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Books stolen from Little Free Library

Livonia owner says same woman took books 3 times

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What started as a neighborhood service and commonality has become a search for an apparent book thief.

Nicole Mehelich opened a Little Free

Library in her front yard at 18147 Levan Road four years ago. She and her husband, who have lived in Livonia since 2012, thought it would be a good way to get to know their neighbors.

"I saw an article about them and immediately thought that I had to have this

in my yard," Mehelich said. "I thought it would be such a great thing. I'm an avid reader and I also thought it would be great for the kids and for us to meet out neighbors."

The little library became so popular that the original was torn down and replaced with a bigger one.

"We knew four times as many neigh-

bors within a week's time," Mehelich said. "It absolutely was a thing that brought our neighborhood together."

But, the library has been emptied or mostly emptied a number of times over the years, and the Mehelichs have seen the same woman do the emptying three

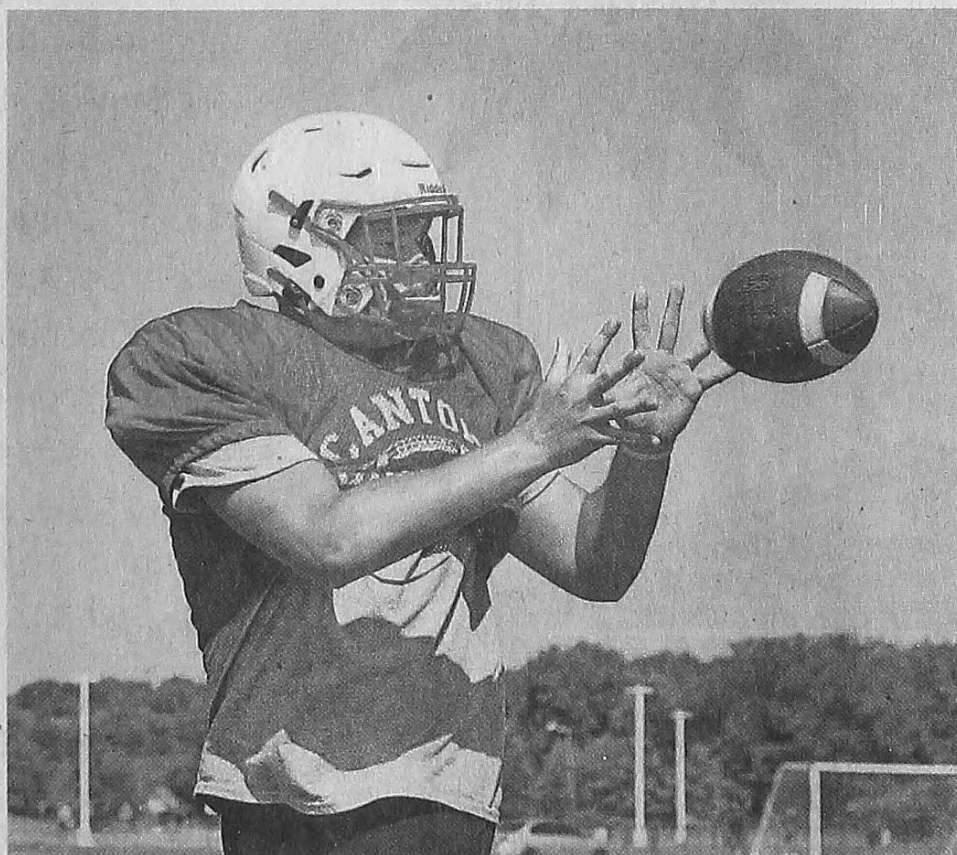
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FOOTBALL PRACTICE RETURNS ACROSS REGION



Above, North Farmington High's Shale Totin, left, and Sylvan Brown burst off the line during an Aug. 13 practice. At right, Canton tight end Jake Vickers catches a pass Aug. 14. Monday marked the beginning of the high school football season all across the region. Practices at schools in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, Lakes Valley Conference, Oakland Activities Association and more began as teams prepared for their first games Aug. 29. For more football news, see **Page 1B**.

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Company scores goal in move to Farmington Hills fields

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Mercedes-Benz Financial Services is moving out of its building in Farmington Hills, but the company and the city have both scored a game-winning goal.

The company announced via a press release Tuesday it would relocate from its office on Corporate Drive near 12 Mile and Halsted to a new, larger building at the 35-acre site of the former soccer fields at 12 Mile and Drake to remain in the city.

The building will be three stories tall and comprise 200,000 square feet.

Construction is expected to begin this fall, and will look to wrap up by 2021.

As a result of the move, 1,100 jobs will be directly or indirectly retained.

"This project brings together two longstanding, committed community partners to invest in Farmington Hills, which has proudly been our home for more than a decade," said Peter Henn, Mercedes-Benz Financial Services president and CEO, in the release. "Identifying the ideal, local solution was a priority, reflecting our commitment to the talented team that is the basis of our success."

"Furthermore, this build-to-suit approach will create a space that allows us to continue to cultivate our great corporate culture, inspire creativity and improve productivity, ultimately enabling us to best serve our customers in this new era of mobility."

The project is being done with Olympia Development of Michigan, best known for its ownership of Little Caesars Arena in downtown Detroit.

The land, owned by the company, was formerly considered for the headquarters of Little Caesars, said Keith Bradford, senior vice president, Olympia Development of Michigan, but he said the company was excited another worldwide brand would occupy the land.

In addition to the amenities inside the proposed building, the campus will include onsite a walking and jogging path and will preserve the woodlands and wetlands currently on the site.

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Farmington Hills Mayor Ken Massey said the project has been discussed for nearly a year.

The property is currently zoned accordingly and the developer would not need to get any more approvals from the planning commission or the city council, he said.

The decision for Mercedes-Benz Financial Services to remain in the community is a testament to the climate the city has toward business, Massey said.

"Obviously it's wonderful for the community," he said. "It speaks highly of the business-friendly nature of Farmington Hills."

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Nicole Mehelich looks through one of the books in the Little Free Library outside her home in Livonia. She said someone has been emptying the libraries around town, but Mehelich hopes attention to the issue will make the offender cease.

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times. They've seen her driving a black Volvo S60 and a black GMC Envoy.

"We don't know who she is," Mehelich said. "We recognize her and her vehicles, but we don't know her."

Most recently, the woman was seen taking around 50 books from the library on Monday. The family has previously seen the woman at their little library in March and once last year. The woman has also been seen emptying another little library not far from the Mehelich's home.

"It's pretty obvious to everyone that it's a sharing, community thing," Mehelich said. "It's not meant to be

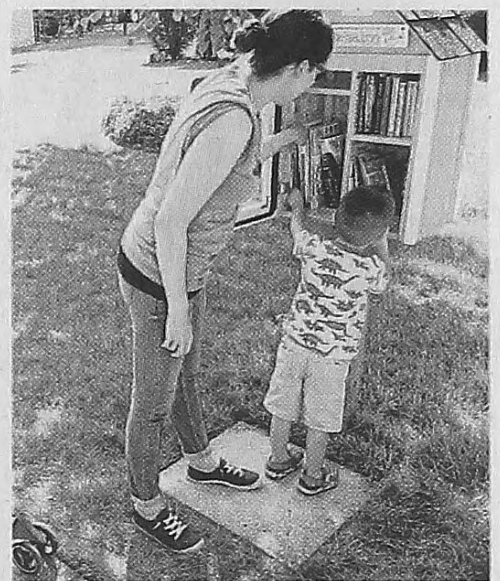
cleared out for personal gain. It's frustrating. Not only do my neighbors donate, but I also purchase books myself."

After briefly shutting the library down early last week, Mehelich has opened it back up and is hoping to help police catch the woman.

Police have advised Mehelich to post a set limit for books taken on the library, which has been set at two books per person. If the woman is caught again, police could arrest her on larceny charges. Mehelich said her husband has also asked the woman to stay off their property, so a trespassing charge could be brought as well.

Mehelich suspects they'll see their alleged book thief again.

"She told my husband she was going to come back and wipe it out again," she said.



Neighbors of Mehelich visit the Little Free Library outside her Livonia home.

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The Morrie opens in downtown Birmingham

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Aaron Belen said he believes he's crafted his newest restaurant to be a perfect fit in downtown Birmingham.

He's hoping the community agrees with him as he opens The Morrie at 260 N. Old Woodward, the second roadhouse restaurant bearing his grandfather's name after the first opened up three years ago in Royal Oak.

"It's like an evolution of the concept," said Belen, owner of AFB Hospitality Group that operates The Morrie. "Royal Oak was like beta, and I wanted to kind of figure out what was up. Then we crafted 2.0 to the building, the space and the community."

Today, the new restaurant boasts a modern look with a mural and decor similar to the Royal Oak restaurant. The Birmingham eatery has made some changes, with the ability to retract five 75-inch televisions into the ceiling over the bar for when musical performances are taking the stage above and behind the bar.

"This was an unbelievable opportunity to raise the stage, not only for music but for the projector that we have," he said. "Major market experience."

It includes a private dining area that's completely soundproof to the music and sounds coming from the main dining room, and has an patio that can be sectioned off for parties.

As for the food, customers can expect similar dishes at the Birmingham restaurant as they have at the Royal Oak restaurant, such as sandwiches and pizza, though there will be some subtle, more healthier changes, including a create-your-own salad option.

Executive Chef Derik Watson said there are more options for those who are vegan or gluten-free crowd on the Birmingham menu, though still stays true to its bar identity.

Not on the menu in Birmingham is the macaroni and cheese stuffed potato skins, though one can find hummus.

"We lightened up the 'bar fare,'" he said. "A lot less of the deep-fried bar food, a lot more fresh ingredients, lighter fare. Very conscientious to today's trends."



A pre-opening party to benefit CARE House of Oakland County took place Aug. 7 before The Morrie opened to the public. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

A dining experience like no other

A grand opening celebration is planned for September.

A pre-opening party took place Aug. 7 before the restaurant opened its doors to the public to benefit CARE House of Oakland County. Based in Pontiac, the organization assists abused children across the county.

Blythe Spitsbergen, the nonprofit's CEO, said the event is expected to raise thousands of dollars for the organization, as well as bring awareness to the Pontiac-based organization.

"It gets the word out about the work we do and the importance of 'it,'" she said. "It also raises much-needed funds so we're able to do our work in the

community.

"People don't really think it happens in their backyard."

The space currently occupied by The Morrie in Birmingham has had a long list of restaurants that have moved out. Belen said his goal is to buck that trend and make his restaurant a destination that gives a different vibe, one that makes his customers feel like they're not in Metro Detroit at all.

"To me, when you walk into our property, I don't feel like I'm necessarily in Michigan," he said. "I think that like anything else, we want to be unique and we want to create an experience. And we want to be on the top of our game."

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Man charged with 14 felonies, including carjacking

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A 32-year-old Detroit man faces 14 felony charges after being arrested in July because of an armed carjacking in Livonia, near Five Mile and Middlebelt.

Kevin Hall faces life in prison if convicted of the carjacking charge. He also faces charges for alleged armed robbery, fleeing police, weapons possession and receiving and concealing stolen property.

Redford Township and Livonia police officers made the arrest during the evening hours of July 30.



Hall

Livonia police officers could not be reached for comment, but a Redford Township police report stated that one of the township officers heard about a nearby armed carjacking on Five Mile in Livonia over the radio and began checking in for the suspect's vehicle.

The officer spotted the described newer gray GMC Terrain and began trailing the vehicle. The officer also activated his vehicle's lights and alarm after witnessing some erratic driving.

The suspect kept pulling away despite the police of-

icer traveling at up to 65 mph. The GMC Terrain crashed into a fence pole at Western Golf Course and the officer noticed a man running from the vehicle.

More officers were called and began tracking the suspect across yards on Graham Road and Garfield.

A Livonia K-9 team arrived, but police had lost trace of the man. A witness told them he could be in a nearby bus garage but a search was unsuccessful.

An officer began driving around the garage and noticed someone sitting on some condo steps. He could not provide the condo's code entry.

He did not have a gun and was identified as Hall.

Man strikes Little Caesars employee

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A Livonia man returned to a Little Caesars Pizza restaurant because his pizza wasn't made to his liking and then struck a female employee in the face after he was offered a replacement pizza or refund.

Livonia Police released a video that captures the July 9 conflict on Middlebelt Road.

A female companion escorted Joseph Thorpe, 38, out of the store. A customer followed him outside and photographed the license plate of the vehicle Thorpe departed in.

Police made an arrest, and Thorpe pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor assault and battery charge. Police say he was sentenced to 20 days in jail and ordered to pay nearly \$1,000 in fines and costs.



Thorpe

Wayne man on trial for son's 2016 death

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A trial is underway for Marc Minter, the 32-year-old Wayne man accused of murdering his 2-year-old son, Christian.

The trial began July 30.

Minter faces the possibility of life in prison if convicted of homicide. He also is charged with two counts of first-degree child abuse.

First responders were dispatched to Minter's William Street residence Oct. 19, 2016, because the child was not breathing. The child died later that day.

Representing the Wayne County Medical Examiner, Dr. Leigh Hlavaty testified two years ago during the preliminary examination that Christian Minter appeared to have received a back injury.

She further testified that type of injury typically involves another person.

A prosecutor then said Minter was the children's lone caregiver and circumstances showed the likelihood that he had committed abuse.

Minter's attorney argued that prosecutors had not



Defense attorney Wendy Barnwell questions Joanne Satterwhite Minter, who is the mother of defendant Marc Minter. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

shown enough evidence linking Minter to the child's injuries and death.

The trial is happening in Third Circuit Court in downtown Detroit.

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Police arrest teen on breaking and entering charge

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Livonia police recently arrested a Detroit teen on a charge of breaking and entering a local business.

Police said Kenneth Paul-Montez Gardner, 19, of Detroit, broke into a business in the 28000 block of Schoolcraft on July 28.

They were able to execute a search warrant at a



Gardner

nearby hotel where he was arrested, they said in a Facebook post. Stolen items were recovered.

Gardner was arraigned earlier this month on felony charges of breaking and entering and larceny in a building. His bond was set at \$10,000.

His case has been bound over to Third Circuit Court in downtown Detroit.

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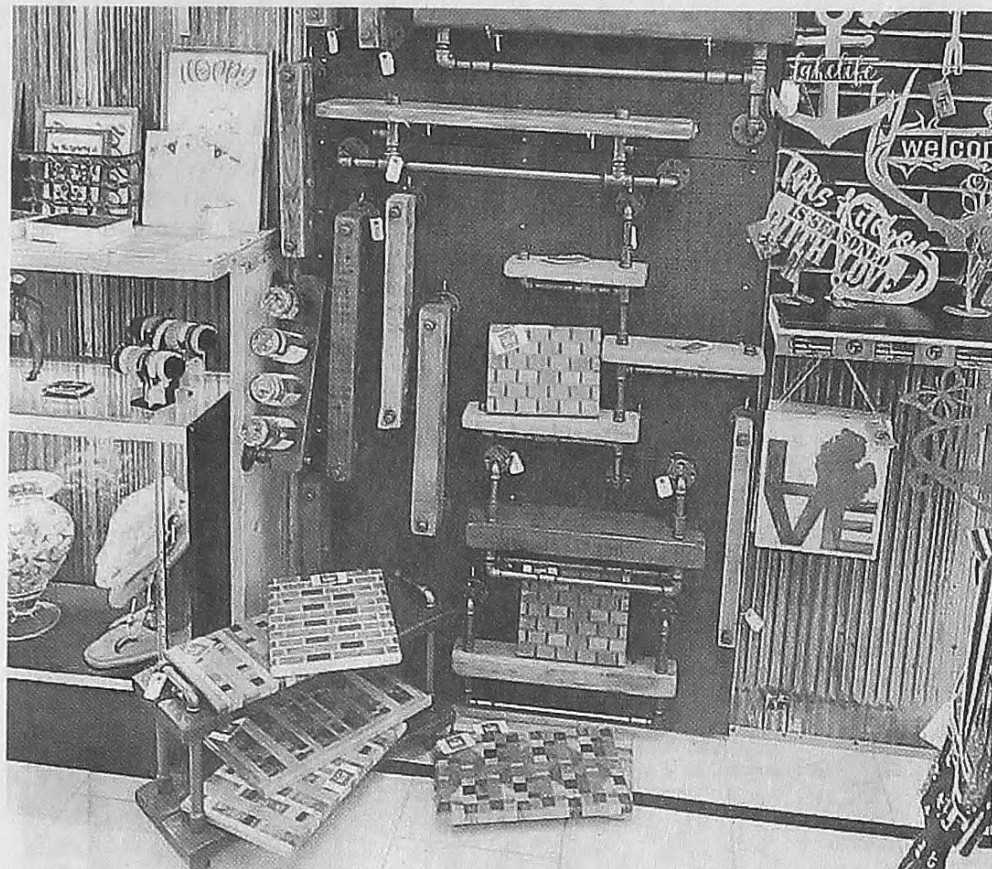
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A display shows some of the items for sale at a previous Chic and Unique Market. The market will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the Laurel Park Place parking lot in Livonia. COURTESY OF CHIC AND UNIQUE MARKET

Come see dozens of vendors at new market in Livonia

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Looking for that new piece for the living room? You'll have your chance this weekend in Livonia, thanks to a new market making its debut.

Chic and Unique Market will open up from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the parking lot of Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile. It's a market selling a wide array of goods from a variety of local vendors, with items such as furniture and hand-made decor.

It's the first time the market has made its way to Detroit's western suburbs, said Justin Green, who runs the market with his wife Danyel. It typically takes place twice a year in Brownstown Township and twice a year in Shelby Township.

"We do a lot of data gathering, and we realized a lot of our customers come from the Livonia/Plymouth/Novi/Northville area," he said. "It just felt like

there was an opening there."

The market will have about 80 vendors selling their wares, a smaller number than what are at the Brownstown and Shelby Township locations, Green said, in order to see how the market goes. In addition to vendors, food trucks and others selling items to eat will also be on hand. It will take place in the parking lot on the north end of the mall near where the new Dunham's is planning to open later this year.

Admission for the event is \$5 per person, and children 12 and under are free.

Justin Green said it's his hope the market can return every year to Livonia in the summer in between the other two markets held Downriver and in Macomb County.

"That's the goal," he said. "We want to add the third one. We're kind of hoping this will be our fill-in every year."

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Panera drive-through approved in Farmington

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Those looking to get their turkey club sandwich on the fly at the Farmington Panera Bread may get their wish.

The Farmington Planning Commission on Monday night approved plans for the restaurant and bakery at 34635 Grand River to add a drive-through to the existing business, which has been there for about 20 years.

The commission voted 5-2 on the approval to allow the company to bring the drive-through into an alleyway between the business and the shops to the east. It would include a bypass lane on that side of the building and the plan would also include dedicated spaces for customers waiting for orders that were not ready when they arrive at the drive-through.

Matt Diffin with Diffin-Umlor and Associates who is working on the project, said efforts would be made to mitigate the noise coming from the additional drive-through, including using the trees and the wall.

"Our speaker, as is with most drive-through speakers, the volume can be adjusted up or down," he said. "The intent would be no different than two people talking in the parking lot."

He said the restaurant would still have the minimum required spaces for customers as well with the drive-through plan.

One resident, Robert Kull, said adding a drive-through would lead to increased traffic down Whittaker, especially on school days as teachers and parents head to Longacre Elementary School.

A longtime customer of Panera Bread himself, Kull said he was worried what the impact would be on the neighborhood.



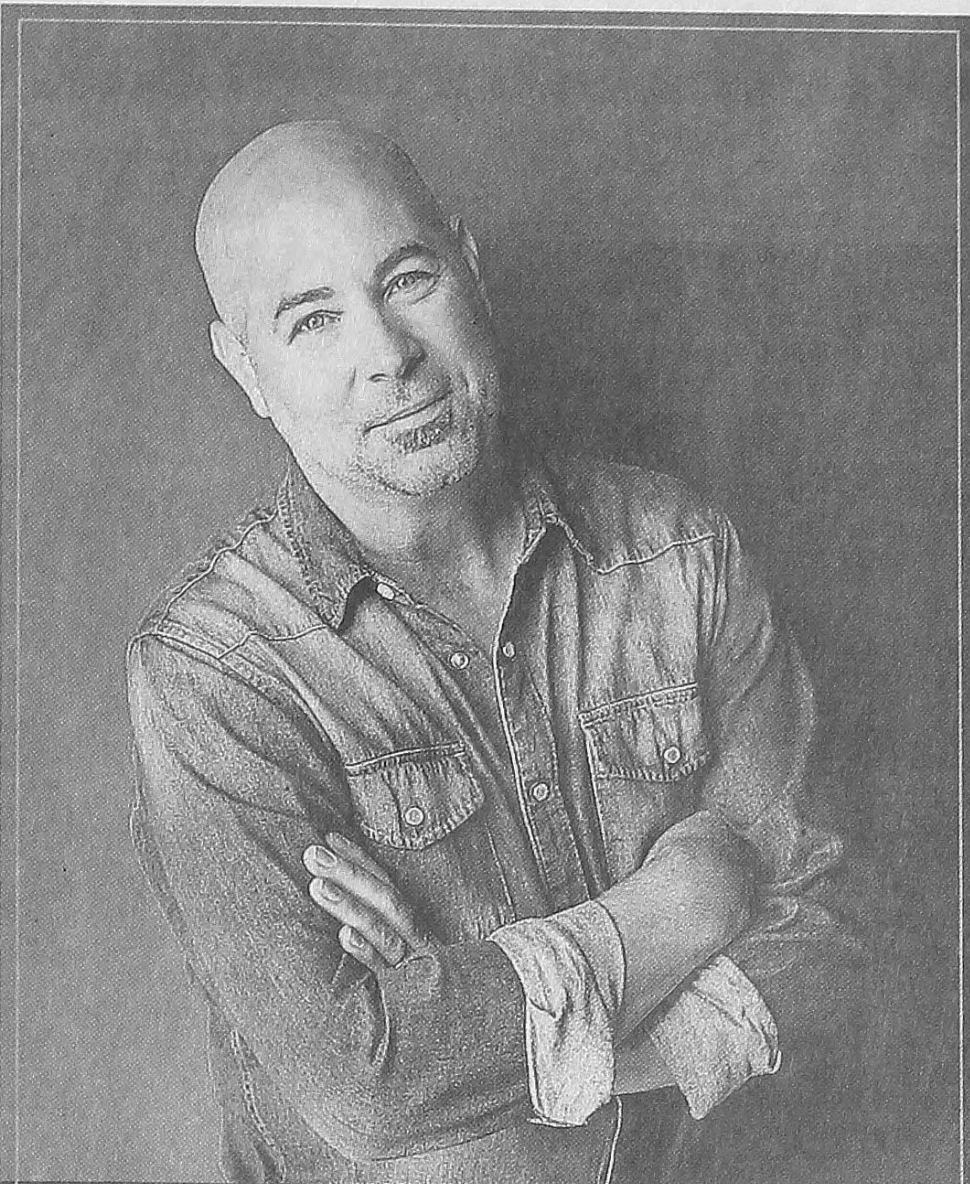
The Panera Bread on Grand River Avenue in Farmington hopes to add a drive-through to its services. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I'm not opposed to Panera. I love Panera," he said. "But there's a lot of traffic at Panera at certain times of the day. It's not appropriate with the character of the neighborhood."

A motion to deny the project was originally shot down by the commission before the approving motion was made with some conditions. There was some discussion surrounding potential future uses of the property, as Panera Bread does not own the property but leases it. With the approval, if Panera were to ever leave the site, it's possible another restaurant utilizing the drive-through could move in without needing additional approvals from the city, said Assistant City Attorney Beth Saarela.

The additional drive-through, something Panera is adding to their restaurants across the region, is a smaller part of the business plan than fast-food restaurants with drive-throughs.

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Lefty's Cheesesteak now open in Milford

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It's been 10 years since Sam Berry first opened Lefty's Cheesesteak in Livonia. He never imagined he'd be where he is today, opening his 10th store in Milford. It's a community he's really excited to come to.

"A lot of people asked me to open here," said Berry, the owner of Lefty's Cheesesteak. "Ever since we opened, everyone has been so patient, respectful. A lot of people are very friendly here."

The newest restaurant in Milford, located at 131 S. Milford Road, Lefty's Cheesesteak began taking aim at locals' hunger earlier this month when it opened earlier this month.

The space formerly housed a Subway restaurant, something Berry said he looks at when wanting to open a new shop. The layout is already close to what he requires of his shops.

"I'm taking over a lot of Subways, because ... it's an easy conversion," he said. "Turnaround time is pretty quick."

The store took over the lease and was able to transform it into a Lefty's in about six weeks, Berry said. That includes all the infrastructure, adding cooking equipment such as grills and fryers; and decorating the space with Lefty's branding. That includes a wall of celebrities such as Bill Gates, Oprah Winfrey and Phil Mickelson, all of whom are left-handed.

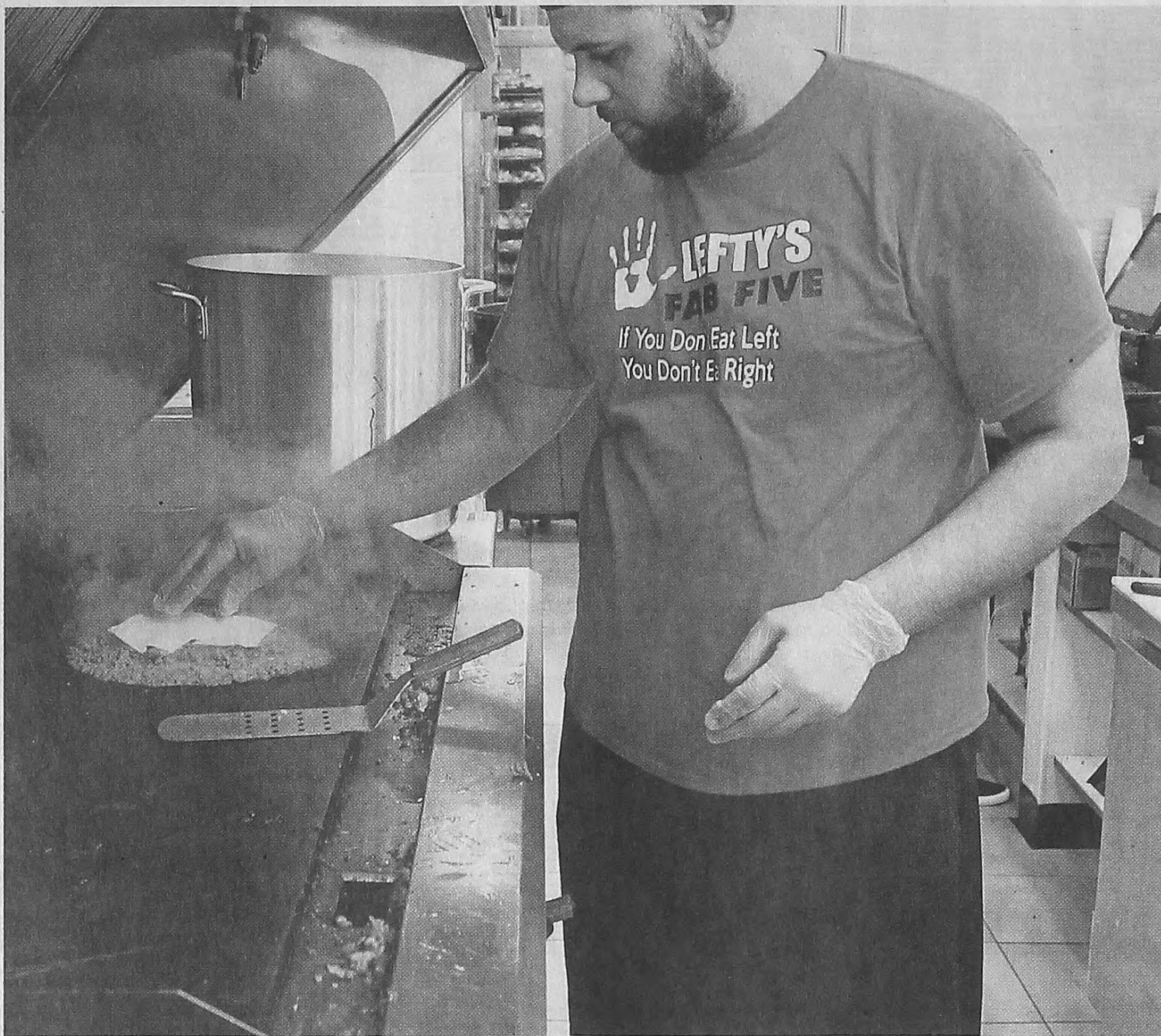
It's a celebration of all things left-handed. Between trying to cut paper with scissors and eating dinner with the family, it was tricky growing up as a lefty, he said.

"Not a lot of people really know how hard it was growing up a lefty," he said.

The location in the Village Commons shopping center at Milford and General Motors roads made a lot of sense to Berry when looking to locate in Milford, especially with the residential population increasing and the great access point on the south side of the village.

"There's a lot of traffic. It's the only road off the highway that you have to come to get to downtown," he said. "It's easy in, easy access. It's right on the light."

Inside, you can find the standard me-



Ali Berry, cousin of Lefty's Cheesesteak owner Sam Berry, puts a few slices of cheese atop some chopped steak on the grill.

JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

nu you can expect to see at any of the other Lefty's locations. Corned beef sandwiches, burgers and chili cheese fries dot the menu, with Lefty's Famous Cheesesteak being the top menu item. That sandwich consists of steak, grilled onions with white American/Swiss cheese and topped with diced cherry peppers.

The Milford restaurant joins the

White Lake one in the region, opened last year by a franchisee. In addition to the original Lefty's at Six Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia, it has restaurants in Ypsilanti, Detroit, Southfield, Waterford and Sterling Heights. Seven more stores are planned, Berry said, including in Southgate, Auburn Hills, southwest Detroit and Brighton.

Ten years after first opening, Berry

said he can't believe his shops are still going strong, serving up his style of cheesesteaks to hungry customers. He knew opening a restaurant in the middle of the recession wasn't going to be easy, but is proud of where the restaurant's have come since then.

"I opened up with the economy was not the greatest," he said. "It was an uphill battle, and I had my faith."

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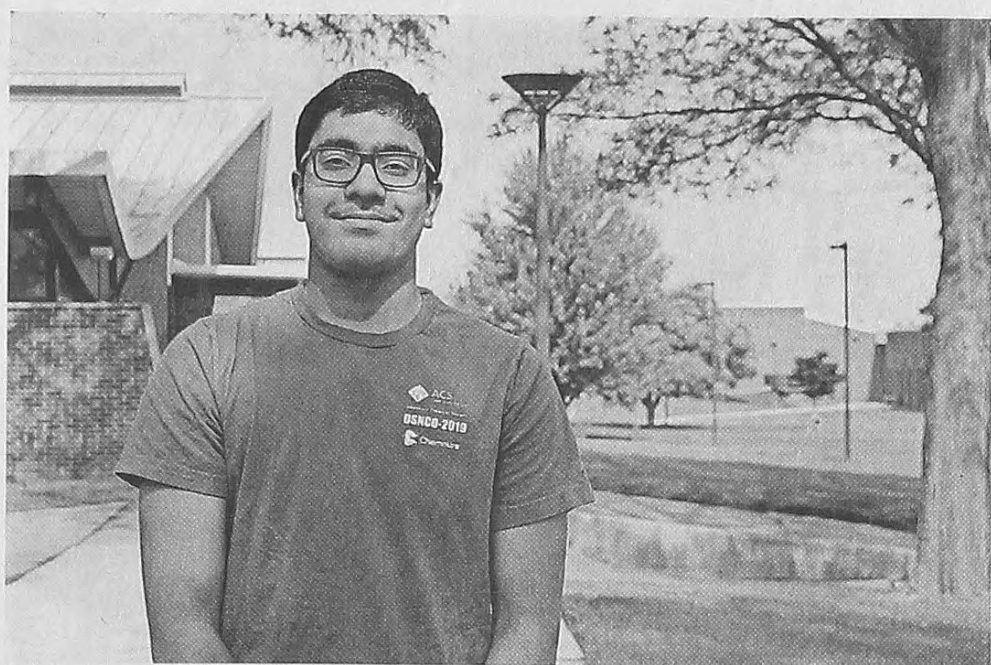
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Yajvan Ravan is one of four teens who represented the U.S. at the International Chemistry Olympiad, earning a gold medal. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Churchill student brings home gold at Chemistry Olympiad

The American Chemical Society (ACS) is proud to announce that the four high school chemistry whiz kids representing the U.S. at the annual International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) earned three gold medals and one silver.

The members of the team are:

■ Yajvan Ravan, Churchill High School, Westland, Michigan, gold medal, placed 19th

■ Anton Ni, University High School, Irvine, California, gold medal, placed 28th

■ Edward Jin, Arnold O. Beckman High School, Irvine, California, gold medal, placed 30th

■ Albert Liu, North Hollywood High School, Porter Ranch, California, silver medal, placed 59th

More than 300 students from 80 countries competed this year.

Speaking with ACS' newsmagazine Chemical & Engineering News, Ni says, "I think my favorite part about the competition is staying up at night just chatting with people. You learn a lot about people from other countries, and you

discover that they're also really passionate about chemistry — and you learn so much about them as people and as chemists."

"Even though we all have different languages, different cultures, we can still all bond over chemistry," Jin says.

Regarding the 100-degree temperatures in Paris recently, Liu says, "It's been quite difficult handling the heat."

Ravan enjoyed the opportunity to visit the Palace of Versailles. "I was impressed by how big and luxurious (Versailles) was," he says. "I was totally blown away by it."

ACS has sponsored the American team annually since the U.S. joined the Olympiad in 1984. Principal funding is through the ACS Donald F. and Mildred Topp Othmer Olympiad Endowment, with additional support from The Chemours Company; the University of Maryland at College Park, department of chemistry and biochemistry; Carolina Biological Supply Company; Macmillan Learning; Texas Instruments; Pearson; and Fisher Science Education.



About 20 vehicles waited to be blessed recently at Saint John XXIII Catholic Church in Redford Township after a 5 p.m. prayer session. Later, drivers stopped in their vehicles for a blessing at the church doors. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Holy water rains down on Redford vehicles for blessing

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Holy water rained on cars, trucks and sport utility vehicles traveling Tuesday through St. John XXIII Catholic Church's parking lot in Redford Township.

No. It wasn't a miracle. It was merely a blessing of vehicles.

Owners drove away feeling a tad safer with the splashes of holy water reinforcing their religious faith and trust in God.

They also could check out some vintage vehicles reminiscent of the ones driving in this past Saturday's Woodard Dream Cruise.

"She needs all the blessing she can get," congregation member Laura Denton said after her Chevy Tracker was blessed.

About 25 people gathered in the parking lot for the Rev. Greg Piatt's opening prayers at the church at 12100 Beech Daly, which was created after the merging of St. John Bosco and St. Robert Bellarmine last year.

"Let them always find Christ to be their companion of their journey who

lives and reigns forever and ever," Piatt said.

After the crowd's resounding "Amen," Piatt walked through the parking lot to splash holy water on vehicles. Occasionally, he sprinkled holy water on the vehicle owners, too. They didn't seem to mind.

"It's always good to get your car blessed," said Chris Scanlon, standing by his newly-blessed Impala and wearing a Woodard Dream Cruise T-shirt. "It felt good."

Another congregation member, Joseph Polzin, said he likes hearing about religious leaders who request divine care for pets, people and vehicles.

"Any time you can get blessed and stuff, it's a good thing," Polzin said.

Later in the evening, after the prayers were over, vehicles drove through for drive-by blessings. They stopped by church doors for Piatt's holy water sprays and a few words of conversation.

Piatt has led similar vehicle blessings at other Catholic churches in metro Detroit. This was his first vehicle blessing at St. John XXIII.

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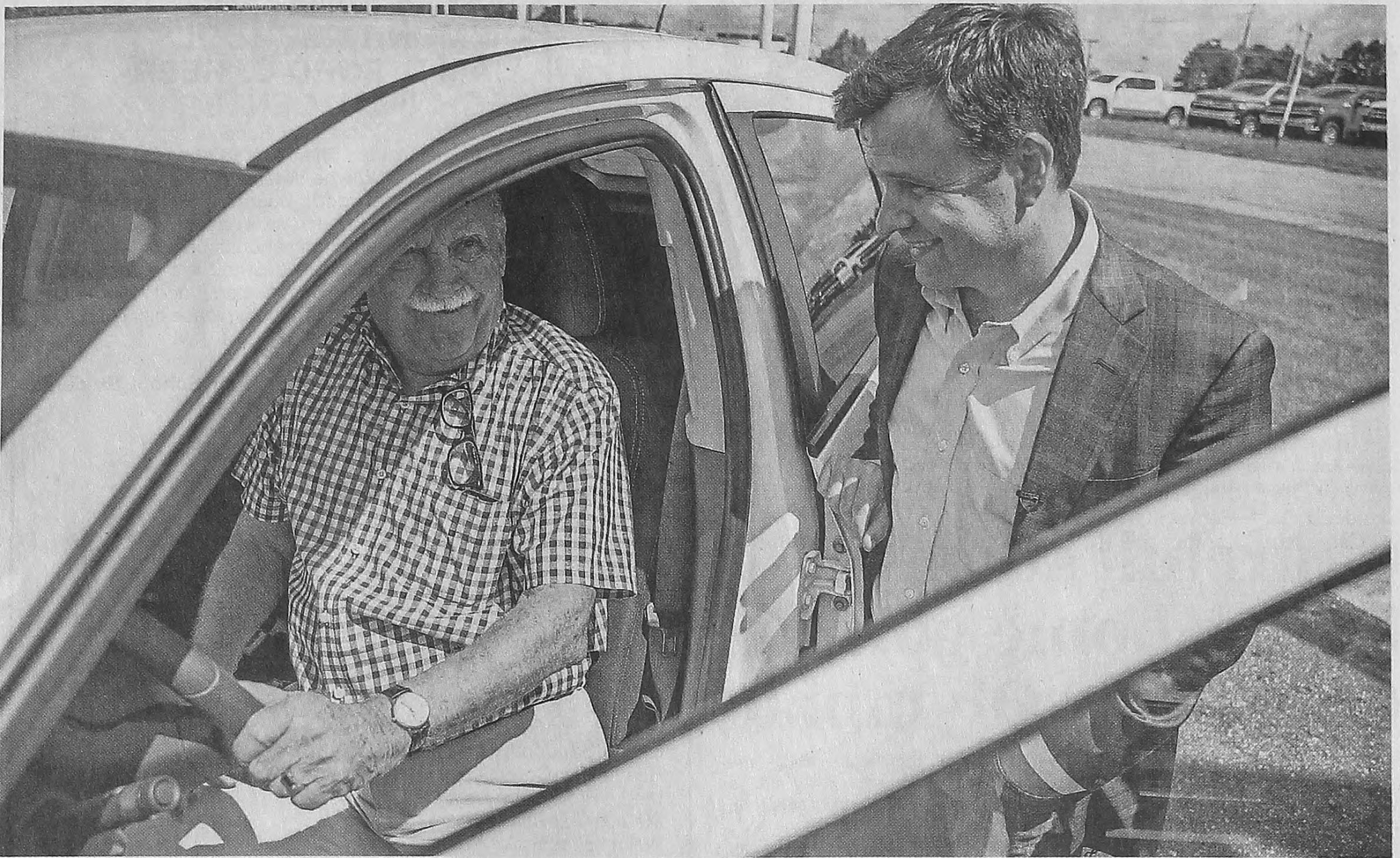
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Military veteran Bill Belcher, 79, of Farmington Hills, left, was the recipient of a new 2019 Trax on Aug. 8 in a Twitter giveaway conducted by businessman Bill Pulte. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Veteran car recipient: 'I still don't believe it'

Dixita Limbachia Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

When Bill Belcher woke up Aug. 8, he was expecting to buy a used car with a friend. Instead, the friend led him to a shiny new surprise waiting for him at Joe Lunghamer Chevrolet in Waterford.

The 79-year-old Farmington Hills resident, an Air Force veteran, was gifted a \$20,000 white 2019 Chevrolet Trax through a Twitter philanthropy pledge.

"I still don't believe it," said Belcher. "(I'm) still in shock!"

Bill Pulte, the Bloomfield Hills native behind the giveaway, thanked Belcher for his service. "You didn't have a car," said Pulte. "We heard about it and wanted to take care of you."

A friend of Belcher, Oakland County Republican Rocky Raczkowski, said he nominated Belcher for the gift. The Troy resident said he couldn't think of a more deserving recipient of this giveaway.

"(Belcher) does charitable events; he's very active in the community," said Raczkowski. "Everybody that comes into contact with Bill Belcher always

leaves with a smile."

Belcher was one of two veteran recipients in the Pulte's giveaway. As a billionaire, businessman and social media entrepreneur, this isn't the first time Pulte has used his personal Twitter to give back to struggling citizens through the hashtag #twitterphilanthropy.

Many of his causes involve cash giveaways that range from hundreds to thousands of dollars to his "teammates," that is, followers.

"Social media is used for such hate," said Pulte. "I figured why aren't we using

social media for good?"

Pulte is also known to challenge politicians and public figures. And for this philanthropy pledge his target was President Donald Trump.

"If @realDonaldTrump retweets this, my team and I will give Two Beautiful Cars to Two Beautiful Veterans on Twitter." To which the President replied: "Thank you, Bill, say hello to our GREAT VETERANS!"

Pulte quickly took on the pledge and found Belcher, who was driving a friend's car until the end of the lease.

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Patricia Jean Carne

PLYMOUTH - Patricia Jean Carne age 90 of Plymouth, passed away August 10, 2019. Born in Highland Park, Michigan on May 29, 1929 to John and Dorothy Cavan. Beloved wife of the late Erick Carne for 23 years. Survived by her children, Nancy Cameron, Donna Tyrer, Cheryl (Don) Mandeville, Dave (Denise) Jones and Gary (Robin) Carne. Grandmother to Callie (Bill) Kane, Lindsey Jones, Tyler (Meela) Cameron, Chrissy (Matt) McCormick, Luke (Lacie) Tyrer, Ashley (Jake) LeCureaux, Paul Bobolts, Shane (Maria) Carne, Brett Bobolts, Joel Carne, Elyse (Grant) Glende and great-grandmother to 10. Patricia was preceded in death by her son Michael Carne, her sisters Ruth Laity, Eleanor Dowsell and Betty Reseigh, and son-in-law Butch Tyrer. She will be greatly missed by her nieces and nephews. A Memorial Gathering will be on Thursday, August 15 from 10:30 AM - 12 PM until the time of the Memorial Service at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, 48170. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church. To leave a condolence and view full obituary, please visit schrader-howell.com



Barbara Joan McIntosh

BIRMINGHAM - 88, Entrepreneur
Barbara McIntosh co-founder of Affiliated Models and long-time resident of Birmingham, MI died peacefully on August 6th, 2019. Barbara was born in Detroit, MI in 1931 to Howard and Elsie O'Leary and was raised in the suburb of Grosse Pointe, MI. Survived by three of her four children: Aengus McIntosh, Elizabeth Dalziel and Cameron McIntosh, and her brother Howard E. O'Leary, Jr. Predeceased by her son Douglas McIntosh and her sisters Suzanne O'Leary Palms and Annie O'Leary Williams. A memorial celebration of Ms. McIntosh's life is planned for October 6th, 2019. Visit <https://www.cremationmichigan.com/obituary> for details.

Nick and Ethel Uzelac

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Couple, both over 100 years old, pass within 3 months of each other.

Ethel Elizabeth Stuart-Uzelac passed at Eden House in Troy on August 1st, just days before her 103rd birthday, joining her husband Nick, who passed away in May.

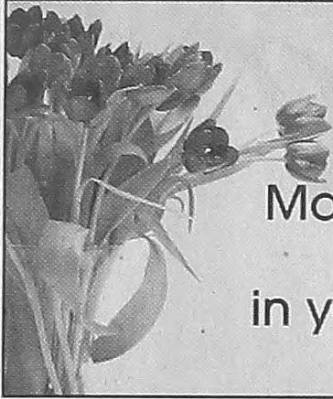
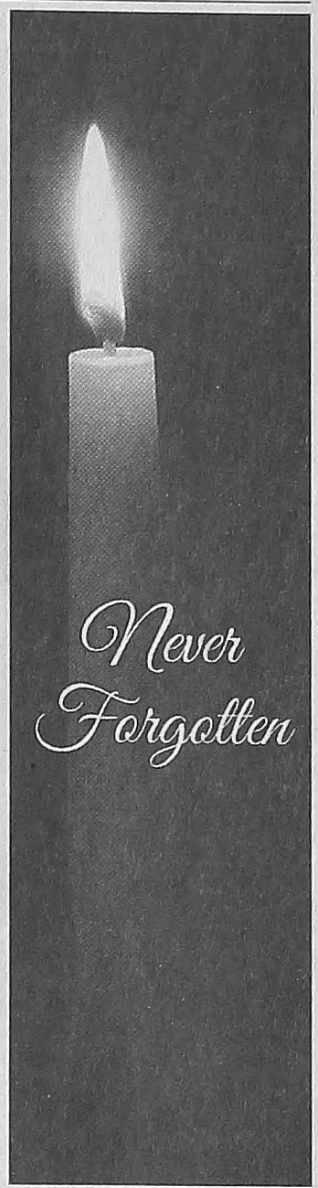
Ethel and Nick, survived by children Bob, Sharon and grandson Ben, enjoyed 78 years of marriage. The devout Christians were self-sufficient beyond the century mark.

Nick was well known in amateur golf circles dating back to the National Junior Championship which he captured as a teenager, and won numerous championships at his home course, Orchard Lake Country Club. Nick retired as Vice President of North American sales for Budd Automotive.

Ethel was known for her support of missionary and prayer groups, offering support to those suffering life setbacks.

Their son Bob said, "I was so fortunate to have two loving parents well into adulthood and it was a comfort to see how they cared for each other with an enduring love to the end."

Their daughter Sharon said, "I feel blessed for all the valuable life lessons my parents gave me. They both believed in the power of prayer and were kind-hearted, generous and loving."



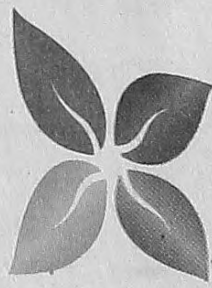
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May you find peace in this time of sorrow.

Even if you know what's coming, you're never prepared for how it feels.

~Natalie Standiford



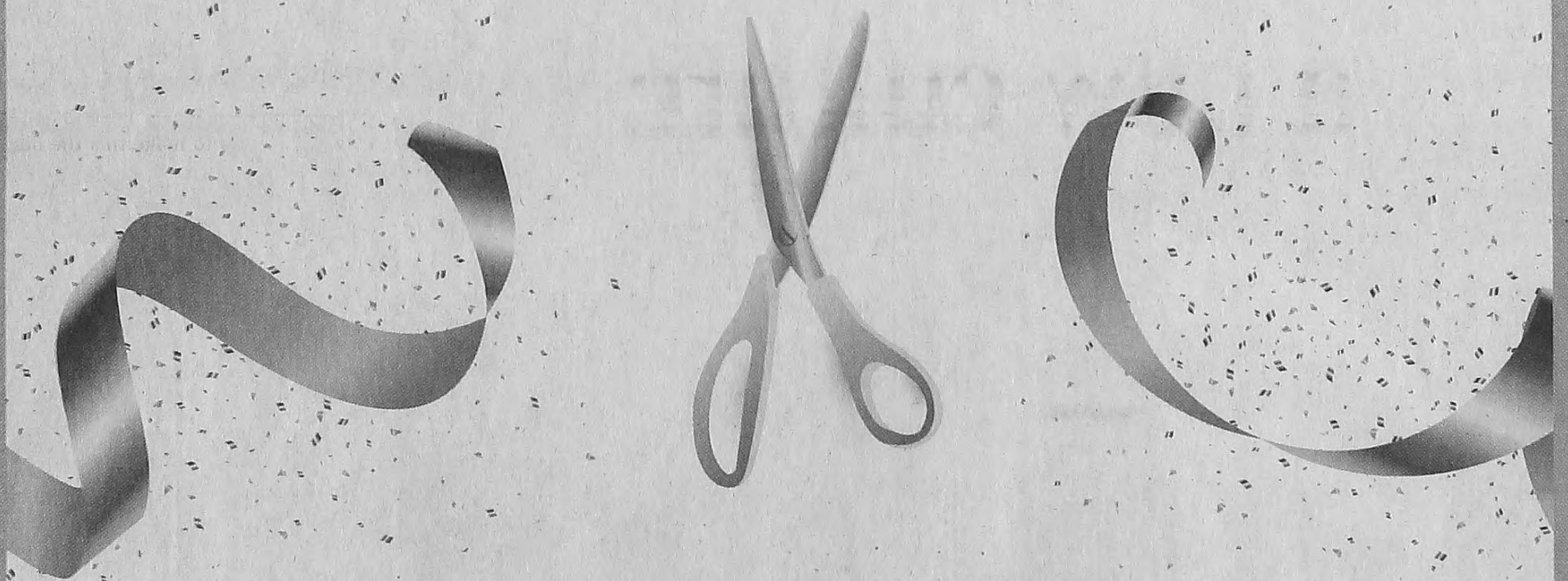
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Canton tight end Jake Vickers catches a pass during an Aug. 14 practice. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Canton embracing a new culture

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Canton football is trending up. The Chiefs, who finished 6-4 last season after a first-round playoff loss to Detroit Catholic Central, are confident they're ready to take the next step and win a district title after being picked to win the KLAA West.

Coach Andrew LaFata is entering his second year as the man in charge and he'll start the season with experience at quarterback and a program that has undergone a culture shift since he arrived at the school two years ago, replacing Tim Baechler.

At KLAA Media Day, Canton defensive coordinator Matthew Sexton spoke at length about how the new staff has been able to build a trusting foundation between the coaches and players and why he believes it can lead the Chiefs deeper into the playoffs.

"The first thing that will bring us success is the culture, it's what we've worked on all offseason," Sexton said. "The guys coming together, we started a few leadership committees and leaders lead, that's what we've started to see with these guys. Last year, it was our team, but still the Baechler regime. Now, these guys have our backs and we have theirs, that's the No. 1 thing, we're finally that cohesive unit, top-down, bottom-up."

Leading the way from the players' side is senior quarterback Ben Stesiak, who is entering his second season as the starter.

"I think I have the trust from my



Canton linemen hit the sled during an Aug. 14 practice.

teammates and my offense," Stesiak said. "They trust in me and I trust in them, we have that bond and that's going to help us win games."

Stesiak, who will also play safety on defense, will be in charge of running a demanding offense. The three-sport star, who also plays baseball and basketball, said he's ready to handle the load and feels more comfortable with the speed of the game entering his senior season.

"Coming in this year, I know the speed of the game," Stesiak said. "It's a lot faster than what it was when I was on JV. I have that mentality coming in

that I know what it's like and I'm ready for that and think it'll help."

That senior leadership will be key for Canton as it attempts to knock off reigning division champion Brighton, which went 7-2 in the regular season last year.

"We're going to rely heavily on our seniors, and we also have some young guys who I think are going to surprise us," Sexton said. "It's going to be nice to have that kind of gel between the senior leadership and that experience with the new guys, it's going to bring a new edge."

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Herstein prepared for first year at NF

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Jon Brunette has not seen much success in his first three seasons at North Farmington High School.

The now-senior linebacker and full-back has won only five games in his first three seasons with the Raiders. With two coaching staffs — playing under Todd Schultz in 2016 and Bob Chiesa in 2017 and 2018 — Brunette had to learn two different offenses and two different defenses in those seasons.

As the 2019 season approaches, Brunette will have another offense and defense to learn in fall camp with the arrival of a new coaching staff. But for him, this season is different.

This coaching staff, led by former Harrison assistant Jon Herstein, is in for the long term.

"This program's going to be at one of the highest points it's going to be at, ever, for the next decade, two decades," Brunette said. "Now every other kid wants to come here and be part of this culture."

Herstein has never been a head football coach. He had served as an assistant coach at Harrison for the past 12 seasons, helping lead the Hawks to a state title in 2010.

With head coaching experience in wrestling and track, Herstein said he never really had a moment where he was shocked by the enormity of his new job.

"Right off the get go, you kind of know it and you say, 'You know what, we are going to make this the best,'" Herstein said. "With the support staff you have coming in, with all the coaches and so on, you feel like you have a good leg up on it."

With Harrison High School closing after the 2018-19 school year due to declining enrollment, much of Herstein's coaching staff will be familiar faces that were on the Hawks' staff previously. Along with defensive coordinator Dave Thorne, John Herrington, the former Harrison head coach, who is Michigan's winningest high school football coach, joined as a quarterback and running backs coach.

Even though he will not be in charge of the team as a whole, Herrington does not see too much change with Herstein taking over.

"He's got the head coach title and

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North Farmington varsity football head coach Jon Herstein works with his linemen on proper positioning during an Aug. 13 practice at the school. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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MIAC FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Newcomers include two schools

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The Michigan Independent Athletics Conference, armed with two more teams, held its media day on Monday at Clarenceville High School's football stadium to introduce the league's teams to the media.

Games are set to begin on Aug. 29, and practice started Monday.

Clarenceville and Whitmore Lake are both new to the league, which features seven schools that play football. There are 13 schools in total, the rest of which were represented at media day by their other fall sports teams.

Here's a more detailed look at the seven schools as we ramp up for the season:

Clarenceville

Head coach: Bob Meyer, first season
Last year's overall record: 0-9

Season opener: Aug. 29 vs. Macomb Lutheran North

Players to watch: RB/LB Zach Jones, RB/DB Ibrahim Kebe, OL/DL Jordan Perfect

Meyer's 2019 season outlook: "With a roster of over 50 players, I believe we will be very competitive in the MIAC. A strong senior class will provide size and athleticism, but the true strength may be a group of athletic younger players who will make a push for playing time on both sides of the ball. Our program will employ a bend but don't break defense that has size and speed, a maniacal commitment to special teams as well as an offense that prides itself on winning the time of possession battle. Our team goal is to make a return to the playoffs."

Lutheran Northwest

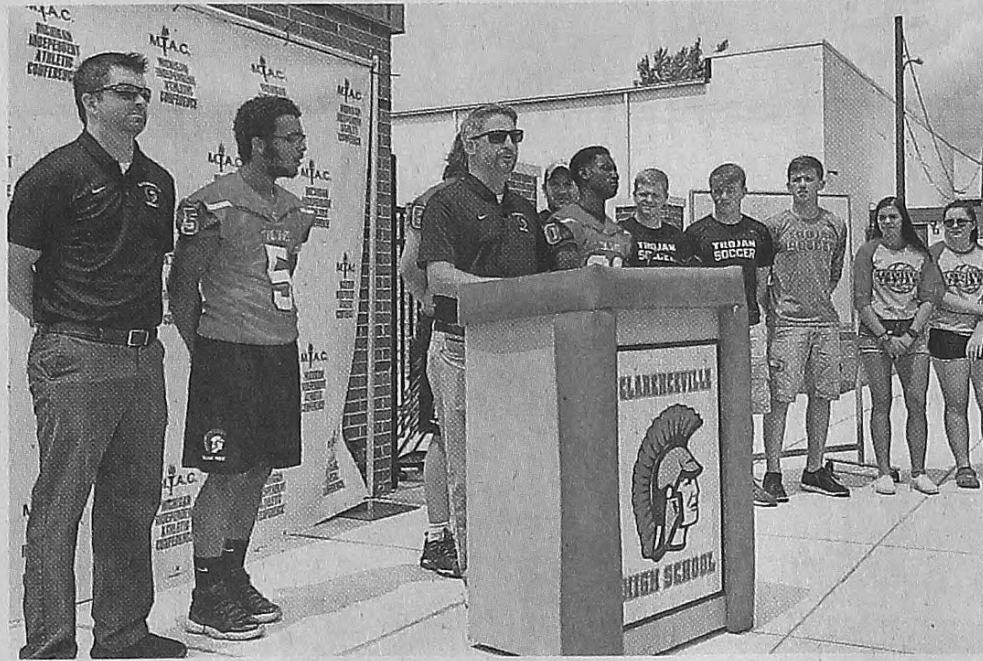
Head coach: Tim Gonyeau, second season

Last year's overall record: 3-6

Season opener: Aug. 29 at Mount Clemens

Players to watch: Aaron Gunn, Parker Bowlds, Will Cudney, Luke Lanier, Cam Rubio

Gonyeau's 2019 season outlook: "If



Clarenceville football coach Bob Meyer speaks to the crowd at MIAC media day Monday. ANDREW VAILLENCOURT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

we can remain healthy in key spots, we will compete in the MIAC in 2019."

Lutheran Westland

Head coach: Paul Guse, 18th season
Last year's record: 5-4

Season opener: Aug. 29 vs. Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary

Players to watch: Christopher Mangum, Ryan Faith

Guse's 2019 season outlook: "We return 17 players, and seven starters on both offense and defense. We're hoping to have around 23-24 players for the year. It's a great conference and we have a close relationship with all the other coaches."

Oakland Christian

Head coach: Rich Alkire, first season
Last year's overall record: 3-5

Season opener: Aug. 29 at Clarkston Everest Collegiate

Players to watch: QB/LB Daniel Siminski (Jr.), ATH Angelo Scafone (Sr.), QB/DB Jaemin Liebler (Sr.)

Alkire's 2019 season outlook: "Entirely new staff, offense and defense this season will make season success hinge on rate of players and coaches adapting

to each other and the new systems. I'm thrilled to be a part of the Oakland Christian family. Hoping to build on the strong foundation in place that attracts our current OC family and alumni to help in our football ministry."

Parkway Christian

Head coach: Joe Beck, fourth season
Last year's record: 9-1

Season opener: Aug. 30 at Marine City Cardinal Mooney

Players to watch: OT/DL Javen Cook (Sr.), OG/DL Zack Jaksa (Sr.), WR/S Joe Gillett (Sr.), LB/FB Griffin Adams (Sr.), QB/S John Stricker (Jr.)

Beck's 2019 season outlook: "We lost 10 seniors, four of them are on college scholarships now. We didn't finish the year how we wanted to, we were hoping to at least get a district title, but these guys are hungry and we're going to try to fix the mistakes we made last year and hopefully return as conference champions."

Southfield Christian

Head coach: Larry Weiss, Craig Schoon, second season as co-head coaches

Last year's record: 3-6

Season opener: Aug. 29 at Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech

Players to watch: Blake Parpart (Sr.), Ian Hanfee (Sr.), Caleb Glenn (Sr.), Gabe McFarren (Sr.), Nolan Hart (Sr.), CJ Sexton (Sr.), Matt Webber (Soph.), Jared Ervin (Sr.)

Weiss' 2019 season outlook: "The outlook for our season is promising but guarded. We have a strong senior class coming back that is talented and experienced. That being said, we lost three starting offensive and defensive linemen. Our season will depend a lot on how their replacements perform. Those positions will be taken by younger, less experienced players. Our season will depend on their learning curve. As with most teams in our league we have low numbers. We will need to be well conditioned and stay healthy in order to accomplish our goals."

Whitmore Lake

Head coach: Brian Boron, fourth season

Last year's overall record: 4-5

Season opener: Aug. 29 at Royal Oak Shrine Catholic

Players to watch: OL/DL Alex Williams (Sr.), RB/LB Evan Romeo (Sr.), OL/DE Alex Tanner (Soph.), QB/DB Zach Brady (Sr.)

Boron's 2019 season outlook: "The majority of the 2018 team will be returning. Zach Brady will begin his second season at quarterback. Four returning running backs will rotate carries in the backfield. The offensive line will be experienced as all of the players have significant game experience, including four-year starter Alex Williams. We should be a much deeper team than we were the last three seasons. Defensively, we will need to replace our leading tackler from last season. As with most small schools, our players are used to 'iron man' football and will contribute on both sides of the ball. We are playing in the MIAC for the first time and we're very excited for the challenge of competing against new teams."

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Farmington football aims to continue success

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After the closing of Harrison High School, the team's football players had a choice to make. Each had to choose at which school they wanted to finish their high school careers.

North Farmington hired three coaches from Harrison's staff: former assistants Jon Herstein and Dave Thorne along with John Herrington, Michigan's all-time winningest high school football head coach.

Farmington, on the other hand, has been in a positive trajectory over the past two seasons. Just one season after finishing with a record of 3-6 in Kory Cioroch's first season as head coach, the Falcons finished 8-4 in 2018, losing in the third round of the Division 3 Michigan High School Football Playoffs.

With all of the attention on North Farmington, Cioroch has evaded a lot of preseason hype that usually comes with a team like his. But he did want to point out that not every player that came from Harrison chose North Farmington.

"I don't really like talking about it because everyone is talking about how many kids North got," Cioroch said. "But I think we got 16, 17 kids."

Some of the new players that the Falcons gained were significant playmakers for the now-defunct Hawks this past season. Former Harrison starting quarterback and free safety Maxwell Martin joined Farmington along with senior tight end and outside linebacker Jirah Alexander and Myles Hunt, who started for Harrison at both offensive and defensive tackle last season.

Hunt and senior running back and safety Alan Roberson had initially chosen to go to follow the coaching staff and attend North Farmington. However, after a few months with the Raiders, both chose to transfer to Farmington in April.

"Going (to North Farmington), I just feel like I was in one spot only and I wasn't gradually getting better," Roberson said. "Coming here, my first two weeks I transferred, I talked to more coaches more than I have in any other year of high school."



Harrison High football coach John Herrington, watches warmup drills as QB Maxwell Martin practices. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Cioroch was familiar with many of the players he received from Harrison, scouting them when the Falcons took on the Hawks this past season. But in the time that he has worked with many of them, Cioroch said he can tell the quality of program that they came from.

"As much as they didn't play for me for three years — some of them are coming into their senior year — now I feel like I have known these kids for their whole high-school career," Cioroch said. "It is already meshed, and it's really crazy. It seemed to happen really fast."

To many of the players, success is happening a lot quicker than usual.

To senior defensive back and running back Aaron Watson, who has been at Farmington for the past three seasons, the Falcons have been having their best two-a-day practices he has ever been a part of. Much of that had to do with the arrival of his new teammates.

Now that fall practice has started, there is no real separation between former Harrison players and those who have been at Farmington. Every single player has bought in.

"They wanted to win, just like us," senior inside linebacker Engelbert Vela said. "We have the same goals: Get to Ford Field."

As practice continues, something still remains at the back of each player and coaches' heads: With Harrison gone, North Farmington and Farmington are the two teams left in the school district vying for that top spot.

Cioroch said he is not worried about North, which Farmington will play in Week 8.

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North Farmington football welcomes old foes

Mick McCabe Special to Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Talk about your invasion. North Farmington's football program has been overrun by Hawks ... Farmington Hills Harrison Hawks.

Harrison, the school with the most successful football program in state history, closed in June and two months later about 10 Harrison players and 11 coaches have landed at North.

And they brought the big guns with them. After 12 seasons as an assistant coach at Harrison, John Herstein is the head coach at North while John Herrington, the winningest coach in state history, is now the backfield coach and works alongside quarterbacks coach Mill (The Thrill) Coleman.

"It's football; it's the best," Herrington said at Monday's opening practice. "The kids here want to win. They're going to work hard for it."

This invasion could have been met with some trepidation by North players, who now could lose starting positions to former Harrison players. Instead, the Harrison staff and players have been welcomed with open arms.

"I think it's cool that they came over here to help us out," said Taj Cheatham, a defensive back/running back from North.

That somewhere would be the state playoffs.

North was 5-22 the last three seasons and made only one playoff appearance in the last 13 seasons. It hasn't won a state playoff game since 1978, the year legendary coach Ron Holland took the Raiders to the Class A state championship game.

Many of the players admitted they were nervous about the first practice, but none of them were as nervous — or as excited — as Herstein.

"I was up early, about 5:30," Herstein said. "But then I've got a toddler at home. I couldn't sleep. I had a hard time falling asleep. I was excited for the day."

The day began like most opening days did at Harrison, but this time it was Herstein who was going over the team goals.

He spoke about specific goals of scoring three touchdowns a game, explaining that with the type of defense that co-



North Farmington coach Jon Herstein, standing, meets with his team as former Farmington Hills Harrison coach John Herrington listens before practice Aug. 12. MICK MCCABE/SPECIAL TO DETROIT FREE PRESS

ordinator Dave Thorne was going have, that would be enough to win most games.

A total offense of 350 yards should generate enough points, he said, as long as there were no fumbles and no interceptions. Herstein also mentioned scoring every time they got inside the 10-yard line is a must.

Herrington sat there and listened to his protégé run the session. It was something he expected to do this season even if Harrison was still open.

"Last year was going to be my last year as head coach no matter what," Herrington said.

Herrington's time was 49 years as the only coach in Harrison history when it won a record 13 state titles and a record 443 games.

While he would have preferred doing this at Harrison, Herrington was thrilled to be able to be an assistant for Herstein.

"He was very loyal in staying," Herrington said. "He could have gone to Walled Lake Western a couple of years ago and Farmington, too, but he chose to stay with us. He's going to do a great

job."

It didn't take long for the North players to realize the former Harrison coaches were not run of the mill coaches.

There is a reason why they had a 93-21 record in state playoff games.

"I love them," said Jon Brunette, a linebacker/fullback from North. "It's the work ethic; fast-pace. We get more done and they're more organized. They know what they're doing because they've been to the finals. They know how to get there and they know what to do."

The bonding process between the two groups of players began over the winter in the weight room where strength and conditioning coach Billy Slobin taught them about Hawk Pride.

"In the offseason, we became bigger and faster through the lifting with Coach Billy," Brunette said. "Our bodies are more prepared for the wear and tear of the game."

The importance of the weight room wasn't lost on the North players, who began last season losing to Harrison, 41-0, in the opener.

"They were so much stronger than

us," said Cheatham. "I see they actually work for it. When we played them, we didn't watch any film or anything. I can see they're like precise and they knew what they were doing. They had a lot more football knowledge."

Linebacker/tight end Sylvon Brown was at Harrison last season and initially he had questions about the North players and their commitment to the game.

"It's definitely a transition, but I like the kids here," he said. "They have a real great energy around them. I can tell they want to win. Right now we're trying to put in all the plays because we're starting over."

Herrington is starting over, too, right where he began. In 1962, Holland hired him to be the school's junior varsity coach.

Eight years later, he became Harrison's first and last coach.

"It's fun, but it's a little tough wearing this," Herrington said pointing at the North Farmington T-shirt and laughing. "What else is there to do but coach? I watched my last showcase on 'The Price is Right.' I'm out here now."

What it's like to swim with AR goggles

Dalvin Brown
USA TODAY

One summer weekend, I was granted two-day access to a nearby resort-style fitness facility with a deluxe indoor pool. So I went for a swim — while connected, of course.

Before leaving my apartment, I grabbed my iPhone, packed a pair of swimming trunks and headed toward the door before realizing, "I forgot to charge my goggles."

Yes, charge them — the same way you would your smartphone or your smartwatch. FORM, developed by a Vancouver-based startup, is what happens when your typical pair of swim goggles receive a total 2.0 upgrade. The water-friendly gadget is packed with hyped up tech like machine learning, augmented reality and real-time performance metrics.

I wanted to find out if the nifty eyewear from the future would live up to the hype, and the results were, well, interesting.

Why?

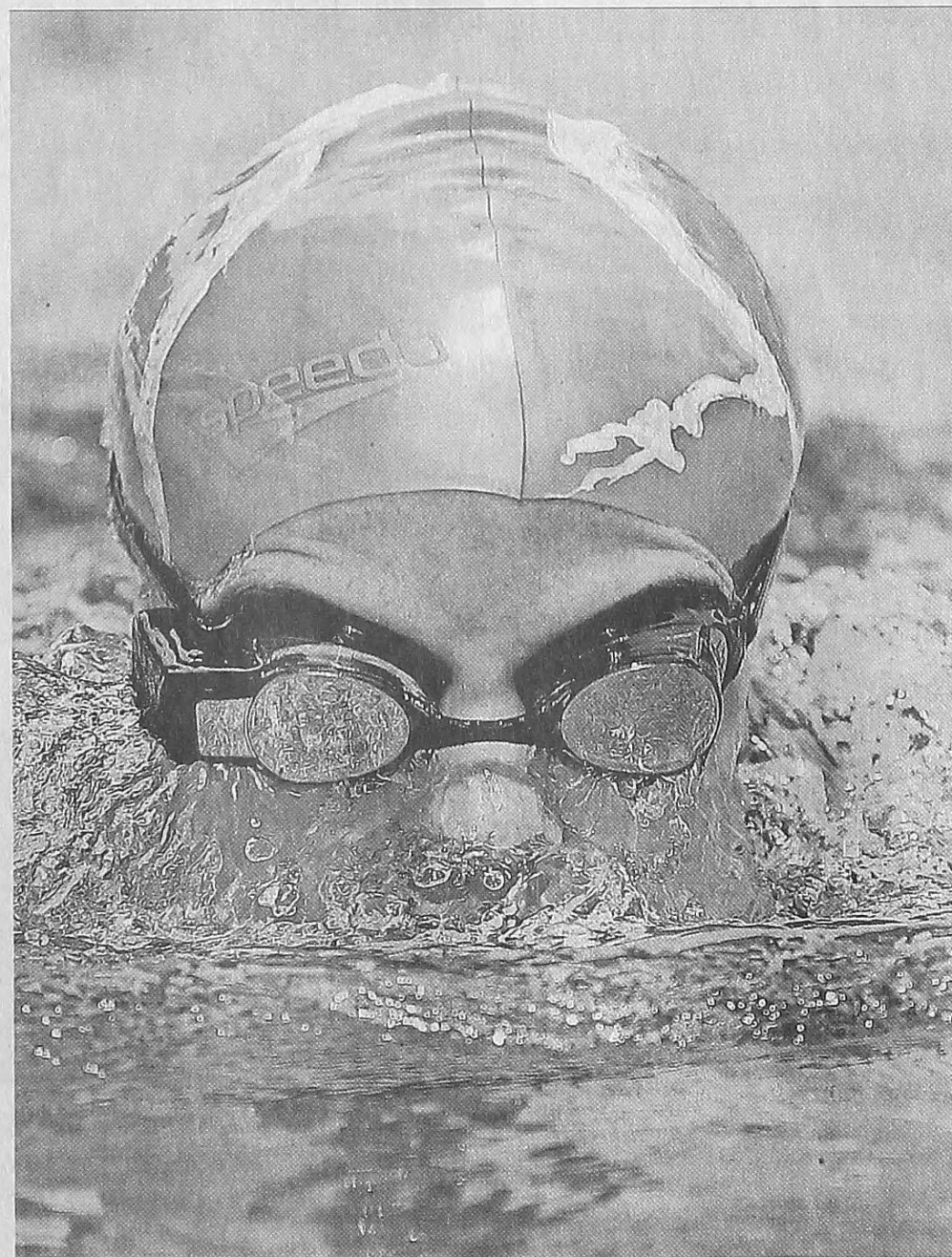
As a person who's always connected and who doesn't enjoy fitness without a way to track my metrics, I hoped these goggles would make lengthy swim sessions less lonely and boring. While my Apple Watch does a perfectly fine job with providing detailed dive metrics, it's tough and awkward to peer at your wrist while swimming.

Also, it's difficult for companies to seamlessly integrate augmented reality into workouts without bulky headsets, so I was skeptical.

How does FORM work?

When you put on the goggles, you're supposed to see tiny lime green letters floating in your line of sight. The company says it uses "waveguide technology," whatever that means, to make sure you can focus.

You use two tiny buttons on the right side of the goggle to adjust settings like brightness and pool length. The device has about 16 hours of battery life.



What was it like?

It seems like FORM got the formula right.

At first glance, I thought the digital renderings looked cheap. But as I began swimming, the whole experience felt much more premium. It was dreamy to see little numbers unobtrusively count my calories burned and laps swum no matter where I looked.

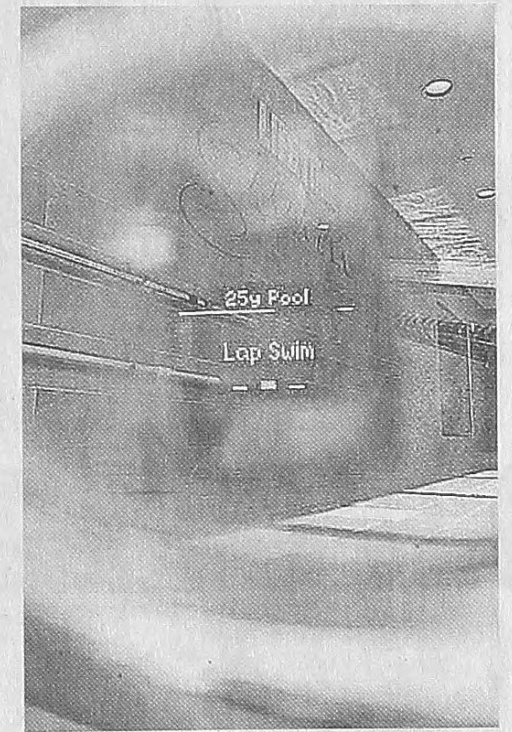
Visually, I felt sort of like an aquatic

robot prototype or something.

I ran my Apple Watch Series 4 in Pool Swim workout mode while I trying out FORM just to compare the two. Both the smartwatch and smart goggles reflected the same number of calories burned.

However, FORM picked up the moment I began swimming, and the metrics were faster to respond to my rests than my Apple Watch. The goggles didn't even fog up or let water in.

While attempting to connect the



Julia Russell, left a trainer at Life Time athletic club in New York City, tries out the new FORM AR Goggles. At left, the goggles keep track of metrics while you swim. ROBERT DEUTSCH/USA TODAY

gadget with the smartphone app, I had a few connection issues, which happens occasionally when pairing devices via Bluetooth. Eventually, everything paired fine and the app categorized my swims.

Do you need AR goggles?

Overall, swimming with FORM felt special. But then again, I was in a luxurious water club home to both Olympic swimmers, one-percenters and a few ordinary people like myself.

Still, the goggles felt like something new, while remaining familiar.

Does everyone need a pair of \$199 augmented reality goggles? No, unless you are a competitive athlete or just really serious about tracking your swims down to the millisecond.

Are they nice to have? Absolutely. So if you want a more purposeful or engaging experience while swimming, then maybe give them a go.

Just don't forget to charge them.

Chiefs

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Stesiak's addition to the defense will also be important. The unit is returning four starters, and Sexton is hoping his quarterback can lead the defense as well.

He acknowledged it's always tough to see your signal-caller play on defense given the added injury risk, but called Stesiak an iron man that can handle the playing time.

"He's a leader," Sexton said. "What's fun with him in practice is he has the attitude about him where he's like 'yeah, I got it going on' but he knows when he's got to put the shoes and pads on and get going. The guys fall right in line when he's in that huddle and I'm hoping he can do the same thing with the defense."

Stesiak isn't committed to any college yet, but he has some offers and interest for both football and

baseball. He's hoping a strong senior season can boost his stock. In the meantime, he's caught the attention of opposing coaches.

"Ben is a multi-sport athlete so I've seen him in a different light because I've seen him around my gym, hanging, shooting, playing with our kids," Plymouth football coach Brian Lewis said. "You can see his competitiveness and his will to win and I love that about him. ... That's a guy that we'd take on our team any day."

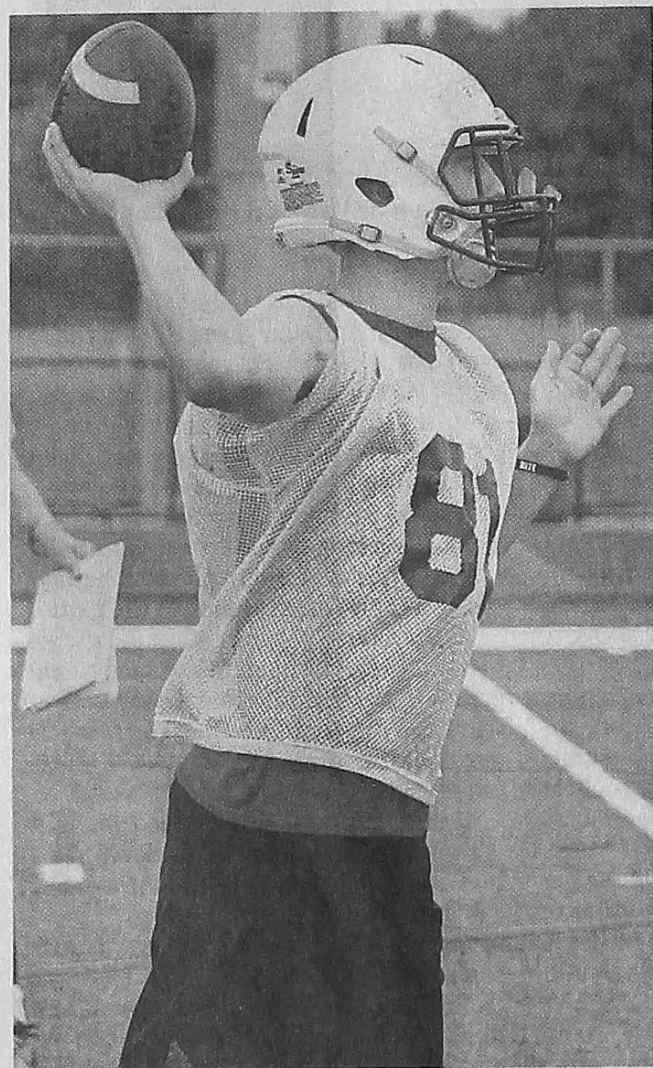
Canton opens the season on Aug. 29 on the road against Dearborn, which was also a playoff team last year.

"They're a tough team, they have some good guys," Sexton said. "Our guys are just as ready, so it's going to be a bloodbath, we know it'll be a tough game, but the toughest team will win."

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Senior Ben Stesiak is entering his second season as the starting QB. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Jacob Bousimra takes a turn at quarterback during a North Farmington practice on Aug. 13. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Raiders

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last year at our place he was doing the same things, but not calling the offense," Herrington said. "We are all doing the same jobs basically."

Even though Herstein will have the final say in terms of play-calling, he said Herrington will be an important figure, going to him for advice.

"As far as being a leader out here and game-planning, we all have our roles we are going to have to fill," Herstein said.

Herstein does not have any ego heading into his first season as the head coach. He views his start at North Farmington as a clean slate, an opportunity to succeed at a school that had not seen much success on the football field in recent history.

The first-year head coach said many of the traditions of Harrison football will be brought to the Raiders, from the practice field to the weight room. However, Herstein said that there will be a blend of both Harrison and North Farmington traditions that will play a role in the 2019 season.

But, the North Farmington traditions seem to be coming with a different mentality.

After winning three out of nine games this past season, Herstein came into the fall with a goal that proved to be an eye-opener for many in the North Farmington locker room.

"We are aiming for that top pinnacle: state champs," senior defensive tackle and center Blake Morris said Herstein told the team. "We are trying to make a name

for this school."

This mentality comes from the textbook of Herrington, who has won 13 state titles as a head coach, whose main objective, according to Herstein, was to be the most prepared team on the football field before any game.

"We have a saying, 'Identify, adapt, overcome,'" Herstein said. "We plan for everything that we can. Something else changes, we identify the problem, adapt and overcome."


After 12 years under Herrington, the former state title-winning head coach allowed himself to take a step back, giving the reins to an up-and-coming assistant who was familiar with the culture of Herrington football.

That's why to Herrington, to those who remember Harrison football, to Herstein, the 2019 season is just another season.

"He's got the leadership, he's got knowledge of the offensive line as good as anybody that I've seen," Herrington said. "He's ready, he's ready for the job."

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With Harrison High School closing, much of Herstein's staff will be familiar faces that were on the Hawks' staff previously.



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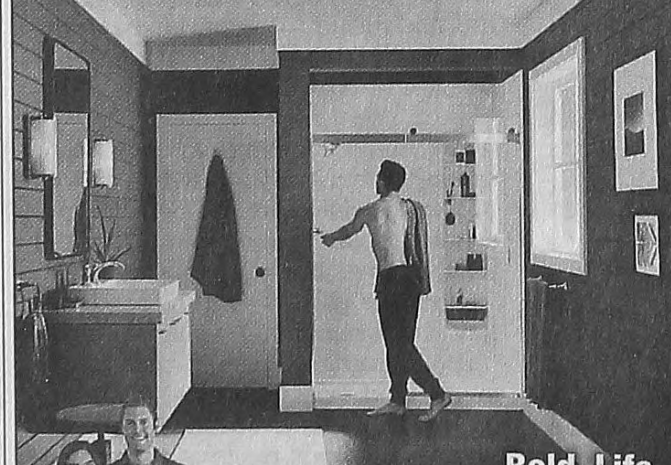
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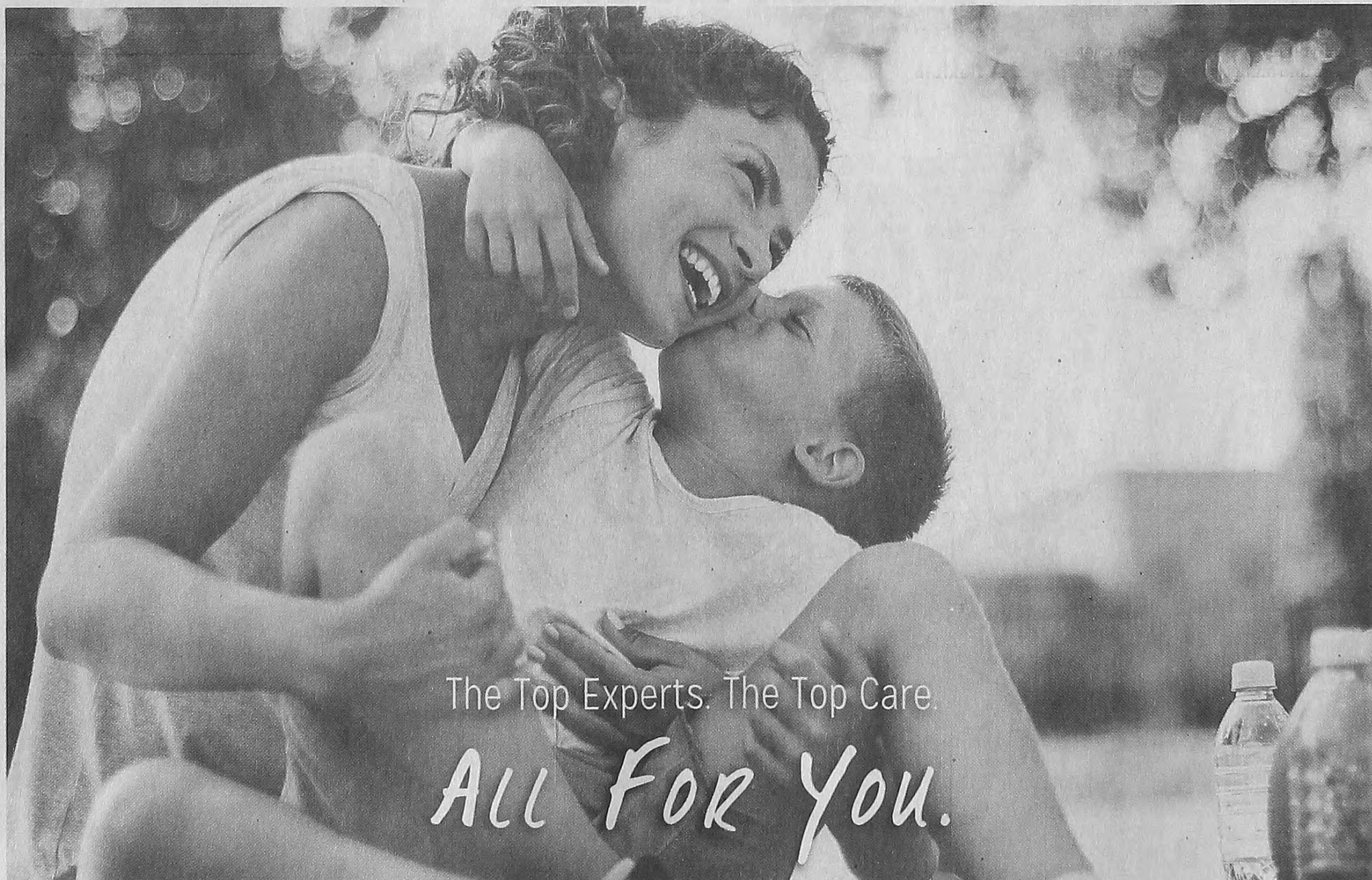
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How to cope with a crowded, competitive job market

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In a perfect world, the notion of being involuntarily "in-between jobs" wouldn't exist. We'd all have our ideal dream jobs with the exact salaries, benefits, and responsibilities we wanted — and nothing would ever go wrong to threaten our positions throughout our professional journeys.

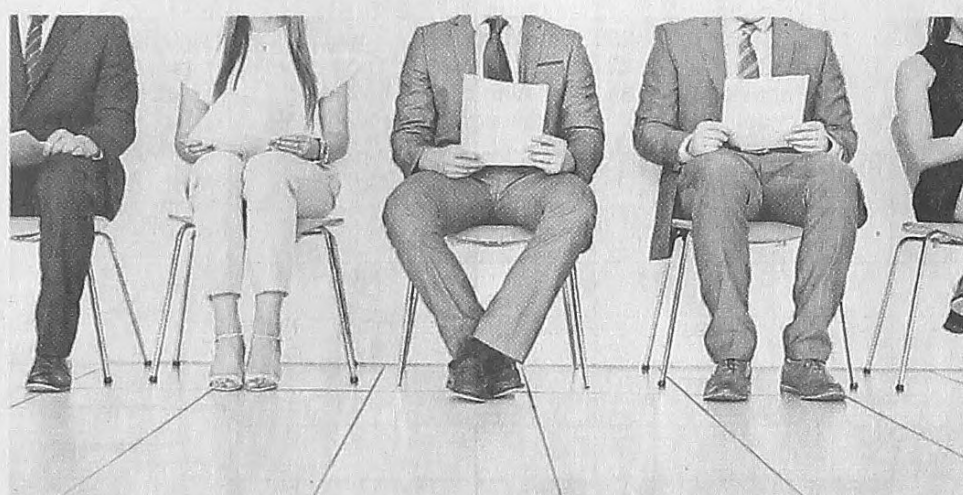
It's a nice dream for sure, but we all know that it's not a perfect world, which is especially true when it comes to today's job market. It's crowded, cut-throat, ultra-competitive, and often downright unfair out there, and can be pretty tough to navigate.

Things get especially difficult when you're in-between positions and on the job hunt — on top of the stress of being unemployed and the uncertainty surrounding when your next great opportunity will pop up, knowing how to cope with a crowded job market and its constantly shifting rules can be a real challenge.

If you're in this boat, don't let the stress and anxiety of the situation overwhelm you. Instead, keep reading to pick up some valuable ideas for coping and making it through.

Prioritize your search

The truth is, conducting a proper, full-scale job hunt is not a part-time affair — it should be your primary focus if you really want to open up the doors to new opportunities. This includes crafting your job materials like cover letters and resumes until they're just right, hunting high and low to unearth available openings in your industry and field, and continually tweaking and refining your approach as needed based on the



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feedback and results you receive. Here's the bottom line: make sure you're investing the right amount of time, energy, and effort to your search and, if possible, put off other things in life that aren't as important until your job hunt starts to bear fruit.

Get flexible

Sure, most of us have a target position or ideal job in mind at the onset of our job searches, but for most of us hitting the bullseye right in the center doesn't always happen. If you're narrowing your search so much that you're only looking at jobs that exactly match your dream scenario, you're likely doing yourself a real disservice. Conducting a more flexible and expansive job search — which includes a wider swath of jobs that are related to your industry, background, and skill set — sets you up for a greater chance at success.

At the onset of your job search, invest some time in a purposeful brainstorm-

ing session with the goal of expanding your range of prospective positions. Trust us, thinking outside the box will be time well spent. You just might surprise yourself by landing an opportunity that turns out to be even better than you could've anticipated.

Use all of your resources

While most of us are now good at using public tools for job searching (like job posting sites and the career pages of companies we're interested in), many of us still fail to use the full arsenal of tools at our disposal. Not using your professional network to help find a job can put you at a tremendous disadvantage when facing a crowded market. A comprehensive job hunt in today's ultra-competitive field needs to include all of your available resources, which must include all of the personal and professional contacts you've acquired throughout your life. Sure, keeping up the hunt on the usual online channels is

important, but these days, more and more opportunities arise through personal contacts — and what better way to get around the crowd than through people who already know you and can vouch for your abilities and strengths? You never know who among your network may be aware of an opening that's just right for you, so be sure to leave no stone unturned.

Consider an alternate plan

It's always admirable to be dedicated to a goal — and this is especially true when you're on the job hunt. But sometimes having a backup plan is a wise strategy. If the job market in your field is especially competitive right now and opportunities are few, then consider an alternate route. This can include widening your search to include other positions in the same orbit as your target field or even trying something completely new until things get less crowded and intense. You may also want to journey down the entrepreneurial route and start your own business, leveraging your background or personal interests and being your own boss. Who knows — what may start out as a side project or short-term opportunity may turn into a lifelong pursuit.

Today's job market is a tough one: Many fields are beyond competitive and crowded, with a ton of qualified candidates for every open position. If you're facing this problem, then consider using the strategies and advice presented here to help you wade through the crowds to find your way to employment.

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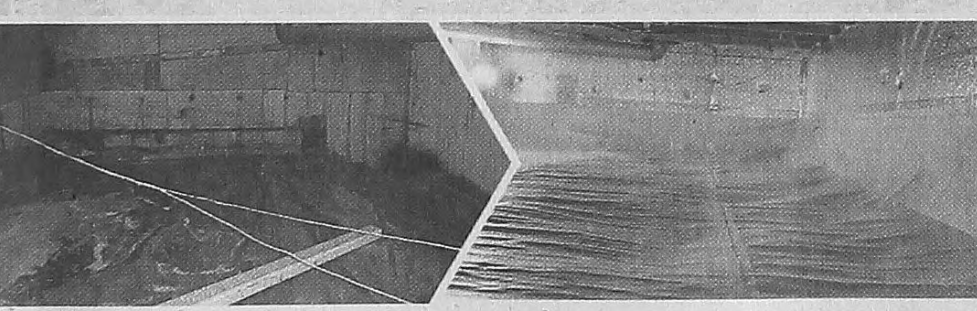
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