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Plans to redevelop Northville Downs property clear important hurdle

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Following a marathon election night discussion, a request for planned unit development eligibility for the 48-acre Northville Downs property was approved — with several conditions attached — by the Northville Planning Commission.

The approval for eligibility did not come swiftly for applicant Hunter Pasteur Homes, whose ambitious redevelopment presentation of the racetrack grounds was scrutinized, praised and prodded during a nearly five-hour meeting.

The determination of PUD eligibility was granted with conditions, including that the developer submit a

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Lyon, Milford water agreement can clear way for new developments

Susan Bromley

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Lyon Township officials will allow a proposed Milford housing development known as Kensington Ridge to connect to its water system, helping to clear the way for the construction of 851 homes on 335 acres on the west side of Milford Road between Interstate 96 and Maple Road.

The intergovernmental water agreement will go before the Milford Township Board at a special meeting Nov. 9. The agreement could also open the door to a water connection for the Crossings of Milford, a mixed use development with 175 apartments in 18 buildings as well as 5 commercial buildings 35 acres at the northeast corner of Milford Road and Pontiac Trail.

The agreement establishes a water main service district in which three additional Milford Township businesses al-

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South Lyon Nutrition opens on Pontiac Trail



South Lyon Nutrition has seating at its main bar for patrons. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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One of South Lyon's newest businesses would not exist if not for the COVID-19 pandemic.

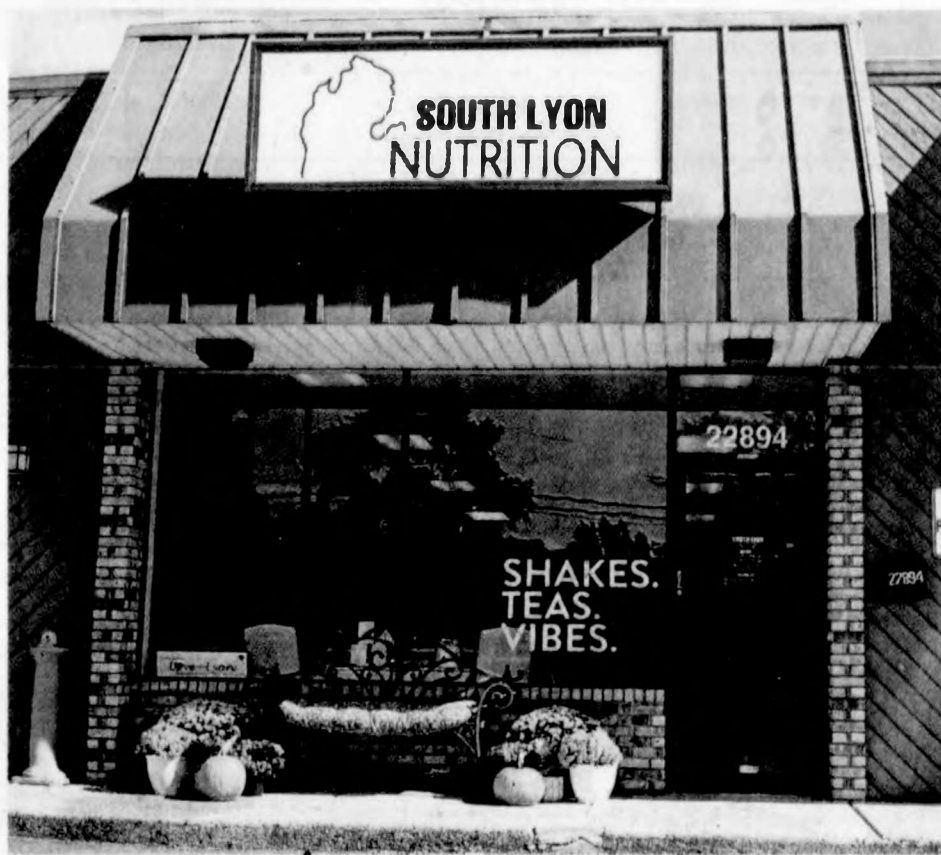
South Lyon Nutrition, 22894 Pontiac Trail, opened earlier this fall. Owner Lauren Annas, a former preschool teacher, decided to get into the protein shake/tea business after schools were ordered closed last spring.

She had worked on the side at a similar shop near her home as a part-time job, and decided she wanted to own her own shop after the pandemic began.

"One of the girls I was a teacher with in the past, she opened one on the east side in St. Clair Shores, which is really close to Grosse Pointe down the street," she said. "This was like my escape to do something different."

When looking at territories that did not have a similar shop, she found the South Lyon area was available. So she moved to the area to begin work on the

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South Lyon Nutrition at 22894 Pontiac Trail. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Costume creates Halloween magic

Frank Witsil

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When 6-year-old Leighton Viane went Halloween trick-or-treating, she made a statement just like Cruella de Vil, the character she was dressed up as, did in this summer's movie.

Her 20-month-old brother, Holden, tagged along as — what else? — a Dalmatian.

It's cute.

But this story is about how a special costume for a special girl was going to let her do what every other kid did this Halloween: go door-to-door for candy. What you might not know is Leighton, who was born with myotonic dystrophy, is unable to walk.

The disease makes her muscles weak. She also has difficulty speaking.

So Tim Cassar, a Ford engineer and friend of Leighton's parents, designed a 7½-foot contraption — de Vil's car — that Leighton can ride in, and still be seen throughout the neighborhood.

"It's so special for us,"



Leighton was born with myotonic dystrophy and is unable to walk. The disease makes her muscles weak. She also has difficulty speaking. KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL, DETROIT FREE PRESS

Leighton's mother, Abbey Viane, 38, of Northville, said, just a few hours before they planned to take the car for a test drive. "Having a child with special needs, you're not included in a lot of things."

Communities and schools nationwide are trying to make the holiday more inclusive.

Cassar, who loves Halloween, said he wanted to help a little girl and her family enjoy the holiday. It's fun for him to tinker, but what he really enjoys is making other people

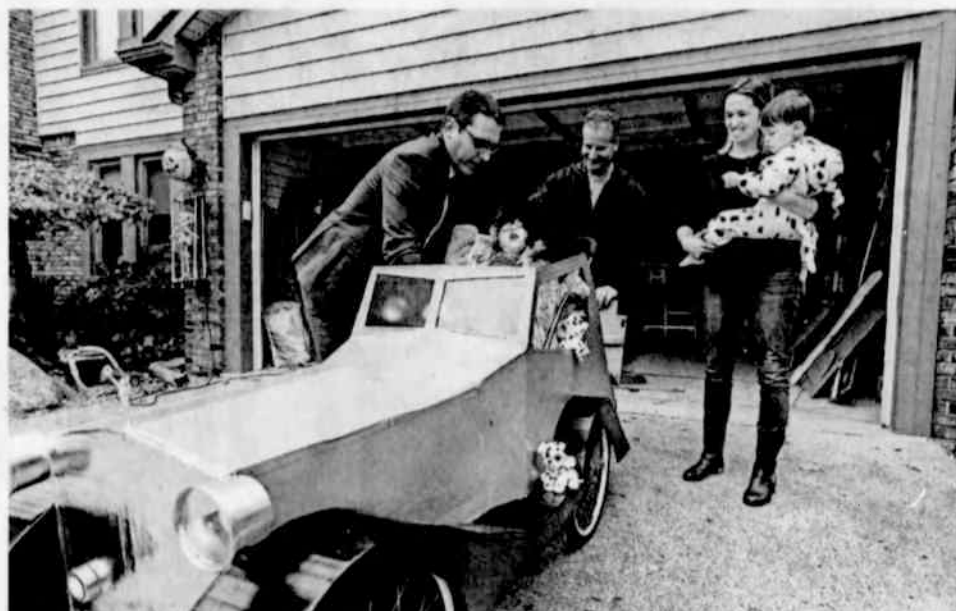
happy, especially folks who otherwise might not get to enjoy the holiday as much.

More than making a costume, Cassar said he wanted to help a kid who otherwise might not be able to enjoy one of his favorite holidays, because "if you can't walk around, you know, it doesn't look like it's much fun."

Cassar, 58, said he's "just a guy who builds things for friends."

Three years ago, when Leighton's mom told him she was struggling to turn a stroller into Cinderella's carriage, he wanted to help.

And Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo. He made one, with lights and everything.



Tim Cassar, 58, of Livonia, center, shows Abbey and David Viane, both of Northville, the Cruella de Vil car he made for their daughter, Leighton Viane, 6, and son, Holden Viane, 20 months, for Halloween. KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Little Leighton, he said, looked quite glamorous in her carriage and pretty dress.

The next year, Leighton dressed as Amelia Earhart, the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Cassar made Leighton a plane that looked a lot like the real one. It even had spinning propellers.

Last year, Leighton skipped Halloween because of the pandemic.

So this year the Viane family gave Cassar his hardest challenge yet:

Cruella's car.

For anyone who doesn't know, de Vil is a fictional character in "The Hundred and One Dalmatians," a 1956 British novel that was turned into a Disney animated movie, "101 Dalmatians," and more recently, a reboot "Cruella."

Cassar put in more than a full workweek — 40 hours — building the car. He made the contraption out of old bicycle strollers, and added working headlights, a trunk and furry interior.

"I had to put my thinking cap on and did a little mechanical wizardry," he said.

There's just one thing: It's obviously not an American car. So Cassar has to make one small adjustment so people would know that a Ford engineer built it.

He added an oval-shaped back window.

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Snow, snow everywhere — but not not enough plow crews

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As Michigan residents begin to dust off their heavy coats and prepare for a bone-chilling and especially wet winter, officials say a shortage of snowplow drivers and salt truck drivers is brewing.

While perhaps taken for granted, having plowed roads is incredibly important for the economy, for emergency services and day-to-day life.

"And so it's a little more critical to get on top of it in a very busy urban area like Detroit or Grand Rapids," said Mark Geib, administrator of the Transportation Systems Management Operations division at the Michigan Department of Transportation. "It's not just for the traveling public, but it's also for emergency services, the ambulances, and police and fire and all that. So, you know, we need to keep the roads clear so people can get around, especially in emergency situations."

Michigan is expected to get more precipitation and a "wetter-than-average" winter, meaning more snowfall, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Geib said he hasn't seen a snowplow driver shortage anything like this during his 30 years at MDOT.

The Michigan Department of Transportation contracts out the responsibility for about 75% of the roads to counties and manages the other 25% itself, according to Geib.

Individual counties, like Oakland, Wayne and Macomb, are also struggling to fill their rosters.

Leo Clavatta, Macomb County maintenance superintendent, said they're missing about 30% of what they need. Wayne County is looking to fill about 50 spots, and Oakland is looking to fill 30, according to WWJ-AM (950).

Despite the shortage, Geib said there's no need to take your shovel to Interstate 75 just yet — the roads will be plowed, one way or another.

If enough drivers aren't hired and a snowstorm hits, Geib said people from adjacent garages and regions will help out where the storm hit hardest. Sometimes, employees capable of driving snowplows will be pulled from other divisions to



Snow is removed from the sidewalks before the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit on Jan. 19, 2019. There is a looming worker shortage for plow crews. KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL/DFP

help out.

In Macomb County, contractors are on standby as reinforcements if there's a large snowstorm.

"Safety is our number one priority," Clavatta said.

Geib said the shortage is likely due to a competitive job market and the private sector offering bonuses and higher wages, and it can be hard for MDOT to compete because it has pre-set salaries.

He said he hopes that once contractors that operate machines during the summer start to wind down those jobs, they'll be able to work temporarily during the winter.

"We do offer very good benefits and lead time," Geib said. "But, of course, the people we hire to do snowplowing, it's more difficult for them to take lead time because, you know, in the winter, we need them."

MDOT snowplow wages range from \$20-\$26 an hour for eight-hour shifts with up to four hours of overtime. In Macomb County, wages start at \$17.59 and reach about

\$22 an hour.

"(Wages) will probably go up over time, especially if this shortage continues," Geib said. "Because, you know, in the end, we have to have people to do this because winter maintenance is one of the most important things we do to keep the roads safe, keeping them clear, so the economy can keep going."

Driving a snowplow requires a commercial driver's license and typically some experience truck driving or operating machinery. You can apply for jobs in metro Detroit and across the state at:

MDOT: <https://www.neogov.com/>

Oakland: <https://www.oakgov.com/hr/Pages/default.aspx>

Wayne: <https://www.waynecounty.com/departments/phr/job-postings.aspx>

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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, site work at the Northville Public Schools Transportation Building. The re-bid is for Rough & Finish Carpentry, Roofing, Aluminum Storefront, Painting, Metal Siding and Landscaping.

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 **November 3rd, 2021**. Bid Package consists of Instruction to Bidders, Proposal Forms, General and Supplementary Conditions, drawings, specifications, and pertinent trade specifications.

Your proposal will be accepted **NO LATER THAN 12:00PM, November 23rd, 2021**. **ALL BIDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA BUILDING CONNECTED.** Address all bids to "Northville Public Schools - Board of Education". Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. Contact Rob Moelich or Shawn Debo for download instructions at 248-334-2000.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud beginning at **1:00 P.M., November 23rd, 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 **Wednesday, November 10th, 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 \$26,046 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 shall accompany the submitted bid via Building Connected. Hard copies of the bid security / certified checks are the only hard copy item that may be delivered. Bid security must be delivered by 12:00 noon on November 23rd, 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.**

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Northville Public Schools, Board of Education

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Business

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shop, located in the King Plaza shopping center between 9 Mile and 10 Mile roads in a vacant space that formerly held a tanning salon.

Annas spent several months working on the space, including building the counter top bar, new floor and updates to the inside. While there's limited seating inside now, Annas said she hopes to bring in some tables and chairs for guests to sit.

The shop's offerings are essentially similar to many others that have opened up across the region in recent months, including shops in Milford, Livonia and Farmington Hills. Offerings include protein shakes in a variety of



South Lyon Nutrition owner Lauren Annas pours a strawberry-lemonade tea drink. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

flavors, including chocolate, strawberry and cheesecake, along with more unique flavors. A variety of herbal ice teas are also sold.

Compared to when she worked in St. Clair Shores, Annas said customers in South Lyon

purchase more protein shakes.

"I think it's because it's a new food spot in town," she said. "I think this is a new quick stop for food. It's different than Tropical Smoothie (Cafe)."

In addition to selling

drinks, Annas has begun connecting with local yoga groups and has done yoga in the shopping center's parking lot on Sundays.

"I'm trying to make it weekly," she said. "We're still new, but my goal is to make it weekly."

The shop's grand opening is Nov. 13, Annas said, and will have raffles and other activities to mark the opening.

The shop is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. More information can be found on the store's Facebook page.

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Construction continues on the Lyon Township water tower on Griswold near Nine Mile on July 22. A water tank will eventually be added to the top of the current structure. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Water

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ready exist. Those businesses, AIS Equipment, Hines Park Ford and McNabb Carpet, are also eligible to connect to the system.

"This was a major, major project," Lyon Township Supervisor John Dolan said before the Lyon Township Board approved the agreement. "Believe me, we worked hard on this, everyone has worked super hard. It's a pretty good contract for the township."

In the agreement for the provision of water service between Lyon Township and Pulte Homes, Lyon Township declared it had "sufficient capacity in its water system" to serve the development and retained land, and that the agreement would serve the public interest by promoting the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

According to the agreement, this will be achieved by:

- avoiding construction and operation of multiple water wells within close proximity and limiting environmental impacts;

- providing Lyon Township with significant additional revenue to help offset the cost of its water system, thereby reducing the economic burden to Lyon Township residents;

- promoting efficiencies and economies of scale to the benefit of both Lyon and Milford townships, including providing Lyon Township with a looped water system;

- and extending water at Pulte's cost to serve other Lyon Township properties to their benefit.

A water tower will be built on the southwest corner of the Kensington Ridge property that will be under the purview of Lyon Township, but for which Milford Township will get a permit fee for construction, as well as one-time only permit fees for the homes built at Kensington Ridge, Milford Township Supervisor Don Green said.

Green believes the water agreement between the two townships is a "really good agreement" and won't cost either township anything with any costs funded by the new users of the water system.

Kensington Ridge still has hurdles to clear, Green said, including approval by the township board of the PUD language, as well as site plan approval.

"I am thinking we should have most of this done by the end of the year," Green said. "They can't put a shovel in the ground until April."

The Crossings of Milford development would still have to work out their own agreement to tap into the Lyon Township water system, but it is now available. Green said the Triumph Builders' site plan for the development is currently under review by the township planning consultant.

"They will have to build the water tower and get it up and running before certificate of occupancy, but it won't stop them from building houses," Green said. "Construction on both of these projects could start next year."

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Property

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current traffic study and provide values of benefits, funding it is committed to cover and funding requested by the city for public benefits.

The developer also must address certain issues — including the segregation of residential uses and the consideration of the addition of a farmers market as a public benefit — that were raised during the Nov. 2 meeting.

PUD eligibility is the first — and widely considered the least-demanding — of the Triple Crown of approvals needed before ground is broken on the project. Planning commissioners approved the PUD on a 7-1 vote with Jeff Gaines casting the lone no vote to advance The Downs redevelopment process. The next two requirements are approval of a preliminary site plan and a final site plan. A timeline for when a preliminary site plan would be presented to the planning commission was not revealed.

"I am optimistic we can all continue to creatively work toward a mutually beneficial solution that will uphold the character of Northville that we will leave for our children," Planning Commission Chair Donna Tinberg told Hunter Pasteur Homes President Randy Wertheimer.

The PUD eligibility approval was déjà vu for Hunter Pasteur Homes, which received a similar thumbs up from the planning commission in 2019 before its project was derailed by a combination of Northville residents' resistance to the density the development would bring to the city and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Back to the drawing board

After considering feedback from residents and community groups, the developer redesigned its 2019 plan, reducing the number of residential units from 577 to 481, increasing the percentage of open space from 30% to 33% and expanding its smorgasbord of unit offerings from three to five.

The development is expected to be home for 827 new residents, HPH projected. Regarding



A conceptual drawing of the view looking east on Beal Street.

COURTESY OF HUNTER PASTEUR HOMES

residents' concerns that the influx of new residents would be too much for Northville Public Schools to handle, Wertheimer said he met with school officials, who assured him they could handle the increase in students.

The developer has also agreed to daylight the portion of the Middle Rouge River that has been underground for close to a century and create public parks that all Northville residents can use. Aaron Cozart, chair of Northville's economic development committee, offered support for the developer's PUD presentation.

"Both the economic development committee and downtown development authority had the opportunity to meet with the developer and we agreed unanimously that the applicant does meet all nine criteria for PUD eligibility," Cozart said.

"The developer has

addressed the concerns raised by the earlier iteration of the project by decreasing the number of housing units by roughly 12%, increasing green space and diversifying housing types."

Northville resident Stephen Calkins told the planning commission during the public comment portion of the meeting that change is needed in Northville.

"I hope it doesn't take another decade to go through all the hoops to get this done," Calkins said. "I hope the word doesn't start spreading that it's impossible to get exciting projects like this done in Northville."

Hunter Pasteur Homes' presentation didn't win over everyone who tuned in to the Nov. 2 Zoom meeting.

"I'm concerned with the overall gridlock in the city because of all the additional residents," Greg Swanson said. "It's a Catch-22: We want more people

for our tax base, but there are already back-ups on our roads coming in and going out of the city."

Swanson encouraged the commission members to not let the developer's slick-looking renderings fool them.

"It's like the ads you see for hamburgers," Swanson said. "They look wonderful on the commercials, but when you go buy one, they never look as good as they do on TV."

Multiple public commenters said the daylighting of the river would more than make up for any inconveniences the development would generate for longtime residents.

"Freeing the river, which is mainly just a sewer now, would be an amazing upgrade to the existing site," Nancy Darga said.

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Where vets can eat for free this Veterans Day

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Another year has come and it's time to honor veterans.

The annual celebration recognizing those who have served in the armed forces comes with a plethora of freebies to those looking to mark the Nov. 11 holiday.

Below is a non-exhaustive list of the discounts and offerings from various restaurants and businesses for those who served the U.S. in uniform.

Applebee's will continue its tradition of offering a free meal for veterans on Nov. 11. Visitors who stop by one of the area's restaurants in communities such as Livonia, Westland, Canton Township and Novi can select an entree from a curated menu. Eligible entrees include a top sirloin, bacon cheeseburger and three-cheese chicken penne, among others. The promotion is valid for dine-in only, though those who redeem the meal will also receive a \$5 gift card to use at their next visit.

Black Rock Bar & Grill offers free steak dinner for all veterans. The dinner includes a side dish and is dine-in only. Available at Michigan locations including Ann Arbor, Canton, Hartland and Novi.

Bob Evans will offer a free meal from a special menu for veterans and active duty military on the holiday again this year. Vets can select from a dishes including both breakfast and dinner entrees, including bri-

oché French toast, country fried steak and a country biscuit breakfast. Bob Evans has locations in Livonia and Canton.

Bonefish Grill is offering a 10% discount for all service members, veterans and first responders. It has a location in Novi.

Buddy's Pizza will give veterans and active service members 15% off their bill on Veterans Day for dine-in service only. Buddy's has locations in Novi, Farmington Hills, Plymouth and Livonia, among others.

California Pizza Kitchen will provide a free meal to veterans and active duty members of the military Nov. 11. Dine-in guests who qualify can receive a complimentary dish from a predetermined menu, which includes entrees such as pizza, salads and pasta. Veterans will also receive a free iced tea or fountain beverage. Guests will also receive a card for a buy one, get one free offer at their next visit by Nov. 20. California Pizza Kitchen operates locations at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and at Somerset Collection in Troy.

Chili's will provide veterans a free entrée to mark the holiday. The restaurant will serve veterans and active duty military members a free entrée from a menu of seven dishes when they dine in. Chili's has locations in Novi, Livonia and Canton.

Famous Dave's will offer vets a free sandwich for Veterans Day. Guests who are veterans or are currently serving in the military can head to the restaurant and receive a free Georgia Chopped Pork Sandwich and a side. This offer is good for both dine-in



A color guard at ease during Northville's Veterans of Foreign Wars' Veterans Day ceremony in 2020. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

and to-go orders. Famous Dave's BBQ has locations in Westland and Novi.

Menchie's Frozen Yogurt will serve up free frozen yogurt to veterans and active duty service members for Veterans Day. Veterans who show proper identification will have their first 6 oz. of frozen yogurt free. Menchie's has locations in Farmington Hills, Livonia, Northville Township, Novi and Canton.

Red Lobster will serve up a free appetizer or dessert to veterans for the holiday. Visitors who dine in at the seafood restaurant chain can select from appetizers such as seafood-stuffed mushrooms and crab-stuffed shrimp rangoon; or desserts such as key lime pie or vanilla bean cheesecake. Red Lobster has locations in Novi, Livonia and Westland.

Starbucks will give all veterans active duty military members and military spouses a free 12 oz. hot coffee on Veterans Day. In addition to the free coffee, the Seattle-based coffee company will donate 25

cents of every hot coffee sold to Headstrong and Team Red, White & Blue, groups that assist with the mental health and well being of military families. Starbucks has locations in Livonia, Redford Township, Westland, Novi, New Hudson, Milford, Northville, Northville Township, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township and Canton.

Wendy's will offer veterans a free breakfast combo at its restaurants nationwide for Nov. 11. The fast food chain — which began serving breakfast nationwide last year — will serve up the combos to veterans who show a valid ID from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at any of its restaurants. Wendy's has locations in Livonia, Westland, Wayne, Redford, Novi, Canton, Plymouth, Garden City, Northville Township and South Lyon.

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Fun for all at South Lyon park as We-Go-Swing installed

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Installation of a unique new playground swing began at McHattie Park in South Lyon in late October and should be ready for use before the snow falls.

The We-Go-Swing is accessible to children and adults in wheelchairs, making a fun childhood pastime inclusive to people of all abilities.

The city council unanimously approved the purchase of the \$51,252 swing from Penchura, which included installation, last May despite some concerns that were expressed about costs.

Councilman Glenn Kivell said while kids clearly would be delighted and it would be an asset to the park, "giving kids the same zeal of being in the park and playing," he couldn't think of another piece of equipment that would compare cost-wise and wondered about using GoFundMe as a source of funding.

City Manager Paul Zelenak said about \$3,600 had been raised through donations and the remainder of the cost for the swing came from the park fund.

Erica Wilson, chairman of the parks and recreation commission, said the efforts to bring a wheelchair swing to McHattie Park began many years ago.

"Passion is what led us here," she

said. "This hits it out of the park, we are looking at a piece of equipment that is inclusive and they all can be together."

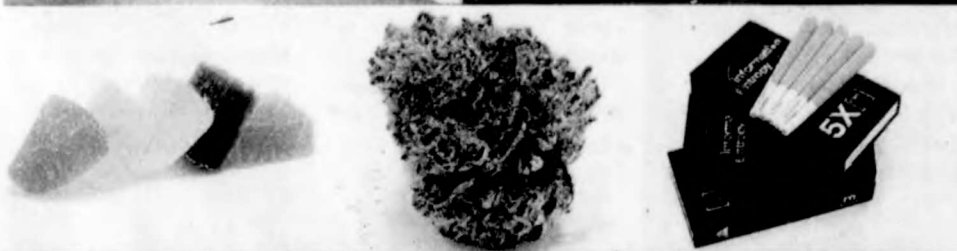
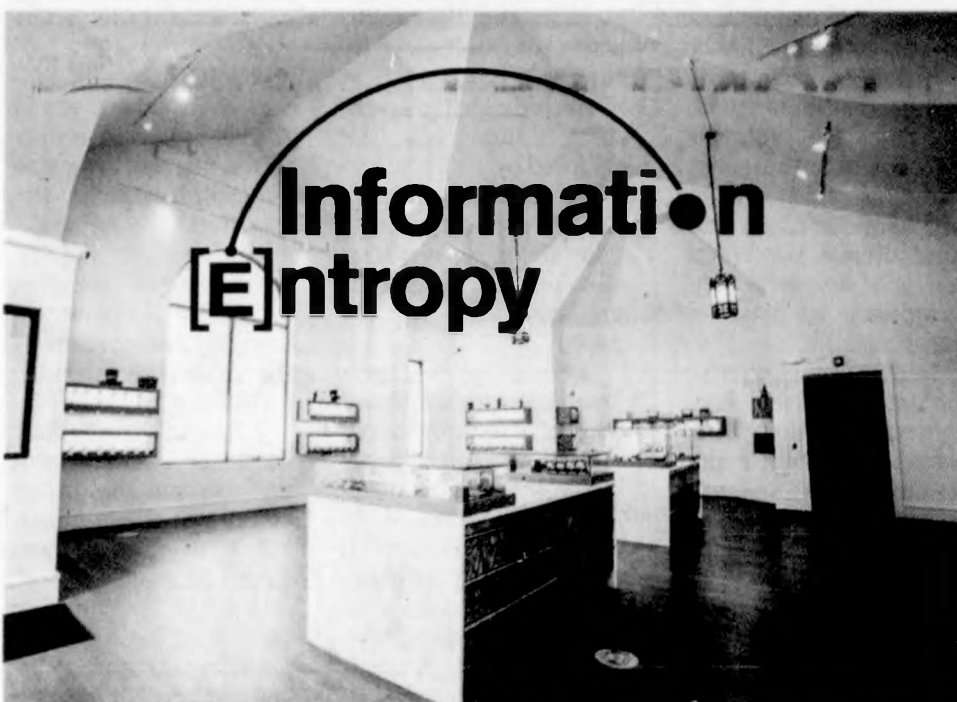
Councilwoman Maggie Kurtzweil called the equipment priceless, saying "there is no price that can be put on the heart of a mother that has a disabled child and watches every other normal kid swing on a swing, except her own. You can't put a price on that when a child has a disability and can take part in laughter and fun and joy."

Structural components of the We-Go-Swing are warrantied for up to 100 years, with some mechanisms that will need to be replaced. The swing has a 1-year installation warranty and can be

maintained by the city's DPW.

A description of the We-Go-Swing on the manufacturer Landscape Structures website notes that handlebars assist with moving the swing and keeping users in place, as well as rotating for easy entrance and exit. Multiple users work together to swing, encouraging social interaction and an inclusive experience, while increasing motor skills including core and upper body strength, balance, and agility.

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Huron Valley, Novi, Farmington among first to host vaccine clinics for kids

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Huron Valley Schools recorded 27 positive COVID-19 cases Monday.

There was no school Tuesday due to elections, but by the end of the day Wednesday, the district had another 16, already over the average of about 40 per week since a high of 90 cases in early October that closed multiple elementary classrooms.

School officials hope that is about to change as Novi, Farmington and Huron Valley will host vaccine clinics for all county residents ages 5-18 this month following CDC emergency authorization of pediatric doses.

"We want as many kids to access it as possible," Kim Root, executive director of safety for Huron Valley Schools, said. "This is obviously a choice for families but we see vaccination as one tool in our ability to operate our schools safely, in person."

Novi Superintendent Steve Matthews said working with the Oakland County Health Division "creates a great opportunity for our community to continue our fight against COVID."

"We think this will help as we work to keep our students, staff and community safe," he said.

Last school year, Novi was informed of 145 total positive COVID-19 cases. Two months into this school year, 107 cases have been reported.

Both districts have been managing cases this school year with the assistance of vaccinated staff and students who are 12 or older, as well as mitigation tools including mandatory masks, hand washing, and sanitizing surfaces.

The approval of vaccines should help to manage cases in the 5- to 11-year-old crowd, in which Root said there has been a noticeable increase in COVID-19 this fall.

Health division nurses will deliver the first pediatric doses in Novi from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21, at Novi Woods Elementary School, 25195 Taft Road.

Huron Valley will host a clinic the next day, from 4-7:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 22, at Lakeland High School, 1630 Bogie Lake Road, White Lake.

North Farmington High School's Nov. 16 clinic has already filled with appoint-



(L to R) IHA Plymouth Pediatrics medical assistant Madison Peterson gives Asher Nelson, 10 of Novi the Pfizer coronavirus vaccine as his mother Rachael Nelson and his sister Clara Nelson, 7 watches at the IHA medical office in Plymouth on Nov. 3, 2021. ERIC SEALS, DETROIT FREE PRESS



(L to R) IHA Plymouth Pediatrics medical assistant Madison Peterson gives Christian Davis, 9 of Novi, the Pfizer coronavirus vaccine as his mother Tyann Davis holds his hand for support in the IHA medical office in Plymouth on Nov. 3, 2021. ERIC SEALS, DETROIT FREE PRESS

ments, as has clinics planned for Hazel Park, Southfield, Troy, Madison Heights, Rochester and Walled Lake.

Other vaccination clinics that still have openings are Nov. 17 at West Hills Middle School in West Bloomfield; Nov. 18 at Oak Park High School; Nov. 19 at Oxford Middle School; Nov. 20 at Clarkston High School; Nov. 23 at West Bloomfield High School; Nov. 29 at Waterford Oaks; and Nov. 30 at Southfield High School.

The pediatric doses are one-third the amount of the full adult dose. A second shot will be administered about 21 days after the first, but dates are not yet confirmed. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All county kids are invited, regardless of where they attend school.

"We will welcome you with open arms," Oakland County Communications Director Bill Mullan said. "We strongly urge people to make an appointment ahead of time."

Appointments can be made at oaklandcountyvaccine.com or by calling 800-848-5533.

Schools were chosen as clinic sites for this age group to make children and their families more comfortable. The clinics will be held indoors and will have more privacy features, as Mullan notes shots are often difficult for children.

The county has received an initial shipment of 14,400 pediatric doses. Mullan expects a good turnout and points to success in vaccinating 12- to 19-year-olds. Of the 121,000 individuals in that age group in Oakland County, almost 63% have been vaccinated with their first dose.

"When doses became available to those 12 and above, a lot of parents were relieved and excited to get their children the vaccination," Mullan said. "I anticipate we will see a similar response now that it will be available for the 5 to 11 age group."

The majority of positive COVID-19 cases continue to be in unvaccinated individuals, Mullan said.

From Oct. 18-31, there were 4,594 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in the county. Of those, 157 cases were found in children aged 4 and

younger. The 5- to 9-year-old age group had 358 cases and 313 cases were identified in kids aged 10-13.

Since March 2020, the beginning of the pandemic in Michigan, more than 128,414 cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Oakland County and have resulted in the deaths of 2,533 residents as of Nov. 2.

Root said the district does not have any "alarm bells" going off regarding a rise in cases right now. A "high percentage of teachers" chose to be vaccinated, and she added that parents have done a good job of keeping children home when they are sick.

Classrooms have been sent to remote learning for about a week or slightly more when 10% or more of students in it have tested positive, are awaiting test results, or have "Tier 1" symptoms including cough, fever, and loss of taste or smell.

An entire building moving to remote learning or the whole district shutting down to go to remote as happened last year at this time would mean "dozens of cases" of positive or symptomatic students and many more awaiting test results.

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Avoid scams by doing your research before donating to charities

Rick Bloom
Money Matters

The temperature is dropping, the leaves are falling, and the days are getting shorter. The end of the year is rapidly approaching and many of us will soon make our annual charitable contributions.

As I have mentioned many times in the past, Americans are the most generous people on earth. Unfortunately, scam artists are aware of the generosity of the American people; particularly, at year-end. Therefore, it's not surprising that there are more scams regarding charities during the holiday season than at any other time of year.

If you are going to make charitable contributions, it is important that you do your research in order to protect your hard-earned money.

Scams regarding charities come in a variety of formats. In many situations, the charity is bogus and doesn't exist. The fraudulent charity may even have a wonderfully designed website with pictures, particularly of children or animals. Some of these charities have names that sound recognizable; however, it is all a sham. These charities are meant to steal your money and obtain your sensitive information.

Don't forget, there are also several charities that do legitimate charitable work; however, the bulk of the money raised is not for the charitable purpose, but rather, to compensate their executives and pay marketing costs.

When it comes to giving money, in order not to be scammed or donate to a charity that is not using your money responsibly, it is important that you do your research. In today's world, it's easier than ever to investigate a charity. The two places I use are charitynavigator.org and give.org. These are free websites that can provide you a wealth of information on legitimate charities.

Writing a check to a charity is probably the most popular way to give. However, that doesn't necessarily mean it is the best alternative. As opposed to writing checks, I often recommend people donate appreciated securities.

Donating a stock or a mutual fund



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that has a gain comes with several tax benefits. First, your charitable contribution is the fair-market value of the stock; not what you paid for the stock, but what it is actually worth. In addition, you do not have to pay any capital gains tax on that investment. Considering how well the market has done of late, donating appreciating securities is a very tax efficient way to make charitable contributions.

If you are over 70%, you can also consider making your charitable contributions through your IRA. Particularly, for those of you who no longer itemize your deductions and who are charitable in nature, using your IRA is a great strategy.

Even though you can't write off your donation as a charitable contribution, the offset is that you are not taxed on the distribution from the IRA. Typically, whenever you make a distribution from a traditional IRA you are taxed; however, if you're 70% and donate that money to charity, you avoid the tax.

If you plan to make year-end charitable contributions, this is a great time to start doing research on charities. Whether you receive a phone solicitation or the solicitation comes through email, before you send any money, make sure the charity is legitimate and that they're spending your money wisely.

Good luck.

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New four-unit retail building, drive-thru planned for Hartland Towne Square

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A new four-unit retail building with a drive-thru is expected to be constructed at a key intersection of Hartland Township's main commercial district this spring.

Susan Bowers of Ann Arbor-based architecture and design firm Bowers + Associates presented site plans to the township Planning Commission earlier this month. The project was greeted by support from planners.

"We actually started this project in 2019, hoping it would come and it kind of died off and then it came back to life this spring," Bowers said during an Oct. 14 meeting of the township Planning Commission. "We're pretty excited about it because this parcel has been empty and I think it needs some presence to make it exciting."

The proposed 7,980-square-foot multi-tenant building would be constructed on about 17 acres of vacant land on two out-lots in the Hartland Towne Square shopping center, which is anchored by Meijer and Emagine Hartland movie theater.

Hartland Towne Square was originally approved by township officials as a planned development in 2008. Meijer opened in 2009. Emagine Entertainment constructed the 55,000-square-foot movie theater to the south and opened in 2018.

Panda Express opened near Emagine Hartland in 2019. The shopping center also includes a Taco Bell, Big Boy, Belle Tire, Tim Hortons and Culver's.

Bowers said the drive-thru business will be a coffee shop on the southern end of the building. She did not disclose the business.

"There are no known or named tenants for this building, so it's just viewed as a retail building at this time," Hartland Township Planner Troy Langer said.

The township Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve a site plan for the new retail building, which amends the planned development layout of the shopping center.

The project will also be considered for a land use permit.

The approximately 17 acres slated for the four-unit retail building is currently two properties with different owners, Flagstar Bank and Ramco RM Hartland SC, LLC., according to township documents.

Real estate investor Tommy Hannawa and his team proposed the four-unit retail building.

Hannawa briefly expressed excitement for the project. He has not responded to requests for further comment.

The building will be constructed with different kinds of brick and other materials and feature black canvas awnings, as shown in architectural renderings that reflect the general look of the building.

Land remains available

Hartland Towne Square still has large and small parcels of available vacant land.

While there has been interest from other developers in large swaths of land west of Meijer, none of those plans have come to fruition.

Menards Inc. pursued plans on two occasions to construct a 160,000-square-foot store location there, but those plans fell through.

Township officials were also in talks with Redwood Apartment Homes about potentially using some of the land for residential units instead of a big box store. Redwood Apartment Homes has since proposed 148 apartment units a few miles away on the northeastern portion of Hartland Glen Golf Course west of Pleasant Valley Road on the township's east end.

Mike Mitchell, vice chairperson of the township Planning Commission, was pleased with the proposed four-unit retail building.

"I have to say it is, in my opinion, a very desirable multi-tenant building. I'm anxious to see that go up in that corner," Mitchell said Oct. 14.

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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.

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Judge Ron Beason,
Chief Water Operator of the City of South Lyon Water Department.

Please visit the City of South Lyon website homepage, news for Guidelines, and Entry Form at southlyonmi.org. For more information, please call Suzan Martin at 248-437-4942. Or email Suzan at suzan_mccallum@hotmail.com.

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Time to check out fall colors before they're gone

Staff report

Fall colors are spreading through local woods. If it seems like yellows and golds are dominating this season, that could be because of the gray, wet weather we've had.

Locally, this may be one of the latest autumns for fall foliage, but there are still plenty of spots in metro Detroit to enjoy some color, including Maybury State Park, Kensington Metropark, Shiawassee Park in Farmington, Booth Park in Birmingham and Wayne's Mill Trail, to name a few.



Sugar maple leaves blaze away in brilliant yellows at Northville's Maybury State Park on Oct. 28, 2021. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



A Virginia creeper leaf takes on its fall colors at Maybury State Park on Oct. 28, 2021. The 200 acre Northville park, located at the northeast corner of Eight Mile and Beck, is open everyday of the year and features miles of paths through its woods and fields. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Birmingham's Brookside Residences are seen through some fall-color trees in the city's Booth Park on Nov. 1, 2021. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



As colder air begins to settle in, trees along the pathway of Farmington's Shiawassee Park take on colorful hues on Nov. 1, 2021. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Some deep red maple tree leaves off of Wayne's Mill Trail on Oct. 29, 2021. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Wayne, Oakland voters reshape city councils, commissions

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Voters across metro Detroit went to polls Tuesday to make their preferences known in city elections.

All results are unofficial until certified by the county board of canvassers.

Led by Jim Jolly and Laura Toy's 13,000-plus vote totals, four candidates earned seats on the **Livonia** City Council beginning January 2022.

Jolly's 13,681 votes earned him council presidency while Toy (13,517 votes) will serve as vice president. Third-place finisher Robert Donovic (12,402 votes) will serve a four-year term while fourth-place finisher Scott Morgan (10,890 votes) will serve two years.

Jolly, Toy and Donovic are all incumbents. Candidate Carrie Budzinski's effort to become the first non-white person on council fell just over 1,000 votes short with 9,684 votes. Dan Centers (9,337 votes) and Ken Overwater (7,100 votes) round out the candidate field.

Council members are non-partisan and earn \$17,270 annually. Jolly will earn \$18,519 as president. The new board officially will be seated in January.

The **Farmington** City Council will have one new member on the city's governing council.

With three seats open in Tuesday's election, incumbents Maria Taylor and Steven Schneemann led the way, earning the most votes with 1,279 votes and 1,134 votes, respectively. Each earned a four-year term on council.

The difference between third and fourth place, however, was much closer when Johnna Balk tallied 972 votes, one more than David Delind with 971. Delind was appointed to the council in 2020. The third-place winner earns a two-year term on the council.

Also on the ballot were Geof Perrot (848 votes), Cathi Waun (844 votes) and Jacob Nelson (446 votes).

Members of Farmington City Council earn \$3,000 annually. Farmington council members appoint a mayor internally every two years.

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt held off a spirited challenge by newcomer Ajay Raman. Gatt tallied 6,883 votes to Raman's 5,699 votes.

Gatt will serve his sixth term as mayor. Gatt was first elected to the city council in 2003 and was elected mayor in 2011. He raised more than \$60,000 for this campaign.

Per the city charter, the mayor earns \$6,500 annually. He will be sworn in for a 2-year term on Nov. 8, the first council meeting following the election.

It was a mixed bag for partisan politics in the Novi City Council election. With the local Republican and Democratic clubs each campaigning on behalf of the half of the six candidates on the ballot.

Winning a four-year seat are Brian Smith (6,455 votes), incumbent Justin Fischer (6,336 votes) and Ericka Thomas (6,291 votes). Rounding out the ballot were Julie Maday, who was appointed to the council in January, receiving 5,857 votes; Mark Alafita with 5,769 votes and Karyn Chopjian with 3,874 votes.

City council candidates earn \$4,500 annually. They will start their four-year terms when they are sworn in Nov. 8 and will join Laura Marie Casey, Hugh Crawford, and Dave Staudt on council.

In **South Lyon**, Dan Pelchat cruised to another two-year term as the only candidate on the mayoral ballot. He received 1,580 votes. Jennifer Redfern ran as a write-in candidate; 74-write-in votes were cast.

Pelchat has served as South Lyon mayor since 2017 and is an IT technician for South Lyon Schools. The South Lyon mayor earns \$220 per month and will be



Voter Pat Blazo signs up to get a ballot at Livonia's Holmes Middle School on Nov. 2, 2021. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

sworn in Nov. 8 for a 2-year term.

For **South Lyon** City Council, one incumbent will not be returning. With three four-year positions available, voters turned to Alex Hansen (1,232 votes), Lori Mosier (1,185 votes) and incumbent Glenn Kivell (1,104 votes). Challenger Jim Hamade received 720 votes, while incumbent Carl Richards tallied 362 votes.

Kivell has served on city council for 24 years. Mosier is retired after working 27 years for the city of South Lyon as an accountant. Hansen is a credit union branch manager who moved to South Lyon a year ago.

City council members earn \$180 per month and are sworn in Nov. 8. They will join council members Lisa Dilg, Stephen Kennedy, and Maggie Kurtzweil.

South Lyon had three charter amendment proposals on the ballot, meant to clean up and clarify language. All three passed easily.

Charter Amendment Proposal No. 1, dealing with setting up polling locations in the city, passed 1,294-341.

Charter Amendment Proposal No. 2, which addresses conflicts of interest, was approved, 1,552-179.

Voters passed Charter Amendment Proposal No. 3, 1,269-420, which says state law takes precedence over the city charter if there is a conflict.

Huron Valley Schools voters approved two requests related to non-homestead millages.

The first, approved 7,487-2,799, renews the 17.3886-mill tax for 10 years on commercial and secondary residences, which would raise \$10,458,485 in the first year levied for district operations.

The second proposal asked for restoration to the full 18 mills for the next 11 years, overriding the Headlee Amendment. That vote was closer, but still passed handily, 6,401-3,880.

In **Farmington Hills**, incumbent Vicki Barnett easily held on to her seat against newcomer Gina Phillips, 11,640-3,329.

The mayor is a nonpartisan official, serves a two-year term and makes \$875.08 monthly. Following this upcoming term, Barnett will have to sit out one election cycle before being eligible

to run for mayor again.

For the **Farmington Hills** council, two incumbents retained their seats, and a newcomer will join the seven-member board. Valerie Knol led the way with 9,899 votes, followed by Michael Bridges with 7,824 votes. Joining them on council is Randy Bruce with 7,029 votes.

Rounding out the candidate field are Jon Aldred (5,113 votes), Jacob Kovacs (4,040 votes) and Matt Strickfaden (5,736 votes).

Strickfaden was appointed to the council earlier this year to fill an open seat. Council members serve four-year terms and make \$583.36 monthly in a nonpartisan capacity. The mayor leads the city council during meetings. Council appoints a mayor pro tem from among itself once a new board is seated. New council seated at first scheduled meeting following the election.

The **Farmington Hills** public safety millage easily passed, 11,523-3,779. The 10-year, 17-mill tax levy will mostly cover operational costs for the police and fire departments in areas like staffing and equipment.

For **Northville** City Council, newcomer John Carter (1,087 votes) and Andrew Krenz (973) earned four-year terms by outdistancing incumbent Patrick Giesa, who racked up 645 votes.

Krenz was appointed to the council in April to replace Sam Ekong, who relocated out of Northville.

Incumbent Brian Turnbull ran unopposed and received 1,364 votes, earning Turnbull a second two-year term.

In **Plymouth**, everyone on the ballot came out a winner. Of the four candidates running for four open seats on the Plymouth City Council, incumbent Mayor Pro-Tem Nick Moroz picked up 1,086 votes to edge runner-up Jennifer Kehoe (1,078). Alanna Maguire earned 995 votes while Linda Filipczak received 837 votes.

Moroz, Kehoe and Maguire all earned four-year terms while Filipczak will serve a two-year term.

Two-term Mayor Oliver Wolcott decided not to run for a third term. A new mayor will be voted in by council members at the Nov. 8 meeting.

Led by top vote-getter Katie Schafer with 3,084 votes, three new members of the **Birmingham** City Commission were elected to four-year terms. Joining Schafer are Elaine McLain (2,370 votes) and Andrew Haig (2,340). Anthony Lang finished six votes shy of Haig with 2,334 votes. David Bloom was close behind with 2,297 votes. Stephen Konja received 706 votes. Linda Schrenk tallied 642 votes.

The triumphant trio will replace veteran commissioners Rackline Hoff, Mark Nickita and Stuart Sherman, who had amassed nearly 50 years of combined commission experience.

Commissioners are paid quarterly at \$5 per meeting.

Incumbent Birmingham Library Board President Melissa Mark, Vice President Frank Pisano and newcomer Danielle Rumble earned four-year terms on the board while Karen Rock secured a seat on the board that will expire in 2023.

All four candidates were assured seats on the board. Mark has served on the board since 2017; Pisano since 2009.

Westland Mayor Bill Wild earned an impressive 71.8% of the votes to convincingly defeat challenger Tasha Green, 8,704 to 3,367.

Wild's victory will give him a fourth four-year term and make him the city's longest-serving mayor. Green first and only city council term will end in December.

Wild's annual salary is \$121,574.

For the **Westland** City Council, Jim Hart, Jim Godbout, Peter Herzberg and Melissa Sampey earned seats on the Westland City Council after collecting more votes than four other challengers.

Hart (6,770 votes), Godbout (6,204) and Herzberg (6,130) earned four-year terms while Sampey (6,037) will serve a two-year term.

Once the new board is seated in 2022, members will chose a president and president pro tem from among themselves. Council members are paid an annual salary of \$17,368 with small increases for the council president and president pro tem.



Supporters of Westland Mayor Bill Wild watch election returns on Nov. 2, 2021 at the Wayne Ford Civic League. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Supporters of Laura Toy, Rob Donovic, and Scott Morgan gather outside Livonia's Holmes Middle School on Nov. 2, 2021. From left are: Kelly Dobson, Kevin Schultz, and Douglas Guccio, far right. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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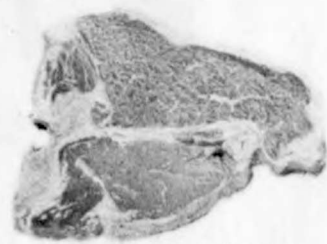
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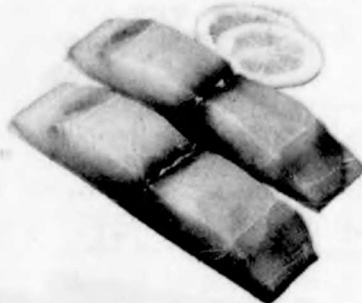
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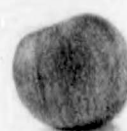
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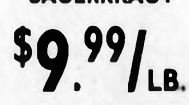
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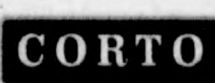
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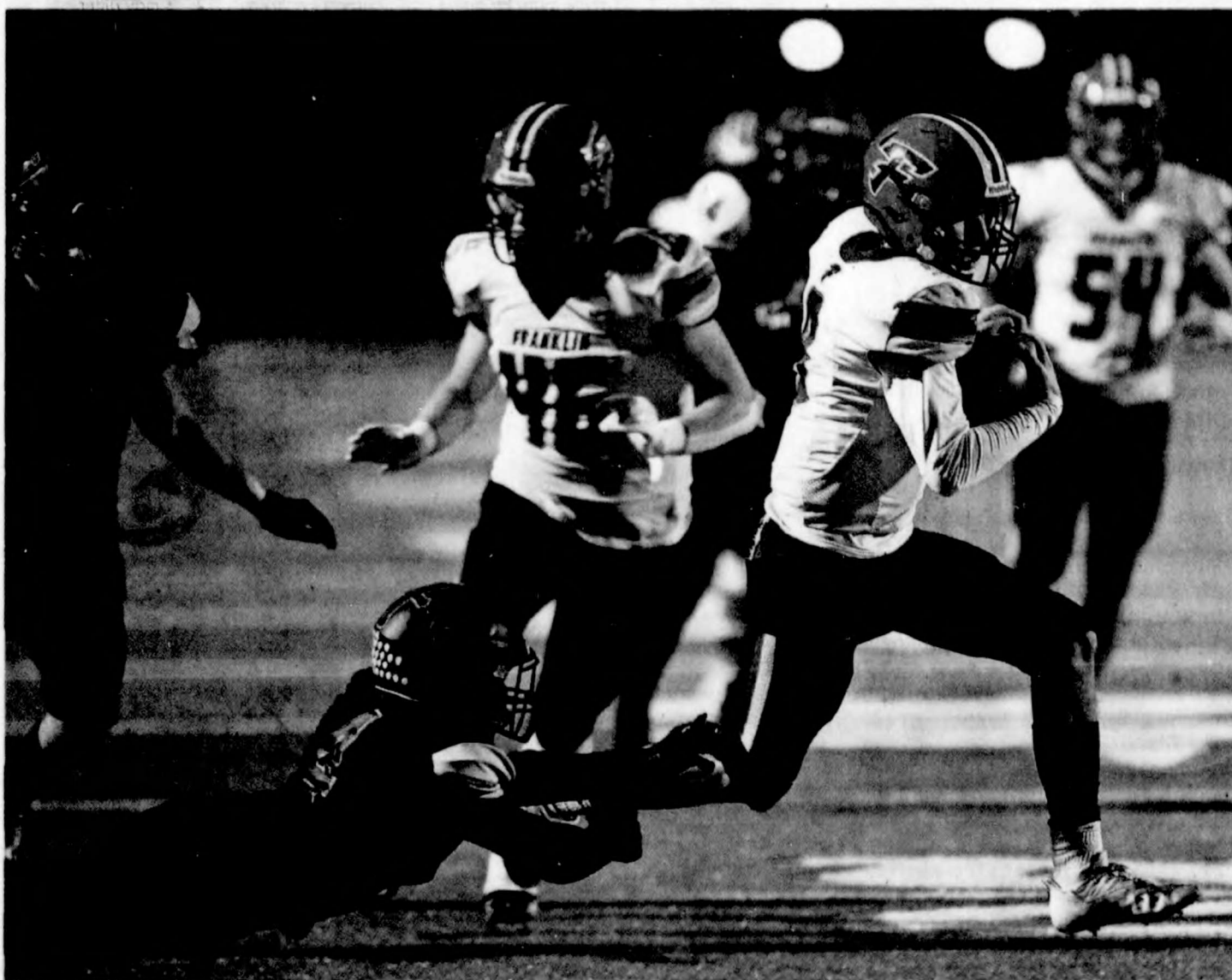
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Zac Olesuk eludes a Churchill Charger on the way to his second rushing touchdown. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Franklin upsets Churchill to win 1st district title since 2018

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What a difference six weeks make.

Following Livonia Franklin's 27-20 upset Friday at rival Churchill, coach Chris Kelbert delivered quite the message to his Patriots, who captured their first Division 2 district title since 2018.

They visit Waterford Mott for the regional final at 7 p.m. Friday.

"We're not done yet," Kelbert said during their postgame talk. "It's gonna take someone's best effort to send us home."

The Patriots (6-5) snuck into the postseason with a 4-5 record. Thankfully the playoff points they garnered from playing in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association helped them make it in.

Since then they've made the most of their opportunity in the big dance.

And that's saying something.

Following a 2-0 forfeit win in Week 5 over Westland John Glenn (the Rockets dealt with COVID-19 issues), Kelbert was worried if his team could turn things around. The following week, it lost to the Chargers. Two weeks after that, it lost to Belleville.

Ever since the Patriots have been on a tear, winners of three-straight. They downed Brighton to end the regular season and then beat Temperance Bedford in Round 1.

"This is really special, and I'm really proud of our kids," Kelbert said. "For us, just being able to squeak into the playoffs there and to continue to get better throughout the season meant so much."

"Four weeks ago, things didn't look good. We didn't look good. We just couldn't seem to play well. We kept working hard and getting better, and we're here today."

The Franklins have relied on their ground attack to get it done.

Franklin scored twice in the third quarter to come back from a 14-13 half-time deficit.

First, Brandon Reiten caught a 17-yard touchdown pass from Zac Olesuk to make it a 20-14 score. Then Olesuk ran for a 7-yard TD to secure the win.

Olesuk also had TD runs of 30 and 43 yards in the first half. He finished with 177 yards rushing on 16 attempts and also was 9 of 16 passing for 106 yards.

Franklin attempted to ice the win by going for it on fourth down and 2 with 3

minutes left at Churchill's 25-yard line. The Chargers came up with a stop and attempted one final drive to knot the score.

Instead, Jon J-Anderson nabbed an interception to halt the series. The Patriots knelt out the remainder of the clock.

"The message to the guys was to just get the stop," Kelbert said. "Keep playing hard. Believe that you can win it."

"I referenced how good we're playing now. We're starting to hit our stride a little bit. We're not going to be an easy out if we can continue to do what we're doing."

A request seeking individual statistics from Churchill wasn't returned before press time.

However, the Chargers (8-3) were once again playing shorthanded. QB Taj Williams (right ankle) was lost during their loss to Fordson in Week 7. The team played running back Boston Clegg Jr. at the position against Franklin.

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Drought over! Mustangs win 1st district title since 2018

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The No. 7 Northville volleyball team didn't hide its anticipation.

With just three points left in the deciding set of Nov. 4's Division 1 district final, defensive specialist Ashlee Gnau fell out of her chair while celebrating a Mustangs' kill.

Her face turned bright red as she gathered herself, got back up and exchanged smiles with coach Sarah Lindstrom. The sophomore was too excited about what her team was minutes away from accomplishing.

And then, with match-point on the line, a referee blew her whistle to halt the game. Too many Mustangs were standing up and cheering in the bench area. Most of them were waving their hands in the air. Per the MHSAA rule book, only Lindstrom was allowed to leave her chair and roam the sideline.

Finally, the match-point serve sailed over the net. Canton volleyed it back to Northville. And then 6-footer Abby Reck blasted a spike down the middle that the Chiefs couldn't dig.

After a three-year drought and two coaching changes, the Mustangs finally won another district championship. And they celebrated immediately by rushing the court and dog-piling in front of the net.

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First-year Northville coach Sarah Lindstrom presents the Division 1 volleyball district championship trophy to senior Juliana Imbuzerio and the rest of the Mustangs and they defeated Canton 3-0 on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2021. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Warriors' comeback kids can't pull off another upset in state final

Brandon Folsom

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Captain Phillip Chumiecki collapsed in the north end zone of Panther Stadium.

Then the Brother Rice junior sprawled on his back and folded the front of his uniform over his face.

And then he slammed the palms of his hands on the surface of Comstock Park's turf.

Defeat.

The Warriors had put together cardiac comeback after cardiac comeback leading up to Saturday's Division 2 boys soccer state championship against Grand Rapids Christian.

It was Liam Heming and Giuliano Denipote who willed them to an overtime win in the regional final.

And it was Chumiecki who booted in the dagger in penalty kicks that ensured them a state-semifinal victory.

Not this time. The comeback never

came.

It was the Eagles (17-7-2) who started celebrating with their student section as the public-address announcer counted down the final 10 seconds of their 2-1 victory over Brother Rice.

Shortly after the GRC's impromptu party, Enzo Bordogna walked over to Chumiecki, who managed to finally sit upright in the black-and-gold-colored end zone.

Bordogna slapped his teammate on the back and extended an arm to pull up

his fellow captain, and then the two rejoined the rest of the Warriors at midfield for the trophy ceremony.

"They're (GRC) a good team," Brother Rice coach Danny Price said. "Take nothing away from them. To take them all the way (from a 2-0 deficit) and almost get back on terms was a proud moment."

"They've done themselves proud today."

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Can the Yellowjackets beat Chelsea?

4 football questions for Round 3

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There are only four teams left alive in the football playoffs from the Hometown Life coverage area.

Sports reporter Brandon Folsom is here to ask four questions ahead of this week's Round 3 action.

Detroit Country Day at Chelsea: Who ya got?

There's a ton of can't-miss games this weekend.

In Division 1, we have three rematches with Fordson-Belleville, Dakota-Sterling Heights Stevenson and West Bloomfield-Adams, and D-2 has Warren De La Salle-Roseville.

But maybe the best game of the weekend is Detroit Country Day (7-3) at Chelsea (11-0) in D-4.

Why?

It's the defending state champions visiting the media's pick to win this year's state title.

Chelsea is the real deal. The Bulldogs have lost only two games in the last three seasons, both coming in the D-3 state semifinals. And beating the Yellowjackets would send them back to the final four next week.

Only this time around Chelsea is a D-4 team. Will Country Day give them a fight or is being down a division make for an easier trip to the state final? Chelsea hasn't been there since 2015.

Country Day benefits from playing a stacked schedule. Half the teams the Yellowjackets played in the regular season are still alive in the postseason and will be competing for regional championships in Round 3. That includes South Lyon in D-2, Brother Rice in D-3, Warren Michigan Collegiate in D-6 and Detroit Loyola in D-7.

How much will that schedule prepare the Yellowjackets for a powerhouse like Chelsea?

Are the Patriots the next Detroit Edison?

It's a long shot. Especially with how tough it's about to get in the D-2 playoffs.



South Lyon's Tommy Donovan rushes during a Lakes Valley Conference football game on Friday, Oct. 15, 2021, at Mott. TOM BEAUDOIN, SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

But could Livonia Franklin make history?

In 2018, Detroit Edison became the first boys basketball team in Michigan to finish a regular season with a .500 record and go on to win a state championship.

The Class C Pioneers played a tough schedule against some of the top A schools in metro Detroit. So it's not like they suffered 10 regular-season losses to nobodies.

But once they got into the postseason, they ripped off seven-straight wins, including beating Glen Lake, 53-38, to claim the state title.

Franklin finds itself in a similar situation. It tiptoed into the postseason with a 4-5 record thanks to all the playoff points it gathered playing in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, one of the most competitive leagues in the state.

The Patriots (6-5) won back-to-back wins against Temperance Bedford and Livonia Churchill to claim a district title. They visit Waterford Mott for the regional championship this week. That is a winnable game.

They could be the first team to enter the playoffs with a losing record and qualify for the state semifinal.



Detroit Country Day's Gabe Winowich runs past Redford Union's Julius McElory during a kickoff return during the Division 4 football pre-district on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021. TOM BEAUDOIN, SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

How much is Brother Rice going to win by?

Don't let Mason's playoff points fool you. The Bulldogs haven't played anybody.

Seven of their nine wins are against teams who ended the year with a .500 record or worse. That includes victories over winless Okemos, one-win Eaton Rapids, two-win St. Johns and Fowlerville, three-win Lansing Eastern and South Lyon East and 5-5 Jackson.

Meanwhile, Brother Rice, which hosts the Bulldogs at 7 p.m. Friday at Lawrence Tech, just finished playing a heck of a schedule. Detroit Catholic Central is the only team the Warriors lost to that isn't currently in the playoffs. Their other losses were to D-2 favorite Warren De La Salle and Traverse City Central.

So how big of a blowout is this game

going to be?

Is South Lyon Ford Field bound?

Portage Central enters Friday's D-2 regional final at South Lyon with two losses. One of those was a 20-15 Week 4 defeat to East Lansing, the team the Lions (11-0) just blew out to win their district final. The Mustangs (9-2) are a good story, winning their first district championship since 2013 and carrying a record above .500 for the first time in three years.

But the question isn't will South Lyon beat Portage Central. It's this: Are the Lions capable of beating either Traverse City Central (10-1) or Caledonia (10-1) next week to clinch a trip to Ford Field?

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Hometown Life's Michigan high school football picks: Round 3

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The regional round of the football playoffs is here, and it's time for Hometown Life sports reporter Brandon Folsom to predict some winners.

There are four local teams playing in Round 3.

Here's who he likes to win:

Livonia Franklin (6-5) at Waterford Mott (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday

Patriots coach Chris Kelbert is worried about Mott sophomore QB Kalieb Osbourne. And rightfully so. The dual-threat accounted for four TDs while leading the Corsairs' to their first-ever district title last week. A Franklin upset will require neutralizing Osbourne.

Folsom's pick: Mott 21, Franklin 17.

Portage Central (9-2) at South Lyon (11-0), 7 p.m. Friday

The good news is the Lions are home each week until they make it to Ford Field, assuming they're going all the way. The bad news is they definitely drew the tougher side of the bracket. This week it's a team from the Kalamazoo area.

Next week's it's either Caledonia or Traverse City Central. It would've been much nicer for them had they drawn the winner of the Franklin-Mott game, especially since South Lyon already defeated the Corsairs pretty easily this season.

Folsom's pick: South Lyon 32, Portage Central 17.

Mason (9-2) at Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday (Lawrence Tech University)

The winner faces Detroit King, arguably the best team in the state, regardless of division, in next week's state semifinal. Whoever wins this match up must make it out unscathed so they have everything in their arsenal ready to throw at the Crusaders.



Detroit Country Day's Gabe Winowich rushes against Detroit Loyola during a non-conference football game on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Folsom's pick: Brother Rice 35, Mason 21.

Detroit Country Day (7-3) at Chelsea (11-0), 7 p.m. Friday

I'm calling it right now: This is the actual state championship. The winner of this game should go all the way, as I believe both teams are better than Hudsonville Unity Christian, which should represent the west side at Ford Field. The Yellowjackets could win their second-straight title if they get past the Bulldogs.

Folsom's pick: Country Day 21, Chelsea 20.

Folsom went 5-1 in Round 2 and is 27-12 picking games since joining Hometown Life this fall.

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Livonia Franklin Patriot quarterback Zac Olesuk cuts back across the field on the way to the first of his two first half rushing touchdowns. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



South Lyon's Zach Ford breaks free from Mott's Daniel Keiser during a Lakes Valley Conference football game on Friday, Oct. 15, 2021. TOM BEAUDOIN, SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

South Lyon volleyball falls to Brighton in district championship

Bill Khan

Livingston Daily
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HARTLAND — Paris Dickson played a role in Brighton's last district volleyball championship, but this one is more meaningful.

There's a difference between being a sophomore who rotated in and out of the lineup in 2019 and a senior who rarely comes off the floor and has been tasked with leading a promising young team.

"It's honestly the best feeling ever," Dickson said. "It definitely feels different from when we won it sophomore year. It's my last year. It's really nice to win it, especially with these girls."

The Bulldogs won their first district championship since 2019 and eighth in the last 13 seasons with a 25-21, 25-16, 25-16 victory over South Lyon East Thursday, Nov. 4, at Hartland.

Dickson was the only senior on this year's team until exchange student Ana Erskine arrived from Chile just before the season opener. There have been high expectations for a group of six sophomores who were on the team all season, three of whom played on the varsity as freshmen.

The only question was whether everything would come together in time to make a postseason run or if success would have to be delayed until next year.

It was an up-and-down regular season for Brighton, which was 21-16-3 and fin-

ished third behind state-ranked Northville and Novi in the KLAA West before winning three district matches in four nights.

"It all came together perfectly," Dickson said. "I'm so proud of the team. I'm so proud of how we played."

In 2019, Dickson was one of three middle hitters who tried filling a void after senior Solana Hickinson missed nearly the entire season with an injury.

"Paris, as a sophomore, stepped in and was our quick middle," Brighton coach Scott Pitcher said. "She saw a lot of playing time. She rotated in with two other girls. What you get out of Paris is a lot of energy, a lot of speed. It's too bad she's not 6-1, 6-2. She'd be, who knows?"

Brighton avenged a first-round district loss last season to East, which went on to win the district championship.

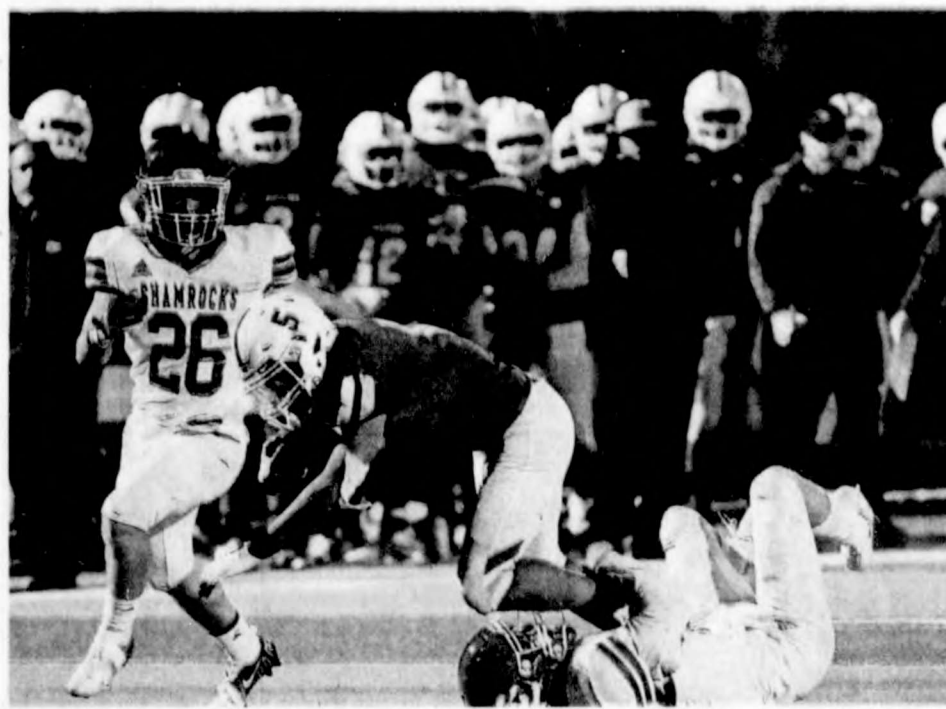
The Bulldogs took a 19-11 lead in the first game before the Cougars stormed back to tie the score 21-21 on an ace by freshman Gabriella Babinski. Brighton scored the final four points of the game, the last two coming on aces by sophomore Abby Mainka.

"We just needed to take a deep breath, because we all had our nerves and our anxiety through the roof," Dickson said. "So, we took a deep breather. We just said we need to put down the ball, we need to get out of this rotation, and that's what we

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South Lyon East's Sophia Castine returns volley in the District Championships against Brighton Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY



Detroit Catholic Central's Mike Downs (bottom) tackles West Bloomfield's Dillon Tatum during the Division 1 football district final on Friday, Nov. 5, 2021. TOM BEAUDOIN, SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

MSU commit Dillon Tatum, Lakers run past CC in district final

Brandon Folsom

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The calendar turned to November last week, and many people have already gotten into the Christmas spirit.

The radio stations are playing holiday jingles. The big-box stores are selling trees, lights and stockings.

Keeping up with the season, even West Bloomfield handed Detroit Catholic Central a few gift-wrapped turnovers and drive-extending penalties during Friday's Division 1 district final.

The Shamrocks had no issue playing the white elephant game early on. They took the Lakers' gifts and turned them into a pair of touchdowns to make it a 14-14 score late in the first quarter.

But their defense couldn't keep pace with Michigan State commit Dillon Tatum, who rushed 29 times for 180 yards and three TDs. And their second-half offense looked like the winners of the ugly sweater contest.

West Bloomfield (10-1) beat CC (8-3) 35-21 to win the district title.

It'll visit Rochester Adams (11-0) for an Oakland Activities Association-Red rematch from Week 1 in the regional round. The Highlanders downed the Lakers, 35-17, in the season opener.

Beydoun's big day

All those years playing ball with his friends and family in the backyard has been a boon for Michael Beydoun, a 6-foot and 275-pound defensive tackle who came up with a pair of turnovers for the Shamrocks.

The Lakers were looking to go ahead 14-0 midway through the opening quarter, but Beydoun fell on a loose ball.

The effort set up an eventual 4-yard touchdown run by Spencer Lyons that knotted the score 7-7 moments later.

"It's funny that happened because we see it all the time in practice," CC coach Dan Anderson said. "He's like a magnet to the ball. For some reason, he picks up fumbles and returns them. He even had an interception this week in practice."

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Northville's first full-time fire chief remembered for his compassion

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Over social media and through messages to family, James Allen, Northville's first full-time fire chief, is being remembered as a compassionate soul.

He was a man who gave to the Northville community in ways that went beyond fighting fires.

Over the years, he also helped residents choose monuments for their loved ones when he worked for his father at Allen Monuments and served Rural Hill Cemetery for decades as its sexton.

He also helped start an Explorer Program for career-minded teens.

"I've heard it all my life," daughter Shari Allen, a Northville Township resident, said. "He was always there to help. He was always there to help all of us."

James Allen died Nov. 3. He was 84.

He had been dealing with a form of dementia for about five years and died at a care facility surrounded by loved ones.

Allen is survived by his wife of 64 years, Patricia Allen; his children, Scott and Shari Allen; his grandchildren, Heather Allen, Nicole "Nicki" Allen, and Justin Allen; and his furry dog companion, Pippa Rose. His parents and sister Sharon Allen preceded him in death.

Born in Flint, Allen had lived in Northville since he was three months old. He apparently wanted to be a firefighter as a child, and his father was former Northville Mayor Mike Allen, who died in 2006.

"He was always a civic-minded person," Shari Allen said of her father.

Allen graduated in 1956 from Northville High School, where he served as class president. He married his wife a year later.

In 1964, he hired on to the City of Northville Volunteer Fire Department. He became assistant chief in 1973 and chief in 1978. He maintained the chief's job until his 2014 retirement.

He served as a Northville auxiliary police officer in the 60's and served in the Army Reserves as well.

The fire chief also was a member of the Northville Rotary Club and a member of the Great Lakes International Antique Fire Apparatus Association.

He owned a 1935 American LaFrance fire truck and enjoyed muster



James Allen, Northville's first full-time fire chief, died Nov. 3, 2021.
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competitions at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

Shari Allen said family fun times were often tied to her father's activities.

She helped her father get the Explorer program off and running.

"I'm glad that he gave me that opportunity," she said. "One of my passions is working with the youth. Working with him all those years has been really a lot of joy for me."

Allen liked to spend summer Sundays with his family at their Lower Straits Lake cottage. He liked to fish, golf and ride snowmobiles.

"He loved being a part of the Northville parades, working festivals for the NCFD, and supporting the downtown Halloween event," his obituary reads. "Jim was a compassionate, hardworking, and caring husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend."

Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap St., is handling Allen's funeral arrangements. Visitation is planned for 2-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12. A funeral service is scheduled at the funeral home for 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13.

Allen will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery.

Contributions would be welcomed by the family for Explorer Post 1717, 215 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

The Northville City Fire Department operates out of three stations, serving both Northville and Plymouth. Besides a full-time fire chief, it has about 55 part-time and paid-on-call firefighters and EMS responders.

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South Lyon mourns death of middle school choir teacher Angie Badish

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Angie Badish's legacy will resonate far beyond the South Lyon classroom where she taught music for more than 20 years.

Family, colleagues, and hundreds of students are mourning the loss of the Millennium Middle School choir teacher, who died unexpectedly Nov. 6 following complications from surgery.

She was 58.

"The best way to describe her is she was a phenomenal teacher and even better person," Superintendent Steve Archibald said. "It is a big loss for the district. Our hearts go out to her family. She had very high standards for herself and her students and was able to keep them motivated and excited about choir. She had a gift to get the most out of everyone."

Badish, who was born in Ohio and attended school in Kentucky, taught music at Coral Park High School for several years before arriving in Michigan in 1999 to devote the remainder of her career to South Lyon students.

Initially hired as a band teacher, Badish continued to teach woodwind instruments throughout the years with a particular love for clarinet and flute, but gained even more renown through building the middle school choir program, winning numerous awards through the years.

Millennium Middle School Principal Kelly Gallagher said Angie Badish was "one of a kind" and would be missed not only by her students, but by colleagues at not only Millennium, but throughout the district, which was her second home and second family.

Gallagher said Badish was completely dedicated to her students and had such a command of the classroom that she was capable of even running a one hour choir class of 45 middle school boys with no problems.

"She would whip them into shape and they would love every minute of it," Gallagher said. "She was all show business and performance, and the students adored her."

Badish had a drive to always connect with her students, no matter what they were into. Gallagher recalls that last year, when the kids started dying their hair blue, Badish followed suit.

She also integrated songs into concerts that the kids loved, including "Cups" by Anna Kendrick, made popular in the movie Pitch Perfect. Gallagher laughed as she recalled the kids using McDonald's Diet Coke cups in the choreography in tribute to their teacher's favorite beverage.

On the desk in Badish's music classroom is a sign that reads, "World's Best Teacher."

Underneath is the notation, "Says every single student of mine ever."

Gallagher confirmed "that is 100 percent the truth."

"She made an impact on everybody, she could sit at any table and always be welcome and bring smiles to any face," she continued. "She was a positive force to be reckoned with and her tal-



Angie Badish, a longtime South Lyon teacher, died unexpectedly Nov. 6, 2021. COURTESY OF MILLENNIUM MIDDLE SCHOOL

ent was like nothing I've seen. Her passion for teaching and kids was top notch."

Chase Badish said his mother was the most loving person you'd ever meet and she spent her time giving to others, sharing her passion for helping people grow and encouraging individuality. In the awkward middle school years, he said, his mom gave students a safe place to grow, be themselves and let them know it's OK to be different.

"She had such a passion for bringing the best out of her students, and emotionally and mentally she was there for them," he said. "She always had a shoulder to lean on and an ear to listen... I have not met a soul that didn't feel the energy and kindness she radiated."

She loved animals, he recalled, and they felt her kindness in the same way people did.

If there was a song that everyone she taught would remember, Chase Badish said it would be "When You Believe," first made popular by the movie "The Prince of Egypt." Angie Badish had her students perform it at every Christmas concert.

"It's a very hopeful song and very positive song and sends a message for those who may be or are struggling," Chase Badish said. "When you believe, somehow you will hold on to that hope and that was a big thing for her."

He hopes, and believes, that his mother and her legacy of love will always be remembered.

A public visitation for Angie Badish will be held 2-9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 12, at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 340 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. A brief visitation will be 10-11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, followed by a service. Flowers can be sent to the funeral home, and Chase Badish hopes they will be, as his mother loved flowers.

A gofundme will assist the family with funeral and medical expenses, and excess funds will help establish a memorial in her honor.

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Frank Penzato

Penzato, Frank October 20, 2021 Age 75. Survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Debra Penzato. Loving father to Frank Penzato (Elyse), Stephanie Small, Jennifer Stevenson (Sean) and Ashley Penzato Grandchildren - Anthony, Nicholas and Julianna Penzato, Tristan Small, Connor and Avery Stevenson. Frank was born April 30, 1946 in Gary, Indiana. He is survived by his 102 year old dear mother, Fannie Penzato, and she resides in Crown Pointe, IN. Frank was preceded in death by his father, Nobie Penzato, his brother Russ (Kathy) Penzato. Frank graduated from Purdue-Calumet University in 1969 and went on to work in the steel industry for 44 years in various roles, with the majority of his time in Production Planning. He began his career at US Steel in Gary IN, joined Rouge Steel in 1984 and retired from Severstal NA in 2010. Frank was a devoted family man, liked to golf, and loved watching movies, especially John Wayne movies and his all-time favorite, The Godfather. He was an avid Cubs and Bears fan, and supported his alma mater, Purdue. He also enjoyed cooking shows and, as a true Italian, was known for his spaghetti sauce, lasagna and green beans. His smile and his singing voice could light up a room. He will be sorely missed as he was a great husband, father, role model for his grandchildren and genuinely a nice guy who was instantly loved by anyone who met him. Arrangements entrusted to O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Funeral Mass was held at Holy Family Catholic Church, Novi. Donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association. Interment at Michigan Memorial Park. Expressions of Sympathy www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



James Bradley Cole

DANSVILLE - James Bradley Cole, age 83, of Dansville passed away on October 18, 2021.

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Added Beydoun: "When I was younger, I was used to playing ball with all my cousins and stuff. I just always wanted the ball. And then I got too big to carry the ball. I was just trying to keep that alive, trying to make a play for my team. If somebody gets a big sack, and the ball's on the ground, you've got to go get it."

The senior also came up with an interception in the second quarter, but the big stop was one of two plays the Shamrocks' offense couldn't convert into points when they needed them.

The other missed opportunity was a snap that went over the head of West Bloomfield punter Michael Williams II. He eventually corralled the loose ball but was tackled at the Lakers' 14 for a 36-yard loss. CC wound up giving the ball back to West Bloomfield a few minutes later.

However, CC did convert at the beginning of the second quarter. It lined up to punt but drew an offsides penalty that moved the chains. Then quarterback Declan Byle tossed a 38-yard TD pass to Owen Semp to tie it, 14-14.

Finishing strong

The Shamrocks fell apart in the second half.

Tatum and the Lakers gashed them

with their running game.

And CC's offense went 0-for-3 on its first three drives, tossing two interceptions and turning it over on downs at the 16-yard line.

"We got beat up front in a lot of cases," Anderson said. "Their defense did a nice job against our offense, and their offensive line handled our D-line."

West Bloomfield started winding down the clock in the third quarter. The game looked well out of hand in the fourth.

And then one of the former CC players, roaming the sidelines behind the bench yelled to the players, "Finish strong!"

The Shamrocks couldn't pack it in and ran the ball to get out of there quickly. Much to chagrin of the cold parents ready to go home, CC's offense got back to work on its final drive.

It wound up moving the chains in hurry-up mode. With 22 seconds left, Byle tossed a 4-yard TD to Kamron Davenport.

The score ensured the Shamrocks left the season on a high note.

"You never want to give up," Anderson said. "You never want the kids to think you gave up. You want them to always know you're going to keep fighting because we've asked them to keep fighting. That's why we continued to play until the end of the game."

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Brighton

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ended up doing."

The second game was tied 11-11 and was still up for grabs with Brighton leading 19-16. Mainka got a kill, then served the final five points of the game, two on aces.

South Lyon East battled back from 7-0 down in the third game to get within 15-13. The Bulldogs regrouped and were able to pull away, clinching the championship when Erskine delivered an emphatic spike into the back right corner of the Cougars' end.

"It felt awesome," said Erskine, who had 16 kills and four aces. "I'm so happy. I'm so proud of all the team. Every day we get stronger and stronger, and I think we are prepared for regionals."

Brighton will face Grand Ledge at 5 p.m. Tuesday in a regional semifinal at DeWitt. Oke-



Gabiella Babinski of South Lyon East serves in the second game of three District Championship games against Brighton Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021.
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mos will face either third-ranked Ann Arbor Skyline or Dexter in the other regional semifinal at 7.

"They're growing up," Pitcher said. "Again, we've got talented youth. We have a couple of seniors who were leading them tonight. They brought a lot of enthusiasm to the

court. I couldn't be prouder of the effort they put out there.

"We kept talking about how when we get to that 18-to-20-point range how to finish things. We saw a little struggle at one point, but we got our footing. Then from there I was very confident. They just seemed to be in synch."

The Cougars were coming off a 3-1 victory over Howell in the semifinals the previous night.

"It's definitely a game of runs, and energy's a big part of volleyball," East coach Kelsey Masserant said. "We came out tonight in hopes we would play like we did last night, but we made some errors. It was back and forth a lot of the game. I'm just proud of the way my girls played as a team and fought to the end."

Lea Gage had 29 assists and three aces, while Emily Kramer had six kills for Brighton.

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Mustangs

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They downed Canton, 3-0. They overcame a close-call in the opening set, 25-21, and then had no trouble putting away the Chiefs 25-11 and 25-12 in the ensuing sets.

"Canton definitely came out and put on a really good game for us," said setter Juliana Imbuzerio, one of six seniors. "It was super tight in the first set, but I definitely think we were more confident going into it."

"I just think that after so much hard work that it's so relieving. Even if the games aren't super intense, it's something we've worked for. It's the same trophy we've been pushing for every single year. I just think that no matter what happens from now on, this one win really meant a lot to us. This is definitely the first thing we've been working on since the start of the season, and regionals is next. We're just going to keep going."

Imbuzerio, a third-year varsity player, was a freshman on the JV the last time Northville won a district. That was the year her older sister, Laryssa Imbuzerio, who's currently a middle blocker for Niagara University, helped the Mustangs reach the state semifinal, a game they lost to Rockford, 3-1.

"I got to see what it was like to go super far," Imbuzerio added. "That's exactly what I want to do this year."

And it's easy to see why.

Since the state semifinal run, Northville has had three different coaches. Julie Fisette stepped down after three seasons in 2018. Rick VanDerVeer took over for the next two years before retiring.

The Mustangs lost to Novi, 3-1, in the 2019 district final. Last year, they lost a 3-2 heartbreaker to the Wildcats in the district opener.

Imbuzerio and her fellow seniors haven't seen this type of success with



Northville celebrates with the championship trophy after beating Canton 3-0 to win the Division 1 volleyball district final on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021.
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Northville's Abby Reck celebrates after her team scored a point against Canton during the Division 1 volleyball district final on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021.
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At each of her stops as a head coach, she's won a district trophy in her first season.

"I did apply for the job three years ago, but I didn't get it," the first-year coach said. "But I don't give up on anything. I know how good this program is. I saw that it was open again and that it'd be a really good place for me to be."

Lindstrom has worked her team hard, but it's paid off. Northville took care of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. Now it has a district title.

Only two more goals are left on its checklist: Win regionals and a state title, Lindstrom said.

"We've talked about it from the beginning of the season," she added. "This is one of three trophies that we want this year. It means a lot to them, and they've worked so hard. To do it in their own gym, it feels absolutely amazing."

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Soccer

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The win marked the third state championship for GRC, which pushed in a pair of easy goals throughout a 10-minute span of the first half.

First, it was Hans Pruis, who, after a brief scrum in front of Brother Rice goalie Henry Allen (six saves), found himself with an open net. So open, in fact, the forward gave the ball a baby tap to ensure he didn't miss the gimme-goal.

Just over 10 minutes later, Benjamin Kuiper sailed in a goal off a one-time pass about 15 yards out.

"We made silly errors in the first half," Price said of the Warriors' 2-0 hole. "It just wasn't our day."

Brother Rice regrouped during the intermission, and its offense started the second half playing inspired.

The Warriors (10-7-4) controlled the attack for most of the 40 minutes. The ball hardly left GRC's defensive third.

With just under 14 minutes left, Romas Mitrius finally put Brother Rice on the scoreboard.

"When the ball was crossed in, I just knew I wanted it," the senior forward said of his goal scored from about 20 yards out. "I just made sure I got a firm foot on it, and it went in the top corner."

"It was really amazing for the team just to know that we had a chance still. It wasn't over for us. We were going to fight through until



Brother Rice's Romas Mitrius pushes the ball past Grand Rapids Christian's Grant Hassenrik during the Division 2 boys soccer state final on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2021, at Comstock Park.
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the last second."

And the Warriors did, sending run after run toward GRC goalie Alexander Scofield, who stopped nine shots.

During an injury timeout in the waning moments, Brother Rice took the opportunity to huddle up around Allen and offer each other encouragement.

"We got this," Mitrius said everyone was saying. "This is not over. The equalizer was coming."

Brother Rice pushed hard to make it a 2-2 score. It just couldn't convert on its handful of late-game chances like it had been doing all post-season.

"That's just been our games, really," Price said. "We battle DeWitt on Wednesday in the semifinal and just couldn't get the goal before the penalty shoot-out. We done that again today. The second half, we fully deserved to get back on terms and see if we could go win the game, and it just wasn't our day."

Added Mitrius: "It's absolutely brutal."

The loss didn't diminish what Brother Rice has accomplished, though, winning district and regional titles and making its first state final appearance since 2009.

Price wanted the Warriors to win their third state championship in six finals appearances. Instead, he said he's happy to settle for the respect Brother Rice garnered by making a state final in only his third season as coach.

"Putting the school back on the map, in a soccer sense, not a lot of people, including the press, were not thinking about Brother Rice early on in the season," he said. "And rightfully so. The last 7 or 8 years, it hasn't been great here. But there's so much to be proud of. ... Everything we've done this season has been positive."

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Brother Rice's Enzo Bordogna (right) wins possession from Grand Rapids Christian's Nicholas Cassidy (left) and Jonathan Clarkin (middle) during the Division 2 boys soccer state final on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2021, at Comstock Park.
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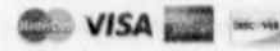


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These Companies are Letting Employees Work From Home...For a Price

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For many businesses, especially tech companies, the shift to work-from-home has been a successful one. So much so, that many are moving to offer it as a long-term option to their employees.

As each company figures out how to handle a workforce that is spread across the country, or possibly the world, the question of how employee salaries will be determined has become a hot-button issue. According to a recent survey, almost a quarter of workers said they would be willing to take a 15% pay cut to work remotely.

Some companies are putting that to the test.

Here is a roundup of where some companies stand:

Companies Cutting Employee Compensation

Google
In one of the biggest cases of companies cutting salaries to align with local standards, Google shared an internal calculator showing what changes in compensation would be if workers choose not to come into the office. For some, the pay change was as large as 25%. Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google and its parent company Alphabet, explained in a blog post, "Whether you choose to transfer to a different office or opt for completely remote work, your compensation will be adjusted according to your new location."

A spokesperson elaborated on the

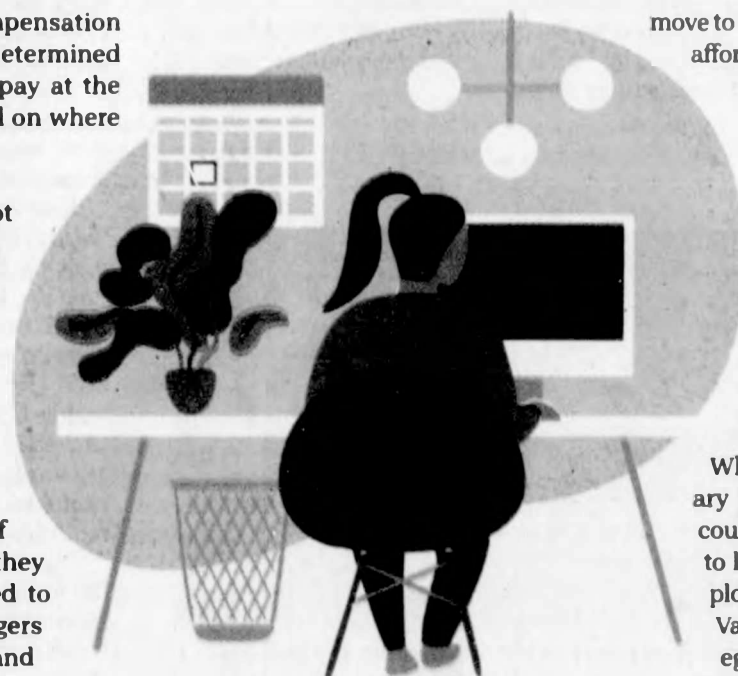
reasoning, saying, "Our compensation packages have always been determined by location, and we always pay at the top of the local market based on where an employee works from."

Microsoft

While Microsoft did not make any public statements, The Verge reported that employees who choose to remain remote would see changes in compensation and benefits based on an internally-determined geotax scale. On the company's blog, Katherine Hogan, EVP and Chief People Officer, wrote that they would share guidance related to work location, "for managers and employees to discuss and address considerations such as role requirements, personal tax, salary, expenses, etc."

Stripe

The highest valued startup in the U.S. took a different approach to reducing salaries. In September 2020, Stripe offered to pay employees \$20,000 to move out of San Francisco, New York, or Seattle in exchange for a 10% salary drop. John Collison, Stripe's Co-founder and President, told Bloomberg that employees were interested. He explained, "We saw pretty major uptake. There were a lot of people where they took advantage of all the remote working that was going on last year to be able to move to be closer to their families, to somewhere they wanted to move previously."



move to San Francisco anymore, no one can afford to live in San Francisco anymore, so they're hiring people all over the country, all over the world."

VMware

In September 2020, VMware's SVP of Human Resources, Rich Lang, told Bloomberg that the company would adjust salaries based on the cost of labor in different regions, as well as what is competitive against other companies in the market. While some employees will see salary decreases, he noted that others could see them go up if they move to larger, more expensive cities. Employees shared that leaving Silicon Valley for Los Angeles or San Diego would result in an 18% payout, while an 8% drop would be seen by those who relocate to Denver.

Gitlab

Gitlab was paying salaries based on local rates well before the pandemic. They even have a compensation calculator available to employees based on their values and compensation principles. In a 2019 blog post, their CEO, Sid Sijbrandij, explained that, "If we pay everyone the San Francisco wage for their respective roles, our compensation costs would increase greatly, and we would be forced to hire a lot fewer people. Then we wouldn't be able to produce as much as we would like. And if we started paying everyone the lowest rate possible, we would not be able to retain the people we want to keep."

Facebook

In May 2021, Facebook CEO, Mark Zuckerberg, said that he anticipated at least 50% of the company's workforce to be remote within the next five to ten years. He saw the change as an opportunity to diversify hiring by bringing on job seekers from different communities. Employees had until January 1, 2021 to decide if they wanted to work remotely at which point, "We'll adjust salary to your location," to fall in line with accounting and tax requirements.

Twitter

Twitter CEO, Jack Dorsey, shared that pre-pandemic, the company had already been moving towards a remote work option for employees because, "No one wants to

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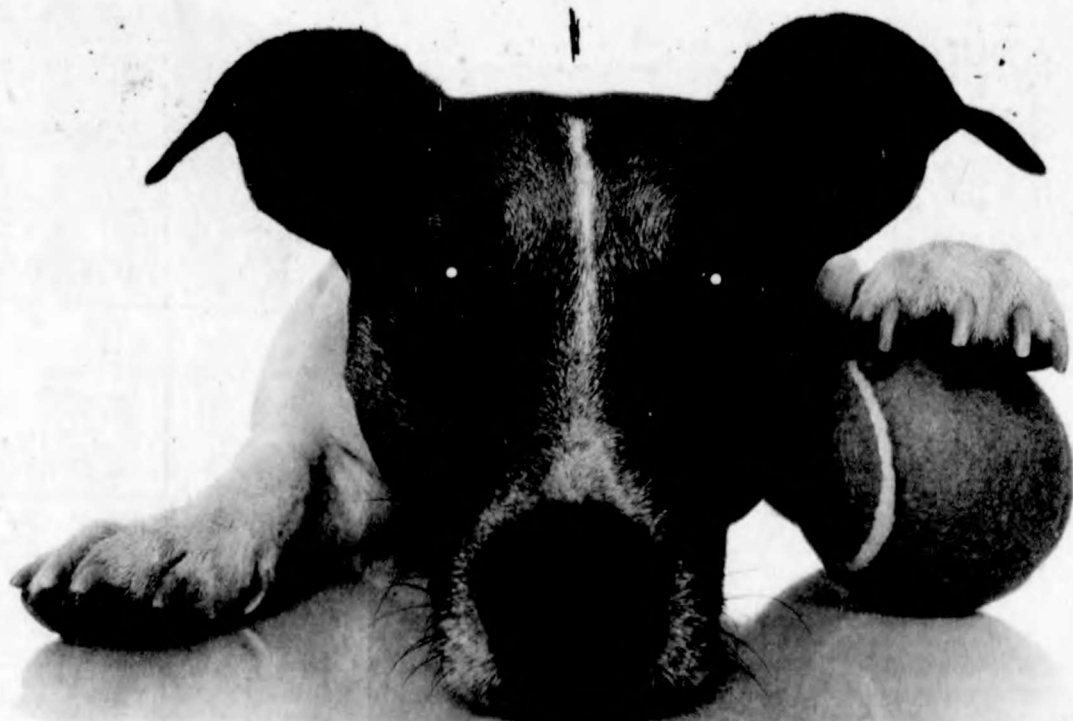
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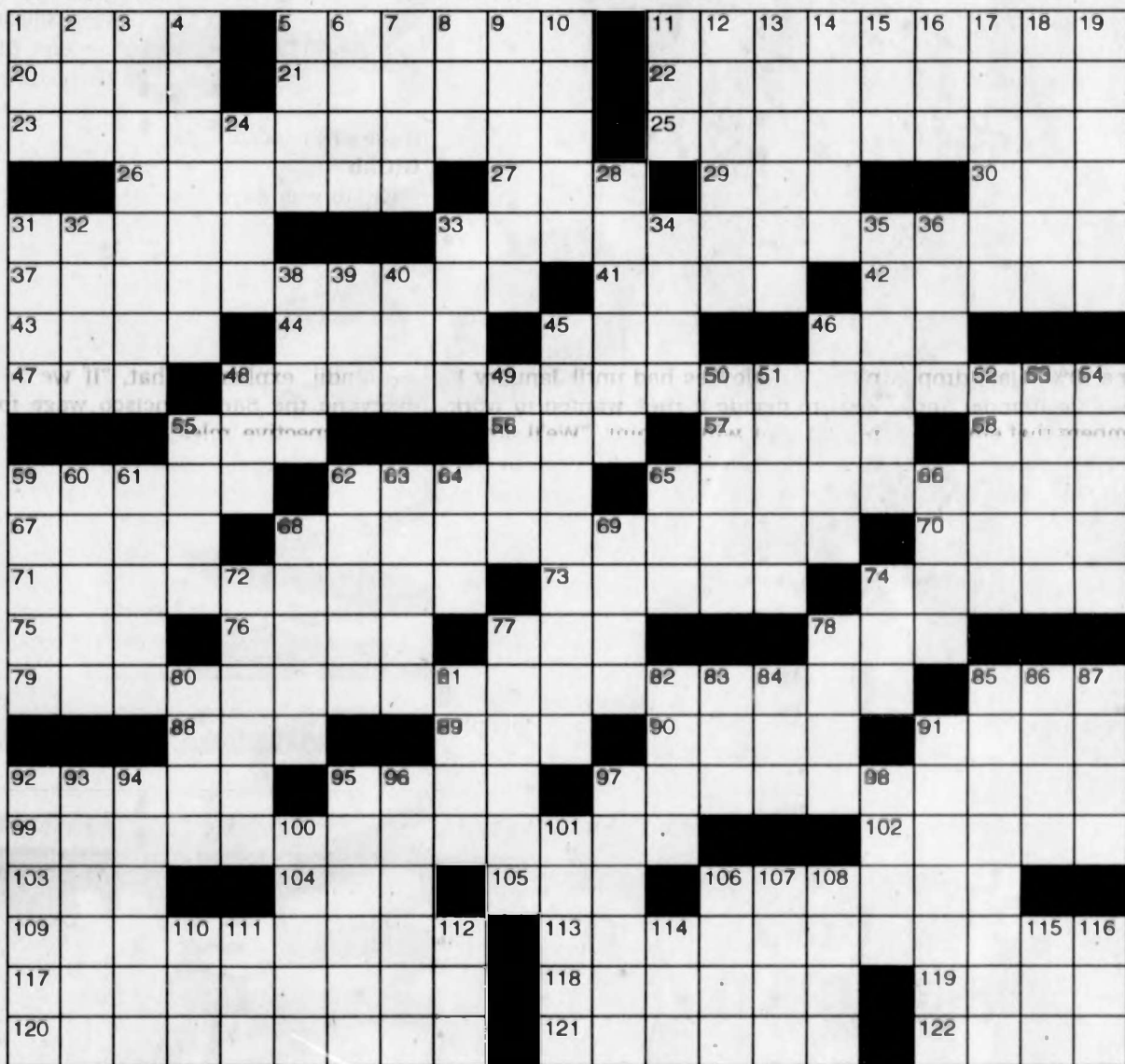
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SUBGENRES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Worker welfare gp.
5 Bark syllables
11 Perform a dynamic crowd action in a stadium
20 Hospital bed attachment
21 Nomadic type
22 Turpentine, for one
23 1983-2014 periodical for adolescents
25 Reins are parts of them
26 The first task on the to-do list
27 Help-wanted, e.g.
29 Musician Nugent
30 Musician DiFranco
31 Africa's Sierra —
33 No-problem advancement
37 What a biting sarcastic person has
41 Ostrich lookalike
42 Olympic swimmer Tom
43 Royal heirs, often
44 Veep's boss
- 45 NYC subway org.
46 Shocking fish, at times
47 Stuff causing a blowup
48 Conservative moral principles
55 Like Ikea assemblies, for short
56 Sitcom alien
57 Sloop, e.g.
58 Sch. group
59 Summits
62 Smell terrible
65 Splendid
67 Special times
68 Span rotating horizontally to allow ships through
70 Sci-fi guru
71 Natives of Palermo or Catania
73 Runs slowly
74 Peeled
75 Above, in poems
76 Meara of "Southie"
77 Photo lab blowup: Abbr.
78 Ryder vehicle
79 Alternative to bifocals
85 Naples loc.
88 Deep, as a voice
- 89 Month, to Manuela
90 Put a rip in
91 Luau favors
92 De Mille of choreography
95 Game-aping channel
97 Welcome wind on a hot day
99 Entry at no charge
102 Key just above D
103 Tell untruths
104 Strike caller
105 — boy — girl?
106 Trial blasts, for short
109 They die hard, it's said
113 Bob Fosse film title relevant to the starts of eight answers in this puzzle
117 Distributes in shares
118 Shape-fitting game
119 For — (not pro bono)
120 Young superhero of DC Comics
121 Off the mark
122 Road curve
- DOWN**
- 1 Globe
2 — Paulo
3 Coxa, more familiarly
4 Some nuts
5 Jason's ship
6 Horse hue
7 Perturb
8 Parisian bud
9 Title anew
10 One of the Corleones in "The Godfather"
11 Cry from Homer
12 City in Kansas
13 Actress Wright
14 Fit carmaker
15 Up 'til
16 "Cursed" director
17 Really attack
18 Capital of Austria
19 Junior naval officer
24 Assist illicitly
28 More or less
31 Keep going
32 Business coll. topic
33 Rocker Quatro
34 Lighter — air
35 Imagine
36 Laze about
38 Grand Ole —
- 39 Firearm rights org.
40 H.S.-level exam
45 Popular dog biscuits
46 Shirk
48 — the season ...
49 Sharp taste
50 Place to live
51 Pines
52 Willing to participate in
53 Musical exercise
54 Mixed greens
55 Lover of Lucy
59 Fable penner
60 Town shout
61 User's shortcut
62 Relatives of geese
63 Rake parts
64 Those elected
65 Rap — Khalifa
66 Actress Meg
68 Tendon
69 Croissant, e.g.
72 Crooner Julius
74 Dads
77 "Yeah, but still ..."
78 Noun follower, often
- 80 Open delight
81 Devilkins
82 School in Berkshire
83 Natal lead-in
84 Bando of baseball
85 Sense no danger
86 Oscar winner Minnelli
87 Play — (enjoy some tennis)
91 Alternative to a right hook
92 Drifting at sea
93 Car part between headlights
94 Acupuncture item
95 NFL rusher Smith
96 Savor pekoe, say
97 Certain fuel-carrying ship
98 Take a break
100 Burj Khalifa locale
101 Super-angry
106 Razor brand
107 Skinny
108 Toward dawn
110 Sweetie
111 Make a move
112 IRS ID
114 Env. insert
115 Buddhist discipline
116 Brits' alphabet ender



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SUDOKU



Difficulty Level ★★★

11/11

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

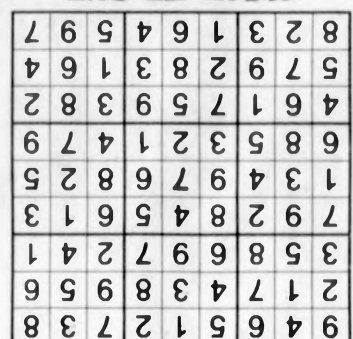
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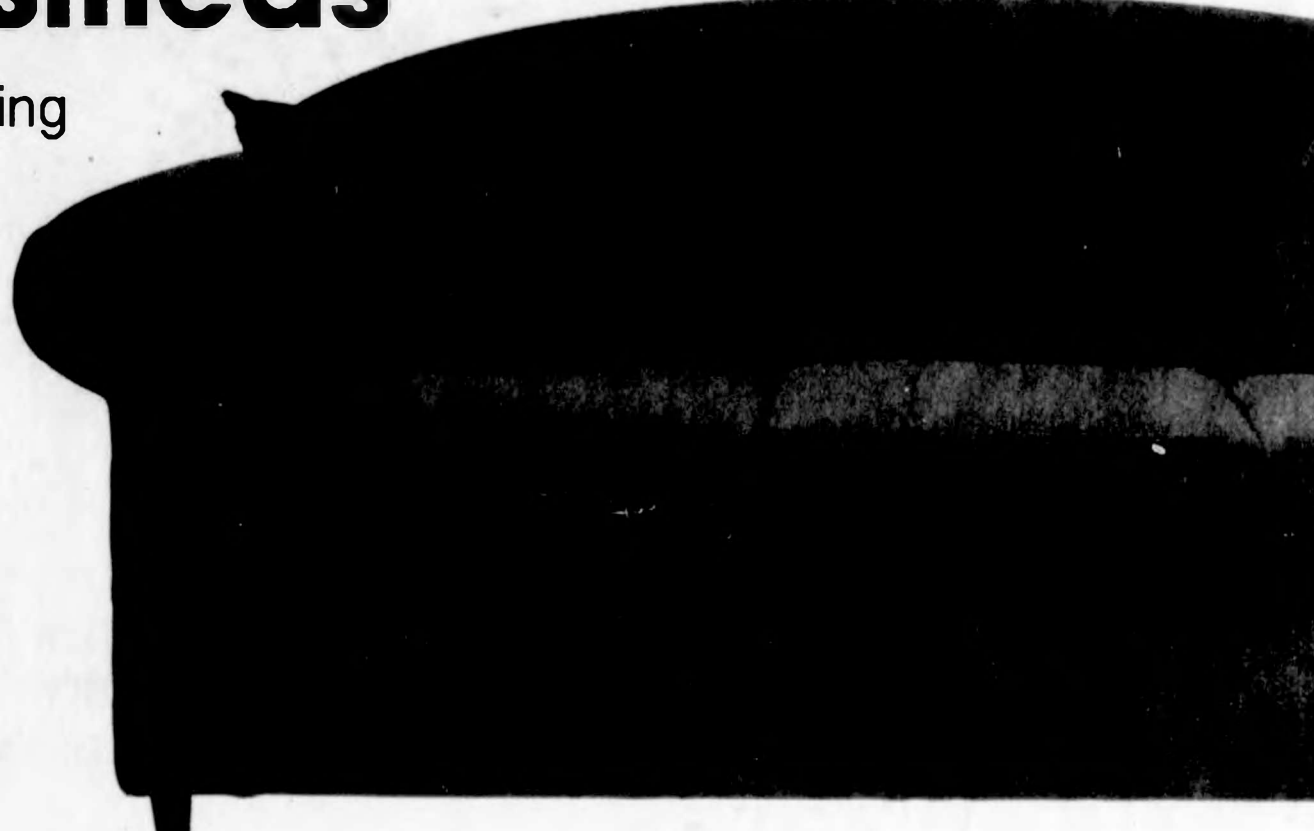


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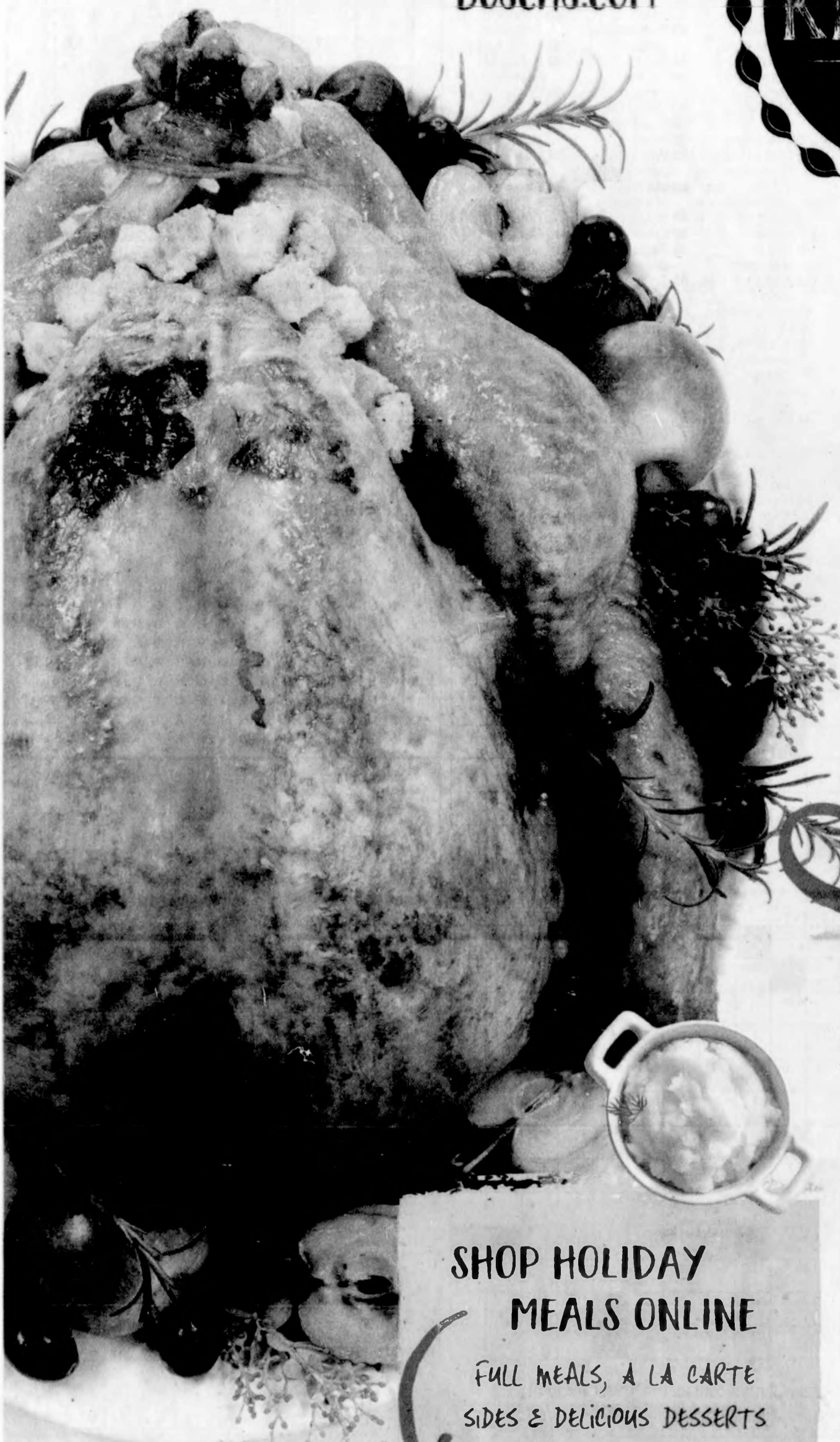
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