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## ‘Mischief’ ends Canton homecoming dance

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In the hours leading up to Saturday’s Canton High School homecoming dance, Plymouth-Canton high school students posed for photos with friends before dining at nice restaurants — a rit-

ual they didn’t get to experience in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While Saturday’s pre-event festivities unfolded without a hitch, the dance was closed down 50 minutes after students were let in due to “countless instances of mischief, insubordination and safety concerns,” Canton High

School Principal Sharida Lewis explained in a Sunday correspondence to families. “It was decided that it would be best for all involved to end the dance before someone got seriously injured or assaulted,” Lewis wrote. “At the point in which the welfare and safety of our stu-

dents and staff became endangered, we felt it was completely necessary to end the dance. “It was an unfortunate outcome, but this decision was not made in haste or without warning.”

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The Farmington Civic Theater began showing first-run movies in mid-September. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## First-run movies return to Farmington Civic Theater

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One of the region’s oldest movie theaters is going back to its roots when it comes to the types of movies it shows. The Farmington Civic Theater in downtown Farmington has long been known for playing films weeks after their first run in other bigger theaters.

That format has been around at the theater at 33332 Grand River for decades. But now, after several months of discussion, the theater has changed formats: it now plays first-run movies, a move that began in mid-September. It’s a move, general manager Scott Freeman said, that was made to keep the theater competitive in the changing cinema landscape.

“We thought about all the pros and the cons. With all the government shutdowns we’ve experienced ... that has hurt a lot and has also changed the dynamics of the industry,” he said. “That’s a big part of what we’re reacting to, is the ability for people to get movies earlier.”

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## Judge dismisses lawsuit against Westland candidate

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A circuit court judge has allowed Debra Fowlkes to remain in the Westland City Council race. Former council candidate Candi Halton filed a lawsuit against the Westland City Clerk’s office and the Westland Election Commission stating Fowlkes, who falsified her filing paperwork, should be removed from November ballots. Halton just missed the cut, earning the ninth most votes among all candidates. The top eight vote-getters advanced to the November election. According to the lawsuit Halton filed, which Hometown Life obtained through a records request, the former candidate alleged Fowlkes, who had thousands in outstanding campaign finance fees heading into the August primary, committed perjury by claiming all fees were paid on her filing affidavit.

However, during a Sept. 14 hearing, Judge Timothy Kenny with the third circuit court concluded a challenge should have been made in April when Fowlkes filed the affidavit. At this point, Kenny said there isn’t sufficient time to right the error because November ballots have been printed and mailed to absentee voters. Kenny moved to deny Halton’s

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CHAMBER FORUM

Livonia council candidates talk business

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What’s the role of the city of Livonia when it comes to interacting with the business climate?

That was just one of the questions posed to the seven candidates running for Livonia City Council during a candidate forum held Sept. 30 at Livonia City Hall. Organized by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, the forum gave residents a chance to hear from all those running for one of four seats on the city council on the Nov. 2 ballot.

- Those seven candidates are:
- Carrie Budzinski
  - Dan Centers
  - Rob Donovic
  - Jim Jolly
  - Scott Morgan
  - Ken Overwater
  - Laura Toy

The forum, moderated by chamber president Dan West, focused on a range of topics, including challenges the city faces in the future and environmental issues.

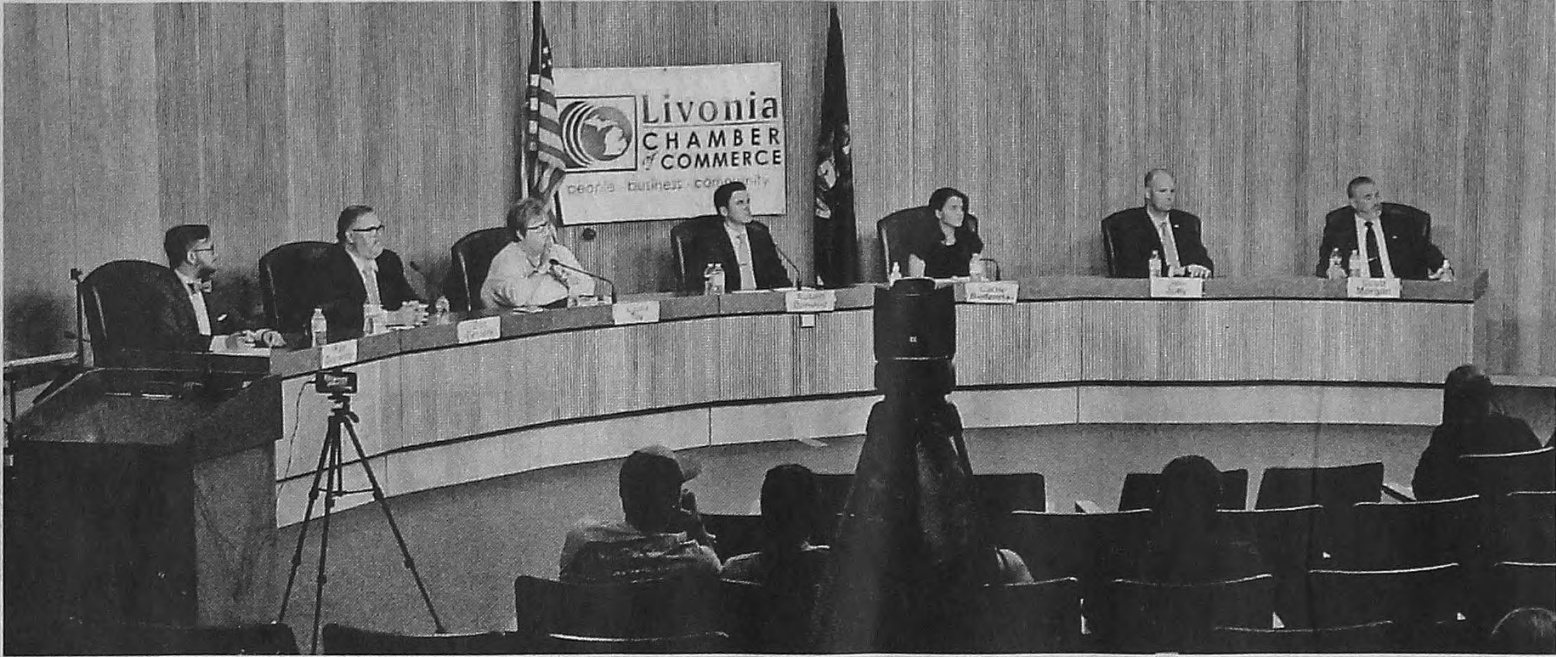
Talking about attracting and keeping business, especially in light of the changes created by the COVID-19 pandemic, was one issue where candidates had varying messages.

Budzinski said in addition to seeing what can be done to help get workers ready for jobs, she said she would lean on groups such as the chamber to help determine how best to move forward.

“Naturally, quote-unquote outside of the pandemic, we already saw a shift into e-commerce and less brick-and-mortar businesses. Now, with the pandemic, that accelerated in a lot of ways,” she said. “It’s listening to the members of the chamber and the representatives of the chamber and what is important.”

Jolly said there’s plenty the city can do to help businesses succeed, which includes the new Livonia Vision 21 master plan, which he said will hopefully give businesses more flexibility.

“But there’s a lot we can do to kind of engage the community around these issues and one of those is really, the city can act as a bridge for providing employees, for utilizing the resources and skills that are here in the community and kind of putting them in touch not only with



The Livonia Chamber of Commerce-sponsored city council candidate forum Sept. 30. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the businesses that are here now, but the businesses we hope to bring here,” he said. “We will not be creating an unrecognizable Livonia, but it will be a Livonia that is better to meet the challenges of today and those to come.”

Morgan said he would routinely speak to many city business owners when he worked as a police officer in the city. He said having open lines of communication across multiple departments with businesses, as well the new master plan, will benefit local business.

“I would always go out and talk to business owners and keep an open line of communication,” he said. “I know our building department, they work closely with all the businesses. The Livonia (Vision) 21 plan, it opens up ... the ordinances a little bit to allow them to have a little bit of leeway with their businesses.”

Overwater said the easiest way to grow the city and make it a healthy business location is to support local establishments.

“I’m a big believer in neighborhood businesses. It’s what I love about my neighborhood; it’s what I’ve loved about other neighborhood I’ve lived in in other places,” he said. “I think we need to continue to support all of these businesses in these neighborhoods because they’re what adds value to the places we live.

And those are the kinds of things that attract people to come and live in those neighborhoods, which is something we need to be able to do.”

Centers said Livonia has plenty of opportunities to grow when it comes to training, be it the Livonia Career Technical Center run by Livonia Public Schools, the brand-new manufacturing facility recently built by Schoolcraft College or other training at Madonna University, connecting job-seekers with the appropriate opportunities.

“Over and over, I hear a lot about personnel. They talk a lot about workforce development,” he said. “I think connecting people with the resources is what might be missing a little bit. So I would really love to see our city really do that connection to make sure that people are getting the resources they need to help our businesses thrive.”

Toy said she believes streamlining the process by which businesses that need council approval could be improved. She said she’ll see applications that won’t be seen for a few months by the council, a time period that could drastically affect the bottom line.

“Some businesses need to get going. We want to create a safe environment, safe buildings, but by the same token, I think we can cut some of the red tape,” she said. “We do a wonderful job in city

hall, I’m not knocking it. But I’m just saying, maybe we can look at that as the future goes on here.”

Donovic said the best way to develop a business-friendly climate in the city is to eliminate as many hurdles that government can put up as possible. With the challenges many businesses already face, having fewer burdens from local government will allow them to focus their efforts on other issues, such as inventory and staffing.

“When you think about what the city can do to stay out of the way of business, it comes down to fiscal responsibility: keeping property taxes low, minimizing fees and trying to get rid of local regulatory burdens,” he said. “It’s already difficult to own a small business or a business in general.”

The candidate who earns the most votes in the Nov. 2 election becomes council president, and the second place finisher becomes vice president. Both candidates will earn four-year terms. The third place finisher will serve a four-year term, and the fourth place candidate will serve a two-year term.

Those interested in watching the rest of the chamber forum can do so by visiting Livonia TV’s YouTube page.

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Review Medicare options now during open enrollment



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

October is open enrollment season for seniors who want to change their Medicare coverage. Open enrollment begins Oct. 15 and ends Dec. 7. Because this is the only time of year you can make changes to your Medicare plan, it is important to take this opportunity to re-examine your situation.

The Medicare plan you chose last year may no longer meet your needs. That is why it’s important to take this opportunity to re-evaluate your current coverage to determine whether a change is needed.

When it comes to Medicare D prescription drug plans, it would be nice if

you could automatically re-up your current plan but you should not. Every year insurance companies make changes. These changes can impact your deductibles, out-of-pocket costs, monthly premiums and even the drugs that are covered. Just because a prescription was covered this year by your plan, doesn’t mean it will be covered next year.

In addition, our individual health changes year to year. You may be on a medication now that you weren’t on at the beginning of the year. Therefore, be sure to review your current coverage to be sure your needs will be met next year.

In beginning your re-evaluation of your Medicare plan, I believe the best starting point is [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). Medicare.gov has a free service entitled Medicare plan finder which makes it easy to compare different plans.

While it might be tempting to select the lowest cost plan available, monthly

premiums are just one consideration. Remember to also look at co-pays, deductibles, and general convenience. Obviously, you don’t want to deal with a plan where you have to drive 50 miles to pick up your prescriptions.

For those who take multiple medications, it may be difficult to find one plan that has the lowest costs for each of the prescriptions you take. Focus on the medications that cost you the most and the ones you take most frequently.

One of the mistakes people make when they shop for Medicare Prescription D plans is that they assume each spouse should have the same plan. Just like you and your spouse have different healthcare situations, you need to look at your Medicare situations individually. One plan that may be good for you may not work for your spouse.

I recognize that re-evaluating your Medicare Prescription D coverage or

your Medicare coverage year after year can be frustrating and time consuming. But if you want to make sure that you have the best coverage, you must commit to this process annually. There can be significant financial savings by selecting the right Medicare plan.

Over the next month or so, you’re likely to see ads from celebrities touting one Medicare plan versus another. Don’t be fooled. There is no single plan that fits everyone. The key is to take your time and review your options and then to select the plan that best suits your situation. I can assure you the time spent reviewing your options will be time well spent.

Good luck.  
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Homecoming

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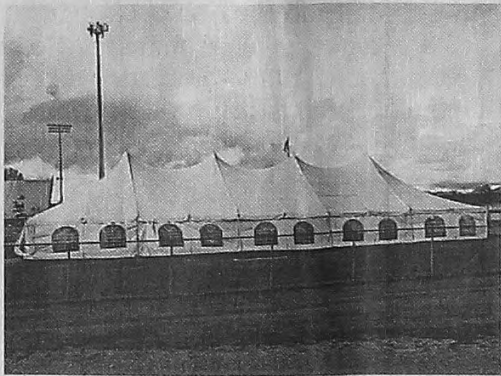
The dance was held inside a large tent set up just east of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park’s varsity stadium. Approximately 1,300 tickets were sold for the event, which was scheduled to run 7-10 p.m.

The district’s homecoming dances were held before the pandemic in the Salem High School cafeteria.

Multiple witness accounts that were backed up by images said the mayhem started when three students climbed a support pole inside the tent. By 7:50 p.m., the students were ushered outside the tent and onto the nearby football field. The event was officially ended a short time later.

Students from all three Plymouth-Canton high schools — Salem, Canton and Plymouth — are eligible to attend each of the three schools’ homecoming dances. Plymouth’s dance was Sept. 25; Salem’s is scheduled for Oct. 9.

Brian Brown, whose two daughters



The main gathering area for Canton High School’s homecoming dance near the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity stadium.

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attended the dance, received a text from his freshman daughter at 8:15 p.m. stating that she needed a ride home.

“When I arrived at the school, there were kids lined up along the parking lot waiting for rides,” Brown said. “The thing that disappoints me the most is that we didn’t receive any notification... from the district letting us know the dance had been cut short.

“Thankfully, my 14-year-old daughter was able to get a hold of my wife and I so we could pick her up. The lack of any kind of correspondence Saturday night created a serious safety concern, in my opinion.”

Lewis reiterated the district’s decision to close down the dance in an email sent to Hometown Life.

“I hold steadfast to my commitment as an educator to make sure we redirect or change the situation we are in if it compromises safety and security, and Saturday was one of those situations,” Lewis said. “Once the decision was made to conclude the event, our entire staff of administration, security, teacher volunteers and Canton Police remained on site for supervision as all students vacated the campus.

“We know that many students were behaving appropriately, yet were impacted by the inappropriate behavior of others; however, we had to make the decision to guarantee the safety and well-being of all students and staff.”

The Canton Public Safety Department referred questions to the school district.



Pumpkins line the Goetz family farm in Riga.  
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Brussels sprouts are warmed by the sun at the Goetz farm, which has been growing produce for 115 years.



Farmer Steve Goetz examines green beans. "We pick our produce specifically for Farmington," Goetz said.

## Revisiting Riga, a family farm that grows market produce



**Walt Gajewski**  
Guest columnist

Some years back I wrote a column for Hometown Life and Farmington Observer called "The Road to Riga." It was a backroads story of my inspection of the Goetz Greenhouse and Family Farm in Riga, a rural farm community tucked away off U.S. 23 southwest of Dundee, heading toward Monroe.

If it's not the best piece I've ever written, it's the one I'm most fond of.

Last week I returned to Riga to walk the land and inspect the farm once again. It's the most rewarding, if not downright fascinating part of my job, to confirm that what comes to market is grown and harvested on those farms.

Approaching the Goetz place in the way-too-early morning hours, I pulled off the road to watch a dewy mist on the wide-open fields burn off in the sun of a growing day. Opening my truck windows, I smelled an air that was thickly fresh and full of earth.

As I eased into the drive, I focused on a sentry of greenhouses, barns and tractors scattered around. I passed an old farmhouse on my right, a chicken coop on my left. Cats sauntered past with an air of disinterest as I attached a pen and paper to my clipboard.

Farmer Steve Goetz met up with me as my boots hit

the ground. Exchanging pleasantries, we quickly stepped into the fields, down the tractor pathways of a farm that dates back some 115 years. Steve himself is part of the fifth generation of this farming family.

As we walked and talked, I checked off all that is grown here and brought to market: garden herbs, root vegetables, peppers, beans, greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, cabbages, brussels sprouts, zucchini, squash, sweet corn, melons, onions, garlic and much more. I learned about crop rotation, soil regeneration, "growing in the weeds" and other natural practices the farm embraces, including the strict forbiddance of herbicides, which the family started 20-plus years ago.

Morning's chill faded as the sun kept rising. I watched a flatbed roll into the fields, farmhands jumping off to start the harvest of what would come to market in Farmington. As Steve shagged a bean ready for picking, he said quietly: "I hope you know, Walt, that we pick our produce specifically for Farmington. Everything comes to Farmington."

### Your market this week

This Saturday marks our second Share the Harvest Day when our farmers, food artisans and crafters come together at market's end to donate a truckload of fresh-picked produce to CARES (Community Action Resources Empowerment Services) of Farmington Hills, which operates a community pantry providing food assistance to some 1,000 families a month.

On Saturday, CARES director Todd Lipa will present

a special plaque to the Goetz family, which has contributed unsold produce for years.

"We really appreciate the contributions of the Goetz family over the years," Lipa said. "Bringing farm-fresh produce to local families in need is a dream come true. We are blessed."

The road to Riga stretches 68 miles from Farmington. Many of our farmers travel as much and farther. On Saturdays May through October, all roads lead to Farmington, where we can come together as neighbors, as caretakers of the community.

Until next time, then and as always, here's saying, "See you at the market."

Walt Gajewski is the Farmington Farmers Market manager.



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# Council denies Fisher site proposal in Farmington Hills

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It looks like the old Sarah Fisher property is staying just the way it is for now.

Farmington City Council denied a motion Sept. 27 to approve a planned unit development application for a proposal at the historic site that would have brought a rehabilitation center and town homes to the property.

Councilman Ken Massey, who made the motion to approve, cast the only vote in favor of the project. Massey said he's seen five proposals at the Fisher site in his time on council, and this latest project was the most viable he'd reviewed.

Officials took concern with the proposal's overall density and height because the Fisher property is largely surrounded by single-family homes — several council members said they'd prefer condos or single-family homes. Nearby homeowners have expressed similar concerns during past meetings.

"Personally, I'm very disappointed," Mayor Vicki Barnett said. "We asked you to lower the density, and you did, but not significantly. The units are too tall... We're not going in the direction I thought we should go to."

Council was also concerned that town homes would not fit the historical integrity of the site.

"I was just looking for a much higher quality residential development," Councilman Michael Bridges said.

Optalis Healthcare, based in Novi, had proposed a 350-bed senior rehab center on the property's south end and Robertson Brothers proposed 136 town homes on the north end of the 31.5-acre site. The plan would have left 7.5 acres of the site — along the eastern border of the city — open and kept several of the historic buildings already on the property. The planning commission approved the proposal in May.

The Saint Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center was built in 1929 and once included a school, chapel and living ar-



The Saint Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills was built in 1929 and once included a school, chapel and living arrangements for more than 200 children. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

rangements for more than 200 children. The center now operates in Detroit and includes programming for adults.

A string of proposals made at the old Farmington Hills site over the years have all failed — the site's historic designation and nearby homes make development challenging. The last proposal to gain any traction was a senior facility proposed in 2016.

Optalis Healthcare can revise its plan and come back to council, but it's unclear whether that will happen.

"We're willing to spend \$30 million in your community for a product that you

don't have," Tim Lochran with Robertson Homes said. "I don't think you can get single family homes there. It looks like it's just going to sit there, from what I'm understanding."

Council members expressed a desire to see something built on the site eventually.

"We have to do something with it; it's becoming an eye sore," Councilwoman Valerie Knol said.

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**Vicki Barnett** Mayor of Farmington Hills

## Theater

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Freeman said he began talking with his film booking distributor a few months ago about such a change and what it would take to convert the theater. He said it's come with its challenges: the percentage of ticket prices that go back to the studios increase with newer films, and the theater must show most first-run films for a span of at least two weeks.

"The way we're doing scheduling now, we have to hit certain dates for releases," he said. "So you have to kind of fill in your schedule to hit those dates."

Several companies have also changed the landscape with offerings on both on-demand purchases and limited runs on streaming services. The biggest example of that was HBO Max, which released some blockbuster films such as "Wonder Woman 1984" and "Godzilla vs. Kong" on the streaming service at the same time it was in theaters, allowing guests to bypass going to a theater entirely.

Those changes played a major role in the Farmington Civic Theater changing its format as well, Freeman said.

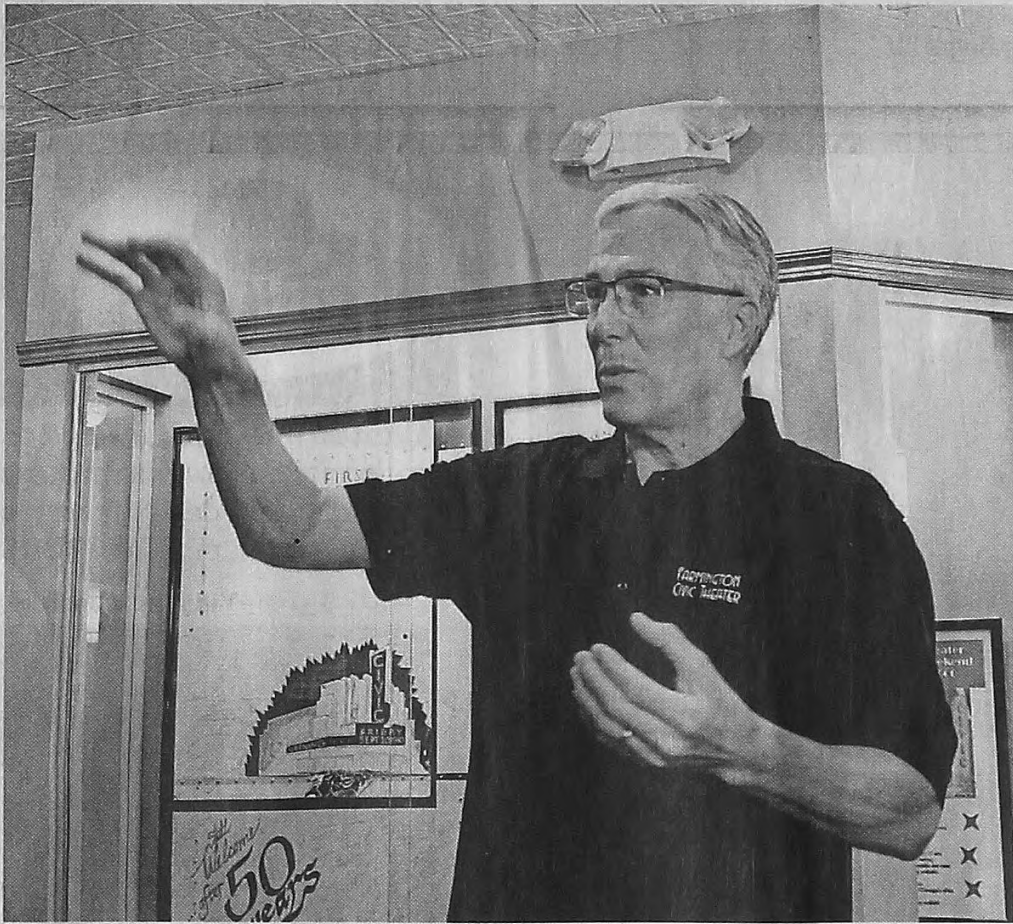
"You look at how often someone has a chance to see a movie before it comes to the Farmington Civic Theater," he said. "The more times they have an option to see it, the worse off it is for us."

"If we can show it right when it opens, that's better for us."

The theater opened in 1940 and began playing first-run films at that time. At some point in its history, the format changed, with the theater opting to play films that had been out for a while instead of when they were immediately released. Freeman said he could not find any specific documentation, but said it was not a first-run theater when he came to town in the late 1980s.

The move especially makes sense with the massive shifts in the movie industry since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Freeman said. While Michigan authorities ordered movie theaters closed for much of 2020, new movies releases from Hollywood all but sputtered as states across the country began issuing stay-at-home orders. Those disruptions have plagued the industry, delaying many films that were originally scheduled to play in 2020 into 2021.

Local theaters have seen challenges as well: the Lyon Theater in downtown South Lyon closed its doors earlier this year, citing the economic impact from the pandemic. The Farmington Civic



Farmington Civic Theater general manager Scott Freeman talks about changing the movie palace from a second-run movie theater to showing new releases.

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Farmington's Art Deco-style Civic Theater building on Grand River.

Theater was not immune, either: the Farmington City Council approved a loan for the historic theater last fall to help keep it operating. The theater is city-owned but typically operates on its own generated revenue.

The first film to play in the new format was "Cry Macho," starring Clint

Eastwood.

Freeman said he's gotten plenty of feedback from regulars at the theater with most of it positive. The other big change customers will see with the new format is increased prices for tickets: children and senior tickets, as well as matinee shows, are now \$5.75, and adult tickets in the evenings are now \$8.50.

While Freeman said he's heard some visitors are disappointed by the increased prices, he said it's still cheaper to see a movie at the Farmington Civic Theater than the larger multiplex theaters across the region, which will routinely charge about \$10 a ticket for an evening show.

"We're still the cheapest around for the first-run theaters," he said.

And for those who haven't visited the theater recently, it's become easier to buy tickets: once a cash-only business, the theater began taking credit cards last year. Having that system also allows for customers to buy their tickets online before arriving to the theater as well.

More information on upcoming showtimes, as well as how to buy tickets, can be found at [thefct.com](http://thefct.com).

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## Lawsuit

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motion to remove Fowlkes, and the case is considered open and inactive.

"If the challenge to the affidavit of identity had been brought before the election, before ballots had been sent out for the election, it would certainly appear, based on what has been presented, that mandamus relief would have been granted," Kenny said. "This is a matter that could have been brought earlier."

Westland Clerk Richard LeBlanc was made aware Fowlkes' falsified paperwork three business days before the primary election in August, at which time several thousand absentee ballots had already been filled out and returned to his office. Because of the late timing, LeBlanc decided to keep Fowlkes on ballots.

Kenny expressed an opinion that LeBlanc could have taken action before the primary had the error been caught in time, like LeBlanc's office did in June with a mayoral candidate who provided a false address. LeBlanc said the court never gave his office official notice of Halton's suit.

Halton's lawsuit was filed Aug. 25, about three weeks after the primary election was held.

"If somewhere closer to the April filing deadline this had become known, Ms. Fowlkes would not have been on the ballot," LeBlanc said. "It's plain and simple. That would have conformed with the timeliness issue."

LeBlanc has previously said the Wayne County campaign finance system is not under his jurisdiction and fact-checking affidavits is not part of his required responsibilities. In Oakland County, the county notifies clerks of any discrepancies between paperwork and its own archives. Michigan does offer any direction as to who's role it would be to fact-check candidate paperwork.

Even though the role isn't spelled out as he feels it should be, LeBlanc is doubtful this case will change anything at the state or county level.

"I don't have hope; it's as blunt as that," LeBlanc said. "I'm not empowered to investigate anything — state law doesn't give that to me. We're not a court."

Neither Fowlkes nor Halton responded to multiple requests for comment.

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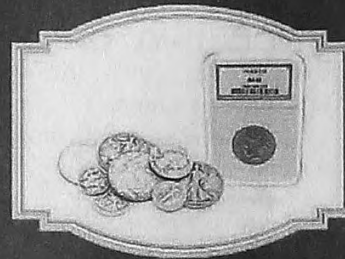
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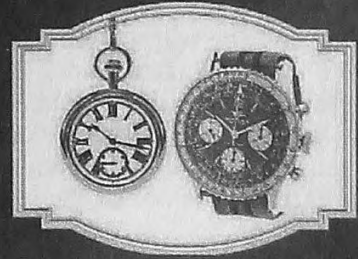
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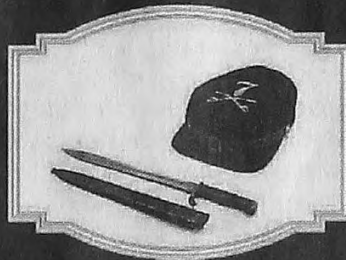
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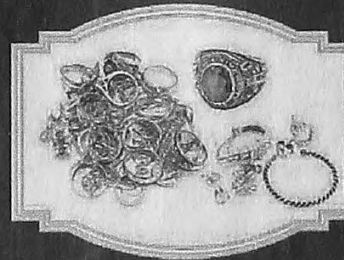
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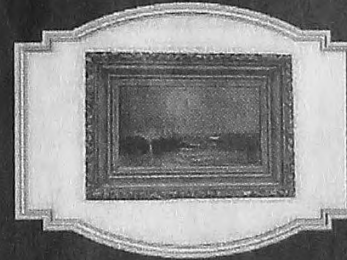
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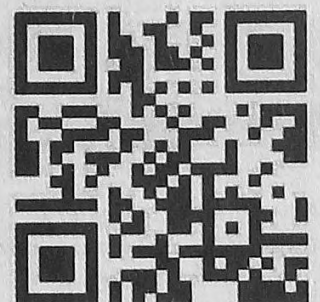


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# Novi splash pad would honor late meteorologist

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USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

The family of Jessica Starr has grieved her loss for nearly three years, after the Fox 2 News meteorologist took her own life at age 35 in December 2018. Now, they are proposing a permanent tribute to her: a splash pad in Novi.

“We want to memorialize our daughter in a fun and enjoyable place in the city of Novi,” Carol Starr, Jessica’s mother, told the Novi City Council on Sept. 27.

Carol spoke lovingly of her daughter, who at age 5 had watched the “Wizard of Oz” and afterward was terrified of tornadoes. Jessica developed a fascination with the Weather Channel and watched it nightly, declaring she would be a TV weatherperson one day. She made good on the promise, studying climatology at Michigan State and earning a master’s degree in meteorology at Mississippi State.

She was a meteorologist at Fox 2 News for nine years, and her mother recalled that Jessica was often approached at stores by fans.

“People would think she was a pretty blonde, but she was a fun-loving, happy-go-lucky, wonderful daughter and person with no pretense: just as down-to-Earth as she was on TV,” Carol said. “She was just an all-natural, all-around all-American girl. She was wonderful.”

Her suicide resulted from a deep depression after a corrective eye surgery went awry, her mother said. Jessica’s death devastated her family, which besides her parents includes Jessica’s



A rendering of the proposed splash pad in honor of Jessica Starr, a Fox 2 News meteorologist who died in December 2018. COURTESY OF THE CITY OF NOVI



Starr

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husband, Dan Rose, and their two children, Noah, now a third-grader, and Riley, a first-grader.

Jessica’s son and daughter were involved in some design aspects of the splash pad, which has been proposed

for Bosco Park, near to where they live and attend school in Novi.

Novi Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Muck told the city council the proposed splash pad would be 3,500 square feet total and accessible to all ages and abilities. Estimated cost of construction is between \$400,000 to \$600,000.

The Novi Parks Foundation is partnering with the Starr family to raise funds.

“We are happy to assist in bringing this project to fruition,” Foundation President Dave Landry said. “It’s beneficial to Novi and children everywhere.

All are welcome.”

The council did not take any action regarding the splash pad at the park, but Mayor Bob Gatt said it was a “touching tribute” that would honor Jessica Starr’s zest for life, “a place where children will laugh and enjoy themselves for years into the future, something that will live on forever.”

To make a donation for the splash pad in honor of Jessica, visit [noviparks-foundation.org](http://noviparks-foundation.org).

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# Parents arrested after toddler found dead at motel

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A 14-month-old boy is dead, and his parents are in the custody for possible charges.

Farmington Hills Police Chief Jeff King confirmed that his officers began investigating the death Oct. 3, during

the late afternoon. They arrived at the motel on Grand River Avenue, near Interstate 275, at about 5:30 p.m. for a welfare check because of a call from the child’s concerned relatives.

The child had been living at the motel with his parents, and police found him dead in their motel room.

Investigators are working with Oakland County prosecutors, who are reviewing the investigation for criminal charges.

“The Farmington Hills Police Department and our community are heartbroken over this tragic loss,” King said in a statement. “My thoughts and prayers go out to the child’s family.”

No other information was immediately available.

Editor’s Note: This story has been updated with the child’s correct age.

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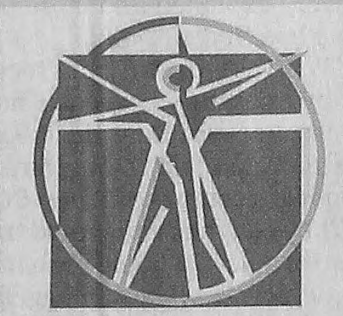
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A worker picks blueberries at Better Way Farms in Grand Junction on Aug. 16. ARPAN LOBO/HOLLAND SENTINEL

# Behind the scenes of a farm-to-table ecosystem

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Michigan’s agricultural diversity is one of its wonders, particularly enjoyable in the summer and fall, when it’s time to harvest.

It makes the farm-to-table concept easier to execute.

However, figuring out the logistics of locally-sourced food delivery can still be a struggle for people in Michigan who have a passion for making it easier to get foods fresh from local farms.

Knowing where her food is coming from appeals to Ami Freudigman. She said she likes the concept of purchasing produce and meat from local farms that undergo minimal processing before arriving to consumers.

The blueberries that arrived in Freudigman’s online grocery delivery order are the stars of this story.

They will help illustrate how Michigan Farm to Family, a grocery delivery service based out of Simply Fresh Market in Genoa Township, delivers on its farm-to-table mission.

Branch manager Tim Schroeder said Michigan Farm to Family focuses on natural products grown on Michigan farms.

“We focus mainly on high-quality products, more artisanal, niche, that you wouldn’t find,” Schroeder said.

Simply Fresh Market owner Tony Gelardi said people’s fast-paced lives make it hard to manage food, especially when they want natural, healthy products from local growers.

“We want to get more people aware who can’t get to farmers markets. They can get it delivered,” Gelardi said.

He said he hopes the service saves customers time and effort.

## The band of berries

The bag of blueberries that arrived at Freudigman’s door were grown at Better Way Farms in Grand Junction. The family farm uses regenerative farming methods, and its main farm is USDA certified organic.

Farms in Livingston County supply beef, garlic, onions and other vegetables. Michigan Farm to Family works with between 20 and 30 farms in Michigan and one just over the Indiana border. They offer poultry, goat, lamb, fruits and vegetables. They also deliver prepared meals from Simply Fresh Market and Zingerman’s products, among others.

People can also order foods that come from outside the state, such as bananas, which don’t grow here.. Schroeder says having products like bananas available adds value to the delivery service and makes it more likely someone would complete an order.

Back to those blueberries: On a Wednesday earlier this month, pick-packer Heather Clifton prepared grocery orders for the following day in the back of Simply Fresh Market.

Clifton prepared Freudigman’s order, strategically placing the berries on top of other foods in a cardboard box, so they wouldn’t get squished. She said she packs boxes of groceries carefully, so they arrive in good shape and look nice for their customers.

After the order was set, Clifton stored



Tim Schroeder, Michigan Farm to Family branch manager, talks about the process of delivering fresh organic produce to customers’ doorsteps Aug. 4. PHOTOS BY GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY



Ami Freudigman talks about the convenience of shopping through Michigan Farm to Family.



Ami Freudigman and her 6-year-old son, Aidan Freudigman, make blueberry pancakes Aug. 8 in their Northville Township home. PROVIDED

the blueberries and Freudigman’s other groceries overnight in a cooler at Simply Fresh Market to keep them fresh prior to delivery.

Michigan Farm to Family delivers Wednesdays through Saturdays on a rotating schedule by zip code. They deliver to metro Detroit multiple times a week. The farthest they have gone is Grand Rapids.

While Clifton packaged the blueberries, Schroeder looked over an order sheet for groceries scheduled for Thursday delivery.

He said they are getting about 70-80 delivery orders a week. He thinks they could likely handle up to double that with their two vans, and they hope to expand their capacity.

On a recent Thursday morning, two delivery vans were loaded with their orders in the market’s back lot.

The delivery van containing the star blueberries was headed to Northville,

where Freudigman lives with her family. The boxes were delivered to her front door, where she found the now-famous fruit waiting for her.

She said she started ordering from Michigan Farm to Family during the pandemic. She mostly likes the produce and the Zingerman’s products they offer. Zingerman’s is a neighboring Ann Arbor-based company that has gained national recognition and expanded nationwide in the past couple decades.

“It’s locally-sourced. That was another turn-on,” Freudigman said.

She said her family tries to eat healthy and limit the kinds of chemicals they put into their bodies. Before the pandemic, they traveled to Plum Market, Whole Foods, Busch’s, Kroger and others stores to find everything they wanted.

She said she will likely still order groceries from Michigan Farm to Family after the pandemic subsides, especially

because she now works remotely.

Every story has its conclusion. So it was for the blueberries.

On a Sunday, Freudigman made blueberry pancakes with her son, Aidan, 6. Knowing they were working with special blueberries, destined for stardom in the local media, they made a smiley face with them in the pancake batter while it was still on the stove.

Those pancakes put a smile on the faces of the consumers, too.

Farm to table, complete.

## A different take on grocery delivery

The company was originally founded in 2016 and started small. It set up shop at Simply Fresh Market in November.

Bill Taylor, an Ann Arbor food guy who calls himself the chief foraging officer, previously ran Eat Local Eat Natural, a popular company that supplied restaurants with wholesale farm products. That company closed.

“He saw the demand for the same types of foods to individuals,” Schroeder said.

He said during the pandemic, grocery delivery exploded and more people became health conscious.

“The vast majority of grocery delivery businesses you see are mega companies, because they can create the infrastructure to do that. I think we were uniquely positioned during COVID.”

They had the refrigerated trucks, and now they have a home base in the market, which is already plugged into the farm scene.

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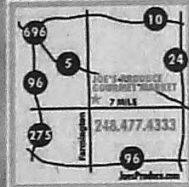
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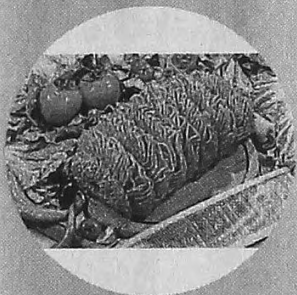
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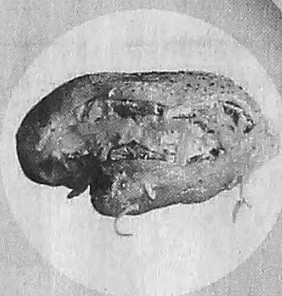
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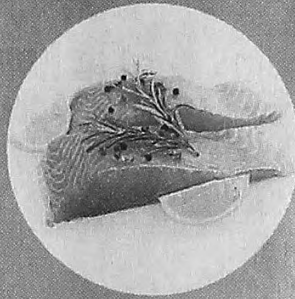
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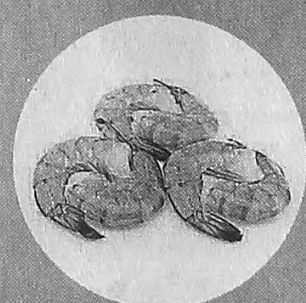
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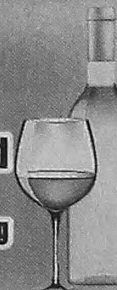
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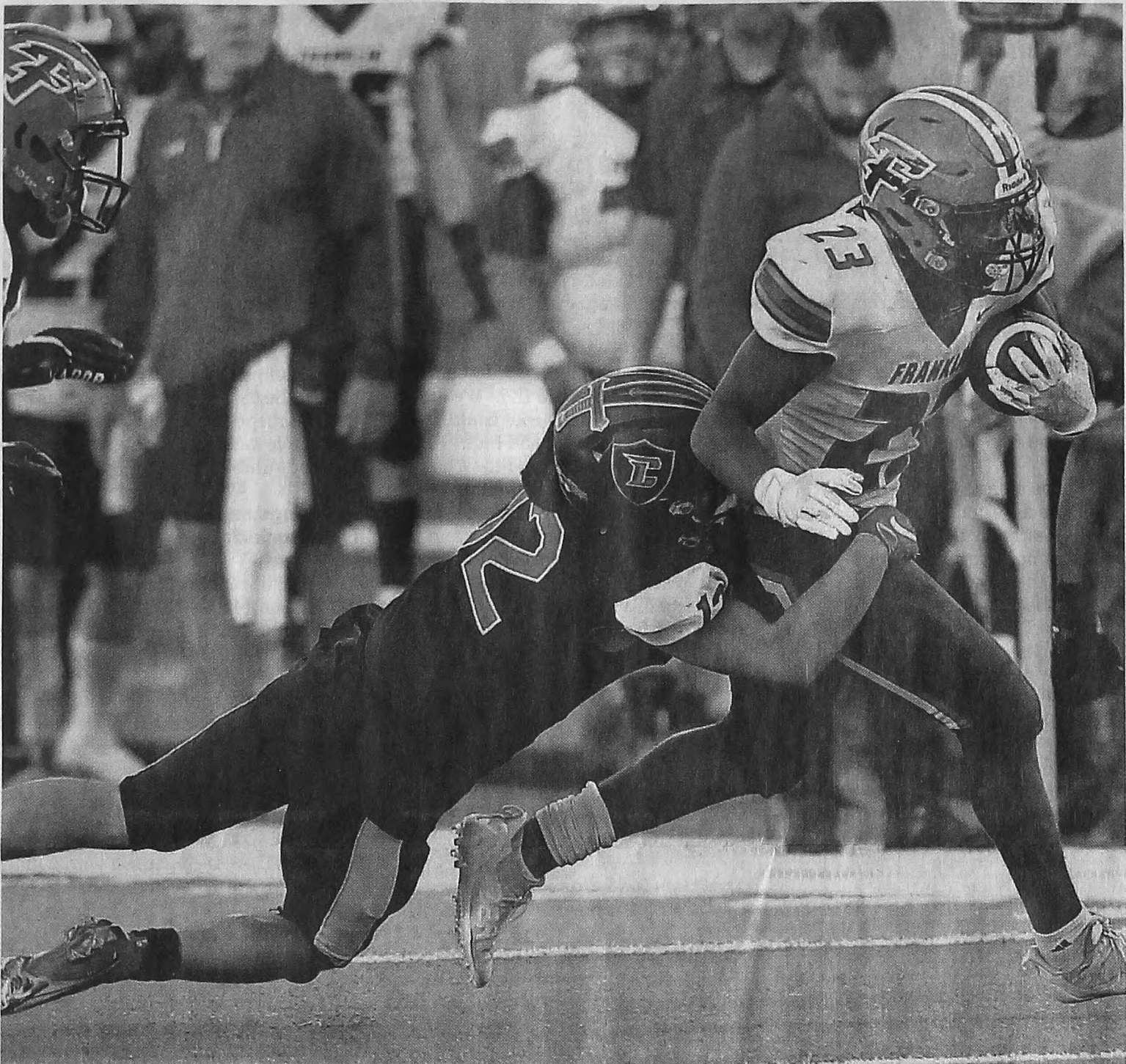


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# SPORTS



Franklin's Cordel Mabins is dragged down by Churchill's Bailey Brooks, left, during the Oct. 1 game. Churchill won, 42-14.

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## Churchill, Franklin football rivalry a close battle early on

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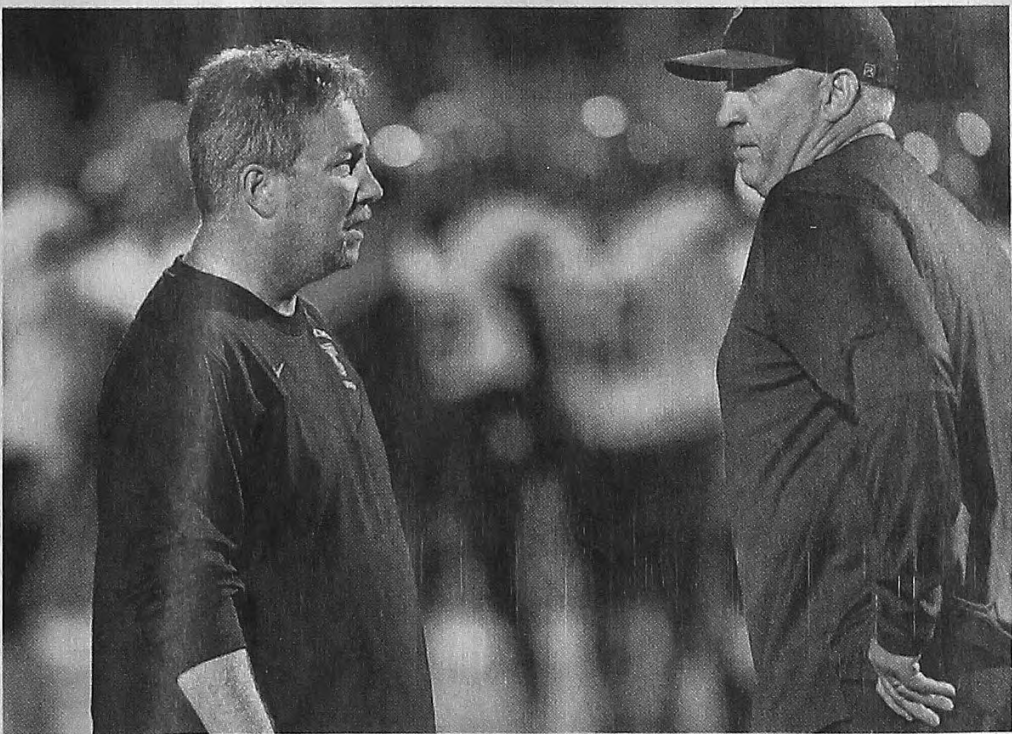
The Livonia Churchill football team entered its first crosstown rivalry with all the accolades.

Fresh off a running-clock victory at No. 10 Dearborn, the undefeated Chargers were ranked fourth in both Mick McCabe's Super 10 and The D-Zone's Top 10, a pair of polls that rank the best teams in the state regardless of divisional lines.

Yet coach Bill DeFillippo knew facing two-win Livonia Franklin wasn't going to be easy.

"Our crosstown rivals are always going to be tough no matter the record," the ninth-year coach said. "And it was tough in the first half. We knew it, and we expected it. We told the kids to expect it all week."

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Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo, left, and Franklin coach Chris Kelbert at midfield.

## Four questions entering Week 7 of HS football

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There are only three weeks left in the Michigan high school football season.

This week we look at conference title races and rivalry games.

### Can Churchill finally beat Fordson?

The Kensington Lake Activities Association switched to the East-West divisions in 2018.

Since then, Churchill and Fordson have met three times, and the Tractors have won each matchup.

Even though the Chargers (6-0, 5-0 KLAA-Est) are ranked No. 4, regardless of division, in the most recent The D-Zone top-10 poll, beating Fordson (5-1, 4-1) would be considered an upset.

The Tractors' lone blemish on their record is a 21-19 loss to Belleville. Tough games against the Tigers are something the Chargers know all about. So that Fordson loss is nothing to scoff at.

Fordson will have several Division I recruits, including receiver Antonio Gates Jr. (Michigan State commit) and offensive lineman Ka'Marii Landers (undecided), two of the best players in the state, according to recruiting outlet 247Sports, playing.

If you're a fan of either team, get to the stadium early. It should be one of the best games of the year.

### Can Franklin play a complete game and pull off the upset at Stevenson?

Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo wasn't surprised by Franklin's effort last week.

The Patriots battled hard in the opening half and even took a 7-7 tie into halftime.

And then the wheels fell off. The Chargers gave up just one more score in the crosstown rivalry and easily went on to win, 42-14.

Patriots coach Chris Kelbert will be preaching to his players about playing a complete game all week.

The tough news is it's not going to get any easier. They visit Stevenson, which has a hard-nosed rushing attack led by running back Matthew Gazzarato. Pulling off an upset win on the road will start with Franklin's defense.

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WEEK 7 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PICKS

Hometown Life sports reporter Brandon Folsom is here to tell you which Michigan high school football teams win/lose in Week 7. Last week Folsom went 5-0 picking games.

**Livonia Churchill (6-0, 5-0 KLAA-East) at Fordson (5-1, 4-1), 7 p.m. Friday**

The Chargers are 0-3 against the Tractors in Kensington Lake Activities Association-East play. That changes this week. They're hellbent on winning not only a division title but the outright KLAA championship. Expect Churchill to go on the road, take care of business and clinch a share of the East.  
**Folsom's pick:** Churchill 28, Fordson 24.

**Livonia Franklin (2-4, 2-3 KLAA-East) at Livonia Stevenson (3-3, 2-3), 7 p.m. Friday**

Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo wasn't surprised how tough Franklin played early on in last week's rivalry game. So I imagine Stevenson coach Randy Micallef is expecting a tough first-half effort from the Patriots this week as well. Alas, the Spartans should have more offensive firepower in this matchup, especially running the ball. It should be enough to separate from Franklin in the second half.  
**Folsom's pick:** Stevenson 32, Franklin 21.

**Redford Union (5-1, 6-0 WWAC) at Garden City (3-3, 3-2), 7 p.m. Friday**

The Panthers are in control of the conference race, but they haven't been challenged yet. They've picked up a pair of forfeit wins and haven't faced a team with Garden City's offensive firepower since their Week 1 loss to Pewamo-Westphalia. Cougars quarterback Nathan Wasil can sling it (the junior had four TD passes alone in last week's win over Annapolis).  
**Folsom's pick:** Union 36, Garden City 25.

**Berkley (5-1) at Livonia Clarenceville (6-0), 7 p.m. Friday**

The Trojans' defense has given up just one touchdown in four of their six games, but they haven't faced a team as good as the Bears this season. Berkley is in second place of the Oakland Activities Association-Blue (with its lone loss to first-place Bloomfield Hills), and it's had no trouble scoring points. Can Clarenceville step up to the test?  
**Folsom's pick:** Clarenceville 27, Berkley 24.

**Orchard Lake St. Mary's (4-2, 0-2 CHSL-Central) at Detroit Catholic Central (4-2, 1-1), 7 p.m. Friday**

With the way Brother Rice took care of the Eaglets last week, this shouldn't be much of a test for the Shamrocks. But CC stills needs to sort out its mistakes on offense following its 17-7 loss to Warren De La Salle last week.  
**Folsom's pick:** Catholic Central 36, St. Mary's 21.



Churchill's Taj Williams scrambles for some yards Oct. 1 against Franklin. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Rivalry

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"It was a hard-fought first half." It was a 7-7 halftime score, as each offense had only two first-half possessions as both squad's running games chewed the clock.

But the Chargers came out with a handful of heads-up plays in the third quarter. Then they rode that momentum to a 42-14 victory over the Patriots.

QB Taj Williams, who was 7 of 9 passing for 186 yards and rushed for 121 yards and three TDs, snapped the 7-7 tie by tossing a 71-yard TD pass to Jayden Allen to open the second half.

Charles O'Bey fell on a fumble on the Chargers' ensuing kickoff. Shortly afterward, Williams rushed for the winning TD, which gave Churchill a 21-7 lead and breathing room for the rest of the night.

"We knew Franklin would play hard in the first half, so we told the guys to just relax at halftime," DeFillippo said. "We said to them, 'We get the ball to start the third. If we score, some good things were going to happen.'"

Cordell Mabins Jr. and Zac Olesuk each punched in short rushing TDs for Franklin, which fell to 2-4 overall and 2-3 in the KLAA-East.

"They beat us pretty good in the second half, and we struggled with everything," Patriots coach Chris Kelbert said. "We challenged our kids to play more aggressively and physically than

what we've been playing. They came out in the first half and did that. We did some things successful but couldn't find that rhythm in the second half."

Boston Clegg Jr. helped the Chargers (6-0, 5-0 KLAA-East) with 13 rushes for 11 yards and one TD, while Josh Brown caught two passes for 53 yards and Bailey Brooks added three receptions for 47 yards.

Churchill visits Fordson (5-1, 4-1) in Week 7 with a chance to win the division and earn a berth to play for the KLAA championship in Week 9.

"It's a huge week," DeFillippo said. "We're 6-0. They have the one loss to Belleville. We've had two hard-fought losses to them the last two years, so we're going to do our job to prepare the kids. Our kids are going to work their tails off this week in practice."

**Spartans lose close-call to visiting Pioneers**

Dearborn scored two unanswered touchdowns to defeat Livonia Stevenson 13-7 in Friday night's KLAA-East matchup.

Pioneers quarterback Ali Murray tossed a 42-yard winning TD pass to Adam Rammouni with 9:03 left.

Dearborn's Abdulla Shaheri scored a 1-yard touchdown to knot with 2:23 remaining before halftime.

Stevenson's Matthew Gazzarato finished with 13 rushes for 192 yards. He scored his team's lone touchdown in the opening quarter.

Also for the Spartans, who dropped to 3-3 overall and 2-3 in the division, Ar-

'Jon Thompson rushed for 71 yards and helped the defense with five tackles and two interceptions, while Johnny Morris added five tackles, one interception and a forced fumble.

**Mustangs separate from Rocks late**

A pair of rushing touchdowns in the fourth quarter by Northville's Tommy Mandell turned a three-point lead over Salem into a 38-23 victory on Friday night.

The senior scored from 21 and 49 yards out to ensure the win. He finished with 13 carries for 112 yards and four scores.

Nolan Thomson also scored twice for the Mustangs, who improved to 2-4 overall and 2-3 in the KLAA-West.

Salem (0-6, 0-5) got 102 yards and a TD rushing from Robert Jones.

**Cougars air it out in league win at Annapolis**

Garden City beat Annapolis 30-20 in Western Wayne Athletic Conference play thanks to four touchdown passes from quarterback Nathan Wasil.

The junior tossed three touchdowns to Owen McGraw and another to Robert Grant.

The Cougars (3-3, 3-2) host Redford Union for homecoming in Week 7.

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Questions

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**What's more legit, Redford Union's record or Garden City's offense?**

Here's what we know: The Panthers (5-1, 5-0 Western Wayne Athletic Conference) have blown out Annapolis and Robichaud, picked up a pair of forfeit wins and beaten Crestwood by one score in overtime.

We also know that Garden City's offense loves to air it out.

Quarterback Nathan Wasil tossed four TD passes in last week's 30-20 win over Annapolis alone.

The Cougars (3-3, 3-2) might be the only challenge Union faces in league play this season.

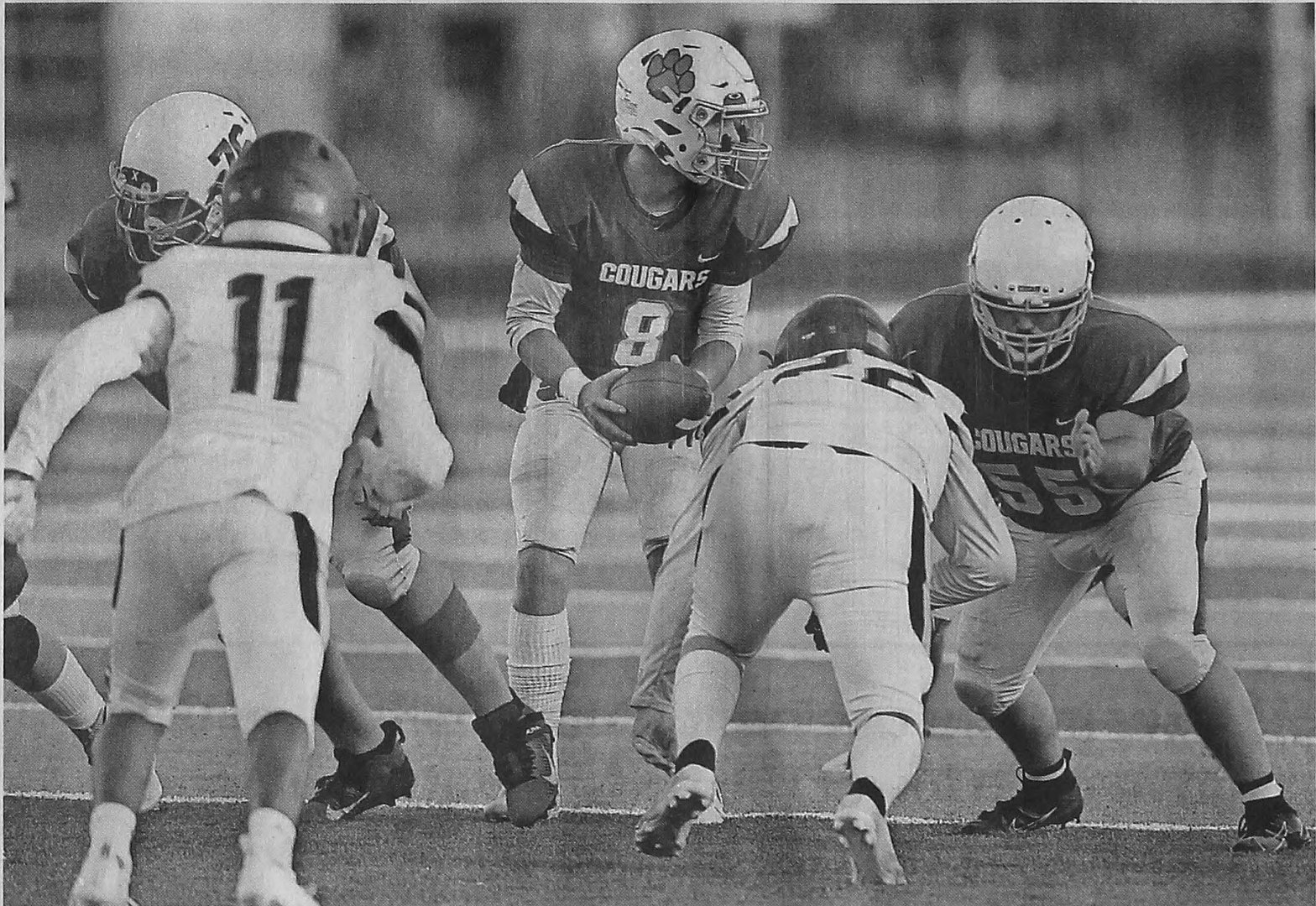
A win gives the Panthers a share of the title. Another win next week over Melvindale (4-2, 4-1) gives them the outright championship.

**Can Canton actually pull this off?**

The Chiefs (4-2, 4-1 KLAA-West) shouldn't have a problem beating rival Salem (0-6, 0-5) in Week 7.

But if they can get past Hartland (5-1, 4-1) on the road the following week, they'd likely tie Howell (5-1, 4-1) for the West title.

They haven't lost to the Eagles in seven years. And, after that, who knows? Canton is getting hot at just the right



Garden City's Nathan Wasil takes the snap from under center Sept. 24. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

time. And things could get even more interesting if Howell loses to Novi or

Brighton in the next two weeks.

It'd be quite the feat for the Chiefs to

go from an 0-2 start to a league title. But it's possible.

# Hometown Life's top 10 for Week 7 football

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Conference races are taking shape. Some have been decided. Some are about to be decided. And a few other leagues must wait until Week 9 to be determined.

Hometown Life sports reporter Brandon Folsom considers each league contender when breaking down this week's rankings.

## 1. Livonia Churchill (6-0, 5-0 KLAA-East; Last Week: No. 1)

The Chargers are one of the best teams in the state — not just the Hometown Life coverage area. For the second week, The D-Zone ranked them No. 4 in its top 10, regardless of division.

If they want to stay there, they must beat Fordson this week on the road, and that's a tall task. Churchill is 0-3 against Fordson since the two teams were placed in the same division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. A win gives them at least a share of the East division.

## 2. South Lyon (6-0, 5-0 LVC; Last Week: No. 2)

Two winnable games against Walled Lake Northern and South Lyon East bookend a Week 8 match up at Waterford Mott. Barring a COVID-19 scare, the worst the Lions can do is clinch a share of the Lakes Valley Conference. But a win over the 4-2 Corsairs likely ensures them their first outright championship since 2018. If they keep winning games, everything will take care of itself.

## 3. Detroit Catholic Central (4-2, 1-1 CHSL-Central; Last Week: No. 3)

The Shamrocks' offense let them down in the pseudo Catholic League-Central championship Friday at Wayne State. But there's no shame in losing to Warren De La Salle, the sixth-ranked team in the state, according to The D-Zone.

Catholic Central should have three winnable games to close out the regular season, which would garner them



Churchill's Kameron Balhorn (72) and teammates stop Franklin's Cordel Mabins.  
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home-field advantage in the opening round of the Division 1 postseason.

## 4. Brother Rice (4-2, 1-2 CHSL-Central; Last week: No. 4)

The Warriors couldn't have asked for a better bounce-back performance in Week 6. After getting blown out by CC in the Boys Bowl, they took it to Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Is there anything more impressive than a 43-3 lead over the Eagles at halftime?

The only problem is three challenging match ups await them. Brother Rice hosts Chicago Christ the King Jesuit on Saturday at Wisner Stadium. Then the team visits Traverse City Central in Week 8, and the Warriors take on their Lahser Road rivals Country Day to wrap up the regular season.

## 5. Detroit Country Day (4-2; Last week: No. 5)

Warren Michigan Collegiate is one of the toughest D-6 teams in the metro area. The Yellowjackets had no trouble blowing them out Friday at Bishop Foley. They get a bye week this week, but they wrap up the regular season against Detroit Loyola and Brother Rice.

It'd be an impressive feat if they can finish with six wins.

## 6. Bloomfield Hills (6-0, 5-0 OAA-Blue; Last week: No. 6)

The Black Hawks took care of business on homecoming night, beating Athens by 17 points. But it's the other Troy school they must worry about. Bloomfield Hills is tied for first place in

the Oakland Activities Association-Blue with Troy. After winnable games against two of the worst teams in the league over the next two weeks, it hosts the Colts for a Week 9 game that'll determine the division winner.

## 7. Lakeland (5-1, 5-1 LVC; Last week: No. 7)

The Eagles rebounded from their Week 5 loss to South Lyon with a 13-point victory at Walled Lake Northern. They should take care of business this week at South Lyon East, but two tough match ups to finish the regular season stand in their way.

Lakeland will have to defeat Carlson and Milford at home in back-to-back weeks to ensure home-field advantage in the postseason.

## 8. Livonia Clarenceville (6-0; Last week: No. 9)

The Trojans have given up just one touchdown in four of their six games. They should have another stellar effort or two on defense left as they reach they enter the home stretch of their schedule.

Their Week 7 match up against Berkley could be their toughest yet.

## 9. Canton (4-2, 4-1 KLAA-West; Last week: No. 10)

Last week's win over Brighton has put them in a three-way tie with Hartland and Howell for first place in the West. They should take care of Salem next week. That means Canton's Week 8 game at Hartland should determine the division winner.

## 10. North Farmington (3-3, 1-3 OAA-White; Last week: No. 8)

Wow, the Raiders have had a tough schedule to end the regular season. They've lost to Oak Park, Rochester and Rochester Adams the past three weeks. They should beat Seaholm this week, but matchups against West Bloomfield and Traverse City Central await them.

If North Farmington wins more than one game over the next three weeks, consider that a success.

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# Hartland ‘freak athlete’ runs for 238 yards, 4 TDs in win over Howell

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HARTLAND — Even when he was injured briefly, Joey Mattord was spectacular.

Rather than get up and limp off the field, he sprinted to the sideline while bounding on one leg.

Mattord missed only four plays, returning to score his fourth touchdown of the game Friday night for Hartland in a 29-7 victory over previously unbeaten Howell.

“Joey Mattord is a freak athlete,” said defensive coordinator Thomas Stevenson, who was Hartland’s acting head coach because Brian Savage tested positive for COVID.

“We get the ball in his hands and he just wants to run wild. You get him a little bit of room to run, and the offensive line did that. You can see what he can do when he has that space.”

Mattord carried the ball 28 times for 238 yards, scoring on runs of 12, 73, 1 and 55 yards.

In one night’s work, Mattord more than doubled his season rushing total. He came into the game with 230 yards and one touchdown on 54 carries, but showed Howell last season how explosive he can be by taking a screen pass 46 yards for a touchdown in the Eagles’ playoff loss.

“We worked all night long,” Mattord said. “You can see it on the scoreboard; it just shows. Our line hustled all day long. We’ve been working at it for weeks. It finally meshed together.”

Mattord’s performance came against a Howell defense that posted three shutouts in its first five games, allowing only 29 points.

“They found their rhythm,” Howell coach Brian Lewis said. “It looked like in some of the other games, they maybe didn’t have great rhythm all the time. They found some rhythm tonight and were able to capitalize on it.”

Leading 9-0 at halftime, Hartland (5-1) extended the lead to 16-0 when Mattord broke off a 73-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage in the second half.



Hartland’s Joey Mattord, who ran for 238 yards and four touchdowns, stiff-arms Howell’s Ashton Hill during the Eagles’ 29-7 victory.

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### Creating turnovers

Howell, meanwhile, was unable to solve a Hartland defense that continues to dominate opponents. Quarterback Nolan Petru’s 1-yard run with 4:00 left in the game was the first rushing touchdown and only the second offensive touchdown scored against Hartland.

The Eagles generated five turnovers, intercepting four passes and recovering a fumble. Linebacker Chase Kern had two interceptions, while safety Sam Clay and linebacker Aiden Martino had the others. Lineman Benathan Deman recovered the fumble.

Petru had thrown only one interception this season, while the Highlanders had only four turnovers.

Clay’s interception on the first play of the fourth quarter was his sixth, tops in Livingston County.

“Actually, my defensive coach said, ‘You’re missing your pick this game,’ ” Clay said. “I said, ‘Coach, I’ll get you one.’ I saw the ball go up in the air and I was

like, ‘This is my chance.’ I put my hands out and caught it.”

### Short memory

Nathan Dibert missed an extra point following Hartland’s first touchdown of the game, but he more than made up for it by booming a 52-yard field goal with 35.7 seconds left in the first half.

It was his second field goal this season of more than 50 yards. Dibert kicked a 51-yarder against Novi.

The kick was a no-doubter, one which Dibert felt would have been good from 60 yards.

“I hit it really well,” said Dibert, an LSU commit. “Everything went well. I just want to thank God for giving me the opportunity, the coaches trust me and I just did my job and put it through the pipes and got the points.”

Dibert said he has a short memory when it comes to missed kicks.

“I’ve just got to go to the next kick,” he said. “It’s one play. Zone it out and go on to the next one.”

### KLAA West logjam

By handing Howell its first loss, Hartland created a three-way tie atop the KLAA West. Canton is also tied for first with the Highlanders and Eagles after beating Brighton, 35-32.

Howell has beaten Canton and Hartland has beaten Howell. The Eagles could capture the division by winning their remaining two division games next Friday at Northville and Oct. 15 at home against Canton.

Howell has two tough division games remaining at home next Friday against Novi and Oct. 15 at Brighton.

“This is one game of many,” Lewis said. “As much as all the wins are great, we don’t want to get too high, get too low. Obviously, we want to beat our rivals; losing to Hartland is no good. ... There’s a lot in front of us right now. There’s a lot to be accomplished for this team. We’re going to keep beating the drum, keep getting back after it and see what we’ve got.”

# Down 18, Brighton football nearly makes comeback in loss at Canton

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A 21-3 halftime deficit proved to be too much for Brighton to overcome, although the Bulldogs nearly pulled off a big-time comeback Friday night at Canton.

Brighton cut the Chiefs’ lead to three points three times in the fourth quarter before coming away with a 35-32 loss.

Junior running back Carson Shrader scored all four of Brighton’s touchdowns in the second half. He had a 2-yard run and a 1-yard run to cut Canton’s lead to 21-18 early in the fourth quarter.

Shrader caught touchdown passes of 30 and 29 yards from Colin McKernan later in the fourth quarter.

Canton held off Brighton by running for two fourth-quarter touchdowns to extend its lead to 28-18 and 35-25.

“We tightened things up defensively,” Brighton coach Brian Lemons said. “We gave them a short field on a turnover. They punched it in. That was kind of the difference for us in the second half defensively.”

“We forced some punts and gave our offense a chance to catch up. We got there, and it was back and forth all night.”

Shrader ran 22 times for 96 yards and two touchdowns, catching two passes for 59 yards and two scores.

McKernan was 11-for-16 for 186 yards and two touchdowns.


“We had some success moving the ball in the first half, but drives stalled out,” Lemons said. “In the second half, we were more consistent.”

Linebacker Hunter Harding had an interception for Brighton.

The victory moved Canton into a three-way tie for first place in the KLAA West with Hartland and Howell at 4-1 in the division.

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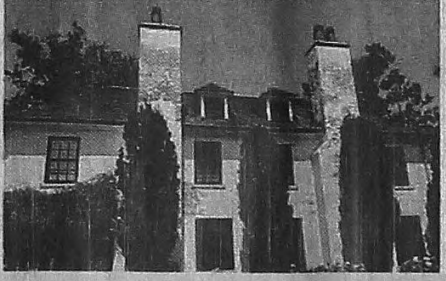


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104: Concrete Foundations	124: Wood Flooring
105: Concrete Flatwork	125: Toilet Partitions
106: Masonry	126: Metal Lockers
107: Steel	131: Athletic Equipment
108: Carpentry & General Trades	133: Pool and Pool Equipment
109: Roofing	136: Telescoping Bleachers
112: Caulking	138: Elevator
113: Hollow Metal & Finish Hardware	140: Plumbing
114: Aluminum Glass & Glazing	141: Fire Protection
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Bidding Documents will be available beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 via Building Connected.

There will be a **Pre-Bid Meeting on Friday, October 1 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at Plymouth High School, located at 8400 N Beck Rd, Canton, MI 48187.** 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.**

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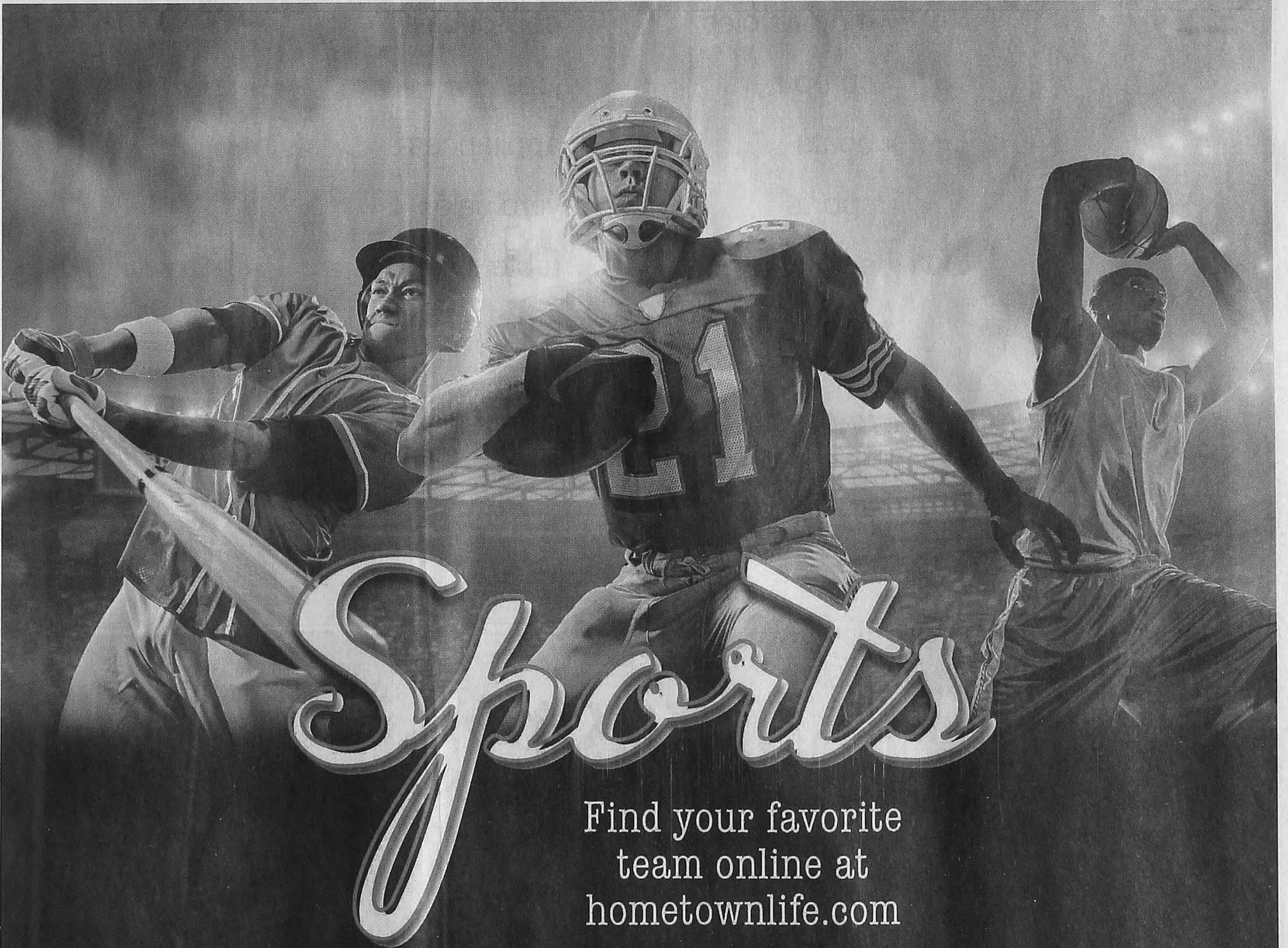
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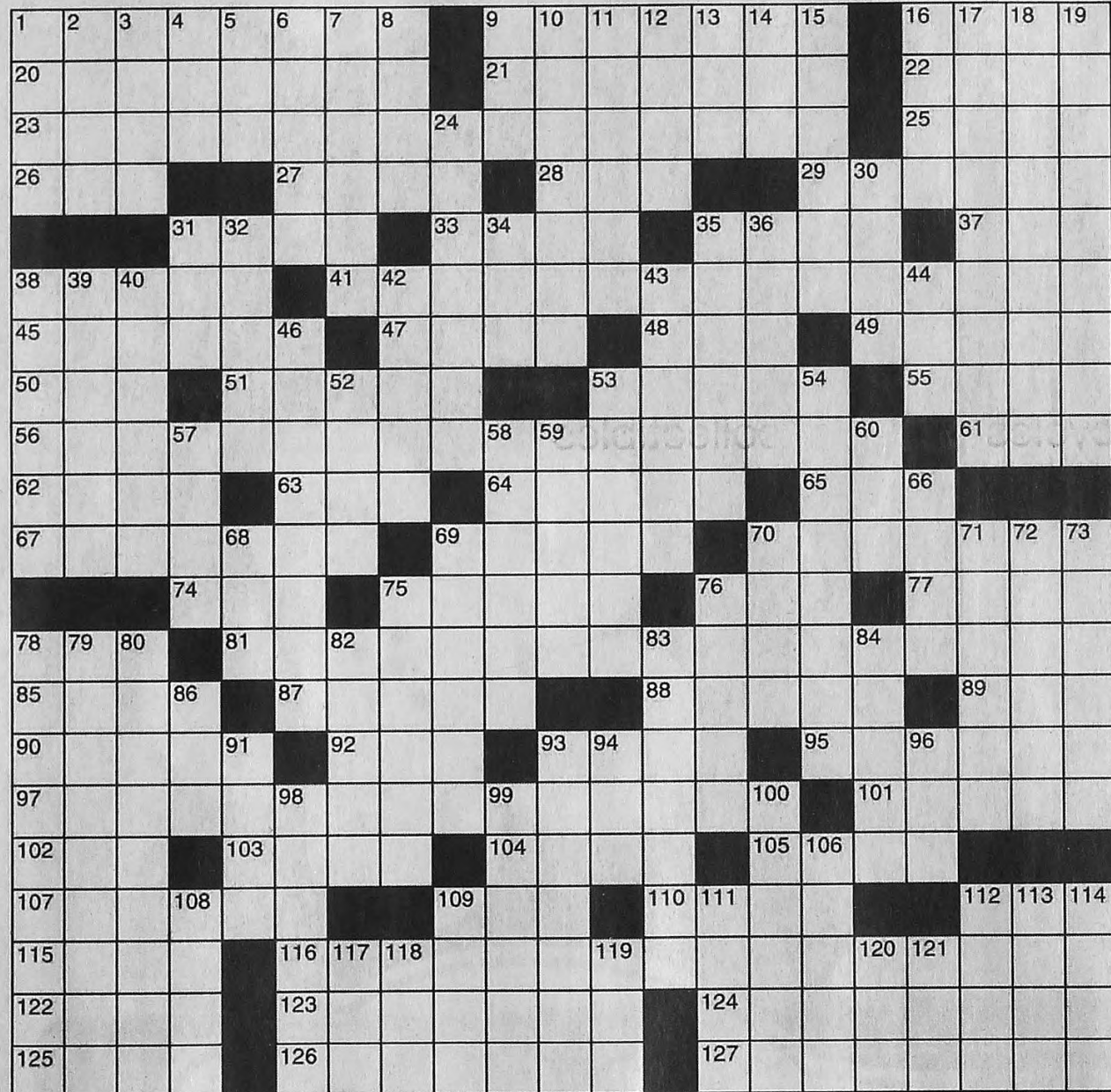
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Web page directories  
 9 Espressos, e.g.  
 16 Basic lessons  
 20 Open to suggestion  
 21 Solar or lunar phenomenon  
 22 U.S. island territory  
 23 Start of a riddle  
 25 Paree "to be"  
 26 Tar's "Help!"  
 27 Wrinkly tangelo variety  
 28 Cavaliers' org.  
 29 Stuff expelled from a volcano  
 31 West Aleutian island  
 33 Brand of contact lens solution  
 35 Outbreak of zits  
 37 Reply to "Which girl?"  
 38 Morn on "The Cosby Show"  
 41 Riddle, part 2  
 45 Old-style "Yay!"  
 47 Voguish Christian  
 48 — kwon do
- 49 Was the father of  
 50 — Lady of Guadalupe  
 51 Eager kids' question  
 53 Pinkish red  
 55 Not even one  
 56 Riddle, part 3  
 61 Aykroyd of film  
 62 Favorite son of Isaac  
 63 Beard on grain  
 64 Eyes lewdly  
 65 Fissure  
 67 Great joy  
 69 Remedies  
 70 Cross the mind of  
 74 — T (exactly)  
 75 Boring carpentry tool  
 76 Otology subject  
 77 Bert who played a lion  
 78 Spike on a film set  
 81 Riddle, part 4  
 85 Grease-laden  
 87 Diarist Nin  
 88 Snares, e.g.  
 89 Previous to, in verse  
 90 Canonized fifth-cen. pope  
 92 Barely manage, with "out"
- 93 Canadian gas brand  
 95 Ancient Greek lyric poet  
 97 End of the riddle  
 101 Campus complexes  
 102 Commanded  
 103 — Mawr College  
 104 — a one (zilch)  
 105 Rival of Lyft  
 107 Threat ender  
 109 Windows 10 runners, e.g.  
 110 A few  
 112 Ewe noise  
 115 Viva —  
 116 Riddle's answer  
 122 Slaughter of baseball  
 123 Racked up  
 124 Anticlimactic happening  
 125 Muralist José María —
- 4 Suffix with absorb  
 5 Bucko  
 6 In re  
 7 Put a stopper in  
 8 Vend  
 9 Ron of the 1970s  
 10 First female Supreme Court justice  
 11 Viral cause of a winter woe, informally  
 12 It funds Soc. Security  
 13 Pollution-control gp.  
 14 U.S. immigrants' class  
 15 Gomez of "Getaway"  
 16 Old Time film critic James  
 17 Totally bungled  
 18 The late 1970s, politically  
 19 Applied, as finger paint  
 20 Makes soiled  
 30 787s, e.g.  
 31 Lung filler  
 32 Pamphlet  
 34 Old name for Tokyo  
 35 Classic game consoles
- 36 Bamboozle  
 38 Had grub  
 39 Thelma's film sidekick  
 40 Of a major blood vessel  
 42 Astronomer  
 43 Furry scarves  
 44 Musical set in Oz, with "The"  
 46 "Ver-r-r-ry funny"  
 52 Salamander  
 53 V8 vegetable  
 54 Charley horse, e.g.  
 57 French for "eight"  
 58 Areas on a golf course  
 59 Be in accord  
 60 Bodily pouch  
 66 Pooch with a corded coat  
 68 Pai — poker (casino game)  
 69 Adorable kids  
 70 Waikiki's island  
 71 Like many gory movies  
 72 Constellation  
 73 Aries  
 75 Skywalker of "Star Wars"  
 76 Scandalous corporation of 2001
- 78 Old sweeties  
 79 Whichever of the two  
 80 Alternative magazine to House Beautiful  
 82 Rival  
 83 "Sounds right to me"  
 84 Back of a 45 record  
 86 "Darn tootin'!"  
 91 Poetic eyes  
 93 "Roots"  
 94 Emmy winner  
 96 Fish-fowl linkup  
 98 Coal mine vehicle  
 99 Put in a crate  
 100 Burden with one's problems  
 106 Pintos, e.g.  
 108 For fear that  
 109 Bygone Dodge  
 111 Bygone  
 112 Dutch South African  
 113 Novelist Rice  
 114 In re  
 117 Doc's org.  
 118 Rebel Turner  
 119 Jewel box inserts  
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 121 "Now — seen it all!"

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 3 Alternatives to 9-Across

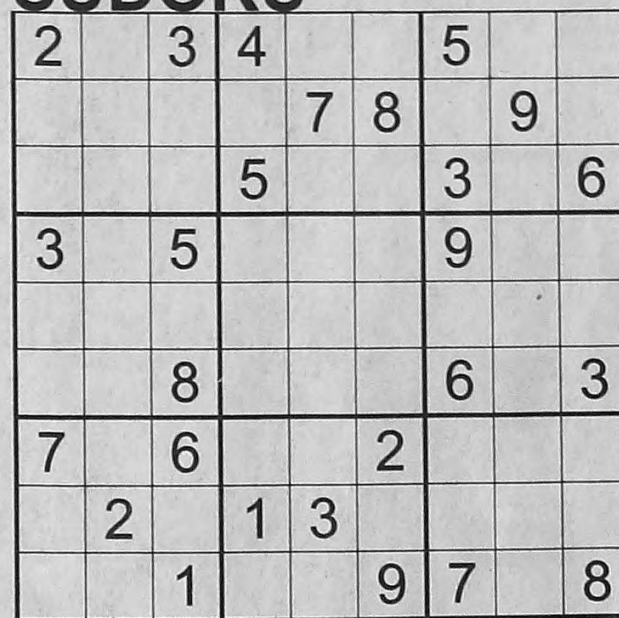


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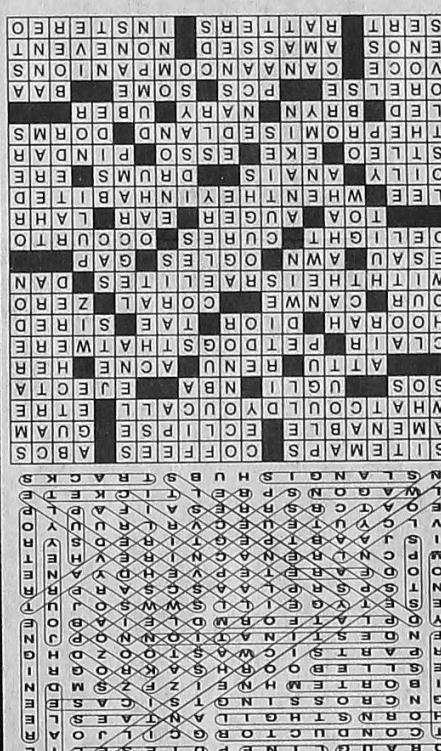
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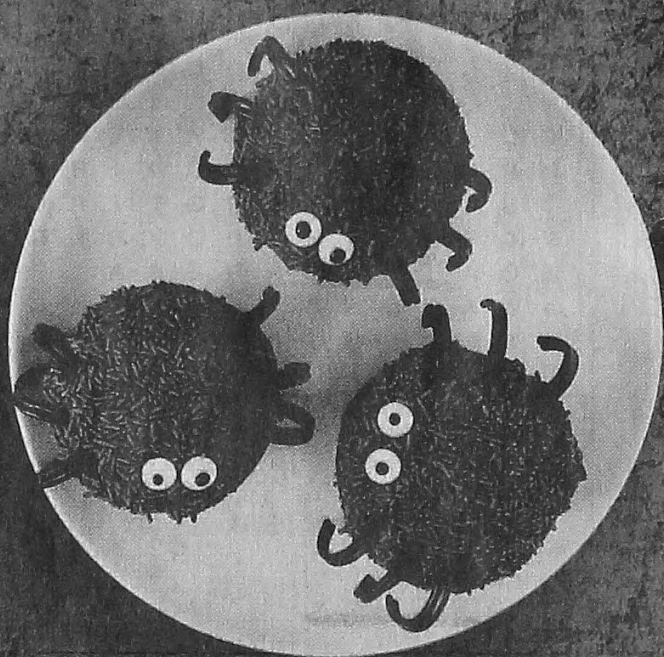
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