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Neighborhood flooding highlights needs

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Since it was built 30 years ago, periodic floods have been part of life in the Willow Woods subdivision in Livonia.

Residents of the subdivision near Seven Mile and Newburgh roads say

rain runoff from the nearby Fox Creek Golf Course, which is operated by the city, runs into their community and floods the roads to as deep as an adult's hip line at times. One resident recalled kayaking down his street.

"It's basically destroyed my lawn because I get everybody's landscaping,

like mulch and rocks, all down my street and into my driveway," said Karen Gee, a resident who lives in a low point of the subdivision. "The sewer is in front of my house and I can just see it coming. It never seems that the sewers are working."

During a city council committee of

the whole meeting Aug. 25, council members agreed to prepare a resolution for a future council meeting that would direct the city's administration to make a plan to fix the issue. Committee meetings are generally used to discuss a topic

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GREEN ON THE GREEN



Bob Davis of Canton warms up on the Summit's Pheasant Run Golf Course on Aug. 30. Course officials have reported a significant increase in revenue in the past year as more golfers hit the links in the pandemic. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Pandemic infuses municipal golf courses with new revenue

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A pandemic-fueled municipal golf boom is changing the sport's protocols — from how far in advance to book a tee time to the acceptance of music and more casual apparel on the links.

An insurgence of new players has increased the regularity of music reverberating from on-course golf carts and decreased the once-regulated business-casual dress code.

"It's more of a party atmosphere on the courses now compared to years ago when the etiquette was more tradition-

al," said Tom Welsh, Livonia's director of golf services. "Golfers have the ability to hook up their music to the golf carts now because we have USB connectors installed.

"... There are more young players

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Westland mom wants women who insulted kids to be charged with felonies

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A Westland police report is causing some uproar, contending two women slung racial slurs at children and chased them with a sparking stun gun.

One woman charged in the case was sentenced to two years' probation after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor count of ethnic intimidation. A second woman, her companion that day, is in Wayne County Jail where she awaits an Oct. 13 pretrial on the same misdemeanor charge.

Since the women's April encounter with the children, anger has mounted among some who argue the incidents should have led to felony charges. A protest was held in early August outside Westland Police Department. Several residents and activists aired their frustrations Aug. 16 during a city council session.

Tiffany Peters was appalled when her African American children told her they ran home after the women pulled up behind them in a van near Deerfield Court and Darwin Street and began calling them a racial slur.

"(They) chased them in the van. Then they came flying down our street screaming, 'Get your (obscenity) kids out of the street. Take care of your (obscenity) kids before we take care of them,'" Peters said, adding that at least one child is dealing with anxiety from the encounter. "Somehow it ended up being a misdemeanor, even though it was ethnic intimidation,

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Plymouth-based EV startup seeks IPO

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USA TODAY NETWORK

Rivian, an electric vehicle startup with a big footprint in Plymouth Township and backed by Amazon, Ford, and other deep-pocketed investors, announced that it has confidentially filed to become a publicly traded company.

The initial public offering is expected to happen after the Securities and Exchange Commission completes its review process.

The proposed offering's size and price range is still to be determined, although Bloomberg reported the compa-

ny is eyeing an \$80 billion valuation. Such a valuation would make Rivian one of Michigan's most valuable companies. By comparison, General Motors has a \$72 billion market capitalization and Ford's market cap is \$53 billion.

Stryker Corp. in Kalamazoo has a market capitalization just over \$100 billion.

Rivian is considered a standout amid fledgling EV startups and has a contract with Amazon to build 100,000 electric delivery vans starting this year at its factory in Normal, Illinois, that previously was a Mitsubishi plant. Rivian also is rolling out an electric pickup

truck and an SUV.

To date, however, the company has yet to ship any vehicles to general consumers.

Rivian has more than 7,500 employees at its various development and manufacturing sites across the country, with over 600 based out of its Plymouth office. Although the company's biggest presence is in California, it doesn't consider itself as having a single headquarters.

Rivian was founded by RJ Scaringe, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate now in his late 30s who, in 2013, moved operations to metro Detroit

from his home state of Florida. Rivian's name derives from that of the Indian River near where Scaringe grew up; he took the "Riv" from River and "ian" from Indian to form the name. Last year, Rivian raised \$2.5 billion from accounts advised by investment firm T. Rowe Price.

The company has hired at least one star design engineer away from GM.

Rivian also is reportedly in talks to build a \$5 billion factory near Fort Worth, Texas, that could produce 200,000 vehicles a year and create 7,500 jobs by 2027, according to Bloomberg.

Wayne County mandates mask use in schools and day cares

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Wayne County's Public Health Department has instituted a mask mandate for all county school districts, schools and day care providers.

The order applies to public and private schools in Wayne County.

The mandate, which requires masks indoors to be worn by students, staff members and visitors, follows a similar mandate in Oakland County. More than 260,000 students attend public schools in Wayne County.

Detroit, which kicks off its school year Sept. 7, already planned to require masks, as did Dearborn, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and Livonia Public Schools.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's Office issued a news release shortly after Wayne County's announcement. According to the governor's office, 179 districts serving 675,000 students are now covered by mask mandates. A little more than 500 school districts operate in Michigan serving 1.4 million students.

"Districts and local public health leaders should keep working together to implement mask guidelines and create buy-in at the community level, which leads to better outcomes and better adherence to policies that keep kids, teachers, staff, and parents safe," Whiter said in the release.

School leaders are trying to make decisions on masks while on the receiving end of pressure from parents who feel strongly on both sides. Hundreds of people showed up at Oakland County's Health Division building the morning after the county ordered schools to require masks.

The protesters circled the building, pledging to disrupt the work of the department for hours, claiming masks amounted to child abuse.

Other parents, however, have pleaded for mask mandates in counties without them.

Melissa Daub, a Wayne County commissioner, cheered the move in a statement on Friday.

"I applaud the Wayne County Health Department for following the science, and leading by example to keep our children safe," she said.



Livonia crossing guard trainees with Marry Ann Schils, pictured front left. PHOTOS BY SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Longtime school crossing guard in Livonia recognized for service

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Crossing guard Marry Ann Schils has helped Livonia children get to school in the sun, rain and snow for 36 years.

After her many years of looking out for students, Schils is retiring. The Livonia Police Department recently recognized her during a training session for crossing guards.

"I'll miss going to the crossing," Schils, 78, said. "It gave me something to get up for every morning, get ready and go out. I'll miss seeing all of the children. I love seeing them grow."

Schils became a crossing guard in 1985 when her youngest child was starting kindergarten. The police department estimates she's helped thou-

sands of kids cross the street over the years. She spent the last 10 years as a guard for Hoover Elementary students.

"I had one fellow who was bringing his son to school," she said. "I came to find out that I used to cross him, and now I was crossing his child."

Livonia Police Capt. Thomas Goral-ski, who is set to take the helm of the department next year, said public recognition and a plaque were the least the department could do to thank Schils for her service.

"We wanted to do a little something for you, because without you guys, our kids would not be nearly as safe," he said.

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Schils, right, stands with Livonia Police Capt. Thomas Goral-ski.

Flooding

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at length and not where final votes are made.

Engineering and public works officials said at the meeting they suspect the city will need to add a retention pond near the area to handle excess water. But, they said any fix is probably just a band aid on a bigger problem.

"Our system was designed to handle certain rain flows once every 100 years," said Todd Zilincik, city engineer. "That's becoming more frequent, and we're obviously having problems with that."

Michigan is seeing more 100-year rain events, meaning 4.5-5 inches of rainwater falling in a 24-hour period. Livonia's storm water system is prepared for 10-year storms, which typically have about 3 inches of rainfall in 24 hours.

"I think there's a different issue that, over time, this is going to happen in other places in the city," Councilman Jim Jolly said. "It would be nice to have some kind of strategic plan on how we're going to address this in the long run. Unfortunately, through no fault of anybody here, the weather is getting worse and water is going to be more of an issue going forward."

However, the situation at Willow Woods is unusual because that land used to be a ravine. Officials also said the neighborhood, built in 1988, would likely face different standards if it were developed today.



Flooding in the Willow Woods subdivision in Livonia has become more frequent over the years, according to some residents. COURTESY OF KAREN GEE

According to Don Rohraff, the city's director of public works, Livonia's storm water funds are combined with with water and sewer funds. Since water and sewer services are used every day by residents, storm water needs have long gone on the back burner.

The city could seek grant funds or put a tax request before voters dedicated to storm water improvements overall. But funding is a decision for council to make at a later time.

Rohraff said another solution could be better protecting the natural areas that still exist in the city.

"We keep developing and we keep

taking away natural areas," he said. "We keep putting pavement down, more curbs, more roads, whatever. Every time we do that, it increases the intensity of the water coming through the storm system."

In the meantime, the city's immediate task is to keep Willow Woods residents safe from flood damage. Council could vote on the resolution to send the matter to administration for review as early as Sept. 20.

"With some of the floods we've had, there's been at least four feet of water in our whole backyard," resident Cindy Ligé said.

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Do you have to claim income on taxes for renting out a room?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Dear Rick:

I rented out a room in my house to a student the first six months of 2021. I didn't have a formal lease, but the student paid rent on a monthly basis. Recently, a friend of mine told me that I need to pay taxes on the rental income.

Is that true? If so, am I entitled to any deductions? What is the risk if I don't report the income? The student always paid in cash, and I never kept documented receipts.

In addition, I never deposited the money in the bank. I am not sure how they would know that I received the rent. I don't want to pay the taxes unless I absolutely have to.

Thanks, Rob

Dear Rob:

I have some bad news for you. The rent you received is taxable to you. There is one exception to the law with regards to renting your personal residence and that is if you rent the house for 14 days or less. However, you rented the room for six months.

That being said, you are entitled to certain deductions. Under tax laws, when you rent out a room or your entire house for more than 14 days, you are considered a landlord, entitled to deduct expenses associated with the rental. These can include advertising, insurance, repairs, utilities, and depreciation.

However, because you are renting out just a room, with certain expenses you must divide them between the part of the property that you rent out and the part that you live in. For example, homeowner's insurance, snow removal, security and lawn care can be partially allocated to the rental, and thus, deductible to you.

The IRS doesn't specify how you must allocate the expenses to the rental room; however, whatever method you use must be reasonable. The two most common methods are based on the number of rooms in your

house or on square footage.

The rent you received less the allocation of expenses is taxable to you at your ordinary income tax bracket. Not only will you have to pay federal taxes, but you will also be liable for state income taxes.

If you decide to not report this income, the chances that the IRS will catch you are slim. However, there still is a possibility. If they do catch you, you can be subject not only to additional tax liability but also interest and penalties.

What's interesting about our tax laws is that the majority of them are self-enforcing. As citizens, we have an obligation to pay our taxes and the issue shouldn't be whether you will be caught, but what the law says. I would strongly recommend that you report the income and at the same time, take every deduction you are entitled to.

Good luck.

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Charged

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which is a hate crime. The police downplayed the situation.

"There's no way that this should have been reported as a misdemeanor especially when it's grown women attacking children."

The first woman's version, according to a police report, is that she and her friend visited the home of one of their Westland relatives to pick up some clothes. Peters' children were in the street when they tried to leave, and the children sassed the adults when asked to move, using a racial slur and a curse word to describe the women.

Both sides contend their confrontation led to blows.

Both state law and city code state a person is guilty of ethnic intimidation "if that person maliciously, and with specific intent to intimidate or harass another person because of that person's race, color, religion, gender, or national origin" through physical contact, property damage or threats.

Court records indicate the remaining defendant has a court-appointed attorney representing her in the case.

Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said the case was thoroughly investigated before the women were arraigned.

He explained that when seeking criminal charges, the police department can either send a warrant recommendation to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office or have the city prosecutor pursue charges.

"We felt that our strongest case was to charge locally, where we were able to charge not only ethnic intimidation but also assault and battery, possession of a dangerous weapon and reckless driving," Jedrusik said. "The defendants did not have a criminal history, so the likelihood of probation was high. Charging locally provided not only a stronger case but provided quicker closure for the family."

For the sentenced woman, the stun gun owner, the misdemeanor counts of assault, reckless driving and dangerous weapon possession were dismissed.

The other awaits a pretrial on both charges.

City Attorney James Fausone told City Council at a recent session that a misdemeanor conviction carried the possibility of 90 days in jail and \$500 in fees. A felony conviction could have meant two years' in prison and \$5,000 in fees.

"The victims were most interested in having the ethnic intimidation charge stick," Fausone said. "That's how this plea agreement got struck."

He noted that Peters and representatives from the prosecutor's office interacted at least four times before the plea agreement was finalized.

The sentenced woman had her stun gun confiscated and cannot travel in Westland except for medical or court reasons as part of her sentencing. She also must write an apology letter and undergo racial sensitivity training, among other punishments, Fausone told council.

The city attorney also emphasized a "pretty quick" turnaround time.

"We think that provided justice to the family," Fausone said. "This was not ignored. ... Instead, action

was immediately taken. The judge accepted this plea and gave a strong and appropriate sentence."


His statements followed audience comments from the Aug. 16 meeting denouncing the situation.

"We're in 2021 and our children are still being mistreated by racists," said Crystal Linton of the western Wayne County National Action Network chapter. "Westland Police Department and (the) judicial system has to do better."

"The only way to change this is to make the assailants pay with the full extent of the law. What we're asking is that you go back, Mr. Prosecutor, (and) amend the charges of at least (the second woman charged)."

Fausone declined to comment further about the misdemeanor charges after the meeting.


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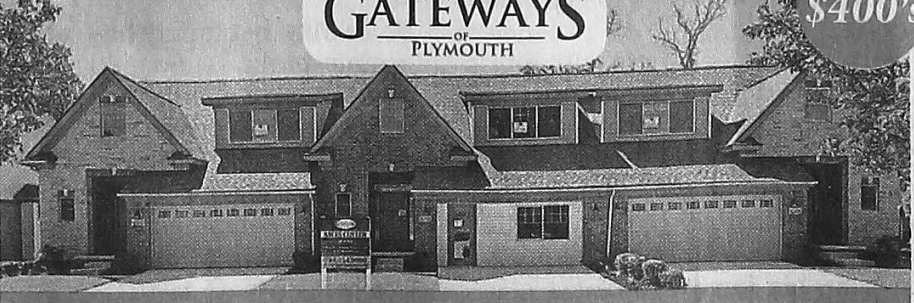
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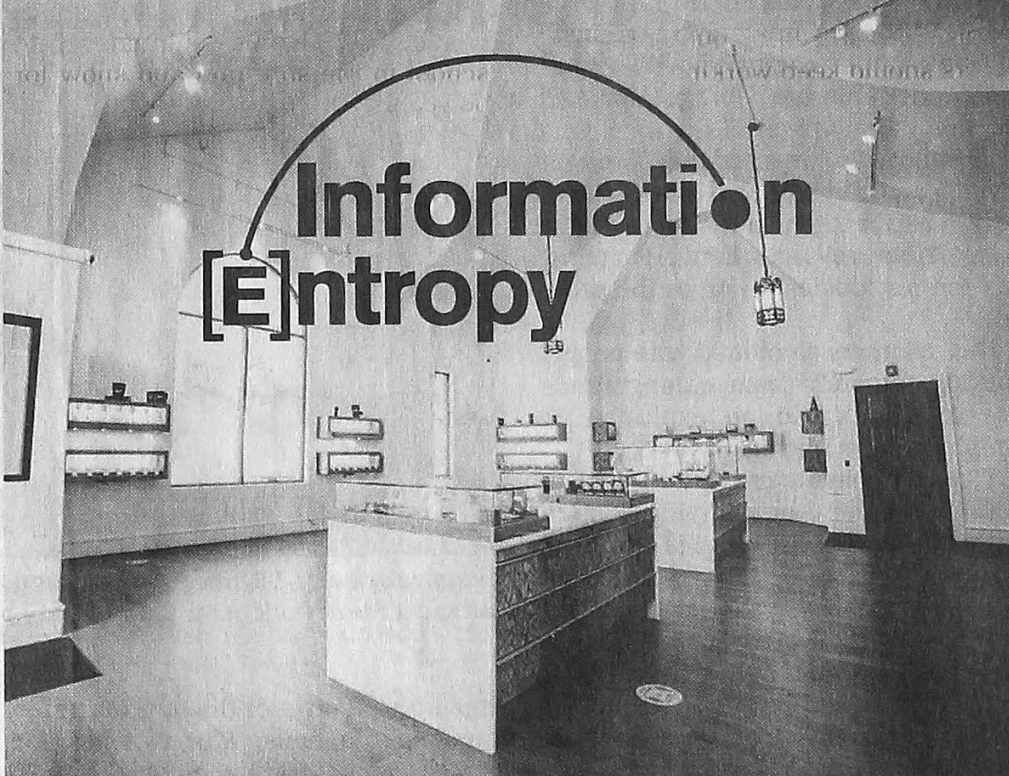
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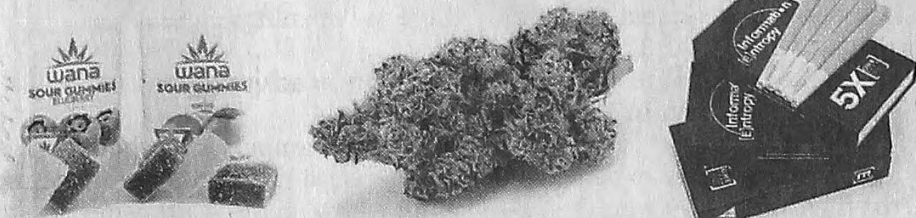
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Haleigh Kassab, center, of Haslett, stands up with a marshmallow on fire while making s'mores with her mother, Bridget, left, as her father, Jeremy, foreground, plays guitar and sister Braedyn gathers walkie talkies while camping at Sleepy Hollow Campground in Laingsburg on Aug. 18. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

State's campgrounds have become offices

Elisha Anderson Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Marti Martin packs her camper and leaves for weeks sometimes — taking advantage of being able to work from anywhere.

She started camping during the pandemic with a tent that fit over the back of her SUV then upgraded to a small pop-up camper equipped with an air conditioner, furnace, refrigerator and bed this year.

"People were surprised that I brought a camper so quickly," said Martin, 58 of Novi. "I like being outside. I like being in nature. I like to see new things. For me, it was the next logical thing in the process."

New campers combined with people working remotely from campgrounds are contributing to an explosion in camping across Michigan.

The state keeps camping data back to 1980. This fiscal year, camping at state parks and recreation areas is expected to reach the highest level on record, said Ron Olson, chief of parks and recreation for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The data tracks the number of nights booked each year.

Campers have spent or reserved more than 1.3 million nights at campsites and lodges — like cabins and yurts — in state parks and recreation areas this fiscal year, Olson said. The number could rise with additional reservations through Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year.

This year's number is expected to eclipse the high set in 1999 when the total hit nearly 1.2 million nights, according to the DNR.

Changing behavior during the pandemic spurred more camping.

"People that may not have gone out as much, or at all, have decided to go out and give things a try and get outdoors," Olson said. "I also think that with more people working remotely ... it's provided more flexibility in their ability to still do their work but to go places and perhaps stay longer."

Private campgrounds and municipal campgrounds — like those run by counties — have also seen a surge.

Oakland County's campgrounds, Addison Oaks and Groveland Oaks, have sold out nearly every weekend since they opened this year.

Earlier this month, Martin, who works for a health care technology company, set off for her next adventure: a trip spanning more than three weeks. She plans camping stops at her brother's property at Higgins Lake as well as Keith J. Charters Traverse City State Park, Young State Park, Leelanau State Park and another place yet to be determined when she heads back to metro Detroit.

Unlike many people who plan their



Patricia Anthony, 56, and her daughter, Amber, 29, of Westland, camped at Lakeport State Park in St. Clair County on Aug. 5. ELISHA ANDERSON/DETROIT FREE PRESS

trips at least six months out, Martin is more spontaneous. She watches for cancellations, travels midweek and stays flexible about camping where there are openings.

Booking in advance

Veteran campers know booking early helps ensure reservations for the most sought-after spots. Campsites in state parks can be reserved six months in advance.

That's how far out Amber Anthony, 29, and her mother Patricia Anthony, 56, both of Westland, booked their annual camping trip, snagging multiple sites together. They stayed at Lakeport State Park on Lake Huron earlier this month.

"We couldn't go last year because of COVID," Amber Anthony said. "So we were looking forward to it this year."

This year, the campsite looked busier midweek than in years past, she said.

Dan Blair, 66, and his wife, Lorie Blair, 65, are also longtime campers. The couple from Hastings stayed at Algonac State Park and spent time with their grandchildren earlier this month.

There were plenty of empty spots in the campground during the week, but they couldn't stay at their favorite site. Lorie Blair said when they booked about five months out, it was already reserved for the weekend.

"We usually try six months in advance," she said.

'More glampers than campers'

The Robertson family camps at private campgrounds and don't plan so far

in advance.

Chad Robertson, 42, of Goodrich, said he used to be able to go camping with his wife, Christine, and three children with a day's notice. Those days are gone, and he now books at least three weeks in advance.

While it's not as easy to go last-minute, the family is able to extend their stays during the workweek. Robertson no longer has to go to the office every day, allowing him to work remotely and camp with his family.

"Since I'm in IT, I can do 90% of my job from anywhere in the world," Robertson said.

Unlike working from home or the office, internet connections can be unreliable when camping. Some find themselves without a signal and end up at coffee shops or restaurants to get their work done.

Robertson takes hot spots with him, but they're not guaranteed to work.

While camping, he said he can roll out of bed and get to work, saving hours that he spent commuting before the pandemic and improving his work-life balance.

Last year, his family bought a new 38-foot trailer. It has four TVs and two refrigerators.

"We're more glampers than campers," Robertson said.

He said they paid full price — \$38,000 — because of demand, but also sold their used trailer at a premium given the camping craze.

Increased sales

This year, new registrations of trailer

coaches, likes pop-up campers and travel trailers, have already surpassed new registrations in 2019 and in 2020, according to Michigan Secretary of State data.

There have been 19,179 new registrations this year, according to state data through Aug. 18. That's up about 45% from all of last year and up 21% from all of 2019.

There's also been an increase in inquiries from people interested in starting a campground this year, said Sarah Rottiers, campground program administrator for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

EGLE licenses private and municipal campgrounds as well as state park and state forest campgrounds, she said.

There are about 1,300 of them considered active in the state, including more than 70 state park campgrounds, about 230 municipal campgrounds and 865 private campgrounds, Rottiers said.

"The overall number of campgrounds has slowly risen over the past decade, mostly within the last few years," she said.

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds represents recreation vehicle and campground industries. Director Darren Ing said there has been an uptick in people wanting to get into the lifestyle along with increased RV sales.

Michigan could use more campgrounds and RV sites to meet demand, he said.

"We're selling more RVs than there are campsites," Ing said.

Additionally, technology and advancements in the RV industry are outpacing the infrastructure of some older campgrounds, he said.

'Great family time'

Teresa Weyer, 55, of Caledonia, south of Grand Rapids, camps often, submersing herself in nature and enjoying the views.

Since May, her family has camped at four state parks. They enjoy going on nature hikes, seeing lighthouses, making new recipes and meeting other campers.

"It's great family time," Weyer said. She has combined camping and working for about eight years now, long before many others started.

Weyer works for an international exchange program and her family often hosts exchanges students.

This month, her family welcomed a 16-year-old from Turkey — their 15th exchange student.

They plan to show her all over Michigan while camping and have three trips scheduled to state parks in September and October.

"It's a great way to learn your state," she said.

Wayne County reports COVID-19 cases still rising

Mike Stucka
USA TODAY NETWORK

New coronavirus cases leaped in Michigan in the week ending Sunday, rising 16.5% as 14,036 cases were reported. The previous week had 12,043 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked 47th among the states where coronavirus was spreading the fastest on a per-person basis, a USA TODAY Network analysis of Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the latest week coronavirus cases in the United States increased 5.4% from the week before, with 1,086,936 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 1.29% of the country's cases in the last week. Across the country, 39 states had more cases in the latest week than they did in the week before.

Wayne County reported 2,102 cases and 26 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 1,863 cases and 26 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 175,021 cases and 5,276 deaths.

Oakland County reported 1,637 cases and 12 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 1,506 cases and 12 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 125,917 cases and 2,508 deaths.

Within Michigan, the worst weekly outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Otsego County with 336 cases per 100,000 per week; Mackinac County with

324; and Alcona County with 298. The Centers for Disease Control says high levels of community transmission begin at 100 cases per 100,000 per week.

Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 2,102 cases; Oakland County, with 1,637 cases; and Macomb County, with 1,117. Weekly case counts rose in 64 counties from the previous week. The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in Wayne, Macomb and Kent counties.

Michigan ranked 33rd among states in share of people receiving at least one shot, with 55.2% of its residents at least partially vaccinated. The national rate is 61.6%, a USA TODAY analysis of CDC data shows. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which are the most used in the United States, require two doses administered a few weeks apart.

In the week ending Sunday, Michigan reported administering another 101,600 vaccine doses, including 46,623 first doses. In the previous week, the state administered 93,792 vaccine doses, including 45,889 first doses. In all, Michigan reported it has administered 10,167,391 total doses.

Across Michigan, cases fell in 18 counties, with the best declines in Branch County, with 100 cases from 123 a week earlier; in Clinton County, with 90 cases from 104; and in Ontonagon County, with 9 cases from 20.

In Michigan, 127 people were reported dead of CO-

VID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 109 people were reported dead.

A total of 1,054,709 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and 21,520 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the United States 38,796,746 people have tested positive and 637,531 people have died.

Note: In the Johns Hopkins University coronavirus data, cases and deaths for the Michigan Department of Corrections and the Federal Correctional Institution separately from Michigan counties.

USA TODAY analyzed federal hospital data as of Sunday, Aug. 29.

Likely COVID patients admitted in the state:

- Last week: 1,272
- The week before that: 1,158
- Four weeks ago: 735

Likely COVID patients admitted in the nation:

- Last week: 130,817
- The week before that: 126,409
- Four weeks ago: 83,804

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Canton RN honored with prestigious Nightingale Award

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Her voice momentarily cracking with emotion, Henry Ford Hospital registered nurse Michelle Turmell candidly recounted heartbreaking scenarios that played out multiple times a day in the Detroit medical center's critical care unit during the initial surge of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"There'd be times when multiple patients would be coding at the same time and most nurses, because of our desire to put others' lives ahead of our own, would want to rush into their patient's room to help," said Turmell, a Canton resident. "We'd have to remind each other to gear up, put our masks on first, because you have to take care of yourself so you can take care of them."



RN Michelle Turmell holds her Nightingale Award For Excellence.

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words. ... Now there's another surge and it's frustrating because it shouldn't be happening. We should be getting this under control."

A 20-year critical-care nursing veteran and a unit educator, Turmell is one of 12 recipients of Oakland University's Nightingale Award For Excellence. An honoree in the Staff Nurse category, Turmell will be presented with a solid bronze statue of Florence Nightingale, a \$1,000 check and a Nightingale ceremonial pin during an event at the Meadow Brook Amphitheatre in Rochester Hills.

Nightingale Award recipients were nominated by peers, supervisors and patients in recognition of their superior nursing expertise.

"When they first left me a (phone) message that I had won, I thought, 'Maybe this is a mistake, maybe this isn't right,'" Turmell said. "I didn't believe it until I got the official email from Oakland University."

During the worst phase of the pandemic, Turmell admitted she endured days when she didn't think the situation could get more dire — and then it would, the very next day.

"Being a part of a team was so helpful," she said. "When a colleague was in a room too long, sometimes you'd have to tell them to step out, take their mask off and breathe for a few minutes. We had each other's back in that sense. We supported one another when someone was having a bad day."

A graduate of Michigan State University's School of Nursing, Turmell said she never had regrets about her career choice.

"There were never days when I asked myself, 'Why did I pick this field?'" she said. "There were days when I'd think, 'God, can I do this again today?' But I always knew I could handle it. I've learned how to be strong for patients and their families and give them what they need."

"There were times I'd have to put a stoic look on my face when I needed to for my patients and their loved ones. I've also cried a lot with family members."

Turmell said at times her heart would ache for the newer nurses as they battled the pandemic.

"I've had 20 years to build up my skills set while they're just getting started and getting this huge thing put on them," she said. "I made it a point to talk a lot to the newer nurses and make sure they're OK ... let them vent their feelings and frustrations."

When she was attending junior high school, Turmell dreamed of becoming an accountant or pursuing a career in which she could work with numbers.

"But something switched in me and I decided I wanted to do something in the medical field where I could take care of people," she said. "I wanted to do something where I could make a difference."

Survey: Americans more intent on getting a flu shot

Frank Witsil Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Some scientists are worried that the upcoming flu season could be very bad — after a year when it seemed to virtually disappear — and are urging people to get their flu vaccine by late October, ahead of the winter season.

But there's some good news.

One health survey, commissioned by CVS, found that 71% of Americans intend to get their flu shot this year, a 5-percentage point increase from last year. And, according to a study, getting both COVID-19 and flu vaccines appears safe and effective.

Worries about the flu come as the state's top doctor said she had advised Gov. Gretchen Whitmer that a mask mandate is needed for K-12 schools to keep children safe when they return to classrooms soon; the governor has yet to take action on that recommendation.

"Getting your flu shot is a great way to be proactive about your health and the health of your community," said Angela Patterson, chief nurse practitioner officer of MinuteClinic. "It's an easy way to protect yourself and those around you."

How a new vaccine might interact with other vaccines usually is looked at before it is approved for use, but that didn't happen with the COVID-19 vaccines, which were authorized because of the pandemic.

A study published in June, however, suggested it

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was safe to take both vaccines.

Last year, the CDC reported a significant decline in flu cases, likely because of masking, social distancing and other precautions taken to prevent coronavirus spread.

Moreover, Michiganders were urged to get the flu vaccine because officials said it would help improve the health and safety of everyone, especially as the coronavirus ravaged the United States and overwhelmed many hospitals.

This season, however, could be much worse for the flu.

The CDC recommends a flu vaccine before flu viruses begin spreading in the community, since it takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide adequate protection.

About 45% of the people who participated in the CVS-commissioned survey said they would get a flu shot at a retail pharmacy, followed by 25% at a doctor's office.

Patients with either the seasonal flu, certain respiratory illnesses or COVID-19 can present similar symptoms: fever, cough and body aches.

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Don Beavis

JACKSON - Age 90. Beloved husband of the late Helen and the late Kathryn. Dear father of Brenda (Lennie) Kruszewski, Sandra Noonan and Steven. Devoted Grandfather of Jimmy Frye, Sarah (Josh) Kaser, Addison (Kate), Lynsey (Brian) Goodwin, Alyssa Pearce, and Kaitlyn Noonan. Treasured great grandfather of 6 and 1 on the way. Dear brother of Muriel Benson and brother-in-law of Lois Chowning, Kay Wagner, Larry Benson and the late Iola Zick. Funeral Services were held. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

James Robert Martin

BELLEVILLE - James Robert Martin, age 59 of Belleville, MI passed away 18 August 2021 at his home. Jim was born in 1962 to Glen and Theresa (Zarow) Martin. After graduating from Canton High School, Jim proudly served in the Navy before going to work in the IT department of various companies, including the University of Michigan, Lexmark, and Brother. Jim was a lifelong Michigan Wolverine fan, an avid golfer, and loved to cook.

He is preceded in death by his wife Bonnie (Sparrow), father Glen, and brother Mark. He is survived by his daughters Anjali and Meera Martin, stepson Geoffrey Landis, mother Theresa, aunts Mary Ann (George) Lazich and Barbara (Andrew) Zarow, brothers Michael, David, Patrick (Melanie), and Daniel, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jim's memory will be honored during a memorial service on 17 September 2021 at 11 am held at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.



Jean Elizabeth Smith

REDFORD - Jean Elizabeth Smith passed away June 14, 2021 at the age of 100 after suffering a fall. She was the beloved mother of David (Sylvia) Smith, mother-in-law of John Henkels, and is also survived by 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Paul Smith (1997) and daughter Elizabeth Henkels (2018).

May you find peace
in this time of sorrow.

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picking up the game, so you don't want to turn them away, while at the same time you don't want to upset the long-time regulars."

A study conducted by the National Golf Foundation revealed that millennials (age 18-34) increased their rounds played in 2020 by 13 percent compared to 2019, and 44 percent of all those who played on a golf course at least once in 2020 were under the age of 40 — with as many under the age of 30 as over the age of 60.

"In 2020, after courses were reopened in June following the shutdown, golf was pretty much all anyone could do with their friends," said Canton Township Leisure Services Director Greg Hohenberger. "... They got hooked and they're continuing to play.

"Our staff has made it a point to treat these individuals well because we wanted to retain them. You want them all to follow the proper etiquette, but it takes longer for first-time golfers to learn all the do's and don'ts because golf has some pretty stringent rules."

A noticeable uptick in rounds of golf played since COVID-19 emerged has also led to a rise in revenue at local golf course pro shops.

Hohenberger revealed that revenue generated by Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Course was up \$466,000 at the end of July compared to the average over the previous eight years.

Welsh said revenue at Livonia's three public courses was more than \$650,000 ahead of pre-pandemic years.

"The money we make here stays here," said Welsh, noting that the extra revenue will be reinvested in the city's golf courses.

Welsh said that weekday tee time slots that were generally slow during pre-pandemic years — for instance, 1-3 p.m. — are now regularly filled.

"A lot more people are working remotely from home, so it's easier to slip out and play nine holes before the leagues start at night," Welsh said. "Work schedules are more flexible, so if you go out and play a round in the early afternoon, you can catch up on the work you missed in the evening."

Hohenberger said the number of players who compete in leagues "has



Whispering Willows Golf Course on Newburgh in Livonia has had an increase in golfers because of the COVID-19 pandemic. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

been fantastic" since June 2020.

Downsides of the golf renaissance are the labor and materials shortages that have plagued most industries in 2021.

"With more golfers playing and fewer employees to maintain our courses, it puts more strain on the employees we do have working at the courses," Welsh said.

He said people in the market for new grips or starter sets are facing longer waits and higher price tags once they place an order.

Hohenberger cautioned future golfers at Pheasant Run to not wait until the last minute to book a tee time.

"If you're looking to play during a prime weekend time, you'd better secure that reservation on Tuesday or earlier," he said. "Tee times are filling up that quickly."

Hohenberger added that he doesn't expect the increased revenue to continue to rise.

"Hopefully we can maintain the rate we're at now, but I don't see it growing too much more simply because we have a limited number of tee times for golfers and they're getting filled up at a fast rate now," he said.

Contact reporter Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com or 517-375-1113.

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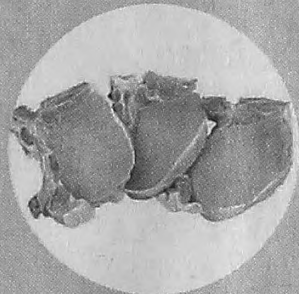
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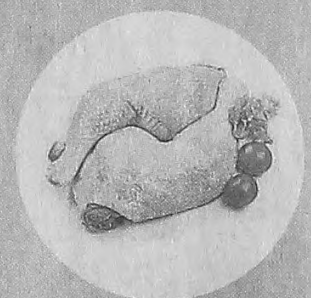
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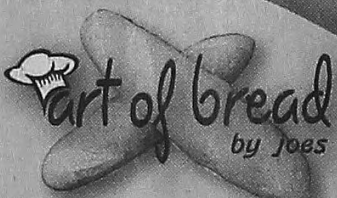
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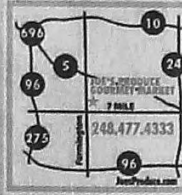
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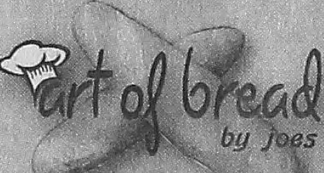
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Stevenson sneaks out win over Northville

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Last season, Northville and Livonia Stevenson both returned to the playoffs after a multiple year layover, and Spartan head coach Randy Micallef believes the previous year can carry over to season openers.

"A lot of it is on the kids," Micallef said. "The way we ended last year carries over, definitely. We have really good, competitive kids. A lot of them are dual-sport athletes. They come into the spring and summer just motivated to get better and be successful."

It took a strong running game and a little bit of luck to be successful Friday

for Stevenson to come away with a 34-33 overtime win against Northville.

"Those last three minutes and that overtime was enough to wear me out, and take a couple years off your life, for sure," Micallef joked.

Stevenson (1-0) was up 27-16 late in the third quarter but gave up 11 unanswered points that sent the game into

overtime.

The Mustangs (0-1) clawed back with a 31-yard field goal by junior Sam Wiest with 6:09 to play in the fourth quarter to draw within eight, and a six-play drive ending with a 15-yard touchdown pass from Jack Holland to Nolan Thompson,

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North Farmington's Jasper Beeler heads in for one of his touchdowns against Farmington on Aug. 27. North Farmington won, 49-6. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

North Farmington offense blasts past Farmington in season opener

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Taking the ball with mere seconds to go, North Farmington wasn't planning on phoning it in until halftime. Not when it could get another touchdown against its rival. Not when quarterback

Ryan Shelby could find a wide open Jasper Beeler down the sideline.

As the clock winded down, Shelby took advantage of a mismatch the Raiders offense had exploited all night, watching the senior wide receiver and running back beat a Farmington defensive back one-on-one down the side-

line. The sophomore reared back and found Beeler in stride for, scoring North Farmington's sixth touchdown in the first 24 minutes.

For North Farmington, this was the story in the latest iteration of its rivalry with Farmington: the Raiders (1-0) could not be stopped, beating the Falcons

(0-1), 49-6, at home to open the 2021 season.

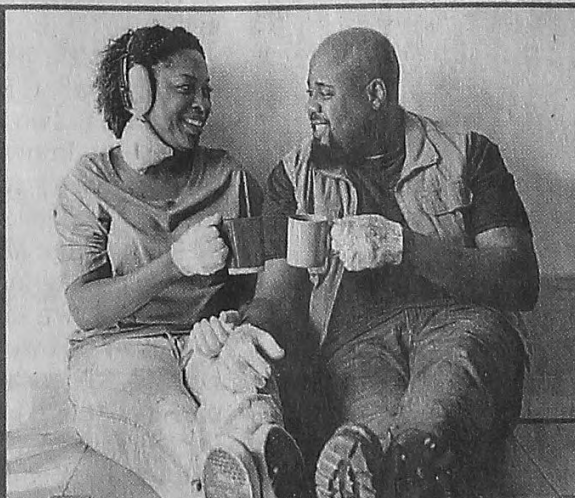
"I think it gives them a good air of confidence," North Farmington head coach Jon Herstein said, leading his team to its third-straight win against its

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Changes at the top headline Hometown Life's Week 2 top 10

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Week 1 is complete and the grind for the remaining eight weeks of the regular season starts now.

Here's a look at where each of Hometown Life's top high school football teams stand after their season openers.

There are some changes after the opening week of the season, when compared to the preseason Hometown Life high school football rankings.

1. Livonia Churchill (1-0, Last Week: No. 2)

The Chargers set the tone for their 2021 season in a big way Week 1, using its senior quarterback in the ground game — 102 yards rushing — and through the air — 210 yards passing — while scoring three touchdowns.

Third-year varsity seniors Joshua Brown, Bailey Brooks and Boston Clegg Jr. showed their experience in the opener, something that will be helpful as the schedule gets tougher.

2. South Lyon (1-0, Last Week: No. 3)

The Lions started the 2021 season on a dominant note, beating Lakes Valley Conference rival Walled Lake Western on the road by 20 points.

From quarterback Dawson Skupin's level of confidence in the pocket, throwing up the ball and trusting his experienced receiving corps, to a defensive backfield trusting its cornerbacks and safeties to do the heavy lifting in coverage to allow the linebackers to bring pressure along with the line, the Lions looked confident in Week 1, something that looks like it can be replicated week to week.

3. North Farmington (1-0, Last Week: No. 4)

This Raiders offense is electric. Even with only a sophomore behind center in Noah Shelby, North Farmington's two main offensive weapons — Aaron Rice and Jasper Beeler — are players who can either jump over opposing defensive backs or fly past them.

As Shelby grows and becomes more comfortable, look for this team to grow even as it turns into OAA White play.

4. Lakeland (1-0, Last Week: No. 6)

A mix of a balanced offense led by senior quarterback Tate Farquhar and a defense that allowed only 21 rushing yards gave Lakeland its first win of the season, stomping Waterford Kettering in the season opener.

As the Lakes Valley Conference seems to be taking shape early in the season, watch for Lakeland to continue its consistency, especially with matchups against Walled Lake Western and South Lyon in the first half of the regular season.

5. Brother Rice (1-0, Last Week: No. 8)

Brother Rice shocked a lot of people in Week 1.

The Warriors beat Macomb Dakota,

the largest school in the state, primarily with their running game, as running back Nolan Ray recorded three touchdowns and 167 yards rushing.

Even with the difficult schedule Brother Rice has, it seems to be rising to the occasion early on in 2021.

6. Detroit Catholic Central (0-1, Last Week: No. 1)

In what was supposed to be a coming out party for a Division 1 state title contender turned into a long night for the Shamrocks.

A defense that allowed 101 points all of last season gave up 45 points in the opener — the most points the unit has allowed since their 2016 D1 state final loss to Cass Tech — along with 440 yards of offense to Chippewa Valley.

Along with two interceptions by Declan Byle and an offense that only could muster 68 yards on 17 carries, Catholic Central needs to turn it around quick.

7. Detroit Country Day (1-0, Last Week: NR)

Detroit Country Day's season opener was a prime example of what it does best.

The Yellowjackets scored five of its seven touchdowns on the ground, as backs averaged 10.2 yards per carry.

A defense that allowed 90 points in 11 games a season ago recorded its ninth shutout since 2019, allowing one single Garden City passing yard.

8. Livonia Stevenson (1-0, Last Week: NR)

Livonia Stevenson had a memorable first game without the graduated Caden Woodall. Led by running back Matthew Gazzarato, who recorded 187 yards and four touchdowns on 19 carries, the Spartans squeaked out a road win against Northville, winning by a point on a failed 2-point conversion in overtime. With a promising offensive look, we'll see how the Spartans respond as their schedule gets more and more difficult.

9. Canton (0-1, Last Week: No. 5)

Canton's season did not start as planned.

The Chiefs could not find a way to stop Dearborn Fordson's Antonio Gates Jr., who took in two touchdowns and recorded two interceptions.

Despite a promising performance by running back Wesley Faulkner and Josiah West, Canton's going to need to regroup if there's any hopes for a playoff run after a seemingly pretty easy KLAA West schedule.

10. Northville (0-1, Last Week: No. 10)

Despite leaving with its first loss of the season, Northville saw some potential from its season opener, whether it was from a two-touchdown performance by quarterback Jack Holland or a key interception by Ray Shukeireh in the fourth quarter to complete the Mustangs' 11-point comeback.

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WEEK 2 FOOTBALL PICKS

Sports reporter Colin Gay, sports contributor Ben Szilagy and editor Phil Allmen make their weekly picks, battling against the mighty coin flip to see who finishes with the best record.

Games (home team listed first):	Colin Gay	Ben Szilagy	Philip Allmen	Coin Flip
Westland John Glenn vs. Livonia Churchill	Livonia Churchill	Livonia Churchill	Livonia Churchill	Livonia Churchill
Dearborn Fordson vs. Livonia Stevenson	Dearborn Fordson	Dearborn Fordson	Dearborn Fordson	Dearborn Fordson
Howell vs. Canton	Canton	Howell	Howell	Canton
Hartland vs. Novi	Hartland	Hartland	Novi	Hartland
Salem vs. Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton
Livonia Franklin vs. Wayne Memorial	Livonia Franklin	Livonia Franklin	Livonia Franklin	Wayne Memorial
Northville vs. Plymouth	Northville	Northville	Plymouth	Plymouth
Brother Rice vs. East Kentwood	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	East Kentwood	East Kentwood
Detroit Catholic Central vs. Davison	Davison	Davison	Detroit Catholic Central	Detroit Catholic Central
Milford vs. South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	Milford
Waterford Kettering vs. South Lyon East	South Lyon East	South Lyon East	South Lyon East	South Lyon East
Walled Lake Central vs. Lakeland	Lakeland	Lakeland	Lakeland	Walled Lake Central
Seaholm vs. Clarkston	Clarkston	Clarkston	Clarkston	Clarkston
Groves vs. Southfield Arts and Technology	Southfield Arts and Technology	Southfield Arts and Technology	Groves	Southfield Arts and Technology
North Farmington vs. Lake Orion	North Farmington	North Farmington	Lake Orion	Lake Orion
Pontiac vs. Bloomfield Hills	Bloomfield Hills	Bloomfield Hills	Bloomfield Hills	Pontiac
Berkley vs. Farmington	Berkley	Farmington	Farmington	Berkley
Detroit Country Day vs. Detroit Mumford	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day
Last Week's Record:	10-8	10-8	10-8	12-6
Season Record:	10-8	10-8	10-8	12-6

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WEEK 1 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Association	Game	Score
Kensington Lakes Activities Association	Dearborn Fordson (1-0) 38, Canton (0-1) 23: Wesley Faulkner led Canton with 103 yards on nine carries, but the Chiefs could not overcome two touchdowns and two interceptions by Fordson senior Antonio Gates Jr.	38-23
	Livonia Churchill 38 (1-0) Salem (0-1) 21: Taj Williams led the Chargers to its first win of the season, recording 210 yards through the air with three touchdowns and 102 yards on the ground. Boston Clegg Jr. added two touchdowns on the ground and one through the air, while Josh Brown — two receiving touchdowns — and Dionte Good each scored for Churchill.	38-21
	Hartland (1-0) 21, Livonia Franklin (0-1) 0	21-0
	Novi (1-0) 28, Wayne Memorial (0-1) 12: Jim Sparks earned his first win as Novi's head coach, while quarterback Luke Aurilia scored once through the air and once on the ground to help the Wildcats to a 16-point victory at home. Blake Ellison added a touchdown reception and a touchdown run for Novi. Julian Shelby scored both of the Zebras' touchdowns.	28-12
	Howell (1-0) 38, Westland John Glenn (0-1) 0	38-0
	Livonia Stevenson (1-0) 34, Northville (0-1) 33 OT	34-33 OT
	Belleville (1-0) 62, Plymouth (0-1) 7: Plymouth allows 615 yards of offense and nine touchdowns — including five through the air from freshman quarterback Bryce Underwood — in its season opener against Belleville, scoring once on a 7-yard run by Spencer Vos.	62-7
	Catholic High School League	
	Livonia Clarenceville (1-0) 34, Cranbrook Kingswood (0-1) 6: Sean Brian Clegg led Clarenceville with 253 yards and three touchdowns, while the Cranes' only score came from a four-yard touchdown run by Ethan Peruski.	34-6
	Brother Rice (1-0) 35, Macomb Dakota (0-1) 21: Nolan Ray led the way, recording 167 yards on 13 carries, including 80, 68 and five-yard touchdowns runs. Ethan Swider also added a 88-yard pick-six.	35-21
Lakes Valley Conference	Chippewa Valley (1-0) 45, Detroit Catholic Central (0-1) 20	45-20
	Lakeland (1-0) 41, Waterford Kettering (0-1) 20	41-20
	Milford (1-0) 21, New Boston Huron (0-1) 20: Milford quarterback Billy Sternberg threw two touchdowns, while linebacker Wyatt Lesnew added 12 tackles and a fumble recovery in the Mavericks' come-from-behind victory.	21-20
	South Lyon (1-0) 48, Walled Lake Western (0-1) 28	48-28
Oakland Activities Association	Walled Lake Northern (1-0) 14, South Lyon East (0-1) 13	14-13
	Byron Center (1-0) 42, Seaholm (0-1) 28	42-28
	Dexter (1-0) 40, Groves (0-1) 8	40-8
	North Farmington (1-0) 49, Farmington (0-1) 6	49-6
Independent	Bloomfield Hills (1-0) 13, Berkley (0-1) 10	13-10
	Detroit Country Day (1-0) 46, Garden City (0-1) 0: Parker Yeargo led the Yellowjackets with three touchdowns at running back, while Gabe Winowich added two touchdowns. Brandon Mann added a passing touchdown and a rushing touchdown for Country Day.	46-0
Western Wayne Athletic Conference	North Branch (1-0) 42, Redford Thurston (0-1) 0	42-0
	Pewamo-Westphalia (1-0) 33, Redford Union (0-1) 6	33-6
Michigan Independent Athletic Conference	Lutheran Westland (1-0) 35, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (0-1) 13	35-13

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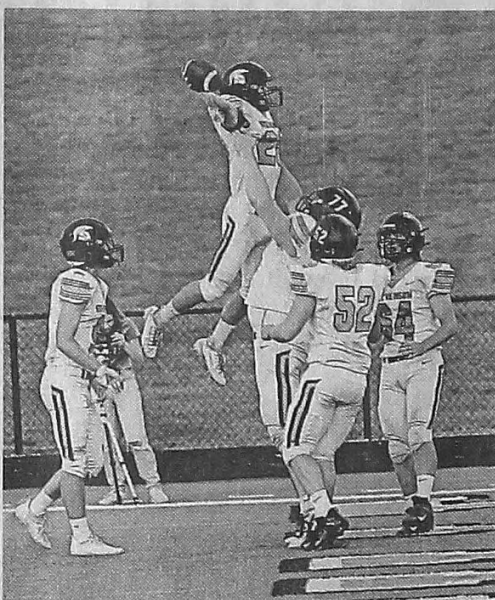
capped off by a two-point conversion to tie the game at 27 with 1:31 left.

On the first play of overtime, Stevenson senior running back Matthew Gazzarato scored on a 10-yard touchdown run, answered by a 10-yard run by Northville, which elected to go for the win.

Northville quarterback Jack Holland rolled out to his left, and had a man open in the end zone, but the pass was dropped that sealed the win for Stevenson.

"It's heartbreaking. No doubt about that," Northville head coach Matt Ladach said. "I'm very proud of the resilience our kids showed down the wire being down two scores. We came back, and tied it against a very good team. We answered their quick touchdown with a touchdown of our own. I just feel terrible for our kids because they played their hearts out and came up a point short.

"People can second guess the deci-



Stevenson's Matthew Gazzarato celebrates after scoring a touchdown. COURTESY OF TOM BEAUDDOIN

sion all they want... I told my players before the game that I believe in them. I told them when we were down at half-time that I believe in them. I told them before that two point play that I believe

in them. Even though we didn't make that play, I still believe in them."

Life after Woodall

It's no secret that Livonia Stevenson likes to run the ball, and they did so very successfully with now-graduated running back Caden Woodall. It cast a big shadow and shoes to fill, filling the void of losing the single-season rushing record holder, but Gazzarato doesn't want to be known as a Woodall replacement.

He wanted to make a name for himself.

"Caden is a whole other person. I respect him a lot. But I'm me," Gazzarato said. "We're two separate people, and I want to be known for me and my play and not just a guy who is stepping in his role."

Filling Woodall's shoes didn't inspire him though, something else did.

"Hometown Life gave a list of people to look at this week, and I wasn't on it," he said. "There were a couple of other players, and I took that personally. I looked at that right before this game, and wanted people to know who I am."

If you didn't know who he was, you might after his performance on Friday. The senior ran for 187 yards on 19 carries and had four touchdowns on the night for the Spartans.

Building on turnovers

Northville trailed most of the game, but its defense helped keep the Mustangs in the game when it counted.

In the first quarter, a fumble recovery by Nate Cotter helped Northville set up a 37-yard field goal for a 9-7 lead, and the drive before that, a muffed punt recovered by sophomore Colin Prior helped set up the team's only touchdown in the first half.

"We have a great group of leaders on this team. The defense played their hearts out and stepped up when we needed them too," Ladach said.

Senior Ray Shukeireh also made his presence known, making a clutch interception that stopped Stevenson from building onto its lead in the fourth quarter and sparked the 11-point comeback.

"We want to make sure teams feel us," Shukeireh said.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Livonia Churchill at Westland John Glenn; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
 Livonia Stevenson at Dearborn Fordson; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
 Canton at Howell; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
 Novi at Hartland; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
 Salem vs. Brighton; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
 Livonia Franklin vs. Wayne Memorial; 7 p.m., Sept. 3
 Northville vs. Plymouth; 7 p.m., Sept. 3

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 Farmington at Berkley; 7 p.m., Sept. 3

Independent

Detroit Country Day vs. Detroit Mumford; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
 Livonia Clarenceville vs. Dundee; 7 p.m.,

Sept. 2

Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Garden City at Redford Thurston; 7 p.m., Sept. 3
 Redford Union at Dearborn Heights Annapolis; 7 p.m., Sept. 2

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Lutheran Westland vs. Manistee; 7 p.m., Sept. 2

Opener

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district rival. "It makes them feel they can do some stuff. We have a pretty tough schedule, so it's going to be tough in and out and we have to make sure we rise to the challenge each week."

Beeler shines, leads Raider offense

Already holding onto a 42-0 lead at halftime, North Farmington senior Jasper Beeler just wanted to add one more, continuing the momentum from that last-second touchdown reception to end the first half.

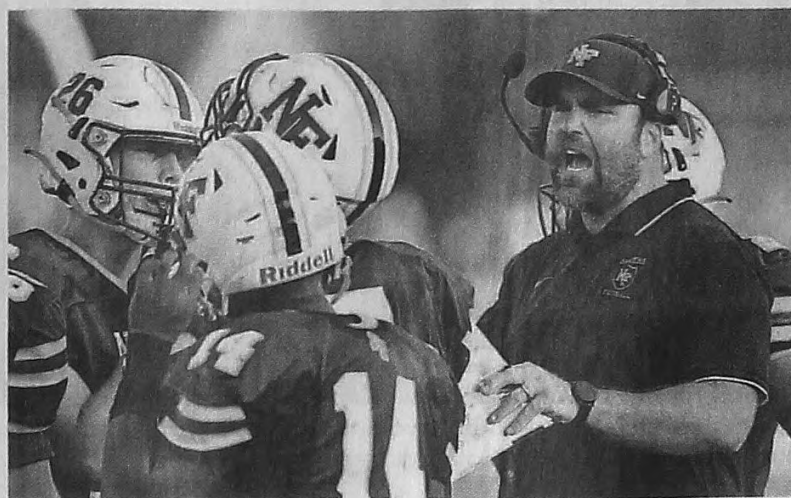
As the Raiders marched downfield to a running clock, Beeler took the handoff from Shelby and weaved his way through the offensive line for a touchdown. As a celebration, he approached a sideline cameraman, counting on his fingers his touchdown total: five.

Beeler simply could not be stopped, recording two touchdown receptions — the 77-yard bomb along with a 14-yard screen from Shelby — and three rushing touchdowns, recording 166 total yards: 75 on the ground and 91 through the air.

"I just kept going, kept my motor going, believing in the work that I put in this offseason," Beeler said. "It just paid off."

To Herstein, the 6-foot senior defensive back and athlete's performance was nothing new.

"He's been a heck of a player for us



North Farmington High head coach Jon Herstein talks to his team during a timeout in the season opener against Farmington.

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the last few years," Herstein said. "We're really happy with him. He's a leader on the team and that guy that does a little bit of everything himself."

North Farmington's offensive success stemmed from big plays. Of the Raiders six offensive touchdowns — adding another on a blocked punt by David Dooley recovered in the end zone by Wyland Hall — three were for more than 25 yards.

It was an offense that the Falcons could not keep up with, recording only 46 yards of offense and 0 points in the first half, limited by injury, including an ankle injury sidelining senior running back and captain Jacob Sanders after the first series for the rest of the game.

"We had a couple plays here and there, we missed some tackles early on and then they hit big plays. And big plays kill defenses," Farmington head coach Jason Albrecht said. "We had a

couple of injuries here and there, but at the end of the day, I think we learned that we can't take some things lightly and we have to go some things full force."

Farmington scored its only touchdown of the day on a 7-yard slant route from quarterback Dominic Pesci to Gideon Loewen.

North Farmington finds its quarterback

North Farmington's quarterback situation didn't seem to be set in stone.

As the Raiders warmed up, Shelby and senior wide receiver and Navy commit Aaron Rice, who backed up Jacob Bousamra last season, threw next to one another.

But the senior wide receiver knows whose offense this is. The spot behind center is Shelby's.

In his first taste of varsity action with the Raiders, transferring from West Bloomfield after his freshman season, Shelby showed what he could do, completing seven of his 11 pass attempts for 198 yards and two touchdowns.

"He did really good. I was very proud of him," Rice, who recorded two receptions for 74 yards along with a touchdown pass himself to Rayshon Matthews in the first quarter, said. "He's a young'un, only 14. He really came out, balled out. His confidence, ever since he got to North, knowing the playbook and stuff. It's really been growing."

"It's his spot, his role. He did a good job with it."

Herstein said the offense is still evolving, continuing to learn what players can do and who can step up where.

"I'm pretty happy with where Ryan's at and definitely having Aaron out there at receiver gives him a dynamic opportunity, along with Beeler," Herstein said.

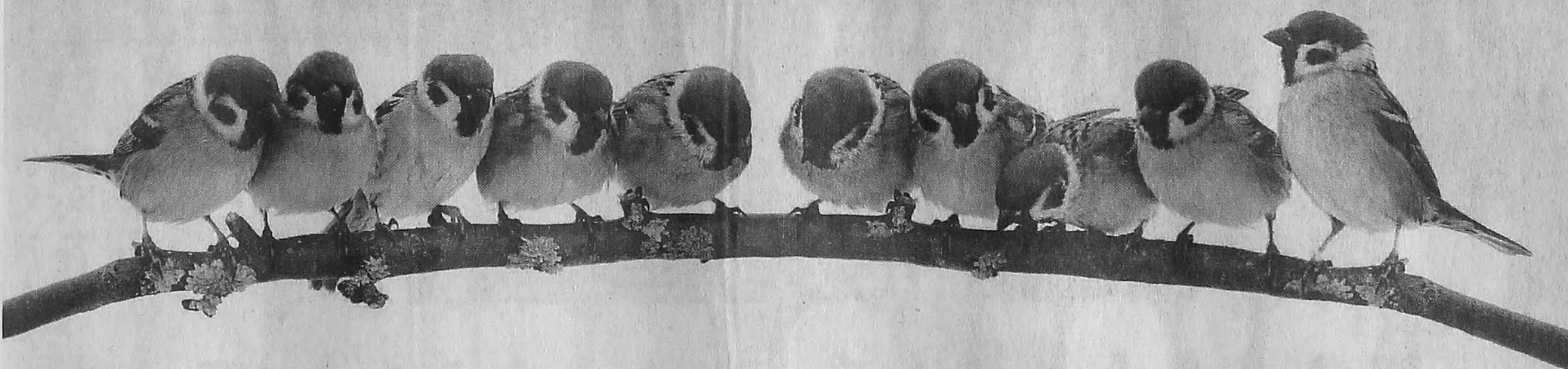
North Farmington's 49 points were the most points from a Raider offense since a Sept. 27, 2019, meeting against Avondale when it scored 56.

With Shelby at the helm flanked by weapons like Rice and Beeler, those running the plays feel this group has the potential to do something special.

"The sky's the limit for us," Beeler said. "We just ready for everybody to stop sleeping on us. This was a game to let everyone know we're here."

North Farmington will take on Lake Orion in an attempt for its second win of the season while Farmington tries to rebound on the road against Berkley. Both games are scheduled for 7 p.m., Sept. 3.

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Dearborn Fordson rolls over Canton in season opener

Brad Emons Special to Detroit Free Press
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Dearborn Fordson senior Antonio Gates Jr. proved to be as good as advertised in Thursday's hot and steamy Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic at Wayne State.

The Michigan State commit proved to be a multi-purpose threat with a pair of receiving touchdowns, two interceptions and a fumble recovery as Fordson opened the season with a 38-23 victory over Canton in the battle of highly touted Kensington Lakes Activities Association teams.

"Antonio is a special player and he's so humble," Fordson coach Walker Zaban said. "He did what he does. He can play offense, he can play defense. He can get in on special teams, so we've got to find him some breaks there."

Gates, who got some early single coverage, finished with four catches for 91 yards as the Tractors pulled away in the second half after leading 13-9 at half-time.

In a surprise, Canton quarterback Alex Trevino started the first drive in the pistol formation as the Chiefs deviated from their traditional Wing-T attack (in which the QB takes the snap directly under center).

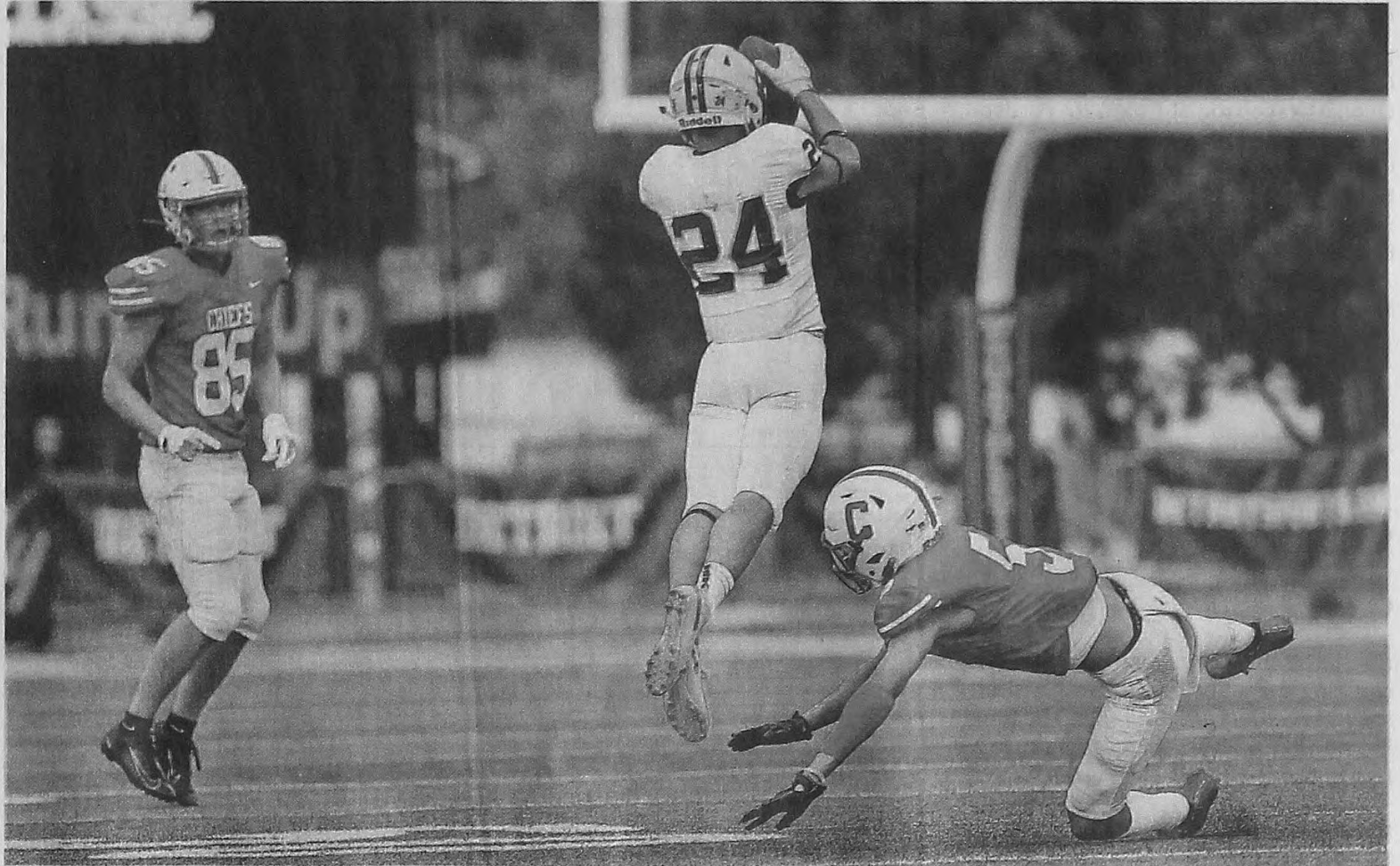
Fordson's Mohammed Sayed, however, picked off a Canton pass at mid-field with 9:09 left in the first to set up a 37-yard touchdown pass from Alex Osman to Gates for a 6-0 lead with 8:14 left in the opening quarter.

Osman and Gates hooked up again for another 37-yard TD strike to make it 13-0 with 32 seconds left in the quarter.

The Chiefs lost 2020 leading rusher Zack Badger to an apparent shoulder injury in the opening quarter and Trevino had to exit the game — succumbing to the extreme heat — in the second; he was replaced by Barrett Barker.

"He (Badger) took a shot, somewhere on his arm the first quarter, a stinger, it was getting numb and we'll have to check that tomorrow," Canton coach Andrew LaFata said. "We like to build around our fullback trap based off of it, but our guys stepped in there and they battled, but definitely it hindered us."

That came on the heels of Canton's best offensive drive of the half, which ended when Gates intercepted Barker's



Dearborn Fordson defensive back Mohammed Sayed intercepts a pass intended for Canton's Caleb Williams in the first half of the Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic on Thursday. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

pass at the Fordson 5 with 4:30 left in the second.

"We had a few different flavors we were ready for, but a lot of the guys we had for it didn't quite make it through the game," LaFata said. "So, we had to get back to who we were, what we did and what was successful. We've got some pretty good athletes out there. We just have to figure out somewhere to put them."

With 2:46 left in the half, Canton picked up safety when Sayed's knee touched the turf in the end zone on a punt after a low snap from center.

Trevino re-entered the game on Canton's final drive of the half, engineering a drive ending in a 4-yard TD pass to tight end Corbin Janes with 12 seconds remaining.

Despite running 31 plays to Fordson's 13 in the first half, Canton trailed by four at the half.

"We had the ball three times and we

scored twice, and the third one we had an interception on 4-yard line and we kind of screwed that up," Zaban said. "Our offense wasn't on the field. They (Canton) did a great job of taking away the run in the beginning and then they doubled Antonio as the game went on, so it opened up the run game."

Fordson, which rushed for just 13 yards in the first half while Osman went 4-for-5 passing for 97 yards, scored on its opening drive of the second half. The Tractors rolled 74 yards in five plays, ending with a Lenard Covington dash for a 32-yard TD.

Gates then came up with his second interception of the game. He took it 95 yards to the end zone, only to have it called back because of a pair of penalties with 6:16 left.

"He's everything and more," LaFata said of Gates. "Those two plays he caught on us really impressed me. Even on defense back there, a ballhawk for

sure. Everything he has, he deserves."

Starting from its 1, Fordson moved 99 yards — helped by a fourth-down pass interference call — and upped its lead to 26-9 when Osman connected with Sayed for 11 yards and a touchdown with 10:47 to go in the fourth.

The 6-foot-2, 185-pound Gates then picked up a Canton fumble at his own 20 and returned it 34 yards. That set up an Ahmed Harb 47-yard touchdown run — aided by a big block from Michigan State target Ka'Marii Landers — to put an exclamation point on the Fordson win with 9:36 left.

Canton tallied its only points of the second half on a 24-yard touchdown run from Wesley Faulkner (who had 11 carries for 105 yards) and a 50-yard touchdown run by Josiah Weist.

Between those scores, though, Fordson added a touchdown on a 71-yard burst up the middle by Hussein Beydoun.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 99.033

AMEND ZONING MAP NO. 025

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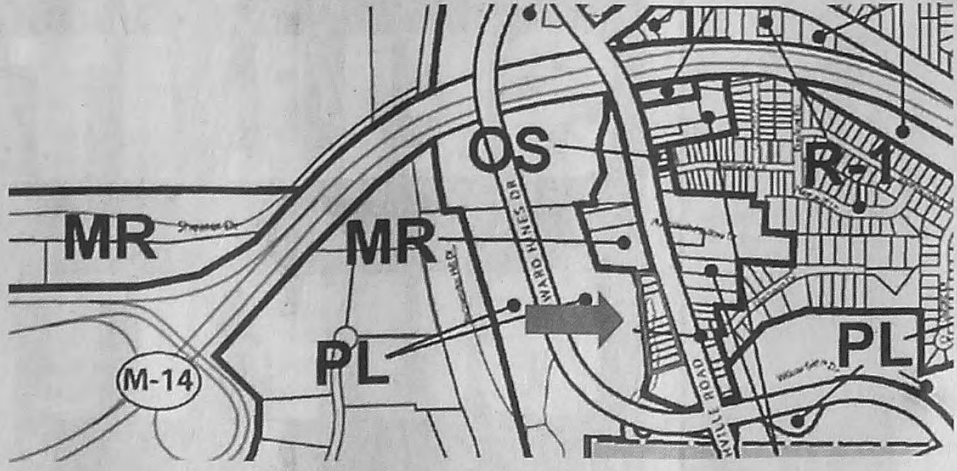
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. Zoning Ordinance No. 99 is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map in accordance with the changes indicated on Amended Zoning Map No. 025, attached hereto and made part of this Ordinance.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No.'s: R-78-019-01-0054-000; R-78-019-01-0055-000; R-78-019-01-0056-000; R-78-019-01-0057-000; R-78-019-01-0058-000; R-78-019-01-0059-000; R-78-019-01-0060-000; R-78-019-01-0061-000; and R-78-019-01-0062-000.

Zoning Change:

From: R-2-A, Multiple-Family Residential District
To: R-1, One-Family Residential District



Part II. CONFLICTING REVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of the Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect by September 15, 2021.

Part IV. ADOPTION. This Ordinance was adopted by the Board of Trustees by authority of Act 110 of Public Acts of Michigan, 2006, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on August 24, 2021 and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Zoning Map may be inspected at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department, during regular business hours.

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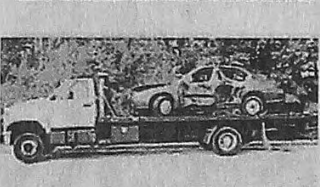
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Crux
 - 9 Denver gridders
 - 16 Butte relative
 - 20 "Later!"
 - 21 1990s Oldsmobile
 - 22 "Downhill" star Novello
 - 23 Going just the way one begged for it to go? [Curry]
 - 25 Medieval peon
 - 26 Scrawny
 - 27 Former Common Market abbr.
 - 28 35mm camera abbr.
 - 29 Uruguay's — del Este
 - 30 Tarzan actor Ron
 - 31 Palme — (prize at Cannes)
 - 33 "You could hear — drop"
 - 37 Property appraiser
 - 39 Rabbit action
 - 40 Reputation as a great pilot? [Salonga]
 - 42 "You're on!"
 - 46 Be a snitch
 - 47 Fleecible females
 - 48 Late-night host Jimmy's collection of TVs? [Zadora]
 - 50 Kissing target
 - 52 Martini liquor
 - 55 Tire trouble
 - 56 Leafy recess
 - 57 Proscribe
 - 58 Hot-air bath
 - 60 Tokyo cash
 - 61 Family guy
 - 62 "Happy Days" actor Scott
 - 64 Luggage-screening official, for short
 - 67 Headline after a Harley stalls? [Meyers]
 - 71 Waits on hand and foot
 - 73 Not yet final, legally
 - 74 Family guy
 - 75 Lincoln-to- — Topeka dir.
 - 78 Surrounded by
 - 79 '16 Olympics site
 - 81 Group of sub-sub-athletes
 - 83 Retort to "You weren't!"
 - 84 Tear
 - 85 Bit of change
 - 87 Comparably dense to the one here? [Arden]
 - 89 Bamboozle
 - 91 "Later!"
 - 93 Guaranteed-to-succeed
 - 94 Weep while excavating fossil fuel? [Ortiz]
 - 99 Ballplayer Ripken
 - 100 It's turned to go in and out
 - 101 Designer Saariinen
 - 102 Buddhist sect
 - 103 Rep.'s rival
 - 106 Tools with teeth
 - 107 "Angie" actor Stephen
 - 109 "No more seats" abbr.
 - 111 Mrs., in Madrid
 - 112 Take — view of (frown on)
 - 113 Cook another egg after cooking a dozen? [Tarbell]
 - 119 French film theater
 - 120 Demigods
 - 121 Traditional Chinese drink
 - 122 Saloon casks
 - 123 Not too soft, as pasta
 - 124 2014 Ben Affleck thriller that would make a good alternate title for this puzzle
 - 35 March day to "beware"
 - 36 Packers' org.
 - 38 Tools with teeth
 - 39 Go no further
 - 40 League
 - 41 Pueblo pot
 - 42 Uncertain
 - 43 Narrative
 - 44 Like desks with sloping covers
 - 45 Intrinsically
 - 49 1930s-'40s pitcher
 - Newsom
 - 51 The "I" of ILO: Abbr.
 - 52 Question asked while covering someone's eyes
 - 53 Hotel cousin
 - 54 "King" Cole
 - 57 Singing group for lads
 - 58 Verbalized
 - 59 Get ripper
 - 61 Arctic floater
 - 63 French "here"
 - 65 Crooner Neil
 - 66 Unwillingness to yield
 - 68 Cackling bird
 - 69 Singer Amos
 - 70 — Field (Mets' home)
 - 71 Uber arrival
 - 72 Pal, in Paris
 - 76 Je ne — quoi
 - 77 "To be," to Augustus
 - 80 Cuzco native
 - 82 "Behold," to Augustus
 - 83 "— never fly!"
 - 85 Tribal bunch
 - 86 Holliday-Earp gunfight site
 - 87 Docile
 - 88 Lee of Marvel
 - 89 Some ancient warships
 - 90 Pen fillers
 - 92 Dot in la mer
 - 94 Dated music display case
 - 95 Band gofer
 - 96 Joining, as oxen
 - 97 Fell in line
 - 98 Light bite
 - 102 Mark-leaving swordsman
 - 103 "— know it!"
 - 104 Set foot in
 - 105 Taj —
 - 108 "Look — now!"
 - 110 Diana of "The Avengers"
 - 111 China's — Xiaoping
 - 113 Rx org.
 - 114 Sweetums
 - 115 Suffix with exist or differ
 - 116 Philosopher Lao- —
 - 117 Half of twenty
 - 118 Wide shoe width

SUDOKU

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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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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- APPETISING
- ASTRINGENT
- BAD
- BITE
- BITTER
- BLAND
- CHEW
- COLD
- DELECTABLE
- DELICIOUS
- DEVOUR
- DISTASTEFUL
- EDIBLE
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- FULL-BODIED
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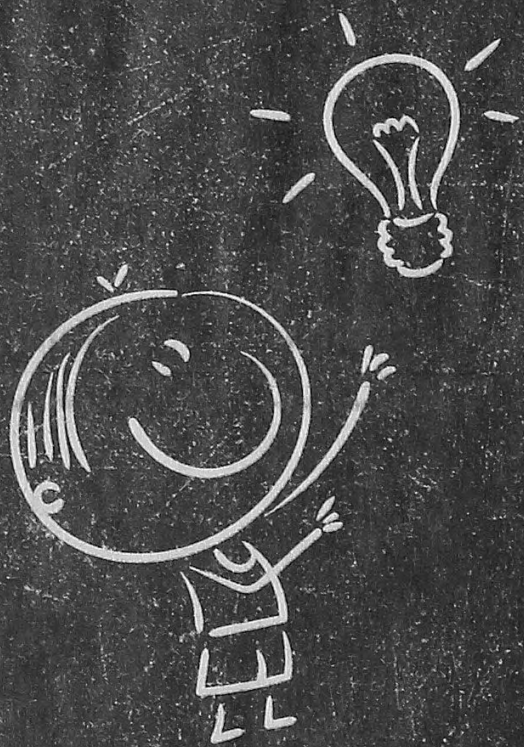
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