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Bill would end loophole allowing marital rape

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Did you know that there's a loophole in Michigan law that allows for specific situations of marital rape?

Well, state Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia) introduced House Bill 4942 on Sept. 10 with the hopes of changing that.

The bill would amend Section 520 of Michigan's Penal Code, which currently allows marital rape when one of the spouses is mentally incapacitated.

"It addresses a loophole in Michigan law that allows for marital rape in cases where the spouse is drugged without his or her consent," Pohutsky said. "The statute is very clear in terms of the defi-

nition of mentally incapacitated, but in this case a spouse has been drugged without his or her consent. ...

"Marital rape is illegal in Michigan. But there are these exceptions."

As the law stands now, marital rape charges cannot be pursued just because one spouse was "mentally incapacitated" which, under Michigan law, in-

cludes being drugged against one's will.

Pohutsky's amendment would strike "incapacitated," leaving the exceptions for marital rape in cases when one spouse is under the age of 16 or mentally incapable.

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Bulk Foods and Smoothies employee Thailan Franklin checks on stock at the Warren Road location in Westland.

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Bulk Foods sells exact amounts to avoid waste

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If you're in the mood for some ice cream and purple M&M's but also need to grab exactly 1½ cups of broccoli soup mix, Alex Hallani has just the shop for you.

The Canton resident, along with his wife Fay, has opened up Westland Bulk Foods and Smoothies, 35705 Warren, a store designed to appeal to those who need an exact amount of food and want to be a bit more environmental.

"There is no store that has exactly this mix of things under one roof, that's

for sure," he said. "There's something for everybody here."

The store — which opened earlier this month in the space formerly occupied by Dots — stocks hundreds of products, ranging from the traditional candies such as chocolate, jelly beans and individually-wrapped taffy, items one would expect from a store selling candy. But he's taken it a step further, offering baking necessities such as flour, spices, dried coconut even pecan meal.

The idea, he said, is to provide customers a choice of how much they want

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"I think bulk foods is a hidden gem for the consumer. It makes economical sense for the consumer. The variety, I feel, can't be beat."

Alex Hallani
owner, Bulk Foods and Smoothies

Farmington Hills breaks ground on rec center

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It's the beginning of a new era for the former Harrison High School building.

On Sept. 23, the City of Farmington Hills broke ground and ceremoniously began the construction of the Farmington Hills Activities Center. The building will be affectionately known as "The Hawk."

"I hope that it remains being the center of our community's recreational activities and that by increasing the size of it, we can address some of the programming that we haven't been able to deal with yet," Mayor Ken Massey said.

The project is expected to cost around \$22.5 million, for which the city is taking out a municipal bond. A municipal bond is a loan from an investor like the state. It does not increase taxes for residents.

The nickname is a nod to the building's past as the home of the Harrison Hawks. Officials said the city wants to honor that legacy.

"It's important to honor the legacy that was the school and certainly not just from a sports viewpoint, but all the great things that students and faculty accomplished over the years, said Ellen Schnackel, the city's director of special services.

The city aims to conclude the eight-to-12-month project in fall 2020. In that time frame, the building will get a complete makeover on the inside.

The first and second floors will be entirely dedicated to fitness, gathering and the arts.

According to Schnackel, the Hawk can or will include the additions of a fitness center and a dance studio. The existing pool, locker rooms, gymnasium and performing arts center will all get a major face lift.

The gymnasium will remain mostly as it looks today, hawk at center court and all. But, the city is installing air conditioning so it can be comfortable used year-round. The locker rooms will be transitioned from their high-school purposes to accommodate people of all ages and a family locker room will be built, as well.

Massey said one of the things he is particularly excited about is the performing arts center, which he hopes benefits young actors and families.

"We've never had the ability to do one because just a simple black box would have been well over six million

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Rec center

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dollars," he said. "But here, we will have a fine arts performing center that will have high capacity seating and all of the amenities that one would need."

The biggest change might be seen in the pool area. Harrison's notoriously small pool will be turned into a full-blown aquatics center.

"That's getting a major, major transformation into more of a destination pool," Schnackel said.

Amenities in the pool may include a water slide, a zero-depth entrance, a lazy river, basketball hoops, a volleyball net, a rock climbing wall and a zip line.

"There will be some lap space, but there will be a lazy river, there will be a water slide in there," Massey said. "We're doing some really innovative things to allow that to be utilized by the community."

The hallways and classrooms that dominate the second floor will be somewhat opened up to give the building less



A rendering shows how the main entrance to the recreation center could look. COURTESY OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

of a school feel and more of an open floor plan.

"For a community center, we want something that is a lot more open and a lot more inviting," Schnackel said.

The cafeteria will be turned into a large programming room. There will also be general meeting space and birthday party rooms on the second floor.

Amidst all of the working out, acting

and hanging out, Schnackel said there will be some food service in the building.

"It'll just have a completely different look and feel when you enter the facility," Massey said.

In the fall of 2020, the third floor likely won't open with the rest of the building. Right now, the city is considering turning the space into a business incu-

bator.

"We want to understand if a business incubator on the third floor may be something that could benefit our community," said Samantha Seimer, the city's economic development director.

The next step is a request for bids to conduct a feasibility study. They hope to make a decision around the beginning of the new year. The hope is that the incubator would attract entrepreneurs to the area.

If it were to open as an incubator, residents likely wouldn't see the third floor for a few years from now.

Rather than closing, the Costick Activities Center on 28600 Eleven Mile Road will transition to service more of the city's over 50 population.

"Our plan is repurpose it and to update it specifically so that becomes a center focused on the needs of the (older) crowd," Massey said. "We're not going to lose that, we're actually going to improve that."

Schnackel said the Hawk will be welcome to everyone, but the Costick will operate with the aim of giving seniors a place to gather.

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Bill

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In Michigan, you need permission from the parents and approval of the probate court to marry if younger than 16.

The inclusion of mentally incapable parties in the current law is something else Pohutsky wants to tackle, but she says it'll have to wait.

The definition of "incapable" is much murkier than Michigan's description of being "incapacitated."

"The reason that we are not trying to strike that yet is that the definition is very cloudy," she said. "We and the ACLU have concerns about consenting adults who could possibly be on the autism spectrum or something like that getting caught up because of this, frankly, very loose, very cloudy definition of being mentally incapable."

Pohutsky said that, rather than trying to strike "incapable" out of the law now, she wants to have a clearer pic-



Pohutsky

ture of what its expulsion from the law would really mean.

"We want to make sure that that definition is tight so there aren't unintended consequences," she said.

The bill has been cosponsored by 50 Democrats and 11 Republicans in the Michigan House of Representatives. The amendment received a first reading and has been sent to the Committee on Judiciary, but no hearing has been scheduled yet.

The office of Rep. Graham Filler (R-Clinton County) was contacted three times for comment on the bill plans to address the marital rape bill with no response.

"The fact of the matter is that rape is rape," Pohutsky said. "The fact that somebody is married to another person doesn't mean that they give up the right to choose when and if he or she has sex."

The representative said she is happy that the bill has garnered bipartisan support.

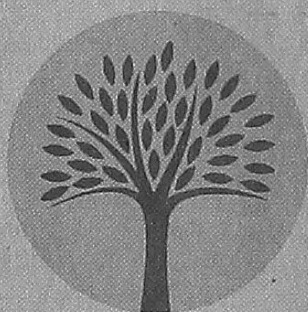
"When I was taking the bill around for co-sponsorships with my colleagues, on both side of the aisle the overwhelming reaction was, 'I can't believe this is still on the books,'" Pohutsky said.

Local legislators who cosigned the bill include Matt Koleszar (D-Plymouth Township), Kristy Pagan (D-Canton), Christine Greig (D-Farmington Hills), Mari Manoogian (D-Birmingham) and Kevin Coleman (D-Westland).

She said if the state is to take sexual assault seriously, a good place to start is making sure its own laws provide all survivors with a pathway to justice.

"There's been this effort over the last couple of years to really start addressing the issue of sexual assault and rape, and I think if we're really going to be serious about that effort then the easiest step is to be very intentional about the laws that we already have on the books," Pohutsky said.

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of something without forcing them to buy more than they need. Hallani used an example of many senior citizens, who are typically just looking for something small to go with a recipe they're cooking.

"They're not cooking for a full family," he said. "Do they want to buy a bottle of spice for \$7, or do they want to get a little bit of spice for 20 cents for just the recipe they're making?"

"They don't want to buy the whole kit and caboodle they're never going to use."

Hallani also operates a bulk food store in Dearborn at Michigan Avenue and Outer Drive, where he's been in business for almost a decade. The store existed for many years before he owned it, and he began noticing lots of customers would make the drive from places like Westland, Canton and Livonia to purchase items in bulk. That's when he decided to look for a location in north-west Wayne County and settled in the West Ridge shopping center.

"Westland really made sense, especially this business district over here," he said, referring to the city's Shop and Dine district. "It's central, easy in, easy out, great parking. Westland as a city has been amazing and welcoming."

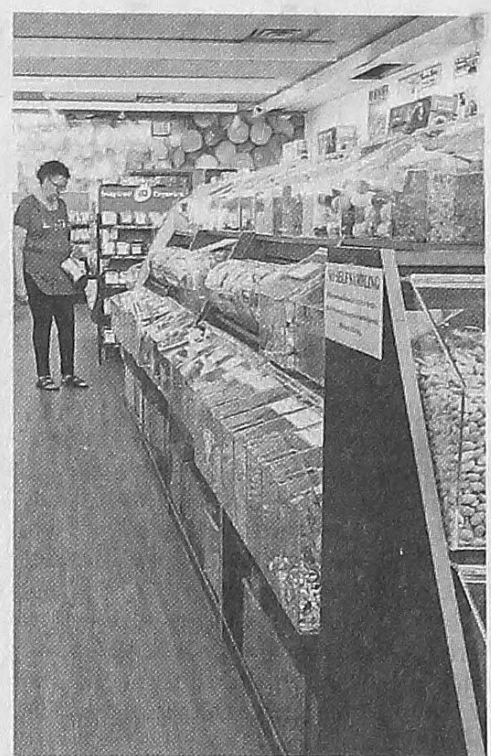
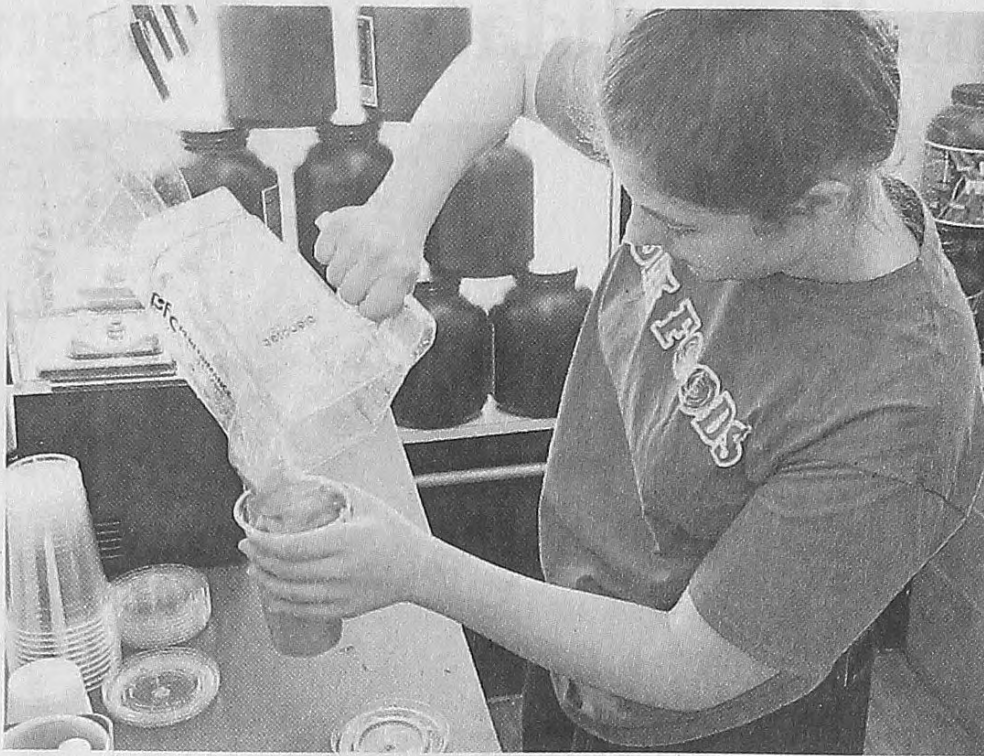
In addition to the bulk food, which also includes infused oils and natural peanut butter made on site, one can enjoy a cup or cone of Hershey's Ice Cream or a smoothie as they peruse the shop for the perfect ingredient.

He said he's hoping his shops can bring the bulk food concept back to the forefront. It's diminished in recent years, so much that most people think of bulk foods as going to Costco or Sam's Club.

"I think bulk foods is a hidden gem for the consumer," he said. "It makes economical sense for the consumer. The variety, I feel, can't be beat."

The store is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. More information can be found on the company's website at dearbornbulkfoods.com.

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Clockwise from top left: Bulk Foods and Smoothies employee Aisheh Kerk mixes up a Strawberry Classic smoothie; a look down the store's extensive candy and nut aisle; "There is no store that has exactly this mix of things under one roof, that's for sure," said Bulk Foods and Smoothies owner Alex Hallani. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Westland council candidates talk issues at forum

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Discussing issues like opioid use and climate change, six of the seven Westland city council candidates recently participated in a forum hosted by the League of Women Voters on Monday.

The Nov. 5 ballot includes candidates Michael Delph, Timothy Gilbert, Debra Kehrer, Mike McDermott and Andrea Rutkowski. Incumbents Council President James Godbout and Councilman Michael Londeau are running for reelection. Godbout was not present at the Sept. 23 forum.

Out of the four open seats, the top three vote-earners will receive four-year terms and the fourth place candidate will serve a two-year term.

Where they stand on districting city council seats

Councilwoman Tasha Green is currently trying to gain support for a potential ballot proposal that would create seven districts for the seven city council seats. She hopes the move, if approved by voters, would ensure representation for every part of the city.

Delph: "I think it needs to be looked into more. I don't believe our city is large enough for it to work, but I do believe that we need to look at it more to find out the answer."

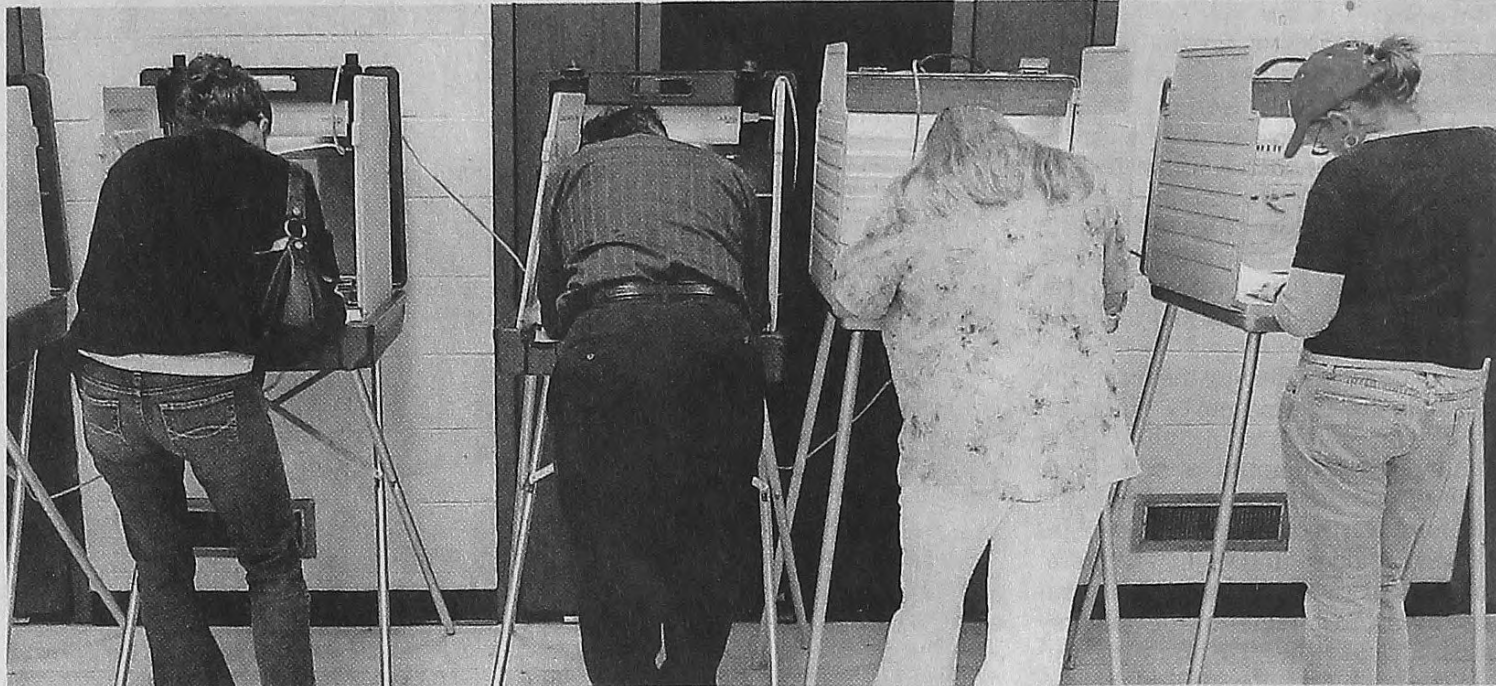
Gilbert: "I'm highly opposed to ward voting. However, if the residents of the City of Westland choose to put it on the ballot, and it is elected, I will respect that."

Kehrer: "There's really no benefit for a city of our size to be split up into wards and districts. The benefits of that kind of voting are for big cities like New York."

Londeau: "I represent everybody, regardless of where they live, regardless of where I live. Always have, always will."

McDermott: "I believe that you should be able to choose the candidates you want regardless of where they live in the city."

Rutkowski: "I don't believe that the ward system is the right fit because we have to make sure that, if we were to utilize that type of voting system, that we're finding the best candidates to represent your interests."



Westland voters will choose their new city council members on Nov. 5. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Westland and the opioid epidemic

With Westland being the home of the second-most opioid-related deaths in Wayne County, the first being Detroit, a treatment center was approved by city council to go at 34290 Ford Road. But, many residents weren't happy with that decision. Candidates discussed opioids and the center.

Delph: "I'm not in favor of the site that it's at, the site that they picked. It could've been a better place. . . But there is definitely a problem here and they do need help. We should give them help."

Gilbert: "As a prior law enforcement officer dealing with narcotics in the City of Detroit, I have experience in dealing with these individuals and I would have been a 'no' vote. You know why I would have been a 'no' vote? I wouldn't want that in my back yard."

Kehrer: "Isn't that what community is about? Helping people in need? We need to help these people."

Londeau: "I spoke out against (opioid abuse) at one of the recent council meetings when we had this come up for a vote. I said, 'Enough is enough, 50 people died in my community in 2018

alone and that's not good for me."

McDermott: "For far too long, this has been treated like a criminal justice problem when it should be treated like a health problem. Here in the State of Michigan, you spend \$44,000 when you incarcerate someone. When you incarcerate someone. . . you are not helping them."

Rutkowski: "I think part of the problem is when we talk about addiction, a lot of us have this fiction, this story, of who we've decided the (person) is. What we've forgotten is that this is mom, and dad, and grandma, and grandpa or even your son who had a sports injury."

Potential for marijuana businesses in the city

For months, city council has been discussing the possibility of allowing recreational marijuana businesses in city lines. Council will likely come to a final decision sometime next month. Candidates were largely in favor of the idea.

Delph: "I don't believe that somebody who needs this medically should have to go down to industrial areas to pick up their medical marijuana. They should be able to go up just to the pharmacy store."

Gilbert: "We need to have them in a commercialized area where they can attend to them accordingly."

Kehrer: "I'm for it. I think. . . we have to watch who pulls these licenses and just keep track and make sure that our city still stays safe."

Londeau: "I believe our entire city council right now, seven of us, are in favor of it for many of the reasons that other candidates spoke about today. Our residents have a need for it."

McDermott: "If the licenses are going to the same people who already have the big city contracts, or if it's just a show of big tobacco, I would be a 'no' vote. However, I believe there is revenue to be gained."

Rutkowski: "There are already many citizens in our city who are using marijuana medicinally and they are taking their business outside the city. So that's an opportunity for us to recapture a little bit of revenue."

Each candidate's top issue

Delph: "It's police and fire. We can't afford to lose anybody, we actually need more. One of the reasons they're having

a hard time bringing people in is the pension."

Gilbert: "I will implement a plan that will enhance the value of firefighters while providing additional service to our residents and seniors."

Kehrer: "I am also for strong public safety. I have not heard any good ideas on how to boost the revenue."

Londeau: "When you're talking about the quality of life in any city, the very first thing is public safety. I firmly believe they have the most essential duties."

McDermott: "The safety of your family, your children and the safety of our business owners here in the City of Westland. We want to have a budget year-in, year-out that reflects that, that we value public safety."

Rutkowski: "There needs to be additional ambulances in service as well as people on those units to provide safety and care for our growing population."

Where they stand on climate change

Delph: "Hopefully (we can) have a system where you know what to put into the (recycling) bin. You put different items in there that don't belong, they discard the whole thing."

Gilbert: "I reached out to the City of Taylor and the city council members in Taylor. They want to work collaboratively with the City of Westland to come up with a cost-efficient way to recycle collaboratively, together."

Kehrer: "Here's the problem: we need to educate people on how to recycle. When we did have recycling, people were throwing things in the container that would contaminate the whole bin."

Londeau: "Your recycling will be re-summing, restored. It's going to look a lot different, you're not going to be able to throw away some of material away that you once did. I also want to mention that the recycling is available at Marquette Road."

McDermott: "We can implement things like a plastic bag ban, or limit plastic use straws and limit single-use plastic."

Rutkowski: "One of the best ways to create more green initiatives in Westland would be to work with our youth, because they seem to be the ones who know how to make change happen."

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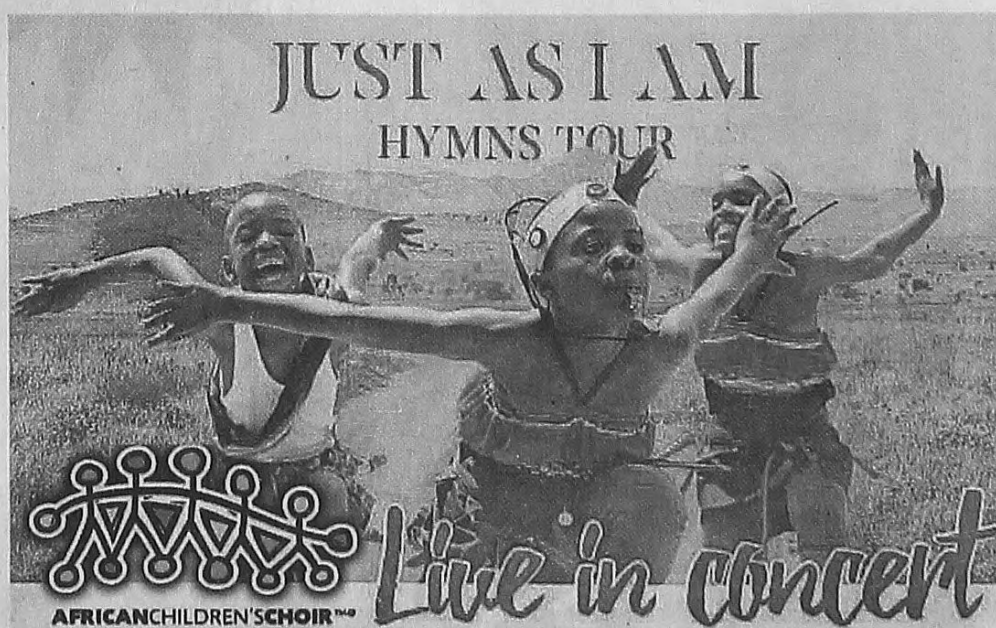


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Crash-damaged Canton sculpture hauled away

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As its creator looked on just a few feet away, Canton Township's massive, crash-damaged sculpture was prepped Tuesday afternoon for its hour-long trip to a Blissfield repair shop.

The one-ton hunk of steel, which was damaged during a two-car crash at the intersection of Canton Center and Ford roads Sunday morning, was carefully secured to a flatbed truck, 13 years after it was mounted at the site.

Named the "Canton Community Arch" in a community-wide naming contest in 2006, the structure was made to resemble a plowshare, symbolic of the township's agrarian history, said sculptor Ken Thompson, who was given the opportunity to create the piece in 2005.

In the wake of the crash, a car's front end was demolished by the toppled piece of steel. The driver of the heavily-damaged vehicle walked away with just minor injuries.

"In the public-art contract I have with Canton, in cases like this, I have the right to refusal, so they need to call me to find out how to proceed," revealed Thompson, who helped orchestrate the structure's Tuesday-afternoon loading. "From the minute I heard about the accident, I very much intended to be involved in the repair process."

Thompson said it was too early to determine how long it will take the sculpture to be repaired and returned to the site, and the cost of the repair.

Township Supervisor Pat Williams said the sculpture was insured. The township may also seek repair funds from the at-fault driver's insurance company.

"When I first saw the photo of the sculpture resting on the top of car on the (hometownlife.com) website, I thought the damage to the sculpture might be worse than it actually was," said Thompson. "By looking at the photo, I thought, 'Oh, man, it must be really messed up.'"

"The way we built it, there's a skin-like material over what is actually a pretty complex structure. The car tore the skin, but the structure was not damaged. We're going to have to do some



The massive steel sculpture in Canton that was damaged in a two-car crash Sunday was hauled away for repairs Tuesday.
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surgical work back at the shop.

"One part of the base was also heavily damaged. That will have to be replaced."

Thompson assured residents that the site where the sculpture once stood is safe and secured.

"After it's gone awhile, hopefully people will miss it and look forward to the day we have it fixed and back here where it belongs," said Thompson, whose company has been commissioned to make over 70 large sculptures throughout the country.

Surprisingly, Canton's arch is not the first Thompson sculpture that has been damaged in an automobile accident.

"We have a 37,000-pound sculpture in downtown Detroit that has been hit twice by cars, even though it's not near a major road," he said. "Nothing surprises me any more."



The driver of the car pinned under the Canton sculpture had minor injuries.
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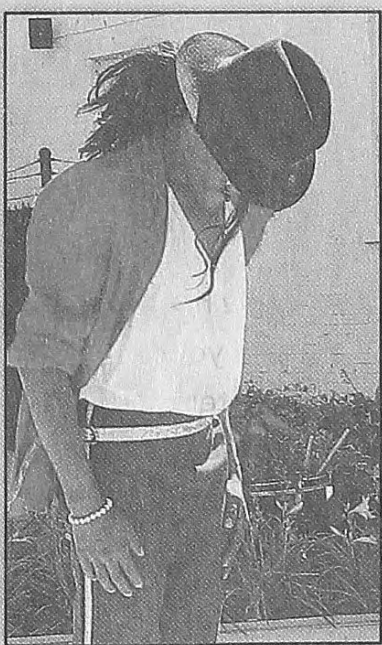
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Bloomfield veteran recalls fighting on D-Day and in Battle of the Bulge

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For more than 70 years Clarence Myrold of Bloomfield Township has tried to forget his life experiences as a young infantryman during World War II. He was a student at Cass Tech High School in Detroit, graduating in August 1943. He also attended classes at Detroit City Airport on Saturdays and Sundays. He had tried to enlist but was not accepted due to an astigmatism problem.

In September 1943 he was drafted, sent to Fort Custer and then to Fort McClellan in Alabama by train. He received 16 weeks of basic training there. "It was pretty thorough," he remembers. "They were training young midwestern boys and farmhands who had had no experience fighting."

From Fort McClellan the young soldiers were sent to New York for transport across the Atlantic. Because of the threat of German submarines attacking, the convoy headed north and landed in Ireland in April at "Repo Depot." This was a slang name for an area receiving new soldiers to replace those killed or wounded in battle. They received more training there. As D-Day approached in Spring 1944 they boarded troop ships and headed for the south of England. D-Day initiated the effort to free Western Europe from Nazi Germany.

The D-Day invasion was the largest amphibious landing in history as 6,939 vessels including warships, landing ships, ancillary crafts, and merchant vessels transported the troops. The 156,000 troops were American, British and Canadian. Omaha Beach was the destination for the American troops. The terrain there had about 1200 feet of beach before high bluffs making the assault very dangerous as troops were exposed. Another factor was that planes had not destroyed the bunkers and placement of German weapons. Casualties were very high.

There were also problems with men getting ashore with their heavy loads of equipment. Many drowned. Tanks were



Clarence Myrold was a young infantry man when he was part of the Normandy invasion on D-Day. He recently talked about his experiences and wants people to be better informed about World War II. DIANE K. BERT/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

launched too far out and ended up sinking, leaving the infantry with no support.

Myrold's ship was ordered to Omaha Beach. Upon arrival in that area their ship was diverted to Utah Beach. Mis-

take... they were told to return to Omaha Beach.

Myrold notes, "This probably save my life. We invaded on the second day of the battle. As we transferred from the troop ship to the landing craft, one of our group of men lost his grip on the rope net from the troop ship and fell into the water never resurfacing. We were heavily loaded with ammunition, gas masks, rifles, a special suit, a shovel and other heavy items. It was difficult to move."

"We stayed on the beach in a stand of trees that first night. In the following days we fought our way to St. Lo. It was important to destroy the railroad there to prevent the arrival of German supplies. We eventually captured a submarine base in Brest. This base was valuable to the army because the deep water enabled large supply ships to dock and bring urgently needed supplies for the troops," Myrold continued.

"Killing people is dirty business in war and there are many incidents of friendly fire injuring troops," says Myrold. "Replacement infantrymen were needed continuously. We slept in slit trenches at night which were about 18 inches deep. We dug them with our shovels. In the winter we dug into snow banks. One time I was hit with shrapnel but fortunately its momentum had been slowed by distance and traveling through snow."

Myrold continued on moving across France and participating in the Battle of the Bulge all the while witnessing great casualties. As the war in Europe ended he was in the process of being sent to the Pacific when Japan surrendered. He was given the choice of being raised in rank or discharged. He chose to be discharged and returned to Detroit.

Enrolled in the University of Detroit, he had a very successful college career. He and his wife, Nan, were married 69 years ago. They adopted five children and have led happy lives.

As he reminisced about his war years, Myrold said, "I have tried to forget about the war, and I seldom talk about it, but not a day goes by that I don't remember it."

Myrold was honored recently by being made an honorary member of the West Point Society. Members were pleased to give him recognition.

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Rose and Dave Baker look toward shore from aboard their boat, Sunshine Rose, at the start of their Great Loop journey, which departed Ludington on Sept. 13, 2018. SUBMITTED

Couple has 'an epic adventure' traveling America's Great Loop

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
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Life is different on the water.

Rose and Dave Baker know; the Milford couple recently returned from an 11-month, 5,635 mile journey by boat through America's Great Loop.

"People talk about doing unique things, well, this was definitely an epic adventure," Dave said. "We wish every-

body had a chance to do something like this. It gives a different perspective of the United States. Everybody is on planes or highways, but when you're on a trawler doing 8 mph, that is the wonder of it all. Even though you're only circumnavigating the eastern part of the U.S., you see so much."

The cruise on their 39-foot Mainship trawler took them through 19 states and is an adventure only completed by

about 100 boats per year, making it rarer than making it to the top of Mt. Everest or swimming the English Channel.

"It was like being on vacation for a year," said Rose, 60, as the Bakers discussed their trip, just a few weeks after docking in Ludington, where they started their trip Sept. 13, 2018, traveling south to Chicago, through inland rivers to the Gulf of Mexico, down around the tip of Florida, and up through the Atlan-

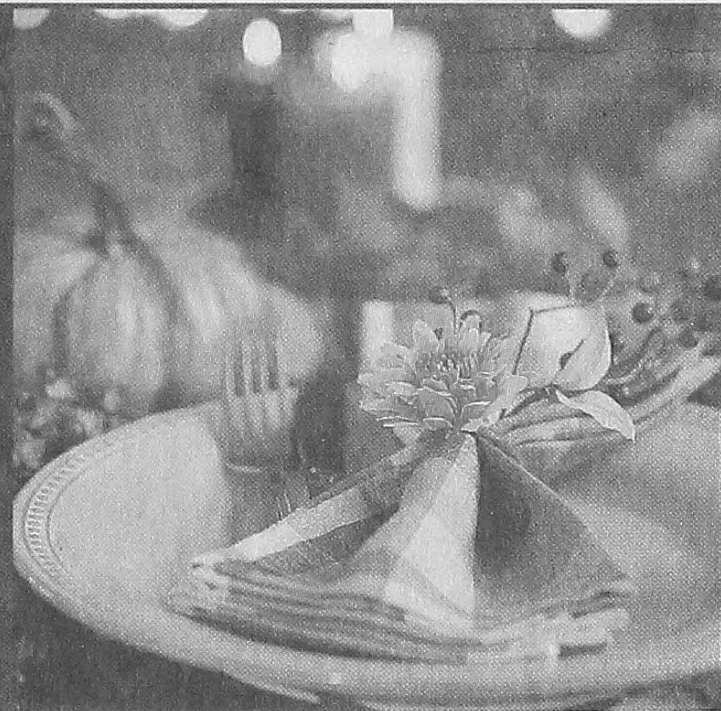
tic Intracoastal waterway, several canals and back up through the Great Lakes until they finished the circuit.

"The anxiety is not knowing what to expect," Dave, 64, said. "Once you are going, the unknown becomes more common. Every day, you get up and go somewhere you have never been before. That is the experience."

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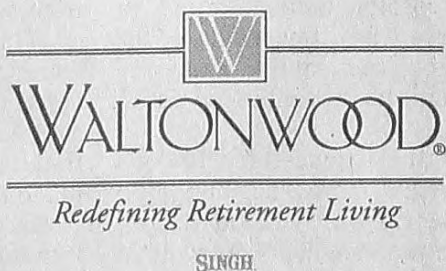
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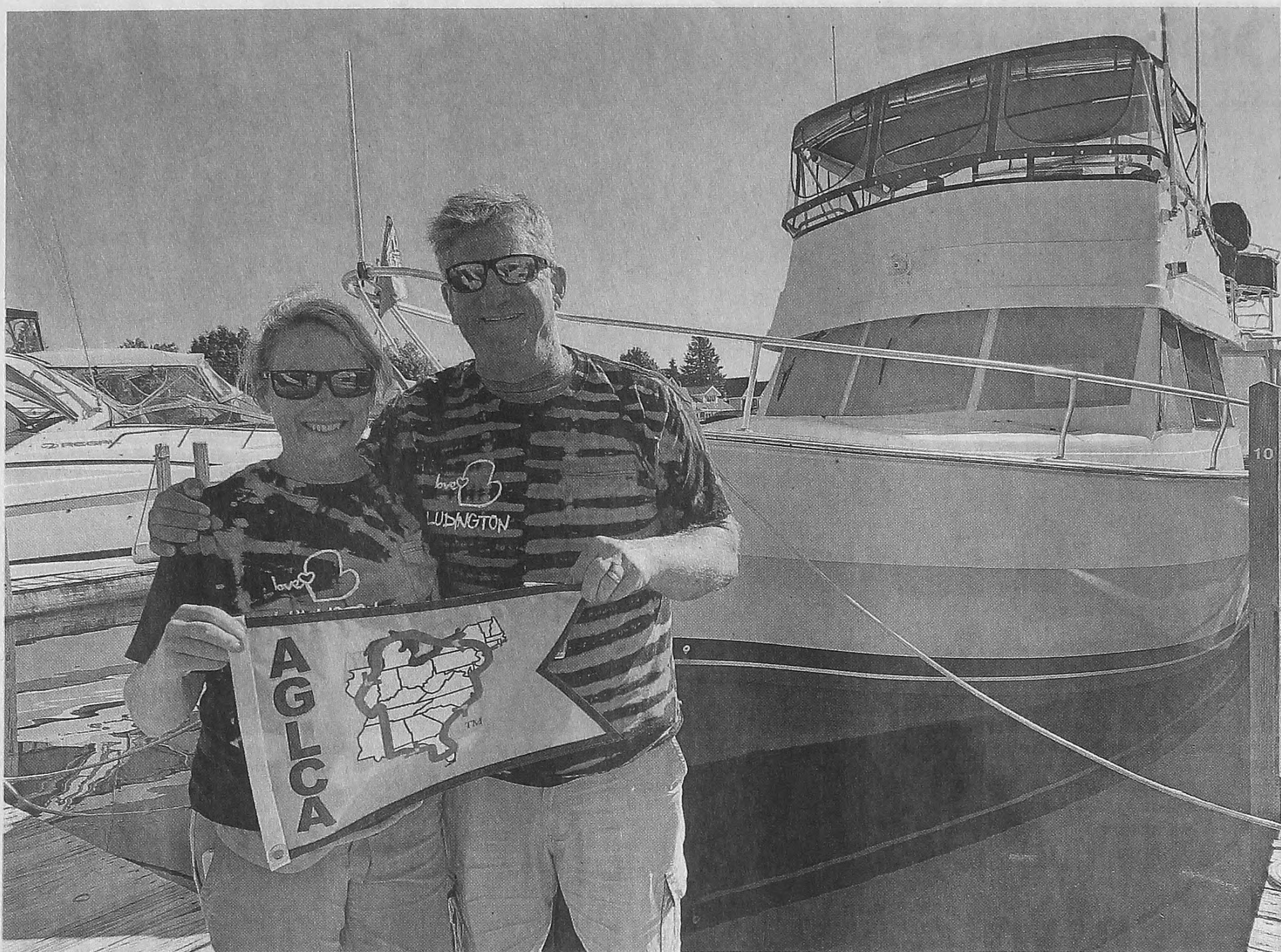
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Rose and Dave Baker, of Milford, completed their nearly 11-month, 5,645-mile journey through America's Great Loop by boat in August. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Adventure

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90-minute talk sparks 1-year adventure

Dave and Rose were in Ludington two years ago, working on their second home, when they met "Captain Crusty," or Harry as he is also known, and other boaters. They talked up the America's Great Loop Cruisers' Association, which has 4,000 active members, all of whom have completed, or are in a quest to complete one of the AGLCA routes spanning from 5,200 miles to 6,000 miles that loop eastern U.S. waterways.

Forty-nine members from Michigan have completed the journey, with another 32 from Michigan registered as in progress. In total, 150 boaters from around North America are expected to complete the journey this year.

"The fun part about the loop is some are a group of people who've never been boaters before and want to do a bucket list, and they do the trip and don't continue being boaters," Dave said. "Some are 'live-aboards' – they've sold their dirt home, embrace the lifestyle and live on their boat. After that hour and a half – I was close to retirement – we looked at each other on the dock and said, 'We should do this.'"

Loopers often are retirees, and Dave was retiring as a sales manager for an auto industry supplier, while Rose was working remotely as a product quality consultant at the GM Proving Ground.

But they note there are plenty of Loopers who are still working and who complete the loop not in a continuous journey, but in segments that may take years. Other loopers have young families and homeschool their children.

The Bakers had other considerations, most importantly Rose's elderly mother, who lives with them in Milford. After several conversations about their idea and a reassurance that a cousin would come to stay and help while they were gone, the Bakers plotted their course.

Preparing for life on the water

The first step was finding the perfect boat. She wanted an upper helm, he wanted a back cockpit. They both wanted something safe for the grandkids to be able to board and fiberglass construction for less maintenance. They found an 18-year-old, 39-foot Mainship trawler that fit the bill and bought it in May 2018, christening it "Sunshine Rose." It was their "motorhome on water."

Now they just had to learn to drive it.

They took online classes to learn boat operations and read blogs on the Great Loop. Their plan was to



A map shows the routes of America's Great Loop.

practice that summer and leave after their youngest daughter's wedding in the fall.

"Some people take years planning, but we were spontaneous," Dave said.

After provisioning the boat with food, clothing and tools in a minimalist fashion to fit their small living quarters, they left Ludington on Sept. 13, prepared for a nomadic lifestyle.

It took them four days to travel Lake Michigan to Chicago, with perfect weather, and then two months to go down inland rivers like the Mississippi and Tennessee, to get to Mobile, Alabama.

The trip involved some planning to avoid routes with bridges they couldn't go under due to the height of their boat, but was otherwise fairly spontaneous.

"The number one rule is you can't have a schedule," Rose said.

They made various plans each day. The chief consideration was weather, as they did not want to cruise in adverse conditions. Then they decided how far they wanted to travel each day with that night's destination in mind. At a speed of 7-8 miles per hour, and six hours a day of traveling, they averaged 40-50 miles each time they left a marina wherever they had put down their anchor.

It was raining when they arrived in Mobile in November, so they pulled the boat out of the water to have the propellers checked for possible damage from logs and other debris on the rivers. They traveled home for Thanksgiving, a drive that took them only two days by car, compared to the two months by boat, Rose noted with a laugh.

During the 332-day trip, they traveled for 119 days and made three more short trips home. They budgeted for \$100-\$150 per day for the trip, which included food, fuel, marina and boat maintenance costs, as well as entertainment.

"We were probably in the mainstream, with boat-related costs about \$30,000 for the year," Dave said.

Difficult challenges, great rewards

Besides dodging logs on the rivers, they also faced dangerous currents and heavy boat traffic on the river

By the numbers

From the Bakers' log:

- 332 total days
- 119 travel days
- 294 days in marina
- 38 days on the hook (anchored or on free wall)
- 830 hours traveled (7 mph avg speed)
- 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel (2.76 avg mpg)
- 2 months working while looping (Rose)
- 2 times it rained near the end of the travel day
- 4 boat repairs
- 19 states
- 2 countries
- 69 locks (Great Lakes route)
- 4 trips home
- 19 family & friend visits
- 8 extended stays: Mobile (repair/weather), Orange Beach (repair/weather), Clearwater/Maderia Beach (friends), Naples/Marco Island (family), N. Miami Beach/Ft. Lauderdale Beach (repairs) Delaware City (family), Brewerton, New York (floods)
- 0 times sick
- 1 injury on trip (captain strained his knee)
- 2 regrets: Not getting their bikes sooner & not using the dinghy more
- 'Hundreds' of new friends
- 'Infinite' memories to last a lifetime

system, which backed up when they had to wait to get through various locks, or water elevators, as pleasure craft had to wait behind commercial freighters and other ships. While in the Gulf of Mexico they found themselves dodging crab pots to avoid getting entangled in the devices.

Crossing the Gulf is often the trickiest part of the Great Loop, the Bakers said, because boaters must decide whether to take a route out of view of the shoreline overnight in the open sea without a phone signal, or stick to the "Big Bend" route that would take three days and require the same stretch of good weather. They chose the latter.

They had an extended six-week stay in Marco Island, Florida.

In the Miami area, they had one of their scarier moments after they were waked by a larger sport fishing boat that crossed in front of them.

"Our boat went down dramatically, came back up and slammed down hard, snapping a clamp," Dave recalled. "All the bilge lights went on."

They found water spraying in the engine compartment and Rose made an emergency call to the Coast Guard.

The Bakers waited while the bilge pumps caught up so they could discover where the problem was, but they were relieved to see the Coast Guard within 10 minutes of calling for help.

While they had challenges, they had many more rewards, including beautiful wildlife: bald eagles, pelicans, seagulls, turtles, manatees and dolphins. They saw gorgeous sunrises and sunsets and night skies that dazzled "with a gazillion stars" as the Bakers were lulled to sleep by the rocking of the waves.

On Aug. 10, and completed their journey by pulling into Ludington, a feat that earned them their "bacca-LOOPerate" degree from the AGLCA.

"We never had a bad day," Dave said. "I was more worried about when we were anchored out, but when the stars are out and you're the only ones in the bay, there are beautiful vistas."

Rose agreed.

"Every day was amazing, and I always said, 'This is the best day ever,' and I meant it."

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Obituaries

Merino Bernardi

FENTON - Merino S. Bernardi died in his Fenton home surrounded by his family on September 15, 2019 at age 87. Son of Vincenzo and Elisabetta Bernardi, born in Paganica, Italy. Born as a U.S. citizen he moved from Italy to the USA with his mother and brother to join his father and older brother in 1938. Survived by; his beautiful wife Diane, the love of his life for over 61 years, his children Kenneth, Cheryl Reardon (Ron Reardon) and Jill (Monique Mathieson). Grandfather of Kristin Browning (Matt Browning) and Rachel Reardon (fiance Brian Henk) by whom he was affectionately known as "Horse", brother Fred and numerous wonderful nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his brother August. After graduating from Henry Ford Trade School in 1951 and joining Ford Motor Co., his career in mechanical engineering flourished until retirement. He and his family enjoyed boating and water sports along with winter sports at his vacation home on Blue Lake near Kalkaska. In later years they wintered at their second home in Naples. He and Diane enjoyed years of extensive travel throughout the US and abroad. An avid outdoorsman, he traveled the globe hunting and fishing. Per his request there will be no formal service. A small memorial will be held in his honor at a later date. THANKS FOR ALL THE FUN DAD! Ciao.



Donald William Lucas

PLYMOUTH/NORTHVILLE - Donald William Lucas, age 57, passed away on September 17, 2019. Don was born on May 14, 1962 in Livonia, Michigan to his mother Carolyn and late father William Lucas.



Don graduated from Northville High School in 1980. He continued his studies at Lawrence Technological University, earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Don worked as an engineer at Chrysler for 30 years.

Don had the innate talent of being able to fix anything that was broken, from cars to computers. He attended several Jeep Jamborees and was known to be a fearless driver in the often-perilous Michigan winters. Don cherished time spent with his daughters, especially family outings to his favorite breakfast shop. Don was a lifelong hockey player and dedicated soccer dad, always volunteering to play goalie for shooting practice with his daughters.

Don is survived by his four daughters, Erica, Madeleine, Lilian, and Christina; siblings, Deborah (Lynn) Roberston, Cheryl Blaskiewicz, and David Lucas.

Per Don's request, services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to The American Brain Tumor Association. Please leave a message of comfort to the Lucas Family by calling 1.877.231.7900 or sign the guest book at borekjennings.com



Virginia B. Fehlig

PLYMOUTH - Fehlig, Virginia B., September 20, 2019 age 100 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late William G. Fehlig. Loving mother of David (Holly), and Patricia (the late David) Tome. Proud grandmother of David (Maria), Jeff (Nancy), Brian (Sabrina) Tome, Catherine Tome, Jeff (Chitose) Hanert, & Jill (George) Carroll. Great grandmother of Brittany, Makayla, Brenden, Justin, Jeremy, Justen, Jordan, Reed, Owen, Luke, Brandon, Mia, Cedrik, & Ezme and Great Great Grandmother of Jace & Emery. Arrangements by Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Historical Society. Interment Riverside Cemetery. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



Barbara M. Olsen

WESTLAND - Passed away September 24, 2019 at the age of 87. Beloved wife of the late Charles and loving mother of Steven (Marilee), Martha Joy (Keith) Campbell and Kevin Olsen. She was the cherished grandmother of Christopher (Lauren) Olsen, Mari-beth Olsen, Lara (Zack) Alexander, Kristin (Mike) Petlicke, Kaitlyn (Ash) Stewart, Emily Olsen and Abby Olsen. Great-grandmother of Adelaide, Bellamy, Nathan, Theo and Isaac. Her family entrusted her care and services to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home-Westland, 734-522-9400. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

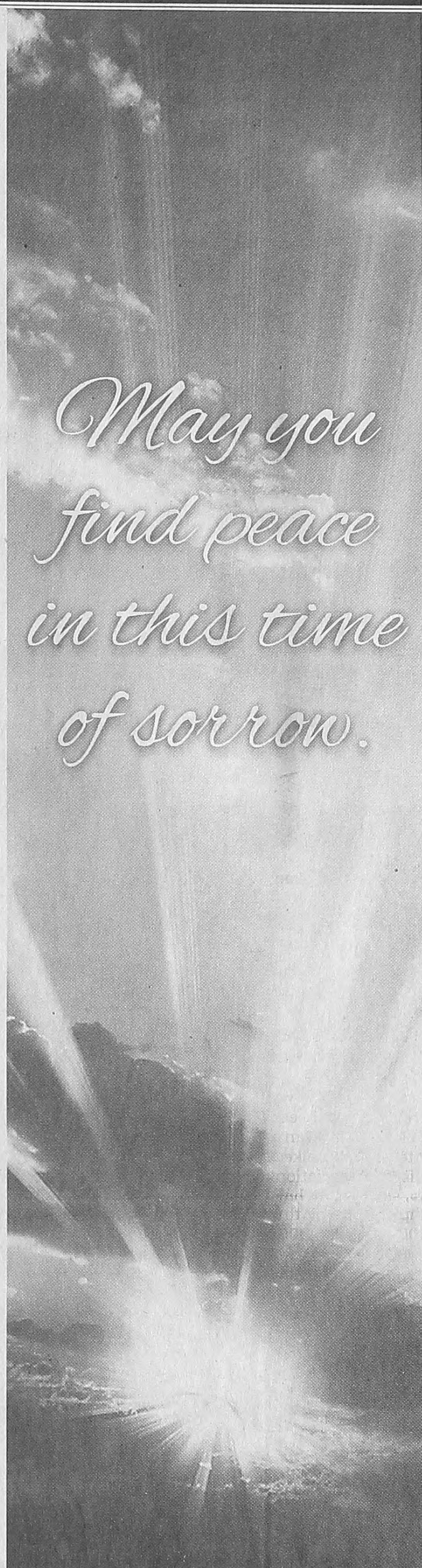


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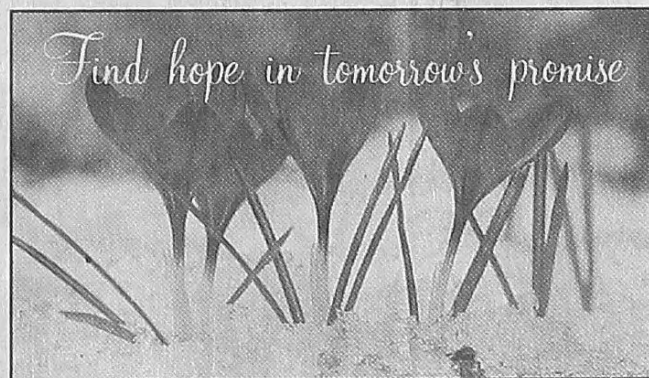
John David Lewis

FARMINGTON HILLS

- Passed away at home on September 22, 2019; age 70; husband of Susan; father of David Lewis, Danielle (Tom) Gresham, Jackie Lewis, Joshua (Michelle) Lewis, Jennifer White and Carrie (Stan) Lewis-Adams; preceded in death by his daughter Jessica Lewis; grandpa of Nathan Arnold, Zach, Julia & Samantha Berger, Aidan & Jackson Lewis, Noah Alee, Alexis, Gavin & Ella Gresham, Kyle, Ryan & Kelli White; also survived by 11 siblings and many nieces & nephews. John owned & operated Great Impressions Hardwood Floors, Farmington Hills. He served in the U.S. Army and was active at Restored Church of God. He enjoyed bow deer hunting. Graveside service Tuesday, September 24th at 11:30 am at All Saints Cemetery-The Preserve, Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Donations may be made directly to the family. Please leave a memory or condolence on John's online guestbook at www.wintfuneralhome.com



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Sports

Plymouth lacrosse coach hired as new AD

Andrew Vaillencourt
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Plymouth High School has hired a new athletic director.
Ray Miller, who has been the Plymouth boys varsity lacrosse coach since he was hired in 2016, will replace Luke Swanson, who is leaving Plymouth to

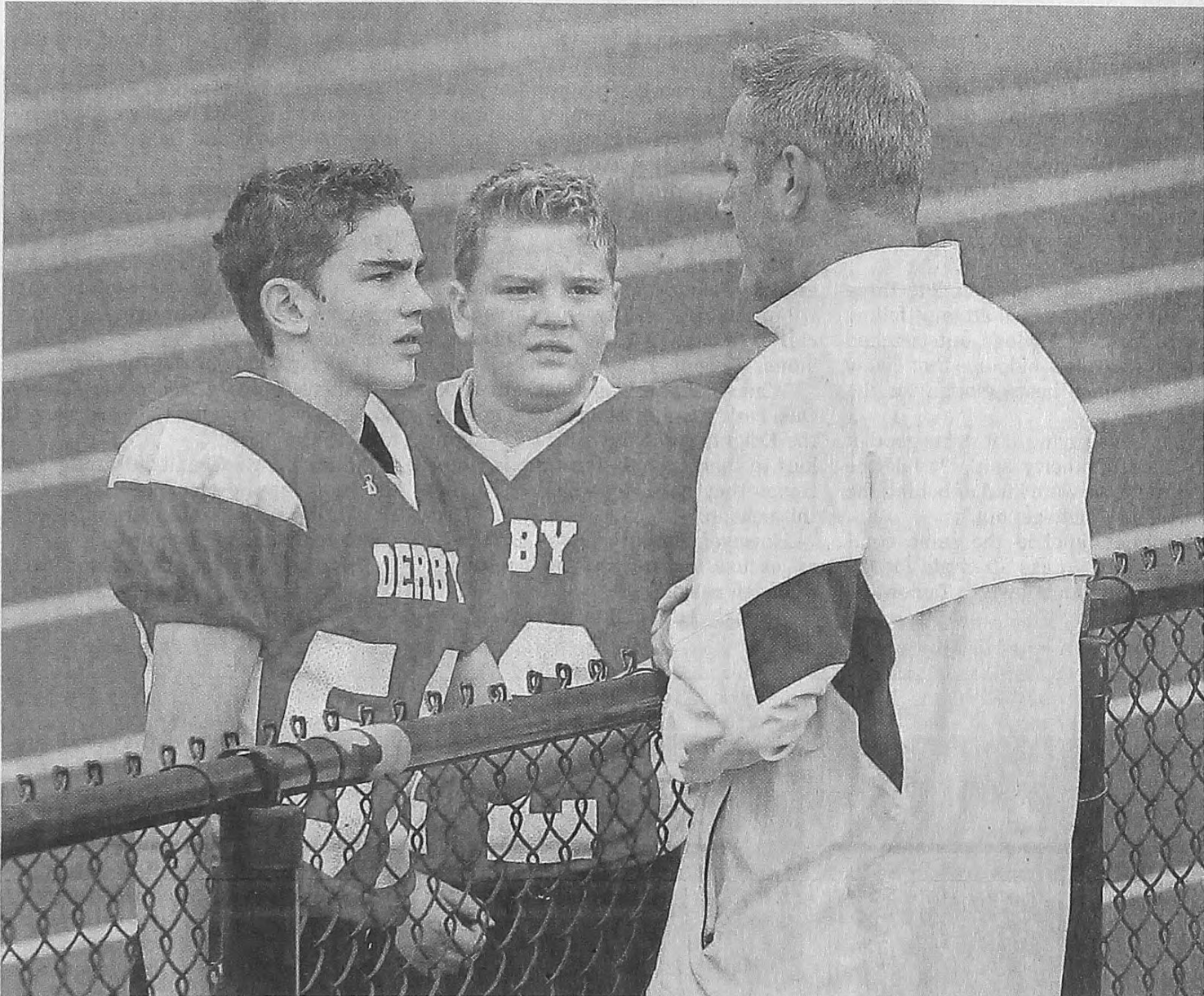
take an assistant principal job at Rochester Adams High School. Miller's first official day on the job will be Oct. 7.
Miller's lacrosse teams have enjoyed great success, including capturing a regional championship and making the state's final four this past spring. Miller was named the U.S. Lacrosse Coach of the Year for



Miller

his efforts. His new official title is assistant principal of athletics and activities.
Swanson became Plymouth's AD in the fall of 2016 on an interim basis after Kyle Meteyer left for another position.
The interim tag was removed shortly after.
We talked with Miller to learn more

about him and what he hopes to bring to Plymouth Athletics:
What are your new job duties? Who are you replacing/why are they leaving?
My new role as assistant principal of activities and athletics includes a long list of important duties and is a position
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Caden and James DeWald talk to their father, Jim DeWald, on the sideline during a game. COURTESY OF ERIN DEWALD

Kelberts and DeWalds balance family, football

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Jake Kelbert takes the snap.
The Livonia Franklin quarterback fakes a handoff to the wide receiver on an option sweep and rolls to the right. After a 5-yard gain, he hears the whistle and an ensuing voice.
"You've got to look inside, bro."
Kelbert jogs back to the line of scrimmage toward his head coach.
Shortly after practice, the head coach calls for his captains, yelling "Kelbert" in the direction of his quarterback. The senior obliges.
On the field, the relationship between the head coach and his quarterback is already close, with Kelbert entering his third season.
When exiting the field, though, the relationship changes: Coach Chris Kelbert is Jake Kelbert's ride home.
To be a coach's son could seem like a good idea, in theory.



Franklin QB Jake Kelbert hugs his father and coach, Chris Kelbert, after a game. COURTESY OF JENNIFER KELBERT

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Brother Rice takes down De La Salle to maintain win streak

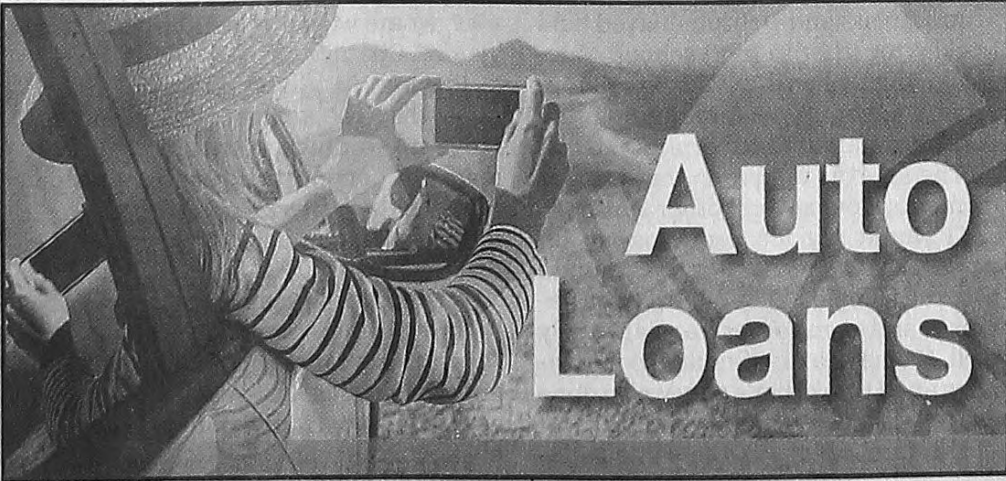
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Holding on to a slim 3-0 lead, Brother Rice faced an insurmountable 3rd-and-30 to start the second quarter from the Warriors' own 44-yard line.
Instead of trying to force senior quarterback Greg Piscopink to make a big, splashy play, Brother Rice put its faith in its defense, a defense that had allowed 10 points in the first three games of the season.
The Warriors pooch punted the ball, which rolled all the way to the De La Salle 1-yard line. And the Brother Rice defense held, allowing the Pilots to get to their own 17-yard line and punt.
After a first half filled with defensive stops — allowing 21 yards on 15 plays in the first 24 minutes — Brother Rice earned its fourth win of the season, defeating De La Salle, 16-14, on Sept. 21.
Brother Rice starts the season 4-0 for the first time since 2014.
"That was a man's game right there," Brother Rice head coach Adam Korzeniewski said. "I mean, those guys fought."
Here are three takeaways from Brother Rice's win on Saturday.

Brother Rice sets the tone

While the Warriors' defense stifled the Pilots offense in the first half, the Brother Rice offense never really gave De La Salle a chance to get momentum in the first half.
The Warriors had three drives in the first half of none plays or more, two of which ended with points on the board.
After putting together a 10-play drive to open the game that ended in a 24-yard field goal, Piscopink did not seem to have momentum in the second quarter, throwing an interception in the team's first drive of the quarter, while facing a three-and-out in the second.
However, after a punt was negated due to an unnecessary roughness call, Piscopink started to move the ball downfield, eventually finding junior wide receiver Rocco Milia in the end zone for the first touchdown.
"It's always a good feeling to get a huge play and to be able to run down the field, get reset back up, have the clock running, knowing that you got another first down, another four downs to work with," Piscopink said.

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Groves falls to Oak Park in first loss

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Facing a 26-7 fourth-quarter deficit, momentum switched from the Oak Park sideline to the Groves sideline.

Senior quarterback Markis Alexander found running back Colby Taylor wide open in space for a 64-yard score, immediately retaining possession after recovering an on-side kick.

As the Falcons marched down the field, eager to turn it into a one-score game, Alexander saw what he thought was an opening. However, that opening closed, and the pass fell into the hands of Knights sophomore defensive back Glenie Cross for the interception.

Birmingham Groves (3-1) fell to Oak Park (3-1) 26-14 for the Falcons' first loss of the season behind the consistent running game of the Knights that pounded the Falcon defense for 265 rushing yards and three touchdowns on the ground.

"I don't think we played real well tonight," Flaherty said. "We didn't play real well, and I didn't coach real well. It was on everyone on that sideline."

Here are three takeaways from Groves' first loss of the season.

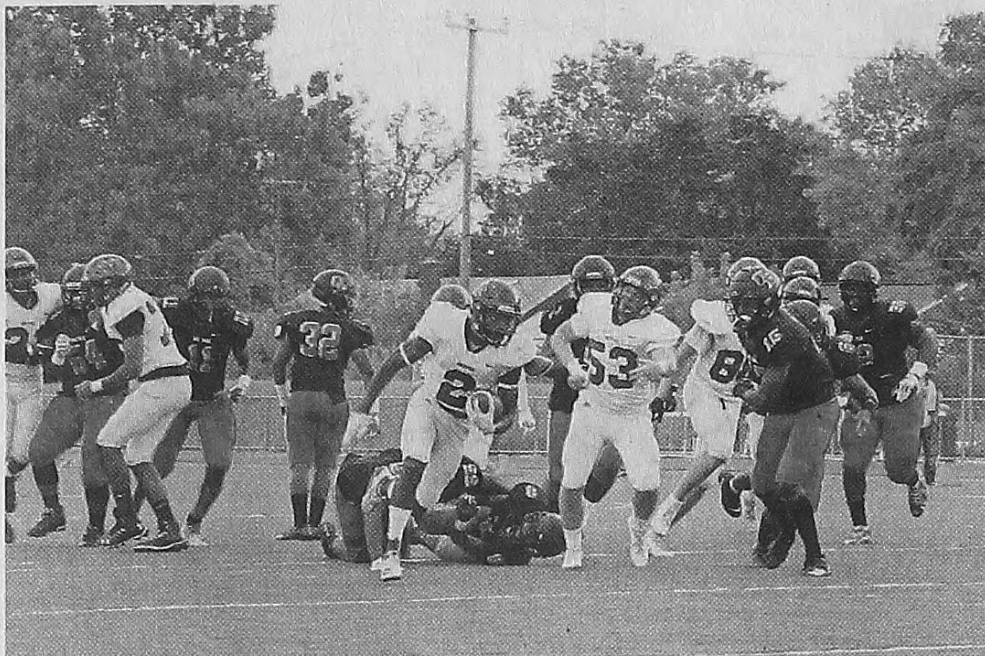
Attempted comeback

After the interception by Alexander, the Groves defense gave its offense another chance to succeed.

Senior cornerback Jack Curran caught Oak Park quarterback Frank Black's attempted pass for an interception, giving the Falcons a chance from their own 12-yard line.

Alexander quickly got Groves to mid-field, finding Taylor again for a 28-yard gain, with two completions to Brody Hipakka and a 22-yard catch by Clayton Fox brought the Falcons eight yards away from a one-score game.

After completing 6-of-13 pass attempts for 36 yards through the first three quarters, Alexander felt like the offense did not show its capabilities.



Groves senior running back Ralph Donaldson breaks free from Oak Park players for a touchdown during game action Sept. 20. Groves lost to Oak Park, 26-14.

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"We left a lot of plays on the field," Alexander said. "I feel like we played behind the chains a lot, so that it was tough to convert on third and longs."

Alexander found his momentum late in the fourth quarter, completing five passes on seven attempts up to that point in the drive.

However, after spiking the ball, momentum stopped.

Alexander failed to complete three pass attempts, the final attempt falling right in front of Taylor's outstretched hands on the left sideline that likely would not have been enough for the score.

"I have this saying, if it starts good, it ends good," Flaherty said. "It felt the whole night we were kind of behind the eight-ball trying to get out."

Alexander finished the game completing 14-of-29 pass attempts for 199 yards, with a touchdown to Taylor and an interception.

Struggling run defense

From the first two plays of the game, the Groves defense seemed like it was chasing Devonta Twymon.

The senior Oak Park running back took two carries for 43 yards, racing around the edge of the Falcons defense and finding open space.

For the rest of the night, Twymon gave the Falcons trouble, accounting for 179 of the 265 total rushing yards on 19 carries, including 118 in the first quarter alone.

When Flaherty was asked about the Oak Park rushing attack, he said that the Knights came out with a few wrinkles in their rushing formations, some things they have done before, but not this season.

However, Flaherty did not use this as an excuse for the performance of his rush defense.

"Frankly, I don't think we tackled real

well, and they they are really good," Flaherty said. "When you get that combination, they are going to run all over you, and they did."

Senior linebacker Ralph Donaldson said the defense could not adjust to the formation that Oak Park showed, giving credit to the Knights defense, but saying the Falcons lost the game with its mistakes, not due to a difference in terms of talent.

'We want to edit this'

Flaherty is moving forward from Groves' first loss of the season like an English teacher reading a first draft of a paper: it's time to fix the mistakes and move forward to the final draft.

"We want to edit this," Flaherty said. "We want to edit this game just like we are editing a paper, do better from this game and learn from it, get better."

He said that the Falcons need to start better and faster, using increased energy from the week — which he said his team failed to have leading up to the Oak Park game — as momentum heading into Friday.

In terms of motivation, Flaherty was not worried. He said his players were already motivated and ticked off leaving the field.

Alexander already had an idea of what he had to do as a leader on the offense, watching film and learning from the mistakes made on the football field.

"Ultimately, it sucks now to lose, but I think it will make us stronger in the long run," Alexander said.

Flaherty said Groves' performance on Friday comes down to the Falcons not showing up against a very talented team in Oak Park.

Groves knows what it did wrong from the moment the clock hit zero. Now, Donaldson said, the team knows what it needs to do moving forward.

"Mark my words," Donaldson said, "we are not going to lose again. Not like that."

Plymouth

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in which you are encountering something different everyday.

Some duties include supporting coaches, staff members, student-athletes and booster clubs; managing our athletic budget, scheduling various sporting events, as well as collaborating with students, coaches, staff and stakeholders to ensure our students are safe and in the best possible environment to succeed; creating a positive and meaningful experience, and also doing what is needed to assist our principal, Cheri Steckel.

I will be replacing Luke Swanson. He took a job as an assistant principal at Rochester Adams High School, which was closer to his home and in the best interest for his family.

Why did you choose to pursue this job? What do you think you will bring to the position?

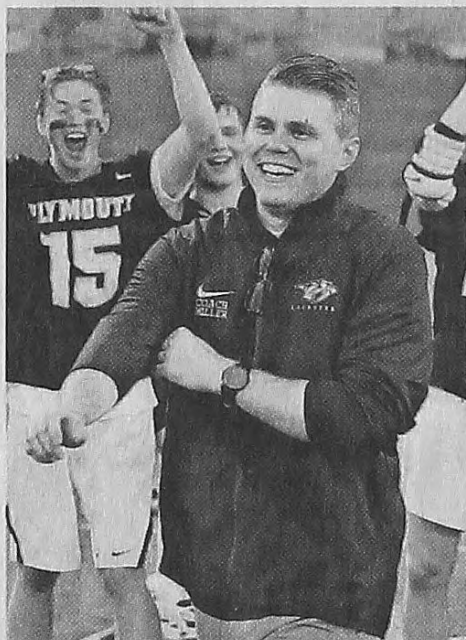
I have known for some time that this role was something I eventually wanted to transition to. I love this district and school so when Luke stepped down it felt like a now or never opportunity that I needed to pursue if I wanted to stay at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools long term. I have always had a passion for activities and athletics, and felt my leadership, positivity, organization and dedication would be a great fit as an assistant principal of activities and athletics.

Will you still be the boys varsity lacrosse coach?

It was a very difficult decision to make that took a lot of time and consideration, but with this new position I will be stepping down as the boys head varsity lacrosse coach at Plymouth High School. It is impossible to put in words how much I loved teaching and coaching, but I am looking forward to the next challenge in my life and know that this is something I will have a strong passion for as well.

If you could give a summary of yourself and your past experiences so community members can get a feel for who you are, what would you say?

I graduated from Central Michigan University and am currently pursuing my masters in K-12 administration at Michigan State University. I have been an invested member of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools as a teacher, coach and event manager for the past 4 years. During this time, not only have I built strong relationships with students and staff members, but I have also built strong relationship with parents and



Ray Miller has been appointed Plymouth High School's new athletic director. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

other various stakeholders within the community.

Last year, I was awarded U.S Lacrosse Coach of the Year and the Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler award by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

I am someone who is organized, intrinsically motivated, positive, passionate about student success, a problem solver and a lifelong learner.

Do you have any goals for the school that you hope you'll be able to accomplish as AD?

A short term goal of mine is to come in and to continue the success of the great programs in place at Plymouth High School while making improvements here and there with the mentality of always getting better. As a school, I feel like we do a lot really well, but I would like to continue to stress and elevate our student-athlete academic performance so that they are ready for their next chapter of life.

I am looking forward to continuing to build on professional relationships with students and staff members, while getting to know students, coaches and teachers that I have not yet had the opportunity to meet. From an athletics standpoint, we have a great core group of coaches already in place so I am looking forward to bouncing ideas off of them to gain a better understanding of how to take Plymouth High School to the next level.

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Plymouth-Canton girls field hockey still growing

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Most new programs tend to struggle for the first several years as they grow, but the Plymouth-Canton girls field hockey team has surged past its first-year struggles and is on its way to becoming a powerhouse.

The team is in its second year and is currently 3-2-1 with five games remaining.

Emily Moczulski and Meagan Debruin are co-coaches of the squad. Parents and players worked hard to start up the team and the experience has been a great one for the pair of Dearborn High School graduates.

"My favorite part is seeing girls learn about something new," Moczulski said. "None of our girls came to us with any experience playing field hockey and to be able to teach them and see their love for the game grow in such a short period of time is really fun to watch."

Moczulski and Debruin played field hockey together in high school. Moczulski then played a year at Mercyhurst University before joining the coaching staff at Dearborn.

The sport is unique in that it takes elements from several other sports.

"I would say it's very close to lacrosse, but it's mostly on the ground," Moczulski said. "The skills from lacrosse and even soccer translate really well. We have a lot of multi-sport athletes and I think that's why we've done so well because the positions and a lot of the terminology is the same as la-

crosse and soccer, you just have a different type of stick and the ball is on the ground."

The season runs from August to October, with games being played at East Middle School in Plymouth. Practices are held at Discovery Middle School.

The program has already grown to nearly 60 players, enough for three teams this fall instead of two. There is currently a Varsity team and two JV teams.

"I had no prior experience in field hockey, but it was very common in my grade that a lot of girls were doing it for fun as a side sport because a lot of girls' main sports were in the spring," Canton High School senior Julia Chami said. "I joined for fun to play with my friends since I had no sport in the fall."

Chami is one of the team's five captains and also plays on the Canton lacrosse team.

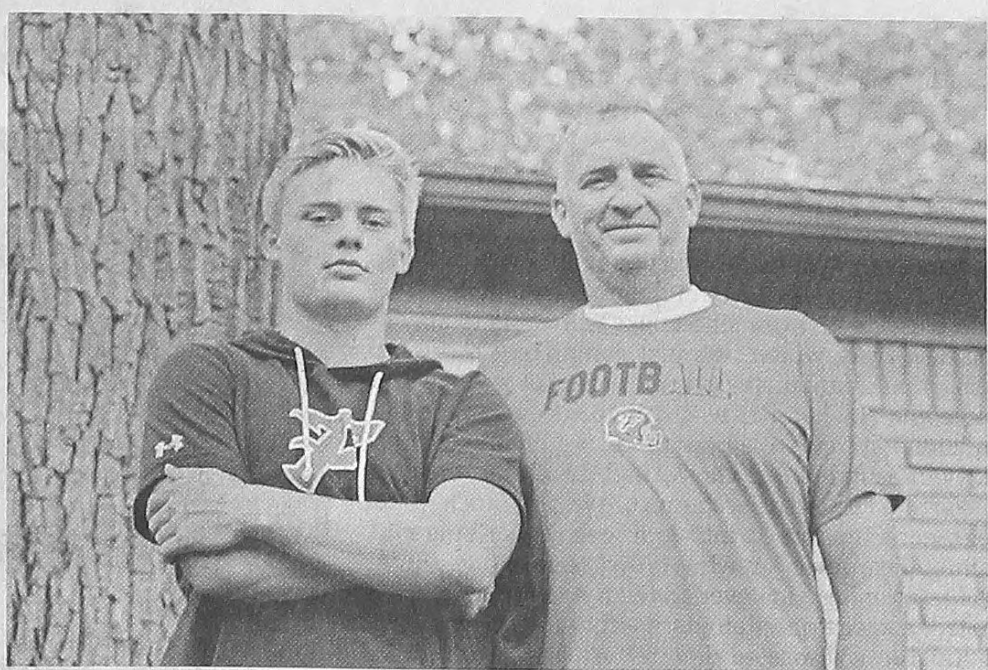
"My favorite part would be seeing the growth of all of our players and coaches from where we started and were losing every single game by a big margin to now, where we're ranked third in our division," Chami said.

Playing in division three, there's hope that the team could eventually move up to division two. Some of the team's opponents this year have included: Pinckney, Clarkston, Marian, Regina, West Bloomfield, Oakland, Edsel Ford and Novi.

"I think as the years go by, we're going to grow more popular," Chami said. "Even this year we had so many more girls try out than last year. Hopefully we can move up to division two and get even more players."



Jim DeWald, head coach at Birmingham Seaholm, stands with his two sons, Caden and James. PHOTOS BY COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Franklin QB Jake Kelbert stands with his father and head coach, Chris Kelbert.

Balance

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But for two area families, the Kelberts and the DeWalds — Jim DeWald coaches his two sons, Caden and James, at Birmingham Seaholm — this is reality, and it took some getting used to.

‘They look up to their dad’

When driving toward downtown Birmingham, the DeWald name is plastered at many points along the road. It was not referencing the Seaholm football program, but rather Erin Keating DeWald, the area realtor.

Erin grew up in Birmingham, graduating from Seaholm prior to attending Western Michigan, where she met her husband, Jim.

When she’s not working, she spends much of her time in the stands, watching Jim coach.

Football was ingrained in the DeWald family, although it was never pushed, and Erin knew that both her children would play on future Friday nights.

“They look up to their dad,” Erin DeWald said. “It’s just like if their dad was a doctor or something. It’s kind of like the boys mimicked and follow in their dad’s footsteps.”

What she did not know was her husband would eventually coach both of her sons at her alma mater, a moment she called “surreal.”

As both Caden and James grew up, it became inevitable that Jim would have to coach them at some point.

“I had a lot of people say that it was going to be hard,” Jim DeWald said. “I go, ‘No, it should be simple because you coach the film and you do what you do.’

“Actually, early on, it was actually harder than I thought.”

‘The outside noise’

Caden and James DeWald call it “the outside noise.” Jake Kelbert did not have a name for it, but experienced it: the notion of favoritism associated with being a coach’s son.

All three heard it in the locker room and in the hallways: “They were only there because their dads wanted their

sons to be successful.”

It’s a perception both coaches want to avoid, both admitting that they expect more out of their sons on the football field.

“If the team sees that I have these crazy expectations for him, then they are going to see that we need to rise to the level, too,” Coach Kelbert said.

James was the first of the DeWalds who experienced this from his father.

Promoted to the varsity level during his sophomore season, the now-senior linebacker said it was difficult for him to deal with the expectations that his head coach gave him.

“At first, I was close to not even being on it, so that’s when he was really on me because I was doing stuff wrong,” James DeWald said.

Transition

It was not only on the players to prove their worthiness. It was on the head coaches, their fathers, to make sure the expectation of the quality of play remains the same.

Chris Kelbert never pushed football on his son. Much like the DeWalds, Jake served as a ball boy from an early age. Jake enjoyed playing quarterback from the moment he took his first snap, but it was never something that his father thought would be long-term.

But with the more camps Jake attended and the more training he had behind center, the more apparent it became to Chris that a decision would eventually have to be made: to start his son or to leave him on junior varsity.

The situation was hard on Jake. The Kelberts live in the Farmington school district where Jake attended school. With Chris Kelbert teaching at Franklin, Jake transferred to Livonia Public Schools.

In the summer before his freshman year, just prior to that move, Jennifer Kelbert found Jake in his room crying. He said teammates were telling him the only reason he had an opportunity was because his dad was the head coach.

Chris Kelbert had the same worry in Jake’s sophomore season.

Many of his assistant coaches wanted to bring the younger Kelbert up to play varsity quarterback earlier. But because of who he was and what the per-

ception could be, the decision was especially taxing on the head coach.

“If Jake was not his son, he would have, without a doubt, pulled him up when he did. But because he was his son, I think he had a harder time doing it because of what others would say. They would say he just pulled him up because of who he was,” Jennifer Kelbert said. “But then after a couple of games, they realized why he did it.”

In his first season as the Patriots starting quarterback in 2017, things were not perfect for Jake Kelbert.

He completed 55 percent of his passes for 1,089 yards, averaged 6.12 yards per carry and accumulated 15 total touchdowns.

However, more importantly for Chris Kelbert and for Franklin, Jake Kelbert was a winner, finishing 7-2 during the regular season, advancing the Patriots to the Division 2 state title game before losing to De La Salle.

Finding a balance

In those times where emotions run high on the football field, both head coaches realized they might not be able to be the familial support for their sons.

That is where Mom comes in. “She would be the balance,” Chris Kelbert said. “He gets the tough, stern approach from me, and then Mom is his sounding board. She will listen to what he has to say.”

Chris said his wife, Jennifer, tells him to “chill out” at times, allowing Jake to address what he is feeling.

“It’s great when you get chewed out on film and you come to your mom and she says ‘You had a great game,’” Caden DeWald said. “I say, ‘Yeah, I know I did.’”

But it’s not like the father takes a back seat when any praise comes toward his son.

Jim DeWald believes he put his sons on the Seaholm varsity team for a reason. Instead of just giving James and Caden praise, he lets their actions speak for themselves.

‘I don’t ever want the season to end’

As soon as James and Caden DeWald took their first snap at Seaholm, as soon

as Jacob Kebert threw his first pass at Franklin, both families knew the clock had started.

On a team usually filled with juniors and seniors, all three players took the field for the first time on varsity as underclassmen. For James DeWald and Jake Kelbert — both in their senior season — time on the clock is running out.

And it’s something that Jennifer Kelbert is not ready to face.

“I don’t ever want the season to end,” she said. “I don’t know how to put it into words.”

Jennifer said she doesn’t know how Chris Kelbert will do next year without his son on the football field. However, when Chris thinks about the end of Jake Kelbert’s tenure at Franklin, he is focused on what the Patriots will lose.

Chris said he has never seen a quarterback pick up an offense as quickly as his son did, crediting how long Jake has been around the program, after attending his first football game two weeks after he was born. Jake just understands what is expected.

“That’s what I’m going to miss: just his ability to run the offense and his knowledge of what we are looking for,” Chris Kelbert said.

But the Kelberts are not done with this process. Both of Jake’s brothers — Drew and Ethan — play football, as well, possibly becoming the next to add the family name on the Franklin roster.

For the DeWalds, they don’t have time to wait.

James currently is playing his senior season for the Maples, while Caden has one more season to go.

A normal Saturday

During the football season, Saturdays in the DeWald and the Kelbert homes usually are determined by the success of Seaholm and Franklin the night before.

But win or loss, the feeling is the same in each household: leave it on the football field, be a normal family.

And maybe see which team is on the schedule for Seaholm and Franklin next week.

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Brother Rice

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As the defense began to falter in the second half, allowing a De La Salle score on a 1-yard touchdown run by senior quarterback Anthony Stepnitz, Piscopink stepped up with another big play.

Facing a 2nd-and-3 at the beginning of the fourth quarter, the senior quarterback found sophomore receiver Cole Lacanaria streaking down the sideline, hitting him in stride for the 42-yard gain to bring the Warriors to the 2-yard line.

The Warriors eventually scored their second and final touchdown of the day on a 1-yard touchdown run by senior running back Patrick O’Hara.

“They kept it away from us, and that was a good game plan on their part,” said De La Salle head coach Mike Giannone. “They milked the clock and hit big plays when they needed them.”

Defense continues to step up

After losing to Muskegon in the season opener, 41-7, the De La Salle offense has been on fire. In the past two games, the Pilots have outscored opponents 115-0.

However, with a defense that Korzeniewski prides on being athletic, aggressive and flexible, the Warriors showed up early.

De La Salle had 15 first-half plays, 11 of which were runs. The Pilots recorded 20



Brother Rice earned a 16-14 win against De La Salle on Sept. 21 and managed to keep a hold to their winning streak. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

rushing yards in the half, averaging 1.8 yards per rush. De La Salle also only completed 1-of-3 pass attempts in the first half for one yard.

“(Korzeniewski’s) scheme is just incredible,” Milia said. “Every week, he just prepares so well, and we just make the plays. That’s all him.”

The De La Salle offense from the past two weeks showed up a bit against Brother Rice in the second half, averaging just over five yards per play and recording 13 first downs.

But Korzeniewski knew the Pilots’ of-

fense had the potential to make a big play.

“We haven’t reached our potential yet. I’m just telling you the truth,” Korzeniewski said. “People picked us to finish fourth in the Catholic League. That’s up to them, but these guys are coming to work every day. We are ready to maximize our potential.”

Difficult road ahead

After wins against University of Detroit Jesuit and De La Salle, Brother Ric-

e’s schedule does not get much easier.

Next week, the Warriors will travel to take on Catholic League foe Detroit Catholic Central in the 75th edition of what has been coined as the Boy’s Bowl.

However, Piscopink said the game plan moving forward remains the same: proving, quietly and confidently, that the Warriors are worthy of being considered as a top team in Michigan.

“We have to be confident, but we can’t showboat around and think we are going to go in there and walk over CC,” Piscopink said. “This is one of the hardest leagues in the country, and this is a tough couple games coming up, but we’ll be ready.”

Milia said Brother Rice now had a target on its back, one that will continue to grow if the Warriors can get through the Shamrocks and Orchard Lake St. Mary’s on Oct. 5.

The junior wide receiver/safety said it will be important for Brother Rice, as a team, to worry about the singular, taking each opponent in stride.

But to the Brother Rice head coach, there is a fire under each of these players, ignited by the preseason doubts.

“I don’t think that they are satisfied, I will tell you that,” Korzeniewski said. “I think they want more. They are hungry.”

Brother Rice will take on Detroit Catholic Central on the road on Sept. 29.

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Novi soccer topples Salem at new field

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The Novi Wildcats took down the Salem Rocks Sept. 17 on the new turf at Plymouth High School.

It was the first time the Rocks were able to play on the new field, which was just completed in the last week. The two squads stayed close for most of the game, but Novi pulled away late to secure a 3-0 win.

"The first time we played them, we obviously didn't play our best that night so we had this game circled as one we'd like to have in terms of playing much better the second time around," Salem coach Kyle Karns said. "I thought we did well, we switched some things around. Novi is a really good team and we're aware of that. We made some adjustments and the team responded and gave a very good effort, just unfortunately came up short."

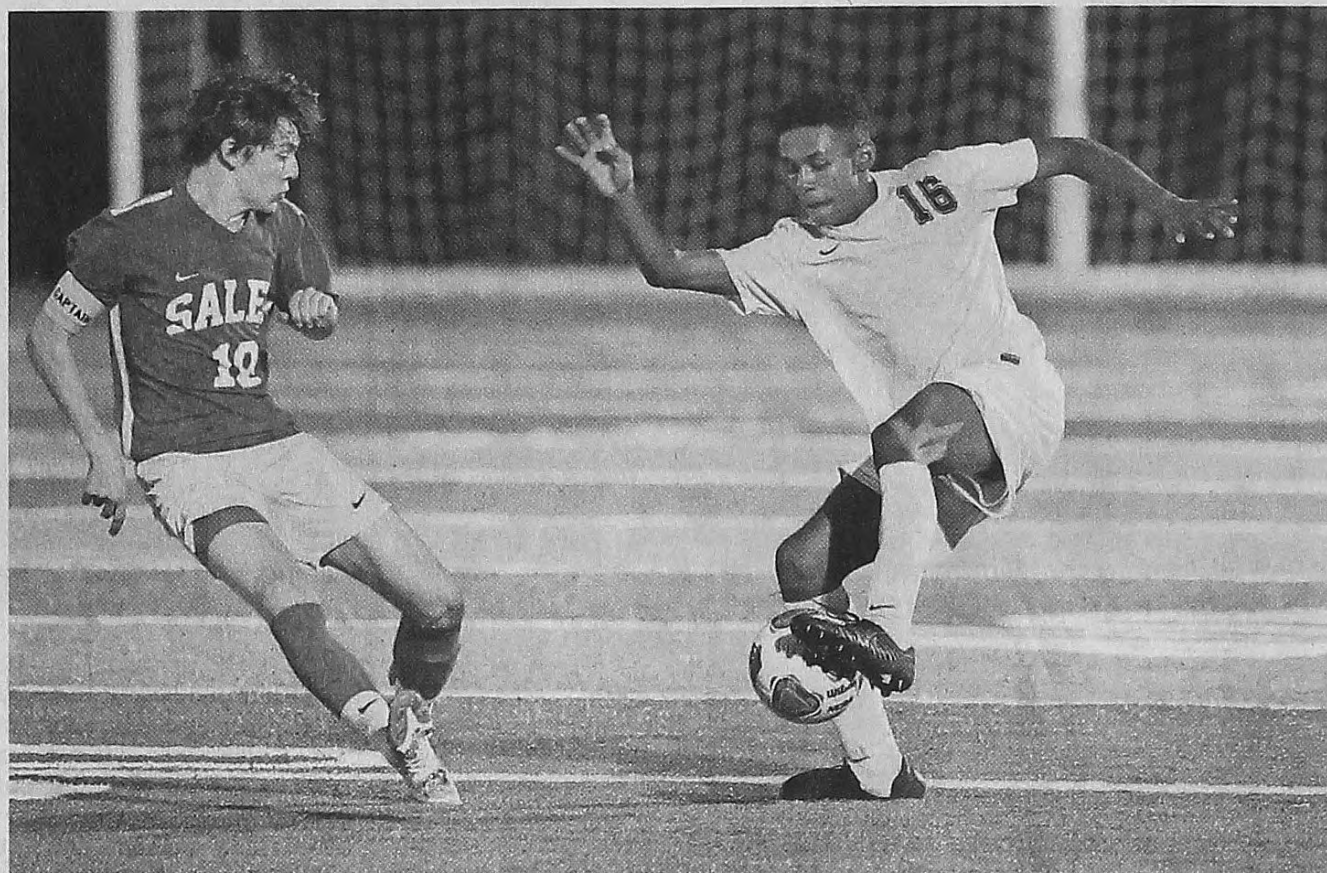
Novi beat Salem earlier in the season 5-0, meaning Novi is the only team in the conference that has beaten the Rocks this season. Nobody has beaten the Wildcats this season, who are 9-0-1 in the KLAA and 10-0-2 overall.

"The KLAA West to me is the best division in the state and no other division plays teams twice like we do at this level," Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said. "Salem, we knew they were better than the 5-0 game and they showed that tonight. (Salem senior Luke Benford) is phenomenal up top and we had to be aware of where he was. Overall, I thought we did a great job possessing and working the ball around."

The first goal of the game was scored by Novi senior Bruce Turner with 6:46 to go in the first half. It came after a long half of tight play that saw each team have several scoring chances.

Turner said his goal allowed the team to relax a bit and gave the team a boost heading into the second half.

"It's relieving," Turner said. "We have a tendency to play better after we score a goal. We scored two more in the second half so it's just more confidence for the



Novi's Miles Brown, right, moves to get past Salem's Ethan Harkins. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

team and is relieving. We can play not uptight."

Turner's goal sent Novi into halftime with a 1-0 lead, which could've been bigger if not for a handful of great saves by Salem senior goalie Chris Pohl. In one situation, Novi had three consecutive high quality shots that Pohl made miraculous saves on. Two of the three shots came from Novi junior Shion Soga, who would later score the game's third goal.

"Chris did well," Karns said. "Chris does a good job of keeping us in games and making some huge saves for us. Realistically to knock off some of the top teams in the state, it's going to take a collective effort from everybody. Chris did a great job and I was pleased with the way the boys played."

Wildcat junior Odin Lim scored the game's second goal on a rebound. Pohl made the initial save on Novi senior Blair Mayes' shot, but couldn't recover in time to stop Lim's put-back.

Salem had a few second half opportunities, but couldn't put anything by Novi's defense. Junior Issac Gibbs played the first half in goal and freshman Ryan Zatkovich played the second half.

"They've both done really well and it's worked for us this year," Pheiffer said. "Both do a great job and they challenge each other at practice every day. They're both getting better and will be back next year."

Pheiffer compared this year's team to the 2016 squad that made it to the state semifinals. He also is keenly aware of what a state title contender looks like, having led the Novi girls soccer team to two straight state championships.

"This team could go undefeated," Pheiffer said. "This team is more than capable of winning a state championship. There's a lot of great teams in this area, just like there are on the girl's side. A lot of things have to go your way."

Playing on new turf

After a long wait, the JV football field on the Plymouth-Canton campus finally has its new turf.

"It's nice, it'll give us an opportunity for the grass field to get a break, given all the park teams that play there," Karns said. "It's nice to open up a new facility over here and get some use out of it."

Novi's Turner said he likes the Novi field better, but that the new turf in Plymouth is one of the best fields they have played on this year.

"I thought it was pretty good," Turner said. "It was pretty slippery, you saw people slipping. I slipped once when I was playing a ball. Overall, I thought it was pretty good. New turf is always nice to play on."

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Take solace in your co-workers

If you loathe your boss, there's a good chance you're not the only one in the office who cringes after every meeting,

email, or phone call. A good way to let off some steam is to meet up with co-workers (outside of work, please!) to dish on your boss a bit. Venting with friends who share your adverse feelings about

the person in charge can really make the workday a lot more bearable. Please, just don't let the boss catch you slinging mud with your buds.

Play the waiting game

You and your co-workers may not be the only ones who recognize that your boss is the worst. If the situation is as terrible as you think, those above your boss may recognize their shortcomings soon as well. If you suspect the wind is blowing in that direction, wait it out and you hopefully may find yourself rewarded with a new and improved boss once the writing is on the wall.

If necessary, take action

Sometimes a boss may be contemptible for reasons more consequential than run-of-the-mill jerkiness. If your boss is making your workday hell by subjecting you to abuse or harassment motivated by racism, sexism, homophobia, or some other form of bigotry, don't ever believe you have to take it sitting down. File an official complaint with HR. If that doesn't work, you may have to file a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) or contact a discrimination attorney. And remember that sexual harassment is against the law in most states. No matter how mild or severe a creep your boss may be, there are always ways to improve your workday so you can hold onto that job you love so much.

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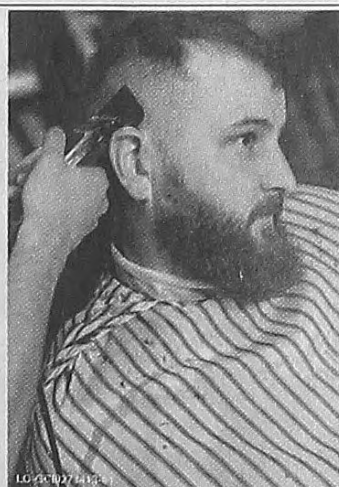
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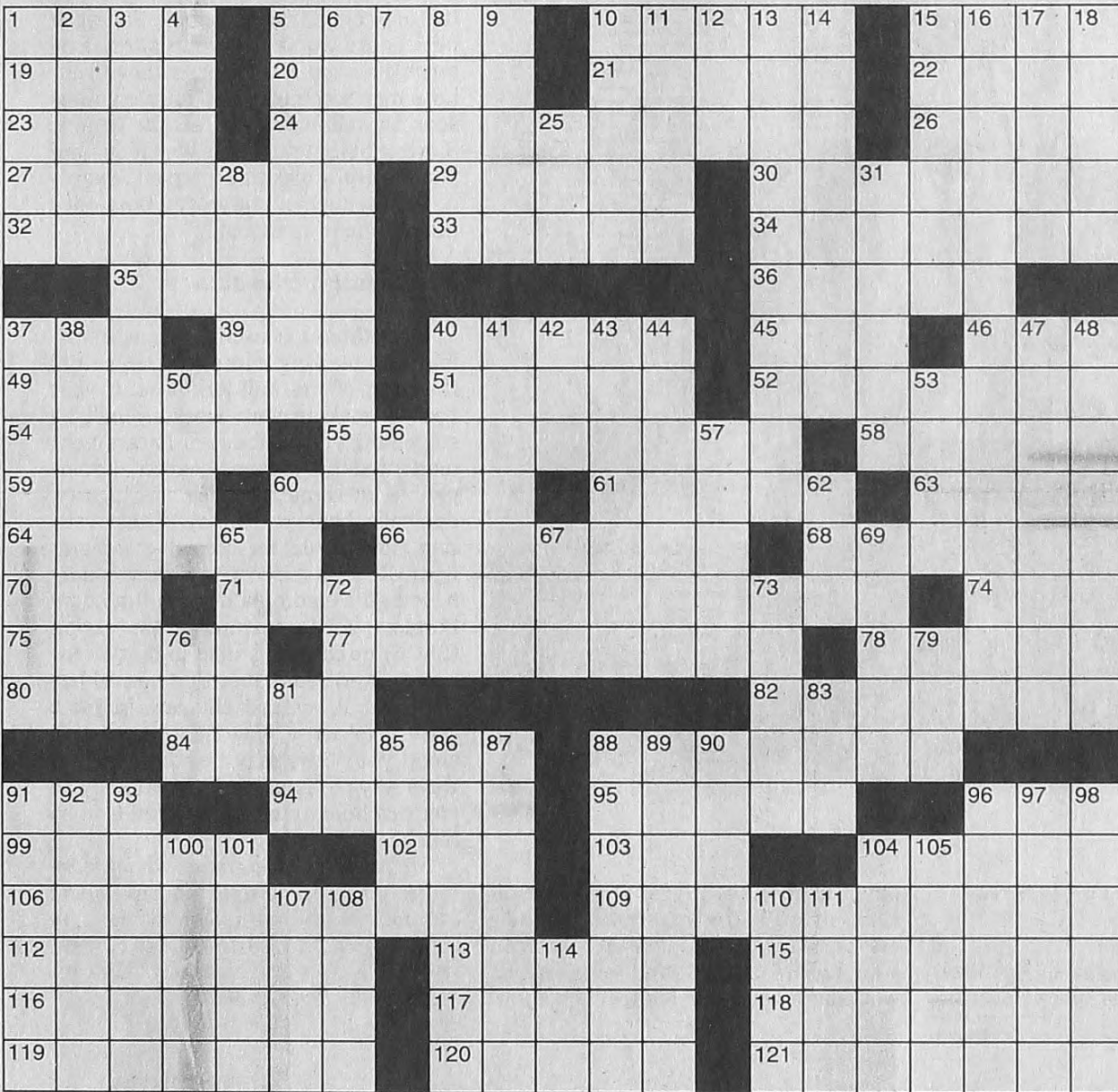
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5 Bohr studied them
10 Really toil
15 Mule or flat
19 Stubble spot
20 Thieving sort
21 Evita of "Evita"
22 Bigwig's benefit
23 Units of absorbed dose
24 Ending theme for Roy Rogers' show
26 Mata — (famous spy)
27 Ultimately occupy
29 Fencing implements
30 Added to the database
32 Unsaturated solid alcohols
33 "Cybill" actress Pfeiffer
34 Dozing audibly
35 Sam of "Sirens"
36 Rouse
37 Kind of PC terminal
- 39 Stephen of "Roadkill"
40 Conscious
45 Summertime drink
46 Whale herd
49 Most uncanny
51 Expand
52 Ancient region in Asia Minor
54 Perfume
55 Forest clearing, e.g.
58 Under oath
59 Smell — (be leery)
60 Rub away
61 Kitchen appliance producer
63 Piled up debt
64 Fix as a cobbler might
66 Old-time actor/singer Paul
68 Tea brand
70 French water
71 Tim Tebow's 2007 award
74 Turn sour
75 Sunlit courts
77 Noble- women
78 Provide (with)
80 Really must
- 82 Picks up and hauls in
84 Herring's kin
88 Solitary sort
91 Navy inits.
94 Actor Ed
95 "... lion, out like —"
96 Parked it
99 Famous
102 Parts of dols.
103 NBC show since '75
104 Company maxim
106 Churchill
108 Downs, e.g.
109 Impish kid
112 Forming a single entity
113 OPEC vessel
115 Troublesome critter
116 Part of IRS
117 Pig's sound
118 Person flying the coop
119 Plaits of hair
120 Present perfect, e.g.
121 Fishers using nets
- 5 "Iliad" hero
6 Bilingual person, at times
7 Alley- — (hoops play)
8 Bike with a small engine
9 Big name in voice chat
10 Lively outing
11 Sublet, say
12 Shapiro of NPR
13 Beetle producer
14 Port in Lower California
15 Marble, e.g.
16 Going in the direction of
17 Hatch on the Senate floor
18 Struggling to earn, with "out"
25 "Life" director Demme
28 French fashion designer Paul
31 Rustic types
37 The "C" of C-section
38 Enact again
40 "Super!"
41 Place to order a Chianti, say
- 42 They may be classified
43 Buffets, e.g.
44 Inflames with love
47 Supplied with ventilation
48 Official charges
50 Turned on by
53 Missing, militarily
56 Analyze in grammar school
57 Birchbark craft
60 Extra-wide, as footwear goes
62 Gray color
65 City in Tibet
67 Ethyl or propyl ending
69 — Rock (central Australian landmark)
72 Nano and others
73 Sacred hymn
76 Driver's lic. and such
79 Maiden-named
81 Nonsense song syllable
- 83 Back stroke?
85 Cuzco native
86 Buyer's bottom line
87 Author Caldwell
88 Thin slices of bacon
89 The U.S., to Mexicans
90 Phone up
91 Not injured
92 Oklahoman, informally
93 Try very hard
96 Gnu or okapi marking
97 Expiating person
98 Caloric cakes
100 Eleanor of kid-lit
101 College officials
104 French kin of "danke"
105 TV financial adviser Suze
107 Not made up
108 Deli loaves
110 Fashion's Saint Laurent
111 Stun, as with a police gun
114 Silent film star Chaney



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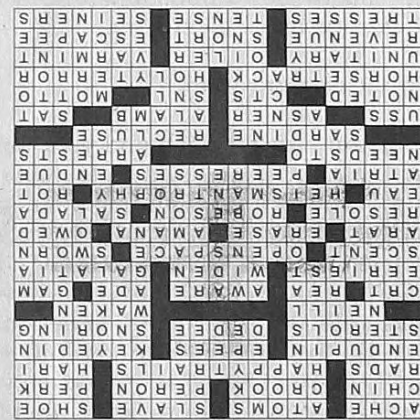
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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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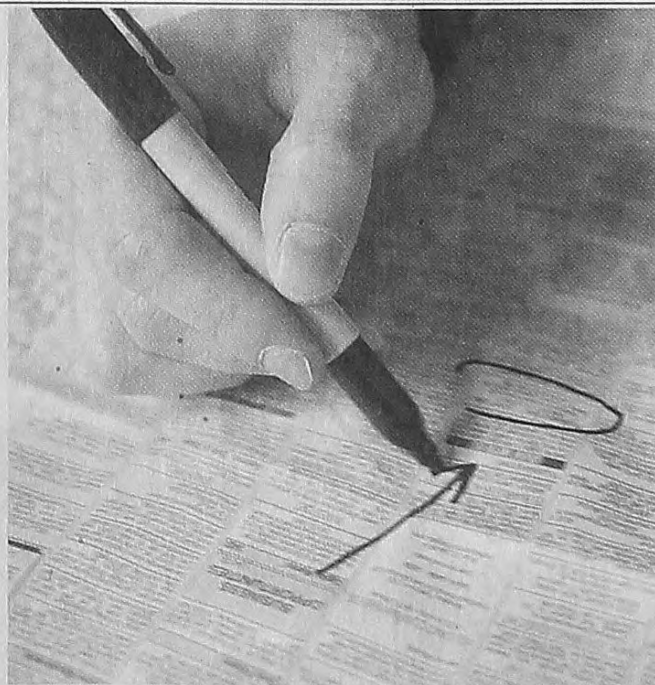
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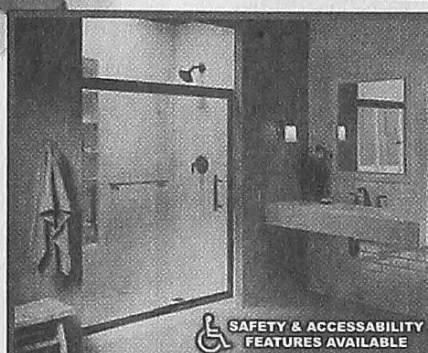
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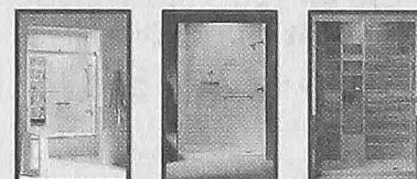
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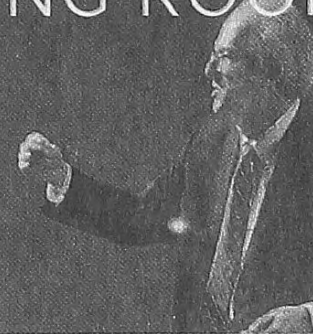
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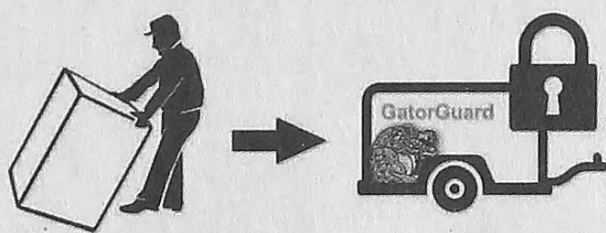
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