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Yemeni coffee house opens in Garden City

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A love of coffee led Fares Abdulmalek to open Garden City's newest café.

The Dearborn native spent time years ago working for Starbucks and developed a love for the drink. Now, Ab-

dulmalek serves up Middle Eastern coffee and other drinks at his newest busi-

, Finjan Café at 28251 Ford Road in Garden City.

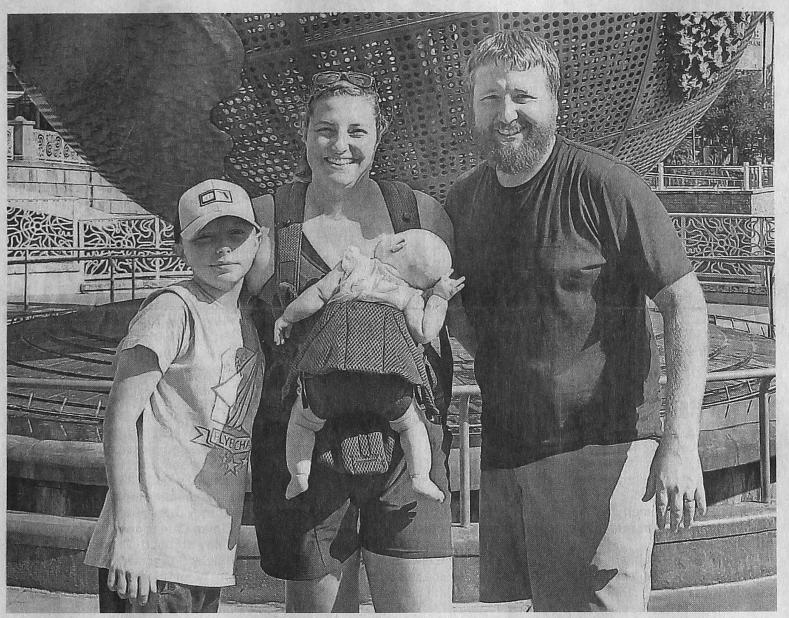
Abdulmalek said he had the "coming soon" sign up for many months before opening the doors in early August.

Ever since he discovered Yemeni coffee when visiting Yemen several years ago, he knew he had to open his own shop selling the coveted drink, he said.

When looking for a space to open, Abdulmalek decided to go west of Dearborn and Dearborn Heights, communities with traditionally high numbers of residents with Middle Eastern heritage. Looking to attract guests from other parts of metro Detroit, he found the space in the small strip mall on Ford Road in Garden City.

"It's going to grow over there," he

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Silas Kurtz, left, with parents Christina and Dan Cobb and his newborn sister. COURTESY OF DAN COBB

Livonia boy, 11, fighting ultra-rare brain cancer

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Silas Kurtz, 11, likes seeing his friends at school, riding his bike and playing guitar - though his mother misses his days as a piano player.

Cancer has largely robbed him of those things.

In early July, Silas started having trouble moving his left hand up and down the fret on his guitar. He was eventually diagnosed with a grade four gliomatosis cerebri, officially called glioblastoma IDH-wildtype.

His particular tumor is inoperable -

and it's rare.

According to the National Cancer In-

stitute, 40 Americans - just three of whom are children - are diagnosed with the tumor each year. The fiveyear survival rate is just under 19%.

Brain cancers kill more children than any other cancer, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

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Livonia mayor, city council at odds on fairness policy needs

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Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan is looking to update and expand the city's nondiscrimination practices. But, city council wants a different approach to the one she's taken to address local ordinances.

Brosnan proposed a nondiscrimination ordinance to city council in June after working with the city's human relations commission to draft

Residents approached the commission roughly a year ago asking the city to create the ordinance, prompting the

"This ordinance is long overdue," said Richard Glover, chair of the human relations commission. "I am excited and encouraged by the collaborative approach the Livonia Human Relations Commission took in working with the city's law department and police department to bring forward this important proposal to expand protections for everyone."

The city's current ordinances provide some protections for religion, race and disability regarding housing and employment. Brosnan's proposal takes the various rules in the city and combines them into a single document addressing allowed protections. It also runs all complaints through the city's law department and adds age, sex, appearance and sexual orientation protections.

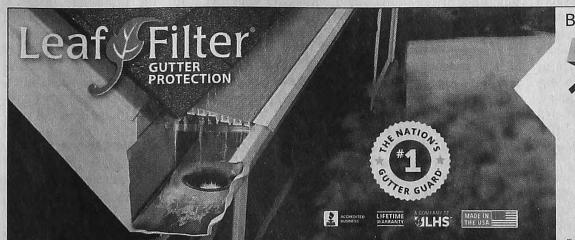
Discrimination is a misdemeanor charge and can carry a \$500 fine.

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Cancer

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"The glioblastoma is kind of the worst glioma you can have," said Dan Cobb, Silas' dad. "Because his tumor is so rare, it's inoperable. It's like a bunch of little tumors, and the big artifact is in his corpus collosum, which is what helps him generate new memories."

Silas is attending school at Riley Upper Elementary in Livonia parttime, but his days mostly consist of physical therapy, a ketogenic diet to prevent seizures and chemo treatments – he's even needed a shunt put in to keep the tumor from bleeding.

By day's end, he's visibly exhausted. But, he's also on top of his treatment and can kindly correct your pronunciation of his tumor.

"He's not hanging out with his friends. He's not riding his bike. He's not doing normal things that kids are doing," said Christina Cobb, Silas' mom. "He's going to physical therapy, occupational therapy and he's going to the hospital for radiation. The whole week is taken up with hospitals and doctors."

The family is hoping treatment will shrink the tumor and give Silas back his normal life. If his tumor shrinks enough that an MRI scan can no longer spot it, he'll still need check-ups for years to make sure it doesn't return.

A family friend organized a Go-FundMe page for the family called "Si-las Strong" that has raised nearly \$25,000 of its \$71,000 goal. The money is helping pay for living costs – Christina Cobb quit her job because Si-las needs around-the-clock care – and medical expenses. The family is also posting updates on Silas in a public Facebook group, also called "Silas Strong."

"It's almost like there's a new thing going on every day," Christina Cobb said. "There's several purposes for the GoFundMe, because he needs fulltime care and there's a lot of added expenses."

As tough as cancer is, Silas' situation has given the family a new appreciation of being together.

The Cobbs just married last year and had a baby girl in June.

"I feel so lucky that (Dan) can work and I can spend a little more time with Silas," Christina Cobb said. "The stuff we're doing isn't fun, it's back and forth from doctors, but it's extra time I get with him."

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Silas Kurtz before getting a biopsy on his tumor over the summer.
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Parents arraigned on homicide charges in motel death of toddler

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The parents of a 14-month-old boy found deceased at the Motel 6 in Farmington Hills were arraigned Oct. 6 on homicide charges.

Isaias Porras, 31, was charged with first-degree homicide and first-degree child abuse. Amanda Jajou, 30, was charged with second-degree homicide, second-degree child abuse and accessory after the fact.

Their charges are all felonies, meaning the possibility of years in prison if they are convicted.

Police were called to the motel on Grand River Avenue about 5:30 p.m. Oct. 3 when the child's relatives expressed concern. They found the dead toddler, Isaias Daniel Porras.



The parents of a 14-month-old boy found deceased at the Motel 6 in Farmington Hills were arraigned Oct. 6 on homicide charges. GOOGLE MAPS

During the arraignment, prosecuting attorney Amy MacGregor said the parents told police they gave the child away but they found him covered in blankets.

The child apparently was covered head to toe with bruises, and died from a brain injury.

"She did not call 911," MacGregor said of Jajou. "She was with the child and didn't do anything."

Attorney Richard Small represented the accused parents during the arraignment. He declined to comment, saying his representation was just for that proceeding.

Police Chief Jeff King has said the department and community are heartbroken over the death.

"My thoughts and prayers go out to the child's family," King said in a state-

He encourages anyone concerned for the safety and well being of neighbors, friends or family members to contact law enforcement. Anyone needing assistance can call 911 for emergency response, or 248-871-2600 or 248-871-2610 for non-emergency response



At Finjan Cafe in Garden City, visitors can purchase Yemeni-style drinks, specialty drinks made with Yemeni-inspired ingredients, and a selection of baked goods from other bakeries is also available. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Coffee

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said. "There are so many in Dearborn, why not venture out?"

Abdulmalek formerly operated a Middle Eastern restaurant in Farmington.

The café, which takes its name from the Arabic word for "cup," features a unique line of coffee. Drinks are made with Yemeni coffee beans, which Abdulmalek said are the best in the

Visitors can purchase Yemeni-style drinks, including a Mofawar, coffee

made with cardamom and cream. Several specialty drinks are also served, such as mochas, lattes and cappuccinos, though they can be made with Yemeni-inspired ingredients.

A selection of baked goods from other bakeries is also available.

He said environmental conditions in Yemen lend themselves to some of the best coffee found anywhere on Earth.

"The trees are old over there. The older the tree is, the better the quality," he said. "And the moisture, too. They're in mountains."

Since opening, Abdulmalek said he's seen customers wander in from all over. He's brought in customers familiar with Yemeni coffee and plenty of newcomers.

He said repeat customers stop by on a regular basis, a testament to the drinks he and his team create.

"It's better than I expected in the beginning," he said. "If I see a familiar face, that means the person liked it, enjoyed what they drank and what they had."

Finjan Cafe is open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday; and 9 a.m. to midnight Sunday.

Its website is still under construction, though more information, including photos of the products, can be found on the cafe's Instagram account.

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Policy

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City Council President Kathleen McIntyre said the majority of council feels the proposed ordinance over-reaches, especially as it relates to small businesses. McIntyre said she's concerned the ordinance empowers the law department to investigate all claims made and doesn't provide sufficient religious protection.

McIntyre said she thinks such civil rights protections would better come through the state legislature or a chamber of commerce initiative instead of what she sees as a one-size-fits-all ordinance.

"The mayor brought her proposal to me several months ago and my initial response was positive," McIntyre said. "I indicated a willingness to consider bringing it to council. ... However, after learning the ordinance's public accommodation meant private business, which would insert the city attorney's offices into private businesses, I withdrew my support. I advised Mayor Brosnan of my concern."

The ordinance's proposed language also requires nondiscrimination language in every contract the city enters, bars discrimination in real estate transactions and requires gas stations

to assist physically disabled patrons.

McIntyre said every council member is supportive of the idea of creating a nondiscrimination law, but most members would like to see major changes to the proposed law before considering it.

"I have reservations, as well, about the language," Councilwoman Cathy White said. "I don't think that the issues are insurmountable. I think we can probably come to an ordinance that all of council can support. But, I can't support it in it's current form."

As president, McIntyre sets the agenda – she said no council members have asked her to put the issue on an agenda for discussion or action.

"I have never failed to put something on an agenda when council members want it on an agenda," she said. "The vast majority of council members have expressed to me that they do not want this ordinance the way (Mayor Brosnan has) written it on the agenda."

The chamber of commerce is also supportive of the general goal to be more welcoming but has not explicitly supported the mayor's proposal.

"The mayor and city council members each have had favorable discussions towards updates to the city's NDO. However, the language in the mayor's proposed ordinance about enforcement is a source of disagreement," the chamber wrote in a statement to members Oct. 4. "While the Livonia Chamber of

Commerce has taken positions on fiscal proposals that voters may consider, the chamber is historically a non-partisan, nonprofit organization that does not lobby in a legislative process."

Leaders with PFLAG Livonia, Madonna University and the Livonia Police Department have expressed support of the mayor's proposal.

"This is really going to help us build on our transparency and our accountability with the residents," Brosnan said. "For the mayor's office, it will make sure there's a central point for any claims of discrimination in the city. It cleans a lot of things up. These are things Livonia has always embraced, but now it's codified."

Brosnan said she's had individual conversations with some council members regarding the ordinance.

McIntyre said she and others on council are willing to work with the mayor to create an ordinance council is more comfortable with. But, it seems unlikely the ordinance would pass as it's currently proposed.

"You've got to get together with people, work on it and figure things out," McIntyre said. "The way you fix one problem is not with a sweeping piece of legislation that goes after every single small business in this community."

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Support for Farmington candidates

This November Farmington returns to the ballot box to elect leaders to city council. I've been approached by residents asking whom I support in the upcoming election. While I believe all voters should do candidate research, I appreciate being asked for my assessment and am humbled that my feedback would be considered as voters weigh their options.

I'm supporting Steve Schneemann and Maria Taylor for re-election. These colleagues have not only been good stewards for and servants of the city, but they are the best candidates to continue our positive

Steve and I have been collaborators even before I was elected to city council. On the Downtown Development Authority's Design Committee, I saw firsthand how his design skills and leadership have made a positive impact on our downtown and city overall. Steve's architectural background and his eye for what makes Farmington special will be crucial to the execution of the large re-development projects in the pipeline, including the Farmington Road Streetscape and the Maxfield Training Center re-development and its related public amenities. At our most recent meeting, Steve offered to provide concept design input to the connection planned between Riley Park and Shiawassee Park as part of the MTC project, and he has been deeply involved in the purchase agreement discussions to ensure Farmington gets the best project possible. This kind of commitment, leadership, and contribution of professional skill demonstrates why Steve should be re-elected.

Maria and I came to council together in 2017. We were competitors who quickly became collaborators. On many occasions I have found Maria to be thoughtful, open-minded, and committed to Farmington's unique fusion of history and future development. She has demonstrated a commitment to service to the residents of Farmington that I respect and share with her. Most recently, she took time off from work to join me and other residents to attend the Michigan Public Service Commission meeting to speak on the impact of multiple power outages. She spoke passionately about residents who depend on reliable power to keep medicine refrigerated or keep life-sustaining medical equipment running in their homes. She has collaborated with me to open communication lines with state and federal elected officials who can bring additional resources and attention to Farmington's plight. This kind of service should be rewarded with re-election.

I believe Steve and Maria bring valuable perspectives that contribute to achieving consensus on big decisions for the City of Farmington. I know many of the other candidates in this race and have worked with most of them previously. I am confident that no matter who else prevails, I will be able to effectively collaborate with them, and I know Steve and Maria will too. town character.

Joe LaRussa Farmington

As past mayors of the City of Farmington City Council and a former Farmington school board president, we have deep concerns about a development in this year's city council election. As you may know, three positions on the five-person city council will be filled this November.

three candidates is running as a "block," which we believe is a serious threat to the vigor and energy of a balanced council and the transparent perspective our council has maintained for decades. Perhaps our most serious concern is that should this group get elected it may result in the kind of dysfunction which has plagued other local councils or boards when partisanship or personal agendas have caused dissension and bitter conflicts, sharply deteriorating the

The strength of our city council is that it has always been non-partisan. That means we do not serve or function as Democrats, Republicans, conservatives or progressives. Council members are supposed to serve as independent representatives of our residents and businesses. No city council member should ever be obliged or beholden to one "consortium" leader who controls a majority of the council votes.

Council members make decisions that have real and immediate impact on your taxes, operating policies. spending, city planning, city services, events and ordinances. A valuable and healthy city council makes decisions based on comprehensive discussion from multiple viewpoints. A three-person consortium constitutes a majority and has immediate and potentially detrimental impact on the integrity of the council.

have a skill or experience that will add to council's deliberations?

Please examine the experience, capabilities, and contributions of all the candidates before reaching a voting decision. We urge you to carefully review the claims of Taylor, DeLind and Balk, as they appear to take personal and unearned credit for the work of council, our Downtown Development Authority and

We believe candidates, running as a three-person

the future direction of Farmington and our small

Concern with Farmington slate

For the first time in our city's history a "slate" of

effectiveness of the elected or appointed members.

We need independent thinkers and experienced individuals. As you consider your vote in November, please educate yourself about the qualifications of all the candidates. Which candidates and incumbents have been actively involved in city committees? Which are active in downtown volunteerism? Which have served and collaborated to make our city stronger? Which candidates have an investment in Farmington's success and are working for Farmington's future rather than their own? Which candidates

our chamber of commerce.

slate form a serious threat to

Tom Buck Bill Galvin Jim Mitchell **Arnie Campbell** Former Farmington mayors Pamela Green Former Farmington school board president

Flyers seem act of desperation

It's my understanding that political advertisements must state who's behind it. This prevents dirty politics and outright slander.

However, someone in Farmington has anonymously decided to ignore political rules and put out thousands of door hangers - around town, at businesses, and homes. Particularly offensive is the language "The risk of a monopoly is destructive and manipulative."

There's a suggestion here that because three people are actively campaigning, they're in lock step and will vote together. This is not fact, but presumption.

To me, these flyers feel like an act of desperation from a candidate (or candidates) who feels threatened, instead of clearly and openly stating what they stand for and will do for the city. Everyone needs to vote for who they think will best represent the city we want.

Having met the candidates who've taken the time to meet with the community, I feel confident in my choices and am offended and affronted by this underhanded, potentially illegal campaign ploy. As a Farmington resident for 30+ years, this is the second time I've seen underhanded campaigning, and I say we don't need dirty politics in Farmington.

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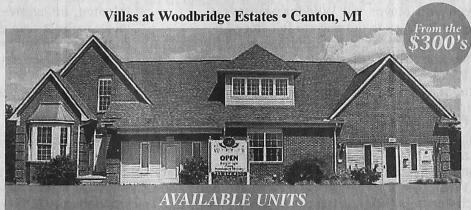
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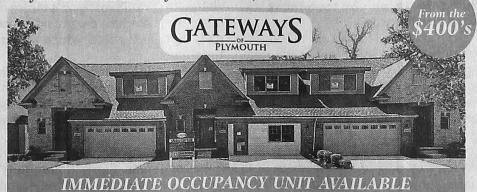
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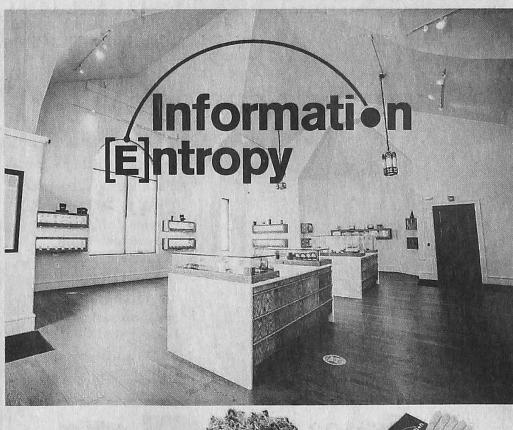


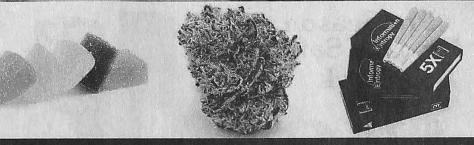
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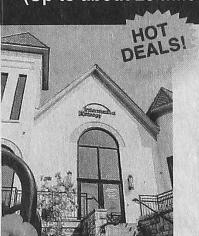
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Farmington council candidates break down platforms

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Seven Farmington residents are looking to serve the city from the council chambers. Johnna Balk, David DeLind, Jacob Nelson, Geof Perrot, Steve Schneemann, Maria Taylor and Cathi Waun all filed to run.

Voters will elect three people to the nonpartisan office Nov. 2. The top two vote-getters will serve for four years, and the third person will serve for two. All council members, including the mayor, make \$3,000 annually. Farmington council members appoint a mayor from among themselves every two years.

Schneemann and Taylor are running as incumbents, and DeLind was appointed to council last year.

Johnna Balk, 53, is a faculty librarian at Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills campus.

David DeLind, 35, works as a civil engineer.

Jacob Nelson, 43, works as a federal lobbyist and is the national spokesperson for AAA, a non-profit.

Geof Perrot, 41, is the global product manager at Tenneco.

Steve Schneemann, 53, is an architect.

Maria Taylor, 30, is the managing editor of the ACHR News.

Cathi Waun, 55, owns Life Realty. Hometown Life sent questionnaires to each candidate.

(Editor's note: Candidate responses appear in the Oct. 10 and Oct. 14 print editions, online at hometownlife.com.)

Racial equity has received greater discussion in the last year. How will you support racial equity in Farmington?

Schneemann: One of the reasons that our family chose to live in Farmington is its demographic diversity, including race, so it is very important to me that we celebrate and support racial minority groups in Farmington and encourage people in those groups to get involved in civic-service positions.

Taylor: Farmington Hills recently hired a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) consultant. I propose Farmington joins FH in this effort so we can share

services for DEI consulting. I would also support adding a social worker to our public safety department the way Livonia has.

Waun: At our heart, Balk
Farmington is a volunteer
community. My goal is to
create broader exposure for the many
opportunities our city offers. A wider
outreach will result in a more diverse

opportunities our city offers. A wider outreach will result in a more diverse group of people working together for the betterment of Farmington and having a voice in the decision-making process.

Balk: Working as a teacher/swim

Balk: Working as a teacher/swim coach, as well as a librarian at both public and academic settings, has made me very aware of diversity and inclusion. I will work to have a DEI position as part of our city government, as well as inclusive wording on all city job applications.

DeLind: Through embracing residents of all ages, cultures and walks of life. I will work to keep Farmington and inclusive and welcoming community that supports fair representation and services for all residents.

Nelson: The first step in this process is helping people of all races and ethnicities acknowledge their own implicit biases tied to race. We all have them. Few of us realize it. Implicit bias training won't solve it, but it will facilitate openness and support for needed policy reform.

Perrot: I will continue to assure anyone with interest in participating in Farmington's inclusive way of life: You are welcome here. This community is more diverse than the one I was raised in, and I feel fortunate to be able to raise my girls here.

What Farmington-related program or initiative you were involved with are you most proud of?

Taylor: I am one of the original members of the Warnerettes Parasol Drill Team. We dress as suffragettes and march in local parades to promote the Warner Mansion, women's history, the importance of voting, and the legacy of Farmington's Fred Warner, a progressive Michigan governor in the early 1900s.

Waun: In 2020 I applied for and received a \$5,500 placemaking grant from

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the Greater Metropolitan and National Association of Realtors that paid for the mural by local artist Mary Lou Stropoli on the side of the Sunflour Bakehaus in Downtown Farmington.

Balk: I was a librarian at the downtown Farmington library for almost 10 years, serving Farmington-area families and doing programs with adults and teens. I was also the volunteer coordinator and worked with students and seniors of all ages and backgrounds.

DeLind: I am most proud of being a part of the Maxfield Training Center purchase and redevelopment. Having townhouses rather than high density apartments was the most appropriate from a planning, parking and neighborhood perspective.

Nelson: The pandemic took hold shortly after my family moved to Farmington. Local community involvement hasn't become possible until recently. So, I'd have to say helping my neighbors clean up and recover following the massive storm in July. It was all hands on deck, and 100% teamwork across the board.

Perrot: I'm most proud of our award-winning farmers market. I've been a volunteer for five years, joined by my daughters for the last two years. The market has managed to stay open all through the pandemic thanks to its exceptional crew of volunteers.

Schneemann: The creation of Riley Park and the design and implementation of the Grand River streetscape. I am also working on the MTC residential project that will connect Riley Park to Shiawassee Park, as well as the Farmington Road streetscape to be constructed in 2022.

Anything else?

Balk: I come from a world of research. Of searching for facts and making information easy to understand and use. That's the type of leadership I'll

bring to council. I will look at our city through research, data, and by listening to the people we live with, work with, and serve.

DeLind: I'm proud of the decisions that city leadership made that helped Farmington navigate COVID-19 and maintain services while keeping employees and residents safe. I believe that maintaining flexible ordinances will help grow Farmington's local economy— and a strong grassroots art scene is key to a vibrant, thriving community.

Nelson: For nearly two decades I've worked with state and local lawmakers, Congress and U.S. federal agencies to achieve a common goal — to help people reach their full potential. I'm in this race to give my time and talent to you, the people of Farmington. Vote Jacob Nelson on Nov. 2.

Perrot: Voters can learn more about me and my campaign on Facebook at facebook.com/geofperrotfarmington. Voters can also call or text me at 231-250-3774 with any questions. I'm very passionate about our town and look forward to speaking with you.

Schneemann: I have helped achieve some wonderful things for the city in my time in public service (10 years on DDA and eight years on city council), and I am asking you to help me continue all the new and great things happening in our city.

Taylor: I know that solving problems takes research and investigation. It takes going out and asking people for input. My votes reflect my belief that Farmington's best shot in the 21st century lies in boosting what makes the city unique.

Waun: Last year the current city council of Farmington appointed me for a third term on the planning commission, in doing so they affirmed their belief that my experience and knowledge have value to our community and the future of Farmington. When votes are cast, I believe the community will agree.





Westland mayoral candidates make their pitches to voters

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Westland's current mayor and a city council member are competing for the city's top job.

Voters chose Councilwoman Tasha Green and Mayor Bill Wildduring the August primary to advance to fall elections. Westland voters will chose between the two Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Westland's mayor serves a four-year term in a non-partisan role. The mayor currently makes \$121,574 annually.

Green, 45, is a councilwoman wrapping up her first term. She owns Green Titan Management and is a Wayne County Sherriff's reserve deputy.

Wild, who started the mayor's race with three challengers, left the primary with near 4,000 more votes than the other candidates combined. He's been the city's mayor since 2007 and is seeking a fourth term.

Hometown Life sent questionnaires to each candidate seeking information on their platforms. Each question was given a 50-word limit, and answers exceeding that limit were cut short.

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What's the thing you love most about Westland?

Green: I love the fact that I have great neighbors and that I've met many great people and families in Westland. I've lived in Westland a total of 16 years and owned my home for 14 years. I love our city and as mayor I will co-govern our city with our...

Wild: The people that live here. It is amazing how many residents have lived in Westland since the Nankin Township days. I also love that we are a safe community, a welcoming city and we take pride in our beautiful schools, library, parks and of course, the local food scene.

What's the biggest change needed in Westland?

Wild: The city needs transforma-



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School District. New Superintendent Dr. John Dignan has his arms around the district's challenges and is young, talented, innovative and looks to be a true game changer. I am fully committed and excited to help in any way.

Green: The biggest

tional improvement to

Wayne-Westland

Green: The biggest change needed is resident awareness and civic engagement. Sadly, many residents do not

watch city council meetings and many don't know the truth of what's happening with their tax dollars. All too often we hear people complain about politicians being "crooks and liars" but what's most unfortunate is...

What Westland-related program or initiative that you have been involved with are you most proud

Green: I accomplished quite a bit while serving on Westland City Council. I'm very proud of having created Westland's DEI Commission for diversity, equity and inclusion as well as leading the charge to install Westland's ethics commission. The ethics commission was finally installed in 2021, which was one of the things...

Wild: I take considerable pride in bonding and closing the city's underfunded pension plan which had plagued the city for years. I'm proud of leading the creation of the new city hall, Fire Station #1, the farmer's market, H20 Zone, Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center and the Modano Arena improvements.

How will you support racial equity in Westland? How will you ensure city staff of all backgrounds are treated equitably?

Wild: I will hire the city's first director of diversity, equity and inclusion to

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Livonia city council candidates talk policy

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Seven Livonians are running for four available seats on city council.

Council members Jim Jolly, Laura Toy and Rob Donovic are all looking to reclaim their seats, and newcomers Carrie Budzinski, Dan Centers, Ken Overwater and Scott Morgan tossed their names in the ring, too. Livonia City Council is a nonpartisan body.

Carrie Budzinski, 33, works as the chief operating officer for LittleGuide Detroit. She currently chairs Livonia's library commission.

Dan Centers, 36, is the chief of staff for state Sen. Dayna Polehanki (D-Livonia). Centers has also served on the Livonia Public Schools board for seven years.

Rob Donovic, 29, is the youngest person ever elected to Livonia's council. He's self-employed and works in real estate.

Jim Jolly, 39, is seeking a second elected term on council. Jolly has previously served as magistrate and a court officer in the city and currently works as assistant provost at Lawrence Technological University.

Scott Morgan, 53, works in construction operation and security. He was a Livonia police officer for 25 years and is currently a member of the city's zoning board of appeals.

Ken Overwater, 40, is an attorney. He's spent his career working as a public defender.

Laura Toy, 69, has served on council on and off since the 1990s and has been city treasurer. Toy co-owns Cardwell Florist in Livonia and has previously been a state senator, state representative and School-craft College trustee.

Voters will choose four candidates on Tuesday, Nov.

In Livonia, the person who earns the most votes becomes council president, and the second place finisher becomes vice president. Both candidates will earn four-year seats. The third place finisher will serve a four-year term, and the fourth place candidate will receive a two-year term.

Right now, the council president earns \$19,362 annually and all other members make \$18,055 annually. However, the Livonia Local Officers Compensation Commission will meet in late 2021 to determine compensation for elected officials, including council members, for 2022 and 2023. Traditionally, the commission gives officials a small pay raise.

Hometown Life sent questionnaires to each candidate seeking information on their platforms. Each question was given a 50-word limit, and answers exceeding that limit were cut short.

(Editor's note: Candidate responses appear in the Oct. 10 and Oct. 14 print editions. Candidate responses can also be found online at hometownlife.com.)

The Livonia Vision 21 plan could transform the city as residents know it. What, if any, part of the plan would you most like to see council support? Why?

Morgan: I believe the Livonia Vision 21 plan would

enhance our city tremendously. I'm excited about the community gathering spaces that



Budzinski



Centers



Donovic











Jolly

Morgan Overwater

ter Toy

have been proposed. I will work with our residents, business owners, city departments and investors to develop plans consistent with the Livonia Vision 21 project.

Overwater: While not as exciting as a downtown development or walk and bike trails, the improvements and simplification of our zoning ordinances will help encourage more development in Livonia. I want to ensure that we can attract new business and residents while maintaining the things our current ones love about Livonia.

Toy: Our central campus at 5 Mile and Farmington is the heart of our city, but there are other areas too that we can transform into hubs for neighborhoods around our city as mini-centerpieces, such as the Plymouth Road corridor, 7 Mile and Middlebelt, and 7 Mile and Farmington.

Budzinski: It's important that city council maintains its commitment to implementing Vision 21. During this campaign, the number one item residents bring up is "Downtown Livonia." We may never have a traditional downtown but the special planning areas identified in LV21 have the potential to fulfill that desire.

Centers: There are several exciting elements of the Vision 21 plan. Perhaps the most exciting aspect is creating micro-downtown spaces in Livonia. When I go door to door talking to residents, this is something they feel is missing in Livonia, and there is a lot of excitement around this plan.

Donovic: As we move into the future, market needs change. Offering different housing options for families and modernizing our zoning for businesses to develop their properties will make us a destination community. The plan identifies important spaces to enhance our new housing and business development to make us a competitive city.

Jolly: The Livonia Vision 21 will NOT transform Livonia into something unrecognizable, but rather it allows us to build on Livonia's solid base by allowing more flexibility and options for consideration. I am excited to create more engaging spaces that will strengthen our sense of community.

Livonia has an aging infrastructure, as demonstrated by flooding in sections of the city over the summer. How do you think the city should fix that?

Overwater: I'm an attorney, not a civil engineer, but I know our infrastructure was not designed for the increasingly severe weather in Michigan. We must listen to the experts and invest in our aging infrastructure in ways that make sense, providing the greatest benefit to Livonians.

Toy: As with all aging infrastructure, eventually you're going to need capital improvements. Unfortunately, the rains we saw this past year have been like no others in recent times. We need to continue working with our engineers and our residents to both educate and plan for the future.

Budzinski: The city budgets \$0 for the storm water system. We have experienced department heads who understand what the problems are and what we need to do to fix them. It's the city's responsibility to give them the resources and support they need to provide the best services to our community.

Centers: Livonia needs significant improvements to the underground infrastructure and the roads. I will work to secure state and federal infrastructure grants that can be used to pay for improvements in our city.

Donovic: We as a city can make sure that when we replace pipes in the ground or new developments are proposed, that modern materials are used so they last longer and require less deferred maintenance. However, cities realistically just don't have the amount of money needed to replace underground infrastructure.

Jolly: Livonia's infrastructure is aging, but we have proved that we can create a process that works with our roads program. The roads under Livonia's control are well maintained and consistently improved. We need to make similar investment in tackling other infrastructure proactively.

Morgan: The city council has recently held committee meetings to address these issues. I would want these meetings to continue to provide us with regular status updates and discussions with our city engineers, DTE and experts in the field regarding improvements or upgrades to the areas needed to alleviate these problems.

Racial equity has received greater discussion in the last year. How will you support racial equity in Livonia?

Toy: Our goal is to make Livonia a city where everyone feels welcome and unfortunately historically this has not always been the case. The city has implemented diversity training for its staff and we have started important community conversations about how to work towards this goal, we will continue this work.

Budzinski: I'm mixed, black and white. Racial equity isn't a talking point for me, it's my lived experience. I hope that my ability to bring a different perspective to official conversations can help add a new level of understanding and lead to more progress in Livonia.

Centers: It is important that Livonia is an arms wide open community. For that reason, I would support a non-discrimination ordinance. Most of our neighboring communities already have a non-discrimination ordinance, and it provides peace of mind that all Livonia families are valued and appreciated.

Donovic: We as a society, not a city, must not allow the color of a person's skin or where they originally came from dictate how we treat people. A person's character and how they treat others should be the only factor that matters, not what someone looks like.

Jolly: I will continue to listen and take appropriate steps to communicate that Livonia is a great community that welcomes everyone whether they are here to live, work or play.

Morgan: Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, and I feel Livonia is a welcoming community to anyone that wants to call it home. Where people feel differently, open and honest communication is key to building constructive relationships within our community.

Overwater: Conversations are a good thing, especially difficult conversations about important topics. I will continue to have these conversations with people of all backgrounds, and I will support policies that engender racial equity, such as a nondiscrimination ordinance, to ensure that Livonia earns a reputation as a city that welcomes all.

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Obituaries

Geraldine Mae McBride Chalifour

LIVONIA - Geraldine Mae McBride Chalifour was peacefully carried by the angels to her heavenly Father on October 1, 2021 in Livonia, Michigan. She was born on November 15, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan to Ralph John McBride and Myrtle Marie Price McBride. Geri is survived by



her loving children Doug and Marianne,

Annette and Bill Linn, John and Gloria, Jim and Malinda, and Larry. She is also survived by her grandchildren, whom she adored, Jennifer, Russ, Jeff, Adam, Eric, Kevin, and Heather. In addition, she was "Granny" to 12 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren. She was an Aunt to several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her special Grandmother Maude, and her siblings Ralph McBride Jr., Betty McBride Fleming, and Irene McBride Newman, as well as her former husband Robert Chalifour.

Geri always enjoyed gardening and grew beautiful flowers. She could make anywhere she lived into an inviting and comfortable home for her children and grandchildren to enjoy. She will be missed and remembered with love by all of us.

The family would like to thank the staff at American House in Livonia for their care. We also thank SKLD Nursing Facility in Livonia for the compassionate care they provided during this year as well as Heart to Heart Hospice, who gave her an additional level of care during her last two months at SKLD.

A special thank you to Anne, her friend and confidant for the past 25 years.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Please share a memory of Geraldine at www. rggrharris.com

Elizabeth Ann Gill

Betty passed away at home lovingly surrounded by family on October 8, 2021 at the age of 77. Beloved wife of the late Don B. Gill for 53 years. Loving mother of Michelle Lievois (Chris) the late Don B. Gill, Jr (Valerie) and the late Beth Ann Blanchard (James). Dear Grandmother of



Bradley Gill, Brian Gill, Jenney Ayn Gill, John Gill, Christopher Lievois, Hannah Lievois, Ted Lievois. Great Grandmother of Wyatt Bradley Gill. Devoted sister of the late Edward Andel and sister-in-law of Nancy Davies (Darrell), Lesley Bodary (James), Sherry Gill. Family will receive friends Friday, October 15, 2021 from 10:30am until the time of Mass at 11am at St. Regis Catholic Church, 3695 Lincoln Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to Brother Rice High School or Angels' Place. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 549-0500.

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Mayor

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work daily with staff on community wealth building, diversity training and ensuring equality on hiring, promotions and procurement activities. I will also continue my efforts of appointing boards and commissioners that are reflective of our community.

Green: Westland currently has less than 5% racial diversity across our entire city, and that includes police, fire and at city hall. Mayor Wild has a 19-member administration cabinet and currently has not one African American. I think equality and inclusion of all kinds should be sought year-round, as opposed to...

Anything else?

Green: No reponse submitted.

Wild: It has been the honor of my lifetime serving as Westland's mayor.

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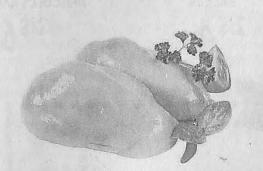
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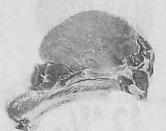
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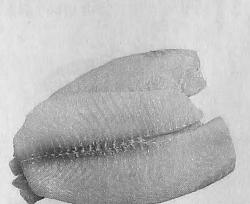
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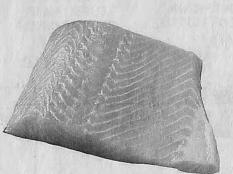
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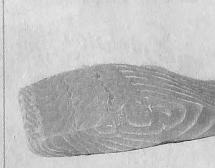
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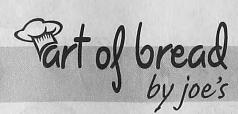
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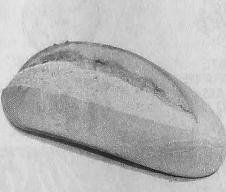


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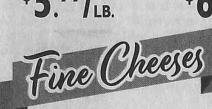


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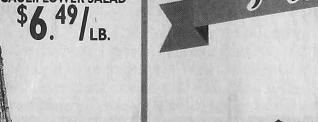
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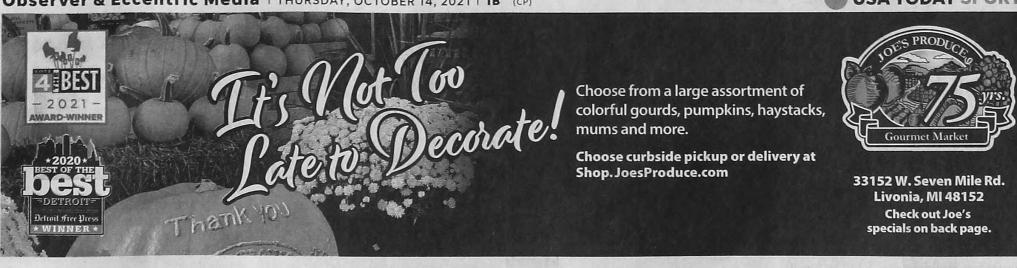
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SPORTS

MSU commit shines in Fordson vs. Churchill

Brad Emons Special to Detroit Free Press **USA TODAY NETWORK**

Dearborn Fordson's Alex Osman had a game Friday night that only quarterbacks could dream about.

With a passer rating off the charts, the 6-foot, 170-pound senior pulled the host Tractors (6-1, 5-1) even in the KLAA East Division race with a monster throwing effort before holding on for homecoming crowd. dear life in the second half, 38-33, to defeat previously unbeaten Livonia Churchill (6-1, 5-1).

In the first half alone, Osman made Jestice Field his own personal playground as he connected on an astounding 13 of 15 passes for 315 yards and five touchdowns to build a 28-point lead, much to the delight of the Fordson

Osman finished the game 20-for- of 25 for 367 yards.

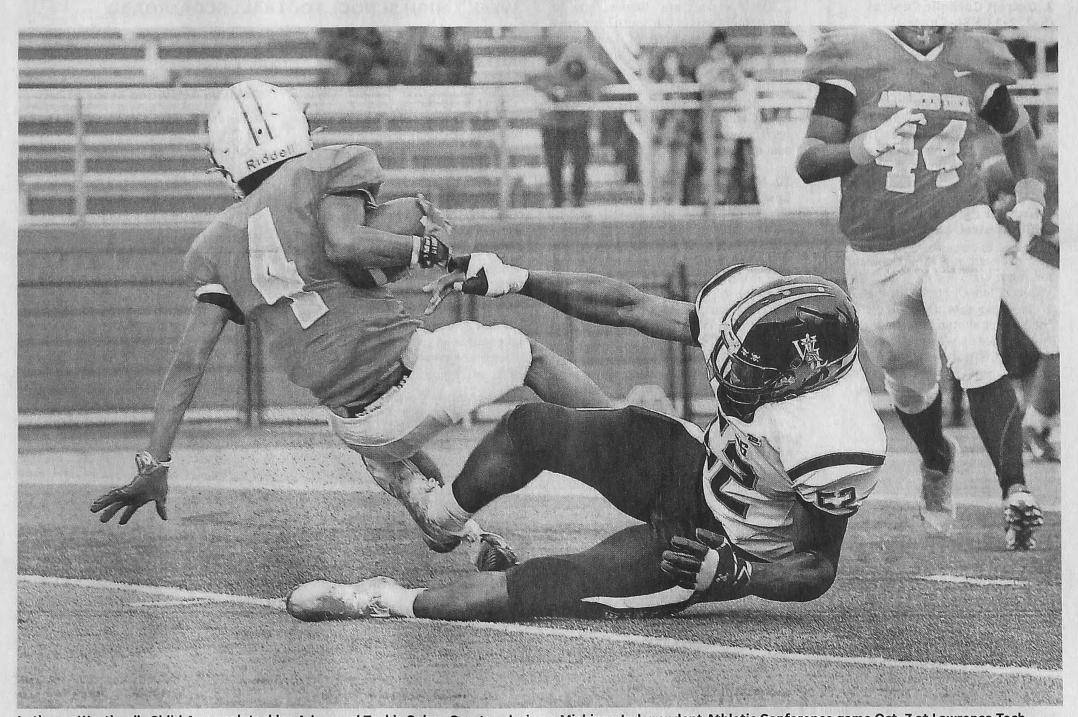
"I tried to stay off of it as much as I can, but it wasn't really a big factor tonight," said Osman, who was voted homecoming king. "I just had to do what I had to do. The line did their job. They made me look good tonight. People were telling me maybe I should break the oth-

er foot. But like I said, it was a team effort tonight."

The Tractors, however, managed just three second-half points and thwarted a last-minute Churchill comeback. Backup OB Ethan Brown - who was in for injured starter Taj Williams - had his pass batted down near the goal line.

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Lutheran Westland's 'secret weapon'



Lutheran Westland's Chibi Anwunah tackles Advanced Tech's Cobey Cureton during a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game Oct. 7 at Lawrence Tech. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Senior Chibi Anwunah scores TD as Warriors win first-ever league title

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There were plenty of program firsts at Lawrence Tech.

The Lutheran Westland football team posted its first shutout since 2011.

That 40-0 victory over Advanced Tech gave the Warriors (6-1, 5-0) the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference championship, their first league title in their 36 seasons as a program.

What's more, left tackle/defensive end Chibi Anwunah scored his first-career touchdown.

Midway through the opening quarter, Lutheran's defense forced the Lakers to punt from their own 2. The kick made it 10 yards before it caught an awkward bounce and wound up rolling backward.

And it continued to roll backward until it finally rested at the goal line. It went down, officially, as a minus 1-yard net

The Warriors took advantage of the opportunity by giving the ball to their 6foot-7, 220-pound senior lineman. Anwunah took a dive handoff and churned his feet past the scrum of Lakers until he reached the end zone.

So what's the big deal here? Linemen score TDs all the time, right?

Well, Anwunah isn't your typical skinny 7-footer. He looks like a massive Big Ten defensive end without an ounce of fat on him. And he plays like it, too. His motor is relentless. On offense, he pushes around blockers with ease.

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The top half of the rankings didn't change this week, even with Livonia Churchill losing a close call to powerhouse Dearborn Fordson.

But there was some movement among the final four spots in the top 10 (Hello, Milford!).

Here's where Hometown Life sports reporter Brandon Folsom ranked the best teams in the area heading into Week 8:

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

There's no shame in losing to Fordson, one of the top teams in the entire state. The Chargers put together the winning drive against the Tractors. And they might have even pulled it off had quarterback Taj Williams not suffered a right ankle injury during the series. You don't get knocked down the rankings for losing to a powerhouse.

2. South Lyon (7-0, 6-0 LVC; Last Week: No. 2)

The next two weeks for the Lions are no cakewalk. They travel to Mott in Week 8. Yes, the Corsairs are coming off a two-game losing streak, but it's never easy to win on their turf. Plus, with South Lyon East upsetting Lakeland last week, that Week 9 game doesn't look like a guaranteed win for the Lions either. It'll be a hard-fought effort for them to finish the regular season unscathed.

3. Detroit Catholic Central (5-2, 2-1 CHSL-Central; Last Week: No. 3)

The Shamrocks got the bounce-back victory they needed over St. Mary's. Now they get an interesting test in Week 8 against visiting Newmarket Huron Heights from Canada. At this point, they're just looking to collect playoff points to ensure home-field advantage in two weeks.

4. Brother Rice (5-2, 1-2 CHSL-Central; Last week: No. 4)

The Warriors gleaned nothing from beating up on Chicago Christ The King Jesuit 56-14 last week. But they'll travel to Traverse City Central well-rested. The Trojans should be as tough a test for Brother Rice as Warren De La Salle and Catholic Central were earlier this sea-

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

The Yellowjackets got a bye week in

Week 8, but they come back with a tough match up against Detroit Loyola. A win over the Bulldogs would be super impressive, even with Loyola being a Division 7 team.

6. Bloomfield Hills (7-0, 6-0 OAA-Blue; Last week: No. 6)

The Black Hawks took care of business, and so did Troy, who is also 7-0 and undefeated in the Blue. That Week 9 match up between Bloomfield Hills and the Colts will tell us everything we need to know about the Black Hawks.

7. Canton (5-2, 5-1 KLAA-West; Last week: No. 9)

How about a five-game winning streak for the Chiefs? A win over rival Salem was expected, but, as cliche as it sounds, they now control their own destiny. They sit in a three-way tie for first place in the West with Hartland and Howell, and they get to visit the Eagles this week. They're THIS close to stealing a division title.

8. Livonia Clarenceville (6-1; Last week: No. 8)

It's hard to be mad at the Trojans' loss to Berkley, a D-2 school with another 650 students than they have. A three-point loss is nothing to scoff at, plus a game like that will help them prepare for the D-4 playoffs.

9. Lakeland (5-2, 5-2 LVC; Last week: No. 7)

Don't expect any Eagles fans to show their faces in the South Lyon area any time soon. Both of Lakeland's losses have come against South Lyon and South Lyon East. Last week's loss to the Cougars was a shocker, and it's not getting easier for the Eagles. They host Carlson and Milford in back-toback weeks to round out the regular season.

10. Milford (6-1, 5-1 LVC; Last week: Unranked)

Welcome to the rankings, Mavericks. This is your first six-win season since 2011, and you're currently sitting in second place in the Lakes Valley Conference. It's unlikely South Lyon will trip up and hand you a share of the league title, but it's impressive you're on your way to your best season since winning 10 games in 2006.

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Our picks for Week 8

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Last week was rough for the prognosticators out there.

So many games in western Wayne and Oakland counties were decided by fewer than six points.

It stinks losing picks on a coin toss. So let's try this again.

Folsom went 2-3 in Week 7 and is 7-3 picking games since joining Hometown Life this fall.

Canton (6-1, 5-1 KLAA-West) at Hartland (6-1, 5-1), 7 p.m. Friday

This is the game of the week. Canton, Hartland and Howell sit in a threeway tie for first place in the West. The Chiefs haven't lost to the Eagles since 2014. And they've scored fewer than 34 points only once during that stretch. There's a chance Canton walks away with a division title this week.

Folsom's pick: Canton 24, Hartland

Livonia Churchill (6-1, 5-1 **KLAA-East) at Livonia Stevenson** (3-4, 2-4), 7 p.m. Friday

Both teams are coming off heartbreaking losses. But the Chargers are a cut above the Spartans this season. They should make a decent run in the Division 2 playoffs in a few weeks. This game should be decided relatively

Folsom's pick: Churchill 38, Ste- 13. venson 13.

Westland John Glenn (0-7, 0-6 **KLAA-East) at Wayne Memorial**

(0-7, 0-6), 7 p.m. Friday Yeah, it's the battle of the not-un-

beatens. But this should still be a fun rivalry match up. Only 3 miles and two streets separate these two schools. Expect a big celebration from whoever picks up their first win of the season.

Folsom's pick: John Glenn 27, Wayne

Melvindale (5-2, 5-1 WWAC) at Redford Union (6-1, 6-0), 7 p.m. Friday

The Panthers have already secured at least a share of their first league title since 2004. But a win gives them the championship outright. An upset by the Cardinals could force a three-way tie for first place with Crestwood, Melvindale and Union, which would be, simply put, a mess to sort out.

Folsom's pick: Union 36, Melvindale

South Lyon (7-0, 6-0 LVC) at Waterford Mott (4-3, 3-3), 7 p.m. Friday

The Corsairs have lost two straight, but they're still tough enough to give the Lions trouble. If South Lyon wants to win the Lakes Valley Conference outright, it must take care of business on the road. That's easier said than done.

Folsom's pick: South Lyon 38, Mott

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WEEK 7 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Dearborn Fordson defeated Livonia Churchill, 38-33

Livonia Franklin defeated Livonia Stevenson, 28-12

Dearborn defeated Wayne Memorial,

Belleville defeated John Glenn, 47-14 Canton defeated Salem, 35-7 Hartland defeated Northville, 38-19 Howell defeated Novi, 34-7 Brighton defeated Plymouth, 35-6

Catholic League

Brother Rice defeated Chicago Christ the King Jesuit, 56-14 **Detroit Catholic Central defeated** Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 21-0 Cranbrook defeated Walled Lake Central, 7-6

Lakes Valley Conference

Milford defeated Waterford Kettering,

South Lyon defeated Walled Lake

Northern, 42-0 South Lyon East defeated Lakeland,

Oakland Activities Association

Rochester Adams defeated Groves,

Seaholm defeated North Farmington,

Bloomfield Hills defeated Ferndale,

Farmington defeated Pontiac, 50-8

Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Redford Union defeated Garden City,

Dearborn Heights Crestwood defeated Redford Thurston, 42-6

Michigan Independent **Athletic Conference**

Lutheran Westland defeated Dearborn Advanced Tech Academy, 40-0 Berkley defeated Livonia Clarenceville,

ROUNDUP

Redford Union football wins first league title since 2004

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Redford Union football coach Ian Iler remembers the last time the Panthers won a league title.

The fourth-year coach was a senior on the 2004 squad that won the Michigan Mega Conference-Gold.

The Panthers (6-1, 6-0) have been chasing that success ever since. They've routinely finished in the basement of their other leagues over the past decade.

Friday's 30-6 victory at Garden City (3-4, 3-3) finally changed that narrative, as the win ensured Union at least a share of the Western Wayne Athletic

A win over Melvindale (5-2, 5-1) in Week 8 gives them the outright championship.

The Panthers are hoping to take care of business against the Cardinals. But, at this point, they're just happy to be back on the football field.

They've had two forfeit wins over the past four weeks. That included Thurston canceling on them at the beginning of their rivalry week. Plus, COVID-19 concerns forced Iler to cancel practices.

They finally returned to practice to prepare for Garden City. Outside of allowing the Cougars to

score on their opening series, Union played lights-out.

It scored 30-unanswered points, which included Cory Chavis throwing for 107 yards (including a 25-yard touchdown pass to Kyren Ware), Curtis Keels totaling 152 yards and a score on the ground and Duwaune Strickland rush-



Union's Curtis Keels rushes against Garden City on Oct. 8 at Garden City. Redford Union's 30-6 victory ensures the team at least a share of the Western **Wayne Athletic** Conference. TOM BEAUDOIN/ SPECIAL TO **HOMETOWN**

Redford

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ing for 55 yards and two TDs.

Defensively, DeMatthew Fixon and Antione Stoudmire each intercepted passes in the first half, which allowed Union to take a 22-6 lead into halftime.

"Our first forfeit win came in Week 2. Not having a game that week and then going right into Crestwood was tough on us, but we pulled that out in overtime," Iler said. "We had another forfeit win with Thurston and a couple of COVID scares, so we shutdown that week. I didn't want to take a chance to forfeit any games.

"We came back Monday knowing Garden City would be scrappy and disciplined. They have a good quarterback in Nathan Wasil and some tough kids

like No. 5. That Owen McGraw kid is an athlete for them. I love watching what he does outside of when he's playing against us. So our plan was to stop him and take away the misdirection."

The Panthers held McGraw to eight rushes for 53 yards and seven receptions for another 76 yards. Wasil was 9 of 17 passing for 113 yards.

They did what they had to do to get the win," Garden City coach Thomas Michaelsen said. "They had those two turnovers in the second quarter that directly led to points, and we just gave them the lead. We just couldn't execute inside the 30 when we needed to. We had three chances to score, but we got penalties and got behind the sticks. We

just didn't execute."

Cougars, Mavericks pick up wins

South Lyon East has been playing football for 15 years, but it had never beaten Lakeland until Friday night.

Willie Johnson rushed for a 10-yard TD with 2:05 left to ensure the Cougars (3-4, 3-3 Laves Valley Conference) a 17-14 victory. It was their first win in eight tries against the Eagles, who dropped to 5-2 overall and 5-2 in the league.

Lakeland attempted a comeback on its final offensive possession, but East's Braeden Tillman-Jones came up with an interception on fourth and 4 with 51 seconds left to ice the win.

The Cougars secured a 10-7 lead by halftime thanks to Tillman-Jones tossing a TD to Jordan Newbill and Manaki Watanabe booting in a field goal.

Next up for East is a game at Milford, which defeated Waterford Kettering 21-13 to capture six wins in a single season for the first time in 10 years. The Mavericks (6-1, 5-1) are on pace to have their best season since winning 10 games in

Billy Sternberg led the offense by finishing 18 of 23 passing for 294 yards and two TDs. The senior QB also rushed seven times for 147 yards and a score.

Brandon Gibson caught TD passes of 41 and 28 yards and totaled seven catches for 157 yards, while Noel DeLand caught five passes for 74 yards.

Wyatt Lesnew paced the defense with 16 tackles. Garrison Stehr and Tyler Freer each nabbed interceptions.

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Fordson

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To start the third quarter, Churchill showed some life as Williams threw a 19-yard TD pass to Bailey Brooks. Then a Boston Clegg Jr. 1-yard TD run made the score 35-20. (The extra point was missed.)

Hadi Saad's 30-yard field goal with 4:36 to play in the game put Fordson up 38-20, but Churchill got a late 33-yard TD pass from Williams to Brooks and recovered the onside kick.

Clegg then scored on a 2-yard TD run and recovered the onside kick for the second straight time. But the Chargers simply ran out of time and downs after a heroic effort by Williams, who went down with an injury after running to the Fordson 19 with just over a minute left.

One of Osman's favorite targets during the first half was "Mr. Yards After Catch" Antonio Gates Jr.; the Michigan State commit recorded five receptions for 166 yards and two TDs to give the Tractors a 35-7 advantage.

The Tractors got rolling as Gates caught passes of 35 and 20 yards from Osman to give Fordson a 7-0 lead with 7:12 left in the opening quarter.

Churchill went three-and-out and



Dearborn Fordson's Antonio Gates Jr. catches a touchdown pass against Livonia Churchill's Josh Brown on Oct. 8 in Dearborn. KIRTHMON F. DOZIER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Osman connected with Haidar Alzubaidi over the middle for a 17-yard TD pass to make it 14-0 with 45 seconds remaining in the period.

Churchill's fourth possession,nineplay, 80-yard drive, ended in 10-yard TD run for Williams to trim the deficit to

But the Tractors and Osman kept picking apart the Churchill secondary, scoring in just four plays following a 33yard kickoff return by Hassan Shinawah. Ahmed Harb made the 26-yard TD grab for a 21-7 lead with 5:34 to play in the half.

After 295-pound lineman Kamarii

Landers stuffed Churchill and a fourthand-2 at the Fordson 34, the Tractors went up 28-7 with 1:41 to go in the half on an Osman 66-yard bomb to Gates, who had five catches for 166 yards alone over the first two quarters.

"He comes up big for me," Osman said of Gates. "I wouldn't be the same quarterback I am. He makes me look good."

And if that wasn't enough, Osman connected with Mohammed Sayed for a 43-yard TD toss - his fifth of the half with 25 seconds remaining for 35-7 Fordson lead.

"He (Osman) was amazing tonight," Fordson coach Walker Zaban said. "He was supposed to be the (injured) scratch, didn't practice all week. The story of the game he gets dressed, goes out there and toughed it out. He couldn't really move . . . and look at the performance he had.'

Meanwhile, the 5-10, 215-pound Williams was heroic in defeat connecting on 15 of 23 passes for 240 yards to go along with 108 yards rushing in 18 attempts.

On Churchill's final drive during the final minute, Williams rushed down to the Fordson 19, but 15 yards were wiped out on a penalty. He limped off the field, but came back on second down, on which he was sacked by Armon Parker.

Warriors

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On defense, he's always bottling up runners in the backfield. He's virtually unblockable.

He looks like he belongs at Dearborn Divine Child or Detroit Catholic Central, or one of those other Division I football recruit factories around metro Detroit. Instead, he's a Plymouth Christian Academy student taking advantage of his school's football co-op agreement with Lutheran.

Offensive coordinator Mike Ellis smiled when that was brought up after the game.

"He's our secret weapon," the thirdyear assistant said. "He's under the radar. We want to keep it that way. Amen. He's awesome."

Anwunah has definitely been hiding

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at Lutheran. He doesn't have a recruiting profile on any of the major recruiting websites. Nor has The D-Zone profiled him yet, and that blog rarely misses on up-and-coming recruits in Michigan.

The wild part about Anwunah's story is he's brand new to the sport.

He tried running cross country his freshman year, but he couldn't stand it.

His personal best in the 5 kilometers was a sub-22-minute jaunt around Thelma Spencer Park in Rochester Hills. But his average race finish was around 24 minutes.

"I was pretty bad at it," the senior said. "I didn't like it. My friends said to come to football, so I said, 'OK, why not?' So I played football my sophomore year, and I loved it."

Anwunah said he picked up the game quickly by working with defensive coordinator Steve Faith, who said his star defensive end is still a raw prospect but doesn't doubt he could play at the next level. Faith hopes Anwunah scrounges around enough tape to impress coaches before it's too late to catch on with a D-I

Anwunah definitely added a few highlights to his film against Advanced

Outside of a handful of tackles for loss and his 1-yard TD, he also took a sweep 25 yards for a score. But an illegal motion penalty wiped the points off the scoreboard. Still, he ran with blazing speed once he got the edge on the Lakers' linebackers.

The Warriors recouped the score a few plays later when quarterback Noah Etnyre scrambled 9 yards for a rushing TD on a broken pass play.

Etnyre, who also plays defensive back, said he loves being Anwunah's teammate.

"It's crazy (playing with him)," said Etnyre, who also threw three TD passes in the win. "On defense, with him, half

of the field gets shut down. On offense, we run power to his side. We run that side every time. (I never get tackled) and my jersey's always the cleanest when we run to his side."

Games against only Bendle and Star International are left for the Warriors before the postseason begins. And it's a surprise Anwunah has made it this far into his career without being recruited away by a bigger high school.

But he said he would've never transferred. He likes playing for the Warriors too much.

"I love it here. These guys are my family," he said. "I like it. It's a good Christian environment. It's a good way to praise the Lord and do what I do (on the field). It's a fun experience."

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Four high school football questions in Week 8

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Two weeks are left. Can you believe it?

Some teams are ready to wrap up league titles while others are fighting for playoff points. Others are fighting for the right to even get into the postseason.

Hometown Life sports reporter Brandon Folsom asks the important questions entering Week 8.

Can Brother Rice knock off **Traverse City Central on the road?**

The Trojans (6-1, 5-0 BNC) are likely overrated.

They entered the year with much praise from the state-wide media. And then they lost to DeWitt in Week 1. Since then, they've run through the Big North Conference, which is lackluster at best. But they've remained in the polls without much hype.

They were ranked No. 7 in Division 2 entering last week.

While this isn't Brother Rice's best team in recent history, the Warriors (5-2) are tough enough to go on the road and beat a team like T.C. Central. Their lone losses are to Warren De La Salle, one of the top teams in the entire state, regardless of division, and Detroit Catholic Central. So their resume is good enough to compete with T.C. Central.

The playoff points alone are worth the trip to Grand Traverse County. But a win at Thirlby Field would definitely help them secure home-field advantage in the D-3 postseason that starts in two weeks.

Can Bloomfield Hills and Troy (PLEASE) stay undefeated?

Yeah, yeah, We know the Oakland Activities Association-Blue is the lesser division.

But, right now the Black Hawks and Colts are both 7-0 overall and 6-0 in the division, and they'll meet in Week 9. What a treat it would be if they both got past their Week 8 opponents and then played for the outright league championship in the regular-season finale.

Bloomfield Hills visits 2-5 Royal Oak

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Brother Rice's Vegas Seay rushes during a non-conference football game against Chicago Christ the King Jesuit on Oct. 9. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

on Friday, while Troy heads to 6-1 Berkley the same night. Fingers crossed.

What will the playoffs hold for Churchill following a loss to Fordson?

The Chargers (6-1, 5-1 KLAA-East) shouldn't have trouble against rival Stevenson in Week 8, especially coming off a tough loss to Fordson. They'll be hungry to get the bounce-back win.

And they'll likely beat whichever squad they face in the KLAA crossover in the regular-season finale.

But the real tests will start once the D-2 playoffs kick-off. Churchill is one of the 20 best teams in the state, regardless of division, but, as far as playoff points are concerned, it's the fourthbest team in its own division.

Currently, De La Salle (74.4 playoff points, No. 4 overall), South Lyon (73.0, No. 6) and Caledonia (68.4, No. 12) have a better playoff-point average than the Chargers, who are 16th in the state with 67.0 points.

That could mean they'll be playing road games if they get out of their district tournament. Home-field advantage is a must against teams such as the Pilots and Lions, for sure.

Can Redford Union win its league title outright?

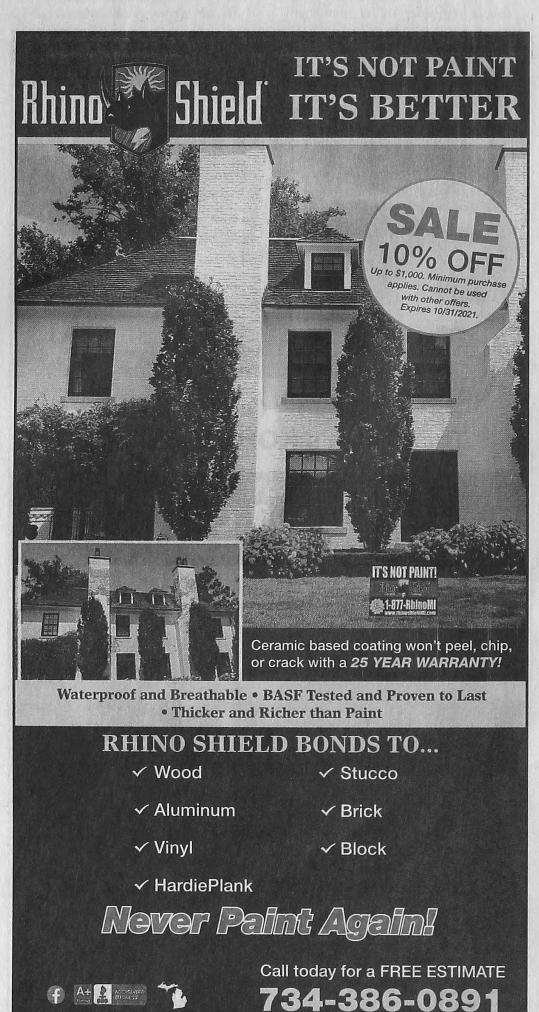
The Panthers have ripped off six straight wins since getting pummeled by state power Pewamo-Westphalia in Week 1.

And now they find themselves in a must-win game this week, as they welcome Melvindale (5-2, 5-1) for Western Wayne Athletic Conference action.

Until a week ago, the last time they won a league title was in 2004. And they were playing in the Michigan Mega Conference back then. Their 30-6 victory over Garden City in Week 7 ensured them at least a share of the WWAC.

Beating the second-place Cardinals will give them sole possession of first place.

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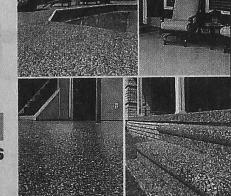
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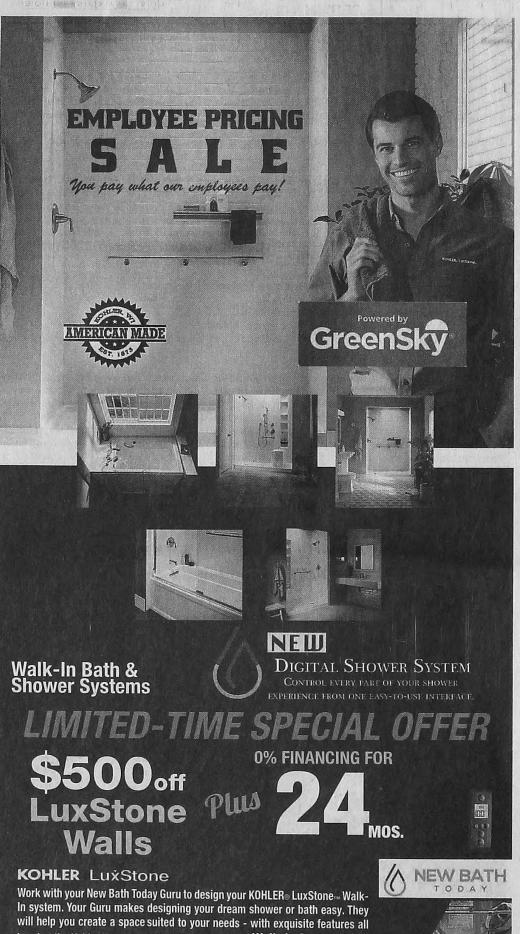
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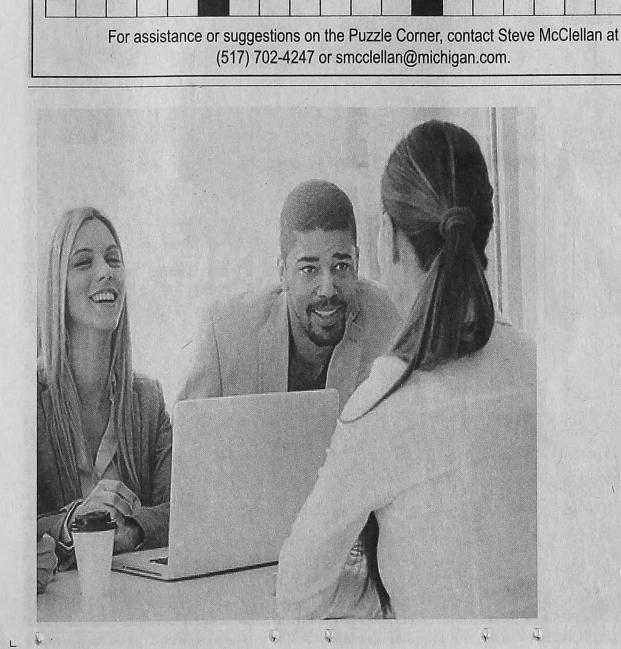
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