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## Northville begins process to find new city manager

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Northville has begun the process to find its next city manager.

Current manager Patrick Sullivan recently announced his plans to retire from the top administrative post in the

city after serving in the role the past 16 years. With several massive projects and issues facing the city in the future, Sullivan said it's crucial to begin seeking someone to serve the city in his role, including on an interim basis while a permanent search could take place.

"We have so many things going on right now that if we brought someone in

sooner, rather than later, it really could help me," Sullivan said.

The city council deliberated during a special meeting Oct. 25 at Northville City Hall. There, the council decided on a pair of tracks moving forward:

- Two council members, Marilyn Price and Andrew Krenz, will work with Sullivan in setting up a process to locate

interim city manager candidates, who will then be referred to the city council for a decision.

- Two other council members, John Carter and Barbara Moroski-Browne, will work with Sullivan in gathering information to select a search firm the city

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251-home  
development  
on 198 acres in  
Lyon Twp.  
arriving after  
17 years

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Interest rate hikes be damned.

Hours before the Federal Reserve hiked interest rates for the sixth time this year, Lombardo Homes received final approvals to move a 251-home development forward.

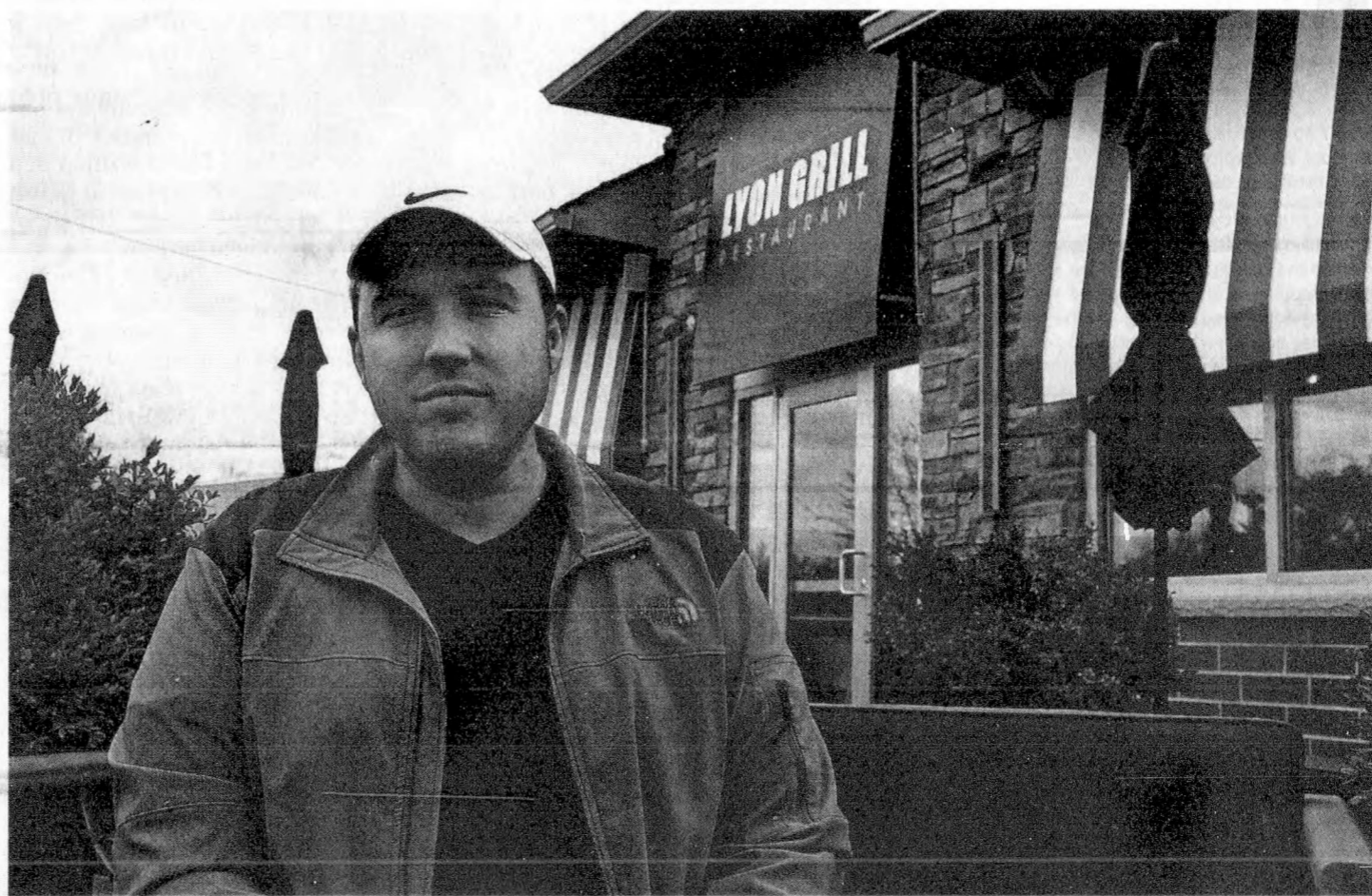
The requests, minor amendments to a final site plan, were granted by the Lyon Township Board Nov. 1, 17 years after the development first received the go-ahead.

Trustee Kristofer Enlow, who has been on the board since 2010, was the sole dissenting vote, expressing discomfort about approving a project he had never heard of before. The planned development on 198 acres, now being called Summerlin, has been dormant since it was first approved in 2005 as Elkow Farms. The property is located at the northwest corner of 11 Mile and South Hill roads.

"It would be beneficial to have the original approved PD to see what has changed," Enlow said. "These plans look brand new. With all these PDs in the past, (developers) had come back for extensions."

Engineer Leslie Zawada explained that the Summerlin planned development is part of the much larger PD that includes the Heights of Elkow and Crystal Creek South subdivisions as well as farm property that weren't required to do extensions as they were

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Chef Valentino Palushaj on the new patio at the Lyon Grill. The Lyon Township restaurant recently completed a major addition to its outdoor dining component. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Longtime Lyon Township restaurant  
completes massive patio expansion

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Chef Valentino Palushaj wouldn't blame you if you thought the Lyon Grill's patio wasn't up to snuff in recent years. But if you haven't stopped by the restaurant on Pontiac Trail north of Eight Mile in recent weeks, he invites you to do so.

He said you'll be pleasantly surprised at what you see.

"Everything is brand-new, all the way down to the footings," he said. "We did a ton."

The longtime Lyon Township restaurant recently completed a several-month project redoing and expanding the outdoor dining area. Gone is the small area enclosed with a wooden lattice fence; the patio, now triple the previous size sports new tables, new flooring and a new brick enclosure.

For those who dine in the later hours, a new fireplace can be lit, as well as torches that line the outer brick fence.

"At nighttime, we have every single torch lit up," he said. "It is so magical here, honestly."

Work began in May and wrapped up in September. In addition to the new

patio, the restaurant also added a new covering at its entrance, new awnings with branding and an improved parking lot.

The patio is aimed for use during the warmer months of the year and not through the winter right now, though Palushaj said a covering could eventually come to shield diners from rain in the future.

Outdoor dining has become a popular option in the years following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. For a while, it was the only way to dine at a

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# New roundabout intersection opens south of Brighton

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GREEN OAK TWP. – A busy intersection south of Brighton has reopened with a new single-lane roundabout.

The intersection of Rickett and Winans Lake roads, located south of Brighton near the Legacy Center Sports Complex and U.S. 23, has been closed for construction for several months. The long closure resulted in traffic shifts for thousands of motorists.

The Livingston County Road Commission announced the new roundabout is open to traffic Friday.

The intersection previously had a stop sign on Rickett Road; traffic on Winans Lake Road had the right of way. The road commission and Green Oak Township funded the project by a 50/50 split, budgeting \$1.65 million.

The township has a road improvement agreement with several developers in the area to share part of the township's portion of the cost.

About 11,560 vehicles use Winans Lake Road daily, and about 4,590 travel on Rickett Road, according to the road commission.

In addition to being a route to U.S. 23, the intersection serves traffic to the sport complex and several subdivisions in the growing area, which is slated to see more residential and commercial development.

The project got pushed up a year because of the Michigan Department of Transportation's upcoming extension of the U.S. 23 Flex Route from south of M-36 to Interstate 96, which is set to begin next spring, earlier than MDOT originally planned.



Work has finished on a roundabout at the intersection of Rickett and Winans Lake roads. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

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# Police evacuate South Lyon High students after yet another threat

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Students were evacuated from South Lyon High School after a bomb threat was found at about 9:15 a.m. Thursday.

They were moved to a "safe zone" where they remained until a room-by-room search of the building was completed by Oakland County Sheriff's Office deputies and bomb-sniffing K-9 units, the Michigan State Police and the West Bloomfield Police Department. At least 15 deputies took part in the search, according to an OCSO press release.

Students returned to their classrooms in the early afternoon after the threat was deemed not credible.

"I have said time and time again, every threat is a crime whether or not someone intends to

carry it out," Sheriff Michael Bouchard said. "Every threat will be fully investigated. And, every person who makes any type of threat, we will seek to hold them fully accountable. I cannot stress enough, that parents need to talk to their children."

This is the fifth time a threat has been made in the district in less than a month, and the second threat just this week.

Superintendent Steve Archibald notified families in an email on Oct. 31 that a message had been found written in a first floor commons bathroom at South Lyon High School that read, "I will shoot this school up today IDFC."

Students were returned to, or kept in their fourth hour class while sheriff's deputies conducted a room-by-room search. Nothing was found.

On Oct. 25, a school shooting threat was left on a bathroom wall, in which a claim was made, "Gonna shoot the school up today."

On Oct. 27, a bomb threat was made

at South Lyon East High School. According to an email sent by Principal Karen Fisher to families, OCSO deputies responded to the school at the end of the day after a staff member found the message "bomb today at 1:00" written in a girls' bathroom. Remaining staff and students were asked to leave the building and a K-9 sweep of the facility was conducted, with nothing found.

The first threat of the month came Oct. 4 at South Lyon East High School, when a message 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."

Two days later, a 15-year-old Wixom boy who was a sophomore at the school was charged in the incident. He was ordered confined to his Wixom home where he must wear an electronic tether and is prohibited from using social media and is to be monitored by his parents. His case is pending in Juvenile Court.

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South Lyon High School was the site of a bomb threat Nov. 3. FILE

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Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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# Still Reaching Higher

Program celebrates 25 years, changing thousands of lives

Patricia Alvord

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SOUTH LYON — McKenzie Roe, now 23, was just 14 when her brother, Ryan Roe, then 33, took his life Aug. 20, 2014.

"I thought, 'Oh my God. What the heck?' You hear about things like this happening, but you don't think it will ever happen to you," Roe said. "That was super tough."

Her brother took his life just a year after their parents got divorced.

"Unfortunately, divorce is very common. At the time, it was very very difficult. It was tough," Roe said. "(The loss) had been only a year since my parents splitting up. Just very tumultuous times in the beginning stages of high school, so that was tough."

"(After his suicide) I think I just lost my passion that once fueled who I was and I was just an angry girl," she said. "I felt like I was such a goal setter and I lost that in my grief."

She said she was too young at the time to understand what happened and struggled for a long time after that, making bad decisions, not working hard in school and generally feeling angry. Then in the spring of 2015, her sophomore year, she discovered Reaching Higher, a character-building youth leadership program now celebrating 25 years.

She credits the organization with changing her life.

"It was so wonderful. My mom and my dad said, too, during that time. You could just see the difference in me in those eight weeks and I don't even think I fully realized it until well after, but they are just such wonderful people. Being around that positive energy, in turn, makes you more positive," Roe said.

## How it started

Reaching Higher founder Susie Dahlmann taught elementary school at Walled Lake. One day in 1979, while driving to school, a semitruck pulled out in front of her just after she had just dropped her daughter off at the babysitter and she didn't have her seatbelt on.

"I went through the windshield of my car. I was in a coma for nine hours, but when I woke up they told me I was severely brain damaged," Dahlmann said.

Yet a month after the crash she went back to school. "After that, things were really difficult to me. It took me awhile," Dahlmann said.

She tried everything she could to build her strength, including eating clean, running and meditation. Later, she started taking Dale Carnegie classes, to help with her confidence.

"It was amazing. My teacher loved me. She called me sunshine and I bloomed, and I blossomed. I just felt a lot more confident and I mentored after that for a long time," Dahlmann said.

Driving home one night, she said she felt God speak to her and tell her to put together a class and teach Carnegie classes.

"(The class) changed my life so much. I wanted to help other people," Dahlmann said.

In January 1997, she began to teach Carnegie classes with Diane Dorcay.

"I decided then, every child deserves to feel good about themselves and I wanted to be a Dale Carnegie teacher," Dahlmann said.

During a meditation retreat in upstate New York, Dahlmann said she again felt God speak to her.

"One day I was on the beach and I laid back and I saw a hand reach up into heaven and it said higher, reaching higher, bring my love to the children. I realized after a month that God had a calling on my life to help the children," she said.

Dahlmann and Linda Hanniford started the Reaching Higher program started shortly after that and the program will mark 25 years Nov. 12.

Once a week, across Livingston and Washtenaw counties, students meet in groups of about 20 during their school day for eight weeks and discuss a variety of leadership topics and techniques, with the help of facilitators and mentors.

"I've seen multiple students benefit from Reaching Higher," Centennial Middle School Administrative Intern David Morrow said. "I think the biggest difference



Chris Schild, left, and Marisol McCormick, facilitators of the Reaching Higher Leadership Program, talk about dealing with stress to a group of students at South Lyon Community Schools' Centennial Middle School on Oct. 19.

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is the confidence in being vulnerable. We've had students that started out Reaching Higher and could barely finish the class because they were in tears in the hallway and they didn't want to return into the room.

"Five, six weeks later, those are the same students that are sharing about some of the most challenging parts of their life, so it's pretty amazing to see the healing happening right in front of your eyes."

Offering classes to children and adults, the leaders say Reaching Higher has touched 10,000 lives in the last 25 years.

"Reaching Higher made me passionate about leadership and professional development. I've grown more personally and professionally," program Director of Strategy Troy Weidman said.

Among those crediting the program is Kennedy Industries President Mark Hemeyer, who has been a mentor numerous times.

"It was probably the scariest moment in my life," Hemeyer said of becoming a mentor.

Each week, he would write his kids postcards and they would be so excited.

"I couldn't believe the impact a postcard can make," Hemeyer said.

From that first class, he was hooked. Hemeyer continued to mentor, including for four adult classes at Kennedy Industries.

"We have a need here," Hemeyer said. "It's nice see your coworkers as more than that."

## Tragedy strikes again

Roe found that while the classes were helpful as a teen, they continued to provide her support as an adult.

Following graduation from South Lyon High School, Roe went on to Ball State University, but only stayed a short time.

"I felt like a failure," Roe said.

During the spring semester after leaving BSU, she went to Washtenaw Community College and later transferred to Michigan State University in fall of 2018. In October 2018, her dad was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer.

Around the same time, her brother Parker Roe, 24, was getting ready to enter the Marine Corps. Her dad was given 12 to 18 months to live, but he survived only nine months and passed away July 1, 2019. Following his death, Roe admits she was again angry, sad, depressed and lost.

"Grief is a constant journey. You learn to grow around your grief," she said.

In August 2019, her junior year at MSU, she joined Phi Gamma Nu, calling it the best thing that could have happened to her. She later became the vice president of external affairs.

Over those two years, she fell back on what Reaching Higher taught her. She also enjoyed the support of her roommates, friends, fraternity and family.

"They have quite literally saved my life and reignited the fire in my heart," Roe said. "They believed in me when I didn't believe in myself," Roe said.

# Wayne County home prices drop in September, Oakland County homes flat

Mike Stucka and Sean Lahman

USA TODAY NETWORK

A typical Wayne County home listed for \$149,937 in September, down 3.3% from the previous month's \$155,000, an analysis of data from Realtor.com shows.

The median list home price in September was down about 6.3% from September 2021. Wayne County's median home was 1,248 square feet for a listed price of \$123 per square foot.

The Wayne County market was busy, with a median 43 days on market. A month earlier, homes had a median 38 days on market.

The market added 2,696 new home listings in September, compared with the 2,654 added in September 2021. The market ended the month with some 4,130 listings of homes for sale.

The median home prices issued by Realtor.com may exclude much, or even most, of a market's homes.

The price and volume represent only homes that are single-family homes, condominiums or townhomes. They include existing homes, but exclude most new construction as well as pending and contingent sales.

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## Oakland County home prices rise 0% to \$400,000

Oakland County's home prices rose slightly, to a median \$400,000, from a month earlier. The typical house was on the market for 38 days, from 31 days a month earlier. The typical 1,971-square-foot house had a list price of \$207 per square foot.

Across metro Detroit, median home prices fell to \$263,800, down 3% from a month earlier. The median home had 1,521 square feet, at a list price of \$171 per square foot.

Across all of Michigan, median home prices were \$269,900, falling 1.8% from a month earlier. The median Michigan home for sale had 1,618 square feet at list price of \$163 per square foot.

Across the United States, median home prices were \$427,250, down 1.3% from a month earlier. The median American home for sale had 1,875 square feet, listed at \$220 per square foot.

The median home list price — the midway point of all the houses or units listed over a period of time — is used more often in this report instead of the average home list price because experts say the median offers a more accurate view of what's happening in a market. In finding the average price, all prices of homes listed are added and then divided by the number of homes sold. This measure can be skewed by one low or high price.

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## Patio

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restaurant. Since the pandemic began, restaurants have sought ways to attract customers who want to dine outside a chance to do so. It's something, Palushaj said, customers also want due to Michigan's geography.

"People just love to sit outside," he said. "You know, I think we're cooped up enough indoors throughout all the bad weather we have in Michigan. People just like to sit outside."

Despite the massive changes outside, the restaurant's main attraction — the food — remains the same. Describing itself as being slightly more upscale but casual American cuisine, guests still

come for the dishes Palushaj and his team create. A menu can be found at [lyongrill.com](http://lyongrill.com).

He said he looked very carefully at how the patio would go with the feeling and food the restaurant offers, with every detail being well thought out beforehand to give the customer the best experience possible.

"I think I look at it more closely than a construction person," he said. "When you're a chef, attention to detail is so important. And I'm talking about even the minute differentiations on a plating, are so important."

"In design and in building, attention to detail is everything. Little details are what make something great."

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New tables, chairs and a fireplace now adorn the patio of the Lyon Grill, which recently reopened its outdoor seating area. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Process

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will use to locate a full-time city manager.

The search for the interim manager will come back to the city council, who will need to be the body to make the decision on reviewing the applications and making a selection.

"Decisions won't be made and they are not going to screen those candidates," Mayor Brian Turnbull said.

"They are there to assist our city manager with input on the process."

Sullivan began as Northville's city manager in 2006, having previously worked as superintendent in St. Clair, the village manager and clerk of Beverly Hill, the manager of the Village of New Haven; and also the township clerk of Lenox Township. His retirement takes effect in early January.

His retirement comes as several projects continue to work their way through the city, including the massive Northville Downs reconstruction project the planning commission sent to the city

council after months of review.

Turnbull said because of all the projects the city's facing, the hope is an interim manager can be in place before the end of the year in order to work with Sullivan in a transitional role. From there, he said he's hopeful a firm could be selected to assist in the search could be identified sometime in January.

Northville's current place in history was something former councilwoman and current city resident Nancy Darga said during the meeting. Darga, who said she was on council when Sullivan was appointed city manager, said she

hoped the city council would prepare for issues, especially as several outstanding grants and other issues currently faced the city in the coming months.

"We already have many challenges the city's facing that are very very time sensitive and we have grants pending on these time sensitive issues," she said. "Many major developments and we also have some (Requests for Proposals) that we have bids on and we have pending grants that we have to proceed with certain criteria in order to make their obligations."

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## Development

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actively being built.

The nearly 200-acre parcel that the Summerlin homes will be built upon is the last piece of the original planned development property, Zawada said, adding that it is also how the township ended up with the Milford park site and land that went into a conservation easement.

Township Planner Brian Keesey said the project rings true to the original concept and is in line with what was originally conceived. There is one fewer

house than originally approved due to an existing home on the property being retained on South Hill Road. All woodlands and wetlands proposed to be retained in the original plan are being preserved.

Highlights of that plan include paving of Eleven Mile Road from Milford Road east to South Hill Road; streetscape improvements and bike path on the north side of Eleven Mile Road adjacent to the parcel and on the west side of South Hill Road abutting the parcel; installation of public sewer and water facilities; creation of a large lake; and installation of a pathway system including the connection of the parcel to what is now referred to as the 11 Mile Park.

Six Rivers Conservancy must still approve the final layout for connection of the pathway to properties to the west.

Minor amendments to the final site plan approved by the board include requiring street lights at two entrances on 11 Mile Road and at one entrance on 12 Mile Road; changes to lot size that do not affect density; and changes to roof pitch and home façade materials to meet current market trends.

Jennifer Thomas, director of land development for Lombardo Homes, agreed it has been a long time frame between when the planned development was first approved and it finally coming to fruition.

"Sometimes they happen in a couple

years, and sometimes it's the length of time we see right now," she said. "We just enjoy working in Lyon Township and we're looking forward to continuing working there."

Thomas said the two-story and ranch-style homes similar to what is in Crystal Creek South and Windridge subdivisions will start in the \$500,000 range and will be constructed in five phases, about 50 homes per year.

Groundbreaking is likely to occur by next fall, following engineering approval and coordination with the Road Commission for Oakland County on the paving of a 1-mile stretch of 11 Mile Road.

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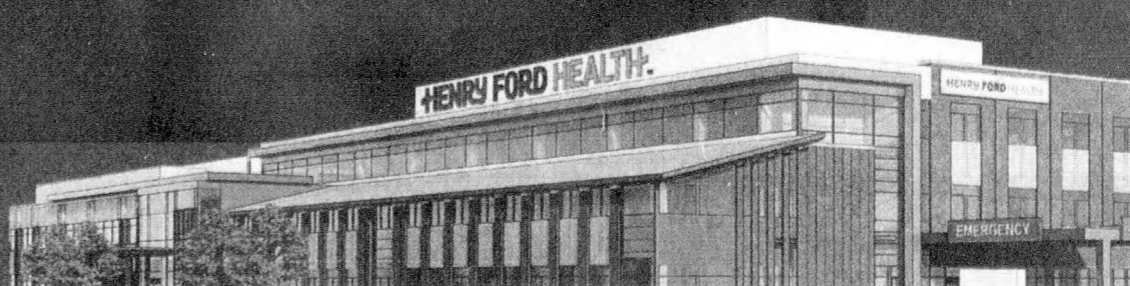
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Insert numbers 1-9 in each box with every row, column and 3x3 box containing the digits just once. Difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest) **RATING: SILVER**

## TODAY'S ANSWER

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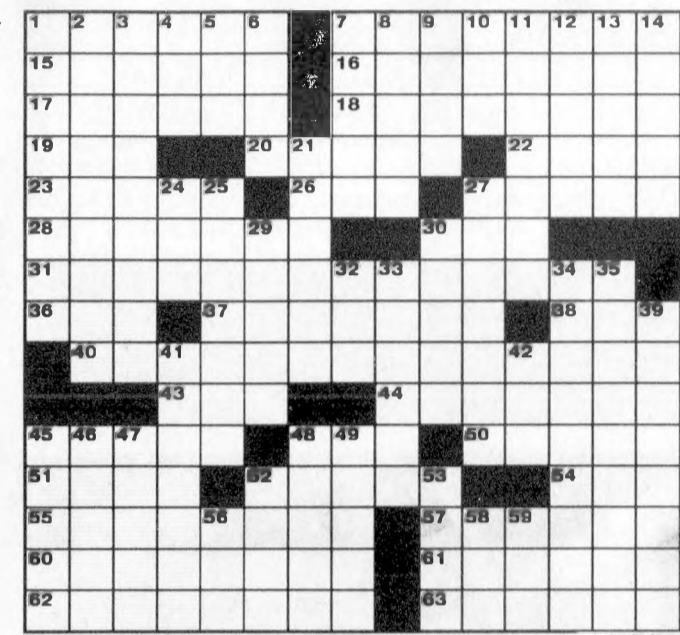
## ACROSS

- 1 Not very quick
- 7 Be persnickety
- 15 Didn't go straight
- 16 Work for yourself?
- 17 Was in circulation
- 18 Bierce's "despair, disguised as a virtue"
- 19 DC soccer venue for the Atlanta Olympics
- 20 Target area
- 22 Much, with "of"
- 23 Foremost
- 26 Beef that's not prime
- 27 Address in M\*A\*S\*H scripts
- 28 The Epsom HX-20s (1980) were the first of them
- 30 Serious profession
- 31 Mystic contemplation of one's navel
- 36 Very slight
- 37 One standing near the conductor
- 38 Antonym of "prince"
- 40 Handler of fried eggs
- 43 Edible you should dispense with
- 44 Guy of verse "whose beard with age is hoar"
- 45 Manual alternative to a food processor
- 48 Get behind
- 50 Shade from the Latin for "mole"
- 51 What you hope will come out in the wash
- 52 Capital city closest to the equator
- 54 Competitive pair that finally got together in NW Utah

- 55 Helper on Admiral Byrd's Antarctic expeditions
- 57 Common oatmeal additive
- 60 What many MD offices require
- 61 Early entrant into the game console business
- 62 Don't mention it
- 63 Needing nothing more

- 9 Se creuser la \_\_\_\_ (think really hard Fr.)
- 10 Meter leader
- 11 Seasonal fishing tools
- 12 Hit in the wallet
- 13 Coveted Art Deco knight
- 14 Yuletide sextet
- 21 It's just under a foot
- 24 Ultimate power of science
- 25 Partner for a 27 Down
- 27 Red White & Blueberry limited edition (summer 2022)
- 29 Fall over in elation
- 30 Ride for a tour of Rome
- 32 Green stuff for greens
- 33 It's inevitable
- 34 Monitor monitors

- 35 It's less than usual
- 39 Refuses to even think about
- 41 Drive, for example
- 42 Participante de reunión familiar
- 45 They're hardly hard-fought
- 46 It has the most acreage of Forest Service land
- 47 What program notes provide
- 48 Top
- 49 Ryder's mom in Edward Scissorhands
- 52 Moment of a monologue
- 53 Swimmer in every ocean
- 56 PD data
- 58 Dot-com bubble beneficiary (for a while)
- 59 It's not good

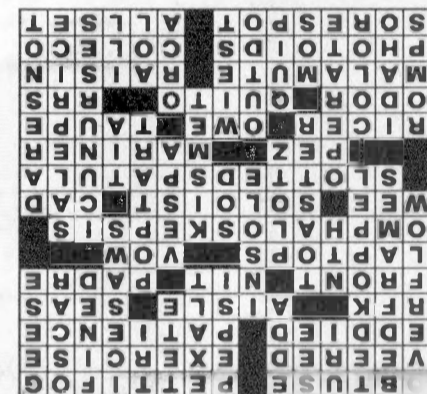


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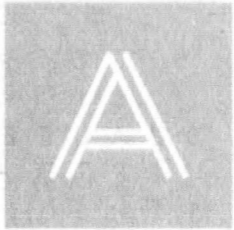
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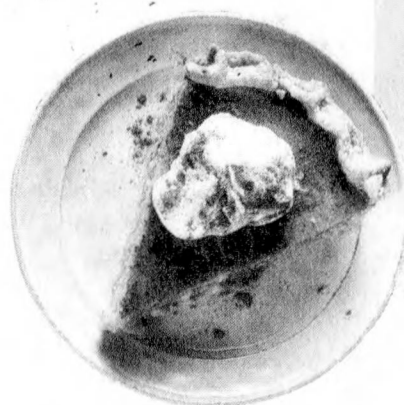


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## SPORTS

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## Northville boys win first title

Kirkland Crawford

Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Wyoming Potter's House was first to the finish ... and second ... and third.

Buoyed by a historic 1-2-3 finish by Lezawe "Moses" Osterink, Logan Swiney and Jackson Rodriguez, the Pumas

won their first state cross-country title in only their fourth year as a program. With Ian Palacios (seventh) and Noah Finton (22nd) adding all-state finishes for placing in the top 30, Potter's House scored a Division 4-record low total of 35 points, the third-best score in any class in the history of racing at Michigan International Speedway.

## Division 4 girls

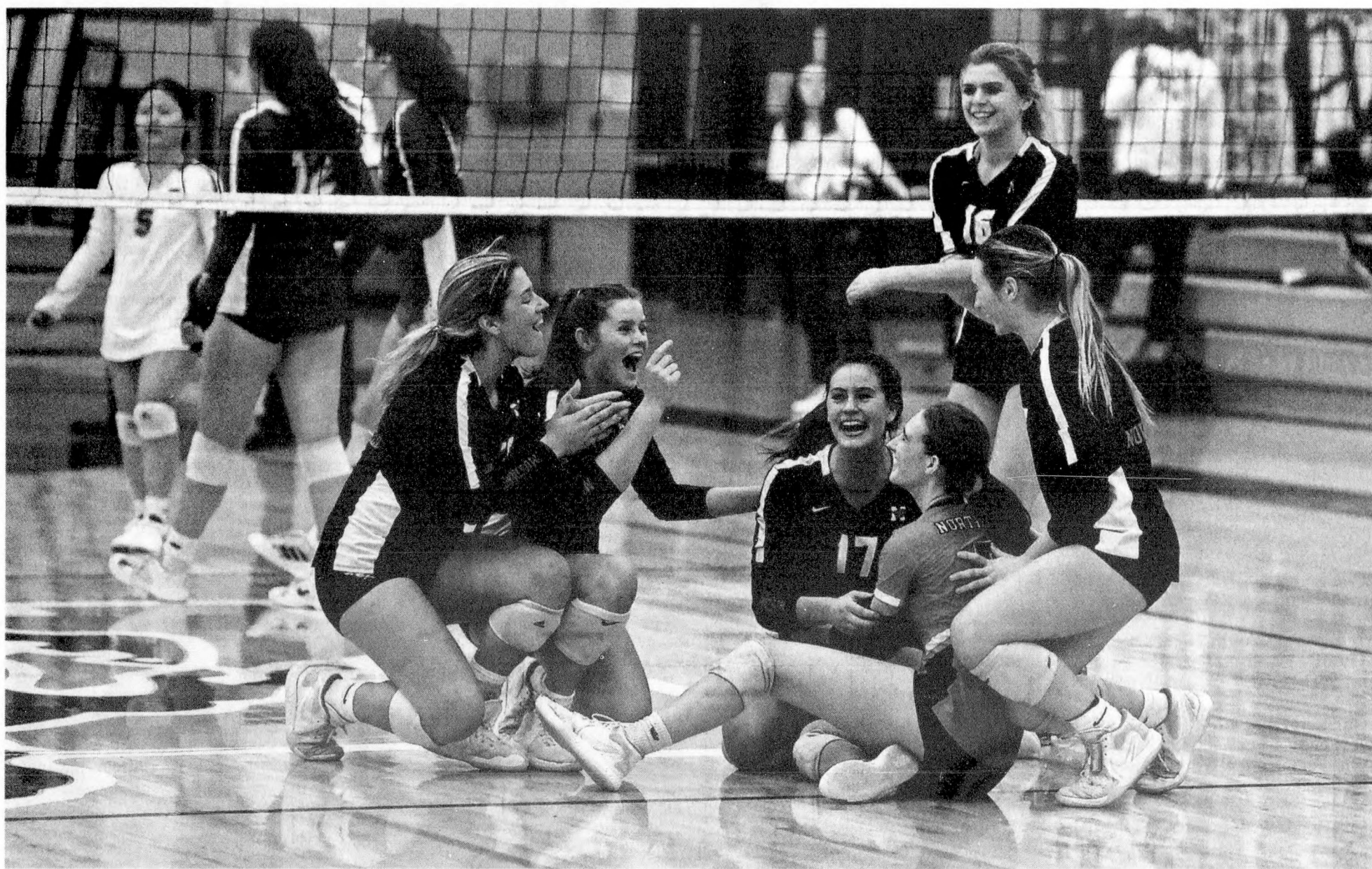
Johannesburg-Lewiston had never won a state championship in any sport until the Cardinal girls broke through on Saturday. With individual finishes in the top 10 by Allie Nowak (third) and Yolanda Gascho (seventh), Johannesburg-

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Northville celebrates its first state title in boys cross country. The Mustangs had three all-state runners: Brendan Herger, Brady Heron and Ethan Powell.

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Northville celebrates winning the Division 1 volleyball district final Nov. 3. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## How Anna Wilds' sacrifice helped Northville volleyball win districts

Brandon Folsom

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It was probably the most excited Northville volleyball coach Sarah Lindstrom had looked all night.

Which was saying something because the second-year coach had just finished hoisting the Division 1 district

championship trophy following the Mustangs' 3-0 win Nov. 3 over rival Novi.

"You know what?" Lindstrom said while clapping her hands. "I love that you've asked me about her, and I love that I get to talk about her."

Who's her?

That would be Anna Wilds.

Lindstrom had the senior penciled in

as the starting setter entering this fall. However, sophomore Ella Craggs unseated Wilds for that starting job.

Instead of pouting about it, Wilds shifted her attention to being the best role player she could be for the Mustangs.

"I said to her, 'Listen, you might be going back in as a serving specialist, but you'll get the chance to set and open up

Ella to be a hitting option,' and she never questioned me once," Lindstrom said. "She's calm. She's controlled. She is a fantastic teammate. I trust that girl on the end line more than anybody else on this team. Her serving percentage. Her ability to ace. They (Novi) tried to pick on her, and she dug every ball that came

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## Our high school football picks for Round 3 of playoffs

Brandon Folsom

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom picks the winners for the Round 3 playoff matchups this week around the Hometown Life region. He went 4-3 picking games last week and is 51-17 on the season.

## Detroit Catholic Central (8-2) at Belleville (11-0), 1 p.m. Saturday

Belleville is the undisputed No. 1 team in Michigan. There's no questioning that fact. Unless you want to get laughed out of the room, of course. Yet the Shamrocks have a chance to upset the Tigers.

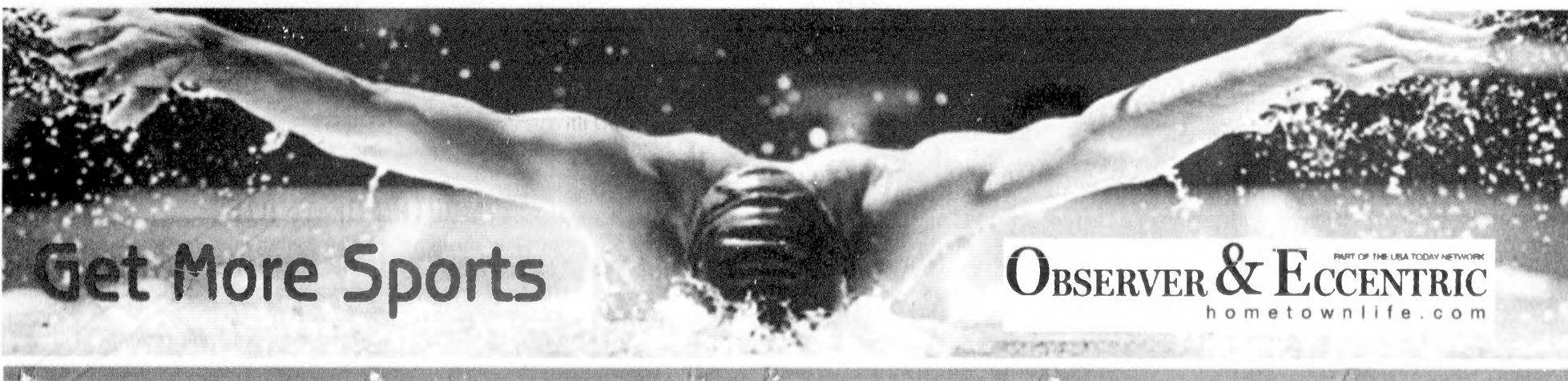
Belleville is currently under investi-

gation for violating the Michigan High School Athletics Association's undue influence rule. What's that mean? Basically, they were accused of recruiting a player. Coach Jermain Crowell has since been suspended and has not coached in either of Belleville's playoff games while the school investigates the issue.

What does this have to do with Detroit Catholic Central? Who knows

when the MHSAA is going to swing its gavel on the Tigers and who knows what sanctions are headed their way? But should they get the ban hammer, you could see a shorthanded Belleville squad against CC. Or if Crowell is still banned from coaching, that kind of off-the-field distraction could give the

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# Cass Tech avenges loss, prevails in district final

**Brad Emons**

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Detroit Cass Tech got an early jump on Daylight Saving Time in the Michigan high school football playoffs.

The Technicians evoked shades of state title runs in 2011, 2012 and 2016 as they turned back the clock with a 25-14 victory Saturday afternoon over host Southfield A&T in a Division 1 district final to avenge a season-opening 56-54 loss.

Cass Tech (8-3), coming off a convincing upset of West Bloomfield in the opening round, took the district crown with a ball-control offense and stingy second-half defense to face unbeaten Macomb Dakota (11-0) for the Region 4 championship next week.

Cass Tech was able to move the chains during the final two quarters and held dual-threat junior quarterback Isaiah Marshall in check as the Warriors managed just 15 total yards over the final 24 minutes.

Leading 14-13, Southfield (8-3) gambled and got stuffed on a fourth-and-5 attempt at its own 44 early in the third quarter, and Cass took advantage of the field position with senior quarterback LeeShaun Mumpfield going 15 yards for the go-ahead TD to make it 19-14 with 4:34 to go in the third.

An ensuing squib kick started Cass Tech at the Southfield 48; eight plays later, Sean Hodges (20 carries for 85



Cass Tech quarterback LeeShaun Mumpfield looks to pass against Southfield A&T during the first half Saturday at Southfield A&T High School.

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Southfield A&T quarterback Isaiah Marshall (8) runs against Cass Tech during the first half of a district championship game Nov. 5 at Southfield A&T High School in Southfield.

yards) scored on a 3-yard run to put the Technicians up 25-14 with 11:54 to go in the game.

With wind gusts reaching 25 mph, both teams stayed mostly on the ground in the opening half with Southfield ahead by one.

Marshall started the scoring as he led a seven-play, 63-yard drive culminating in a 22-yard QB keeper with 7:48 left in

the first quarter.

But Cass Tech answered on its second possession (after starting with a three-and-out) when Mumpfield capped a 10-play, 69-yard drive with a 5-yard keeper with 1:42 to go in the first.

A 63-yard TD run by Marshall was nullified by a holding call; following a Southfield 15-yard punt, the Technicians took a 13-7 lead with 10:30 remain-

ing in the first half on Mumpfield's 30-yard TD pass to Elijah Jordan. Helping the cause was a short 15-yard Southfield punt.

But the Warriors answered with a 10-play, 80-yard driving capped by a Marshall TD from 4 yards out with 2:49 left in the half to put Southfield back on top 14-13.

## Round 3

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Shamrocks an edge as they attempt to upset Goliath.

Straight-up? This is probably a Belleville win. But should the investigation get resolved this week, that could help CC on the field.

**Folsom's pick:** Belleville 36, Detroit Catholic Central 14.

**Birmingham Groves (8-3) at Livonia Franklin (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday**

Outside of the Patriots' Week 8 loss to Belleville, this week should be the most physical game it'll play in all season.

Birmingham Groves knows how to hit.

The Falcons' defense flew to the ball, got helmets on the ball carriers and made life an absolute nightmare for Birmingham Seaholm's offense in Round 2. They had no problem posting a shutout in the second half, securing four turnovers and helping its offense score 26 unanswered points.

Fortunately for Livonia Franklin, it has some bruisers, too. Owen Hawley, anyone? But it cannot underestimate how physically tough this matchup will be.

Like the Patriots, Groves enters battle-tested thanks to playing some of the best competition in metro Detroit in the Oakland Activities Association-White. Facing dynamic players such as Southfield A&T three-star QB Isaiah Marshall and Harper Woods four-star athlete Jacob Oden is only going to prepare the Falcons for the likes of Cordell Mabins Jr., Tyler Garrett, Dominic Simpson, Drew Kelbert and JD Bates.

This should be an absolute fistfight.

**Folsom's pick:** Livonia Franklin 21, Birmingham Groves 17.

**Brother Rice (5-5) at Detroit King (7-3) (Time/date still TBD)**

Many coaches around the state have been grumbling about Brother Rice. I know because I've heard from a few of them via text messages over the past two weeks.

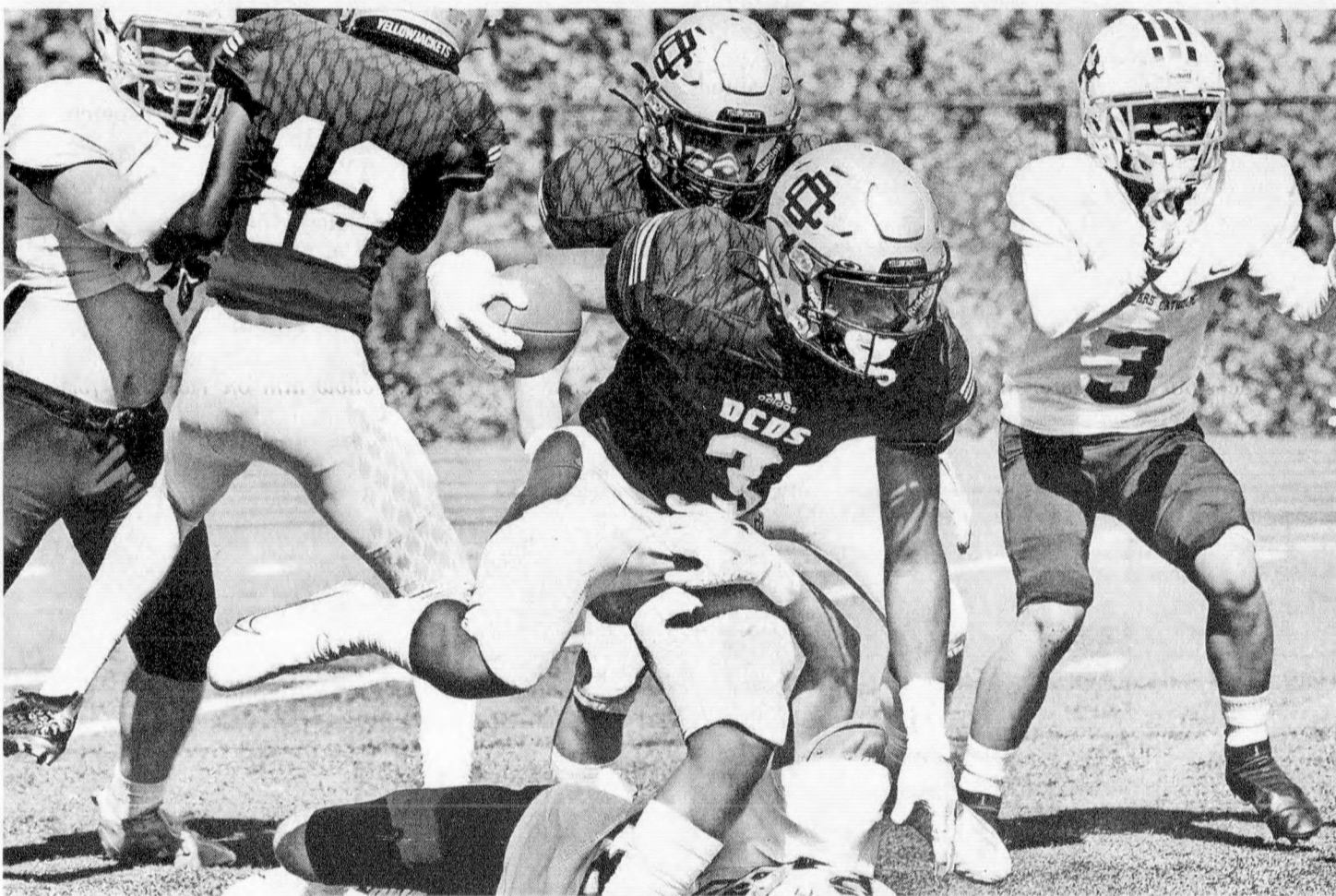
The Warriors got into the playoffs with just three wins. And a handful of teams that reached the six-win mark did not make it in.

Well, the Warriors are tired of hearing about it. They feel they deserve to be dancing with the rest of the top teams in Michigan. Especially after they upset Walled Lake Western in Round 2.

"Of all that Brother Rice football represents, a willingness to play the best this state offers is at its core!" coach Adam Korzeniewski wrote on Twitter over the weekend. "Every regular season opponent — EVERY — made the playoffs with six of them alive, well, and competing for a regional championship next week! We don't get the choice to hide!"

Brother Rice's official football team accounted also tweeted: "Wrote us off, but we didn't write back."

The Warriors have a chance to con-



Detroit Country Day's Chase Dawkins returns a kickoff against Flint Powers Catholic on Oct. 1.

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Birmingham Groves' Jackson Crane rushes the ball Nov. 4 at Birmingham Seaholm.

tinue their Cinderella story by upsetting Detroit King this week. But let's remind everyone that the Crusaders, one, have five-star QB and Oregon commit Dante Moore, two, were supposed to be in Division 4 but opted up this past off-season and, three, have a win over rival Cass Tech, which is arguably one of the hottest teams still in the playoffs.

Perhaps those tweets should've been saved for the end of the season. Because pointing out your tough regular season schedule won't help you prepare to beat a powerhouse on the road in Round 3.

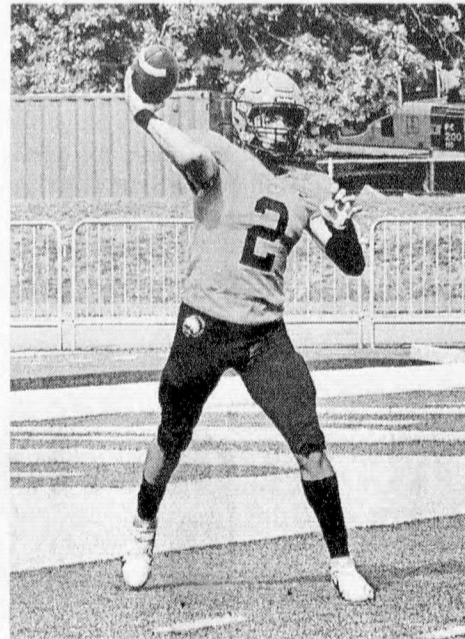
**Folsom's pick:** Detroit King 35, Brother Rice 18.

**Detroit Country Day (7-3) at Flat Rock (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday**

I asked a couple of buddies about Flat Rock and, boy, do they appear to be right.

The Rams' quarterback is going to be an absolute problem for the Yellowjackets.

Remember the name Graham Junge. Only a sophomore, Junge has broken seemingly every school record at Flat Rock that matters. He's already thrown for the most passing yards and touchdowns in a single season. Last week's win against Romulus Summit Academy North saw him break the single-game



Brother Rice's Blake Marrogy passes during the Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic against Macomb Dakota on Aug. 25 at Wayne State University.

passing record for most yards thrown in a game (378).

Now here's the scary part: He's actually a better basketball player than he is QB. He's part of The Family, which is arguably the most prestigious AAU basketball program in Michigan. Brother Rice four-star Curtis Williams played for The Family. Ever heard of him?

So, yeah, Junge is an athlete. And this could be a long night for the Yellowjackets if they don't swarm to the ball and make passing under duress a challenge for the underclassmen.

**Folsom's pick:** Flat Rock 35, Detroit Country Day 32.

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## Volleyball

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her way.

"I think she's the reason we had so much confidence throughout the entire match because she started us off with that feeling of, 'We are unstoppable right now,' and she did that without hesitation."

That's right.

Wilds, Lindstrom's new serving specialist, opened the match on a 10-0 serving run, which gave the second-ranked Mustangs quite the shot in the arm as they went on to rip off 25-13, 25-12 and 25-18 runaway victories.

And this was against rival Novi we're talking about.

You know, the same Wildcats who have two seniors committed to Division I colleges in Sarah Vellucci (Long Beach State) and Kaitlyn Hoffman (Ohio State). The same team that has been battling Northville all season long in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

This match was so big that Ann Arbor Skyline senior Harper Murray, the No. 1 ranked volleyball recruit in the country, was on hand to watch her former Legacy Volleyball Club teammates square off.

"It felt pretty good, and I think it was such a good way to start off such a competitive game," Wilds said. "It set the tone, and I was proud because it felt good that the team supported me so much."

"It was a little nerve-wracking, but once I got going, I got more confidence, and I settled in. And that felt great. I just love being part of this team, and I love every single person on this team. It feels great that I can contribute and help our team win districts."

Novi entered the match confident it could pull off the upset.

But as Wilds pushed the Mustangs to a double-digit lead immediately in the first set, some dread started setting in for the Wildcats, who lost to Northville in both the regular season and the KLAA tournament.

"It's frustrating," Novi coach Kacy Byron said. "I think that anyone would be frustrated. ... I don't think it was jitters. I just think they (Northville) came out super aggressive out of the gate. They got a couple of aces out of the gate, and they were winning those longer rallies. I'm



Northville celebrates Ella Craggs' 500th career dig with the Mustangs during the Division 1 district final Nov. 3.

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pretty sure I remember a ball hitting off the tape twice, and then it's 10-0, you know? You're not going to do anything about those plays."

Lindstrom said she wasn't shocked Wilds went on such a run.

But the senior didn't do it alone.

It was libero Taryn Rice digging balls. It was Craggs and Wilds setting hitters. It was Abby Reck, Ava Thomas, Molly Reck and Lauren MacKellar, among many others, standing tall at the net.

And then it was the rotational players keeping the momentum alive.

"This team is not just good," Lindstrom said. "They're mentally tough. They support each other. They love each other. They believe in us as coaches. And they believe in the process we're pushing toward them. And everyone is on the same page, and you just saw that right there. That was state-championship-level volleyball."

"Whether or not we make it to where we want to be, we didn't let that other team (Novi) take a breath that entire game. And it took 13 players from my lineup to go out there and do that, which I think is just incredible, and I'm just so proud."

Before Northville concluded celebrating its championship, Lindstrom grabbed a sign that acknowledged Craggs for recording her 500th career dig as a Mustang during the match.

Craggs doesn't reach that milestone without Wilds' sacrifice.

As Craggs held the sign Lindstrom had just handed her, Northville's players huddled around her for a quick team photo. Standing directly behind Craggs with a big, bright smile was Wilds.

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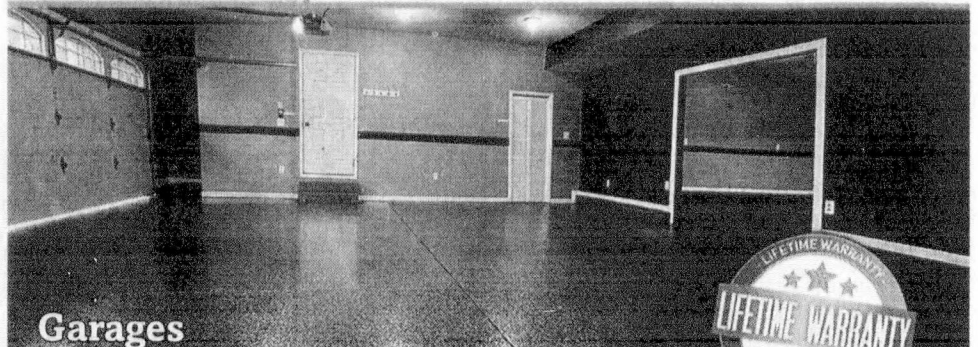
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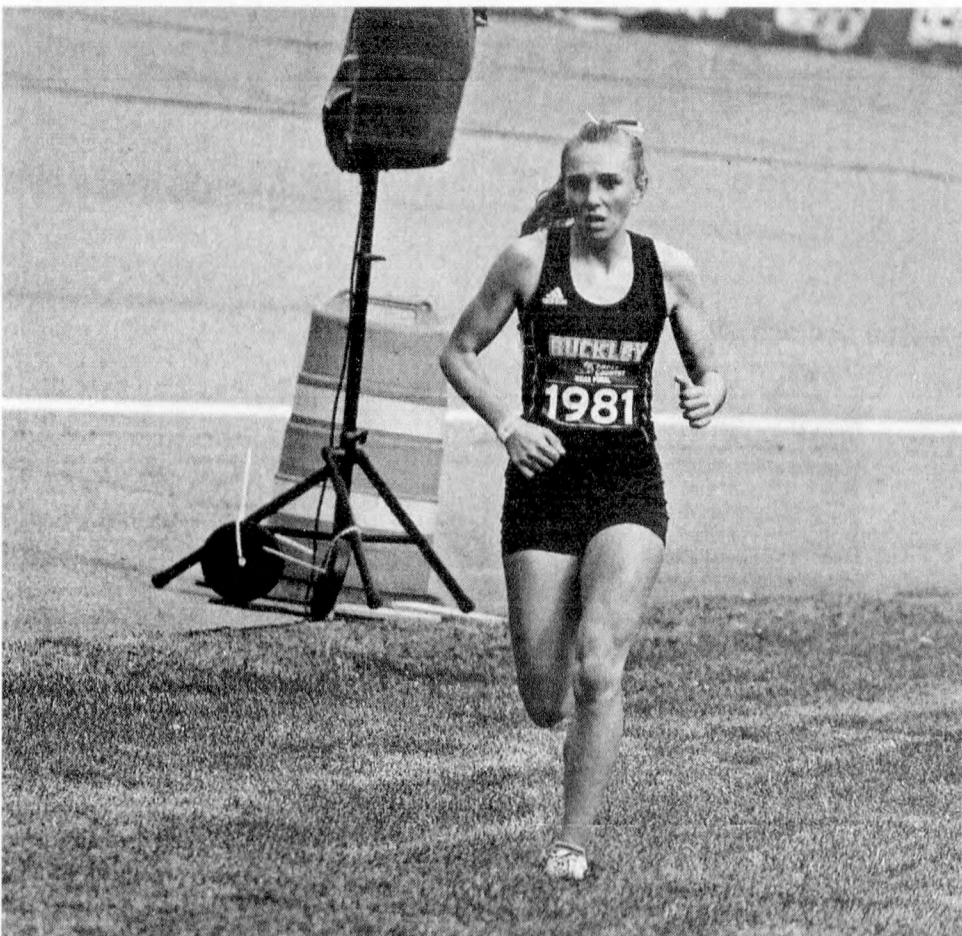
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Defending his individual title in the MHSAA Division 4 boys cross country race, Lezawe Osterink of Wyoming Potter's House approaches the finish line at Michigan International Speedway. His winning time was 15:36.84.

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Buckley junior Aiden Harrand has the finishing stretch all to herself. Harrand won the MHSAA Division 4 girls cross country race at Michigan International Speedway in 19:05.89, 15 seconds better than Auburn Hills Oakland Christian's Eliza Keith.

Title

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Lewiston totaled 118 points, ahead of Hillsdale Academy (159) and Whitmore Lake (192).

Buckley junior Aiden Harrand won the individual title in 19:05.89.

Division 1

In the only close individual finish of the day, Grand Rapids' Ottawa Hills' Benne Anderson outkicked Grand Haven's Seth Norder, 15:17.32 to 15:18.95, to earn top honors in the top boys division.

Top-ranked Northville, led by third-place finisher Brendan Herger

(15:34.05), earned its first boys' team championship, with 111 points.

Down the home stretch, only one thought crossed Helen Sachs' mind.

"It was just an insane feeling — it was like 'Oh my gosh, this is happening!' The energy was just amazing," she said.

Not only did the Holland West Ottawa sophomore win the race with the fastest girls' time of the day (17:18.74), she led her school to its first girls team championship. The Panthers scored 97 points, getting past runner-up Romeo (152) and last year's champion, Ann Arbor Pioneer (196).

Division 2

Top-ranked East Grand Rapids squeaked through for the Division 2 team championship in a race where just

11 points separated the top three boys squads. The Pioneers had 132, to 137 for Chelsea and 143 for Pinckney.

"We believed that we were one of the top teams, and it's always been close between a couple of teams all year. We just knew that our strength was our pack, and if we could get our guys through together well, we would have a good day," coach Drew Collette said. "We were aiming for four inside the top 30, and our fourth and fifth were 32 and 33 (team places), so we knew we had a really good shot."

Chelsea's Connell Alford won the race handily in 15:12.61, 25 seconds ahead of Monroe Jefferson's Carter McCalister.

No defending team champion was able to reclaim its title, but East Grand Rapids came the closest. The Pioneers

were runner-up to Otsego in a competitive battle, 87 to 96 points. Grand Rapids Christian was third with 153.

Division 3

Benzonia Benzie Central's Hunter Jones became just the second boy to win four Lower Peninsula individual state championships, rounding the 5-kilometer course in 14:46.50.

Ackley's squad took the team title, with 116 points, ahead of Traverse City St. Francis (147) and defending champion St. Louis (161).

The Pirates did have the individual champion in Jessica Jazwinski. She ran the fastest time ever by a sophomore to win the Division 3 race, in 17:36.70 despite harsh winds and rain.

Obituaries

Eugene (Gene) Raymond Wagner

SCOTTSDALE - Eugene Raymond Wagner (Gene) passed away October 25th 2022 in Scottsdale, AZ. Gene was born October 9th 1933 in Dearborn, MI

Gene was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Dearborn where he also attended school. He attended Dearborn High School, then Sacred Heart High School, where he graduated. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family of his parents Anthony and Mildred Wagner, and his sister, and 3 brothers. Gene grew up in Dearborn and excelled in sports and became an All City Basketball Player, and All State Football player. He went on to play basketball at Florida state, then to Black Hills State he played basketball and football. He also played on a semi pro comedy basketball team The Vagabond Kings. He was a player coach on the military traveling team, while serving in the Army in the US and overseas.

Gene earned his Bachelor's degree in teaching, and taught grade school upon graduation, but eventually formed his own business and was successful in the Arcade coin industry. He married Joyce Gardner from Milford, MI after they initially met through summer jobs at Camp Dearborn. They had 6 children: 2 girls and 4 boys, whom they raised in Northville, MI.

Gene was known for his downtown Northville business Arcade 5 in Northville Square for many years.

At Our Lady of Victory Church, he coached his sons' 7-8th grade boys basketball team, and led the parish to their first ever CYO championship. At Northville High School, he also coached the girl's Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball teams of his daughter. He also coached 9th grade boy's basketball team at Cooke Middle School. He later coached Dearborn Crestwood High School boys Varsity basketball team. He is survived by his six children Mike Wagner, Heidi Wagner-Lasser, Tim Wagner, Chris Wagner, Pat Wagner, Nancy Wagner, his former wife Joyce Wagner, and 9 grandchildren.

Memorial service 11/9/22 11am at Our Lady of Victory Church with Lunch after at Sheehan's on the Green.



Elaine Faye Braun

PLYMOUTH - Elaine Faye Braun, age 81, of Plymouth, Michigan passed away November 1, 2022 after living with Lymphoma and Colon cancer for 5 years. She was born on April 19, 1941 in Toledo, OH to Howard and Loretta Buffington. She earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Toledo and completed graduate courses from Eastern Michigan University. She was a substitute teacher in Livonia Public Schools for more than 15 years where her husband taught. She was married to Richard Braun for 42 years who preceded her in death in July 2005.

Elaine enjoyed her travels to several countries over the past 15 years including: Ireland, China, Amsterdam, and Greece. Her hobbies included being a member of the Salem Community Events Committee organizing Flag Day celebrations and the annual Christmas Party, and the Salem Area Historical Society. She also volunteered at the Salem-South Lyon District Library and Salem Elementary. She loved to read and maintained an extensive library of books of her most-liked authors. One of her favorite traditions was making Christmas cookies with her grandchildren every year.

Elaine is survived by her children Kimberly Casteleyn of Prudenville, MI and Matthew Braun of Plymouth, MI; Four Grandchildren: Kailey and Morgan Casteleyn of Dallas, TX, Megan and Corey Braun of Northville, MI; daughter-in-law Denise Braun and son-in-law Kevin Casteleyn; her sister Joyce Gerschultz (James) of Boise, ID; her sister-in-law Carolyn Carr of Curtice, OH; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Lora Ellen Metz

LIVONIA - Lora Ellen Metz, 64, of Livonia, Michigan passed away Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at MyMichigan Medical Center - Alpena.

Lora Ellen Morison was born January 26, 1958, in Detroit to the late James and Edna (Douglas) Morison. She was married to David Metz for 43 years. Lora retired from the insurance industry and was a 15 plus years breast cancer survivor.

Surviving are her husband, David; brother, Robert (Kathy) Morison; and several nieces and nephews.

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## Three takeaways from OAA Media Day

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With hockey season beginning on Nov. 14, sports reporter Brandon Folsom stopped by the Oakland Activities Association Media Day at Farmington High School.

Here are three takeaways as Farmington United, Birmingham Unified and Bloomfield Hills prepare for their upcoming seasons:

### Farmington United surrounding captain with talent

Life should get easier for Farmington United captain Colton Duff.

United was incredibly young a year ago, which makes sense why it finished 2-23 overall. And by incredibly young, we mean 12 of the 18 players on the roster were underclassmen. And not underclassmen fresh from the travel circuit, either. These were green hockey players.

Yet, as a junior, Duff did his best to score points. He led in each offensive category, which included him totaling nine goals and 12 assists. His 21 points were almost triple what the next player on the stat sheet tallied.

Despite his best efforts, United was the worst team in the OAA, regardless of division.

"When you're in a spot where you've had so many guys who should have realistically probably been playing JV last year, it's hard," coach Anthony Lietz said about his star returning senior. "There were so many times, like the Wayne Gretzky and Michael Jordan quotes, where his assist stats were way more than the actual scoring."

"There were so many times where he was trying to move the puck and guys just weren't ready or whatever. With that comes frustration."

That's why Lietz has done his best to surround Duff with talent for this season. He's convinced a handful of club kids who attend Farmington and North Farmington to come out for the high school team.

While United will still be young in 2022-23, it now has depth.

"I can't tell you how many times I went to random rinks on Wednesday and Thursday nights when we didn't have practice to meet some of our players who are now on our team and just introduce myself to their parents, saying, 'Hey, we want your kid here,'" Lietz said. "It's going to be a year where we don't have to play everyone."

"Guys are going to have to earn their shifts this season, and I'm looking forward to that."

But can United get out of the league's basement and inch closer to being a conference title contender?

"One hundred percent," Duff said. "Our whole forward core now is going to be infinitely better than last year, and we've got lots of new players. ... Last year was kind of a one-man season. Now with all these new players, I can move the puck around again."

"Last year, I'm not going to say we were completely out of it, but we were. This year we should be competing."

### Birmingham Unified should be just fine between the pipes

Birmingham Unified lost 19 seniors to graduation following last season.

And to make matters worse, two of those players were goalies Max Kepler and Henry Ellenbogen, who combined for 25 starts and an 18-5-1 record.

That seems like a lot to overcome as the Kings hope to improve on last year's second-place finish in the OAA-Red.

But neither coach Zack Warson nor his players are worried about first-year goalie Joaquin Robinson.

"Joaquin has been with our program for two years and, frankly, by just where we were at in the cycle, he was behind two really good guys the last two years," Warson said. "At most other schools in this league, he'd be a three-year starter at this point. And he's worked every single day to get ready for this. He's going to get a majority of the minutes in the net for us."

The junior has been a stalwart on BU's JV team for the past two seasons. He's not nervous about finally getting his opportunity to start on varsity.

He wants to prove he should garner most of the minutes in net and keep the Kings' chances of winning a division title alive.



Bloomfield Hills hockey's Jack Eidt and James Somero.



Farmington United hockey's Landon Wiesner, Colton Duff, Ryan Elenich and Paul Elenich at OAA Media Day. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Players pose for a picture during Oakland Activities Association Hockey Media Day on Oct. 26 at Farmington High School.

"My goal is to fill in the spot just as good if not better than the other goalies did last year," Robinson said. "Every year we have a chance (to win a league title), and I think this year is going to be a good one, even though we have a lot of new players in the program. The roles will be filled just as good as last year if not better."

### New leadership, same family culture for Black Hawks

Bloomfield Hills captain James Somero said what he loves about playing for his high school team is the family atmosphere within the program.

But you'd think that'd go away after former coach Bruce McAlister stepped down after 12 years, which included the past 10 as head coach, following last year's OAA-White championship season.

Wrong.

Former Walled Lake Western coach DJ Fichter has stepped into the role and the team has welcomed him with open arms.

"We've always been a family. Since I joined as a sophomore, that's always been our thing. We're a family," said Somero, a senior. "But losing our coach, Bruce, was a hit. But DJ came in, and we met him this summer. Right away, we knew he was a nice guy, he really cared and he knew what he was doing. "He fit right in, and we love him in the locker room."

Fichter has a big task on his hands in helping the Black Hawks, 14-9-1 a season ago, replace their top-two point-scorers in former captains Kyle Lucia (44-28-72) and Drew Speaks (27-39-66), who have since graduated.

Fortunately, he'll have Somero (18-37-55) back, while Bloomfield Hills has added a couple of triple-A travel players that should give them some exciting and talented depth.

But will it be enough for them to repeat as division champions?

"I guess we'll find out," Somero said. "We've got a really good defensive team and a new coach. We've just got to work through it and find our way, find out who we are."

Brandon Folsom covers high school sports in metro Detroit for Hometown Life. Follow him on Twitter @folsom-brandonj.



Birmingham Unified hockey's Joaquin Robinson, Chase Ben-Ezra and Charlie Penzo during OAA Media Day at Farmington High School.

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## Can you make more money working one full-time job or a bunch of part-time gigs?

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Working a full-time job has its benefits. For one thing, you're guaranteed a certain number of hours each week, which may lead to a more robust paycheck. And it often means you get workplace benefits like health insurance, paid time off, and access to an employer savings plan for retirement.

But working full-time may not be the best solution for you. If you're struggling to find a job you like, having to do it for 40 or more hours a week may be draining. In some cases, you can actually earn more money by going the freelance route. That's because freelancers generally don't get benefits, so they tend to command a higher wage on an hourly or project basis.

If you're not thrilled with your main job, or if you have a side hustle or two that you really enjoy, you may be contemplating swapping your full-time role with a series of side hustles. But is that the right move for you?

### It's all about crunching the numbers

It's easy to assume that a full-time job will pay more than a bunch of side hustles. But that may not always be the case.

Let's say you earn a salary of \$40,000 a year, and that you do so by working 40 hours a week for 50 weeks. That's an hourly rate of \$20.

But what if you're currently making \$25 an hour freelance writing on the

side, and you also have a restaurant gig that allows you to earn up to \$40 an hour in tips during dinner shifts? If that's the case, and you're able to put in enough hours between your two side hustles, it could make sense to ditch your full-time job and ramp up your writing and restaurant hours.

That said, when running the numbers, you'll need to calculate the cost of losing your workplace benefits. What happens if you need to take a couple of sick days? If you're a freelance writer and part-time restaurant worker, that could mean losing a few days of income.

There's also health insurance to consider. If you have a spouse whose

workplace plan you can join for little money, that may not be an issue. If you're single, you'll need to see what buying insurance on your own will cost you.

### A mental component to consider with side hustles

You may do the math and determine you can do well financially by working a bunch of side hustles instead of a full-time job. But will that lack of stability wreak havoc on your mental well-being?

There's something to be said for the security of a full-time job. You can be busy as a freelancer until one day, some clients stop needing you and you're

suddenly left with a giant income gap on your hands. You'll need to think about whether you want to take that risk.

The state of your savings account should play into that decision, too. If you have a lot of money socked away for emergencies, then you may feel more confident working a bunch of side hustles knowing you have cash reserves to fall back on if your income takes a temporary hit.

### Should you really quit your full-time job to freelance?

Working full-time isn't the ideal setup for everyone, and you may end up better off with a series of side hustles instead of a single full-time job. Of course, you might also decide to keep your full-time role and work a side gig on top of that. Ultimately, you'll need to see what works best for your schedule, wallet, and mind.

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