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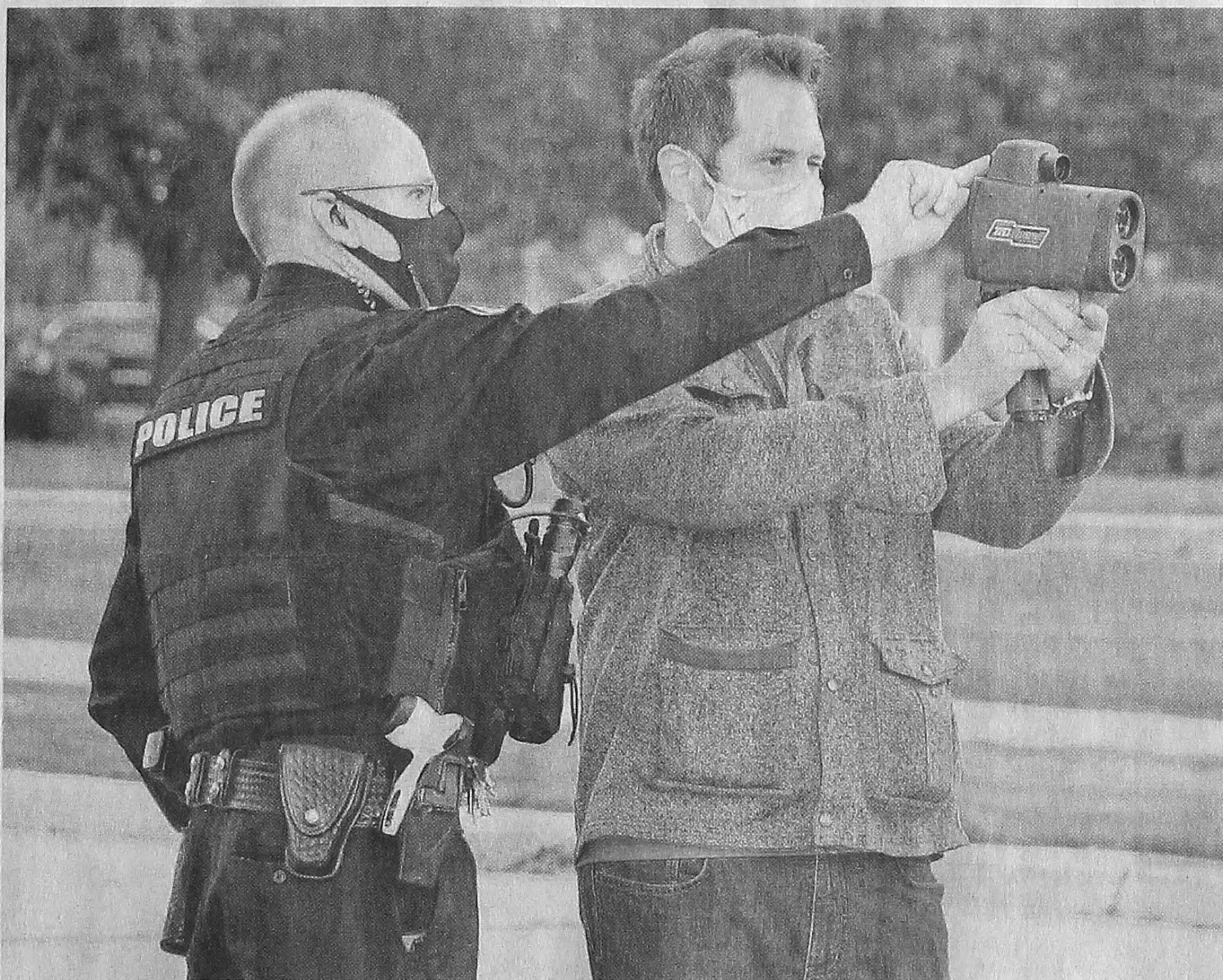
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A speedy primer on traffic safety



Commander Todd Anderson moves in to point out some details. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Farmington officers invite public to use Lidars, radars

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
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Rion Allen likes to take walks with his young son through his Farmington neighborhood.

The exercise keeps him keenly observant of local traffic patterns, especially those along Shiawassee Street.

"Some of the drivers are very aggressive," he said.

Concerned and curious, Allen was among those Monday who attended Farmington Public Safety's first of two speed measurement demonstrations. Their intent is to educate and acclimate folks regarding an important public safety task.

Mayor Sara Bowman and City Manager David Murphy stayed as long as

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it takes a practiced eye to detect speeders. For those standing still, a driver traveling about 35 mph can seem awfully fast, officers caution.

As election nears, we test postal service

How quick could your ballot go through mail?

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Few times has the mail service been questioned and probed as much as it has the last several months.

The U.S. Postal Service has had plenty of eyeballs on it, beginning earlier this summer when concerns over the removal of mailboxes and sorting machines became a national story and numerous reports of mail not arriving in a timely manner. Rhetoric over mail-in voting has become a political issue, with President Donald Trump repeatedly question the legitimacy of mailed ballots.

Plenty of reports came through earlier this summer of mail taking longer than usual to get to its final destination, including in the suburbs of Detroit. So in the name of journalism, I performed a small test: I drove across the Hometown Life coverage area Aug. 20 and mailed first-class envelopes to myself to see how long it would take to get back to me.

I went to mailboxes in each of the communities we cover, going from Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Milford, Highland Township, Canton, Westland, Livonia and plenty more. The envelopes were addressed to my home in northern Livonia and had the exact same return address on them. I bought a book of 20 stamps (which, if you haven't bought stamps recently, they've got some beautiful ones to pick from) and drove nearly 200 miles that day to drop them off and see how long it would take for them to return, factoring in pickup posted on each mailbox. I targeted mailboxes in residential neighborhoods or in front of businesses.

The results were consistent: 19 of the 20 envelopes I mailed came back two days after they were picked up from the mailboxes they were dropped in. Just one — an envelope I

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Educator celebrated after conquering cancer

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com
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Liquid sunshine poured from the sky and happy tears streamed down more than a few cheeks Wednesday along Canton Township's Shoreline Drive.

While Mother Nature was responsible for the rain, the feel-good tears were generated by popular Plymouth-Canton Community Schools educator Tara Botosan's emotional speech moments after she arrived home from her final, bell-

ringing chemotherapy treatment.

Diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer labeled Her2+ in May 2019, Botosan, mother to Olivia and Drake, endured her 23rd and final chemotherapy infusion that Wednesday — a milestone that inspired Botosan's husband, Anton, to orchestrate a surprise welcome home event that had close to 100 friends and family lining Shoreline Drive to cheer on the cancer conqueror.

Greeters waved pom poms, shook noise-makers and cheered at the top of

their lungs — and at least one well-wisher handed Botosan a bouquet of flowers through the passenger-side window of the pick-up truck Anton maneuvered through the gauntlet of joy — to celebrate the woman who has earned a reputation as an ultra-positive influence on everyone she meets.

"A lot of things have pushed us as a family and stressed us as a couple through this, and we could not have got-

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Tara Botosan is pictured next to the magical bell cancer patients ring following their final chemotherapy treatment. BOTOSAN FAMILY



Farmington Hills PD: Shots fired at Shell

Susan Vela HometownLife.com
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Farmington Hills police are investigating a Saturday night shooting, with no apparent injuries, at the Shell gas station near Northwestern Highway and Middlebelt Road.

Officers were dispatched to the scene at about 11:40 p.m. because of several 911 calls about gunshots in the area.

They said those involved were gone when then arrived.

They gleaned that a large group of individuals were in the parking lot near the gas pumps when a dark-colored sedan traveling Northwestern Highway stopped at the Shell driveway.

An occupant fired five shots toward the group and then his vehicle headed east on Northwestern Highway.

Those shot at fled in their own vehicles.

Police said the shots were part of a continuing altercation and there is no threat to the general public.

Increased patrols are planned.

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Police: Man held knife to Speedway clerk

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A knife-wielding robber targeted a Speedway gas station in Farmington Hills early Sunday morning, escaping with an undisclosed amount of cash, according to local police.

Security camera footage shows the suspect - about 5 feet, 10 inches tall, of medium build and wearing dark clothing - entering the Speedway store near Eight Mile and Farmington roads at about 3:30 a.m.

Farmington Hills police said in their report that, once inside, the robber apparently walked behind the counter, removed a knife from his pocket, held the weapon to the clerk's back and demanded money.

He took what was in the cash register and drove away in a two-tone Dodge Ram pickup truck from the late 1980s to early 1990s. The clerk was not harmed.

Anyone with information about the suspect or his getaway vehicle is asked to call the Farmington Hills Police Department Command Desk at 248-871-2610.



Security camera footage from a Speedway gas station in Farmington Hills shows this armed robbery suspect. COURTESY OF FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Church will help ease Plymouth parking woes

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Downtown Plymouth visitors praying to find a parking space during the expected month-long partial closing of the city's central parking deck can, it turns out, rely on a place of worship for their needs.

In the wake of the city's downtown development authority's authorization of maintenance on Plymouth's only parking structure beginning Oct. 5 - and the parking shortages that are sure to follow - the DDA announced the First Church of Christ, Scientist parking lot on Ann Arbor Trail, west of Harvey Street, will be available to compensate for the temporarily lost spaces.

During its essential maintenance beginning Oct. 5, the parking deck may be closed one level at a time, or shut down altogether, the DDA stated. At



The lower level of Plymouth's two-decker parking lot west of Main Street is closed this week for repairs. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

minimum, parking spots in Plymouth will be limited during construction, which means availability at the church will be heaven sent.

The church parking lot is a half-block from downtown, and a short walk for those who are working or vis-

iting downtown.

"We contracted with the city on several occasions in the past when they've asked us to use our parking lot," said Barbara Kelsey, a clerk for the First Church of Christ, Scientist. "Our lot is not used a lot during the week, so it works out well for both us and the city."

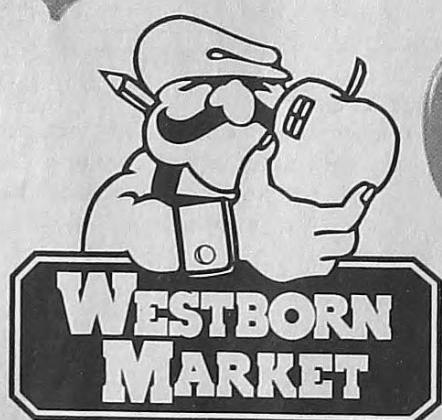
The lower level of the parking deck will be closed until Friday, the DDA announced.

Besides the church, visitors and employees can find alternate parking spots in the East Central Lot behind the Penn Theatre, at the municipal lot near the intersection of Harvey and Wing streets, and at the Saxton's lot at Ann Arbor Trail and Deer Street.

Any available space in the central parking deck, all other municipal lots and on-street parking will continue to have time limits enforced, the DDA emphasized.

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Robbery case involving fired Westland officer revived

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An armed robbery case may be back on for a Black Detroit man whose January arrest led to Westland Police Department firing one of its officers because of excessive force.

According to court records, Westland District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli dismissed charges against Nicholas Deshawn Blair, a 24-year-old man with autism, because of a forensic report scoring his potential assistance in a legal defense.

"Incapable and no likelihood of gaining competency," the June 11 docket entry states.

But Cicirelli dismissed the case "without prejudice," granting a possible revival, and that's exactly what hap-



Blair

pened. Prosecutors successfully filed a motion in late August to set aside the dismissal and ordered a forensic examination to determine whether Blair has the mental state necessary to deal with felony charges.

"I think they should just dismiss the charges altogether, but this is not unheard of," said Jon Marko, an attorney representing Blair. "It's pretty standard. I'm not surprised."

A Nov. 12 competency hearing could determine whether prosecutors move forth on four felony charges - one count of armed robbery and three counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer.

Police have said Blair entered the Ar-

by's in the 8000 block of North Wayne Road the evening of Jan. 16. He implied that he had a gun while keeping his hand in his pocket and fled with less than \$200.

Blair, who is diagnosed with autism and received mental health treatment for at least a few years, apparently was a frequent customer at that location.

Responding officers saw him running near the Woodcrest Apartments but he ignored their commands to stop and kept running. At one point, he fell face first into some rocks.

Officer Kristopher Landis was fired because he struck Blair in the head area with a collapsible baton, which was considered excessive force that did not adhere to department policy or training.

Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik also asked Wayne County prosecutors

to review deadly, use-of-force evidence against Landis. That review remains in progress, confirmed Maria Miller, spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office.

Marko said his client recently had an eye removed and replaced because of continued pain from the baton injuries.

Trauma from the arrest, Marko said, just made the life of a disabled man more difficult.

Blair has a co-defendant in the armed robbery case. Shairnee Carson, 32, lived at the Woodcrest Apartments when Blair's arrest happened.

She has pleaded guilty to a charge of being an accessory after the fact to a felony. She is scheduled for a late October sentencing.

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Domestic violence concludes Canton Township birthday party

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A September birthday celebration at the Econo Lodge in Canton Township erupted in violence, leading to the birthday reveler's roomie being arrested.

Someone else staying at the Michigan Avenue hotel heard screams for help and saw a man and woman arguing in the parking lot at about 3:15 a.m. Sept. 17, according to the police report.

When he placed his hands around the woman's throat, the observer called 911.

Police officers arrived to find the alleged assailant in a car parked outside the hotel. Here's what the report had to say.

"He immediately got out of his vehicle, walked towards my patrol vehicle, put his hands behind his back and told me 'Take me to jail,'" the police report said. "When I asked (him) what happened, he tried opening the back door of my patrol vehicle to sit in the backseat."

An officer repeatedly asked for the

man's side of the story, but he refused to answer beyond ordering officers to take him to jail, blaming the incident on the birthday celebrator and saying he didn't know what happened.

He was taken into custody for a possible domestic violence charge. He later demanded a drive to a mental health facility, saying he wanted to die.

The woman told police they were inside a hotel room drinking champagne to celebrate her birthday. She was receiving birthday calls from family and friends when the man became upset, snatched her phone and tried to choke her.

He eventually let go, took her keys and drove away. She told police he needs mental help and should stay away from drinking.

She apparently would not answer some of the officers' questions to determine the severity of the strangulation. She also refused medical treatment.

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Canton Police: Stranger steals wallet from funeral home

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A woman said she didn't realize her wallet was stolen from a Canton Township funeral home until she went to buy groceries the next day.

According to a township police report, the woman visited the station Sept. 22 to report that she had been able to retrieve her wallet but it was missing about \$150 in cash.

She suspected a man who visited her place of employment at a funeral home on Ford Road at about 2 p.m. Sept. 18.

He apparently rang the funeral home's door chimes. The woman left her office to greet him at the front office.

The stranger appeared nervous and asked if he could wash his hands because he had spilled cola on them.

She directed him to the funeral lounge. However, she lost sight of him for a few moments before he departed.

Although she left her purse unat-

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tended in her office, she didn't suspect anything until she visited the grocery store the next morning. She wasn't sure if she misplaced her wallet.

A few days later, someone from an apartment complex near the funeral home called her to say a maintenance worker had found the wallet near a dumpster.

She filed a police report once she realized her cash was gone.

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Time to move on investments



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

It is hard to believe that we're already in October, which means we're entering the home stretch for 2020. I don't know about you, but I'll be very happy when 2020 is behind us.

Because we only have a few months left in the calendar year, I want to take the opportunity to remind you of some of actions that you may want to do before the end of the year. In that regard, I first would like to address the elephant in the room, and that is the election.

I have no idea how the elections will come out. Anything can happen. That being said, I think it is a big mistake for investors to invest based upon the political environment. That doesn't mean that there will not be some market disruption based upon the outcome of the election; however, in the past these disruptions have been short-term at best.

I've always believed investor should be making investment decisions based upon their goals and objectives and their risk tolerance, not where the market is at any given point in time. Therefore, I would encourage investors not to make major adjustments to their portfolio based upon the elections.

Something I mention every year around this time is to relook at your situation to determine if you should convert existing IRA money into a Roth IRA. The benefit of this is the fact that money in a Roth IRA grows tax free and it's not subject to minimum required distribution rules. Under the new law, once you reach 72 you have to begin taking money out of your IRA. The one exception is a Roth IRA. You do not have to take distributions from a Roth. You can leave the money in a Roth, growing tax free, for as long as you choose. In addition, if your loved ones inherit your Roth IRA, there are also no income taxes to them.

The downside of doing a Roth conversion is the fact that you have to pay your taxes now. Therefore, my rules about whether you should do a Roth conversion are the following:

1 You must have money available to pay the additional tax without touching the money you're converting.

2 Converting the money will not put you into a higher tax bracket.

3 Money must remain untouched in the Roth account for at least five to seven years.

If you meet these requirements, doing a Roth IRA conversion can make economic sense for you. Remember, this transaction must be completed by the end of the year.

Another strategy that you may want to take advantage of is to look at your portfolio for investments you have losses in. You may wish to sell some of those investments so you can recognize the loss for tax purposes. The one caveat to this rule is that if you do recognize a loss, you cannot buy that same investment back within 60 days. However, you can buy something similar.

For example, if you have a loss in an international fund, you can sell that fund and buy another international fund. In doing so, you're still in that sector of the economy and, at the same time, you will be able to write off your loss from the sale.

For those of you who have flexible spending plans through work, it's important to look at your plan and make sure you use your benefits before you lose them. In many plans, if you don't spend your flexible spending account before the end of the year, you lose that money. Particularly this year where many people did not have child-care expenses, they may not have spent down their flexible spending account. Therefore, this is a great time of year to review your flexible spending account and make sure that you use it and you don't lose it.

My advice – if any of the aforementioned ideas appeal to you, you should start working on it now. We all know how fast time goes and before you know it, we will be closer to the end of the year and you do not want to put yourself in any time constraints. Therefore, there's no time like the present to start making your year-end investment moves.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor.

Market busier than ever



Fresh at the Market
Walt Gajewski
Farmington Farmers Market

October is here, and I'm finding that the farmers market is busier than ever! All of us creatures, from woods to neighborhoods, are sensing the change of seasons. Food naturally takes on a bigger meaning. Even the grocery stores have gotten super busy again these past couple of weeks with lines starting to form.

The mornings are cool and crisp now, but the activity level is high among the vendors and volunteers all checking in to the market before 7 a.m. while sunrise yawns its way into downtown Farmington.

We've taken on the added responsibility of opening earlier for a more widespread shopping experience during the coronavirus. It's a familiar start-of-day scene that I have come to know as well as the clipboard I keep at my side as these weeks roll past. This is our final month of the season, but no one is thinking about sleeping in or taking a Saturday off.

In the early market hours, volunteer Bert David goes around with a thick stack of COVID screening forms for all vendors and volunteers to fill out before we open. Out on Grand River, the city fire truck arrives with public safety officers to set up barricades closing off Market Street and opening up 40,000 square feet of market space that enables safe social distancing for our vendors and customers.

Over at the market storeroom (command central), volunteers Kevin Christiansen and Alexander Steward study the market map to see where to place tents, tables, handwash stations and wayfinding signs. In all, there's upwards of 20 or so Saturday volunteers lending a hand to help operate the market. Busy as bees, they take a moment to grab an early morning treat that volunteer leader Mary Martin spreads out at the volunteer check-in table while assignments are handed out to Theresa, Sandy and Sandy, Polly, Suzanne, Cheryl, Kim, Huriya, Brian, Geoff, Richard, Lora, Norbert, Barb, Carol, Peggy and Peggy ... I

hope I'm not missing anyone.

Volunteers covering shifts at the end of market day last Saturday found themselves carrying armloads of produce and pantry goods to a waiting box truck bound for the food pantry of CARES of Farmington Hills, a family outreach resource for local residents in need. The pantry helps somewhere north of 250 families, according to CARES Director Todd Lipa.

The food all came from our farmers, artists and gourmet artisans. It was all about paying it forward during a year that began with such uncertainty. None of us – farmer, vendor or volunteer – knew what this year of coronavirus would mean, whether we'd even be open this season. Instead, here we were at the market of the harvest moon, sharing the abundance that we all help to create when we come to market.

I think farmer Kathy Fusilier summed it up best when she said: "Walt, I truly feel blessed. In April, I honestly didn't know that we'd be farming for this market or how I would support my family. We didn't know which way to turn. And here I stand today so grateful for this community of people who have turned things around to make this maybe our best year yet. And we've been coming to Farmington for 25 years."

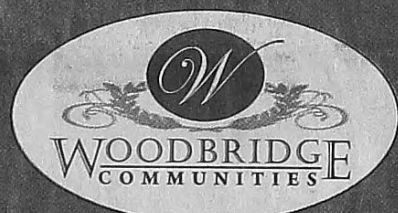
Or, as Todd Lipa said as our bounty was being loaded into his truck, "Amazing. Just amazing." I can't wait to tell Todd about the phone call I got Monday from farmer Bill Gass, another of our founding farmers. He pledged to bring an extra truckload of produce to market this week to help replenish the CARES pantry. I bet I know what Todd will say.

Happy 100th birthday

Marge Colburn, whose family owns Scott Colburn Boots and Western Wear on Farmington Road, turns 100 this week. From the beginning, the Colburn family was a sponsor of the farmers market and also of the annual Harvest Moon Celebration in downtown Farmington that was canceled by the coronavirus this year.

And Marge and daughter Sarah have been market regulars for years. Thanks for everything, Marge.

Until next time, then and always, here's saying, "See you at the market."



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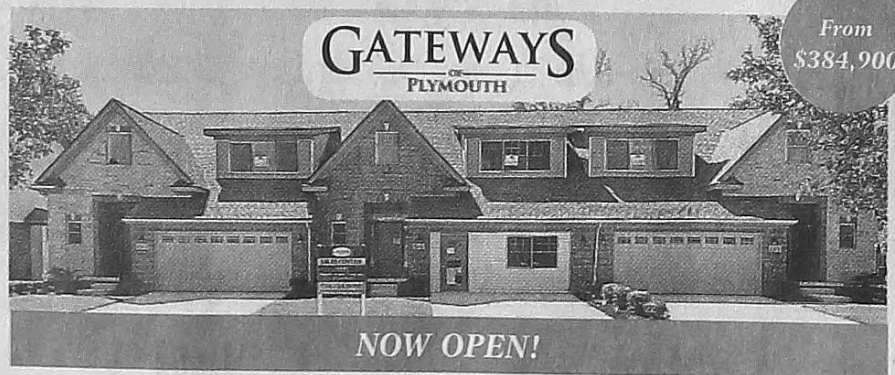
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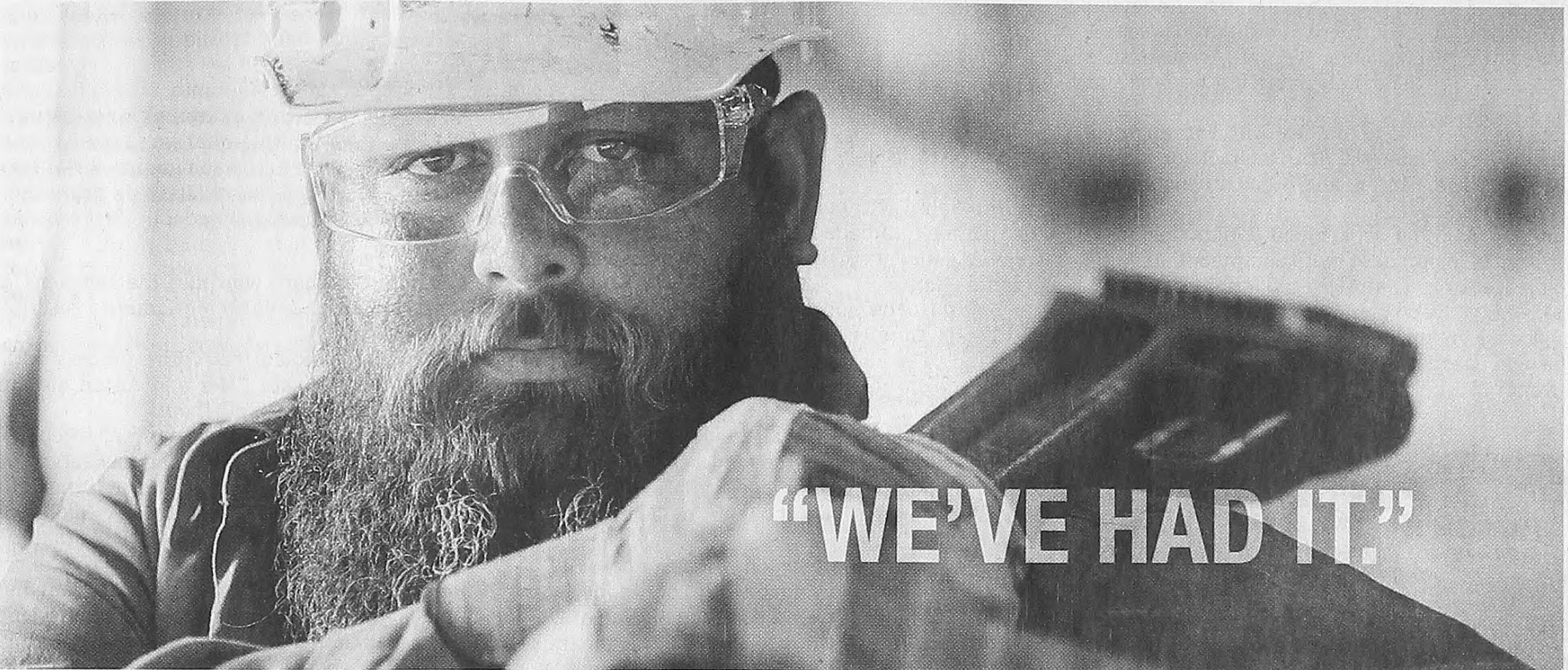
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Speed tests

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they could before City Council duties called. Then Allen had the full attention of two public safety officers: Commander Todd Anderson and Officer J. Cote.

For about an hour, Allen learned about three tools officers use to gauge traffic speed – radar speed signs, which remind drivers of their speed and occasionally collect data in ghost mode; radar units in the patrol cars; and LIDAR (light detection and ranging) units.

Speeding drivers are a constant concern in residential neighborhoods and those who like Farmington's walkability.

Anderson said he has a list of about 10 different locations where residents would like to see radar speed signs. Public safety officers said they use their tools to detect problem areas and hours, which then can lead to a greater police presence and enforcements.

"Most of the time, (what) we're finding is just being present out there is going to drop the speeds down," Anderson said.

They also warned that it takes a practiced eye to detect speeders. For those standing still, a driver traveling about 35 mph can seem awfully fast, the officers cautioned.

"I will honestly tell you that probably one of the worst parts of the job is issuing citations," Anderson said. However, "the last thing we want to do is see an increase of traffic accidents. We want to make sure that it's a safe city to not only live in but to come and work and play."

Allen also was able to practice with Farmington's speed-testing equipment. The technology was a good reminder of why he and other drivers should obey traffic laws.

Anderson said the department is pursuing grant opportunities to purchase more equipment. According to his research, a patrol car radar unit costs up to \$1,500; a Lidar speed gun, \$3,000 to \$10,000; and a radar street sign, up to \$30,000.

The next speed measurement event is 6 p.m. Oct. 21 in front of Farmington City Hall on Liberty Street.

Plymouth-Canton creates survey for next school plan

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As part of its ongoing quest to find the best hybrid model for phased-in, return-to-face-to-face-learning, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools distributed a survey to its staff and families of students.

The plan was determined Friday during a five-hour special meeting of the board of education.

The survey, emailed on Sunday, asks recipients to select a half-day schedule, which would bring elementary students back for half-day sessions, four days a week; or a full-day schedule, which would consist of two days per week in-person learning and three days of remote learning every week.

The deadline to return the surveys was Wednesday.

The P-CCS board of education will meet again 4 p.m. Friday to discuss the results of the survey and possibly vote on a return-to-school model, hoping to bring elementary students back in a hybrid approach no later than Oct. 19.

The Oct. 2 special board meeting featured discus-

sion between administrators and trustees that focused on the half-day plan. The five-hour meeting included a citizens' comments segment in which a vast majority of commenters favored an as-fast-as-possible return to in-person learning.

While outnumbered in their opinions, several citizens questioned why the district would install any in-person model considering rates of COVID-19 infection in southeastern Michigan are trending higher, according to statistics provided by the Wayne County Health Department.

Proponents of face-to-face learning pointed toward other school districts' more aggressive approach to in-person learning.

P-CCS offered a full-time virtual academy to students in September and has reopened the availability of the virtual academy to families who originally chose the safe-start plan that is currently being utilized with virtual learning being used until a hybrid model is determined.

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Educator

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ten through it without you," Botosan told the crowd that gathered outside her home. "Your prayers, your support, your encouragement, I can't even tell you how grateful I am.

"We'd go to the mailbox and there'd be a card. We've had meals dropped off. We've received encouraging texts and calls. Each and every one of you have made an impact on our hearts that we will never forget. Ever."

Since her diagnosis 69 weeks ago, Botosan has been infused with chemotherapy cocktails every three weeks, undergone numerous radiation treatments and had major surgeries, including a bilateral mastectomy last November.

She has continued to teach whenever possible. But she never let the adversarial conditions get her down, said longtime friend Kathleen McNamara.

"Tara has battled through this like the person she is," McNamara said. "She's been the most positive ray of sunshine you'd ever want to meet. She faces everything with the most amazing attitude. She takes things on head-on.

"She's a great friend. I wouldn't have missed this here today for anything."

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Natalie Lindman, who met the Botosans at Life Church in Canton, echoed McNamara's description of Botosan's spirit.

"Tara has handled this entire process with such grace," Lindman said. "Her and Anton are amazing people. I'm proud to know them."

Botosan is well known and admired throughout the Plymouth-Canton district as she has served various teaching and administrative roles at Tonda Elementary, East Middle School and Liberty Middle School, where she currently teaches sixth grade math.

During her time as Tonda's principal, she not only made it a point to get to know every student, but their families as well. Parents marveled at her relentlessly cheery disposition and spirit-lifting personality.

Which is why, on a rainy, gloomy September afternoon in the middle of a global pandemic, Shoreline Drive was lined with cheering people, celebrating the accomplishment of a woman they consider a true hero.

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Itching to return to the movies? Here's what's playing

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To quote *The Ghost with the Most*: "It's showtime!"

For the first time in more than six months, area movie theaters can roll the projectors and show films this week after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer gave the OK for entertainment centers such as movie theaters to reopen after a prolonged shutdown.

Theaters were ordered closed in March in an effort to help slow the spread of COVID-19 after it was discovered in Michigan. Since then, the coronavirus has infected tens of thousands of people.

The opening marks one of the last restrictions being lifted as a part of the pandemic as of now. While there's questions on the authority those executive orders issued by Whitmer hold, many theaters are opting to open their doors to show new and classic films beginning Friday, all while adhering to proper safety protocols many theaters had in place in June.

Here's a list of showtimes for the upcoming weekend at theaters across the Hometown Life area, according to each theater's website as of Tuesday afternoon. Some area theaters are not listed as they have not announced plans to reopen yet.

Birmingham

Emagine Palladium, 209 Hamilton Row

Friday
Coco: 3:15 p.m.

Tenet: 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 8 p.m.

The Broken Hearts Gallery: 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.

The New Mutants: 3:15 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

The War with Grandpa: 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.

Unhinged: 3:30 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 8:45 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday

Coco: noon

Tenet: 12:15 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 8 p.m.

The Broken Hearts Gallery: 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.

The New Mutants: 12:30 p.m., 3:15

p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

The War with Grandpa: 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.

Unhinged: 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 8:45 p.m.

Bloomfield Township

The Maple Theater, 4135 W. Maple

Friday-Sunday

Tenet: noon, 3:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.

The Trial of the Chicago 7: 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:15 p.m.

On The Rocks: 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.

Farmington Hills

The Riviera Powered by Emagine, 30170 Grand River

Friday-Sunday

Cut Throat City: 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Tenet: EMAX: noon, 3:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Standard: 5:30 p.m., 8:45 p.m.

The New Mutants: 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8:45 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

The War with Grandpa: 12:15 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

Unhinged: 12:45 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 9 p.m.

Farmington

The Farmington Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River

Friday-Saturday

Tulsa: 1:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:25 p.m.

Hotel Transylvania: 1:55 p.m., 4:10 p.m.

Bill and Ted Face the Music: 4:35 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

Sunday

Tulsa, 1:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m.

Hotel Transylvania: 1:55 p.m., 4:10 p.m.

Bill and Ted Face the Music: 4:35 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Novi

Emagine Novi, 44425 W. 12 Mile

Friday

Coco: 5:15 p.m.

Infidel: 4:50 p.m., 7:40 p.m.

On The Rocks: 4:20 p.m., 6:55 p.m.

Tenet: Super EMAX: 3:40 p.m., 7:10 p.m. Standard format: 8:05 p.m.

The Broken Hearts Gallery: 3:55 p.m., 6:45 p.m.

The New Mutants: 3:05, 5:40 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

The War With Grandpa: 3:15 p.m., 6:10 p.m., 8:45 p.m.

Unhinged: 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

Sunday

Coco: 2:25 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

Infidel: 2 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:40 p.m.

On The Rocks: 1:35 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 6:55 p.m.

Tenet: Super EMAX: noon, 3:40 p.m., 7:10 p.m. Standard format: 8:05 p.m.

The Broken Hearts Gallery: 1:05 p.m., 3:55 p.m., 6:45 p.m.

The New Mutants: 12:15 p.m., 3:05, 5:40 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

The War With Grandpa: 12:35 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 6:10 p.m., 8:45 p.m.

Unhinged: 12:45 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

Canton

Emagine Canton, 29535 Ford Road

Friday

Coco: 4:30 p.m.

Infidel: 5:15 p.m., 8:10 p.m.

Tenet: Super EMAX: 3:40 p.m., 7:10 p.m. Standard format: 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 8:40 p.m.

The Broken Hearts Gallery: 4:15 p.m., 7:20 p.m.

The New Mutants: EMAX: 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Standard format: 3:10 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:50 p.m.

The War With Grandpa: 3:20 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 8:20 p.m.

Unhinged: 4 p.m., 6:40 p.m., 9 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday

Coco: 12:50 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

Infidel: 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8:10 p.m.

Tenet: Super EMAX: noon, 3:30 p.m., 7 p.m. Standard format: 1:40 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:10 p.m., 6:20 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 8:40 p.m.

The Broken Hearts Gallery: 1:10 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:20 p.m.

The New Mutants: EMAX: 2:10 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Standard format: 12:30 p.m. 3:10 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:50 p.m.

The War With Grandpa: 12:15 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:40 p.m., 8 p.m.

Unhinged: 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:40 p.m., 9 p.m.

Yellow Rose: 2:20 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:20 p.m.

Wayne

The Phoenix Theatres State Wayne, 35310 Michigan Ave.

Friday-Sunday

The Rocky Horror Picture Show: 10:40 p.m.

Tenet: noon, 1:20 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

New Mutants: 12:45 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m.

Unhinged: 12:20 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:40 p.m.

Westland

MJR Grand Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne

Friday-Sunday

Coco: noon, 3 p.m., 6:05 p.m., 9 p.m.

The War With Grandpa: 12:15 p.m., 1:20 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 5:20 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:20 p.m.

The New Mutants: 12:15 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:10 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 6:05 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 9:10 p.m.

Cut Throat City: 1:15 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:40 p.m. 7 p.m., 8:10 p.m.

Tenet: noon, 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 8:45 p.m.

Unhinged: 1 p.m. 2:20 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 5:10 p.m., 6:40 p.m., 8 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

The Last Shift: 1:45 p.m., 3:20 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:10 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 9 p.m.

The Broken Hearts Gallery: 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Livonia

Phoenix Theatres Laurel Park Place, 17310 Laurel Park Dr.

Friday-Sunday

Coco: 11:45 a.m., 2:10 p.m.

The War With Grandpa: 12:15 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:55

Star Wars Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back: 4:45 p.m., 7:50 p.m.

Infidel: 12:35 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

Tenet: noon, 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:10 p.m., 7:10 p.m. 9:30 p.m.

New Mutants: 11:50 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:20 p.m.

Unhinged: 11:40 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty

No showtimes posted as of Tuesday afternoon, but the theater's website states it will open this weekend.

Obituaries

Andrew Knieriem

LIVONIA - Knieriem, Andrew Mackenzie, age 24 of Livonia. Funeral Service Friday, October 9th 6 PM at Harvest Bible Church, 6420 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Visitation at church 10 AM-12 PM and 4-6 PM. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenh.com



Perhaps they are not stars in the sky,
but rather openings where our loved ones
shine down to let us know they are happy.

~Inuit saying

Marilyn Griffith

Marilyn Griffith, a loving mother and grandmother and dear friend to many, peacefully passed away on October 2, 2020 at the age of 88. She was known by all to be one of the most extraordinarily loving, warm and kind-hearted people you'd ever meet.

Marilyn was born June 12, 1932 in Omaha, NE to Martha and Earl Raupe. She grew up in Omaha and attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha, graduating in 1954 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education.

In 1955, she married Martin James (Jim) Klein who was stationed in the US Air Force at Ruislip, Middlesex, England where they began their lives together. They soon moved back to Omaha, NE and then to Livonia, MI where Marilyn would spend most of her life and raise their children.

Marilyn's husband, Jim, was an executive at Ford Motor Co. Through Ford, they met and became lifelong friends with the Cooks and the Hewitts. Weekly backyard barbecues and spending holidays together became the norm until Jim passed away in 1974.

To support her family, at age 41 Marilyn went to the University of Michigan to receive her Master's in Early Childhood Development with a certificate in Special Education. She spent 22 years as a teacher at Livonia Public Schools.

In the early 1980's, Marilyn and a group of college friends began taking annual trips...and they continued these trips for about 30 years. During one of these early adventures, Marilyn fell in love with Dean Griffith and they were married in 1984 and moved to CT and then TX. In 1986 Dean passed away, Marilyn moved back to her family and friends in Livonia, and returned to teaching Kindergarten.



She had a passion for teaching and was awarded Teacher of the Year in 1992/1993. Two grandsons came along shortly after and became the center of her universe. If there were an award for Grandma of the Year, she'd have won every year. She would fly out to CT for the first day of the boy's school each year. Their interests became her interests. She spent countless hours on her knees playing floor hockey in the living room. When they got older, she'd play street hockey on the driveway and she spent countless cold mornings and afternoons in hockey rinks watching their games. She'd call several times during the week wanting to hear everything going on in their lives.

Her passion for international travel began in her 60's and in 1999 found herself on a ship for 100 days during a Semester at Sea with college students from the University of Pittsburgh. By the end of the trip, she adopted two new "granddaughters" and traveled with them for several years.

In 2017, the original Ford executive families were down to the final two living spouses. Always up for an adventure, at age 85 Marilyn went on a three-month RV trip with Gale Cook and his family traveling from Michigan to Alaska. By the end of that trip, Gale and Marilyn had grown quite fond of spending time together and over the next few years they often visited with each other in the Irish Hills or Florida.

Marilyn was a loyal friend to so many and will be greatly missed by her children Janet and William Klein, her grandsons Peter Klein (wife Mariah) and Karl Klein, stepdaughter Julie Griffith and many dear friends: Laurie Klein, Bev Hogue (her lifelong friend of 60+ years), Lisa and Laura (Cook) Thompson, Jan and Cindy Hewitt, Marilyn Raupe, Doug Paulsen, her Friday Night Pizza Group of 40+ years, the Lunch Bunch and so many others. Marilyn was predeceased by her brother William Earl Raupe. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations in her memory can be made to Angela Hospice and those who wish to share condolences can visit www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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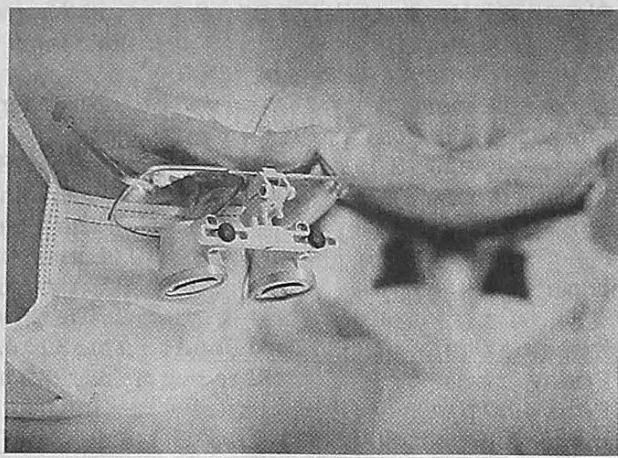
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WHY SO MUCH EXCITEMENT?

Despite the billions men spend annually on older nitric oxide therapies, there's one well-known problem with them.

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A very distinguished and awarded doctor practicing at a prestigious Massachusetts hospital who has studied Nitric Oxide for over 43 years states a "deficiency of bioactive nitric oxide... leads to impaired endothelium-dependent vasorelaxation."

In plain English, these older products may increase levels of nitric oxide. But that's only half the battle. If it's not bioactively available then your body can't absorb it to produce an erection.

Experts simply call it the nitric oxide "glitch." And until now, there's never been a solution.

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Upon further research, America's No. 1 men's health expert Dr. Al Sears discovered certain nutrients fix this "glitch" resulting in 275% better blood flow.

He's combined those nutrients with proven nitric oxide boosters in a new formula called *Primal Max Red*. In clinical trials, 5,000 mg is required for satisfying

sexual performance. *Primal Max Red* contains a bigger, 9,000 mg per serving dose. It's become so popular, he's having trouble keeping it in stock.

Dr. Sears is the author of more than 500 scientific papers. Thousands of people listened to him speak at the recent Palm Beach Health & Wellness Festival featuring Dr. Oz. NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Namath recently visited his clinic, the **Sears Institute for Anti-Aging Medicine**.

Primal Max Red has only been available for a few months - but everyone who takes it reports a big difference. "I have the energy to have sex three times in one day, WOW! That has not happened in years. Oh, by the way I am 62," says Jonathan K. from Birmingham, AL.

HOW IT WORKS

Loss of erection power starts with your blood vessels. Specifically, the inside layer called the endothelium where nitric oxide is made.

The problem is various factors THICKEN your blood vessels as you age. This blocks availability causing the nitric oxide "glitch." The result is difficulty in getting and sustaining a healthy erection.

How bad is the problem?

Researcher shows the typical 40-year-old man absorbs 50% less nitric oxide. At 50, that drops to 25%. And once you pass 60 just a measly 15% gets through.

To make matters worse, nitric oxide levels start declining in your 30's. And by 70, nitric oxide production is down an alarming 75%.

Primal Max Red is the first formula to tackle both problems. Combining powerful nitric oxide boosters and a proven delivery mechanism that defeats the nitric oxide "glitch" resulting in 275% better blood flow. There's not enough space here to fully explain how it works, so Dr. Sears will send anyone who orders *Primal Max Red* a free special report that explains everything.

MORE CLINICAL RESULTS

Nutrients in *Primal Max Red* have logged impressive results.

In a *Journal of Applied Physiology* study, one resulted in a 30 times MORE nitric oxide. And these increased levels lasted up to 12 hours.

"I measured my nitric oxide levels, you can buy a test kit from Amazon," reports 48-year-old Jeff O. "Monday night I showed depleted."

Then he used ingredients in *Primal Max Red* and, "The results were off the charts. I first woke around 3 a.m. on Tuesday very excited. My nitric oxide levels measured at the top end of the range."

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To secure free bottles of *Primal Max Black* and get the hot, new *Primal Max Red* formula, buyers should contact the Sears Health Hotline at 1-800-329-4723 within the next 48 hours. "It's not available in drug stores yet," says Dr. Sears. "The Hotline allows us to ship directly to the customer."

Dr. Sears feels so strongly about *Primal Max*, all orders are backed by a 100% money-back guarantee. "Just send me back the bottle and any unused product within 90 days from purchase date, and I'll send you all your money back," he says.

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Ballot

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dropped in a mailbox near Lone Pine and Goodhue in Bloomfield Hills - took an additional day to come home, returning in three days.

While this experiment is certainly non-scientific, it provided a simple example of how the local mail service was operating as questions were raised nationally.

Post office statement

The USPS declined to comment to comment; USPS spokeswoman Elizabeth Najdich said the agency was "respectfully declining interviews at this time." She instead sent a lengthy statement detailing measures the postal service is taking this election season:

"The United States Postal Service is committed to fulfilling our role in the electoral process when public policy makers choose to utilize us as a part of their election system. We provide election officials with a secure, efficient and effective means to enable citizens to participate in elections.

"The Postal Service's number one priority between now and Election Day is the secure, on-time delivery of the nation's election mail. We employ a robust process to ensure proper handling of all election mail, including ballots. This includes close coordination and partnerships with election officials at the local and state levels. As we anticipate that many voters may choose to use the mail to participate in the upcoming elections due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are conducting and will continue to proactively conduct outreach with state and local election officials so that they can make informed decisions and educate the public about what they can expect when using the mail to vote. As part of these outreach efforts, we will discuss our delivery processes and will consult with election officials about how they can design their mailings in a manner that comports with postal regulations, improves mailpiece visibility, and ensures efficient processing and delivery.

"Beginning Oct. 1, the Postal Service has authorized and instructed the use of additional resources, which include but are not limited to, expanded processing procedures, extra transportation, extra delivery and collection trips and overtime to ensure that Election Mail, including ballots, reaches its intended destination in a timely manner. The Postal Service has also made clear that, as it has done in previous election cycles, the Postal Service will be taking additional extraordinary measures to accelerate the delivery of ballots starting the week before Election Day.

"Voters are responsible for understanding their local jurisdiction's rules and requirements for participating in an election. In jurisdictions that require eligible voters to request a ballot in order to receive one through the mail, we recommend that domestic, nonmilitary voters request their ballot as early as their jurisdiction allows. For domestic, non-military voters who choose to use the mail to return their completed ballot, the Postal Service recommends that, as a common-sense measure, such voters mail their completed ballots before Election Day and at least one week prior to their state's deadline. Some states may recommend allowing even more time for mailing completed ballots. The Postal Service also recommends that voters explore the resources available from their local election officials for information about deadlines, rules, policies, and other requirements in their locality."

Returning ballots

The biggest concern the mail service could have in the coming weeks is returning ballots to area clerks' offices. It's expected the COVID-19 pandemic will break records for the number of absentee ballots cast in a Michigan election this year, a record previously set in the August primary earlier this year.

When it comes mailing ballots, one of the area's largest cities is doing everything it can to keep the integrity of the election. Livonia City Clerk Susan Nash said the city mailed more than 31,000 ballots Sept. 22 to voters who requested them. Ballots began reaching voters within the city as quickly as two days later, with the majority of them coming by that weekend. Several thousand already were returned by Sept. 30.

She said Livonia isn't alone with massive increases of absentee ballots going out to registered voters. That can cause some small delays, especially since they head to Detroit for sorting.

"If we're doing a record, everyone else is doing a record, and they're all going to the same place," Nash said. "Very few people were calling us on Monday to



Hometown Life staff writer David Veselenak drops a first-class envelope into a mail box at Cranbrook and Village Wood in Novi. It took two days for it to return to his home in Livonia. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

say they didn't receive it."

Despite that, Nash is encouraging people to give their ballot enough time in the mail system to the municipal offices before Nov. 3. This is a point echoed by several entities: a flyer was mailed earlier this fall by the USPS providing a checklist for voters planning on casting their ballot by mail. That checklist includes requesting a mail-in ballot at least 15 days before Election Day and recommending mailing the ballot back by Oct. 27, a full week before Election Day.

The Secretary of State's office has sent multiple mailings, including absentee ballot applications to every registered voter earlier this year, as well as a postcard reminding voters they can vote absentee without a reason.

Just drop it off

Despite the mail service being the simplest way to return ballots, clerks across the country are saying the best way to make sure your absentee ballot returns in time to be counted (whenever that is, at this point) is to drop it off yourself.

Boxes are typically located near the municipal building of a community. Birmingham has recently added a new drive-up box for returning ballots, a first for the Oakland County community. The box can be found off Henrietta near city hall and voters don't need to leave their car. It's the first such box for the city, said Marianne Gamboa, the city's communications director. The city has had a longtime drop box for ballots and city bills that still remains behind city hall, though that requires people to park and walk to it.

Novi has four locations at the Civic Center building on 10 Mile for voters to drop their ballots: two inside and two outside. The city has added two additional boxes this year, said Nathan Mueller, a communications specialist for the city. Additional signage was added, including a flag at one of the outdoor drop boxes, to make sure voters know where to drop their ballots.

"The two additional boxes were added to provide convenience for our residents as well as to try to keep the in-person contact to a minimum as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic," he said.

He said those looking to hand it to a clerk's office employee can also do that.

When it comes to dropping off ballots vs. mailing them, it appears voters are taking heed: Nash said the drop box outside Livonia City Hall has been utilized all day, every day since voters began receiving their ballots. City officials are emptying the box multiple times a day to keep up with the flow of returned ballots.

From there, they're brought into city hall, always within the sight of a clerk's official, before they're sorted and taken to a secure room. Nash said only a small handful of people have keys to those rooms, ensuring the ballots stay safe. As of the morning of Oct. 1, Nash said about 14% of ballots issued had already been returned. Those looking to check the status of their ballot can do so by visiting the Michigan Voter Information Center online on the Secretary of State's website. There, voters can enter their information and see the status of their absentee ballot, including whether the city clerk received it. Nash said her staff records ballots returned in that database on a regular basis.

She's cognizant of the rhetoric surrounding this election, so much so that some procedures have had to change: she said for 15 years, clerk's office employees have driven a city vehicle to the red box, emptied the red drop-off box and driven back into the underground garage at city hall to bring in ballots. After someone saw an employee do this recently and questioned the process, Nash said she now has an employee wearing an "election" lanyard with city identification walk out to the box and bring them back in on foot.

It's a small step, Nash said, but one she's willing to take to calm everyone about the security of the election in a heightened polarizing environment.

"I'm willing to do whatever I have to do. I want everybody to feel at ease," she said.

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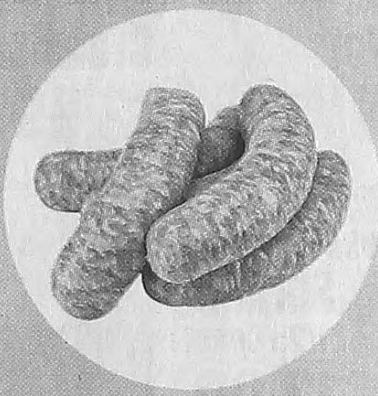
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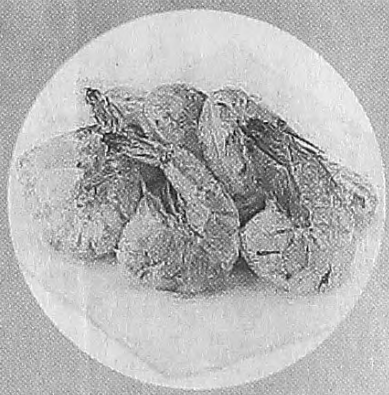


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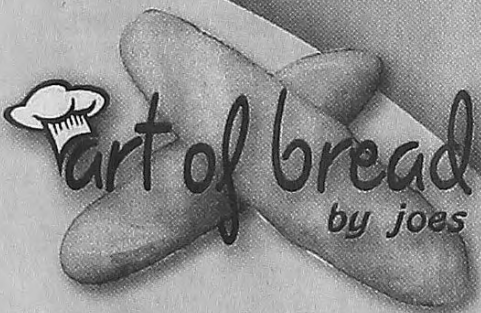


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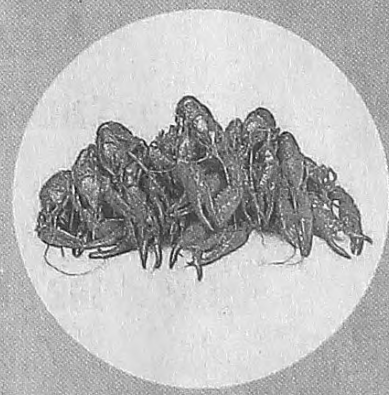
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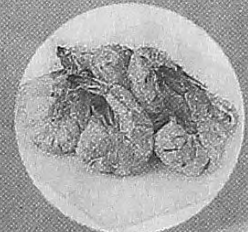
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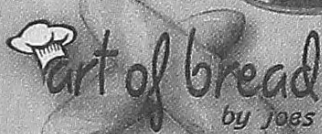
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Churchill senior Gavin Brooks threw for 295 yards and five touchdowns. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Churchill avenges loss to rival Franklin

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Livonia Churchill's pregame message was simple: "49-48. Enough said." Coming into the 2020 season, many returning members from the 2019 team had the game against Livonia Franklin circled on the calendar — suffering through a one-point, triple-overtime loss to the Patriots a year ago. But heading into the fourth quarter, Churchill faced a deficit, one bigger than the one from a year ago. Senior quarterback Gavin Brooks was cool and confident on the sideline, encouraging his team. "We've been here," Brooks told them. "We've been here before. Don't worry about it." The Chargers offense brought it to within three, as Brooks found senior wide receiver Jordan Garcia on a wide-

open post route. The Churchill defense held firm, giving the offense the ball back with just over three minutes to go in the game with a chance at the win. But when Brooks got the ball, he wanted to end it. On the first play from scrimmage, the senior quarterback found Garcia again, wide open for a 55-yard score. And after a fourth-down conversion snuffed from the Charger defense and a 60-yard touchdown run by junior running back Boston Clegg Jr. — the dagger — Churchill (3-0) earned its revenge, beating Franklin (1-2), 47-36, on the road. "You knew how young they were last year. Now you don't have to worry about that," Churchill head coach Bill DeFillipo said. "They went through the fires last year, so when you get into a situation like that, a lot of teams would have been, 'Hey, we are down 10. It's over.'

"They just kept playing through."

Trading scores

Both offenses took a while to heat up. But after Brooks' first touchdown pass of the day — an 11-yard pass to Clegg — both were up and running. Franklin junior quarterback Zac Olesuk, on the Patriots first play of the quarter, found 65 yards of daylight, tying the game at 7. Brooks answered five plays later with a 41-yard scamper touchdown, but missed the extra-point try with a Patriot block. Franklin — with the help of a 47-yard completion to tight end Evan Pittenger — took advantage on a 15-yard sweep by senior running back Trevoe Perczak. The Patriots scored 14 points on three plays.

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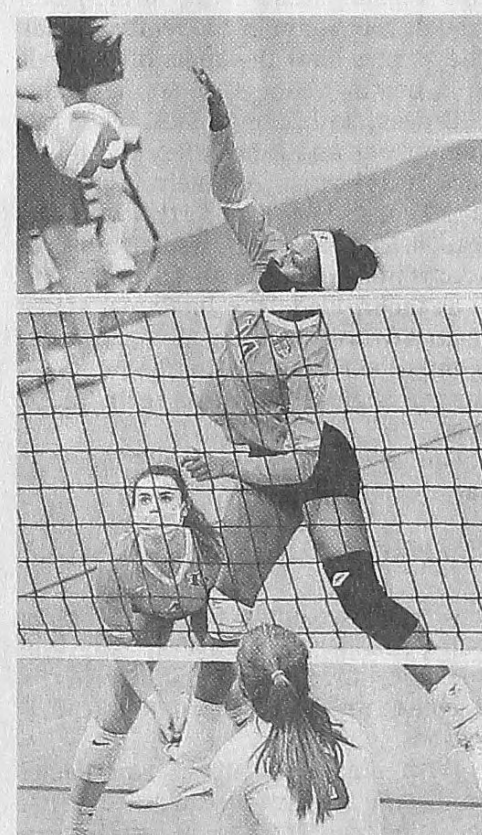
South Lyon East roars back from first loss

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Coming off a five-set loss to Walled Lake Northern, its first of the season, South Lyon East hoped its road game against Lakes Valley Conference opponent Milford would be the return to dominance. That was head coach Kelsey Masserant's focus in their only practice between the two games: to put the loss behind them and focus on what was ahead. The Cougars (3-1) refocused Thursday, sweeping the Mavericks (3-1) in three sets: 25-10, 25-13 and 25-20. Milford left with its first loss of the season after winning its first three matches against Waterford Mott, Walled Lake Western and Waterford Kettering.

Masserant said she saw her team bounce back from its first loss, asserting themselves with a dominant offensive approach that focused on the size in front, including senior Samantha Deinek and junior Lanna Lewis. "We were looking to be aggressive and attack," Masserant said. "Coming off of Tuesday (Sept. 29), that was our focus. We were focused on effort and making sure we were attacking the ball." The Cougars seemed to have that approach from the start of the first set, ex-

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South Lyon East junior Lanna Lewis asserts her dominance at the net for the Cougars. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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More spectators to be allowed at high school games, per MHSAA

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Michigan High School Athletic Association executive director Mark Uyl announced that Michigan high schools will follow the state's Executive Order 183, allowing an increase of spectators at games starting Oct. 9.

The order states that indoor events must be no larger than 500 spectators, with venues operating at 20-percent capacity. Outdoor events will be no larger than 1,000 spectators with venues operating at 30-percent capacity.

Uyl said on the Huge Radio Show that this executive order allows for schools to have student groups, such as marching bands and dance teams, attend and participate in sporting events.

He said it also allows for student sections to return, but stated that schools should remain vigilant of mask-wearing and social distancing with those in attendance.

Uyl said he hopes that as the regular season continues and turns into the playoffs, more and more people may be able to attend games.

In terms of face coverings, high school athletes must continue to follow Executive Order 180 that states football, soccer and volleyball players must wear a face covering while participating.

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High school athletes must continue to follow Executive Order 180 that states football, soccer and volleyball players must wear a face covering while participating.

Order 153 states that masks must be worn inside at all times, and should be worn outside, but that it's not required with proper social distancing.

According to Uyl, face shields count as face coverings.

The MHSAA executive director said changes will happen when new information and data is released.

Also, according to Uyl, winter sports are scheduled to start on time in November. He said preseason meetings for the winter sports — boys and girls basketball, boys and girls bowling, competitive cheer, gymnastics, skiing, boys swim and dive, hockey and wrestling — are getting underway.

Uyl said the MHSAA is waiting on specific measures for specific winter sports from the state.

It was not immediately clear how Friday's state Supreme Court ruling will affect the various MHSAA decisions already announced.

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High school football scoreboard: Week 3

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The 2020 season continues on. Here's a look at how Hometown Life area teams fared in Week 3.

Oct. 2

Independent
Detroit Country Day (2-0) 10 Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (2-1) 0

Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Canton (3-0) 21, Brighton (1-2) 20 Dearborn Fordson (1-2) 43, John Glenn (1-2) 7

Livonia Churchill (3-0) 47, Livonia Franklin (1-2) 36

Livonia Stevenson (2-1) 42, Dearborn (1-2) 28: Caden Woodall recorded 327 yards on the ground and three touchdowns, handing Dearborn its second loss of the season.

Novi (1-2) 14, Plymouth (1-2) 12: Novi recorded 240 yards rushing — including 96 from Maurice Langford — and allowed only nine yards rushing for the Wildcats, earning the team's first win of the season.

Northville (2-1) 13, Salem (0-3) 7 Belleville (3-0) 69, Wayne Memorial (0-3) 0

Lakes Valley Conference
Lakeland (3-0) 24, Dearborn Divine Child (0-3) 21 OT

South Lyon East (2-1) 20, Milford (1-2) 6: Zander Desentz threw three touchdown passes — to Dorian Arm-

strong, Nick O'Donohue and Drake Willenborg — while Ayden Oliver added 123 yards on the ground for the Cougars' second win of the season.

Waterford Mott (1-2) 39, South Lyon (2-1) 20

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Livonia Clarenceville (1-2) 32, Dearborn Advanced Tech Academy (2-1) 14 **Oakland Activities Association**
Rochester (3-0) 42, Bloomfield Hills (2-1) 20

Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (3-0) 55, Farmington (0-3) 0

Groves (2-1) 36, North Farmington (1-2) 26

Seaholm (2-1) 20, Rochester Adams (1-2) 17

Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Garden City (3-0) 42, Dearborn Heights Annapolis (0-3) 0

Redford Union (2-1) 52, Redford Thurston (1-2) 0

Oct. 3

Catholic High School League
Detroit Catholic Central (3-0) 14, De La Salle (1-2) 10

Brother Rice (2-1) 10 Orchard Lake St. Mary's (1-2) 7

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Week 4 high school football games to watch

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The 2020 Michigan high school football regular season is at its halfway point, as area teams have three more games before the playoffs.

Here are five Hometown Life-area games to follow in Week 4.

Groves vs. Seaholm

After a season-opening loss to Stony Creek, Seaholm seemingly has righted the ship. The Maples have won two straight — last beating Adams, 20-17, after having not beaten the Highlanders since 1996.

But coming up in Week 4 comes a rivalry game and a chance for revenge for the team on the other sideline.

After Groves beat Seaholm in the 2019 regular season, the Birmingham schools met again in the regional final. The Maples blew the doors off the Falcons, beating them, 42-7, on the road.

Groves, with senior Jack Woods at quarterback and Johnny Rex at running back, has shown up offensively, averaging 39 points in each of its two wins this season. The Falcons scored 21 points to Adams in its only loss this season.

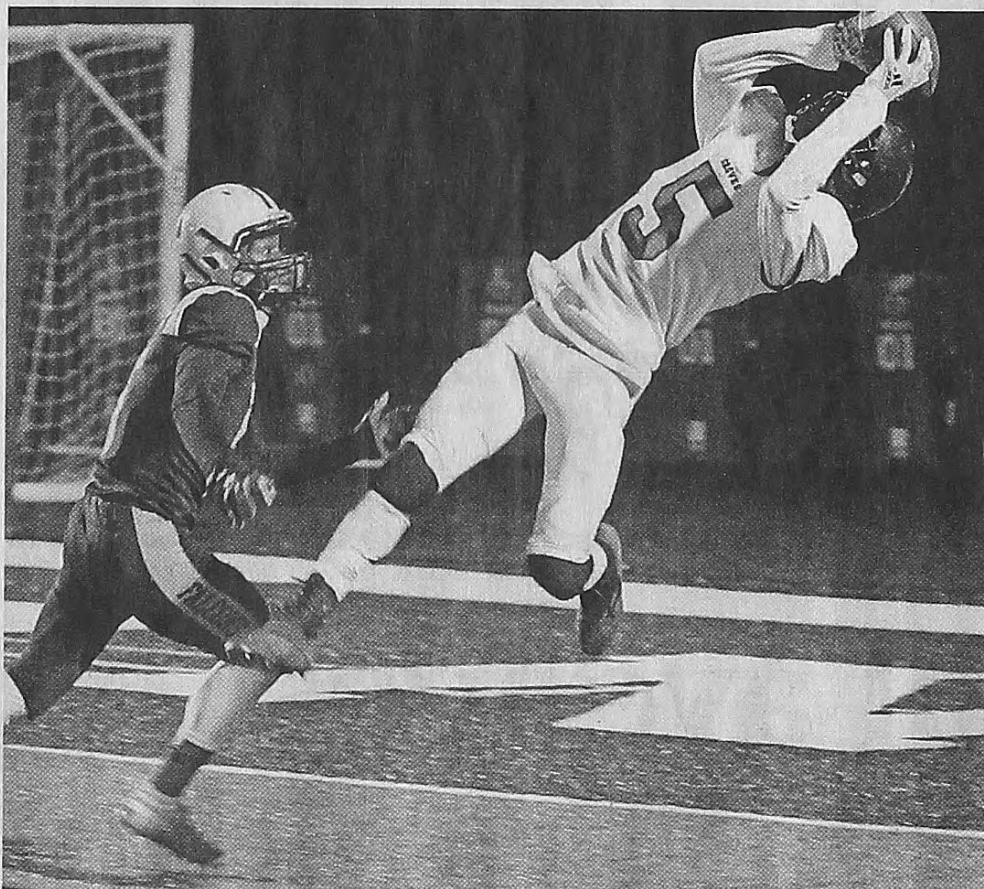
Seaholm leads the historical series against Groves, winning 41-of-62 games against the Falcons. Since 2010, Groves has won eight-of-12 games against Seaholm.

Groves will host Seaholm 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 9.

Franklin vs. Stevenson

After two-straight losses, including an 11-point loss to Livonia Churchill last weekend, Livonia Franklin wants a chance to rewrite its script on the 2020 season.

With junior quarterback Zac Olesuk leading the offense to average 31.7 points per game, the Patriots offense has allowed more than 35 points in each of its past two games. Franklin allowed 548 yards of offense — 295 passing and 253



Wide receiver Jaden Mangham will try and help Groves get some revenge against Seaholm Friday night. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

rushing — to the Chargers in Week 3.

Heading into Week 4, the Franklin defense will have to try and stop Livonia Stevenson's Caden Woodall. Over the past two weeks, the senior running back, committed to Harvard, has recorded 538 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns himself.

In the game against the Chargers, Franklin allowed opposing rushers to average 8.2 yards per carry.

Opening the season with a three-point loss to KLAA powerhouse Belleville, the Spartans have won two straight, outscoring opponents, 92-34.

Franklin will host Stevenson 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 9.

Farmington vs. North Farmington

The 2020 season is not off to the best

start for both Farmington and North Farmington.

The Falcons have started the season with three losses and, after a 42-31 loss to Groves in the season opener, have been outscored, 96-2, in their past two games.

For the Raiders, after winning the season opener to Rochester Adams by one point, it has all been downhill. North Farmington has allowed an average of 39 points to each of its last two opponents, scoring 50 points in its past two games.

North Farmington leads the historical series against Farmington, 34-19-1, but the Raiders have lost three of the past four meetings with the Falcons.

Farmington will take on rival North Farmington 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 9 at home.

Bloomfield Hills vs. Brother Rice

Tied at 7 against Catholic High School League rival Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Brother Rice erased its loss to Detroit Catholic Central in Week 2 with a single field goal kick.

The Warriors secured the three-point win with one second left on the clock, earning the win against the Eaglets to keep them in second place in the CHSL heading into the fourth game of the season.

In Week 4, Brother Rice steps out of Catholic League play and takes on Bloomfield Hills, an Oakland Activities Association Blue team that the Warriors have never faced.

Led by senior quarterback Tanner Slazinski, the Black Hawks went off to a fast start, winning each of their first two games, but lost in Week 3 to Rochester, recording only five total rushing yards.

Bloomfield Hills will take on Brother Rice at home Friday, Oct. 9. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Churchill vs. Dearborn Fordson

The 2020 schedule has gone as planned for Livonia Churchill.

With an experienced group returning from 2019's regional final run, the Chargers have won its first three games of the season, outscoring opponents, 112-56.

However, in Week 4, Churchill has the chance to do something its has never done: beat Dearborn Fordson.

Since 1976, the Tractors have won each of the seven meetings between the two schools, including a 42-28 win against Churchill in 2019. In those games, Churchill has not scored more than four touchdowns.

In 2020, Fordson has struggled. The Tractors are 1-2, losing to both Livonia Franklin and Belleville.

Gavin Brooks, Jimmy Targosz and the rest of Churchill will host Dearborn Fordson 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9.

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Former MLB player suspected of killing ex found dead

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Former Detroit Catholic Central baseball star Charles Haeger, 37, was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound on a Grand Canyon trail Saturday evening. He is suspected of shooting and killing his ex-girlfriend, Danielle Breed, 34.

Haeger's abandoned grey 2020



Haeger

Chrysler Voyager was found near Flagstaff on Saturday, according to a report published by the Arizona Republic.

Haeger, who is the younger brother of former Madonna head baseball coach Greg Haeger, graduated from Catholic Central in 2001. The pitcher earned post-season accolades after posting a 7-2 with a 1.88 ERA and 101

strikeouts his senior season. He was the winning pitcher in the Class A state championship game his sophomore season.

Using a knuckleball as his primary pitch, Haeger pitched for Boston, San Diego, Los Angeles and Seattle in a Major League Baseball career that ended in 2010.

Scottsdale police responded to a call about the sound of gunfire on Friday and arrived at a residence near North

Hayden Road and East McCormick Parkway around 6:50 p.m., the Republic reported.

Breed's roommate reportedly returned to his home and heard shots coming from her room, police said. Moments later, he saw Haeger come out of the room holding a handgun.

Haeger then pointed the gun on the roommate, according to police, but the roommate was able to get away and call 911.

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ploding to a 9-1 lead with the help of kills by junior Madelynne Patton, sophomore Kate Loch and Deinek, who added two aces.

After two points by Milford, including a kill by junior Alexis Webber off the set by senior Noelle Fitzgerald, South Lyon East returned with five-straight points, eventually winning the set by 15.

That dominance continued in the second set, winning nine of the first 12 points. Milford could not string a run of more than two points, leading to a 12-point set win for the Cougars.

"I was hoping we would play cleaner," Milford first-year head coach Annie Malburg said. "We didn't adapt to the things we needed to adapt to against them. They've got a big offense, and we have to make changes on the fly. We didn't make those changes as fast as we needed to."

Milford made a run in the third set, taking an 11-9 lead after a block from sophomore Makaila Rutz. But South Lyon East answered back with a three-point run, capped off by a set from junior Olivia Jurkiewicz to her sister Gabrielle Jurkiewicz; one of six combinations in the set.

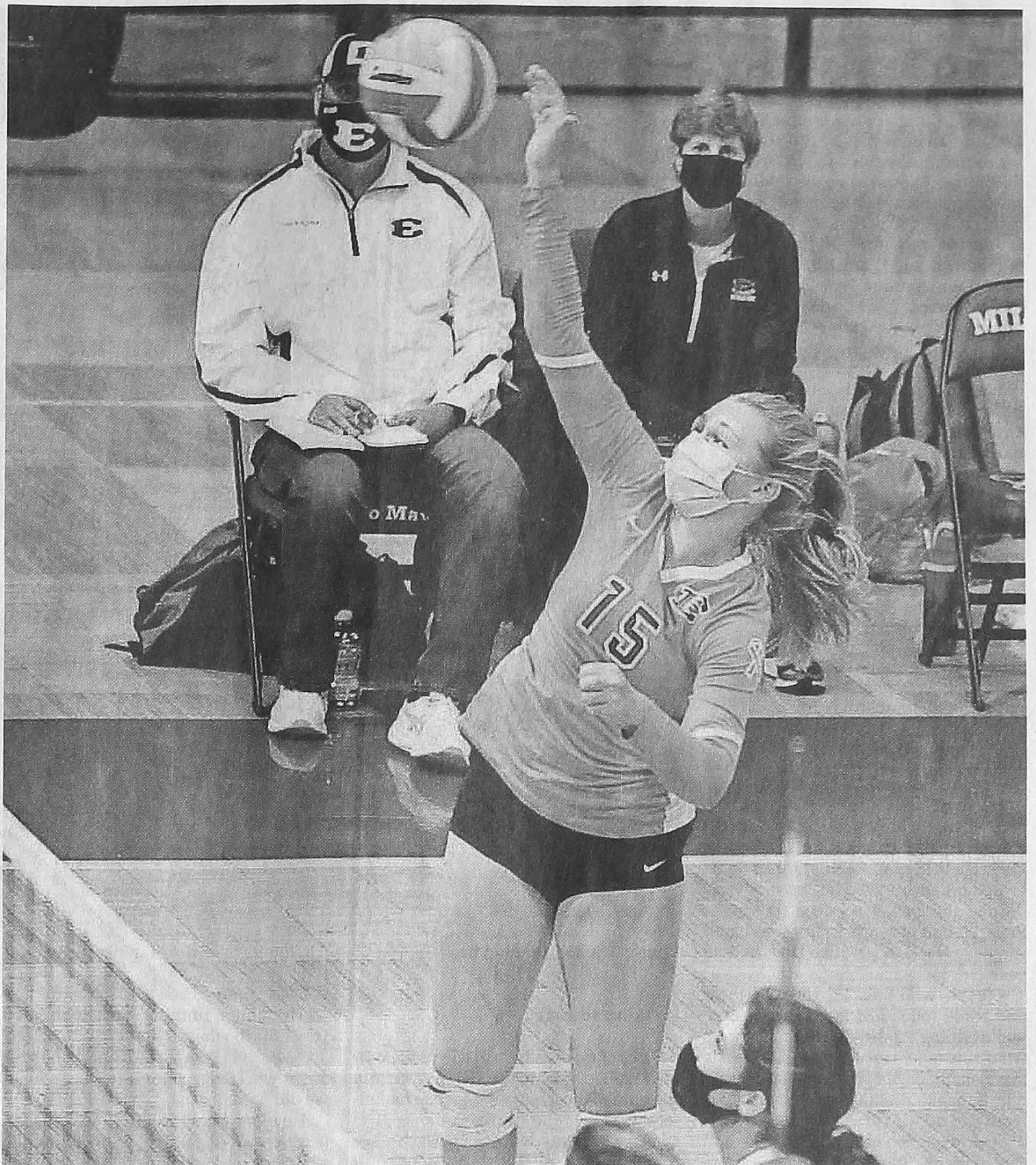
Milford tied the set at 19 with a Barber kill, but the Cougars pulled away with the help of Patton, a junior captain. She recorded a kill and a set, leading South Lyon East on a 6-1 run to secure the two-point set victory and the match.

"She's got great energy," Masserant said of Patton. "She is one of the leaders — she is one of the captains. She definitely brings the energy and communicates very well and helps the team refocus. She's a key player."

South Lyon East has high expectations for the 2020 season. No matter how "awkward" the season has been, according to the head coach, the Cougars have an opportunity to build off their LVC championship from 2019, hoping to go further in the playoffs after a first-round three-set sweep by Howell.

However, Masserant wants the Walled Lake Northern game to be South Lyon East's only hiccup of the season, and that this Milford win can create some juice moving forward.

"We're definitely hoping this is the turning point and setting the momen-

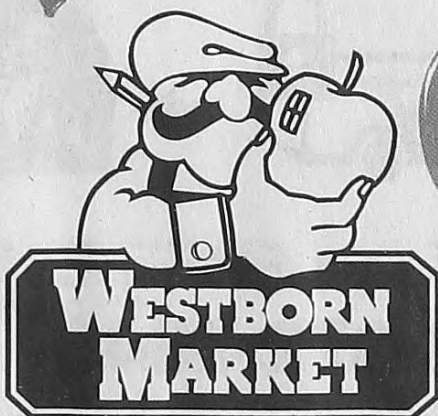


South Lyon East junior Madelynne Patton played an important role in securing the third-set victory. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

tum for the future," Masserant said. cgay@hometownlife.com or 248-330-@ColinGay17. Send game results and Contact reporter Colin Gay at 6710. Follow him on Twitter stats to Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com.

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Revenge

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With Churchill answering a 50-yard Olesuk touchdown run with a 58-yard touchdown pass from Gavin Brooks to his brother Bailey Brooks, Franklin tried to change the wavering momentum for good.

Olesuk ran for another 50-yard touchdown and handed the ball off to sophomore running back Cordel Mabins for a 21-yard touchdown with seven minutes left in the game.

But Brooks and his experienced offense fought back with three touchdowns in the final six minutes of the game. The senior completed 17-of-21 pass attempts for 295 yards and five touchdowns.

Churchill ended the game with 548 yards of offense, including 253 on the ground.

"Our guys answered the bell," DeFillipo said. "They are such an experienced group. They are used to battling through all that stuff."

Looking back

As Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert addressed his team after the team's second loss of the season, he pointed out the last time the Patriots lost to Churchill: the 2017 regular season. Franklin lost 24-10, falling to 2-2 on the season.

However, the Patriots beat the Chargers when it counted: a 21-19 win in the district final, advancing all the way to the state title game against De La Salle.

Kelbert encouraged his team, saying, despite the loss, it was the best game Franklin had played all year, coming off the best week of practice they had all year.

Olesuk, who finished with 177 yards and three touchdowns on the ground, while adding 90 through the air, knows what this team can do. And despite the loss, as much as it hurts, the junior quarterback is confident in what his team can do.

"Our team, we have a hell of a team," Olesuk said. "We just keep coming up short at the end. I know that we can beat everybody else that we play for the rest of the season. We just have to come out and prepare."



Churchill junior running back Boston Clegg Jr. jumps over the Franklin defense.

Looking forward

Churchill already held the four-point lead with less than three minutes left in the game. The Chargers defense had already stopped the Franklin offense in its tracks, stopping them one yard short of the first down.

But Clegg wanted there to be no doubt in Churchill's ability.

After being handed the ball on first down of the ensuing drive, he was a hole and thought, "Go."

The junior running back took it 60 yards for the dagger score.

"We know how to fight back when we are down," Clegg said. "And that's what we did."


Heading into the 2020 season, expectations were sky high for Churchill: returning an experienced group of players coming off a deep playoff run in which they nearly beat Walled Lake Western in the regional semifinal.

Brooks, as the leader of the offense, knew the potential. He said he had this

game circled on his calendar for a year. He said, after this win, he knows what this team can do now.

"We can only go up from here," Brooks said. "We know this team has huge potential, and I think little by little, we are just showing it and showing it. I think we are very dangerous, and I'm excited to see where we can go."

Churchill will try and continue its win streak Oct. 9 against Fordson, while Franklin will try and regroup against Livonia Stevenson.



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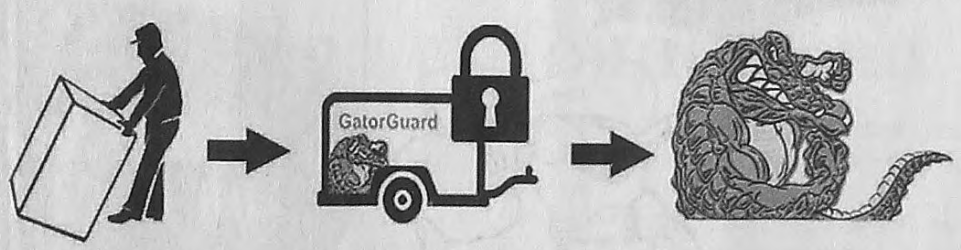
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Jerry Vorva
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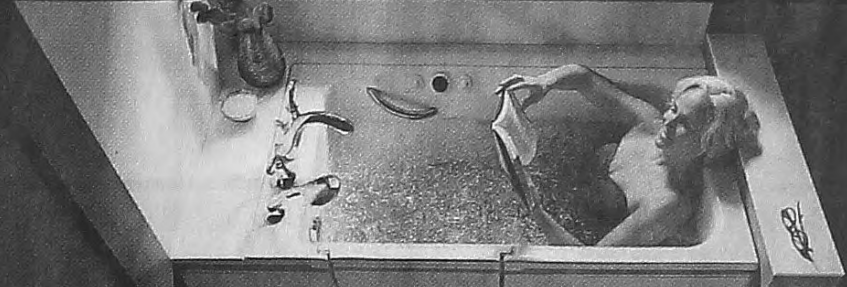
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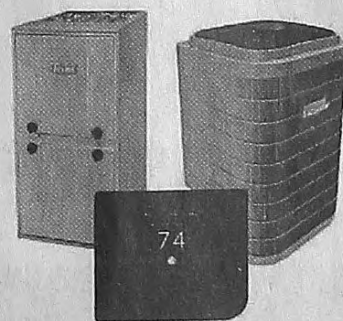


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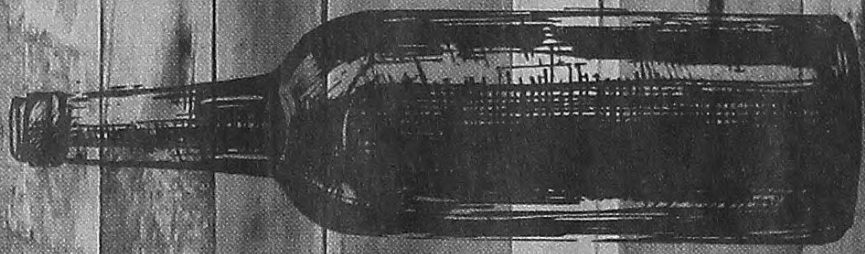
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