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## Norwegian company to bring \$400M investment to Plymouth Township

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PLYMOUTH TWP. — Nel Hydrogen, a Norwegian hydrogen company that makes renewable hydrogen for fuel, has chosen Plymouth Township as the location of its new manufacturing facility, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced in a press release Tuesday.

The venture reportedly will create 517 jobs and invest \$400 million in the local community, the release said.

The company specializes in electrolyzer technology for production of renewable hydrogen and hydrogen fueling equipment for road-going vehicles.

Nel's product offerings, the company says, are key enablers for a green hydrogen economy, making it possible to decarbonize industries such as transportation, refining, steel and ammonia.

Nel Hydrogen is headquartered in Oslo, Norway, and employs approximately 650 people globally. The Plymouth Township venture will be the company's first investment in Michigan.

"Plymouth Township is honored to have been selected by Nel Hydrogen for this revolutionary facility that will help bring a new source of clean, sustainable energy to power the future of the auto industry and beyond," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise, noting the business will be the "centerpiece" of the Michigan International Technology Center (MITC) Redevelopment Authority.

The new building, Heise said, will be located at 15000 Ridge Road, on part of a 100-acre site under development by Brookwood Capital Partners of North Carolina.

The 507,000-square-foot manufacturing facility manufacture proton exchange membrane and alkaline hydrogen electrolyzers and is expected to be a full greenfield build constructed specifically for Nel Hydrogen.

The release said Whitmer was thrilled welcome Nel Hydrogen to Southeast Michigan.

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Schoolcraft College reopened its Vistatech Center in September. The \$11 million in updates include new culinary learning spaces, a brewpub and a small expansion. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Schoolcraft completes \$11M Vistatech Center renovation

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LIVONIA — Schoolcraft College unveiled an \$11 million renovation of its Vistatech Center Thursday.

The college, at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, has been working on the area near the main entrance of the center, which includes the school's culinary classrooms and

some common meeting space, for over a year. Updates include renovations to the American Harvest restaurant, a café, a new common gathering space, brewing facilities and a lecture hall designed for live cooking demonstrations.

Vistatech houses Schoolcraft's well-known culinary program and includes gathering spaces like banquet rooms, computer labs and an auditorium. It's often used by the college and outside entities for events.

"We're moving into our next phase," Schoolcraft College President Glenn Cerny said during a ribbon cutting Thursday, Sept. 21. "We call it '2.0,' but it's really '2.0 on steroids.' We want our students to have experiences. Experiences are what transform our culture and our community."

One addition to the center is an interactive lecture hall with a full kitchen and

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## Trail plan spans 13 metroparks, 5 counties



Kensington Metropark in Milford is part of a proposal to connect all 13 Huron-Clinton Metroparks with non-motorized trails through five counties.

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MILFORD — Trail enthusiasts could see a whole new landscape in southeast Michigan with a massive plan to connect 13 parks in five counties.

The plan would tie together all of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, including Kensington, by adding about 72 miles of non-motorized trails. The parks in total already have 400 miles of trails within them.

"We are really excited to be working on this project and to work towards new trail connections between parks and communities forging really great experiences," Danielle Mauter, chief of marketing and communications for the parks, said.

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# Northville Downs redevelopment project nearing final approval

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**NORTHVILLE** — Demolition of Northville Downs could begin early next year as plans for a \$250 million redevelopment project aimed at bringing hundreds of new homes, three parks and commercial space reach the final approval stage.

The Northville City Council at its Sept. 18 meeting gave thumbs up to a lengthy Downs Development Agreement that outlines the obligations of the city and developer Hunter Pasteur. The project now goes back to the city's planning commission for a final site plan review and potential approval.

Seth Herkowitz, partner at Hunter Pasteur, said he expected construction to begin on multiple components of the development in 2024.

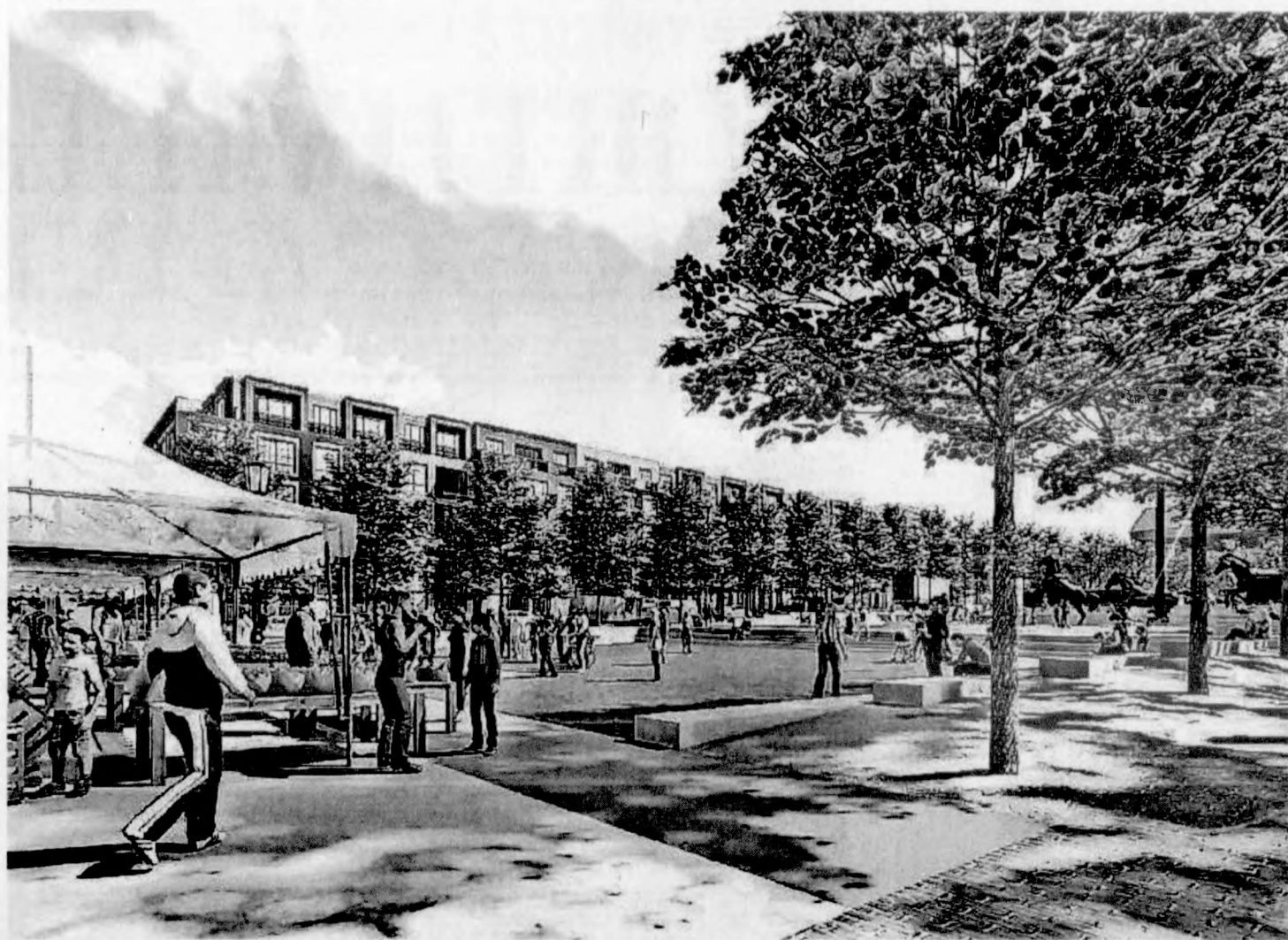
"Upon closing of the track parcel...in early 2024, Hunter Pasteur will commence environmental remediation activities and demolition of all track buildings," Herkowitz said. "It's our expectation that demolition efforts will take approximately six months."

## A transformational project

In the works since 2017, the Downs project is a mixed-use development proposed for the 48-acre parcel currently occupied by the 80-year-old Northville Downs racetrack, along with adjacent property in downtown Northville.

According to city documents, the northern portion of the proposed project includes 178 apartments, 42 condominiums and 31 row houses, along with 18,000 square feet of commercial retail space. Plans for the southern portion include 129 townhomes, 38 single-family detached homes, and 28 carriage homes.

The project, which also includes daylighting of the Rouge River, will be con-



A conceptual rendering of the Northville Downs development revealed Aug. 30 during a city planning commission meeting on Zoom. IMAGES COURTESY OF HUNTER PASTEUR HOMES

structed in phases beginning in 2024 with anticipated completion in 2027. Daylighting involves removing obstructions around rivers and restoring them to their previous condition.

Northville City Manager George Lahanas called the project "transformational," with the potential to increase the city's population by about 15%.

"Cities that have a stagnant population or are losing population are cities that are typically struggling," Lahanas said. "To be able to have new residents coming in, that helps your schools, it helps your shopping, it helps your businesses. It also helps your infrastructure costs."

"And of course, this is walkable to downtown and that has many benefits for the city, including a lot more potential visitors, people visiting our stores without the extra cars on the road and without the need for the city and the DDA to provide parking, which is an expensive amenity that we have in limited supply," he added.

## Traffic among concerns for residents

More than a dozen residents expressed concerns about financial impacts to the city, traffic and other aspects of the project during the Sept. 18 meeting.

Jeff Snyder and several others were troubled that the council was on the verge of approving a hefty development agreement made public only two days prior to the meeting.

"It is an extremely long, complicated agreement and you're only giving us 48 hours to review it," Snyder said. "I did take the time this weekend...and I found a lot of what I call missing pieces or



A rendering of carriage homes Downs developers added to their site plan.

things I thought were different. I'm hoping you can delay this vote until you give us and the rest of the community time to digest it."

Jonathan Hair said he and neighbors in the city's Beal Town subdivision were concerned about the traffic impacts of the development.

"The developer offered last year to meet with our community," Hair said. "That hasn't happened at all, so we're waiting for it. We want to work with them, and we need traffic mitigation...we can't just have traffic calming. It's not good enough. I really want to push the developer to follow through on their word and meet with us. We desperately need that."

The concerns about traffic impacts were echoed by numerous others who live in surrounding areas, as well as most members of the city council.

"All of the comments about Beal Town, Fairbrook, St. Lawrence Estates are all 100% valid," Council member John Carter said. "The impact is real. We have not solved that. Mitigation is defi-

nately the answer, not calming, which I do think means things like a south-bound exit that we've got to figure out. We need to keep working towards that effort."

## Approvals granted

The city council ultimately approved five agenda items, which send the project back to planning commission for final approval. Those include:

- A proposed Downs development agreement, approved by a 4-1 vote. Mayor Pro-Tem Barbara Moroski-Browne cast the sole no vote, citing concerns over several financial impacts to the city, including a cost sharing agreement with the developers, cost of traffic mitigation and other concerns.

- A public hearing to establish commercial rehabilitation district: approved by a 4-1 vote. Moroski-Browne cast the sole no vote.

- A public hearing to approve exemption certificate: approved by a 4-1 vote. Moroski-Browne cast the sole no vote.

- Motion to approve Public Act 210 agreement: approved by a 4-1 vote. Moroski-Browne cast the sole no vote.

- Public hearing to consider Downs Brownfield plan: approved by a 5-0 vote.

Additional information about the Downs Development Agreement is available on the city's website. The Sept. 18 meeting can be viewed on the city's Vimeo channel.

An October planning commission agenda has not yet been posted, but can be found on the city's website when it becomes available.

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## NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 FOR THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

To the qualified electors of the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, and State of Michigan:

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- Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the November 7, 2023, City General Election will be conducted in all voting precincts in the City of Northville for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

**LOCAL: MAYOR (1) AND COUNCIL MEMBER (2)**

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Michael Smith, CMC  
Northville City Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The test will be conducted at **4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 11, 2023** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.

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# Two vying for South Lyon mayor talk issues

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**SOUTH LYON** — Voters in the city will elect a new mayor Nov. 7; the seat was left vacant when current Mayor Dan Pelchat chose not to run for another term.

Current Councilman Steve Kennedy and newcomer Jacob McLeod both are seeking election.

Kennedy, 72, is a 51-year resident of South Lyon. He holds a bachelor of science degree from Wayne State University and is employed as a management consultant.

Kennedy's community involvement includes volunteering for Pumpkinfest, the Lake Street Cruise-in, downtown cleanup, Concerts in the Park, Motorfest, creek cleanup, and Blues, Brews & Brats. He has organized Show Your Love for Lyon, as well as a COVID-19 vaccination event at Colonial Acres, and served on the South Lyon Fire Department Promotion Board.

McLeod, 38, is an eight-year resident of South Lyon. He has a master's degree and lists his occupation as logistics/entrepreneur.

His community involvement includes building housing and parks for veterans and their families, removing blight and helping community members who are living in unsafe conditions, as well as fundraising for various nonprofits.

Hometown Life sent identical questionnaires to the candidates, requesting information about them and their thoughts on various issues. Here is what they had to say on six questions we asked (with responses limited to 100 words for each):

## Why are you qualified to be on city council?

**Kennedy:** I have been a council member since 2018; served as the city's [Southeast Michigan Council of Governments] delegate representative since 2018; currently serving as the city's mayor pro-tem since 2021. My background in maintenance and operations has been instrumental in helping focus city resources on addressing maintenance and infrastructure issues throughout the city. Working with the city manager this has led to a better understanding of all the costs associated with equipment purchases, including initial purchase cost as well as the operating and maintenance costs associated with that selection. The goal being to derive the greatest value from every expenditure.

**McLeod:** I have over a decade of senior leadership business experience in building and leading teams. I believe in making thoughtful decisions based on facts and data. My leadership style is one of positivity, respect, and support. I rely on a management team and trust the professionals that lead the various departments of the city — I am happy to



**Steve Kennedy and Jacob McLeod are running for mayor of South Lyon.**  
COURTESY OF KENNEDY AND MCLEOD

carry water and do not seek out credit. I work well in high visibility, high pressure situations, and can keep a level head and make well thought out decisions that benefit the businesses, city and residents.

## What are your top three priorities if elected?

**McLeod:** Encouraging residents of South Lyon to participate in our local economy. I also see the other bordering communities as important in sustaining economic growth and success of businesses. The business environment is difficult to navigate, and we need to be flexible to market solutions, such as the social district, and facilitating a downtown that can thrive. Developing our parks: Families want more recreation and sport options — we need to explore grants and fundraising for this. It will always be a priority of mine to ensure that taxes are not overreaching, the concerns of the city's residents are mine.

**Kennedy:** We need to ensure that the city's water and wastewater facilities have reliable backup capabilities for an electrical outage. This includes specifying, purchasing and installing the necessary equipment and controls to ensure uninterrupted operation. We need to expand the preventive maintenance activities for the roads to extend and maximize their useful life. This includes effectively prioritizing the roads that need to be reworked, or rebuilt, as part of the Road Improvement Program. We need to enhance the city parks by addressing improvements in McHattie Park and adding new facilities at Volunteer Park as identified in the park master plan.

## What infrastructure needs are present in the city and how will you address and finance these needs?

**Kennedy:** Focus on addressing Pontiac Trail through the center of town and obtaining additional sources of funding. This includes replacing the undersized storm drains that cause flooding at McHattie Street. The estimated cost is currently \$8.5 million. So far, the city has secured about \$7 million in commitments. Obtain grants and other funding commitments to address the streetscape through downtown during the same timeframe to lessen the impact to

residents and businesses. Continue addressing the walking trail. Need to obtain additional funding to improve the condition of the trail; install additional amenities; and establish an effective ongoing process to maintain it.

**McLeod:** The top infrastructure needs of the city are the roads and the sidewalks. I support the sidewalk repair program; many flags have been replaced and more need to be. Our city buildings such as the DPW facility need updated — city workers that serve the city should have modern facilities. I believe in working within a set budget, based on constraint and compromise. Funding will need to come from diligent planning and budgeting, opportunities for South Lyon to take advantage of state programs and grants need to be explored.

## What city services are absent, unnecessary, or in need of improvement and how will you work to solve these issues?

**McLeod:** The city is mostly capped out as to growth and new opportunities for tax revenue. I do believe we need to continue to support city services such as police, fire, and public works. Accessibility for everyone in the community to access services and amenities is a priority — transportation for seniors, improved parks and activities for children and families, and promoting health and wellness within the community through walking and biking paths and trails.

**Kennedy:** Working with the leaders of other municipalities we have expanded the service area provided to our residents by People's Express. We need to identify additional enhancements for that service and advise residents of the services that are available. Working with the director of the Center for Active Adults, the senior center obtained an increase in their annual operating budget allowing them to enhance their existing program offerings. The next step will involve expanding the variety of offerings by conducting meetings with the center's members to identify areas that are not being effectively addressed.

## What businesses and/or housing options are lacking in the city and what would you do to

## help remedy these deficiencies?

**Kennedy:** The city would definitely benefit from a wider variety of restaurants and retail establishments. Demonstrating a business-friendly environment is essential to succeed in this area as well as potentially providing financial incentives when feasible. Establish relationships with business owners so as properties become available, those prospective businesses can be advised of potential locations. This involves targeting the specific types of businesses to be added, working with them to take advantage of the opportunity when it presents itself, and working with developers to identify redevelopment opportunities and encouraging them to make the investment in the city as well.

**McLeod:** I support small businesses and entrepreneurs and would love to attract new opportunities to the city and see current business flourish. It is encouraging to see the Lyon Theater opening its doors again — I look forward to their success. There is demand in the city for more shopping and eating options — let's make it simple for interesting businesses come to South Lyon and let's support them by shopping locally year-round.

## Anything else you would like to add?

**McLeod:** I am excited for the opportunity to be a candidate for the next mayor of South Lyon. I have been fortunate to meet many people in the community who are excited for and support my candidacy. I am energized and ready to use the network I've developed to help the city. I have taken new challenges in my personal life and in my business life head on and I can't wait to do the same thing as mayor. I would be honored to have your vote and deliver a great small town to a new generation of South Lyon residents.

**Kennedy:** So much has been accomplished over the past few years, yet there remains more work to do. I am proud of what we have achieved as a city and what I have accomplished personally in support of our city and its residents. I am asking for your support, and your vote, so together, we can continue moving South Lyon forward.

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Jeffrey Herczeg  
Director of Public Works

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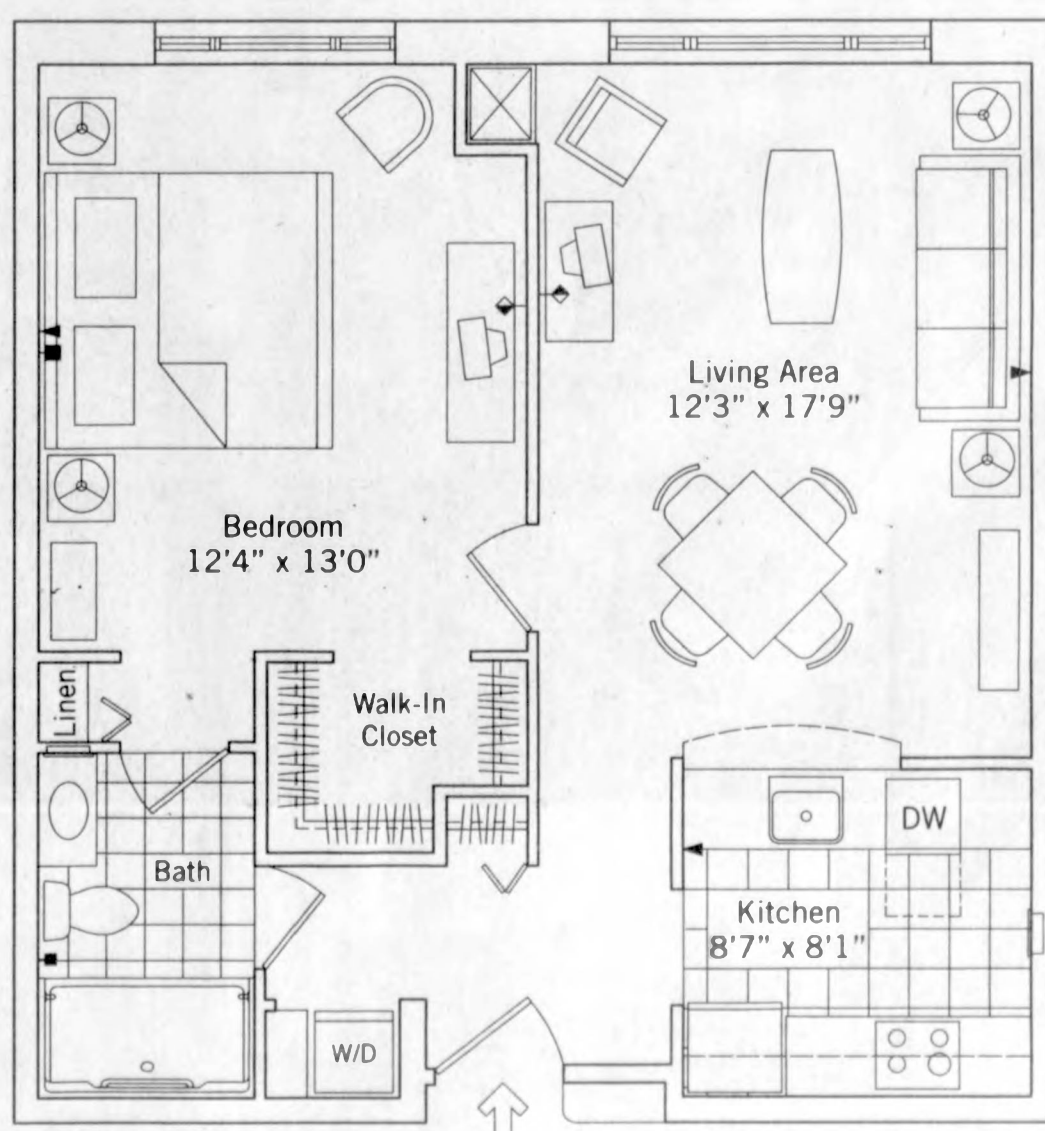
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Is it a bird? Is it a plane?

## Things that fly

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## TODAY'S ANSWER

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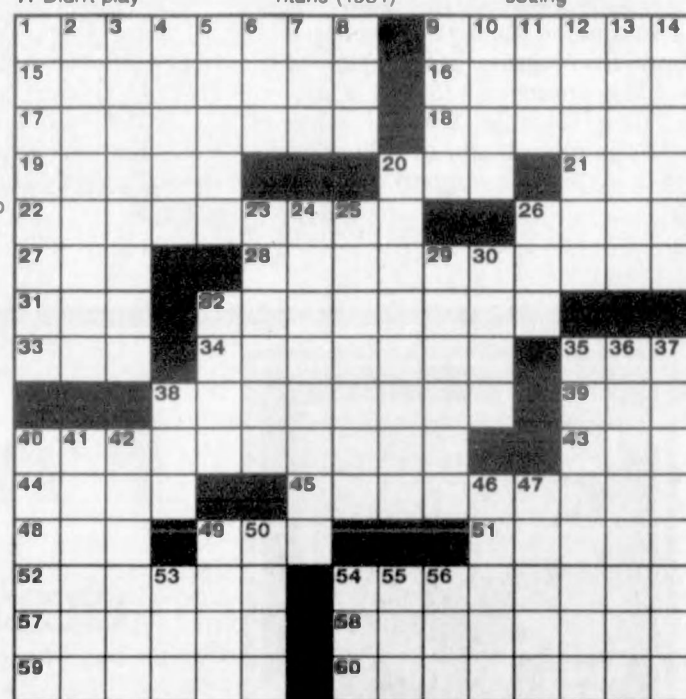
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## ACROSS

- 1 Attention-getting order  
9 Givers of orders  
15 Invest with power  
16 Nowhere near clear  
17 Company with a maharajah mascot  
18 Brit's ticket back  
19 Some bucks  
20 "Where soil is, — grow" Keats  
21 Fill up  
22 Cable viewed by an audience  
26 Locks or shocks  
27 Pack or sack  
28 Imperious portmanteau  
31 Unkindly  
32 Anatomical centers  
33 Poet with a star on the St. Louis Walk of Fame  
34 Query after a holdup  
35 Toaster's choice  
38 Issues (from)  
39 Inattentive  
40 Young surfing obsessive  
43 Dice device  
44 Knocked off  
45 Where McCartney sang "Back in the USSR" in 2003  
48 Knock off  
49 Master starter  
51 Let loose  
52 Boz boy  
54 Ariana and Madonna

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- 12 Spill something  
13 33-nation travel channel  
14 Car named to evoke safety  
20 Assisted in settling  
23 Effective hitter  
24 Nothing to write home about  
25 Loot  
26 Towel embroidery  
29 Walks on  
30 Puzzle pieces  
32 Madcap kin of '50s fiction  
35 Inspiration for Pacino in *Dick Tracy*  
36 Zeus in *Clash of the Titans* (1981)  
37 Got paid back for  
38 "Oh no!"  
40 Bright blinker  
41 YETI offering  
42 Kilmer nesters  
46 Where some South American birding tours begin  
47 Hawkeye's pal  
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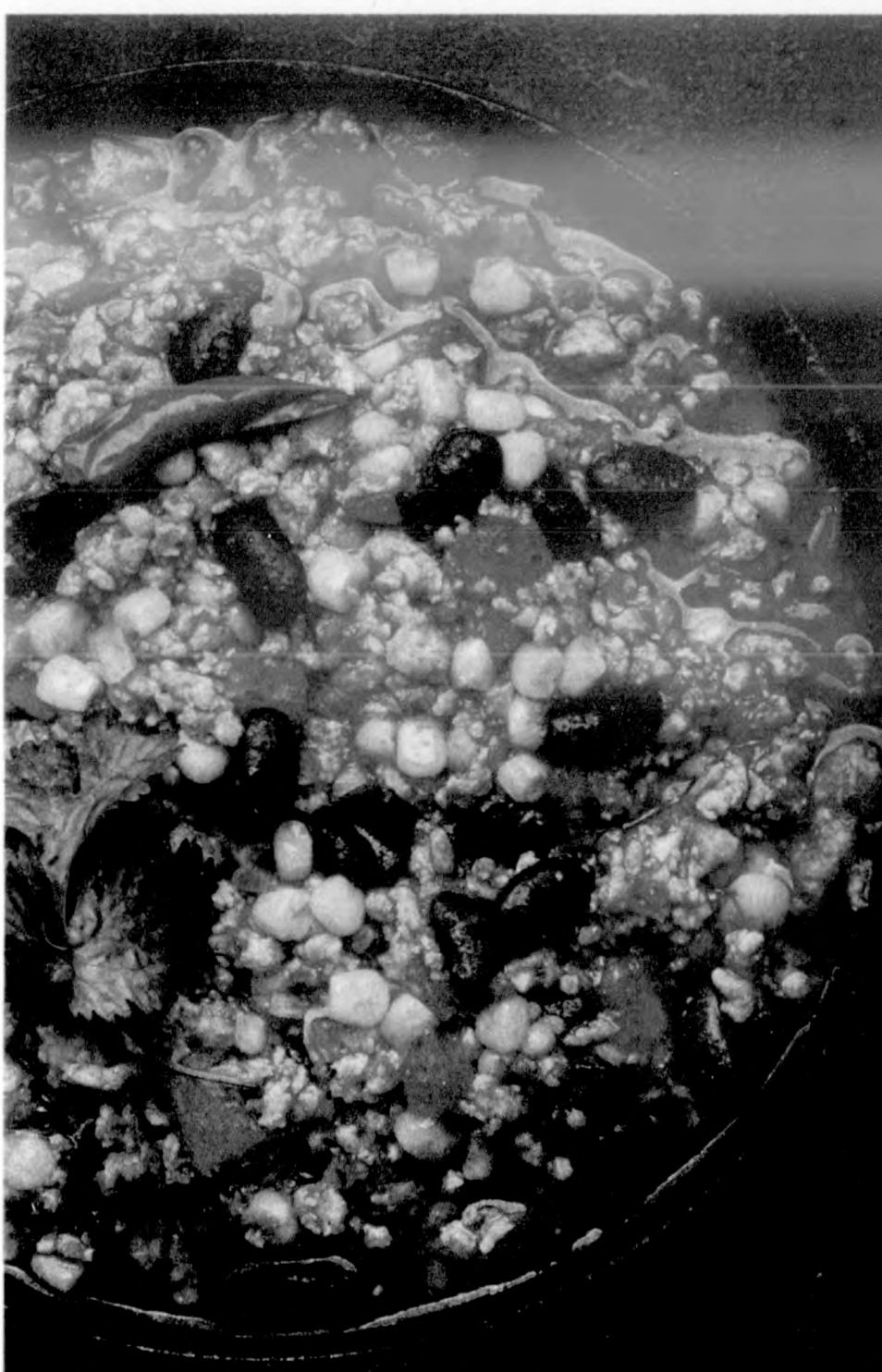
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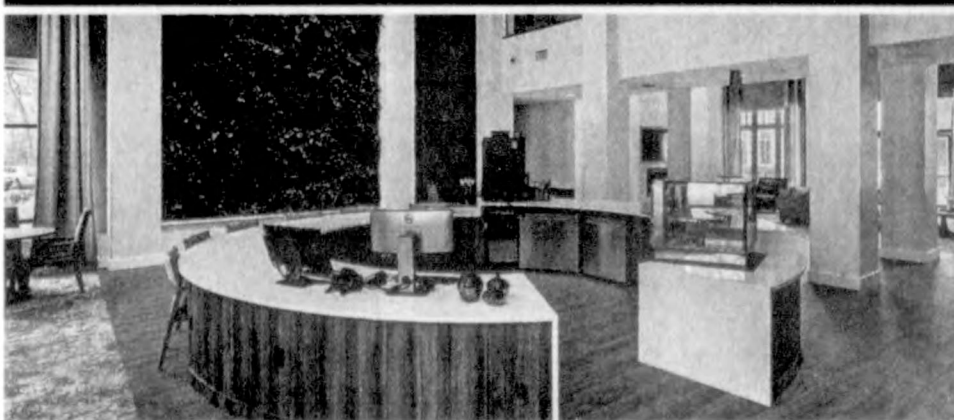
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# 'Stop the Racetrack' group ignores supervisor's request for petitions

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PLYMOUTH TWP. — Local leaders want to see the petitions signed by opponents of the proposed Northville Downs of Plymouth Township project, but those collecting the signatures say they have no intention of turning over a list of names.

Stop the Racetrack, a grassroots organization of community members opposed to the harness racing facility proposed near the southwest corner of Five Mile and Ridge roads, began circulating the online petition several months ago.

Dale Bernhardt, a member of the group, said he has no intention of sharing the signatures with the local government, although Supervisor Kurt Heise has publicly asked several times to see the list.



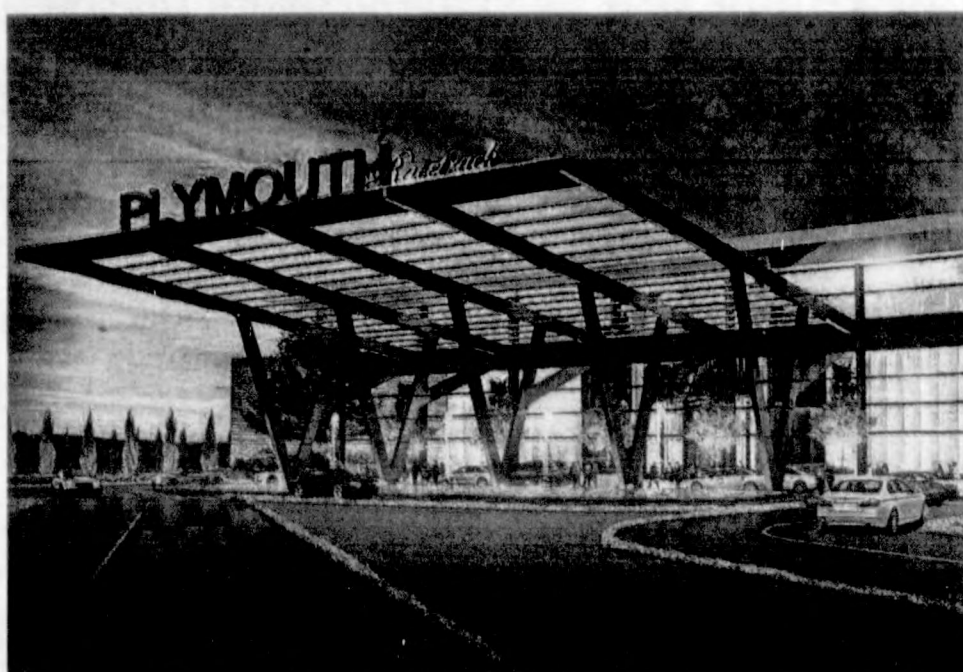
Bernhardt

"(The petition) was never for referendum purpose," said Bernhardt, a Plymouth Township resident who lives near the proposed facility and who has been outspoken in his disapproval of the project. "It was always to gauge the size of the opposition: Are we heading in the right direction with this? Do the people really want a racetrack? That was always the intent."

Over the past several months, Bernhardt and others wearing yellow "Stop the Racetrack" stickers have distributed lawn signs and brochures throughout the community, and they have spoken against the proposal at meetings of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, as well as at an Aug. 21 community forum.

About 1,500 individuals have signed the petition, Bernhardt said, but he noted the group never intended to share names of the signers with the township.

"We never told the people we were going to give up their names," he said. "This was just to find out if we were



A rendering shows the proposed facade of the a potential new Northville Downs in Plymouth Township. COURTESY PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

wasting our time, and we found out that we are not wasting our time. The opposition is huge."

Bernhardt was adamant that the collection of signatures was "never a political thing."

"(Heise) wants the people's names. I'm not giving that up," Bernhardt added. "There's no purpose for him to have it."

## 'Hot topic' in the community

Heise disagrees and has suggested on several occasions that the Stop the Racetrack group is collecting the signatures to create a political database around a "hot topic" in the community.

"I have never heard of a situation where there is an active effort to gather signatures for or against an issue where those signatures...are not presented to the government body," Heise said. "I've been in government and politics for over 30 years and I've never seen a situation where the governmental body has had

to request the petitions.

"I can't discern Mr. Bernhardt's motives, but I can discern the motives of the people who signed that petition. They expect that their name is going to be presented to the board of trustees and that has not happened."

Heise added that the signatures "could make a difference" in how board members view the Northfield Downs project.

"I think they would like to see (the petitions) to gauge the level of disapproval," he said. "I think that's very helpful. I think that goes to the overall decision-making process of the board."

## Rumors and mixed opinions

Members of the board have mixed opinions on whether they felt the petition signatures should be submitted to the township.

Trustee Chuck Curmi, who has been opposed to the development since the beginning, casting the sole "no" vote on

the board's Feb. 28 approval of the planned unit development option (PUD) for the property, said rumors about his own motivations were circulating at the township offices.

"I don't need to see the petitions, I have not seen them," Curmi said. "There is some thinking...that the petition gathering is some kind of scheme to help me get a mailing list. That is completely false. I don't need a mailing list. There's lots of fishy rumors and crazy hypothesis...by those who are promoting this bad, Plymouth-destroying development."

"I don't know what the obsession is with looking at (the petition)," Curmi added. "I understand it would be nice, but that's the discretion of the people who are collecting (names)."

Trustee John Stewart, who was originally supportive of the development but has since become strongly opposed, said he was not concerned about viewing the signatures.

"I have no need to see these petitions," Stewart said. "I accept the credibility of the 25 to 30 people...coming to each meeting and expressing their opposition to a gambling facility."

But Plymouth Township Treasurer Bob Doroshewitz agreed with the assertion that petition signers expect their names to be presented to the target government agency.

"I don't understand why they don't want to release the petition signatures," he said. "I got a call the other day from a friend who was asking about it and said, 'Yeah, I signed the petition because I thought they were going to send them to you.' They didn't, and it just doesn't make any sense."

"I think both sides are attributing some nefarious intent behind the petition signatures," Doroshewitz added. "The people that collected them won't release them for reasons I don't understand. The other side says they're using it for data mining, so they have a voter list for the next election. That'll piss a lot of people off if their name is going to be used in that manner."

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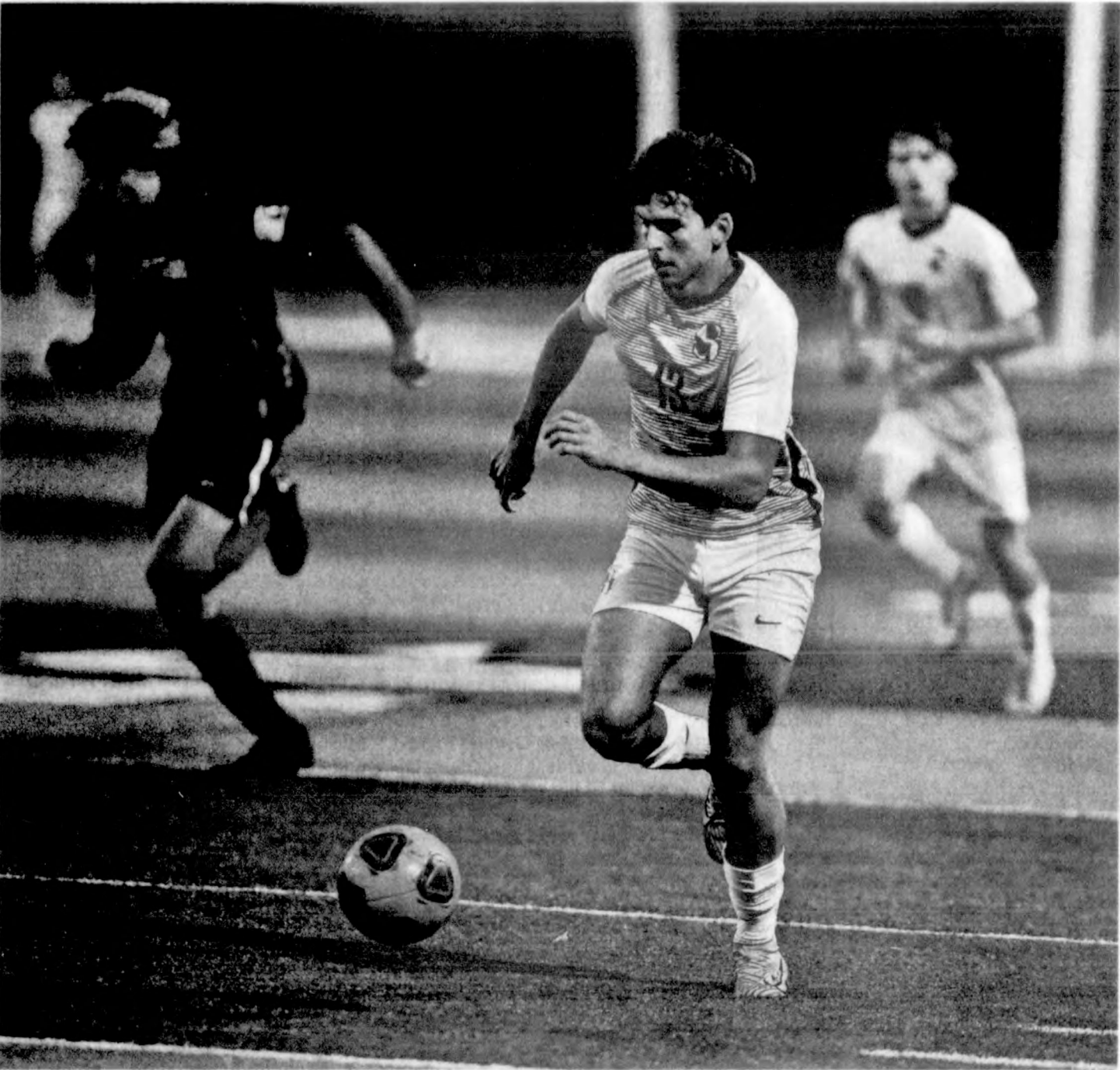


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# SPORTS



Birmingham Seaholm senior Noah Booth pushes the attack during an Oakland Activities Association crossover match Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023, at Birmingham Groves. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWN LIFE

## Young Seaholm soccer finds confidence playing in OAA-Red

**Brandon Folsom**  
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The Birmingham Seaholm boys soccer team will savor its 4-0 victory at rival Birmingham Groves on Sept. 26. Wins have come at a premium for the Maples as they attempt to replace 16 seniors from last year's Division 1 district championship team and handle the challenges that come with being promoted to the Oakland Activities Association-Red, arguably the best conference in Michigan. Three teams in the division — Berkley, Oxford and Clarkston — are ranked first, second and fourth, respectively, in this week's Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association rankings. Also in the Red is Rochester Adams, last year's state champion.

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Birmingham Seaholm junior Chase Henderson goes on a fastbreak.

### THREE TAKEAWAYS

## Trick play helps Chargers take lead in City title race

**Brandon Folsom**  
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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom has three takeaways from Week 5 of the Michigan high school football season.

### 'Churchill Special' has Chargers ahead in Livonia City championship race

Winning is hard. That's the message first-year coach Allen Feigel told the Livonia Churchill football team (3-2, 2-2) following its 17-7 victory Sept. 22 at rival Livonia Stevenson.

And it certainly was hard. For a winless team like the Spartans, they just wouldn't go away. It took a trick play late in the game for the Chargers to put away Stevenson once and for all.

Clinging to a 14-7 lead, Churchill lined up for a field goal at the 24-yard line with 4:40 left. Instead of Logan Bourdage bashing one through the uprights, however, holder Evan Snead, the team's quarterback, tossed a pass over Stevenson's special teams unit to Jacob Koziel, who got two hands under the ball and rolled past the sticks for a key first down.

The play didn't result in a touchdown (Bourage actually wound up kicking a 27-yard field goal shortly afterward to give Churchill a 10-point lead), but it did eat up an additional 2 minutes and 14 seconds so that the Spartans' offense and running back Ar'Jon Thompson, who verbally committed to Grand Valley State University on Sunday night, would have only 2:26 to attempt a comeback.

"It's just something we saw on film," said Feigel, who was an assistant for 13 seasons before being promoted to head coach this past offseason. "It was nothing special. But we can call it the 'Churchill Special.' ...

"There's two teams we worry about every year (for the Livonia City championship), and they're (Stevenson) one of them. It was a great job by our kids and coaches because we're really banged up right now. It's the worst I've ever seen it, and I've been here for 14 years. We're down four linemen, and they have a very dynamic player in Ar'Jon. He's, bar none, one of the best players in the conference. In my opinion, he could be the best. We knew Stevenson was disciplined and very aggressive on defense, too, so we knew it was going to take a quarter or two to adjust to that, and the kids did a good

See TAKEAWAYS, Page 6B

### PREP GIRLS GOLF

## Brighton reaches milestone, wins KLAA championship

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Livingston Daily  
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BRIGHTON — Aneise Gatti places enough pressure on herself while playing golf without the added stress of knowing her final putt could be history in the making.

"I put good pressure on myself and I put bad pressure on myself," she said. "The good pressure came through today."

Gatti's six-foot par putt on her final hole, No. 17 at Kensington Metropark Golf Course, gave Brighton a winning score of 299 in the KLAA postseason tournament on Sept. 26.

It's the first time a Livingston County team has shot under 300, breaking the county mark set by the Bulldogs when they hit 300 even in the KLAA's preseason tournament Sept. 7 on the same course.

Brighton's top three players were already finished when Gatti teed off on No. 17, needing par to get the Bulldogs

under the magic milestone.

Coach Paul Parsell was fully aware of the situation, but didn't put that thought in Gatti's head. Gatti, a junior, pulled her tee shot a little to the left before hitting her approach close to the hole.

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## Week 5 stat leaders around Hometown Life

Brandon Folsom

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Week 5 of the Michigan high school football season is in the books.

Let's look at the stat leaders for this week around the Hometown Life coverage area.

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## Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Livonia Churchill 17,  
Livonia Stevenson 7

Evan Snead was 5 of 8 passing for 46 yards and rushed 14 times for 58 yards for the Chargers (3-2, 2-2). Tyler Mileski had 18 carries for 117 yards, John Pallozzi rushed five times for 39 yards and a TD and David Anderson had six rushes for 7 yards and a score. Logan Bourdage booted in a 27-yard field goal.

Ryan Stockton Jr. led the Churchill defense with six tackles, while Massiah Amerson, Miles Lueck and Noah Steiner each had sacks and Mileski recovered a fumble.

Nathan Patterson was 7 of 10 passing for 83 yards for the Spartans (0-5, 0-4), while Ar'Jon Thompson rushed 10 times for 42 yards and Aidan Nolan caught three passes for 15 yards.

Nolan totaled eight tackles (five solo) and a pass breakup. Collin Gibson had five tackles (one solo) and an interception, Michael Haverland had six tackles (two solo) and returned a fumble 93 yards for a TD and Blake Zoro totaled 10 tackles (four solo, three for loss).

Westland John Glenn 51,  
Wayne Memorial 0

Damon Powers rushed four times for 147 yards and two TDs and caught a 9-yard TD pass from Dougie Wicker for the Rockets (5-0, 4-0). Jon Roberson rushed



Livonia Churchill's Evan Snead rushes during a Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East football game Friday, Sept. 22, 2023. BRANDON FOLSOM

three times for 63 yards and a TD, while Ethan Moore carried three times for 57 yards and a score and Amari Bingham-Cage had a 6-yard TD.

Rickey Smith returned a fumble for a 38-yard TD and had two tackles, Hunter Krupin recovered a fumble and had two tackles, Tyler Radley recorded an interception and had seven tackles, Jaden Soto had a sack and three tackles, Powers totaled seven tackles (three tackles for loss), Bingham-Cage had four tackles, Ethan More recorded three tackles and Jermaine Grumbs had a tackle for loss.

Devyn Peters was 7 of 11 for 71 yards passing and an interception for the Zebras (1-4, 0-4). Matthew Godette rushed nine times for 15 yards, and Zaquan Olive and D'Arius Hollie each had two receptions.

## Belleville 42, Livonia Franklin 3

Derek Hetu was 7 of 17 passing for 74 yards for the Patriots (3-2, 2-2), while Jon Jasionowski rushed 24 times for 112 yards and Mendale Broaden and Owen Phail each caught a 22-yard pass.

Jasionowski paced the defense with five solo tackles, Bryce Downing had two and Michael Wesley had one tackle

for a loss.

## Northville 32, Howell 12

Isaac Pace was 13 of 18 passing for 171 yards and two TDs for the Mustangs (5-0, 4-0). Cullen Murphy, Evan Deak and Pace each rushed for TDs, and Colin Charles caught five passes for 87 yards and two scores.

Deak led the defense with 10 tackles (six solo, two for loss) and a sack, Hassan Elzayat had eight tackles (five solo), Murphy and Owen Ross each had seven tackles, Sonny Rentz had five tackles (three solo), one sack and one interception and Caden Besco had a sack.

## Plymouth 35, Canton 14

Sam Plencner was 7 of 14 passing for 156 yards and four TDs for the Wildcats (2-3, 2-2), and Jaxon McCaig rushed 22 times for 181 yards and a TD. Jimmy Cleveland caught a 51-yard TD pass, while Cam Witt had a 21-yarder, Camden Short had a 19-yarder and Logan Pfeiffer had a 13-yarder.

Kalvin Chen paced the defense with 10 tackles (eight solo) followed by Jorgito Shqau with nine (five solo) and Luc Damiani with eight (four solo) and an interception.

Devon Pettus carried 28 times for 97 yards and a score for Canton (2-3, 1-3). Alex Guadagni was 8 of 20 passing for 115 yards.

## Novi 35, Salem 17

Caleb Walker was 26 of 34 passing for 327 yards, three TDs and one interception for the Wildcats (4-1, 4-0). Logan Ellison rushed seven times for 60 yards and two TDs, Lance Galliard added 10 carries for 51 yards, Boden Fernsler caught 13 passes for 151 yards and two scores and Andrew Kummer had seven catches for 94 yards and a TD.

Mario Miminlari led Novi with 10 tackles (five solo), Joshua Waack had seven tackles (three solo, two for loss), a sack and a fumble recovery, Austin Washington had six tackles (four sol,

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## Milestone

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"She had to bogey or par the last two or however she was going to do it," Parsell said. "I knew she couldn't go bogey-bogey, because we would have tied it, which would have been fine as well. There's something about having that two in front of it. We've never done it before. These girls have worked really, really hard over the last couple years to get under that 300 mark."

Brighton's score is the second-lowest in 10 KLAA events since the league moved its preseason and postseason tournaments to Kensington. Northville's 2021 state championship team shot 291 in the preseason tournament.

Seniors Abbie Pietila and Maddy Martens tied for first place in the post-season tournament with 74s, Gatti was third with a 75 and senior Lauren Forcier tied for fourth with a 76 to account for Brighton's score.

Junior Sydney Rauh tied for ninth with an 82 that didn't count, but she had a career-low 75 in the preseason tournament to tie for third place that day.

The play of Gatti and Rauh is a signal that Brighton won't drop off much once its big three seniors play their final tournament next month.

"I feel confident in our incoming freshmen," Gatti said. "I feel confident



Brighton's Abbie Pietila shot 74 to tie for first place.

for all our sophomores that are coming in. Everyone's been working hard. I think we have a really good chance next year."

Players like Gatti and Rauh are integral to Brighton's success. Who knows? A state championship could come down to the Bulldogs' No. 4 or 5 players.

"Coach makes sure everyone is ready to play," Gatti said. "Everyone's ready to go in and play their best."

With a combined score of 599 for the two KLAA tournaments, Brighton won the league championship by 52 strokes over Plymouth.



Brighton's Anelise Gatti shot 75 to finish third in the KLAA postseason tournament Tuesday at Kensington Metropark Golf Course. Gatti's par putt on her final hole secured a 299 team score for Brighton.

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Hartland was sixth with a 762 and Howell seventh with an 807. There were 12 complete teams.

Plymouth's Brooke Morris was the league medalist with a two-round total of 149, one shot ahead of Brighton's Pie-

tila, Martens, Gatti and Forcier. Rauh was sixth in the league with a 157. Hartland's Brooke Daniels tied for 12th with a 168.

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## Soccer

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With seven underclassmen playing plenty of minutes as second-year coach Greg Perkins continues to build for the future, it's no surprise Seaholm (5-5-3, 0-4-1) went a seven-match stretch in September without a win.

"It's been (a big challenge). We knew what it was going to be," Perkins said about being promoted to Red after helping the Maples win the White in his first season as head coach. "We know those teams, the Clarkstons and the Berkleys, are playing with a lot of seniors, and it's just hard for us to physically compete."

"But what we do is we get a lot of experience out of that, and the boys have really been coming through, and there's positives to take out of each game, whether it's a 10-minute period or individual matchups they're coming out of on atop of. As we go into next year, we really feel like we can challenge the next

few years. The way we're using this year, I think we can get a lot out of it."

Beating Groves (4-6-1, 2-3 OAA-White) proves the rebuild is right on schedule.

Seaholm edged Groves by one point in the league standings to win the White a year ago, but the Falcons actually blanked the Maples 3-0 during their divisional matchup.

To make matters more intense, that was actually Perkins' first match coaching against his former team, as he spent two years at Groves before taking the opening at Seaholm ahead of the 2022 season.

The rivalry is always an emotional one, but last year's was even more so.

Seaholm wasn't going to let Groves win convincingly this time.

"It seriously means everything," said senior Noah Booth, who scored on a penalty kick in the 25th minute. "Last year, just seeing everyone's faces off the field and on the field, seeing the scoreboard (after losing), it was not great. Coming back this year, in warmups, just

seeing the boys playing, it just looked so good, and I'm just so happy for the team. We were feeling it."

Chase Henderson, one of the Maples two returning all-stars from 2022, scored on a set piece just nine minutes into the match.

Patrick McCarthy scored on a breakaway from 30 yards out before halftime to make it a 3-0 lead, and then Drew Stice banged in an insurance goal inside the penalty box with five minutes remaining.

Goalie Joe Farah, the other returning all-stater, earned the shutout.

Most importantly, though, the big win allowed Seaholm to give more minutes to its youngsters.

"It feels good, obviously," Perkins said of beating his old team. "I think we're in pretty similar stages. We're young, and they're young. We lost 16 seniors last year. And this was kind of a year to build, really. We're trying to see if we can get a lineup we can take into next year as well. We're looking at giving the younger guys a chance because they're

good. ...

"(We've played) all really senior-heavy teams. We've struggled sometimes at competing. It's hard for us to play our '08 players against '06 players. A lot of them are playing two years up in these league games. But we always believe in our ability to control the ball. When we do, when we relax, the last couple of games we've had a few goals, and that helps with the confidence because we've gone through a bit of a tough spell through the league."

It's not going to get any easier for the Maples, who were moved to a tougher district this year, featuring state powers like Berkley, Royal Oak, Troy and Troy Athens. But back-to-back wins against West Bloomfield and Groves have given them confidence. Imagine the confidence their young team could gain by upsetting a team or two during the post-season.

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## Week 5

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one for loss), a forced fumble and a sack, and Fernsler intercepted a pass.

Aiden Moore rushed 25 times for 151 yards and a score and had 173 all-purpose yards for the Rocks (0-5, 0-4). Brayden Alexander was 7 of 11 passing for 43 yards and an interception and added 21 yards rushing.

Moore paced Salem's defense with nine tackles (six solo), Azarius Hayes had seven tackles (six solo, one for loss), Gavin Morrison had seven tackles (two solo) and a pass breakup and Terrance Smith intercepted a pass.

### Lakes Valley Conference

#### South Lyon 18, Walled Lake Central 10

Brady Shields rushed 13 times for 68 yards and the game-winning TD for the Lions (2-3, 2-3). Ryan Henderson returned a punt 72 yards for a TD, and Johnny Michaels booted in a 30-yard field goal.

Evan Komorous recorded a safety and totaled four solo tackles (one for loss), Jake Tolbert had four solo tackles and Henderson, Michaels, Ryan Jedrusik and Ben Radley had three solo tackles apiece.

#### Waterford Mott 56, South Lyon East 31

Dominic Giovannini was 8 of 22 passing for 217 yards and two TDs for the Cougars (2-3, 2-3). Joey Andrews caught three passes for 106 yards and a score, while Evan Muston had two catches for 30 yards.

Jack Toth totaled seven tackles (three for losses), one sack and one pass breakup, Nick Napoleon had four solo tackles and one QB hit and Muston had 12 tackles.

#### Walled Lake Western, White Lake Lakeland

Trevor Tschudin rushed 13 times for 149 yards and two TDs for the Eagles (3-2, 3-1). Nolin Thompson added 20 yards rushing and 39 yards receiving, while Bo Bishop had 11 yards rushing.

Max Thompson, Nolin Thompson and Jack Schneider each totaled seven tackles, followed by Landon Gecki with six, Ben Lilienthal with five tackles and a blocked field goal and Drew Carlson with four tackles and a sack.

Milford 14, Walled Lake Northern 6  
Peyton Chamberlain carried 15 times for 152 yards and two TDs and caught three passes for 28 yards for the Mavericks (4-1, 4-0). Tanner Petru carried nine times for 18 yards and a score.

Owen Stark led the defense with 13 tackles and a sack, Wyatt Lesnew added 11 tackles (two for loss), Josh Parker had eight tackles and one pass breakup, Ike Stuft had seven tackles (two for loss) and a sack, Tyler Freer had seven tackles (two for loss), Kaden Johnston had seven tackles (two for loss), Landon Murray broke up three passes, Jack Stine recovered a fumble, Brady Colli-son had an interception and Ted Ross had a sack.

### Oakland Activities Association

#### Birmingham Seaholm 49, Troy Athens 14

Colton Kinnie threw TD passes of 70 yards to Kyle Robbins and 30 yards to Louie Sullivan and rushed for a score for the Maples (4-1, 2-0). Brock Hartwig, Sean Emerson and Granden Kinnie also scored.

#### North Farmington 24, Troy 6

Duke Blanch rushed for 258 yards and two scores for the Raiders (2-3, 2-1), while Vinnie Lee totaled 10 tackles.

#### Birmingham Groves 42, Rochester 7

The Falcons improved to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the OAA-White.

#### Harper Woods 49, Bloomfield Hills 0

The Black Hawks fell to 0-5 overall and 0-3 in the division.

#### Southfield A&T 46, Farmington 0

The Falcons fell to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the division.

### Western Wayne Athletic Conference

#### Redford Union 33, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 22

The Panthers improved to 4-1 overall and 4-0 in the league.

#### Redford Thurston 22, Garden City 6

Nick Warren rushed for a 1-yard score and threw a 7-yard TD to Echie Kemutambah for the Eagles (4-1, 3-1). Charles Nelson rushed for 68 yards, including a 66-yard TD, while Keith Tally added 29 yards rushing and 18 receiving, Troy Clark had 15 yards on the ground and Nate Williams rushed for 7 yards and had 5 receiving.



Redford Thurston's Nicholas Warren carries the ball during a Western Wayne Athletic Conference football game on Friday, Sept. 22, 2023. TOM BEAUDOIN

Tristian Pickett paced the Eagles' defense with six tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks, followed by Hector Barajas with four tackles for loss and a half sack, Jordan Watson with two tackles for loss, Montez Jackson with a tackle for loss and Kentavious Griffin with a tackle for loss, two interceptions and a forced fumble.

Emanuel James returned a kickoff 82 yards for a TD for the Cougars (1-4, 1-3). Ray Emond and James each recorded interceptions.

### Catholic League

#### Warren DeLaSalle 14,

#### Detroit Catholic Central 7

Jaden Pydyn rushed for a 29-yard TD for the Shamrocks (3-2, 2-2).

#### Toledo St. John's Jesuit 28,

#### Brother Rice 2

The Warriors fell to 0-5 overall and 0-3 in the CHSL-Central.

#### Ann Arbor Father Gabriel

#### Richard 44, Cranbrook 6

Krish Upadhyay was 22 of 44 passing for 220 yards and one TD for the Cranes

(1-4, 1-1). Anthony Warchuck caught seven passes for 76 yards and a TD, Jacob Speller had seven receptions for 78 yards and Cooper Gurman had four catches for 39 yards.

Speller paced the defense with 7.5 tackles, followed by JJ Vaz with six and Cameron Harb with a sack.

### Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

#### Whitmore Lake 54,

#### Lutheran Westland 31

The Warriors fell to 0-5 and 0-2 in the league.

### Independent

#### Detroit Country Day 49,

#### Hamtramck 12

The Yellowjackets improved to 2-3 overall.

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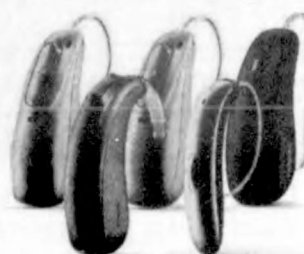
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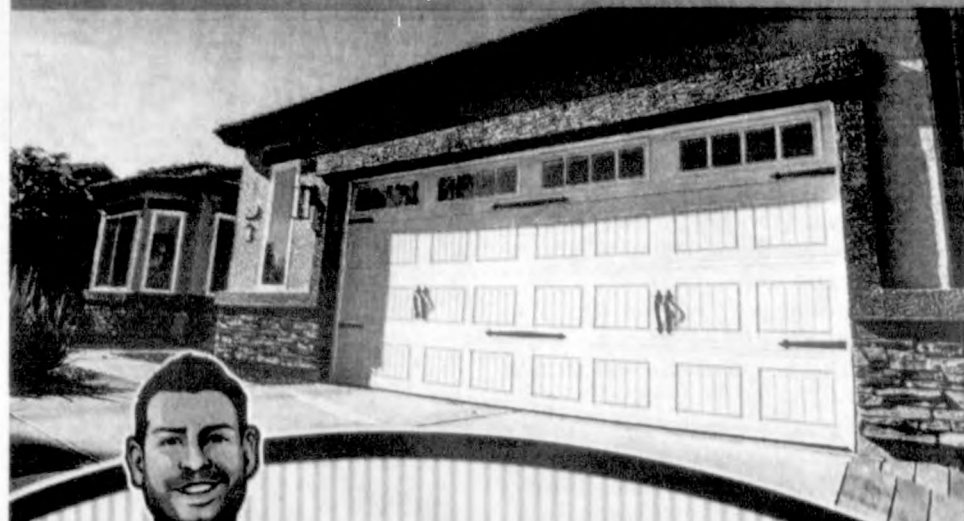
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## Takeaways

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job of doing that."

Speaking of adjusting, that's just what Koziel had to do to make the snag that secured the victory.

Snead was actually being hit as he tossed it. Instead of catching the ball in stride and attempting to score a touchdown, Koziel, a full-time defensive back who never plays on offense, made a basket catch to ensure 100% that he wasn't going to drop the wide-open play.

"We've been practicing it all week," the 6-foot senior said. "I just knew if we got into field goal range that we were going to run it. I just saw the ball kind of spiraling because he got hit, so I just knew getting a first down was going to be much better than trying to get a touchdown and dropping it. But it felt really good. I only play defense, so it felt really good to get that catch."

John Pallozzi and David Anderson each punched in goal-line TDs to put Churchill ahead 14-0 entering halftime. Its next trip to the red zone, however, ended with Stevenson's Michael Haverland returning a fumble 93 yards for a score, which kept seven points off the scoreboard for the Chargers.

But Churchill pulled through. It has a one-game lead in the rivalry series and has a chance to win the Livonia City championship outright for the first time since 2020 with a win over Livonia Franklin on Oct. 6.

"Most years, the talent is pretty even between the three City schools," Feigel said. "It usually comes down to leadership, and we've got a good group. They understand what it takes. We went through a lot of crap last year. We lost a lot of close games (going 2-7 with three losses by a field goal or fewer), and our kids went through the wringer. So this was about our senior leadership. They just knew what to do tonight."

### Will the real Plymouth team please stand up?

There's no doubt about it: How Plymouth opened Week 2 at Northville was a disappointment.

The Wildcats (2-3, 2-2) have one of the most talented rosters in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West, yet they couldn't get anything going against the Mustangs, who cruised to a 50-14 win. That should've been a division-deciding matchup, especially with them looking like a dark horse favorite to compete for the title before the season started. But that's now how the game played out.

It took a while but, finally, the Plymouth squad we all hoped we'd see this season showed up in Week 5. It absolutely dominated rival Canton from the get-go on Friday, leading 21-0 at halftime and eventually securing the 35-14 victory.

Quarterback Sam Plencner threw four TD passes, even spreading it around to a bunch of different receivers. Jimmy Cleveland caught a 51-yarder, Logan Pheiffer made a nice 13-yard snag in the corner of the end zone, Camden Short's 19-yard TD proved having an H-back is still a good thing for offenses and Cam Witt caught a 21-yard score.

Running back Jaxon McCaig, who was offered a preferred walk-on spot by Michigan earlier in the week, followed the blocks laid down by the likes of three-star Northwestern lineman commit Idris Cotton and 6-foot-7, 270-pound monster tackle Lucas Barnes to finish with 22 rushes for 181 yards and a TD. McCaig, who also has an offer from Marshall, put plenty of mileage on his new Maize and Blue cleats while never losing the Block M towel tucked into his waistband.

Yes, Canton (2-3, 1-3) was banged up. It was without QB Devvin Calhoun, and GVSU commit Devon Pettus is still battling a hand injury. But backup Alex Guadagni looked poised under center at times, and Pettus nearly cracked 100 yards on the day despite having quite the bandage on his left hand.

Plymouth kept first-year Canton coach Casey Bess' spread in check, and that defensive effort was just as impressive as what Plencner and McCaig did on offense.

So the question is: What Plymouth team can we expect to see next week against Novi, which is in a first-place tie with Northville in the West standings? Will it be the sluggish, lackluster bunch we saw early in the season or the team utilizing its onslaught of talent to run over Canton in Week 5? Because if it's the latter, purchase your tickets for that Wildcats vs. Wildcats matchup. Plymouth might put on another show.

### Coaching transition aside, Redford Thurston continues to handle business

A win is a win.



Livonia Churchill's Tyler Tarcha celebrates a defensive stop during a Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East football game Friday, Sept. 22, 2023. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Redford Thurston's Charles Nelson fends off a tackle during a Western Wayne Athletic Conference football game on Friday, Sept. 22, 2023. TOM BEAUDOIN

Redford Thurston entered this season with just two to its name since the pandemic began, which included the Eagles going winless in 2022.

Right now, though?

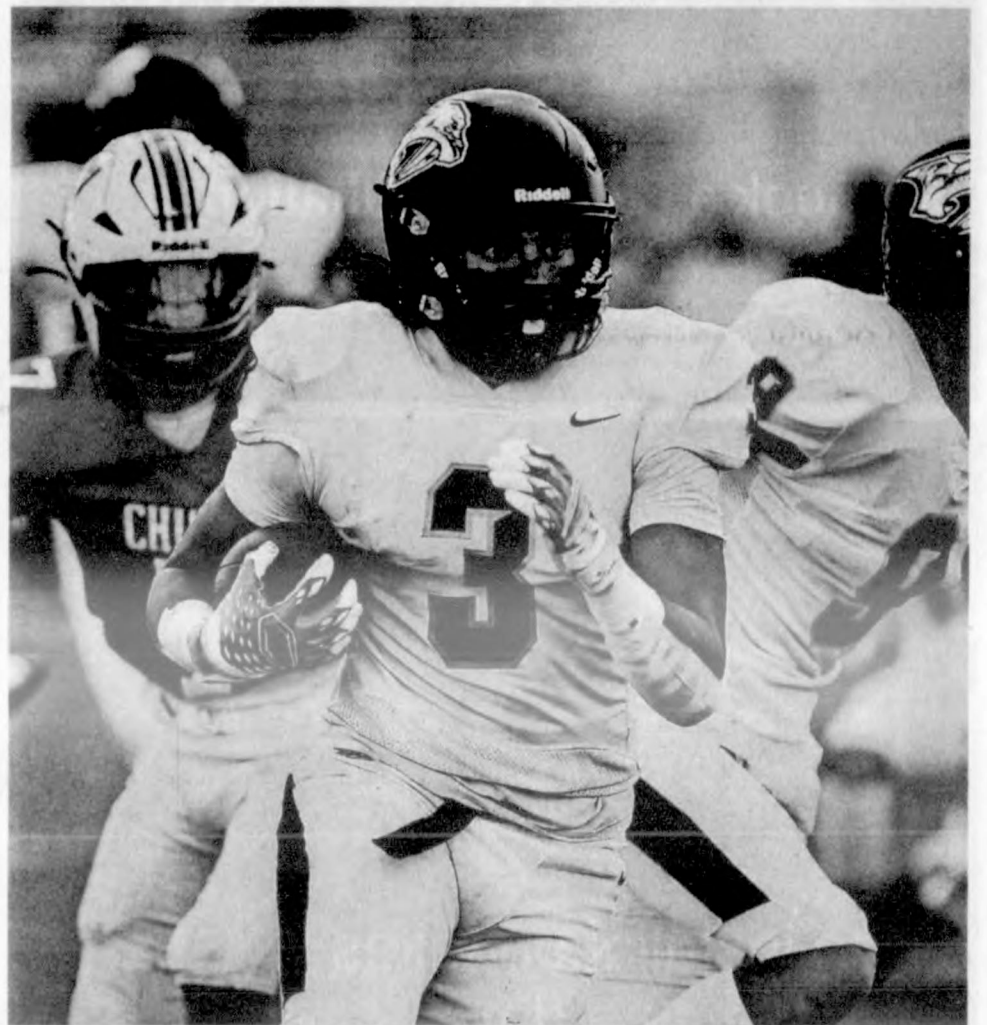
They're off to a 4-1 start, their best since finishing 8-3 in 2019, which is impressive considering they promoted strength and conditioning coach Nick Davis to head coach during the off-season. How they've handled a third coaching transition in as many seasons has been remarkable.

On closer examination of their schedule, it'd be easy to say they've been gifted a bunch of gimme games. They have a forfeit win over Hamtramck, two shutout victories against Melvindale and Dearborn Heights Annapolis, a pair of Western Wayne Athletic Conference teams that have given up a combined 425 points, and, this past weekend, a 22-6 win over a Garden City squad that had 20 players and its head coach miss practice leading up to the game because of flu-like symptoms.

Put an asterisk next to Thurston's wins, right? No, don't do that. Here's why: The Eagles still had to show up and win the games. They still put in the work in practice and did what it took to prepare for each matchup.

The schedule is the schedule. Thurston can't control that. The fact the team takes care of business each week proves that this program is finally turning the corner. The Eagles might not win their league this year, but if they stay on the course they're on now, it won't be long before making the playoffs each season becomes an expectation as it has become at rival Redford Union, which is looking to three-peat as WWAC champions this fall.

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Plymouth's Jaxon McCaig rushes during a Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East football game Friday, Sept. 22, 2023.

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# How remote workers can separate work life from family life

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Working remotely from home or another location has become the norm for many professionals. The ability to set one's own hours and avoid lengthy commutes can be quite a boon to productivity. Business owners also may find they can reduce overhead costs by not keeping a static office location.

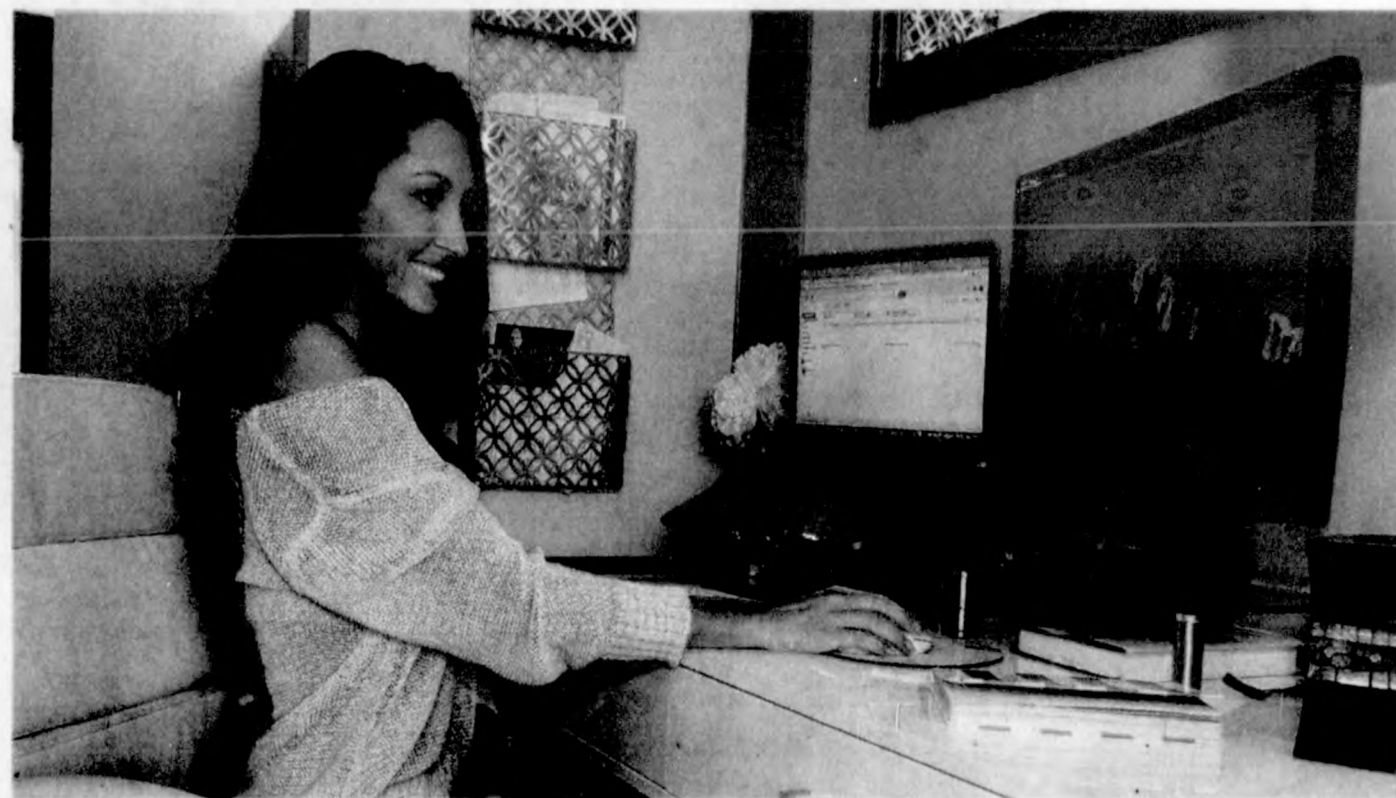
Those who work exclusively from home may find it challenging to separate their work from family life and vice versa. While there is bound to be some overlap, the following strategies can help remote workers deftly manage their responsibilities to their employers and their families.

### Establish a clear-cut workspace

Working at the dining room table or in the bedroom may seem convenient, but these places are full of distractions, whether workers realize that or not. Plus they may cause the mind to wander, as they're usually associated with other tasks, like eating or lounging. Creating a specific work-only area is a great way to stay on target and maintain focus.

### Build in break times

Treat working at home as you would working in an office. Schedule breaks to get up and run errands, eat lunch



away from your desk, take a breather to soak up some sunlight, or engage in a brief conversation with a friend.

### Turn a blind eye to distractions

Is the laundry piling up? Does the dog need a walk? What about that grocery list? Home life distractions and needs can slowly creep into your work realm if you let them. If you're meant to be putting in hours, resist

the urge to do household chores. Instead, wait for break times to handle such tasks. Remember, if you wouldn't be doing it in an office setting, you shouldn't be doing it while working remotely.

### Maintain a consistent schedule

Working from home affords workers the chance to make a doctor's appointment or pick up a sick child sick from

school. But it's easier to get into work mode and then disengage from work mode if you have a relatively consistent schedule. A schedule also makes it easier for coworkers and clients to know when they can get in touch with you - and when it's family time.

Finding the balance between work and home life when your home is your place of employment can be tricky. But practice makes perfect.

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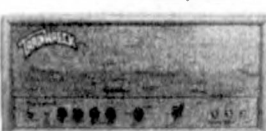


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