



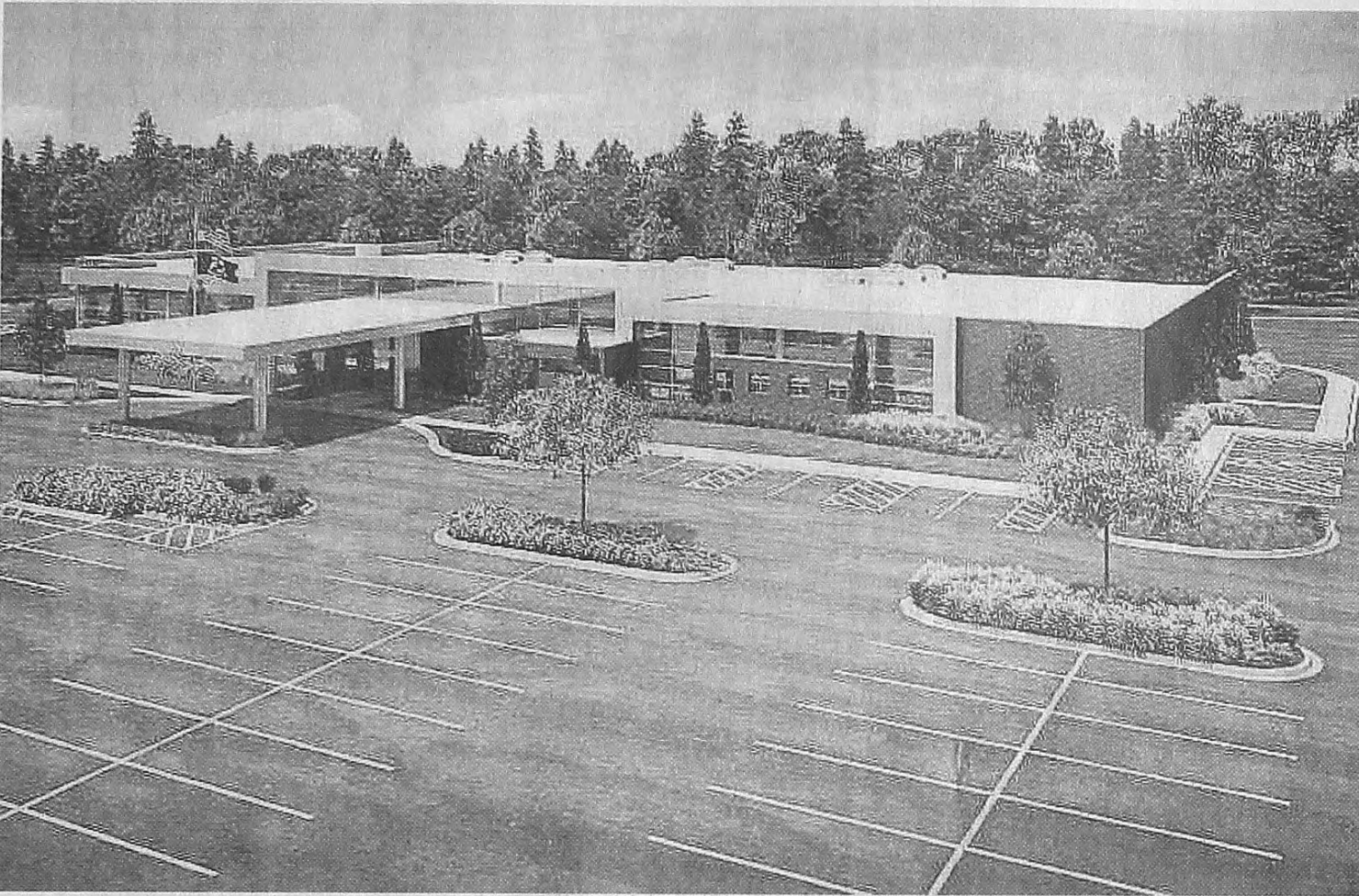
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A rendering of the planned Veterans Administration clinic coming to the border of Canton and Westland.

## VA HEALTH CLINIC COMING TO REGION

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Construction on a new community-based Veterans Administration Healthcare System clinic in Canton Township is scheduled, ramping up the convenience factor for thousands of western Wayne County veterans.

The VA estimates approximately 12,000 to 14,000 veterans will use the facility once construction is completed some time in 2021.

Construction on the 40,000-square-foot complex set for N. Lotz Road, near the intersection of Ford Road and Interstate 275, is scheduled to begin in early-2020.

"The feedback we've received from veterans on this has been astonishing," said VA Public Affairs Officer Brian Hayes. "And it's been nothing but positive. The traffic this news has generated on our social-networking sites has far exceeded anything we've shared in the past two years."

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The new VA clinic will be located near the intersection of Ford Road and I-275. IMAGES COURTESY OF VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

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Brian Hayes VA Public Affairs Officer

## What would automated cars mean for Detroit?

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Smart mobility technology, which includes automated and self-driving vehicles, is likely inevitable.

Smart mobility is about cutting emissions and traffic. When technology gets thrown into the mix, smart, electric and autonomous cars become part of the conversation.

U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens (D-Birmingham) brought that conversation to Livonia last week when she held a field hearing for the House Science Research and Technology Subcommittee, which she chairs. Her fellow representatives Michael Cloud (R-Texas) and Bill Foster (D-Illinois) were also there.

"It's a community issue," Stevens, the first-term representative for western Wayne and Oakland counties, said. "Michigan's 11th district has been on the forefront of these innovations, playing a key role with our industry leaders and best in class work force."

The subcommittee members and a witness panel comprised of Oakland County Executive David Coulter, Mark Dowd with Smart Cities Lab, Raj Rajkumar with Mobility21, professor Tiera Bills and Scott Averitt with Robert Bosch, believe smarter vehicles would dramatically reduce road accidents.

"(We're) launching a pilot to use roadside units placed at intersections to test both smart mobility technology and multiple revenue-generating opportunities," Coulter said of Oakland County. "Advanced safety technologies provide consumers with improved vehicle innovations that save lives. We believe these new technologies can eliminate 94 percent of fatal crashes involving human error."

Coulter added that some of those safety innovations will come soon to Interstate 75 between 8 Mile Road and M-59 through a Michigan Department of Transportation project.

"Cars can receive information about road conditions on the freeway, on road conditions, backups, curve lines ahead, that sort of thing," he said.

Stevens said she believes there's a federal role to be played in the local implementation of these technologies.

"The big thing is safety," she said. "We are looking to save lives with new

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## Trial starts for former Westland police sergeant, paramedic

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Westland Jail is on trial this week as two former city employees face felony charges of misconduct in office because of the late 2017 death of William Marshall.

Former Westland Police Sgt. Ronald Buckley, 55, and former Westland paramedic Leah Maynard, 37, could spend

up to five years in prison if convicted.

Buckley is not working as a police officer and Maynard is suspended as a Dearborn firefighter pending her trial.

"As it pertains to defendant Maynard, her treatment of Mr. Marshall focuses on this concept called abandonment," Wayne County Prosecu-



Buckley



Maynard

tor Matthew Penney said during Monday's opening statements. "As it pertains to EMTs ... you are not allowed to just leave them alone half way through the treatment."

"As it pertains to defendant Buckley, he's being charged ... (with) mistreatment of a prisoner and the unlawful use of force. The question

before you ladies and gentlemen is what was William Marshall doing to justify not one but two knee strikes when he's clearly helpless and writhing on the floor. What threat did he pose to anybody?"

They reviewed video of Marshall's morning stay at the Westland Jail on Dec. 10, 2017, during opening

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# Cars

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technologies that create better outcomes for individual drivers.”

But, the biggest change drivers likely will see is the mass use of autonomous vehicles. Rajkumar estimated that it will only take a decade or two for self-driving vehicles to make up a sizable portion of the vehicles on the road.

If or when those autonomous vehicles dominate the roads, Stevens said colder states like Michigan might find road quality even more important.

“I’m making it a priority to encourage the federal government to help Michigan and make sure that we’re getting our fair share of federal funding and that the assets we have here are showcased,” she said. “The state government is largely been charged with the maintenance issues, but the federal government can help with the innovations and technology.”

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U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI-11) talks to a community member after a field hearing for the House Science Research and Technology Subcommittee. PHOTOS BY SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



David Coulter, Oakland County's executive, also attended the event.



U.S. Rep. Michael Cloud (R-TX-27) talking to a panelist after the event.

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## Trial

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statements. Buckley and other jail staff placed Marshall in the hallway and then returned him to his cell, where he was dragged at least twice from the doorway.

Penney said Marshall experienced four stages of “full body tremors” that lasted a total of about 40 minutes while staying at the jail where Buckley was serving as watch commander. Marshall was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Attorney Todd Flood, representing Buckley, said his client's intent was not corrupt when Marshall began to convulse at the jail.

“He didn't have the information,” Flood said. “(In the booking room), Mr. Marshall denies and denies and denies and denies. I did not take cocaine. I don't have any problems with epileptic seizures. I do not have any medical issues. I'm not going to withdraw from anything. That's what Mr. Marshall

says.”

Buckley lost his job because city officials said he failed to follow department policies with Marshall. The city agreed to a \$3.75 million settlement with Marshall's estate because of the jail stay.

However, because there apparently was not enough trial evidence, a judge already has dismissed manslaughter charges that Buckley and former city paramedics Matt Dicosola and Maynard were facing because of Marshall's death.

Dicosola is expected to testify against his former colleagues during their misconduct trial. He has pleaded guilty to intentionally placing false information on medical records, a misdemeanor.

His plea deal is a year's probation, according to Michael Rataj, Maynard's attorney.

Rataj also emphasized information not being shared with those charged because of Marshall's death.

“Mr. Marshall, not one time, does he tell Dicosola or Maynard, ‘Hey, you gotta get me to the hospital. I swallowed a bag of cocaine. I'm really sick,’” Rataj said.

“Nope. He says, ‘I'm having a seizure.’ If he would have told the paramedics that, then that would have changed the entire dynamics of this.”

According to prosecutors when announcing charges, police picked up Marshall on charges of a suspended license violation and marijuana and cocaine possession. Police observed a white, powdered substance on the side of his mouth.

Marshall apparently denied taking any drugs and was booked into the jail around 6:39 a.m. He began to convulse at approximately 7:51 a.m.

Paramedics Dicosola and Maynard arrived about 10 minutes later. They watched Marshall convulsing, and Buckley ultimately dismissed them without Marshall receiving proper medical attention. Buckley left the cell area at about 8:30 a.m.

Almost an hour later, Marshall wasn't moving. Police began CPR and defibrillator use. The medical examiner's office said the cause of death was cocaine toxicity.

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# New steakhouse takes over space in Novi

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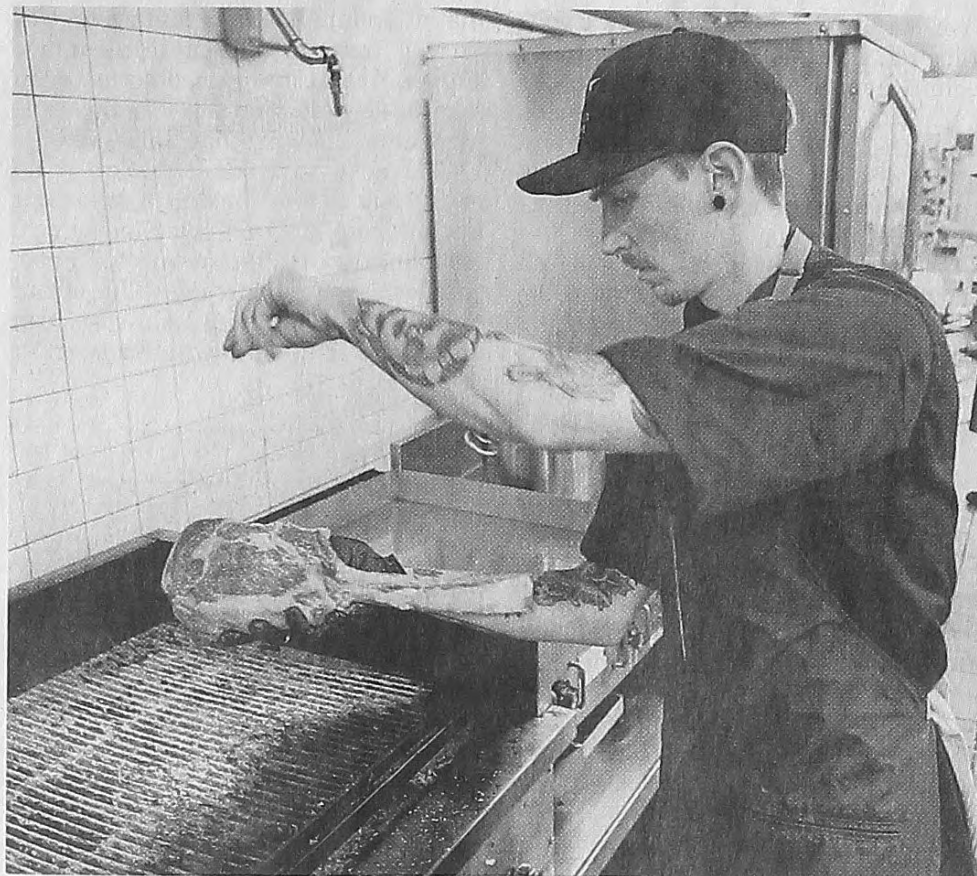
Tony Amann left the restaurant industry several years ago, thinking he'd never come back.

The Novi resident worked at the No. VI Chophouse for 10 years before leaving in 2014 to work at Bottlz, the now-closed restaurant that was attached to the Maples Golf Club off 14 Mile in Novi. After that restaurant closed in 2016, he left the business, vowing he probably wouldn't return unless the right opportunity presented itself.

Enter the new No. Six Prime, the new steakhouse that occupies the space that formerly housed the No. VI Chophouse at 27000 S. Karevich by the West Oak Shopping Center.

"I didn't know that I would ever get back into the restaurant business," he said. "I always told my wife, 'It's going to take the perfect situation for me to do it again.' And when these guys reached out to me and we talked, I said, 'I think this is the perfect situation.'"

No. Six Prime opened earlier this month in the space attached to the Four Points by Sheraton Detroit Novi. It's a completely new restaurant from the No. VI Chophouse, which closed earlier this summer as its parent group, Epicurean Group, closed several of its restaurants across metro Detroit and let go of all of its employees. The space in Novi was bought by some silent partners and revamped to open as a new steakhouse, though keeping some elements of familiarity, including the play on words with Novi's name.



With a sprinkling of sea salt, No. Six Prime chef Bryan Pencola preps a 32-ounce tomahawk chop steak for the grill. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"We like the No. 6 and the tie-in to Novi," Amann said. "We wanted to keep that."

The menu, created by Executive Chef Bryan Pencola, features a brand-new menu, focusing on only prime cuts of steak. A big hit has been the braised short ribs, Amann said.

In addition to the steaks, the restaurant boasts more than 120 different wines, focusing on Napa Cabernet Sauvignons and others from across the globe. The hope is to expand the wine selection to more than 200 in the future, Amann said.

They've also returned to their roots

when it comes to cocktails. The restaurant highlights six basic cocktails in addition to more complex ones down the menu: the daiquiri, the Jack Rose, the Manhattan, the martini, the Old Fashioned, and the Sidecar.

"We are doing them in the very traditional way," he said. "We put the classics on the top, and it's been received very well."

Amann said the space, which has seen some upgrades including a new mural painted on the wall, has become a place for both corporate travelers and area residents. Attracting people from surrounding communities such as Novi, Northville, Milford, West Bloomfield, Brighton, South Lyon and Commerce Township is their main goal.

"We've really created a nice family atmosphere with our staff and we try to let that pour over to the guest experience," he said. "Treat everybody like we would treat them in our home."

The restaurant is open 5-10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and will begin opening on Sunday evenings next month. More information, including the full menu, can be found at [nosixprime.com](http://nosixprime.com).

Amann said the changes made in the space and the work that's been done to create the new No. Six Prime steakhouse is one that has him ecstatic to return to the restaurant business.

"I'm completely rejuvenated," he said. "It's so exciting, and the staff is so excited. And it's a joy to come to work."

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## Clinic

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The facility will be state of the art, allowing for the full implementation of the Patient-Aligned Care Team (PACT) model of care delivery, as well as improving operational efficiencies and the veteran experience.

Along with providing primary care, the facility will offer care for mental

health, laboratory and pathology, and imaging services for veterans in a right-sized, energy-efficient building.

"We began work on this project back in 2014," said Medical Center Director Dr. Ginny Creasman. "Getting a new clinic approved is a big deal and involves a lot of stakeholders. So, we're honored to be able to get this done and bring our services closer to home for so many of our Veterans."

"It's going to make it so much more convenient for them to get the care

they've earned."

Hayes said the location of the facility was chosen after years of careful analysis by the VA.

"Lobbying by local officials was not allowed," he added.

Johnson Development, LLC, of Birmingham, Ala., was awarded the contract.

Design of the \$12 million to \$15 million project will begin this month, with anticipated completion in late 2021.

The site was chosen based on many

factors including: a demonstrated need to serve more veterans in western Wayne County and ease of access with very close proximity to the I-275 and Ford Road interchange.

VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System has clinics in Flint, Jackson, and Toledo, Ohio, and serves more than 69,000 veterans in the Southeast Michigan-Northwest Ohio region.

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# Farmington Farmers Market closed with a party



**Walt Gajewski**  
Guest columnist

The farmers market closed out its 26th season of community service this past Saturday with more than 4,000 visitors.

Coupled with the annual downtown Halloween Fun Fest, the market took on

a carnival atmosphere. There were ventriloquist acts, puppet shows, a pyrotechnic hoop performer, outdoor cooking, live music along with the Big Heads from the Detroit Parade Company and people of all ages dressed in costumes for a festive finish to what has been an incredible season at the market.

Fittingly, as has been the case all year, the rain held off until we closed. Indeed, it rained only one time during the market this year. It was no surprise then

that attendance set a record average of 3,265 patrons weekly. On this last day, shoppers came in waves, determined to take home stores and stock for the coming winter, knowing that "this was it."

The next day, Sunday, I woke up early. I felt like the Tin Man of Oz left out in the overnight rain, a rusted wreck. Hopping down the stairs on a bad knee, I made my way out into the stillness that only a Sunday morning "over easy" can offer. All was quiet downtown save for

an occasional burst of leaves fluttering down from the trees. The air was crisp.

The closing of the market brings a strong sense that a late fall has arrived. As I made my way around the city picking up signs and taking down banners, the time driving around gave me pause to think back over the season that was and what made this season so singularly special.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Likes LaRussa in Farmington

The City of Farmington has been very fortunate to have Joe LaRussa on City Council and now he is running for reelection. Joe has demonstrated strong leadership and communication skills and is a valuable asset to Farmington, and we want his good work to continue.

1.) Joe demonstrates fiscal responsibility. Joe is budget conscious and strives to ensure that project requests are economically feasible before they are approved.

2.) Joe asks the right questions to help make the right decisions.

3.) Joe's leadership and professional engineering background are true assets for our city, and he has used these skills to pursue resources for our parks and helped organize neighborhood projects in our City.

4.) Joe's expert knowledge of technology has led to more efficient infrastructure enhancements like the LED streetlight conversion. The LED streetlight conversion has saved residents money on electricity while maintaining safe streets and sidewalks during the nighttime hours.

5.) Joe supported the crosswalk ordinance that has made the downtown area safer by slowing down and stopping traffic for pedestrians.

6.) Joe meets with Farmington residents on a regular basis to provide updates related to city projects and to hear resident's concerns.

7.) Joe has led a major project within his own neighborhood. Joe gained the

support of residents and was instrumental in securing new gateway signs. These signs were funded by the neighborhood.

Joe has been an integral part of the Farmington City Council team. They have done great things together and we would like to see this continue. Let's reelect LaRussa, along with the entire incumbent team, so that our city will continue down the path of growth and vibrancy.

**Bill and Susan Murphy**  
Farmington

### Make sure to vote

Tuesday, Nov. 5, is a very important Election Day. As voter service coordinator for VOTE411 for the League of Women Voters Oakland Area, I'd like to encourage readers to make an election plan. Voting is our way to make a difference and influence our communities. Developing your own personal election plan will ensure that your voice is heard.

The League of Women Voters' election website, VOTE411.org is a one-stop shop for everything you need to develop your election plan. You can find your polling place, check voter ID laws and see early voting periods and locations. You can also look up your ballot by entering your address - this will show you all the candidates and issues you can vote for this election, along with candidate responses to our nonpartisan questions and the ability to compare them side-by-side on where they stand on the issues.

The League of Women Voters encourages all voters to vote early if possible - either in person or by mail - because it relieves polling places from extra-long lines on Election Day and it is way easier for the voter.

Putting together a plan will help you make sure you get to the polls with all the information you need. You can also encourage your friends and family to form their own election plans.

Whichever way you choose to vote this year, know that by doing so you are fulfilling the single most important aspect of our democracy. In this time of great political divide, voting brings us together as Americans - it is the one time when we are all equal.

**Susan Liebetreu**  
League of Women Voters Oakland Area, Voter Services, VOTE411

### Protect self from mosquitoes

Nearly 700 million people are affected by mosquito-borne diseases in the world. That is how many people that suffer or die from diseases throughout the world. In Africa an estimated 217 million people suffer from malaria. Even people in the U.S are affected by mosquito-borne diseases, but it is not as bad as Africa. People in Europe, Asia and Australia get cases of the terrible diseases.

Mosquitoes are very deadly, but there are ways to protect yourself from the diseases such as bed nets and bug repellent.

One way to protect people from mos-

quito-borne diseases is by using bed nets. Today, approximately 53% of the population in Sub-Saharan Africa is protected by bed nets, which protect people from getting the diseases at night. An estimated 6.8 million lives have been saved from malaria by bed nets since 2000. Although so many people have been saved by the amazing bed nets, there are still millions of people that do not have bed nets. While bed nets are a great way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases, there are other options that can help prevent the transmission of diseases by mosquito.

Bug repellent is another way to prevent diseases. People younger than 15 and older than 50 have greater risk of getting the diseases. If those people use bug repellent they will have less of a chance to get bit by mosquitoes. Bug repellent is a cheap and effective way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases. The bed net and bug repellent can help protect us from mosquito-borne diseases.

Mosquitoes spread awful diseases that affect people throughout the world. Millions of people suffer from the mosquitoes. You can protect yourself from these diseases with a bed net or bug repellent. Bed nets are for places like Africa that have very deadly diseases. Bug repellent is for anywhere that has mosquitoes.

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# Market

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Summer 2019 brought us another year of being named metro Detroit's favorite farmers market – our third consecutive through WDIV's annual Vote 4 the Best competition.

We also added another food assistance partner, teaming with CARES of Farmington Hills and a local farmer who would provide unsold produce weekly to this growing organization that serves more than 600 clients in the greater Farmington area. This partnership, along with cemented relationships with the Neighborhood House, USDA, Michigan Department of Aging, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth & Families, Beaumont, MSU Oakland County Extension, all serve to help make the farmers market an important cog in community life. These partnerships came organically as a direct result of our public gathering.

As vital and important as these ongoing partnerships are, though, the apple of the market's eye is our growing Power of Produce program, our POP! Club, which teaches children ages 4-12 where food comes from. Following Saturday's market, I reached out to our volunteer POP coordinator and Farmington resident, Peggy Castine, who exhausted herself on the last market day at the POP! tent, which was busier than a beehive in an apple orchard, all day long.

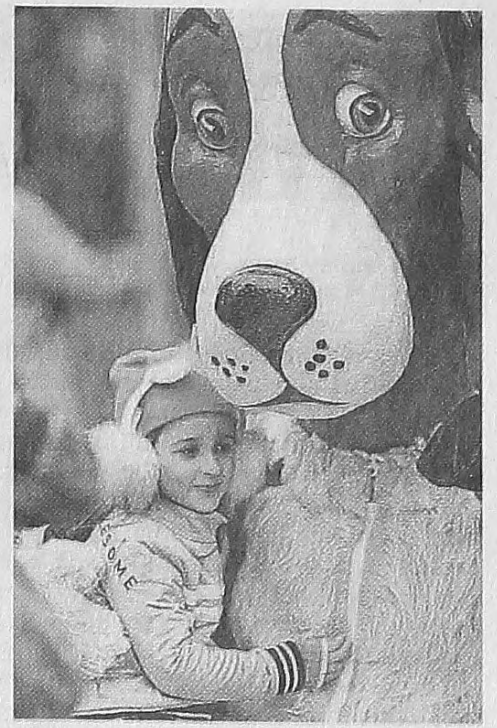
"It was so much fun!" said Castine, who puts together the program with fellow volunteers Julie Stevens and Lisa Alberts. "Since it was the haunted market, we amped up the scary factor and presented veggies in different forms and with scary names, hidden in shoe boxes that the kids had to reach in and identify. The parents got involved, too. There were lots of 'ews' and 'eeks' but a lot of laughter, too. It was a great way to end our second year, which saw our participation increase by almost 60 percent. We think the sky's the limit for next year's program!"

I think the sky really is the limit for this farmers market because collectively we are a family of local growers, producers, foragers, artisans, makers, entertainers, volunteers ... the mighty many who forge Saturday life in a Michigan small town.



Street performers added an air of magic to the last day of the farmers market.

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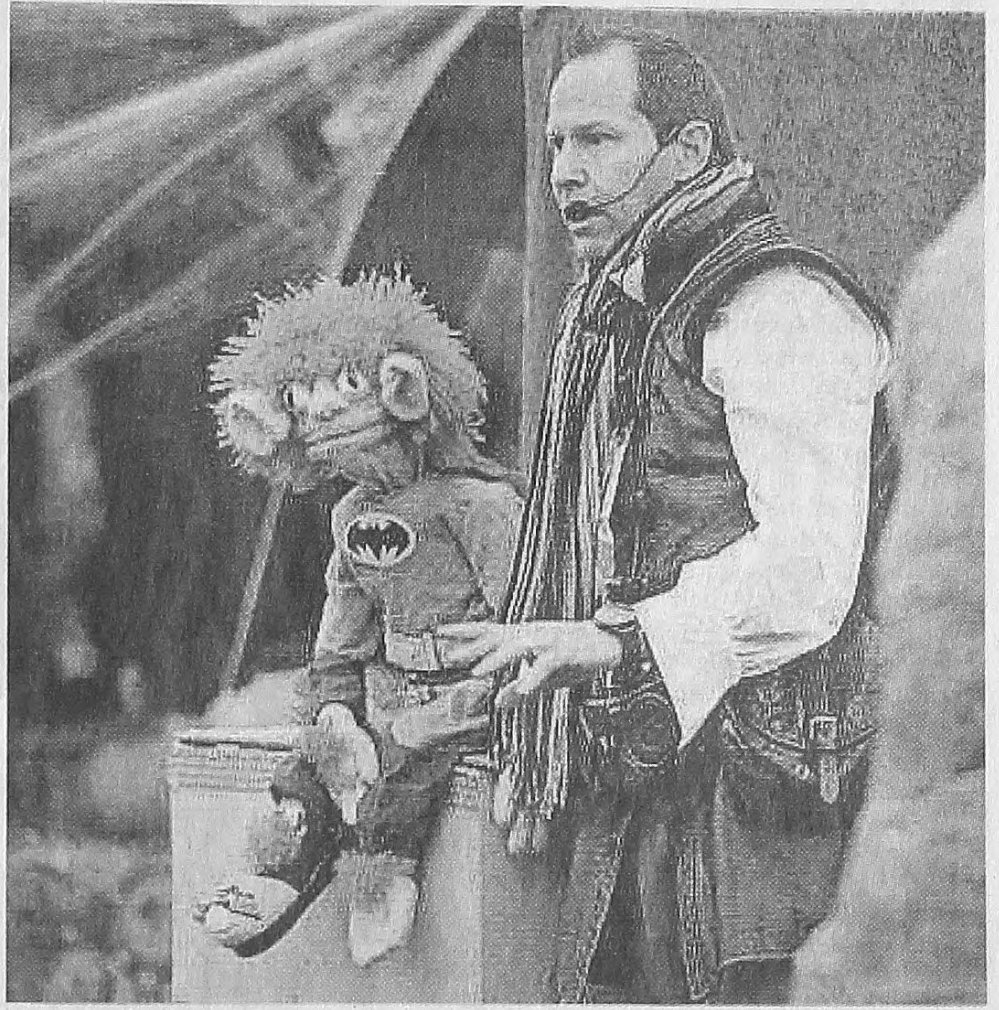


The market is a place to meet new friends.

As I look forward to next year, I would like to extend gratitude to the Farmington Public Safety officers and the Public Works department for providing a safe, well-maintained space for our public gathering, and to our sponsors, who are the true pillars of the market, advocating commerce and community by creating a sense of place. Thank you, Beaumont, Wright Beamer Attorneys, the accountants at Montgomery, Weithorn, Burke, Mackinder & Dye, Chris and Mark Cuthbert at Encore Impressions, Connie Holzer, The Farmington Garage, Great Lakes Ace Hardware, Farmington Insurance, Fresh Thyme, Dr. Natalie at Essential Family Chiropractic, Erika Skrabut of Skrabut Realty of Farmington Hills, Peterlin's Restaurant, the Calder Dairy and Sarah Myskier at Mutual Realty of Farmington.

Together we will welcome our 1 millionth visitor to the Farmington Farmers Market in 2020. Until next year, then and as always, here's saying "See you at the market..."

The Farmington Farmers Market is located at Grand River and Grove Street in downtown Farmington and is open mid-May through October. A special holiday market for Greens Gifts and Giving will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 7, during downtown Farmington's annual Holly Days.



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Alexis Halteman paced back and forth at Detroit Metro Airport, bouncing her son Easton on one hip.

"My heart is racing," she said as her eyes scanned the escalators, anxiously awaiting the arrival of Kaleb Halteman, her husband and Easton's father.

Kaleb, who serves in the Air Force, was about to meet his son for the first time.

Easton arrived in the world April 9 at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital while his dad was on a plane, en route to a 6-month deployment to the Middle East.

Alexis Halteman, a 2015 Milford High School graduate, says she knew what she was getting into as a military wife. Still, separation is never easy, especially when it's during the birth of a child, one of the biggest moments in any family's life.

The stress of her husband's deployment may have actually moved the arrival of their first child up.

Easton was born almost a month premature and with medical complications. Kaleb would not actually see his son via Facetime until Easton was several days old.

Alexis and Kaleb are testing the meaning of for better or worse early on in a young marriage.

The pair met on a blind date set up by mutual friends in September 2015. Alexis knew from the beginning that Kaleb, a 2014 Holly High graduate, was talking to an Air Force recruiter and expected that when he went to basic training in February 2016 they would go their separate ways.

Instead, the departure was a defining moment.

"When he left I was devastated," she said. "I knew I wanted to be with him forever."

They wed Aug. 18, 2016, less than a year after they met, and were stationed at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico.

On their two-year anniversary, Alexis told Kaleb she was pregnant. Less than three months later, they learned he would be deployed to the Middle East.

While they fought against his deployment with a baby on the way, the fight did not go in their favor. Alexis acknowledges what she was up against.

"I knew what I signed up for when I signed the marriage certificate, and he knew what he signed up for with the contract," she said.

Still, on March 21 she said she had the biggest breakdown of her life when he left her in the care of her parents in Highland Township.

At 8:30 p.m., April 8, as Kaleb's Air Force unit was preparing to leave the United States, Alexis Halteman's water broke. They Facetimed during labor, and she laughs as she recalls he urged her to make things go faster so he could see the birth, but to no avail.

Easton was born at 4:09 p.m., April 9, and Kaleb heard the news about an hour later, after his plane landed in Germany.

"We will have such a story to tell Easton some day," Alexis said.

While Easton started life with some medical issues, his mom says he is now a happy, healthy baby who up until now had seen his father only through Facetime, learning to grab the phone when asked where daddy is.

Alexis said her husband had tried to protect her from anxiety, sometimes bottling his own feelings to spare her, a tactic she both loves and hates. She learned he is worried he will miss a bond with his son from not being there the first six months of his life. But for all the other concerns Alexis said she has had, that was not one.

"They say a woman becomes a mother when she finds out she is pregnant and a man becomes a father when he holds his child," she said.

On Tuesday, that moment finally arrived as Alexis spotted her husband approaching in the baggage claim area. She crossed the room holding Easton and walked into Kaleb's waiting arms, greeted with hugs and kisses. Alexis smiled through tears as she gave Kaleb their son to hold.

"Have you been good for six months?" Kaleb asked the baby, smiling.

Being away from his family was incredibly hard, Kaleb shared, and for the past six months, it felt like he was a stranger to the son he had never met.

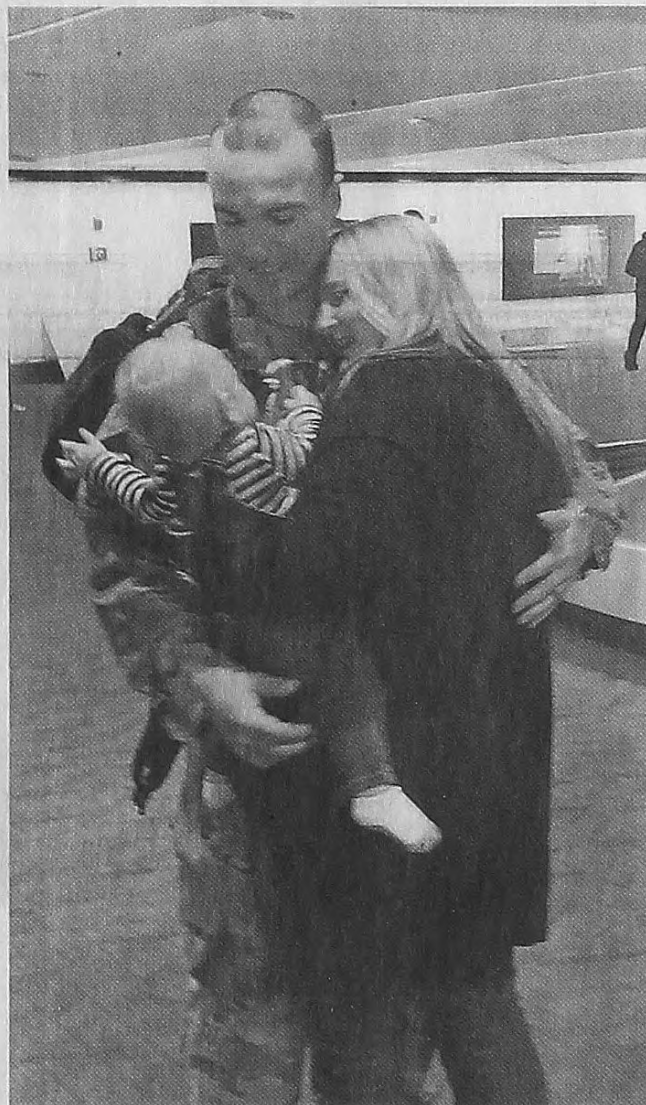
"The one thing I looked forward to the most each



Kaleb Halteman holds his son, Easton for the first time at Detroit Metro Airport on Oct. 22. Halteman had been stationed at a U.S. Air Force base in New Mexico and missed the birth of his son by mere hours more than six and a half months ago. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Alexis Halteman, left, awaits the return of her husband, Kaleb at Metro Airport's North Terminal on Oct. 22 with her mother Kristle Vann, center, holding Alexis' son, Easton; and her sister, Aubrey Ostrander.



Alexis introduces Easton to his dad. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

day was coming home to meet my son and be home with my wife," he said. "It is the most amazing feeling to be reunited with my family. The joy and happiness of meeting my son for the first time is indescribable.... It was worth the wait."

"We have always been a team and will continue to be a team, but this is the greatest moment of my life," Alexis said.

Easton might not be able to verbally express it, but his mom helped him tell it like it is. A sign on his stroller reads, "I have waited 197 days for this moment. Get out of my way, I am meeting my dad today."

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# Plymouth's Riverside Cemetery displays monuments to settlers, famous residents

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While many local residents are putting gravestones on their lawns for Halloween, this is also a good time to visit some actual gravesites, as they tell us much about our local history. Behind the 35th District Court on Plymouth Road west of Haggerty sits Plymouth's only cemetery currently open to burials, Riverside Cemetery.

The acreage holds a mix of modern-day monuments, including an opulent mausoleum, and stones with burial dates as early as 1844. Prior to 1877, however, Riverside's land belonged to settlers Ellen and Franklin Shattuck, who had taken over the family farm along the banks of the Route River. The Shattucks sold the land to Plymouth Township in 1877, and it was officially established as a cemetery on Feb. 3, 1880.

The mid-1800s death dates seem a bit of mystery until one realizes that, in 1915 and 1916, many graves were moved from the Old Presbyterian Cemetery on Church Street, where the First Presbyterian Church is today. Some were also moved from the small Shearer Cemetery on North Territorial Road.

Riverside Cemetery's acreage has grown over the years, with additions from nearby farms in 1921 and 1930. The remains of many prominent Plymouth figures and early settlers, including the Shattucks, lie in the cemetery. Here's a look at some of the gravesites you can visit there.

### George Starkweather, 1826-1907

If the name sounds familiar, it's because Plymouth has a street named for this early settler, who in 1825 built Plymouth's first home on present-day Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail. Starkweather also had a general store on Main Street, which later moved to today's Old Village area. He served as township supervisor and village president.



John Shaw's towering monument, surrounded by family members' gravesites, sits in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.  
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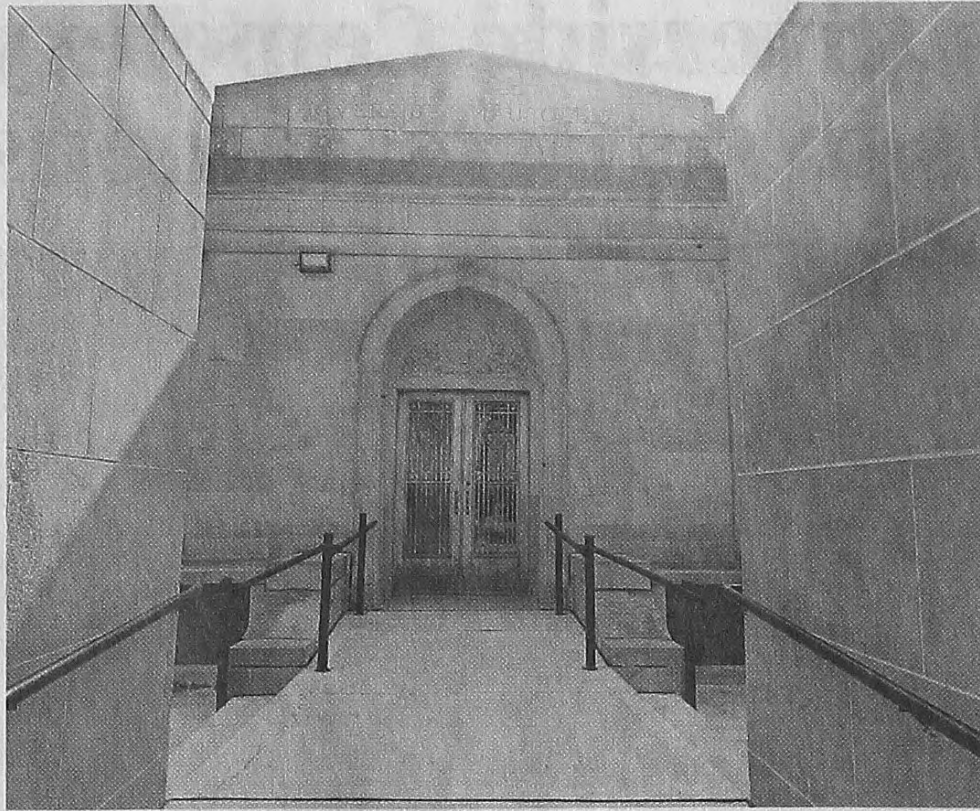
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The gravesite of Edward Corwin, a famed author of legal books.



Phoebe Patterson, Michigan's first female judge, is buried at Riverside.



A mausoleum at Riverside. PHOTOS BY PAMELA A. ZINKOSKI/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Congressman Ebenezer Penniman's grave marker.



Early Plymouth settler George Starkweather's grave marker.

## Cemetery

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### Phoebe L. Patterson, 1857-1931

Patterson was Michigan's first female justice of the peace, as indicated on her gravestone. She was elected to the position in 1919, and stood up in a court battle to uphold her position against lawyer James Pound, who felt that women had no right to hold the office.

She was active in the League of Women Voters as well as the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She paved the way for other women judges, as by 1927, there were six other female justices in Michigan.

### Ebenezer Penniman, 1804-1890

The first Plymouth citizen elected to Congress in 1850 and serving 1851-1853, Penniman too has street named for him. His former home still stands on that street as the offices for Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

In 1871, at the ripe old age of 67, Penniman became president of the First National Bank of Plymouth.

### Edward Corwin, 1878-1963

Corwin, a Plymouth native, was president of the American Political Science Association and a Princeton University professor. He wrote many books on the Constitution, due process, vested rights and other legal issues.

### John Shaw, 1824-1916

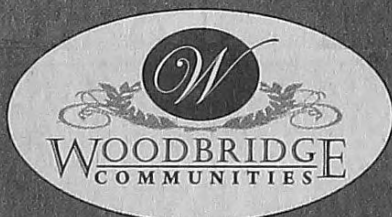
Shaw makes quite a showing in the cemetery, as his monument is one of the highest and is surrounded by some 30 additional family gravesites, many of them moved from other cemeteries, as there's one with an 1844 burial date. Shaw does not seem to have been active in Plymouth but is noted as a prominent Livonia farmer.

### Edward Hough, 1872-1859

Hough, too, has an impressive monument. The Edward Hough Family monument memorializes six family members. Hough, son of the founder of the Plymouth Iron Windmill Co., which eventually became the Daisy Air Rifle Co., was a Daisy executive who eventually became company president. His family home still stands on Ann Arbor Trail.



The large Edward Hough Family Memorial holds the names of six Hough family members. Hough served as president of the Daisy Air Rifle Co.



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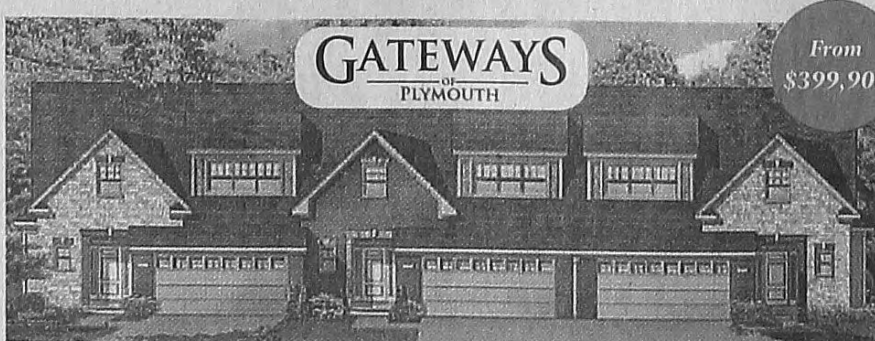
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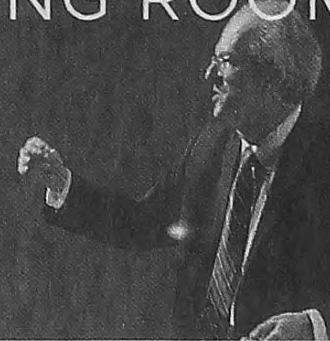
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# Redford homicide trial raises more questions

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Nearly four months after five-year-old Lyric Jones died of what medical examiners determined was blunt force trauma, her mother Steffani Jones, 26, appeared for a preliminary hearing Friday that reviewed the examination of evidence.

The hearing did not answer questions about whether Jones, who was at work when her daughter died in the care of Lewis, should be charged with the death.

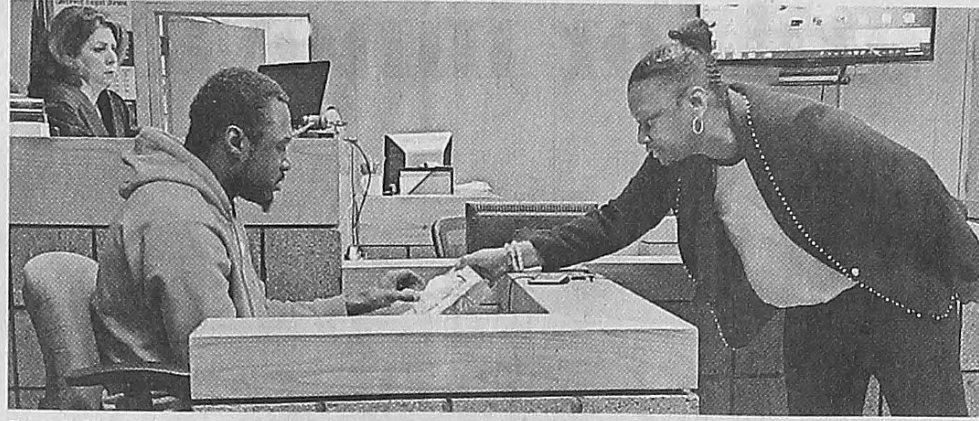
Jones' boyfriend and alleged co-conspirator, Michael DeShawn Lewis, 30, was not present.

Both are charged with felony murder, second-degree murder and two counts of first-degree child abuse. Jones' son, a 3-year-old, also had signs of abuse in June, authorities said.

## 'Absolutely horrendous' footage

Presenting evidence, prosecutors showed a video taken from Jones' phone and given to the Michigan State Police.

The video shows Lewis yelling at Lyric, who apparently dropped an electron-



Randell Fuller, the father of murdered 5-year-old Lyric Jones, of Redford, gives his witness statement. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ic device into the toilet. The footage left Jones and Randell Fuller, Lyric's father and a witness in the case, crying.

"What the (expletive) you lying for?" Lewis yelled, along with other expletives, at the 5-year-old.

The prosecution also explicitly detailed the "brutal" injuries sustained by both children which, if they had not led to death for Lyric, would be classified as first-degree child abuse.



Jones



Lewis

## Alleged history of abuse

Detective Daniel Bailey, an officer with the Redford Township Police Department, testified that Lewis had a history of abusing both children by punching them "in the chest area."

When he interviewed Jones on June 25, Jones apparently stated that Lewis had a history of physically abusing her, as well. She also told Bailey that

Lewis was the primary caregiver for the kids when she was at work.

Bailey said when he arrived on the scene and saw Lyric's younger brother, he had a number of injuries that Jones attributed to Lewis.

"When I pulled up, I noticed that he had different colored bruising and a scab on his side," Bailey said of the 3-year-old.

The prosecution also read hospital and autopsy records detailing that Lyric and her little brother both had extensive scarring, indicating a long history of physical abuse.

But the defense argued that, because Jones was at work at the time of Lyric's death, she could not be accused of aiding and abetting even if there was a history of abuse. The defense also noted that police at the scene June 25 did not check Jones for injury or take any forensic photographs of her. So it is unknown if she had sustained injuries from abuse around that time.

On the question of whether Jones aided and abetted Lewis, the court decided to hold another session Nov. 22. At that time, the judge is expected to make a ruling on whether there's enough evidence to bind over both Lewis and Jones.

# Madonna U presents 'The Star-Spangled Girl'

The premiere mainstage season for the Madonna University Repertory Theatre kicks off Friday with Neil Simon's comedy "The Star-Spangled Girl."

The show involves the perfect All-American girl. When she moves in next door to two college buddies writing a protest magazine, sparks are sure to fly. Add romantic attraction to the mix - that somehow becomes a lover's quadrangle - and the resulting fireworks rival any Fourth of July celebration.

Performances, in Kresge Hall, are 7:30 p.m. Nov. 1-2, and 2 p.m. Nov. 3.

Tickets are \$12 general admission, and \$10 students/seniors. Purchase tickets online at <https://t.e2ma.net/click/ute3ac/qaxt3l/iggi5k> or at the door.

Madonna University's Repertory Theatre performers are giving more than a stellar performance. They also are giving back to the community through their support of The Bride's Project (TBP), a non-profit bridal salon in Ann Arbor.

Theater patrons are encouraged to donate their five-year-old or younger

wedding gowns to TBP when they attend "The Star-Spangled Girl."

Money raised by the sale of the gowns supports families touched by cancer. The TBP mission is to offer sustainable funding to the Cancer Support Community of Greater Ann Arbor, and to offer brides a socially-conscious, eco- and budget-friendly option to purchase a wedding dress.

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Work continues Oct. 23 on the replacement of a bridge on Lilley Road just north of Michigan Avenue in Canton Township. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Canton's Lilley Road bridge re-opening delayed again

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Canton Township residents who were expecting the long-closed Lilley Road bridge to be reopened by the most-recent construction deadline of Oct. 31 are in for a trick, not a treat.

The reopening has been pushed back to late-November, Wayne County spokeswoman Whitney Lewis said Friday, due to a delay in steel fabrication.

"We will continue communication with the township officials for the exact date of opening," Lewis added.

The bridge, which is a vital pathway for traffic over the Lower Rouge River, was closed by the Wayne County Roads Commission in 2017 after a routine inspection found troubling structural flaws.

Work on replacing the bridge started in June with a reopening deadline set for Halloween.

Now, it appears Thanksgiving is going to be more like it, which is a bummer for residents who live by the site.

Not only are neighbors in the four subdivisions that branch off Lilley Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Road forced to take circuitous routes on a daily basis, the "short-cut" traffic that is funneling through the Wood Creek subdivision so drivers can get from Haggerty Road to Lilley Road faster is wearing down the neighborhood's primary east-west street at such an accelerated rate that homeowners have been required to ramp up the funding to fix the crumbling asphalt.

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## George E. Benko V

George E. Benko V - Loving Son, Brother and Uncle passed away on October 22, 2019, peacefully at home surrounded by his family and friends in Birmingham, Michigan (formerly of Crosswell, Michigan).

George was born December 12, 1962 in Yale Michigan, to Ella and Judge George Benko. He graduated from Crosswell-Lexington High School in 1981 and subsequently went to Eastern Michigan University (EMU) where he graduated with a B.S. in Communications. After graduation he worked at radio stations in Sandusky (WMIC, WTGV) and Gladwin Michigan (WJEB). He was founder and President of GB Broadcasting Company (WBGV-FM) in Marlette, Michigan.

George was a devote Christian and was an active member in Campus Crusade for Christ at EMU. He actively supported the Community Baptist Church in Crosswell and the First Baptist Church of Troy.

George had many hobbies and interests including a love of bicycles, his Land Rover, sign language, nutrition and household gadgets. He was fascinated by dome homes and built his own Yurt in Crosswell, Michigan. He loved the holidays; dressing up for Halloween, shopping for Christmas and birthday gifts, especially for his nieces and nephews. George was well known for his great sense of humor and laughter.

He served as President of the Sanilac Literacy Council and was passionate about the importance of reading. He was an active member of the Automobile Press Association of Detroit and attended many automobile shows across the country. He was a member of the Amateur Radio Relay League and proudly displayed his call letters, KB8WWD, on his Land Rover's license plate.

He is survived by his parents Ella and Judge George Benko, sister Dr. Rebecca Benko (Dr. Randy Holland), sister Barbara (Denis) Murphy, Esquire, brother John (Katherine) Benko, Esquire, and six nieces and nephews, Rachel, Eric, Daniel, Johnny, Ava and Abigail. George is the Godfather to Johnny and Daniel.

Funeral Service was previously held at A.J. Desmond & Sons in Royal Oak. Interment was held at Acacia Park Cemetery in Beverly Hills, Michigan. Share memories at [AJDesmond.com](http://AJDesmond.com)

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# Cooke special education teacher to receive award for innovative ideas

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Designing each day's lesson plans can be an adventure for Northville's Cooke School adaptive physical education teacher Elizabeth Adams.

And carrying out those plans can be exhausting.

But Adams wouldn't have it any other way.

"I enjoy the challenge of coming up with activities for so many different levels of students," said Adams, an educator at Cooke since 2002.

"For instance, today we're doing volleyball. I'll have to figure out ways to get all the students — from severely mentally impaired kids to high-functioning students who are almost capable of playing high school sports — engaged in the activity. I want them all to experience success, no matter what level they're at."

Adams' tactics are working.

On Nov. 7 in Lansing, she will be awarded the 2019 SHAPE Michigan Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year award.

To qualify for the honor, Adams was required to meet SHAPE America standards and guidelines for K-12 physical education programs, utilize various teaching methodologies and plan innovative learning experiences, provide service to the community and participate in ongoing professional development.

Adams checks all these boxes on a daily basis, said Cooke Principal Jennifer Bugar.

"Elizabeth brings so much energy and innovative ideas to her job," said Bugar. "Not only does she come up with ideas about how to help her students learn about new activities and sports, but she focuses on our goal of improving their communication skills."

Cooke School is a special education center program that services students from 12 local school districts in western Wayne County. The student population includes students ages 3-26, who are



Cooke School adaptive physical education teacher Elizabeth Adams will receive a state teaching award in November.  
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severely cognitively impaired, severely multiply impaired, and students dual-diagnosed with a cognitive and emotional impairment.

The special education center program is funded by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and operated by Northville Public Schools.

Adams' career path was headed in a different direction before a high school volunteering opportunity changed her life.

"Up until my senior year of high school I was going to go into physical therapy," she revealed. "I volunteered in a special-education room (at Ionia High School) and I loved it. In college (at East-

ern Michigan University), I decided to pursue a major in cognitively impaired education and an adaptive physical education minor.

"I was lucky enough to get hired in here at Cooke right out of college."

Adams' Cooke colleagues describe her as "caring, compassionate" and a master at "scaffolding and differentiating her lessons in fun ways so that all can, and want, to contribute."

Adams often goes beyond the call of duty, doing everything from helping get students off the buses in the morning to eating lunch with them throughout the week.

"Elizabeth is also very dedicated to Special Olympics," added Bugar. "She's

just a huge advocate for getting our kids out into the community."

Adams said she was hooked by the Special Olympics experience immediately upon attending her first competition in Mount Pleasant.

"I used to be a high school volleyball and softball coach," she shared. "But once I started taking Cooke students to the Special Olympics, I knew that's where I needed to be."

Doing what she does can be exhausting, Adams admitted.

"But to see the joy and excitement the students display when they're participating in activities I helped design far outweighs any fatigue," she said, smiling.



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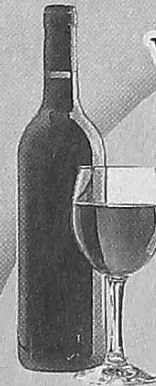
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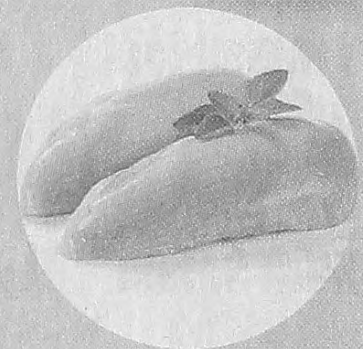
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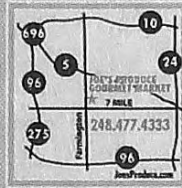


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## Local high schools that made football playoffs

Colin Gay [Hometownlife.com](http://Hometownlife.com)  
 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The regular season is over. The playoffs are here.

After nine games, teams from around the Hometown Life coverage area have made the 2019 MHSAA high school football playoffs, each with an opportunity

to make it to Ford Field at the end of November for a chance at a state title.

Starting next year, the MHSAA will use a new point system to determine the playoffs, but the 2019 season will be the last one with the current format.

The first round will begin Nov. 1. With the full bracket released, here is a look at what is in store for area teams

in the tournament. The higher seeds will open the playoffs at home.

### Division 1

#### Region 2

#### District 1

1- West Bloomfield (8-1) vs. 4- Canton (5-4)

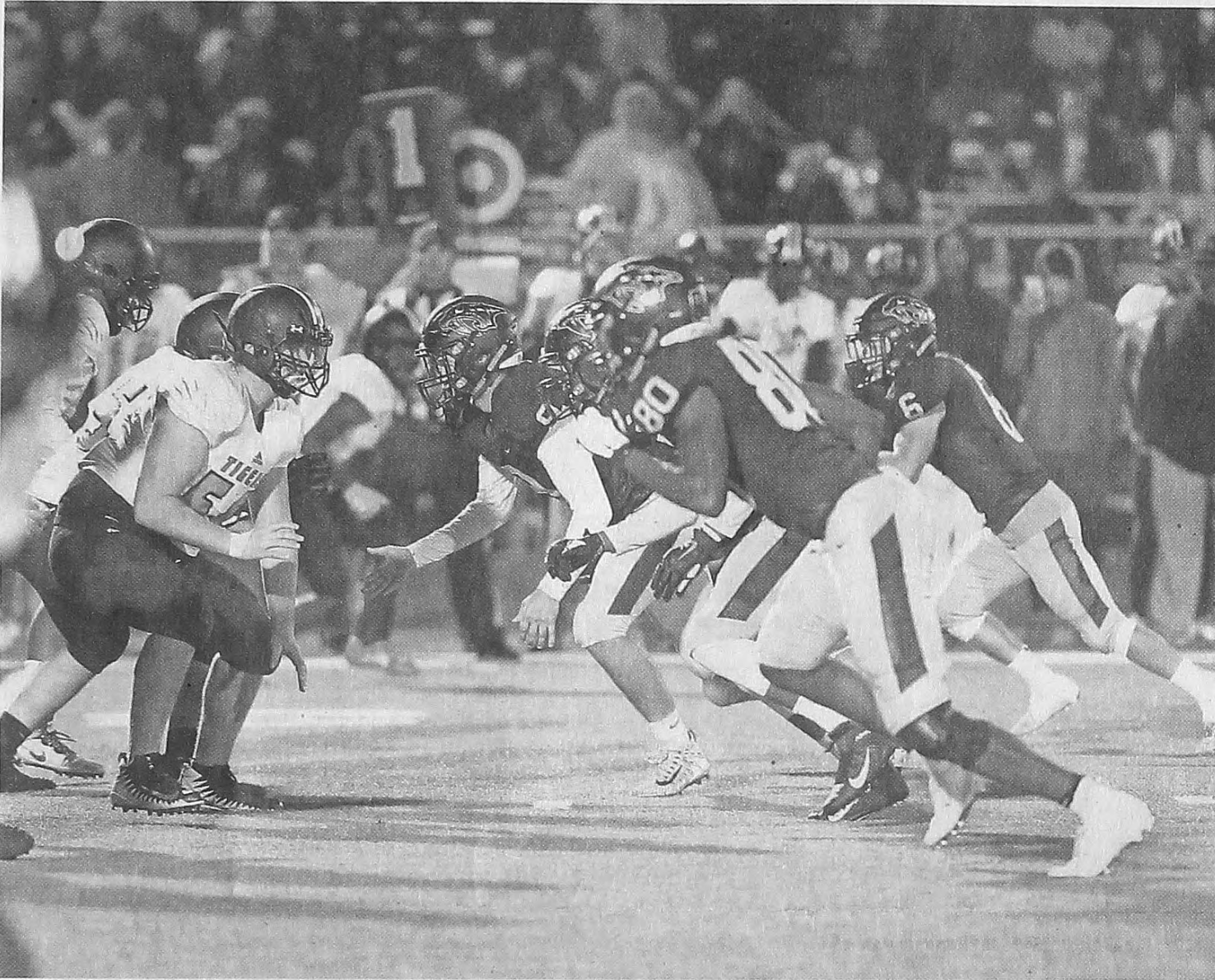
2- Plymouth (8-1) vs. 3- White Lake Lakeland (7-2)

### Division 2

#### Region 2

#### District 1

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Plymouth's defensive line, led by Ivan Davis, front, rushes the Belleville offensive line in the KLAA title game Oct. 25.  
 PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Belleville upends Plymouth to win KLAA championship

Andrew Vaillencourt  
[Hometownlife.com](http://Hometownlife.com)  
 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Entering the game undefeated, Plymouth had high hopes for a perfect regular season and a conference championship. The only problem? So did Belleville.

The Tigers dominated the Wildcats 41-14 Friday night at the Plymouth High School Varsity Field to capture their second consecutive Kensington Lakes Activities Association (KLAA) championship.

Belleville has now won 33 straight regular season games, dating back to the 2016 season. Its last loss came in week three of that season to Dearborn Fordson, indicating just how strong of an opponent Plymouth was facing.

The Wildcats suffer their first loss of the season and fall to 8-1. They'll regroup and get ready for the playoffs, which start Friday.

"They're good. They're fast, physical," Plymouth coach Brian Lewis said. "There's a reason why they're a top 10



Plymouth's Logan Walkley, center, is stopped by a bunch of Belleville players.

See **BELLEVILLE**, Page 2B

## Northville golf wins 2nd straight state title

Andrew Vaillencourt  
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The Northville girls golf team went back-to-back, capturing its second consecutive state championship.

The team took first place by 32 strokes, defeating Grosse Pointe South, which came in second. Plymouth finished third. The competition was held Oct. 18-19 at Forest Akers West Golf Course at Michigan State University.

"I'm super happy for the team, but in particular our senior captains," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "After winning the 2018 state title, we had to replace our top two players: one to college golf and the other to a golf academy in South Carolina. I give a lot of credit to the returning players, they all re-committed themselves to working hard and came into the season with an eye on defending their title. The key for us this season has been our incredible depth. I have been able to roll a variety of line-ups in tournaments and matches, and no matter the combination, the girls have produced results."

Northville's top golfer was senior captain Sedona Shipka, who finished with a 158 over the two-day tournament.

"It feels unbelievable to accomplish something this rare, however our team is very rare," Shipka said. "I've never seen a group of girls so determined, it really puts emphasis on what Northville golf means to me, which is above all teamwork and compassion."

Fellow senior captain Sufna Gill was the team's second place finisher with a 161. Like Shipka, she is an all-state golfer.

"Winning a second state championship means the world to me, especially as a senior in high school," Gill said. "Our team went from getting cut at regionals my freshmen year to winning back to back state championships during the duration of my career. Being apart of the team and leading our girls to victory gives me a lot of confidence and taught me many lessons I will be able to apply later in my career."

Both girls said that the team cultured continued to improve and that this year's squad really bonded well together.

Katelyn Tokarz was the team's third golfer, posting a 164; Samantha Coleman was fourth with a 165 and Megha Vallabhaneni rounded out the group with a 170.

Shipka tied for ninth overall among individual golfers. She and Gill are still considering their college options, but Gill says she is closing in on playing

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**HOMETOWN LIFE STAFF FOOTBALL PICKS: WEEK 10**

Games (home team listed first):	Andrew Vaillencourt	Colin Gay	Ed Wright	David Veselenak	Phil Allmen (coin flip)
West Bloomfield vs. Canton	West Bloomfield	West Bloomfield	West Bloomfield	West Bloomfield	Canton
Plymouth vs. Lakeland	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Lakeland
Dexter vs. Livonia Churchill	Churchill	Dexter	Dexter	Dexter	Dexter
Fenton vs. South Lyon	Fenton	South Lyon	Fenton	Fenton	South Lyon
North Farmington vs. U-D Jesuit	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	U-D Jesuit
Oak Park vs. Farmington	Oak Park	Oak Park	Oak Park	Oak Park	Oak Park
Livonia Franklin vs. Wyandotte Roosevelt	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
Birmingham Groves vs. De La Salle	Groves	Groves	De La Salle	Groves	Groves
Birmingham Seaholm vs. Sterling Heights	Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm	Sterling Heights
Flint Kearsley vs. Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Kearsley	Brother Rice
Redford Thurston vs. Eastpointe	Redford Thurston	Redford Thurston	Redford Thurston	Redford Thurston	Redford Thurston
Romulus Summit Academy North vs. Redford Union	Redford Union	Redford Union	Redford Union	Summit Academy North	Redford Union
Detroit Country Day vs. Harper Woods Chandler Park	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood vs. Harper Woods	Cranbrook-Kingswood	Cranbrook-Kingswood	Cranbrook-Kingswood	Cranbrook-Kingswood	Harper Woods
Belleville vs. Saline	Belleville	Belleville	Saline	Belleville	Saline
Holt vs. Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Holt	Holt	Holt
Maryland vs. Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Maryland
Florida vs. Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
Purdue vs. Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Purdue	Nebraska	Nebraska
Raiders vs. Lions	Lions	Lions	Lions	Raiders	Raiders
Last Week's Record:	16-4	16-4	12-8	14-6	8-12
Season Record:	132-47-1	141-38-1	127-52-1	128-51-1	87-92-1



**GAME OF THE WEEK**

**Plymouth vs. Lakeland tops week's much-watch matchups**

**Colin Gay** HometownLife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

With the regular season complete, 15 Hometown Life-area teams have made the postseason, each with the goal of making the state finals at Ford Field at the end of November.

With the full bracket released, here are six games to watch in the first round of the MHSAA high school football playoffs, including Hometown Life's game of the week: Plymouth vs. White Lake Lakeland.

**Plymouth vs. White Lake Lakeland, 7 p.m., Nov. 1**

Since the team's inception in 2004, Plymouth has been to the playoffs 11 times, losing in the state final against Lake Orion in 2010.

Since 2006, White Lake Lakeland has made the playoffs six times, including each of the past three years, but only advancing as far as the regional round. In the first round of the 2019 playoffs, Lakeland and Plymouth will meet for the first time in each school's history.

Here are five other first-round games to keep an eye on:

**Farmington at Oak Park, 6 p.m., Nov. 1**

After a Week 9 bye, Farmington will open the playoffs against a familiar foe: former OAA White rival Oak Park.

The Falcons have not faced the Knights since switching to the OAA Blue division in 2017, last losing to Oak Park, 42-0, in 2016. Farmington has faced Oak Park 12 times, winning seven of those games.

**Canton at West Bloomfield, 7 p.m., Nov. 1**

After its 43-6 win against Dearborn in Week 9, Canton's playoff streak continues. The Chiefs will take on West Bloomfield in its 12th-consecutive playoff appearance, and its 19th in the past 20 years.

But unlike previous seasons, Canton squeaked into the playoff race. The

Chiefs come into the first round with five wins, the least they have recorded in a regular season since their 5-4 finish in 2007: the last time they didn't make the playoffs.

The Chiefs have also averaged 27.6 points per game, their lowest since 2007.

**Birmingham Groves vs. De La Salle, 7 p.m., Nov. 1**

Birmingham Groves' first-round game will be a rematch of the Falcons' 2018 semifinal loss in Warren De La Salle, who went on to win the Division 2 final against Muskegon Mona Shores.

Groves enters the postseason in a very similar spot as 2018. Both teams came in with two losses — falling to Oak Park and Woodhaven in 2019. Both teams allowed over 30 points in only one game in the regular season and averaged over 30 points per game offensively.

**South Lyon at Fenton, 7 p.m., Nov. 1**

The Lions eclipsed 300 total points for the first time since 2006 in its Week 9 win against South Lyon East, coming into the playoffs averaging 35.9 points per game.

However, the South Lyon offense has been put into place, putting up only 10 points against Walled Lake Western on Oct. 11. Quarterback Connor Fracassi will have to move the ball against a Fenton team that, after allowing 54 points to Davison in the season opener, allowed only 83 points in eight games.

**North Farmington vs. Detroit U-D Jesuit, 1 p.m., Nov. 2**

North Farmington comes into the first round of the MHSAA football playoffs at 9-0 for the first time since 1970.

After their 13-9 win against Farmington on Oct. 18, the Raiders secured an undefeated regular season with a 46-22 trouncing of Ypsilanti Lincoln. The Raiders will open the playoffs against Detroit U-D Jesuit, a team that faced playoff teams in six of its nine regular season games.

**Playoffs**

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2- Dexter (8-1) vs. 3- Livonia Churchill (5-4)

District 2  
2- Fenton (8-1) vs. 3- South Lyon (8-1)

Region 3  
District 1  
1- North Farmington (9-0) vs. 4- Detroit U-D Jesuit (6-3)

2- Oak Park (8-1) vs. 3- Farmington (7-1)

District 2  
2- Livonia Franklin (7-2) vs. 3- Wyandotte Roosevelt (7-2)

Region 4  
District 1  
1- Birmingham Groves (7-2) vs. 4- De La Salle (5-4)

2- Birmingham Seaholm (6-3) vs. 3-

Sterling Heights (6-3)

**Division 3**

Region 4  
District 1  
2- Flint Kearsley (7-2) vs. 3- Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (6-3)

District 2  
Redford Thurston (7-2) vs. Eastpointe (6-3)

**Division 4**

Region 4  
District 1  
2- Romulus Summit Academy North (7-2) vs. 3- Redford Union (6-3)

District 2  
1- Detroit Country Day (9-0) vs. 4- Harper Woods Chandler Park (4-4)

2- Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (5-3) vs. 3- Harper Woods (4-4)

**Belleville**

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team in the state. They have a lot of guys that can make plays and make things happen. On our side of the division, we had not seen the type of speed that they have."

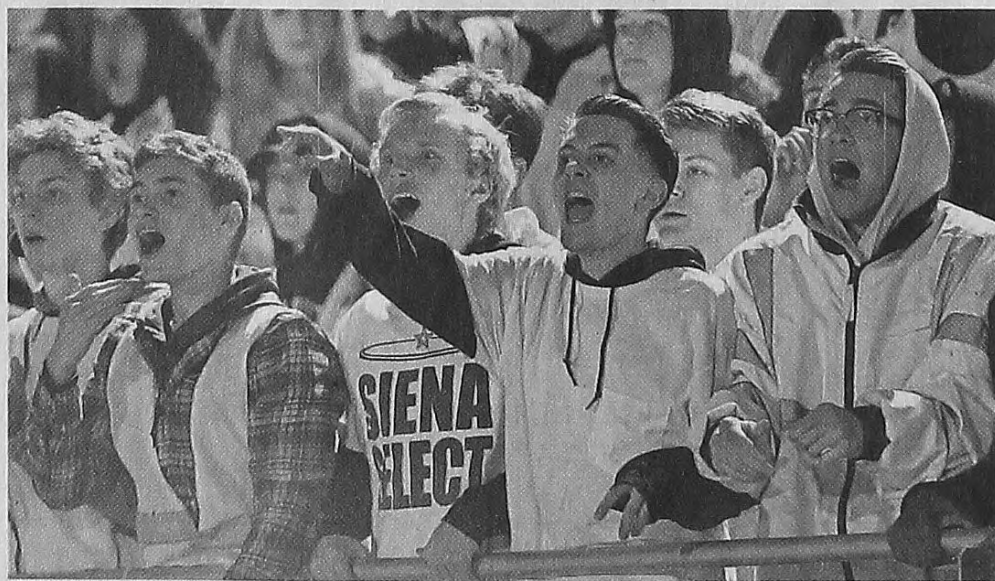
Here are takeaways from the game:

**Playing from behind**

Belleville got off to exactly the kind of start it needed to in a tough road game. On the opening drive, it gashed the Wildcat defense with several runs before quarterback Christian Dhue-Reid hit an open Deion Burks for a 20-yard touchdown. Burks made an incredible diving catch on the play. That gave the Tigers a 7-0 lead and quieted the large Plymouth crowd.

On its second possession, Belleville struck again. Christian Rapley caught a 22-yard pass to set his team up at the one-yard line, where running back Ty-Trayon Lewis finished it off with a touchdown.

Playing in a two-touchdown hole was a problem for Plymouth, which was nev-



**Plymouth fans react to penalties called against both teams during the game.**  
JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

er able to establish an offensive rhythm in the first half. It attempted to fake punts, one successful and one not, but the bold calls weren't enough for the Wildcats.

"Our punter thought he saw an opening and tried to make a play," Lewis said. "Kids in big games try to make plays, so it is what it is. Against a team like this

you have to find a way to move the ball and get first downs. Anything is on the table when you play a team this good."

Belleville's Lewis would score another touchdown late in the second quarter after the Tigers forced a Plymouth punt from its own end zone and took over at the Wildcats 30-yard line. That made it 21-0 at halftime.

**Tigers take over**

The second half started off well for Plymouth. It put together its best offensive drive of the game, marching down the field for its first scoring drive of the night. Senior quarterback Nick Downs capped off the possession with a one-yard touchdown run. That made it 21-7 with 8:34 left in the third quarter.

That's when Belleville kicked it into a higher gear.

The Tigers would score three touchdowns in a row to blow the game wide open at 41-7. Dhue-Reid got it started with a 13-yard scoring run, Jamari Buddin then caught a 20-yard touchdown pass and Kobe Langford finished the scoring blitz off with a one-yard run. Michigan cornerback commit Andre Seldon had an interception in that third quarter, setting up Belleville's final scoring drive.

The Wildcats fought to stay in the game, as Downs connected with senior Van Riley on a 50-yard touchdown pass and catch, but it wasn't enough. Nathan Janke recorded an interception and Billy Salamey recovered a fumble for Plymouth in the loss.

"They were athletic and fast, we knew that coming in," Downs said.

# HTL top 10 high school football teams: Week 10

**Andrew Vaillencourt**  
Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The regular season is complete, and Hometown Life Sports is back with its weekly top-10 teams in the area. Each week, we rank the top 10 teams in our coverage area based on record, strength of schedule, experience and of course, the game results. The ranking will be decided on by our two sports reporters: Andrew Vaillencourt and Colin Gay.

Here is the top 10 for week 10:

## 1. North Farmington (9-0, Last Week: No. 1)

North Farmington secured its first undefeated regular season since 1970 with a win against Ypsilanti Lincoln on Friday. The Raiders' undefeated season comes off of three-straight losing seasons, including an 0-9 finish in 2016.

## 2. Livonia Franklin (7-2, Last Week: No. 5)

Franklin defeated a tough Hartland team that was fighting for its playoff life. That sends the Patriots into the playoffs with a 7-2 record. Wyandotte Roosevelt will be another significant challenge in the opening round, but the district is winnable. Franklin's strong showing against Belleville in week eight is also a positive here.

## 3. Birmingham Groves (7-2, Last Week: No. 4)

Birmingham Groves' playoff streak continues, as the Falcons will play in its seventh playoff game in seven years on Friday. Coming off a 21-point loss to undefeated Brownstown Woodhaven, Groves will face Warren De La Salle in

the first round, the team that ended the Falcons' season in 2018.

## 4. Plymouth (8-1, Last Week: No. 2)

Plymouth struggled against Belleville in the KLAA title game, showing that there is still a gap between the two divisions. On the bright side, it managed to secure a home playoff game against Lakeland and won't have to play Belleville in districts.

## 5. Farmington (7-1, Last Week: No. 3)

Coming off a Week 9 bye, Farmington comes into the first round of the playoffs with a 7-1 record. It is the first time since 2003 the Falcons have ended a regular season with only one loss.

## 6. South Lyon (8-1, Last Week: No. 6)

The Lions took care of business against its rival, South Lyon East, in the final week of the regular season. Unfortunately, they were still sent on the road in the opening round of the playoffs, where they will face Fenton. Win that and South Lyon gets another crack at top seed Walled Lake Western.

## 7. Detroit Country Day (9-0, Last Week: No. 7)

With a 40-0 win against Ferndale, Detroit Country Day finishes its regular season undefeated for the second time since 2016. In 2016, the Yellowjackets lost to Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

## 8. Lakeland (7-2, Last Week: No. 8)

Lakeland continues its strong under

the radar play and heads into the playoffs with a local matchup against Plymouth. It will be a difficult test for both teams that could truly be a toss-up. The winner will face either West Bloomfield or Canton.

## 9. Livonia Churchill (5-4, Last Week: 9)

Churchill continues its three-season playoff streak, securing a bid with a 27-0 win against Howell. The Chargers have won four straight games, outscoring opponents 105-24.

## 10. Canton (5-4, Last Week: NR)

The Chiefs surge back into the rankings after an incredible upset win against Dearborn. Canton dominated the Pioneers 43-6. The win sends Canton to the playoffs, where it will take on West Bloomfield.

The Hometown Life sports (HTL sports) area consists of 28 teams representing Catholic League (Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood), Independent (Detroit Country Day), the Oakland Activities Association (Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Farmington, North Farmington), the Western Wayne Athletic Conference (Garden City, Redford Thurston, Redford Union), the MIAC (Livonia Clarenceville, Lutheran Westland), the Kensington Lakes Activities Association (Canton, Livonia Stevenson, Salem, Novi, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Northville, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial) and the Lakes Valley Conference (White Lake Lakeland, South Lyon East, South Lyon, Milford).

# Golf

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golf at Northwood.

"Winning a state title isn't easy, and this group carried the pressure of being ranked No. 1 all season," Cronin said. "I'm proud of the winning culture we've created at Northville because the girls have thrived as a result. They have fun, push themselves and each other, compete all the time, and they really come together as a team."

## Division 1 team results:

1. Northville - 322 - 324 - 646
2. Grosse Pointe South - 336 - 342 - 678
3. Plymouth - 352 - 338 - 690
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White Lake Lakeland (7-2) 51, Milford (1-8) 0  
South Lyon (8-1) 42 South Lyon East (3-6) 18

**Catholic High School League**  
Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (6-3) 51, Detroit Cody (1-8) 0  
**Western Wayne Athletic Conference**  
New Boston Huron (4-5) 41, Garden City (5-4) 19  
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**Independent**  
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**KLAA**  
Canton (5-4) 43, Dearborn (4-5) 6

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Livonia Franklin (7-2) 42, Hartland (4-5) 21  
Livonia Stevenson (4-5) 26, Northville (3-6) 6  
Novi (2-7) 36, Westland John Glenn (1-8) 12  
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# Catholic Central misses playoffs

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Detroit Catholic Central was confident it could beat Orchard Lake St. Mary's again, beating the Eaglets, 20-14, on Oct. 11.

But round two came with higher stakes: not just a Catholic League Championship for Catholic Central, but a playoff berth.

The Shamrocks (4-5) could not overcome their mistakes, recording five first-half turnovers and two second-half interceptions that led to losing, 13-0, to Orchard Lake St. Mary's (8-1) at Eastern Michigan on Saturday night.

With only four wins, Catholic Central will miss the playoffs for the first time since 2014, only the second time in the past 13 years.

Here are three takeaways from Catholic Central's loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

## Turnovers galore

Catholic Central seemed to have control from the very first offensive snap, as junior running back Danny Scott found daylight to the left side, taking it all the way to the Eaglets' 1-yard line.

But on the next play, junior quarterback Jack Beno, who started his first game since Week 4 with Declan Byle sidelined with a sickness, recorded the first of four first-half fumbles for the Shamrocks, losing possession and failing to convert on their only significant scoring chance in the first two quarters.

"We knew the weather was going to be bad, and we couldn't throw the ball much," senior wide receiver and defen-



The Catholic Central defense fights to bring down an Orchard Lake St. Mary's rusher in the Catholic League Bishop Championship on Oct. 26.

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sive back Cody Daraban said. "We had to get the run game going, and a few lost balls didn't go our way."

For the five turnovers the Shamrocks recorded in the first half, the Eaglets answered with four of their own, fumbling the ball twice, with quarterback Grant Henson adding two interceptions: one recorded by Catholic Central defensive back Jacob Young, who also recorded a

fumble recovery and the other by senior Easton St. Clair.

While the number of turnovers decreased in the second half, each proved more costly for the Shamrocks.

After Orchard Lake St. Mary's opened the third quarter with a five-play touchdown drive, Beno ended the ensuing Shamrocks drive with an interception, throwing another in the fourth

quarter to secure the Eaglet shutout.

"We just had too many mistakes," junior wide receiver and defensive back Sam Dersa said.

## Eaglets run game secures the victory

While Catholic Central tried to get the running game going all night, mostly through junior running back Danny Scott, St. Mary's running back Anthony Anton gave the Eaglets momentum in the second half.

After missing the Eaglets' 42-0 win against Dearborn Divine Child, Anton came back with a vengeance in the second half, ending the Eaglets' first drive of the third quarter with a 53-yard touchdown run to the left side.

With 8:04 left in the fourth quarter, Anton scored the dagger, taking the ball 42 yards for his second score of the day, helping him eclipse 1,000 rushing yards for the 2019 season.

## 'A rough ending'

Catholic Central head coach Dan Anderson has been with the Shamrocks through their past four playoff appearances. But he was with them in 2014: a 4-5 season that ended a streak of seven-consecutive seasons of playoff football.

When he was asked about the four-year streak coming to an end, he pointed to who the Shamrocks faced.

"We had a heck of a schedule," Anderson said. "Each team we played will be in the playoffs."

In the nine games the Shamrocks played, opponents posted a record of 63-16.



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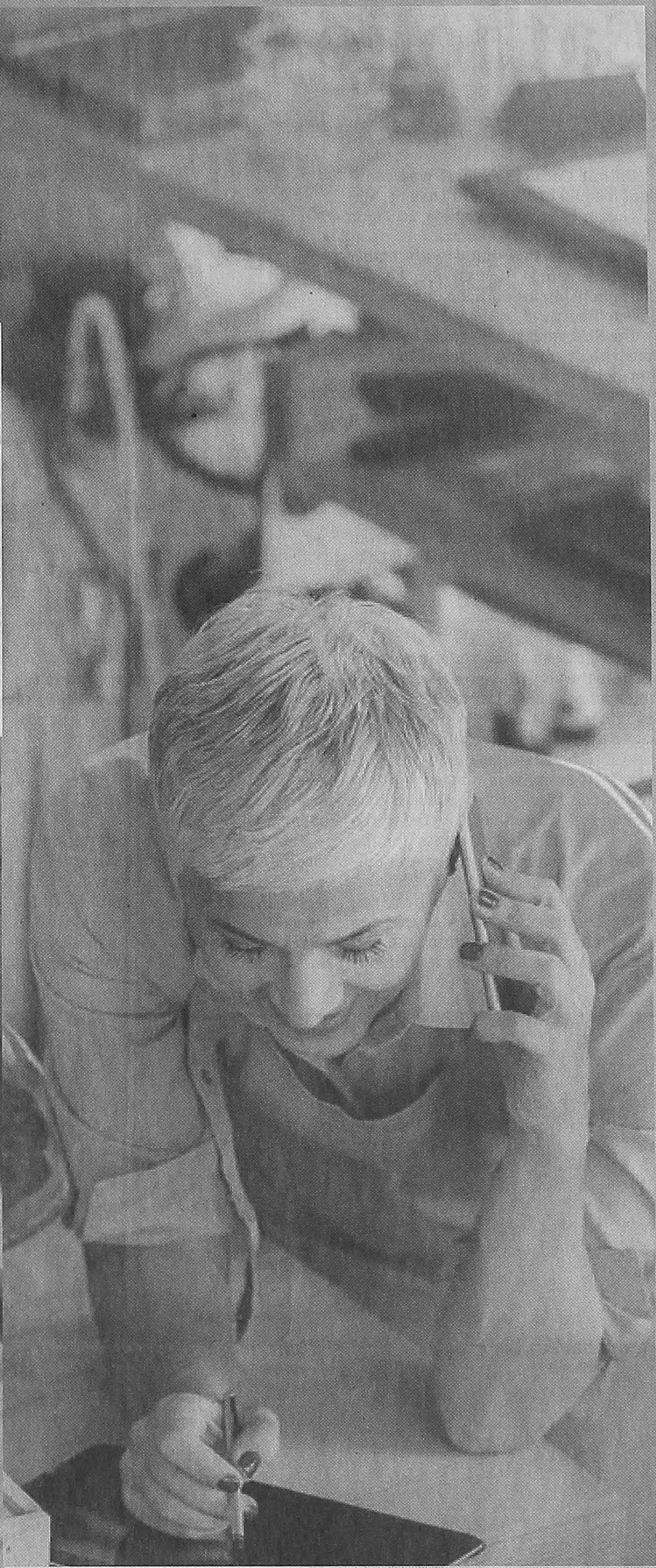
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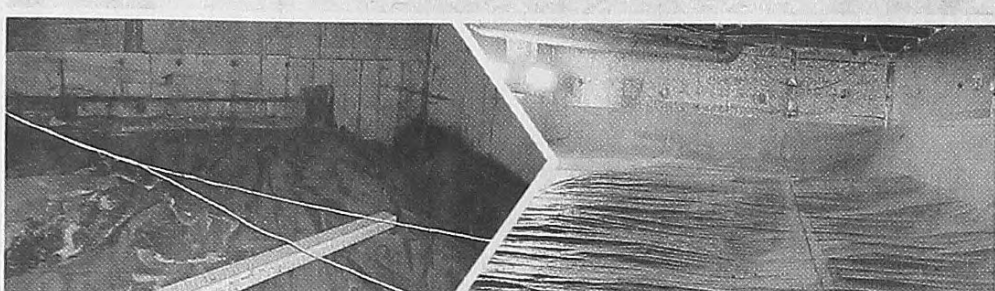
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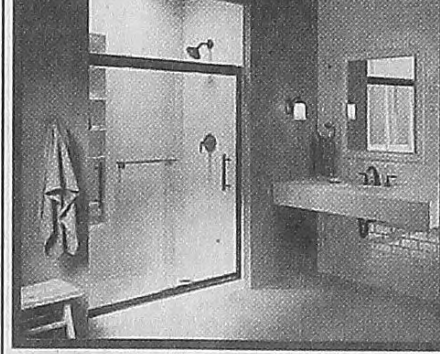
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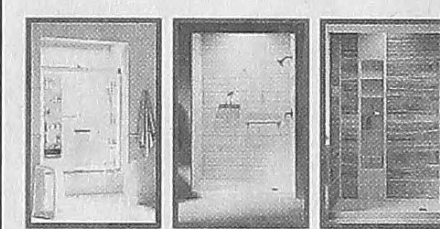
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