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## New wholesale retailer planned for vacant Canton department store site

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It won't take long for the empty J.C. Penney store in Canton Township to fill. Plans are in the works to bring a BJ's Wholesale Club to the vacant department store at 43690 Ford Road, just west of Morton Taylor Road. Currently,

the wholesale superstore plans to take the existing building and use it for its store, which is similar to Sam's Club and Costco in requiring membership for its members.

The way the site currently is laid out and planned will allow for BJ's to come in without needing any additional approvals from the township board of

trustees.

"The current (Planned Development District) allows for retail superstores," said Patrick Sloan, the township's community planner. "As long as it's another retail store, the use is permitted by right."

But the store is making some changes that require approval, which brought it

before the Canton planning commission during its Sept. 13 virtual meeting. Those changes include a slight reduction of the number of parking spaces on the site to allow for the addition of cart corrals, as well as a tire center in the building.

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FARMINGTON HILLS

## Detroit Cajun restaurant now open

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The doors opening for one of Farmington Hills most anticipated restaurants couldn't come soon enough for Joe Spencer.

After months of being ready and just waiting on having enough workers, the president of Louisiana Creole Gumbo said it was a relief to finally open the doors Sept. 16 on the new eatery at 29216 Orchard Lake.

"It's long anticipated," Spencer said. "We've got a lot of people stopping by and ... it feels good. It feels good to serve this neighborhood."

The restaurant, located just south of 13 Mile, is the company's third in operation and its first in Oakland County. Two other restaurants have served customers for years in Detroit: one near Eastern Market and another on Seven Mile in northwest Detroit. The brand has been around for decades, first opening in 1970 by former owner Joe Stafford.

Many of the recipes made at Louisiana Creole Gumbo are originals, with some dating back nearly a century to a relative of Stafford's. Today, hungry guests can visit the new restaurant and enjoy several Cajun dishes, including gumbo, jambalaya and po'boy sandwiches. The new location serves up the same dishes as the two Detroit restaurants, Spencer said.

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A dish of gumbo is ladled out at Louisiana Creole Gumbo in Farmington Hills.  
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Joe Spencer President, Louisiana Creole Gumbo

## DTE blames outages on more storms

NWS meteorologist agrees this year 'quite a bit above' average

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DTE has faced significant backlash this year for frequent, and sometimes long-lasting, power outages.

Gerald Polk, DTE manager for southwest engineering and planning, acknowledges there has been an increase in power outages over the last five years. He correlated it to an increase in the number of severe storms, specifically those classified as a catastrophic 2, or Cat 2, storm in which more than 250,000 customers lose power.

"The severity is increasing year after year," Polk said. "Traditionally, there are not many Cat 2 storms, but recently, that number has drastically increased. Weather is much more severe."

He noted that historically the length of time between storms is at least 20 or more days, but over the course of the past couple months, that average has been six days between storms, with nine very severe storms during the 70-day period preceding Sept. 1.

"Each storm, by the time we clean up the next storm comes around," Polk said. "Before, we had a lot more time to recover. That's not the case this year. We expect we will continue to see this severe weather, and we're preparing infrastructure to handle higher winds."

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# 'Lucky' Livonia pilot crashes plane into Lyon pond

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Don Dixon was sitting on his patio making the most of an autumn evening when he saw a low-flying aircraft heading toward a backyard pond.

The Lyon Township resident briefly wondered if the aircraft had water-landing gear and considered that maybe the pilot was just goofing around.

But there was no way. This crash was real, happening at about 7:19 p.m. Sept. 19, west of Milford Road.

"He got lower and lower," said Dixon, an Oakmonte Circle East resident. "Then he was pretty much right in front of me. Then he hit the water down toward the end of the pond there. As soon as he hit, he flipped over."

Callers hit their phones dialing 911, and Dixon ran to the crash site, which was several properties away. He and his neighbors were grateful to see the Livonia pilot without injuries. They helped him pull his single-engine ultralight glider plane from the pond.

"He said his engine cut out on him," Dixon said. "He was going to try to circle back around to the New Hudson airport. He realized he couldn't. He saw the water and he said, 'Well, OK. This is my only option.'"

"He's lucky. Where he landed, he couldn't have been more than 10 feet off the shoreline. He was real close to run-

ning out of water and hitting the embankment."

Lyon Township firefighters have said the pilot was operating a "Mini-Max Hi-Max single seat, single engine aircraft."

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies have not released the pilot's name. He's known as a 24-year-old Livonia resident who flew his plane from the nearby Oakland/Southwest Airport when he ran into flight problems and was forced to make a pond landing.

Dixon and his neighbors have different opinions about the noise overhead and the hot-air balloons and other objects that occasionally fall into the pond and their yards because of their proximity to the airport.

Some are considering their next place since, just in January, a single-engine plane crashed into a Lyon Township home on Dakota Drive, killing a Northville family heading home from Georgia.

Don Gutekunst was working when he received a text about the crash. He isn't concerned about where he lives.

"I've watched the planes that come and leave from the area," he said. "They're mostly small. Yeah, it could happen. But, if they're flying, they could hit anywhere, I guess."

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Residents living near a Lyon Township pond helped a Livonia pilot retrieve his ultralight glider plane from the water after a crash Sept. 19. SUBMITTED

## Wayne-Westland schools up suicide prevention effort

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The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline received almost 2.4 million calls last year. Experts say mental health care is more needed now than ever before, especially for younger people.

"What we're seeing now are more crisis-related issues," said Melissa Tolstyka, clinical director for Hegira Health. "The suicide rate itself in the U.S. and Michigan has decreased. But, with teens, suicide attempts and crises are going up. So, we're seeing a need for more crisis services, mobile services and more of a connection when teens are coming out of the hospital or other care."

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, more than 47,000 Americans died by suicide in 2019, its most recent data available.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools has taken that sentiment seriously and pushed resources toward mental health and suicide prevention efforts. The district has had more than 800 staff trained in suicide prevention by Hegira. Wayne-Westland also has

certified prevention trainers on staff and a mental health task force.

"There has been an increased need for mental health services," said Amanda Dybus, the district's supervisor of family and community engagement. "We've been working to make sure our staff have the resources they need to connect families through the appropriate mental health resources ... We have to make sure we're supporting the staff and we're supporting the kids."

Other nearby districts, including Northville, Redford Union, South Redford and Plymouth-Canton, have taken similar measures. Students in grades six through 12 across Michigan are also getting suicide prevention hotline information on their student IDs this year, a move required by last year's Save Our Students Act.

"From the ID cards alone, parent feedback that I've gotten has been all positive," said John Besek, Wayne-Westland's director of student services. "They've said we needed to do this years ago and it's time to stop ignoring this huge problem and be more proactive about it."

Wayne-Westland chose to put Na-

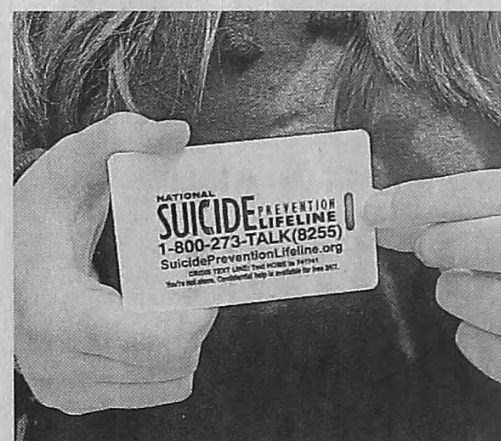
tional Suicide Prevention Lifeline information on its cards. Dybus said the district chose the national hotline because it is available around the clock year-round.

"The important piece here is educating our students about the number," she said. "If they don't know what it is, it's just going to be a number of the back of their IDs. We're working really hard this year to do awareness activities."

Tolstyka said students have spent the last 18 months living through a pandemic, a "negatively-charged" election season, mask debates, vaccine debates and racial justice protests. With a heightened sense of crisis, Tolstyka said it's important for adults to speak with kids about mental health.

"There's a lot of research out there that talks about how talking about suicide alleviates anxiety, allows the individual the opportunity to talk," she said. "People are still afraid to talk about this stuff and the more we break down those myths, the better."

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Student ID cards for middle and high school students across Michigan now include suicide prevention hotline information. COURTESY OF JENNY JOHNSON

### National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

If you or someone you know is experiencing suicidal thoughts, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can be reached any time by calling 800-273-TALK (8255) or visiting [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

## How to deal with high-pressure sales tactics and protect your money



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

### Dear Rick:

I got talked into buying a variable annuity in my IRA, and now I regret it. My son pointed out some things that I didn't

realize, and now I want my money back. I contacted my agent a couple of days after I bought the annuity and he said nothing could be done without incurring a substantial penalty.

My son suggested I hire an attorney because of the high-pressure sales tactics and because the policy doesn't make sense for me. Is there anything I can do, on my own, without having to hire an attorney? I feel incredibly stupid.

Jerry

Dear Jerry:

First of all, don't feel stupid. These things happen. The reason many salespeople use high-pressure sales tactics is because they work. Don't blame yourself. As a side note, my general advice for everyone is that when a salesperson is putting pressure on you, it is a sure sign that you're probably dealing with the wrong person and you need to take some time and think about your decision.

That being said, in this case, all is not lost, and you have an opportunity to potentially reverse the transaction.

When you purchase an annuity in Michigan, you have the right to cancel the transaction generally within 10 days of receiving the policy. Since you have not yet received your policy, the 10-day rule would still protect you and entitle you to receive a 100% refund.

I would recommend that you contact the home office of the annuity company, in writing, for their procedures as to how to cancel the policy, especially since you do not trust the agent who initially sold you the annuity. I would recommend that you send all communications by certified mail with a return receipt requested, and by first-class mail.

**High-pressure sales tactics have been around for generations. Sometimes salespeople use aggressive tactics because people may need that push to complete the transaction. Other times it's just to pressure someone into doing something they really don't want to do.**

In addition, if they accept emails, you can also send them an email. By doing the aforementioned, you should be able to cancel the transaction and receive your money back.

High-pressure sales tactics have been around for generations. Sometimes salespeople use aggressive tactics because people may need that push to complete the transaction. Other times it's just to pressure someone into doing something they really don't want to do.

Truthfully, why the salesperson is doing it does not matter to me; my general rule is if I start feeling any pressure from a salesperson, I immediately terminate the meeting and tell them I need more time to make a decision. Remember, the prime goal of the salesperson is to make the sale; your goal is to make a good decision with your money, and these goals do not necessarily go hand in hand.

Aggressive salespeople are not just confined to the financial world; they are

in every part of our society. However, that doesn't mean that we have to accept it.

There are many salespeople in every facet of life that do not employ aggressive tactics, but rather, try to educate and help people make the right decision. Those are the salespeople that you want to use. The best salespeople I know never worry about commissions, they worry about taking care of their client; however, these types of salespeople are becoming fewer and fewer.

When you deal with commission salespeople, there is always a conflict of interest. Are they working for your best interests or the company's? Sometimes they are the same; many times, they are not. It is always important to identify and understand all conflicts of interest.

In the financial industry there are many advisors that do not work on commissions but rather work on a fee-only basis. These advisors charge a fee for their service and receive nothing from any investment they recommend. As far as I am concerned, you'll have a much better chance of being successful by using a fee-only advisor without the conflicts of interest that exist with commission salespeople.

If you've been taken advantage of by an aggressive salesperson, particularly in the financial industry, you have rights and you should never hesitate to pursue them. It is your money, and you have an obligation to protect it.

Good luck!

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# Jones to undergo mental health evaluation

## State representative will remain in jail

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Michigan Rep. Jewell Jones, D-Inkster, will undergo a mental health evaluation, a Livingston County judge ordered Friday, Sept. 17.

"In light of circumstances that have come to the attention of this court, I am going to order Community Mental Health to conduct a mental health examination of Mr. Jones as it related to the charges pending before this court and we will get a better idea of what's going on," Livingston County Circuit Court Judge Michael Hatty said.

Jones will remain in jail until at least Oct. 15 when the next hearing is scheduled, Hatty said.

Ali Hammoud, one of Jones' attorneys, asked to be removed from the case, citing a break-down in communication.

Friday's hearing is the latest in the representative's legal issues.

Jones was handcuffed and transported to the jail Tuesday afternoon after Hatty revoked Jones' bond after Jones pleaded guilty to his third bond violation.

That's when jail officials discovered Jones had a handcuff key taped to the bottom of his foot, Livingston County Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Carolyn Henry wrote in a bond recommendation form.

### 'Huge' change of character

Byron Nolen, Jones' attorney, cited the handcuff key incident as the reason for his motion to have Jones evaluated.

"Because of the circumstances that came up a couple days ago with the new allegations. So I want to make sure he is okay, find out if there is anything wrong medically so we address that and we can deal with the legal case after that," Nolen said.

"I'm not a health care professional so I don't want to opine on something I don't know. But have know him for a long time. I know there is somewhat of a change in his behavior recently and I want to find out really what's going on

with him and assist him better in his case," Nolen said.

Former Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnono said the recent events are a "huge" change of character for Jones.

"First of all, I am a mother. So as a mother, I hear laments for what I am seeing unravel in front of me," Gay-Dagnono said. "Knowing the care and consideration that he shows for all of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle, this is not representative of who I know Jewell is and I can only surmise, not being a professional, that there is something that lies beneath this that is really tearing at him."

On Thursday, Jones was removed from his legislative committee posts by House Speaker Jason Wentworth, R-Farwell.

### Two pending cases, nearly a dozen charges

Jones is facing six felonies and four misdemeanors in two separate cases.

He was arrested in April after allegedly driving into a ditch while drunk on Interstate 96 near Fowlerville and not complying with Michigan State Police. He told troopers he had control over their budget and threatened to call Gov. Gretchen Whitmer as they attempted to arrest him, according to police records.

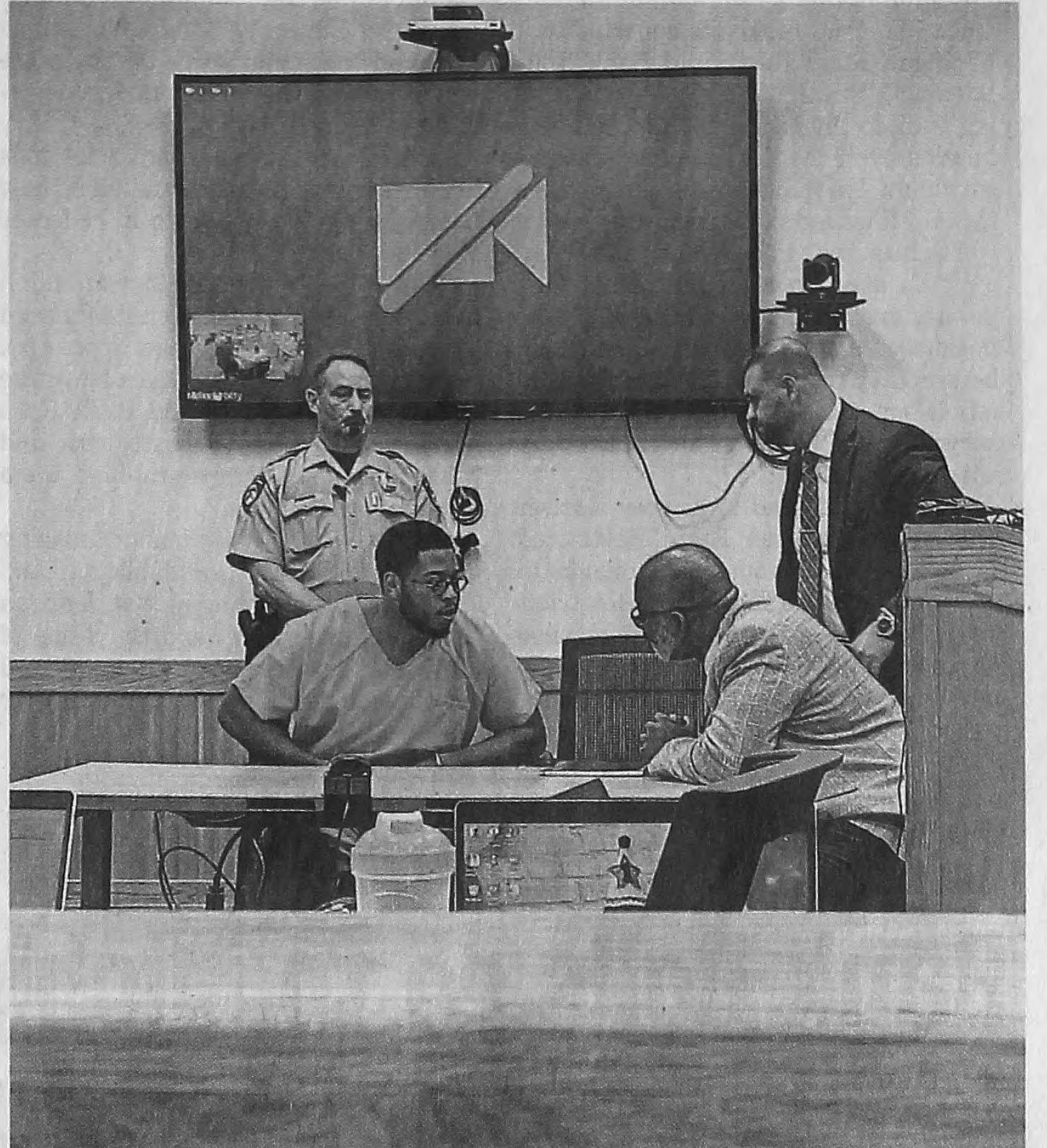
Jones is also charged with possession of a weapon while under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving and four counts of resisting and obstructing a police officer.

Following that arrest, Jones is accused of repeatedly violating the terms of his bond. Police and prosecutors say he tested positive for alcohol earlier this month and tried to put a sock underneath the band of his ankle monitor in an effort to tamper with it.

On Wednesday, he was arraigned on one count each of bringing a weapon into a jail and escape waiting trial for a felony.

Livingston County Magistrate Jerry Sherwood set Jones' bond at \$100,000 cash or surety.

Sherwood also ordered Jones to surrender any police items such as a hand-



Rep. Jewell Jones speaks with his attorney, Byron Nolen, at a hearing Sept. 17. KAYLA DAUGHERTY/LIVINGSTON DAILY

cuff key, baton and pepper spray.

"This guy is a piece of work. He truly believes that he doesn't have to follow the judge's orders, doesn't have to follow rules," Livingston County Sheriff Michael Murphy said. "He's the reason that politicians and elected officials get the bad rap."

Murphy said there is no general rule for when those in custody may be handcuffed and he is not sure why Jones brought the key with him.

"You could run through unlimited possibilities," he said. "At the end of the day, folks are handcuffed to and from a facility. If someone has a handcuff key, that's a bad day for us."

Jones pleaded guilty to two previous bond violations since charges were filed in April, in addition to this month's bond violation that resulted in his bond being revoked.

In June, Jones pleaded guilty to a bond violation after leaving military training without notifying his attorney or court officials. This bond violation resulted in an alcohol monitor to be placed on his ankle.

Jones failed to pay the July 8 invoice for the device, Emily Shelton, a Livingston County probation officer, said during a second bond violation hearing.

At that hearing, Hatty ordered Jones to pay a \$1,000 fine.

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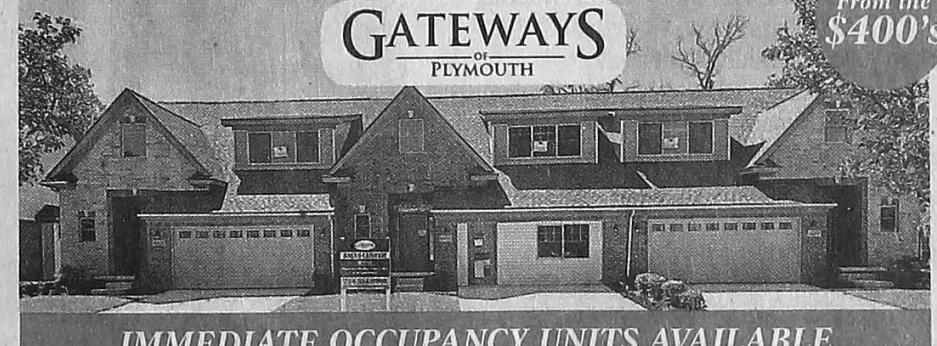
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# MI residents scramble to get last Walking Liberty Rolls

Once Michigan residents got wind that Michigan State Restricted Bank Rolls filled with Silver Walking Liberties dating back to the early 1900's were being handed over, there was a mad dash to get them. That's because some of these U.S. Gov't issued silver coins are already worth hundreds in collector value.

"It's like a run on the banks. The phones are ringing off the hook. That's because everyone is trying to get them before they're all gone," according to officials at the National Mint and Treasury who say they can barely keep up with all the orders.

In fact, they had to impose a strict limit of 4 Michigan State Restricted Bank Rolls. So, if you get the chance to get your hands on these State Restricted Bank Rolls you better hurry because hundreds of Michigan residents already have and you don't want to miss out.

You see, the U.S. Gov't stopped mint-

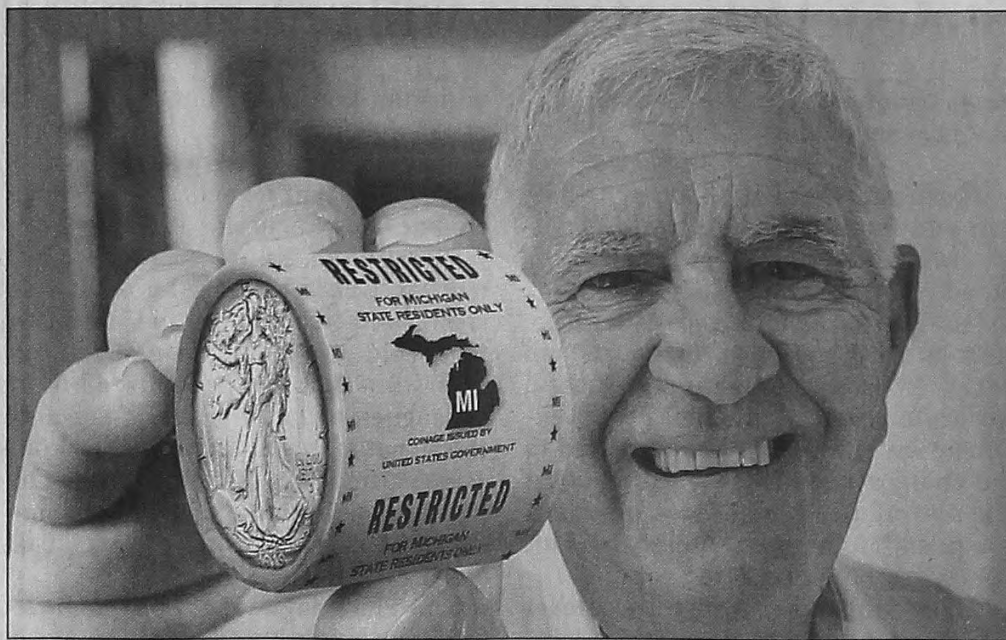
ing these Silver Walking Liberties in 1947 and there can never be any more which makes them extremely collectible.

And here's the best part. The rolls are unsearched so there's no telling how much they could be worth in collector value.

That's why at just the \$39 state minimum per coin set by National Mint and Treasury it's a deal too good to pass up.

But you better hurry because these Michigan State Restricted Bank Rolls are the only ones known to exist and Michigan residents are grabbing them up as fast as they can.

That's because they make amazing gifts for children, grandchildren and loved ones. Just imagine the look on their face when you hand them one of the State Restricted Rolls — they'll tell everyone they know what you did for them.



**■ GOT 'EM:** Residents all across Michigan who get their hands on these State Restricted Silver Walking Liberty Bank Roll are definitely showing them off. That's because they are the only ones known to exist. And here's the best part, these Bank Rolls are loaded with U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberty coins some dating back to the early 1900's and worth up to 100 times their face value so everyone wants them.

## Last State Restricted Silver Walking Liberty Bank Rolls go to Michigan residents

Michigan residents get first dibs on last remaining Bank Rolls loaded with U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberties dating back to the early 1900's some worth up to 100 times their face value for the next 2 days

**▶ STATE DISTRIBUTION:** A strict limit of 4 State Restricted Bank Rolls per MI resident has been imposed

"It's a miracle these State Restricted Bank Rolls even exist. That's why Hotline Operators are bracing for the flood of calls," said Laura Lynne, U.S. Coin and Currency Director for the National Mint and Treasury.

For the next 2 days the last remaining State of Michigan Restricted Bank Rolls loaded with rarely seen U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberties are actually being handed over to Michigan residents who call the State Toll-Free Hotlines listed in today's newspaper publication.

"I recently spoke with a numismatic expert in United States of America coins and currency who said 'In all my years as a numismatist I've only ever seen a handful of these rarely seen Silver Walking Liberties issued by the U.S. Gov't back in the early 1900's. But to actually find them sealed away in State Restricted Bank Rolls still in pristine condition is like finding buried treasure. So anyone lucky enough to get their hands on these Bank Rolls had better hold on to them,'" Lynne said.

"Now that the State of Michigan Restricted Bank Rolls are being offered up we won't be surprised if thousands of Michigan residents claim the maximum limit allowed of 4 Bank Rolls per resident before they're all gone," said Lynne.

"That's because after the Bank Rolls were loaded with 15 rarely seen Silver Walking Liberties, each verified to meet a minimum collector grade of very good or above, the dates and mint marks of the U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars sealed away inside the State of Michigan Restricted Bank Rolls have never been searched. But, we do know that some of these coins date clear back to the early 1900's and are worth up to 100 times their face value, so there is no telling what Michigan residents will find until they sort through all the coins," Lynne went on to say.

And here's the best part. If you are a resident of the state of Michigan you cover only the \$39 per coin state minimum set by the National Mint and Treasury, that's fifteen rarely seen U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberties worth up to 100 times their face value for just \$585 which is a real steal because non state residents must pay \$118 per coin which totals \$1,770 if any coins remain after the 2-day deadline.

The only thing Michigan residents need to do is call the State Toll-Free Hotlines printed in today's newspaper publication before the 2-day order deadline ends.

"Rarely seen U.S. Gov't issued silver coins like these are highly sought after, but we've never seen anything like this before. According to The Official Red Book, a Guide Book of United States Coins many Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars are now worth \$40 - \$825 each in collector value," Lynne said.

"We're guessing thousands of Michigan residents will be taking the maximum limit of 4 Bank Rolls because they make such amazing gifts for any occasion for children, parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones," Lynne continued.

"We know the phones will be ringing off the hook. That's why hundreds of Hotline Operators are standing by to answer the phones beginning at 8:30 am this morning. We're going to do our best, but with just 2 days to answer all the calls it won't be easy. So make sure to tell everyone to keep calling if all lines are busy. We'll do our best to answer them all," Lynne said.

The only thing readers of today's newspaper publication need to do is make sure they are a resident of the state of Michigan and call the National Toll-Free Hotlines before the 2-day deadline ends midnight tomorrow. ■

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If you are a Michigan State Resident read the important information below about claiming the State Silver Bank Rolls, then call the State Toll-Free Hotline at 8:30 am: **1-800-979-3771 EXT: RWB2101**

**Are these Silver Walking Liberties worth more than other half dollars:**

Yes. These U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberties were minted in the early 1900's and will never be minted again. That makes them extremely collectible. The vast majority of half dollars minted after 1970 have no silver content at all and these Walking Liberties were one of the last silver coins minted for circulation. That's why many of them now command hundreds in collector value so there's no telling how much they could be worth in collector value someday.

**How much are State Restricted Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls worth:**

It's impossible to say, but some of these U.S. Gov't issued Walking Liberties dating back to the early 1900's are worth up to 100 times the face value and there are 15 in each Bank Roll so you better hurry if you want to get your hands on them. Collector values always fluctuate and there are never any guarantees. But we do know they are the only Michigan State Silver Bank Rolls known to exist and Walking Liberties are highly collectible so anyone lucky enough to get their hands on these Silver Bank Rolls should hold onto them because there's no telling how much they could be worth in collector value someday.

**Why are so many Michigan residents claiming them:**

Because they are the only State Restricted Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls known to exist and everyone wants their share. Each Bank Roll contains a whopping 15 Silver Walking Liberties dating back to the early 1900's some worth up to 100 times their face value. Best of all Michigan residents are guaranteed to get them for the state minimum set by the National Mint and Treasury of just \$39 per Silver Walking Liberty for the next two days.

**How do I get the State Restricted Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls:**

Michigan residents are authorized to claim up to the limit of 4 State Restricted Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls by calling the State Toll Free Hotline at **1-800-979-3771 Ext. RWB2101** starting at precisely 8:30 am this morning. Everyone who does is getting the only State Restricted Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls known to exist. That's a full Bank Roll containing 15 Silver Walking Liberties from the early 1900's some worth up to 100 times their face value for just the state minimum set by the National Mint and Treasury of just \$39 per Silver Walking Liberty, which is just \$585 for the full Bank Rolls and that's a real steal because non state residents are not permitted to call before 5 pm tomorrow and must pay \$1,770 for each Michigan State Restricted Walking Liberty Silver Bank Roll if any remain.

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# Alice Cooper headed to Detroit this week for show, street dedication

**Brian McCollum**  
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Detroit isn't just another tour stop for Alice Cooper this week.

The hometown rocker — on the road in support of his album "Detroit Stories" — has a busy slate of activities ahead of his Saturday show at DTE Energy Music Theatre.

On Thursday, he'll be in Westland for the dedication of Alice Cooper Court, a stretch of road off Michigan Avenue by the former Eloise Psychiatric Hospital. The festivities, including an Alice Cooper cover band, will start at 1 p.m., with Cooper arriving during the 2 p.m. hour.

A duplicate of the new street sign is already headed to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland: On Monday morning on WCSX-FM (94.7), museum CEO Greg Harris told Jim O'Brien the sign will become part of the permanent exhibit spotlighting Cooper, a 2011 inductee.

O'Brien — who initiated the successful campaigns behind Glenn Frey Drive

in Royal Oak and Bob Seger Boulevard in Allen Park — spearheaded the Alice Cooper Court effort. He said Monday the Eloise location is a "perfect" fit for the horror rocker.

While there, Cooper will also cut the ribbon on the new Eloise Asylum haunted attraction, set to open Oct. 1 with a pair of immersive experiences. The 30,000-square-foot space — hyped by its operators as a high-tech, state-of-the-art attraction — is set in a locally famous location that also served as inspiration for a 2017 horror film.

Eloise Asylum is at 30712 Michigan in Westland.

From there, Cooper will head to Rock City Music in Livonia for his first metro Detroit autograph event since 1999, signing copies of "Detroit Stories." The album, released in February, found Cooper teaming up with Detroit musicians such as Johnny (Bee) Badanjek.

The signing starts at 4 p.m. Tickets are required, and more info is available at the Rock City Music website.

Cooper and his band will hit DTE on Saturday with Ace Frehley in support.

# Wayne County COVID-19 cases and deaths tracker

**Mike Stucka**  
USA TODAY NETWORK

New coronavirus cases leaped in Michigan in the week ending Sunday, rising 24.4% as 21,442 cases were reported. The previous week had 17,238 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked 43rd among the states where coronavirus was spreading the fastest on a per-person basis, a USA TODAY Network analysis of Johns Hopkins University data shows.

In the latest week coronavirus cases in the United States increased 1.1% from the week before, with 1,030,256 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 2.08% of the country's cases in the last week.

Across the country, 36 states had more cases in the latest week than they did in the week before.

Some governments may have delayed reporting across the Labor Day holiday, and people who normally would have been tested might not have been tested then. Week-to-week comparisons may be inaccurate.

Wayne County reported 2,417 cases and 26 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 2,233 cases and 13 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 181,760 cases and 5,349 deaths.

Oakland County reported 1,979 cases and 14 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 1,825 cases and 18 deaths.

Throughout the pandemic it has reported 131,522 cases and 2,553 deaths.

Within Michigan, the worst weekly outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Dickinson County with 701 cases per 100,000 per week; Delta County with 525; and Alger County with 516.

The Centers for Disease Control says high levels of community transmission begin at 100 cases per 100,000 per week.

Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 2,417 cases; Oakland County, with 1,979 cases; and Kent County, with 1,688. Weekly case counts rose in 73 counties from the previous week.

The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in Berrien, Saginaw and Kent counties.

Michigan ranked 34th among states in share of people receiving at least one shot, with 56.4% of its residents at least

partially vaccinated. The national rate is 63.8%, a USA TODAY analysis of CDC data shows.

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which are the most used in the United States, require two doses administered a few weeks apart.

In the week ending Sunday, Michigan reported administering another 117,805 vaccine doses, including 55,668 first doses.

In the previous week, the state administered 88,124 vaccine doses, including 35,109 first doses. In all, Michigan reported it has administered 10,455,358 total doses.

Across Michigan, cases fell in nine counties, with the best declines in Branch County, with 121 cases from 138 a week earlier; in Iron County, with 29 cases from 42; and in Mackinac County, with 37 cases from 46.

In Michigan, 176 people were reported dead of COVID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 149 people were reported dead.

A total of 1,109,643 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and 21,997 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the United States 42,087,432 people have tested positive and 673,763 people have died.

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

USA TODAY analyzed federal hospital data as of Wednesday, Sept. 8.

Likely COVID patients admitted in the state:

- Last week: 1,377
- The week before that: 1,261
- Four weeks ago: 937

Likely COVID patients admitted in the nation:

- Last week: 121,201
- The week before that: 128,256
- Four weeks ago: 111,242

The USA TODAY Network is publishing localized versions of this story on its news sites across the country, generated with data from Johns Hopkins University and the Centers for Disease Control. If you have questions about the data or the story, contact Mike Stucka at [mstucka@gannett.com](mailto:mstucka@gannett.com).

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Louisiana Creole Gumbo customers enjoy socially distanced seating at the recently-opened Farmington Hills restaurant.

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## Restaurant

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The restaurant's newest location has been in the works for months, with the space ready to open since the summer. Spencer previously said issues hiring staff — a problem plaguing many restaurants and businesses — delayed the Farmington Hills opening. Even with finally opening in September, the restaurant's hours will be limited until more staff can be brought on: the restaurant is currently open Thursday through Saturday.

Opening its first location outside of Detroit is a big step for the restaurant, Spencer said. He said they realized many of their longtime customers were moving out of the city and to the sub-

urbs, and wanted to bring familiar flavor a little closer to them.

"There are more and more people that say to us, 'I live in Farmington, I live in Bloomfield, I live in Farmington Hills, I live in Southfield,'" Spencer said. "More and more people are out here."

"We have been around for so long. So many people know us."

Launching a new space is a testament to the idea, said Stephanie Spencer, Joe's daughter and the manager of the Farmington Hills restaurant.

She said she did not want to stay in the family business originally, but was convinced to stay after seeing the effort her father had put into the place to grow it.

She also said continuing the work of Louisiana Creole Gumbo's founder was also important to her.

"This is really important. You have

this guy, Mr. Stafford, this is his legacy," she said. "I couldn't imagine not continuing such an impactful and important legacy."

The space is designed as a fast-casual environment, with an emphasis on takeout. The restaurant has a small dining room, though that remains closed as COVID-19 cases remain high.

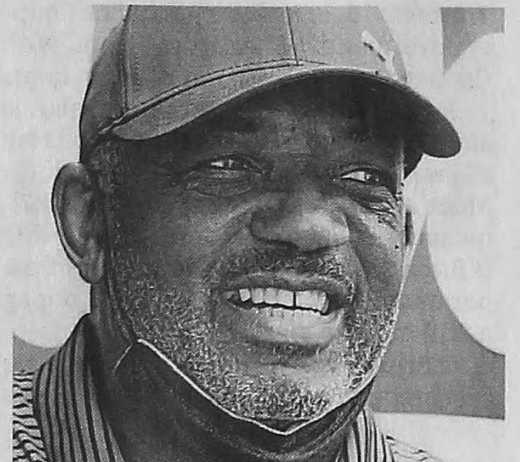
While the Farmington Hills spot is the latest space for Louisiana Creole Gumbo, Joe Spencer hopes it's not the last. He said he's hopeful he can grow the brand even farther and expose more people to good ol' Southern cooking.

"We're real excited about this," Spencer said. "The idea of expanding, we very much think in the very few years we'll have several more."

For more information, including a menu and how to apply to work at the restaurant, visit [detroitgumbo.com](http://detroitgumbo.com).



Employee Pelina Brown dishes up some chicken gumbo.



Louisiana Creole Gumbo president Joe Spencer talks about his work.



Louisiana Creole Gumbo sits at 29216 Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills.

## Retailer

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The planning commission recommended approval of the amendment, though with some stipulations after hearing from neighboring residents living on Westminister Way to the north of the development worried especially about the tire center, which would be constructed in the current building.

"To be honest with you, my first impression was very very concerned about this BJ's development, specifically converting the existing J.C. Penney store to a superstore," said Canton resident Hosam Hassanien during the meeting. "This is going to bring nothing to the community but noise, trash and pollution."

"This is a quiet neighborhood. It's going to have a negative impact on the quality of our life, the neighborhood."

To help alleviate any issues, petition-



A B.J.'s Wholesale warehouse has been proposed for the site of the former JC Penney at 43690 Ford Road in Canton.

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er Bryan Amann told the planning commission there were several conditions

that would keep noise at a minimum, including the fact that the store would not open until 9 a.m. every day.

He also said the company would be willing to keep the bay doors closed on the tire center while work is being performed.

"That should significantly resolve any noise getting out of it," he said.

Commission Chairman Greg Greene said he believed keeping those bays closed would make a big difference and looked forward to seeing the redeveloped site, even though he said he was sad to see J.C. Penney leave.

"And (if) we're going to keep those doors closed, I'm OK with the tire operation," Greene said. "I am hoping that quite honestly, that we do approve this and it does become a good neighbor for Canton."

BJ's Wholesale Club began in the 1980s on the East Coast as a wholesale store. The business has recently begun expanding into Michigan, first opening in 2019 in Madison Heights and later in

Taylor and Chesterfield Township.

While several members of the commission were happy to see the building, which J.C. Penney vacated earlier this year after announcing late last year it would close, at least one commissioner had hoped the department store's closure would spur some different types of development along the busy corridor.

Commissioner Douglas Weber said while he was happy to see the vacant building get filled, he had hoped its future could have been something a little different than another major retail store.

"I felt personally with the reconstruction of Ford Road coming up and a store like this coming empty, that maybe there'd be the beginning of some opportunity to try and change it slightly," he said. "We already have a lot of big box stores on Ford Road."

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## Outages

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Trent Frey, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service, agreed that 2021 is far above normal for severe storms in the 17 counties covered by the White Lake station, which includes the thumb and metro Detroit.

Since January, the weather service had issued 136 severe thunderstorm or tornado warnings, just hours ahead of another storm on Sept. 14 that followed a severe thunderstorm less than 24 hours before.

"That places us at this point, the seventh most warnings issued in a year going back to 1986," Frey said.

Over the course of the last 35 years the average for severe storms is in the low 100s, with 2004 being the highest year in that period for storm warnings with 191. Other high scoring years were 2006 and 2007 with 160 each, and 2011 also active with 150 warnings issued.

From 2015 to 2020, he said it has actually been below 100 annually.

"So we had a good six-year stretch, a relatively quiet period," Frey said. "This year is obviously quite a bit above."

He explained that the higher number of severe storms is a function of how the overall weather pattern set up with a



Shiawassee Creek in Farmington, swollen by the day's rain, rips through Shiawassee Park in July, past trees downed by a storm the weekend before.

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front draping over the region leading to additional storms that persist for more than a day and make for a couple rounds of storms during a given week.

The National Weather Service issues a "severe thunderstorm warning" when conditions are favorable for winds in excess of 58 mph, or a storm capable of producing hail in excess of 1-inch in di-

ameter. For tornadoes, meteorologists consider conditions that create instability in wind shear.

The National Weather Service has implemented a new system this year in which "considerable" or "catastrophic" tags can be attached to warnings. A base warning comes with 58 mph winds, "considerable" is reached with 70 mph

winds, and 80 mph is a catastrophic or destructive storm.

On July 24, the considerable tag was given to a storm that reached 70 mph winds in Wayne and Washtenaw, and up to 80 mph with a tornado that touched down in Walled Lake, two miles south of the National Weather Service office.

On Aug. 11, a storm with 80 mph winds blew through St. Clair, Sanilac, Lapeer and Macomb counties.

These summer storms can't be attributed to climate change until more research is done, Frey said, "but that is the trend we are expecting as the climate warms and changes. This extreme weather will be more common."

The most severe weather is tapering off at this point as the heat and humidity fades and fall weather arrives. This winter will usher in the second La Nina system in a row, which normally means a wetter season, with more rain and snowstorms the typical pattern for the Great Lakes. However, Frey noted that is not what happened last year.

"We had La Nina last winter and didn't see that pattern," he said. "There will be the potential for that, but there are a lot of other variables we have yet to determine."

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# New frog species named after late Northville expert

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As she led twice-a-year nighttime expeditions through Amazon jungles in search of rare species of frogs, Northville native Marcy Sieggreen was focused and fearless, her father Dwight Sieggreen remembered.

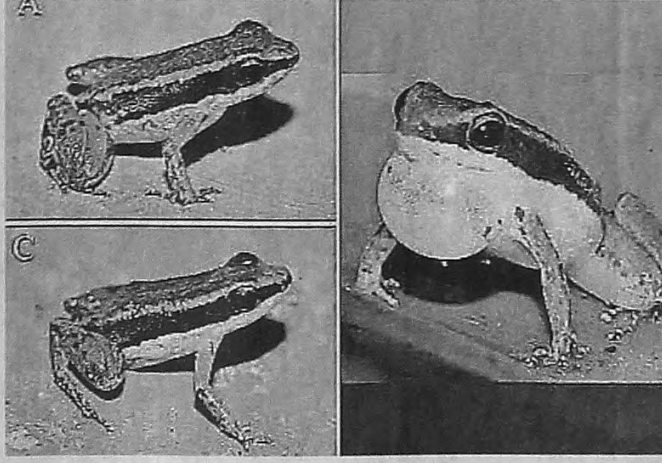
"Marcy would always be in the front of the group leading the way, even though the jungle was dark and you could hear the noises made by the jungle's nocturnal animals and insects," said Dwight Sieggreen, a retired Northville Public Schools life sciences educator who often accompanied his daughter on Amazon adventures. "She loved what she was doing so much, there was no reluctance on her part to head into a dark jungle."

Marcy Sieggreen's dedication to her profession was rewarded Sept. 6 when a species of frogs — *Allobates sieggreenae* — was named after her.

"From everything we've learned, it's a very, very rare honor," Dwight Sieggreen said. "When we received the call that this was happening, her mother (Mary) and I shed a few tears. We're incredibly proud, to say the least."

Until the time of her death Sieggreen was a curator of amphibians at the Detroit Zoo. The species of frogs that now bears her name is endemic to the Peruvian Amazonian region where Sieggreen led the Detroit Zoological Society's involvement in an assessment of amphibian populations.

*Allobates sieggreenae* is endemic to the Peruvian Amazonian region where Sieggreen led the DZS's involvement in an assessment of amphibian populations. The project included field surveys to document species living in several sites and testing for chytridiomycosis, a disease that is wiping out amphibian populations throughout South America and other parts of



A new species of frog, *Allobates sieggreenae*, is named after late Northville resident Marcy Sieggreen. COURTESY OF NOVATAXBLOGSPOT.COM



Northville native Marcy Sieggreen, who died at the age of 43 in 2016, is pictured during a trip to the Amazon. COURTESY OF THE DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

the world.

"Of all the things that would have given Marcy pleasure, this would be her great joy," Dwight Sieggreen said. "This is a priceless gift and there are no words to express how grateful we are that she is honored in this way. We knew her love for both amphibians and Peru."

"How fortunate it was that she was able to combine the two and contribute to the field. We owe a special thank you to all those who made this recognition possible: the Detroit Zoo family, amphibian scientists and the Peruvian people."

Sieggreen oversaw all programs and operations at the Detroit Zoo's National Amphibian Conservation Center (NACC), including animal care, breeding, conservation programs, guest experiences and research.

Sieggreen also led the DZS's cooperative breeding efforts for many endangered amphibian species, helping to restore populations in wild habitats. She served

on the board of the international Amphibian Survival Alliance and on several Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) committees.

Sieggreen also led the Amazonian component of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Amphibian Red List Assessment.

"Marcy was an incredible force in the DZS' work to celebrate and save wildlife. Her passion for amphibians and their conservation was unmatched," said Scott Carter, DZS chief life sciences officer. "This is a beautiful tribute for an extraordinary person."

Sieggreen was working toward a Ph.D. in environmental science through New England's Antioch University. She earned a master's degree in biological science from Wayne State University and bachelor's degrees in Earth Science, Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecosystems and Geography from Eastern Michigan University.

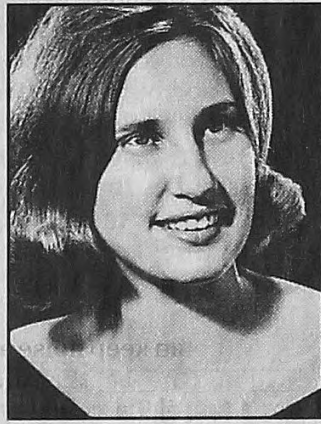
## Obituaries

### Bonnie Ruth Stanley Graham

VENICE, FL - Bonnie Ruth Stanley Graham, 80, passed away September 1st, 2021 at Venice Regional Bayfront Hospital in Venice, FL. She was born in Dayton, OH March 23, 1941 to Dr. Lester N. Stanley and Ruth Fedor Stanley and was the younger sister to Peter Stanley (deceased).

Bonnie was raised in upstate New York in the small town of Delmar. She enjoyed a fun and active childhood. She loved making friends, playing tennis, and going biking and skiing. She learned how to play the piano at a young age and had the ability to play by ear, which was fun to witness and listen to. She spent fun summers on Lake George. She always talked fondly about the 6 week family trip taken across the USA, in the family Buick, in the summer of 1953. The trip was spent touring many states and visiting many landmarks. She graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1959. Her High School yearbook superlative was "Babble on little brook". Words were Bonnie's essence. She loved to talk! She loved to write and correspond. Consider yourself lucky if you ever received her letters and cards.

Bonnie left NY to attend college at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, MI. She was a member of the Chi Omega Sorority. She graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education. Before she graduated, she was married to William S. Graham in 1965. They ultimately settled in Plymouth, MI and had 2 daughters, Catherine and Mary Ellen. Bonnie and Bill were later divorced. Bonnie received her Masters Degree in Reading in 1984 from Eastern Michigan University.



Bonnie spent her working years teaching preschool in Plymouth, MI. Here she excelled with her young students, being a kid at heart herself. Her students adored her and she loved making a student's first foray into school a positive experience.

Bonnie participated and volunteered in the Plymouth Jaycees, AAUW (Amer. Assoc. of Univ. Women), FISH and the YMCA. When travel was easy for her she loved visiting family and friends.

In 1998 Bonnie retired to Venice, FL. Venice was very familiar to her as her parents retired there in 1973. She spent the last 20+ years making new friends, while maintaining old friends in MI and NY, being active, enjoying the warm climate, playing trivia, riding her bike, going out to dinners and watching sunsets at the jetties. Bonnie found friends wherever she went. She was her happiest when socializing and sharing herself. She was our family historian. She was generous beyond measure. She was a lively spirit and always ready to be the life of the party.

Bonnie is survived by: Daughter - Catherine (Rick) Fennell, Ogden, UT, Grandson - William Fennell, Step Granddaughters - Whitney (Jess) Dickson and family, McKinli Hatch and family and Matti Fennell.

Daughter - Mary Ellen (David) Williams, North Port, FL, Granddaughter - Victoria (Nick) Mobley and Great Grandson - Enzo Mobley

Sister in Law - Christine (Peter - deceased) Stanley, Whitefish, MT, Nephew - Lester (Kristin) Stanley and family - Minnetonka, MN and Niece - Jill (Geoff) Burt and family - Neptune Beach, FL

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating a contribution in Bonnie's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org or to your local animal shelter.

Memorial Services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements under the direction of Farley Funeral Home, Venice, FL. Condolences may be shared at: [www.FarleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.FarleyFuneralHome.com)

Internment, Lakeview Cemetery, Bridgeport, CT

### Marilyn Holland

LIVONIA - Marilyn Holland of Livonia went home to be with the Lord on September 15, 2021. Beloved mother of Jenifer (Kevin) Lampi. Adored grandmother of Jacob, Alexander, and Amelia. Proud sister of Mary Lou Daoust. She will be missed by many loving family members and friends. Visitation will be held on Friday 9/24 from 3-8p at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile Rd. Livonia (East of Levan). A Memorial Mass will be Saturday 9/25 at 11am at St. Edith, 15089 Newburgh Rd. Livonia. Please visit the guestbook at [fredwoodfuneralhome.com](http://fredwoodfuneralhome.com)

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### Margaret Retting

TIPTON - Margaret Retting, 87 of Tipton, Michigan passed away peacefully on September 14th, 2021 at Angela Hospice in Livonia. Margaret was born in Detroit on January 14th, 1934 to Olof and Karin Wahlstrom. Margaret was married to Roy on August 18th, 1956 and have been married for 65 years. Margaret worked with Roys at his Dental office for many years. She was active in the Church choir, playing her guitar and piano at Risen Christ Church when she lived in Plymouth. Once Margaret and Roy retired at Evans Lake she was very involved at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. She was passionately involved in the Swedish club for most of her life. Margaret was beloved by her family. Margaret is lovingly remembered by her husband Roy, Children Mark (Betsy) Retting and Eric (Leeann) Retting, Grandchildren, Tyler, Mitchel, Joshua, Kathryn, Alicia, Jesse, great grandchild Mackenzie and other family and friends. Margaret is preceded in death by her brother Nils Wahlstrom and son John Retting. A private memorial service and burial will take place at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park on Monday September 27th. Memorial donations in memory of Margaret Retting may be made to Angela Hospice in Livonia or Williams Syndrome Association in Troy.



# It's time for POP!, squash and the Three Sisters



**Walt Gajewski**  
Guest columnist

The Farmers Market is a marker for the seasons as we turn to fall. It's here. Back to school, football and cider mills are sure signs, but the market reflects nature's own turn of the page.

Cornstalks, pumpkins, apples, fresh-press cider, gnarly squash and mounds of mums frame the Saturday scene at the market nowadays. It's my favorite time of year.

## POP! goes the market

Our POP! Club for kids – Power Of Produce – made its third appearance of the summer last Saturday. It sure is great to see kids “playing with their food” again while learning about where food comes from

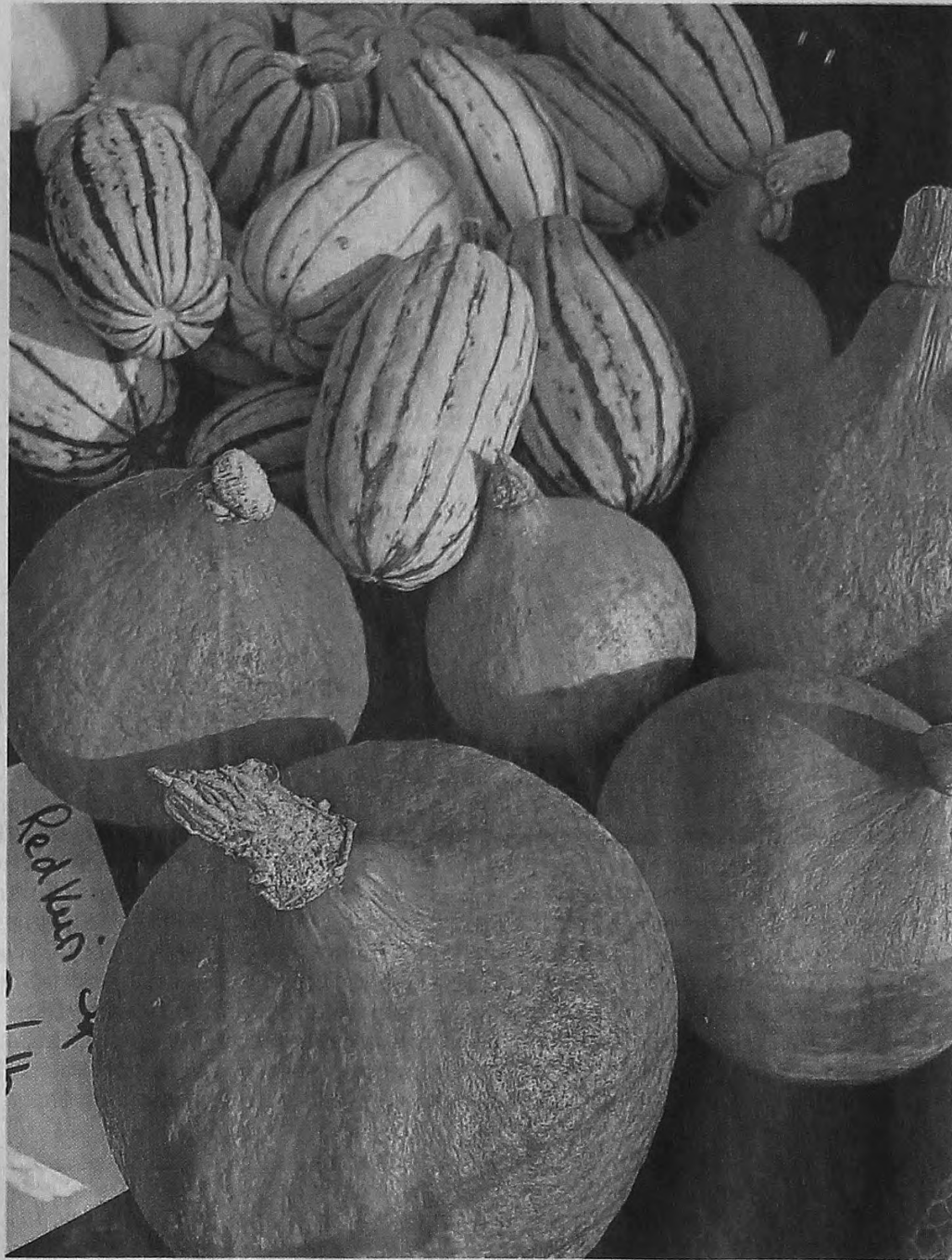
Like pretty much everything else, POP! went away last season due to COVID-19, but has returned this year with safe precautions, including a larger footprint for spreading out and saying yes to masks (for kids 3-12 years) and a heartfelt precaution that adults in the audience also wear them.

Last week's POP! event was hands on, all about squash, experiencing nature's bounty of the fall, which also included presentations on root vegetables. Everyone had fun tasting roasted pepitas, the kernel of a squash seed; putting hands on the many different colors and varieties of squash and even making tasty and nutritious pasta substitutes: zoodle (zucchini noodles) and spaghetti from – what else? – spaghetti squash!

Peggy Castine, one of POP!'s teaching coordinators, said she was pleasantly surprised by how many families already have enjoyed both alternatives.

“Veggie pastas are a great way for kids to experience the fullness of flavor from our farm stands,” she said. “The menu options are endless – toss with oil, herbs, protein, combine with other veggies, and you have a winner.”

Being a history buff and inquisitive by nature, Castine wanted to also ex-



Squash is crowding its way onto farm stands at the Farmington Farmers Market. COURTESY

plain to the kids the Three Sisters method of growing corn, beans and squash together. But last week's POP! meeting had too many other fun things to do with squash so they ran out of time. But let's take a minute here so you can share this story around your own dinner table.

The Three Sisters, as it's called, is an ancient Native American method of companion planting “at its best,” according to the Old Farmer's Almanac.

Practiced for more than 5,000 years by the Iroquois and other native tribes, growing the three crops together not only provided a complete diet of nutritional food but also discouraged weeds and pests while enriching the soil and, like actual sisters, offered support to each other as they grew!

According to historical records, a farmer would dig a hole in the ground and place one seed each of maize (a tall

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*Walt Gajewski is the Farmington Farmers Market manager. The market runs Saturdays in downtown Farmington.*

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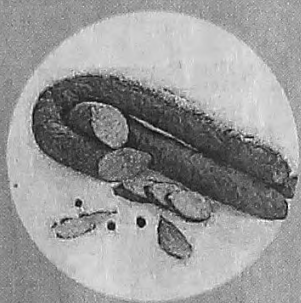
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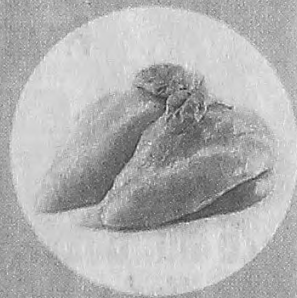
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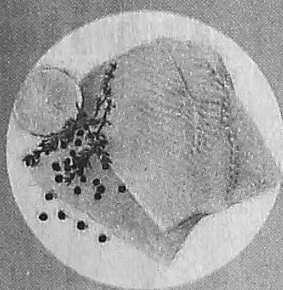


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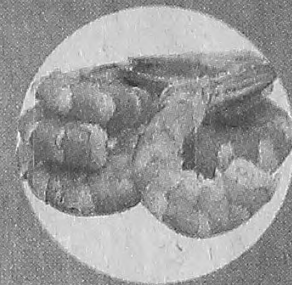


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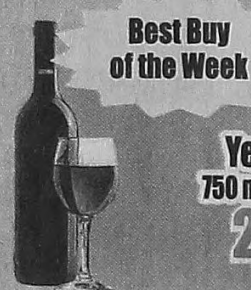
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# SPORTS

## Moving forward



Livonia Stevenson sophomore pom team member Sophia Bihun poses with head coach Erica Hunter.

### Stevenson pom athlete looks to future after losing home in fire

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Erica Hunter's first season with Livonia Stevenson pompom was in 2020. Eleven years of coaching experience was on her side as she inherited a young roster with 14 freshmen.

Sophia Bihun stood out to her right away. She was a skilled pommer, coming from the reigning state-champion Livonia Pom team for middle schoolers. She was a hard worker, but quiet.

But the rigorous schedule for high school pom was something Bihun was already accustomed to prior to her arrival at Stevenson through the Livonia Pom program.

"They make you really, truly feel like a family," Kelly Bihun said of her daughter Sophia's time with Livonia Pom. "You are doing a lot of togetherness, you are practicing for that young of an age, three, four days a week, being pushed to your limits."

"When you think you can't do it anymore, you do it one more time."

Pom was Bihun's competitive outlet, transitioning from dance starting in the fifth grade. It was where her social circle was, where she made the transition from middle school to high school. It was where she came out of her shell.

And when the Bihun family's lives changed forever, it's where Sophia found an escape.

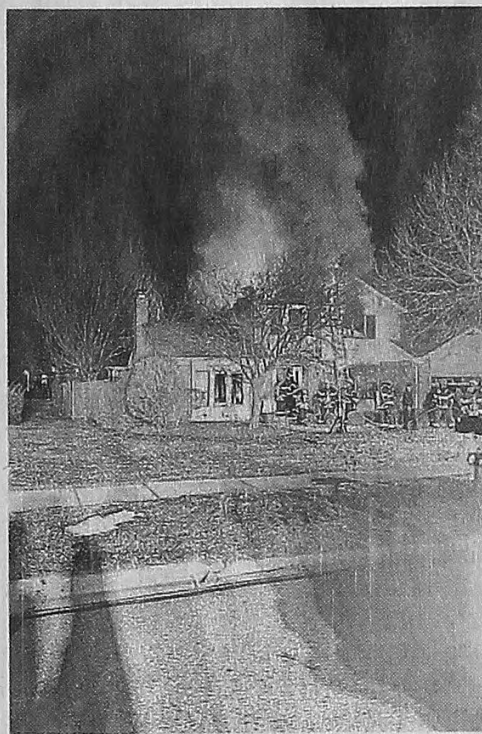
#### Devastating fire

Kelly Bihun will never forget the exact time: 10:39 p.m.

It was a Saturday night in late January. Bihun and her daughter Sophia were on the couch watching TV. Kelly's son Jack was in his bedroom playing video games and her husband was asleep.

She heard a pop.

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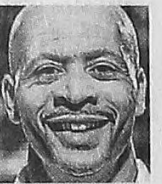
Bihun's home was destroyed in a fire Jan. 23. PHOTOS COURTESY OF KELLY BIHUN

### New AD at Plymouth brings in experience

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Fueled by a series of powerful life experiences, Chaka Johnson feels he is more than ready to lead the Plymouth High School athletic department into the future.

Most recently a special education teacher and assistant athletic director for the Harper Woods School District, the former Division 1 college football player/entrepreneur/banker



Johnson

was hired to succeed Ray Miller, who is transitioning into a traditional assistant principal position at Plymouth.

"I've been training for this position pretty much my entire life," said Johnson, whose hiring was approved Sept. 14 by a unanimous vote of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. "I was born into a service-oriented community. My dad worked at Chrysler and was the president of our PAL football league in Detroit and my mom was an educator for 30 years for the Detroit Public Schools. They instilled strong values in me."

"When I wake up in the morning, I have a smile on my face when I get out of bed knowing that I have an opportunity to impact the Plymouth-Canton community."

Athletics have been a huge part of Johnson's life since he was young — but his resume reflects someone who has made contributions beyond stadiums and arenas.

Following a stellar high school basketball, football and academic career at Detroit Southwestern High School, Johnson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in communications and played running back at the University of Kansas.

"I was humbled when I first arrived at Kansas and saw athletes my age from Florida who looked like grown men," Johnson said, chuckling. "Playing college football taught me a lot of important life lessons, including the importance of commitment and sacrifice — we'd get up at 6 a.m. for workouts and we had study sessions that stretched into the night. I learned how important camaraderie is."

As a redshirt his first year at Kansas, Johnson watched in awe from the sidelines as a young Oklahoma State running back named Barry Sanders put on a show against the Jayhawks.

"I believe he rushed for 321 yards in the first half," Johnson recounted. "It was the most spectacular performance

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# Undefeated teams rule Hometown Life's top 10

Colin Gay [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
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Week 5 is here.

Four games into the 2021 regular season, here's a look at the top-10 teams from Hometown Life's coverage area.

## 1. Livonia Churchill (4-0, Last Week: No. 1)

The Chargers seem to be getting better as the weeks continue, beating Wayne Memorial by 41 points, their largest margin of victory since Oct. 11, 2019. Look for Churchill to remain at the top as long as it continues its win streak.

## 2. South Lyon (4-0, Last Week: No. 2)

South Lyon continues to make statements with each game played. Hosting reigning Division 4 state champion Detroit Country Day, the Lions scored 21 unanswered points in the fourth quarter, leading to their first 4-0 start since 2019.

## 3. Lakeland (4-0, Last Week: No. 5)

Lakeland cruised to a victory against Waterford Mott, setting up an undefeated showdown between the Eagles and South Lyon on their home turf.

## 4. Detroit Catholic Central (3-1, Last Week: No. 6)

Detroit Catholic Central continues its turnaround, beating Detroit U-D Jesuit by 14 at home. The Shamrocks will now try for their seventh-straight win against rival Brother Rice.

## 5. Brother Rice (3-1, Last Week: No. 4)

Brother Rice nearly squeaked out a win in Week 4 against De La Salle — the second straight season in which the Warriors lost by less than a touchdown to the Pilots. Look for the Warriors' matchup against CC to show how much

staying power this Brother Rice team has.

## 6. North Farmington (3-1, Last Week: No. 3)

The combination of quarterback Ryan Shelby and wide receivers Aaron Rice and Jasper Beeler were not enough to keep Oak Park from earning its first win of the season in Week 4. The Raiders will try and regroup against two-loss Rochester in Week 5.

## 7. Detroit Country Day (3-1, Last Week: No. 7)

Detroit Country Day struggled against South Lyon. Instead of using the physical rushing attack the Yellow-jackets are known for, the offense was forced to air it out, leading to rushed passes by quarterback Brandon Mann. Detroit Country Day remains in a position to make a deep run.

## 8. Novi (3-1, Last Week: No. 8)

Novi could be turning some heads in the KLAA West. Using a high-profile rushing attack headlined by Cole Shires, the Wildcats have won back-to-back contests in which the offense scored four touchdowns or more.

## 9. Bloomfield Hills (4-0, Last Week: NR)

What is happening in Bloomfield Hills? The Black Hawks are off to their first 4-0 start since 2016, averaging 33.5 points per game on offense, while allowing just over 10 points per game defensively.

## 10. Canton (2-2, Last Week: NR)

Back-to-back 50-point games have turned Canton's season around, allowing 34 combined points in each of the past two weeks to Plymouth and Northville, respectively.

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## WEEK 5 FOOTBALL PICKS

Sports reporter Colin Gay, sports contributor Ben Szilagyi 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 Szilagyi	Phil Allmen	Coin Flip
Dearborn vs. Livonia Churchill	Livonia Churchill	Dearborn	Livonia Churchill	Dearborn
Livonia Franklin vs. Westland John Glenn	Livonia Franklin	Livonia Franklin	Livonia Franklin	Westland John Glenn
Wayne Memorial vs. Livonia Stevenson	Livonia Stevenson	Livonia Stevenson	Wayne Memorial	Livonia Stevenson
Canton vs. Novi	Canton	Canton	Novi	Novi
Brighton vs. Northville	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton
Plymouth vs. Hartland	Hartland	Hartland	Hartland	Plymouth
Howell vs. Salem	Howell	Howell	Howell	Howell
Detroit Catholic Central vs. Brother Rice	Detroit Catholic Central	Detroit Catholic Central	Brother Rice	Detroit Catholic Central
Milford vs. Walled Lake Western	Milford	Walled Lake Western	Milford	Walled Lake Western
Lakeland vs. South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	Lakeland	Lakeland
South Lyon East vs. Paw Paw	South Lyon East	South Lyon East	South Lyon East	South Lyon East
Groves vs. Oak Park	Oak Park	Oak Park	Oak Park	Groves
Rochester vs. North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington
Rochester Adams vs. Seaholm	Rochester Adams	Rochester Adams	Rochester Adams	Seaholm
Bloomfield Hills vs. Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Bloomfield Hills	Bloomfield Hills
Harper Woods vs. Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day	Harper Woods

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

### Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Livonia Churchill (4-0) 49, Wayne Memorial (0-4) 8  
Livonia Franklin at Dearborn Fordson; 7 p.m., Sept. 17  
Belleville (3-1) 58, Livonia Stevenson (2-2) 0  
Dearborn (3-1) 55, John Glenn (0-4) 13  
Canton (2-2) 55, Northville (1-3) 27  
Novi (3-1) 28, Brighton (1-3) 16: Novi used 248 rushing yards, including touchdowns from Cole Shires and Luke Aurilia, to get past Brighton at home.  
Howell (4-0) 48, Plymouth (0-4) 0: Howell recorded 425 yards of offense compared to Plymouth's 60, handing the Wildcats their fourth loss of the season.  
Salem at Hartland; 7 p.m., Sept. 17

### Catholic High School League

De La Salle (3-0) 21, Brother Rice (3-1) 16  
Detroit Catholic Central (3-1) 28, U-D Jesuit (1-3) 14  
Cranbrook Kingswood 43, Madison Heights Bishop Foley 41

### Lakes Valley Conference

Milford 28, Walled Lake Central 17  
South Lyon (4-0) 31, Detroit Country

Day (3-1) 7  
Walled Lake Western (2-2) 21  
South Lyon East (1-3) 14  
Lakeland (4-0) 35, Waterford Mott (3-1) 28

### Oakland Activities Association

Groves (1-3) 21, Seaholm (0-4) 14: Sophomore Caden Hardy threw two touchdown passes as the Falcons earned their first win of the season against rival Seaholm.  
Oak Park (1-3) 30, North Farmington (3-1) 24  
Bloomfield Hills (4-0) 38, Auburn Hills Avondale (1-3) 6  
Troy (4-0) 17, Farmington (0-4) 7

### Independent

Livonia Clarenceville (4-0) 37, Macomb Lutheran North (2-2) 30

### Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Melvindale (3-1) 22, Garden City (1-3) 8  
Dearborn Heights Robichaud 34, Redford Thurston 32  
Redford Union (3-1) 28, Dearborn Heights Crestwood (2-2) 20; OT

### Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Lutheran Westland (3-1) 31, Whitmore Lake (3-1) 28



South Lyon's Quinn Fracassi, right, comes down with a reception. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## New AD

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I've ever seen ... a sign of things to come."

Johnson's best season at Kansas was in 1990 when he averaged 6.5 yards per carry.

"I wasn't a speed demon, but I would make a lot of guys miss," he said. "When I was young, sometimes we'd play tackle football on concrete, which gave me incentive not to want to get tackled."

Johnson's post-college life has been anything but dull. He has coached four different sports at various levels, including a stint as an assistant women's basketball coach at University of Detroit Mercy.

"I even coached softball one year at Detroit Central High School," he added.

He has owned his own fitness company, worked in the financial industry as a banker at Chase Bank in Plymouth and served as a director of student development at U of D.

"I'm going to be a very involved athletic director," Johnson said. "No matter the sport, no matter the level — whether

it's football, basketball, tennis or bowling — you'll see me on the sidelines, observing the interaction between coaches and athletes. I'll be evaluating from Day 1. I'm absolutely going to be a hands-on type of athletic director.

"I'm also a big community relations guy. I like to get out in the community, speaking and engaging."

When he is not working, Johnson enjoys boating on Lake St. Clair, working out and spending time with his three children: Letesha, Israel and Jayden.

His circle of good friends includes former University of Michigan and NBA star Jalen Rose, currently an on-air talent at ESPN, and former NFL great Antonio Gates.

Johnson first met Rose while playing basketball at Southwestern for his uncle, legendary coach Perry Watson.

"I can't wait to get started," Johnson said, his enthusiasm reflected in his voice. "I truly believe this is what I was meant to do: impact young athletes' lives in a positive way, both on the field and off."

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Chaka Johnson was a running back for the University of Kansas following a stellar high school gridiron career at Detroit Southwestern. GETTY IMAGES

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Four questions to ask prior to Week 5

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With four games complete and five more weeks to go in the 2021 regular season, teams are still trying to figure out what their identities are.

Here are four questions to ponder ahead of the start of the fifth week of the campaign.

### Will CC beat Brother Rice again?

Brother Rice hasn't beaten Detroit Catholic Central since 2014, when the Warriors advanced to the regional final and lost by a score to De La Salle.

This reign of success in the rivalry for the Shamrocks has mirrored the team's overall play, making at least the regional final in four out of the last six seasons.

That same expectation followed Catholic Central into the 2021 season, but after a massive loss to Chippewa Valley in Week 1, those expectations have seemed to taper off a bit.

Brother Rice suffered its first loss of the season in Week 4 against De La Salle, losing by a touchdown or less.

Like it seemingly does every season, this matchup has huge implications for how the Catholic High School League will shake out.

### Can Lakeland get over the hump in the LVC?

Lakeland technically won the Lakes Valley Conference title: finishing the 2020 season undefeated in league play. But in a shortened season, the Eagles got a bit lucky.

Their first three games of the year were against the big dogs of the LVC: Walled Lake Western, Waterford Mott and South Lyon. Since the league's emergence, the Eagles have never beaten all three teams in one season. In 2020, Lakeland finished the regular season undefeated, but faced only teams with either .500 or losing records.

Lakeland didn't get a chance to face Walled Lake Western in 2021. The Eagles' game against the Warriors was a forfeit after Walled Lake Western was short-handed in its Week 2 win against



Davison's Henry Carstarphen III, right, brings down Catholic Central's Mike Downs after Downs intercepted a pass intended for Carstarphen. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Walled Lake Northern

Lakeland's win streak is still intact, beating Waterford Mott at home. But South Lyon dominated, scoring three touchdowns in the fourth quarter to blast past Detroit Country Day.

This game against the Lions will be key if Lakeland wants a district title.

### Can Cole Shires carry Novi's run game?

Novi made a statement at home against Brighton in Week 4.

The Wildcats pounded the running game against the Bulldogs, recording

273 yards on the ground and three touchdowns, averaging nearly six yards per carry.

Cole Shires has been a big part of that success over the past two weeks. Facing Brighton and Salem combined, the running back scored five touchdowns, recording 252 yards on 36 carries, averaging exactly seven yards per carry.

Quarterback Luke Aurilia has been an important cog in Novi's offensive machine too, recording two passing touchdowns and a rushing touchdown in each of the past two weeks. But Novi's bread and butter seems to be Shires four weeks into the season.

### Is Canton back?

One season after winning the KLAA West, Canton struggled out of the gate, scoring 44 points combined against Dearborn Fordson and Howell in the first two games of the season.

But the Chiefs seemed to have turned something on in the past two weeks, scoring at least 50 points in back-to-back games for the first time since 2016. Led by running backs Josiah West and Wesley Faulkner, the Canton offense only seems to be gaining steam ahead of its Week 5 meeting with Novi.

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# Athlete

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Strange noises were not uncommon in the Bihun household, living right off the Six Mile ramp of Interstate 275 at Newburgh Road in Livonia. Kelly Bihun wasn't fazed, thinking it was just a muffler, until she heard it again seconds later. Closer. Louder.

Kelly and Sophia jumped up from the couch, seeing a dim light from the basement. Thinking it was an intruder, Kelly yelled to Sophia, who was running to her room, "Go call 911." Sophia let both her brother and her father know something was going on before barricading herself in her bedroom.

Even when the smoke alarms went off, Sophia Bihun didn't put it all together, telling the dispatcher it was an intruder. She found out later that Kelly had called 911 from the basement to tell them what was truly going on: a fire, caused by a plugged-in hoverboard in the basement.

"I used to be one of those people who would think, 'How can you not get out of a fire? What's wrong with people?' You hear horror stories, right, until the day that this happened," Kelly Bihun said. "Now I can see how very quick it went from everything being fine to what happened."

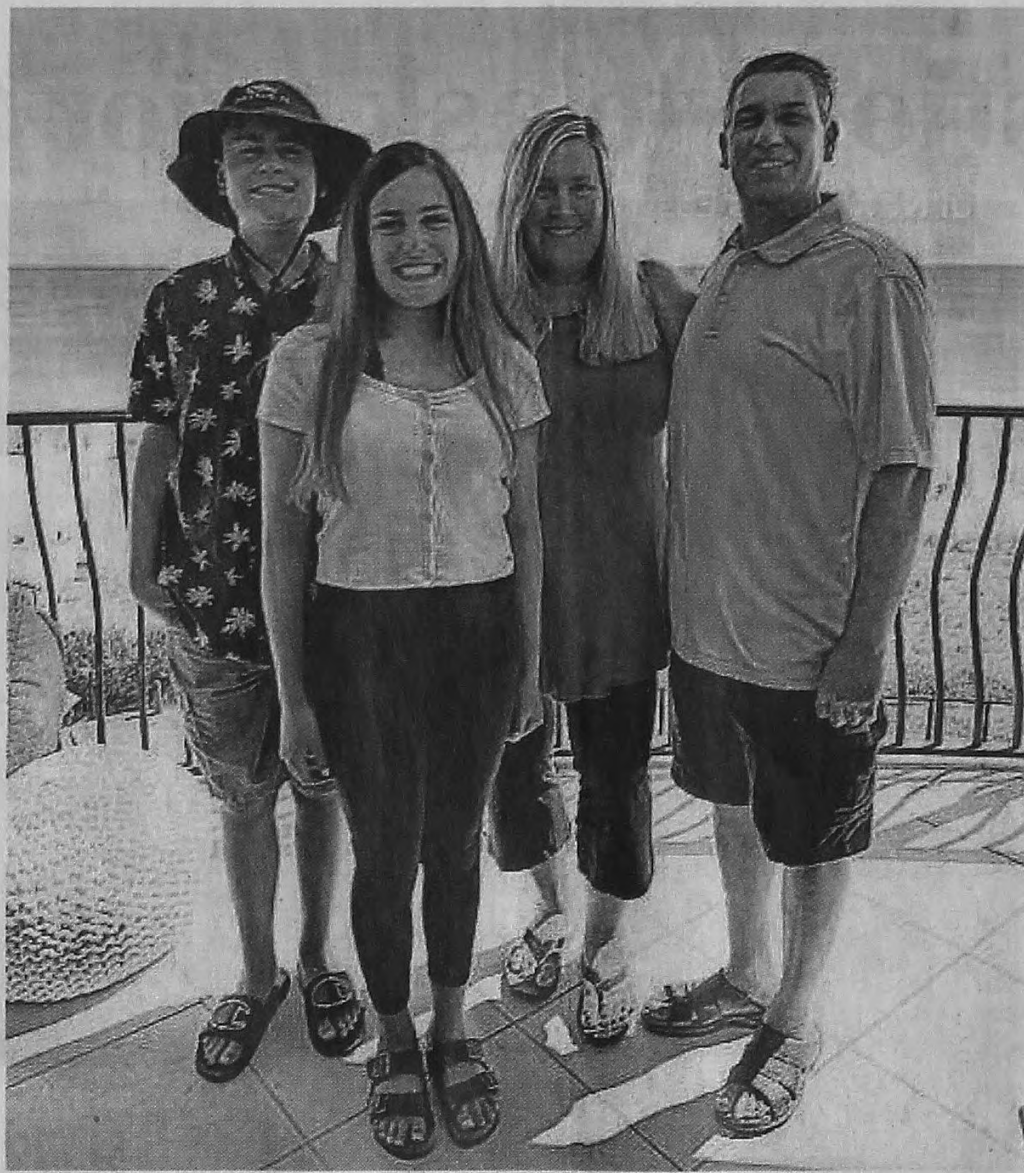
Sophia got her brother Jack and ran downstairs, seeing the big black smoke billowing from the basement. Despite some miscommunication veiled in chaos, the Bihun family and their dog made it out.

All Sophia could do was watch from across the street at her neighbor's house.

"It was really hard to see," she said. "You just saw all your memories and everything because I was in that house since birth; we never moved, me or my brother."

After the police and fire department arrived, the fire was seemingly quenched at 2 a.m. Sunday morning before it ignited again through the cool air return vent on the roof.

The Bihuns were able to salvage a few pictures, but most of their possessions were unrecoverable, erased with smoke, fire or water damage, including the plaques, trophies and ribbons Sophie had earned from 3 years old to her freshman year: the irreplaceable things.



The Bihun family poses during a 2021 family vacation. COURTESY OF KELLY BIHUN

"I'm such a safety person," Kelly Bihun said. "Literally, I'm so organized, I don't have things misplaced at all throughout the house... I used to always harp on the kids, 'Don't leave the dryer going if you are not in the house... Don't leave the hoverboard on the charger if we are going to be gone.'"

"Never in a million years would I ever think that it would have been me, that we would lose the house like this."

### 'It happened the way it was supposed to'

The Bihun family didn't sleep much Saturday night.

Heading into Sunday morning, Kelly Bihun's focus was on her children: what can I do to make their life easier, what do they need to continue to be successful? "This isn't going to change who we

are," she recalls thinking. "It's a big bump in the road, it's all it is."

So she gave both Sophie and Jack the choice on attending school that Monday, knowing what they just had gone through, knowing each would be asked about the fire.

Sophia Bihun needed to get away. She needed normalcy. She said she would push through.

"I just wanted to be with my friends again on Monday," Sophia Bihun said. "I got right back in the swing of things with the support of family, friends, like they literally supplied me with everything."

Sophia Bihun found pom to be her escape, getting out and exercising with her friends, getting away from it all. To Hunter, it was her first example of seeing the pom and Stevenson athletic community in action, helping Sophia

and her family recover with gift cards, clothes, anything they needed.

"She was not fazed," the coach said of Sophia when she came to practice on the Monday after the fire. "I talked with her mom, 'She doesn't have to come, I understand,' obviously it's traumatic. But her mom said, 'No, she wants to come. She wants to be around her friends, she wants to not think about it. She wants to be at practice.'"

Life continued on for the Bihun family. They moved to Sophia's grandparents house minutes away from their original home. The rebuild for the home is in progress with hopes to have it done by November or December.

But Kelly Bihun remembers the moment that it hit Sophia.

Two weeks after it happened, Sophia and Kelly sat on the couch together watching TV. Her mom started to ask Sophia a few questions about what happened. Kelly saw a blank stare from her daughter before she broke down.

The what-ifs poured out as the tears flowed: What if I wasn't the last one in the basement? What if I hadn't plugged the hoverboard in? Kelly remembers her daughter being so strong for her, stepping up in the immediate two weeks after the fire.

Sophia Bihun had been holding it in. She thought the fire was her fault.

"I said, 'Sophia: you absolutely can't think of it like that. I'm so glad it happened the way it did,'" Kelly Bihun remembers telling her. "It could have been any other day. It happened the way it was supposed to happen because nobody got hurt."

Sophia Bihun and her brother Jack have always been family-oriented kids. Now, even more so, with Kelly saying that the pair have learned not to take things for granted, knowing they can be gone in a minute.

It's changed Sophia's approach in pom. She said she's closer to her teammates, with Hunter describing her as one of the funniest athletes on the roster. She's approachable, and a hard worker.

Sophia Bihun knows what could have happened. While her and her family's life changed, she knows it was supposed to have happened this way.

"We're just happy that everything can be replaced," Sophia Bihun said. "You can't replace a person or something."

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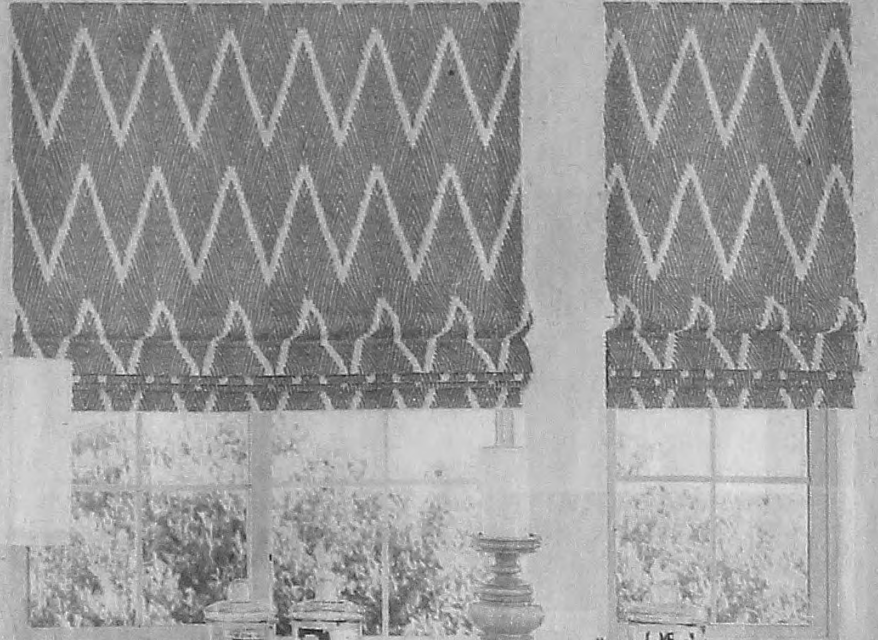
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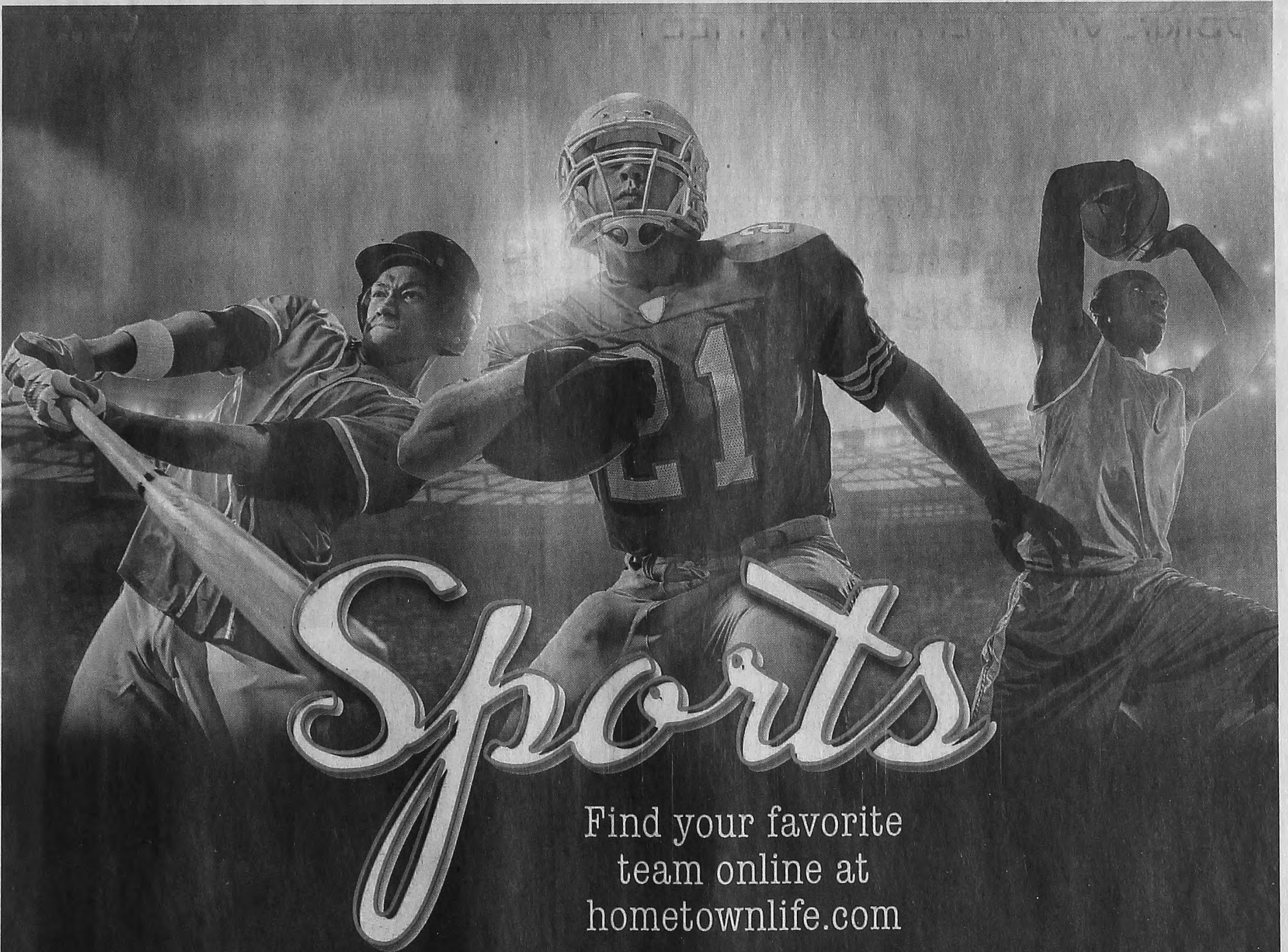
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Thursday, October 7, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.  
Online Zoom Webinar**

201 S. Main Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170  
Website: www.plymouthmi.gov Phone: (734) 453-1234 ext. 232

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. online via Zoom to consider the following:

Z21-17 Non-Use Variance Request for 718 Burroughs  
Generator location  
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential  
Applicant: Neil O'Donnell

Z21-18 Non-Use Variance Requests for 885 Fralick  
Landscape buffer along Fralick  
Private parking area exceeding six spaces  
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2021 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

1. Application 1630 (tabled from 8/5/2021), 78-06599-0016-301, 40475 Ann Arbor Road, Suburban Cadillac, ARC zoning district is requesting three variances to the monument/ground sign requirements:
  - a. Monument sign height of twenty-five feet (25') whereas no higher than ten feet (10') is allowed. *Variance request of fifteen feet (15') in monument sign height.*
  - b. Monument sign square footage of one hundred sixty-five feet (165') whereas the maximum square footage is forty-two square feet. *Variance request of one hundred twenty-three feet (123') of square footage.*
  - c. Monument sign must have a brick base whereas an aluminum base is requested. *Variance to be allowed an aluminum base.*
2. Application 1636, 78-02-99-0019-000, 14951 Haggerty RD, R-1 zoning district is requesting three variances to the monument/ground sign requirements:
  - a. Height of sign 6'6" feet whereas 4' feet is the maximum. *Variance requested is (2'6") two feet six inches in height.*
  - b. Sign location to be 5'4" from Haggerty Road ROW and within the 25' street setback whereas the sign must be wholly within the property exclusive of the street setback or road right-of-way. *Variance requested to be constructed within the 25' setback and 5'4" from ROW.*
  - c. Sign base of 24" whereas 30" is required. *Variance requested is a lower sign base by (6") six inches.*
3. Application 1637 & 1638, 78-007-01-0002-003, vacant property East of Ridge/North of M-14, TAR zoning district has removed the two requests until November 4, 2021.
4. Application 1639, 78-056-99-0007-000, 45801 Ann Arbor RD, R-1-S zoning district and is requesting four variances for a sales trailer and construction sign:
  - a. One real estate development sign for Margate Subdivision, located off of Canton Center Road to be placed on the Church of the Nazarene property located off of Ann Arbor RD whereas a Real Estate Development Sign must be placed wholly on the property to which it pertains. *Variance requested (1) Real Estate Development sign to be placed off-premises for the Margate Subdivision.*
  - b. Real estate sign location to be 5' from Ann Arbor Road ROW and within the 30' street setback whereas the sign must be wholly within the property exclusive of the street setback or road right-of-way. *Variance requested to be constructed within the 30' street setback and 5' from ROW*
  - c. To allow the real estate sign to stay in this location until the project is completed whereas it is only allowed for 1 year. *Variance requested is to allow the real estate sign to stay until project completion.*
  - d. To allow the sales trailer (accessory structure) on the Church property whereas the accessory structure is not customarily accessory to the principle use. *Variance requested to allow a sales trailer on the Church property for a period of 1 year for the off-premise location of the Margate Subdivision.*

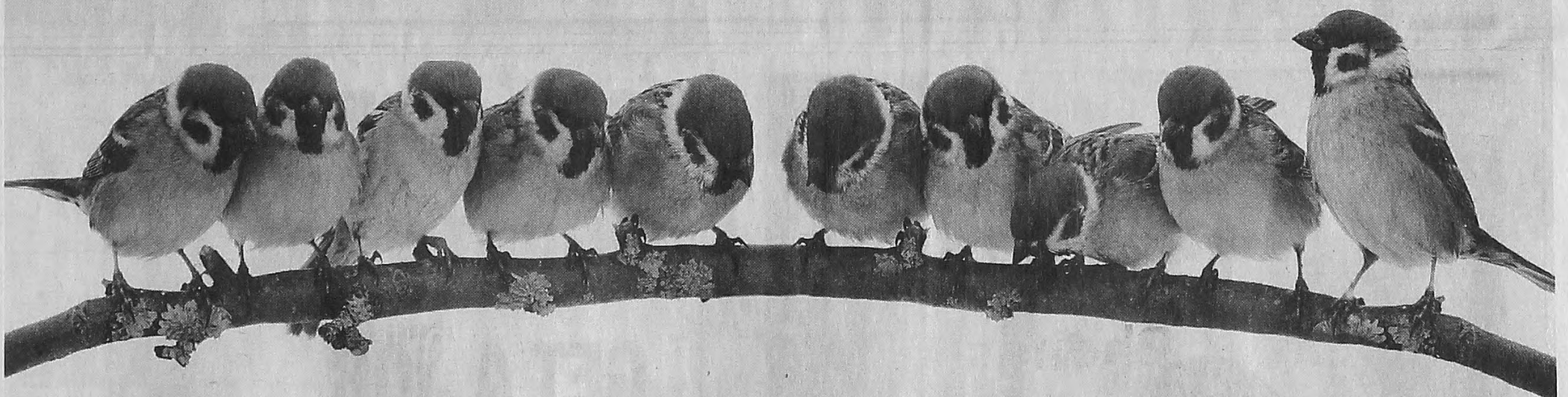
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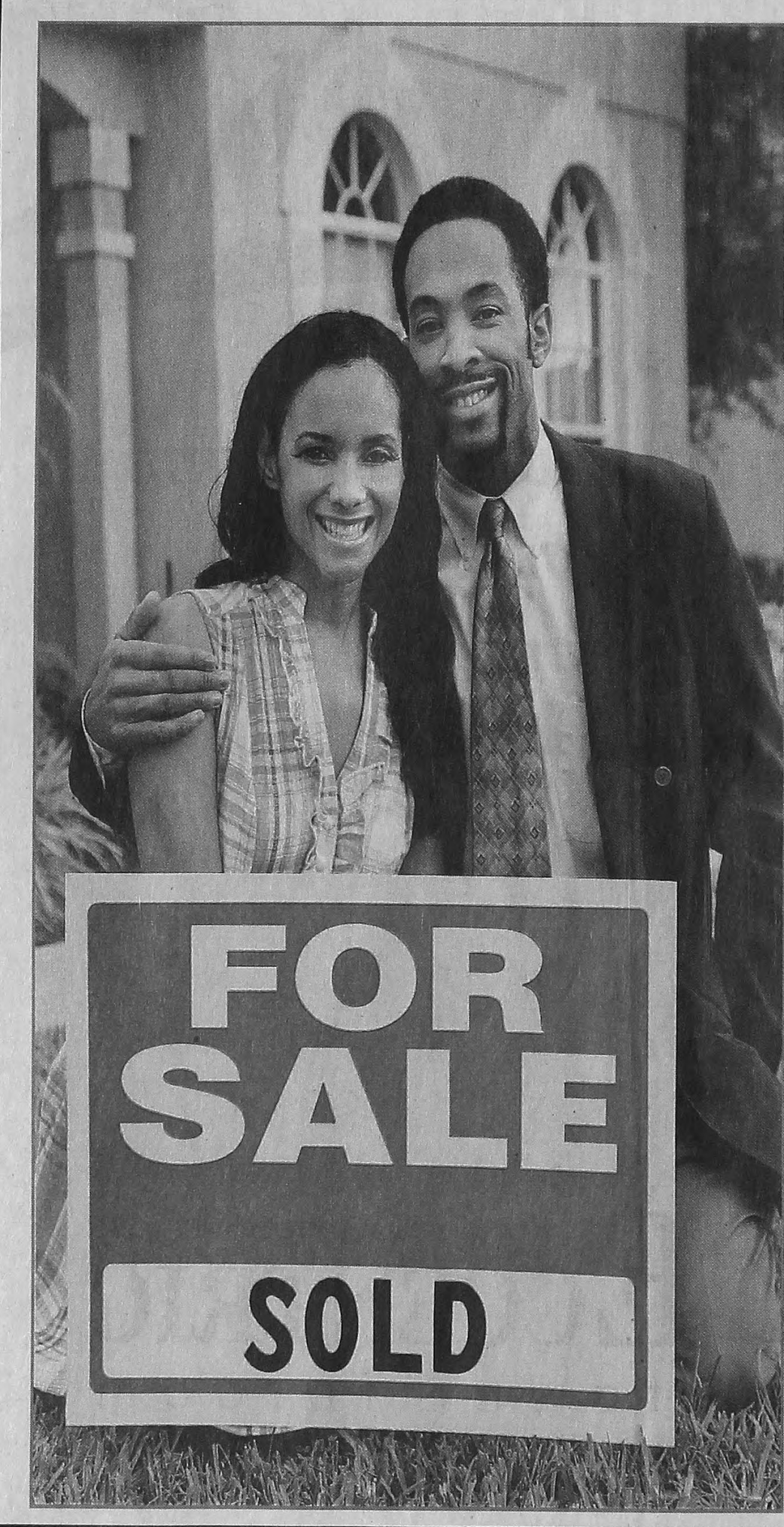
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