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## SEMCOG survey a start to reduce deer population

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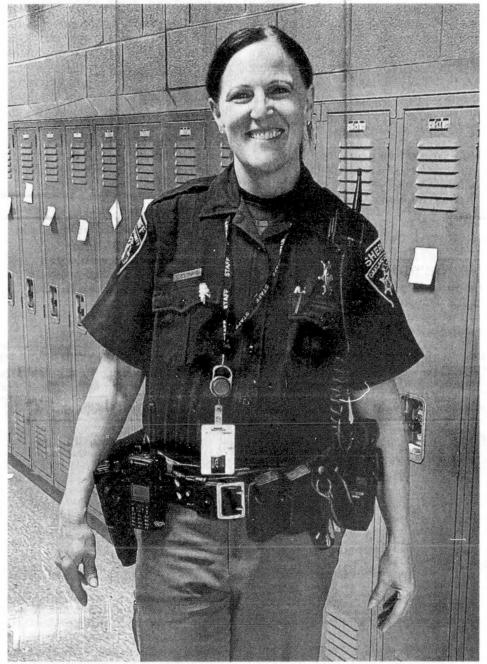
Southeastern Michigan's deer problem is a tough one to solve.

Residents know the dense population and major roads paired with a large deer population can spell trouble for yards, drivers and pets. The problem is especially prevalent in Oakland County, which has the highest deer-related vehicle crash rate in Michigan and many communities that don't allow hunting.

Michigan gives communities the option to cull or sterilize deer. Culling, like the organized hunting done at Kensington Metropark, is controversial and a temporary fix. Sterilization, on the other hard, can be expensive and produce mixed results.

Oakland County leaders want a new option, and they're hoping residents can help them brainstorm.

## Who should pay for school resource officers?



**Susan Bromley** Hometownlife.com

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Within a week of last November's Oxford High School shooting, one phone call concluded with an agreement to add a new full-time police officer to South Lyon's middle schools.

It was a sign of what can be accomplished when working with a sense of urgency and cooperation to protect the community's children.

This year, South Lyon again has a full-time middle school resource officer, but it took more than three months to determine what police agency would provide the service. It also again raised the question of who should pay for police protection in schools: the school district, the city or township in which schools are located, or a combination of all municipalities where the student population resides?

While school, city and township officials all seem to agree it's important to have police officers in schools to protect the kids, the buck gets passed on who should fund it.

"It's important for kids, teachers and for the community to ensure they're safe," Oakland County Sheriff's Office Lyon Township Substation Commander Lt. Leslie Whitfield said, speaking to the Lyon Township Board on the same day school started.

The state deer management plan is a one-size-fits-all approach for the entire state," said Joe Valentine, assistant city manager for Farmington Hills. "It doesn't really recognize the unique circumstances we have in our more suburban communities. We have dense communities with large deer populations and large roads."

The Southeastern Michigan Coalition of Government's deer coalition made of nine Oakland County communities, including Farmington Hills, Farmington, Southfield and Birmingham - are asking residents of Oakland County to complete a survey to inform leaders of their concerns.

"We really want to hear from everybody and know what their concerns are," Valentine said. "We're trying to develop some new options that will allow for additional flexibility."

People can access the survey at cobaltcommunityresearch.org/deer through Nov. 11. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Valentine said data can take several months to sift through, and then a planning process will begin. He hopes a regional approach will solve the issue.

Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Ostrand is the school resource officer for Centennial and Millennium middle schools in South Lyon. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Lyon Township agreed, approving a contract to pay a sheriff's deputy roughly \$34,000 while the school district will pay just more than \$114,000. The total cost of the deputy is \$148,523.34, including salary, fringe benefits and other costs. The cost breakdown is based on the school calendar.

"This board has always been behind the SRO program," Supervisor John

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#### **ELECTION COVERAGE**

### Six campaign for spot on Northville school board

#### **Philip Allmen**

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Six candidates are interested in serving on Northville Public Schools Board of Education. Voters in the district will decide which three candi-

dates should fill one of the three available 4-year terms in the Nov. 8 election. School boards set overall policy for the school district, as well as hire and manage the superintendent, who oversees day-to-day operations in the school district.

tionnaires to the candidates - Andrew Augustine, Kim Campbell-Voytal, Carin Meyer, Scott Morrell, Kathleen Schafer and Melissa Stuart - seeking to learn more about them and their views on issues. Four candidates responded

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**ELECTION COVERAGE** 

## **Bayer, Rhines seek state Senate seat** for west Wayne, Oakland counties

#### **David Veselenak**

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With the new districts come new representation in Lansing.

A Republican and a Democrat seek to represent the 13th Senate District in

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Lansing in the upcoming election, which takes place Nov. 8. Republican Jason Rhines, the Northville Township treasurer, faces off against current Democratic Sen. Rose- Bayer mary Bayer of Keego Harbor

The new 13th State Senate District encompasses Plymouth Township, Plymouth, Northville, Northville Township, Novi Township, West Bloomfield Township, Walled Lake, Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake and Orchard Lake as well as parts of Farmington Hills, Novi and Commerce Township.

Below are the answers to several questions Hometown Life posed to the candidates. Rhines did not respond.

Statistics show systemic racism is prevalent in law enforcement, government, health care and economics. Name one tangible action state government could take to help address racism.

Bayer: Addressing systemic racism in our state will require numerous steps and investments by our Legislature. One action our state government can take is to require regular and ongoing implicit bias training for any profession that is licensed or regulated by the state, including but not limited to: police, government, health care, and economics.

#### How would you grade the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and what, if anything, should the state legislature do next?



Bayer: When the CO-VID-19 pandemic first hit Michigan, we, along with the entire world, were still learning new things about this virus daily. We were not receiving guidance from the federal

government and needed to act decisively to best protect the people of Michigan. Unfortunately, partisan politics made it difficult for the government to unite and act in the best interest of our state. The COVID-19 pandemic provided insight into how to handle future health emergencies in our state, and moving forward I believe we should use the federal funding we received to better prepare our state for such instances.

#### What are your thoughts on safety and security of our elections, specifically Michigan's election integrity, and do you accept the results of the 2020 election?

**Bayer**: Countless court cases, public and private investigations, and oversight commissions in Michigan and around the country have concluded that the 2020 election was fair and legal. Former President Trump's unfounded assertion that he won the election while providing zero evidence has only served to dangerously undermine American democracy. I support allowing for the early processing of absentee ballots, increased security for poll workers to ensure their safety, and protecting early voting rights so that every eligible Michigander can have their voice heard.

Thinking of the recent school shootings that killed students in Uvalde and Oxford, what recommendations would you make in your effort to prevent similar tragedies in the future?

Bayer: I have introduced several pieces of legislation aimed at addressing gun violence while respecting individual rights, including: safe storage (SB 550-553), ERPO (SB 856-858), and universal background checks (SB 454-456). I also voted in favor of the recent state budget which provides \$150 million program for mental health grants, \$25 million for school-based health centers and over \$100 million for school safety grants.

#### Do you support amending the **Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to** include LGBTQ people? Explain.

Bayer: Yes. I wholeheartedly support the rights of the LGBTQ+ community as they continue to face prejudice and threats from those who seek to completely strip them of their rights. I believe everyone should have equal protections under the law regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

#### What is an issue facing state government that isn't on Michiganders' radar that should be? What steps would you take to address that issue?

Bayer: One thing I worry that might not be on every voter's radar is how drastically Republicans want to curtail voting rights in Michigan. Their proposals are extreme and would damage and possibly eliminate democratic elections in our state. We cannot let that happen. I support measures to strengthen voting rights so that every voter's voice is heard.

Contact reporter David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.

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Architect & **Project** Contact:

21850 Greenfield Road Oak Park, MI 48237 (248) 967-4600 Matt Gateman mgateman@btaww.com Domestic Water Heater - Peter Basso Associates Inc. Livernois, Suite 100 Troy, MI 48098-3276 Questions shall be addressed to Mark Paulus at lecoleplanners3@gmail.com during Bidding Period. Failure to follow instruction may lead to rejection of Bid.

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a request in regard to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance:

To interpret Sections 18.09.1(3)(g) and 18.09.1(3)(g)(1) Fences and Walls; 26.02(186) Definitions, Wall; and 26.02(70) Definitions, Fence of the Zoning Ordinance in relation to the existing wall and its components, located along the north side of Dubuar Street in the front yard of premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District on property located at 590 Dubuar St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48 002 02 0378 000. The

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Documents including Bid Forms will be posted

Bid Documents may also be obtained from local plan rooms (GRBX, CAM, etc.).

Bid Documents will be available on or after October 3. 2022

Non-Mandatory Prebid Walk-Through

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Walkthrough is scheduled for 10:00 am local time on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at Winchester Elementary School starting at the Front Doors located at 16141 Winchester Drive, Northville, MI 48168. There is no Pre-Bid Walkthrough scheduled for the domestic water heater bid category. If a bidder would like to visit the site, please contact Mark Paulus via email at lecoleplanners3@gmail.

11:00 am local time, Wednesday October 19, 2022. Sealed **Bid Due Date:** bids should be submitted through Buildingconnected.com with the following link: https://app.buildingconnected.com/ public/5cc9d7f637c1a90018cb55dc. No physical bids will be accepted in person or via delivery service. The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission.

Public Bid Opening:

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read immediately following the close of receiving bids with the following virtual meeting link: meet.google.com/xat-gocm-bpb or phone number (304) 441-0878 PIN 742 067 713#. No oral, e-mail, telephonic or telegraphic proposals shall be considered.

The Board of Education will not open, consider, nor accept a bid received after the date and time specified. All late bid proposals will be returned to the bidder unopened.

A Bid Bond executed by a Treasury listed surety company Bid Bond: acceptable to the Northville Public School District or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal shall be submitted with Bid. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days

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Contract Award: The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/ or all bids in whole or in part and waive any informality or irregularity therein, or to award the Contract to other than the low bidder, in its sole discretion. Northville Public Schools reserves the right to accept the bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner

applicant is seeking an interpretation that the wall is a retaining wall, and not subject to the restrictions contained in Section 18.09.1(3)(g) or 18.09.1(3)(g)(1) of the Zoning Ordinance, and that the railing on top of the wall is not a fence and is not subject to the restrictions contained in Section 18.09.1(3)(g) or 18.09.1(3)(g)(1) of the Zoning Ordinance.

The public hearing will be held on November 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the zoning ordinance interpretation request.

The application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, local prevailing time or on the City website www.ci.northville.mi.us (Services, Building and Planning, Board of Zoning Appeals).

Written comments to the BZA pertaining to the ordinance interpretation request must be submitted no later than 4:30pm, November 1, 2022 to the City Clerk at the above address, or using the City Hall drop box, or emailed to dmassa@ci.northville.mi.us.

> RYAN MCKINDLES, CHAIRPERSON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS 1.0.0008789884 3+4

#### **Request for Proposals**

#### **City of Northville Historic District Design Guidelines**

The City of Northville is a Certified Local Government, and contains a Historic District that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is also a designated Local Historic District. Northville's Historic District Design Guidelines were last updated in 1999. The Guidelines have proven to be outdated and inadequate. Deficiencies include omission of newer and environmentally sustainable materials, confusing presentation of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Northville's design guidelines that contribute to misunderstanding of the criteria, and what Standards and guidelines may apply to a resource, among others. In short, the 1999 design guidelines are difficult to access, navigate, understand, and apply in their current form. As such, the City of Northville is seeking to create a new design guidelines manual.

The City of Northville seeks proposals from 36 C.F.R. Part 61 qualified consultants that meet the professional qualifications for "architectural historian" and/or "historical architect" to prepare an updated set of design guidelines for the Northville Historic District. Please visit www.ci.northville.mi.us to obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for this work. The RFP document more fully describes the project, the required products, and project schedule.

Questions about the project may be submitted via e-mail to Sally Elmiger, City Planner, at selmiger@cwaplan.com by November 1. 2022 at 4:00pm. Questions must be in writing. Phone calls will not be accepted. Questions submitted by this date and time will be answered in writing, and available on the BidNet website, and the City of Northville website. The RFP document is also available at www.bidnetdirect.com. If you are not registered with BidNet, visit their website and select "vendor registration," or call 800-835-4603. There is a free registration option.

One (1) electronic copy on thumb drive and five (5) paper copies of the proposal must be delivered to the Clerk's office in a sealed envelope labeled "City of Northville Design Guidelines Update." Proposals must be received by the City Clerk's Office at the address below no later than 12:00 p.m. noon on November 15. 2022 Faxed and e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

#### Deliver proposals to:

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, MIPMC, CITY CLERK

City Clerk's Office City of Northville 215 W. Main Street Northville, Michigan, 48167

The City of Northville reserves the right to postpone the proposal opening for its own convenience. The City of Northville also reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in the proposals, to reject any and/or all proposals, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, pending SHPO approval, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

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### School board

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Kim Campbell-Voytal is a married 35-year Northville resident with two Northville High graduates. She was active in the PTA when they were in school. She serves on the Northville Senior Advisory Commission and was appointed to the school board in May 2022. She was an associate professor of family medicine and public health sciences at Wayne State university for 20 years. She earned her Ph.D. in medical anthropology from Wayne State University, as well as her master's and bachelor's degrees.

Scott Morrell of Northville moved to district about 20 years ago. A community volunteer with the Northville skate park, Gleaners and previously with scouting and the PTA, his sons are Northville graduates. He is founder of a Michiganbased technology company and runs a Northville IT internship program providing summer jobs to students. He is an engineering/computer science graduate from the University of Michigan -Dearborn.

Kathleen Schafer of Novi is a Georgia native with bachelor's and master's degrees in industrial engineering. She is mother of three boys, including one with special needs. Schafer is the director of Youth Music at St. James Catholic Church, a ministry she founded more than a decade ago, as well as a religious education teacher there.

Melissa Stuart has lived in Northville since 2015; her husband is a Northville graduate. The couple has two schoolage children This is the first time she has run for a political office. Stuart is involved with leadership positions in school PTAs, as well as volunteering with Science Olympiad and the scouting community. A Georgia Southern University graduate, the one-time Peace Corps volunteer worked for a real-estate development firm as an owner's representative during construction. She currently works part-time as a lunch/recess monitor at Moraine Elementary.

### board member?

Kim Campbell-Voytal: My experience as a teacher, clinician, and parent has prepared me with the skills to serve effectively on the school board. My teaching and administrative experience helps me understand the challenges of managing a constrained school budget while still achieving excellent academic outcomes. As a **Clinical Nurse Specialist** with a background in school health, I have worked to support kids with or at risk for chronic medical and emotional conditions. Schools should be healthy and healing places. This goes together with academic success. I understand the sacrifices families make to educate their children. I honor the parent volunteers who bring enrichment to students in our district. It is my role to know, understand, and bring parent perspectives to the table as we work to-

gether building our district. Scott Morrell: As a 20-

year citizen of Northville with sons that have gone through NPS, a scout leader for 10 years, and a business owner, I have the life and organizational experience to be a member of the school board. My background allows me to provide a perspective on the fiscal, operational, and academic requirements that will help make NPS successful. I'm running for school board to ensure the excellent education my children received will be available for future generations. A school board member's responsibility is to oversee and ensure that the goals defined by the local parents and citi-

zens are achieved. Kathleen Schafer: I am a dedicated community member who is passionate about our children, community, and country. I am a mother of three sons, two who graduated from Northville High School. All three of my sons possess a variety of gifts and talents. I understand that Northville must provide education to meet the various needs of all students. My children received a top notch education here and were accepted to top tier colleges due in part to that education. I am running for school board to ensure all children are exposed to these opportunities to succeed to the best of

Campbell-

Voytal dent and a staff member in Northville Public Schools. I worked with a Las Vegas based Real Estate Development firm that developed a \$200M luxury high-rise condominium in downtown Las Vegas where I acted as **Owner's** Representative during construction. My responsibility was to review and maintain the construction budget during day-to-day operations. One of the School Board's primary functions is to establish and keep a balanced budget of over \$90 million dollars, but we also must keep our students at the center of all our priorities.

#### Are you happy with the overall direction of the district? Why or why not?

Scott Morrell: I am happy with the academic direction of the district and believe we owe a debt of gratitude to prior school board members that were instrumental in making Northville the best school district in the state. I have noticed a change in the focus of the district and board in recent years. I would like to help steer the direction back towards our parents and children as opposed to catering to national trends. Northville lost 285 students last year as the top district in the state - we must determine why those students left and prevent a further exodus

Kathleen Schafer: Right now one focus is on getting kids to come back to the schools, and we have seen an increase in headcount, which is encouraging. Northville has a long history of academic excellence, and when



grams and alternative pathways to success like the skilled trades. We are a top public school district in Michigan, we don't need to fix things that aren't broken, rather focus on areas of growth

and improvement. Kim Campbell-Voytal: Over the last two years, our schools have moved through one of the most consequential periods in our history. Despite it all, student learning has met or exceeded expectations as we kept focused on student academic success. The community partnered with the board and district leaders to navigate the many challenges. We continue to prioritize resources to help all involved recover from the disruption. I am deeply respectful of what it took for the entire district to come through and to keep us on track with our district's vision and goals. Our children and community are the beneficiaries of these efforts.

#### What should the school district's priorities be coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, including how it spends ARPA funds.

Kathleen Schafer: The number one priority should be keeping our kids safe and in school. Second, the pandemic created a mental health crisis with our children and we need to focus on supporting educators and school counselors to address this. I'd like to see the ARPA funds used to ensure our schools are safe and secure, and that students have the tools and the opportunities they need to thrive and

and staff mental health needs. I believe a priority should be continued focus on these issues exacerbated by the pandemic. Northville Public schools was able to use some of the COVID relief money to hire new counselors for the district and I would like to see that support continue. We found an increased need for remote and virtual access for schools during the pandemic and some of these systems, like Schoology for example, have been a huge benefit for our students and teachers.

Kim Campbell-Voytal: Our priorities are the continued investment in supporting the link between health, learning, and safe, supportive environments. We are committed to finding and working with any child who needs additional academic supports. We have ARP, ESSER III, 11-T funds targeted to meet the needs of defined atrisk learners, and we offer model programs before, during, after the school day and in the summer to help the recovery of those learners. Our district has also invested ARP funds to improve the safety and security in our school buildings, which has been a continuing priority in our district.

Scott Morrell: We should allocate 100% of the COVID-19 ARPA funds to help reverse the learning loss and social isolation issues we experienced during the pandemic. We could accomplish this with summer programs and additional after school learning opportunities.

**Issues related to** diversity, equity and



Melissa Stuart: There are so many ways that teachers make sure every child feels seen and heard at school. Northville is a very diverse district with over 70 languages spoken in the homes of our students. One tangible action our district takes to address this diversity is offering a robust English as a Second Language program to ensure that every student receives a quality education here in Northville.

Kim Campbell-Voytal: Within our goal for establishing a "Culture of Learning and Leadership in Every School," our district implements Social Emotional Learning signature practices. These practices create equitable learning conditions that actively involve all pre-K through 26 learners in developing social, emotional, and academic competency. As these practices become embedded in our system's DNA, they should be apparent across the landscape of all human interactions in our district including the respectful practices between board, superintendent, and central office leaders. In our district we strive to be culturally responsive and inclusive. These are practices that translate out into our community and the

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What makes you qualified to be a school board member and why do you want to hold that position? What do you see as the role of a school

their ability. Melissa Stuart: I am uniquely qualified as the only candidate that has been both a PTA Presi-

we work to support parental rights and transparency it will hopefully encourage parents to keep their students enrolled in our district, and those that left during the pandemic will re-enroll.

Melissa Stuart: Yes, I'm happy with the overall direction of the school district. I'm running for school board because I believe in this school district and want to help maintain what we've built here in Northville. There are always areas to improve the district's impact on all students, for example by expanding

our focus on STEAM pro-

learn. Melissa Stuart: Northville Public Schools has expanded their outreach to address student

#### **CITY OF NORTHVILLE** PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville Election Commission will meet on October 26, 2022 at 8:15 a.m., to conduct business related to the November 8, 2022 General Election The Public Accuracy Test for this Election will be conducted as part of this meeting. The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Election law

This meeting will be held at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, (248) 349-1300. Interested persons are invited to attend

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## South Lyon East sophomore charged with shooting threat against school

#### **Susan Bromley**

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A 15-year-old Wixom boy was charged Thursday with threatening to commit violence with a firearm, explosive or other dangerous weapon against students or staff on school property in connection to a shooting threat found in a South Lyon East High School bathroom

**Oakland County Sheriff's detectives** and district officials said in a release the student was taken into custody the day before after he confessed to writing the note. The East sophomore apparently was also the one who reported the threat written on a bathroom wall to school officials. That resulted in a lockdown of the school for more than four hours Oct. 4.

Juvenile Court Referee Karla Mallett released the teen from Oakland County Children's Village detention center and ordered he be confined to his home and wear an electronic tether. He is not permitted to be near school property or use social media. His parents were to monitor his internet use.

"As I have said from the beginning, if you make a threat against a school or for that matter, any institution, we will do everything in our power to hold you to account," Sheriff Michael Bouchard said. "The anxiety and the fear these threats cause is substantial - even if the threat is not credible."

A pretrial hearing is set for Oct. 12 in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Superintendent Steve Archibald said administrators will seek the student's expulsion from the district, as well as hold the student legally accountable to "the maximum extent possible." That can vary depending on what charges are brought officially, as well as if the student is charged as an adult or juvenile. In similar cases last year when charged as an adult, prosecutors levied charges with potential maximum penalties of 20 years in prison.

"It's extremely unfortunate incidents like this occur," Archibald said. "I am grateful for the efforts of the staff and

the Oakland County Sheriff's department in the investigation, and I am pleased for the East community, families and staff that we have been able to identify the individual and hold him accountable. This is extremely emotional and difficult to experience."

Detectives, other deputies and a K-9 unit were called to the school about 8:30 a.m. Oct. 4 after a threat was found written on a boys bathroom wall on the third floor which stated, "I'm shooting this school Oct 5 and 7th and I have a gun SLEH b\*\*\*h.'

The school was locked down until 2 p.m., but no weapons were found. After school activities were canceled.

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, students returned to school but were barred from bringing backpacks that day, had to enter the building through metal detectors, and saw an increased police presence

Archibald said investigators reviewed surveillance video and conducted interviews as the investigation continued, culminating in a confession from a student who has not been named. He was taken into custody and removed from the school, Archibald added.

That student's future ultimately will be determined by the board of education, expected to hold an expulsion hearing within the next 10 days.

Archibald said additional law enforcement would be present for a short period of time at South Lyon East on Thursday and additional support staff would be available for students. However, he expected all other protocols to return to normal, including allowing the students to bring backpacks.

#### Security assessment recently completed for school district

Whether there will be long-term safety changes in the district remains to be seen. The district contracted early in September with Secure Education Consultants for a \$30,000 safety assessment using grant funds. The assessment was just completed, and the consultant will be making recommenda-



South Lyon East High School was on lockdown for four hours Oct. 4 after a note threatening violence was found in a bathroom at the school. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

tions for the district.

Archibald said district officials will take information from the assessment as well as what is learned from this most recent threat incident and incidents in other districts and consider all in combination before any changes are made.

He hopes parents in the district will use this incident to talk to their children and possibly avoid heartache in the future.

"Similarly as being conditioned to not go to the airport and say bomb, we want families to have communications with students if they haven't already and reinforce the seriousness and potential disruption and harm that come from these type of statements," Archibald said. "Overall, I want to acknowledge that the vast majority of students do a remarkable job each and every day and make this a very rewarding profession. I don't want an incident like this to overshadow the number of outstanding things students and staff do every single day."

Contact reporter Susan Bromley at sbromley@hometownlife.com or 517-281-2412. Follow her on Twitter @SusanBromlev10.

## **Former deputy** charged with accosting child for immoral purposes

**Chandra Fleming Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK** 

A former Oakland County sheriff's deputy was arraigned on charges Saturday after he was fired for attempting to solicit a person he believed to be a 15-year-old girl for sexual purposes, according to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Jared Frederick Salisbury, 33, was charged with one count of accosting a child for immoral purposes, a fouryear felony.

He was released from the Oakland County Jail on a \$25,000 personal bond set by 52-1 District Magistrate Cody Ellwanger, who ordered that Salisbury not have any contact with minors, and he is prohibited from using a computer or accessing the internet.

"Any behavior that targets young people is deplorable and anyone who does should be held to account for their actions." Sheriff Michael Bouchard said in a release.

The Sheriff's Office Fugitive Apprehension Team arrested Salisbury about 11 a.m. Friday outside his Waterford home

During his five months with the department, Salisbury was a probationary deputy assigned to the midnight shift at the jail. New hires are on probation for one year.

He was fired Sept. 6 after the Sheriff's Office was notified about possible criminal activity.

A resident reported they saw a social media post where a man attempted to arrange a meeting with someone he believed to be 15 years old and that the man may be an Oakland County employee. Detectives linked the social media chat to Salisbury.

Salisbury's probable cause conference is set for Oct. 11 in Pontiac's 50th **District** Court.





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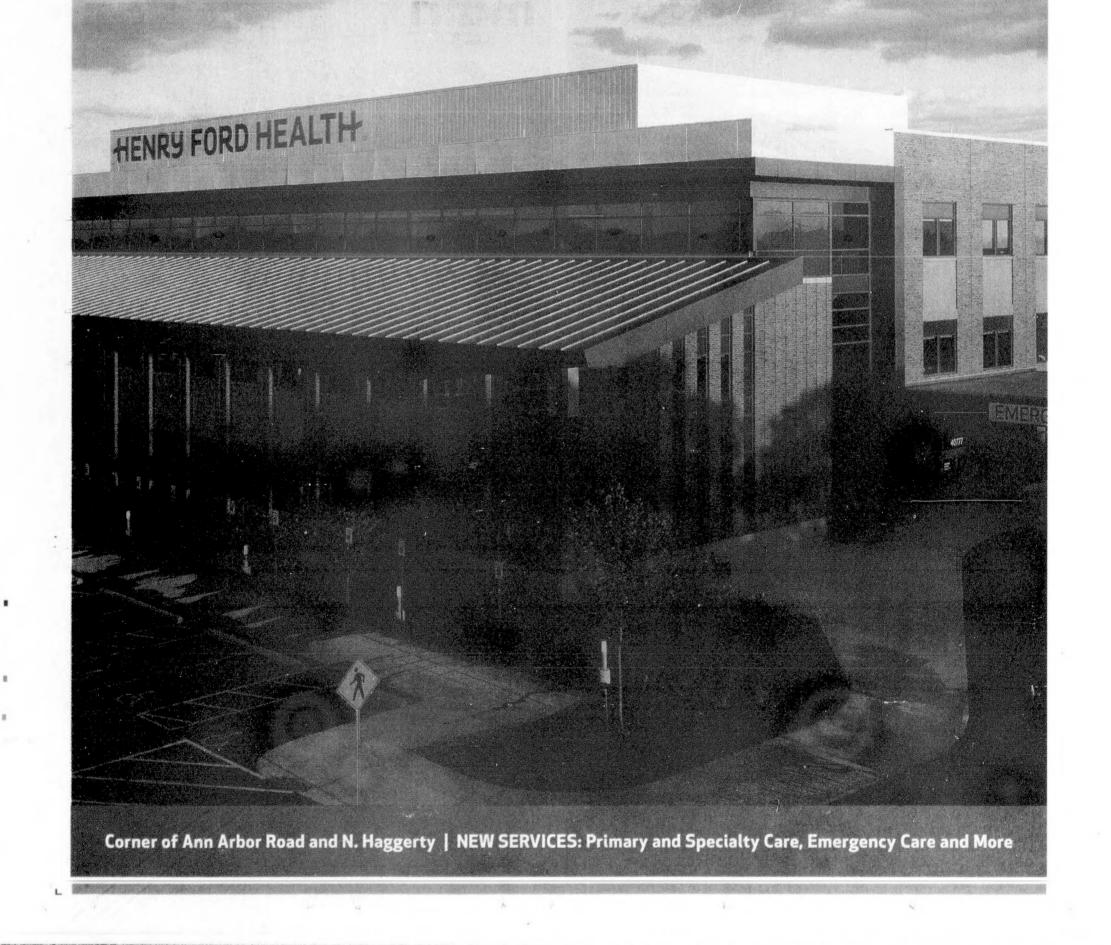
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Dolan said. "No matter what, we have always stepped up to the plate for this and as long as we can afford to do it, we're proud to have an Oakland County SRO in schools."

South Lyon Community Schools' two middle schools are located in the city of South Lyon.

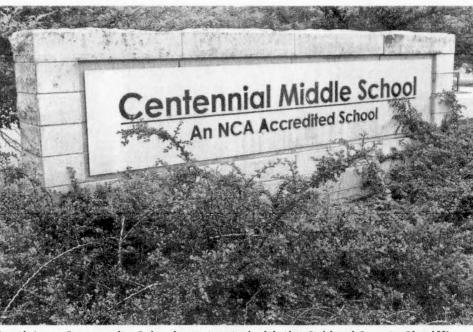
### Who pays for law enforcement across municipal boundaries?

Trustee Sean O'Neil agreed with Dolan, but he also expressed frustration at being the only community to continually go to bat for the program.

"The only thing I'll say — because I say it every single time, because we have this conversation every single year — is that we continue to be the only community that participates financially in this," O'Neil said. "I couldn't be any more supportive of the program and committing to this expense, it's just a little disappointing that the communities that are also members of the district and send children by the thousands to our schools do not support this program in the same way the township does. Not one of them."

City of South Lyon Council member Maggie Kurtzweil took issue with that sentiment last summer when learning the district would be contracting with the township for a middle school resource officer.

"The school district has not given us the credit we deserve for already being part of the risk management plan, but we are addressing risk and assisting for schools in our jurisdiction, now they want an additional contribution," Kurtzweil said during a June council meeting. "I have taken the position we need to recover costs. I am offended when Lyon



South Lyon Community Schools contracted with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office to patrol Centennial and Millennium middle schools. Last year after the Oxford High School shooting, a South Lyon city police officer was assigned as a school resource officer for those buildings. FILE

Township says they are thinking of children, as if no one else is."

The district has had two full-time Oakland County Sheriff's school resource officers: one at South Lyon High School in the city and one at South Lyon East, located in the township. The district fully funds the cost of one officer, and pays half the salary of the deputy while school is in session.

Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Brian Toth said the district also brought on a OCSO deputy to serve as a middle school resource officer in 2018 after 17 people were murdered in a mass shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

However, that contract ended due to a lack of funding prior to the pandemic.

After the shooting in Oxford, the district and the sheriff's office assigned a third school resource officer, Deputy Ostrand, to go between the high schools. The district also requested a City of South Lyon police officer for the middle schools, both of which are located within the city limits. Police Chief Chris Sovik agreed to providing a middle school resource officer.

The school district ultimately picked up the cost for both additional officers for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of about \$115,000. Archibald made it clear he wanted to continue the middle school officer permanently.

The South Lyon City Council offered to provide a school resource officer for the middle schools at a cost of about \$98,000 to the district this past spring, roughly \$15,000 less than the township, but that total did not include associated expenses such as the officer's vehicle.

#### South Lyon police active part of school in city

Kurtzweil noted that the city is already sending two police officers to two elementary schools in the city limits every day that school is in session to be present at both drop-off and pick-up times, and also do a walk-through of the buildings once per day, at a cost to the city of nearly \$30,000. Additionally, she said the city pays for crossing guards out of the police budget, with a cost of about \$20,000.

Councilwoman Lisa Dilg agreed, adding she didn't want there to be any questions about whether officials had done everything they could to manage risk if something were to happen locally.

Toth said the district is lucky to work with multiple jurisdictions for the protection of kids and has a great relationship with all.

After Oxford, Superintendent Steve Archibald also had conversations with officials from Green Oak and Salem townships.

"It was more of a conversation around the concept in helping fund the officers," Toth said. "Our only funding is through Lyon Township."

Councilman Glenn Kivell said the proximity of schools within the city limits meant that city police officers would be able to engage faster in an emergency than sheriff's deputies could.

While sheriff's deputies would be the authority in any emergency police situation at the schools, South Lyon Police Lt. Doug Baaki said city officers would of course assist.

"We would still respond to back up the county in an active shooter event even if they have a deputy at the middle school or high school," he said. "We will be minutes if not seconds away, because we are a small town... We are always willing to help out and do whatever we can do, but now is not the time for us (for a dedicated school resource officer)".

## **School board**

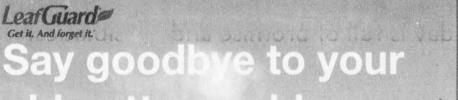
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wider world.

Scott Morrell: Offering summer programs, after school learning opportunities, and tutoring options would be the best way to help groups that are underperforming. In addition, I would support the creation of a program where students that are excelling are given the opportunity to tutor and mentor students that are struggling.

Kathleen Schafer: Recent test score

data from the school district indicate there are still gaps between under-represented groups or the economically disadvantaged. I believe our first focus needs to be on providing these students with additional support to help them learn and excel. One possible action is to organize a program to provide tutoring for underprivileged students whose families cannot afford the means today. This could be similar to a Big Brother, Big Sister program. I'm sure there are many citizens in our community that would be willing to volunteer to assist those in need.



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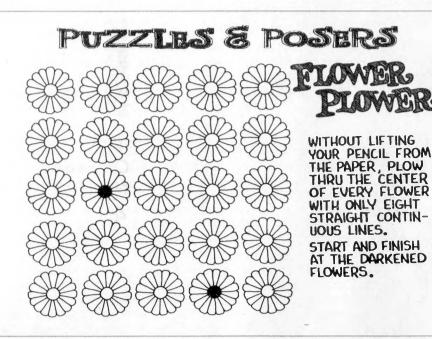
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White Lake Lakeland's Mike Mahaney III celebrates a touchdown against South Lyon East on Oct. 7. The Eagles won, 21-10. **BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM** 

## Our top 10 teams for Week 8 of **HS football**

**Brandon Folsom** Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Sports reporter Brandon Folsom is back with his weekly top-10 football rankings:

#### 10. South Lyon East (5-2, 4-2 LVC; Last week: No. 8)

Despite White Lake Lakeland upsetting the Cougars in Week 7, South Lyon East can still tie the program record for most wins in a single season (6). And it can still finish as the alltime winningest team since the school started playing football in 2008.

But it's not going to be easy.

The Cougars end the regular season with back-to-back games against Milford and South Lyon. Beating the Mavericks will be a coin flip. They're both similar teams. And it'll take everything they have to upset the rival Lions. But both games are winnable.

And then East heads to the postseason. It has won only two playoff games ever

Can they get to seven wins?

#### 9. Farmington (5-2, 2-1 OAA-Blue; Last week: No. 10)

It's a shame the Falcons didn't take care of business against Troy in Week 5.

They'll look back at that two-point loss with great disdain if they upset Birmingham Seaholm this week.

A Farmington win would give both teams 2-1 records in the Oakland Activities Association-Blue. A Seaholm win ensures the Maples the division title outright.

The Falcons want to win. Obviously. But they'll also be kicking themselves about letting one slip away vs. the

## **Eagles upset Cougars to** keep playoff hopes alive

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The stakes couldn't have been any higher for the White Lake Lakeland foothall team

Forget that it was homecoming night. This was about keeping the season alive.

Forget that it was the final time 11 seniors would ever play on their home field. This was about earning playoff points.

Forget that it had dropped threestraight Lakes Valley Conference games to the three best teams in the league in Walled Lake Western, South Lyon and Waterford Mott. This was about persevering against the league's fourth-best team in South Lyon East, one that's enjoying arguably its most-memorable season in program history, and not losing for the fourth time.

The Eagles needed special teams plays. They got two blocked punts.

They needed defensive stops and hard-fought first downs on offense. They got both in droves.

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Colts if they split the championship with Seaholm.

#### 8. Novi (5-2, 5-1 KLAA-West; Last week: No. 9)

The Wildcats avoided losing a trap game to Howell and didn't get caught looking ahead to their Week 8 matchup against rival Northville.

This week's matchup should be one of the best in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, despite it being the de facto second-place game in the division. Brighton will represent West in the league championship game against either Belleville or Livonia Franklin.

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## **Top performers of Week 7 high school football**

#### **Brandon Folsom**

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#### Week 7 of the Michigan high school football season is in the books. Let's take a look at the stat leaders in the Hometown Life coverage area.

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#### **Catholic League**

**Detroit Catholic Central 31, Orchard Lake St. Mary's 17** (CHSL-Central) The Shamrocks improved to 5-2 overall and 2-1 in the division. Walled Lake Central 45, Cranbrook 0 The Cranes fell to 2-5 overall and are

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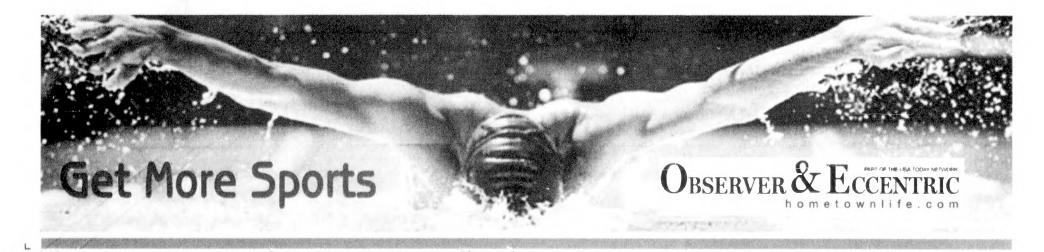
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**Potterville 7** The Trojans improved to 5-2 overall.

#### Kensington Lakes **Activities Association**

Novi 28, Howell 21 (KLAA-West) QB Caleb Walker was 21 of 28 passing for 239 yards and one TD for the Wildcats (5-2, 5-1). Cole Shires rushed 11 times for 51 yards and two TDs, while Martez Langford carried 12 times for 41 yards and Walker had a rushing TD.

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## **Our picks for Week 8**

#### **Brandon Folsom**

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom picks the winners from the five biggest matchups this week. He went 2-3 picking games last week and is 26-9 on the season.

Because it's rivalry week around Hometown Life, Folsom makes four quick-hitter bonus picks.

All games kick off at 7 p.m. Oct 14.

#### Farmington (5-2, 2-1) at Birmingham Seaholm (7-0, 3-0) (OAA-Blue)

Raise your hand if you expected a matchup between the Maples and Falcons to be the best game on the schedule in Week 8.

Neither team was projected to win the Oakland Activities Association-Blue (North Farmington was picked to win it in the pre-season coach's poll). Yet here we are. A win gives Birmingham Seaholm the division title outright. A win for Farmington gives both teams a 2-1 record in the league.

I was originally planning to cover the Novi-Northville game. But with this much on the line, I'm changing my schedule. If you see me roaming the sidelines at Farmington, say hi. Hometown Life will be at this one.

**Folsom's pick:** Birmingham Seaholm 35, Farmington 21.

#### Livonia Franklin (7-0, 6-0) at Belleville (7-0, 6-0) (KLAA-East)

The Tigers are the No. 1 team in Michigan for a reason. The defending Division 1 state champions are averaging 54.5 points per game. Plus their defense has given up 10 points or fewer in every game but one so far.

The Patriots are a talented, talented squad. But Belleville might be one of the best 50 teams in the entire country.

Yeah, Livonia Churchill upset the Tigers in 2021. But they've gotten stronger since then. Led by five-star Bryce Underwood, the top-ranked sophomore QB in the country by 247Sports, Belleville has nothing but future college football players on their roster.

Expect the Tigers to win and represent the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East during next week's league championship.

Folsom's pick: Belleville 42, Livonia Franklin 21.

#### Livonia Churchill (2-5, 1-5) at Livonia Stevenson (3-4, 3-3) (KLAA-East)

And the Spartans are looking to snap a two-game losing streak of their own with Mr. Do-All ArJon Thompson leading the way.

**Folsom's pick:** Livonia Stevenson 21, Livonia Churchill 17.

#### Novi (5-2, 5-1) at Northville (6-1, 5-1) (KLAA-West)

This rivalry matchup lost its sheen after Brighton beat both squads earlier this fall.

So the Bulldogs will represent the KLAA-West in next week's league championship, and Novi and North-ville will play a de facto second-place game.

Still, this matchup should be a fun one. On the line are playoff points, home-field advantage in the postseason and rivalry bragging rights.

Folsom's pick: Northville 28, Novi 21.

#### Milford (4-3, 3-3) at South Lyon East (5-2, 4-2) (LVC)

The toughest game to pick in Week 8 is this one. It might even be the toughest game to pick all season long.

Both programs are building something special — something that should yield plenty of success in the future should coaches Jake Topp and Andrew Micovich stick around South Lyon East and Milford, respectively, for the long haul.

I'd like to give you some kind of awesome breakdown and crown a winner here. But I can't. These teams are identical in where they're at as programs.

Both teams have scored almost the same amount of points. Both teams have almost given up the same amount of points.

Hold on. One second. I'm going to flip a coin.

Folsom's pick: Milford 31, South Lyon East 28.

**Bonus picks** 

#### Brother Rice (2-4, 1-2 CHSL-Central) at Detroit Country Day (5-1)

Folsom's pick: Brother Rice 24, Detroit Country Day 21.

#### Plymouth (1-6, 1-5) at Salem (0-7, 0-6) (KLAA-West)

Folsom's pick: Plymouth 21, Salem 18.

Wayne Memorial (0-7, 0-6)



Livonia Franklin's Cordell Mabins Jr. rushes Sept. 23 at Westland John Glenn. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Five must-see games for Week 8 HS football

#### Brandon Folsom

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom breaks down the five biggest matchups taking place during Week 8 of the MHSAA football season.

All games kick off at 7 p.m. Oct. 14.

#### Farmington (5-2, 2-1) at Birmingham Seaholm (7-0, 3-0) (OAA-Blue)

It's always great when the final league matchup of the season goes down as a conference championship game.

That's what we have here in the Oakland Activities Association-Blue.

Not only does a win keep Birmingham Seaholm's undefeated record intact but it'd also give them a 4-0 record in the division. A loss to the Falcons would make both teams 3-1.

This matchup features two dynamic, high-scoring offenses, so expect plenty of points.

Farmington has a chance to play spoilers on its own field, while Seaholm is looking to win its first league title since 2018.

#### Livonia Franklin (7-0, 6-0) at Belleville (7-0, 6-0) (KLAA-East)

It's the de facto Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East championship game. The winner heads to next week's KLAA championship against Brighton.

Unfortunately for the Patriots, COV Belleville is one of the best teams in Lyon Michigan history. T

Novi (5-2, 5-1) at Northville (6-1, 5-1) (KLAA-West)

Both Novi and Northville enter this one with a loss to the Bulldogs. Therefore it'll be Brighton representing the KLAA-West in the league championship. So this crosstown game is merely for second place.

But who cares? There are still rivalry bragging rights on the line. And both teams want the playoff points so they can try to muster home-field advantage in the postseason.

#### Milford (4-3, 3-3) at South Lyon East (5-2, 4-2) (LVC)

Both teams are in dire need of a win.

For the Cougars, they need a bounceback performance after getting upset by White Lake Lakeland in Week 7. Their offense never looked in sync, and they allowed their emotions to get the best of them at times. A win is a great potpourri to mask that kind of funk.

The Mavericks need to ensure they make the postseason. They must win to make sure they'll get in, and it won't be easy. Not only is South Lyon East enjoying one of its best seasons in school history but they also have to face rival White Lake Lakeland in the regular-season finale. They can just ask South Lyon East how tough the Eagles are.

#### Waterford Mott (5-2, 4-2) at South Lyon (6-1, 5-1) (LVC)

Lions quarterback Braden Fracassi missed this game a year ago because of COVID-19 contact tracing. And South Lyon definitely could've used him.

Livonia Franklin has already beaten both teams to claim the Livonia City Championship.

But that doesn't mean this week's rivalry matchup between Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson won't be a fun one to watch.

The Chargers just snapped a fivegame losing streak thanks to running back Jonathan Lytle-Montgomery rushing for almost 500 yards against Wayne Memorial.

#### at Westland John Glenn (2-5, 2-4) (KLAA-East)

Folsom's pick: Westland John Glenn 48, Wayne Memorial 21.

#### Redford Thurston (0-7, 0-6) at Redford Union (7-0, 6-0) (WWAC)

**Folsom's pick:** Redford Union 52, Redford Thurston 12.

Follow Brandon Folsom on Twitter: @folsombrandonj. It'd be considered the biggest upset of the season in metro Detroit if Livonia Franklin beat the defending Division 1 state champions, which are led by Bryce Underwood, the No. 1-ranked sophomore QB in the country, according to 247 Sports.

Can the Patriots pull off the upset? Sure. But this looks like quite the dynasty Belleville is building right now. The Corsairs are never an easy team, especially with three-star QB Kalieb Osborne leading the charge. But South Lyon got past them last year with thirdstring QB Coy Plummer, which allowed them to secure the Lakes Valley Conference championship.

While this Lions squad should be better prepared, especially with Fracassi lining up behind center, expect another slugfest.

### **Top 10**

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#### 7. Northville (6-1, 5-1 KLAA-West; Last Week: No. 7)

It took a game-saving interception from Evan Deak on Hartland's final drive, but the Mustangs finally defeated the Eagles for the first time in program history last week.

After Hartland and Northville were aligned in the same division in 2018, the Eagles won four-straight games over the Mustangs. The two programs had never met on the football field before being in the same league.

This win should give the Mustangs plenty of mojo as they prepare to host rival Novi in Week 8.

#### 6. Detroit Catholic Central (5-2, 2-1 CHSL-Central; Last week: No. 6)

It was good to see the Shamrocks bounce back with a win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's, especially after getting shut out during the Boys Bowl one week earlier.

But the Eaglets are a young, rebuilding Division 4 team. Detroit Catholic Central was supposed to win that game.

Now let's see how well CC handles busing down to Cincinnati La Salle (Ohio) for its Week 8 game. La Salle is 2-6 and winless in its league. The Shamrocks should be favored to win this one, but a wonky Saturday matchup following a long trip can mess with high school players.

#### 5. Detroit Country Day (5-1; Last week: No. 5)

The Yellowjackets have a chance to beat Brother Rice for the first time since 2015 this week.

Despite the Warriors upsetting defending state championship Warren De La Salle in Week 4, they've struggled. Some of that has to do with injuries. Some of it was their challenging schedule.

But Detroit Country Day is just as talented, and a win over a Division 3 team will all but ensure at least one home game during the playoffs.

Can the Yellowjackets get it done? Maybe. At the very least, the running backs matchup should be a good one with four-star Gabe Winowich vs. three-star Maryland commit Nolan Ray.

#### 4. Birmingham Seaholm (7-0, 3-0 OAA-Blue; Last week: No. 4)

The Maples are one win away from completing arguably the most-impressive program turnaround in Michigan.

They were 1-8 and scored just 136 points in 2021.

Almost one year later, they're 7-0 and playing for the OAA-Blue championship in Week 8.

Yeah, their schedule hasn't been as

challenging. They replaced an OAA-White schedule with weaker league opponents. And they got rid of non-conference games against Clarkston, Lake Orion and Rochester Hills Stoney Creek for the likes of Bloomfield Hills, Auburn Hills Avondale and Berkley.

But they've still had to show up and win the games. And they're doing so at an exciting clip. They're averaging 42 points per game and are on pace to double their offensive scoring output from a year ago before the playoffs even begin.

#### 3. Redford Union (7-0, 6-0 WWAC; Last week: No. 3)

With the Panthers' win over Melvindale in Week 7, they clinched at least a share of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference championship.

They'll win the outright league title for the second-straight season with a win over rival Redford Thurston this week. Which will be happening. The winless Eagles forfeited last week's game, and Redford Union has looked poised to make a deep playoff run.

Expect quite the celebration this week at Hilbert Middle School.

#### 2. Livonia Franklin (7-0, 5-0 KLAA-East; Last week: No. 2)

The Patriots made it to Week 8 unscathed.

Unless Livonia Franklin plays in the D-2 state championship or draws the likes of South Lyon or De La Salle some time during the playoffs, its next game will be the toughest it plays in all of 2022.

Belleville, the defending D-1 state champion, is unanimously the topranked team in Michigan. It rosters an onslaught of future Division I college football players, which includes Bryce Underwood, 247Sports' No. 1-ranked sophomore QB in the country.

The Tigers have looked unbeatable. But Livonia Churchill upset them a year ago, which was the lone loss they suffered en route to hoisting the championship trophy at Ford Field. With a berth into the KLAA title game on the line, the Patriots want to do just what the Chargers did in 2021. It'd be considered the biggest up of the year, for sure.

#### 1. South Lyon (6-1, 5-1 LVC; Last week: No. 1)

The Lions are coming off back-toback wins over the two worst teams in the LVC. It's only going to get more challenging going forward.

This week they take on Waterford Mott and three-star QB Kalieb Osborne. Last year's matchup with the Corsairs was a fistfight early, but South Lyon ultimately pulled out the win to secure the league championship.

Next week they face rival South Lyon East. And this might be the best Cougars team in program history.

After that, the playoffs start.

Buckle up, Lions fans. There are no easy wins the rest of the way.

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### **Eagles**

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And they needed both veterans and youngsters to step up when adversity reared its head. And they got just that in the waning moments of Friday night's 21-10 upset win over the Cougars.

Not much was expected of the Eagles (4-3, 4-3) entering 2022. Not only do they play in a tough league but they were also rebuilding. They graduated 25 seniors. None bigger than former quarterback and Michigan State baseball player Tate Farquhar, who was on hand to crown a new homecoming king at halftime.

They lost three straight, even getting outscored 137-30 against the LVC's three powerbrokers, from Sept. 9-23. They could've rolled over and died. They could've written off the season and chalked up the remainder of the schedule to getting their five starting sophomores valuable game experience.

They came out swinging instead. They were the underdog against the Cougars, and they never lost control of the game.

They blocked two punts in the first quarter. They turned the first one into a Mike Mahaney III touchdown. And Maxwell Thompson fell on the other one in the end zone.

A 14-0 lead against the best SLE team in school history?

"It says they're, No. 1, coachable, No. 2, they work hard, and, I think, No. 3, they're learning," coach Jim Calhour, said. "We came through a tough stretch. When you roll into Western, Mott and South Lyon, that's no parade there. We stayed the course, but let's be honest: We got our tails kicked. We stayed the course. We kept working. We kept trying. We kept learning. And that's the biggest thing. They learned, and they're good kids."

The Cougars (5-2, 4-2) had their chances to win the game. And they bat-tled back, too.

Jordan Newbill hauled in a 19-yard TD catch on fourth and 7 in the second quarter. And Manake Watanabe buried a 25-yard field goal to make it a fourpoint deficit late in the third.

They had chances to put together goahead drives, but penalties and bumbled offensive plays stop them in their tracks.

But, honestly, the game was never really in question.

Lakeland's rushing attack did enough to move the chains. And when it could, it caught the Cougars off guard with halfback passes, reverses and counters.

The Eagles rode Trevor Tschudin's rushing to ice the win in the second half. The sophomore finished with 14 carries for 85 yards.

And to win it all? They called Braxton Godin's number. The senior had never scored a touchdown on varsity. But there he was taking a reverse handoff 13 yards untouched for the game-clinching score. The whole crowd watched as he waltzed into the end zone with both arms waving with just 3:18 remaining.

His last TD was a 90-yard kickoff return when he played on the JV. This one kept his team's season alive.

"We had some rough patches, but we figured it out toward the end, and we got

the job done," Godin said. Defensive back Grant Glosinger, an-

other sophomore playing a big role at a young age, nabbed an interception on SLE's ensuing drive to end it all. "We've had our rough patches. A lot

of people have stepped up. We have 4-5 sophomores who have starting roles. They're there for a reason, and they know what they're doing," said senior captain Caden Calhoun, a lineman on both sides of the ball. "With everyone coming together, this new batch of kids, with every week we play, we keep getting better and better. We're not going anywhere.

"It feels amazing. These guys really care. This could be my last time ever walking out of that tunnel and playing on this field. Everyone came out here and tried their best tonight, and I really appreciate it."

Revered high school football playoff prognosticator Snooze2You has Lake-

land in the playoffs right now.

But the Eagles have two weeks to go. And that's two more wins they'll need to secure their postseason berth. And both games are on the road.

They visit 6-1 Gibraltar Carlson first, and then they end the regular season at rival Milford.

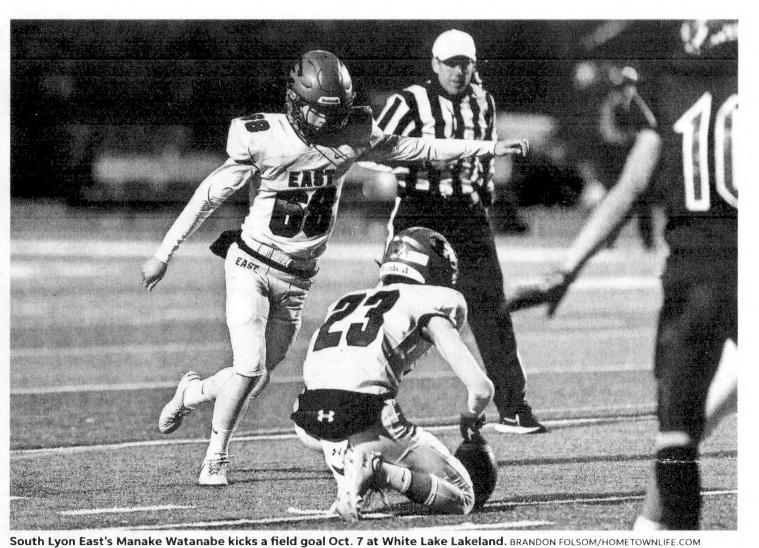
Are they two winnable games? Sure. Is Lakeland going to be the underdog entering them? You bet.

But that's the position the Eagles were in on homecoming night against SLE. Look at them now.

"They bust their tails, and they keep working," Coach Calhoun said. "What we can control, we try to control. What we can't, we try to react. The way they reacted after that tough stretch we had, it spoke for itself tonight."

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## **Redford Thurston forfeits Romulus game**

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The Redford Thurston football team forfeited its Week 7 game against Romulus.

According to first-year coach Antwain White, 11 players were suspended from the program for one week as punishment for a fight that broke out during the Eagles' 37-21 loss to Dearborn Heights Robichaud a week earlier.

White said his suspended players will return for the Eagles' rivalry matchup with Redford Union in Week 8.

The loss dropped Thurston to 0-7 overall and 0-6 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

Thurston closes out the 2022 season against Swartz Creek.

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Players from Redford Thurston shake hands following a game Sept. 23 at Garden City. Thurston forfeited its Week 7 game against Romulus because 11 players were suspended as punishment for a fight. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Spark at QB not enough for Howell in loss to Novi

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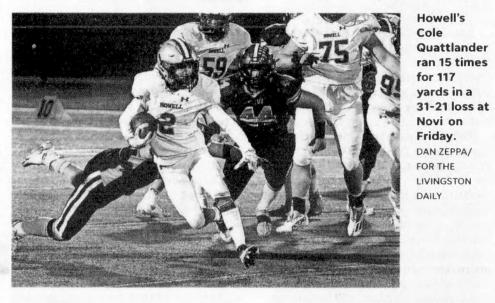
NOVI - The return of junior Levi Curtin provided a spark for Howell's offense, but the Highlanders normally reliable defense had issues Friday night in a 31-21 loss to Novi.

Curtin ran for two touchdowns and threw for another after missing the last three games with an injury. He is one of three players to start at quarterback for the Highlanders this season.

"He did great," Howell coach Brian Lewis said. "He really had command of the offense. Levi made some good plays our offense needed."

Curtin threw only five passes, completing two for 13 yards and an 11-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Hamilton. That pass, with 41 seconds left in the third quarter, tied the game 21-21.

Novi (5-2) took the lead on a 2-yard touchdown run by Cole Shires with 6:31 left in the game and sealed the victory



Cappella with 1:44 remaining. A Howell fumble led to the field goal.

"We left some opportunities out

with a 33-yard field goal by Antonio there again," Lewis said. "It's kind of happening too many times where we're just leaving opportunities out there or we're making a mistake at a key mo-

ment. That's been our Achilles' heel all year. It was no different tonight."

Howell (3-4) opened the scoring on a 20-yard run by Curtin with 5:02 left in the first quarter. Novi quarterback Caleb Walker tied it on a 5-yard run with 35 seconds to go in the quarter.

Shires' 3-yard run gave Novi a 14-7 lead before Curtin tied it with a 3-yard run shortly before halftime.

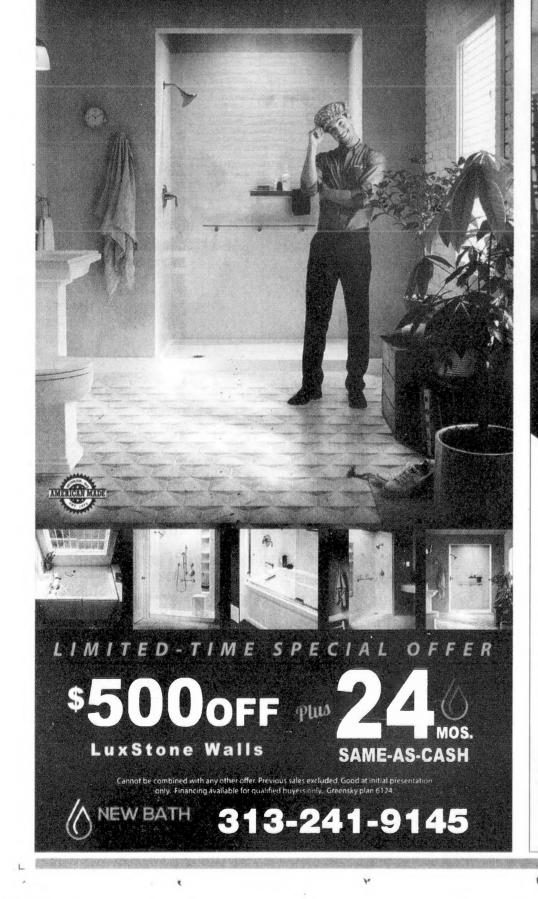
The Wildcats went back on top, 21-14, on a 13-yard pass from Walker to Andrew Kummer with 2:04 left in the third quarter. Howell quickly answered with Hamilton's touchdown catch.

Despite the loss, Howell had the type of ground attack it envisioned going into the season. Cole Quattlander ran 15 times for 117 yards, while Curtin ran 17 times for 98 yards.

Carter Kraft had 12 tackles, including a sack, to lead Howell's defense.

The Highlanders will host unbeaten Brighton at 7 p.m. Friday in the battle for the Little Brown Jug.





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## Northville football spoils Hartland homecoming

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HARTLAND — Hartland had momentum going into halftime, but the Eagles didn't have Joey Mattord.

Losing their star running back, the Eagles couldn't generate an attack Friday night during the second half of a 28-21 homecoming loss to Northville.

Mattord pulled up injured without having sustained contact during a Northville punt with 6:26 left in the first half. He had an ice bag on his right knee and didn't return to the game.

A team that has already lost reigning Livingston County Defensive Player of the Year Sam Clay to a season-ending injury hopes that Mattord's absence will be temporary as it tries chasing down a state playoff berth.

"They pulled him out," Hartland coach Brian Savage said. "Just a precaution, I think. He wasn't good enough to get back in there. We don't know obviously what it is. We'll get ready next week, find out and go from there.

"We've had the injury bug, but all that means is somebody else has to step in there. Some guys did that tonight. Jack Sargeant did pretty well getting thrown in there at tailback and playing both ways. He was playing corner, as well. He was a tired kid out there, but that's just what we've got to do."

Hartland fell behind 14-0 on Northville's first two possessions, but responded with 21 straight second-quarter points. Mattord scored on a 1-yard run with 9:42 left in the first half, Mitch Cavanaugh returned an interception for a touchdown 56 seconds later and Jaxson Wilson caught a 5-yard touchdown pass from James Butzier with 12.3 seconds left in the half.

"Our week of practice wasn't the same intensity as last week," Wilson said. "It got us down a little bit. We kind of thought maybe we had the game at half. I personally didn't, but maybe some people were thinking we had it. We didn't come out strong in the second half. They're a great team. They played a little harder, I guess, in those last final moments on that last drive. "We're gonna shake this one off and get ready for Canton next week. We're going to have to have a great week of practice like we did Howell week. That's what it takes. Monday through Thursday is when the games are won is what our coaches say."

Without Mattord in the second half, the Eagles never crossed into Northville territory.

The Mustangs, meanwhile, were able to move the ball against a strong Hartland defense. Caleb Moore scored on a 45-yard run to tie the game with 4:46 left in the third quarter.

On Northville's next drive, quarterback Luca Prior atoned for throwing the interception to Cavanaugh by scoring the winning touchdown on a 5-yard keeper with 7:59 remaining in the game.

"We fight through adversity," Prior said. "Coach (Matt) Ladach's message is to believe. We believe in each other, we believe in this team, we believe in this group. Everyone's got my back after that pick-six. I already know it. I need to pick myself up and go make a play. We made a lot of plays in the second half. It turned out really great for us. The defense picked us up big-time."

Hartland went for it on fourth-and-6 from its own 46-yard line, but Northville linebacker Cole Attanasio tackled Dylan Neuer for a 6-yard loss with 6:53 left in the game.

Hartland got one more opportunity to tie the game after Northville's Sam Wiest missed a 31-yard field goal attempt with 1:32 left. Evan Deak ended the Eagles' comeback hopes by intercepting a third-and-10 pass with 1:15 on the clock.

"They had all the momentum in the world going into halftime," Prior said. "We came out in the second half and stuck a dagger in them, and it turned out in our favor."

Northville improved to 6-1 to clinch a state playoff berth.

The Eagles, who had a three-game winning streak snapped, still have some heavy lifting ahead of them to secure a spot in the postseason. They face Canton next week before hosting a crossover game against an East Division opponent.





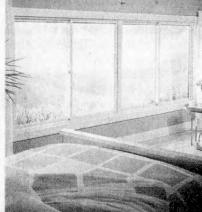


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## **Miss Volleyball nominee battling back into lineup**

#### **Brandon Folsom**

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#### Novi's serve went up.

Detroit Country Day's Olivia Grenadier got the dig to setter Paige Elliott, who went behind her back with the perfect touch pass to Laurece Abraham.

The senior slammed one down from the right side. Novi's Sarah Vellucci and Izzy Earley tried blocking it. But the kill had too much oomph behind it. The ball ultimately trickled to the floor, giving the secondranked Yellowjackets the match point during the deciding fifth set of their 3-2 comeback win over the Wildcats

You'd expect that kind of play from Abraham. The 6-foot-1 Yale commit is the sixth-best player in the state, according to PrepDig. She led her team to a state quarterfinal appearance in 2021. And she was recently named one of 10 finalists for the Michigan Miss Volleyball award.

But it's unlikely she'll win it.

Abraham fractured her right ankle in July, which sidelined her for most of the summer.

She played sparingly when the Yellowjackets' season began in August.

Coach Kim Lockhart only let Abraham play one or two rotations at first, mostly in serving and passing roles against smaller opponents. And then Abraham was slowly eased into additional rotations.

As of this writing, Abraham has played only seven games in the front row. She's traditionally a middle blocker. That's what she has played for Legacy Volleyball Club, and it's what she will play when she's in college. But the wear and tear of the position can be too much for someone recovering from a broken ankle.

To continue easing Abraham back into action, Lockhart will keep using her at the outside and right side positions.

So far that's been paying off for the Yellowjackets. Abraham was on the right side when she smoked the match point vs. Novi, which rosters a pair of her old Legacy teammates in Miss Volleyball nominee Sarah Vellucci (Long Beach State commit) and Ohio State commit Kaitlyn Hoffman. Yes, that's not her traditional position, but having her there certainly helps her team score points, especially against bigger schools.

"She's just so dynamic," said Lockhart, a ninth-year coach. "Since she had an injury at the beginning of the season, she's just kind of transferred back into the front row. We're keeping her on the pin right now. But we know that we can play her in the middle, or on the right. Eventually, our goal is to get her in the back row here before the season is over. Obviously, her blocking is phenomenal as well. She's probably one of the best blockers in the state, absolutely.

"But, to be honest with you, we might just be leaving her out there on the pin. We're going to use her everywhere."

While playing at full strength a year ago, Abraham totaled 44 aces, 100 blocks, 103 digs and 273 kills. She owns the school record for both the most kills and



Detroit Country Day's Laurece Abraham bumps the ball against Novi on Oct. 6. **BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM** 

most blocks in a single season, and she also owns the school record for most aces in one match (11).

She won't be posting anywhere close to those numbers in her fourth year on Country Day's varsity. So that might hurt her case to win Miss Volleyball. But she's still capable of leading the Yellowjackets to a D-2 state title, especially when she's fully healthy again.

"I'm slowly coming back," Abraham added. "It was a smooth transition back into the high school season. I feel like I started off just playing back row three rotations. Now I'm playing as if I were to be a middle, but I'm actually on the outside for three rotations. Once my ankle gets stronger, I'll be going a full rotation just like last year. It sucked being injured at first, especially all the summer games I had to sit and watch and cheer on my team."

Lockhart said Abraham has been a consummate leader, both on and off the court. Abraham is always encouraging to her teammates, which was evident against Novi. She cheered from the bench when her front-row rotations were over. And the Yellowjackets wound up fighting back from a 2-1 deficit to upset the Wildcats.

But Lockhart is also thankful for Abraham's ability to block and hit balls. The senior has a tremendous wing sping, which allows her to cover a lot of the net on defense. And she has the strength to smash undiggable balls over the net at any time.

"She's just so athletic and dynamic. She can swing with the best of them," Lockhart said. "She's been on the team since she was a freshman. I was feeling like I was the luckiest person in the world to have her go to this school, you know what I mean? Just her athleticism and her attitude just goes hand in hand. Everybody likes playing with her."

Following the injury, Abraham hasn't been taking her senior season for granted, even when it comes to the day-to-day monotony of practices and drills. She knows it's all helping the Yellowjackets reach their No. 1 goal of winning a state championship.

"I feel like I just want to give it my all and just leave this school with something to remember as both an athlete and a student," she said. "I just want to us become closer as a team as we go through the motions of all these tough matches. I feel like we've been scrapping way more than normal. We all want the outcome that we're all hoping for. It just starts off with playing teams like this (Novi). Starting off competitive. Continuously trying to control our side and not worrying about our opponent. I feel like when we focus on the fundamentals and all the things we've been working on in practice, it allows us to just execute in the games.

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## **Three observations from Northville** volleyball's 3-1 win over rival Novi

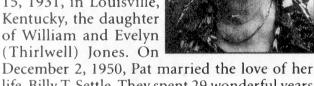
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#### Patricia "Pat" Ann Settle

**LUDINGTON** - Patricia "Pat" Ann (Jones) Settle, 91, of Ludington, formerly of Drummond Island and Milford, Michigan, passed away on October 3, 2022.

Pat was born May 15, 1931, in Louisville, Kentucky, the daughter of William and Evelyn



life, Billy T. Settle. They spent 29 wonderful years together until his passing in 1979.

Pat became a school secretary for Huron Valley Schools in Milford. She spent 25 years working for the school and retired in 1987. An avid reader, Pat dedicated her time to the Drummond Island Friends of the Library. She loved to challenge her mind by solving crossword and jigsaw puzzles. Swimming became a great joy of hers, it kept her healthy and active. Pat loved spending time in her cabin on Drummond Island.

Patricia is survived by her children: Kathleen (Thomas) McGill and Paul (Sue) Settle; grandchildren: Adam Settle, Bryan (Lisa) McGill, and Stacy Green; great grandchildren: Brooklyn Gingerich, Sienna McGill, Hannah McGill, and Tessa McGill.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Settle; son, Randy Settle; and infant daughter, Sandy Lea Settle.

Patricia will be laid to rest in the spring at Drummond Island Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Pat's honor can be made to the Drummond Island Friends of the Library or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Oak Grove Funeral Home of Ludington, www.oakgroveludington.com.



#### **Brandon Folsom**

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A 3-1 victory in Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West play gave the Northville volleyball team a one-game lead in the standings over Novi and sole possession of first place.

Sports reporter Brandon Folsom points out three observations he made during the rivalry match.

#### Delay of game on the referees

It's a good thing Don Wachowski was running the public-address system.

Novi's second-year athletic director played "Paradise City" by Guns N' Roses, an almost 7-minute song, and "Black Betty" by Ram Jam to stave off the crowd's boredom. That's how long it took the referees to sort out their mistake.

Early in the opening set, with Northville leading Novi just 11-8, the referees lost track of the Wildcats' rotation. Northville coach Sarah Lindstrom contested it. And it took 12 minutes before the issue was resolved.

Thanks to some shotty record keeping, plus some great back-and-forth play, that set lasted 48 minutes in all.

'It worked itself out, but I've never had that (a. 12-minute delay) in the history of my coaching," Lindstrom said.

The Wildcats stormed back to knot the score at 19. And then the two tied the score four more times before Sarah Vellucci tallied a point on a tip and then Northville sailed the match point out of bounds, giving Novi the 26-24 win.

"I think that, honestly, the delay was ridiculous," Novi coach Kaycie Byron said. "It's frustrating when we've been running the slide all season. I've been coaching for almost a decade. I know the lineups I put out there. I know how to put my girls out there. To say we were out of rotation was false.'

#### There was no hate in this rivalry game

The rivalry between Northville (26-2, 6-0) and Novi (13-8, 6-1) is one of the best in the sport.

Not only do both crowds and student sections show up in droves but often times the winner goes on to do something special in the KLAA tournament or playoffs.

Sure, the students in the stands can say some unruly things. And their posts on social media can poke the bear.

But there's no hate in this matchup.

Why?

That's because many of these players are teammates the other nine months of the year.

Both Lindstrom and Byron are coaches at Legacy Volleyball Club. And several girls from both teams have played for the two coaches at the club level. That includes both teams' Michigan Miss Volleyball nominees in Northville senior Abby Reck and Vellucci, Novi's star senior hitter.

"It's just awesome for our clubs," Byron said. "It's really exciting for me when you play against athletes that are in your club. When they show up and show out, it's a good feeling. Obviously, you want to win every game when you're on the other side of the net. But it's cool to see them doing their own thing. And you know them. You know their strengths. You know their weaknesses.

According to Prep Dig, Reck (Northeastern commit) and Vellucci (Long Beach State) are the fourth- and fifth-best players in Michigan, respectively.

At 6-foot-3, not too many girls can swing as hard as Reck, which she put on display when she wailed home the match point during the deciding 25-22 fourth set.

But Vellucci is a great player, too. She's a defensive specialist on the club circuit, and that's what she'll play in college. But because she's 6-foot tall, she plays outside hitter for the Wildcats. Her height is too valuable to Byron when it comes to blocking and hitting. So she's always playing out of position.

"I've been around her (Vellucci) a long time, and that kid is a libero in club," Lindstrom said. "She doesn't even hit in the front row. She's just one of the smartest players, and she's one of the most controlled players I've coached against and watched play. She's a really good kid."

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#### This match is just the first meeting

You'd think Northville taking care of Novi means it's all downhill for the Mustangs when it comes to sewing up the KLAA-West and winning a league title.

But it's not.

They beat the Wildcats in last year's division matchup but wound up losing to Novi in the KLAA tournament.

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Andrew Kummer caught six passes for 85 yards and one TD, Boden Fernsler had five catches for 76 yards and Luke Aurilia pulled down eight passes for 55 yards. Antonio Cappella made a 33-yard field goal. Colin Masterson led the defense with nine tackles, followed by Niko Krall with six and Shires with five (one for loss).

Northville 28,

#### Hartland 21 (KLAA-West)

QB Luca Prior iced the win with a 5yard rushing TD for the Mustangs (6-1, 5-1). Caleb Moore had a 45-yard rushing TD. Evan Deak pulled down a gameending interception.

Canton 52, Salem 17 (KLAA-West) **RB Devon Pettus rushed 15 times for** 169 yards and two TDs for the Chiefs

(2-5, 2-4). Caleb Williams added six rushes for 145 yards and three scores, while Joseph Najduk had five rushes for 130 yards and two scores. Canton rushed for 452 yards as a team.

QB Robert Ahlgren was 15 of 23 passing for 126 yards and one interception for the Rocks (0-7, 0-6). Robert Jones carried 27 times for 186 yards and two TDs, and Nick Mullin caught nine passes for 86 yards. Jaywan Thomas led the defense with seven tackles, followed by William Beaty and Zach Passmore

with six apiece. **Brighton 35,** 

#### **Plymouth 7 (KLAA-West)**

RB Nathan Gillick rushed 24 times for 121 yards and a 10-yard TD for the Wildcats (1-6, 1-5). Sam Plencner added 34 yards rushing. Luc Damiani led the defense with seven tackles (six solo, two for loss) and Cam Witt had six tackles (five solo) and one interception.

#### Livonia Churchill 69,

Wayne Memorial 28 (KLAA-East) The Chargers (2-5, 1-5) snapped a five-game losing streak thanks to Jonathan Lytle-Montgomery rushing 27 times for 423 yards and four TDs. QB Evan Snead was 2 of 3 passing for 92 yards and two TDs and also scored a rushing TD. David Amerson rushed eight times for 52 yards and two TDs, John Pallozzi caught a 62-yard TD pass and Jayden Allen made a 30-yard TD grab. Peyton Sitarski led the defense with six tackles (0.5 for loss), while Jacob Koziel had four tackles (one for loss) and Allen pulled down an interception.

RB Darnell Johnson rushed 16 times for 178 yards and one TD for the Zebras (0-7, 0-6). QB Demarus Bird was 10 of 19 passing for 246 yards and two TDs, while Dwayne Jones caught six passes for 205 yards and two scores. Jones totaled seven tackles (five solo) and recovered a fumble.

Livonia Franklin 22,

Alex Bowser added 15 and ArJon goal from Manake Watanabe. Carter Thompson had 13. Luke Alvarado caught two passes for 17 yards.

#### Dearborn 27, Westland John Glenn 14 (KLAA-East)

QB Nick Wetmore was 9 of 17 passing for 75 yards and a 19-yard TD pass to Connor LeCourt for the Rockets (2-5, 2-4). Damon Powers rushed 14 times for 47 yards and a 2-yard TD, Elliot Flake added 18 yards rushing and LeCourt finished with six receptions for 77 yards receiving. Powers and Caden Ingram led the defense with four tackles apiece, Tyler Radley, Rickey Smith, LeCourt and Wicker had three apiece and Wicker pulled down an interception.

#### **Lakes Valley Conference**

#### South Lyon 48, Walled Lake Northern 14 (LVC)

QB Braden Fracassi was 6 of 6 passing for 108 yards and three TDs for the Lions (6-1, 5-1). Tommy Donovan rushed six times for 104 yards and a TD, while Simeon Mardossian and Fracassi each scored TDs on the ground. Catching TD passes were Alex Stoyanovich, Ben Radley and Donovan. Luke Weaver and Wyatt Douglass led the defense with four tackles apiece, while Weaver also Hamilton pulled down an interception. Milford 38,

White Lake Lakeland's Mike Mahaney III breaks a tackle against South Lyon East on Oct. 7. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

#### Waterford Kettering 12 (LVC)

QB Ryan Allen threw two TD passes and rushed for another two for the Mavericks (4-3, 3-3). Peyton Chamberlain and Josh Tobias each caught TD passes, while Chamberlain also rushed for a score. Mason Stislicki made five extra points and a field goal, Wyatt Lesnew had 10 tackles (two for loss) and Owen Stark and Josh Parker each had interceptions.

#### Michigan Independent **Athletic Conference**

Harper Woods 55.

**Rochester 10,** 

yard TD.

**Bloomfield Hills 14 (OAA-White)** 

and finished 1-4 overall in the division.

The Black Hawks fell to 1-6 overall

**Birmingham Groves 6 (OAA-White)** 

DB Christopher Little pulled down

two interceptions, while Jackson Crane

recovered a fumble for the Falcons (4-3,

3-2). QB Cayden Hardy rushed for a 15-

Lutheran Westland 42, **Dearborn Advanced Tech 0** 

QB Noah Etnyre was 4 of 4 passing for 52 yards and two TDs and added sev-Western Wayne en rushes for 64 yards for the Warriors (5-2, 3-1). Nathan Klann and Aiden Sexton each caught TD passes. Micah Lavigne rushed five times for 20 yards and two TDs, Ben Wright rushed six times for 38 yards and a score and Mark Mc-Cormick added a rushing TD. McCormick led the defense with six tackles (one for loss), one sack and a fumble, while Tyler Scott had six tackles (one for loss) and James Bigelow added five had a sack and Ryan Henderson nabbed tackles (one for loss) (forfeit) (WWAC) The Eagles fell to 0-7 overall and 0-6

**Birmingham Seaholm 56, Berkley 0** QB Colton Kinnie rushed for a TD and threw another to Sean Emerson for the

Maples (7-0, 3-0). Emerson, Kyle Robbins, Jack Hulgrave, Will Rotger, Joey Lewand and Alex Smith each rushed for TDs. Emerson, Hulgrave and Grant Welch each pulled down interceptions.

#### Farmington 34, Ferndale 20

QB Dominic Pesci threw for 257 yards and two TDs for the Falcons (5-2, 2-1). Owen Matteson caught a 65-yard TD and Luke Donehue had a 33-yarder. Cam Pettaway rushed for three TDs.

#### Auburn Hills Avondale 27, **North Farmington 24**

RB PJ Gardner rushed for two TDs, including a 40-yarder, for the Raiders (2-5, 2-2). Ryan Shelby threw a TD pass to Daemon Eubanks.

### **Athletic Conference**

Garden City 22, Dearborn Heights Annapolis 16 (WWAC)

Kaden Williams, Owen McGraw and Nathan Wasil each rushed for TDs for the Cougars (4-3, 4-2). Charlie Mitton pulled down an interception and kicked a pair of extra points, while Emanuael James recovered a fumble.

**Romulus 2, Redford Thurston 0** 



#### Dearborn Fordson 14 (KLAA-East)

RB Cordell Mabins Jr. rushed 33 times for 301 vards and three TDs for the Patriots (7-0, 6-0). QB JD Bates was 14 of 16 passing for 148 yards, and Tyler Garrett caught eight passes for 97 yards. Domanic Lemon led the defense with three tackles (one for loss), while Garrett had an interception.

#### **Belleville 49**,

Livonia Stevenson 10 (KLAA-East) QB Zach Benaske was 8 of 11 passing for 71 yards and one 13-yard TD pass to Quinn Carrigan for the Spartans (3-4, 3-3). Jack Johnson rushed for 18 yards,

#### White Lake Lakeland 21, South Lyon East 10 (LVC)

an interception.

The Eagles (4-3, 4-3) blocked two punts, including Maxwell Thompson falling on one of them in the end zone. Mike Mahaney III rushed for a 1-yard TD, while Braxton Godin scored his first-career TD on a 13-yard reverse play. Grant Glosinger secured a game-ending interception.

QB Dominic Giovannini threw a 19yard TD pass to Jordan Newbill, while the Cougars (5-2, 4-2) got a 25-yard field

**Oakland Activities Association** in the league. **Redford Union 40,** 

**Melvindale 6 (WWAC)** QB Cory Chavis was 16 of 25 passing

for 247 yards and two TDs for the Panthers (7-0, 6-0). Chavis also scored one TD on the ground. Jamel Belcher II caught eight passes for 144 yards, Jeremiah Alston caught two passes for 54 yards and one TD and Kyren Ware had four receptions for 27 yards and one TD. Ware also returned a punt for a score. Twitter: @folsombrandonj.

### **Observations**

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There's a good chance these two squads will meet twice more: Once in the league tournament and again in the Division 1 district final.

"It's hard to beat a team three times," Byron said. "They got tonight, but it's going to be a lot harder for them here on out. I wouldn't be surprised if we came back swinging in the KLAA tournament like we did last time.... Novi volleyball is no one to sleep on."

Fortunately for the Mustangs, they're hosting the district tournament.

If Novi wants to make it back to regionals, it has to beat Northville on its own turf.

"Being able to push through this environment said a lot about us tonight," Lindstrom said. "We're going to be home for districts, which will be great. But I also think there is no team my team looks past.

"That first set (loss to Novi) was not because we came out cocky. That first set happened because Novi played well, and we couldn't handle them. But that gives us confidence knowing that this is a rivalry matchup, and that changes everything, but we learned we can handle it.'

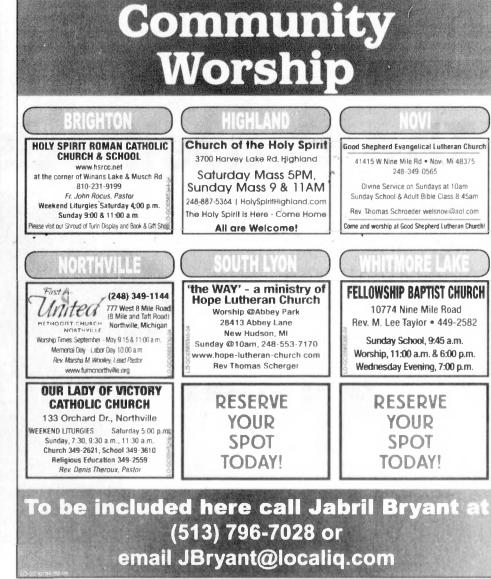
But the KLAA tournament and districts are weeks away.



Northville's Abby Reck bumps the ball. **BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM** 

Northville is just happy it snuck out of Novi with the win.

"The scariest team is a rivalry team that has a lot of hope and energy, and Kaycie is a friend of mine," Lindstrom added. "She always brings that in her kids, and you just saw them play some of their best volleyball, so I think those matchups are the hardest to get comfortable in. I think we knew on paper we are probably the better team. But we also know the best team doesn't always win. ... They did a really great job against us, and I'm just proud of our girls for hanging in there and not letting it get to their heads. They stayed calm and just played our game.



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