etcetera.

Are you caring for a loved one at home? Have you looked into PACE? Were you told that you don't financially qualify for PACE? Were you told that you would have to sell or liquidate almost everything to qualify for PACE? Do you think PACE is too good to be true?

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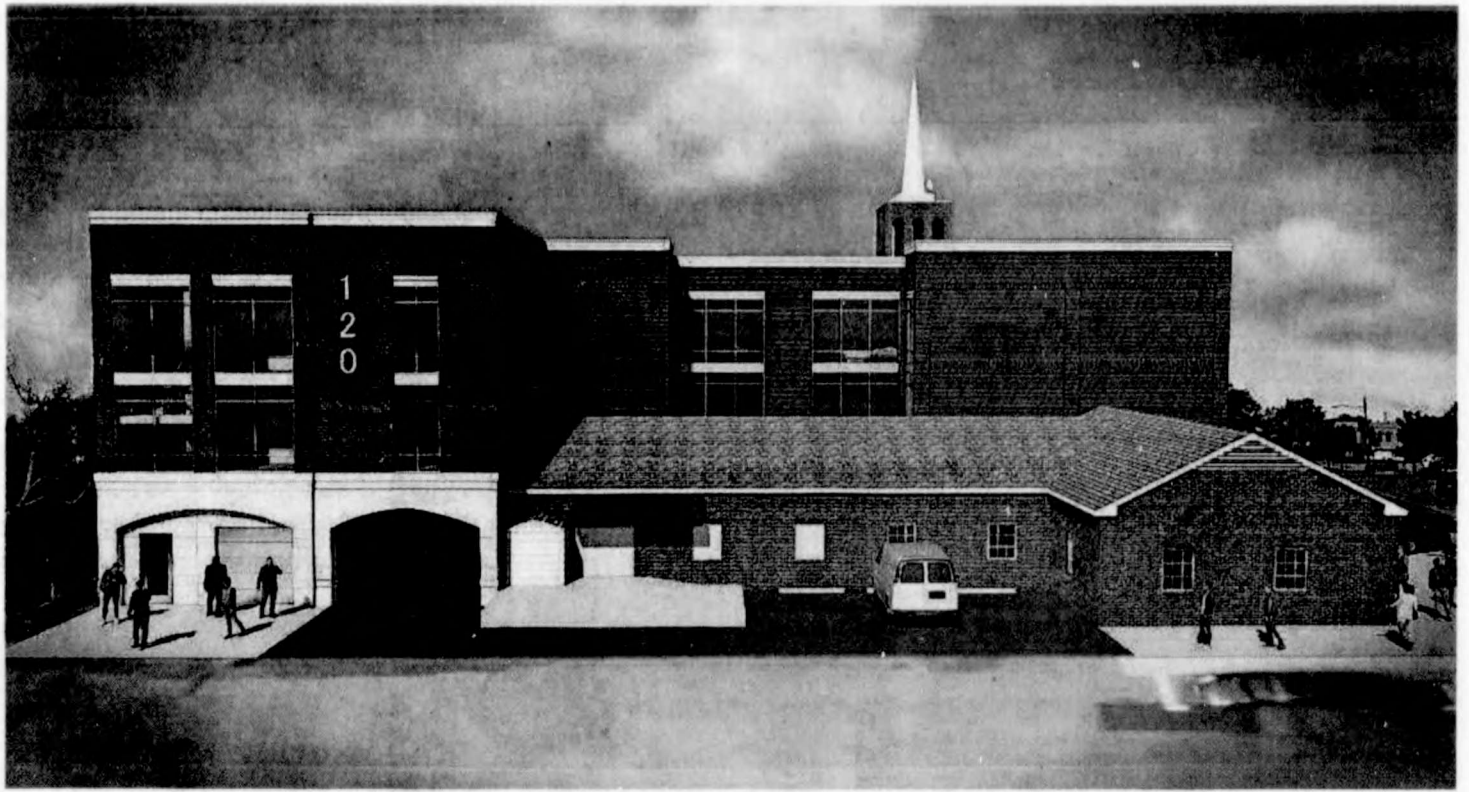
residents, according to Ann Arbor architect Scott Bowers.

The plans were shown on a preliminary basis to the planning commission to gauge interest, and many indicated they thought the plans were a good fit for downtown Milford.

"All in all, it's very well thought-out," said Commissioner Ronna Freeland. "It's clean, simple, spacious, I like it."

If approved, it would join other new developments either recently completed or in the works in downtown Milford. Those other structures include the building across Liberty Street, which contains businesses such as Main Street Art and the Milford Pilates Club, nearly two years ago. Plans for building a new mixed-use building on the northwest corner of Main and Commerce streets were also discussed at the same meeting of the planning commission.

Ann Barnette, executive director of the Downtown Development Authority, said the project would need to go through the site plan review process before any work could begin. She said it probably wouldn't return for review by the planning commission until at least December.



A rendering of the proposed mixed-use development at 120 E. Liberty St. in Milford. COURTESY OF THE VILLAGE OF MILFORD

Commission chairman John Heidt said he appreciated the way the renderings showed the structure fitting in nicely with the surrounding buildings, including a unique look to match the

Presbyterian church next door.

"I was really interested when I saw the renderings, the way you kind of absorbed everything around you but made it look like it belongs," he said. "It just

kind of naturally fits in there. And it doesn't take away from the existing structures."

Contact reporter David Veselenak at [dveselenak@hometownlife.com](mailto:dveselenak@hometownlife.com).

## Elections

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to request an absentee ballot for any reason. At this late date, it's probably best to go in person to your local clerk's office to request the ballot — you have until 4 p.m. on the day before the election to do this.

### When do Michigan polls open?

Polling places open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. If you're in line by 8 p.m., you're legally still allowed to vote.

### I forgot to register to vote. Am I out of luck?

You are not. Michigan allows same-day voter registration. That means up to

and through Election Day, you can go to your local clerk, register and cast a ballot. But you'll need to be eligible to vote — a U.S. citizen and Michigan resident who is at least 18 years old and not serving a jail or prison sentence — and complete an application. Registration requires bringing paperwork with you that verifies where you live. According to the Secretary of State, eligible documents include:

- Michigan driver's license or State ID card
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck or government check
- Other government document

### When do I have to mail in my absentee ballot for my vote to count?

If you have not yet mailed in your bal-

lot, you should seriously consider taking it to a drop box or your local clerk if you want to ensure your vote is counted.

### I mailed my ballot but I'm not sure if the clerk received it. Now what?

There's a website for that: [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote).

After going to the site and entering personal information or your driver's license number, you should be able to see whether your clerk received your ballot.

If the clerk has not received your ballot, you can still spoil that ballot to ensure your vote is cast.

### Can I change my absentee ballot?

You can do what's known as spoiling your absentee ballot, but you need to act before Election Day.

Ordinarily, you would have the option of mailing a signed request to your local clerk that is received by 2 p.m. on the Saturday before the election.

At this point, you should deliver the signed request in person to the clerk's office by 4 p.m. on the day before the election.

There is no way to spoil an absentee ballot on Election Day.

### I want to vote, but I don't know what to do!

The Michigan Voter Information Center, operated by the Secretary of State, has information to help people understand everything they need to do to cast a ballot.

The site [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote) includes information on if you are registered to vote, where to vote, what's on the ballot and more.



### PRESS RELEASE FROM THE CITY OF SOUTH LYON WATER DEPARTMENT

The City of South Lyon Water Department's Wellhead Protection Program has a "Call For Artists", an invitation for artists to enter their "logo artwork" for the "2021 South Lyon Art Contest" to design a new Wellhead Protection Program Logo. The Wellhead Protection Program works to conserve and protect the drinking water resources for residents and businesses in the City of South Lyon.

The Contest is open to artists of any age, residing in the United States of America. No Entry Fees! Monetary Awards! Judging by:

Judge Ken Michalik,  
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Judge Dayna Johnston,  
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Judge Douglas Varney,  
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Please visit the City of South Lyon website homepage, news for Guidelines, and Entry Form at [southlyonmi.org](http://southlyonmi.org). For more information, please call Suzan Martin at 248-437-4942. Or email Suzan at [suzan\\_mccallum@hotmail.com](mailto:suzan_mccallum@hotmail.com).

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## Trick-or-treat

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### Wayne County

Canton presents Revenge on Ridge, a Halloween event that the whole family can enjoy at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road. Friday, Oct. 29. The 1-mile path suitable for age 7 and older take participants to learn about Canton's ghostly past as they solve riddles and find clues. Preregister at [www.canton-fun.org/register](http://www.canton-fun.org/register).

Livonia's Bennett Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, will host a Haunted Storywalk 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, with a family-friendly spooktacular outdoor trick-or-treat event. Visit the StoryWalk behind the library, read the story, and pick up a few (non-candy) treats along the way. Drop-

in event. Kids are encouraged to attend in costume and bring a treat bag.

Northville will hold downtown trick-or-treating starting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Town Square.

Following a ceremonial wave, participants will trick or treat at the downtown businesses and treat stations along the route until 11:30 a.m. Family-friendly event so costumes should not be too scary.

Downtown Northville is filled with more than 120 life-sized skeleton sculptures. Click here for more information on the Skeletons are Alive program.

### Halloween weather forecast

Michigan weather can be (read: is always) unpredictable, but AccuWeather's 10-day forecast predicts a high of 61 degrees and a low of 42 degrees for Detroit on Oct. 31, with "a couple showers possible."



A skeleton at the corner of West Main and Wing in Northville, part of the Skeletons Are Alive Halloween creations that dot downtown. The skeletons are created each year by the city's Begonia Brothers landscaping firm. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Rocky Horror

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The movie starts at 11 p.m., but an hour prior the doors open with attendees greeted by 100.3 WNIC radio personality Allyson Martinek, followed by Drag Queen Bingo with Mocha Pronto. Tickets are \$40 and the evening is open to those 18 and older.

Welsh, who has been named the 2021 Citizen of the Year by the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, is hoping for a great turnout to help with expanded plans for her organization.

She founded Five Points of Hope to assist cancer-stricken families in 2007 after losing her father, Michael McCusker to the disease. The organization also honors her friend Beth, "a warrior" who is still fighting cancer.

Every year, Five Points of Hope provides 100-130 families with grants of \$500 each. These families have a member battling cancer and the grants give financial support for car payments, utility bills and more to relieve some of the stress so the patient can focus on physical and emotional healing.

Welsh said social workers refer patients and many requests are received, but not all can be fulfilled. She hopes to

expand assistance offered with corporate partnerships and a new program where donors can give monthly. She notes that even \$5 or \$10 per month would be "huge" when many people commit to helping.

Five Points of Hope will also continue their fundraisers throughout the year, including their biggest one of the year, A Night To Remember, which will be at 6 p.m., Nov. 5, at the Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce. Attendees pay \$10 at the door and gain access to shopping and pampering services, offered by a wide array of vendors.

More information on Five Points of Hope and how they make hope happen can be found at [www.fivepointsofhope.com](http://www.fivepointsofhope.com).

Welsh said anyone that attends one of the fundraisers is considered part of the Five Points of Hope family.

"You are helping your fellow Michiganders, it's about everybody," she said. "Our volunteers are selfless, amazing, brave, strong, awesome individuals and they surprise me everyday. The people who come to our events and the volunteers, they give hope and make it happen."

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Milford Cinema general manager Nate Davis puts up a poster for the Oct. 30 fundraiser screening of the Rocky Horror Picture Show to benefit Five Points of Hope charity. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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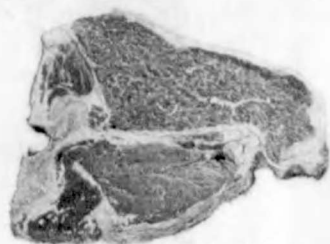
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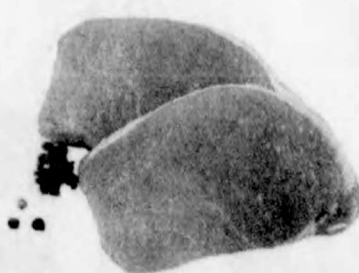
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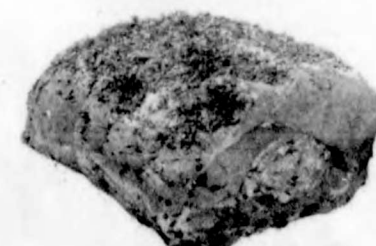
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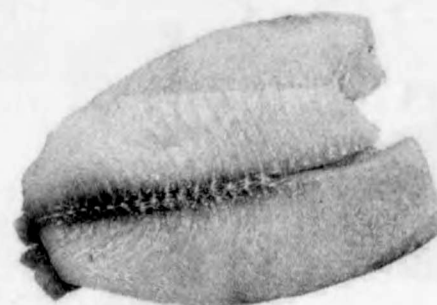
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## Salem beats Canton 2-1 for district crown

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Anthony Deruvo pushed in a goal with seven minutes left in Thursday's Division 1 district championship.

And then the senior sprinted toward Salem's student section. About 10 feet

away from the crowd, he jumped high and flew through the air like Michael Jordan. Before he landed at the fence, he gave them an energetic fist pump.

The referee issued the midfielder a yellow card for an excessive celebration. But little did the stripes know that Salem's impromptu party on the sidelines

wouldn't even be its biggest of the night.

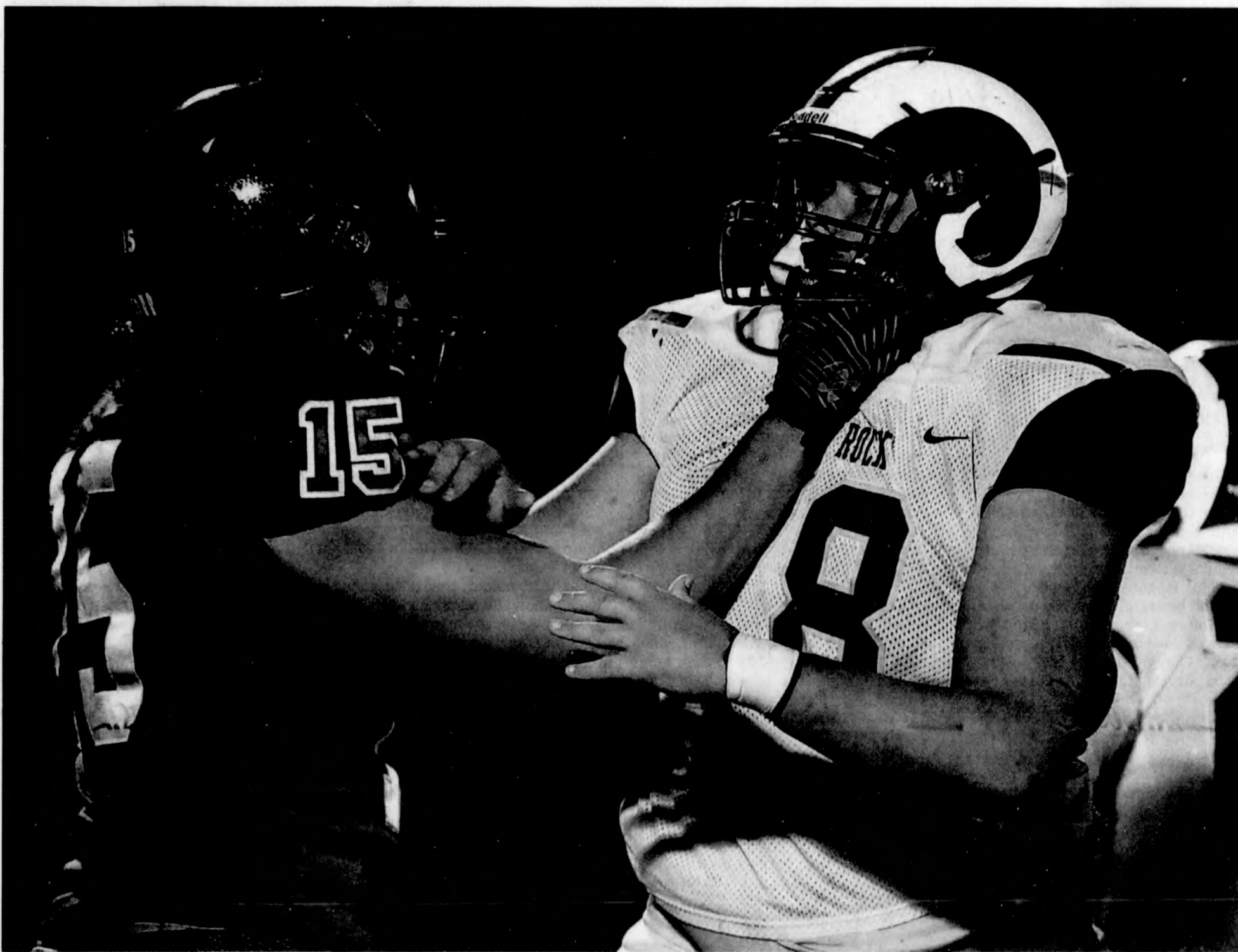
The Rocks (14-5-2) stood tall on defense in the waning moments, and Deruvo's goal ultimately went down as the game-winner.

They walked off their home field with a 2-1 victory over park rival Canton, winning their third-straight district cham-

pionship.

Immediately after the final whistle, Salem's student section sprinted to midfield and mobbed the Rocks. Some students quickly hoisted Deruvo on their shoulders, and the crowd began

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Livonia Clarenceville High School's Daniel Moore, left, blocks a Flat Rock player in the Trojans' 29-6 win on Senior Night. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Clarenceville senior returns from injury

Helps Trojans defeat Flat Rock 29-6 on Senior Night

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Senior night can be a drag for some football players.

There's always an extra 15- or 20-minute ceremony before kickoff. There's unnecessary fanfare and a lot of

standing around and waiting.

Most players just want to get the game started so they can get rid of those pre-game butterflies.

Not Livonia Clarenceville senior Sean-Brian Craig.

On Friday, he took in every second of the Trojans' senior night before they

went on to beat Flat Rock 29-6 in their regular-season finale.

The third-year starter has been their Mr. Everything. He runs and catches the ball as a slotback. He starts at cornerback. He's the punter, plus he returns kickoffs and punts. He was so great as a junior that the coaches in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference voted him the league MVP.

He was expected to have an even better senior year. And he couldn't have asked for a better start to it. He rushed for 300 yards alone during a 34-6 victory over Cranbrook in the season opener.

However, just 2 minutes into Clarenceville's Week 2 win over Dundee,

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## Novi runner is Detroit Free Press Marathon men's winner

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Ryan Corby admits he had no idea what he was doing when he trained for his first marathon.

As a 16-year-old at Armada High School, he ran the distance events such as the 1,600 and 3,200 meters on the

track and field team. He always wanted to try something longer, but the Tigers didn't have a cross-country program back then.

So the current Novi resident signed up for the Detroit Free Press Marathon and got to work training for his first 26.2-mile race.

"I trained for the marathon on the

track, and I didn't know any different," Corby said. "I think I just always had the desire to do something much, much longer than the mile or 2-mile. I wanted to see what it's like. That taught me what real pain was like. Compared to doing the mile or 2-mile, you build a lot of lactic acids. But doing a marathon, it's just getting comfortable being very un-

comfortable. I just wanted a challenge. I wanted to be adventurous and try something different."

Corby, now 39, took a break from competitive races when he attended Michigan State, but he caught the running bug again in his late 20s.

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# Our final regular-season top 10 HS football teams

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Here are the final Hometown Life rankings of the 2021 football season!

As we say farewell to the regular season and hello to the playoffs, sports reporter Brandon Folsom was sure to only include 10 of our coverage area's 15 post-season qualifiers in this week's poll.

Here's where everything stands entering Round 1:

## 1. South Lyon (9-0, 8-0 LVC; Last Week: No. 1)

The Lions closed out a perfect regular season and now find themselves in a winnable district to open the Division 2 playoffs. A victory over Swartz Creek in Round 1 could set up a rematch with Lakes Valley Conference foe Milford in Round 2. They have a chance to be alive for a long time in the postseason.

## 2. Detroit Catholic Central (7-2, 2-1 CHSL-Central; Last Week: No. 2)

The good news: After a forfeit win in Week 8, the Shamrocks returned to the field and closed out the regular season with a blowout win at Traverse City West, a playoff team.

The bad news: Their path to Ford Field looks tough. They face Bloomfield Hills in Round 1. They'll likely take on West Bloomfield in the district final. Then they'll likely face Adams or Clarkston in the regional. If they bring home a state title, they're definitely the best team in the area.

## 3. Bloomfield Hills (9-0, 8-0 OAA-Blue; Last week: No. 3)

It was sloppy at times, but the Black Hawks took care of business in their de facto Oakland Activities Association-Blue game against Troy last week. The confidence from completing a perfect regular season and winning just their second league title in school history should benefit them in the playoffs.

However, they must beat Catholic Central to win their first playoff game ever. They're 0-3 in the postseason since starting their program in 2013.

## 4. Livonia Churchill (7-2, 5-2 KLAA-East; Last Week: No. 5)

It was great to see the Chargers sort out their offensive issues in their Week 9 victory over Novi in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover. Without quarterback Taj Williams, it looked scary for them in Week 8, but now they're back on track. Their offense should have no trouble scoring against Crestwood in Round 1 of the playoffs.

## 5. Brother Rice (6-3, 1-2 CHSL-Central; Last week: No. 8)

The Warriors took care of business last week against their neighbors in Detroit Country Day, which was expected because the Yellowjackets entered the matchup shorthanded. Now the real tests start in the D-3 playoffs.

However, they have a nice draw to open the postseason. A win over four-win Avondale sets up a rematch with Orchard Lake St. Mary's, which the Warriors beat in Catholic League play, and then they'll likely get Haslett or Mason in the regional. Only Detroit King or

Harper Woods stands in their way from getting to Ford Field.

## 6. Detroit Country Day (5-3; Last week: No. 4)

Assuming Kent State quarterback commit Brandon Mann returns to the lineup, the Yellowjackets should be favored in Round 1 at Redford Union. But that doesn't mean it's going to be a gimme-win for them. If they can get past the Panthers, they likely won't be slowed down until they face Chelsea in the regional. Chelsea is a favorite to win the state title.

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

The Trojans' patch-worked regular-season schedule of playing bigger opponents paid off for them, and now they'll host Madison Heights Lamphere to open the playoffs. Even though the Rams won their Macomb Area Conference-Bronze, Clarenceville should have no trouble beating them. The Bronze is one of the worst divisions in metro Detroit. The real test for the Trojans comes in Round 2 when they take on either Country Day or Union.

## 8. Redford Union (8-1, 7-0 WWAC; Last week: 9)

MLive.com sports reporter Jared Purcell tweeted that Country Day is the favorite to win its district. Not so fast, my friend. Union ripped off eight straight wins after opening the year with a loss to state power Pewamo-Westphalia. The Panthers even got a shout-out from former Michigan quarterback Devin Gardner (an Inkster High School graduate) during the Bally Sports MHSAA Football Playoff Selection Show on Sunday.

## 9. Lutheran Westland (8-1, 4-0 MIAC; Last week: 10)

The Warriors are the smallest school in the Hometown Life footprint to qualify for the playoffs. After winning their first league title in their program's 36 years, their reward is getting paired with state power Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central to open the postseason. The Falcons' lone loss was to a 9-0 Riverview team that has almost three times the enrollment as them. It's going to be a tough ask for Lutheran to upset St. Mary's CC in Round 1.

## 10. Canton (6-3, 5-2 KLAA-West; Last week: Unranked)

After fumbling their chance to get into the KLAA title game, the Chiefs exited the regular season with an impressive win over Dearborn, which was coming off an upset victory against rival Fordson. That gives Canton plenty of mojo entering the postseason. It takes on Saline, an undefeated squad that blew out every opponent it faced except for Hudsonville and Dexter, a pair of respectable programs.

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# Can Bloomfield Hills win? Four questions entering Round 1

**Brandon Folsom** Hometownlife.com  
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The playoffs are finally here! Round 1 features 15 teams from the Hometown Life coverage area. That makes for 13 games of football action here in western Wayne and Oakland counties.

Sports reporter Brandon Folsom is here to preview the district openers with four hard-hitting questions.

## Is the fourth time the charm for the Black Hawks?

Bloomfield Hills, which started its program in 2013, won its first league title in five seasons, and just its second championship ever, with a 21-10 victory over Troy last week.

The win also capped its second-ever undefeated regular season. However, the last time the Black Hawks went 9-0, they got crushed by West Bloomfield in their very first playoff game.

Since then, they are 0-3 in the playoffs. They have never made it past the district opener.

Is this the year they finally win a playoff game? It'll be an impressive feat if it is. They host Detroit Catholic Central 7 p.m. Friday.

The Shamrocks' (7-2) only two losses are to Chippewa Valley, which plays in one of the state's toughest leagues (Macomb Area Conference-Red), and Catholic League-Central rival Warren De La Salle, which is the favorite to repeat as the Division 2 state champions.

Although the Shamrocks are on the road, their 10 past state titles make them the favorites in Round 1.

## Who do ya got in Division 4?

When the playoff prognostication site snooze2you.com first placed Detroit Country Day, Livonia Clarenceville and Redford Union in the same district bracket a few weeks ago, I got really excited.

As it turns out, their best guess is exactly how the Michigan High School Athletic Association drew up that district for D-4.

Detroit Country Day (5-3) visits Redford Union in Round 1, while Clarenceville hosts MAC-Silver champion Madison Heights Lamphere in the other match up. There's a chance there will be two teams we care about playing against each other for the district championship title in Round 2.

That brings up the question: Who do ya got?

MLive.com sports reported Jared Purcell projects Country Day to run away with the trophy. But I think Union has what it takes to keep up with the Yellowjackets and maybe even knock off the Trojans the following week.

## Which underdog has the best chance to pull off a Round 1 upset?

Congrats to Canton, Novi, Lutheran Westland and South Lyon East for making the playoffs.

However, I'm sorry to report that you each face some of the toughest opponents in the state to kick off the postseason.

Canton (6-3) visits 9-0 Saline, which has pummeled every team it faced except for Hudsonville and Dex-



South Lyon East's Willie Johnson rushes during a non-conference game against Paw Paw on Sept. 25. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ter, a pair of name-brand teams it beat by less than a touchdown.

Novi (5-4) heads to 8-1 West Bloomfield, which has been a small manufacturing plant pumping out Big Ten football recruits left and right over the past half-decade.

East (3-6) goes to 7-2 Mason, which should be the biggest challenge state-champion favorites Chelsea faces en route to Ford Field.

Lutheran (8-1) heads down to 8-1 Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central, a D-7 state powerhouse whose lone loss was to Riverview, a 9-0 D-3 team.

None of these are ideal match ups, but can at least one of them pull off an upset?

My best guess is Novi could. First-year coach Jim Sparks has led the Wildcats to their first winning season since 2016, and they're one week removed from almost beating Livonia Churchill. The Chargers are about as close to West Bloomfield's level as you can get.

We'll see if that Week 9 loss was just the tune-up Novi needed before playing against the Lakers.

## Can the Lakes Valley Conference win two district titles?

Although we were robbed of a potential South Lyon-Lakeland rematch in the D-2 district final, we do have five Lakes Valley Conference teams in the playoffs.

South Lyon (9-0) hosts Swartz Creek (5-3), while Milford (7-2) welcomes East Lansing (6-3). The winner of each match up will face off in the district championship. Should the Lions and Mavericks both win, that guarantees the LVC at least one district title (although South Lyon appears to be the favorite to win it anyway).

In another district, Berkley (7-2) hosts Waterford Mott (5-4), while Lakeland (6-3) brings in Walled Lake Western (6-3). There's guaranteed to be at least one LVC team in the district championship game. And with the way the Eagles put away Milford last week, they should be the favorite to hoist some hardware in Round 2.

Unfortunately, both districts branch off to separate regionals, meaning South Lyon and Lakeland would have to meet in the state championship if they were to face each other, which is unlikely with De La Salle expected to repeat as the state champions.

Regardless, how cool would it be if the LVC won a pair of district titles?

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# Clarenceville

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Craig suffered a right ankle injury. He left the game and watched the 47-13 win from the sidelines. Then he wound up at the doctor's office, where it was discovered he broke three bone ligaments.

"When I left the game, I was thinking to myself, 'Wow, did this really happen?' because I never get injured," Craig said. "I just thought it was something light. They diagnosed me with a boot, and then I thought, 'Wow, this is serious.' It kept going on for weeks after that. Football was getting farther and farther away. It was just a tough ride, especially with it being senior year."

Craig eventually had two "tight-rope" surgeries to repair his ankle. The doctors said there was a small chance he'd return around playoff time.

Coach Bob Meyer quickly turned Craig's tragedy into a motivating factor for the Trojans.

"A lot of kids needed to step up, and we had to come up with new punters



Clarenceville head coach Bob Meyer disputes with a sideline referee during the second half against Flat Rock. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

and new punt returners," the third-year coach said. "Our hope was after his surgery that we were going to get him back for the playoffs. So every week we wanted to win so that Sean had something to come back to. We wanted to be a playoff team for him, and we delivered for him. We wanted to do that for him because that's how much he's meant to the team."

Craig's younger brother, sophomore Eli Craig, took over his spot on defense, while junior Jordan Williams began to carry the load in the offensive backfield. Others stepped up to pick up Craig's production as well.

In Craig's absence, receiver Armonée Snorden scored seven touchdowns, quarterback Miles Ealy totaled 1,000 yards and 14 total touchdowns and Williams rushed for 1,200 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Williams had 150 yards and two scores against Flat Rock in Week 9 alone.

The Trojans went 6-1 without Craig. Their lone loss was to Division 2 Berkley, a school almost twice Livonia's size.

"I had to step up and do what I had to do to help out the team to win," Williams said. "Seeing him go down was tough, but I had to step up. We just knew we had to have something for him to come back to. We wanted to give him a chance to come back and play."

Craig finally returned in Week 9.

Meyer's goal was to ease him into the offense and give him just 15 snaps. Not 15 carries, but 15 opportunities to line up

in the backfield.

Craig's first carry went for an 11-yard gain. It felt good to be back in the lineup, he said.

"I got surgery three weeks after I got injured," Craig said. "At that point, I thought I was done. I thought I wasn't going to come back. But my family and my physical trainers helped me get back."

"It was an amazing senior night. It was a different feeling. I felt like I belonged there. I felt like I was supposed to be there. I had to shake off that rust and work on getting back into it. Senior Night. I'm just sitting there like, 'Wow, this is crazy. Five weeks ago, I never would have thought in a million years I'd be suiting up and ready to play.'"

"I was ready, and I was hungry."

The Trojans are excited to see Craig back in action.

"We eased him in, and he did great," Meyer said. "It was exciting for the team to have him back. Now we're excited about taking the chains off and letting him go. We're excited about having both him and Jordan as a dangerous pair together back there."



## Crown

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chanting, "Deruvo! Deruvo! Deruvo!"

"It's exhilarating," he said while holding the championship trophy. "I've been on this team for four years, and these are the moments you dream of."

The first half was anything but a dream for the Rocks, who outshot Canton 6-5 but couldn't connect on a handful of scoring opportunities inside the penalty box.

Canton took a 1-0 lead into halftime after Christian Presley sailed a free kick into a scrum that saw teammate Michael Sadowski win possession and send a shot into the goal on the left side.

Salem trailed Canton 2-0 at halftime when the teams met on Aug. 31. But the Rocks fought back in the second half to force a 2-2 tie in that Kensington Lake Activities Association-West matchup.

Coach Kyle Karns gave Salem a similar pep talk during the intermission as he did back in August.

"We've been there before," Karns said. "We just told them to battle back and try to chip our way back into the game. Canton's a great team. We know we're always going to get a tough game every time that we play a park school."

Just under 18 minutes into the second half, Foster Garrett booted in a pass from Griffin Ellis to knot the score at 1.

About 15 minutes later, Deruvo came up with late-game heroics to snap the tie.

Canton halted a Salem possession, but its backline couldn't clear the ball successfully. Deruvo tackled the ball free, deked a defender and then won his one-on-one with the goalie by ripping a 10-yarder into the net on the right side.

"We never lost our hope," Deruvo said. "We've been working on this all year, and we've never lost our confidence. Going into halftime a goal down, Coach was just telling us to don't lose the hope and to keep it going."

"Our first game against Canton was just like this. We were down two at halftime, and we rallied back with two goals to tie it up. It was just like that. We just never gave up. Every goal is a team goal. And we just keep rolling."

Deruvo's play was gutsy because had he missed the tackle, Canton likely would've set up a breakaway attempt. But the senior believed in himself and



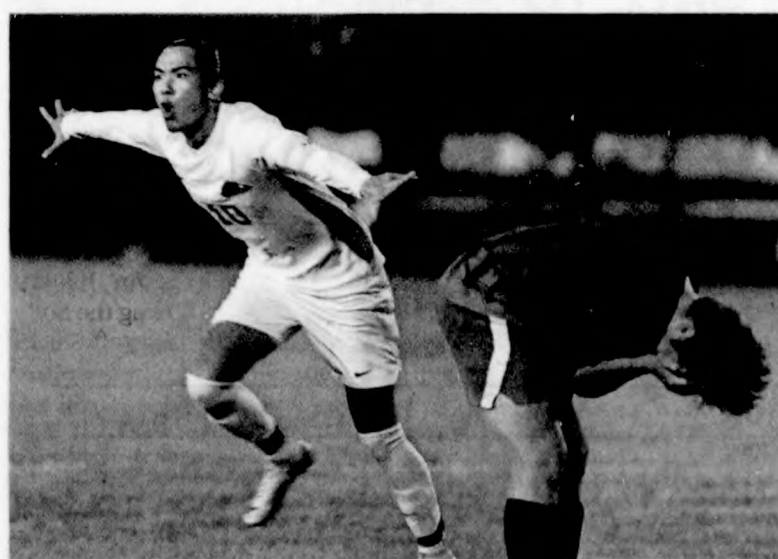
Salem's Griffin Ellis, left, collides with Canton's Gavin Nesbitt. Salem won, 2-1. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

knew the Rocks needed that type of play in crunch time.

"Canton's a dangerous team, and we didn't want to go to overtime with them," he said. "We just wanted to get it done as quickly as possible. I saw an opportunity to beat them behind the backline. I knew that was the time to get the goal and to take the lead."

The Chiefs (12-8-3) were without four key contributors because of injuries, but even while shorthanded they stepped up and kept it close. It was a 50-50 battle until the final few minutes.

They had an opportunity to take a 2-0 lead five minutes into the second half, but they missed on a set piece after Salem was issued the second of its three yellow cards.



As a Canton player buries his head in his hands, Salem's Anthony Deruvo, left, celebrates his goal.

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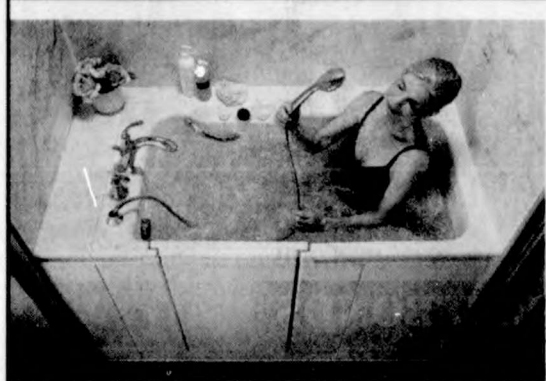



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South Lyon East lost its game to South Lyon, 34-6, but will be preparing for a first-round playoff game at Mason. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Obituaries

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### Patricia Stimpfl

On May 15th, 2021, Patricia Stimpfl passed away peacefully after a long battle with COPD at the age of 78 in Los Angeles, CA. Patricia was a mother and a grandmother who devoted herself to family, friends, and animals. She always provided support and stayed active in everyone's lives, even until the very end. She is dearly missed by all that knew her. Patricia was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 9th, 1942, to her parents Stanley Stachura and Josephine Sobieraj. She graduated from Harrison High School as Salutatorian, and was awarded a bachelors degree in education at Northern Illinois University. In College, she met Kenneth Stimpfl in biology lab and she married Ken soon after graduation. Patricia and Ken had 3 children, Kurt, Greg, and Kristen. While raising 3 children, she was an Elementary teacher for many years. She was a dedicated teacher to many, and when needed, extended her care beyond the classroom to the home lives of students. Patricia taught third grade in Illinois in the early 1980s before the family relocated from Palatine, Illinois to Highland, Michigan in 1985. She taught in Waterford before transferring to Brooks Elementary in Milford, where she taught second and third grade at Brooks Elementary until the early 1990s. After she retired from teaching, she worked as a veterinary assistant at the Milford Veterinary Clinic. She applied her skills with animals outside of work as a wildlife rehabilitator for many years. She founded a wildlife rehabilitation organization called Southeast Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitation. She was extremely active in educational programs and volunteering her time for many wildlife causes. Her love for animals of all kinds shined brightly through all the countless hours she put into caring for bears, opossums, raccoons, birds of all kinds, squirrels and fawns. Through her, we know what dedication truly looks like. In 2004, she moved to Rockford, MN to spend more time with her 3 school-age granddaughters. During this time, she became a second mom to Hannah, Emma, and Sonia and helped take them to after-school activities. When her granddaughters were in late high school and college, her help was then needed in California for her youngest grandson, Tiernan. She moved to Agoura Hills, CA in 2015 and her support continued while she had a very large role in Tiernan's life. Patricia was very proud of her grandchildren and loved to spend time with them and tell her friends all about her grandchildren's activities and accomplishments. Patricia was predeceased by her parents Stanley and Josephine Stachura, and later by her husband, Kenneth Stimpfl, in 1998. She is survived by her three beloved children, Kurt, Greg, and Kristen, and her four beloved grandchildren Hannah, Emma, Sonia, and Tiernan. Following a small memorial service, she was laid to rest in Elm Park Cemetery in Baudette, MN, along with Kenneth on September 4, 2021. She lives on in the memories of her children and grandchildren.



### Audrey E. Blackburn-Strauss

In Loving Memory of Audrey E. Blackburn-Strauss

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Audrey passed away on June 3, 2021. She was born and raised in Detroit. She attended Highland Park Junior College, where she met her husband Leon. They were married in 1952.

They moved to Novi in 1956. They were very active in the community. Audrey was active for many years with her church, Novi Methodist. As well as with the Novi American Legion, 17th district. She served as the women's President for 5 years.

Audrey spent half of her time in Dunedin, Florida. Where she was also very active with cards, puzzles and many women's groups. She enjoyed her many friends there.

Her husband Leon passed away in 1987. She re-married in 1997, to John Stauss of Canton. John passed away in 2009.

Her son David Blackburn (Veronica) preceded her in death in 2015.

Audrey is survived by her children, Leon Jr (Julie), James (Dawn), Amy (Brian), Betsy (Richard), Donald (Pat) & John. As well as 19 grandchildren, & 15 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Audrey's life took place on August 29th. She is laid to rest at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.



**Mick McCabe** Special to Detroit Free Press  
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First-year South Lyon East coach Jake Topp thought his college friend Brad Thomas had lost his mind last week when he received a text from Thomas saying:

"Hey, man, I think you're going to be in either way."

In? Exactly in what, Topp wanted to know.

Thomas, the head coach at Haslett, was referring to East's chances of making the state playoffs.

At the time, Topp's East team was 3-5 heading into its season finale against arch-rival South Lyon, which was 8-0 and ranked No. 3 in Division 2.

This is where we need to cue up former Indianapolis Colts coach Jim Mora's 2001 rant when asked about the Colts' chances to make the playoffs:

"Playoffs? Don't talk about playoffs! You kidding me? Playoffs? I just hope we can win a game!"

East lost its game to South Lyon, 34-6, to fall to 3-6 but there the Cougars were Sunday night preparing for a first-round playoff game at Mason with a possible second-round game against Haslett if both win this weekend.

It was quite an attitude adjustment from Friday night after the loss to South Lyon.

"Obviously losing a rivalry game and having it not be a close score, I don't think they were necessarily fired up for the playoff," Topp said. "Once it soaks in that we're going to have a chance to play another week and it will be a fresh start I think they will be excited."

In any season other than last year, when every team in the state made the playoffs, East never would have made the postseason with a 3-6 record.

In previous seasons a 6-3 record (or 5-3 for an eight-game schedule) would guarantee a team a spot in the playoffs. Not anymore.

This season the Michigan High School Athletic Association employed an enhanced playoff point system that rewards teams for playing better opponents, even if they lose those games.

For the first time since the inception of the state playoffs in 1975, teams with the top 32 playoff point averages, regardless of records, made the playoff field in all divisions.

The MHSAA's message was clear: You can't manipulate your way into the state playoffs by scheduling the worst teams you can find to guarantee six wins.

That is why 22 teams with winning records will miss the tournament this week while 17 teams with losing records are still practicing.

"We knew that it would impact somewhere between a half dozen to a dozen schools at most and it was really the bubble teams," said MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl. "It was those teams that had been getting in at 6-3 and under the old system it excluded some of the 5-4s and 4-5s that arguably played in a tougher league, arguably played in a much tougher schedule."

The new system and the pairings may have come as a surprise to fans, but coaches and athletic directors had more than enough warning that they could have adjusted their nonconference schedules to adapt better to the new system.

"We shared not just the new plan, but the new math that went behind the plan," Uyl said. "Schools knew this was

coming for multiple years. Certainly they had control. I know a few of those 6-3s that I looked at this morning had at least three nonconference games that they could have gone out and scheduled."

Topp understood the new format, but he didn't think it would make much of a difference to a three-win team.

"I knew the point system would benefit us, being the smallest school within a conference," he said. "But there were other things I was way more worried about — the week-to-week, the game-to-game and not necessarily thinking long term in terms of the playoff points."

Flint Powers also qualified with a 3-6 record in Division 5 while a few teams with 6-3 records — Sault Ste. Marie, Napoleon and Oscoda — did not make the playoffs.

There were several 5-4 teams that did not make the playoffs but many 4-5 teams did qualify.

It all comes down to strength of schedule.

South Lyon is the only D-3 school in the Lakes Valley Conference. It only played one game against a school from a smaller division (D-4 Paw Paw). It played one D-1 opponent and the other seven games were against D-2 teams, giving it the 30th best playoff point average in D-3.

Melvindale is a 5-4 school that did not make the D-3 playoff field. Playing in the smaller Western Wayne Athletic Conference, its schedule consisted of two D-2 opponents, two from D-3, three from D-4, one from D-5 and one from D-6 for the 36th best D-3 playoff point average.

Flint Powers was 20th in D-5 playoff point averages. Its schedule included three D-1 schools, four D-4 teams one from D-3 and one from D-5 — Flint Hamady, which had a 6-3 record but did not make the field. Powers defeated Hamady, 35-7.

Sault Ste. Marie was 6-3 but was only 40th in Division 4.

Its small playoff point average may have had as much to do with its location in the Upper Peninsula than anything else.

It played no D-4 opponents, but had three from D-5, three from D-6, two from D-7 and one from D-8.

Despite its 6-3 record, Oscoda was only 41st in Division 7. The Owls played just three D-7 schools while the other six opponents were D-8 programs.

This new playoff point system was perfect for a school like East, which has been trapped in a league with bigger schools.

"With the shakeout of the playoff points," Topp said, "there are some advantages I'm sure some of the coaches here over the year wished they would have been able to get in over the years."

Uyl said he expects the MHSAA's football committee will make a recommendation on whether to remain with the 256-team format or return to the all-in format, with an eight-game regular season, used a year ago.

The decision on which format to choose going forward should be made by the MHSAA's representative council at its March meeting.

The good aspect of these options is coaches and administrators have been able to see how each option worked over the last two seasons.

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# Marathon

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Since then, he's turned running into his "side job."

He has competed in 10 marathons, from the Boston and Chicago Marathons to the Charlevoix and Bayshore marathons in Michigan. He prides himself in competing in 5Ks around the state.

In April, he entered Toledo's Glass City Marathon and won, crossing the finishing line in 2 hours and 21 seconds.

Sunday marked his first return to the Detroit marathon since he was in high school. It's clear he has come a long way.

Corby separated from the pack around the 13-mile mark and finished in 2:22:03 to become the first Michigan resident to win the Free Press Marathon since Alan Peterson of Bessemer in 2016.

Because of the pandemic, it marked only the third time the marathon didn't include Canada as part of its course, something that disappointed Corby.

"It's my 10th marathon, and I'm really happy that it was here in Detroit," he said. "When I did it when I was 16, (I ran through Canada), and I appreciated it. ...

"Once we split off, I realized I was alone from the halfway point on. It was a little bit lonely, but you go through phases. There are all kinds of mental and physiological phases you go through. It was really tough. It's a marathon. There's a lot of uncertainty to it, but I'm blessed it turned out like this."

Corby competed along with several family members, including his sister-in-law Amy Corby, who finished second in the women's marathon (2:53:02). His wife, Ana, finished in 3:13:02.

Running has become a family affair on the weekends, as they like to train at Stoney Creek and Kensington, among other parks near Novi.

During the weekdays, though, Ryan wakes up about 4:30 a.m. and runs the city streets to get in his weekly 115 miles before getting his two kids ready for school and heading to his job as a design engineering manager in the automotive industry.

"Most of it's just out the front door," he said. "Whatever is the quickest and easiest. I've got to get back before daylight and before the kids are awake to help get them ready for school. ... This is just a side job. Not even a job. I have a wife and two kids. It's tough to fit it all in, but they support me really strongly."

Corby said he'll return to defend his title in 2022, especially since he didn't expect to win this one.

He's looking forward to finally running in Canada again.

"It's something that almost can't be described," he said of winning. "I feel blessed."

## First American female winner since 2014

Becca Addison wanted to make her homecoming special.

So the former Michigan All-American cross-country and track and field runner went to the site of the Boston Marathon finish line last week to find inspiration.

She looked up and down Boylston Street and imagined thousands of spectators lining the sidewalks. She thought about all the women who broke the ribbon while crossing the bright-yellow finish line. She envisioned what it'd be like to become a marathon winner.

That brief trip to Copley Square paid off for the 30-year-old sports dietitian and assistant track coach at Harvard University during Sunday's 44th annual Detroit Free Press Marathon.

She outran a competitive field — even passing 2017 winner Valentyna Poltavska on Belle Isle near the 23-mile mark — to win the race with a time of 2 hours, 51 minutes and 8 seconds.

Addison is the first American woman to win the Detroit marathon since Courtney Brewis in 2014.

"I loved the course," said Addison, who grew up in Spring Lake. "I'm from Massachusetts, but my boyfriend is from Detroit, so I've run all the areas on the loops. So it's really cool to see the whole city like that. It made for a really fun course. At first, I was disappointed about not being able to run in Canada when I first heard about it. But then I saw the course, and I thought it looked really awesome."

## Staying on pace

It's tough to finish a marathon. It's tougher yet to run faster than a goal time.

It's tougher still to run the exact time you set out to run, and that's the job of the pace crew, who are charged with leading participants toward their goals. And they are pretty good at it.

Although it was Matthew Brown and Dusty Mitchell's first time as full mara-



Ryan Corby, of Novi, pumps his fist as he approaches the finish line to win the 44th Annual Detroit Free Press Marathon in Detroit on Oct. 17. PHOTOS BY KELLY JORDAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS



Detroit Free Press editor Peter Bhatia congratulates Corby, the first full marathon runner to cross the finish line.

thon pacers, both were spot-on. Brown, 27, of Commerce Township, led the 3-hour pace group, and he finished in 2:59:50. Mitchell, 26, of Louisville, Kentucky, oversaw the 3:10 pace group. He crossed the line in 3:09:51.

"I gotta admit it's a bit of a trial-and-error thing," Brown said. "When you start out running the marathon, you want to get warmed up, and we want to go out kind of easy and work into it. But then it's easy to get carried away sometimes in both directions, slow and fast. You've got to level it off."

"I do bounce back and forth with the people around me, making sure they are on pace, because it is relative to some degree."

Both Brown and Mitchell say being a pacer is rewarding.

"In the past it's always been this is my goal and this is what I want to do, so it was fun being out here with other people, trying to share that with them and trying to help them accomplish their goals," Mitchell said.

## Like son, like father

When Rakesh Sheth saw how motivated his son Nikhil was to run his first Free Press Marathon, he had an epiphany: why not join him?

Nikhil, 17, had been training for months by going on long runs, both by himself or with his soccer teammates at North Farmington High School.

In contrast, Rakesh, 48, didn't sign up for the half-marathon until the day before the race while visiting the marathon's Health & Fitness Expo at the TCF Center.

"He signed up first, and then yesterday at the Expo I said, 'You know what? If he's going to run the marathon, I'm going to run the half as well to support him,'" Rakesh said. "It was spur-of-the-moment. I did not train. I should have trained. I did it to support my son. If he's going to do it, I'm going to be there for him."

To Rakesh's credit, he knew what he was getting into, having completed the half and full marathons in past years. Both father and son did well in their shared experience: Rakesh finished in the half 2:51:02, Nikhil finished the full in 3:55:12.

"We ran together for the first couple miles, and then I told him to go because I was slowing him down," Rakesh said. "I told him 'Go ahead, I'm going to run at my pace.'"

"I started a little bit slow, but I sped up over time, so that was a little bit diffi-

city, but if you're running 13 miles, you get to see a lot of the city that you normally wouldn't see if you were just driving around."

## Crazy eights

In Chinese and other Asian cultures, the number eight is considered to be lucky.

For example, when the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, the Opening Ceremonies started at eight seconds past 8:08 on Aug. 8.

So Yan Lai Jiang knew she was in for a good experience when she picked up her runner's bib, which turned out to be No. 888.

"That is a lucky number," the Novi resident said. "I got injured in the summer during the middle of August. I thought maybe I couldn't do the marathons in Chicago and Detroit. But it's lucky. I recovered."

Sunday's race was her second marathon this year, after just having competed in the Chicago race a week ago. But Jiang appeared to be fully recovered, based on her time Sunday. Her time of 3:28:19 placed her second in the 50-54 women's age group.

"I got my PR today," she said. "I got my best time by 7 minutes."

Actually, we were hoping for eight. Bill Laitner and Wright Wilson contributed.

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## Read This If You Can't Stay Happy at a Job

If you're noticing a pattern when it comes to job satisfaction, it's time to examine why

By ZipRecruiter.com

You've had a few jobs along your career path. And while you like them all (at least somewhat) at the start, slowly but surely, you always end up in the same place: detesting it. After a few months or years—you get that “I'm not happy at my job” feeling. Your job makes you miserable, so you jump ship and move onto something new. But sure enough—like clockwork—at every new job you start, you eventually run into the same feelings and problems all over again.

Maybe you have a hard time relating to your co-workers. Perhaps you think your boss is an overbearing micromanager. Or, it could be that the mere thought of trudging into the office and checking your inbox makes getting out of bed in the morning feel like a feat of superhuman strength.

So, what's the deal? Why can you never seem to stay content with a job for longer than a year or two?

Believe it or not, this happens to a lot of people. We can all get a little restless in our careers and we've all heard the old clichés about the grass always being greener on the other side.

What can you do? Don't panic yet. Instead, it's time for a little bit of self-reflection.

### It's Not Them, It's You

You are the common denominator across all of the jobs that you've had.

First things first, let's start with a little career advice reality check. While it's easy to think that your no-good, terrible employers are the sole reason for your constant career unhappiness, have you ever stopped to shift the spotlight to yourself? Could the problem actually be you?

To be brutally honest, yes. Chances are, you're having a hard time finding happiness at work because you're still relatively uncertain about what exactly you want. And, it's pretty challenging to feel satisfied or fulfilled if you have no idea what you're actually looking for.

This doesn't mean you're doing something “wrong,” but it does mean something's not right. So, while you might be tempted to constantly shift blame to all of the external circumstances that could be causing your dissatisfaction, it's important to get a little introspective. We all have way more control over our own happiness than we often realize.

### How to Move Forward

Knowing the problem can help you find the solution.

#### 1. Make a List

Get a better idea of what you do and don't want in your next role.

The first thing you need to do is gain some clarity on what is making you so unhappy each time. What are you missing? And what are you looking for?

Make a two-column list to help you really narrow your focus. In one column, list the positives—these are the things you're actively looking for in a new job or a new employer. If it's been a few years since you actually thought about this, it's possible that your industry, your skills, and your circumstances have changed. Perhaps you want an entirely different set of responsibilities. Maybe it's a flexible work schedule. The sky's the limit. Jot down everything that you think would make you truly happy in your career.

In the other column, list the negatives—or, the things that you absolutely don't want in your next role. Maybe you hate your boss' management style. Or, perhaps you want to get out of your industry. Whatever it is, list those things in this column.

If you have a good relationship with your manager, it may be useful to have a conversation with them and see if they have any recommendations or contacts worth speaking to within the organization. If not, it may be worthwhile to reach out to someone in the recruiting department.

Whether or not those are viable options, you now have a checklist to help you better evaluate any new opportunities that present themselves. You can use that criterion to ensure that you don't end up in yet another short-term situation.

#### 2. Seek Outside Fulfillment

What you do during your off-time can affect your outlook when you're at work.

If you find yourself continuously wrapped up in a spiral of being unhappy with your job, it might be time that you try to find happiness outside the four walls of your office (or the constant video calls on your computer screen). Find a hobby or interest that you're passionate about or start up a side hustle to utilize some of the skills you think are otherwise untapped. Do what you can to find some satisfaction in your life that isn't completely job-related.

Having proper work life balance can improve your overall attitude and can have an immense impact on the way you perceive your work. So, finding some fulfillment and interest outside of your career can give you a much sunnier outlook inside the office!

We all want a career that makes us happy. But, many of us fall into the trap of becoming dissatisfied with our positions after a certain amount of time.

If you find yourself falling back into the same situation over and over, it might be time that you take a closer look at what is going on—rather than continuously moving around in search of greener pastures. Use this post as your guide, make your list, and prepare to finally feel a little more content with your employment situation.

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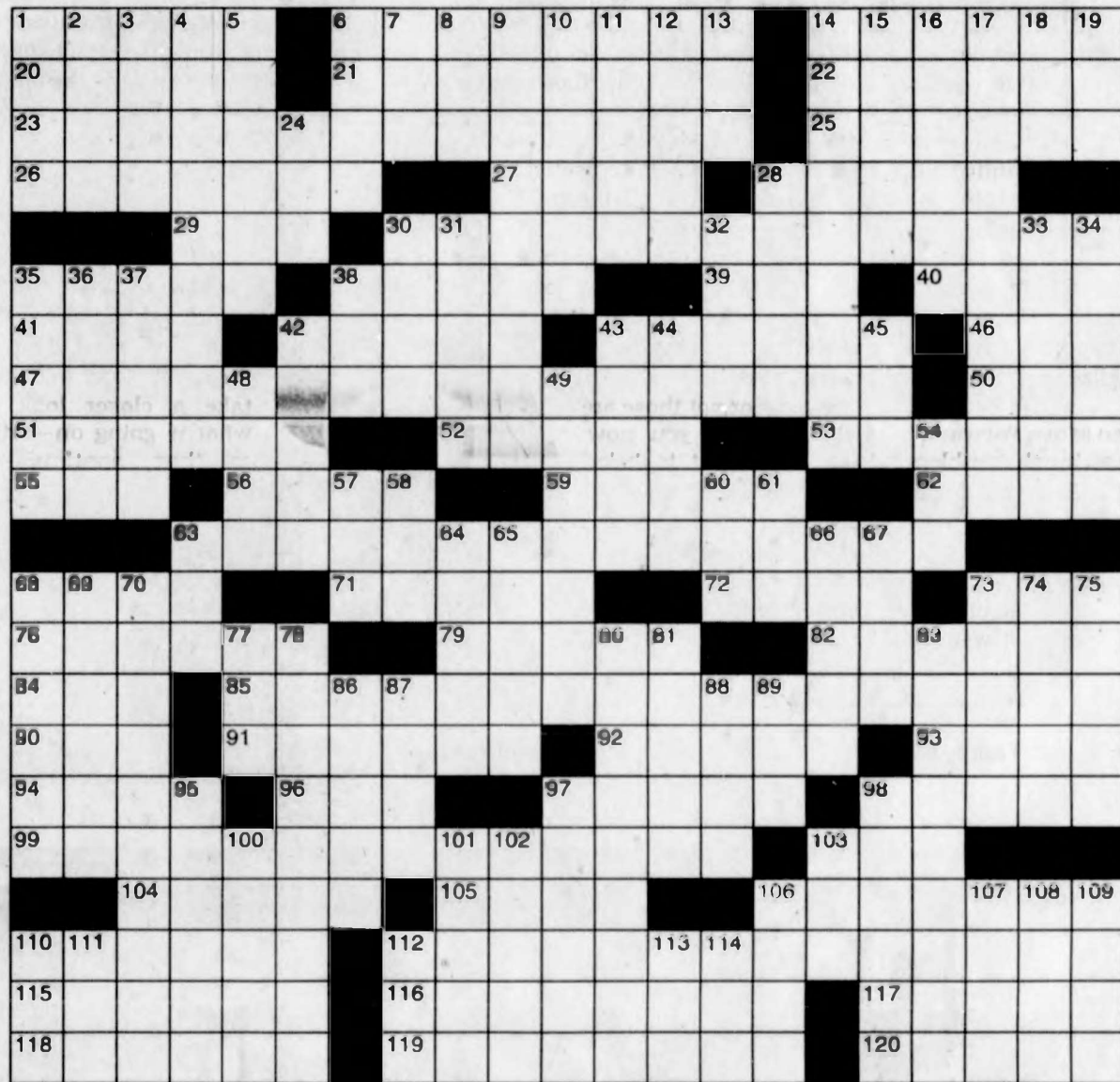
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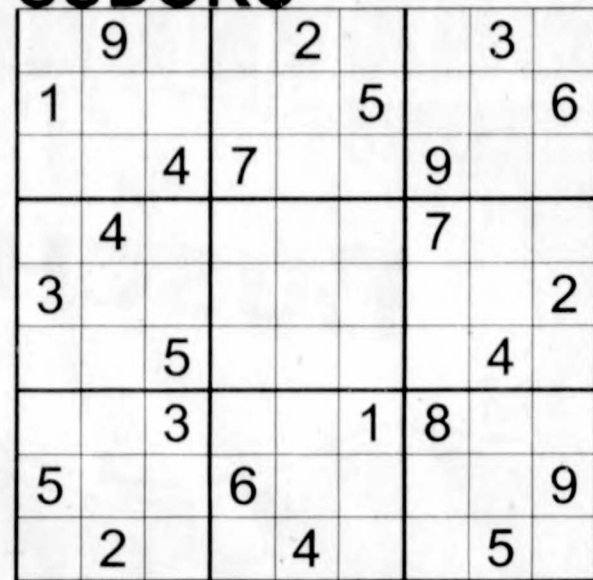
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