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Richelle and Jim Leskun, Jane Nichols and Marilyn Hadley, all residents of Manton Avenue in Plymouth, stand alongside Tonquish Creek, which floods frequently due to damming that can be seen behind the group. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Westland Community Health Center brings ER care to city

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For the first time, there's an emergency room in Westland.

The Westland Community Health Center opened Sept. 1 and, according to Westland Mayor Bill Wild, the addition "is a big deal."

Residents have previously needed to go to neighboring Livonia, Wayne or Garden City for emergency care.

"We're actually the largest city in Michigan that did not have a hospital in our borders," Wild said. "We were always looking to bring a medical facility into our town that could help our residents."

The center stems from a partnership between Garden City Hospital and the city. The hospital had been looking to open a center in Westland, and Wild told hospital administration the city was in need of an emergency room.

"We have a lot of seniors that live in this area," Councilman Mike Londeau said. "It's really going to help our response times. ... I think this is going to tremendously help the safety of our residents."

The Westland Community Health Center, 35700 Warren Road by the Westland Shopping Center, is more than just an ER. The building also includes trauma bays, CT scanning technology, a lab, x-ray technology, family medicine, physical therapy and specialty medicine offices.

The center is a \$10 million investment in the works since mid-2019.

Ambulatory, one-stop medical centers are becoming more popular as health care providers look to give

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Board rejects plan to remedy Tonquish Creek drain flooding

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Confusion reigned during portions of a Sept. 2 Wayne County Drain Commission meeting attended via Zoom by upwards of 200 people — some seeking a remedy to severe backyard flooding, others voicing disapproval for a potential tax increase if repairs or improvements to Tonquish Creek were approved by a three-member Board of Determination.

Board of Determination meetings are organized if the cost of a county drain project is expected to cost more than \$5,000. Project costs can be put on the adjacent property owners' taxes through a special assessment district.

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People who live along Manton Avenue experience severe flooding from Tonquish Creek during heavy rainstorms. COURTESY OF JIM AND RICHELLE LESKUN

Celebrate the season at these apple orchards, cider mills

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It's cider mill season.

This year brings a return to a more normal-looking fall after several cider mills put restrictions in place last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But with

the availability of vaccinations and state restrictions being eliminated, cider mills are largely returning to operations that resemble what they looked like in 2019.

Perhaps one of the most well-known cider mills in metro Detroit is reopening its buildings this year in anticipation.

The Franklin Cider Mill, 7450 Franklin in Bloomfield Township, set a Sept. 4 season opening date. The mill welcomes guests to purchase baked goods and other treats in the main sales area, which was not open last year.

"We're opening up our inside and our outside," said Melanee Peltz Radner,

one of the owners of the mill. "We're still continuing online ordering."

Those who enter the main sales area will be required to wear a face covering, though masks won't be required in the outdoor lower sales area.

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Novi man dies in I-96 highway shooting

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A Novi man died in an apparent targeted shooting along Interstate 96, near Southfield Freeway, according to Michigan State Police.

State troopers tweeted Sept. 6 that patrolling Detroit police officers located a vehicle pierced with bullet holes that afternoon near I-96 and Greenfield Road, which is east of Southfield Freeway.

Detroit first responders transported the driver, 25, to an area hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

A preliminary investigation involved a witness who heard shots fired on the freeway and then saw the victim exit at Greenfield Road.

No other information is available. Anyone with information should call 734-287-5000.

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Attorney for man accused of killing mom gets time to review phone data

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Several gigabytes of texts, emails and other information downloaded from Nada Huranieh's phone has pushed back her son's premeditated murder trial.

Muhammad Altantawi, 20, of Farmington Hills was supposed to go to trial Sept. 7 on a first-degree murder charge, but Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Martha Anderson granted a defense request for more time days before jury selection was to happen.

Attorney David Steingold said he has been pleading for information pertaining to Huranieh's phone since he joined the defense team about a year ago, and the prosecution finally — and very recently — turned over about six gigabytes of information.

Representatives from the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office did not respond to a request for comment, but Steingold said prosecutors agreed to the adjournment.

"This is a due process issue," Steingold said. "We were ready to go."

The new trial date is Nov. 4.

Steingold said he's most interested in reviewing the people Huranieh

communicated with in the days before she died. He's not sure why prosecutors waited so long to download the phone's information.

"I can't call it negligent but it sure is a head scratcher, isn't it?" he prompted.

Altantawi has worked with several attorneys since his mother, 35, was found on the patio of their Howard Road home the morning of Aug. 21, 2017.

In the midst of divorcing her husband, a former Canton-based doctor who pleaded guilty in a medical fraud scandal, the fitness instructor was lifeless after apparently falling from an upstairs window.

Autopsy results ruled the mother of three children died from asphyxia and smothering before appearing on the patio, leading prosecutors to allege her son killed her and staged a scene that implied she fell while using a ladder to wash windows.

Altantawi, then 16, was charged based on evidence that included an interrogation with Farmington Hills police at his family's home. The Michigan Supreme Court has ruled that the session, for the most part, is banned from jury evidence since the teen's Miranda rights were violated.

Still, an Oakland County judge re-

fused to grant him bond and a new preliminary examination.

Steingold expects the trial to last days. Altantawi will have to decide whether to take the stand.

"In the unlikely event that he is convicted, we will most certainly appeal," his attorney said. "But I don't think about appeals. I don't think about sentencing. I'm thinking about one thing and one thing only. That is beating these false charges against Muhammad Altantawi."

Altantawi was supposed to start his senior year at International Academy West in White Lake Township when Farmington Hills police took him into custody because of his mother's death.

Altantawi spent time in Oakland County's Children's Village as attorneys argued his case in 47th District Court, Oakland County Circuit Court, Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court. He was transferred to Oakland County Jail after his 19th birthday.

"We are confident in the quality of our investigation and moving forward in the criminal justice process," Farmington Hills Police Chief Jeff King said, declining further comment.

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Revised Northville Downs development plan earns mixed reviews from residents

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In what may have been the most-anticipated Zoom meeting in the history of Northville, luxury homes developer Hunter Pasteur Homes revealed during a four-hour planning commission meeting Aug. 30 how it plans to turn the Northville Downs racetrack property into a pride-building, revenue-generating showcase for Northvillians.

Armed with eye-popping renderings and joined virtually by a team of homebuilding all-stars, HPH CEO Randy Wertheimer explained in great detail how feedback gathered from Northville residents over the past two years led to major revisions in the firm's initial plans for the property.

"I've listened intently to the city's master plan revision process, gone over every survey and game board, and listened to what residents have had to say," Wertheimer said at the outset of the Zoom meeting. "We've been able to take some of the great ideas we've heard, change our plans and synthesize ideas to really bring what we think is our best foot forward to the planning commission tonight."

In April 2019, Northville planning commissioners agreed that the developer had met the nine planned unit development (PUD) eligibility criteria; however, the project stalled at the more-demanding preliminary site plan stage due in large part to widespread public opposition to the plan.

The owners of Northville Downs entered into a tentative sale of the 50-acre property just south of downtown Northville in 2018. Horse racing has continued at the facility, which is Michigan's only



A conceptual rendering of the Northville Downs development revealed Aug. 30 during a city planning commission meeting. COURTESY OF HUNTER PASTEUR HOMES

venue of its kind.

Even Wertheimer's announcement that the number of housing units in the plan was reduced from 599 in 2019 to 478 didn't win over a number of Northville residents, who voiced their concerns during the citizens comments portion of the meeting.

"I am appalled by the number of residents they're trying to squeeze into such a small area," said lifelong Northville resident Nancy Riegner. "I know it's going to get developed. That's a given. I'd just like to see it developed more responsibly."

"Some of the buildings look like tenements you'd see in Chicago. I don't want to see Northville go down that path."

The idea of adding approximately 1,000 residents within Northville's boundaries concerns Bryan Riegner, Nancy's husband.

"Can our school district handle 20% more residents?" Bryan Riegner asked. "Our schools are full now."

"It appears to be a pretty dense development population relative to what Northville is now," added Sean Nichols. "The majority of the development appears to be townhouses, apartments and row houses. This incongruity is seeming to create a lot of concerns with traffic, safety and higher buildings."

The presentation had its share of supporters, including Michelle Aniol, who resides just east of the planned development.

"This plan is head and shoulders above what was presented (in 2019)," Aniol said. "I won't say I agree with everything they're proposing, but it's just the start of the process."

"The density proposed the first time didn't bother me and it doesn't bother me now. I'm not afraid of more people living in Northville and I don't think it will change the city's character. If any-

thing, I think it's going to enhance the character."

Northville resident Ryan Mckindles agreed with Aniol's take.

"I've seen the presentation before and every time I see it I come away impressed each time," said Mckindles. "I feel the developer has taken the feedback well and has been thoughtful about it. They've reduced density, they're daylighting the river and increased connectivity."

"They've gotten the big things right. They've shown an aptitude for listening to the citizens, which is the best quality they can have right now."

Wertheimer said the conceptual plan that was delivered Aug. 30 includes the daylighting of the 1,200-foot section of the Middle Rouge River, which has been covered for close to 100 years, and maintaining one-third of the site as green space.

"Keeping this much green space or park space in a development this size is almost unheard of," Wertheimer said. "Density is a conundrum. Without a certain level of density, all of this green space isn't possible."

"There's got to be a balance. Quite frankly, some of this density is going to support a lot of the businesses in downtown Northville."

Wertheimer said the revised plans address "hot-button" issues like connectivity, diversity of housing and the scale of buildings along Cady Street.

"The connectivity in this plan — whether it be walking paths, bike paths or vehicular — is tremendous," Wertheimer said. "Connectivity has been a big focus of ours."

"We know there needs to be diversity in housing in Northville, which is why we incorporated five different housing types. Every demographic has been spoken to."

Wertheimer acknowledged a marked increase in traffic is also a hot-button topic for residents.

"We will support — financially and every other way — whatever traffic solutions the city and its traffic planners believe will work," Wertheimer said.

Bryan Riegner noted that the intersection of Seven Mile Road and Center Street is currently congested in the early afternoon and evening five days a week — with no Downs development.

"If you add up to 1,000 more vehicles, how will these roads handle this?" Riegner lamented.

The range in pricing of the units stretched from \$400,000 to \$1.3 million — a scale that concerned planning commissioner Carol Maise and resident Lenore Lewandowski.

"I think the plan needs more affordable housing," she said. "If you take a \$400,000 home, you're talking somebody who makes at least \$10,000 a year, which limits who can live there. I'd also like to see more single-family homes so people can age in place."

Northville resident William Poulos said if the developer released data related to its return on investment, more residents may be willing to accept the plan.

Wertheimer concluded his presentation by emphasizing that the proposed Downs development would be an economic boost for the city, Northville Public Schools and the city's Downtown Development Authority, who would all benefit from annual tax revenue generated by the site.

There was no official action taken following HPH's presentation. A timeline for the next step in the process was not revealed.

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Beware of scammers on social media



Money Matters
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Whether it's Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn, more and more of us are using social media. Unfortunately the scam artists are following suit and have started to use social media as a way to implement their scams.

Over the last few weeks I have read a number of articles about people who have fallen victim to scams involving social media. Whatever the platform, the scam artists have determined that social media is fertile territory for scams.

These scams are taking a number of different forms, and there is no one thing you can do to avoid them. However, being reasonable and using common sense is probably the best way of protecting yourself.

One scam is known as phishing, where scam artists do what they can to obtain your private personal information such as Social Security numbers, passwords and usernames.

The latest phishing scam uses Twitter. In this scenario, the scam artist steals a Twitter account and

sends a message with a link that sends someone to a Twitter login page. That login page is not actually hosted by Twitter, but rather by the scam artist. Therefore, when you enter your information, it goes to the crooks.

How do you avoid being taken advantage by a scam such as this? The bottom line is you have to be very careful as to what you link to.

Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites are also being used for investment scams. People are putting information on these sites touting all sorts of investments and ways to double or even triple your money without risk.

It doesn't matter whether it's a website, social media or someone at a cocktail party - when someone starts touting all sorts of fantastic returns on an investment, that's a sign you should walk away.

I admit I don't use social media; I am somewhat of a dinosaur. However, the reality is more and more people are using it. My advice if you are going to use social media is to have fun with it; however, remember when you use it to never let your guard down.

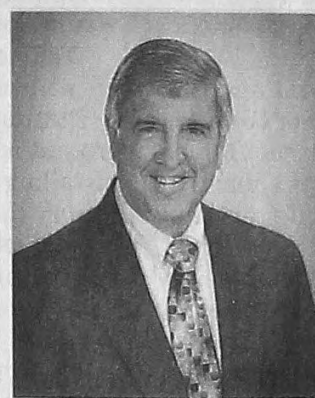
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Farmington author Jones has another hit

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"Dead of Winter" by award-winning author and playwright Stephen Mack Jones (Soho Press, \$27.95) provides great entertainment for readers trying to survive these hot summer days - or nights!

It's the third novel in his highly acclaimed series starring August Snow, a former cop who helped bring down a crooked mayor and won a \$12 million settlement from the city of Detroit for wrongful discharge from the department.

Snow has used a good chunk of his money to revitalize his old neighborhood of Detroit's Mexicantown, buying up dilapidated houses and restoring them.

He's been invited to a meeting with Ronald Ochoa, owner of a major area business with 60 employees that supplies Mexican tortillas to Midwest restaurants and groceries.

Ochoa's being blackmailed for an old debt by those who want him to sell out to shady billionaire land developers; he's trying to convince Snow to buy his company instead.

Snow has no such plans - but when the situation dramatically turns for the worse, he decides to investigate - finding links to an earlier case he dealt with

when he was on duty.

The action quickly escalates; the hero and his associates become moving targets. The half-Black/half-Mexican ex-cop knows how to deal with this, but has his own problems involving his girlfriend, who's half-German/half Somali.

There's violence galore; Snow is not unscathed - but the body count steadily increases. Dark humor abounds and there is a high level of community support; the tension mounts as the exciting tale draws to an unexpected conclusion.

The author, who grew up in Lansing and graduated from J. W. Sexton High School, got a degree from Michigan State University.

After a successful career in advertising and as a playwright, Jones has made a meteoric rise with his first highly atmospheric book "August Snow," which won the Nero Award and the Hammett Prize.

It also received honors as a Michigan Notable Book.

The second novel in the series, "Lives Laid Away" was a national bestseller and "Dead of Winter" is almost impossible to put down.

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DTE to spend \$70M more on tree trimming to prevent power outages

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DTE Energy — which is under fire from customers, consumer groups, municipal leaders, the state attorney general, governor and utility regulators — announced it is spending \$70 million more to remove trees and trim branches to curb power outages.

In addition, DTE President and CEO Jerry Norcia vowed the power company “will do what it takes to protect Michiganders from power outages caused by catastrophic storms and extreme weather patterns.”

The announcement comes nearly two weeks after DTE said it “voluntarily issued” \$100 credits as a one-time courtesy to business and residential customers who lost power for several days.

This summer, customers and consumer groups have been demanding better service from the utility, and sharply criticized what it considered high rates and executive compensation, and low reliability.

“For years now, our residential rates have been skyrocketing, eating up more of family budgets, and yet all we get is more blackouts, longer outage times, and less reliability,” Bob Allison, deputy director for the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, said.

In its announcement, DTE said trees are responsible for almost all of the time DTE customers are without power during extremely high wind events.

But in areas where trees have been trimmed, outages were down, on average, 60%.

Norcia said the company “tripled our tree-trimming effort and doubled our infrastructure upgrades several years ago,” when it began to see more severe

weather patterns. However, he added, the weather the state faced this summer “is something we have never experienced.”

As a result, he said, the company is investing another \$70 million into tree trimming, in addition to the \$190 million budgeted for tree trimming, and it would not affect customers’ bills.

DTE has about 2.2 million customers across southeast Michigan.

Putting the power lines in the ground is about six times the cost of installing overhead lines, and the cost to bury the thousands of miles of overhead electrical lines would cost \$25 to \$30 billion, according to DTE.

The power company added that this summer, it faced five tornadoes and eight storms with wind gusts of 39-74 mph. The high winds and water led to uprooted trees, which also pulled down wires and poles.

After the Aug. 11 storm alone, DTE said crews replaced 450 broken poles.

But many customers — and some community leaders — have taken to social media to publicly question why DTE has such a poor reliability record, and to complain that when their power goes out for several days, all DTE offers is a paltry \$25 credit.

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt and City Manager Pete Auger, along with other city officials, met on Aug. 23 with representatives from DTE Energy to discuss issues and how to resolve them.

“I think it was good,” Auger said of the meeting in which short-term and long-term solutions were discussed. “You can’t stop storms. If you try to get in the way of Mother Nature, she’ll knock you over. But it’s the frequency and duration of these outages we want to fix.”

Plans move forward for rooftop deck at Northville bar

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Northville recently took one more step to having a rooftop deck at one of its most prominent restaurants.

Plans continue to move forward to add a deck atop Exchange Bar & Grill, 157 E. Main St., with recent approvals helping move the project along.

The city’s planning commission heard and reviewed the plans during a virtual meeting held Aug. 17 to add a deck to the top of the restaurant on the corner of Main and East Dunlap streets, which could house nearly 50 seats for guests looking to dine outside on the second floor in the open-air concept.

The plans call for stairs to lead up to the rooftop deck once completed. Robb Burroughs, an Ann Arbor-based architect working on the project, said it’s planned to have guests go up one set of stairs and down another set to better accommodate the flow of traffic inside the building.

“It’s truly intended for single path egress off the roof itself,” he said.

The issue of people moving from the lower level to the top level was one Commissioner Steve Kirk wanted to know more about, especially to keep the space at the required number of people by fire code, which is 49.

The bar’s owner, Grant Baidas, said he planned on having the entrance steps upstairs next to staff to help keep the rooftop from becoming too full at any one time.

“There will be signage. That’s why we had the hostess stand at the access point going upstairs,” he said. “We’ll have communication and we’ll have staffing to make sure that 49 number isn’t exceeded.”

The planning commission opted to recommend approval on both the preliminary and final site plans during its



Lunch-time diners at The Exchange Bar & Grill in Northville enjoy a meal.
JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

meetings. Baidas previously told Hometown Life he hoped to begin work on the deck later this year to be ready for the 2022 season.

The restaurant reopened in the spring under the new name of Exchange Bar & Grill. Formerly Poole’s Tavern, Baidas purchased the business and made several interior improvements inside before planning to add the rooftop deck.

The project was first reviewed by the planning commission back in March when it was still under the Poole’s Tavern name. The rooftop deck is the second phase of work planned at the restaurant: the first phase remodeled the interior of the restaurant before it opened earlier this spring.

The plans received praise from several members, including Kirk, who reminded Baidas that he originally voted “no” on plans earlier this year. But seeing revisions made to the plan, he said he was happy to see it move forward.

“This plan is even better,” he said. “All my questions I had written down ... I have no further comments or concerns.”

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New jewelry shop planned at former Big Boy site in Novi

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There could be a new jewel at the gateway to Novi.

Tapper’s Jewelry submitted plans to the city to construct a brand-new showroom at the northeast corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty at the site of the former Big Boy restaurant, which closed last year.

The plans call for demolishing the former restaurant building and creating a nearly-8,500-square-foot building that would house space the high-end jewelry retailer at the busy intersection on the border with Northville Township.

“It’s the first thing you see coming north on Haggerty,” said Ed Doyle, a vice president with Southfield-based JGA, a branded environments firm working with Tapper’s on the project. “The same thing with Eight Mile coming from the east. We think it’s a very, very important site.”

Plans would see several trees added to the property with the new building being constructed closer to the intersection to give it more visibility.

The plan went before the Novi Planning Commission at its Aug. 25 meeting held at the Novi Civic Center. The commissioner recommended approval of the plans at its meeting, sending it to the city council.

Katrina Barbey, president of Tapper’s and a Novi resident, said they hoped to secure the proper approvals so the company could begin construction on the new building in October.

“This project is near and dear to my heart,” she said. “We’re very thrilled to become a land owner of this incredible property.”

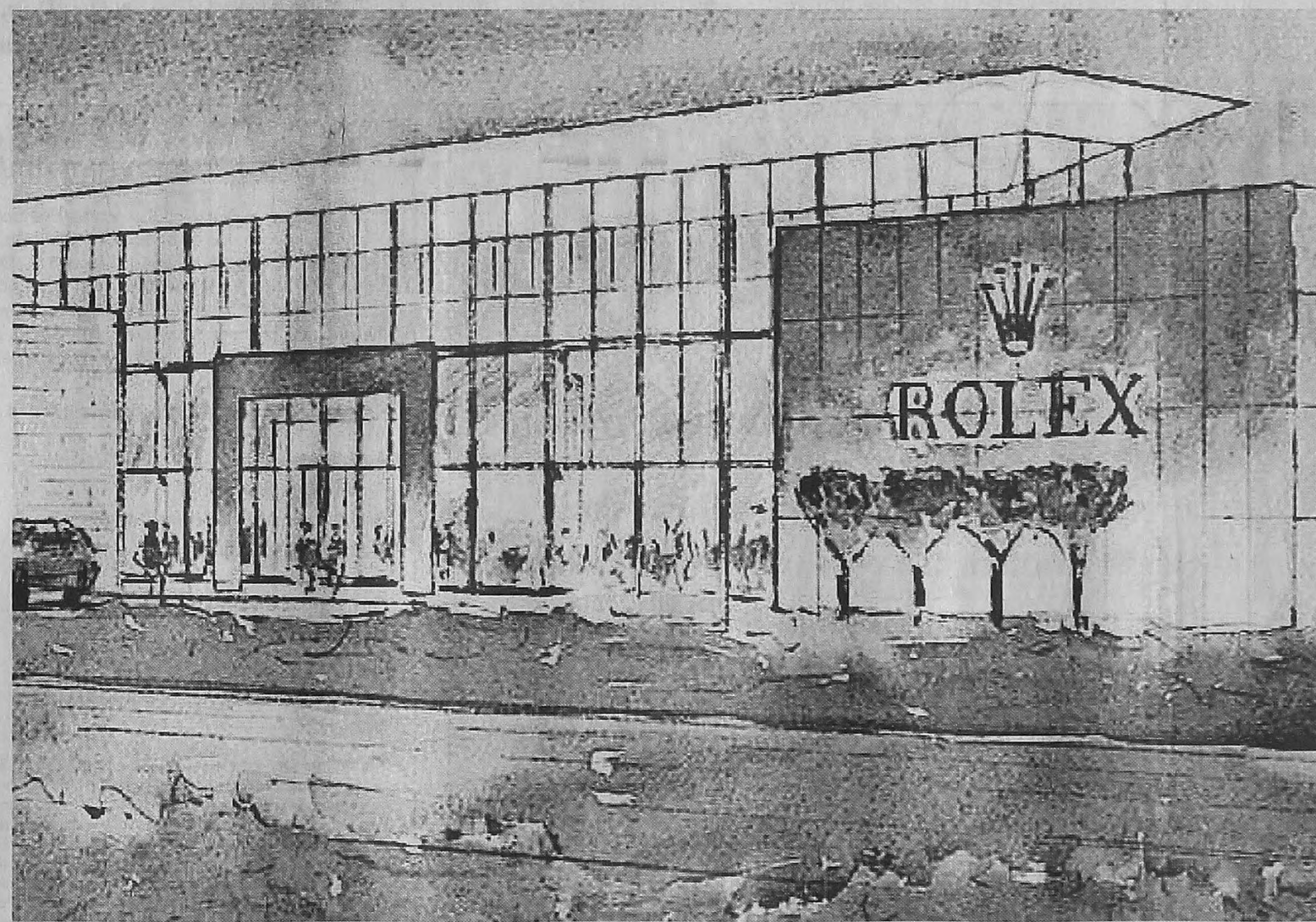
Tapper’s currently operates several showrooms across metro Detroit, including in West Bloomfield Township, at Somerset Collection in Troy and at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. A smaller, appointment-only shop also recently opened in downtown Birmingham.

Several planning commissioner said they weren’t sure about the plans originally, but changed their minds when they saw the renderings and what was planned at the site. That included Commissioner Gary Becker, who said it was a better option to introduce visitors to Novi than the usual corner business.

“I think it’s an absolute perfect use,” he said. “It’s a wonderful gateway building.”

“It sure beats the heck out of another Big Boy, fast food restaurant or gas station.”

The site has remained mostly vacant since the restaurant closed at the begin-



A rendering of the proposed Tapper’s Jewelry shop planned at the corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty in Novi. The shop would sit on the property that Big Boy formerly operated on near Interstate 275. COURTESY OF THE CITY OF NOVI

ning of the COVID-19 pandemic last year. The restaurant’s parking lot was used as a staging area earlier this summer for a protest held by the Michigan Conservative Coalition to protest former President Donald Trump’s loss to current President Joe Biden in the 2020 election. That protest, which has continued weekly, has since moved to another vacant lot at Seven Mile and Farmington in Livonia.

While he agreed with the plans and thought it was a good fit, Commissioner John Avdoulos pointed out potential security issues being so close to a major freeway.

Given its location near the Interstate 275 interchange, Avdoulos said security would have to be a priority in the case of an incident at the shop.

“This is easy access to the expressway. I just want you to be cognizant of that,” he said. “Whoever’s done the damage is going to be long gone before anybody gets there.”

Contact reporter David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.



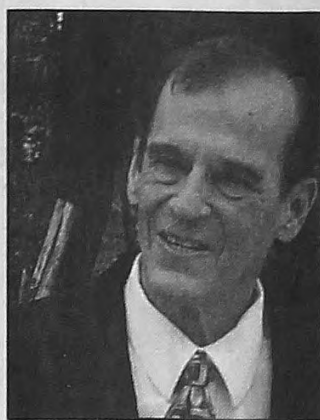
The former Big Boy restaurant at Haggerty and Eight Mile.
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Obituaries

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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.

Please share a memory of "CR" at www.rggrharris.com

David Bradley Mott

THE VILLAGES, FL - David Bradley Mott, 98 years, of the Villages, Florida and of Eastport, Michigan passed away peacefully on August 17, 2021. He was born on January 31, 1923 in Detroit, the oldest son of Ruth and Harold Mott.



David attended Cranbrook School and Dartmouth College. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in WWII and Korea. He began his career as a sales representative in the food industry. He loved all sports, especially sailing, tennis, skiing and pickleball. He enjoyed carpentry and built his cottage on Grand Traverse Bay, in the place he loved.

David is survived by three daughters, Barbara (Mark) Olson, Katherine (Dennis) Wolf and Anne (Mike) Genette; eight grandchildren, Bradley Wolf, Andrea (Drew) Goddard, Erika (Peter) Smith, Ryan Wolf, Kristi (Mark) Karagelian, Brandon (fiancé-Jenny) Genette, Charlie Genette, Greg (fiancé-Sam) Genette; and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by Barbara Mott Hulbert, the mother of his daughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth and Harold Mott; two brothers, Douglas and Richard; and wife Helen Nation Mott.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 3, 2021 at the Eastport Baptist Church, 5910 M-88, Eastport, Michigan. All are invited to participate in a procession to Lakeview Cemetery for a burial with military honors.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 or Munson Hospice House, c/o Munson Hospice, 1150 Medical Campus, Traverse City, MI 49684.

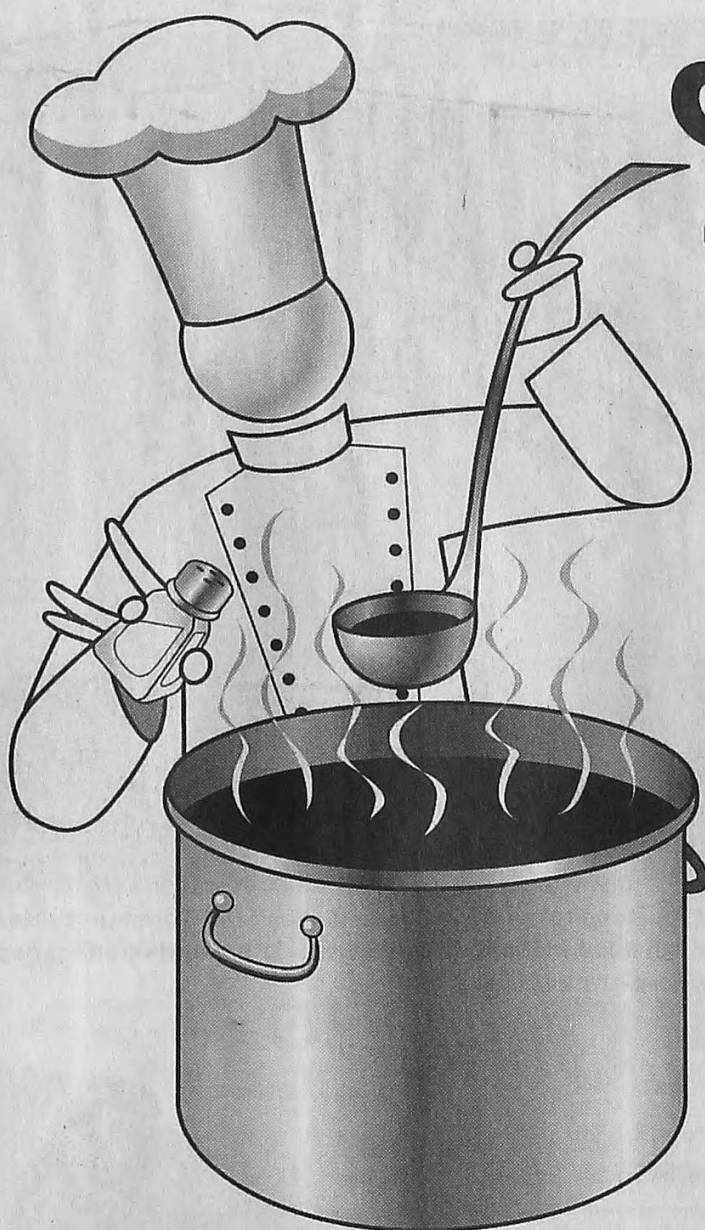
Arrangements are in the care of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.



Ernesta Cisco

MILAN - Age 86 Beloved mother of Curtiss (Hellen) Hunt, Donald (Linda) Hunt, Irene Hilton, Bill (Maria) Cisco, and the late Jim Cisco. Grandma of 10, great grandma of 17, great great grandma of 2. Sister of John (Nina) Aimar, Frances (Jim) Pickett, and the late Lucy (Charles) Palazzolo, Antoinette (Dennis) Robertson, and Sam Aimar. Daughter of the late John and Irene Aimar. She will be missed by her cat Olivia, and her dog Zuber. Funeral services were held. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorials to Penrickton Center for the Blind Taylor, Michigan. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

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Flooding

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Following state law, a notice for the meeting was mailed out to approximately 9,000 homeowners who live within the watershed of the creek that runs through Plymouth Township, the city of Plymouth and Canton Township.

The viewers did not learn until several minutes into the Zoom meeting that the only section of the creek affected by the petition that fueled the process was a one-mile stretch (half underground) located solely in the city of Plymouth.

Meeting attendees were encouraged to state whether or not they supported a potential project that would repair or improve the creek so that the three-member board of determination could vote to approve or deny the petition for improvements.

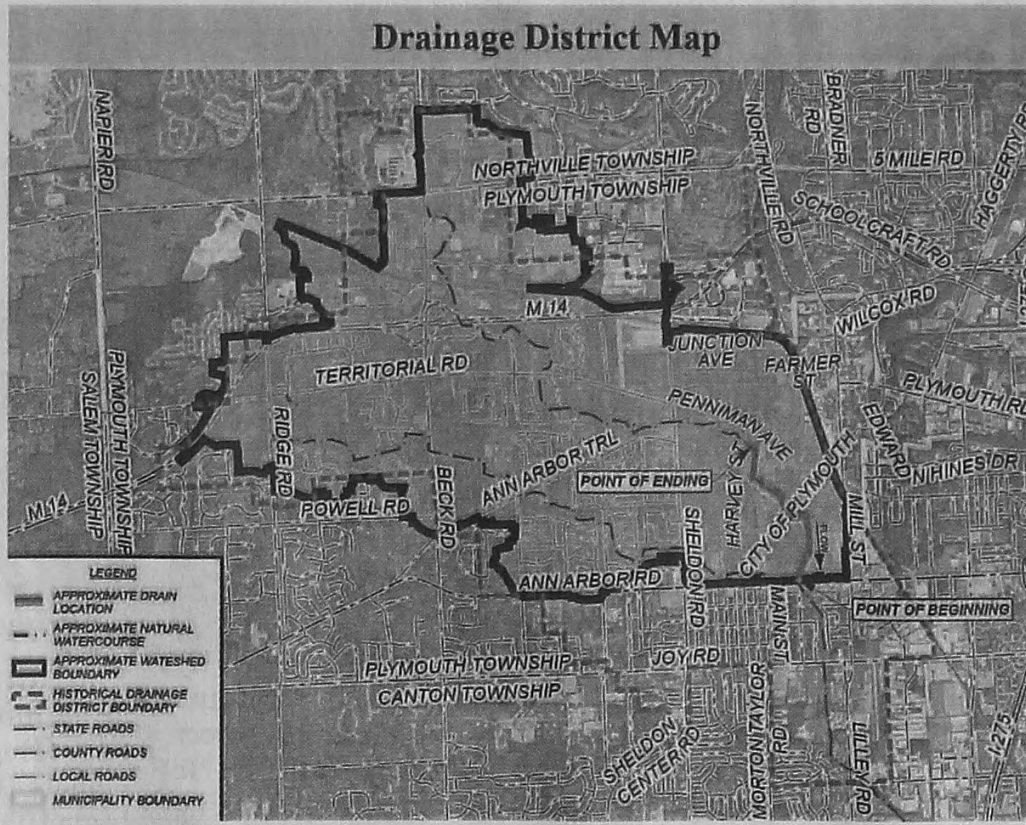
"I'm perplexed with this process," said Plymouth resident Sarah Creem, echoing the sentiments of several other commenters whose properties have experienced excessive flooding. "We all received these notices asking us to show up for the meeting and vote up or down on the project that has, according to the notice, something to do with a 'drainage problem'."

"If approved, is the proposal going to address flooding strictly for the property owners who filed the petition ... or the flooding issues for everyone within the jurisdiction of the watershed? Also, we're asked to vote up or down without knowing how much it is going to cost. It's very perplexing."

Plymouth Township residents Jim and Richelle Leskun watched the meeting with sincere hopes that a project would be approved to solve the severe flooding of Tonquish Creek into their Manton Avenue backyard whenever a hard, fast rain would fall, especially this summer.

A dam of debris — everything from large tree branches, cords of wood, tires and even a wheelbarrow — just to the southeast of the Leskuns' home near Joy and Lilly roads is stopping the creek from flowing naturally and creating massive flooding issues, Jim Leskun theorizes.

"It is awful, absolutely awful, that our backyard has flooded every single time it has rained this summer," Richelle Leskun told the Board of Determination.



A map of the Tonquish Creek drainage district was shared during the Wayne County Drain Commission Zoom meeting. Only the blue line near the lower-right portion of the map would have been repaired if the project was approved.

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Richelle Leskun

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"Whatever has to be done, we are for it because our property value is decreasing tremendously."

The Leskuns then discovered that the section of the creek that floods into their backyard wasn't in the "maintenance or improvement" area of the creek — even if the project had been approved.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise — a former Wayne County drain commissioner — said the notice distributed to watershed homeowners is proper protocol for county drain commissioners.

"Unfortunately, the state has a law that goes back to the 1800s that requires the county to notify all property owners

of record within the watershed of the hearing," Heise said. "This is done because if a project is approved by the Board of Determination, the special assessment is paid for by everyone in the watershed."

"For example, you can have a drain project solely in the city of Plymouth that people in Canton Township would be required to pay part of. That's why Canton Township residents were notified of the hearing so they could share their opinion."

Drain maintenance is not covered by normal county taxes because the Michigan Drain Code (PA 40 of 1956) requires that all expenses of a county drain be paid for by the members of a drainage district as a special assessment. No county general funds are dedicated specifically for drain maintenance.

Plymouth Township resident Bill Rigstad was as frustrated as the Leskuns when he discovered the flooding of the creek into the backyard of his home near the intersection of Lilley and Ann Arbor roads would not be addressed.

"This summer after a two-inch rainstorm the creek behind our house goes from two to four inches deep to six feet

deep, and the water is overrunning the banks of the creek," Rigstad said. "We've lived here 10 years and I've never seen any maintenance to Tonquish Creek."

Plymouth Township resident Gordon Didier wished the 9,000 notices mailed out to drain district residents would have been more specific.

"If the notice would have listed the area of the creek that was affected (by the petition) it would have been enormously valuable to all of us and reduced a lot of anxiety for hundreds of people in the area," Didier said.

The comment that apparently delivered the biggest impact to the Board of Determination's final decision was made by Nick Moroz, Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Plymouth.

"I am very, very, very opposed to the project," Moroz said. "I have not heard from any City of Plymouth residents who are in favor of this particular change to Tonquish Creek. In fact, we are quite proud of the way our municipal service workers have managed to keep the creek clear this summer. Despite a summer of near-record rainfall, Plymouth has seen no flooding damage from the creek."

Board of Determination Chairman Jim Wagner noted Moroz's statement when he made a motion that a maintenance project was not necessary — a motion agreed upon by the two other voting members.

"I would like to thank everyone who participated in and provided feedback during this meeting," Wagner said. "It is truly democracy at work."

Another petition cannot be filed for one year.

Even if a project had been approved, actual work may not have started for up to two years, attorney Stacy Hissong said, due to the complexity of the process.

The Leskuns and their Manton Avenue neighbors did receive a consolation prize, of sorts, when Heise contacted them to arrange for a walk-around of the creek near their property to investigate whether the township's department of public works may be able to help clear the creek-slowng dam.

Heise said such a project, if agreed upon, would most likely require assistance from the county and probably would not be executed until October or November when the possibility of more rainstorms is reduced.



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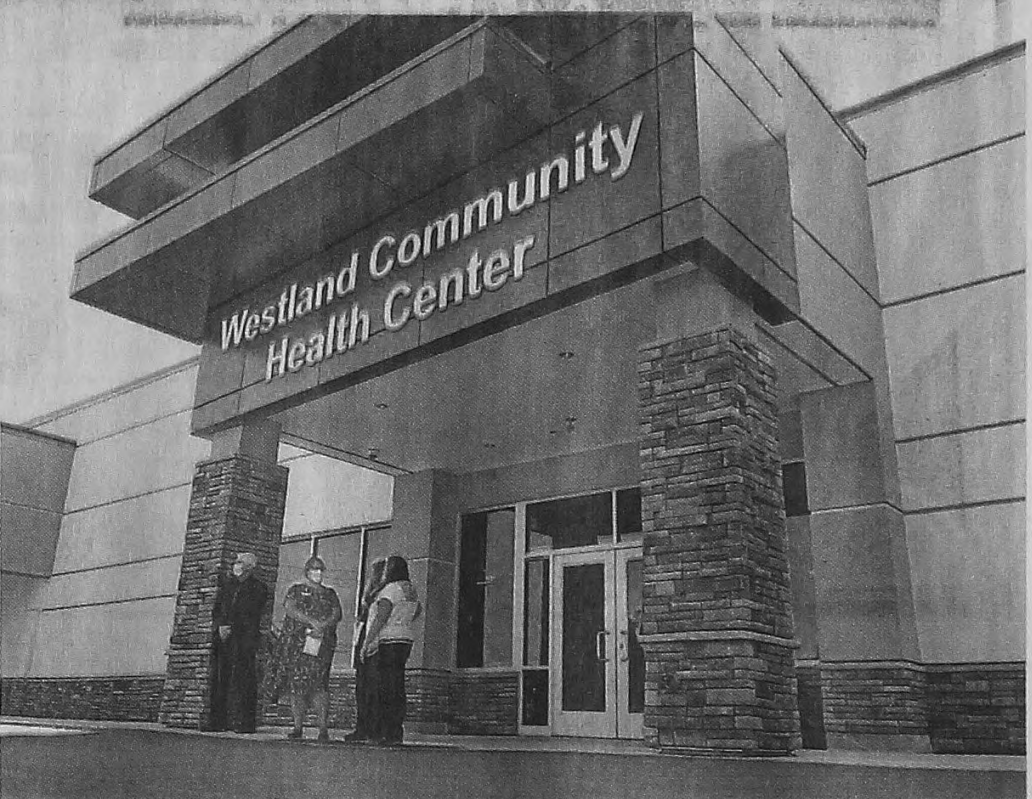
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Part of the Garden City Hospital system, the new Westland Community Health Center at 35700 Warren Road in Westland celebrated its grand opening Sept. 1.

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people more affordable alternatives to hospital care. The St. Joseph Mercy Health System and IHA recently opened a similar center in Livonia.

Local officials said they're excited by the jobs the center created for Westland health care professionals. Garden City Hospital representatives present said creating a sense of community within the center is important to its mission.

"Garden City believes the best hospitals are the community hospitals that reach you and reach your neighbors and are treating their own family," said Osama Siblani, chairman of Garden City Hospital's board of directors. "We are on a mission to serve you and to serve your family."

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and local officials from Westland, Wayne County and other surrounding communities were present to celebrate the opening.

Westland Councilwoman Andrea Rutkowski said she's excited residents no longer need to leave the city to receive emergency care.

"I think this is life-changing for our



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer speaks during the ceremony.

residents," she said. "To have state-of-the-art medical care in our city has been such a long time coming."

Whitmer said being able to seek medical attention in one's own city has never been more important. The governor noted the center will be a key tool for the city as the coronavirus pandemic continues.

"You think of all the craziness of the last year and a half and the fact that this community and all of these leaders came together to make this happen really is a testament that when you center your work around partnership and around people, you can get big things done," Whitmer said. "This will offer Westland residents access to high-quality care close to home."

Cider mills

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Guests will be able to see how cider is made, as well as enjoy doughnuts and other goodies. Returning this year are cider dogs, hot dogs marinated in apple cider. Unlike previous years, the outdoor market area will be open seven days a week, Radner said.

"I'm hoping that people feel safer now," she said. "We have proven how safe we are and how the operation is run."

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Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill

Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill did not open for guests at all in 2020.

The farm, 10685 Warren in Superior Township, begins the season Sept. 4. Families can return to the farm for wagon rides, visits with farm animals and strolls through the pumpkin patch.

Online ordering and reserved time pickup are expected to arrive this year as well, according to the farm's Facebook page.

plymouthorchards.com

Erwin Orchards

While plans to construct homes at the site continue to work their way through the approval process, Lyon Township's Erwin Orchards remains open.

The orchard at 61475 Silver Lake has already opened for the season, selling its famous doughnuts and cider. It's also open for raspberry picking.

Returning this year is u-pick apples and the corn maze, which opened Labor Day weekend. Group tours will also launch Sept. 14 during the week, providing tours of the orchard and more.

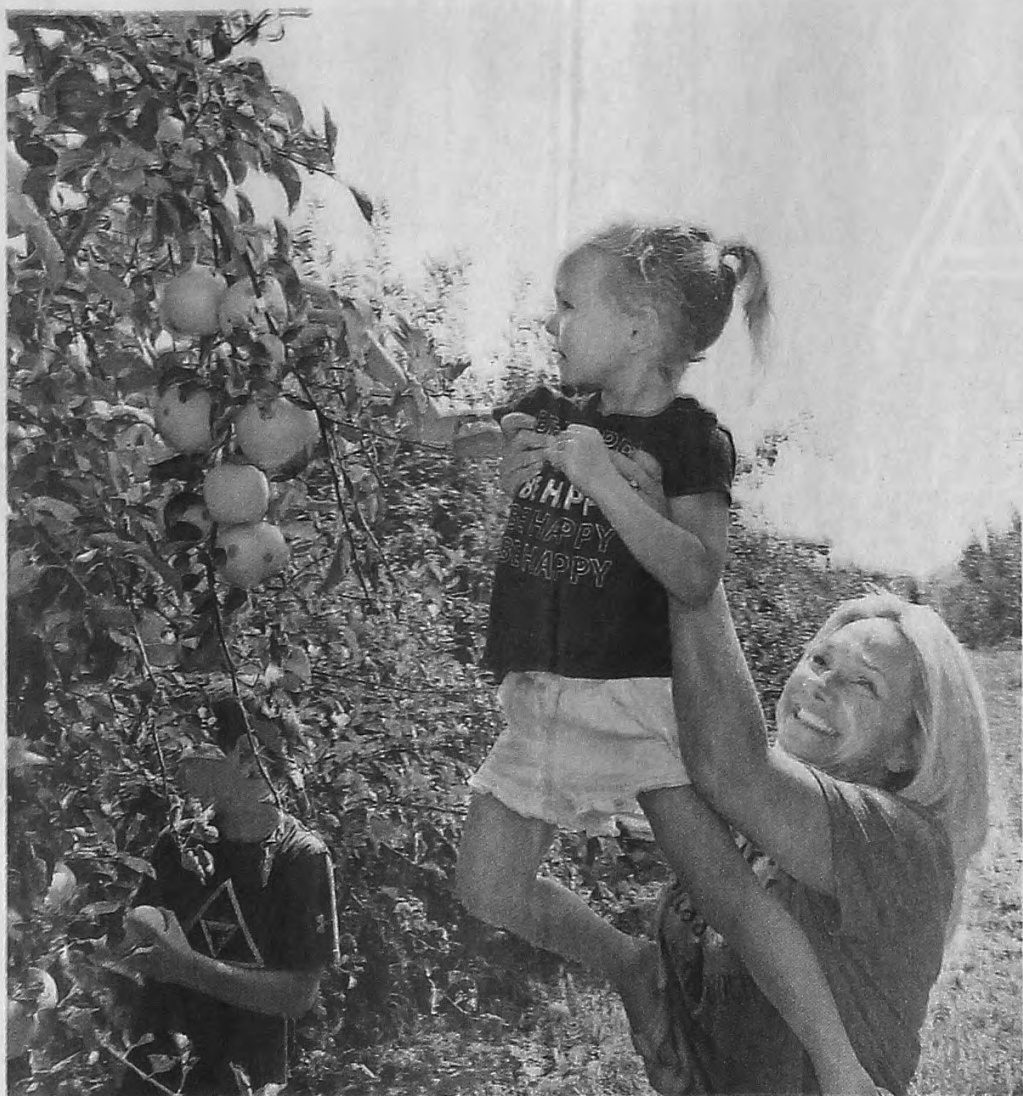
The cider mill is open Tuesdays through Sundays through Oct. 31.

erwinorchards.com

Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill

The cider mill at 714 Baseline in Northville has reopened for the season.

Gone is the drive-thru-only format the cider mill used last year. Guests can visit the grounds and enjoy cider and doughnuts, though guests who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine are asked



Ericka Kruegel lifts up her daughter, Madelyn, 4, so she can pick ginger gold apples at Erwin Orchards on Sept. 1. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



A Franklin Cider Mill employee since 1978, Jim Keller stands with a gallon of their apple cider.



Parmenter manager Robert Nelson checks out some half gallons of cider. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

to wear a mask.

The cider mill is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Nov. 21.

northvillecider.com

Other cider mills in the area

Diehl's Orchard and Cider Mill, 1479 Ranch Road in Rose Township, opened in mid-August and will be open through Nov. 21, though only on weekends in November.

diehlsorchard.com

Spicer Orchards, 10411 Clyde Road in Hartland Township, offers a myriad of fruits to pick all summer long, with apples being available in September.

spicerorchards.com

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Visitors to Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill search for pumpkins in the U-pick pumpkin patch. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

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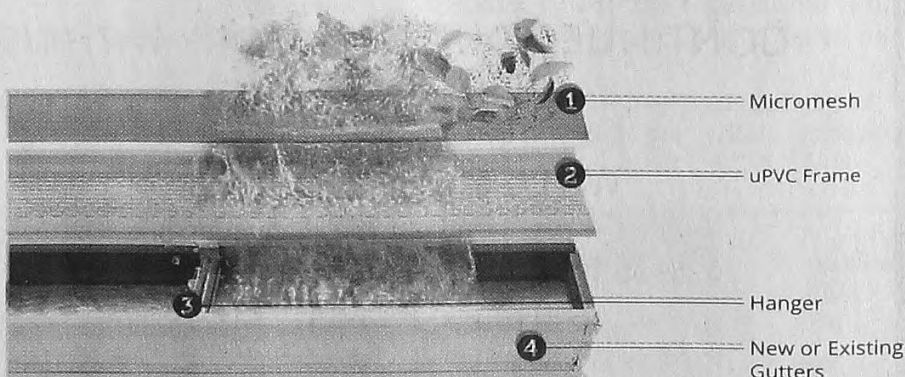
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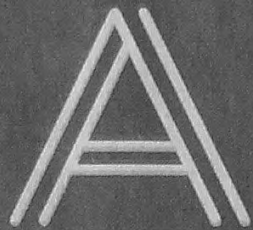
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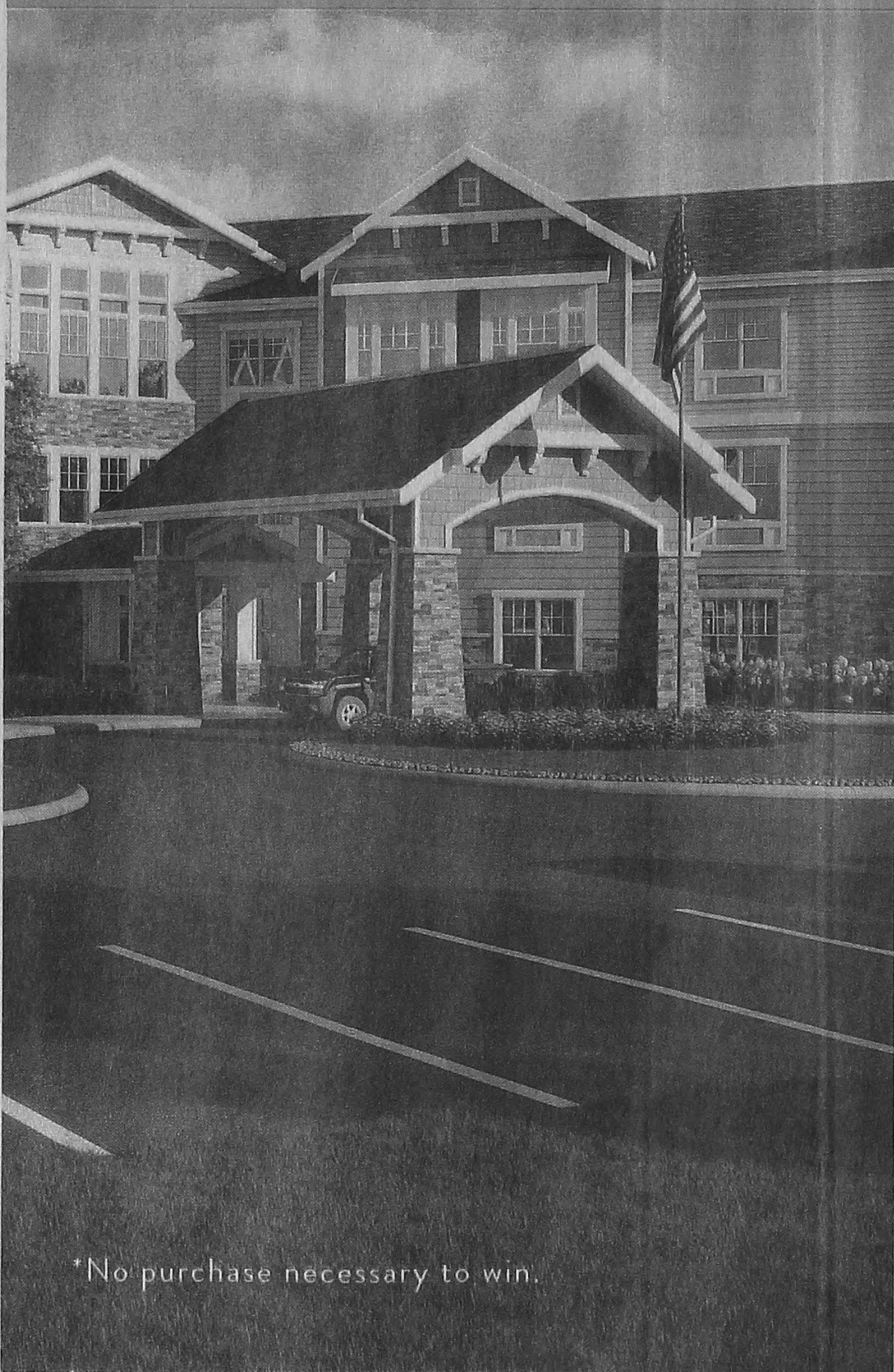
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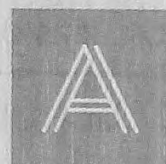
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SPORTS

Lakeland football's Week 3 game against Walled Lake Western canceled

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After two wins to start the 2021 season, Lakeland football's season has paused heading into Week 3.

The Eagles' third-week matchup with Walled Lake Western has been canceled, Hometown Life confirmed Monday.

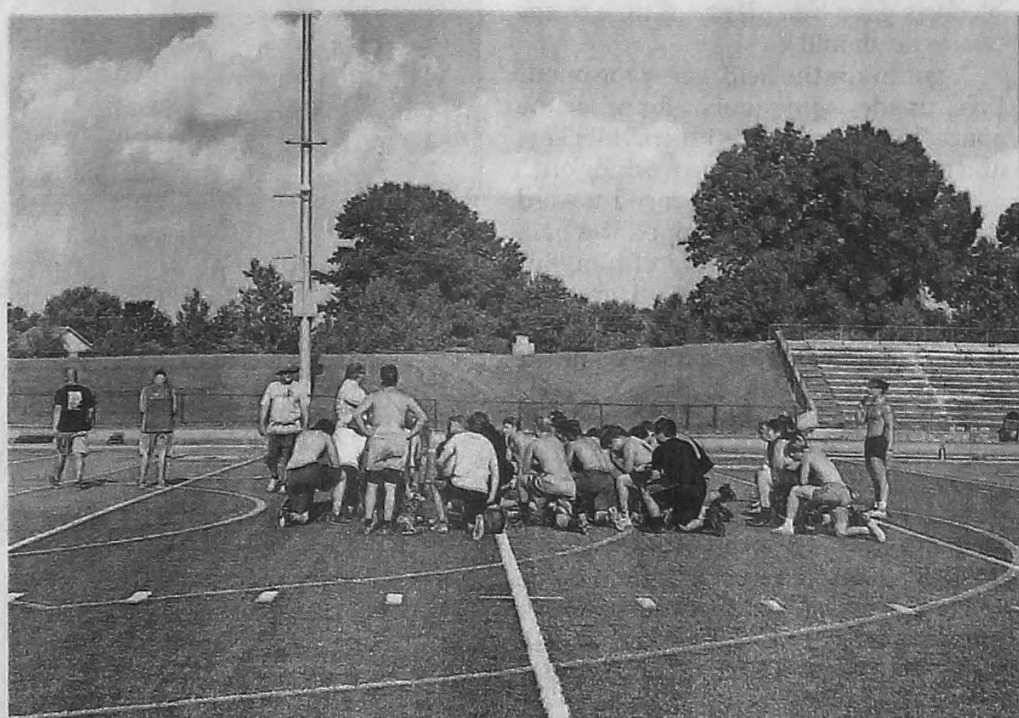
According to a source within the Lakeland football program, the Eagles found out about the cancellation Monday. The Eagles had been rolling, starting the season with two victories, outscoring Waterford Kettering and Walled

Lake Central, 97-33.

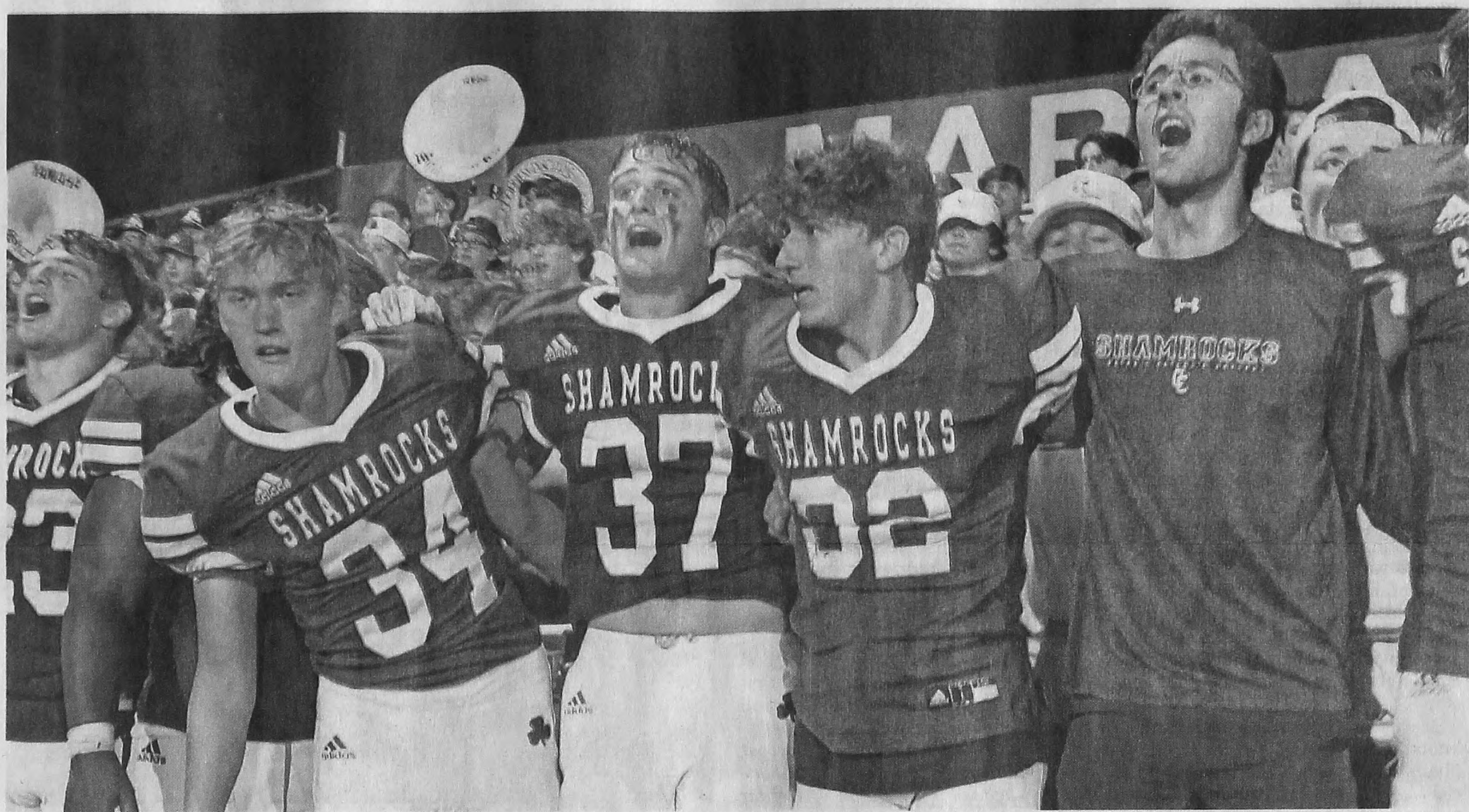
After a Week 1 loss to South Lyon, a short-handed Walled Lake Western squeaked out a victory against Walled Lake Northern in Week 2.

Lakeland's next contest is scheduled for Sept. 17 against Waterford Mott, while Walled Lake Western is scheduled to take on South Lyon East on the road in Week 4.

Contact reporter Colin Gay at cgay@hometownlife.com or 248-330-6710. Follow him on Twitter @ColinGay17. Send game results and stats to Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com.



Lakeland first-year head coach James Calhoun speaks to his team after a summer workout session. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Detroit Catholic Central Shamrock football players jump up into the stands to sing Mary Alma Mater after beating Davison 35-14 on Sept. 3, 2021. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Big plays spark CC's first win of 2021, beats Davison at home

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Detroit Catholic Central doesn't lose by 25 points. It doesn't allow 45 points to an opponent, especially following up

a campaign in which the Shamrocks defense allowed only 101 points in 10 games.

Week 1 against Chippewa Valley was not Shamrock football, something head coach Dan Anderson saw in each practice: a humbled group eager to host its

first win of the season.

"The boys were pretty much embarrassed that first week," he said. "They came out to work this week."

But Catholic Central still needed that spark, that juice, that spark for the Shamrocks to return to a culture of win-

ning.

Owen Semp provided two: taking two punt returns to the house, helping Catholic Central (1-1) bounce back against Davison (0-2), 35-14, in a re-

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New Livonia Stevenson running back forges own path

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Matthew Gazzarato started playing tackle football at St. Michaels Catholic School in Livonia in fourth grade, starting his experience on the offensive line

at left guard and tackle.

Now a senior at Livonia Stevenson, Gazzarato looks back, remembering his 5-foot-6, 125-pound frame walking onto the Spartans' football field for the first time.

"I came to Stevenson and one of my coaches asked me what position I

played. I said left guard," Gazzarato said. "He said, 'You're never going to have to worry about playing that position again.'"

Instead, Gazzarato found his home at running back. And with big shoes to fill in his first ever varsity start — taking over the position from graduated senior

Caden Woodall — the senior running back began to make his first impression: recording 218 yards and four touchdowns on 21 carries against Northville in the season opener.

Woodall has always cast a large shadow.

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match of the 2020 Division 1 regional final.

Holding onto a slim one-touchdown lead in the middle of the second quarter, the Shamrocks senior receiver lined up to return a Davison punt. When he got his hands on the football, Semp said his blockers gave him plenty of time to see where he should go.

"I got to see the field, see some openings, made some cuts, found some space," Semp said. "With the blockers and my speed, it ended up working out."

It nearly didn't. As he raced toward the finish line, Semp dropped the ball, watching it bounce in front of him. But the senior calmly picked it up, cruising into the end zone for the 65-yard score to the pandemonium of the Shamrock faithful.

Semp provided the spark, a flame that continued into the ensuing Catholic Central kickoff, leading to a forced fumble by senior Jacob Saucedo and a recovery by junior Evan Haeger, giving the ball to the Shamrocks deep in Davison territory and leading to quarterback Declan Byle's first touchdown of the game: a 14-yard fade to tight end Connor Cohan.

Semp wasn't done. When he got another chance at a punt return in the third quarter, he took it to the house again for 63 yards and the score.

"Huge," Anderson said of Semp. "I can't remember the last time we had a punt return for a touchdown. He had two tonight."

Senior linebacker Brayden Courser knows these big plays are what drives Catholic Central. Doesn't matter if it's the offense, the defense or special teams. Big plays turn games in the Shamrocks' favor.

"You make that big play, everybody gets hyped," Courser said. "You saw it: the whole sideline gets into it. You need those big plays. You need those four, five big plays just to get everybody going."

The defense kept the energy up on the Shamrocks' sideline, allowing 242 yards of offense with only two plays exceeding 20 yards, two turnovers — a fumbled snap on the second play of the day set up Catholic Central senior running back Mohamed Jaffer's 19-yard touchdown run, and an interception by Mike Downs — and three sacks.

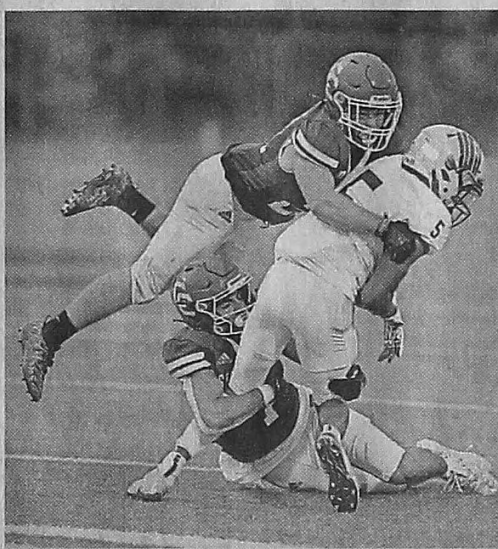
Catholic Central senior quarterback Declan Byle struggled at times to move the ball against the Cardinal defense, completing eight of his 23 pass attempts for 152 yards, throwing two interceptions on back-to-back offensive drives in the second and third quarters. But he found Cohan with 7:52 left for a 27-yard score, giving the Shamrocks enough of a cushion to get their first win of the season.

It wasn't pretty at points. Anderson knows there's work to be done. Still, as Shamrock players took a knee after the clock hit zero, the head coach exclaimed, "Great win."

To Catholic Central, the 2021 season



CC's Mike Downs, center, is congratulated by teammates after intercepting a pass. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

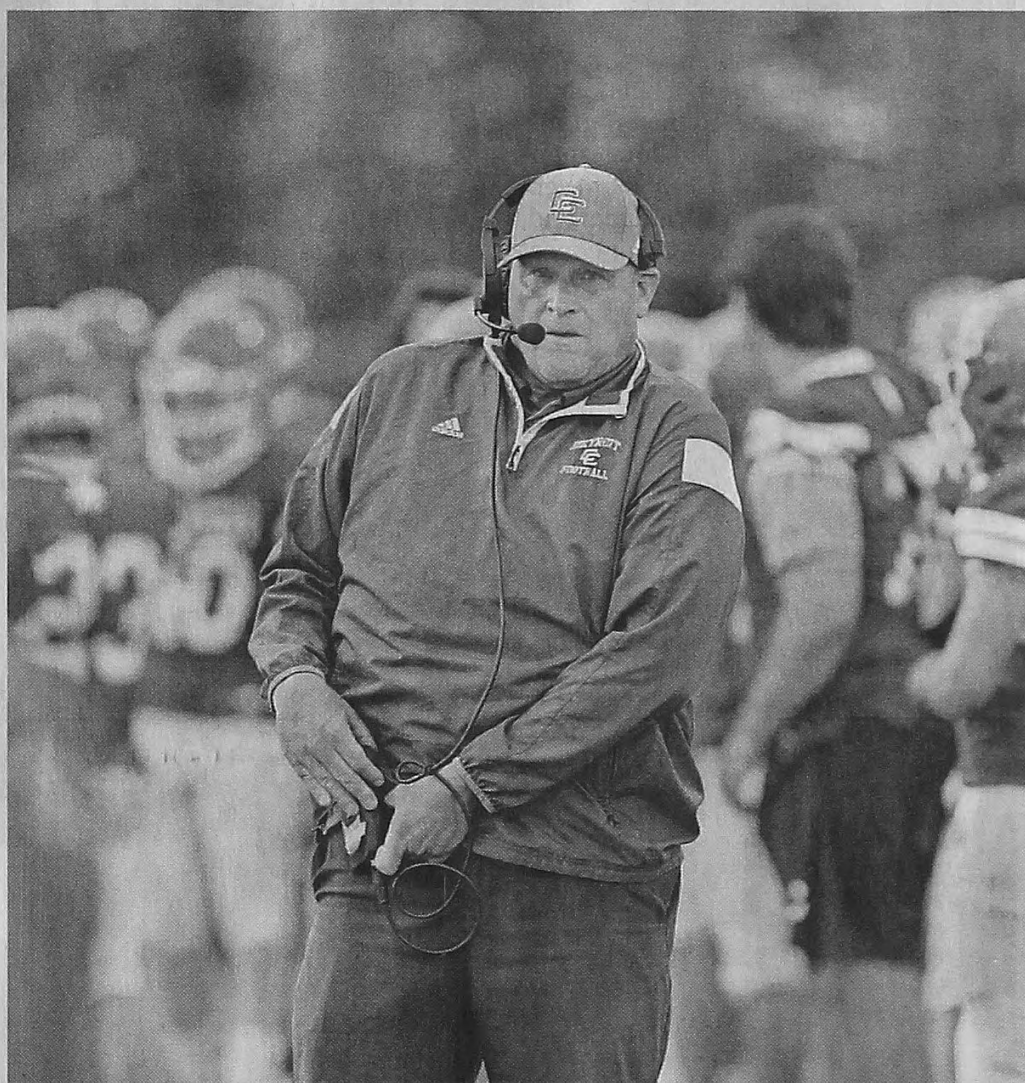


CC's Mohamed Jaffer leaps onto the back of Davison's Teon Armstrong. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

is a process. That first game against Chippewa Valley didn't end their hopes for a deep playoff run. It just showed them what it takes to achieve that same goal.

"I think it really humbled us and showed us stuff to work on and that we're not the best team in the state, and what it takes to get there," Semp said.

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Shamrock head coach Dan Anderson gets his comms squared away. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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ow on Gazzarato.

In his final season with the Spartans, the now Harvard running back broke the school's single-season rushing record with 2,238 yards, also setting the school's single-game rushing record three different times.

Even when Gazzarato was on the same track team as Woodall freshman year, he remembers his coach telling him, "Caden's going to be the one person that pushes you through everything," viewing his relationship with the older running back as iron sharpening iron.

While Gazzarato was nervous for his first ever varsity start for the Mustangs, he viewed it as an opportunity to show everyone that he can play too.

"I'm not just some Caden Woodall replacement or anything like that," Gazzarato said. "I'm my own person. I really wanted to prove to the world that I could do something."

Running back was a position Gazzarato always wanted to play. When the Stevenson coaches made the switch, showing him the basics freshman year, he began to watch videos of backs like Barry Sanders, Walter Payton and Emmitt Smith, trying to find his own style watching the greats.

Despite suffering multiple injuries through his first two years with the team — a broken arm as a freshman and a broken foot as a sophomore — Gazzarato found his way onto varsity his junior year, falling in love with the weight room and finding what it means for him to run the ball tenaciously and with intent.

But after his coming out party Week 1,

Gazzarato and the Spartan offense had a wake-up call in Week 2.

Facing Dearborn Fordson, the senior running back was only able to muster 12 yards on eight rushes in the first half, breaking free for 61 yards in the second half as the Spartans lost their first game of the year, 47-13.

Gazzarato said the size up front is something the Spartans will have to get used to, knowing the potential of the teams coming up on the schedule.

"Teams like Belleville, Churchill, Franklin, they are all going to have huge up fronts," he said. It's definitely going to be a challenge for our inside zone for us to be able to move around some of those big guys.

"We don't have the same big guys that Fordson does, so it's kind of hard to get a really good look out of our practice squad instead of coming into the game and you have this 6-foot-4, 300-pound nose guard blowing up your whole play."

But Gazzarato still has hope. He sees the rivalry games against Churchill and Franklin at the end of the year, expecting for his team to be peaking when the city championship on the line.

While he has personal aspirations to play running back at the next level just like Woodall, Gazzarato's focus is just to show off what he can do, something he wants his team to buy into.

"No matter what, regardless if we win or lose, I think that our team in general will show that we never back down," Gazzarato said. "I felt like at the end of that (Fordson) game, we were fighting all the way through. It did not matter at what point. We just kept pushing and pushing no matter what happened. Even though their score got pretty high, we always kept pushing."



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

Athlete of the Week poll results

Matthew Gazzarato won the Aug. 30 edition of Hometown Life's Athlete of the Week poll, earning 568 of the 1,429 total votes cast (39.75%).

North Farmington football senior Jasper Beeler finished second with 434 votes (30.37%).

South Lyon East swimmer Sophia

Lickman finished third, Northville soccer player Andrew Swancutt finished fourth and Plymouth golfer Bridget Boczar finished fifth.

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Michigan high school football 2021: Week 4 schedule

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Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Livonia Churchill vs. Wayne Memorial; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
Livonia Franklin at Dearborn Fordson; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
Livonia Stevenson at Belleville; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
John Glenn vs. Dearborn; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
Canton at Northville; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
Novi vs. Brighton; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
Plymouth vs. Howell; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
Salem at Hartland; 7 p.m., Sept. 17

Catholic High School League

Brother Rice vs. De La Salle; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
Detroit Catholic Central vs. U-D Jesuit; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
Cranbrook Kingswood vs. Madison Heights Bishop Foley; 1 p.m., Sept. 18

Lakes Valley Conference

Milford vs. Walled Lake Central; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
South Lyon vs. Detroit Country Day; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
South Lyon East vs. Walled Lake Western; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
Lakeland vs. Waterford Mott; 7 p.m., Sept. 17

Oakland Activities Association

Groves at Seaholm; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
North Farmington at Oak Park; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
Bloomfield Hills at Auburn Hills Avondale; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
Farmington vs. Troy; 7 p.m., Sept. 17

Independent

Livonia Clarenceville vs. Macomb Lutheran North; 7 p.m., Sept. 17

Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Garden City at Melvindale; 7 p.m., Sept. 17

Redford Thurston at Dearborn Heights Robichaud; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
Redford Union vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood; 7 p.m., Sept. 17

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Lutheran Westland at Whitmore Lake; 7 p.m., Sept. 17
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MSU's offensive line jumps at deal with Jolly Pumpkin

If Michigan State's rushing attack keeps putting up more than 300 yards per game, perhaps the Spartans' offensive line will become proper celebrities.

But, by and large, the big guys up front live in relative anonymity. Their opportunities for endorsements under the NCAA's new name, image and likeness (NIL) legislation are going to be limited.

Nobody gets that more than Tony Grant, a former MSU long snapper, who's the CEO of Jolly Pumpkin Artisan Ales, including its East Lansing location. Grant reached out to MSU sixth-year senior center Matt Allen on Instagram about striking a deal with the Spartans' 20 offensive linemen and long-snappers. The offer: A meal for each of them once a week, at their convenience, and, periodically, a group gathering and meal together at Jolly Pumpkin in East Lansing. The only ask is an occasional shout-out on Instagram. And if they happen to be seen wearing Jolly Pumpkin gear, that's OK, too.

"For me, it was personal to be able to do something like this for the guys," said Grant, MSU's starting long snapper in



MSU's offensive linemen and long snappers pose outside Jolly Pumpkin in East Lansing, their new endorsement opportunity. PROVIDED

2000 and 2001. Grant got the idea after seeing a bar-

becue joint sponsor several Arkansas offensive linemen. There have been a

few other offensive line deals around the country, most of them, not surprisingly, involving food.

"We jumped on the opportunity right away," said Allen, who said he's enjoyed getting to know Grant and appreciates how he operates. "I know (the linemen) are all very excited. They've all been asking me a ton, 'Alright, when's this going to start, so we can go there and eat?'"

It began Saturday, the first name, image and likeness endorsement for Allen, who doesn't expect to become a regular pitch man anytime soon.

"I mean, from talking to me right now I'm sure you can tell I kind of have a monotone voice. I don't know if I'd really catch anybody's (attention) if I talk," Allen said. "But maybe if I was jumping around with my shirt off, I'd catch some people's eyes."

Sounds like a car dealership commercial waiting to happen.

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Holt native Blake Kelly, 15, is youngest goalkeeper in USL Championship soccer history

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You can probably give Blake Kelly a pass for being nervous and anxious as he shared a pitch with men who have been professional soccer players for years.

The Holt native, like many other youngsters, aims to be a pro soccer player. That's why he joined Real Salt Lake's youth academy back in August 2020. He then earned an offer after impressing scouts during a stint with the Olympic Development Program and, later, a one-week trial in February of that year.

However, no one - not even Kelly - could've guessed that one year later, he would make his pro soccer debut.

At 15 years old, no less.

Kelly made his first start on Aug. 28 for Real Salt Lake's USL Championship club, Real Monarchs, playing the full 90 minutes and making three saves in a 2-0 loss to Indy Eleven in Indianapolis.

"It was definitely nice to get a bite in the apple and see that's where I want to be," Kelly said. "It was definitely a different level for me."

At 15 years, 7 days and 7 months, Kelly is the youngest goalkeeper to appear in a match in USL Championship history - and the youngest player in Monarchs history. Only two outfield players in league history were younger.

Since Kelly's debut came in Indianapolis, he didn't have to experience the game alone; 19 family members living in Michigan, Indiana and Illinois were all out in full force to watch.

"It was the best game I had ever been to that we lost in," said Blake's mother, Amy.

"His dream did come true in a hurry. ... It was a lot all at once and it was a wonderful and emotional rollercoaster."

Four days later on Sept. 1, Kelly made his second pro start in a 3-2 loss to San



Blake Kelly, middle, a 15-year-old from Holt, poses with family after making his professional soccer debut with Real Monarchs in a USL Championship against Indy Eleven on Aug. 28, 2021 in Indianapolis. PHOTO PROVIDED

Antonio, but he was substituted at half-time after suffering a concussion.

Kelly earned his debut due to injuries suffered by goalkeepers by both parent club Real Salt Lake and the Monarchs. He knows the time spent practicing and playing with the Monarchs is only temporary, as he'll head back to academy practices once everyone's healed up. But that taste of pro soccer only motivates him more.

"After starting the second game, I was much more comfortable," Kelly said. "I feel like there was a big difference between the first and second game. Once I started to relax and not be so worried about it in the second game, I enjoyed it more."

"I'm not saying I didn't enjoy my de-

but because that was an amazing experience, but I definitely thought that the second game I performed much better in. But I also took in a lot more."

After recovering from the concussion, Kelly said he would be back in training Wednesday.

Kelly had plenty of time to prepare for his debut - he found out five days before the game he'd be starting. Kelly had been called into a meeting with the head coach and goalkeeper coach, and didn't know what to expect going in.

"I was sweating a little bit walking down there," Kelly said. "I knew I hadn't done anything bad, but you always get worried."

"I was shocked. I was in disbelief, but I still had to go to training right after that

with the academy, and it was hard for me to focus during that session knowing that."

Kelly attends Real Salt Lake Academy High School, where he's a sophomore. He does come back to Holt for a couple of holidays and the summer months of June and July. But before he came back this summer, Kelly helped lead RSL's U15 academy to an MLS NEXT Cup title, beating Philadelphia Union in the final.

His trek toward RSL started two years ago, when he tried out for the ODP state team, made that, and then eventually made the regional team. Kelly then got on the RSL's radar after standing out at a tournament at IMG Academy, and he eventually made the ODP national team in his age group.

Kelly said his best attributes that got him to this point are leadership, communication and handling.

"I take pride (in leadership and communication) because that's something I can control," Kelly said. "If I'm willing to work the hardest and make sure everybody's on the same page as me, that can take the team far. The biggest thing is doing the things I can control every single day and be consistent with those, and the technical and physical skills will follow."

Kelly still has plenty of time before deciding on his next move. He hopes to receive a homegrown contract offer from RSL when his academy time is up in 2024. If not, he'll move on to college and perhaps follow in the footsteps of his older brother, Zac, the Holt all-stater who is currently a freshman at Michigan State.

But that's well down the road.

"I'll keep playing, keep performing there and see where it takes me," Kelly said.

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Canton Prep	11/30/2021	12/7/2021 at 5 p.m.

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**Plymouth Canton Community Schools
 2020 Bond
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 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed Bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, BP# HS-1 Salem High School Auditorium Addition and Remodeling, consisting of:

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.**

1. 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)
2. 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:

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| 102: Site Excavation/Utilities and Asphalt Paving | 103: Selective Demolition |
| 104: Concrete Footings & Foundations | 105: Interior Concrete Flat Work |
| 106: Masonry | 107: Steel |
| 108: Carpentry / General Trades | 109: Roofing / Sheetmetal |
| | 114: Aluminum Entrances / Storefront / Glass & Glazing |
| 112: Caulking | 116: Hard Tile |
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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.

If awarded a Contract, the successful Bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract price.

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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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 (SPECIAL MEETING)
 6:00 P.M.**

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2021 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider: Application 1635, 78-065-99-0008-000, 9075 Haggerty RD, IND zoning district, the applicant is requesting several variances for 6 signs on the East side of the building (3 wall signs and 3 monument signs):

1. To allow a second & third wall sign on the same façade without a second means of public ingress/egress. *Variance requested is 2 additional wall signs; Ordinance 99, Article 25, Sec 25.9 (2) (f).*
2. Amazon with logo (2nd wall sign), is requesting an additional 88' square feet of signage whereas 90' square feet total is allowed. *Variance request is an additional 88' square feet, Ordinance 99, Article 25, Sec 25.9 (2) (e) (1).*
3. Main entry, (3rd wall sign), is requesting an additional 10' square feet of signage whereas 90' total square feet is allowed. *Variance request is an additional 10' square feet, Ordinance 99, Article 25, Sec 25.9 (2) (e) (1).*
4. Main entry (3rd wall sign), is requesting vinyl lettering on a canopy which is prohibited. *Variance requested is to allow vinyl lettering on the entranceway canopy, Ordinance 99, Sec 25.8 (17) (18).*
5. Ground sign is requesting a concrete base that is only 18" inches above grade whereas a brick or decorative masonry base is required at 30" above grade. *Variance request is a concrete base at only 18" above grade. Ordinance 99, Sec 25.9 (1) (g).*
6. The ground sign is requesting a sign area of 88' square feet whereas the maximum is 45' square feet with a 12' foot setback. *Variance requested is 46' feet of sign area. Ordinance 99, Sec 25.9 (1) (b)*

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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Unemployment Insurance Job Search Requirements Explained

Why You Should Start Your Job Search Now

By ZipRecruiter.com

About 12 million Americans are currently receiving unemployment benefits. In some states, they stand to lose them if they don't actively search for work. That's because some states have reimposed work search requirements that were waived in the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Fortunately, job search activities can be safe and socially distant in ZipRecruiter's online employment marketplace. While the requirements can be fairly minimal, unemployed Americans can find better opportunities and speed up their return to work by going beyond what's required and really 'leaning in' during their job search process.

Active Work Search Requirements

Work search requirements differ across states. But typically, they involve job seekers making a minimum of between one (in Delaware) and five (in Florida) "work search contacts" per week with employers who might reasonably be expected to have openings.

States also typically require claimants to fill out a "work search log." Some states require claimants to submit those logs weekly or monthly, whereas others require that claimants keep them on file in their own records for one year with the expectation that they may be requested at any time.

Examples of Active Work Search

There are several kinds of activities that qualify as work search activities for the purpose of maintaining eligibility for

unemployment benefits. Each state's unemployment handbook provides specific details. But qualifying activities typically include:

- Applying for a job online, in person, or by mail
- Registering for work and reemployment services with a state career center
- Interviewing with potential employers in person, by phone, or by video (whether on-demand or live)
- Registering for work with private staffing agencies
- Attending job search seminars, career networking meetings, or job fairs

Meeting Work Search Requirements is Easier Now than Ever Before

The coronavirus pandemic has made face-to-face job search activities more challenging. Many stores and offices are closed, and transportation options may be limited, making it harder to make in-person visits to employers.

But *online* and *mobile* job search have dramatically expanded since the last recession and are easier now than ever before. ZipRecruiter's smart matching technology, for example, simplifies and improves the job search experience for millions of people every month in a number of ways:

- **Speed.** Once job seekers create their profiles, our powerful matching algorithm creates instant matches between job seekers and nearby jobs using information about a job seeker's skills and location. It then sends a notification to the matched candidate encouraging them to apply quickly. Employers may also reach out to the job seeker directly,

inviting them to apply.

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- **Opportunity.** ZipRecruiter helps job seekers ladder into jobs and industries they may not have considered by mapping transferable skills and matching them to jobs accordingly.

- **Mobile first.** We have optimized our job search product for mobile, which is increasingly the platform of choice for job seekers. ZipRecruiter is the #1 rated-job search app on iOS & Android.



has been fairly low since COVID-19 outbreaks began in the U.S.

The pandemic made some forms of work more dangerous, public transit risks and restrictions made getting to work more difficult, and school closures made business as usual untenable for many working parents. Expanded unemployment benefits also eased the pressures on unemployed workers to find new jobs immediately.

Furthermore, the vast majority of people who lost their jobs were on temporary layoff and didn't see a need to find something new because they expected to go back to their old jobs.

Over a year into the crisis, however, many temporary layoffs have turned permanent. And it is becoming clear that other temporary layoffs will last longer than initially expected. With many layoffs likely to outlast unemployment benefits, workers will need to find new opportunities—even if only in the interim. And while the current labor market environment is tough for job seekers, we expect it will only grow more competitive in the coming months.

Details are up-to-date as of August 17, 2021.

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- 1 Earns back, as losses
8 Study of vision
14 One who's not stingy
20 Shrunken Asian lake
21 Disperse from a central point
22 Spacecraft segment
23 Will soon obtain U.K. citizenship?
25 Like Peru's mountains
26 Revered Fr. nun, maybe
27 Motorist's crime, for short
28 Soccer icon
30 "Phooey!"
31 "That louse just hatched a few hours ago?"
39 Aim at
42 Styling sites
43 Hilarity
44 Book after Song of Solomon

- 45 "To recap ..."
46 Swiss river
48 Hairy pollinator's darting movement?
56 Hairstyle
57 On — streak (lucky)
58 "Hamilton" composer — Manuel Miranda
59 Watch over
64 Partial mending of a paper cut?
70 Excited pointer's cry
72 Diner
73 Pink pencil tip
74 Siblings who compose legal orders?
79 Space of film
80 Dude's prom duds
81 "Now, Voyager" actress Chase
82 In — (as first placed)
84 "My career as a tailor will start soon"?

- 97 Certain pizza chain logo
98 Depletes
101 Major road
103 4 p.m. social event, maybe
105 Interweave while wearing a lustrous Sir Lancelot costume?
109 Omelet need
110 Get up
111 Hockey hero Bobby
112 Historical unit
115 Headwear for Fred Astaire
117 Occupy a chair to apply Visine drops?
125 Invent
126 Like green bananas
127 Filthy place
128 Closet staple
129 Mini and midi
130 Orthodontic separators

- 7 Declined the offer
8 "Come —!" ("Get real!")
9 NBAer Gasol
10 Blasting stuff
11 Debtor's note
12 Mongrel
13 Get involved
14 Teeny
15 Sweetie pie
16 Tack (on)
17 Very sorry
18 Paige on a stage
19 Backpedal
24 Lookalike
29 High rollers?
31 End-of-workweek cry
32 Make whole
33 Moral tenet
34 Lacks life
35 Kimono belt
36 Swivel
37 Burial locale
38 Ugly fairy-tale figure
39 — for tat
40 Silver-gray
41 "Norma —"
45 Less sure
46 Outranking
47 Fiddles with
49 Talking- (scoldings)
50 With 77-Down, well-drilling structure

- 51 Egypt and Syr., once
52 Conductance unit, once
53 Hallow
54 German indefinite article
55 See 113-Down
59 Mafioso John
60 "Yep"
61 Siri's Amazon counterpart
62 Ticket info
63 Fishing boats
65 Asian ideal
66 "Addams Family" cousin
67 "Eh, so-so"
68 Determine beforehand
69 — tai (drink)
71 Drying ovens
75 Ruling from a boxing ref
76 Ball swatter
77 See 50-Down
78 Actor Gilliam
83 Allow to flow again
85 Life jacket, e.g.
86 Himalayan humanoid
87 Fifty-fifty
88 Actress Polo

- 89 — Mawr College
90 Hurly-burly
91 Epps of "House"
92 Fish feature
93 "Ltd." cousin
94 Boot tip
98 Brief outline
99 Longhair cat
100 Filthy place
101 Horse's kin
102 Monkey used in research
103 Fills with black gunk
104 Slip-ups
106 Fuming mad
107 Gunpowder stuff
108 Stabs
112 "Jane —"
113 With 55-Down, back-door access
114 Some cobras
116 Ugly fairy-tale figure
118 Signing stuff
119 Prefix with cycle or color
120 Holiday tree
121 Make a pick
122 Jay-Z's genre
123 Ticket info
124 List abbr.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares for clues.

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

SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzle grid with some numbers filled in.

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.

TICKETS PLEASE

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.

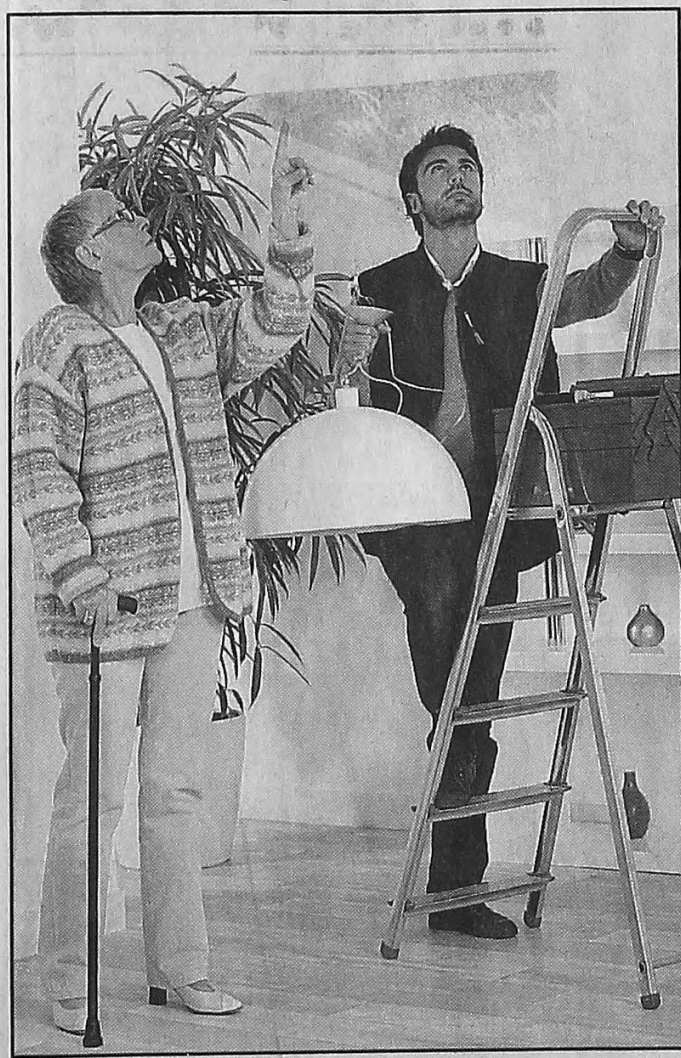
Word search grid with 19 rows and 19 columns.

ANSWER KEY

Grid for the answer key corresponding to the word search.

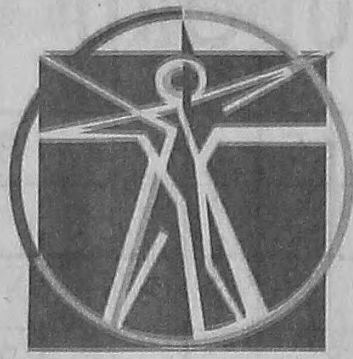
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Small grid for the answer key.



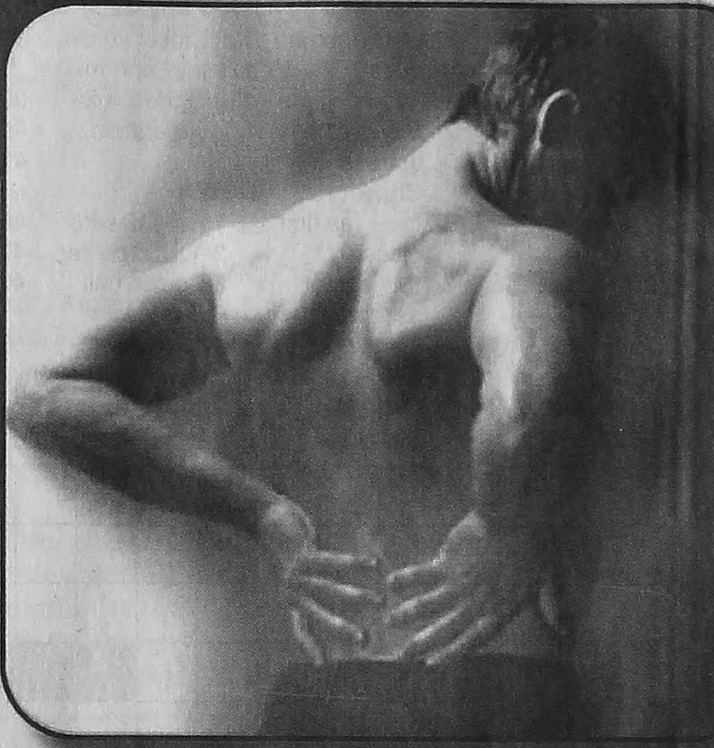
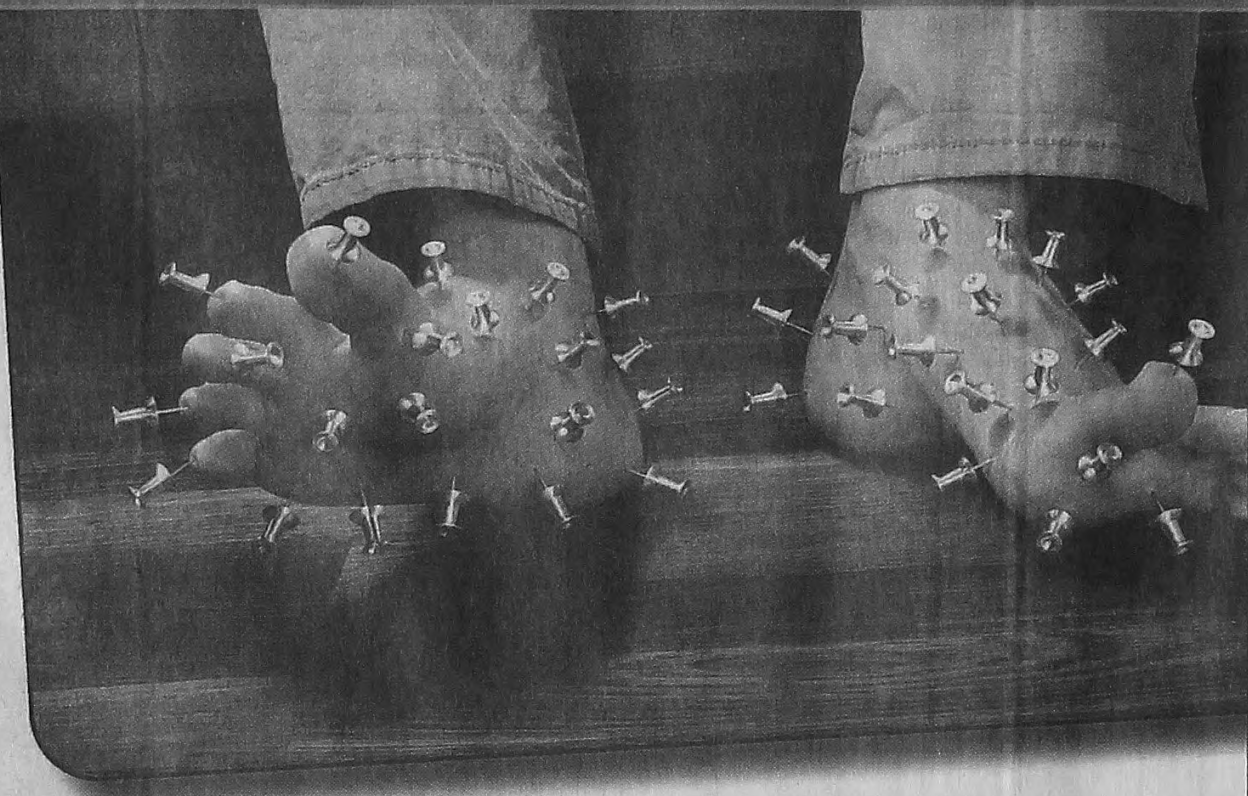
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