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Northville Township takes legal action to close part of Arbor Hills Landfill

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NORTHVILLE TWP. — Township officials are asking the courts to stop Arbor Hills Landfill from accepting trash in a newly expanded area after odor complaints quadrupled in nearby subdivisions, impacting daily life for homeowners and others.

In a motion filed Oct. 26 in Wayne County Circuit Court, Northville Township is seeking a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction that would prevent the bordering Salem Township landfill from placing waste in the newly created Cell 6A.

Attorney Lawrence J. Murphy, who is representing the landfill, did not immediately return a call for comment.

Attorneys for the township, in their request before the court, claim the ongoing odor problems are impacting property values and tax revenue in an area with homes priced at more than \$1 million, forcing people to reduce outdoor activities, impacting area schoolchildren and otherwise ruining "simple pleasures."

"Regular activities like a walk in Maybury State Park, attending youth sports, gatherings for football games, and celebrating Halloween trick-or-treating are all contingent on AH Landfill's operations and byproducts," the motion claims.

The complaint says the recently opened Cell 6A has been emitting noxious odors since it opened in July that led to more than 462 citizen complaints from in and around the Steeplechase and Northville Ridge subdivisions in Northville Township from July 7 to Oct. 24 — more than half of all of the complaints made in 2022, the court document states. There were 227 complaints from Oct. 1 to 24. In comparison, the township said, just 15 complaints were received in June.

Continued operation of Cell 6A, the complaint says, "threatens the health and welfare of Northville Township's citizens" and "creates a public nuisance that irreparably impairs the quality of life."

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Rebecca Nicholson is owner and founder of East Elm Kitchen Co., a specialty kitchen store at 173 West Liberty St. in Plymouth's Old Village. PHOTOS BY LAURA COLVIN

East Elm Kitchen Co. ready to open in Plymouth's Old Village

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East Elm Kitchen Co. features high-quality cookware, bakeware, cutlery, tabletop textiles, coffee tools, barware, local artisan-made goods and more.

PLYMOUTH — East Elm Kitchen Co. owner and founder Rebecca Nicholson plans to officially put out the welcome mat at her new shop in the Old Village area this weekend.

The specialty kitchen store at 173 W. Liberty St. features high-end cookware, bakeware, cutlery, tabletop textiles, coffee tools, barware, local artisan-made dry goods and more.

Nicholson, 33, left behind a decade-long career in the automotive industry — most recently with the Plymouth Township-based Rivian — to follow her dream of opening a kitchen store.

"I was really good at supply chain project management, but this is where my heart is," said Nicholson, who moved to Plymouth with her husband in 2019. "Cooking, entertaining at home, bringing people together, that's what gets me excited."

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Plymouth-Canton students rip Israeli flag during walkout

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CANTON TWP. — A video that shows students ripping apart an Israeli flag during a school walkout Nov. 1 is generating anger among many in the community, but local police say it doesn't appear any crime was committed.

The video, circulating on social media, shows students — purportedly

from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' P-CEP campus, which includes Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools — laughing as they tear an Israeli flag while others cheer and chant "Rip it, rip it, rip it."

No student faces can be seen in the video.

Canton Police Chief Chad Baugh said officers from his department, as well as school security personnel, were on the scene for the duration of the walkout and reported a peaceful demonstration,

learning only later about the flag incident.

"We're always concerned about a demonstration or a walkout like that being a flashpoint for a bigger incident, so we were prepared," Baugh said.

Baugh said he is waiting from a final report, and acknowledged there could be more to the incident than the tearing of a flag, but does not believe the incident constitutes a crime.

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Lake St. Tavern in South Lyon closes; owner retires

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SOUTH LYON — After 30 years owning restaurants, including the last 15 as owner of Lake St. Tavern, Mary Poole is looking forward to reclaiming her Friday nights.

Lake St. Tavern's final day was Nov. 4, as Poole and her partner, Jan Russell, close the restaurant and officially retire.

"It's been a long time coming, and there is a lot of background," said Poole, who previously owned Northville's Poole's Tavern. "It's just time."

That time was hastened by multiple challenges in the last few years, including the pandemic, during which most restaurants struggled, and also a personal struggle last year as Russell bat-

ted bladder cancer.

Poole said the last few years have not created the most uplifting story, as they had been forced to leave the restaurant in the hands of people who didn't do it justice. More recently, Russell's cancer treatment successfully shrank his tumors and prevented new ones, which allowed Poole to return to running the restaurant and join the social district earlier this year.

However, when she had a buyer for the restaurant and approached her landlord recently about a 15- to 20-year lease for him, Poole said her landlord told her he didn't want a restaurant back in the building at 127 E. Lake St.

"That facilitated my retirement," said Poole, adding that the restaurant's equipment and supplies will be auctioned, with a preview day from 11 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Nov. 13 at the restaurant.

Now, the art enthusiast who has a degree in fine arts is looking forward to painting and enjoying the art of others, including a performance by the Michigan Philharmonic at the Marquis Theater in Northville in December.

"I am really excited to go three blocks into town on a Friday night and I haven't had many of those available in 30 years," the Northville resident said.

She is also looking forward to spending time with friends and family, both in East Tawas, where she and Russell have a place on Lake Huron, as well as in Florida.

She said she was looking forward to saying goodbye to customers, including some who her late mother, Elaine Major, may have painted portraits of while she helped her daughter at both Poole's Tav-

ern and Lake St. Tavern, that now adorn the latter's walls. After last call, leftover food and beverages was to be donated to the nonprofit Main Street League in Northville, run by Poole's daughter.

"I appreciate all our guests' patronage and support over these last almost 15 years and we will miss them and all the fun stories and sad stories and life journeys that we have passed together," Poole said, adding that she's grateful to her staff.

"It's nice to go out with wonderful, dedicated staff that have been more than generous and kind and caring about my and my family during some really, really difficult times. They are all finding jobs, too, which is fortunate. In this market, there is a desperate shortage of competent staff. Every one of them will find employment."

Landfill

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"While EGLE has been trying to work with Arbor Hills, we do not feel they share the same urgency of the Board of Trustees and residents," Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said in a written statement. "As a result, we feel we have no other option than to seek relief from the court."

Northville Township, in a statement, said the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy issued a violation notice Oct. 10 to the Arbor Hills Landfill for violating Part 215, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act.

"We cannot allow our residents to be exposed to these extreme methane gas levels, and horrible smells for another 90 days," Abbo said. "The health and wellness of our residents is a top priority. That is why we are calling on the court to issue a restraining order preventing Arbor Hills from using Cell 6A until all of the proper safety measures are in place."

EGLE and Arbor Hills Landfill have agreed to a timeline that would extend to Jan. 18 for the completion and implementation of remedial measures to ensure compliance with the rules, the township said. Township officials said there was no indication exactly how the landfill would remedy the situation, and that measures should have been put in place to prevent odors before opening the new cell.

"Arbor Hills Landfill has repeatedly stated that they are working to improve the conditions at the landfill; however, things have only deteriorated," said Northville Township Clerk Cynthia L. Jankowski in the statement. "On behalf of our residents, we need a resolution."

The request for a temporary restraining order and injunction is the latest chapter in the lawsuit Northville Township filed in November 2021 against Arbor Hills to stop noxious odors, prevent the discharge of excess pollutants and to protect Johnson Creek, the area's only cold-water trout stream.

A hearing will be scheduled by the court to address the motion.

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Kitchen

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"People ask, 'If you could do anything what would you do?' I say, 'I would open a kitchen store,'" she said.

With her background in business, including an MBA from Michigan State University, Nicholson began planning the store and talking with other Plymouth business owners in December 2022. This past August, she said goodbye to friends and co-workers at Rivian and began preparing to welcome shoppers to East Elm Kitchen Co.

The store's name, she notes, is a nod to her upbringing on East Elmwood Road in Cairo, where extended family lived close to the home she shared with her parents.

"As a family, we were always getting together for meals and playing cards," she said, noting both parents are also small business owners. "For me that was very formative."

"Neither me nor husband have family in this immediate area, so we've built a really strong friend community [in Plymouth]," she added. "Our neighbors all get along well and we have a lot of friends in the neighborhood. We



East Elm Kitchen Co., 173 W. Liberty St. in Plymouth's Old Village.

love having people over for dinner parties. We might do a Tuscan night or a Szechuan night. That's fun for me. I really lean into it."

The historic building housing the shop recently underwent a full restoration. And just before the store's opening day, the shelves were stocked with high-end cookware and bakeware brands like Viking, Hestan, USA Pan, Mason Cash and Silpat.

Nicholson said she plans to stock quality items, not just for the home baker, but for cottage industry bakers, as well. Her inventory includes cake pans in "every size you can imagine," as well

as creme brulee torches, accessories for piping, fondant and more.

Those in the market for new cutlery will find knives from brands such as Cangshan, Zwilling Henckels and Messmeister.

"In the last eight months I've learned so much about all these products," Nicholson said. "Educating the customer on the product is really important, especially at some of the price points we carry; these are very high quality items, so you've got to know how they're made, you've got to know how to use them and care for them appropriately in order them to last and for you to get the value out of the product."

Nicholson also prides herself on the store's selection of coffee tools, noting she wants to enable patrons to brew "special coffee" at home without a special machine. The store also carries glassware and bar accessories, along with tabletop items like salad bowls, salad tongs and pepper mills, and there is a 30-foot-long wall stocked with kitchen gadgets.

A grand opening event is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 4 and will feature food samples, demos, a free gift for the first 99 customers through the door, and a chance at a "kitchen refresh" giveaway valued at \$1,000.

Students

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"From a police perspective, we have to look at the Constitution and any laws before we even consider something to be criminal," he said. "I know it really enraged part of our community, the flag being ripped, but at this point I don't know of a crime that has been committed."

"You could liken it to an American flag being destroyed or burned," he added. "It's been found that's not a crime in our country, so we have to be cautious about how we approach things like that, but we also have to be mindful that a lot of people are hurting right now."

A letter from Plymouth Canton

Community Schools Superintendent Monica Merritt went out following the event Wednesday.

Merritt said the walkout was student-led and student-organized.

"We respect our students' rights to express their opinions peacefully," the letter said, noting district administrators were aware an Israeli flag was destroyed. "However, walkouts of this nature are prohibited by our board policies as they can be disruptive to our educational environment."

"Plymouth Canton, community schools, rejects all forms of discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying," the letter continues. "We are reviewing this matter, and will apply discipline consistent with our policies. I urge our families to engage an open and constructive discussions with their children about the importance of re-

spectful and peaceful expression of their views and the consequences of violating to school policies. We are committed to promoting a safe and inclusive environment for all students."

Merritt's letter said the district would provide resources beginning Nov. 2 for any student or staff member who needed support following the event. Increased security presence on campus throughout the rest of the week.

Protests and demonstrations have taken place in numerous cities in the U.S. since the start of the Hamas-Israeli war Oct. 7 when the terrorist organization launched a surprise attack into Israel that killed more than 1,300 people. Since then, Israeli armed forces have been attacking the Gaza Strip in retaliation and thousands of Palestinians, including many civilians, have been killed.

Novi Hilton, accused of price gouging after February ice storm, resolves claims

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NOVI — The Michigan Attorney General's Office and the Hilton Garden Inn have settled claims of price gouging connected to a February ice storm that will result in some customers receiving refunds, the state officials said in a Friday press release.

The hotel was accused of price gouging during a severe ice storm in late February that caused widespread power outages and hazardous conditions in southeast Michigan, according to the press release.

The attorney general's office investigated the claim and on Oct. 25 in Oakland County's 6th Circuit Court, "amicably" resolved the investigation with Hilton, the release said.

Hotel officials maintain they did not violate the Michigan Consumer Protection Act, but have agreed that the original complainant will receive "a full re-

fund, and that all consumers who paid a nightly room rate in excess of \$200 between the 23rd and 26th of February 2023 will receive a refund amounting to the difference between \$200 and the rate they were charged, plus applicable taxes."

"Price gouging during a severe weather event is disrespectful to your customers and charging grossly excessive prices is illegal," Nessel said. "As we prepare for another Michigan winter, I want businesses and consumers to know my office pays close attention to complaints about those who seek to turn consumer desperation into financial opportunity."

Nessel's office filed an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance and Discontinuance that resolves any potential litigation. In addition to the concessions the hotel must make to affected consumers, the hotel will mandate compliance training within 60 days for all employees with responsibilities for determining room rates, including education that

the MCPA prohibits "charging the consumer a price that is grossly in excess of the price at which similar property or services are sold."

The training is also mandated for all new hires with price-setting responsibilities at the Hilton Garden Inn in Novi, for a term of two years.

The Hilton Garden Inn in Novi has also agreed to reimburse the state \$1,000 for costs associated with investigating the alleged MCPA violation.

In February, one of the state's worst-ever ice storms struck southern Michigan. About 500,000 of DTE's 1.2 million customers lost power, and another estimated 200,000 Consumers Energy customers also lost power. Many did not see service restored for up to a week.

Repeated DTE power outages have been a sore point in Novi, and Nessel discussed the issue with residents affected by outages here in 2021.

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Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel listens to Northville Township Police Chief Scott Hilden on March 24, 2022, as he talks about the township's pursuit of accreditation.

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Wayne group celebrates 'Rocky Horror' fandom all year long

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WAYNE — Let's do the "Time Warp" again.

And again.

And again.

For one group of Michiganders, fandom of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" extends beyond the Halloween season. The cult classic film is one they visit over and over, shadow acting and shouting call backs all year long.

"Honestly, it's not about the movie anymore," said Jessica Harris, director and vice president of the Michigan Rocky Horror Preservation Society. "This is where my friends are. The sense of community is what keeps me coming back."

The preservation society, based at the State Wayne Theater, is celebrating its 10th season of dancing, acting and making the iconic movie their own.

A cult classic's global following

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show," released in 1975, follows a young couple who encounters a mad scientist and a plethora of chaos after their car breaks down. The film is known for its audience participation, which "Rocky Horror" lore claims began with the film's first run. People are welcome to throw things, wear costumes and shout at the screen when they see the film.

"Every show is different," said Becky Milanio Koupparis, chief operating officer of the society. "You can come back time after time."

Koupparis' "Rocky" fandom started



Cast members, from right, Scott Carpenter, Lindsey Montgomery and DJ Foster rehearse their roles in "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" in October 2023.

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like most: She saw the film as a teen and got hooked. Over the years, she's played every role but Janet, directed casts and enjoyed from the audience.

"I was 16 in 1981 and I had friends who wanted to go see 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show,'" she said. "I had no idea what it was. I had no idea it was a musical. I walked down the aisle, and Frank-N-Furter was walking up toward me. I thought to myself, 'This is the most interesting thing I've ever seen.' It was so intriguing, so different."

The Michigan Rocky Horror Preservation Society hosts at least two shows a month at the State Wayne, 35310 W. Michigan Ave. October is the group's busiest month and, this year, included a sold-out show at the historic Fisher

Theatre in Detroit. The next scheduled show is Nov. 11.

"We have a whole set of regulars who keep coming back," Koupparis said. "We also have people who've never seen the film before in its 48 years of existence and that's always really fun. We call them 'virgins' and welcome them into this experience."

The actors and crew in Wayne spend hours rehearsing and relish in making their shows a welcoming, fun environment.

"We see more younger people coming in, and we were all like that at some point," cast member Scott Carpenter said. "I like to think we're paving the way and creating that outlet for our audience members."

Finding a chosen family

Cast and crew members have different relationships with the movie, but they all stay involved with the preservation society because of the people. People have met their best friends, gotten to know themselves better and, in some cases, even met their future spouse through "Rocky."

"I've always wanted to be part of a 'Rocky' experience," said DJ Foster, one of the group's newest actors. "My friend brought me to show here in June, and I knew this is where I was meant to be. Now that I'm part of it, it's one of the greatest joys in my life."

Bella Levitt, an actor and the group's ethics coordinator, said "Rocky" helped them grow as a person.

"It's been really great for my confidence," Levitt said. "This is a huge game-changer. I'm a totally different person than I was two years ago."

Levitt and Ian Dixon, the group's property master, say "Rocky" has embedded itself in their lives. Both of them have day jobs and obligations that have nothing to do with the film, but it's a source of joy that remains steady.

"Our little group of misfits has become very dear to me," Dixon said.

Society members say there's nothing quite like a "Rocky" viewing and hope new "virgins" are experiencing the film all the time. They're sure their beloved movie will leave people shivering with anticipation for the next time.

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Two charged in armed robbery of postal carrier in Northville Twp.

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NORTHVILLE TWP. — Two men accused in the armed robbery of a postal carrier were turned over to the United States Postal Inspection Office and arraigned in federal court.

Michael Lamar Smith-Ellis, 30, of Detroit and Terrance Tucker, 32, of Inkster, were arraigned on five felony counts each. According to township police, charges include:

- Conspiracy, a 5-year felony
- Robbery or theft of mail, money or property of the U.S., a 25-year felony,
- Aggravated assault of a federal employee, a 20-year felony,
- Use of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, a 5-year felony,
- Key or locks stolen or reproduced, a 10-year felony.

The men were arrested Tuesday, Oct. 24, after allegedly brandishing a firearm and forcibly demanding a mail carrier turn over keys to postal boxes in the area of Silver Spring Drive and Eight Mile Road.

Police said the suspects took the keys to the postal boxes and fled the area. They were spotted and stopped by Livonia police on Interstate 96 near Middlebelt Road.

Northville Township Deputy Police Chief Matthew MacKenzie, said similar crimes are part of a national trend, but noted the Oct. 24 incident was the first for his department.

On Oct. 25, a day after the Northville Township incident, the U.S. Postal Service issued a report about its Project Safe Delivery campaign, which is aimed at cracking down on postal crimes, including attacks against postal employees.

"As our nation continues to address a sustained crime wave, our targeted focus to crack down on postal crime is progressing," Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer Louis DeJoy said. "The safety of our letter carriers — and all postal employees — is our top priority. We will continue to work steadfastly with our law enforcement partners to increase the safety of our employees and protect the sanctity of the nation's mail."

The report says the USPS has seen an increase in letter carrier robberies nationwide as criminals target letter carriers for their Arrow and Modified Arrow Lock (MAL) Keys, noting criminals use Arrow and MAL keys to steal mail from secure mail receptacles to commit financial crimes, including altering checks to commit check fraud.

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At which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A bid tabulation summary will be available.

The Bidding Documents will be on file on and after Tuesday November 14, 2023, and may be examined at the following locations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

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A pre-bid conference is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2023, at 3:00 PM local time. Bidders shall meet at the Novi Educational Services Building located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi Michigan 48374

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Gunnar Nelson of Brimley works on using hand-made cedar manoomin "wild rice" knockers to pull in plants and tap them causing the ripened wild rice grains to fall into a canoe. Bay Mills Community College livestock educator Dave Corey uses a push pull pole to guide them through the plants on a section of the Au Sable River in Oscoda on Sept. 16. PHOTOS BY RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

There's growing effort to reintroduce native manoomin wild rice to Michigan

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As an eagle circled above a section of the Au Sable River in Oscoda, Bay Mills Indian Community tribal member Dennis Carrick saw the symbolic greeting of the bird, sacred to Native Americans, as a good sign. Carrick, along with Bay Mills Community College livestock educator Dave Corey and his family, had traveled from the Upper Peninsula to harvest manoomin, Michigan's native wild rice. Geese had destroyed the plants in his community's waterway this year. Before navigating his boat along the crystal-clear river, a pair of canoes in tow, he stopped to give an offering of tobacco and say a prayer.

The group looked at the manoomin's tall, grass-like stalks glistening in the sun across the calm water. "Enough talking. It's time to work," said Carrick, a farm technician at the community college, docking along the shore — after being greeted by another pair of eagles nesting high atop the pine trees surrounding the wild rice.

"It's a pretty sacred food," said Carrick, who recently started learning, and teaching, how to harvest the grain, one part of bringing back traditional foods through food sovereignty — the right of Native communities to sustainably cultivate traditional foods.

"We — the Ojibwe — the Potawatomi and the Odawa were all one," said Bay Mills Indian Community tribal historic preservation officer Paula Carrick, Dennis Carrick's aunt. Thousands of years ago, her ancestors lived on the east coast of North America. "The creator told us to move to where we find the food that grows on water."

That started the migration to the Great Lakes of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Canada, where manoomin grows on slow-flowing inland bodies of fresh water, Paula Carrick explained. "Manoomin" translates in Ojibwe to "the good seed" or "good berry."

"It fed us through the winters. It was life. Even though we were excellent hunters, there wasn't a guarantee you were going to get meat."

After years of damage caused by logging, development and wildlife have wiped out the vegetation in some parts of the state, there's a growing effort to reintroduce the fragile, native, nutrient-rich wild rice, used for ceremonial offerings and medicinal purposes.

"You're not going to stop the non-natives from taking boats and ruining it," Paula Carrick said. "They just don't have that connection to it. To them, it's a weed."

Dennis Carrick is part of the Michigan Wild Rice Initiative team, working



Nelson, right, holds up bags with manoomin "wild rice" while comparing what was harvested by his family and others from a section of the Au Sable River in Oscoda on Sept. 16. Corey, background left, and Bay Mills Community College farm technician Dennis Carrick, background right, return with their harvested manoomin.



Carrick shows a handful of manoomin "wild rice" grains.

to create laws to protect Michigan's manoomin. On Wednesday, the Michigan Legislature designated manoomin Michigan's official native grain. But unlike Minnesota and Wisconsin, Michigan law still doesn't protect the rice from overharvesting.

Back on the river, Dennis Carrick pulls the plants in, using a pair of hand-

made cedar sticks to gently tapping three times to knock the ripe, husk-encased rice into the bottom of the canoe. Corey stands in the stern, using a long, lightweight stick to walk the boat across the water, as shots echo from nearby hunters in canoes. An extra tap from Carrick drops some rice back into the water, planting next year's crop.

There's a two-week window to harvest manoomin, Corey explained.

"When it's harvest time, you've got to go in, because a thunderstorm could come tomorrow and the next few days it can be over," he said. Corey, who harvested for his family, and to pay respect to his ancestors.

Dennis Carrick's father, who worked as a special agent for the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, specializing in major crimes on tribal land, was often gifted wild rice during his travels to reservations throughout the U.S. "He'd bring home wild rice stories and wild rice as well. We ate a lot of it. So, it's kind of cool to be the one to grow it ... and give it back to him."

As the sun set on manoomin left to harvest another day, the group returned to shore with burlap bags of wet rice. Some will be used to teach others how to process it before consumption, some will go to the college's head biologist, and some will be replanted, with wild rice bought from Minnesota and Wisconsin, in a restoration project on the reservation.

"I want everybody ... to be able to pass on the tradition that our ancestors had learned," Dennis Carrick said. "There are generations that ... are now learning it, to be able to pass it on forever."

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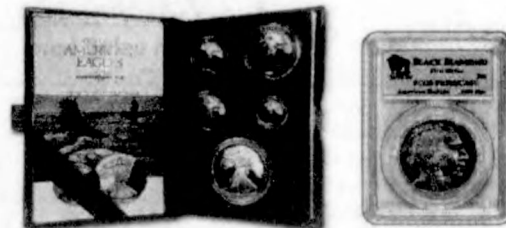
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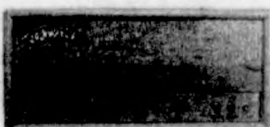


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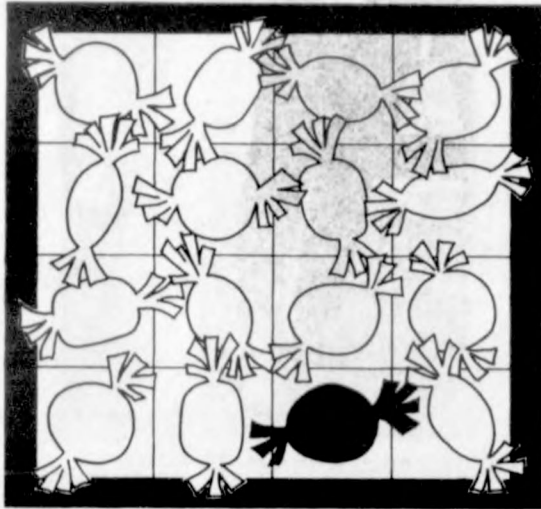
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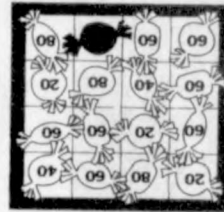
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Leaders from SiFi and the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills kicked off construction of a community-wide fiber optic network on Oct. 30, 2023. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Broadband network coming to Farmington area

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FARMINGTON HILLS — A years-long effort to drive down internet costs in Farmington and Farmington Hills is finally breaking ground.

The two cities are partnering with Si-Fi Networks, based in New Jersey, to create a municipal broadband network. Internet providers generally build their own networks, or rent from a competitor, to offer services in any given community. The municipal network, owned by SiFi, will lease to any company,

which is expected to provide residents more options and result in more competitive pricing.

"We're a neutral player," said Shawn Parker, SiFi's vice president of government affairs and business development. "We just provide the infrastructure. This will give residents multiple options for providers because it's a shared network. It's also likely to drive prices down."

SiFi is spending \$70 million to build the fiber optic network beginning this fall. Complete installation will take about three years, but Parker said services are expected to be available within

nine months of cables being laid in a given place.

"This is a city-wide build," he said. "We'll be going down every roadway and every residential street."

Community leaders at a kickoff event Oct. 30 at The Hawk, 29995 12 Mile Road, expressed excitement for the project, calling it "futuristic."

"Bringing broadband to the entire community benefits all of us," Farmington Mayor Sara Bowman said. "This connects the communities in a way we've never been able to fully embrace. This will let us load files faster, stream without buffering and, most important-

ly, game without lagging. We'll have better reliability."

In addition to increased internet provider options, the network will include nearly 200 "access points" between the two cities. Access points will provide smart signage, public internet hotspots and more.

"We are going to be the home of one of the most advanced fiber optic networks in the country," said Gary Mekjian, city manager of Farmington Hills.

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Northville celebrates winning the Division 1 volleyball district championship against South Lyon East on Thursday, Nov. 2. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWN LIFE

Mustangs' season ends a win shy of state finals berth

Brandon Folsom
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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

If you were to flash back to June when Northville was preparing for the upcoming season and told 33rd-year coach Henry Klimes his boys soccer team would have a chance to play for a state title, he would've called you crazy.

But that's exactly the position the Mustangs (19-3-1) found themselves in entering Wednesday night.

Northville has been defying the odds all season long. Its young and talented roster spent most of the season ranked atop of the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association polls. It somehow snuck into the Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship and won it. And it had no trouble beating Salem and Detroit U-D Jesuit, respectively, for district and regional championships once the playoffs started.

The Mustangs were just one win away from qualifying for the state championship game for the first time in program history. A bad bounce here and a bad bounce there in the Division 1 state semifinal at Troy Athens is what wound up keeping them from making a trip to Saturday's big dance at Grand Ledge.

The third-ranked Red Hawks (19-3-2) outlasted Northville 3-2 in an overtime victory, as captain Brody Fahnestock trickled in the winning goal off a free kick near midfield to upset the No. 2 Mustangs.

"I never thought we'd be in this position," Klimes said. "I didn't think we had all the pieces at the beginning of the year. But as the season went on, things started gelling, and it got better and better as the season went on. I'm proud as hell for these kids getting to the point that they were. It's tough right now, but I'm proud of these guys."

Northville certainly got better and better.

In fact, it only suffered two losses in the regular season, both coming against KLAA-West rival Brighton. And perhaps the toughest part about all of this is the Bulldogs beat Rockford on the other side of the bracket, advancing to the state finals to take on

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How Northville volleyball turned an emotional night into tears of joy

Brandon Folsom
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The Nov. 2 Division 1 volleyball district championship game was already an emotional one.

For No. 2 Northville, it was the final time its special senior class would play at home.

This is a group that's been there since Day 1 when coach Sarah Lindstrom took

over the program three years ago. The Mustangs have gone from winning district and regional titles in her first season to becoming the state runner-up in 2022. And this fall? The Kensington Lakes Activities Association champions have spent most of the past 11 weeks ranked atop the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association poll. Heck, they've been so special that Hometown Life even let them spend a few days at No. 1 in our weekly high

school football rankings.

But there's no gimme wins in this sport, not even in the district tournament.

South Lyon East, a squad with a handful of Division I college recruits and even more players who've had success on the AAU circuit at the national level, proved that against the Mustangs.

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How a sibling rivalry inspired Cougars' recent success in boys tennis

Brandon Folsom
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Having six seniors helped the South Lyon boys tennis team have its best season since the school opened in 2007.

But the sibling rivalry between Cameron and Mason Crosby also helped.

"That's it?" said Cameron, a senior. "State qualifier? Nothing else?"

That was Cameron's response when freshman brother, Mason, said his goal for the next three years was to continue to be a state qualifier for the Cougars during an interview with Hometown Life on Wednesday afternoon.

The standard has been set at East. Merely making states shouldn't be the baseline goal anymore.

For the first time in program history, the Cougars won both Lakes Valley Conference and Division 2 regional championships and also qualified as a team for the state final tournament.

Both Cameron, at No. 1 singles, and Mason, at No. 2, went undefeated during the regular season and didn't lose in the regional tournament. Neither took their first loss until the season's final weekend.

You can see why Cameron expects more from his younger brother.

"This past season was amazing," said

Cameron, who made it to the semifinal round in last week's state championship tournament. "I knew with my brother coming in that we'd have a chance to be good and, hopefully, qualify for states and get seven points at states. But every single goal we set this year as a team, we did it, including winning regionals and the Lakes Valley Conference, and getting 11 points at states for ninth place."

Those 11 points tied a school record for most scored during the state championship by the Cougars, but it's the first time the team has scored that many

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Brothers Cameron and Mason Crosby recently helped the South Lyon boys tennis team have its best season in program history. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWN LIFE

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Special performance by Northville junior ousts Brighton from playoffs

Bill Khan
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NORTHVILLE — Brent Luplow has coached only 10 football games at Northville, but he feels pretty confident he witnessed a performance not seen often in these parts.

"This was an awesome game, probably one of the top ones in Northville school history," Luplow said.

The player he referenced was junior receiver Colin Charles, who was given the ball by any means necessary Friday night and took full advantage during a 42-18 first-round playoff victory over Brighton.

Charles caught passes, of course, but he also ran the ball and threw a touchdown pass off a lateral from quarterback Isaac Pace.

Charles caught five passes for 189 yards and three touchdowns, ran five times for 82 yards and threw a 28-yard scoring strike to wide-open running back Kaden Kuban. Charles had another touchdown catch nullified by a penalty.

"Whenever I touch the ball, I try to make something out of nothing whenever I can," he said. "I love the environment. I love everything about big games. As coach Luplow says, 'Big-time players make big-time plays in big-time games.' I just had to show up for my team, for our city. We just had to get the win."

With Charles making big plays left



Northville's Colin Charles, who caught three touchdown passes and threw for another, is tackled by Brighton's Jason Eisinger during Friday's game.

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and right, the Mustangs reached the end zone on their first five possessions and six of seven during the game.

Charles had touchdown catches of 52, 81 and 43 yards from Pace, who was 9-for-11 for 239 yards and four scores. Charles was relatively quiet during Northville's 24-10 victory at Brighton during the regular season, with senior Cullen Murphy making the biggest impact on both sides of the ball.

"They did a good job of getting guys into the right matchup and getting good yardage out of them," Brighton coach Brian Lemons said. "They did an awesome job on the offensive side like that.

They've got a lot of athletes over there, a lot of talented kids, so it's pretty tough to hold them all back."

Northville led 28-3 at halftime before Brighton's offense found a spark in the second half.

Senior quarterback Grant Hetherton had a 2-yard touchdown run and a 19-yard touchdown pass to freshman running back Jayden Ciponaer, finishing the game 30-for-43 for 345 yards and a touchdown. Hetherton's passing yards rank third in school history behind Cullen Finnerty's 450 against Grand Ledge in 1999 and Drew Henson's 349 against Walled Lake Western in 1997, both also

coming in playoff games.

Hetherton had a 331-yard effort against Canton on Sept. 29, a total that is now fourth in school history.

During the postgame handshake line, Luplow had words of encouragement for each Brighton player he encountered. At the end of the line, Luplow hugged Hetherton and spent extra time with the three-year varsity player. Luplow was Brighton's offensive coordinator the previous six seasons.

"A lot of those guys in the handshake line I either taught or coached in J.V. or freshman basketball," Luplow said. "It was bittersweet for me. It's so sad to watch high school kids play their last football game."

"I just told Grant I love him, and I'm excited for his basketball season. He had a good football career. He held that team together when they very well could have gone in the other direction."

Brighton made the playoffs with a 5-4 regular-season record after starting the year 1-3 and trailing 9-0 against Harland after one quarter of its fifth game.

"I'm super proud of these guys," Lemons said. "We started off 1-3, and it could have been easy to pack it up and call it a day. These kids are tough and really fought hard."

Northville will host the district championship game against Detroit Catholic Central, a 49-22 winner over Novi.

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Mustangs

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Athens.

Saturday would've been a chance for Northville to finally take down Brighton, this time with a state title trophy up for grabs.

But that's not what happened, despite the tenacity the Mustangs showed all night.

Griffin LaBay put the Red Hawks ahead 1-0 after heading in a free kick from almost point-blank in front of Northville's net with 2:30 left in the opening half.

But that didn't discourage the Mustangs. No, it looked as if allowing that goal inspired them to play even harder.

Fewer than 2 minutes later, Nick Settle netted an equalizer in almost the same fashion, bashing in a free kick amongst a scrum of defenders inside the penalty box to knot the score at 1 entering halftime.

The second half saw Northville take its first lead on quite the heads-up play from its defense. The Mustangs quickly cleared the ball following an Athens attack, played a ball up to midfielder Halthem Al-Zoubi, who wound up with a one-on-one and beat the Red Hawks' goalkeeper by booting in a prayer from 25 yards out with 15:31 remaining.

But Athens tied it again with fewer than 10 minutes left in regulation, as Miguel Ramirez Vanegas corraled a rebound inside the penalty box, squared up with the frame of the goal and snuck his shot inside the left post to ensure OT.

A foul near midfield set up Fahnes-



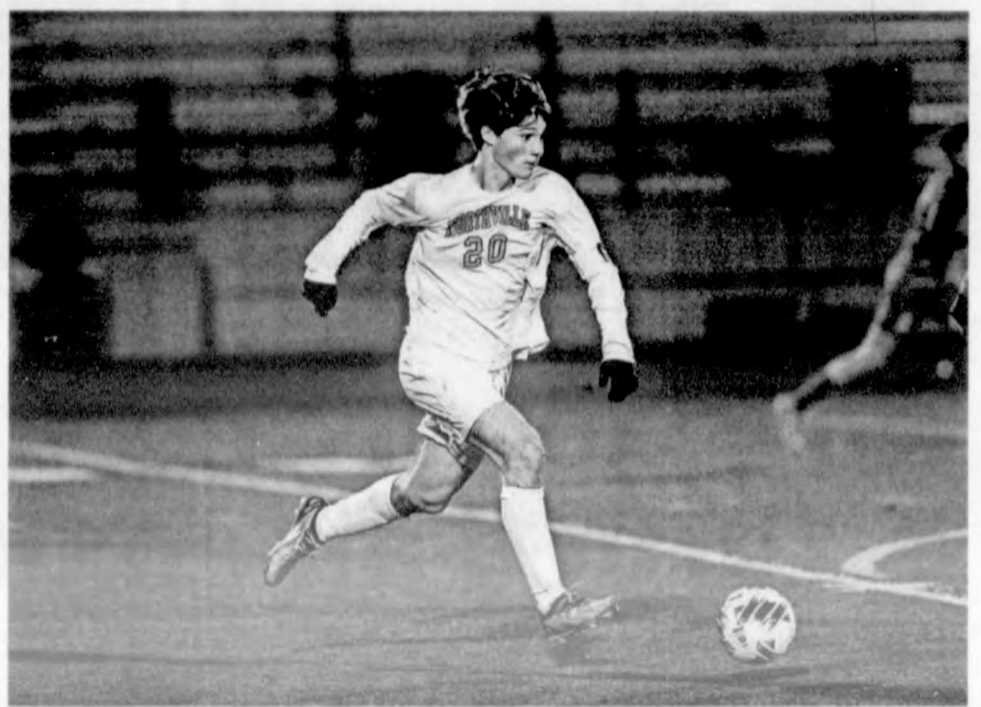
Northville coach Henry Klimes shares a laugh with his players before a Division 1 boys soccer state semifinal on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at Troy Athens.

tock, a senior defender for the Red Hawks, to sail a perfectly placed pass inside the penalty box for one of his teammates to either head in or get a toe under. Instead, the ball landed mere inches behind Northville's back line and squirted into the net for the winning score.

No doubt letting in *that* goal, losing in OT on a play like *that* and being unable to face Brighton in the state championship will be a motivating factor for the Mustangs to improve this coming off-season.

"The hurt is going to settle in, and, of course, they all play club ball, but I think they learned about that little taste of defeat and now understand what it takes to get to the next round," Klimes said. "We knew it was going to be a tough game because they're (Athens) a very solid team. They're similar to us. It was a couple of mistakes I saw that were dearly costly to us, but we had our chances."

Unfortunately for the Mustangs, they



Northville's Emir Tascioglu goes on a breakthrough.
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must say farewell to eight seniors, including Marco Greenlaw, Hyuga Jozaki, Jackson Frauenheim, Caden Mauer, Riku Sato, Jack Coats, Emir Tascioglu and Settle.

But they return a wealth of talented juniors and underclassmen, including six players who were recently named All-KLAA first-teamers.

The Mustangs didn't enter this season with high expectations, but they shocked the state by winning with so many inexperienced players. Much will be expected of them a year from now. It wouldn't be a surprise if they find them-

selves competing in another final four and making it to the state finals.

At the very least, you can't say Klimes will be surprised about how great his team is next June.

"There are always lessons to be learned," Klimes said. "Hopefully, the young guys who were watching and the young guys who did participate tonight realize what it now takes to move on and get to the final."

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Tennis

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points in a D-2 championship. Previous team success has come at the D-3 level.

During the regional, all four of the Cougars' singles players won individual championships, which included Cameron and Mason as well as junior Brayden Erwin at No. 3 singles and senior Grady Glowacki at No. 4.

Seniors Dylan Zischerk and James Witkowski were the tournament runners-up in No. 2 doubles, while junior Kevin Kim and sophomore Yuvaroshan Chidambaram took second place in the fourth flight.

At the state championship, Cameron, the fourth seed, won his first three matches before taking his first loss of the season in the final four to No. 1 Austin King of Midland Dow, 7-5, 6-5.

"I actually had a really close match," Cameron recalled. "I was up 3-0 in the second set, but then I cramped up in my left quad, which I don't normally cramp up. I could only take one injury timeout, so I had to kind of stay out there while I was cramping and lost in the final set.

"My goal was to win (a state title) this year. I had full confidence that I could this year. It was obviously heartbreaking. My last match of the season, after I was undefeated, had to end with me cramping. It was devastating, but I can't think about that now."

Mason's first loss also came in the finals, as he lost to No. 1 Aaron Li of Midland Dow, 6-4, 6-1.

"This (season) definitely gives me a bit of confidence," Mason said. "But at 2 singles, it's different. A lot of teams can have a strong 1, and then their team can drop off. Next year will be a lot more challenging for me, but, hopefully, I can keep my record close to undefeated again."

Erwin made it to the quarterfinals in No. 3 singles, while Zischerk and Witkowski got to the elite eight in No. 2 doubles.

Also competing at the state finals were Glowacki, Kim, Chidambaram, Zachary Walcott, Ethan Dougherty, Alton Stieneker and Wyatt Galley.

So what about this sibling rivalry?

Both Crosby boys started playing the sport when they were toddlers, and it's been their main sport ever since. They are both ranked nationally in the top

750 by the United States Tennis Association and have traveled the country playing in some of the most prestigious youth tournaments. From Iowa to Indiana, Ohio and Florida and anywhere else they can find a competitive match.

Playing on the USTA circuit has been a boon for preparing them for the high school game. Plus, they train almost year-round at nearby Walnut Creek Country Club.

But what also helps is having the two hit against each other in practice and compete alongside each other on adjacent courts during dual matches.

"It's definitely been pretty competitive, especially at practice," Mason said. "We always try to see who does the best against another team. It always gets pretty competitive when we're playing."

Cameron is 6-foot-4 and will likely start on East's basketball team this winter. And playing basketball is usually the only time he gets away from tennis completely.

His goal is to land with a Division II or III college and carry on his family's tradition of playing at the next level.

"My dad and all his siblings played at the collegiate level," he said. "My dad played at Grand Valley, my uncle played

at Western and my aunt played at Toledo. I grew up with them coaching me and teaching me how to play."

And there's no doubt he'll find a home somewhere in college.

For now, he's just happy East's program is in a good place, the best it's ever been, as he heads out the door. He's excited to pass the torch as the Cougars' No. 1 singles player to his younger brother, Mason.

"I hope we have started to set the standard here," Cameron said. "I hope it's only going to get better from here. I don't think it'll be dropping anytime soon. It's sad to leave, but it's awesome that the teams that I have been on have completed all the goals we've set out to complete these past four years. I'm just hoping it continues on."

"Hopefully, the energy that my class has brought in can be carried on for the next couple of years and, hopefully, even longer than that."

If Mason has anything to do with it, the Cougars likely will continue building off the best year in program history. Expect more success to come. That's how sibling rivalries work, right?

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Volleyball

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In the opening set, the two teams traded leads and tied the score multiple times, and the Cougars were threatening to pull off the upset and end Northville's season two weeks earlier than expected.

Avry Nelson's kill and a block by Ella Craggs gave the Mustangs set point, but a wild serve knotted the score at 24. Finally, Northville's Molly Reck tallied a kill and Ashley Krahe secured the 26-24 victory with a monstrous block in the middle.

That was it. That effort *right there* is what motivated Northville to rise up and play inspired the rest of the way.

The second set saw them jump out to a 17-9 lead, and then Mallory Reck finished it off with a kill on the left side for the 25-16 win. And then in the third set, back-to-back blocks by Krahe and another kill from Molly Reck allowed the Mustangs to finish the 3-0 sweep of the Cougars, a team that was receiving votes in MIVCA's final top-10 poll last week.

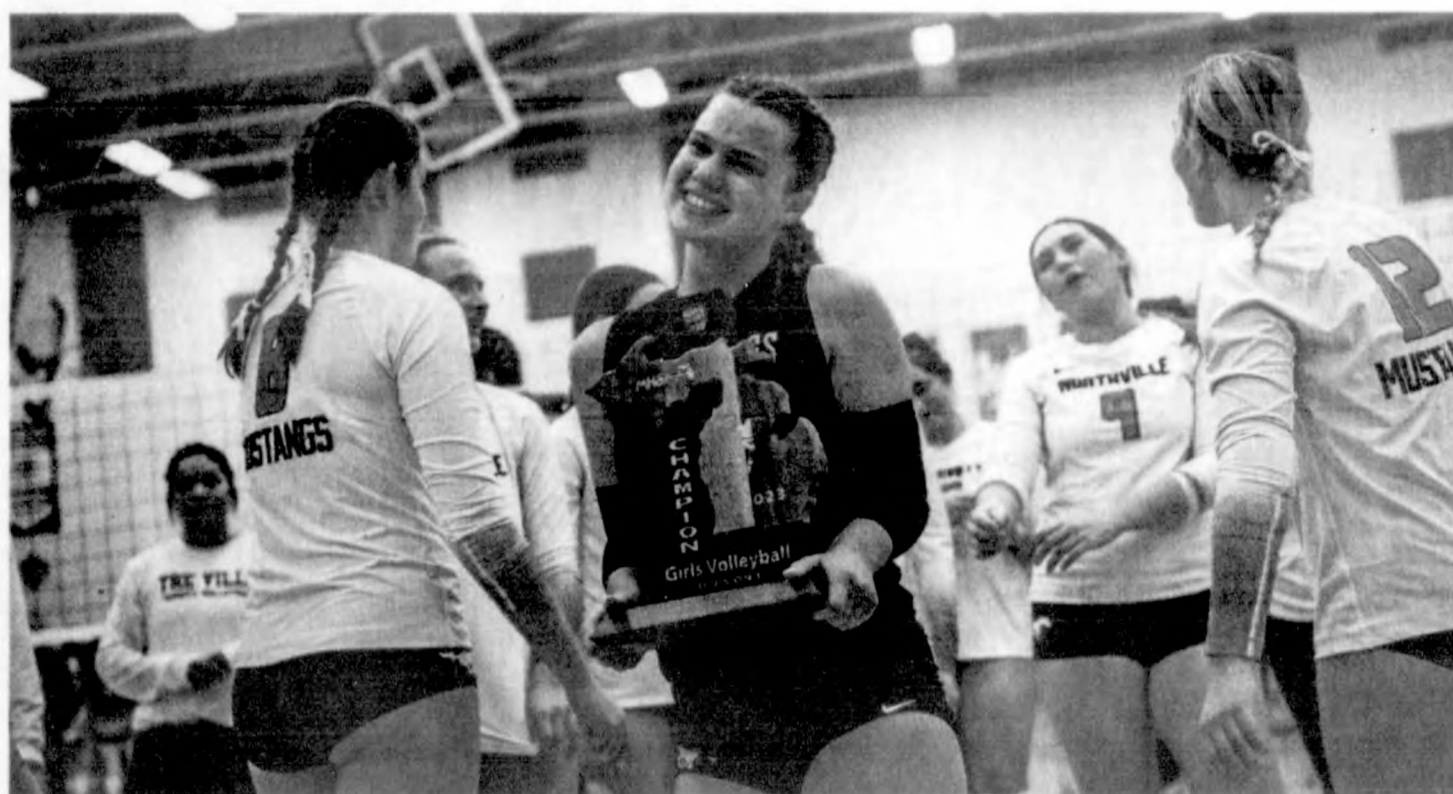
Northville played in the Nov. 7 regional opener after press time for this edition.

"These girls rise to the occasion, and they love the competition and they knew what they were going up against," Lindstrom said. "I think at one point, they (East) had six players out there that have all been on the podium of AAU nationals in the open level. We knew what we were coming up against. It's a great team, and they're really well-coached, which is scary in high school. ...

"But I truly think what happened to us last year with the run that we made has really matured these girls. There's a little bit difference in confidence than what we had last year."

The Mustangs have the perfect mix of senior leaders, talented juniors and exciting underclassmen who rotate in and hold their own when their number is called.

It starts with the seniors. While Ava Thomas suffered a season-ending ACL injury earlier this fall, her classmates have had no trouble leading the team. It's Greta McKee (Wright State commit) and Ashlee Gnau (Syracuse) sharing libero and defensive specialist duties. It's Avry Nelson (Eckerd College) coming up



Greta McKee celebrates winning the Division 1 volleyball district championship against South Lyon East on Nov. 2, 2023. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWN LIFE

with kill after kill at the net. And it's Krahe, who's talented enough to play at the next level, coming up with timely blocks when they need it.

This class is responsible for some of the greatest moments in Northville volleyball history. And they're not done adding to their legacy.

"We know what we want because we've been there, and we've had a small taste of it," McKee said. "So that gives us even more encouragement, knowing that we know what it takes to play on such a huge stage like Battle Creek, and pretty much our entire team has been there. We want to get back there."

The juniors are no slouches either. Ella Craggs, the sister of Oakland University power forward Cooper Craggs, is one of the top setters in Michigan, while twins Mallory and Molly Reck, the younger sisters of Abby Reck, a 2022 Michigan Miss Volleyball nominee who's playing at Northeastern University, are two of the most reliable outside hitters you could ask for. They always step up when the competition presents itself.

Plus, there are juniors Brooke Feller and Lyza Koski, sophomores Kaylyn Tuck, Ashlyn Swart, Giselle Burlin-

game, Skylar Marteen and Elle Chenoweth and freshman Gabby Lavoie.

Lindstrom is one of the few lucky coaches who has the problem of having too much talent and only six spots available on the court. But, on the bright side, she doesn't have to worry about anyone having an off night because there's always someone capable of going in and holding their own out there.

"I feel really good (about the regionals coming up), to be honest, because I don't think that was our best volleyball tonight," Lindstrom said. "We talked at the beginning of the year that our goal was to be good enough that on a bad day we could still be better than everyone else. We talked about that in the locker room. We had some girls that struggled today, and we had some girls who played their best volleyball. That just shows how deep our team is. It allows everyone to be free and make mistakes and not be worried. There's no one player that carries this team."

And that's probably why seniors such as McKee feel that there isn't a burden on her class to carry the Mustangs back to Kellogg Arena.

Northville has to just take it one game at a time, as cliché as that sounds, be-

cause everything has been working out in its favor. The only tears they should be shedding anytime soon are tears of joy.

Like the ones McKee had after playing on Northville's floor for the final time of her career.

"It's really emotional," she said. "You know, high school volleyball, when you're here every day, it can be a grind coming to the gym, going to school and going to practice. But this team and our coaches have made it a place where you don't want to leave. So this year has been so special, and I'm really, really proud to be on a team with these coaches and these kids, and I'm so happy today."

"We want it. There's definitely a standard, but we're taking it game by game. We're not overlooking anyone. This (East) was a really good team, and I think it was a really good experience for us to get this early on and play a really competitive team. We don't have many kids who shy away from big games. We've got a lot of kids who have played on some really big stages, some national championships. We have very competitive players on our team, and I think that's going to help us."

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How White Lake Lakeland football beat rival Milford with 1 second left

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The plan was to get the football near the red zone and have senior Alex Caines attempt about a 35-yard field goal for the walk-off victory against rival Milford on Friday night.

Well, sometimes plans change. Starting from its 20-yard line with only one timeout remaining, White Lake Lakeland had just 3 minutes and 5 seconds to march about 50 or so yards to set up its placekicker with a shot to snap a 21-21 tie.

And, for the most part, that plan was working. Until confusion ensued in the waning moments.

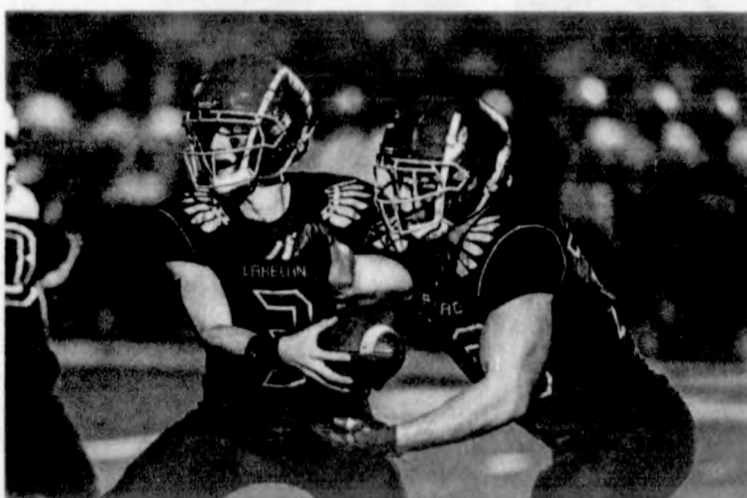
The Eagles got down to the 27-yard line. All they needed to do was run one more play to get the ball centered for their All-Lakes Valley Conference kicker to boot in the potential game-winner and send Lakeland to next week's Division 2 district championship game.

The problem? The play got sent in a little too late. As in quarterback Carter Travis couldn't snap the ball until there were only 12 seconds left. By the time running back Trevor Tschudin hit the hole on the left side, it was down to eight seconds. There was no way Tschudin was going to pick up the extra 5 yards and still leave time for the Eagles to send in their special teams unit and have Caines make his seventh field goal of the season.

So Tschudin just kept going. The junior got past the linebackers, turned on the jets and outraced Milford's secondary down the southeast sideline to score the 34-yard game-winning touchdown as time was expiring.

Lakeland 28, Milford 21. The Eagles will visit East Lansing for Round 2.

"They (Milford) thought we were going to fight for 5 yards and go get a field goal," Lakeland coach Jim Calhoun said. "They thought we were going to run it for 5, get the ball in the middle of the field, down it and go kick a field goal. But



White Lake Lakeland's Carter Travis hands off to Nolin Thompson during a Division 2 football district semifinal against Milford on Friday, Oct. 27, 2023. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWN LIFE

when No. 1 (Tschudin) finds daylight, he's fast, he's fast. They weren't going to catch him. He was gone."

Throw this one onto the pile of the other great finishes in this Huron Valley Schools rivalry, which, coincidentally, was just seven days removed from another cardiac comeback by the Eagles.

In last week's regular-season finale, Lakeland (7-3) scored two unanswered TDs, including getting the game-winning score with just 71 seconds left, to earn a 14-7 come-from-behind, thrilling victory over the Mavericks.

Friday felt more like a continuation of that game than it did a win-or-go-home rematch.

Like, seriously. Milford QB Ryan Allen tossed a 49-yard TD pass to Peyton Chamberlain fewer than 90 seconds after the opening kickoff for what felt like its response to Lakeland's game-winner a week ago. But instead of tying it at 14, it was the Mavericks (6-4) taking a 7-0 lead and attempting to set the tone for the rest of the night.

Lakeland wasted no time responding. In fact, on its second play from scrimmage, it was Tschudin racing 32 yards down the near sideline for the first of his two TDs. And nine minutes later, it was Travis tucking the ball and pulling around a pile of Mavericks to make it

14-7 just before the first quarter ended.

If it wasn't for Allen punching in a 3-yard QB keeper of his own in the next quarter, Lakeland would've entered halftime with all of the momentum, especially after defensive back Sean Latham came up with an interception in the end zone to close out the first half.

"It's hard to beat an opponent twice in a season, but if you treat it just like an Etch A Sketch, where you wipe clean the slate, start over, have a hard week of practice and do what you're supposed to do and respect your opponent, it is possible to pull it off," Calhoun said.

Both teams would've wanted the third quarter wiped clean.

After trading scores back and forth in the first half, they traded turnovers. Milford recovered an onside kick as well as a fumble but it also turned over the ball on downs twice and fumbled the ball back to the Eagles.

After Lakeland stuffed Milford's fake punt near midfield with 9:37 remaining, Calhoun looked toward his sideline and shouted to his players, "Who's going to step up? Who's going to say, 'Watch me!' right here."

That ended up being Cornell University commit Nolin Thompson.

The Eagles continued to feed the ball to their 6-foot, 230-pound fullback. Four straight plays. First down after first

down. Until he broke through a pile of Milford defenders for a 27-yard TD with 6:49 left.

"I just wanted to win," the senior said. "Those kids (Milford) have been posting stuff on social media. We've been underdogs. People wouldn't believe in us. But we believed in ourselves. I just ran them over. I wanted that touchdown. I wanted it."

So did Allen and the Mavericks, who orchestrated an NFL-like 4-minute drill to tie the score. First, Allen found Chamberlain again, this time for a 57-yard throw that got Milford near the red zone. And then it required the Mavericks to convert on fourth down inside the 10. Finally, after a fresh set of downs, Allen snuck in from 1 yard out to make it 21-21 with 3:05 remaining.

Tschudin let the ensuing kickoff sail over his head and into the end zone for a touchback, and then the Eagles' offense got to work until it looked like they had mismanaged the clock.

"I heard it was nearly impossible (to beat your rivals twice in seven days), but I knew we were strong enough to beat them and finish strong," Tschudin said was his thought before taking the field for the final drive.

What ensued was what Tschudin called the greatest TD run of his young career.

He wasn't expecting to win it all, but that's what happened. There was fewer than 1 second remaining by the time he sprinted across the goal line to secure the victory. The Eagles ran out the final tick on the scoreboard with an onside kick on the ensuing kickoff. Milford's offense never got the chance to take the field again.

"We were trying to set up a field goal and get in range, but when I saw a gap, I just took it," Tschudin said. "It feels amazing. I'm proud of my teammates. They did it. They came out and finished strong."

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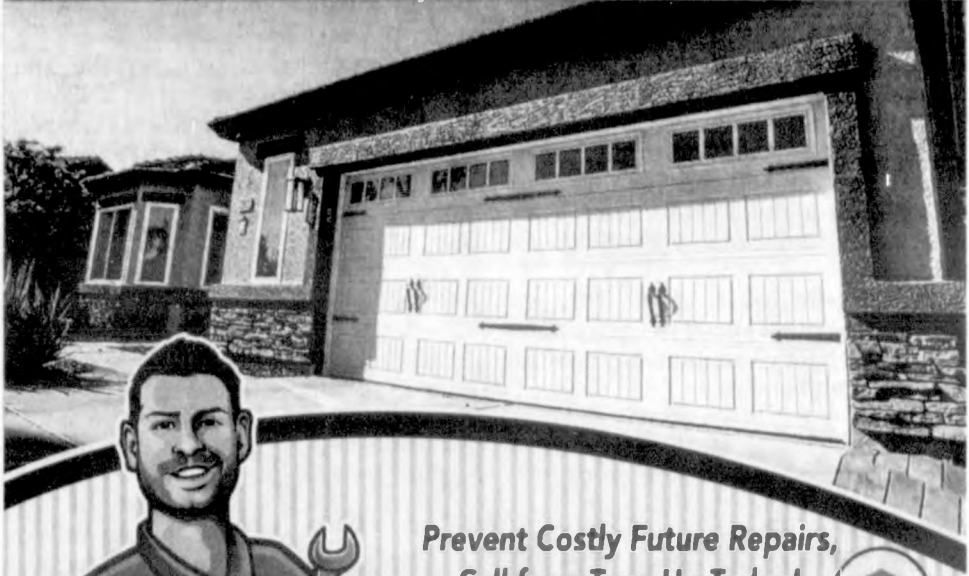
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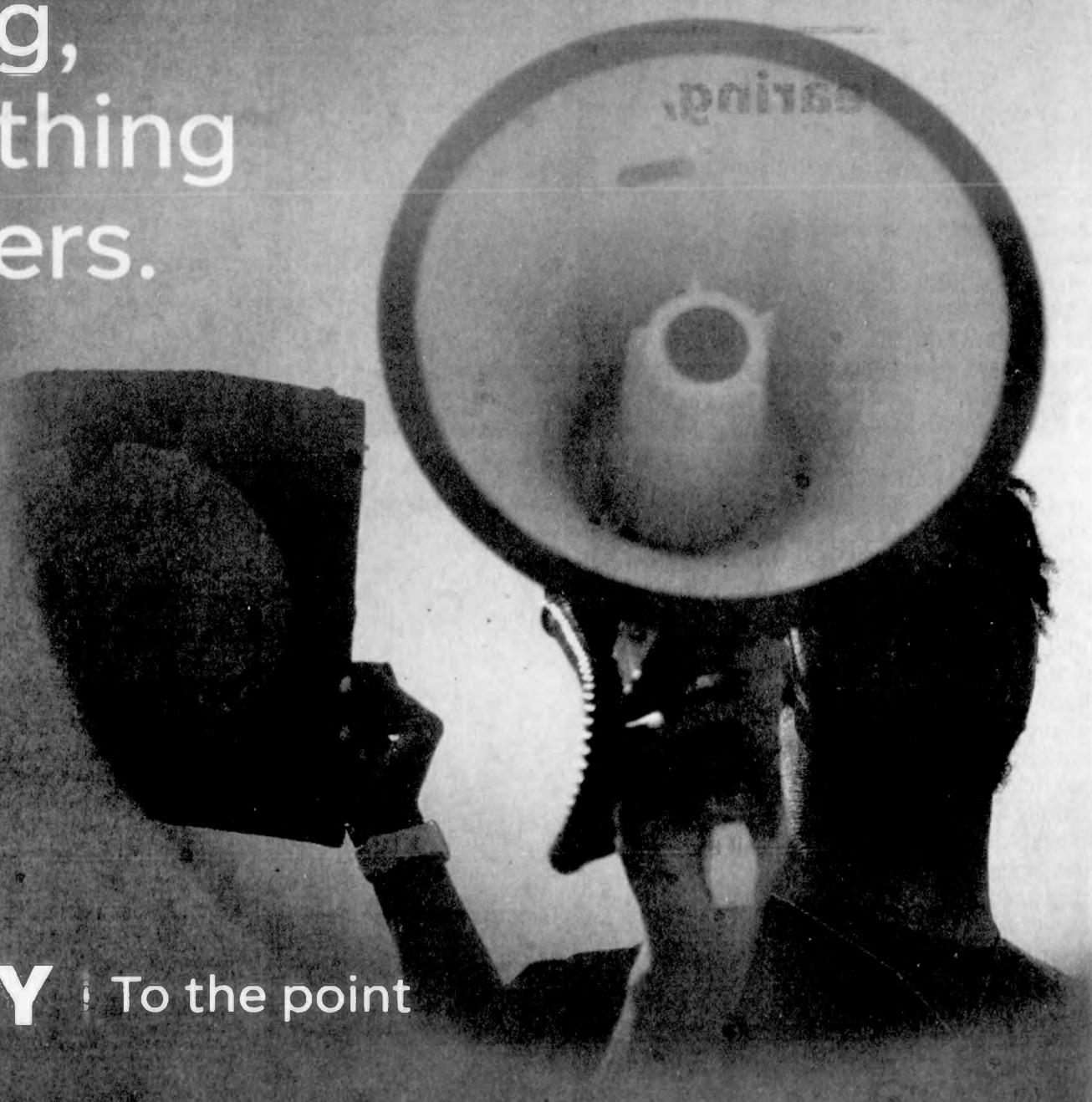
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Franklin bows out of playoffs with loss to Mott

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Livonia Franklin football coach Chris Kelbert said he asked his players at half-time to give him everything they had within them and leave it all on the field on every play.

"And they did. I think they did," the 24th-year coach said after the Patriots (6-4) couldn't convert on fourth-and-11 with 37 seconds remaining to complete the comeback against Waterford Mott during its Oct. 28 playoff opener. "The resilience of this team was unbelievable today. That's all you can ask for. They (Mott) made a couple more plays than we did, and that's what it boiled down to."

The Corsairs (8-2) held on for the 41-34 victory and advanced to Friday's Division 2 district championship against Birmingham Seaholm.

Going down swinging

Jon Jasionowski punched in a 3-yard touchdown run on Franklin's opening drive to give them a 7-0 lead, but then the Patriots played catch-up the rest of the evening.

But they weren't out of it until quarterback Derek Hetu was sacked on their final play.

That included bouncing back after Mott running back Jay Von Barnes scored from 8 yards out to put the Corsairs ahead by two scores with 10:17 left.

Franklin didn't waver. Jasionowski hauled in a 51-yard pass from Hetu to set up the Patriots in the red zone, which led to Owen Pittenger snagging a pass with one hand in the flats, shaking a couple of would-be tacklers and then sneaking into the end zone to make it just a 41-37 deficit.

Their defense came up with a stop on Mott's next drive, ensuring Franklin's



Livonia Franklin's Jon Jasionowski breaks a tackle against Waterford Mott on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, at Waterford Kettering.

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offense would have one final chance to knot the score.

They started on their own 13-yard line with 3:36 left and just one timeout remaining. They wound up moving the ball 35 yards, which included Hetu scrambling to keep a play alive on fourth and 3 and eventually hitting tight end Drew Kelbert for an important first down.

But with 37 seconds left, Hetu and the Patriots couldn't convert another fourth down into a new set of downs, allowing the Corsairs to kneel out the remaining time on the clock to secure the win.

One of the best football players Kelbert has ever coached

There's no doubt it: The district opener was a slugfest between Osborne and the Patriots' offense.

While players such as Pittenger, Hetu and Drew Kelbert made big play after big play, a bulk of the action came from Jasionowski, who finished with 23 carries for 152 yards and two TDs and also caught five passes for 161 yards and another two scores.

Whenever Franklin needed a response to Osborne, who scored two rushing TDs on fourth down and threw TD passes of 73 and 14 yards to receiver Gino Seets, it was Jasionowski leading the charge.

"Who do you take?" Coach Kelbert asked. "Osborne or Jon? You've got two of the best performances that you could possibly have on both sides of the ball. Jon was amazing. I think he's one of the best football players I've ever coached. I think he's just so talented in so many ways."

Jasionowski cut Franklin's deficit to just 14-13 after catching a pass from Hetu and following a tough-as-nails lead block from receiver Mendale Broaden into the end zone for a 46-yard TD.

Late in the second quarter, Hetu, who finished 12 of 24 passing for 303 yards and three TDs, found himself scrambling and scrambling until he finally could sail a pass to Jasionowski, who slipped a few defenders for another 32-yard score.

As the third quarter was coming to an end, Pittenger knocked down one of Osborne's passes on fourth and 14 from the 33. Just two minutes later, Pittenger flipped the ball to Jasionowski on a reverse that finished with the running back running 50 yards for a score.

Not bad for a guy who was primarily a role player on offense and spent most of

his time playing defensive back a year ago.

Some of that had to do with how crowded Franklin's backfield was. Running back Cordell Mabins Jr., Hometown Life's 2022 Player of the Year, and slots Dominic Simpson and Tyler Garrett were incredible playmakers. Jasionowski had to wait his turn to get the ball.

He was somewhat unknown as a ball carrier entering the fall. He unofficially finished the season with 1,170 yards rushing, 413 yards receiving and 20 touchdowns.

"No, I'm not surprised of his success," Coach Kelbert said. "I knew he was that good. Last year we just had two other guys that were pretty dang good in Simpson and Tyler. We always knew he had it in him. We were fortunate enough to have those guys last year so he could just focus on defense. This year he was just a bell cow."

Saying farewell to a special senior class

Following Kelbert's postgame talk with his players, he sent everyone but his 13 seniors to the locker room.

And then he delivered to their class one final message before hugging each of them for the last time.

"They've battled. Their freshmen and JV year, they went through it," Coach Kelbert said. "Every single one of those guys came through and were big contributors for us this year. They bought in, and I'm really proud of how they worked and stayed together. They won a lot of football games."

They certainly did.

As sophomores, they helped the Patriots claim district and regional trophies before losing to eventual state champion Warren DeLaSalle in the state semifinal.

The following year, they won another district championship before falling to Birmingham Groves in the regional final.

And this past fall? They won the Livonia City championship outright for the second straight season.

They're not just losing Jasionowski, they're saying farewell to Gino Diponio, Drew Kelbert, Mike Wesley, Alzaiah Brown, Tyler Stoner, Keith Layne, Jeremy Schilling, Omar Abbassi, LaVontae Reid, James Thomas, Jacob Gorla and Finn Rhatigan.

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Obituaries

Richard James Nelson

CLARKSTON - Richard James Nelson of Clarkston, passed away Monday, October 30, 2023 at the age of 92. A Funeral Service will take place at 12:30 pm, Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at Detroit Cremation Society in Grand Blanc, Michigan-Chaplain Dwight Murphy to officiate, with burial to follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Richard's family will be present to receive friends at Detroit Cremation Society in Grand Blanc, Michigan on Tuesday from 10:30 am, until the time of the service at 12:30 pm. Memorial contributions may be considered to Mid-Michigan Honor Flight, Brave Hearts Estates, or Adopt - A - Pet of Fenton. Expressions of sympathy may be placed on Richard's Tribute Wall at detroitcremationsociety.com.



Richard James (Dick) Nelson was born on March 13, 1931, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry and Helen (Ouellette) Nelson. On April 10, 1951, Richard heeded the call to serve his country and enlisted in the United States Army & served in Korea until his honorable discharge on April 9, 1954. He spent many of his years living at Duck Lake in Highland Michigan both as a young man with his parents and siblings and then later building a home on the lake for his own family & helping his true love Rosemary raise 5 children. In his free time, Richard enjoyed golf, fishing, photography, The Ham Radio Club of Milford (WB8AKH), bowling and spending time with family and friends. He worked for Sears, General Motors Proving Grounds (30 years), Ace Hardware, The Pines Golf Course at Michaywe & the Emergency Management in Gaylord Michigan.

Surviving Richard is his two sons; David and partner Lorna, Mark and wife, Dawn (Chapelle) Nelson, his three daughters, Connie and husband, Steve Rae, Elaine and husband, Paul Cooke, and Lisa and husband, Allen Bana, his brother; Tom and wife, Bonnie Nelson, his brother-in-law; Jack Smith, his brother-in-law; Richard, and wife, Joann Whell, 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Richard is preceded in death by his beloved wife; Rosemary Nelson, his parents; Harry and Helen Nelson, his brother; Ted Nelson, His sisters; Pat King and Nancy Smith, his daughter-in-law; Patti Nelson and his grandson; Jason Rae.

Teresa Josephine Winnicki

LAFAYETTE - Teresa Josephine Winnicki, 85, of Lafayette passed away peacefully Thursday, October 26, 2023 at her home.



Teresa was born August 5, 1938 in Detroit, MI, to the late Paul and Felicia (Kaminski) Skoczylas. She was a 1956 graduate of Felician Academy.

On August 31, 1957 she married Edward Joe Winnicki in Hamtramck, MI. They were married for 62 years before his passing on April 7, 2020.

Teresa worked as a Secretary at Long Acre Elementary School for 15 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.

Surviving are her children: Catherine (Jim) Guzi of Reed City, MI, Beverly (William) Rainaldi of Hamtramck, MI, Jeanette (Kevin) Briggs of Bellevue, NE, Susan (Phillip) Morelli of Jupiter, FL and Carolyn (Richard) Bart of Lafayette, IN; brother Leonard Skoczylas of Dearborn, MI; 14 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Along with her husband, Edward, she is preceded in passing by her parents and granddaughter: Erin Briggs.

Teresa loved her family more than anything, and she was a great friend to many. She enjoyed making ceramics, needlepoint, and playing mahjong. She was able to enjoy many travel adventures in her life, and loved to laugh. She will be sorely missed.

Visitation will be held from 12pm - 2pm Sunday, October 29, 2023 at Hippensteel Funeral Home. Funeral service will begin at 2pm. In lieu of usual remembrances, contributions may be directed to Books for the Blind. Share memories and condolences online at www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com

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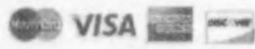
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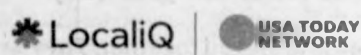
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Since mall businesses are the economic engine of many neighborhoods and communities, it's in everyone's best interest to pitch in and ensure such firms' success. Thankfully, it's easy for anyone to support the small businesses that make their communities unique.

- Shop locally and online from small businesses as much as possible. If you cannot shop right away, consider purchasing gift cards to the retailer or service provider and share them as gifts to others.
- Before you immediately go with a well-known chain or e-commerce giant, find out if a local retailer offers the same items you need and shop there.
- Actively discover new brands, check them out, and then spread the word about your findings to others.
- Share posts from small businesses on social media. It's good exposure for them and can help to widen their customer base.

- Attend special events or promotions hosted by local businesses. Well-attended events may spark others' curiosity.
- Share a quick photo of something you bought at a small business or of a service they provided. For example, if a local landscaping company did a wonderful job putting in a new patio or pavers, share the before and after with those you know.

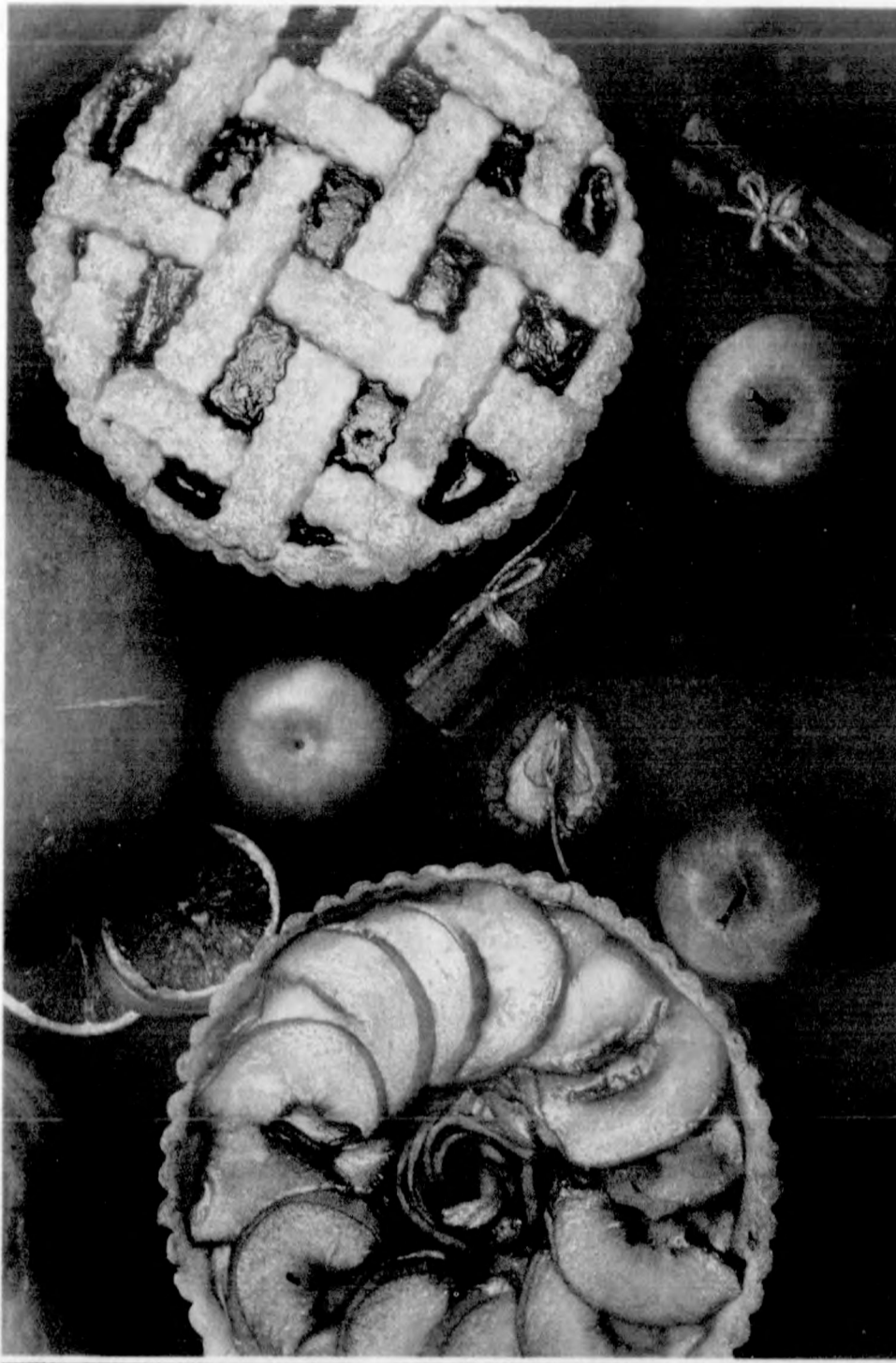
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