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## Meet Farmington schools' superintendent

### New hire plans to focus on student engagement

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Chris Delgado says knowing people has been a key priority in every education job he's ever held.

"We're in the business of kids, and

you don't lead from your office," he said. "That's the reality. When people can see you and have face time with you, you'll develop relationships. Through relationships, you build trust."

Delgado has been on the job for a little over a month after being unanimous-

ly selected by the Farmington Public Schools board as the district's next superintendent.

Delgado lives in the district and previously worked at the neighboring Walled Lake Consolidated School District as deputy superintendent.

"It's been a very warm welcome from everyone in the community," he said. "They've kept me busy. I have really

maximized the month of July trying to meet with as many community members and groups as I can."

Delgado and his wife decided to raise their three children in the district years ago because they appreciated the diversity of the community. That perspective has been encouraging to some

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Tittle construction employees prepare to install a new roof at the Canton home of Army veteran Carson Middlebrook.  
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## Companies band together, replace Army veteran's roof

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Following 14 years of service as a U.S. Army paramedic, including multiple deployments to Iraq, Canton Township resident Carson Middlebrook received a pride-filled payback Aug. 6.

As part of the Owens Corning Na-

tional Roof Deployment Project, employees of Woodhaven-based Tittle Brothers Construction installed a new roof on Middlebrook's home and garage.

The \$13,000 project didn't cost Middlebrook a cent thanks to materials and labor donations from Owens Corning and Tittle Brothers Construction.

"The bright and shining point in all

this is that we are all we got as human beings, so it's nice to see there are those out there who haven't forgotten that in this crazy world we're living in right now," Middlebrook said as a symphony of hammers meeting nails echoed behind him.

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## Expansion proposed for Kroger in Livonia

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Plans have been submitted to renovate and expand the Kroger grocery at 33523 Eight Mile in the Northridge Commons shopping center in Livonia.

If approved, the store will be expanded by several thousand square feet and receive facade improvements.

To accommodate the addition, part of the shopping center just south of the store would be demolished.

The redevelopment is just the latest for the center, which changed hands a few years ago.

"We bought this center about four years ago and really didn't know if Kroger was going to stay or not," said William Eisenberg with Grand Sakwa Properties, which owns the plaza. "We just thought it was a good opportunity for a renovation and a redo."

Shops that occupy storefronts in the demolition area, including the Scrappy Chic scrapbooking store, would be relocated to another part of the plaza, Eisenberg said.

A new curbside pickup area would also be added to the development.

The expansion would allow Kroger to increase its selection of food items. Non-food items sold at other large Kroger stores, such as apparel, would not be sold at the Eight Mile location.

The plans still must receive approval from the city, and would most likely take about a year to complete. The grocery store is expected to remain open during construction.

The plans were first reviewed by the Livonia Planning Commission during

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## Roof

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Benefactors of the program are selected by Habitat For Humanity, which secures roof-installation candidates from a variety of military service organizations.

"I'm affiliated with a group of folks at the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund," Middlebrook said. "Their CEO, Dr. Lynn Phillips, called me and told me that this group was reaching out to vets in Canton and she suggested that I give them a call.

"I spoke to a lady named Margaret, who came over, did a walk-through and said I absolutely was a candidate.

"We definitely needed a new roof. We've had a few leaks, with the recent storms. It's so hard to get materials these days. My family feels so blessed."

Tittle Brothers Construction owner Greg Tittle said participating in the roof-installation program was a no-brainer for his company.

"Carson is an Army veteran, I'm an Army veteran myself, so something like this is near and dear to my heart," Tittle said. "We need to see feel-good stories like this these days.

"Carson definitely needed a new roof. The great thing about it is, Owens Corning was nice enough to step up, too. Our employees know about Carson's background and they're proud to rally behind a project like this."

Middlebrook, who said he is currently working toward a degree at MIAT College of Technology in Canton, served in the U.S. Army from 2002-16.

"This is a huge display of organization," Middlebrook said as he observed the installation process. "My family and I are super-excited. They say this new roof will last 50 years.

"I served in Korea, Iraq a few times and every place in between ... Germany, Ireland. I was a paramedic, so I was needed."

Needed – and appreciated.

The sounds of hammers meeting nails reiterated those feelings on the morning of Aug. 6.

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Canton resident and Army veteran Carson Middlebrook was beyond appreciative of his home's new roof.

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**"The bright and shining point in all this is that we are all we got as human beings, so it's nice to see there are those out there who haven't forgotten that in this crazy world we're living in right now."**

Carson Middlebrook

## New hire

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community groups who have felt overlooked.

Delgado said getting to know all kinds of people in the district will be "top of mind" in his first year.

He said he wants to provide a sense of stability in the superintendent's office. The district's last superintendent, Bob Herrera, resigned after less than two years on the job.

"As soon as the students get back, one of the goals I have is to meet with student leaders," Delgado said. "We have the formal student round table group, but it's also meeting with student leaders from the schools and seeing what their vision and hopes are for the school year."

He's already met with administrators, community groups, students and parents. He plans to do even more of that in the fall and plans to attend a meet-and-greet for the community, though that has not yet been scheduled.

Delgado said he wants people to know him — a guy who enjoys soccer and traveling outside of work — so they

can feel sure he has students' best interests at heart.

"I really, authentically enjoy going to all of those meetings and events to support students and interact with their parents," Delgado said. "To the extent that they're willing to have me, I'd love to join in their programming."

He will also spend his first year getting to know the board of education. Delgado spoke optimistically about the seven-member body with a history of conflict. He recently attended a retreat with the board to establish goals and communication guidelines.

"We are really a unified team to be the face of this district, to be good role models for this district," he said.

Education's power isn't lost on Delgado, and he plans to serve Farmington's students well.

"It's always about the kids," he said. "There's no other profession that you really get to, on a daily basis, interact with youth. To know you have the opportunity every day to impact the experience of a child in school and impact the trajectory of their life is really, really meaningful work."

Students return to classes Aug. 30.

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New Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Chris Delgado outside the administration building on Aug. 9. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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## Kroger

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a study meeting Aug. 10 at Livonia City Hall. The item will be taken up for a recommendation vote at its Aug. 18 regular meeting at city hall.

"This isn't a question, it's a comment: Great," planning commissioner Carol Smiley said. "One of the best moves since COVID."

The expansion comes years after rumblings of Kroger potentially looking to relocate a mile south at the vacant 7 Farmington shopping center. There had been some talk of Kroger looking to relocate to the space formerly occupied by Kmart, though those plans never came to fruition.

After closing in 2017, the former Kmart site remains empty.

Eisenberg said Kroger has signed a "long-term lease" and is expected to remain in that space for a time.

"They're going to be there for the foreseeable future," he said. "We're excited about it and I know the neighbor-



The Kroger supermarket on Eight Mile in Livonia's Northridge Commons shopping center may be expanded if the city approves the proposed plan. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

hood is as well."

Eisenberg said there would be renovations throughout the Northridge Commons plaza, including some work near other tenants on the north side of the development. All tenants are expected to remain.

The only space that recently became empty was Burn Fitness on the eastern portion of the plaza. The company filed

for bankruptcy earlier this year and closed the gym.

Eisenberg said they've purchased the equipment inside and hope to market it as a ready-to-open gym.

"The space remains intact. We purchased all the equipment," he said. "And we're marketing it as a turnkey situation."

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# Westland candidates report on donations

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Westland's longtime mayor has a huge financial advantage heading into Aug. 3 elections, raising six times as much money than his three challengers combined, according to pre-primary campaign finance reports.

Three current city council members, one running for mayor and two seeking reelection, raised significantly more money their challengers, as well.

Campaign finance reports detail how much a candidate raised, the names of people and organizations who donated, how much candidates have spent and what they're spending that money on. Pre-primary reports are submitted to Wayne County. These reports were due July 23 and cover money raised between March 5 and July 18.

Candidates are required to file similar reports throughout the campaign cycle or face fines.

Candidates can accept loans, direct contributions or in-kind contributions. An in-kind donation is the transfer of a service or good instead of money.

Westland candidates have accepted money from both Westland residents and those living elsewhere, as well as from political action committees. Many chip in their own money, as well.

The mayor's position draws a \$121,574 annual salary. City council members are paid \$17,368 with small increases for the council president and president pro tem.

Submitted campaign finance reports can be found on the county website at [wccampaignfinance.com](http://wccampaignfinance.com).

## Mayoral candidates

**Daniel Beier** raised \$1,794.28 in the pre-primary period and received another \$855.03 in in-kind donations. He spent \$1,189.27. His biggest expense has been yard signs, which he spent just over \$500 on with an Orlando-based vendor.

Beier has exclusively received small donations of \$100 or less from individuals, most of whom are Westland residents. Two elected officials, Westland Councilman Peter Herzberg and Wayne Councilwoman Kelly Skiff, are among his donors. Beier has not received any PAC money.

Councilwoman **Tasha Green** raised the second-highest amount among the mayoral hopefuls with \$22,223.71. She accepted no in-kind contributions in the pre-primary period. Many of Green's donations are small dollar amounts from around the country. That's likely because she's using Act Blue — a popular online fundraising tool for Democratic candidates — which reaches voters across the country.

Two PACs, Washington, D.C.,-based Rooted In Community Leadership PAC and Detroit-based The People's Voice, gave Green \$1,000 and are two of her largest donors. State Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia) is also on Green's donor rolls.

Green spent \$21,100.91 in the pre-prim-

ary period. Her biggest expense is over \$5,000 in printing costs with Detroit-based Inland Press.

Green submitted this report on time. According to Wayne County's records, Green's city council election committee has paid \$2,825 in fees pertaining to late or unfiled paperwork in previous years.

**Edward Pruett** raised \$2,757.63 and took \$89.50 worth of in-kind contributions. He's mostly self-funded his campaign and has given \$2,187.13 to it. He's received other small donations from individuals, most of whom are Wayne County residents. Pruett hasn't received any PAC money.

He spent \$2,736.49 in the pre-primary period. Facebook advertising is his biggest cost, adding up to \$725.

Mayor **Bill Wild** raised \$161,045 and accepted \$1,000 in in-kind donations in the pre-primary period. Wild's donor rolls include many community business owners and city employees. Most of the city's department heads, City Attorney James Fausone and Deputy Mayor Michael Reddy made contributions to Wild, as well.

Elected officials including Council President Pro Tem Michael Londeau, Council President Jim Hart, Councilman James Godbout, Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan and Dearborn Mayor Bill Bazzi are among his donors.

Wild's top contributors are the Westland Firefighters Separate Segregated Fund and the Westland Lieutenants & Sergeants Association Good Government, both of which gave him \$5,000.

Wild's report reflects that, Like Green, he is also using Act Blue for fundraising. Many of Wild's donations, however, are \$100 or more.

The mayor spent \$97,798.30 this period. Wild spent the most at JoNa Graphics. He paid the company \$41,712.87 for on printed items like signs, buttons and paper products.

Wild submitted this report on time. Since 2014, Wild's committee has paid \$1,500 in late and failure to file fees.

## Council candidates

**Sarah Austin** raised \$3,522.42. She received two \$100 donations, and the rest of her campaign is funded by loans from herself. Austin has not accepted PAC money.

Austin spent \$2,704.66. Her biggest cost is \$938.10 at the Taylor-based Messenger Printing. Austin spent that money on brochures.

**David Cox**, the current school board president of the Wayne-Westland Community School District, raised \$6,700. Fellow school board members Mark Neal and Thomas Buckalew as well as Council President Pro Tem Michael Londeau made donations to Cox. He has not received PAC money.

Cox has loaned \$800 to his campaign, as well. He spent \$2,462.27, and his biggest cost is \$2,000 in advertising from fortysix/5, based in Birmingham.

**Michael Delph** raised \$3,037.32 and accepted \$346.74 in in-kind donations. He is his own top contributor — he's given \$1,882.32 to his campaign. He's re-

ceived three direct donations from Westland residents. Councilman Peter Herzberg made the in-kind donation. Delph has not received PAC money.

Delph spent \$3,037.32. He spent the most money at Bresser's Information Service, based in Detroit. Delph paid the company \$1,094.06 for mailing services.

**Debra Fowlkes** raised \$6,960 and accepted \$201.19 in in-kind donations. Deputy Mayor Michael Reddy, Councilman James Godbout, Councilman Michael McDermott, state Rep. Kevin Coleman (D-Westland), Mayor Bill Wild, Council President Jim Hart's election committee and Council President Pro Tem Michael Londeau are among her donors.

Fowlkes also loaned \$4,000 of her own money to the campaign and has not received PAC funds.

She spent \$7,569.19. Her highest cost was \$5,532.00 for brochures at Inland Press, based in Detroit.

Fowlkes submitted this report on time, but Wayne County records indicate her committee has \$5,100 in outstanding late and failure to file fees. Candidates are required to file an affidavit stating fees are paid, which Fowlkes did. However Wayne County's records do not contain any documentation of such payment. The Michigan Bureau of Elections states someone who falsifies the statement is guilty of perjury.

The Westland City Clerk's office has not received any notices from the county or state regarding any discrepancies on the late fees.

Councilman **James Godbout** raised \$17,975, which includes \$500 in late donations. He accepted \$206.08 in in-kind contributions. Several city department heads and Wayne-Westland school board members made donations to Godbout. City officials who donated to him include Mayor Bill Wild, Deputy Mayor Michael Reddy, Council President Jim Hart, Council President Pro Tem Michael Londeau and Councilwoman Andrea Rutkowski.

One of his top donors is the Westland Fire Fighters Separate Segregated Fund, which gave him \$1,000. Godbout also accepted donations from other PACs.

The councilman spent \$10,466.55. He's spent the most at Taylor-based Messenger Printing — \$6,251.75 — for mailing and printing services.

Godbout submitted this report on time, but has paid \$2,525 in late fees since 2015.

**Jon Haddad** raised \$7,448.67. He is his own largest donor and gave \$1,918.25 to his campaign. He has not received PAC funds — all of his donations come from individuals who mostly live in Wayne County.

Haddad spent \$7,320.68. He's spent the most on administrative services from The Guerrilla Politic, based in Plymouth, which cost him \$5,572.80.

**Candi Halton** raised \$2,426.35. Her campaign is largely funded by donations of \$100 or less from individuals, most of whom are Wayne County residents. She has not received any PAC money.

Halton spent \$2,026.06. Her biggest expense was \$279.40 at All Pro Design and Printing, based in Farmington, for advertising.

Council president **Jim Hart** raised \$17,870, which includes \$500 in late contributions. A number of city employees gave him donations, and local officials including Mayor Bill Wild, Council President Pro Tem Michael Londeau, Deputy Mayor Michael Reddy, Councilman James Godbout, Councilwoman Andrea Rutkowski, Councilman Michael McDermott, Police Chief Jeff Jedrusic and Clerk Richard LeBlanc's election committee chipped in as well.

His top donors include Farmington Hills-based Pipefitters Local 636 PAC and the Westland Fire Fighters Separate Segregated Fund, both of which gave him \$1,000. Hart received money from other PACs, too.

Hart spent \$13,620.14. His biggest expense — \$6,688.12 — was at Taylor-based Messenger Printing for printing services.

Councilman **Peter Herzberg** raised \$4,575. Herzberg's campaign is mostly funded by a loan from himself. Councilman Michael McDermott is among Herzberg's handful of donors. He hasn't received any PAC money.

Herzberg spent \$4,771.95. His biggest expense is \$2012.67 at Detroit-based Bresser's Information Service for mailing services.

He submitted this report on time, but has paid \$1,075 in late fees during previous years.

**Antoinette Martin** raised \$13,458.98. Just under \$7,000 of her funds come from a loan from herself, and her donors are all individuals who mostly live in Wayne County. She's received no PAC funds. Council President Jim Hart, Deputy Mayor Michael Reddy, Councilman Michael McDermott and Councilman James Godbout all donated to her campaign.

Martin spent \$9,282.45. Her largest expense is \$3,239.71 spent at All Pro Design and Printing, based in Farmington, for printing services.

**Josh Powell** raised \$1,648.50 and accepted \$100 in in-kind donations. Councilman Peter Herzberg and Wayne Councilwoman Kelly Skiff are among his individual donors. No PACs have donated to Powell.

Powell spent \$1,569.29. He's spent the most on yard signs, for which he paid \$885 to an Orlando-based vendor.

According to Wayne County's records, Powell has an outstanding \$10 late fee.

**Melissa Sampey** has raised \$8,195. Council President Jim Hart and Council President Pro Tem Michael Londeau are among her individual donors.

The Realtors Political Action Committee of MI, which gave her \$500, is one of her highest donors. Sampey also loaned \$3,300 to her campaign.

Sampey spent \$7,354.93. Her biggest expense — \$4,896.77 — was paid to Taylor-based Messenger Printing for brochures.

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# Plan advances to connect western metroparks with new trails

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A plan to connect five Livingston County parks with additional walking trails is one step closer to fruition.

That's thanks to a \$47,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund.

The money will be spent to hire a design and engineering firm, PEA Group, to consult on pathways between Huron Meadows Metropark, Island Lake Recreation Area and Brighton Recreation Area.

Designing the routes is the first step in a plan to connect those parks as well as Kensington Metropark and Pinckney Recreation Area, which extend into neighboring Oakland and Washtenaw counties.

Officials from Livingston County and Huron-Clinton Metroparks first met about connecting the parks in 2019. They commissioned a study last year to analyze trail networks and developed the Livingston County Trails Plan, which aims to build on regional trail systems and improve connections between parks in the area.

They determined route priority based on public input, feasibility and safety, according to the study.

"We don't have any trail connections whatsoever to Huron Meadows Metropark," said Nina Kelly, chief of planning and development for Huron-Clinton

Metroparks. "It's a beautiful park... but you can't get there by foot or by bike. A major desire of ours is to increase the ability for people to access this park."

At the nearest point, Huron Meadows Metropark is less than two miles from Island Lake Recreation Area and Brighton Recreation Area on either side.

"We don't own all these lands between these areas," she said. "We have to work with different agencies like the DNR and county and determine who can fund different segments."

One major obstacle between the Huron Meadows and Island Lake parks is US-23. None of the existing overpasses or underpasses have suitable pathways for pedestrians, bicycles or other non-motorized vehicles.

"The big hairy question is how do we get over US-23," Kelly said. "We know the Flex Route (construction) is extending up US-23, so we will be bringing up the connections to MDOT to discuss what our options are. We want to make sure that if we take advantage of the fact that there will be some construction, with the Flex Route coming we can actually implement some of these things."

The first phase of planning must be complete and the grant money spent by April 30, 2022, Kelly said.

"We are the second biggest park system in the state of Michigan behind the state parks, so it's a powerhouse," she said.

Additional meetings will take place this fall and next spring.



A runner takes the Hickory Ridge hike and ski trail at Island Lake State Recreation Area for his workout last Friday. A plan to connect Livingston County's parks with additional walking trails took a step toward happening after a \$47,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

# Obituaries

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**Kathleen A. Banchemo, "Kathy"**

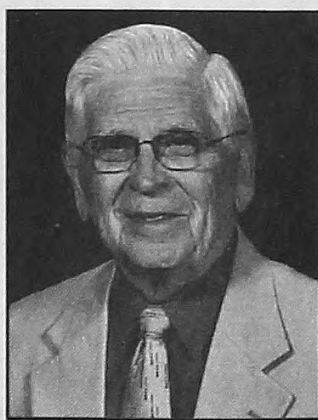
FARMINGTON - age 80, passed away August 3, 2021. Loving mother of Laura Banchemo (Ryan Fleur) and Steven Banchemo (Shannon); beloved grandmother of Robert and Anna Fleur and Joshua and Luke Banchemo; dearest sister of the late Nann Tyler and the late Ted Yeagley. A memorial service celebrating Kathy's life will be held Saturday, August 14, 5 pm at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd (btw 9-10 Mile Rds, N of Grand River), Farmington, (248) 474-5200, where her family will receive friends beginning at 4 pm. Donations can be made to Farmington Area Goodfellows. [Heeney-sundquist.com](http://Heeney-sundquist.com)

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May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

## Alton L. Bennett (Al)

Alton L Bennett (Al) Died August 9, 2021 at the age of 91. Born May 24, 1930 to Francis M. Bennett (Mote) and Leeland Bennett in Nashville, MI. He graduated in 1948 from Hastings High School, Hastings MI. In 1950 he married Mae M. Root; they were married for 63 years.



Alton completed his bachelor's degree at Houghton College, Houghton New York in 1952. He pastored four Wesleyan Methodist Churches in southern Michigan, while completing his Masters in Education at the University of Michigan. In 1970 he completed his Specialist in Education at Wayne State University and continued his classroom work toward his doctorate in Educational Administration. In 1963 Alton became a Junior High School Principal, Jenison, Michigan and in 1965 accepted a position with Farmington Public schools as a Junior High school principal serving three schools until his retirement in 1986. After moving to Farmington, Michigan Alton continued his ministry to the Lord until 2017 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Novi, Michigan. Alton also served the Evangelical Presbyterian Church denominational office at the state and national level. Soon after moving to Farmington, Michigan he became interested in city government, proudly sitting on the City of Farmington Planning Commission for 30 years, City Council for 15 years and as Mayor for two terms.

Alton is survived by daughter Deborah Butler (Norman Desimone), son Jonathan (Beth) Bennett, 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and sister Norma Weeks.

Alton lived his life in faithful service to the Lord Jesus Christ, secondary education and the City of Farmington. He loved his family and extended family forever, holding them close to his heart.

1:00 Visitation and 2:00 Worship will take place at Green Street United Methodist Church, Hastings MI

Internment will take place at Lakeside Cemetery, Lake Odessa, MI

In lieu of flowers the family requests Memorials In Alton's Memory: Ward Church, Northville, MI 48168 or Houghton College, Houghton NY 14744

## Walter Williard Miller, Jr.

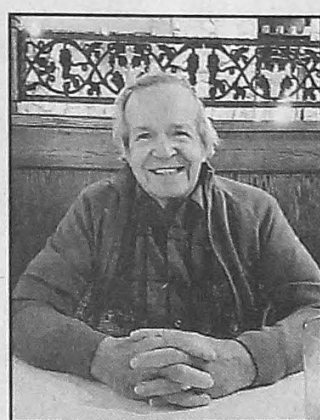
On Sunday, August 8, 2021, Walter Williard Miller, Jr., loving father of Dorothy Elizabeth Miller Twinney and grandfather to Marc Miller Twinney and Walter Bryan Twinney, passed away at the age of 88.

Walter was born on December 8, 1932 in Buffalo, NY to Walter Williard Miller Sr. and Dorothy Heinz Miller. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Harvard University in 1954, and his Divinity Degree from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1957. He went on to receive his J.D. and L.L.M. degrees from Harvard University. He raised one daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth (b.1970), with Joyce Laverty Miller (1941-2020).

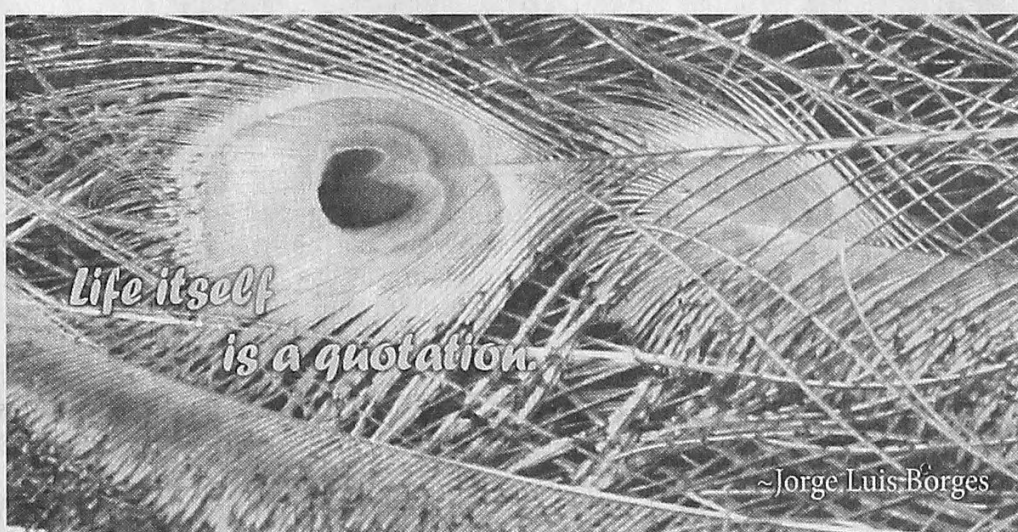
He taught at Boston University's School of Law for fifty years. He specialized in Uniform Commercial Code, Contracts, and Bankruptcy; was cited multiple times by the United States Supreme Court and quoted frequently in the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times. He received the prestigious Silver Shingle award for outstanding professor, as well as other awards prior to retiring in 2014.

Walter loved hiking, swimming, and spending time with his family. He met Ilene Publiski in his later years and together they enjoyed car rides, watching movies and great meals.

He was known for his superior intellect that served him well until he passed away, quick wit, infectious smile and compassionate wisdom. He was loved by all and is already terribly missed.



Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.



## Grace Chen Yu

April 16, 1927 – March 17, 2021

Born in DongGuan, a remote village between Hong Kong and Canton, China

Departure from Los Altos, CA, into God's glory Grace Chen Yu entered this world as the youngest of four children of On-Yan Chen, her father, and Yan-Dai, her mother. She was raised in a Christian home in which she learned to pray as a toddler.

Grace and her family fled from Canton when the Japanese invaded China in 1937. They sought asylum in Hong Kong since Japan had not declared war on the British Colony at the time. During the summer of 1941, Grace recalled seeing large numbers of British Indian-led troops. Grace's father mapped out a route to navigate his family to safe passage, one step ahead of the Japanese soldiers.

In the mid-1940s, Grace took a steamship across the Pacific Ocean, an 18-day journey to California. Eventually, she reunited with her oldest brother, Henry, in Manhattan. He helped her obtain a four-year scholarship at New York University, majoring in Economics. During that time, she reconnected with a friend, Agnes Yu, who casually mentioned that Agnes' brother, Mason Kwok Yu, had also fled China and was a college student in Michigan. (Grace and Mason first met in middle school in Canton.)

Grace married Mason at First Baptist Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on December 30, 1950. They had a long and fruitful marriage, raising five children, Mason Jr., Vivian, Bennett, Gregory, and Mae-Lin. Together they shared many interests, including business ventures (real estate, banking technology, and even machinery to create a Chinese version of a hot dog),



cultural organizations (founding members of the Chinese Community Center in Madison Heights, Michigan, dedicated on August 8, 2005), spiritual growth (Mason became a Christian in the early years of their marriage and both worshipped at Birmingham First United Methodist Church, then Chinese Bible Church and Grace Baptist Church) and personal interests (Chinese calligraphy, gourmet cooking, and landscape architecture). The Association of Chinese Americans hosted a recognition luncheon on June 5, 2010, in honor of Mason's and Grace's vision for building a Chinese Community Center.

After six decades in Michigan, Mason and Grace moved to the San Francisco Bay area, to be close to Gregory's family. They attended Grace Gospel Christian Church in San Mateo, California. Grace embraced her faith, boldly sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with both friends and strangers alike.

Grace reunited with her husband, Mason, and their daughter, Vivian, on March 17, 2021, a month before her 94th birthday. She is survived by her children, Mason Jr. (Suzanne), Bennett (Amy), Gregory (Dorian), Mae-Lin (Roy Mendoza); her six grandchildren, Stephanie (Carl Gustafsson), Jason, Janice, Amanda (Joseph Dear), Alex, and Michelle; her three great-grandchildren, Anna Sophia (Stephanie's and Carl's), Asher and Alexis Grace (Amanda's and Joseph's); and her numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews, and their extended families.

Grace is known as "a prayer warrior" before God and family. One of her favorite Bible verses is Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not into thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

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# Salem man answers the call to rescue wildlife

Susan Bromley [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
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Matt Lyson recently responded to calls to rescue a sandhill crane in Milford and a mute swan in White Lake, both entangled in fishing line, the latter with a hook through its foot.

"We get a lot of birds caught in human waste that's been discarded or neglected," Lyson, co-founder of Michigan Duck Rescue and Sanctuary in Salem Township, said. "Lazy, ignorant people are causing these issues."

Concerned citizens who want to stop the hurting and heal the birds call Lyson, including Laura Kahn.

A few weeks ago, Kahn noticed a mother crane that visits her yard daily was limping. The bird's condition has been deteriorating, prompting Kahn to reach out to Lyson in distress.

"She can't get around. The dad and baby are way ahead and will wait for her," Kahn said as she stood watching the birds, who had migrated from her home to the edge of the Huron River directly across the street.

When Lyson arrives, he approached the cranes, flanked by volunteers with fishing nets on long poles, but the rescue effort is futile as the birds take flight over the river.

"They're the hardest ones to catch unless it's by itself," he said with a sigh. "That's what you run into. You want them in a yard with evergreens that they can't fly over."

The very next evening, Lyson has relatively easier prey — a juvenile mute swan in White Lake with a fish hook binding its foot, although upon arrival, he finds the young swan guarded by its protective parents.

With two volunteers, including one in a kayak to steer the swan toward shore, Lyson got between the father swan and his injured young, and net the impaled juvenile. He then successfully untangled and cut away the fishing line and extracted the hook, followed by working antibiotic cream into the bird's joints. His tool kit includes scissors, heavy-duty cutters, dental-type picks, and a magnifying glass.

Once the animal is caught, the process is easier than one would think, Lyson said. He does not place anything



Matt Lyson rescued a juvenile mute swan to remove a fishing hook that had impaled and bound the swan's foot during its travels on White Lake.

COURTESY OF MATT LYSON

over their heads.

"Somebody holds the bird, and they are almost as calm as can be," he said. "They know they're getting help and are almost always submissive, because they are hurt and in pain. I really believe they understand. I've never had (an injured bird) get crazy and aggressive."

After the hook was removed, the swan, expected to make a full recovery, returned to its parents.

Lyson has infinite patience with helping wildlife, but less tolerance for the humans who have put them in peril, particularly anglers who may cut and abandon 30 feet of fishing line, leaving waterfowl vulnerable, particularly swans who like to feed in marshy areas.

The birds often starve to death, or lose their limb from loss of circulation or in their attempts to free themselves from double or treble hooks.

Lyson said he responds to at least a dozen birds entangled in fishing line per year. Occasionally, he finds animals have gotten trapped in other human debris, such as the swan he was called out on that was caught in a tomato cage.

Erin Rowan, senior conservation as-



Michigan Duck Rescue and Sanctuary volunteers Matt Lyson, left, and Courtney Malone coordinate their approach to attempt trapping an injured sandhill crane Aug. 3 in Milford. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

sociate with Audubon Great Lakes and the MI Birds program run in conjunction with the DNR, said she also receives several calls every year regarding birds tangled in fishing line and other debris, including balloon ribbons and this past year's deluge of COVID-19 masks.

Rowan encourages good Samaritans to contact licensed wildlife rehabilitators before trying to help the birds themselves, which could be tricky depending on the species and situation. She advocates as well for the Animal Help Now app, which can connect a user with a rehabilitator no matter the location.

Rowan said hikers and kayakers can also help by being observant on trails and water and removing fishing line they find. Don't release balloons, and cut straps to your masks and make sure they end up in the garbage can and not on sidewalks or in parks.

Beyond the debris that traps birds, Rowan cites two other dangers where human assistance is needed.

Window collisions kill 600 million to 1 billion birds per year who are confused by the reflection of sky and habitats in glass.

"It's a huge problem," she said, urging residents to put 2-inch by 2-inch patterns on windows where bird crashes have been a problem. Even using a bar of soap to leave a film there can help.

But the threat that looms largest to birds is one that will require a much larger effort.

"The biggest threat to birds is climate change," Rowan said. "Audubon released a climate report in the fall of 2019 that showed 389 of our bird species in North America are on the brink of extinction due to climate change in a 3-degree Celsius warming scenario. It also assessed that if we are able to keep global warming to a 1.5 degree Celsius increase, we save 150 of those."

Meanwhile, Lyson is concentrating on saving one at a time, given the opportunity. He still hopes to save the crane.

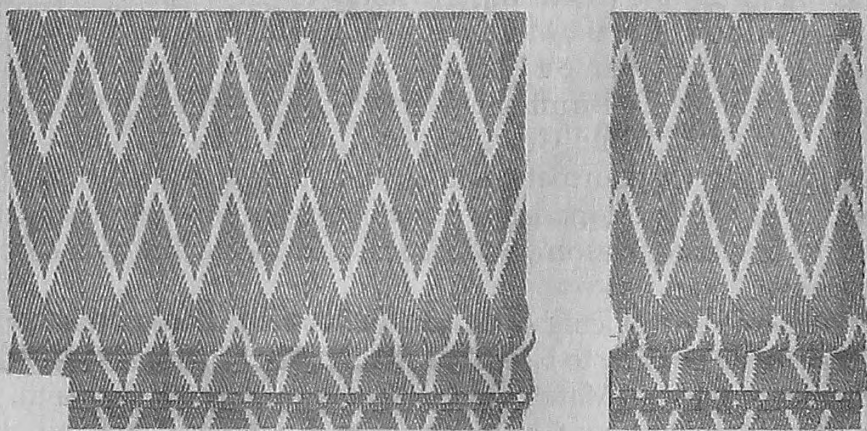
"Eventually, if we can't get her, she will lose a foot," he said. "It's a crapshoot what goes on out there. All we can do is keep trying, the rest is in God's hands. We can only do so much."

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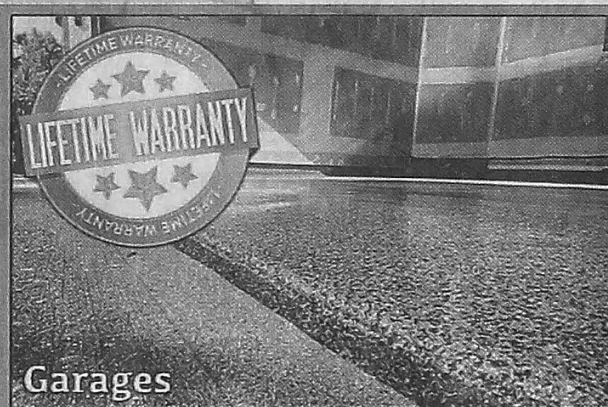
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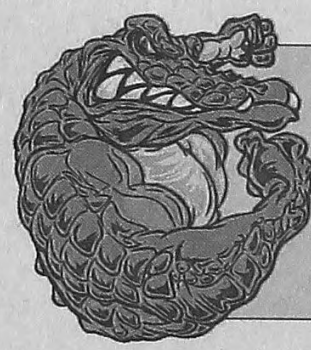
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# Influx of cash could fix state's roads, bridges

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Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's campaign pledge of three years ago to "Fix the Damn Roads" got a boost Tuesday as the U.S. Senate capped months of negotiations by passing a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill.

It now goes to the U.S. House, where the pressure to accept the proposal — which could send \$7.3 billion to Michigan for highway repairs and more than \$500 million for bridge work over the next five years, among other investments — will be enormous.

"(It) will create millions of good-paying jobs; fix crumbling roads and bridges; help us build a clean, resilient energy grid; bolster public transportation; deliver clean drinking water to millions of families, and ensure every home has access to high-speed internet," Whitmer said.

Earlier this year, she pressed the Senate to pass a bill, noting 40% of the state's roads and bridges were in poor or mediocre condition, a circumstance every Michigander is well aware of.

She noted there is "a lot left to do" before final passage and she's right: House Democrats, who control a slim eight-seat majority in that chamber, insist the Senate pass a \$3.5 trillion budget framework that could eventually be used to enact Medicare expansion, child care for working families, tuition-free community colleges and more by raising taxes on wealthy people and corporations before the House takes up the infrastructure bill.

With that framework needing only 51 votes in the Senate, however, it's a doable task if that chamber's Democrats stick together.

Meanwhile, President Joe Biden, who refused to take no for an answer in negotiations with Senate Democrats and a group of Republicans eager to strike some sort of infrastructure deal without raising taxes, can claim a clear victory, one which for four years eluded his predecessor, Donald Trump.

Even with Trump continuing to raise objections, arguing that they were giving Democrats a win, and naysayers arguing the package was too expensive, 19 Republican senators crossed the aisle to



MDOT bridge inspection engineer Andrew Bouvy, right, and MDOT worker Mike Mallory inspect an Interstate 96 bridge in 2019. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

join Democrats to vote for the package, 69-30. That group included another native Michigander — Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, who grew up in the state and was part of the group that negotiated the deal with the White House.

It's not anywhere near the original \$2 trillion proposal Biden made. But it remains an achievement, given how partisan divisions have riven Washington in recent years. In the end, even Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., voted for it.

"For decades," Romney said, "elected officials have talked about addressing our nation's aging infrastructure. The (bill) that passed out of the Senate today turns that talk into reality. While this bill is not perfect — as is the case with a true compromise — it provides a once-in-a-generation investment in our country's physical infrastructure without raising taxes. That is what people and communities across the country demanded of us."

Critics complained that the funding streams to pay for the legislation, including using some unused COVID-19 relief funds, weren't enough to cover the whole package. The Congressional Budget Office said it could add more than \$250 billion to the deficit over the next

10 years.

Those complaints fell on deaf ears. In all, the legislation will add \$550 billion in new funding for the nation's roads, bridges and other physical infrastructure and related programs.

And it's littered with items that could be felt in Michigan:

- Based on state-by-state allocations, Michigan stands to receive \$7.3 billion in federal highway aid, \$563 million for bridge replacement and repairs, and could compete with other states for tens of billions more in other economically important bridge or road projects.

- Buses, rail lines and other means of public transportation in the state could see an extra \$1 billion in federal investments.

- The state would receive a minimum of \$100 million to help extend broadband Internet coverage, including across rural swaths of Michigan that currently lack it. Some 2.5 million Michiganders living in low-income households may also be eligible for funds that will help them afford Internet access.

- Added to the annual appropriation of between \$200 million and \$300 million a year to pay for environmental projects in and around the Great Lakes, the legislation would add \$1 billion over five

years, greatly enhancing the current funding stream.

- And the state's automakers, moving toward adopting more electric vehicles in the near future, could be helped greatly by a \$7.5 billion commitment in the legislation for building charging stations across the U.S., with more money potentially coming in the budget reconciliation bill. A lack of charging stations is generally seen as one key reason Americans have been slow to adopt electric vehicles.

Ford Motor Co. said in a statement it "applauds this bipartisan step to make long overdue investments in our nation's infrastructure and accelerate the transition to a zero emissions transportation future."

That's not all that is in the bill that could change the future of the auto industry, with measures that could require vehicles to have technology to stop drunken drivers from operating them as well as having automated braking systems.

Other parts of the legislation that could help Michigan include national funding for improving ports of entry at the northern border; \$500 million for a program pushed by U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, D-Mich., to help communities prepare for natural risks, such as the flooding that has hit the state this year, and \$55 billion to be invested in clean drinking water, including replacing lead service lines and addressing so-called "forever" PFAS chemical wastes.

The legislation also includes a measure pushed by Michigan's senators to make it more difficult for the federal government to get around rules requiring it to use American-made products.

"It's an investment in creating good-paying jobs, helping local businesses grow and upgrading our aging and crumbling infrastructure," Peters said of the bill after voting for it along with Sen. Debbie Stabenow, also D-Mich. "This is a great step, and we must keep working to make sure this legislation is signed into law."

Added Stabenow, "It's going to create jobs and strengthen our Buy American laws to ensure that American tax dollars are spent on American products and services. Bottom line: This bill is a win for Michigan."

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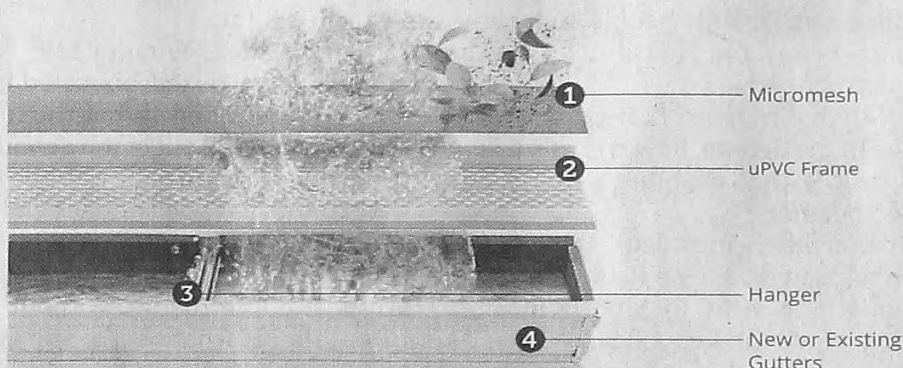
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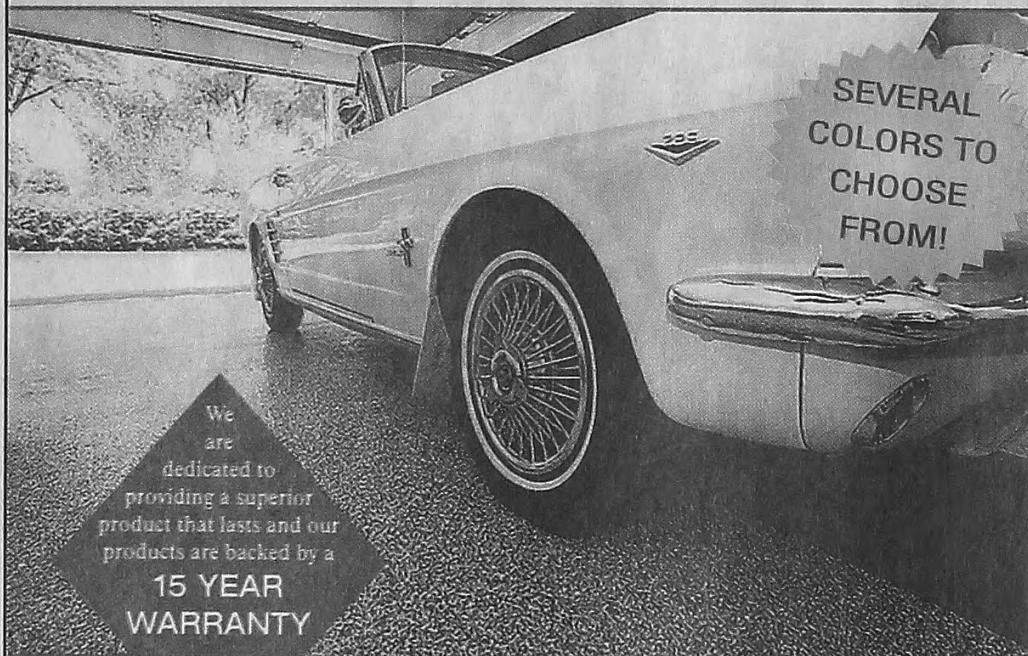
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# SPORTS

## What to expect from KLAA East football

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The 2021 football season is here. Fall practices are already underway, while the nine-game slate is scheduled to begin Aug. 26. In 2021, the playoffs will begin Oct. 29 with the Michigan high school football state finals scheduled for Nov. 26-27.

Here's a look at what the Kensington Lakes Activities Association East division will look like in 2021.

### Livonia Churchill

**Head coach:** Bill DeFillippo, 10th season  
**2020 record:** 6-3 (4-2 in conference play), second in the KLAA East

**Season opener:** at Salem; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

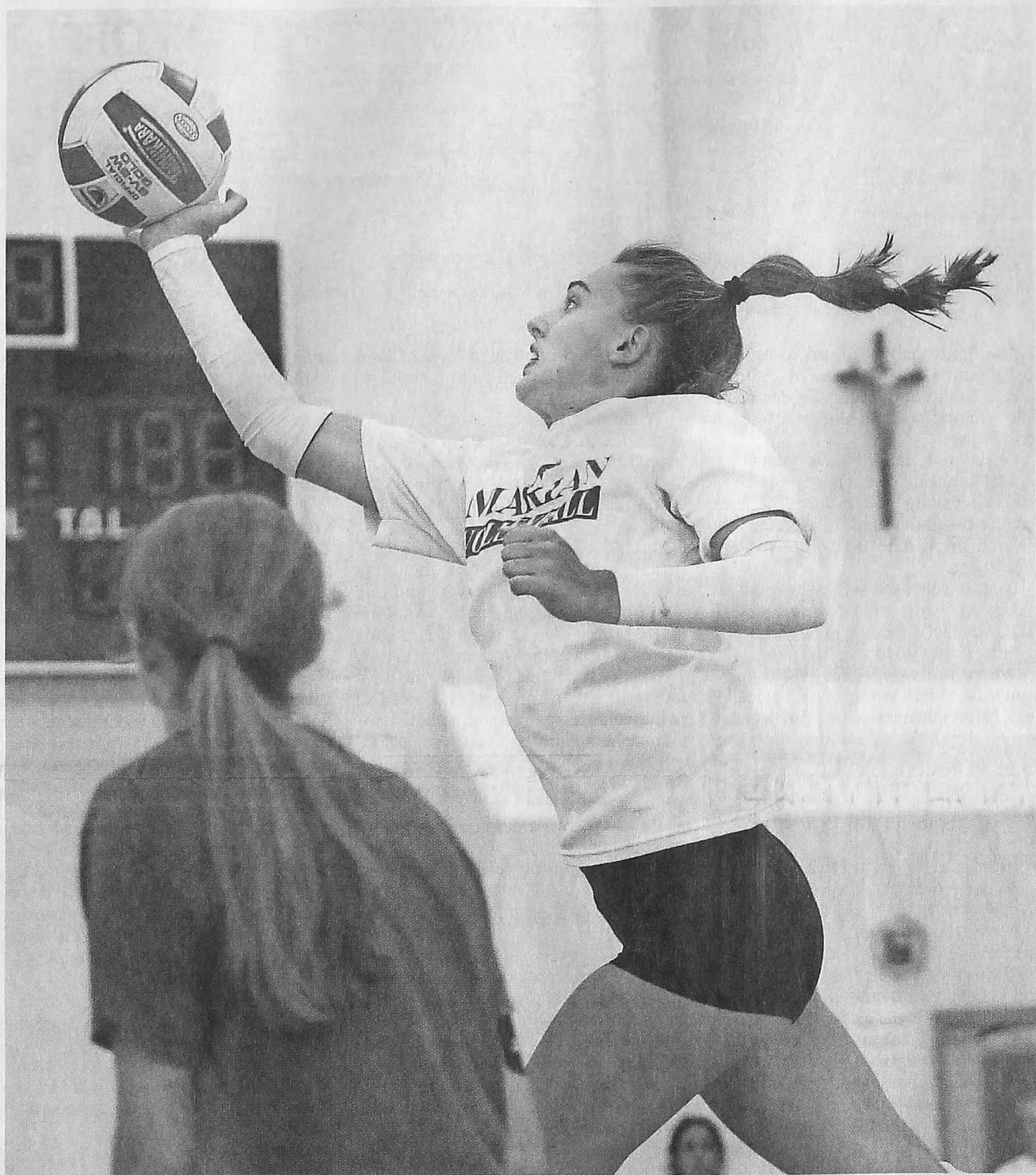
**Players to watch:** Senior quarterback Taj Williams, senior running back and linebacker Boston Clegg Jr., senior cornerback and wide receiver Joshua Brown, senior wide receiver Bailey Brooks, senior offensive tackle Matt Landis, senior defensive tackle Demarius Gibson-Wells, senior defensive back

VJ Ragland

**What to expect:** Looking ahead to the 2021 season, Livonia Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo can't help but look back to 2019, when many on his current roster were sophomores.

The Chargers started the season 1-4, got on a win streak and eventually won a

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Marian High School volleyball captain Ava Brizard leaps for a set during practice Aug. 10. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Marian volleyball team reunites for '21 title run

Colin Gay [Hometownlife.com](http://Hometownlife.com)  
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Marian volleyball's first practices for its 2021 season felt more like a family reunion.

And while head coach Mayssa Cook had seen her players many times since her team's state championship win, it was the first time they were all home, all in the gym, preparing for a repeat.

The Mustangs have a luxury: all of their players from the team's first state

title since back-to-back championships in 2009 and 2010 returned. And to the head coach, all of them have improved, their weaknesses now are strengthened.

But as the final days of tryouts waged on, there wasn't a satisfaction. They knew they won a trophy, but they all know there's room on the shelf for another.

"These personalities and these kids, complacency is not something I fear," Cook said. "They are probably just as hungry if not hungrier this season."

### Back to basics

Cook has her players focused as the team starts its journey over, setting its gaze on a 2021 state title trophy. The head coach has returned to the basics, emphasizing consistency in skill development from serves to passes.

Senior outside hitter and reigning Gatorade Michigan Volleyball Player of the Year Ava Brizard said the priority is building up those connections she and

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## CC football entering season with state finals in mind

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After a full morning practice outside officially kicking off preparation for the 2021 campaign, Detroit Catholic Central was forced to make its first change.

Mother Nature would not hold back, sending thunderstorms over the Novi campus, moving the Shamrocks inside to run through plays with helmets on as the squeak of tennis shoes against the hardwood floor echoed through the gym.

As Catholic Central started the process of emptying its offensive and defensive playbook, preparing for a first-week date with Chippewa Valley, its aspirations hung over them, watching.

Twelve state championship banners hung from the rafters, the most recent being from 2009 despite four trips to the title game between 2011-16.

No player in that gym has experienced what previously had been the year-to-year expectation for Catholic Central: earning a spot in the state finals.

But heading into 2021, returning a roster filled with seniors still stewing from the Shamrocks' 13-point loss to Davison in the regional final a season ago, expectations are high.

"If you have one shot to do something, you know you are going to give it your all," senior quarterback Declan Byle, who has started for the Shamrocks since 2019, said. "I didn't really understand it as a sophomore or junior. It's like, 'We'll get them next year.' There is no next year now."

It's something Dan Anderson clearly sees.

The Shamrocks' fifth-year head coach said he's seen that fire in the way his players have approach summer lifting and conditioning sessions, coming to practice each day ready to work.

"They did not attain the goals they wanted to last year. They are hungry," Anderson said. "The fact you had a lot of these guys playing last year makes it even more that they want to attain that goal."

Experience is a luxury Catholic Central has on both sides of the ball.

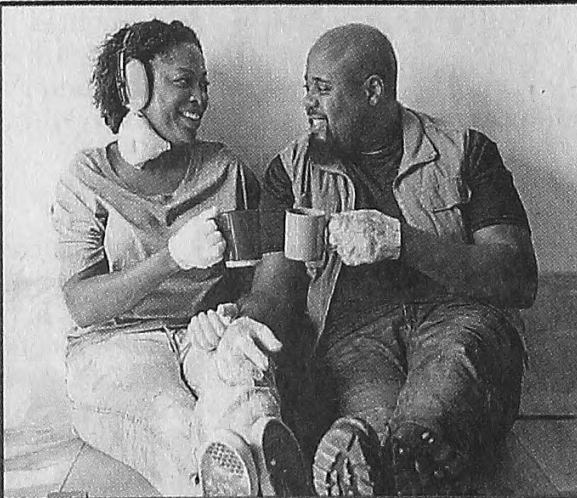
The Shamrocks' offense looks similar to a season ago. With Byle under center and weapons like wide receivers Kam Davenport and Owen Semp, Catholic Central, which averaged 27.5 points per game in 2020, is already a

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# KLAA East

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district title, facing a schedule with four opponents who ended the season with 10 wins or more and seven opponents with eight wins or more.

Two years later, with many of these sophomores now seniors, DeFillippo said that competition really has not changed.

“Our conference is tremendously talented and challenging,” he said. “It seems like every week, you have to be ready to go. The margin for error is slim. I think one of the keys to our season is like anything else: it’s staying healthy, just because of the schedule we play.”

Churchill will have five offensive returners, including running back Boston Clegg Jr. and wide receiver Bailey Brooks – both All-State honorable mentions – and senior offensive tackle Matt Landis. Taj Williams, who played with the Chargers as a sophomore, has returned for his senior season and will lead the charge behind center, replacing quarterback Gavin Brooks.

Defensively, the Chargers will have six returners to a team that allowed an average of 25.7 points per game, including defensive tackle Demarius Gibson-Wells and cornerback Joshua Brown: both three-year starters.

## Livonia Franklin

**Head coach:** Chris Kelbert, 20th season

**2020 record:** 5-4 (3-3 in conference play), fourth in the KLAA East

**Season opener:** at Hartland; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

**Players to watch:** Senior quarterback Zac Olesuk, junior running back Cordell Mabins, senior wide receiver Brandon Reiten, senior defensive back Gary Morris, senior running back and linebacker Trever Perczak

**What to expect:** Livonia Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert’s challenge heading into 2021 is one that he’s faced before.

The Patriots will not have much experience coming back from their offensive or defensive lines. Many of the team’s six returners on offense and four returners on defense will be from the skill positions developed last year.

The head coach said it seemingly flip flops replacing skill positions compared to linemen, adding that it’s easier to get the guys up front where they need to be more quickly.

“It’s a little bit less thinking, we try to make it less thinking for them so a young kid can grasp the concepts of the offense and the defense quicker than a skill guy,” Kelbert said.

Franklin will have quarterback Zac Olesuk, running back Cordell Mabins, and its top two receivers returning in 2021 after averaging over 30 points per game a season ago, a group, senior wide receiver Brandon Reiten says has the potential to score whenever it wants.

“I played with Zac all my life and I loved it,” Reiten said. “All my teammates, I love playing with them. We all have good, good chemistry together. I just can’t wait for the season.”

Defensively, the Patriots will try and regroup after it allowed 30 points or more five times in 2020, including all four of the team’s losses.

## Livonia Stevenson

**Head coach:** Randy Micallef, ninth season

**2020 record:** 4-4 (3-3 in conference play), fifth in the KLAA East

**Season opener:** at Northville; 7 p.m., Aug. 27

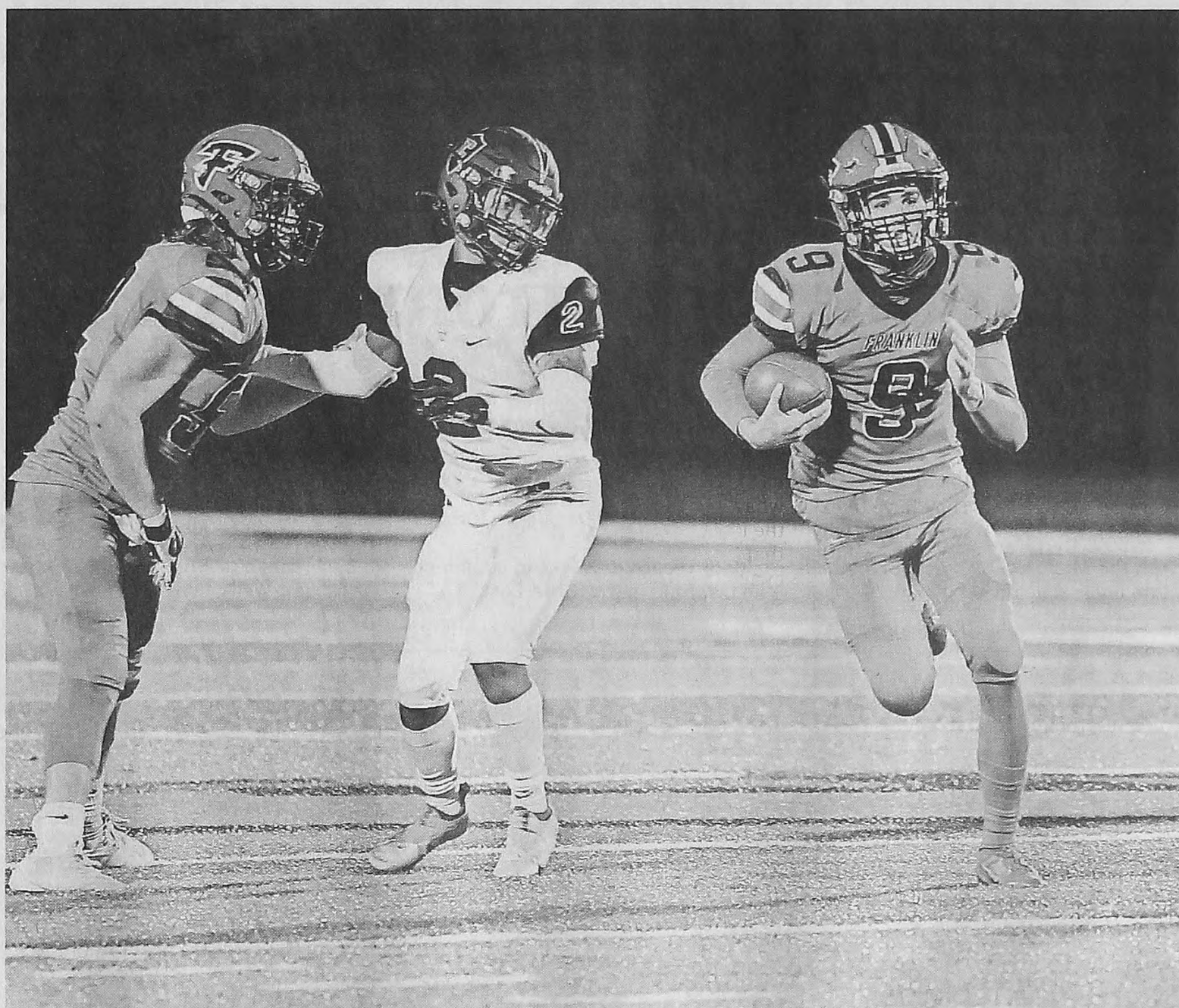
**Players to watch:** Senior linebacker and running back Quincy Salter, senior offensive lineman Shaun Shahu, senior quarterback Kyle Brown, junior offensive and defensive lineman Charles Davidek, senior cornerback and wide receiver Patrick Coughlin

**What to expect:** Livonia Stevenson’s offense was special in 2020.

The Spartans recorded their first 300-point season since 2015, recording five games of 40 points or more. But the offensive approach was simple: hand the ball off to Caden Woodall, their graduated running back who broke the school’s single-season rushing record with 2,238 yards and 34 touchdowns.

With only three returners on both sides of the ball, head coach Randy Micallef’s team is going to look much different in 2021, facing the challenge of youth and inexperience. But it will also be an offense that looks to spread the love much more than a season ago.

“We feel we’re going to be more diverse on offense now,” senior linebacker Quincy Salter, who will replace Woodall at running back after running scout team looks at the position for the past few years, said. “Equal passing, equal running, more opportunities for everyone instead of one running back.”



Franklin QB Zac Olesuk finds an opening against Churchill in a past season. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The Spartans will return two offensive linemen – senior two-year starter Shaun Shahu and junior Charles Davidek – along with senior quarterback Kyle Brown.

On defense, Salter, a three-year starter, will continue to anchor the team at linebacker along with senior cornerback Patrick Coughlin, leading a group that allowed more than 30 points twice a season ago.

Last season, each of Stevenson’s four losses were by a touchdown or less. In 2021, Micallef’s focus will be on getting a young group up to varsity speed.

“We’re not overly big. We’ve got a bunch of smart young men,” Micallef said. “That makes coaching fun because we can tweak things and they pick it up very quickly. It allows us to experiment a lot.”

## Wayne Memorial

**Head coach:** Michael Ryan, first year

**2020 record:** 0-7 (0-6 in conference play), eighth in the KLAA East

**Season opener:** at Novi; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

**Players to watch:** Senior offensive and defensive lineman Kaden Anderson, senior tight end and defensive back Jason Jones, senior full back and defensive back Amarus Calloway, senior quarterback Julian Jones

**What to expect:** All Michael Ryan is looking for in his first season at Wayne Memorial is accountability and consistency.

While he is inheriting seven players on offense and six players on defense, the first-year head coach said it doesn’t really matter, taking over the program from former head coach Jari Brown four weeks ago.

“In those four weeks, we have challenged our kids a little bit. We tend to get a bit intense... But the key to the growth is the way they responded,” Ryan said. “They responded as young men. We watched them grow in three weeks to become strong leaders in this program. They are the kind of kids we want to win this program around.”

Since 2010, Wayne Memorial has won five games, recording seven winless seasons. The Zebras played in their first playoff game since 2003 a year ago, falling to Canton in the first round, 42-8.

“The kids are starting to buy in to what we’re selling them because, honestly, we’re genuine,” Ryan said. “We’re here to take care of these kids. Football will come, but when I first met them, the goal was to change their lives and show them a different way.”

“We’re excited to be at Wayne. We know it’s a challenge at Wayne, but a challenge is something that we thrive in.”

## Westland John Glenn

**Head coach:** Calvin Griggs, second season

**2020 record:** 2-5 (2-4 in conference play), seventh in the KLAA East

**Season opener:** at Howell; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

**Players to watch:** Sophomore running back Damon Powers, junior running back Dae Scott, senior running back and linebacker Robert Hartman

**What to expect:** The new era of John Glenn football showed what it could do at times in 2020.

While they finished near the bottom of the KLAA East, the Rockets earned two wins against Wayne Memorial and Livonia Franklin – the first time John Glenn has beaten the Patriots since 2014.

In 2021, John Glenn will have six returning starters on offense, including running backs Damon Powers and Dae Scott, who helped the Rockets combine for 98 points in each of their two wins and 54 points in each of their five losses.

On defense, the Rockets will have four returners to a group that allowed 311 points in seven games – the highest total in school history.

## Belleville

**Head coach:** Jermain Crowell, eighth season

**2020 record:** 10-1 (6-0 in conference play), first in the KLAA East

**Season opener:** at Plymouth; 7 p.m., Aug. 27

**Players to watch:** Freshman quarterback Bryce Underwood, senior wide receiver and safety Christian Rapley, senior offensive guard Jakobe Watkins, senior wide receiver Tyree Lockett, senior safety Myles Rowser, senior cornerback Jeremiah Caldwell, senior running back, wide receiver and linebacker Aaron Alexander

**What to expect:** Belleville is looking to reload ahead of its 2021 campaign.

In 2020, the Tigers ruled in the KLAA, winning the West division before losing in the Division 1 state semifinal against West Bloomfield. Belleville had a defense that recorded five shutouts, allowing an average of 11.2 points per game, while also utilizing an offense that scored 50 points or more five times.

Many of those pieces are returning to a group that’s projected to win the East and the conference, including seven on defense and three on offense. But the Tigers will be forced to have a different look at quarterback with Christian Dhue-Reid graduating, who set the state record for most career touchdown passes.

Freshman Bryce Underwood will likely be first in line to take Dhue-Reid’s place, already having offers from Michigan, Michigan State, Tennessee and Kentucky prior to taking a high school snap.

But the Tigers will continue to have weapons on both sides of the ball, including senior safety and wide receiver Christian Rapley, who holds offers from Penn State, Wisconsin and Arizona State; senior safety Myles Rowser, who is committed to Arkansas; and senior running back, wide receiver and linebacker Aaron Alexander, who is committed to Michigan.

## Dearborn

**Head coach:** Alex Grignon, first year

**2020 record:** 3-5 (2-4 in conference play), sixth in the KLAA East

**Season opener:** at Belleville; 7 p.m., Sept. 2

**Players to watch:** Senior quarterback Ali Murray, senior outside linebacker and defensive end Ray Berry,

senior wide receiver and safety Adam Rammouni, junior quarterback and safety Adam Saleh, senior offensive and defensive lineman Brandon DiMaggio

**What to expect:** After nine years under head coach John Powell, Dearborn has a new look at head coach.

Former South Lyon, Walled Lake Western and Lincoln Park coach Alex Grignon heads into his first season with his alma mater, leaving his role as the tight ends coach at Michigan Tech to take over the school he graduated from in 2005.

“We’re excited,” Grignon said. “We got to come in late as a staff. All but two coaches are new – we only had two holdovers from the previous staff. Our guys have been in a transition this summer, kind of rebuilding the culture, trying to focus on taking life one moment at a time.”

Grignon will inherit senior quarterback Ali Murray, a third-year starting quarterback that led an offense in 2020 that averaged less than 20 points per game. The Pioneers will have six other returners on offense, including offensive lineman Brandon DiMaggio and wide receiver Adam Rammouni.

Senior outside linebacker and defensive end Ray Berry will anchor a defense that allowed more than four touchdowns in a game only twice: Livonia Stevenson and Brownstown Woodhaven in the first round of the playoffs.

## Dearborn Fordson

**Head coach:** Fouad Zaban, 15th season

**2020 record:** 5-3 (4-2 in conference play), third in the KLAA East

**Season opener:** at Canton; 4 p.m., Aug. 26 at Wayne State University

**Players to watch:** Senior quarterback Alex Osman, senior linebacker Mohamed Zaban, senior wide receiver and defensive back Antonio Gates, senior tight end and defensive end Mohamed Hazime, senior offensive lineman Ka’Mari Landers

**What to expect:** While Dearborn Fordson continued its run of 14-straight winning seasons into 2020, the Tractors had a bit of a hard time finding consistency, especially on offense.

Fordson scored 190 points in eight games, its lowest total since 2005 – the team’s last losing season – scoring more than 40 points twice against John Glenn and Detroit Western.

The Tractors will bring back four contributors on offense, including second-year quarterback Alex Osman and wide receiver Antonio Gates Jr., who’s committed to Michigan State.

Gates will also return at defensive back for Fordson, along with senior linebacker Mohamed Zaban, who led a defense that allowed an average of 25.4 points per game.

“Our approach is basically working on the fundamentals, making sure that we do the things that make us better concentrate on us, do the little things, just take care of the little things,” head coach Fouad Zaban said.

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# Football

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step ahead, implementing schemes it didn't have in its arsenal until halfway through last season, according to the senior quarterback.

Up front, Catholic Central has potential, especially with Kaden Strayhorn, a 6-foot-4, 260-pound freshman who already holds eight Division I offers – including from Michigan State, Tennessee and Alabama – before even taking a snap at the high school level.

But the Shamrocks are still young and inexperienced up front, focusing on building chemistry to get around that learning curve before the lights come on at the end of August.

"You can't teach it. They have to experience it," Anderson said. "That's why the offensive line's going to be a little shaky to start, I'm sure."

"I think we have enough leaders on that team, that offensive team, that's they will be able to pull the other guys in and get them moving and doing what they need to do."

The Catholic Central defense is a group that's experienced those big lights.

The Shamrocks are set to return most of its front seven of a group that allowed an average of just over 10 points per game a season ago, their best showing

since 2010.

It's a group senior linebacker and captain Sean Field said is putting the finishing touches on what it can do, something he feels is representative of the whole team.

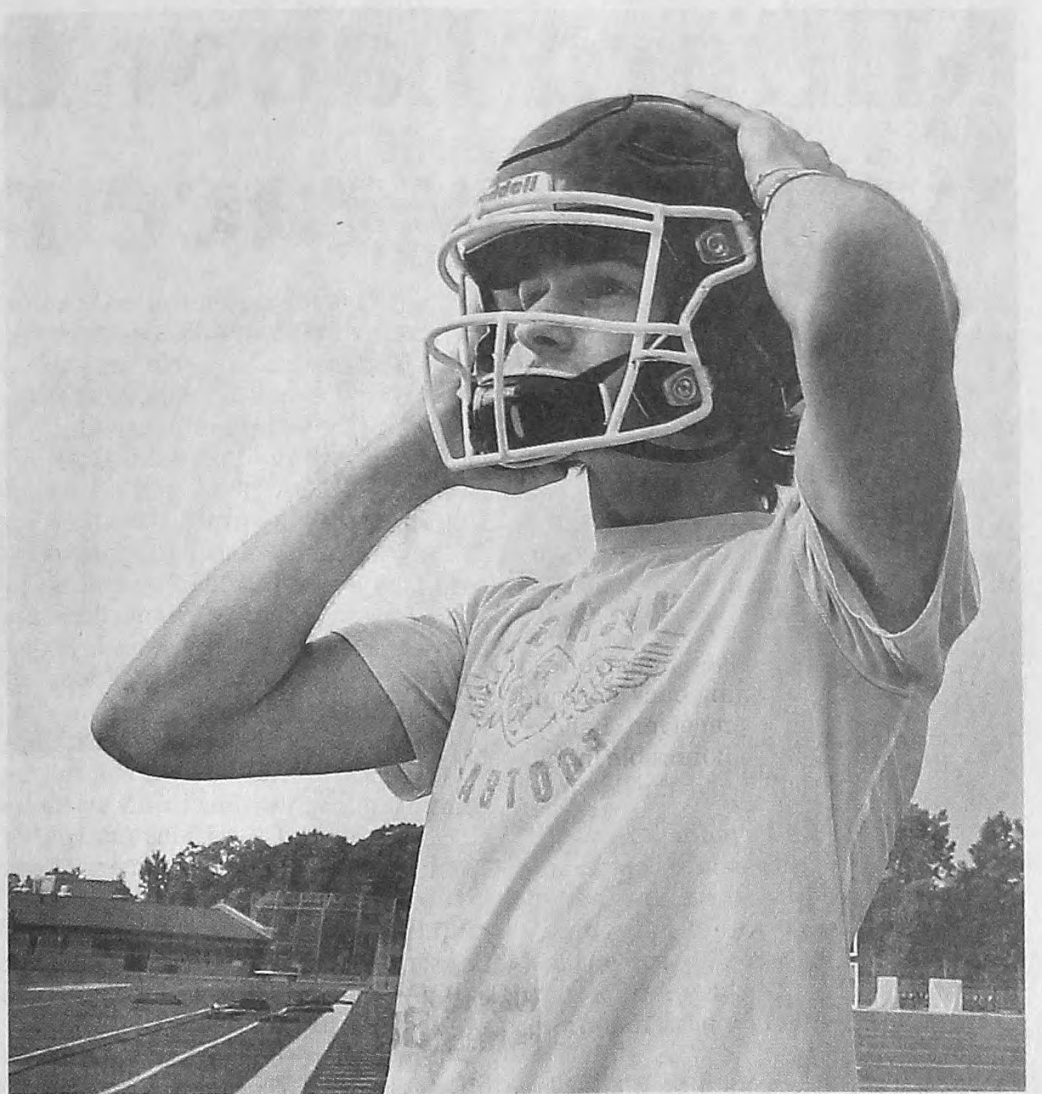
"We're kind of starting where we left off," senior linebacker and captain Sean Field said. "If anything, we are extra excited, maybe a little bit angry with how it ended. That's just going to fuel the fire even more."

Looking back, Byle thought his team was there last year. He still looks at the Davison game as a winnable game. The senior quarterback knows the mistakes he and his teammates made, solving each one over the course of offseason practice sessions.

The Shamrocks now are just wanting to get back out on the field and show what progress looks like. For many, it's the last chance they will have, a reality that hit Byle even as he worked in the gym; helmet on and tennis shoes squeaking against the hardwood.

"You know it's your last shot," he said. "I'm never going to go through two-a-days in high school again after this week. Every moment, you kind of have to take a step back and realize this is my last time doing this."

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Detroit Catholic Central quarterback Declan Byle prepares for the first day of team practice Aug. 9. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Volleyball

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her teammates developed last year, especially after spending so much time apart on separate club teams.

"We just have to get used to each other again," Brizard said. "It won't take very long because we're so close together."

In 2020, Cook didn't have much room for error in terms of her bench, having only 10 players at her disposal on the varsity roster, not affording much wiggle room if an injury or a positive COVID-19 case sidelined an athlete. The roster did its work, though, posting a 37-5 record and losing 17 sets all season.

In 2021, Cook has more to work with

—14 players — giving her security and an ability to mix and match players across the court depending on their skills.

"This is honestly the most talented team I have ever had and the most versatile team I've ever had in terms of players being able to play, not one or two, but three or four positions," Cook said. "The versatility is beautiful and the skill level they have, I feel very spoiled."

While the overall team focus is on that second-straight trophy, Marian's four seniors — Brizard, Sophia Treder, Janiah Jones and Sarah Sylvester — are each focused on that personal transition from high school volleyball to college.

This summer, each of these players spread out across the country, learning ways to improve ahead of their final season at Marian. For Brizard, who's com-



Brizard

mitted to NC State, the focus was on a more aggressive serve, turning it into a stronger offensive weapon. For Treder, who will play at Brown University starting in 2022, it's tweaking her arm swing and her passing ability.

But each of these skills are something Brizard feels can be passed on to those teammates who will eventually go through the same transition.

"We're so close and together that we're OK with coming up to someone like, 'OK, I think you can do this better. Here's how you can get better,'" Brizard said. "And that's the greatest part of this team is that we are so comfortable with each other that we're... constructively critical of each other to get better."

Marian will be primarily junior heavy in 2021, including setter Ava Sarafa, but the Mustangs will also have one freshman in Isabelle Busignani at their disposal.

With those younger players, Brizard said the message she wants to send is to continue the culture the four of them have built of hard work, positive attitudes and a pure love for the game of volleyball.

But Treder knows there's still time to show that off in her home gym.

"We obviously have a target on our back heading into the season," Treder said. "We really want to challenge each other in practice. The drive that we have, push each other as hard as we can and communicate way more than we usually would because we want to win states again."

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# Milford Labor Day 30K reborn with new race route, organizers

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The Milford Labor Day 30K is back up and running.

Milford resident and Hall of Fame runner Doug Goodhue, along with the Ann Arbor Track Club, stepped up to the rescue a year after Doug Klingensmith, the founder and organizer of the 20-year-old annual event, vowed to cancel it "forever."

The race will be Sept. 4, the Saturday before Labor Day, with a new route and two new distances, a 5K and 17K (roughly 10.5 miles), in addition to the 18.91 mile main event.

"This new course is perfect the way it is set up. Safety factors have been taken into consideration, and we have put on successful events for a long time," Goodhue said. "It's really year one for us, but this is the 20th year for this run. The timing is perfect for a fall marathon runner."

The race was scuttled in 2020 like most events, but the primary reason for cancellation cited by Milford officials was not the pandemic but concerns over safety along the route with near misses in previous years between vehicles and runners.

The new route will kick off from Bakers of Milford restaurant, a longtime race sponsor, but then will be entirely

through Kensington Metropark and on dirt roads in Milford and Brighton. The route has received the blessing of all park and municipal officials. A bike race has been dropped from the event.

The Ann Arbor Track Club is the organizer of several races, and after consulting with Klingensmith, Goodhue approached it to add this race to their portfolio. The Milford Labor Day 30K is expected to attract about 700 participants and already has 100 registered. Registration fees vary from \$30-\$55 depending on the race distance.

Goodhue, co-race director with Clint McCormack of Run Toledo, will not be running in the race, despite his status as a USA Track and Field Masters Hall of Fame runner who holds numerous age group records.

The 79-year-old is giving himself time to recover from knee surgery but looking forward to running the race again in the future.

"I love this event," he said. "It has a great following of runners who are getting ready for fall marathons and this is a tune up — running on trails, shade, away from the craziness of a loop... It's a perfect course and exciting."

For more information, visit [www.laborday30k.com](http://www.laborday30k.com).

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Doug Goodhue is part of the group organizing the Milford Labor Day 30K race. Here he jogs part of the proposed race course through Kensington Metropark. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## KLAA releases preseason football coaches poll

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The Kensington Lakes Activities Association released its 2021 Preseason Conference Coaches Poll at the conference's media day.

The coaches picked Belleville to win the East division and the overall conference after finishing the 2020 season 10-1

before falling to West Bloomfield in the Division I state semifinal. Canton is predicted to win the West division after finishing the regular season undefeated and eventually losing to Belleville in the district final.

Here's a look at the full poll ahead of the start of the 2021 season.

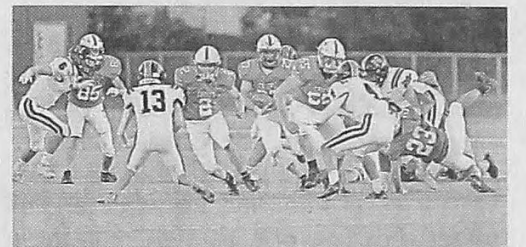
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Canton runs the ball against Northville in 2020. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

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Proposals should be submitted to Michael Zopf, Assistant Superintendent, Northville Public Schools. Proposals are to be submitted no later than 11:00 AM, Monday, August 23, 2021 at the Board of Education Office (Old Village School, 405 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167). The District will not consider or accept an electronic proposal, or a proposal received after the date and time specified for submission.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals in whole or in part; or, for reasons of establishing uniformity, delivery time or preference, the right to waive any irregularity or informality in the RFP process or any Proposal, and the right to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

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Bids are to be submitted on our Bid Proposal Form, signed by the bidder, in a sealed envelope clearly marked. Two (2) copies of the Bid Proposal Form should be addressed to the attention of:

Mr. Michael Zopf  
Northville Public Schools  
405 W. Main Street  
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One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files. Questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to Ms. Carrie Morfino, [morfinoca@northvilleschools.org](mailto:morfinoca@northvilleschools.org), 248-344-3690, between 8 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. EST. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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## The 3 Steps to Networking Online

### How you can use social media networks to help your career

By ZipRecruiter.com

Here's a little secret about the job search: employers don't always hire the person with the best resume and qualifications. Sometimes job seekers are hired because they know someone within the organization. That may not seem fair, but there is something you can do about it—networking.

Professional networking has always been integral to career advancement. Social networks are another way to make those connections. It is important to remember that networking is about more than just finding a job. The goal should be to find like-minded people who share your interests and passions, with whom you can build a mutually beneficial relationship. If you do that, when an opportunity for a job comes along, you'll be the first person they think of.

Professional networking through social media may seem intimidating, especially if you don't think you know the right people, but the truth is that you already have everything you need to get started.

#### Step 1: Reach Out to Everyone You Know. And Don't Know.

The most important thing you can do to effectively network on social media is to connect with people you don't know well to expand your contacts.

Chances are that you are unlikely to find job opportunities through a close friend or family member because they know a lot of the same people that you do. It's important to connect with

them, but you are a lot more likely to get referred to a job by someone you don't know as well. That is because acquaintances probably have a network of people you don't know, and the ability to make introductions. In fact, finding a job through weak ties can lead to higher pay and satisfaction.

Use multiple social networks to reach out to anyone you have the slightest connection to. Start with extended family, alumni from schools you've attended, employees of companies you have worked for (even if you've never met), thought leaders in your industry, and members of clubs, organizations, or social media groups you are in. It might feel awkward, but it doesn't hurt to ask. The worst that can happen is that your requests aren't accepted—the same place you are now.

#### Step 2: Get Involved

To build professional relationships on social networks, engage with the content that your new connections share.

As you add more connections, your social media newsfeeds will be populated with content from a more varied group of people. Take in these new perspectives and get to know the type of content they are putting out there. Then, start engaging.

Like, share, and comment on the posts you see. Doing so signals to the poster that you're a fan of their content, and could even create a positive physical reaction in their brain. When someone receives an interaction on something they share, their brain produces dopamine, a chemical response associated with pleasure. Increasing the number of likes a contact has not only makes them look good to their followers, it makes them feel good, too. And you'll be the source of that feeling.

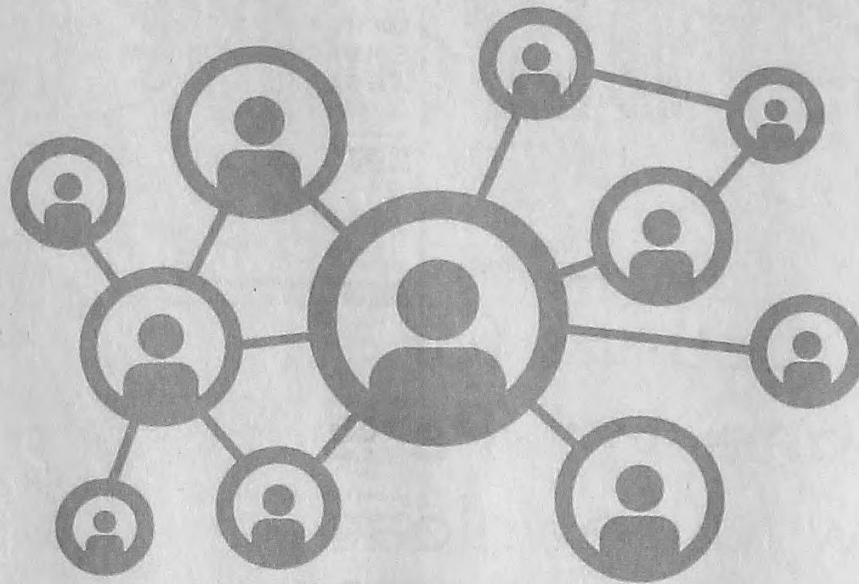
#### Step 3: Share Your Passions

Build professional relationships on social networks by standing out with content that highlights the topics you are passionate about.

Social media is a two-way street. If you see someone's posts, they can likely see yours. This is your chance to let them know about your passions, interests, and who you are as a person. Everybody has multiple interests, hobbies, and perspectives. Being authentic will help you stand out in a crowded newsfeed and attract other people who are interested in the same topics that you are. (Just be sure the content you share is appropriate. Skip topics that you wouldn't discuss in an actual workplace.)

Carefully curated content that makes it look like your life is perfect may look pretty, but it makes for a boring story. Being real about your goals and passions will grow interest as you take your network on a journey with you. Whether you are working on restoring an old car, learning a new language, or on a mission to get healthy, sharing your story will engage followers and turn them into fans who are invested in seeing you achieve your goals. The network of "strangers" you originally connected with, won't feel that way once they see your full personality and share in your progress.

Once you've built out your network on social media, pay attention to the connections who like and comment on the items you post. They likely share your same passions or are just interested in you as a person. Reach out to those people, taking the relationship off a social network and into the real world.



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# SUNDAY PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

### Super Crossword E-Z DOES IT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Not dozing
  - 6 Rock band boosters
  - 10 Make of the XK-E, in brief
  - 13 Leading nun
  - 19 Adage
  - 20 Irrational suspicion
  - 22 Dark-haired man
  - 23 Cracker consumed to become a fraternity member?
  - 25 Against: Prefix
  - 26 Dry stretch
  - 27 Sessions with mediums
  - 29 Vidalia, e.g.
  - 30 Cochlea site
  - 33 Comment when pointing out your aunt's child?
  - 35 Ducky insurance company?
  - 40 Bloody — (cocktails)
  - 44 Wee child
  - 45 Spanish pronoun
  - 46 German poet who founded a ketchup company?
  - 50 — Minor (Little Bear)
  - 53 Keyless, in music
  - 54 Marilyn of old movies
  - 55 Was a snitch
  - 59 Kindly
  - 61 Shoplifts or embezzles
  - 63 Three-horse wagon
  - 64 Lead-in to byte
  - 66 Cap required to be worn to gain entry?
  - 68 Author Nin
  - 72 Be liable to
  - 74 Big antelope
  - 75 Teal relatives
  - 76 Impudent
  - 77 actress who played Cleo?
  - 81 — bad example
  - 83 Furtive observation
  - 84 Having some replacement parts?
  - 86 Hybrid citrus
  - 91 Perilous stuff to skate on
  - 93 Lethargy
  - 95 Nomadic sort
  - 96 Iraqi, say
  - 97 Walk just beyond a northern Austrian city's border?
  - 99 Pick, with "for"
  - 102 Stir-fry tidbit
  - 104 Dumbbells
  - 105 Many-time golf champ Nick
  - 106 Small squirt of a zero-calorie drink?
  - 111 With 37-Down, fin-footed mammal
  - 113 "Tiny Dancer" singer John
  - 114 Road show groups
  - 118 Uncrowded
  - 124 Sadness
  - 126 Classic figure-skating painting?
  - 129 Sculpted torso, maybe
  - 130 White rat's condition
  - 131 Chavez of labor
  - 132 "Plus" qualities
  - 133 Vote "for"
  - 134 The whole nine yards
  - 135 Additional
- DOWN**
- 1 In amongst
  - 2 Lose power
  - 3 Allies' foe
  - 4 Eagle cousin
  - 5 Persian Gulf ruler
  - 6 Fitting
  - 7 — tai
  - 8 Whizzes
  - 9 Of right mind
  - 10 Wrist or hip
  - 11 Letter after G, spelled out
  - 12 Eye steadily
  - 13 It airs "The Conners"
  - 14 Witch's "vehicle"
  - 15 Bugs is one
  - 16 Lure
  - 17 Watery, as a membrane
  - 18 Unit of lyrics
  - 21 Gp. backing guns
  - 24 Had a bite
  - 28 Heavily built
  - 31 "Better Call Saul" aier
  - 32 Chicago mayor — Emanuel
  - 34 Some low clouds
  - 35 Melville captain
  - 36 Grand party
  - 37 See
  - 111-Across
  - 38 Oscar winner Hathaway
  - 39 Event for artisans selling wares
  - 41 They follow pis
  - 42 Gossip spreader
  - 43 Fathered, as a foal
  - 47 Nastase near a tennis net
  - 48 Chomsky of linguistics
  - 49 1983 Woody Allen role
  - 51 Beef dish in a sour cream sauce
  - 52 Make right
  - 56 Spirit
  - 57 Wrings (out)
  - 58 Astonish
  - 60 Gator cousin
  - 62 IRS form info
  - 65 Spin — (emulate Spider-Man)
  - 67 Raw beef fat
  - 68 Assist in evil
  - 69 Have a bite
  - 70 High peaks, in Italian
  - 71 Menzel who voiced Elsa in "Frozen"
  - 73 Fixes text
  - 77 He drew Li'l Abner
  - 78 Rioter's haul
  - 79 How a loss may be marked
  - 80 Nada
  - 82 Root for poi
  - 85 "Far out!"
  - 87 Grand party
  - 88 Old film actor Jannings
  - 89 Give for a bit
  - 90 Tiny pasta
  - 92 Roger of film review
  - 94 Dull routines
  - 98 Mao — -tung
  - 99 City in west Texas
  - 100 Aviators
  - 101 Aquarium favorites
  - 103 Windpipe
  - 107 Rich dessert
  - 108 Animal nose
  - 109 Actor Peter O'—
  - 110 Fitness program with Latin music
  - 112 Hearth waste
  - 115 — gow (casino game)
  - 116 City of central Sicily
  - 117 Actress Loretta
  - 119 Tempo
  - 120 TV's Trebek
  - 121 Corrode
  - 122 Sky twinkler
  - 123 Biblical prophet
  - 125 Craven of horror films
  - 127 Prefix like "equi-"
  - 128 Celebrity gossip site

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

## HEAR THAT?

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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 A H S I W S B N U G N A W T D O E E  
 P A R L X O I L G R O A N U E S S L  
 P U R R N D P W H I R R O L E C O G  
 T I N G R A U N C H D L T C U R N R  
 G N I C R E I P I L C S H M P U A U  
 O T B O M U B P O P I I U S H N N G  
 B H O E R U S Y G H M F H K O C T C  
 D S C N L A T T W E F R L U N H D L  
 N E P E E L O T L L I W G L Y O T U  
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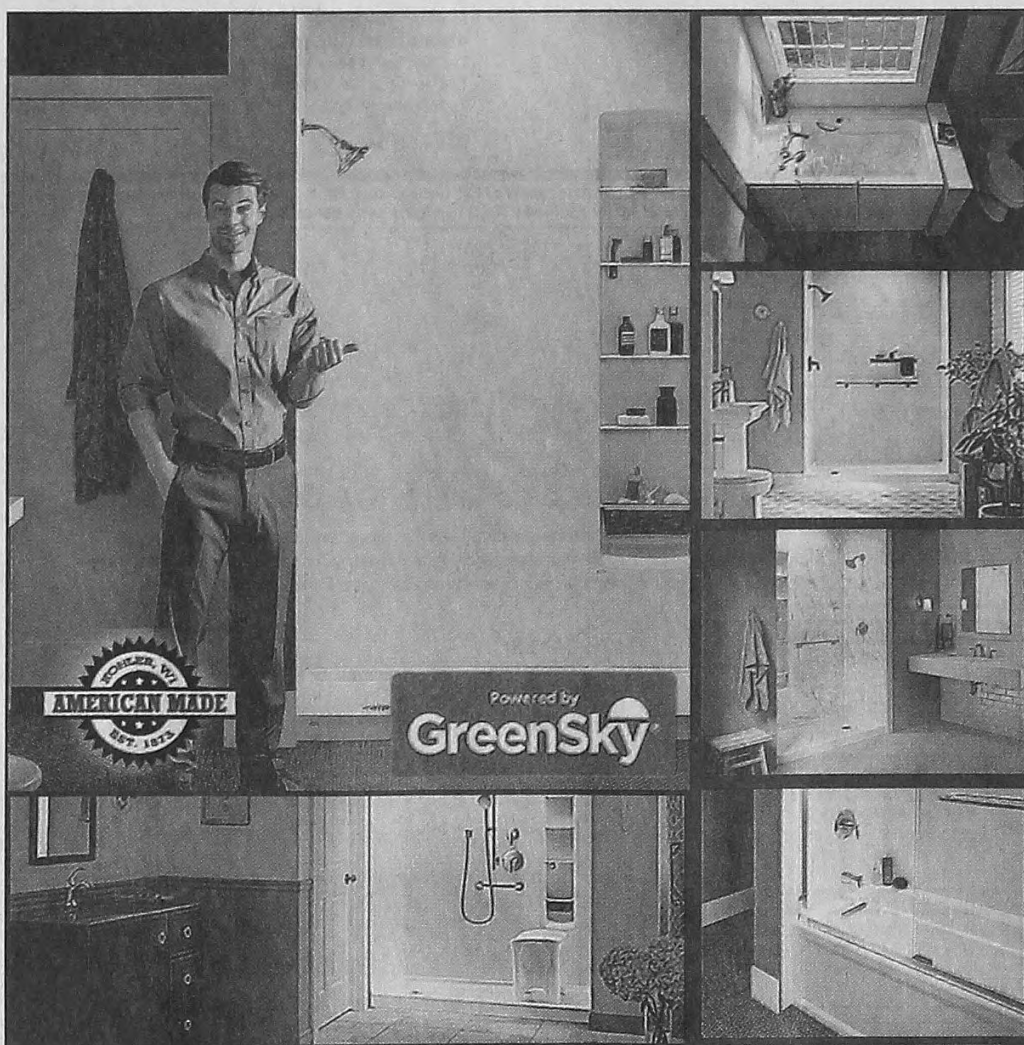
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 CRASH  
 DEEP  
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 SCRUNCH  
 SHRIEK  
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 SOUND  
 SPLASH  
 SWISH  
 THUMP  
 TICK  
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 TONE  
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 WHIRR  
 WHISTLE

**HEAR THAT?**

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1	6	9	5	3	4	8	7	2	7
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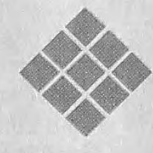
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