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## Recall efforts begin against Plymouth-Canton school board members

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PLYMOUTH — A recall effort is underway against three school board members who voted in July to retire Canton High School's Native American-themed mascot and logo.

All three members - Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education President Shawn Wilson, Vice President Lauren Christenson and Treasurer Patrick Kehoe - say they did the right thing and they'll stand behind their votes.

The Wayne County Election Commission on Sept. 6 approved the petition recall language, which states, simply, that each of the three "voted on July 11, 2023 to retire Canton High School's use of the nickname Chiefs and the arrowhead logo."

The vote angered some members of the community, including those who spoke against the change at board of education meetings during the spring and summer. The recall petitions were filed Aug. 22 by Plymouth resident Howard L. Ring, who spoke in favor of keeping the current Chiefs mascot and logo.

"Fifty years ago, when Canton first chose their chiefs nickname, they did so with pride," Ring said at the July 11 meeting. "Being a chief is not an insult or a diminutive, but quite the opposite. It is a compliment and honor, a title that demands responsibility and denotes leadership abilities. We would all be fortunate should our students live up to the honor it requires of them."

Although the board voted 6-1 to retire the mascot and logo, petitions were filed only for Wilson, Christenson and Kehoe.

According to state law, recall petitions may not be filed during the first six months or last six months during a term of two years or less, or during the first or last year if the term is

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## If these century-old walls could talk

### 2023 Milford Home Tour has arrived

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MILFORD — If century-old walls could talk, what tales they might tell.

For some of the homes dating to the 1800s featured on the 2023 Milford Home Tour, the original walls are gone — gutted after neglect, age or gushing water rendered them unsalvageable. Still, after extensive renovations, the homes are standing and either fully restored or on their way, testaments to history and the people determined to honor it.

You can visit several historic venues on the Milford Home Tour, as well as the Milford Historical Museum, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 16 and 17. Tickets are \$20

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Kyle and Audra Westberg's home at 119 Oakland St. in Milford features a stunning kitchen. The floors and 8-foot tall sliding barn doors were crafted with 160-year-old wood found in the walls of the home. COURTESY OF KYLE WESTBERG



This duplex at 520/522 Union St. in Milford is an 1852 home, one of the oldest in the village. See it on the 2023 Milford Home Tour, Sept. 16-17. SUSAN BROMLEY



Mary Jackson's childhood bedroom at 648 Canal St. in Milford. The home is undergoing restoration after a water pipe burst in 2021. Check out the progress during the 2023 Milford Home Tour, Sept. 16-17. SUSAN BROMLEY

## Closed for three years, South Lyon Theater reopens as an entertainment venue

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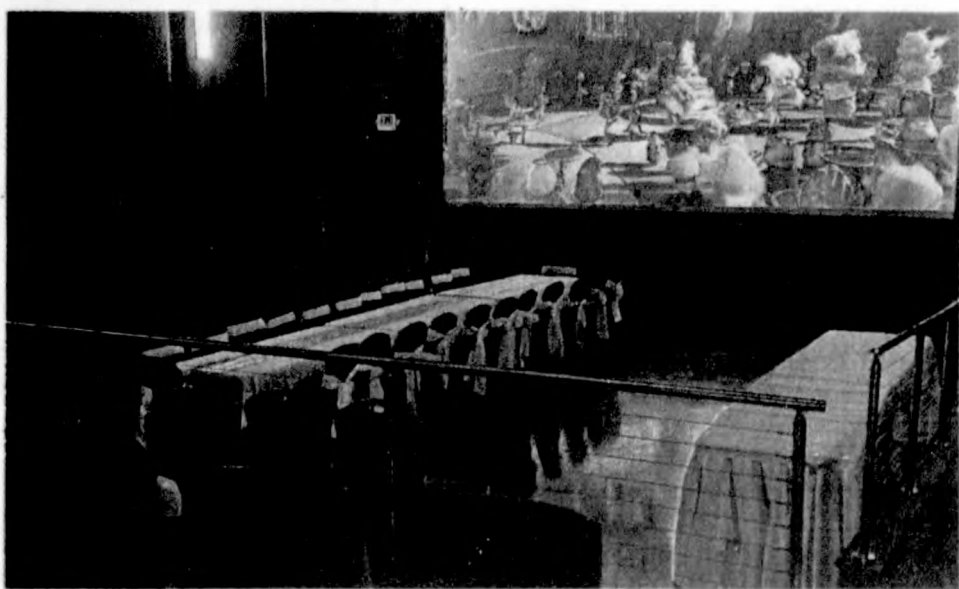
SOUTH LYON — After a three-year closure that began because of COVID-19, the South Lyon Theater has reopened after its owner reinvented the space to appeal to more than just movie lovers.

In the post-pandemic age, the historic 1940s theater at 126 E. Lake St. has become a rentable venue to host events.

"This is an endeavor to keep us wildy successful and keep us in the community," owner Debra Neil said. "It's a new start."

Because the one-screen theater can't compete with multi-screen theaters,

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Debra Neil, owner of the South Lyon Theater, watches a movie on the theater's 30-foot movie screen. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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## Tour

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for those 13 and over and \$15 for senior citizens 65 and up.

Tickets are available at Nana's Niche & Corner, 436 N. Main St.; Acorn Farm, 367 N. Main St.; Main Street Art, 304 N. Main St.; Your Nesting Place, 105 W. Huron St.; and at the museum, 124 E. Commerce St.

Here are the stories behind the amazing homes that can be seen on the 2023 Milford Home Tour:

### 119 Oakland St.: In gutting a house, treasures uncovered

Kyle Westberg's description of the work he and wife Audra put into the 2,400-square-foot home at 119 Oakland St. after buying it two years ago for \$250,000 and no inspection goes beyond a labor of love.

"It was blood, sweat and tears," he said.

Westberg, the owner of West Construction and TDG Architects, had a good idea of what he was getting into, but the home had other secrets to be discovered. Plat records revealed the home was built in 1863, almost 10 years earlier than the 1872 date on a plaque near the front door. While gutting the interior, Westberg also found, hidden behind the plaster walls, original pine wood boards that had not seen daylight in 160 years and had likely been used as a form of 1862 insulation.

"It wasn't a normal construction technique," Westberg said. "We didn't want to bury it, the wood was beautiful."

Instead, he salvaged the wood to repurpose as flooring and 8-foot tall sliding barn doors in the kitchen, where he also crafted a custom top for the island from original 1860s 2x4s taken from the ceiling rafters. Westberg topped off the room by vaulting the kitchen's ceiling and putting in new beams.

Westberg said he enjoyed the many steps to renovate all of the home in the course of a year he calls one of the best in his life, despite the estimated \$200,000 and hundreds of hours invested, including 16-hour days sanding floors, the most difficult part of the project.

Westberg and his family completed the major undertaking with an understanding of design and history, as well as the physical capability to do the work and patience. Most tasks required double the amount of time he originally thought they would take, leading him to adopt the motto, "It will get done when it gets done."

"When doing a project this massive, you can either look at it as an elephant or, ask yourself, how do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time," Westberg said.

### 648 Canal St.: Making a comeback from a water disaster

A broken water pipe was the elephant in the TV room at 648 Canal St. in January 2021.



This 1874 home at 610 Caroline St. in Milford has been renovated and will welcome visitors during the 2023 Milford Home Tour. PHOTOS BY SUSAN BROMLEY

When the furnace quit during frigid winter temperatures, a pipe burst and spewed water undetected for about a week throughout the unoccupied 1873 home, formerly owned by late actress Mary Jackson, who appeared in dozens of TV series and movies.

Sue Bullard, vice president of the Milford Historical Society, which took ownership of the home after Jackson died in 2005, was devastated to see the mess when it was discovered. Besides the loss of Jackson's first edition, late 1800s poetry and history books that were in a bookcase directly under where the pipe burst, the water had run so long that it destroyed nearly all of the walls on the main floor — which had to be taken down to studs — and also ruined carpeting and subflooring.

Two-and-a-half years later, Bullard stood inside the 150-year-old home that has new drywall and baseboards and custom-made trim for the windows, and showed off doorknobs and other original hardware that were saved and will eventually be in their proper spaces again.

The floors are still bare and many of Jackson's possessions that were salvaged remain in storage, but the home has a spot on the tour to show the progress that has been made, as well as to highlight how old homes can be made

suitable for today's families.

"To live in a house from 1873 isn't realistic, you need updating of the kitchen and bathrooms," Bullard said. "But you don't have to tear them down, you can change them, make them so they fit your family's style."

Honoring Jackson's memories is at the heart of restoring the structure that was built by Jackson's grandfather and was her childhood home until she was 10 years old when her mother died.

Jackson and her brother Ronald went to live with their grandmother and, after her death, were raised by their Uncle Nicholas, whose framed photo hangs above a child's bed upstairs.

Jackson graduated from Milford High School in 1927 and went on to earn a teaching certificate from Western Michigan. But after a year of teaching at a one-room schoolhouse in the 1930s, her passion for acting took her to Chicago, New York and, finally, Hollywood, where she spent most of her 50-year career as an actress.

Still, she never forgot her roots and when her childhood home came up for sale shortly after she landed the role as Emily Watson on the television show "The Waltons" in the 1970s, Jackson bought her family's home and returned to Milford twice a year before her death in 2005 at the age of 95.

Traditional tea parties, fashion shows and historical society board meetings took place in the home prior to it suffering water damage, and will return once renovations are complete.

Before the home tour, Bullard expects to have more work done, including possibly having reproduced 1870s wallpaper back up in the parlor and 1970s wallpaper up in other rooms to replicate what the home looked like when Jackson first moved back in as an adult.

### Check out these other stops on the tour

#### 520/522 Union St.

The 1852 duplex is the oldest structure on the tour and is occupied by Cheryl Auger and her mother, Margaret Woychowski, who recently turned 90 and calls her surroundings "peaceful."

#### 610 Caroline St.

The 1874 home has had some remodeling since Diane Cowgill moved in four years ago. She hopes you find it as warm, inviting and cozy as she does.

"When I redid it, I tried to keep in mind the history of the house and what it may have looked like through the seasons of its life," she said.

#### 399 N. Main St.

Milford's 1875 Opera House is located above Gina's Bridal Boutique and was purchased in 2019 by Ed Swadish, who has renovated the space and made it available for short-term rentals.

For more information, visit [milford-history.org](http://milford-history.org).

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Sue Bullard, vice-president of the Milford Historical Society, with a salesman's sample in an upstairs bedroom at the Mary Jackson House, 648 Canal St. The home is on the 2023 Milford Home Tour, Sept. 16-17.

## Recall

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greater than two years.

Wilson, Christenson and Kehoe were elected to six-year terms in 2020, while Secretary Anupam Cnugh Sidhu and Trustee Judy Westra were elected to six-year terms in November 2022. Trustee

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Patti McCain was elected to a two-year term in 2022.

Trustee Sheryl Picard, who was also elected in 2022, cast the sole vote against retiring the mascot and logo.

#### Discussion began with students

The board's decision to retire the mascot and arrowhead logo followed a discussion that began in early 2021 when students made a presentation to the school board, arguing the chief mascot and arrowhead logo are disrespectful to Native Americans and can lead to cultural appropriation.

After a second group made the same request in 2022, the district assembled a citizens advisory committee tasked with researching the issue and making a recommendation. Part of committee's work included a community survey, which received 6,206 responses. Of those 56.6% said they were not in favor of changing the Chiefs' name.

Superintendent Monica Merritt and others said the survey was designed not as a deciding factor, but as a component of the research process.

#### Board members react

All three board members facing recall responded to a request for comment with a written statement.

Wilson said his position on the board, along with a long career in youth development, kept his vote focused on the request of the two student groups who asked for the change.

"They (those opposed to the change) claim we ignored the community survey, yet they've ignored PCCS students

and 4,000 plus signatures collected by the first student group," Wilson said. "It broke my heart and angered me to have students share how they've been treated after bringing their request forward. They were bullied, mocked, and harassed."

"I'll accept the results of a recall if the PCCS community believes it was wrong to listen to our students. The recall has only made me more resolved to elevate student voices in our district and my vote lets those students know their voices are heard and valued."

Christenson said the "impassioned pleas" from the students who requested the change resonated most during the process — but she also noted the passion of Canton High School founding members who spoke about crafting the name, logo, and school colors for the inaugural class in the 1970s.

"Now, it is the responsibility of the current Canton student body to carry that torch and infuse the same level of passion into creating a new image that accurately represents Canton High School in 2023 and beyond," she said. "I firmly believe that my role as a school board member is to amplify student voices and support their endeavors to effect positive change within the Plymouth Canton Community Schools."

Kehoe said that, as a 1984 Canton High School graduate, he understood the emotions associated with the Chiefs nickname and arrowhead logo, noting that, during his high school years, the logo was a full Indian headdress and profile.

"Like other Native American imagery in professional, college, and high school sports, what might have started as a no-

ble name often doesn't always reflect that in practice," Kehoe said, noting the district changed the Indian headdress to the simpler arrow a number of years ago, but kept the association with Native Americans.

"As a 1984 Canton graduate and a Chief, I voted for the change," Kehoe said. "Civil rights are not a popularity contest governed by surveys and I will always vote to support all students and marginalized groups."

"In this case we are giving the next generation the same opportunity that was provided to students more than 50 years ago to select their own nickname and logo. This change is not erasing the legacy and history of our alumni as Chiefs or our achievements, which will live on."

#### 'Safe and represented'

The district's board policy prohibits mascots or logos based on a protected classes such as race, color, national origin, sex and other factors, while its dynamic plan states "All P-CCS students and staff will report they feel physically, psychologically, and emotionally safe and represented at school."

With the language now approved, collection of signatures can begin. To trigger a recall election, petitioners must gather signatures equal to 25% of votes cast for governor in the district during the last gubernatorial election.

A Michigan Bureau of Elections document provides a summary of the recall process of local elected officials.

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# Blake's Lyon Township welcomes fall

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**LYON TWP.** — With the changing of the seasons, Blake's Lyon Township is opening this week with changes and additions to welcome fall.

Blake's, 61475 Silver Lake Road, is welcoming autumn with a kickoff celebration from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 9 that features new looks, tastes, sounds and all-new fun, Blake's Director of Marketing Jacqlyn Bradford said.

"I am expecting the experience to be even better than last year," Bradford said. "Last year, we were introducing ourselves and this year, we will build on those relationships. Lucky for us, we had a really great turnout last year."

Bradford notes company owners were a little nervous after taking over from the Erwins, whose family had owned the orchard for more than a century. While there may have been some resistance to cider pasteurization and a change in doughnut recipes, she is happily hearing that many in the community are excited about Blake's and their second autumn in Lyon Township.

Customers returning to the orchard this season will notice some new changes: primarily, a Funland that has been relocated from the front of the property to behind the cider mill, where it has been expanded to include many attractions — including inflatable bounce houses; "jumping pillows"; the "Harvest Hustle Speedway"; a 2.5-acre corn maze; a petting farm with goats, sheep, a cow and pony; wagon rides; a straw mountain; a tricycle track; "Mr. Bones Outhouse"; "Hillbilly Bandwagon"; and "Mr. B's 3D Adventure Barn."

Admission to the Funland will be free from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 9 for the fall celebration and \$9.95 per person (2 and under enter free with paying adult) now through Sept. 15, after which time pricing will be reevaluated.

Moving to the front of the property, where the Funland was last year, is the cider garden, which will feature 12 varieties of Blake's Hard Cider on tap, including new favorite "Apple Lantern," which is pumpkin-flavored and a top-seller. The cider garden, which also features live music, food trucks, cornhole and other yard games, is open from 4 to 8 p.m. Fridays; noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays; and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays.

Blake's Farm Market will feature even more products this year, which, besides fresh produce, will include salsas, jams, apple butters, barbecue sauce, honey and other jarred goods.

"The orchard has tremendous history, more than 100 years," property manager Jason Briskey noted. "To make these enhancements and additions to the property is something the Blake family is very proud of."

Blake's is giving back to its new community, too, Bradford said. For every dozen doughnuts sold and every bag of "u-pick" apples sold at the fall celebration, \$1 will be donated to Active Faith Community Services.

The day after the fall celebration event, at 9 a.m. Sept. 10, Blake's Lyon Township will host its first run, the Donut Dash 5K. The \$45 registration includes a T-shirt, can of sweet or hard ci-

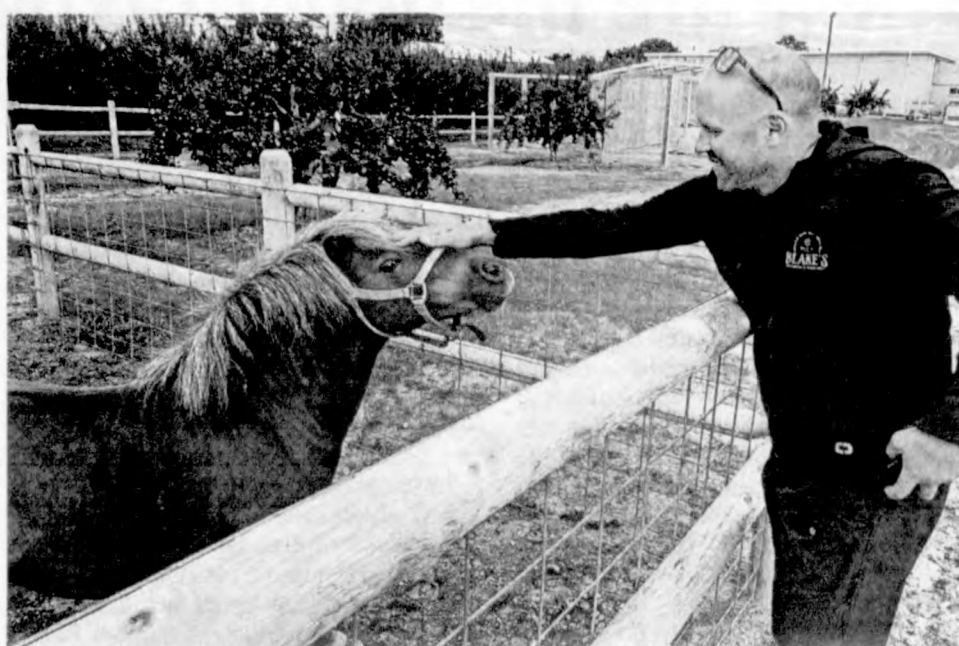


Sydnee Skeels, 3, gets a tractor assist from Mom Tori Skeels of Brighton at Blake's Lyon Township on Aug. 30, 2023.

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Dayna Johnston chalks plants in Mr. B's 3D Barn in preparation for the opening of the attraction, part of Funland at Blake's Lyon Township.



Jason Briskey, property manager for Blake's Lyon Township, pets the farm's pony.



Come see what's on tap in the cider garden at Blake's Lyon Township for the 2023 fall season.

## Theater

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nor with streaming services, Neil opted for major renovations that created 1,000 square feet of flexible dining and entertainment space in the 4,000-square-foot building. Half of the fixed seats have been removed to accommodate the new space, although there are still plans to host classic movies for the community on special occasions and at Christmas.

Neil, who purchased the theater in 2015, intended to sell it after COVID-19 shut down business. Instead, she has used pandemic grant money to refresh the theater with a new look and business plan. She's planning an open house during Pumpkinfest, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, during which community members can stop in to see the theater's new look.

Neil retained 70 velvet rocker theater seats at an elevated level, with new flooring directly in front of the 30-foot screen, where tables and chairs can be arranged for weddings, bridal and baby showers, birthday and graduation parties, conferences, dance recitals, and more. The venue can seat up to 100 people for formal dining and has a total capacity for 170 guests.

The restrooms have been renovated and there is a new bar and lounge area.

Those renting the facility can bring in their own caterer and alcohol-service certified person if they wish to host an event with alcohol. For non-alcohol events, clients can bring their own beverages. The theater's marquee has new panels with LED lighting that can display personalized messages for a fee.

The venue's main draws are its elegance, as well as the 30-foot screen with Dolby surround sound that can show movies or programming that can be streamed from personal accounts or YouTube, live sporting events, slide shows of baby photos, PowerPoint presentations, Spotify playlists, and video gaming.

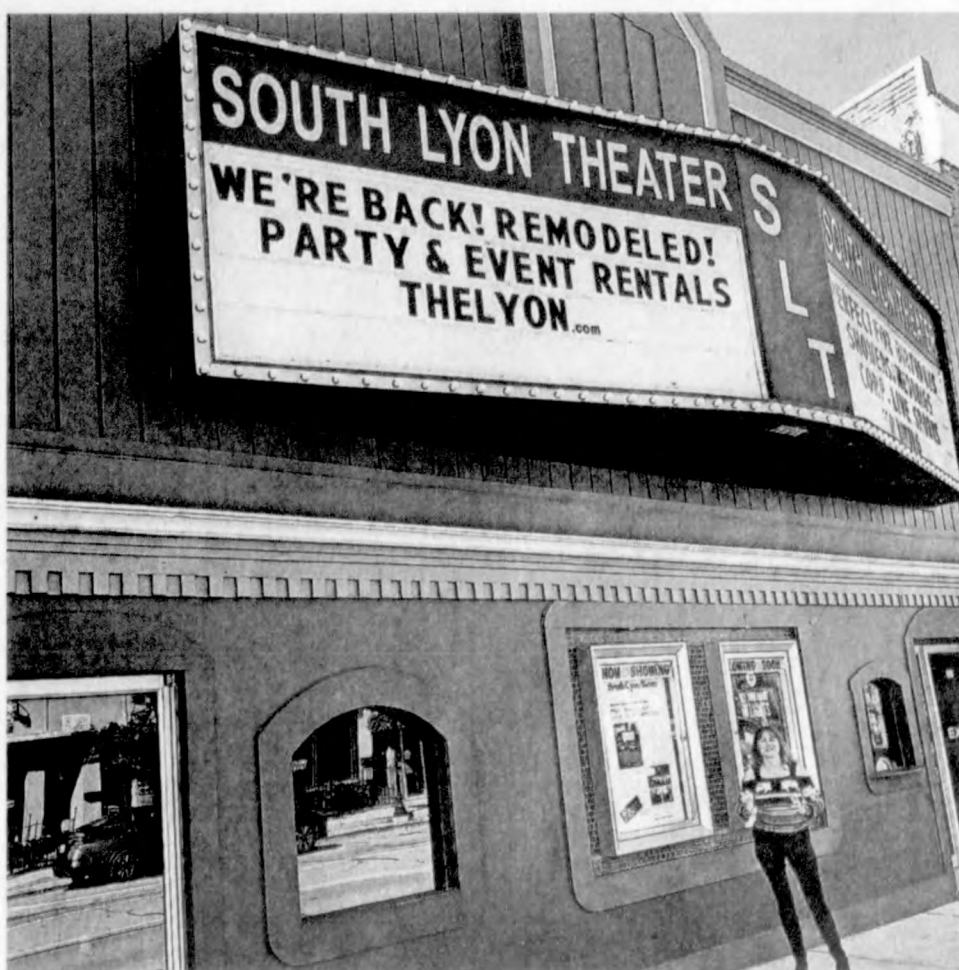
Neil will assist in setup for all of the above.

"You can have your own unique, customized party here," she said. "Bring your imagination to us and make it a memorable and unique experience at the South Lyon Theater."

Neil is accepting reservations, with an introductory rate of \$100 per hour. The rate is higher for large parties and weekends.

For more information, or to book a party, visit thelyon.com.

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The South Lyon Theater, owned by Debra Neil, has reopened after three years, with extensive remodeling and a revamped business model.

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# Here's who donated to Westland's candidates for mayor

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**WESTLAND** — Westland mayor hopefuls Rep. Kevin Coleman and Interim Mayor Mike Londeau both assembled over \$100,000 for their election committees and spent over \$40,000 ahead of August's primary elections.

Voters will elect Westland's first new mayor in nearly 20 years during the general election Tuesday, Nov. 7. Coleman and Londeau finished at the top of a six-candidate primary field last month, coming within 400 votes of each other.

Candidates for local office are required to submit periodical reports to their county. Coleman and Londeau submitted pre-primary statements to Wayne County, which keeps those reports in an online database. Here's how the two candidates funded the first leg of their campaigns to become Westland's chief executive.

## Coleman leans on previous fund-raising

Coleman, currently serving his third

term in Lansing as a state representative, put \$88,950 from his representative election committee toward his mayoral committee. He raised another \$21,705 ahead of the primary.

Donors who contributed \$2,000 or more to Coleman's campaign include Robert Matthews, Marion Caushi and Hussein Hussein, according to online records. Caushi and Hussein both run companies in the transportation industry. The Operating Engineers Local 324 Political Action Committee and the Realtors Political Action Committee of Michigan also donated to him.

Public officials who gave to Coleman include Rep. Dylan Wegela (D-Garden City), Westland Councilman Mike McDermott and state Sen. Sylvia Santana (D-Detroit).

Coleman spent \$45,844.34 ahead of the primary. His largest expense was at Allpro.com, based in Farmington, for \$17,527.90 in campaign materials like brochures. Another notable expense Coleman made was \$1,000 to Westland Councilman Peter Herzberg, his first cousin, for administrative wages. His committee also paid reimbursements to some volunteers.

**Londeau taps into former mayor's network**

Londeau, a former councilman appointed to the mayor's office in January, used many of the same funding sources as former Mayor Bill Wild.

He raised \$124,285 ahead of the primary, about \$960 of which came from his city council fund-raising committee.

Political action committees who gave to Londeau include Westland Lieutenants & Sergeants Association for Good Government, Westland Police Officers Association, IUPAT Political Action Together Political Committee, Westland Supervisory Association Political Action Committee, Committee To Elect Richard LeBlanc, AFSCME Local 1602, Westland Fire Fighters Separate Segregated Fund and Realtors Political Action Committee of Michigan.

Londeau's largest donation was \$7,000 from Red and Blue Political Action Committee, which is funded by Priority Waste, Westland's trash pickup provider, according to online filings.

Public figures who gave to Londeau include former Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini, Westland Council Presi-

dent Jim Hart, Dearborn Heights Mayor Bill Bazzi, former Mayor Bill Wild, Westland Councilwoman Melissa Sampey and Livonia Councilman Rob Donovan. Additionally, 21 department leads and directors employed by the City of Westland, three of whom live in Westland, donated to Londeau.

Another notable donor is former Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik, who resigned last year after decades-old videos of him harassing and humiliating people as a police officer surfaced. According to Londeau's pre-primary campaign statement, Jedrusik gave Londeau \$250 about two months before Jedrusik resigned.

Londeau spent \$45,000.08 ahead of the primary.

His largest expense was with Messenger Printing, based in Taylor, for campaign materials.

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# These are the major taxpayers in Westland, Wayne

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**WESTLAND** — Energy providers and major real estate developments are among the highest taxpayers in Westland and Wayne.

Hometown Life obtained lists of the top taxpayers in both cities through Freedom of Information Act requests.

Property tax dollars go toward city millage collections to fund things like city services, Wayne-Westland Community Schools and some Wayne County services.

**Apartments, dying shopping mall among top ten in Westland**

The top property taxpayers in Westland include energy companies, apartment complexes and the Westland Shopping Center. Generally, contributions from these major players have risen slightly over the last few years.

DTE Energy and Consumers Energy are the two highest contributors at \$1,938,416 and \$1,247,158 paid over the last fiscal year respectively. The Westland Shopping Center at 35000 Warren Road, which officials would like to see repurposed due to lack of use, is the fourth highest taxpayer at \$944,711.

The remaining spots are taken by

apartment and townhome communities, the chief of which is the Landings Apartments complex at 7000 Lakeview Boulevard. Landings Apartments paid \$944,721 over the last fiscal year and is the city's third highest taxpayer.

**Ford, energy companies are highest taxpayers in Wayne**

Ford Motor Company, which has an assembly plant and a stamping plant in Wayne, pays the most property taxes in the city at \$2,052,407. The Jack Demmer Ford dealership at 37300 Michigan Ave. is also among the city's highest taxpayers, coming in eighth at \$153,073.

DTE Energy and Consumers Energy

take up the second and third spots respectively. The two energy companies are among the highest taxpayers for most metro Detroit communities. DTE paid Wayne \$560,512 in the last two tax periods, and Consumers paid \$480,290.

Most of the city's other major taxpayers are either real estate developers or apartment complexes. Russo Properties Trust, Wooshin Properties and Wayne Realty Holdings are a few examples.

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# Plymouth, Canton, Northville plan lineup of family-friendly fall events

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**PLYMOUTH** — Ready for another whirling and spinning good time? The annual Plymouth Fall Festival, now in its 67th season, is set for Sept. 8-10 in the streets of downtown Plymouth.

Carnival rides open at 3 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

If spinning and lurching isn't your thing, the weekend also includes a full lineup of entertainment, a car show, craft show, pet show and vendors. And, of course, food.

In addition to carnival fare, the festival will once again offer the annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 9, and the traditional Rotary Club annual Chicken BBQ, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or until sold out), Sunday, Sept. 10.

Plymouth's Fall Festival is the first of many autumn events lined up in the area. See the chronological list below to learn about some of the fall family fun in store for Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

**Howl at the Moon, 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Canton Dog Park**

Dress yourself and your pet for the costume contest and head over to the Canton Dog Park at Denton Road, north of Cherry Hill Road, for Howl at the Moon. Live entertainment, vendors, giveaways. No pre-registration is required, but non-dog park members must show proof of up-to-date vaccination.

**Skeletons are Alive Launch Party, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, Downtown Northville**

The 12th Annual Skeletons are Alive Launch Party in downtown Northville features free family-friendly fun such as balloon twisters, face painting, a Detroit Circus skeleton stilt walker, pumpkin carver John Angevine, Ghostbusters on site to ensure the "supernatural" doesn't crash the party and more.

**Boo Bash, 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct.**



Fall Festival rides along Main Street. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**14, Summit on the Park**

Treat the kids in your life, ages 7-12, to some Halloween fun at the Boo Bash, a safe and supervised kids' Halloween party featuring a costume contest, pizza dinner, and spooky fun. Parents are not required to stay for the duration of the event. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 for Canton residents and \$26 for non-residents.

**Things that go Bump in the Night, 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, Plymouth Historical Museum**

Something is eerie in the Plymouth Historical Museum. Come explore Things that go Bump in the Night, with tours starting every 15 minutes. Halloween costumes are encouraged, but not required. Children will receive a bag of candy and a craft to make at home as they depart the museum. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Cost is \$10 per person for 11 and older; children 6-10, \$5.

Children 5 and under are free.

**Halloween Spook-tacular, 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, Northville Community Center**

Dress in your best costume and join Northville Parks & Recreation for the Halloween Spook-tacular, a spooky new event for all ages. The event includes crafts, a spooky maze, dancing, cider and donuts, and more. Registration is required. Cost is \$13/per child. Parents/guardians with paid child enter for free.

**Pumpkin Palooza, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, Downtown Plymouth**

Dress up the dog and the kids for the 12th annual Pumpkin Palooza, featuring trick-or-treating, kid and pet costume contests, live entertainment and more on the closed streets of West Ann Arbor Trail, Forest Avenue, Penniman, and Main in Downtown Plymouth.

**Trick-or-Treat Story Trail, 1-3 p.m.**

**Saturday, Oct. 21, Heritage Park**

Get the whole family dressed up in costume and come out to trick-or-treat along the Trick or Treat Story Trail with Canton Leisure Services, the Canton Public Library and Canton Public Safety. Pre-registration is required for every trick-or-treater. Cost is \$5 for Canton residents, \$6 for non-residents.

**Streets of Treats, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, Downtown Northville**

Put on your costumes and head to downtown Northville for the 2023 Streets of Treats event, where participants can trick-or-treat at the downtown businesses and treat stations along the route. This event is free and open to the public.

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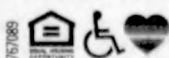
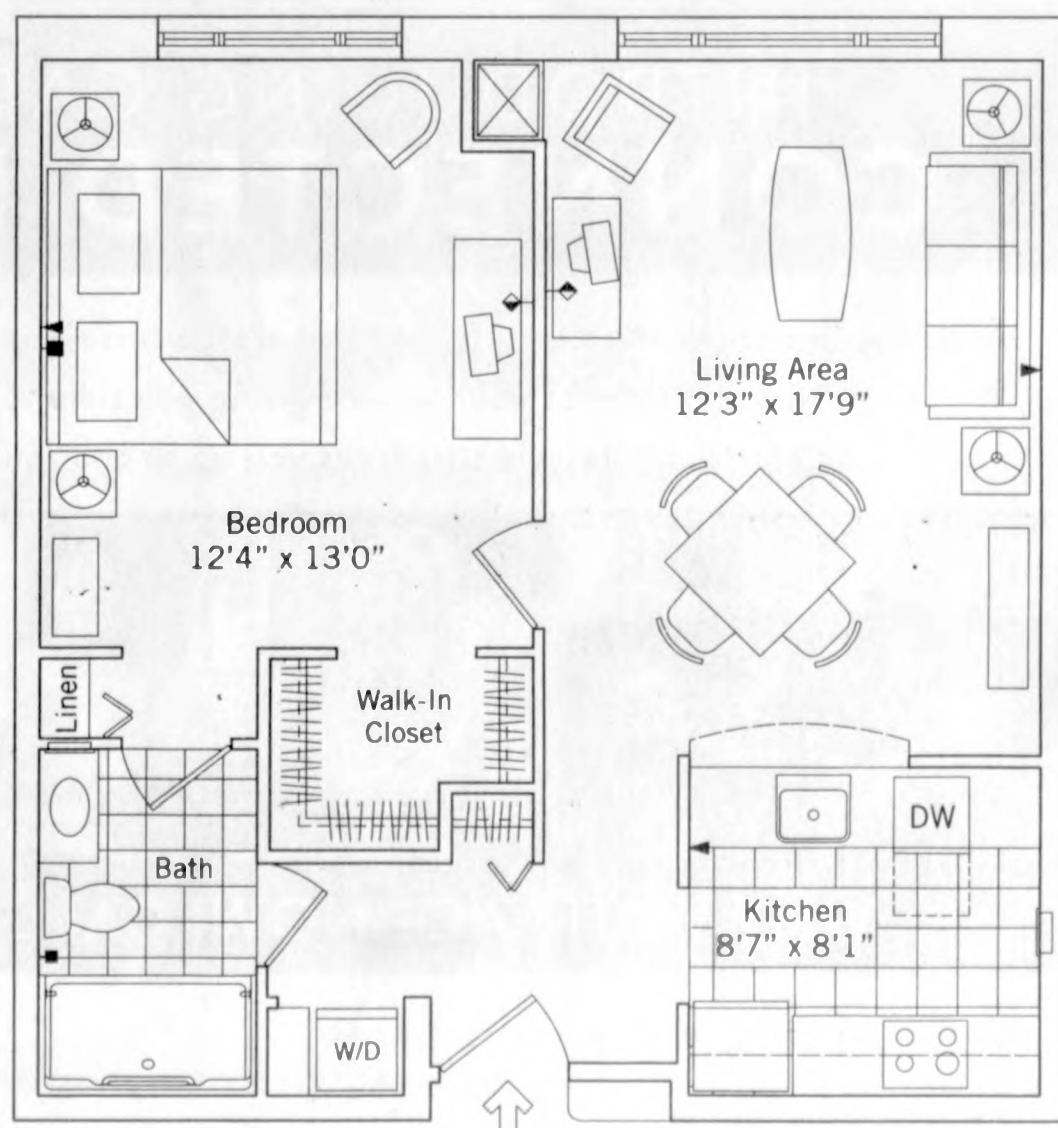
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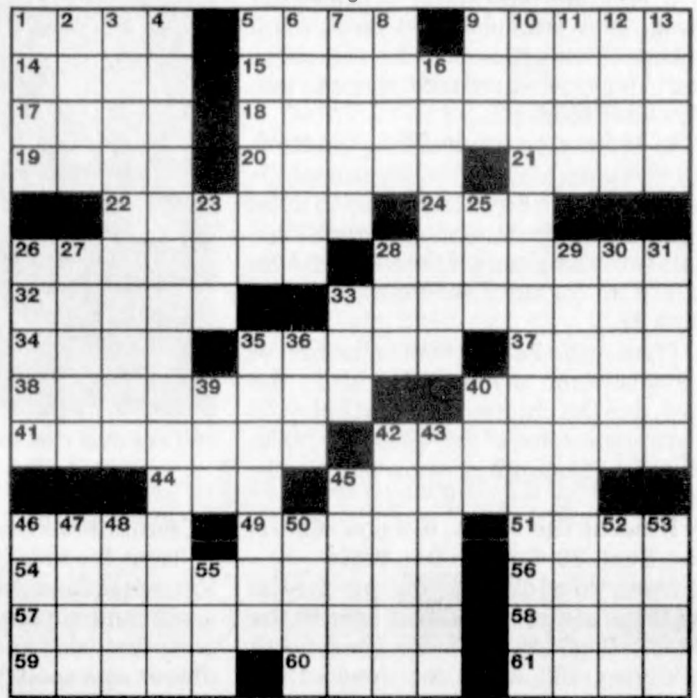
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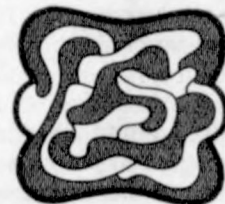
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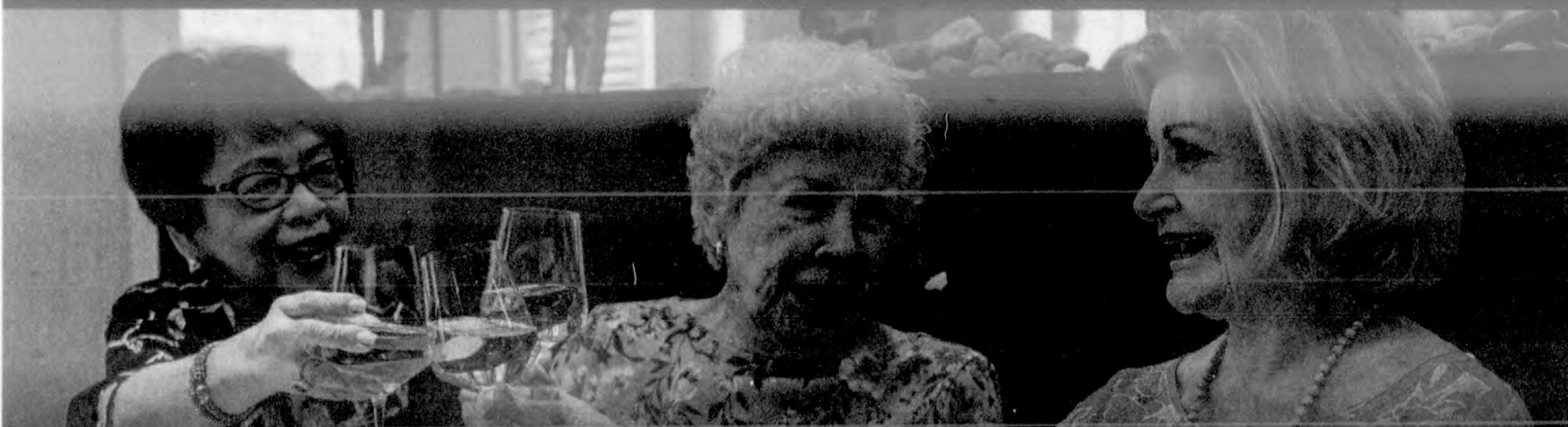
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## Browndog Barlor to close Farmington restaurant, transition to catering

Shelby Tankersley

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FARMINGTON — After just over one year back in downtown Farmington, Browndog Barlor's unique restaurant and ice cream parlor are leaving again.

The company announced on Facebook Wednesday afternoon that it would close the restaurant and "barlor" — offering alcoholic ice cream treats — at 33314 Grand River Ave., allowing the space to transition into an events and catering business. Browndog will remain the owner but will offer different services.

"We understand that this news might evoke a range of emotions, and we want to assure you that our dedication to exceptional service and quality remains unwavering," the company said in a statement. "We invite you to visit our Northville location to get your daily fix of Browndog and our creative culinary experiences you have come to expect from us."

According to the company, the transition is immediate.

**"We understand that this news might evoke a range of emotions, and we want to assure you that our dedication to exceptional service and quality remains unwavering."**

### Company statement

After closing the Farmington location in 2020 during the height of pandemic-related lockdowns, Browndog reopened in April 2022 to the glee of residents.

Browndog will continue to offer ice cream, boozy shakes and food at its Northville, Lansing and Oak Park locations, according to its website.

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Some of Browndog's ice cream in pints - ready to go home with customers.

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# SPORTS

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Northville's Cole Attanasio tackles Plymouth's Jaxon McCaig during a Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West football game Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# 'Earn the respect'

## Northville dominates Plymouth from the get-go

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Colin Charles raced down the far sideline, dove toward the end zone and stretched to get the ball inside the pylon to give the Northville football team a 35-0 lead just before halftime Aug. 31 at Tom Holzer Ford Field.

Following the high fives, chest bumps and celebrations as the offense jogged back to the Mustangs' sideline, one player started shouting, "20-17?! 20-17?!"

That was a reference to Hometown Life's Week 2 prediction for their game

against Plymouth, which entered the matchup with a star-studded lineup of future college stars, chief among them being three-star Northwestern offensive lineman commit Idrys Cotton and running back Jaxon McCaig, who holds an offer from Marshall, and veteran seniors such as Luc Damiani, Nathan Gillick, Sam Plencner, Cameron Witt and many, many more.

On paper, it just made sense, right? Plymouth has one of its best rosters since Greg Souldourian was promoted to head coach in 2020, and Northville was entering 2023 going through a likely rebuild.

Longtime coach Matt Ladach retired

following last year's runner-up finish in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West. The Mustangs brought in a rookie coach Brent Luplow, who had no varsity head coaching experience and was changing schemes on both sides of the ball. Plus, they had only four All-KLAA players in Caleb Moore, Evan Deak, Ferris Jordan and Graham Gilmartin returning. It just looked like a tough season ahead.

Well, Northville shocked everyone by upsetting state power Clarkston during a Battle at the Big House game at Michigan Stadium, home of the

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Farmington Hills Mercy winning without its best player

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Farmington Hills Mercy volleyball coach Loretta Vogel didn't want Campbell Flynn in the building Wednesday night.

It's been quite the summer for Flynn, who is the No. 1-ranked 2025 recruit in Michigan, according to Prep-Dig.com.

The 6-foot-3 setter announced her verbal commitment to Nebraska in June. She then helped Team USA put together a 14-0 record and win gold in early August at the FIVB U19 World Championships in Osijek, Croatia.

A few weeks later, she joined Team USA's U21 team for the World Championships in Guanajuato, Mexico. She just returned home that tournament following a sixth-place finish for the Red, White and Blue.

It's safe to say Flynn, the 13th-best recruit in the nation, has been a little too busy to play for Mercy this fall while she represented her country on some of the biggest stages the world has to offer.

"She was going to come tonight, but we were never planning on playing her because she is still recuperating," Vogel said following Wednesday's 3-0

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Farmington Hills Mercy's Flynn Campbell bumps the ball during a Catholic League-Central volleyball match against Bloomfield Hills Marian on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Athletic trainer Churchill's secret weapon



Livonia Churchill athletic trainer Paige Thornton tends to a player during a KLAA-East boys soccer match Aug. 28, 2023. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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The Livonia Churchill football team is off to a 2-0 start, despite being one of eight area programs that went through a coaching transition in the offseason.

Longtime coach Bill DeFillippo retired after 32 years of coaching, including 15 seasons with the Chargers, but, for the most part, his coaching staff

stayed intact following his departure. Assistant Allen Feigel, who is entering his 13th season with the program, was promoted to head coach.

Much of their success this fall has to do with the stability they've had throughout their coaching transition.

But they also have a secret weapon many teams just don't have.

That's Paige Thornton.

She's entering her ninth season as Churchill's athletic trainer, but she's not

just out there handing out ice bags and taping ankles. She's just as important to the game plan as the offense's script for the first drive or the defense's alignment to stop opponents on fourth and inches.

Take Week 1, for example.

Opening night had unpleasant heat and humidity. The heat index made it feel like it was over 100 degrees inside some stadiums. And that temperature

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## Volleyball

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win over Wixom St. Catherine. "So I said, 'Go home,' because she's already missed a lot of school and she will be back (to practice) tomorrow anyway."

But Flynn's absence hasn't stopped the Marlins from attacking their own goals.

A year ago, they won a district championship but lost to eventual state runner-up Northville in the Division 1 regional semifinal.

But this year, perhaps more than any season in recent history, they have a chance to do a little more.

Rival Bloomfield Hills Marian, winner of the past three state championships, is going through a rebuild (or, at the very least, it's trying to sort out itself as it reloads with more superstar talent).

Yeah, the Mustangs still have Cincinnati commit Izzy Busignani on the squad, but this is the first time in three years they don't have three or four of the top-10 players in Michigan in their starting lineup.

When was the last time you've seen Marian ranked outside of the No. 1 or 2 spots in the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association poll? Because the Mustangs came in at No. 10 in the most recent rankings.

With Marian trying to defy the odds, not only does that mean the Catholic League-Central is up for grabs but so, too, are regional and state titles for teams such as Mercy.

And that's just what the Marlins have been chasing.

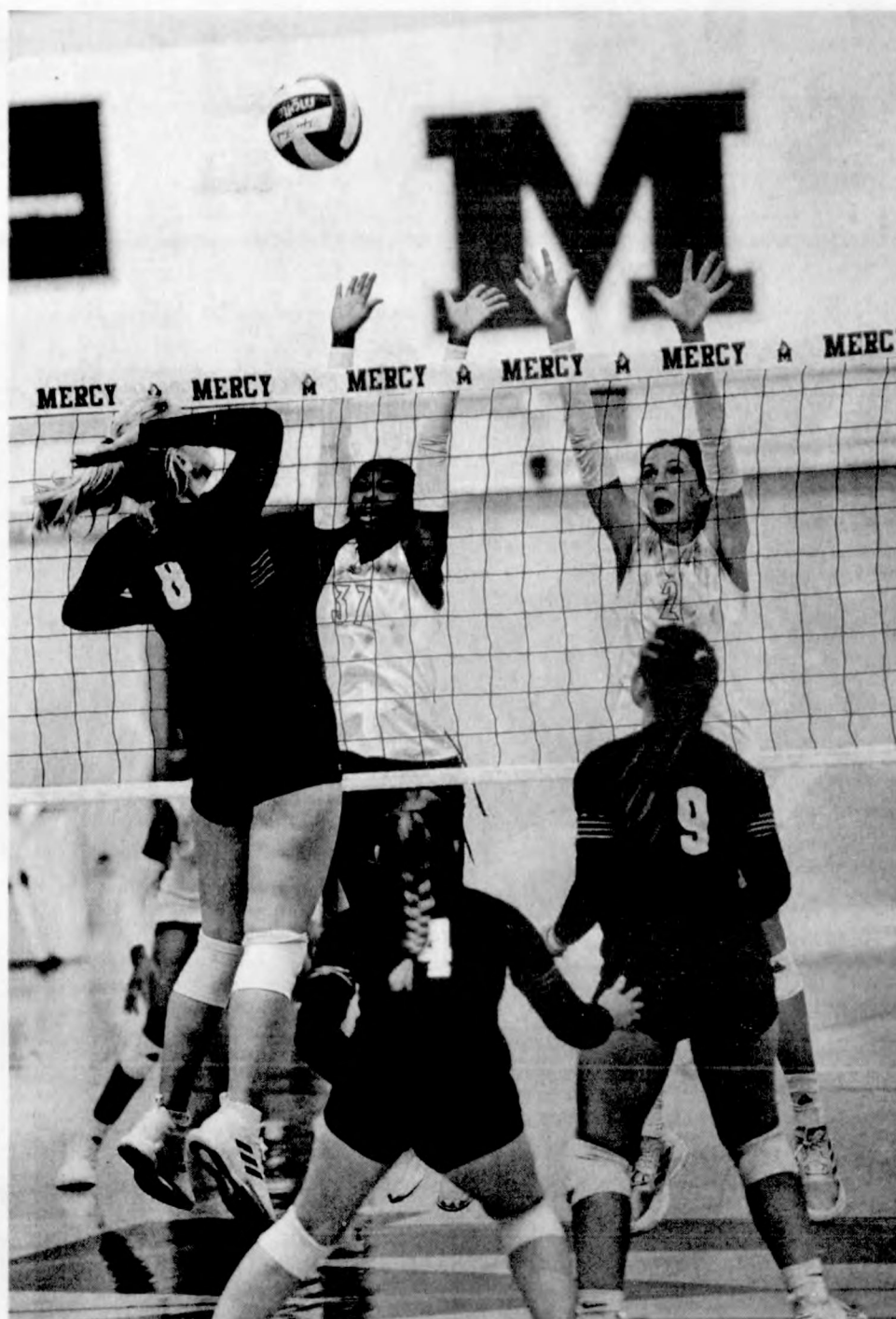
With Flynn unable to help over the past three weeks, Vogel tapped Keira McNutt to play setter and keep the offense rolling. And, for the most part, the junior has done just that.

The only problem? McNutt isn't actually a setter. Her natural position is defensive specialist. But she's one of the few upperclassmen veterans the Marlins have on the team. So her leadership as their setter has been paramount throughout her dozen or so starts.

In fact, Mercy actually has only two seniors: Angie Butler, who has been a reliable outside hitter over the years, and Mia Guss. It's the fewest number of seniors Vogel has had on a team in her 14 years with the Marlins. But the squad is loaded with some of the best young talent in the state. From returning sophomores Cree Hollier and Maya Zarow to new players such as Kate Kalczynski, the No. 3-ranked freshman recruit in Michigan.

With great talent surrounding McNutt, it's easy to see why she hasn't taken her new responsibilities lightly.

"It's been a really good experience because it gives me a different perspec-



Farmington Hills Mercy's Kennedy Howard and Kate Kalczynski combine for a block during a volleyball match Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2023.

PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

tive on the game, and it makes me a more agile player, which allows me to add a lot of new tools to my tool belt," McNutt said. "It's nice to get a different look at the way everybody plays and a different look on passing even. You learn more about angles when you're setting."

"(With Flynn returning), I'm excited to get back to my normal position, but I'm very grateful for the setting opportunity to get a different perspective. It's helped me with my game and skill set and strengthened my IQ for volleyball. But playing defense is my favorite thing, and it's what I love the most about this sport."

The Marlins have dropped a game here and there so far, including a tough 3-0 loss to new CHSL foe Toledo St. Ur-

sula Academy. But their hitters have done a great job of adapting to McNutt's style of play. She's not a future All-American setter like Flynn, but she gets the job done.

And she's doing it while being about 6 inches shorter than Flynn.

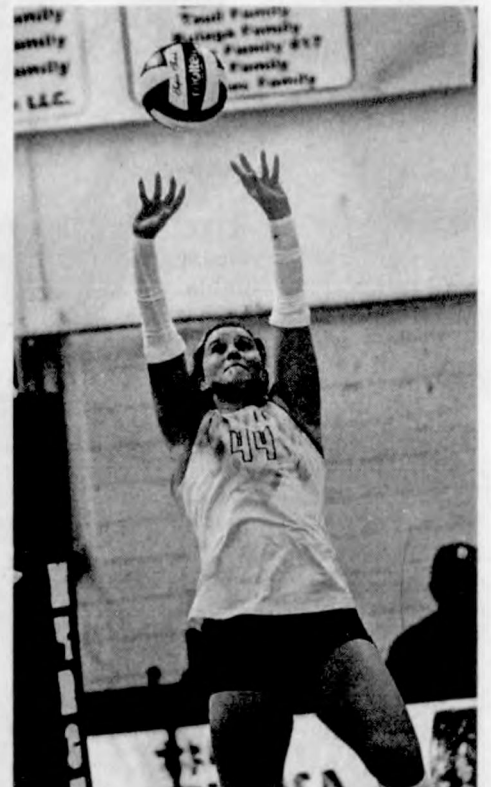
"Kiera has just done a wonderful job," Vogel added. "For us, she's normally a libero or defense. But for our whole season so far, she has just done a remarkable job making it work."

Once Flynn returns to the lineup, McNutt will move back to her natural position and strengthen Mercy's defense, and the team should instantly become a contender for the CHSL-Central title.

And, who knows? Maybe it can even get out of the region and earn a trip to



Farmington Hills Mercy's Keira McNutt serves.



Farmington Hills Mercy's Keira McNutt sets.

Battle Creek.

"I'm just really happy with them," Vogel said. "I watch some of my young guys and they all have nice technique. So you know when they play, the little things are correct. We've lost some games, but sometimes you need to lose to win. I'm just happy with how they've been playing (without Flynn in the lineup)."

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## Trainer

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only increases at places that have field turf.

Thornton had the Chargers ready. All week she harped on the boys about staying hydrated to avoid cramping during the season opener.

During the team dinner, she mandated that every player eat at least one banana. When they boarded the bus to visit New Boston Huron, she had 40 liquid IVs ready for the trip.

On the Chargers' sideline during the game, she had pickle juice shooters prepared as well as electrolyte packets and mustard, all great remedies when cramps do occur.

Churchill went on to beat Huron, 36-12, and the team had just one player leave the game because of cramps.

"There's nothing worse than a kid having to come out during a clutch moment because of cramping," said Thornton, 31, during a Churchill boys soccer match last week. "Historically, since I've been here, we've been crampers. But we've been getting a lot better at it. We've been doing everything we can to preemptively prepare for the heat, and the kids do a really good job with it. We pushed hydration all week because we knew it was going to be hot."

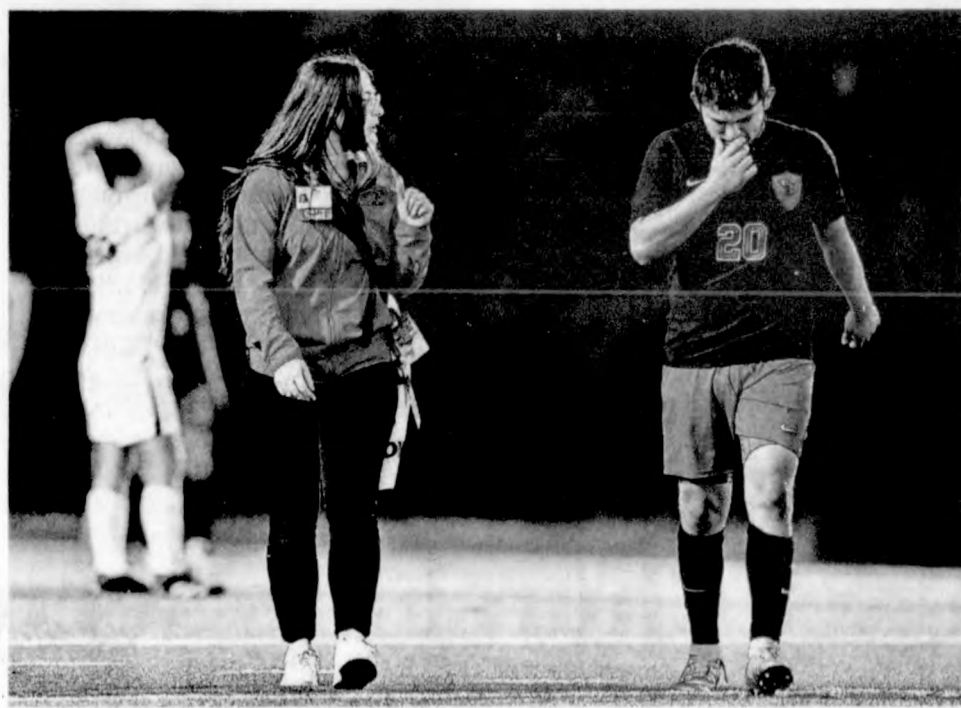
"It's just a fraction of my job, but it's something I take seriously because it's one way I can help control the game, and I try to do the best that I can."

Isn't that the truth?

She wears many hats.

And even before Thornton graduated in 2010 from Colon High School, located south of Kalamazoo, near the Indiana border, she's had a lot on her plate.

She attended Michigan State University, where she was a four-year member of its competitive cheer team. She studied under the Spartans' Hall of Fame athletic trainer Sally Nogle, who has



Livonia Churchill athletic trainer Paige Thornton tends to a player during a KLA-A-East boys soccer match Monday, Aug. 28, 2023.

BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

four decades of experience helping athletes.

Despite working at Churchill now, Thornton's still an assistant with the Spartans. It's not uncommon for her to take the 1-hour, 9-minute trip from Livonia to East Lansing for a stunt practice following a Churchill athletic event.

She's also a volunteer at Livingston County Humane Society.

And if somehow that doesn't sound like a lot, she's also spent the past year as the secretary inside Churchill's athletic office.

"When athletic director Marc Hage retired, his longtime secretary, Mary LaCroix also retired," said Casey Conway, who replaced Hage in 2022 and is currently in his second year as Churchill's AD. "Paige and I had talked the year before that we were a package deal. If I got the AD job, I wanted her to be the assis-

tant, so it has worked out well. She's here all day, and she's the only person who is here more than I am."

Thornton works four hours per day in the athletic office, helping with administrative duties, from processing physical forms to overseeing bus schedules and everything else in between.

When school's about to end for the day, she switches into athletic trainer mode. That includes tending to already-injured athletes inside her training room, preparing her John Deere Gator with everything she'll need to help players who get banged up during outdoor events like soccer and football and doing everything else involved with injury prevention, rehabilitation and management.

"Having a dedicated trainer like her is huge," Conway said. "I don't know how we would function any other way. She

builds relationships with everybody like teachers, administrators, parents, families and athletes. Everyone puts their trust in Paige. If Paige says a kid can play, the kid can play. If Paige says they can't, then there's a really good reason why they can't. She does everything she can to rehabilitate the kids. She's 100 percent a kids-first person, and she takes so much pride in what she does and is so conscientious. She's such a great role model for these kids to see. ...

"From an organizational standpoint, she's extremely well-organized. She knows all of our families, all of our kids, all of our coaches. The coaches respect her so much as the athletic trainer that when she tells them to get their bus schedule in or their physicals turned in as the secretary, they're a lot more likely to do it for somebody like her than somebody they don't have a relationship with. She's just willing to do anything for anybody at any time."

What's the endgame for Thornton? She enjoys her time at Churchill and doesn't see herself becoming an athletic trainer at any other high school. But, eventually, she'd like to get her doctorate and become a clinical education coordinator at a college.

"I want to inspire other athletic trainers to work in high school settings," she said. "Because that's really where the need for athletic trainers is, to work in a setting like this."

Until that time comes, she'll remain the Chargers' secret weapon on the sidelines, always going above and beyond the needs of the athletes to give them a competitive advantage on game day. The football team is certainly thankful for her effort. They're likely not 2-0 without her keeping the players hydrated and ready to play.

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Northville's Drew Rankin celebrates a stop on fourth down during a Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West football game.



Northville's Brent Luplow calls a play on offense.  
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## Football

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Wolverines, in Week 1. And then this week? Plymouth just didn't have an answer to stop the Mustangs' defense from flying around and making plays.

A rebuild? Northville (2-0, 1-0) is shooting for a division title *right now*. That's what it's 50-14 win over the Wildcats said.

It set the tone from the first play of scrimmage, as defensive back Christian Freydl recovered a fumble, returned it into scoring position and set up Max DeFore with a 4-yard touchdown run on Northville's next play.

And the Mustangs didn't take their foot off the gas. Their defense also came up with two interceptions, stood tall on key fourth down plays to force turnovers of downs and continued to set the tone all night.

"Coming into this game, we didn't know what to expect," said Freydl, a senior. "We knew Plymouth, they got some dudes over there, but just setting the tone early on a team like Plymouth and trying to beat them down early, that just means everything. We just got momentum our way, took it and ran with it."

"Northville has been thought of as soft over the past couple of years. This year, we've really made an emphasis on making everyone in the state know that we can play hard football. And that's ex-

actly what we did tonight."

Northville certainly did.

And judging by the other scores around the KLAA-West, perhaps fans should buy their Week 9 tickets to see the Mustangs play defending state champion Belleville in the KLAA title game today.

This team hasn't let learning new schemes, adjusting to new playing styles and developing relationships with a new coaching staff get in the way of going out there and playing football the old school way.

They look hungry to win. They look sick and tired of being the league's punching bag.

Last year's runner-up finish in the division aside, they've had only two winning seasons since 2016. Statement wins over Clarkston and Plymouth make Northville look like a contender for more than just division titles. Could they win a district? Can they finally get past Detroit Catholic Central? They're 0-4 against the Shamrocks in the post-season.

Just how far can these guys go?

"We're going for a championship this year," said captain Drew Rankin, another hard-as-nails defensive back. "The KLAA-West. The KLAA. District, regional. We'll go all the way. When you've got teammates like I do — teammates who love one another, teammates who want to fight for one another every single snap — it makes it easy."

And those teammates?

That's quarterback Isaac Pace going 10 of 12 passing for 108 yards and throwing TD passes to Caden Besco, Max DeFore and Charles.

That's also Charles leading the rushing attack with 80 yards on just three carries, and that's Nick Helner reeling in five passes for a team-best 105 yards.

That's Deak pacing the defense with seven tackles and Cole Attanasio celebrating after sacking Plencner. That's Gilmartin and Jordan looking dominant in the trenches.

That's backup QB Michael Cygan taking the team down the field and making the most of his playing time in the second half.

From the top player to the last guy on the depth chart, everyone played tough against Plymouth. And it started from the very first snap of the game.

"We talked all week about how we had to start fast and stay on that physicality that we showed at Michigan and just continue to play at that level," Luplow said. "I couldn't have asked for a better first play. We brought all the energy, energy to our sidelines, to our fans, to our team. After that, it was just pedal to the metal. ...

"We're just trying to create a culture of physical aggressiveness. I couldn't have asked for a better senior class to lead the charge with that. Everything we do, we want to do it physically and fast. This defense is special, and they have guys who want to lead the way. We want people thinking that when it's North-

ville on the schedule, you're going to have to come ready to play in all four quarters."

All eyes around the KLAA should be on Northville in Week 3.

Not only are they looking to add to that win total, but it's Luplow's first time facing his old team, Brighton, the squad that edged Northville by three points to steal the outright KLAA-West championship in 2022.

This is a game the Mustangs *must* win. If they want to plant their flag and say they arrived as a new power broker in Michigan, this is one they cannot afford to lose.

Against the Wildcats, they led 42-0 at halftime, secured a running clock and had their backups start on both sides of the ball in the second half. It might be unrealistic to have those kinds of expectations in Week 3, but there's no reason Northville can't fly to the ball and set the tone early once again.

"Our motto is 'earn the respect,' and we're going over to Brighton next week, and going home for me, where I've been the last few years, so it's going to be special," Luplow said. "If we knock them off, people are going to be talking about us. If we just stay the course, go every week 1-0 and take it one game at a time, we'll be fine. We're in a really good spot right now."

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# Brighton week stirred up emotions for new Northville coach Luplow

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**BRIGHTON** - As Brent Luplow watched students he taught and coached at Brighton High School receive their diplomas June 9 under the stadium lights, the weight of the moment wasn't lost on him.

The students' time at Brighton was over, and so was Luplow's.

But he knew he would be back — and it wouldn't take long.

After a six-year career as an assistant football coach with the Bulldogs, Luplow was head coach of a Northville team that took a 2-0 record into a their KLAA West clash on Sept. 8. The game was played after press time for this edition.

Luplow didn't hide the fact that it was a special week for him.

"It's going to be emotional," Luplow said leading up to the game. "I'm really excited. I have a lot of love for a lot of people in that community, in that school. It's gonna be fun."

"I remember being there three months ago for graduation under the lights and I said, 'My gosh, the next time I'm under the lights here will be for our game in three months.' That came awfully fast."

The reunion stirred up so many feelings and memories for Luplow.

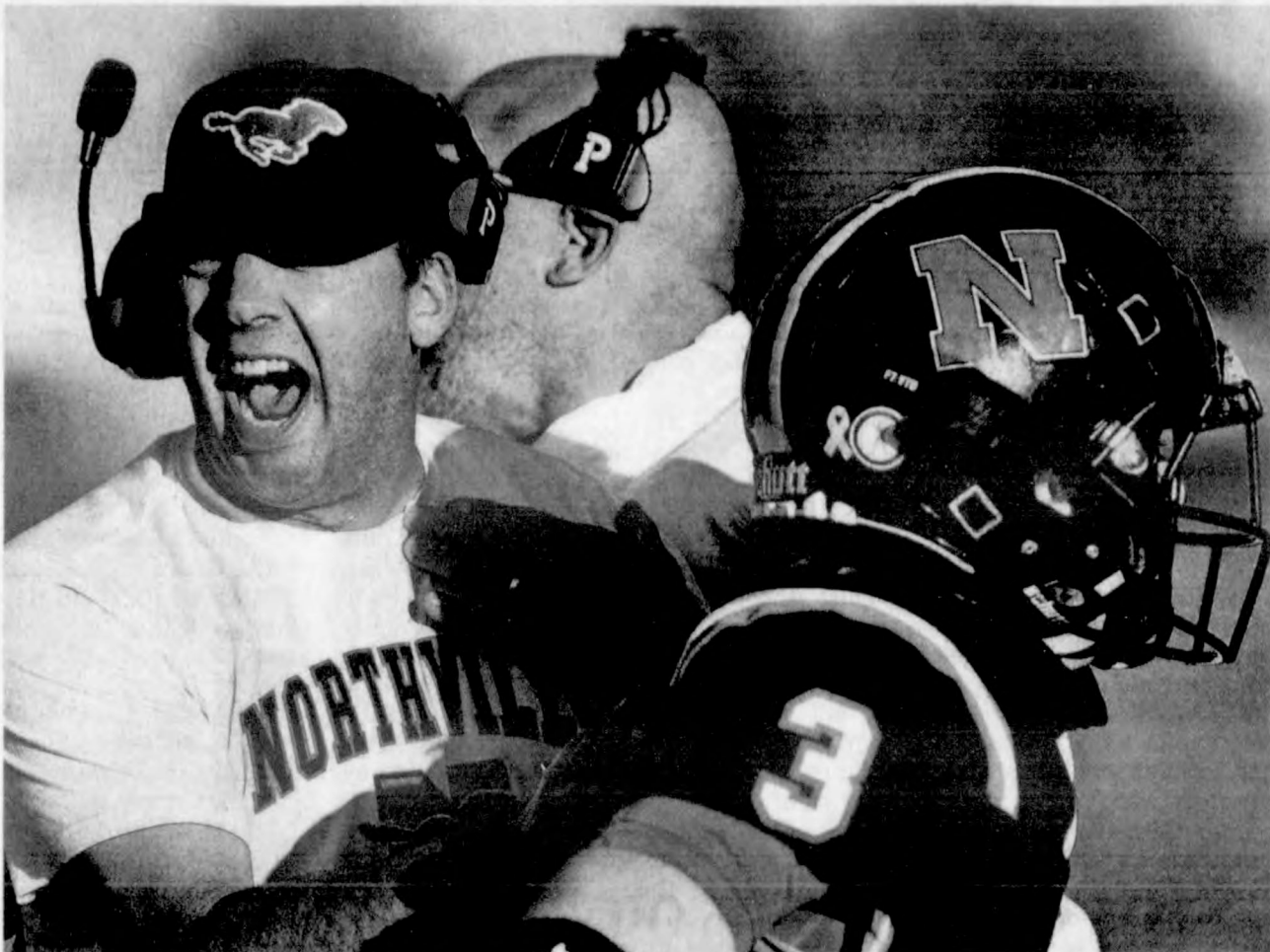
He's not originally from Brighton, growing up 125 miles away in Clare, but he formed tight bonds that will last a lifetime during his two years coaching quarterbacks and four years as offensive coordinator for the Bulldogs.

His phone was blowing up with messages from former players and coaching colleagues leading up to the game.

"Having those relationships with the kids and a lot of guys I coached with, a lot of them have reached out this week wishing me good luck going back," Luplow said. "Having those relationships and keeping those relationships is pretty cool."

Luplow said his time at Brighton prepared him to take over a program like Northville, which is the sixth-largest school in Michigan. In addition to being a football assistant coach, he was the junior varsity boys' basketball coach at Brighton.

"It couldn't have been better," Luplow said. "I had a lot of really good mentors collectively across all avenues of education, the coaching mentors, the principals, co-workers, how they guided me to embrace leadership roles and dive into leadership roles. That prepared me for all aspects of being a head coach — the



New Northville football coach Brent Luplow, an assistant coach for six years at Brighton, will lead the Mustangs into Brighton at 7 p.m. Friday. BRANDON FOLSOM/USA TODAY NETWORK

parents, the community, the football and so on. It's a place that will forever be a piece of me. It will forever be in my heart. I enjoyed it a ton."

But while he's still wearing black and orange, Luplow's loyalties now lie with a Northville team that, through the first two weeks, looked like the early favorite to dethrone Brighton as KLAA West champion. The Mustangs, who were second to Brighton last season, made a statement by beating perennial power Clarkston in their opener at Michigan Stadium.

Luplow acknowledges that his familiarity with Brighton helped in preparing for the Bulldogs.

"I definitely have some inside info about everybody, because it's so familiar and it's what I lived the last six years," he said. "Things change in a year, but I know a lot of the kids and coaches well."

While Luplow has coached against Northville in the past, he's learning things about the Mustangs that he couldn't pick up on the sidelines or game film.

"They are great kids, and I knew that coming in," he said. "Similar families as Brighton families and similar kids as Brighton kids. Man, they work their butts off and work very hard. They've put in a lot of time and effort."

"It's their underdog mentality that they haven't had winning seasons like Brighton has had, so there's a chip on their shoulder I haven't been part of in a long time. That's cool to see and fulfilling when they are successful. We're trying to get to the level of Brighton as a consistent winner in the league and beyond."

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Northville's Isaac Pace does his best "git along, little dogies" impression on the sideline during a Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West football game Aug. 31, 2023, at Tom Holzer Ford Field. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Folsom's Week 3 Michigan high school football rankings

**Brandon Folsom**  
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Hometown Life sports reporter Brandon Folsom is back with his Week 2 football rankings. Check back every week to see who his top 10 teams are around the area.

**10. Birmingham Seaholm (1-1, 0-0; Last week: No. 6)**

The Maples stumble into their Oakland Activities Association-Blue opener after losing by 18 points to a much-improved Detroit U-D Jesuit squad.

And Week 3 won't be an easy win for Seaholm either.

Yeah, it faces winless North Farmington, but the Raiders have lost to Groves, a state semifinalist last year, and Caledonia, a state runner-up. We don't know how good the Raiders are yet, and there's a good chance they'll give the Maples a battle.

**9. Farmington (1-1, 0-0; Last week 7)**

Losing to an Ottawa-Kent Conference-Gold team in Week 2 isn't so bad. Muskegon Reeths-Puffer plays in one of the best leagues in Michigan, one that churns out state champions regularly.

Farmington has a chance to avenge that loss by upsetting another state power in Birmingham Groves in Week 3.



Milford's Caden Johnston-Thompson carries the ball during a Lakes Valley Conference game Aug. 31, 2023. MELISSA SAMLUK/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWN LIFE

**8. White Lake Lakeland (1-1, 1-0; Last week: 5)**

After looking dominant in their Week 1 win over South Lyon East, the Eagles got doubled up by Saginaw Heritage this past week. "We won't beat a little league team, much less a really good Heritage squad, with 19 flags!" is the quote coach Jim Calhoun sent in with his team's stats following the game. Expect a bounce-back performance when Lakeland takes on Waterford Kettering this week.

**7. Livonia Franklin (1-1, 0-1; Last week: 3)**

The Patriots losing to Dearborn Fordson in Week 2 wasn't a surprise. The Tractors have been a respectable program for years, even when they don't have elite college recruits like they've had in the past. What was surprising, however, was seeing Franklin lose by 37 points. Franklin will right the ship against Wayne Memorial (1-1, 0-1) this week, which is a good thing. It'll need some positive mojo when it takes on rival Livonia Stevenson in Week 4. The Livonia City championship will be on the line there.

**6. Detroit Catholic Central (1-1, 0-1; Last week: 2)**

There's no shame in losing to a defending state champion, but that's what the Shamrocks and first-year coach Justin Cessante did when they visited Toledo Central Catholic in Week 2. No surprise here, though. They play one of the toughest schedules in Michigan, and they'll have more tough battles ahead. But how they bounce back this week will say a lot about the trajectory of this program for the rest of the fall.

**5. Canton (2-0, 1-0; Last week: Unranked)**

Week 2 could've been a trap game when Canton headed to Howell. And when the Highlanders took a 10-point lead halfway through the third quarter, it could've just rolled over and died. But it didn't.

The Red and White rallied for a second-half comeback and are now undefeated with a brand-new coaching staff. Now that's impressive. And that's why they're so highly ranked entering

Week 3.

**4. Westland John Glenn (2-0, 1-0; Last week: 8)**

The Rockets are coming off their first win over Dearborn in program history (they were previously 0-5 in the series since the Pioneers joined the KLAAs), and now they have a chance to be 3-0 to open a season for the first time since 2009. What a turnaround by coach Jason Mensing and the leaders on this team. From Dougie Wicker to Damon Powers, Ethan Moore, Elliot Flake and everyone else who has been key in leading this rebuild at John Glenn.

**3. Milford (2-0, 2-0; Last week: 9)**

Now that's more like it. One week after coach Andrew Micovich's high-flying offense posted a goose egg against Waterford Kettering, the Mavericks bounced back to score 44 points against a tough and talented South Lyon East squad. Expect the offense to continue to pick up steam as Milford inches closer to that Week 7 matchup against Walled Lake Western, the favorite to win the Lakes Valley Conference.

**2. Birmingham Groves (1-1, 0-0; Last week: No. 1)**

The Falcons got their first big test of the season when they took on West Bloomfield in Week 2. The Lakers are just three falls removed from their D-1 state championship, and they still have plenty of talented college recruits. The good news? That loss should prep Groves for the tougher games still to come, like that Week 4 matchup against Southfield A&T.

**1. Northville (2-0, 1-0; Last week: No. 4)**

There's a new sheriff in town with the "rebuilding" Mustangs taking over the top spot in this week's ranking. In what looked like a close matchup on paper between Northville and Plymouth in Week 2, it wound up being a big win for the Mustangs, who now look like the favorite to win the KLAAs-West.

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## Obituaries

### Gertrude (Trudy) Green

EAST LANSING - Gertrude (Trudy) Green passed away on August 25, 2023 while at the Sparrow Hospice House in Lansing, Michigan. As Gertrude (Trudy) McKewen she was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 26, 1937. The family lived in Birmingham, Michigan. As a child Trudy played with her two boy cousins, John and Hal Bennett playing mumble peg, baseball, digging trenches, climbing trees and many other "guy" things. Her father Fred McKewen treated her as his "little boy" teaching her how to fix things and help him in his home projects. As a teenager she turned into a girl as her mother Ella McKewen wished would happen. She was a cheerleader, participated in many activities and became president for a year in her social club. Her father has always told her that a president of an organization was the easiest job. Trudy attended the University of Michigan and graduated from the School of Education. During her period at the University, she became President of her Delta Gamma Sorority in her last year. After graduation in 1959, Trudy married her boyfriend of 5 years, Douglas Green, during their marriage of 64 years they lived in 6 states and had 11 homes. They also had 3 children, David Fredrick Green, Julie Lynn Green and Douglas Howard Green. They also were blessed to have 7 grandchildren, Tricia and Alexa Brockman, Ian and Austin Green, Adam, Olivia and Eliza Green and 2 great grandchildren, Gloria and Elana Allen from Alexa.

While living in Columbus, Georgia Trudy achieved a Master's in Education at Columbus College and while in Chagrin Falls, Ohio for 24 years achieved a PhD in Education at Kent State University. She worked with an Optometrist, Tom Rose in Chagrin Falls to help people with a disadvantages in learning to use their eyes differently to help them. After 24 years in Chagrin Falls, Trudy and Doug retired in 1998 to their cottage in Michabou Shores near Frankfort, Michigan. Trudy was able to involve herself in many activities and for one year was President of the Michigan Shores Association and for one year as President of her PEO chapter.

In 2011, Trudy was diagnosed with dementia, heading to Alzheimer's disease. The issues associated with this disease moved slowly, but led to her death in August, 2023. Unfortunately, in 2014 she lost her son Douglas Howard Green of Hudson, Ohio.

In January, 2023 Trudy and Doug moved to East Lansing to be closer to their daughter, Julie Brockman and family. If anyone wishes to make a contribution or gift to this passing, Trudy hoped they would contribute to their favorite charity.



### Jennifer Ann Thames

CARO - Jennifer A. Thames, 49, of Caro died September 3, 2023 in her home following a hard-fought battle with breast cancer. She was born November 4, 1973 in Detroit to Dan and Judith (Hechinger) Bokano. Jennifer married John C. Thames on June 2, 2007 in Royal Oak.

Jennifer is survived by her husband, John; their children: Johnny, Jordan, Jessica; her father, Dan (Carol) Bokano; sisters: April (Keifer) Fox, Cathy (Craig) Collett; brother, Danny (Camielle) Bokano; many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her mother, Judith Hechinger.

Funeral service held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 9, 2023 in Deford Community Church. Interment will be in Ellington Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Right to Life or Deford Community Church.

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## 5 ways to ensure a greater work-family balance

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Individuals have to juggle many different responsibilities on a daily basis. Those with full- or part-time jobs, children, spouses or partners, or aging family members that require assistance, will often find they are pulled in different directions. In many cases, work takes priority over family time because people rely on their jobs for the income that funds their lifestyles. Rather than jeopardizing that income, certain individuals will make time concessions that favor employment over personal relationships and family time.

Recent data indicates that many people are trapped in unhealthy work-life balances and can't find the time to unwind and enjoy themselves. The e-commerce company Groupon asked 2,000 Americans about stress at work and 60 percent indicated that pressures and responsibilities of the workplace and home life do not have boundaries. Learning to balance work and life better may come from following these tips.

**1. Find more time.** While there's no way to add extra hours to the day, you can add extra hours to your schedule. One way to do so is to wake up earlier or stay up later than the house-



hold. Some people prefer the quiet time to get things done while others are asleep. If you can afford to shave an hour from your sleeping schedule (provided you already are getting enough), this approach can make a significant difference.

**2. Limit distractions as much as possible.** Distractions pull attention away from tasks and that can make it harder to complete jobs on time. Schedule tasks that require your ut-

most concentration when others are not around. Perhaps this means coming into the office during off-peak hours or waiting until a spouse or the kids go to their respective places of work or school before you start on things that require greater concentration.

**3. Figure out your home priorities.** Schedule your home priorities just as you would work meetings and other responsibilities. While you may not be

able to attend every sports practice or game, make it a point to get to as many events as possible. Put it in the calendar or planner as a must-do.

**4. Maximize your PTO.** Chances are you are entitled to a certain number of days off. Do not squander the opportunity to use these days. It will not make you a hero if you give up on time off. Map out priorities for the next couple of months and see where your time away from work will be needed. Then utilize PTO for these events as well as vacations.

**5. End work at a certain time.** There is a saying that "work expands to fill the time allotted." It's easy to let work infiltrate home time especially for those who are remote workers. Set a distinct end time for the job and reinforce it by turning off your computer or other devices, or physically lock the door to your office. Schedule tasks directly after work that are important to you, so you won't be tempted to continue working.

Finding work-life balance can take time and require breaking established habits, but it is one way to reduce stress and feel more personally satisfied.

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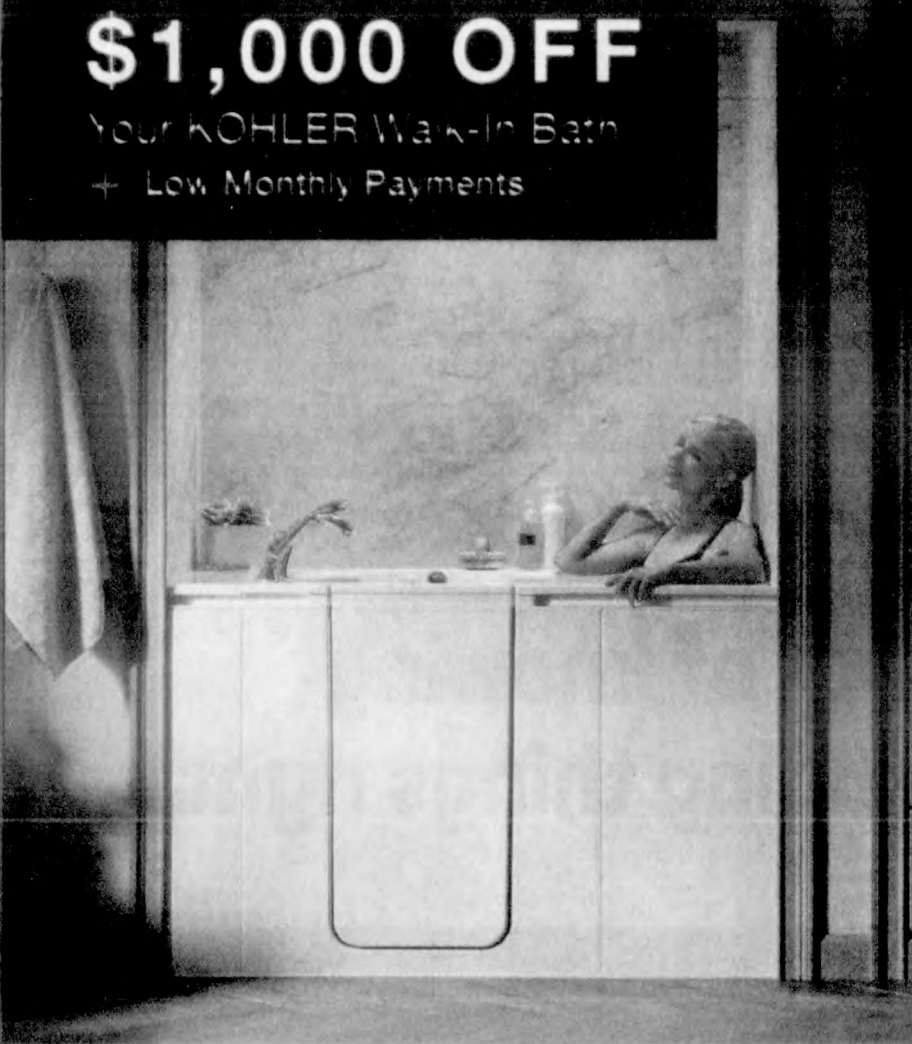
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