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Suspect charged in deputy's death

Detroit man arrested in hit-and-run on Hines Drive

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Criminal charges were issued Saturday in the Aug. 14 hit-and-run death of Wayne County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Lee Smith.

Desmond Robinson, 47, of Detroit was formally charged in 34th District Court in Romulus with one count each of reckless driving causing death, fail-

ure to stop at the scene of a fatal accident and tampering with evidence. Magistrate Linda Mack ordered Robinson held without bond; he is due Thursday, Aug. 30, in Westland's 18th District Court for a probable cause conference.

Smith, 55, was off-duty and jogging westward along the shoulder of Hines



Robinson

Drive in Westland shortly after 10 a.m. Aug. 14, when he was struck by a vehicle that police believe had been traveling east. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

An around-the-clock investigation involving several agencies, plus a tip from a citizen made via Crime Stoppers, led police to Robinson, who was arrested by Westland officers in Garden City at about 5 a.m. Aug. 16, police said in a press conference later that day. A black 2012



Smith

Buick Enclave believed to be the one that struck Smith was recovered in Inkster about an hour later.

If found guilty of reckless driving causing death, Robinson could be sentenced to up to 15 years in prison. Failing to stop at the scene of a fatal accident is also a 15-year felony if it is found that the defendant caused the accident.

Smith, a 26-year sheriff's department veteran, was a Redford Township resident and is survived by a wife and a 28-year-old son.

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Veteran's remains finally sent home

World War II radioman was killed in Pacific in 1944

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Was Walter E. Mintus an American hero from the same U.S. Navy Torpedo Squadron that future President George Herbert Walker Bush was in during World War II?

Or was he somebody to get into an egg-throwing fight with?

He was both and much more to Westland's Tom Kozak, now in his mid-80s but transported back decades — to childhood's fun and games — when thinking about his Uncle Bert.

"We played with him, he'd come to the (Kozak) farm and we did all kind of games, baseball," Kozak said. "We didn't have a baseball, we rolled up a sock with rags in it and tied it with string."

"Also when we hauled hay in the fall, we'd stack the barn full of hay and what was left, we piled it up outside the bar. Big piles, they were 15 feet high at least. Then we'd climb up the ladder and slide down. He used to do that with us when he'd come visit."

Just a typical uncle who was having fun with his nephews.

"I didn't tell anyone this, because I didn't want my sisters to know," said Kozak, who has a large family of his own with second wife Bongchae. "But we used to throw eggs at each other. We lived on a farm (in Pennsylvania), so we had a lot of eggs."

Mystery finally solved

And now the 84-year-old Kozak and a host of living relatives all across the country finally have the answer they've sought since July 27, 1944 — when "Tommy" was just 10 years old.

U.S. Navy radioman Mintus was killed during a bombing mission off the shores of Malakal Island in the Republic of Palau.

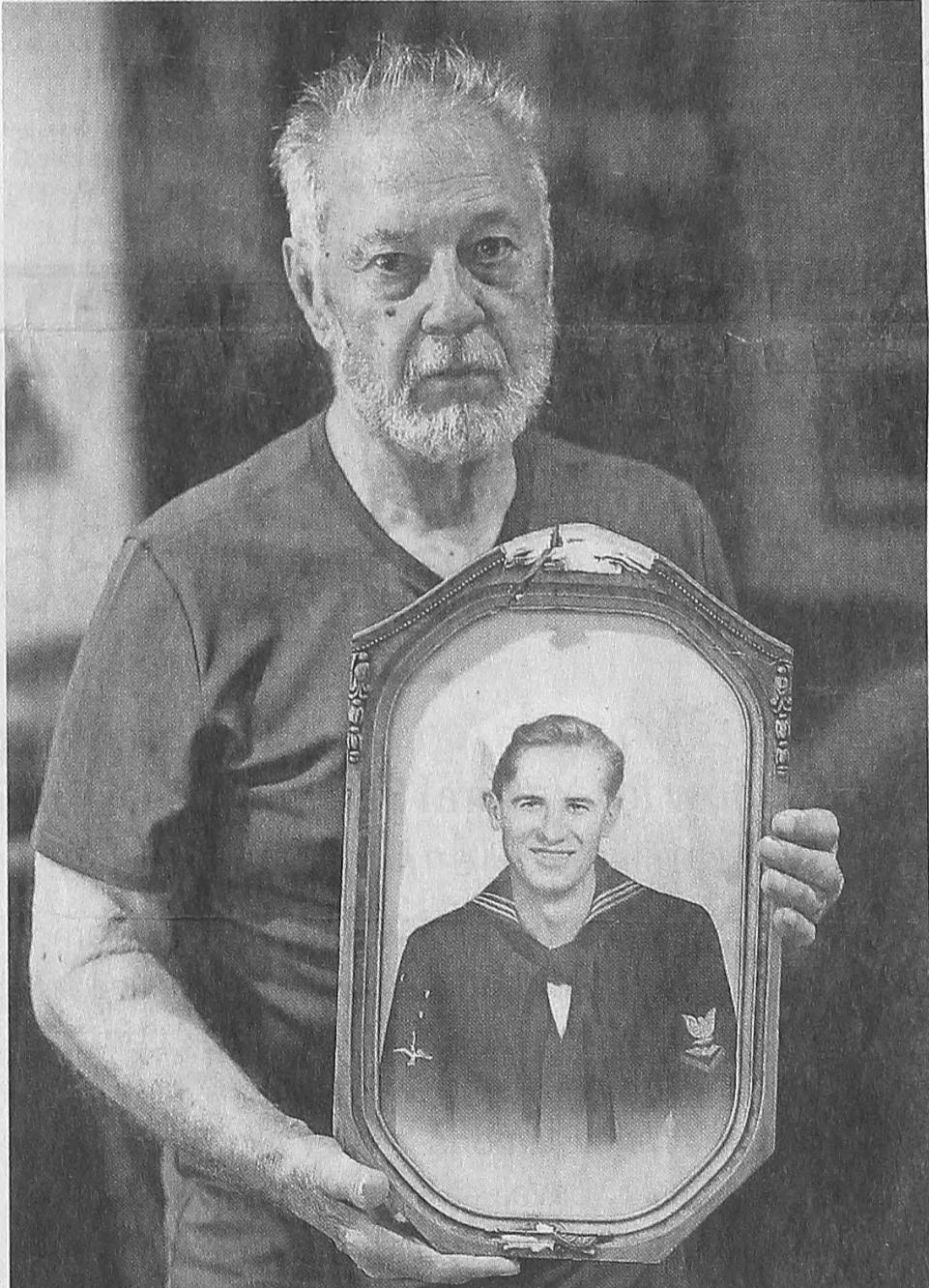
"We never knew, back when we were kids and he first was missing in action, and they claimed him dead after a while, we never knew how it happened or anything," Kozak said. "They just claimed him dead and the government sent telegrams to my grandparents. But nobody knew how he died or anything until just recently."

"So all of the 74 years, or whatever it was, my aunts and uncles, they were always hoping that he would be found or that he'd come home. Now we know he's dead. He's one of the people on the plane."

The answer now is definitive, following discovery of the aircraft by sonar just a couple of months ago — followed by a DNA test that eradicated any lingering doubt.

"You know how it is with family, there's always hoping," said Kozak, who worked in the Pennsylvania coal mines as a teenager. "But you kind of start giving up."

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Tom Kozak's Uncle "Bert" Mintus went missing in action during World War II, when Kozak was 10 years old. His uncle's remains are finally coming home. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Cultural experience awaits at Greek Festival in Plymouth

Organizers of the annual A Taste of Greece cultural festival in Plymouth say the event is a chance to make time for some Greek fun.

The 14th annual festival takes place 5-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25; and noon to 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 26, at Nativity Church, 39851 W. Five Mile, in Plymouth Township.

More than 7,000 people journey to Greece right in their own backyards at this cultural festival with the sights, sounds and tastes of Greece.

Live Greek music can be heard, traditional Greek dancing can be seen and traditional Greek food, including spinach pie, gyros and saganaki (flaming cheese), as well as famous Greek pastries including loukoumades (a tasty

and sweet doughnut-type treat), can be tasted.

There is also a Greek taverna with Ouzo slushies, a marketplace and a coffee house with the best Greek coffee in town. Church tours are available as well as Orthodox Christianity exhibits. A kids corner with bounce houses, slides and games will entertain children.

There is a free shuttle service from

the Bosch parking lot next door and admission is \$2 (free with three non-perishable foods for Northville Civic Concern and free for children under age 12).

A Taste of Greece was named the second-best festival in the Detroit area two years ago.

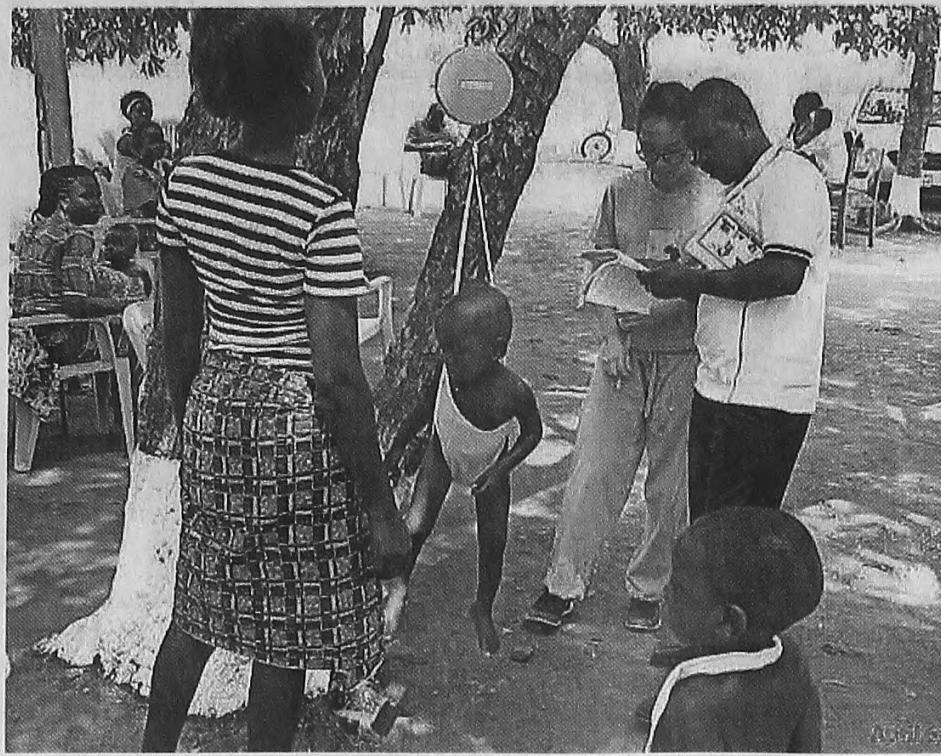
For more information, go to <http://www.nativityfest.org>.

Local student works at clinic in Ghana

Julia Shen, 17, a high school student from Canton, spent 10 days this summer helping in a mobile clinic for providing health care to villagers in rural Ghana.

After a 22-hour flight from U.S., Shen joined a small medical team of a Ghanaian health organization, Blue Med Africa. As a mobile clinic, the team is staffed by one director, several nurses and/or doctors and a few international volunteers on their medical missions. The clinic has one car and one van, some foldable tables and medical supplies. Locals provide the chairs.

"It is an eye-opening experience to me," Shen said. "The villagers live in poverty, with a daily income of 63 cents. They don't have a means to travel to a city for their health problems and don't have money to purchase medicine. I am



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proud to be part of the team for helping those who need the help most."

During her stay in Ghana, Shen and the clinic traveled to several sites, providing health care and distributing free medicine. The medicine was obtained from an array of generous donors from Europe, the United States and Australia. At a remote village, Apisolope, Shen measured the body temperature and

weight for each villager. She also learned how to use malaria test kits for finding suspected malaria patients. According to the World Health Organization, there were 8.5 million cases of malaria in 2014 in Ghana.

While in an elementary school, Klefe Primary School, Shen performed a medical checkup on students in two classes. First, she checked the tooth condition to

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Julia Shen
high school student from Canton

decide whether or not a tooth brush and paste were given to that student. Then she learned to identify ringworm, a common skin disease of local students. Once the ringworm was found on a student's head, a special cream was applied.

Another day, Shen and the clinic visited Adaklu village, where a special method was used to measure the weight of each baby. A rope was fixed to a branch from a tree and was tied to a scale with a hook at the other end. By wearing a special type of clothes, each baby was easily hung on the scale for the measurement.

The key idea of the mobile clinic is the utilization of the limited resources and manpower to serve geographically-disadvantaged rural villages, where many people die of malaria and other easily treatable diseases every year.

cers and the many others he had yet to positively influence."

A funeral service is planned for 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. Seven Mile, east of Telegraph, in Detroit, with family visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Burial will take place at Detroit Memorial Park West on Plymouth Road, west of Telegraph, in Redford.

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Suspect

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He had worked numerous jobs in the department and was a longtime member of the park patrol unit at the time of his death; he was also an instructor in defensive driving, horsemanship, firearms use and other skills.

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Kym Worthy
Wayne County prosecutor

going to retire soon," Kym Worthy, the county prosecutor, said in a press release. "In the blink of an eye, the alleged actions of this defendant destroyed the lives of his family, friends, fellow offi-

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Remains

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ing up after 74 or 75 years. And in the last couple years, we got really active, trying to find him again."

Kozak said the ultimate family find came about by accident.

"I had a niece in Texas and her husband is a family tree searcher," Kozak said. "He started searching the family tree and, all of a sudden, Mintus came up (prompting questions whether there was a Mintus-Kozak connection). Somehow or another, between the navy and him searching, they realized it's one of our family that was lost. So that's how this all got started again."

"It's kind of, like, taking you back 70 years and you start thinking about it again," he said. "It's, like, a renewal of the whole thing. Yeah, it's painful. It's rewarding, in a way."

Proof that Mintus was on the plane when it was shot down came July 30 in a package that Kozak's brother Richard sent to him in the mail.

"I got a bunch of reports from when my uncle got killed, from the government," Kozak said. "They knew where it was shot down, then the Japanese gave them actual locations, then they went down with the sonar and found the plane on the bottom of the ocean."

"It's not real deep there, because there's an island. One person got out — they never knew who it was — but now they know it was the pilot. Because when they found the remains in the plane, it was my uncle (radioman) and the gunner. The pilot bailed out. I just found this out today."

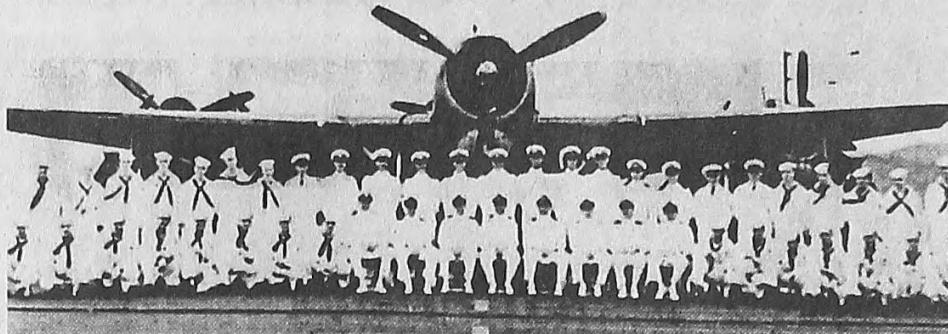
Pain, relief, sorrow

Mintus's fate was sealed, just one day shy of his 23rd birthday. So was that of aircraft turret gunner Otis E. Ingram. Skeletal remains of both men were located inside the cockpit.

"I heard just recently that they (also) found his dog tags," Kozak said. "But it doesn't say in the report."

The third navy man on that mission, pilot Roland R. Houle, is still unaccounted for, but presumed dead (as all three were in February 1946).

Thinking back seven-plus decades, Kozak remembered that family gatherings always were solemn affairs, tem-



Walter "Bert" Mintus was in the same squadron as George H.W. Bush. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

pered by questions about Uncle Bert and his whereabouts.

There was a phonograph recording with Mintus's voice on it, which family members listened to intently. When Bert talked, full of life and hope for the future, it was like reaching the top of the roller-coaster.

Of course, a few moments later, when reality of the grim situation emerged, their emotions came crashing down yet again.

"Back in the day, they wrote letters. They didn't have cellphones," Kozak said with a chuckle. "And then they would make a record and talk on it and send it to the family and then we would play it on a phonograph."

"It wasn't often, but once in a while, you'd get a record and it was really nice to hear the voice. He sent a record right before he got killed, to his mother and dad. We went and listened to it. It was news for the whole family."

"So we went to my grandma and grandpa's and (they) played the record. It was pretty heartbreaking because they got the record after (Mintus was presumed dead)."

Symbols of service

Symbols of going to battle for the Stars and Stripes were prevalent throughout young Tommy's life. He always wore a U.S. Army hat given to him by one of his seven brothers who served in the military.

And in the windows were banners of blue stars, silver stars and gold stars.

"I don't know if you ever heard this or not, but they had flags on the windows," Kozak said. "They had blue stars, silver stars and gold stars. The gold stars was you were dead, silver star was you was

missing in action or wounded. The blue star was you was in the service. We had a whole line of them."

"You can't experience it if you don't have it happen to you (a military death). It just takes all the steam out of you and then you have to learn to live with it."

Kozak shook his head as he discussed why he did not serve. It wasn't for a lack of trying.

"There were seven boys in the service and I got drafted in the Korean War," he said. "My mom went to the draft board and said, 'You can't take my son, he's got to stay on the farm, I need him.'

"So they gave me a 3A classification. That meant I was eligible for the service, but not unless they really needed me."

Three years later, when Kozak was married to his first wife, he received a second draft notice.

"But I was married and had a baby," he said. "You weren't going to go if you had a child, unless they really, really needed you. So I got out the second time for the same reason."

According to Kozak, he "apologized to my brothers many times" in the decades since.

"They were drafting everybody in those days," he added. "You had your brothers go in, sad times. I can remember."

Bush weighs in

Any lingering misgivings about the past now are being tucked aside for a while, what with urgent business to attend to.

Richard Kozak will meet Sept. 2 with U.S. Navy officials to discuss a military burial. Mintus will not be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, however, because the family thought it would be

fitting for his final resting place to be close to his parents.

"They didn't bring him in yet, his remains aren't with us yet," Tom Kozak said. "They're talking to my brother and he's handling it (the funeral and burial). He keeps me in touch."

Kozak didn't know whether the 41st president was informed about the recent discovery.

But he noted that it was pretty certain Bush and Mintus knew each other well and perhaps were even friends during five months together in U.S. Navy squadron VT-51 aboard aircraft carrier U.S.S. San Jacinto.

"When you're in a squadron with each other, everybody knows each other pretty much," Kozak said. "I have a picture of them (squadron members) standing in front of the plane."

From February until July 1944, the San Jacinto carried the Avenger and three other aircraft on the mission to Malakal Island.

Bush, now 94, had long been researching about the lost mission. He exchanged letters about the Avenger and Mintus in 2003 with Kozak's older sister Lilly, Pennsylvania resident Agnes Phillips (who will celebrate her 100th birthday on New Year's Eve).

"Your uncle went on a mission to Palau on 27 July 1944 with Lt. Houle and they never returned," Bush wrote in an April 9, 2003, response to Phillips. "They were both shot down. I was shot down on 2 September 1944 and lost both of my crewmen."

"When I worked at the White House, we tried to locate all living VT-51 squadron members and relatives of the deceased members."

At the end of that letter, written just 17 months after 9/11 during the term of President George W. Bush, the elder Bush wrote that "Barbara and I are most appreciative of your kind words for our son. Please keep him and our brave troops in your prayers."

That letter still means a lot to Tom Kozak, as does the knowledge of where Uncle Bert really is.

"The memories come back," Kozak said. "He was a good uncle. I have good memories of him. I'm really happy that they found him."

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Save money first before you increase your spending



Money Matters

Rick Bloom
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A couple of articles I read recently have caused me some concern. The first dealt with an increase in spending by the typical American family. The article pointed out that, across the board, Americans have increased their spending. The article attributed the increase to the improved U.S. economy, the new tax law and the favorable job market. The other talked about how charge card debt and auto loans are increasing, along with the rate of default. What is troubling to me is that, unfortunately, Americans are not saving more or putting away more for their retirement.

There's no doubt that the economy and the job situation have improved. For the last three months, there are more employers that have job openings than people who are unemployed. As a result, people are more secure in their jobs than they've been in a long time. It is also true that, because of the new tax law, people are finding they have more money in their paychecks.

But Americans have not learned their lessons from the past. As opposed to taking the extra money in their paycheck and investing it, Americans are spending more and increasing their debt level. I certainly have no problem with someone rewarding themselves for their hard work, but we have to be adults with our money and do what is responsible. Although our economy has improved and people have more security in their jobs, the number of people that cannot afford to retire has not declined. My recommendation is, before you spend your extra money, you first consider your personal financial affairs. As opposed to spending the extra money, here are a couple of thoughts you should consider.

The first area you should consider putting extra money in is an emergency fund. Everyone needs an emergency fund they can tap into in time of need. My general advice is that people keep three to six months of living expenses in an emergency fund. If it costs you \$5,000 a month to live, you need between \$15,000 and \$30,000 in an emergency fund. I don't care how secure you are in your job, things happen. The emergency fund of money is to protect

you so that you do not have to tap into your investments in times of need, nor do you need to incur additional debt. I recognize that emergency money is not going to get a very good rate of return, because you should invest it in money markets and CDs, which are not paying much. Having an emergency fund is an essential building block in keeping your financial house in order. Before you increase your spending, establish an emergency.

I also recommend that you save for your retirement. If you're working, you need to save at least 10 percent of your earnings for your retirement. After all, the question you have to ask yourself is, if you retire in your mid-60s, do you have enough resources to last you 30 years? If you don't, you need to increase the amount you're saving for your retirement. I've always said that we live in the greatest country in the history of the world, but there's nothing worse in this country than to be old and poor. When you're old and you don't have resources, you have very few options. When you don't have options, it also means that the quality of your life will suffer. Before you increase your spending, look for ways to save for your retirement.

A few ways to save for your retirement would be to pay off high-interest rate debt, like charge cards, increase the amount you're contributing to your 401(k) or other salary deferral programs or consider starting a traditional or Roth IRA. I cannot stress enough how important it is, no matter what your age, to save for retirement. Retirement is not like it was 50 years ago, when you could mostly get by on your Social Security. We live in a time when, if you're going to maintain the quality of your life, you must have a rising income throughout your life. The only way to do that is to save, save and save more for your retirement.

I recognize that you work hard and you're entitled to reward yourself, but it is important you learn you have to live for today and save for tomorrow. If you only live for today, your tomorrows are not going to be so good and that is not what you want.

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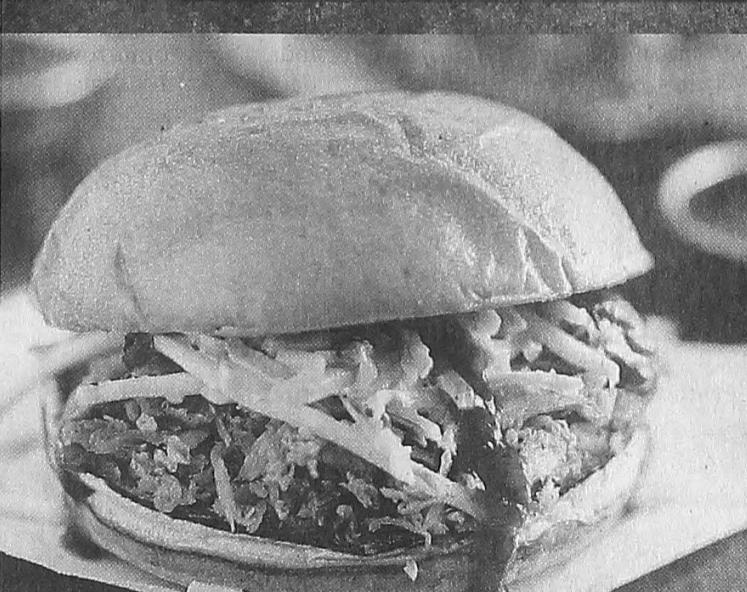
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Have you begun picking up those pencils, markers and notebooks yet? It's almost that time of year, when parents hit the stores to prepare their youngsters for the upcoming school year.

But if you haven't and are looking for a little distraction before the end of summer rolls around, here are four events happening across the Hometown Life area this weekend worth checking out.

Taste of Greece Festival in Plymouth Township

Greek festivals have taken place already this year in Bloomfield Township and Troy. Now, it's Plymouth Township's turn.

A Taste of Greece cultural festival kicks off Friday at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 39851 W. Five Mile, just west of Interstate 275. This festival will bring music, food and dancing to thousands of attendees.

The festival runs 5-11 p.m. Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday. A free shuttle service from the Bosch parking lot next door will be available and admission is \$2, though it is free with three non-perishable foods for Northville Civic Concern and for children under age 12.

Back to School Bash in Canton

All right, so maybe you are ready to head back to school. The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district has just the event for you.

The second Back to School Bash returns this weekend to Canton's Heritage Park. Taking place 1-4 p.m. Saturday, the event will offer food, fun and activities for families in the P-CCS district.

Several tables full of information on more than 100 groups across the district will be at the event, as well as a EEF Quest For Excellence event families can enter.



For more information, go to <http://www.pccsk12.com>.

Traveling Vietnam War fundraiser in Livonia

If you want to support the city's efforts in bringing a traveling version of the Vietnam War memorial, this weekend is the time.

The End of the Summer Party will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, in Livonia. It will consist of offerings of local restaurants in a strolling environment, beer and wine sampling and music from local group Major Woody. A silent auction and 50/50 raffle will also take place.

The fundraiser will support the efforts to bring a traveling Vietnam War Memorial wall to Livonia's Ford Field, which is currently scheduled to come to town Aug. 8-12, 2019.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$35 for general admission. VIP tickets are \$50 and allow patrons to attend an hour earlier, as well as more beverage tasting tickets, premium liquor tastings and reserved seating.

Tickets can be purchased online at livoniaparks.org or at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The treasurer's office at Livonia City Hall will

also sell tickets, but can only accept checks or cash.

Haven Hill Festival at Highland Rec Area

If celebrating local history is your cup of tea, head to the state recreation area in Highland Township and White Lake this weekend for the Haven Hill Festival.

The festival, which takes place Saturday, happens at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford historic Haven Hill Estate, located on Haven Road in the recreation area in Highland Township and White Lake. Several vintage Model A Ford cars from the members of the Livingston A's driving club will be on hand, as well as an antique sale in Edsel Ford Barn, an 1860s exhibition vintage baseball game, guided short hikes, summer foods and beverages and plenty more will be available.

Put on by the Friends of Highland Recreation Area, the festival is free, though attendees will need a Recreation Passport on their vehicle to enter the state park.

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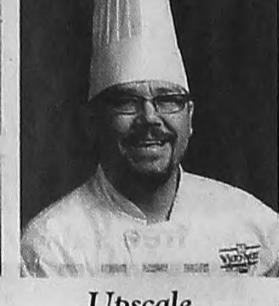
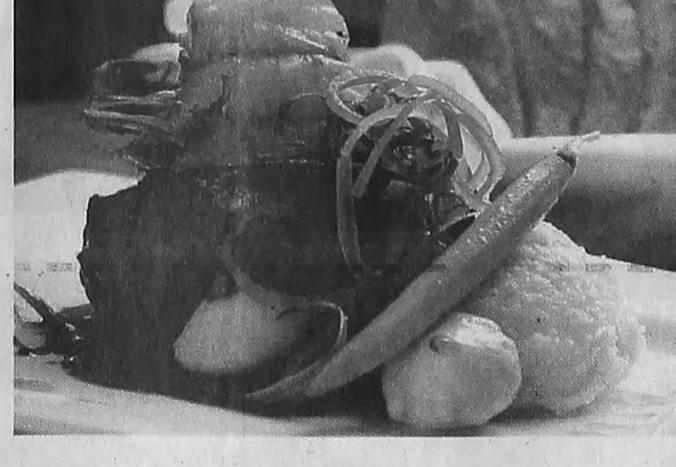
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AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewspaper@hometownlife.com. Items must be received at least two weeks prior to the event.

Learn about Islam

The Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, 40440 Palmer Road, in Canton will hold an open house from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25. This will be an opportunity to have any questions about Islam answered. Come for fun activities and international food.

Back to School Bash

The Educational Excellence Foundation and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district are holding the second annual P-CCS Back to School Bash 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Heritage Park, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, in Canton. This free event will offer food, fun and activities for all P-CCS families and will provide information, entertainment and demonstrations from various district groups and programs. Participants will have the ability to meet principals and district leaders, learn about P-CCS programs from preschool through high school and visit sponsorship booths from local community partners.

The Bash will feature the EEF Quest 4 Excellence, a family-centered event that will raise funds for the EEF. Teams of two to four participants (adults and children) will conquer six challenges in locations throughout Heritage Park with the ability to win fun prizes. Challenges include engaging activities provided by Superbowl and Bowlers Mart, Orange Theory Fitness, Busch's Market and more. Participation in the Quest is \$10 per person, with proceeds helping the EEF continue to provide educational grants and support to teachers throughout P-CCS.

For more information, email gretchen.ward@pccks12.com or call 734-416-2718.

Music at the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The next show is Tuesday, Aug. 28, featuring the Sean Dobbins Trio with rising star Jibreel Johnson. The trio consists of Dobbins on drums, Corey Kendrick on keyboard and Rob Bickley on bass. Trumpeter Johnson goes to Huron High School in Ann Arbor.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Cardboard boat race

The Summit on the Park will host its fifth annual

cardboard boat race, set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, at the Summit on the Park Aquatic Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton. Participants will build a boat entirely out of cardboard, duct tape and paint prior to the event. Finished cardboard boats must be no larger than 5½ feet wide by 10 feet long.

Boats can either be built at home or during a special boat building session in the Summit on the Park's gymnasium 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29. Participants in the on-site boat building session will get access to cardboard and three rolls of Duct tape for a \$12 materials fee and will be able to have their boats displayed at the Summit until race time.

Paddles will be provided for participants and boats can be raced by a youth crew composed of one or two individuals. Each boat will be timed individually. Awards will be given out for various categories.

Entry fees are \$10 for Summit members, \$15 for Canton residents and \$20 for non-residents. Registration can be done in person at the Summit or online at www.summitonthepark.org. For more information, call 734-394-5460.

International Overdose Awareness Day

Northwest Wayne FAN's Overdose Awareness Day event will take place 6-8 p.m. Friday Aug. 31, at Heritage Park, 1080 S. Canton Center Drive, in Canton. Community leaders are scheduled to speak, including Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams, Judge Laura Mack of the 29th District Court in Wayne; Chief Curtis Caid of the Livonia Police Department; and Sgt. Chris Cox of the Northville Township Police Department.

For more information, contact nwwayne@familie-sagainstnarcotics.org.

Masini exhibit at Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton will host People See; People Do, an exhibit featuring the works of Kay Masini, a Plymouth resident, through Aug. 31.

This current art exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment. The Village Theater Gallery is closed each holiday.

For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Canton Newcomers and Neighbors

The Canton Neighbors and Newcomers club invites all area women to the first event of its 47th season, called Rediscover Canton, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, the Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, go to www.cantonwomen.com or contact Nancy Ellenberger at 734-812-4119.

Plymouth Fall Festival Taste Fest

The Plymouth Fall Festival Taste Fest will be 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, in the parking lot of Station 885, 885 Starkweather Street, under a giant tent.

Pre-sale tickets are \$15 and kids ages 5-10 are \$5. At the door, prices are \$20 and \$10. Under age 5 are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 or Friday, Aug. 31, at Music in the Air at the Civitan Booth. Pre-sale purchases end at noon Sept. 7.

This event is sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and hosted by Rob Costanza of Station 885. There will be a cash bar, music and a party afterward. Call 734-459-1896 for more information.

ONESTAGE at Village Theater

TLC Productions is continuing its experimental theater production with the launch of ONESTAGE in September. ONESTAGE is a group of six one-act plays/musicals that will be performed Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8-9, as a single performance in the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

Show times are 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at cantonvillagetheater.org. Tickets are also available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460 or in person at the Summit on the Park or at the door. Tickets should be purchased in advance as there are only 80 seats available for each performance. Time for all six plays is approximately one hour, with no intermission.

For more information, go to mi.org/villagetheater or tclcproductions.org.

Mom2Mom sale

The St. John Neumann women's organization is accepting applications for table rental space for its Mom2Mom sale scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 15, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road in Canton. Email bnolan6850@gmail.com for an application and more information.

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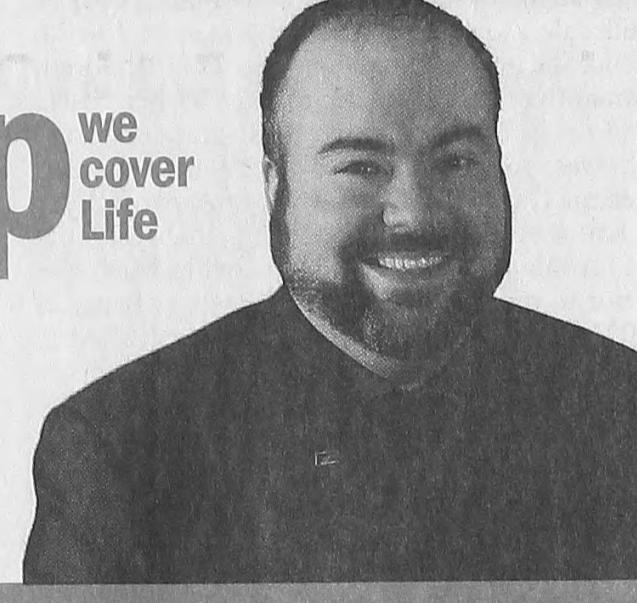
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Laura B. Barber

DETROIT - Laura Barber, age 95, was born October 11, 1922 in Detroit, Michigan to Henry Lee and Birdie Faye (Straughan) Pigg.

After graduation from Mackenzie High School in Detroit, she immediately entered the workforce holding a progression of jobs, including that of comptometer operator with the Michigan Bell

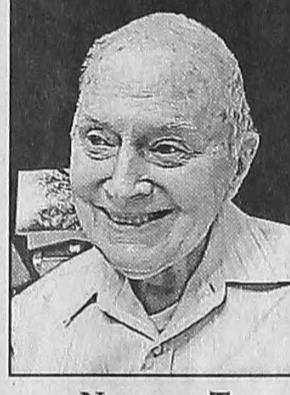
Telephone Co. On August 22, 1943, Laura married Charles N. Barber, a native of southern Illinois, at the Detroit residence of her parents. The marriage continued for 75 years, until her passing. She is survived by her husband, as well as her son and daughter, Gary N. (Penny Greiling) Barber of Hillsdale and Gail L. (Jeffrey) Whaley of Toledo, Ohio. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Samantha (David) Allen, Jennifer Barber Clark, and Kevin Whaley, and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents and her sister, Leanna (Jasper L.) McCutchan of Akron, Ohio.

Laura and Charles were long-time residents of Livonia, Plymouth, and Northville, Michigan prior to moving to Hillsdale (BawBees Lake) in 2004. After raising her family, Laura returned to the workforce and served twenty years as the assistant to the personnel manager for the Kroger Co. (Bakery and Dairy Divisions) in Livonia. She was a member of the D.A.R. and had been a cub scout and girl scout leader. An accomplished seamstress, she found great joy and creative satisfaction in needlework of all kinds. Hand-quilting was her specialty, for which she was highly acclaimed. Several of her quilts won ribbons at the Hillsdale County Fair, including first place and best of show several years running.

A family memorial/celebration of life will be held at a future date. Interment will be in Swanswick (Perry County), Illinois. Arrangements by Eagle VanHorn Funeral Home-Hillsdale Chapel. <http://www.eaglefuneralhomes.com>

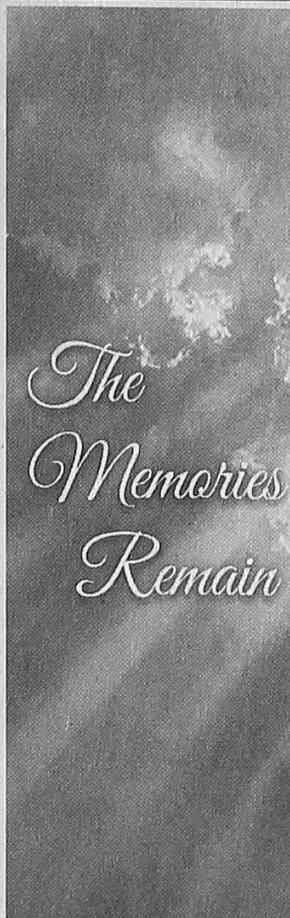
Donna Marie Keough

PLYMOUTH - Donna Marie Keough of Plymouth, died August 19, 2018. She was 76 years old. Donna was born in Detroit to Stanley and Marion Baloh on February 19, 1942. Donna was the beloved wife of William Keough for 53 years. She is also survived by her two loving children Shawn (Chrissy) Keough and Shanie (Colleen) Keough, her four precious grandchildren Carley, Megan, Griffin, and Brady Keough, her dear brother Bruce Baloh, her nephew Bruce Jacob Baloh and her niece Brandy Lynn Baloh. Visitation will be Wednesday, August 22, from 2-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, 48170 with a Rosary Service beginning at 7pm. Her Funeral Mass will be Thursday, August 23, at 11am at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, 48187. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Angela Hospice, or the Plymouth Historical Museum.



Norman T. Wollscheid

-- Age 92, passed away on August 15, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Janet. Loving father of Susan (Lamont) Haverkate, Nancy (Eric) Johnson, John (Jean) Wollscheid, Robert (Karen) Wollscheid, William (late Carroll) Wollscheid, and Joyce Colling. Cherished grandfather of 14, great grandfather of 16, and long-time friend of Virginia Macko. Preceded in death by siblings Marie, Nicholas, Charles, and Donald. He enjoyed his work at Westinghouse Elevators. Visitation Thursday, August 23 from 3-9pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Funeral Mass at 10:30am (10am instate) at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Northville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



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Doris Sams Bouchard

BIRMINGHAM - DORIS SAMS BOUCHARD, age 92, of Birmingham died peacefully at her residence on August 9, 2018. Doris was born on June 20, 1926 in Bay City, MI, daughter of the late William and Erilla Sams. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, Donald Bouchard, as well as sons Donald Bouchard II and Jeffrey Bouchard.



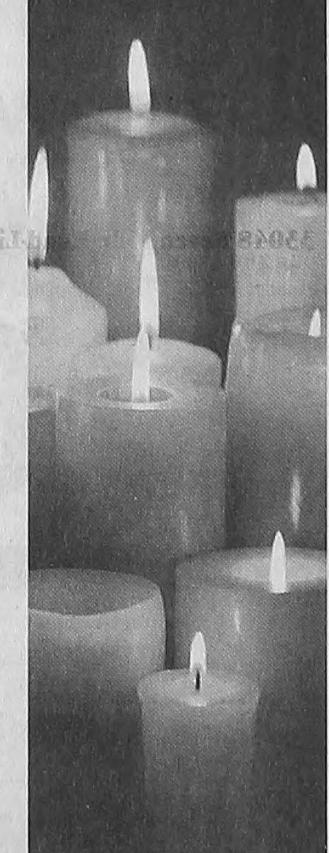
Doris is survived by her son Sheriff Michael (Pam) Bouchard; grandchildren Donald Bouchard III, Rebecca Bouchard Townsend, Colin Bouchard, Jordan Bouchard, Kyle Bouchard, Travis Bouchard, Mikayla Bouchard, Michael Bouchard II, and Jacob Bouchard; and great grandchild Grayson Townsend.

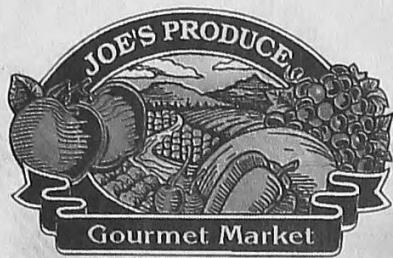
Doris was a gentle and classy lady, with a penchant for making everyone laugh. She was a member of the Junior League and Northbrook Presbyterian Church, where she sang in the choir. A voracious reader, she also loved musicals and classic movies, especially "Gone with the Wind." Doris was the last of the finishing school generation, having attended Stephens College in Columbia, MO. She then attended the University of Michigan, joined Chi Omega sorority and graduated in 1948.

Doris traveled the world and made a wonderful group of friends, but she most enjoyed spending time with her family. Affectionately known as "Grandma Doe" to her grandchildren, she would often sing them "Won't You Come Over to My House."

Private family services and entombment were held at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Southfield. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 25200 Telegraph Rd, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48033. Arrangements in care of Pixley Funeral Home, Rochester. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.pixleyfuneral.com. Known for her attention to detail, if there was a typo in this obituary Grandma Doe would have fixed it. She will be greatly missed.

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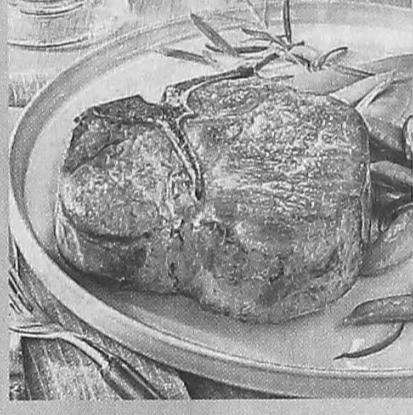
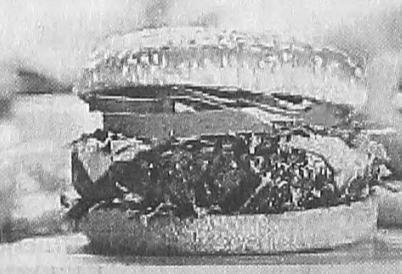
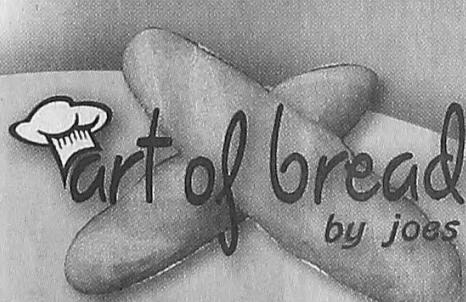
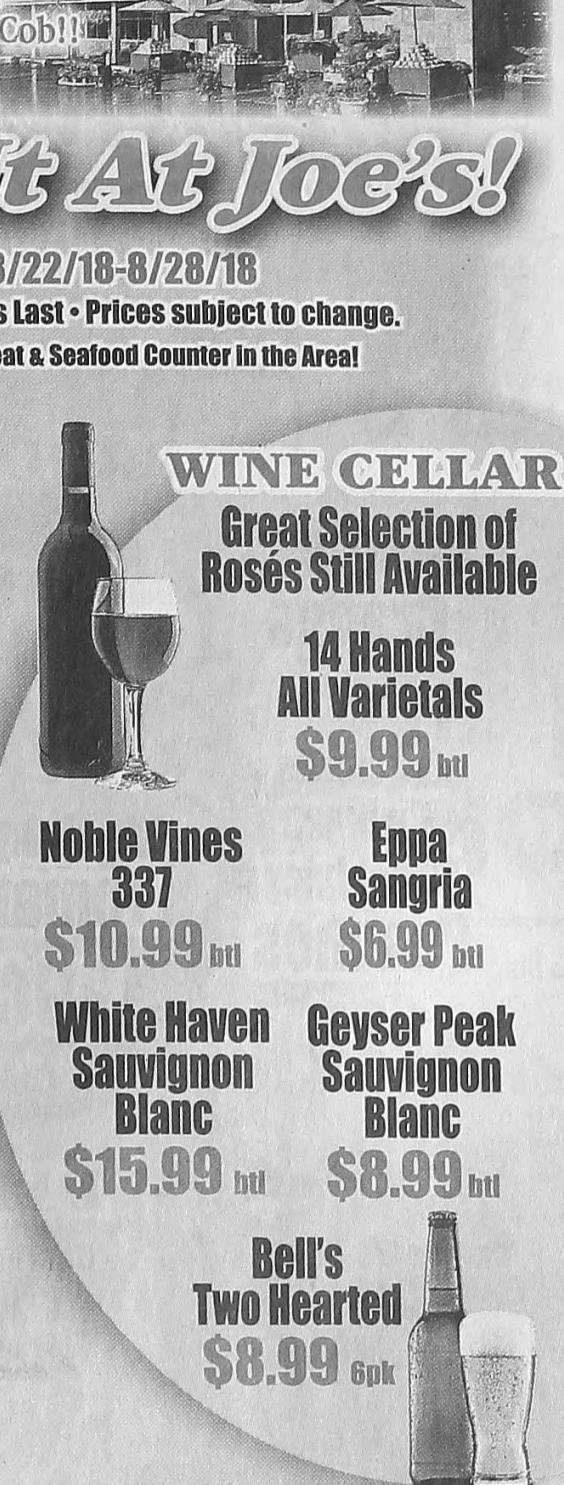
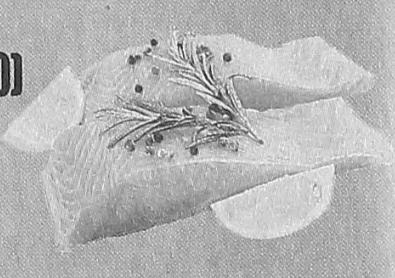
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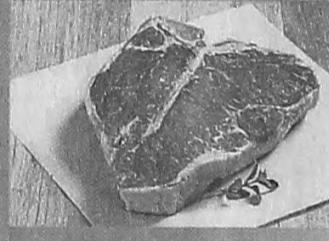
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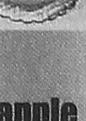
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Sports

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

The 'real story' behind LaMarre's first homer

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In this day and age of social media, there's fake news — and then there's other fake news.

After White Sox outfielder Ryan LaMarre belted a 387-foot homer in his first at-bat Aug. 14 at Comerica Park, local, national and Chicago media outlets reported that an uncle had caught the ball in the stands.

The headline in the Chicago Tribune screamed: "You couldn't dream it up."

The 29-year-old LaMarre, who grew up a Tigers fan, was born in Royal Oak, graduated from Jackson Lumen Christi

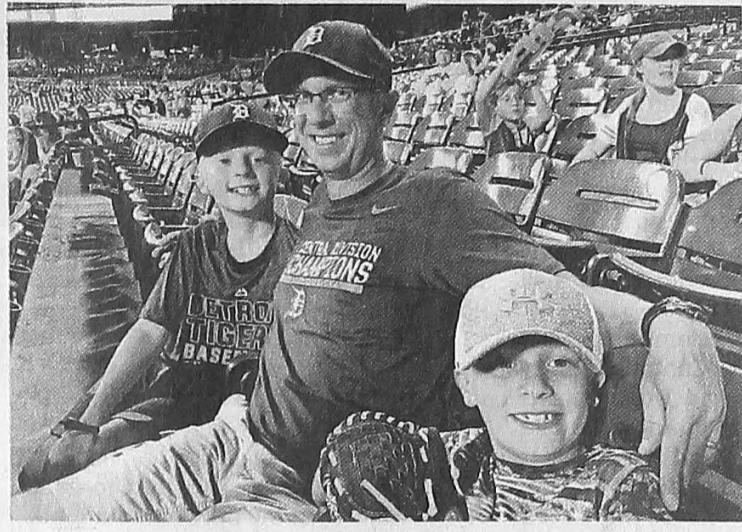
High and played at the University of Michigan. Online newspaper accounts reported that LaMarre's wife Whitney, his parents and grandparents, along with other relatives and friends, were in the stands.

Storybook stuff, right? What are the odds?

Not to be confused with Babe Ruth calling his shot or Roy Hobbs knocking the cover off the ball in "The Natural," but it didn't quite happen that way.

The ball was actually snagged by Livonia teacher and coach Dave Bjorklund, who was at the game with his two sons: Tyler, 9, and Ryan, 7.

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Franklin cross country coach Dave Bjorklund (middle), with sons Tyler (left) and Ryan, caught Ryan LaMarre's first major league homer at Comerica Park.

BOYS SOCCER

A FINE START



Salem senior goalkeeper Buraq Oral tries for the save in vain during a shootout win over defending Division 1 state champion Detroit Catholic Central. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Salem keeper Oral makes key save to win Balconi Invite

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When it comes to penalty kick shootouts, it's really a roll of the dice.

Salem senior goalkeeper Buraq Oral would be first to admit that, as he guessed right to make a sprawling stop of Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Drake Midgley during the third round of PKs.

And the save proved to be pivotal as the Rocks captured the annual Balconi Invitational, 1-0, over the defending

MHSAA Division 1 boys soccer state champions at the Canton's Soccer Stadium.

Salem and CC had played to a scoreless draw during the 60-minute final of the eight-team tourney, forcing PKs to determine the winner.

"Honestly, I just take a spot where I'm going to dive to and then I show I'm going to go the other way just to confuse the player," Oral said. "It's really all chance, in my opinion."

Salem scored four of its five PKs, capped by the game-winner by Andrew

Schwartz after teammates Thomas Dono, Bryan Rodwell and Nolan Chapat also converted against CC keeper Andrew Nicholsen.

Michael Palushaj and Jack Leuker converted for CC, but the Shamrocks missed their first attempt and were denied on their third PK by Oral.

"Buraq, he's a stud back there for us," Salem coach Kyle Karns said. "I told him, 'Just tip the scales, give us one or two saves' and I was confident

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PREP FOOTBALL

5 to Watch: Best games for Week 1

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It's that time of year again, my 40th season of covering high school football.

It's not time for a gold watch just yet, but it's a safe bet there could be some golden match-ups during the opening week of games in the Hometown Life coverage area.

Along for the nine-week regular season ride and playoffs, our three sports prognosticators will give our readers a sneak peak at some of the top area games each week.

Here are this week-end's marquee match-ups, which our staff will be keeping a close eye on:



5 to Watch

Novi Detroit Catholic Central (8-5) vs. Walled Lake Western (8-2), 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Wayne State: Western has a new coach in Alex Grignon, who gets to coach returning quarterback Sam Johnson (Boston College commit) and 6-foot-6, 295-pound tackle Spencer Brown (Michigan State commit). Catholic Central counters with returning tight end Mike Harding, QB Marco Genrich and linebacker Samih Beydoun. **Picks:** Emons (CC), Budner (CC), Smith (Walled Lake Western).

West Bloomfield (11-3) at Birmingham Groves (7-3), 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23: This has turned into a nice little rivalry between Oakland Activities Association schools. West Bloomfield, featuring potent wide receiver Tre Mosley (Michigan State commit), went all the way to the Division 1 final before losing to Clarkston, 3-2, while Groves reached the Division 2 tourney. **Picks:** Emons (West Bloomfield), Budner (West Bloomfield), Smith (West Bloomfield).

Livonia Churchill (8-3) at Canton (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24: These

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Balconi

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in our shooters, so he did that. He made a save and kind of tipped the scales in our favor."

Oral was a starter during his junior year and he's optimistic about Salem's 3-0 start, which also included a 2-1 semifinal win over Canton and 3-1 first-round triumph over Rochester Adams.

"I'm really excited that we won," Oral said. "To play on this team this year is looking incredible, so I'm very excited for what we're going to do. I love the feel of community that this team gives. It gives me a place where I belong. I've made incredible friends and incredible connections on this team and I'm just super-excited for this season."

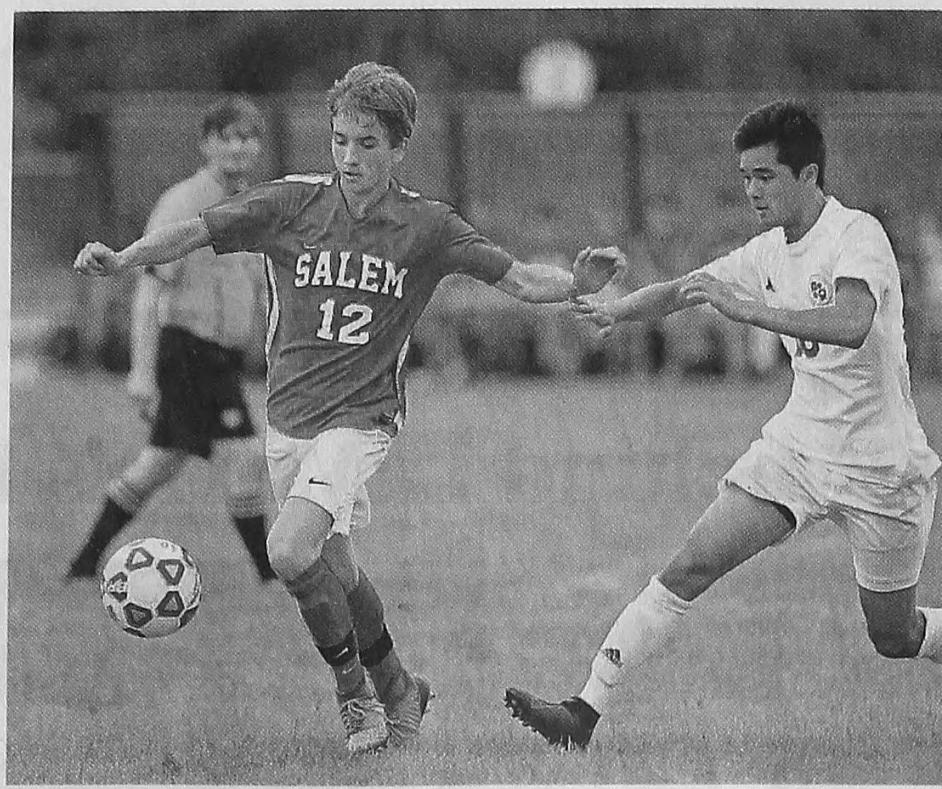
In the victory over Canton, Aidan Walsh scored the game-winner for Salem on a header late in the second half from Josh Stevens.

Rodwell also scored a goal for the Rocks, while Bennett Austin tied game for Canton off an assist from Nick Provenzano.

Oral was in goal Salem, while Ian Nielsen was in goal for Canton.

Stevens, Rodwell and Dono scored for Salem in the win over Adams, while Buraq and Riley List split time in goal.

"It's a good day when you can play yourself into a final," Karns said. "It's tough when you have the heat and try and find your legs underneath. CC is ob-



Salem's David Burt (left) tries to maneuver around Catholic Central defender Matt Ampunan during the final of the Balconi Invitational. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

viously coming off a state title and to be able to compete and win a game kind of sets you up a good season."

CC survived a PK shootout to beat Plymouth, 1-0, in the opening round after the two teams battled to a scoreless draw for 60 minutes.

Nicholsen was the hero for the Shamrocks in the shootout, as he made six saves and scored a PK himself along with Midgley and Palushaj.

Plymouth went 2-of-6 in the shootout, getting goals from Justin Wojcik and Alex Bowser. Senior Ryan Schmatz

and junior Jack Reed split time in goal for the Wildcats.

CC reached the championship with a 1-0 semifinal victory over Saline as Nick Johnson scored the game-winner from John Willemsen.

Goalkeeper Justin Johnson made two key saves in the first half, while combining with Nicholsen (second half) for the shutout.

"Overall, it's a good day," CC coach Gene Pulice said. "In the Balconi, you kind of try and do some different stuff. Sometimes you put out your best and sometimes you fall a little short for the victory. But all in all, I was happy with our guys and our performance. Losing in a PK shootout — things can be worse."

Meanwhile, Canton acquitted itself quite well, going 2-1 on the day.

The Chiefs earned a 1-0 first-round win over Utica Eisenhower on Austin's game-winner from Justin Gottschalk, while Nielsen earned the shutout.

In the final game, Canton got a pair of goals from Provenzano to beat Adams, 2-1.

For Plymouth it was a frustrating day.

The Wildcats settled for three scoreless draws in regulation play, losing a pair in a shootout to CC and Walled Lake Northern, while also battling Saline to a 0-0 deadlock in the consolation round.

Northern went 5-of-5 on PKs, while Plymouth was 3-of-4, getting goals from Cam Cieslik, Bowser and Alec Rogers.

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The Franklin High girls and boys cross country teams were in attendance Aug. 14 at Comerica Park.

LaMarre

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Bjorklund, the Franklin High girls cross country coach, was part of what has become an annual outing with the boys cross country team (coached by Pat Koelzer) at Comerica Park.

The Franklin runners were grouped in Section 150, along the fifth and sixth rows behind the White Sox bullpen, just to the right of all the retired Tigers numbers and statues.

LaMarre's uncle and some of his relatives were reportedly sitting a couple of sections over.

"That ball just happened to bounce off that (bullpen) roof, it ricocheted and I grabbed it off, like, the second or third bounce," Bjorklund said, "and what you can see in the video it's totally me."

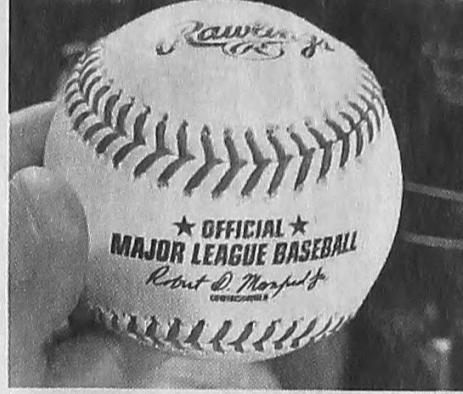
Bjorklund suddenly found himself the most popular fan in his section.

"So, like, within a minute of me getting that — after some kid tried to trade me a ball — I said, 'No, dude, I've never caught one in my life at Comerica Park,'" said Bjorklund, a Farmington Harrison grad.

"So the next thing I know, this guy is heading over to me and he said, 'Hey, can I get that ball?' And I'm, like, 'No.' He said, 'That's my nephew that hit that.' And I'm, like, 'OK, I'm not really buying that one.' He said, 'He's Ryan LaMarre, he's from Royal Oak and that's his first major league home run.' I was, like, 'Who would come up with that that quickly?'

After some deliberation, Bjorklund believed the story began to pan out and a brief negotiation began with LaMarre's uncle.

"I'm, like, 'I don't know,'" Bjorklund said. "And he said, 'Dude, I'll give you some money for it.' I said, 'I really don't want your money, whatever.' He said, 'OK, you can have it.' He gives me, like, 40 bucks, which I tried to give back to him. But he doesn't want that and I give him the ball. The story sounds legit enough. Then I started to Googling the guy (LaMarre) on my phone and that all kind of checks out."



This is not the game ball for Ryan LaMarre's first major league homer, but it was the next best thing, given to Franklin teacher and coach Dave Bjorklund later in the game courtesy of the White Sox bullpen.

Following the game, won by the White Sox, 6-3, the legend of LaMarre's first big league homer continued to take a life of its own.

"You couldn't draw it up any better, at least for me, personally," LaMarre told The Tribune. "The fact it put us on top and held that way was even more special."

LaMarre, who has appeared now in 82 major league games with five different teams, is hitting .273 in 22 plate appearances with the White Sox.

"I don't think anyone in the dugout knew it was my first homer, so when (pitching coach Don Cooper) found out about it, he called the bullpen to get that ball," LaMarre told the Tribune. "It was my uncle, he already had it. He was sitting up there. I don't know if he caught it on the fly or on the bounce, but he wouldn't give it back. He was bringing it over to my parents."

Well, it didn't exactly happen that way.

"After that guy has the ball, the (White Sox) bullpen was yelling up to us," Bjorklund said. "So (the uncle) talks to the bullpen and that's why they all thought the uncle caught the ball. A couple minutes after that, a couple of other family members came down and we said, 'Some uncle came and grabbed

it.'

Meanwhile, the Franklin coach did earn a small consolation prize.

"In about the sixth inning, (the uncle) came back over and gave me a different ball that LaMarre had thrown into the stands, which I gave to my son Ryan," Bjorklund said. "Someone else said, 'Dude, you should have gotten a bat.' I didn't know who it was, it wasn't some superstar or something. People said, 'You should have held out for an autograph.' I said, 'I guess, I don't know.' It all kind of happened so fast, too. (The uncle) was so worried about getting that. Usually you would think the organization would send somebody up to talk to you or something, but I think he had a lot of family at that game. And some other people came looking for it, too. I just said, 'Dude, if that's really true, then I want you to have the ball.'"

Bjorklund posted afterward what had occurred that night on social media.

"On Facebook, somebody said, 'I didn't know you were his uncle,'" Bjorklund said. "Now this thing is blowing out of control."

Not only did it turn out to be a memorable night for LaMarre, but also for Bjorklund.

"What's funny is that I've been to however many games and I've never come close to getting a ball, definitely not close enough where I ever had a chance of getting one," Bjorklund said. "I've had some few rows behind me and bounce and never even been in the conversation about catching one."

Meanwhile, the Fox Sports Detroit cameras told the real story during the postgame highlights.

"If you look at the video of him hitting the home run, you can see ricochet out there and see me just as I'm holding it up in the air by a Tigers fan and the video cuts away," Bjorklund said. "I'm definitely glad he got it, being his first home run ... that's pretty cool."

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Games

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are two battle-tested state playoff teams. The host Chiefs welcome new coach Andy LaFata and return Division I recruit Darius Robinson, a senior defensive end. Churchill counters with third-year quarterback Drew Also Brooks, running back Darrell Mason and slot-back and receiver Avery Grenier. Canton has won four of the last five meetings. **Picks:** Emons (Canton), Budner (Canton), Smith (Canton).

Livonia Stevenson (5-5) vs. Plymouth (4-5), 3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Michigan Stadium: These two area teams will square off as part of the Battle of the Big House. First-year Plymouth coach Brian Lewis comes over from Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, while Stevenson returns six starters off a playoff team. **Picks:** Emons (Plymouth), Budner (Stevenson), Smith (Stevenson).

Livonia Franklin (11-3) at Northville (3-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24: The Patriots enjoyed a dream season last year, going all the way to the Division 2 state final. They rallied in the fourth quarter last year to beat Northville, 19-16. Franklin returns junior QB Jake Kelbert and running back Julius Simmons, along with top defenders Marino DiPonio and Cal Fournier. The Mustangs, coming off a rare off-year under coach Matt Ladach, will be led senior outside linebacker Novan Fernandez and senior nose tackle Emile Rizk. **Picks:** Emons (Franklin), Budner (Franklin), Smith (Franklin).

Bonus game

North Farmington (2-7) at Farmington Harrison (10-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24: This will be the 24th and final meeting between the two schools, with Harrison, a Division 3 state finalist a year ago, closing its doors for good in spring 2019. Harrison leads the series, 18-5. The Hawks feature the speedy Rod Heard, who plays corner and some QB, while Bob Chiesa begins his second year at North. **Picks:** Emons (Harrison), Budner (Harrison), Smith (Harrison).

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Detroit Catholic Central QB Marco Genrich, during the 2017 game against Brother Rice. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PREP FOOTBALL

Harrison begins final chapter by hosting rival North in opener

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High school football is here.

There are many story lines among the Farmington Public School teams in the Oakland Activities Association.

Can Harrison get to the playoffs in its final season under legendary head coach John Herrington?

Can Farmington ride the momentum of its two-game season-ending winning streak from last year?

Can the rebuilding North Farmington program bounce back after a one-victory season?

Following is a brief glimpse of each team.

Farmington

Kory Cioroch is beginning his second year as head coach after taking over from John Bechtel.

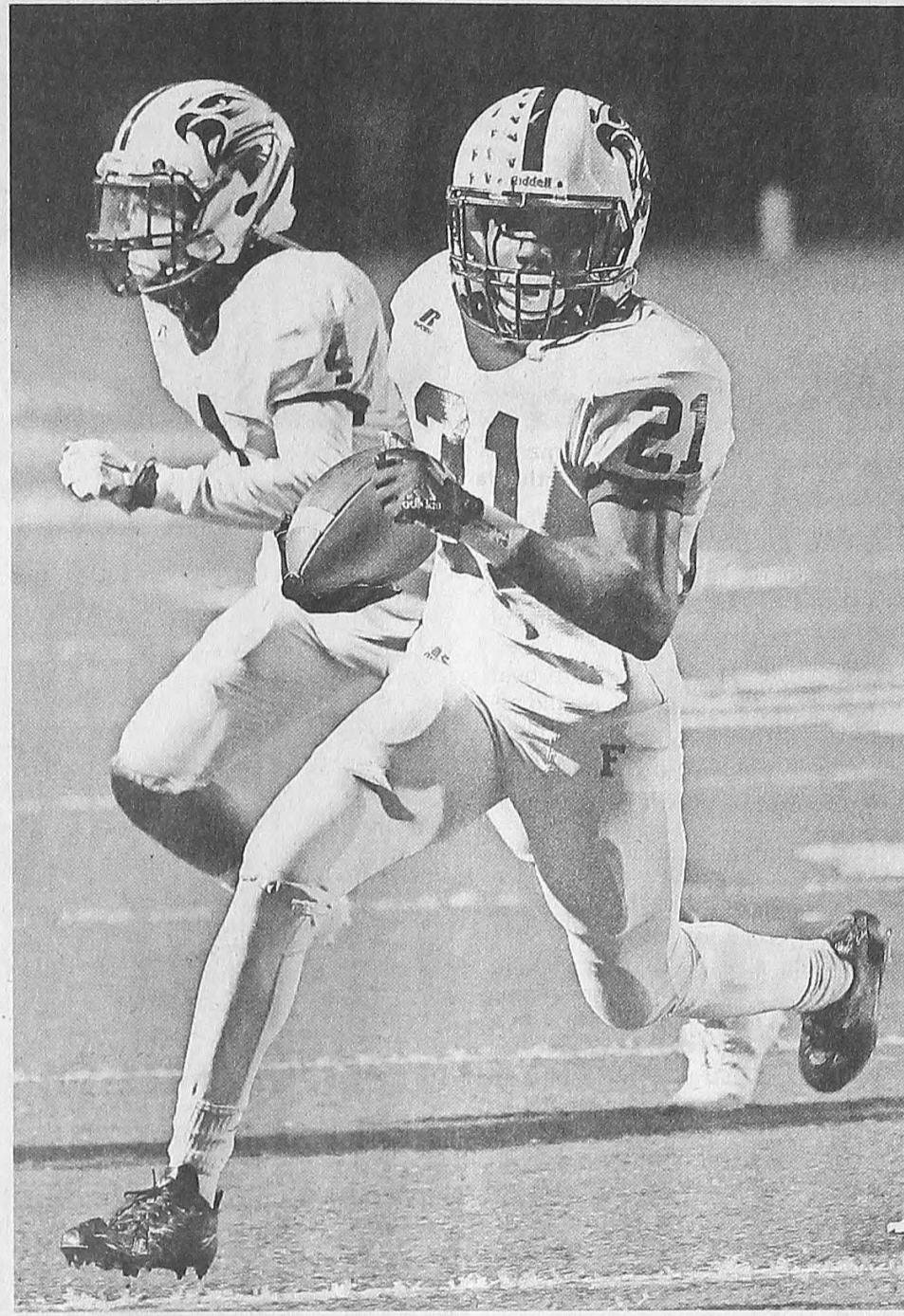
The Falcons were 3-6 last year (2-5 in the OAA Blue), but return seven starters both defensively and offensively, which is cause for optimism in itself.

However, Cioroch has assembled an experienced staff — headlined by former Royal Oak Shrine head coach John Goddard — which generates even more learning opportunities all around.

“We were lucky enough to hire John Goddard and his staff from Royal Oak Shrine,” said Cioroch, whose team ended last year on a two-game winning streak. “Coach Goddard has been a coach in Michigan for nearly 50 years and, for a young guy like me, I couldn’t be happier to have him with us and teach me how to run a program the right way.”

Farmington is an experienced team with a potentially explosive running game, led by senior Kendall Williams. The third-year varsity veteran and second-year team captain led the Falcons in rushing the past two years, finishing with 1,200 yards and nine touchdowns last season.

Massive senior Donovan King, who missed last year with an ACL injury, will anchor both the offensive and defensive lines. Junior linebacker Jordan Turner, a returning captain, led Farmington in tackles (60) last fall.



Farmington senior and three-year starter Kendall Williams rushed for 1,200 yards and nine touchdowns last season. FILE PHOTO

“All three of those players are tremendous leaders for us and set the tone for our program,” Cioroch said. “They do things right.”

Senior Jayone Fletcher (wide receiver/defensive back) and juniors Jacody Sikora (wide receiver/defensive back) and Keion Shaw (running back/linebacker) will be others to watch.

OPENING GAME: 7 p.m. Aug. 24 home vs. Berkley

Harrison

Although John Herrington prefers to downplay it, it’s going to be a bittersweet season at Farmington Hills Harrison.

The Hawks have some talented players who figure to help the team contend for another OAA White Division championship and a playoff berth. Unfortunately, it’s the program’s 49th and final

season under the state’s winningest head coach.

Herrington prefers to concentrate on the season’s reality rather than its mentality.

“There’s going to be a lot going on about the legacy and the tradition,” said Herrington, the only football head coach the school’s ever had. “But basically, we’re trying to not think too much about that as a team. I want it to be as normal for these kids as possible.”

“Obviously, it’s tough for the underclassmen not knowing where they will be next year or who they will be playing for,” he added. “But we’re just trying to all buy in one day at a time. We haven’t changed a thing as far as conditioning or what we’re doing. The only change is that all the coaches and players will be on varsity.”

The Hawks were severely hurt by graduation — including the likes of all-star Ovie Oghoufo (Notre Dame), quarterback Noah Hendricks (Davenport University) and lineman Chris Rexroth (Hope College).

However, they do have 15 returning lettermen, including the extremely talented trio of speedsters Roderick Heard and Ben Williams — both members of the state championship 400-meter relay team — and massive lineman Mavrick Hansen.

Heard, who will play football at Northwestern, led Harrison with more than 1,500 yards rushing and 24 touchdowns. He will be playing most every down this year on both sides of the ball, switching between quarterback and tailback on offense and in the backfield on defense.

“Rod is a good leader. He’s a quiet leader, but a good leader,” Herrington said. “He’s one of the best tailbacks we’ve had, as far as vision and getting through a hole. That’s why I hate taking him out of the tailback position, but he can do the same thing running a spread (as a quarterback).”

Williams will also spark the Harrison attack as a running back and defensive back. Hansen, a Central Michigan commit, will be an important leader in the trenches.

Seniors Dave Hiser (kicker/linebacker/quarterback), Vincent Rawls (fullback/linebacker), Caleb Williams (tight end/linebacker) and Sylvon Brown (tight end/linebacker) are other top re-

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PREP SPORTS

Sports coverage 2018 — what to look for

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Last year, we made a concerted effort to focus our coverage of high school sports on our growing online readership — and the response from the communities we cover was impressive.

We are looking to have more fun and introduce more ways readers can be a part of the action with new weekly features, polls and an increased presence at games, practices and other events where we can interact with those involved in the high schools sports community.

Athlete of the Week

At the top of the list, we are returning our very popular **Athlete of the Week** poll. We will nominate each week six athletes, from any sport, posting the poll around noon each Monday. This year, we are extending voting an extra day, with the poll closing at noon Thursday. We select our nominations from witnessing performances at games we attend, but we also rely heavily on information sent to us by team representatives to LIV-Sports@hometownlife.com. Anybody is welcome to send information to help us select nominees. Emails should be sent by 10 a.m. Saturday for that week’s performances. The winner will be announced online Friday afternoon and will appear in the following Thursday print editions.

5 to Watch

In football, we are introducing **5 to Watch**, a weekly feature to publish online two days before the week’s first

games. **5 to Watch** is our selection of the top five games to look out for that week with a short preview and staff predictions. This feature will also appear in the Thursday print editions.

Hometown Highlights

New this year we will also introduce **Hometown Highlights**, a weekly highlight video that will post each Monday, featuring the best clips from the previous week. A poll will be included so readers can vote for the best highlight. This is a great way to get your team featured. We are encouraging and accepting clips from parents, teams, students and more from games you attend during the week. Clips should also be emailed to LIV-Sports@hometownlife.com, with subject **Hometown Highlights**. Using a service like gmail with cloud service is best, as video files can be quite large. Please limit clips to no more than 30 seconds.

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online as a video feature titled **The Journey** and in print as a short story.

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Harrison

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turning players. Junior Max Martin is also in the quarterback mix.

The Hawks will need to work hard to manage their way through a rugged division schedule against the likes of Oak Park and Birmingham Groves. Those three teams tied for the White title last season with a 6-1 mark.

The good news in Harrison's final season is the Hawks will play both district rivals — opening against North Farmington and closing against Farmington — after not playing either of them last year.

Harrison was 10-4 in 2017, advancing to the Division 3 state championship game, where it lost to powerful Muskegon.

OPENING GAME: 7 p.m. Aug. 24 home vs. North Farmington

North Farmington

Energetic head coach Bob Chiesa had a plan in his North Farmington debut last year.

The idea was to field a team of underclassmen and groom them for the next couple of seasons. Chiesa knew the Raiders would be going through growing pains with that philosophy.

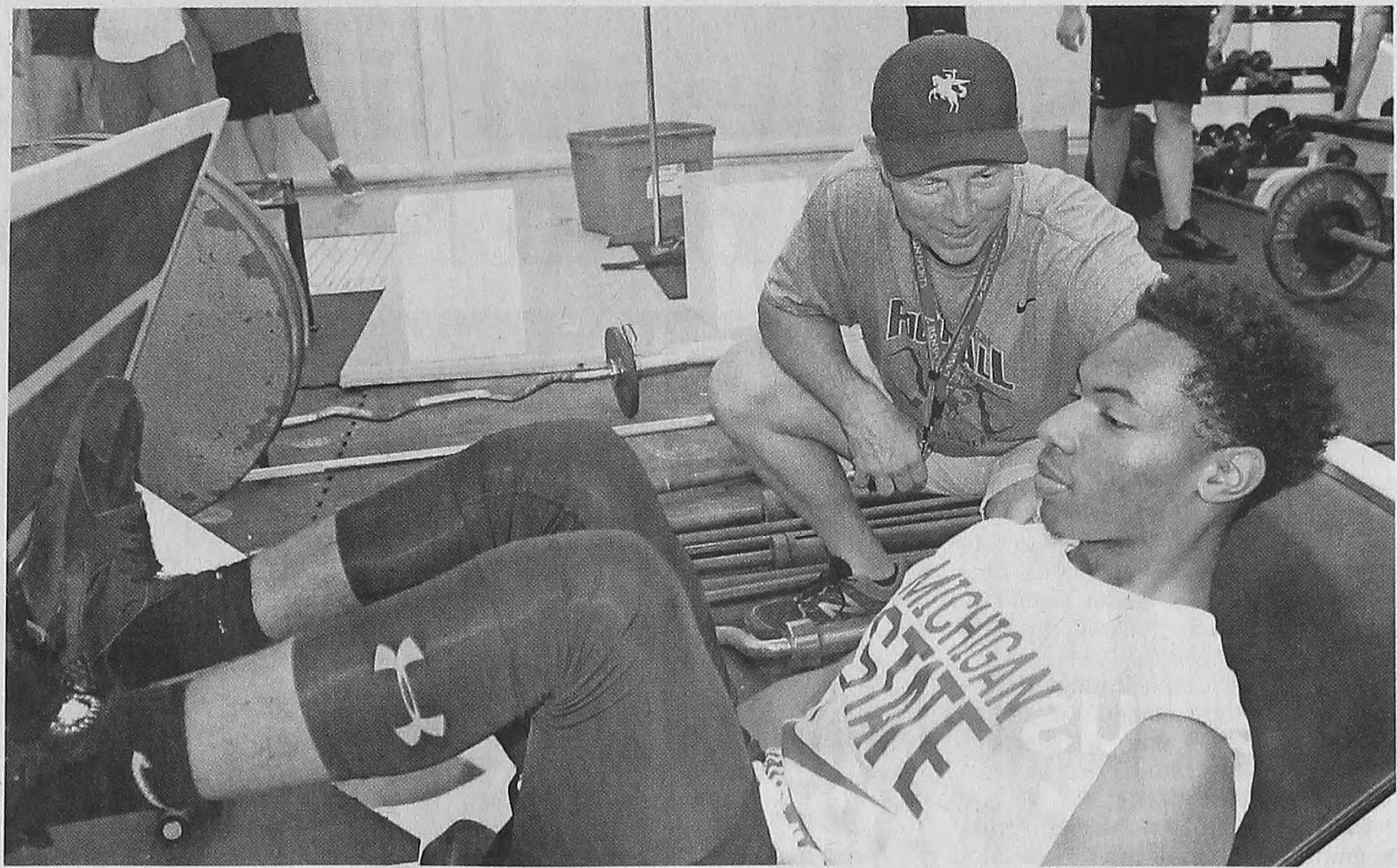
However, he hopes last year's learning experience will reap rewards this fall.

"Probably the hardest decision I ever made last year was starting 18 sophomores and juniors," said Chiesa, who is assisted by Todd Pennycuff, Todd Negoshian, Nate McCray and Anthony Gayneir. "Most people would have thought I was out of my mind and it just turned me gray. But I knew to build a program, it's like with a company, you have to start with that foundation. So we did."

"We started 10 juniors and eight sophomores. That means this year, I have 18 guys with a year of experience and, the following year I'll have some guys who will be three-year starters."

"The other thing is with me being hired essentially the first week of May, I didn't have time to bring in my staff," he added. "I got pieces of them. Now I have some more. On the offensive side, it's no secret, I'm bringing in the triple-option."

North Farmington has 15 different returning starters — eight on offense and



Second-year North Farmington head coach Bob Chiesa oversees a weight room workout by Raiders sophomore Andre Ballard. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

seven more on defense.

The returning offensive players include Myles Gresham, Klarc Crockett, Zach Wiggle, Shale Totin, Blake Morris, Richie Junntonen, Cameron Dunlap and Jalen Ferguson.

The defensive returnees are Jon Brunette, Kevin Prabhakar, Taj Cheatham, Matt Coleman, Chris Covington, Malik Hardy and Leon Agee.

Zion Tyler, a senior captain who figures to start at quarterback or running back, and Justin Bryant are two other players to watch.

"People who have been peeking in the weight room are saying that they haven't seen this many people out for the team in a long time," Chiesa said. "So the school is committed. They're backing us 100 percent. We have a new field and new jerseys this year."

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Senior Roderick Head, scoring a Harrison touchdown during last year's playoff game against Riverview, returns as one of the state's top tailbacks. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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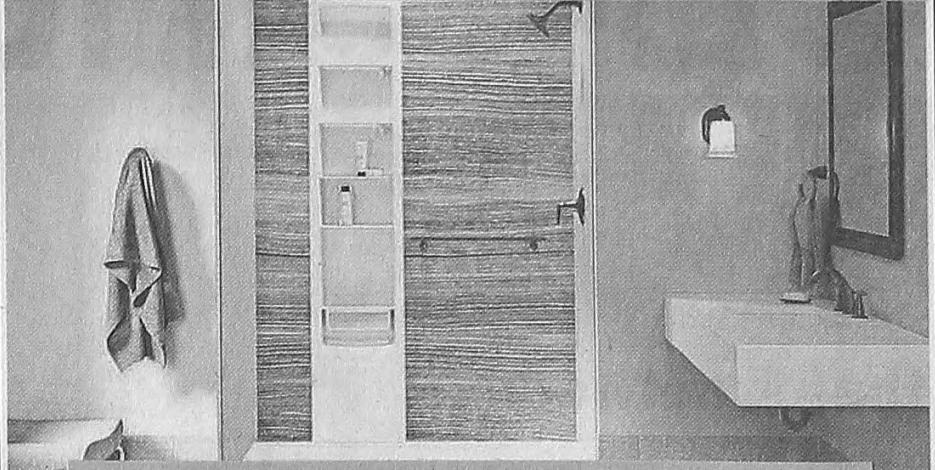
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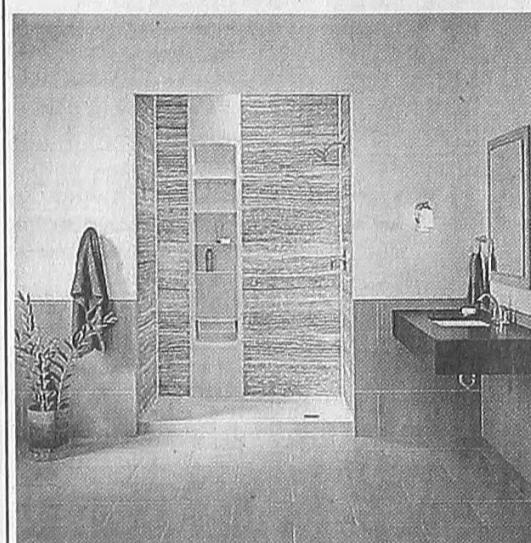
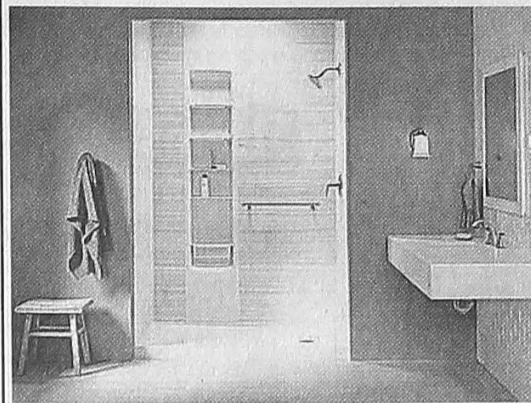
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Thursday, September 6, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.
Plymouth City Hall Commission Chambers
City of Plymouth
www.plymouthmi.gov
201 S. Main
Phone: 734-453-1234 x 232
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

Z18-14 850 Arthur

Exceed rear yard lot coverage
 Non-Use Variance
 Zoned: RM-1, Multiple-Family Residential District
 Applicant: Brian and Dorothy Wolcott

Z18-15 1482 Sheridan

Lot split to create two parcels
 Non-Use Variance
 Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential District
 Applicant: Richard and Janet Wilson

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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