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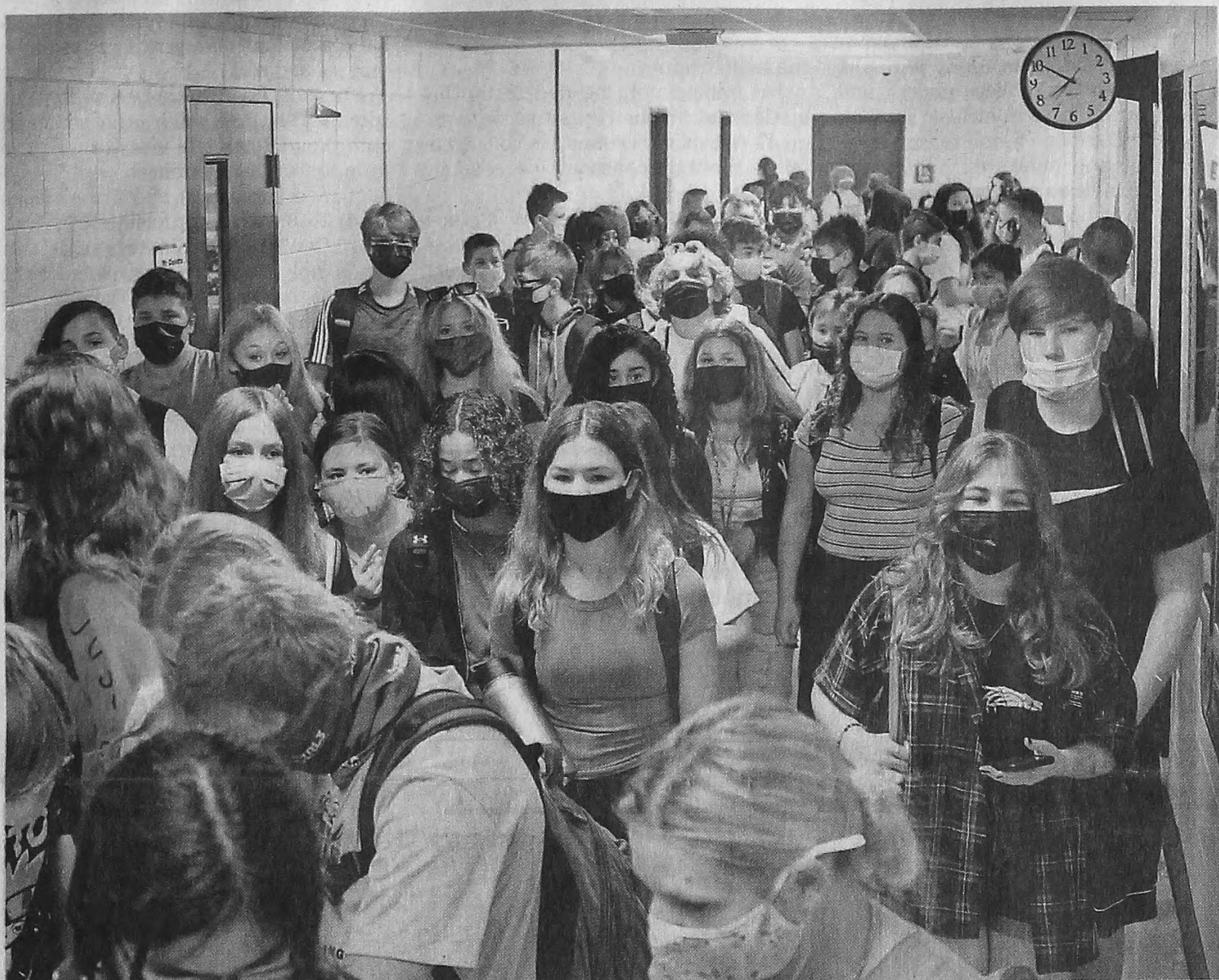
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## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



Emerson Middle School students in face masks fill the hallway just before 8 a.m. on Sept. 7, the first day of school.  
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### Students welcomed back for 2021-22

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At Emerson Middle School in Livonia, there's a stark contrast between the experienced eighth grade students and the seventh graders at a new school for the first time.

Nora Wilson and Hana McKennon, seventh grade students at Emerson, were nervous Tuesday morning, the district's first day of school.

But despite their nerves, Wilson and McKennon were both looking forward to their first classes.

"I'm nervous," McKennon said. "I'm excited for first hour; it's wood shop. I like working with my hands."

In Livonia, students don't attend middle school until the seventh grade. Emerson has roughly 715 students and is one of the Livonia district's three middle schools.

Eighth grade students Brenden Moore and Wyatt Egan, on the other hand, weren't worried. The two said they're just happy to be physically present with their other classmates.

"I prefer in-person, for sure," Egan said.

And together they are. Aside from students and staff being masked, Tuesday morning was like any other first day of school. Livonia had planned for students 12 and older to attend school unmasked, but a health order from Wayne County expanded those plans to everyone.

Still, students walked the halls with friends, fiddled with their lockers and asked adults in the building how on Earth they could find their first classes of the day.

"I'm so excited," said Kevin English,

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Emerson eighth grader Nicklas Brown dials in the combination to his locker.

"To see these kids in the hallway today brought a huge smile under my mask."

Walt Power Chair, Emerson Middle School language arts department

## Area fire lieutenant walked 755 miles after 9/11

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Farmington Hills Fire Lt. Jim Etzlin still remembers the thousands of first responders who joined his cross-country journey recognizing 9/11 and the first responders who lost their lives trying to save those trapped inside the burning towers.

He started his journey a month after the tragedy, laying down his first footsteps at the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit and not stopping for nine days and 755 miles until he made it to the Brooklyn Bridge in New York.

Then a firefighter-paramedic, Etzlin walked from bridge to bridge with an ever-changing group of fellow first responders. He kept walking while some

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## Remember 9/11 at local memorials

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There's a sobering reminder of the longtime war in Middle East nestled in the Westland Veterans Memorial Garden.

A vast park with plenty for visitors to see, the centerpiece is a pillar in the middle of the park memorializing the wars the United States has participated in since the Revolutionary War.

Perhaps the most relevant panel these days is the panel commemorating the war in Afghanistan, one that lasted 20 years until the final U.S. troops withdrew from the country as of Aug. 31.

The Westland monument is one of many local events commemorating

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# First responders from Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham share memories of Sept. 11

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Twenty years later, and some Ground Zero details still haunt the first responders who rushed toward New York to help.

There was the shock of the sights, sounds and smells that went with the collapse of the World Trade Center's twin towers, walking through a thick gray ash reminiscent of a heavy snow, and hooking cohesive thoughts around a purse left inside an underground Victoria's Secret store.

"It's eerie because as you're going through there looking for people, you're finding purses setting on a desk covered with dust," Bloomfield Hills Public Safety Lt. Thomas Van Simaey said. "That was somebody who came to work that day."

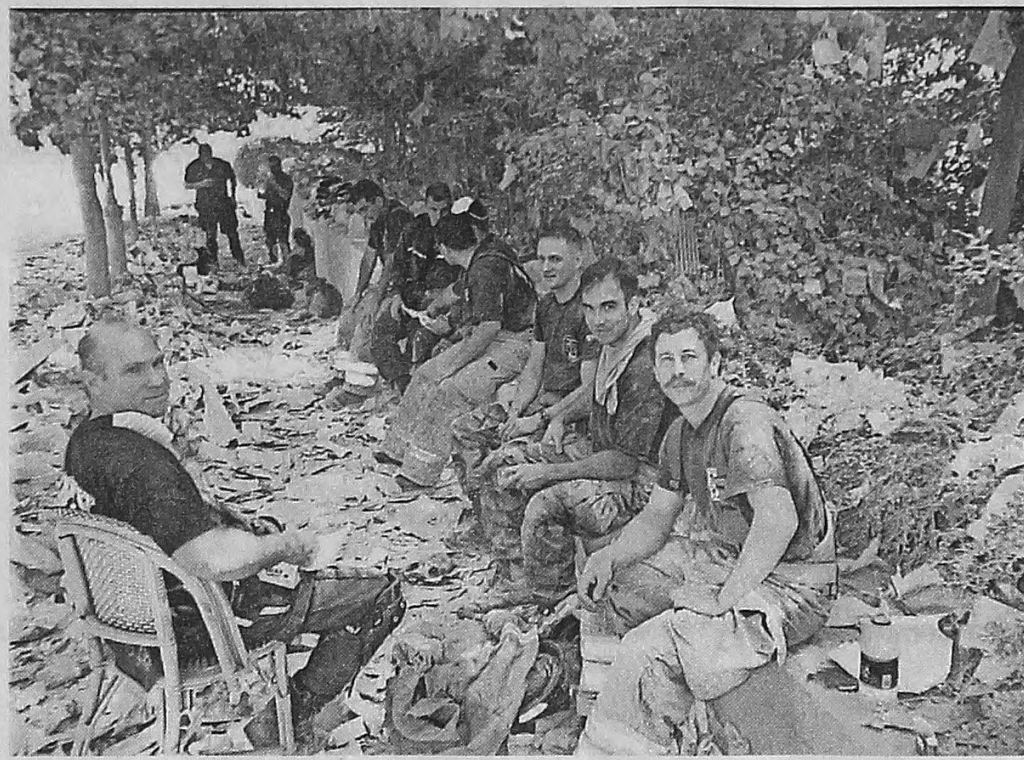
"It was literally like walking in the Somerset Mall except for just covered with dust and there's some rubble. People showed up for work, opened their store and then got attacked."

Soon after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Simaey and his first responder colleagues from Bloomfield Hills and Troy were planning a trip to Ground Zero to help. They were on the road that night, noticing trailers from other metro Detroit first responder agencies that seemed headed in the same direction.

"There was a lot of silence," Van Simaey said of the ride. "In your head, you're trying to process, first of all, what happened (and) second of all, what we're going into. Everyone had the fear of the unknown. We knew we were doing the right thing."

Upon arrival, they quickly put aside hopes of doing rescue work. They pitched in with recovery, removing body parts mixed in the rubble. They stayed for nearly three days, donating blood and doing whatever they were allowed to do.

Both Van Simaey and Bloomfield Hills Public Safety Director Noel Clason were military veterans when they ar-



A group of Bloomfield Hills and Troy first responders traveled to New York City's Ground Zero after they learned of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center's twin towers. COURTESY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

rived at Ground Zero. Along with the other firefighters, police officers and paramedics who were at least in their 20s when they also found reason to be there, they now must worry about any physical condition that could be tied to the air they breathed when trying to help.

"No regrets on going," Clason said. "(But) I wish that we could have helped more. I'm sure every FDNY and NYPD (first responder) feels the same. There was no life there."

The memories are different among the Birmingham firefighters. They wanted to head out to Ground Zero but their offer was declined.

Paul Wells, a few years into his firefighting career, was playing hockey with other first responders at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena the morning of 9/11. His mother's page demanded a call, and she told him about a plane hitting

the twin towers.

He immediately headed to the fire station and watched the situation worsen on television. He and his colleagues talked about the consequences of such a fire.

"It was emotional," said Wells, now Birmingham's fire chief. "We knew firefighters would be climbing the stairs. The elevators would most likely not be available."

"Once the buildings came down, it was eerie. We all knew there was loss of life of firefighters. We knew there was loss of life of civilians right off the bat. But we knew there was all those firefighters that were trying to save those civilians that were instantly gone. We knew there would be unlikely any survivors."

Nearly 3,000 people died because of the terrorist attacks in New York that day. The Fire Department of New York

lost 343 firefighters.

For Wells, one of the most horrific experiences was hearing the firefighters' PASS devices sounding during media reports. Such equipment is attached to a firefighter's air tank and lets other firefighters know their location when they're not moving anymore.

"It's giving me chills talking about it," Wells said. "We knew that there were firefighters ... their PASS devices survived and were operating and going off. Those went off for hours and hours until the batteries ran out. That was just the most haunting for me."

Wells attended the New York fire department's memorial service at Madison Square Garden in October 2002. The venue was packed, leaving him in the streets and watching the service on Jumbotron video monitors.

"Firefighters from all over the world came to this event," he said. "As far as you could see, you saw thousands and thousands of Firefighter Class A uniforms or hats. The streets were full every way you looked. It was amazing and very, very emotional a year later. It was quite the send-off a year later to those that passed away."

Some of these metro Detroit first responders say their children have latched onto the pictures and videos they have from their 9/11 experiences.

"Law enforcement and fire services (and) EMS was all appreciated a lot that year after 9/11," Van Simaey said. "Our job is not nearly as appreciated as it used to be because we haven't had something big where rescuers went in and saved people."

"People forget. Over 20 years, they forgot what our jobs are and the importance of having firefighters, EMS and police officers who are willing to go in to the worst possible scenario to help people. People forget that. They just look at the bad. The pendulum swings."

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## School

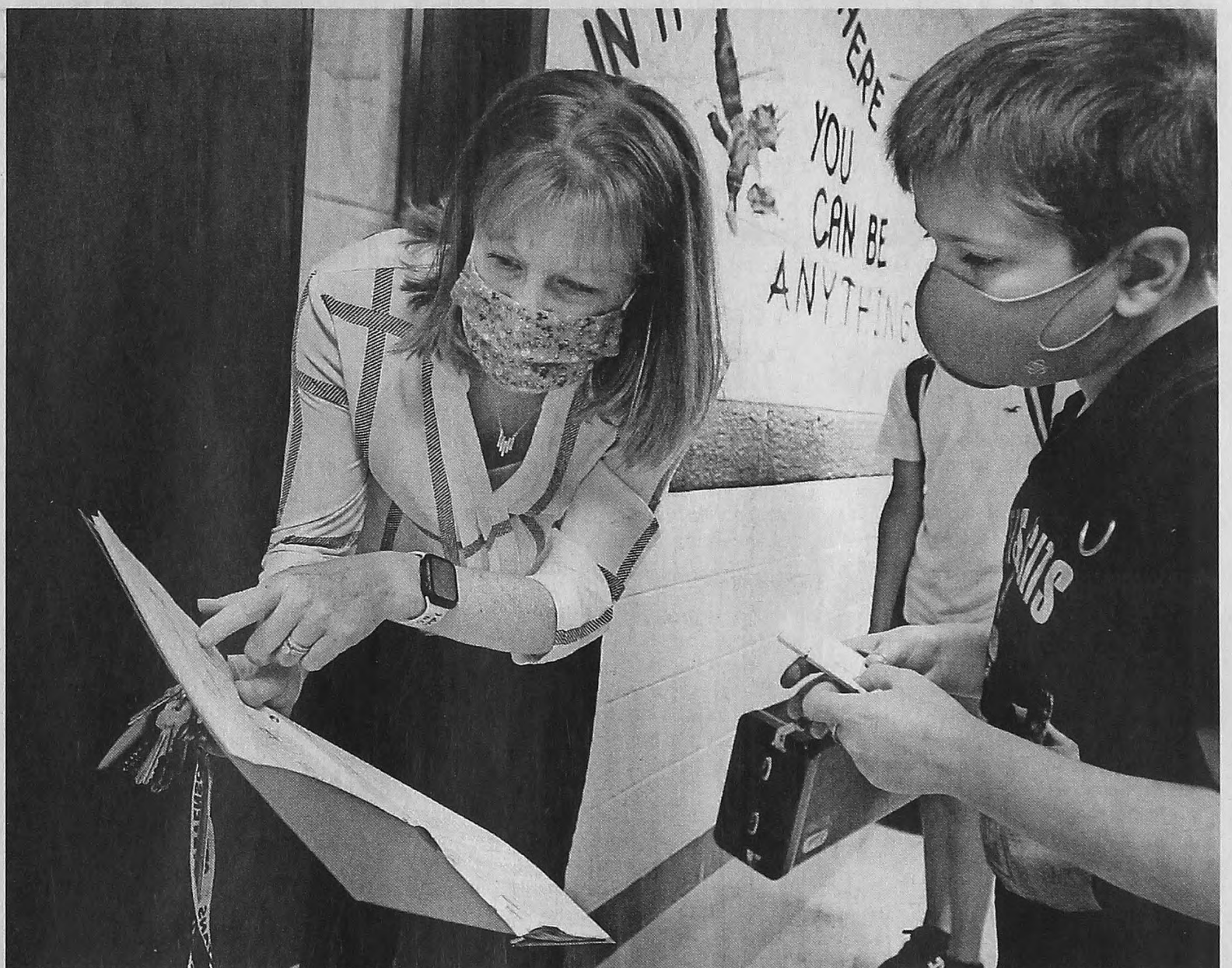
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Emerson's new principal. "I know face-to-face instruction is so important, and for teachers and students there's been so many difficulties and challenges with virtual learning. I'm excited to be back and the kids are excited to be back."

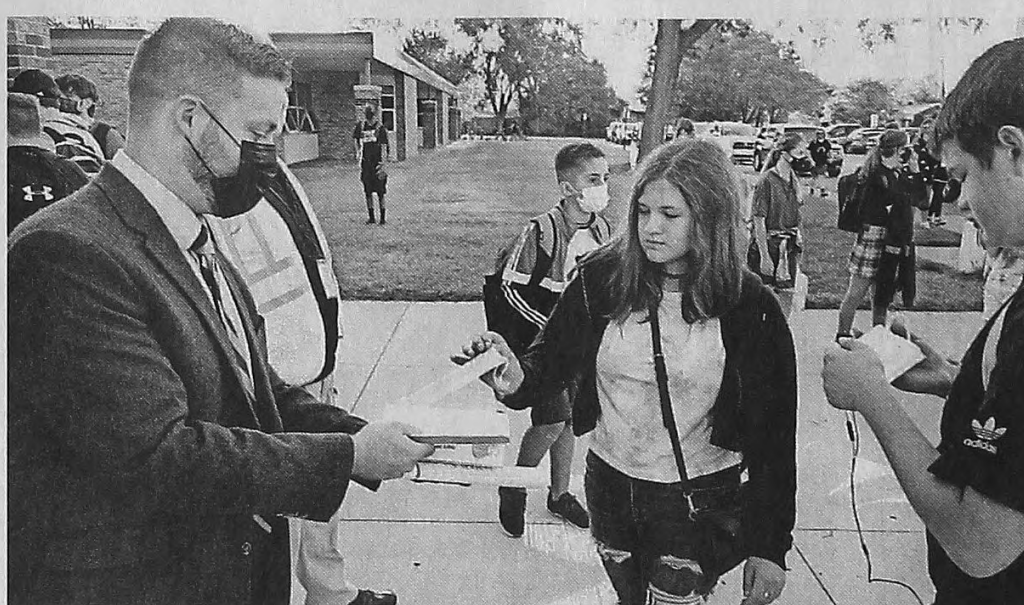
As students found their seats for their first hour courses, it was obvious teachers were excited to have the kids in classrooms. Last year, the district's teachers went back to school buildings on the first day but taught courses virtually.

"I'm just excited to have the kids back," Walt Power, the chair of Emerson's language arts department. "I had a colleague tell me in the hallway that it's been 18 months since we've had any sense of normalcy in the classroom and, for me, that's amazing. To see these kids in the hallway today brought a huge smile under my mask."

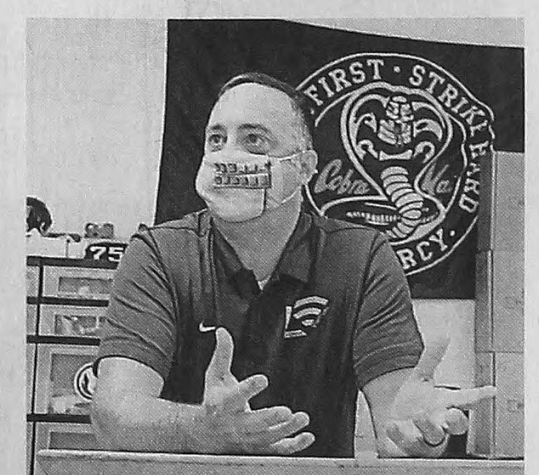
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Emerson Middle School Assistant Principal Lindsay Rousseau, left, gives some directional advice to an incoming student on Sept. 7, the first day of school. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Emerson Middle School Principal Kevin English, left, had a box of face masks for returning students who didn't bring one.



Emerson Middle School language arts department chair Walt Power talks about his excitement at seeing all the students back in class on Sept. 7. Emerson has about 715 students in the Livonia School District.

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# Fall slips in, and the farmers market is ready



**Walt Gajewski**  
Guest columnist

If only the colors in southern lower Michigan turned in September, this would be the most beautiful month of the year. Wouldn't it? The humidity drops, temperatures are moderate, and the graceful fall back of sunlight in the early evening makes for a wonderful canvas with a firepit in the foreground.

September is a mood. It's the turning of a page from a book when you can't wait to start the next chapter. It's a season of change in your step. This time of year, summer lingers but fall beckons. Wood light, the damp earth, a curled leaf, a favorite sweater, pumpkins on the vine – it's harvest time. Creatures in fields and forests are getting busy.

## The moonlight serenades

Here in Farmington, we welcome fall under the cloak of the Harvest Moon, a three-day celebration of food, music and friends – "a fair of local flair" that is a serenade to the season, to the farmers who truck to city center every Saturday along with the makers and musicians that altogether frame small-town life on a Michigan fall day.

The Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park will hunker itself down with strawbales, cornstalks, dried flowers and ribbons of burlap.

This year on Sept. 16-18, you can find your fall in downtown Farmington during the Harvest Moon Celebration. Learn more online at <https://bit.ly/3ySJoyL>.

Pull up a straw bale and cozy up to a fire pit as you enjoy live music, food from trucks, local restaurants and craft beer and wine. Each night brings something different to revel in.

Tickets to enjoy any of the nights are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door and can be purchased at the Farmers Market, the Meadows Fine Wine & Liquor, Merle Norman, The Vines, Farmington Brewing Company, City Hall or online at <https://bit.ly/3DYwhjo>.

## Upcoming Farmers Markets

This Saturday we will ring the market bell in remembrance of 9/11, on its 20th anniversary. Farmington Public Safety is bringing in the big ladder truck with an even bigger flag to unfurl over Market Place Street.

Music in the morning features Kevin Daniels making his market debut at 8:30 a.m., followed by Farmington local Gary Niemenski from 10 a.m. until close.

At noon we welcome the Detroit Tap Repertory for a half-hour performance in Riley Park. Tap dancing?

Why not? The opening ceremony of the 2021 Olympics featured choreographed tap dancers.

The Detroit group was founded by former Radio City Music Hall Rockette Denis Caston-Clark and includes some 50 tap dancers ranging from elementary school students to professionals. Learn more about the group at the farmers market website.

Music and dance at the market is presented to the community courtesy of Wright Beamer Attorneys of Farmington Hills and accountants Montgomery, Wiethorn, Burke, Mackider & Dye, also of Farmington Hills.

Further on in September, the Harvest Moon market week offers its own harvest-themed entertainment as part of the Harvest Moon Celebration. We will feature live music from the Fox & the Fiddle and a POP! day all about squash.

POP! celebrates the Power of Produce as part of a national program aimed at teaching kids ages 3-12 where food comes from. POP! shares information in a fun way with kids who are then rewarded with \$3 vouchers with which to shop the market.

It also features kid-friendly family recipes from POP! volunteer and nutritionist Julie Stevens, who helps people of all ages get healthy through nutrition and fitness. Learn more at <https://www.allfoodisgoodfood.com/>.

As we celebrate the bounty of this coming harvest season, let's also recognize our farmers and the increasing role they play in advancing community life through the distribution of good food to those in need. Thank you to the Goetz Greenhouse and Family Farm, Kapnick Orchards and the Xiong Fresh Asian Produce for weekly donations to C.A.R.E.S. of Farmington Hills, which serves upwards of 1,000 families a month with farm-fresh produce.

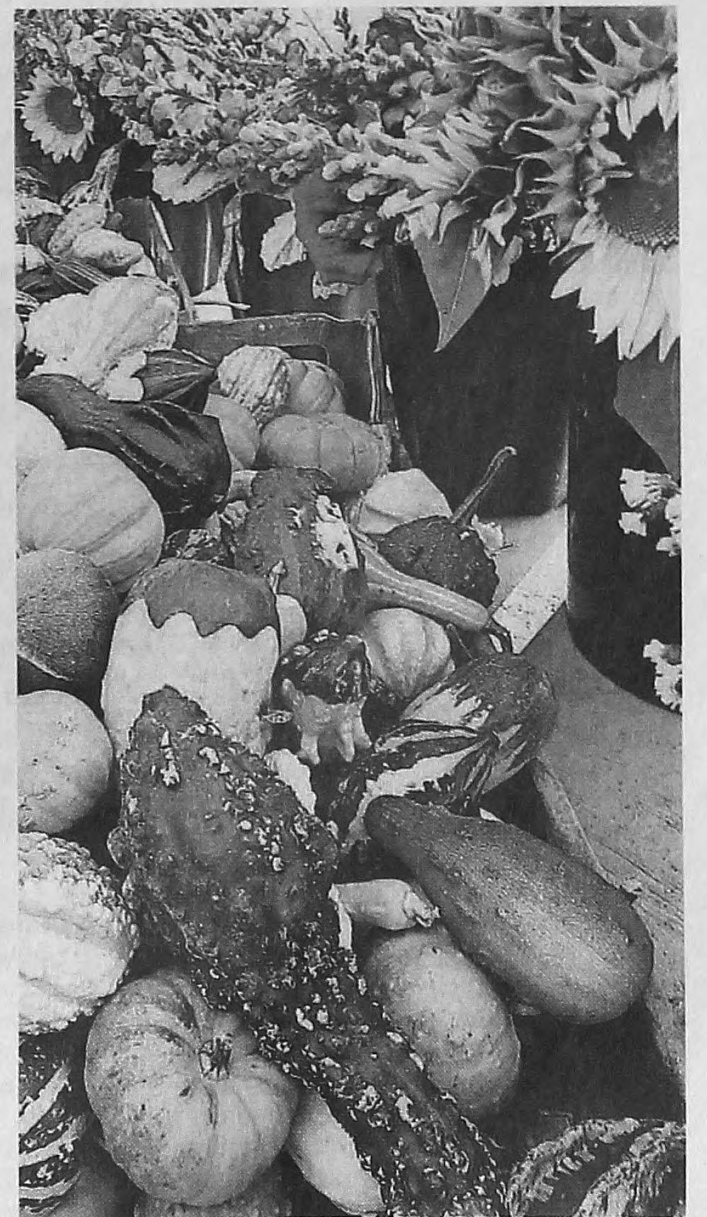
Powered by Beaumont, the Farmington Farmers Market is committed to fitness, wellness and nutrition. That's why you may want to be a Farmington Walk-about. Each week this colorful, engaging group gathers at the market for a fit walk around and about Farmington.

This week's walk will include a stop in the park next to City Hall to spend a few moments at the Farmington 9/11 Memorial, which includes "a relic of steel from the wreckage of the twin towers (in) gratitude for the daily sacrifice of first responders across the country."

City council member Steve Schneeman, who was part of the committee that designed the memorial, will join the group to talk about how it came to be. If you're interested, meet at the Market's West Entrance at 10 a.m.

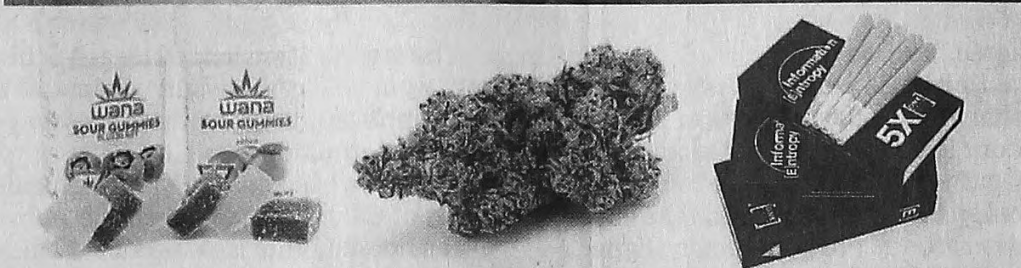
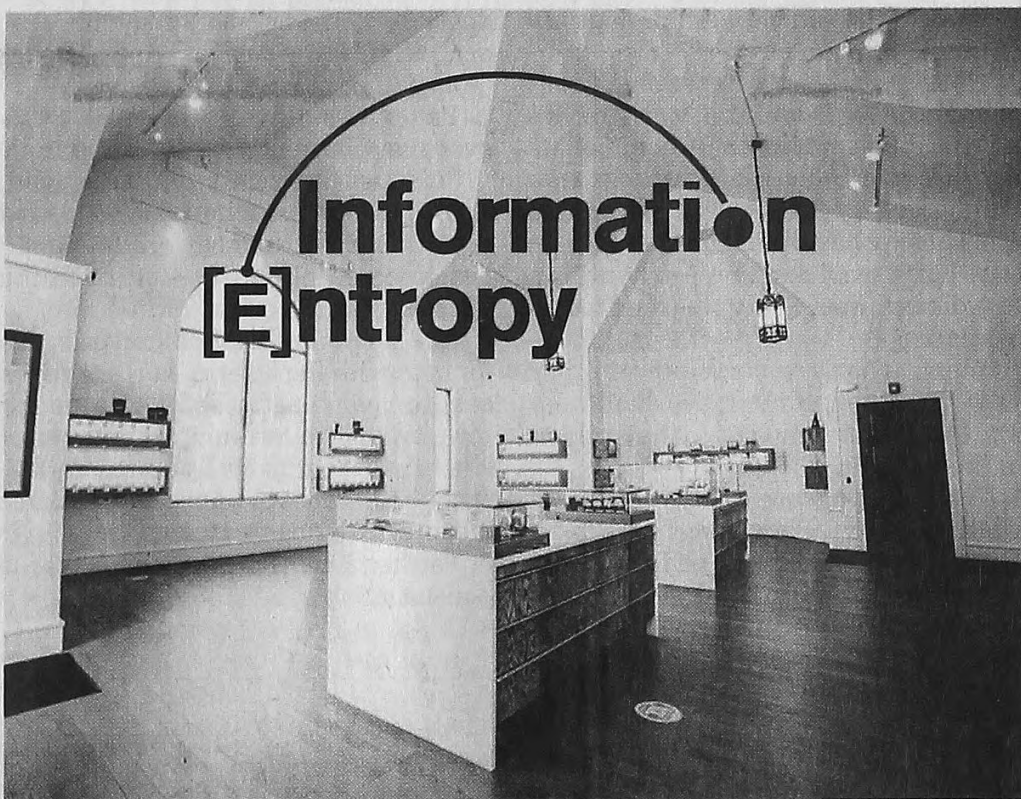
So much is happening that I have to run to get ready. So, until next time and as always, here's saying, "See you at the Market!"

The Farmington Farmers Market runs Saturdays in downtown Farmington. For more information, visit [www.farmingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.farmingtonfarmersmarket.com).



The farmers market's offerings change color with the season, from the reds of summer to the oranges and yellows of fall. COURTESY OF FARMINGTON FARMERS MARKET

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# Top 10 dog-friendly cars include some unexpected choices

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Melody Bond of Livonia loved her 2014 Chevrolet Camaro muscle car so much she named it Esmeralda.

But Esmeralda had to go when Bond's all-white German Shepherd puppy, Jasper, grew up and got too big for the sports car.

"He weighs 100 pounds and when he sat in the Camaro, his head touched the ceiling and his feet were on the floor," Bond said. "It was ridiculous. Even just to go to the vet, it was just too much."

So last summer, Bond replaced Esmeralda with a 2017 Jeep Wrangler "Big Bear." It has a rear-seat net partition to keep Jasper safely in the back.

She named it Freedom. "I want to go to the U.P. aurora hunting and I want to take a big dog with me for protection," Bond said. "He's going to be my travel partner now."

With the Wrangler's water-resistant, easy-to-clean interior, safety hooks for a harness and a large cargo area to fit a crate, it's not surprising the Wrangler makes most top-10 lists of dog-friendly cars. But there are some cars on the lists that might surprise you: the Corvette, for example, and Tesla models, thanks to their innovative "Dog Mode" technology.

Thursday is National Dog Day and canine consideration is a big factor among car buyers when they pick out their next ride, dealers, industry experts and consumers say.

## 'Along for the ride'

CarGurus, an online automotive buying and selling site, recruited several auto journalists to compile its first Best Cars for Dogs list earlier this spring, said Deputy Editor Mike Smith.

CarGurus has not done an official consumer-insight survey yet, "so the evidence I have is anecdotal, but pretty much anyone who's met a dog owner in their life knows their dog plays an incredible role in their life and in their decisions," Smith said.

No. 1 on the CarGurus list is the 2021 Chrysler Pacifica minivan, followed by the Honda CR-V SUV. But the list also included some not-so-obvious choices such as the Tesla Model Y compact crossover and, of all things, the Corvette super sports car.

"Not everyone has a large dog that loves adventure. Some of us have Pomeranians or Chihuahuas who need nothing more than a comfortable seat to curl up on. Or, maybe you have a larger older dog that simply looks forward to morning trips to the coffee shop with his tongue waving in the wind," CarGurus free-lancer Thom Blackett wrote of the Corvette. "Where you're going or what

## CarGurus' Best Cars for Dogs list

- 2021 Chrysler Pacifica Minivan
- 2021 Honda CR-V SUV
- 2021 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited
- 2021 Kia Rio5 compact hatchback
- 2021 Land Rover Discovery SUV
- 2021 RAM 1500 pickup
- 2021 Subaru Outback wagon
- 2021 Tesla Model Y compact crossover
- 2021 Volvo V60 wagon
- 2021 Chevrolet Corvette sports car

you drive doesn't matter as long as your four-legged friend gets to go along for the ride."

The group of auto journalists who devised the list test-drive 50 to 100 cars a year each and, of course, have dogs, Smith said.

And just because vehicles such as the Chevrolet Equinox or Ford Explorer were not on CarGurus' list doesn't mean it's an indictment of those vehicles. They are also dog-friendly, he said.

"We wanted our list to have a variety of vehicle types because there are a variety of shoppers," Smith said. "The Honda CR-V is there for someone who has a dog, but wants a compact crossover, the Kia Rio5 is a great choice for dog owners who are on a budget."

The Ram full-size pickup made it because of RamBox, the large, drainable storage pockets on each side of the truck's bed. They are lockable and easily accessible, providing space to keep leashes, food, bowls, and wet or dirty towels used on a dog.

The Chrysler Pacifica has an optional vacuum installed in it, "a necessity during shedding season," Smith said. The Jeep Wrangler, which is third on the list, is a good example of safety in transporting the dog because of the harness hooks, Smith said.

Then there is Tesla Model Y, No. 8 on the list, because of Dog Mode. Dog Mode lets the owner set the climate control system and puts a sign on the 15-inch touch screen that reads, "My owner will be back soon," noting the car's interior temperature.

The Land Rover Discovery made the list because "It offers lots of features: a spill-resistant water bowl, folding ramps, a quilted cargo liner," Smith said. "Then there is the portable rinse system. It's essentially a garden hose that you load up ahead of time and it gives you two minutes of water to rinse off your dog."



Melody Bond of Livonia with her 7-year-old German shepherd, Jasper, in her 2017 Jeep Wrangler. Bond said she traded her Chevrolet Camaro for the Wrangler when Jasper became too big to fit in the Camaro. JAMIE L. LAREAU/DFP

## Dog displays

The dog factor matters in car sales. In fact, it's so important that Village Ford in Dearborn set up a display of a 2021 Bronco Sport SUV with a stuffed dog in a safety harness and the dog safety screen in it to keep a dog in the backseat.

"We wanted to start doing more accessories and people love their dogs and will spend money on them. So we wanted to show what's available," said Jason MacDonald, operations sales manager at Village Ford.

Ford offers a variety of dog accessories such as safety harnesses, water bowl kits, partitions, a collapsible crate and waterproof cargo mats, MacDonald said.

"A lot of people take (dogs) into consideration and will get a bench seat in the back of an Explorer, for example, rather than bucket seats because bench seats are more comfortable for the dogs," MacDonald said.

## Up high, clear view

Floyd Allen has toted around his German Shorthair Pointer dogs in Ford Explorer SUVs for more than two decades. He bought the vehicle with his dogs top of mind.

"It is probably the most significant factor because I would not want to have a vehicle that would not accommodate my dogs well," Allen said. "My dogs are a very, very significant part of my life. They are my best friend and we do a lot together, it's not just that I go hunting a few times a year. Every weekend we do something."

Allen, who is a corporate attorney with his office in Detroit's Fisher Building, said he got turned on to the Explorer in the mid-1990s.

"I was looking for a utility vehicle that allows me to do all the things I like to do: I bike, I golf, I ski, I hunt and fish so anything outdoors," Allen said. "I picked the

Explorer because my German Shorthair dogs over the years enjoyed the vehicle as much as I enjoy it."

Allen, who usually has two dogs, currently has one: Broadway Shooter, 5. But he plans to get another dog in a couple of years.

He said his dogs have always liked the Explorer because they are up high and "can see around." Allen likes the vehicle because it's comfortable to drive long distances, he can hose it down if the dogs are muddy from hunting, the backseats fold down for the dogs to stretch and there is plenty of storage space.

Last week, he ordered a new Explorer to replace his current one when the lease expires in December.

## On the town for custard

Margie Bauer has her priorities when she buys a car too and they're in this order: "One that my dogs can fit in and one that a lot of stuff can fit in and one that is easy to park and can fit in my garage," Bauer said.

Bauer of Harper Woods was a muscle-car lover like Bond. Bauer's first car was a 1976 Camaro back before she got dogs. By 1988 she had Sandy, her first dog, a golden retriever. The Camaro "was out for practicality," she said.

Bauer has driven Chevrolet SUVs ever since, currently her 2015 Equinox.

"It's just the right size," Bauer said, for her two dogs, Liberty, a 60-pound golden retriever, and Layla, a 54-pound beagle-corgi mix. "They can fit in the backseat and jump up in it."

She said it has a lot of storage space for trips with the dogs up north. And it's easy to clean fur after short trips around town and those hot summer days when she takes them to Wally's Frozen Custard on Harper Avenue to get a cup of ice cream with a dog treat in it.

For her, having a dog-friendly car is non-negotiable.

# Lawmakers look to lift tax on feminine care products

## Bipartisan effort aimed to help women pay for them

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No one should pay a tax to buy tampons or other feminine hygiene products, argue Republican and Democratic sponsors of legislation debated Tuesday in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Similar legislative efforts have failed in the past, but a pair of bills filed this year may actually earn enough support to do away with the so-called "tampon tax" in Michigan.

There isn't a specific tax on these products, but the bills would make feminine hygiene products exempt from the 6% sales and use taxes.

"We don't buy these products because we want to — trust me, we don't," said Rep. Tenesha Yancey, D-Detroit, a sponsor of one of the bills.

"We don't buy these products because they are convenient. We buy them because we need them. From puberty, which can begin as early as 8 years old, to menopause, menstruation spans the vast majority of our lives, every single month. We absolutely need this."

Both bills define feminine hygiene products as "tampons, panty liners, menstrual cups, sanitary napkins, and other similar tangible personal property designed for feminine hygiene in connection with the human menstrual cycle."

Yancey is the lead sponsor of HB 4270, a measure to exempt the products from use tax. It is cosponsored by essentially every other Democrat in the House.

State Rep. Bryan Posthumus, R-Oakfield Township, is the lone sponsor of HB 5267, the bill to exempt these products from sales tax.

"When this legislation gets pigeonholed into a partisan legislation, or when it gets pigeonholed into a gender-specific legislation, that's close-minded thinking. It doesn't take into account the actual ramifications of what we are trying to do here," Posthumus said.

"And so I brought this legislation forward as a male Republican strictly because I wanted to take those arguments out of it ... it's not a partisan issue, it is not a gender issue. It is commonsense legislation that we should be pushing forward with, no question."

The House Tax Policy Committee did not vote on the bills, but Committee Chairman Matt Hall, R-Emmett Township, said he anticipates voting on the measures at the committee's next meeting. The bills are tie-barred together, a legislative procedure that ensures if one bill fails, they both do.

"Republicans believe in tax cuts. And there are a lot of aspects of this tax cut that relate to people, some of which have difficulty with their financial situation, so we found some areas we can

agree," Hall said.

Hall said lawmakers planned to change the effective date of the legislation. Right now, the bill would take effect Sept. 30. They plan to change the bill so the measure would take effect 90 days after it's hypothetically signed.

"We've waited so many years, so 90 days won't hurt us," Yancey said.

Yancey said similar bills have been introduced yearly for the last six years.

Michigan is not the first state to weigh removing these taxes: eight states did away with these taxes between 2016 and 2020, according to a House Fiscal Agency legislative analysis. Advocates of the measure argue it makes a vital product more accessible to everyone and removes an unfair tax burden that generally falls on women.

Period Equity, a national organization aiming to end all taxes on feminine hygiene products, estimates that states collect approximately \$120 million annually from taxes on these items. Its analysis appears to comport with the fiscal agency's prediction on the impact the bill would have on Michigan: Both suggest Michigan receives about \$7 million annually in taxes from feminine hygiene products.

"Many in the U.S. are forced to make a terrible choice between buying food or menstrual products. Those who are unable to afford tampons and pads are at risk of isolation, infection, and even missed days of school and work," reads a portion of the organization's website.

The organization helped three Michigan women file a lawsuit against the state in 2020, arguing the tax is sex-based discrimination.

However, in June, the Michigan Court of Claims ruled against the women, as noted in the fiscal agency's legislative analysis.

"The court stated that 'only the Legislature may impose tax or exempt items from taxation,' the analysis states, citing a recent newsletter from the Michigan Department of Treasury. "This legislation aims to do just that."

Some have questioned the efficacy of repealing taxes on these products. One study examined point-of-sale data for these products in Illinois from four large retailers after the state repealed its sales tax on feminine hygiene products.

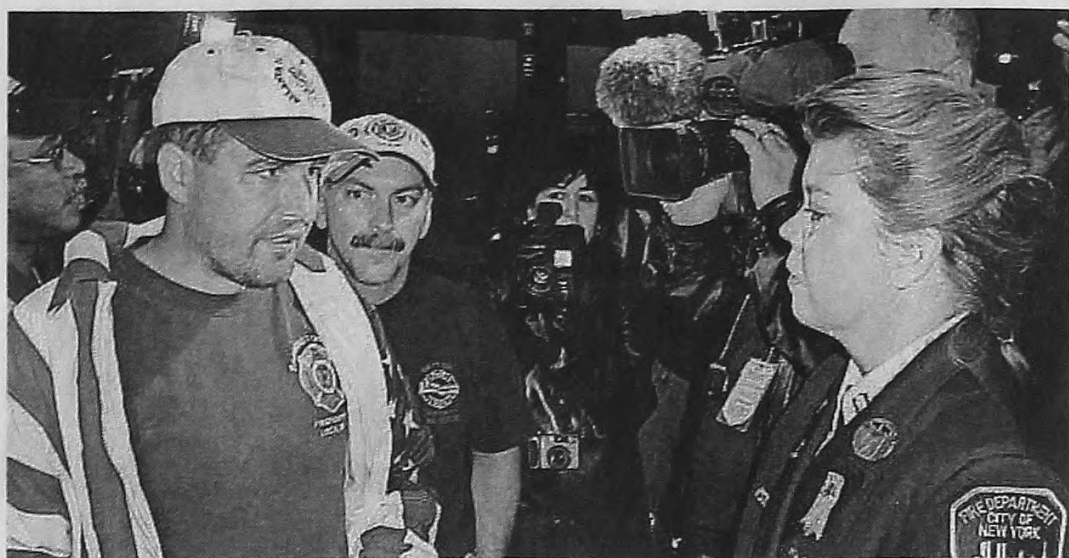
This analysis, conducted by Ziyue Xu and discussed in a piece from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, determined prices for these products rose slightly while sales dropped.

"It's just not that efficient economically," Xu told the university for a piece published earlier this year.

"Getting rid of the tax is having economic repercussions that seem to provide some minimal benefit to retailers and manufacturers, but there's no evidence to suggest it's creating more access in those segments of the population where the need is greatest."

The measures would need to pass the full House and the Senate before they could be enacted into law.





Jim Etzin and his contingent presented three commemorative helmets from emergency responders in Michigan to those in New York City once to conclude their bridge-to-bridge walk in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

COURTESY OF JIM ETZIN

## Fire lieutenant

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dropped from the route and others joined him along the way, walking and driving in his procession, expressing support through five states.

There also were "countless" supporters who asked Etzin and his followers to pass along their sentiments, blessings and donations.

Etzin is convinced those who came out needed an outlet for their emotions.

"It wasn't as if they were supporting us," he conceded. "We were just a conduit. We were just a mechanism in which they could reach out to the people in New York."

"People would ask me what I was feeling at the very end of it. It was very, very emotional. It was really a culmination of (nine) days where you're working toward this goal and you realize that at the other end of it is so much sadness and sorrow and loss."

Financed by the Ford Motor Company Fund, Etzin's walk raised about \$40,000 for the widow's and children's funds for New York City's fire and police departments.

Nearly 3,000 people were killed on Sept. 11, 2001, and more than 300 were firefighters. Police and Port Authority officers also lost their lives at the World Trade Center.

Since then, more firefighters have died because of their injuries and apparent health consequences. Etzin pays attention to the ramifications, which he said include psychological problems.

The former military man also has spoken publicly about 9/11, urging "THESE SURVIVORS MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN!"

He remembers watching a morning TV program at his home when the show was interrupted because of the attack on the World Trade Center.

"We watched in shock like everyone else did," he

said. "Everyone has a right to be affected or unaffected by certain seminal events, but I think anyone who was a firefighter at that time or had a firefighter in their family will always look at that day in a special way. Really, it's sacred day for us."

He recalled vivid 9/11 images of people running from the World Trade Center "as they should."

He reminds everyone that emergency responders were doing the opposite – running toward the towers and up the stairs, knowing their possible fate.

"And yet their sense of duty (and) their public service trumped everything," Etzin explained. "They put it in front of their own personal survival, their families, (and) their future and said, 'This is who I am. This is what is expected of me.'"

"Every emergency responder out there – every firefighter, every police officer – would like to believe that they have that courage within them. Those amazing men and women, they were tested that day and they passed that test with flying colors, unfortunately at the cost of their lives."

As the 20th Sept. 11 since the Twin Towers' collapse approaches, Etzin expects the country to revisit the grief and loss they felt that day.

He'll be able tap into the first responders he met and the communities he visited and appreciated while walking through Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

"It was very, very powerful," he reminisced. "Also the sense of unity which is so rare in this country because things are so divisive right now and so polarized..."

"I think it was the one time in my life, more than any other, where I felt that everybody in the country was truly united. They were on the same page. They had shared concerns and love of country and shared grief."

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## Memorials

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the events of Sept. 11, 2001 and the fighting in the Middle East after. The monuments have given local communities a way to remember and reflect on the history of that day, where about 3,000 people were killed in terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

All across the region, these monuments and memorials are a simple reminder to that day. From elaborately designed monuments made of granite to a piece of the World Trade Center, each one has its own way of remembering the past.

"Obviously, it's very important to honor the victims of the attack of Sept. 11," said Ryan Kaltenbach, creator director at the Northville Art House. "They contribute to the emotional recovery for many individuals and the nation moving forward."

Kaltenbach spoke of the unique memorial tucked behind the Marquis Theater in downtown Northville: a large American flag painted on the back of the building has dotted the landscape in the northwest Wayne County community since shortly after the attacks earlier this century.

Painted by artist Jeff Von Buskirk, it's a piece that continues to peak interest. So much so that the Northville Art House is currently promoting an exhibition on Von Buskirk's mural. Through September, guests can visit and learn about the mural by visiting the Northville Art House at 215 W. Cady.

An exhibition reception will take place from 5-8 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Northville Art House, with Von Buskirk planning to attend, Kaltenbach said. In addition to learning about the mural, a moment of silence is also expected to honor those who lost their lives on that day.

### Pieces of the tower

Perhaps some of the most impactful memorials across the region include actual remnants of the destruction caused that day. All across the country are pieces from the World Trade Center, shipped across the world to serve as memorials and reminders. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey completed its distribution of the pieces back in 2016, sending pieces of the towers to all 50 states, as well as other nations such as the United Kingdom and Brazil.

One of the most prominent pieces in the region can be found in a quiet area outside of Farmington City Hall. There a rusted piece of metal, believed to be part of an elevator rail, affixed to a large granite memorial that tells a story if visitors know what they're looking at.

The monument, dedicated in 2014, serves not only as a memorial but tells the story of that day: the monument serves as a timeline and dedicates one square inch of granite per life that was lost on 9/11, said Councilman Steve Schneemann, a member of the committee who helped in the memorial's design.

"Those are sized similarly to capture and commemorate the innocent lives lost as well," he said. "There's a lot of information and data embedded."

Schneemann said it's a monument he still sees visitors stop to look at. Having an office nearby, he'll walk by the monument on a regular basis.

Even with a description nestled near by of what the monument is meant to convey, Schneemann said it's important to him that visitors come to their own conclusions when visiting.

"I want people to interpret it in the way they interpret it," he said. "There's lots of different ways to look at it."

### 'They decided to protect as many people as they could that day'

Tucked away in less public spaces are two more pieces of the Twin Towers in the region. Pieces rest in the lobbies of fire stations in both Birmingham and Bloomfield Township in small displays that serve as subtle reminders of the sacrifices made by first responders.

It's been roughly 10 years since Birmingham acquired a piece of the towers. After a public discussion on how best to display it, it was taken to the fire station headquarters at 572 S. Adams. There, it rests behind glass as a silent tribute to those who died.

Chief Paul Wells said it's something the fire department and its members hold in high regard.

"To me, it's very important. And we all look at it that way," he said. "It reminds us to train hard and know our jobs so we can come home safely to our families."

While it doesn't get seen by many of the members of the public, everyone who applies to become a firefighter in the city spends time with the artifact in the lobby as they wait for their interview.

It's a piece, Wells said, that will sometimes be discussed by up by potential firefighters in their first meeting with department representatives.

"It comes up in our interviews," he said. "It's a serious job to get into."

A similar display is in the lobby of the Bloomfield Township fire station at 4200 Telegraph. Chief John LeRoy said.

The piece, part of an I-beam of the towers, sits in the lobby on a display that memorializes the 343 first responders who died trying to save as many people as possible before the towers collapsed.

Also hanging down the hallway is a letter from the New York firefighters union, thanking the department for donations it sent to help support families in the wake of the disaster.

Both serve as a reminder to the fire department of the sacrifices made by their fellow firefighters on that historic day.

"Those individuals, especial on the fire department side, they decided to protect as many people as they could that day," he said.

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## Livonia Stevenson grad was among victims on Sept. 11

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USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Josh Rosenthal went to work at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. Like about 2,800 others that day, he never came home. He was 44 years old.

According to obituaries, Josh loved to read, hike, travel and spend time with his two nieces. Around the time of his death, he'd been rereading J.D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye," one of his favorite books.

His sister and only sibling, Helen, told the New York Times that Josh was her best friend and a great uncle to her daughters.

Josh, who grew up in Livonia, was a senior vice president at Fiduciary Trust, a private wealth management firm.

On Sept. 11, 2001 when terrorists attacked New York City and the Pentagon, Livonia Public Schools administrators tried to go through their rest of their day as parents pulled their children from classes and the country became markedly different. People who worked for the district at the time said nobody knew one of their former students was in the World Trade Center.

But Josh, Livonia Stevenson class of 1975, became memorialized at his old school in the years that followed. A plaque in his honor hangs near the school's front office. The school also acknowledged Josh 15 years after the terrorist attacks during a school announcement.

Josh was a member of student senate, and was on the debate team for a few years. Yearbook photos show him preparing for debates and joking with classmates. One photo from his junior year shows him pulling a funny face for the camera during a debate team meeting.

He cultivated an interest in public policy as a teen, and went on to study the topic at the University of Michigan and Princeton University. According to obituaries, Josh was the first Michigan resident to receive the Harry S. Truman scholarship for service.

There's also a lecture series in his name at the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus. It was set up by his mother, the late Marilyn Rosenthal, who taught at the university.

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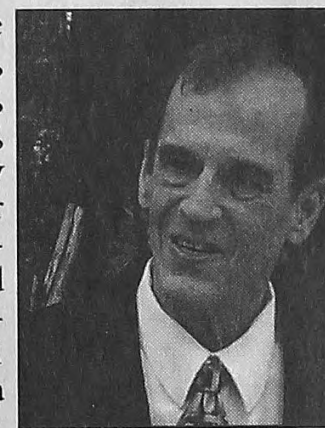
### Clarence Ralph "CR" Charest, Jr.

LOVELLS - Clarence Ralph "CR" Charest Jr., 68, of Lovells, Michigan, formerly of Livonia, Michigan, passed away on July 17, 2021, after battling cancer. A Memorial Visitation will be held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia on Friday, September 10, 2021 from 11 :00 AM until a Memorial Service at 12:00 PM Burial will follow at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

CR was born in Detroit, Michigan, to Delphine Rae (Miller) Charest and Clarence Ralph "Bud" Charest Sr. on September 19, 1952. He graduated from Bentley High School in 1970. He earned a B.A. in philosophy from Albion College in 1974. He earned a J.D. from the University of Detroit Law School in 1977. He worked as an attorney, practicing with his father for many years. CR was both an outdoorsman and a bon vivant. He was an Eagle Scout, and enjoyed fly fishing, bow hunting, skiing, and cultivating his plants. An avid cook, he spent time in the kitchen preparing gourmet meals as well as pickling. He loved rock music, live and recorded, and played the guitar, the mandolin, the ukulele, whatever was on hand. Well-read on various topics, if you asked him for the time, you might learn the history of watchmaking. In retirement, he and his wife, Elizabeth Joanne Charest, embarked on an adventure moving from Livonia to live "up north" in Lovells where they found community and good friends.

CR is survived by Elizabeth, sons Clarence Ralph Charest III and Jared Charest, daughter Gabrielle Raemy Charest-Turken, son-in-law David Turken, beloved grandsons Dominic Turken and William Turken, three brothers John Charest, Guy Charest (Terri), and James Charest, and extended family. Now he is reunited with both parents.

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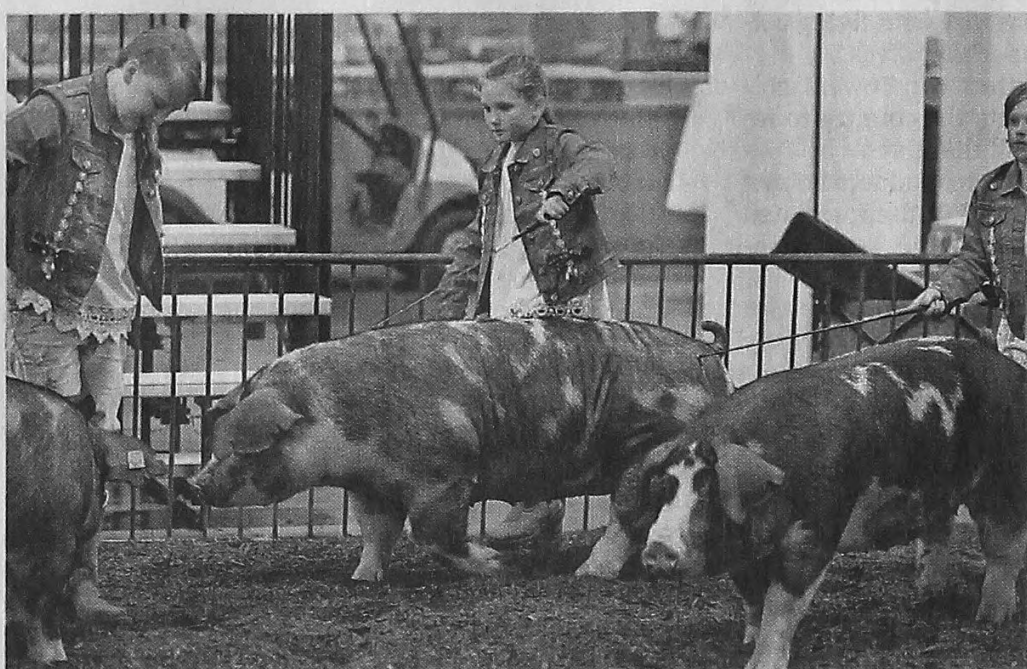
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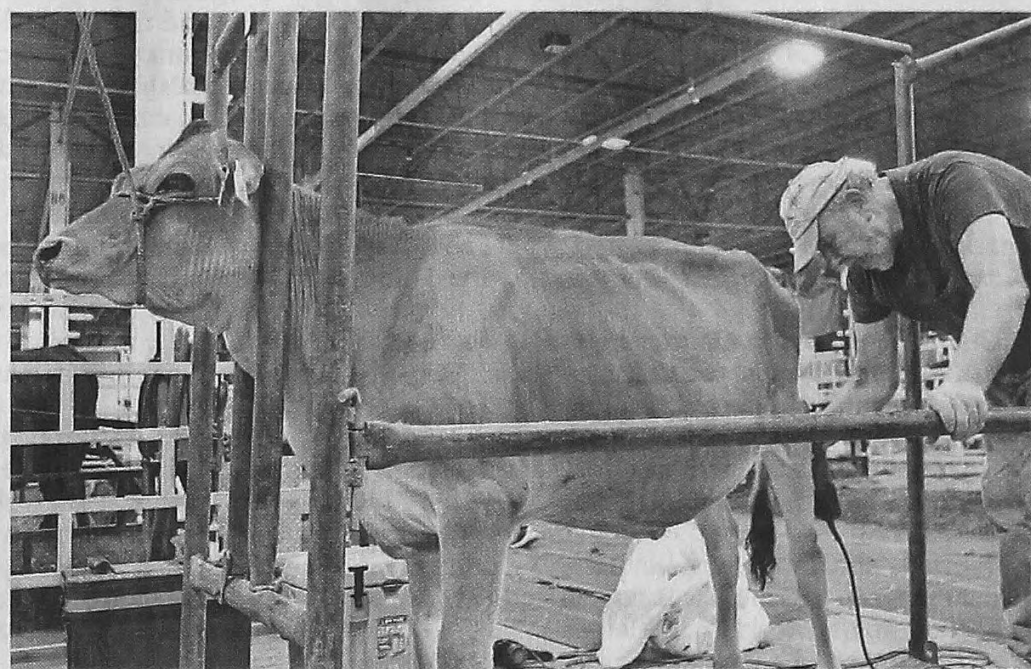
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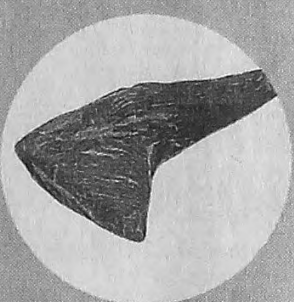
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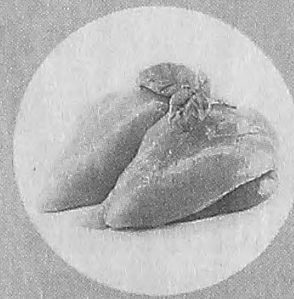
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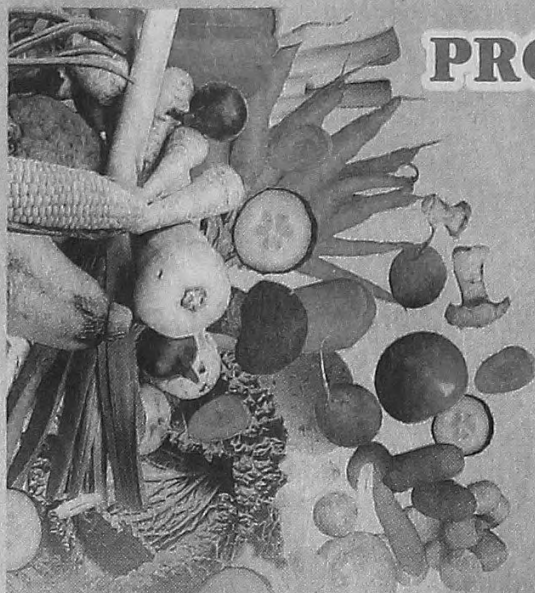
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# SPORTS

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Hartland quarterback Brad Sollom winds up for a pass. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Hartland steals momentum from Novi to secure victory

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Novi's offense thought it had something brewing.

Trailing 12-0 late in the fourth quarter, junior quarterback Luke Aurilia took the ball at his own 13-yard line, immediately throwing a pass that led to a Hartland pass interference call, giving the Wildcats some room to work with.

After a dropped pass in the middle of the field by senior Bacari Scott, Aurilia didn't slow down.

The next snap, he saw a wide-open receiver in senior Tyler Patrick in the bubble, taking it 72 yards for their first

score of the game.

Momentum had not been on Novi's side up to that point. Trailing by five with four minutes left, the Wildcats had hope.

Sam Clay squashed that hope immediately.

The Hartland wide receiver and defensive back took the kickoff to the house for a touchdown, securing the Eagles' 19-7 win against Novi.

"When we gave it up there, we had some momentum and the kids were starting to believe a little bit. And so was I," Novi coach Jim Sparks said. "I had a good feeling there. ... They didn't quit, but it was a tougher sell."

### One catch favors Hartland

For the majority of the first half, Hartland and Novi held each other to a defensive stalemate.

But Hartland senior quarterback Brad Sollom had to try something.

Facing a second-and-10 from the Novi 27-yard line, the Eagles' quarterback threw up a ball to the end zone, trying to capitalize on a one-on-one. Sparks said Scott, the defensive back, did everything he could: getting inside leverage and getting both his hands on the ball. But as he tumbled to the

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# Four HS football questions ahead of Week 3

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The high school football season rolls on.

With Week 3 upon us, here are a few key storylines for teams in the Hometown Life coverage area to keep an eye on.

### Will Livonia Churchill keep up with Belleville?

Many expected Churchill's 2021 season to start the way it has.

Facing Salem and John Glenn, two bottom-of-the-barrel KLAAs teams, the Chargers offense feasted, combining for 91 points, including 53 against a Rockets defense that allowed 495 yards in Week 2. With seniors loaded at each offensive skill positions — from quarterback Taj Williams to wide receiver Bailey Brooks — Churchill seems to be clicking.

But the Chargers' first test will be a big one: Belleville. The Chargers are 0-3 against the Tigers in school history, losing 35-14 in both 2019 and 2020, while falling 48-24 in their first matchup in 2018.

Belleville hasn't lost a step heading into 2021 either, outscoring Plymouth and Dearborn III-7 in the first two games of the season.

This is where Churchill's experience is expected to come in handy. Will knowing what to expect overcome the amount of talent the Tigers have in their locker room? That's what Churchill needs to figure out if it wants its first-ever win against the KLAAs East powerhouse.

### How does Lakeland respond to first test?

Lakeland's 2021 season has been smooth sailing.

The Eagles' offense is on fire, scoring more than 40 points in back-to-back games for the first time since 2014 and allowing less than three touchdowns in each of their wins.

While South Lyon and Waterford Mott both head into Week 3 with undefeated records along with Lakeland, the Eagles will face its first true test of the season on the road against Walled Lake Western.

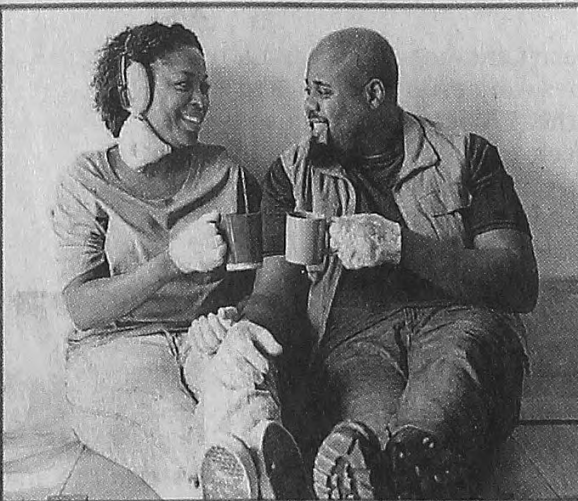
The Warriors earned their first win of the season Sept. 2 against Walled Lake Northern, beating the Knights by

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An Oak Park defender brings down Churchill wide receiver Bailey Brooks. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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a touchdown. While Walled Lake Western's high-octane passing offense hasn't blown anyone away yet — scoring 28 points in each of its first two games — Drew Viotto and company do have that potential.

Lakeland's first test will be defined through its ability to make the Warriors offense one dimensional, something the Eagles had trouble doing in their last meeting: a 41-16 loss in the 2019 opener.

### Will Canton turn it around?

Canton came into the 2021 season aiming to make a run for its second-straight KAAA West title. Instead, it hasn't been too pretty.

The Canton offense has not scored more than three touchdowns in a game against either Dearborn Fordson or Howell. Its defense had difficulty stopping either one: allowing a combined 79 points in two games.

This isn't normal for Canton, who comes into the third week of the season without a win for the first time in 23 years.

Prior to the start of the season, head coach Andrew LaFata said there would be a learning process to see who would

develop into leaders on this roster. After two weeks, it remains to be seen who will lead Canton to victory.

Canton has a chance to get into the win column Week 3 against a Plymouth team that's seen its own share of struggles over the past two seasons.

### How will Livonia Stevenson respond?

Livonia Stevenson had a memorable season opener, holding on for a one-point victory against Northville, helped by an impressive performance by running back Matthew Gazzarato.

Week 2 gave the Spartans a bit of a wake-up call.

The Spartans struggled to contain a Dearborn Fordson offense that gave Canton fits in the season opener with senior quarterback Alex Osman and senior Antonio Gates Jr., who's a weapon on both sides of the ball.

With an experienced quarterback in Kyle Brown, the Spartans will have a chance to regroup against John Glenn. Look for the defense to be challenged by the Rockets' passing game: their bread-and-butter under second-year head coach Calvin Griggs.

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## WEEK 3 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	Phil Allmen	Coin Flip
Livonia Churchill vs. Belleville	Belleville	Belleville	Belleville	Belleville
Dearborn vs. Livonia Franklin	Dearborn	Dearborn	Dearborn	Livonia Franklin
Livonia Stevenson vs. Westland John Glenn	Livonia Stevenson	Livonia Stevenson	Livonia Stevenson	Livonia Stevenson
Wayne Memorial vs. Dearborn Fordson	Dearborn Fordson	Dearborn Fordson	Dearborn Fordson	Wayne Memorial
Canton vs. Plymouth	Canton	Canton	Canton	Plymouth
Howell vs. Northville	Howell	Northville	Howell	Howell
Salem vs. Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Salem
U-D Jesuit vs. Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	U-D Jesuit	U-D Jesuit
Detroit Catholic Central vs. Naperville Central (IL)	Detroit Catholic Central	Detroit Catholic Central	Detroit Catholic Central	Detroit Catholic Central
Walled Lake Northern vs. Milford	Walled Lake Northern	Walled Lake Northern	Milford	Milford
South Lyon vs. Walled Lake Central	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon
Waterford Mott vs. South Lyon East	Waterford Mott	South Lyon East	South Lyon East	Waterford Mott
Walled Lake Western vs. Lakeland	Lakeland	Lakeland	Lakeland	Walled Lake Western
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Detroit Country Day vs. Detroit University Prep Science and Math	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day

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## Momentum

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ground with Hartland receiver Alex Yon, the referees conferred, saying Scott lost possession and gave the first touchdown of the game to Hartland.

"It was huge," Hartland coach Brian Savage said. "It was like a defensive juggernaut out here. Nobody could do anything. That was obviously giving us a little momentum and didn't spark us tremendously, but it gave us enough of a spark to get things going and finally figure it out in the second half."

The Novi defense remained stout in the final 24 minutes, allowing 124 yards of offense and forcing a fumble on the Eagles' second drive of the third quarter — following up two first-half interceptions by Cam Bloom and Blake Ellison.

"The first half, they couldn't move the ball on us at all," Sparks said. "They have a very good quarterback. I think we held him under check for the most part. We defended the deep balls. They hit a couple underneath, had a couple PIs, but overall, every aspect of our defense played very well."

But Hartland still found a way, using two field goals — a 51-yard bomb and a 42-yarder by senior and LSU commit Nathan Dibert — and the kickoff return touchdown to keep Novi at arm's length.

### Novi's offense goes dark

Novi's first offensive play from scrimmage didn't set the tone it was looking for. Aurilia took the snap, fumbling with possession and falling on it for a 12-yard loss.

From that point forward, a Wildcat offense that scored 28 points in its season opener against Wayne Memorial had a reality check.

Novi recorded 213 yards of offense — 72 of which came from the bubble-screen score from Aurilia to Patrick in the fourth quarter — turning the ball with three interceptions by Clay, senior linebacker Aiden Martino and senior defensive back Isaiah McPherson, along with four turnovers on downs.

"We got kids that make plays," Savage said. "Sam Clay made I don't know how many plays out there. Aiden Martino had a pick on a key third-and-long. Our defensive line just swarmed the ball and they just played as a unit and did a great job."



Novi High fans lean in for a group selfie during the Sept. 2 game at Hartland. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

As time ticked down, Sparks saw that hope in his offense. He saw what it did against Wayne Memorial in the season opener: watching his junior quarterback find a way to set up a veteran receiver for a big play.

But he knows his defense is ahead of the offense. He knows that Novi was facing a defense that didn't allow a single point to a Livonia Franklin team that had a lot of experience coming back on its offense.

Sparks doesn't know specifics, but he knows Novi has work to do to get back to the feeling the Wildcats were introduced to a week ago.

"We won a game last week. You get that feeling and you learn to love winning," Sparks said. "The kids never quit. It sounds very cliché, but they played hard."

Novi will look for its second win of the season on the road at Salem, while Hartland takes its undefeated record on the road against Livingston County rival Brighton.



Hartland's Benatham Deman, left, tries to put pressure on the Novi quarterback.



# Howell football wins 'cage match' by beating Canton at its own game

Bill Khan Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

HOWELL – August Johanningsmeier might be the best football player in Livingston County, as his coach insists.

He's certainly on a very short list of candidates.

But there's no doubt he faces the toughest workload of any player in the county.

It would be more than enough for most players to carry the ball as often as he does, but this year he's added extra duty as a starting defensive end, the position he's projected to play at Western Michigan.

Johanningsmeier carried the ball 26 times for 201 yards and two touchdowns Thursday night in Howell's 41-21 victory over Canton, the defending KLAA West champion and perennial state power.

"It will be great to have a day off," Johanningsmeier said. "It will be really nice."

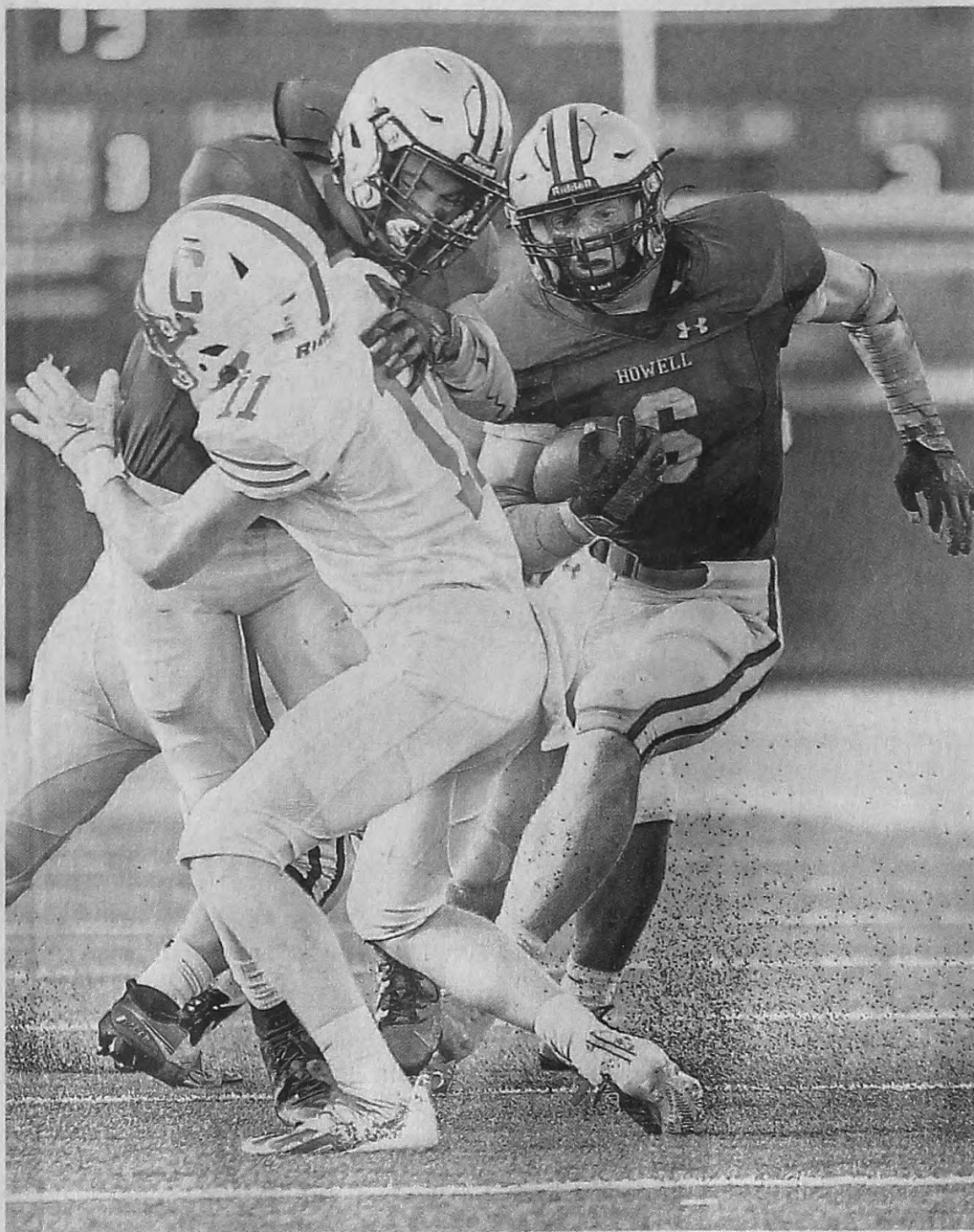
His touchdowns came on 4-yard runs, but he set up three touchdowns with runs of 67, 58 and 33 yards.

"I believe he's the best player in Livingston County," Howell coach Brian Lewis said. "He showed that tonight. Not only does he play offense, he plays defense as well. He plays a physical position on defense."

"Where some of those guys on the outside can go run around a little bit and not get the pounding or play as physical, August is being physical every single moment of every game. That's what was impressive tonight, was he had those eyes to him. He had that look that he wanted the ball. He made some big-time runs, and that's why he's a Division I player."

It was a statement victory for Howell (2-0), which hasn't won a division championship in 11 years. Canton, meanwhile, has missed the playoffs only once in the last 21 seasons.

"Playing Canton, every year it's a great game," Howell quarterback Nolan Petru said. "They're one of the top (teams) in the division. They won it last



Howell's August Johanningsmeier cuts behind a block by Noah Ramonaitis, gaining some of his 201 yards in a 41-21 victory over Canton on Sept. 2.

TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

year. We love playing top competition. We were pumped to play this game. It's what we expected to do."

The Highlanders rolled up 320 yards on the ground, but their opening salvo was a 53-yard pass from Petru to Jackson Kovarik on a flea-flicker on the first

play from scrimmage. Petru pitched the ball to Johanningsmeier, who tossed it back to the quarterback.

"We were hoping everyone would be keying on August," Petru said. "He's such a great player. ... Jackson got that much separation and it worked."

With Johanningsmeier setting the table, senior Noah Ramonaitis had three 1-yard touchdown runs as Howell's most reliable finisher in goal-line situations. He scored twice on fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line in the first half.

"We knew it was going to be a cage match," Ramonaitis said. "When you're head-up like that, we knew it was coming. So, we're just trying to get as many guys up there and push it through as an entire team."

Howell led 27-7 at halftime. Canton scored touchdowns on its first two possessions of the second half, but the Highlanders responded each time with clock-draining scoring drives.

After getting a fourth-down stop with 6:18 left in the game, Howell ran out the clock from there.

"They're just tough," Canton coach Andy LaFata said. "They're tough. They play a great brand of football. Just being a fan watching, it's what you love to see. Power-I, running it up there. It's our brand of football. Credit to them, their kids, their line. They run hard, they're coached well. They deserve everything. They're going to have a lot of wins this year."

The Chiefs are off to an 0-2 start for only the second time in the last 23 years, losing to quality Dearborn Fordson and Howell teams.

"A lot of the things we see are fixable," LaFata said. "It's getting back to the drawing board, getting back to work. Two great teams from Fordson and today coach Lewis and Howell. They came and played our brand of football and beat us at it."

It was meant as a compliment, but Lewis views Howell's smash-mouth performance through a different prism.

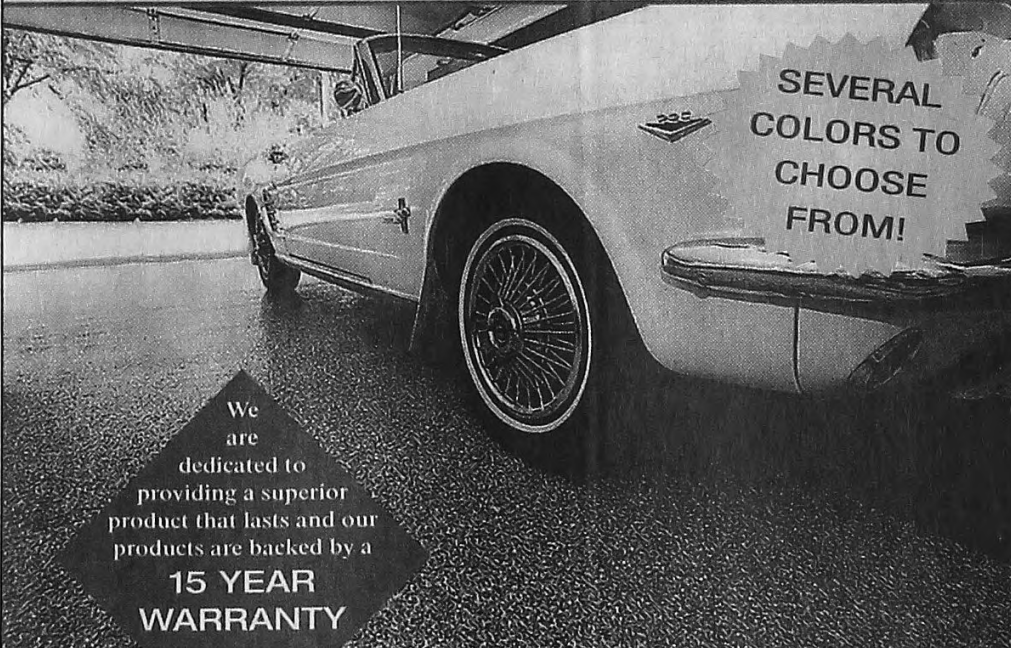
"To me, that's Howell football," Lewis said. "That's what we're about. Everybody keeps talking about Canton, but Howell showed what we've got tonight. That's what it's about. We worry about us. That's what we put on the field. We had a bunch of guys believing in the mission tonight, and it was fun to watch."

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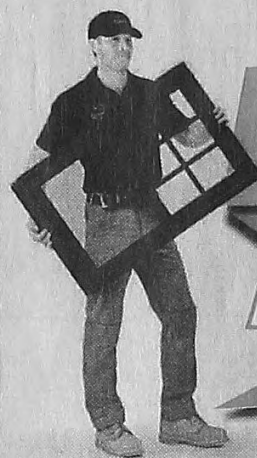
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# Little-known receiver had big impact on Lions' GM

**Dave Birkett** Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

The Lions were considering potential upgrades for their receiving corps when director of pro scouting Rob Lohman approached general manager Brad Holmes with a name to consider.

"He comes to me and says, 'Have you seen this Denver receiver?' " Holmes said Thursday. "I said, 'Who?' And he said, 'Trinity Benson.' And I had the same response as probably everybody else had and I said, 'Who the hell is Trinity Benson?'"

A little-known receiver from East Central University in Ada, Ok., (student body: 3,900), Benson did big things for the Broncos this preseason.

He led the Broncos with eight catches for 80 yards, scored two touchdowns and took a turn returning punts and kicks.

And when it became obvious Benson was on the roster bubble in Denver, Holmes made a move to acquire the speedy receiver and upgrade a Lions receiving room that looks to be the team's weakest position.

"When I first watched the tape, I was like, 'Wow,'" Holmes said. "He just popped off. He had juice, he had explosiveness. His upside as a route runner, it gets you really excited for a young guy. And then the more work you do from an intangible standpoint, he's a tough kid that's a hard worker, he's smart, does things the right way, so that's kind of when I called (Broncos GM) George (Patton) and kind of see if we could get something worked out."

The Lions were seventh in the waiver priority, but Holmes was not interested in waiting to see if the Broncos released Benson — they were deciding between Benson and Diontae Spencer for the No. 5 receiver job — and trusting that the six teams in front of the Lions would not claim him on waivers.

(The Jaguars, who were first in the waiver order, did claim a receiver off waivers, Tyron Johnson from the Chargers.)

Benson's role is to-be-determined this fall in the Lions' unheralded but crowded receiver room.

The Lions have seven receivers on their 53-man roster: Starters Tyrell Wil-



Lions receivers Kalif Raymond (left) and Tyrell Williams go through drills during training camp in July. KIRTHMON F. DOZIER/DFP

liams, Kalif Raymond and Amon-Ra St. Brown; Benson and waiver claim Khadare Hodge; and backups Quintez Cephus and Tom Kennedy, who won jobs with strong training camps.

While keeping a seventh (and maybe even a sixth) receiver seems like a luxury for a Lions team thin on talent, Holmes disputed the notion the Lions have a subpar receiving group.

"I know they say these aren't the superstars that are jumping off the table, but (Lions coach) Dan (Campbell) and I see the narrative probably a lot definitely than probably the outside," Holmes said. "We feel really, really good and we have faith in the group that we have."

Hodge, who signed with the Rams as an undrafted free agent in 2019 — when

Holmes was the team's college scouting director — and later played for the Browns when Lions exec John Dorsey was GM, is another explosive receiver with special teams ability.

Both he and Benson should compete for gameday roles in Detroit, though Cephus and Kennedy were two of the Lions' most productive pass catchers in the preseason.

Holmes said the Lions kept seven receivers not to make a statement about their talent at the position or the importance of the unit as a whole, but simply because they were seven of the best 53 players they could assemble, regardless of position.

The Bills, Jets, Ravens and Washington are the other NFL teams with seven

receivers on their current 53-man rosters, according to depth charts compiled by OurLads.com. The Cowboys, Colts and Titans also have seven or eight receivers, but have one or more players at the position on the reserve/COVID-19 list.

"We're not going to eliminate a good football player because it's an overkill at a position," Holmes said.

"So when you look down and you get to Tyrell and Kalif and St. Brown, and then you get to Cephus, then you get to Tom Kennedy, and it's like, 'Well, Tom Kennedy, he's had a hell of a camp.' It's not like, oh, we get to Tom Kennedy. 'Well, you can't keep him because now you're at five and six.' No, Tom Kennedy, earned it. He had a great camp."



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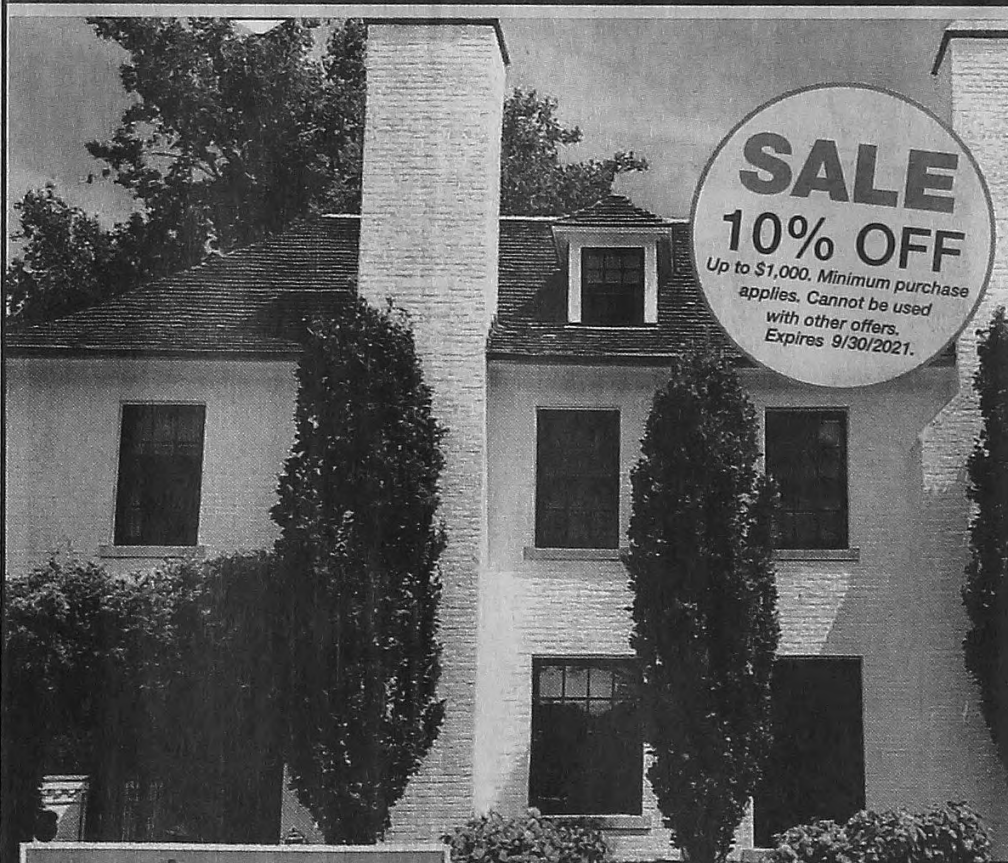



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**New scene shop addition and remodeling of existing auditorium**

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools requests Bids for the above-referenced Project. Bids will be received through Building Connected until **10:00 AM on 9.21.21.**

- All Bids shall be submitted electronically on or before the Due Date through Building Connected: <https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5ae227ade0d395000fd24541> (McCarthy and Smith Plan Room)
- For instructions on how to submit a Bid please go to the following link: <https://buildingconnected.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360010222793-How-to-submit-your-Bid-through-BuildingConnected->

**Bids submitted after the Due Date will not be opened, considered or accepted by the Plymouth Canton Community Schools**

**Faxed and/or E-mail Bids will not be accepted by the Owner or Board of Education.**

**Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud and tabulated, beginning at approx. 10:00 AM on 9.21.21. Bid opening will be publicly conducted via a Zoom meeting.**

For access to the Zoom Meeting, please go to the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87652563110>

This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed Bids for the following Bid Divisions:

102: Site Excavation/Utilities and Asphalt Paving	103: Selective Demolition
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106: Masonry	107: Steel
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115: Metal Stud / Drywall	116: Hard Tile
117: Acoustical Treatments	118: Carpet / Resilient Tile Flooring
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125: Toilet Partitions	128: Prefabricated Case Work
130: Window Treatments	134: Stage Equipment
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142: HVAC	143: Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Architecture** will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; the Builder's Exchange, Lansing and Washtenaw Contractors Association.

Bidding Documents will be available beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2021 via Building Connected.

There will be a **Pre-Bid Meeting on Wednesday, September 8 at 1:00 p.m. at Meeting Location, located at 46181 Joy Rd, Canton, MI.** The purpose of the meeting will be to review the Project Bidding Documents & schedule, and to answer any questions Bidders may have. Following the meeting, the Bidders will have the opportunity to visit the Project site. The pre-Bid meeting is not a mandatory meeting; however, Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. **A FACE MASK WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE WORN INSIDE OF THE BUILDING DURING THE PRE-BID MEETING.**

All Bids **must** include the following sworn and notarized statements:  
 - Familial Disclosure Affidavit (Section 004205)  
 - Iran Linked Business Affidavit (Section 004210)  
 - Criminal Background Check Affidavit (Section 004220)  
 The Board of Education will not accept a Bid that does not include these sworn and notarized disclosure statements.

Bids shall be submitted electronically into Building Connected. Bid security by a quality surety in the form of a Bid bond, cashier check, or certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid shall be submitted with each Bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the Plymouth Canton Community School District, is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the Bid or the failure of the Bidder to enter into a Contract for performance. All cashier's checks must be scanned and submitted electronically through Building Connected by the Due Date and be delivered to 454 South Harvey St Plymouth MI 48170 to the attention of Deborah J Piesz, within 48 hours of the Due Date. The School District will not consider a Bid that does not include a Bid security. Further, the Bidder will execute the Contract, provide the required insurance certificate(s) and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract but prior to Work commencing.

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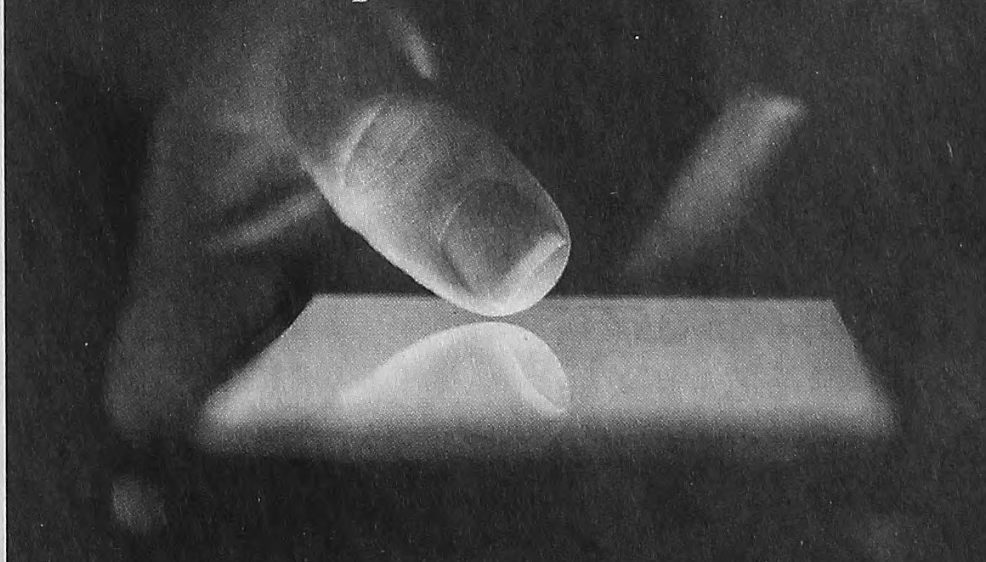
The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids, either in whole or in part, to waive any informalities and irregularities therein, or to award the Contract to other than the Bidder (s) submitting the best financial Bid (low Bidder), in its sole and absolute discretion.

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To the person who adopted Tasha, 1 yr old purebred black/tan German Shepherd, from the humane society in Ann Arbor at the end of December 2020:  
I would like to offer you \$12,000.00 for returning Tasha to us. I will also cover her umbilical hernia repair if you had the surgery performed. I was planning when Tasha was 1 1/2 yrs. to have her spayed as well as her hernia repair and gastropexy (breed prone to bloat). Also to follow up on her spleen and blood work. Her two aunts had splenomegaly (had the spleen removed with treatment) and HYPERTHYROIDISM with treatment. I was misdiagnosed for asthma leaving another condition untreated. (I have since recovered). This led me to believe along with the doctor, I had allergies to Tasha and Eve. The Allergist/Immunologist who also misdiagnosed me said the dogs were making my asthma worse. This is why I brought Tasha and Eve to the Humane Society. So excruciating painful! I later tested negative for asthma and properly treated. No words to describe how I feel giving up Tasha & Eve was preventable if I was diagnosed properly. Each provider followed the original doctors misdiagnosis. (Medical records available). The family who adopted Eve returned her to us and she offered for you to call her. I will give you her number. We love Tasha and Maize (We kept the name the family gave). We would also love to have them reunited and playing together again. My health is back to normal. If it was an issue I certainly would not have taken Maize back nor ask for Tasha. I never would have given Tasha and Maize up if I had providers who diagnosed me correctly. Maize had her gastropexy, blood work and spleen exam on 8/9/2021. We have always taken excellent care of our animals and with vet care. I hope you will consider my offer for Tasha's return. We love Tasha and are heartbroken. Thank you! Please Respond to: [findshepherd.com](mailto:findshepherd.com)

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2. Conduct safety assessment and conformance support to product engineering teams participating in execution of AAM's functional safety lifecycle;
3. Derive functional safety requirements and technical safety requirements;
4. Perform system and subsystem level functional safety analysis of automotive driveline products such as all-wheel-drive systems, 4x4 systems, limited slip differentials, and electric drive units;
5. Perform safety analysis of automotive driveline embedded control system electrical/electronic architectures and circuit schematics used in actuation of automotive driveline products consistent with ISO 26262-5:2018;
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Position requires: Master's Degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering, or related field, or foreign equivalent education, and 2 years' experience working in a Functional Safety position. Position also requires Automotive Functional Safety Engineer or Automotive Functional Safety Professional certification in ISO 26262. 2 years' experience is required in each of the following:

1. Performing electrical, and system-level safety analysis of driveline products;
2. Defining functional safety requirements, technical safety requirements, and electrical safety requirements for embedded driveline control systems.

Experience may be obtained concurrently. Applicants should apply on line at [careers.aam.com](http://careers.aam.com) and reference ID# JREQ-192154.

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4. Developing analytical design and lab validation testing plans, working with CAE, Component Engineering and Test Engineering to meet requirements, supporting vehicle durability testing at customer proving grounds, and resolving lab validation test and vehicle durability test issues.
5. Working with North America Prototype team and South America plant on preparing component requests, bill of materials, prints, prototype builds instructions, functional checks, and teardown of post test parts.

Position requires: Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering, or foreign equivalent education, and 7 years' experience working in the automotive industry. 7 years' experience is required in each of the following:

1. Developing global driveline axles, from concept design to manufacturing launch.
2. Leading multinational cross-functional teams.
3. Coordinating driveline axle analytical design and lab validation testing, and supporting vehicle durability testing at customer proving grounds.
4. Root cause analysis and resolution of lab test and vehicle durability test issues.
5. Interfacing with customers for design reviews, prototype builds, lab validation testing, vehicle durability testing, and issues resolution.

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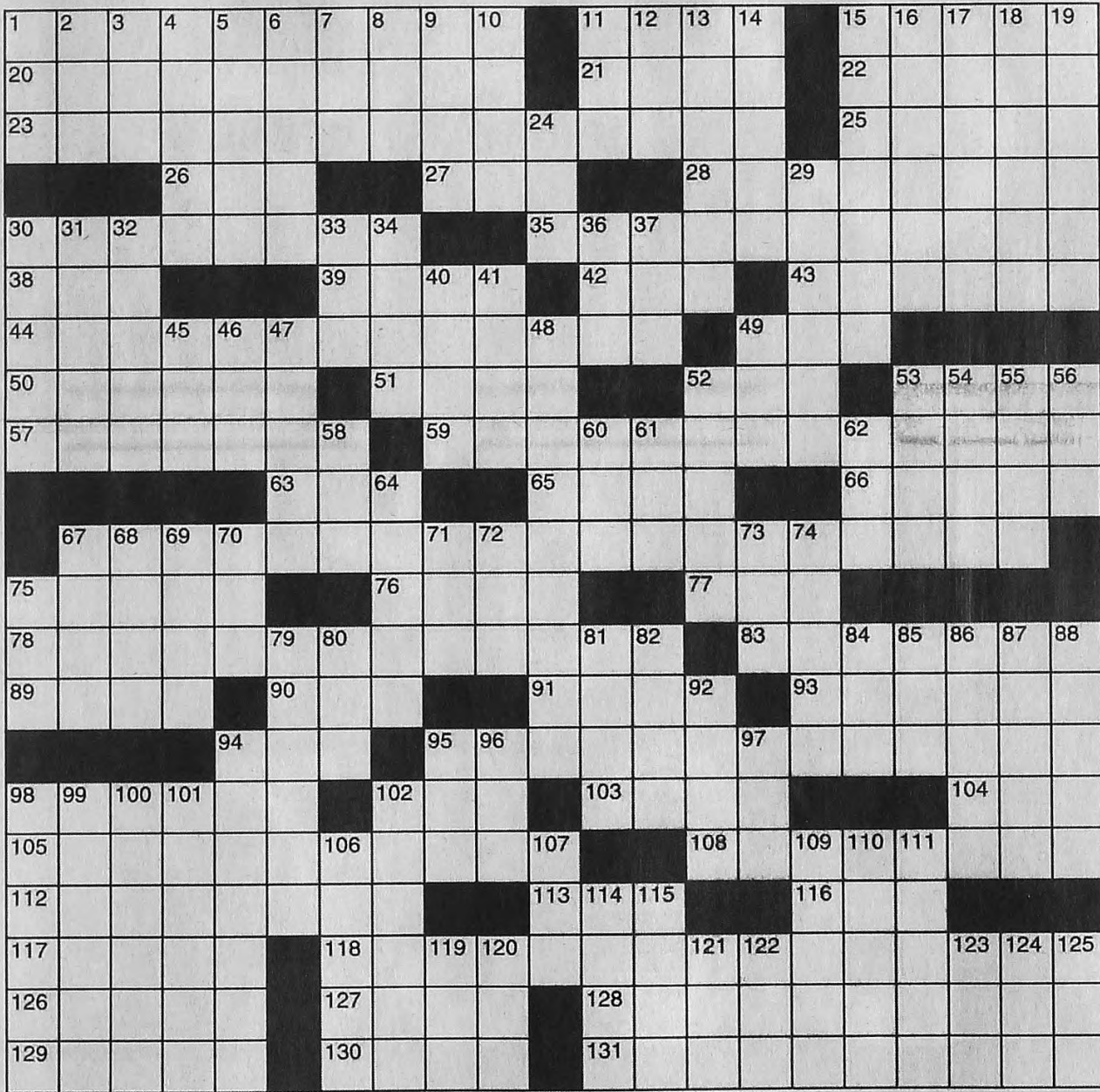
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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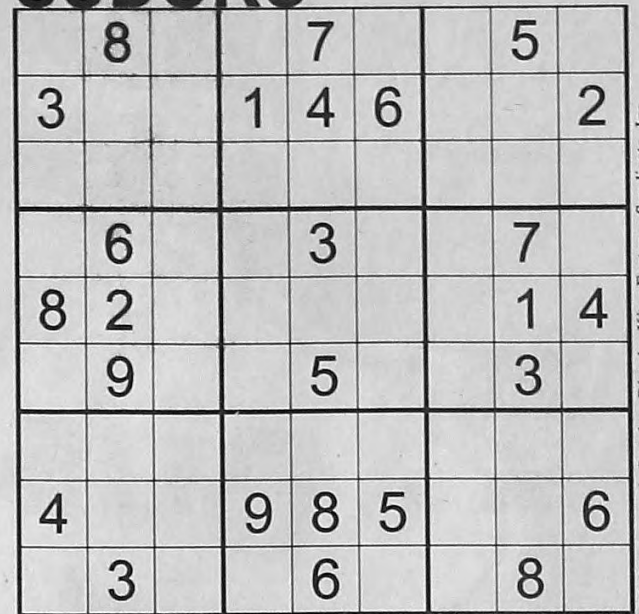
### COOLING TREND

- ACROSS**
- 1 Didn't move any closer
  - 11 Swedish retail giant
  - 15 Frets
  - 20 Book you can't stop reading
  - 21 Pupil's book
  - 22 Palmer of golf, to fans
  - 23 Additional person called on to peruse something
  - 25 Ebbed and flowed, as water
  - 26 Premaritally named
  - 27 Rarity in golf
  - 28 Curative stuff
  - 30 Fills with a crayon, say
  - 35 Feel hopeless about
  - 38 — Grande
  - 39 Bring to ruin
  - 42 Authorize to
  - 43 Tony winner Bernadette
  - 44 Longtime "Masterpiece Theatre" host
  - 49 Increases
  - 50 Corporation combination
  - 51 Malicious
  - 52 Start for historic
  - 53 "I'm outie!"
  - 57 Practice exam, maybe
  - 59 Legendary title figure of a 1999 horror film
  - 63 Granola bit
  - 65 Invalidate
  - 66 Bards' Muse
  - 67 Some schoolkids' judged
  - 75 Startle
  - 76 D.C. VIPs
  - 77 Outback bird
  - 78 Bit of jewelry with a single diamond
  - 83 English class concern
  - 89 Skirt borders
  - 90 Hagen of the stage
  - 91 Egg, in Paris
  - 93 "Lawrence of Arabia" star
  - 94 '60s hallucinogen
  - 95 "Main Street" novelist
  - 98 How silverware is often sold
  - 102 Hip-hop producer Gotti
  - 103 String after J
  - 104 O'Hare abbr.
  - 105 Times of trouble with tresses
  - 108 Has a helping of humble pie
  - 112 Explosion fragments
  - 113 Qty.
  - 116 Pi-sigma link
  - 117 "I — Say No" (song from "Oklahoma!")
  - 118 State flower of Iowa
  - 126 Sporting site
  - 127 — about (circa)
  - 128 Foldaway bed or table, e.g.
  - 129 — -arms (old soldier)
  - 130 Gps. such as Oxfam and CARE
  - 131 Ducted cooling system (and what nine answers in this puzzle have)
  - 4 Like some simple questions
  - 5 Old anesthetic
  - 6 Swindles
  - 7 Lingerie top
  - 8 Darth Vader, as a boy
  - 9 "Juno" actor Michael
  - 10 McDonald's honcho Ray
  - 11 Suffix with Gotham
  - 12 Essential
  - 13 Off the hook
  - 14 Really baffled
  - 15 Lampoons
  - 16 Ribbed cloth for dresses
  - 17 Option for bitter greens
  - 18 Frankfurter
  - 19 Jewish feasts
  - 24 Nourished
  - 29 Ladle
  - 30 Runner's pain
  - 31 OPEC vessel
  - 32 Tours' river
  - 33 Dictator Amin
  - 34 Average
  - 36 Wapiti
  - 37 Witness
  - 40 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
  - 41 Ark "captain"
  - 45 Mil. bigwig
  - 46 Masters peg
  - 47 Fiery felony
  - 48 A unified goal for the future
  - 49 Mentalist Geller
  - 52 GI's chaplain
  - 53 Mag. sales stat
  - 54 "Leave — that"
  - 55 Doesn't delay
  - 56 "Well now!"
  - 58 Tic-toe link
  - 60 Div. of NYC
  - 61 Cup's edge
  - 62 Minuscule
  - 64 — cotta
  - 67 Gin flavorer
  - 68 Not flustered
  - 69 Camera part
  - 70 CPR teacher, maybe
  - 71 Service cost
  - 72 Rainy mo.
  - 73 "U can't be serious!"
  - 74 Hearer of court evidence
  - 75 Fire residue
  - 79 Texas capital
  - 80 — be a pleasure
  - 81 Guitar part
  - 82 Aquatic bird
  - 84 Ocean off Fla.
  - 85 A Stooze
  - 86 It cuts grass
  - 87 Samuel of justice
  - 88 Cut again, as lumber
  - 92 Star status
  - 94 Pounced on
  - 95 Lady of Sp.
  - 96 Climbing vine
  - 97 — funk (sad)
  - 98 1978-80 FBI sting
  - 99 African desert
  - 100 Best Actor winner Brody
  - 101 "Pacific Blue" actress Moakler
  - 102 Like engines in neutral
  - 106 Took back, as one's title
  - 107 Sticky stuff
  - 109 Hearer of court evidence
  - 110 Tom Jones' "— Lady"
  - 111 Reef material
  - 114 Richie's mom, to Fonzie
  - 115 Sticky stuff
  - 119 John, across the pond
  - 120 OR workers
  - 121 John, across the pond
  - 122 Sales check: Abbr.
  - 123 Female cells
  - 124 Six, in Italy
  - 125 Go astray



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com.

## SUDOKU



Difficulty Level ★★★

9/09

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!

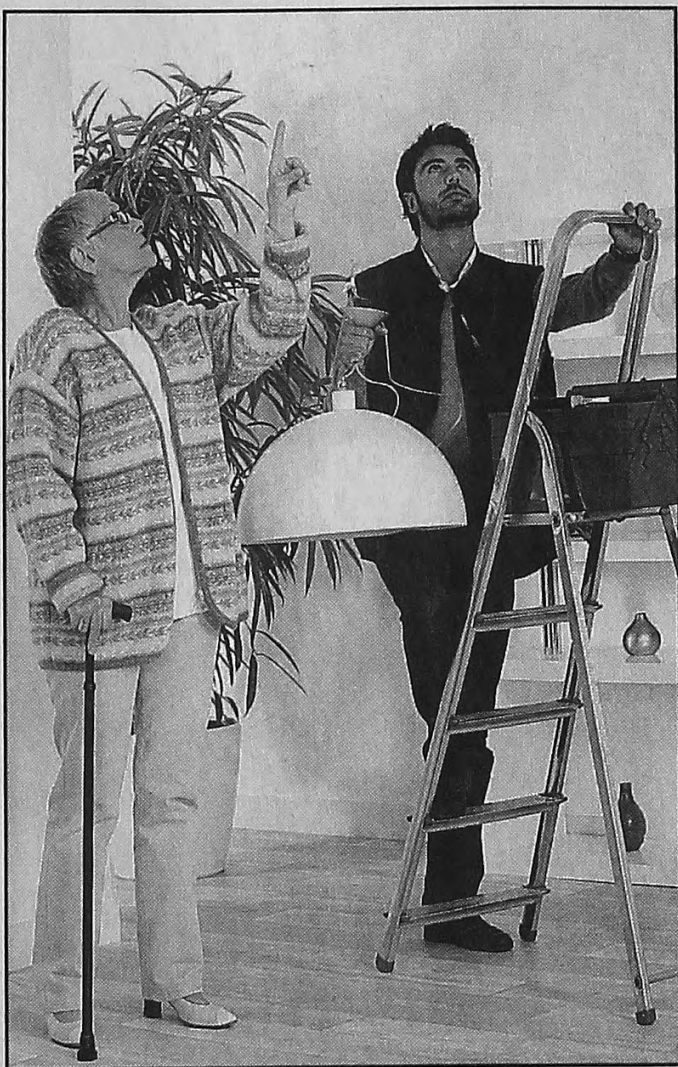
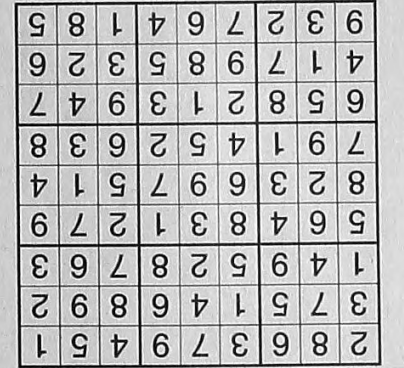
## HEAR THAT?

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.



- BANG
- BEEP
- BELL
- BLARE
- BONG
- BOOM
- BURBLE
- BUZZ
- CHIME
- CLIP
- CLUMP
- CRASH
- DEEP
- DEIN
- DISTINCT
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- NOISY
- PATTER
- PIERCING
- PING
- PLUNK
- POW
- PURR
- QUIET
- RACKET
- RAP
- RESONANT
- ROAR
- RUMBLE
- RUSTLE
- SCREAM
- SCRUNCH
- SHRIEK
- SHRILL
- SNAP
- SOUND
- SPLASH
- SWISH
- THUMP
- TICK
- TING
- TINKLE
- TOPE
- TWANG
- WHIRR
- WHISTLE

## HEAR THAT?



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