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Police, leaders review protocols, address concerns

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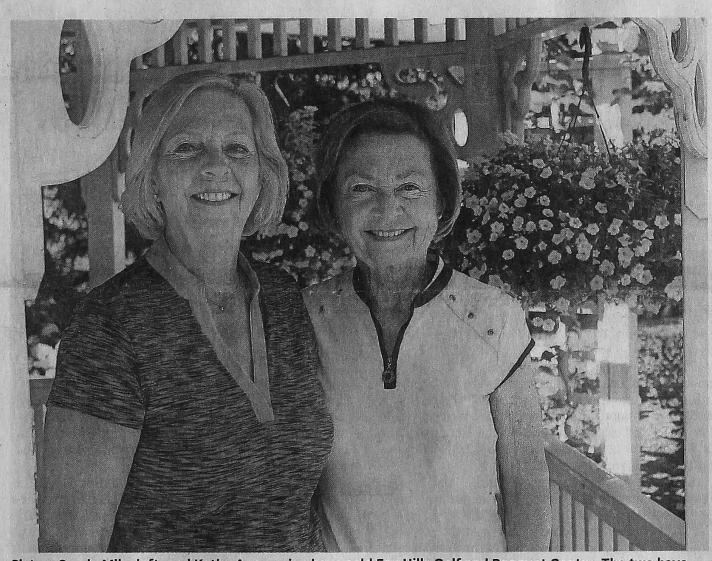
Farmington Hills police have halted live-fire training pending a legal review of training practices that have been criticized by some in the community as rac-

The review is a result of a complaint from a Boy Scout's family who questioned the use of Black men as targets at the range. Scouts visited the range in April and photos of the targets, some riddled with bullets, were shared publicly.

Police Chief Jeff King apologized in late June, and his department is under review per city council's direction. Council hired the Miller Canfield law firm to conduct a legal review that guides recommendations on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. Members are also considering a review of the department's history of arrests, citations and traffic stops.

While city officials have authorized a review, there remain varying opinions on whether the department's

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Sisters Sandy Mily, left, and Kathy Aznavorian have sold Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center. The two have owned the course in Salem Township for decades. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Sisters reflect on decades of Fox Hills golf course ownership

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Fox Hills Golf Course is quite different now than what it was when sisters Kathy Aznavorian and Sandy

Mily first stepped foot on it in 1974. It had just 18 holes and featured the original clubhouse, first built in the 1920s as the Plymouth Country Club. Purchased by their parents, the two sisters even-

course at 8768 N. Territorial, just west of Plymouth. Now, after nearly 50 years in the family, the two women are hanging up their ownership hats.

tually became the owners of the Salem Township

"We've had a great run," Aznavorian said. "I know that these larger companies like Heritage are purchasing golf courses, and they have more resources than we have."

Mily and Aznavorian recently sold the course to Virginia-based Heritage Golf Group, which owns private and public courses all over the country. The sale which took place last month and whose terms were not disclosed — closes a chapter in their lives that's had them oversee massive growth and changes at the public golf course.

The two had their hand in everything, particularly early on: greeting golfers in the parking lot, making meals and more. As Fox Hills got more popular, waits for tee times increased to as much as 45 minutes. They realized it needed to grow. They eventually added several new courses, bringing the number of holes to 63.



Golfers take swings on the Fox Hills golf course.

That includes an 18-hole course made up of par 3 holes, designed to be a better fit for younger players learning the game, as well as a training space for players wanting to practice all of their clubs.

They also added a new clubhouse, making it large enough to host big events throughout the year. The improvements, Mily said, were ones that made Fox Hills a trendsetter when it came to public courses.

"We were really at the vanguard of the whole movement of golf to have upscale golf courses to the public," she said. "Up to that time, it was mid-'80s.

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What to expect when Blake's opens apple orchard

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Fall is fast approaching and as the seasons change, there is also a changing of the guard at the apple orchard at 61475 Silver Lake Road.

Gone are the signs for former longtime owner Erwin Orchards, now Blake's Lyon Township.

The orchard's new moniker is courtesy of owner Blake's Orchard & Cider Mill, which has added the 104-acre property to its portfolio.

Blake's Lyon Township will open Aug. 20, with a grand opening celebration "welcome weekend" planned for Aug. 27-28.

"We're super excited," said Andrew Blake, president of Blake's Orchard & Cider Mill. "We've been looking to be a part of the community over there for some time and we're excited to start this year and continue to make investments for generations to come. It's been a long time coming."

Steve Carraway, facilities manager for Blake's, was busy at the orchard on a sunny morning a little more than a week before the opening. Changes at the renovated cider mill include new paint inside and out, new epoxy flooring, and new electrical, including exterior lanterns on the building.

Nearby, a building formerly used as an employee breakroom will become a new retail space, reducing long lines outside the cider mill.

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Oakland County commissioners approve transit millage for ballot

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USA TODAY NETWORK

Transit advocates got their wish in Oakland County. County commissioners approved a 10-year county-wide transit millage tax request on the Nov. 8 ballot. Voters will choose whether or not to end a patchwork approach to public transportation in metro Detroit's second most populous county.

It marks a dramatic shift in the conversation that swirled around metro Detroit transit earlier this year when the Auburn Hills city council voted to pull that community out of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation system, an effort later thwarted by a circuit court judge but which was seen as symbolic of the region's transit woes.

Megan Owens, executive director of the advocacy group Transportation Riders United, said it "would be the biggest transit expansion in decades" for metro Detroit if voters ultimately approve the measure. She acknowledged that there is still work ahead to make that happen.

She said it's a matter of showing residents in areas not currently served by the SMART system the benefits of transit.

Commission Chair Dave Woodward, who has been working behind the scenes for months on the proposal, said the goal of the millage would be to make transit service accessible across the county, something that's not currently a reality.

"I think there's a recognition that we need to provide a base level of service so that people who have no other options can get to the places they need and want to go, people who need to get to health care can get to health care, people who need to get to jobs can get to jobs," said Woodward, D-Royal Oak. "It's critical to our economy, it's critical to quality of life. It's really critical to resiliency across our county."



A SMART bus takes exit 78 off of 75 south in March.

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The millage, which is expected to raise \$66.2 million in the first year, would replace three existing transit millages, including the expiring SMART millage in areas where that's in place, and provide more than \$20 million for new services, according to Woodward.

The 0.95-mill measure would fund the county's SMART service, the most visible transit system outside the city of Detroit, as well as the North Oakland and West Oakland transportation authorities and the Older Persons' Commission Transportation.

The millage would provide \$37.9 million toward current transit service, with the bulk going to SMART, but

Woodward said it would not be correct to say that all of the county would be within the SMART system.

However, the measure would eliminate so-called opt-outs in the county, jurisdictions that, for example, don't participate in or provide property tax revenue to fund SMART. Having communities, including well-to-do locations such as Bloomfield Hills, that are located along major corridors but are not part of the transit system is one of its major impediments, according to transit advocates.

"The boundaries of whether we provide service to a person just because you live on the other side of the street in Oakland County goes away because all the dollars will be raised and then collected by Oakland County and then contracted for service," Woodward said

Instead of discussions about whether some communities should provide service, the countywide approach would move the conversation to how to improve transit everywhere in the county, Woodward said.

The measure isn't guaranteed approval by voters, but Woodward indicated he believes it will get enough support, describing it as an Oakland County plan to improve transit in Oakland County.

"What makes this different from past efforts is that it takes stake of what we have, what's working, and taking what is working to scale," Woodward said.

The millage would earmark \$20.4 million for new and improved service, including additional paratransit coverage and new microtransit areas, such as ondemand services, as well as new transit routes, according to information about the plan. It would also provide the local match funding that would allow Oakland County to tap into monies available through the federal bipartisan infrastructure law, according to Woodward. The plan would put \$7 million toward capital improvements.

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Wayne County board OKs transit millage renewal for Nov. 8 ballot

Eric D. Lawrence Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

A day after Oakland County commissioners moved toward a countywide transit millage, officials in Wayne County on Thursday took a transit-related vote of their own.

The Wayne County Transit Authority approved placing a renewal of the four-year Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation millage on the Nov. 8 ballot for communities that are part of the SMART system. The vote was 7-0, with two members about

The measure, at just under 1 mill (0.994), would raise about \$20.2 million in its first year, according to information from the county. SMART provides bus and other transportation services for communities in Wayne as well as Oakland and Macomb counties; the city of Detroit is primarily served by the Detroit Department of Transportation.

Authority Chairman Assad Turfe, who is also Wayne County chief of staff, provided a statement noting the vote and looking toward the future.

"Today the Wayne County Transit Authority voted unanimously to place the renewal of the SMART millage on the November ballot," according to the statement from Turfe. "Once renewal of the millage is successful, it will be essential that we come together as a county and region to discuss the future of regional transit."

The decision in Wayne County followed an Oakland County vote Wednesday evening to approve putting a 10-year countywide transit millage question on the ballot and a vote by Macomb County commissioners in July to put a five-year millage request for SMART service on the ballot there, both for 0.95 mills. The millage in Oakland County would fund other transit services in the county in addition to SMART and would add more than \$20 million per year for new services, marking a significant expansion of public transportation, if voters approve it, in a region which many advocates say falls short on transit.

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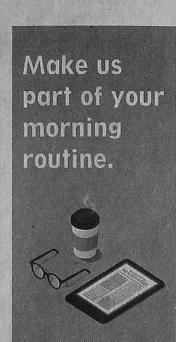
During the Wayne County meeting on Thursday, SMART's General Manager Dwight Ferrell gave a presentation, highlighting the organization's interest in being viewed more as a mobility provider than a bus service.

Part of the effort is focused on expanding SMART's Flex on-demand transit service, which has been operating on a pilot basis in Pontiac, Dearborn, Troy, Farmington and the Hall Road area in Macomb County. Ferrell, noting that there are locations where fixed-route transit service with buses doesn't make sense, said there would be a lot of community outreach to determine how this expansion unfolds.

The Flex service, which allows users to book trips from and to their locations or nearby, grew from 122 monthly rides in March 2021 to 22,128 in June 2022, according to the presentation.

In a statement on the Wayne County ballot decision, Ferrell noted that the approval of the language means the process is complete for the region and it will be up to voters to decide.

"We plan to educate residents on our future vision for transit that is sustainable, improves mobility, increases access to jobs and will help people maintain their independence," Ferrell said, noting also that SMART appreciates the "bold step" taken in Oakland County. "The county commission's concept for transit syncs with SMART's vision to improve mobility. We are committed to working with Oakland County, and various stakeholders, including businesses and residents to develop a mobility plan that will best meet their needs."



City of Plymouth
Zoning Board of Appeals Notice
Thursday, September 1, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Located at City Hall

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

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Generator Location
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
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Urban Air adventure park opens in Livonia

Venue third of its kind in metro Detroit area

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Gavin Pike went from a typical business man to one who owns one of the most fun places in all of western Wayne

The Upper Peninsula native who now calls Toledo home recently opened his second Urban Air location, this one along Plymouth Road in Livonia. Instead of handling spreadsheets and routine business transactions, Pike owns a pair of places that are just bursting with enjoyment for customers.

"It's just rewarding to see kids smile

and have fun," he said.

The indoor adventure park has plenty for guests to do to stay active: trampolines, climbing play structures, a ninja warrior course, and climbing walls. Some of the bigger highlights include the Sky Rider, which takes guests strapped to a harness gliding across a track attached to the roof of the building.

It's a destination fit for a party as well: the center at 30090 Plymouth Road has several rooms dedicated for birthday parties, as well as a café serving up food such as pizza and other dish-

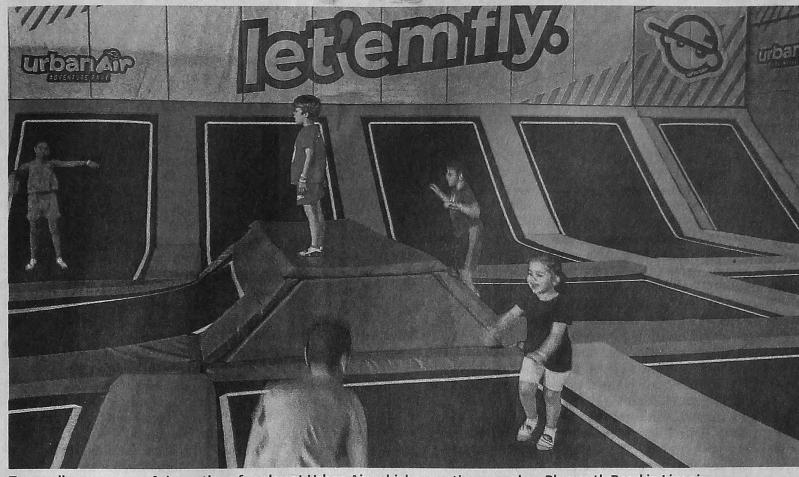
Guests can stop by and use a day pass, or sign up for a monthly membership that allows them to return anytime.

The newly-built facility in the Livonia Plaza shopping center fulfills plans that were originally presented to the city back in 2018. Delays due to the CO-VID-19 pandemic and other issues pushed back the work and the opening of Urban Air this summer.

The park is the third Urban Air to open in Michigan, though the first for Pike; others operate in Sterling Heights and Oxford.

Pike first opened Urban Air in Toledo. He said Livonia was the perfect spot to locate his second Urban Air franchise, saying it was in a central location with plenty of other major development nearby.

"I look at trying to get in the center of



Trampolines are one of the options for play at Urban Air, which recently opened on Plymouth Road in Livonia. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the action. I looked at Livonia ... as being the center," he said. "To me, it was the center of where I wanted to be."

Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan agreed with Pike's comments, saying she was happy to see such a destination location in that part of Livonia, and not just because she lives down the street from the center with children in her house.

"This is everything that Livonia stands for," she said. "This is one of those great things and we're super excited to be a part of it."

Urban Air is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. More information on the Livonia location can be found at urbanair.com.

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A child rides the Skyrider at Urban Air. The Livonia adventure park is the third location in metro Detroit for owner and Toledo native Gavin Pike.



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Reader seeks advice on son's finances



Money Matters

Dear Rick:

My 26-year-old son has been on his own for the last few years and unfortunately, his finances are a mess. He makes a good living; however, he spends irresponsibly.

He finally reached out for help, and the first thing that I did was help him cut back on his expenses and build a reasonable budget. (He was paying for five separate streaming services, four of which he wasn't even using!) Unfortunately, he has accrued some debt.

I am not sure if he should be paying down his debts or investing his money. He currently has credit card debt, and the interest is 20.5% as well as a personal loan with 12% interest.

I figured now that he has his expenses under control, it will take him about seven years to pay off the debt. Does it make sense for him to use his extra cash to pay off the loans or can he do better by investing the money?

Thank you, Jeremy A

Dear Jeremy: First, congratulations on helping your son get his financial house in order. This is something that will benefit him for years to come.

With regards to what he should do with his excess cash, I think before he pays down debt or invests the money, he

My general rule is that everyone should have at least three to six months of living expenses as an emergency fund.

needs to establish an emergency fund of money. We live in changing times, and it's important that if he has an unexpected expense or were to lose his job, he would have a cushion.

My general rule is that everyone should have at least three to six months of living expenses as an emergency

Once he has established his emergency fund, I would recommend that he looks at his company's 401(k) plan, and if the company is matching, that he contributes to the 401(k) plan up to the

I look at matched money in your 401(k) as "found money," and you don't want to leave that on the table.

After he has established his 401(k) plan up to the company match, I would then use any excess money to pay down debt. In that regard, I would pay off the debt with the highest interest rates. In the situation at hand, that would be the credit card debt.

Paying down credit card debt is a great investment. After all, there's no investment that I know of that will give you a guaranteed after-tax return of

20.5%. With any remaining money, I would then work to pay off the personal loans.

Only after these debts are paid off would I establish an investment strat-

I would also recommend that your son look for opportunities to do a balance transfer of the credit card debt. He may be able to lower the interest on his debt if he shops around.

Your son may also consider meeting with a bankruptcy attorney to discuss options. It may be in his best interest to file for bankruptcy to have his debts written off, and then start off fresh.

I know bankruptcy is not something people want to do; however, in many situations it is the best alternative. Yes, there will be a cost to your son in the fact that if he borrows money, his cost of borrowing will be higher; however, instead of paying down his debts for seven years, he could be investing on a regular basis, which would offset any additional cost he may incur if he needs a future loan.

I don't think bankruptcy is for everyone, but I think in your son's situation it is something he should explore. Bankruptcy may be a good option for your son since it will take at least seven years to get out of debt; a fresh start might be worthwhile.

Good luck!

Rick is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is bloomadvisors.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email Rick at rick@ bloomadvisors.com.

Young cyclist hit by vehicle in Redford **Township** hospitalized

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A boy was hospitalized in critical condition after a vehicle struck him while he was riding a bicycle in Redford Township.

Township police are looking for two males who ran from a blue 2012 Chevrolet Impala when the collision happened at about 8:45 p.m. Aug. 10 near Vassar Drive and Brady, they said in a

Responding to a call, officers arrived to find the injured child, who was provided aid and transported to a local unnamed hospital.

An investigation continues.

Township police are encouraging residents near the crash site to check their surveillance cameras to help identify the suspects who ran from the abandoned vehicle.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Capt. Al DiPrima at ADiPrima@RedfordPd.org or 313-387-

Fox Hills

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The concept of an upscale golf course for the public really didn't exist."

Golf grew for many years, but the course was affected by many of the issues of the 21st century. Beginning with 9/11 and leading into the recession in the late 2000s, times got tough at the course. It came to a head with the CO-VID-19 pandemic when restrictions at places like golf courses were added temporarily.

Compound that with the current labor shortage in the service industry since the beginning of the pandemic, and the two sisters began thinking it was time to sell.

"So many people have walked away from being in those positions and have never come back. It's been a big struggle," Mily said. "We have been able to pull it together again and we've got people in place and it's all working well. But that's where it kind of pushed us over the edge a little bit."

The name on the deed of the property is perhaps the biggest change coming with Heritage Golf Group's ownership, said John Scappatura, a vice president of operations for the company. He said they want to keep everything the local golf community loves about Fox Hills intact, which includes the name, the course and the food.

That approach is a testament to what the sisters built at Fox Hills.

"Right now, our whole goal is to get in here and talk to the people who have been working here for a long time, talk to the customers, find out what things people are interested in," he said. "Our plan is just to continue to improve. They've done such a great job so far."

Heritage Golf Group kept the entire staff on to continue running the property, which still includes several family members of the former ownership.

One of those workers is Alexis O'Brien, Mily's daughter, who works in marketing for Fox Hills. She said it's going to be different around the course, but said she looked forward to what the company hoped to do.

"I'm really excited for the future with Heritage," she said. "I think they have a lot to kind of bring to the table and bring Fox Hills to the next level.

With retirement comes the opportunity to get involved with some different things that the sisters have wanted to for some time. But for now, it's still hard to realize they've sold the course, even though they were ready.

"There's been a lot of tears. When this thing first happened, it was very bittersweet," Mily said. "After being here my whole life and this is all I have done, it's like 'OK, what will my future be? What will I do?' I have no idea yet."

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Steve Carraway, facilities manager, and Bevin Hunter, property manager, are nearly ready to welcome visitors to Blake's Lyon Township. PHOTOS BY SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Blake's

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Around the corner he shows two new ticket booths that will be installed as well as a new area for goats.

The animals have not arrived yet, but the petting zoo will return, and the children's area will be back, or the "funland" Carraway is familiar with from the other Blake farms in Armada and Almont. The fun for kids will include three bounce houses.

A fence is yet to be erected that will divide the funland from a beer garden that will have a tap trailer.

Most of the changes this year revolve around bringing to Lyon Township all the tasty treats and beverages that are Blake's mainstays. That will include 32 varieties of hard cider and wine in a pop-up experience, which includes some of their greatest hits including triple jam, American apple, peach party, caramel apple cider and

Food truck vendors are also coming, beginning with the celebration weekend, including Italian, tacos, and Motor City Dogs - gourmet, fun, festive hot dogs.

Also coming on weekends will be live music, Andrew Blake said.

"We are going to bring in fun local acts people will enjoy," he said. "Classic rock, country, folk music is a vibe that goes well."

Blake adds that everything will be kept "at real affordable prices for families" as they want to let the whole community experience what Blake's

He hopes also to expand access to the 104 acres that Blake's purchased from Lombardo Homes after the developer's original deal to buy the 181 acres from the Erwins.

Returning apple aficionados will notice many things unchanged this

The former Erwin Orchards Cider Mill

building has received a makeover with new paint, flooring and electric setup.

season as well and will find all 14 apple varieties they have loved to pick for years. They were, in fact, all started by Bill Erwin-his final crop, and it's a good one. Andrew, Blake said Michigan's 2022 apple crop is the best in years. The orchard also has six additional apple varieties used for pressed cider.

Blake's has retained all Erwin's employees who wanted to return, which was a majority, Andrew Blake said, and they will guide the new orchard owners into this season.

"We want to see how things have worked historically before we do any huge changes to the operation," he said. Those changes in future years will include an event center, tasting room and

"One of the things we committed to is not messing up a good thing and we know how good the experience was. Our motto is 'do no harm' and learn what customers have come to expect and enjoy and have a graceful transition."

Blake's Lyon Township will be open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays from Aug. 20-Oct. 31. Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. beginning Aug. 20 through Oct. 31. The operation will become year-round in the future. For more information, visit the Blake's South Lyon page at www.blakefarms.com.

Obituaries

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Rosell Gocharian

LIVONIA - Passed away on August 14, 2022 at the age of 101.

Rosell was the beloved wife of the late Harry, loving mother of Douglas (Clarice) Brown, Theresa Bak, Lowell Gocharian. Proud grandmother of Molly Brown (Bruce Jarrett), Melanie (James) Piana; great-grandmother of Kaleb Packer. She was the dear sister of Elmer (Mary Nell) Whalen. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at Griffinfuneralhome.com





Concerns

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training is appropriate, if what the scouts saw was a fair depiction of the police's training procedures and what should happen to ensure equitable policing in the city.

Mayor Vicki Barnett said the department's training practices are standard for the industry but something that's caused so much concern needs to be looked at.

"We want our citizens to be comfortable, first of all," Barnett said. "I don't care what color, what race, what religion you are. We love diversity in this town, and we want everybody to feel a part of this community and feel comfortable living in this community."

Looking for answers

Farmington Hills is a diverse community. According to 2020 U.S. Census Bureau data, the city is roughly 40% non-white and approximately 20% of its residents were born outside the U.S.

City officials have faced criticism because of the photos from the Boy Scouts visit.

One photo from the Boy Scouts' trip showed four side-by-side printouts of a Black man with a weapon. In another, a child is lifting one of the side-by-side printouts, showing an image of another Black man underneath.

Fitzgerald Toussaint, a Black resident and a former University of Michigan football player, has been paying attention since learning of the incident.

"I have two young boys," he said. "We are African American. We are good people. If (the shooting range images are) diversified, I think it's OK."

Attorney Mark Fancher of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan's Racial Justice Project wants more than a diverse array of target images.

He sent a letter to the mayor demanding the names of the people responsible for acquiring the shooting-range targets, that only bullseye and silhouette targets be used in training, interviews regarding the officers' racial attitudes and their failure to object to the controversial targets, and training to help them understand the problems with the targets considering the historical and racial context of the relationship be-



Photos used for firearm training at the Farmington Hills Police Department reaped criticism after a family said all the targets being used during a Boy Scout troop's outing were of armed Black men. COURTESY OF GWEN THOMAS

tween law enforcers and Black people.

Fancher emphasized that, in general, police have already shown they are predisposed to shooting Black people. He referenced an incident in June in which Akron, Ohio, police officers shot and killed an unarmed 25-year-old Black man who tried to flee a traffic stop. He compared it to the Highland Park, Illinois, rampage at a Fourth of July parade, in which a white man suspected of killing seven people was arrested and taken into custody.

"That's what concerns us very greatly, that they don't appreciate the gravity of this," Fancher said. "If all they're concerned about is public relations and optics, then they really have missed the point."

The attorney said implicit biases are reinforced when officers see depictions of armed Black men as targets.

Debates ensue throughout community

The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards encourages a diverse selection of shooting targets. A survey of 15 police departments in western Wayne and Oakland counties showed at least half have their own shooting ranges and only Farmington Hills and Bloomfield Hills use targets that are not Caucasian.

"I think that we just reached out to a target company," Bloomfield Hills Police Chief Noel Clason said. "We just basically got a whole mix of targets. The threatno threat ... The human depiction is them turning just like a normal person would. It helps the officer recognize they're holding a gun as opposed to just an oval outline with a 1, 2, 3 on it."

Farmington Hills' targets include people who are both armed and unarmed. They include 11 white people – 85% of the images – and two Black people (15%).

Councilman Ken Massey, who's gone through the department's citizen police academy, said the targets are meant to help officers make split-second decisions.

"You have five seconds to decide what target to hit and if you're going to hit a target," Massey said. "I can tell you that it gives you a whole new perspective. That's what these targets are intended to do and why the officers train with them."

Massey and Councilwoman Valerie Knol contend the training is necessary and cannot be done with silhouette targets. Both questioned if a review is needed, noting the Farmington Hills Police has been accredited and reaccredit-

"There's a big difference between going to a shooting range and the training police officers have to go through," Knol said.

Why it happened

Saying the department is constantly trying to address implicit biases, King explained what happened leading up to

the Boy Scouts group taking pictures.

There was a training event that day that made use of 15 targets – "four African-American and 11 Caucasian male and female" — intended to help with threat assessment, implicit bias and sympathetic firing.

Officers planned to return to training the following day so they left up some of the targets and hung a few more targets.

"If you take slices of the training or a portion of the training, it could look bad," he said. "The optics of it could look bad and that's what occurred here. There are some optics we need to work on. That's absolutely accurate, but the content of our training is second to none."

No one has been disciplined for the incident, and King said elements have been mischaracterized, such as a lack of focus on the entire scope of the Boy Scouts visit.

Moving forward

The police chief's acknowledgment of the optics of the Boy Scouts visit not looking good bothers Dionne Webster-Cox, the Southfield attorney who champions herself as a "social justice and civil rights advocate." She said police should be more concerned about what the Scouts saw.

Council members were upset Webster-Cox didn't contact the city to share her concerns before reaching out to the media.

"They thought we were just hanging posters up of African Americans and shooting at them," Councilman Randy Bruce said. "That is not at all what happened – not in the slightest. It's an assimilation where there's a mix of these posters in a scenario where police have to respond and see who's an actual threat."

Mayor Pro Tem Mary Newlin declined an interview request, and council members Jackie Boleware and Michael Bridges did not respond to requests for comment.

Farmington Hills officials have been working to diversify their hiring and their commissions and plans to add a diversity-focused role to their administrative staff to help City Hall's staff better reflect the community.

"We are all getting more and more diverse and we are doing everything to make sure that our diversity is our strength," Barnett said.





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Newly-renovated Chuck E. Cheese in Novi opens

Canton location next in line for updated look

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Guests at Novi's Chuck E. Cheese may have noticed some work being done the last few months. After a lengthy renovation process, the home of the mouse who loves to have fun is completely renovated, taking a step into the 21st century.

The Chuck E. Cheese at 44275 W. 12 Mile in the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk center now sports a new look, from the outside signage to the party area to a few new electronic games. The work — done overnight the past four months after the entertainment center closed for the day — has recently wrapped up, allowing guests to see the new look for Chuck E. Cheese.

"It's a beautiful space and they're very excited about the new games," said Katy Serba, a field marketing specialist with Chuck E. Cheese in Michigan. "They're genuinely excited. That happiness is what we want to see, especially after this post pandemic side."

Some of the biggest changes are in the back of the center, which Serba said is the largest Chuck E. Cheese location in Michigan. Gone is the animatronic band with talking animals, replaced with a video board playing music and other entertainment. An interactive dance floor was added to the party area, allowing children to play games while getting out that excess energy.

"It is probably one of the most 'wow' factors," she said. "If we have a birthday party that comes in for the first time and they see that, they're more excited about that."

The new look is the first major facelift the Novi center received since it opened about 15 years ago, Serba said.

Several new games have also been added, bringing some new thrills for kids both young and old. Several classics remain, including skeeball, Sketch Book and others regular fans will recognize.

Additional seating has also been added, including some closer to the gaming area. The whole building has



Chuck E. Cheese gives some advice to a youngster on how to knock over clowns in a game at the newly-renovated Novi entertainment center at 44275 W. 12 Mile. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Commerce Township resident Mark Stryjewski puts the gun back on the Terminator: Salvation video game after he and his son, Grayson, played.



Katy Serba, a field marketing specialist for Chuck E. Cheese in Michigan, shows off part of the new party area.

new decorations and branding, including a new look on the outside sign.

Many items well known are still around, including the Ticket Blaster and the menu, which still offers items such as pizza, wings and the salad bar. For adults, beer is served as well. Chuck E. Cheese's Kid Check, which provides a safety net to keep kids with families, is still in place.

"We want them, with the use of our Kid Check, to be able to have their kids just be ... able to enjoy things, but also have them be able to sit and enjoy a slice of pizza, knowing that their kids are safe within the building, which is the most important part," Serba said.

The changes in Novi are not the only area changes happening for the company. The Canton Township Chuck E. Cheese on Ford Road is also undergoing a similar renovation currently, Serba said. That center also remains open during the day, with the renovations expected to wrap up and complete some time in mid-September.



Children dance on the interactive dance floor, awaiting the turning on of the game machines during a special event at Chuck E. Cheese in Novi.





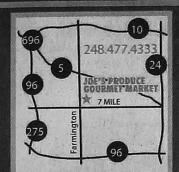


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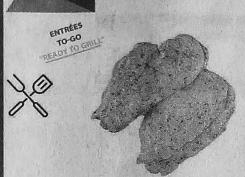
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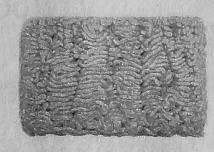
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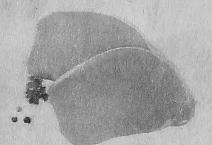
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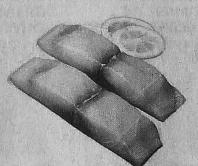


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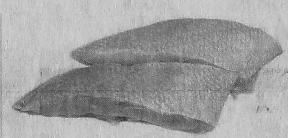




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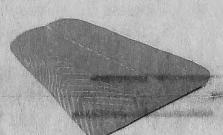
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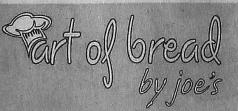
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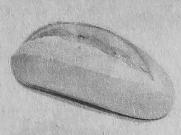
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SPORTS

Ten Hometown Life area must-see football games

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The season starts on Aug. 25, so let's look at the best matchups around the Hometown Life coverage area.

All games kick off at 7 p.m. unless individually noted otherwise.

Brother Rice vs Macomb Dakota (Wayne State University), 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25

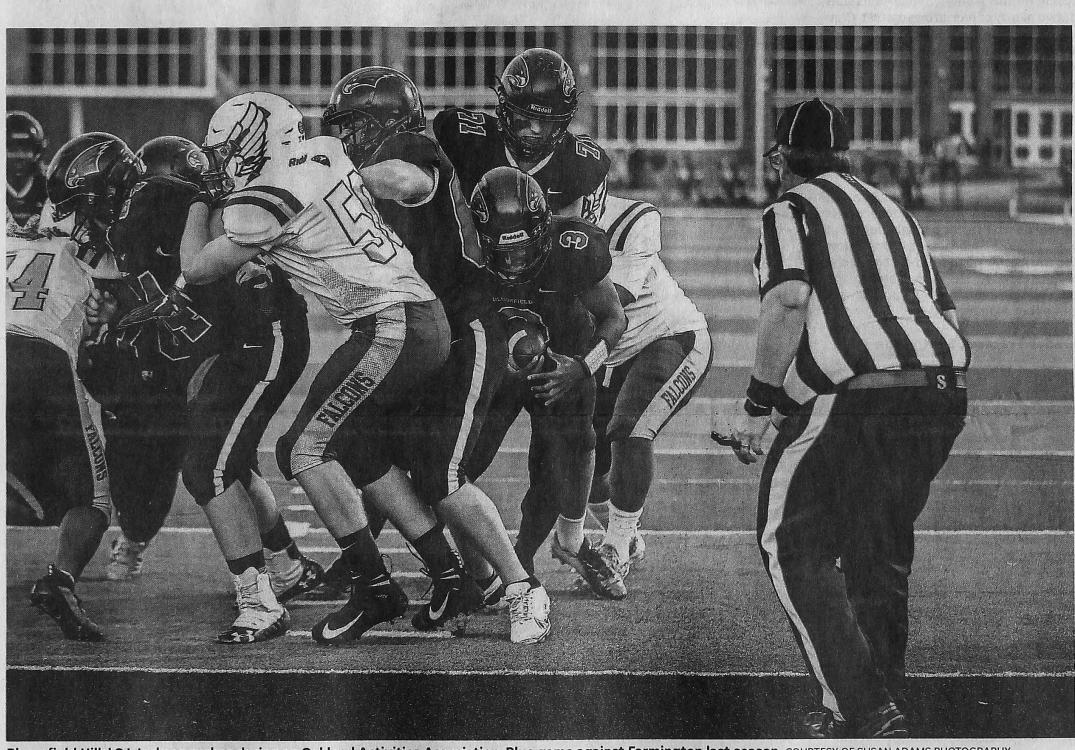
This Xenith Kickoff Classic matchup is just what the Warriors need to erase last season's woes and start the fall on a high note.

A year ago, Mason upset Brother Rice with a late-game winning touchdown in the regional.

It was a tough way to end the season considering it started with a three-game winning streak, which included a 35-21 victory over Macomb Dakota in the season opener.

This rematch should be just as exciting to watch, especially with Maryland commit Nolan Ray ready to carry the ball for the Warriors for one final

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Bloomfield Hills' CJ Jackson rushes during an Oakland Activities Association-Blue game against Farmington last season. COURTESY OF SUSAN ADAMS PHOTOGRAPHY

Our 11 favorite high school quarterbacks

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom takes a look at who he thinks are the 11 best quarterbacks in the Hometown Life coverage area entering the 2022 season (all stats are from 2021):

CJ Jackson, Bloomfield Hills

Vitals: 5-foot-10, senior.

Why: Jackson is the ultimate team leader and his teammates flock to him for guidance. He proved that when he led the Black Hawks to an OAA-Blue championship and a 9-0 regular-season record in 2021. And he also proved that as the sixth man on the boys basketball team, which also won a league title.

Dominic Pesci, Farmington

Vitals: 6-foot-6, 215 pounds, senior; threw for 1,200 yards and 19 TDs in 2021.

Why: A team captain as a junior, he's back with one of the strongest arms in the state. He'll help the Falcons compete for an OAA-Blue championship.

Nathan Wasil, Garden City

Vitals: 6-foot-2, 185 pounds; threw for 606 yards and six TDs and rushed for 200 yards and three scores.

Why: The Cougars are not a base-

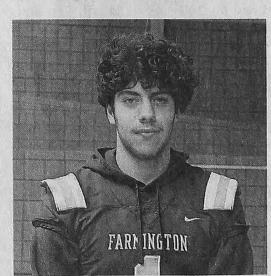
ment dweller in the WWAC, and it should be Wasil who keeps them competitive in the league. Don't be surprised if he leads them to an upset win or two in his senior year.

Noah Etnyre, Lutheran Westland

Vitals: 6-foot-2, 180 pounds, senior; threw for 1,102 yards and rushed for 52 yards.

Why: With an incredibly talented cast of teammates around him, he guided the Warriors to their first league championship in program history in 2021. While he won't have MIAC MVP

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Farmington's Dom Pesci. TOM BEAUDOIN/ SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Paul Davenport to play with this fall, Etnyre should still be one of the best QBs in his league.

Luca Prior, Northville

Vitals: 6-foot-1, 170 pounds, senior. Why: The Mustangs have won only three games per season in four of the past five years. That changes this season because of Prior, who has proven to be one of the better team leaders around the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Luke Aurilia, Novi

Vitals: 5-foot-10, 170 pounds, senior; threw for 1,080 yards and 12 TDS and rushed 101 times for 451 yards and five more scores.

Why: Opposing coaches hate Aurilia because he always steps up in crucial points of games, whether that's football or basketball. It's something you can't gameplan against. The Wildcats should compete for a KLAA-East title, and it'll be this dual-threat QB who keeps them in that race all season long.

Cory Chavis, Redford Union

Vitals: 6-foot-5, 195 pounds, senior; threw for 1,091 yards and 14 TDs.

Why: After having a winter and spring on the 7-on-7 circuit, which has drawn plenty of recruiting interest, Chavis is ready to have a breakout senior season. He already looked great while leading the Panthers to a WWAC title and 8-1 regular season record in 2021. Now he's going to only build on that effort.

Colton Kinnie, **Birmingham Seaholm**

Vitals: 6-foot-2, 218 pounds, junior. Why: There might be games where Kinnie doesn't throw a single pass. But you have to be a heads-up QB to know the intricacies of the run-first veer the Maples employ. He should be just the guy to help them win more than the only game they won a year ago.

Braden Fracassi, South Lyon

Vitals: 5-foot-11, 165 pounds, senior; threw for 865 yards, eight TDs and one interception and rushed for 291 yards and six scores.

Why: When starter Dawson Skupin was lost for the season because of an injury. Fracassi stepped in a saved the Lions' season, guiding them to an LVC championship and a trip to the state semifinal in 2021. He's only going to be better having had that experience in a tough situation.

Nico Campo, South Lyon East

Vitals: 6-foot-2, 180 pounds, senior. Why: Campo didn't look scared stepping up in the pocket and finding his receivers as a first-year starter last fall. Now that he's a senior, he should be even more improved, which is great for the Cougars, who should win more than the three games they won last season.

ArJon Thompson, **Livonia Stevenson**

Vitals: 5-foot-11, 190 pounds, junior; totaled 367 yards and five TDs rushing, threw for 200 yards and two TDs and caught 13 passes for 108 yards.

Why: It might be unfair to categorize Thompson as a QB because he can play running back, receiver and defensive back. But when he's behind center, it makes opponents wince. You just can't gameplan for him because he's capable of busting big plays at any moment.

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Stevenson's Ar'Jon Thompson rushes against Franklin last season. DAVE DONOHER/SPECIAL TO HOMETIMELIFE.COM



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

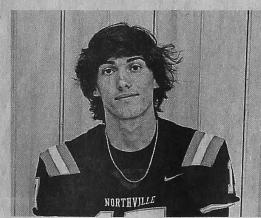


Novi quarterback Luke Aurilia heads for a yardage gain.

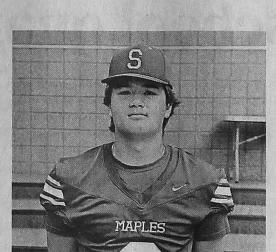
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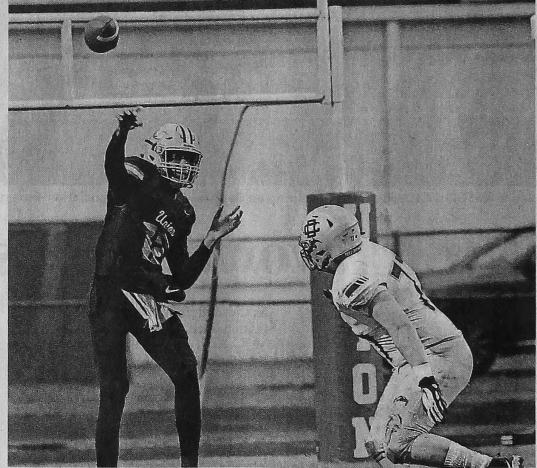
South Lyon East's Nico Campo passes during a game against Paw Paw last season. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Northville's Luca Prior.



Birmingham Seaholm's Colton Kinnie.



Redford Union's Cory Chavis passes against Detroit Country Day last season. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Must-see

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Walled Lake Western at South Lyon, Thursday, Aug. 25

This game takes place on opening week, but it should determine the Lakes Valley Conference champion. South Lyon went 9-0 in the regular season a year ago, including an 8-0 mark in the league. That included beating Western by 20 points in Week 1. The Lions should have one of the best rosters back and are poised to repeat as the LVC champions.

But the Warriors also return a deep roster, which includes a pair of threestar Minnesota commits in quarterback Drew Viotto and running back Darius Taylor. Not only should they be one of the top teams in metro Detroit, but they should also be a state title contender.

Plymouth vs. Livonia Churchill (University of Michigan), noon Friday, Aug. 26

A win for either team will set the tone for the rest of the fall. Plus, this game takes place at the Big House.

Plymouth wants to bounce back after suffering seven blowout losses a year ago. It beat rival Salem by a touchdown, but it also dropped a close-call game to Westland John Glenn by seven points. Upsetting Churchill would be a great first step in turning around the program.

The Chargers put together a dream season through the first six games a year ago. But then QB Taj Williams was lost for the season during their comeback attempt at Dearborn Fordson, and they could never right the ship afterward. Instead of them advancing deep into the playoffs, it was rival Livonia Franklin. To prove they've gotten ahead of attrition, they'll need a win over the Wildcats.

Redford Union at Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Friday, Sept. 2

This was quite the matchup a year ago because it determined the eventual Western Wayne Athletic Conference

champion. The Panthers won by just eight points. They proceeded to have no trouble in the rest of their league games and exited the regular season with an 8-1 record, giving them their first league title since 2004.

Union should be the favorite to win the WWAC again, especially with how many college recruits they're returning. That includes Central Michigan commit Jeremiah Alston, two-star lineman Jamire Hall and quarterback Cory Chavis.

A win over the Chargers early in the season would give them enough breathing room to coast through the rest of its league schedule as it did in 2021.

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Must-see

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North Farmington at Farmington, Friday, Sept. 16

The Oakland Activities Association-Blue is wide open, as determined by the OAA pre-season coaches poll. Not a single coach put together a similar ballot, nor did either one have the same team winning the league.

That means this matchup between Farmington Road rivals could determine the division champion. The Raiders want to rebound from its 2021 season after winning its first three matchups and then losing six straight. Meanwhile, the Falcons want to take the next step in establishing its program under second-year coach Jason Albrecht.

The winner should receive a boost in both the conference standings and confidence.

Southfield A&T at Bloomfield Hills, Friday, Sept. 30

It's going to be challenging for the Black Hawks, last year's OAA-Blue champions, to jump up to the White, face a tough league schedule and come away with another division championship

But if they're going to get it done, they'll have to get past Southfield A&T and three-star QB Isaiah Marshall, one of the top juniors in Michigan.

Of course, they take on Harper Woods the following week, and their matchups against Rochester, Birmingham Groves and Oak Park aren't going to be cakewalks either. But a win over Southfield should help them make a case to become the league champs.

Warren De La Salle at Detroit Catholic Central, 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2

Not only is this the Boys Bowl, but this is also the most-important Catholic League-Central game for the Shamrocks.

De La Salle is the defending league and state champions and is poised to win both titles again. CC is replacing key starters in several spots, including at QB with Declan Byle now at Michigan. But if it can upset the Pilots, it'd be its biggest



Novi quarterback Luke Aurilia, center, hands off to Cole Shires in a home game against Brighton last season.

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win of the season, which is saying something because of Clinton Twp. Chippewa Valley, Davison, DeWitt, Brother Rice and Orchard Lake St. Marry's also being on the schedule.

Livonia Churchill at Livonia Stevenson, Friday, Oct. 14

The Spartans should be the favorite to win the Livonia City Championship because they're the only team of the three that isn't replacing a ton of key starters. So this matchup, which takes place in Week 8, should determine the champion.

The Chargers must replace a ton of current college football players, while Stevenson brings back veterans such as lineman Chuck Davidek, gadget-man ArJon Thompson and several others.

It's not certain Churchill will have a

win over Livonia Franklin entering this matchup, but it wouldn't be a surprise if Stevenson had a win over the Patriots.

Novi at Northville, Friday, Oct. 14

When this rivalry game is played, we'll learn a lot about both teams. The Wildcats want to continue building off a tremendous 5-5 effort in coach Jim Sparks' first season a year ago, while Northville just wants to bounce back from winning only three games, something it has done four times in the past five years.

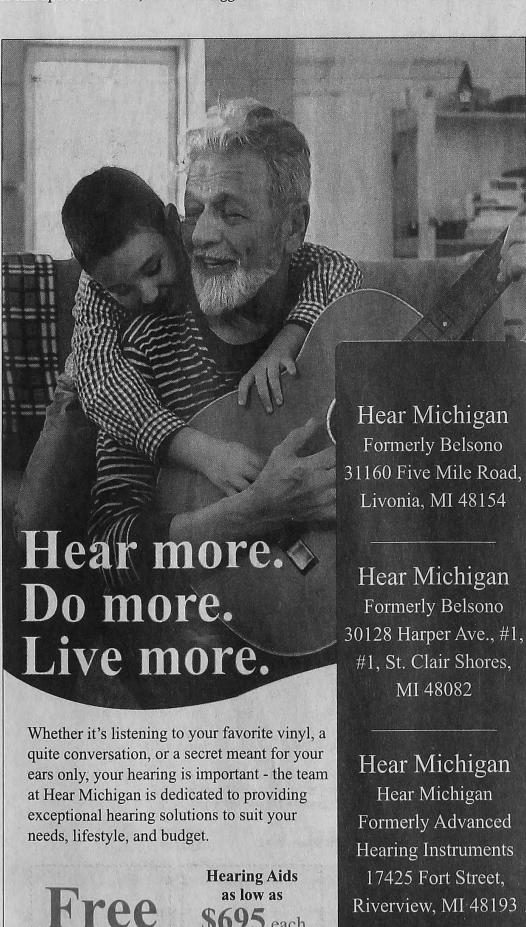
A win for Novi means the Wildcats are likely securing a playoff spot, since this game takes place in Week 8, while a Northville win means the Mustangs are finally starting to turn the program around.

Birmingham Seaholm at Birmingham Groves, Friday, Oct. 21

Both rival schools had atrocious seasons in the OAA-White a year ago, with the Maples winning just one game and the Falcons winning two, including beating Seaholm by seven points in Week 4

This year both are playing in divisions that should allow them to win more games. And the best part is their rivalry game is in Week 9. One of these teams should play for a playoff spot, and the other could spoil their rival's bid to get in. This game should be a mustwatch to end the regular season.

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Ten best sound bites from KLAA Media Day

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Northville hosted the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Football Media Day on Aug. 12, and there was plenty of chatter among the 16 coaches and administrators present.

Here were the 10 best sound bites from coaches who play in Hometown Life's newspaper coverage area:

Livonia Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo on returning only four players on both sides of the ball:

"I think one of the keys this year is taking things day by day and getting experience for our younger guys. The obvious challenge, and I usually say this every year, is our schedule. As all the coaches can relate in here, we've got a great league, a very competitive league. I think last year in just our division (KLAA-East) we had five of the eight teams make the playoffs, so every week you've got to be ready, but it always prepares us for the playoffs and things like that"

Livonia Franklin coach Chris Kelbert on what makes this year's senior class special:

"This year we've got a group of seniors we've been looking forward to. They're very passionate about football. Every year, all the coaches want is excitement and enthusiasm at their practices, and this year we have that with our senior class. Every day they come to work hard. They're very enthusasistic, and they've always been in the weight room and working on and off the field. We were academic all-state honorable mention last year, and most of those kids were our junior class, now our senior class, so we're excited about our seniors this year."

Westland John Glenn principal Eric McCalla on how the program is doing in coach Jason Mensing's first year:

"The team is coming together. We've got about 97 total players out for the program, so those numbers are up, so things are going in the right direction. The kids worked tremendously hard this summer, and they're really working to vastly improve this year."

Livonia Stevenson coach Randy Micallef on getting his seniors ready



Livonia Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo, left, speaks with the media during the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Football Media Day on Aug. 12.

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for full-time starting roles:

"We have a number of kids who saw spot action on the offense and defense as juniors, and we're going to be leaning on them. One of our areas of focus is getting kids back up to speed. Those who had experience in games last year as juniors are stepping in as starters. We have two back on offense and six back on defense. Early in the season, we'll be learning the speed of the varsity level and by the end of the season, we'll have improved each and every day."

Wayne Memorial coach Mike Ryan on rebuilding a program in his second

"I got her late, last July actually, so I consider this our first year. Last year we walked into a program that, I'm not going to lie to you, I've never seen anything like it in my life. A lot of work to do, but we'll continue to work hard. I think we had like 30 people in the program last year and eight ineligible. We're up to about 60-something now, and we'll have a JV team for the first time in 5 years.

"Our goal when we got here was to

keep our kids home because our kids were jumping and people were coming after our kids. And that's no longer going to happen. We have a wall built up around our community, and we're going to keep our kids. We're going to fight daily with anybody who's going to try and take our kids. We're here for a purpose, and that's to change kids' lives at Wayne."

Canton coach Andrew LaFata on returning only two starters from 2021:

"This year is going to be a lot different for Canton. It'll be a day-by-day thing. We don't know if it'll be Week 1 or Week 8, or maybe it'll be next year, but we're very inexperienced coming back for us. We've got a lot of guys who are hungry. We're just young and inexperienced. We're looking to build each day with the guys we have who bought into our program. We feel that it's a day-by-day thing."

Northville coach Matt Ladach on how passionate he is about his roster:

"We don't have three cats (nationally-ranked recruits) who look like this over here from Belleville. We don't have

farmers that are sprinkling the cornfields with human growth hormone like they've got over in Howell and Hartland. But what we've got is a bunch of ordinary dudes (who work hard). ... I can't tell you how much I love my team. We've had our share of ups and downs over the years, like everybody else has, but I get the opportunity to coach great kids like these guys every single day in a great school in a great community. And I know it's Coach (Jim) Harbaugh's line, but nobody's got it better than this guy right here."

Novi coach Jim Sparks on the experience his returning players have entering his second season:

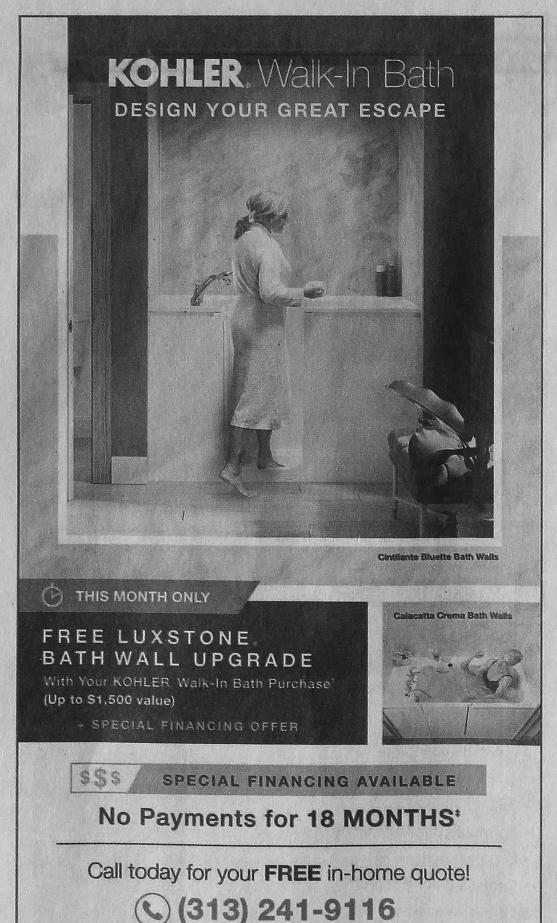
"We'll have seven offensive returners and seven defensive returners. One of our strengths is experience at the skill positions. ... We're really excited about the experience that we have, but our (experienced) players pretty much all fall into the skill category. We have some talented linemen, but they lack game experience. The biggest challenge we're going to have is getting them up to game speed. They're working tirelessly to make sure that happens. And we're looking forward to what the future holds with those guys."

Plymouth coach Greg Souldourian on the Wildcats bouncing back from a 1-win season in 2021:

"Our off-season (will be) the key to our season. We had a great off-season, and the kids have been working tirelessly on getting better. We're really focused on a foundation of working hard, having grit and controlling the controllables. ... These kids have really bought into that. We're not worried about the outcome. We're more worried about the process because the process equals the outcome that you want."

Salem coach Brendan Murphy on the challenges the Rocks face in preseason:

"These guys have gone through some adversity over their four years. I'm their third head coach in four years, so that's one of our challenges. And I want to make sure we get some depth in there with our guys and (I'm helping them with) learning our system, how we're going to attack the offense, how we're going to attack the defense and how we're going to attack the special teams."



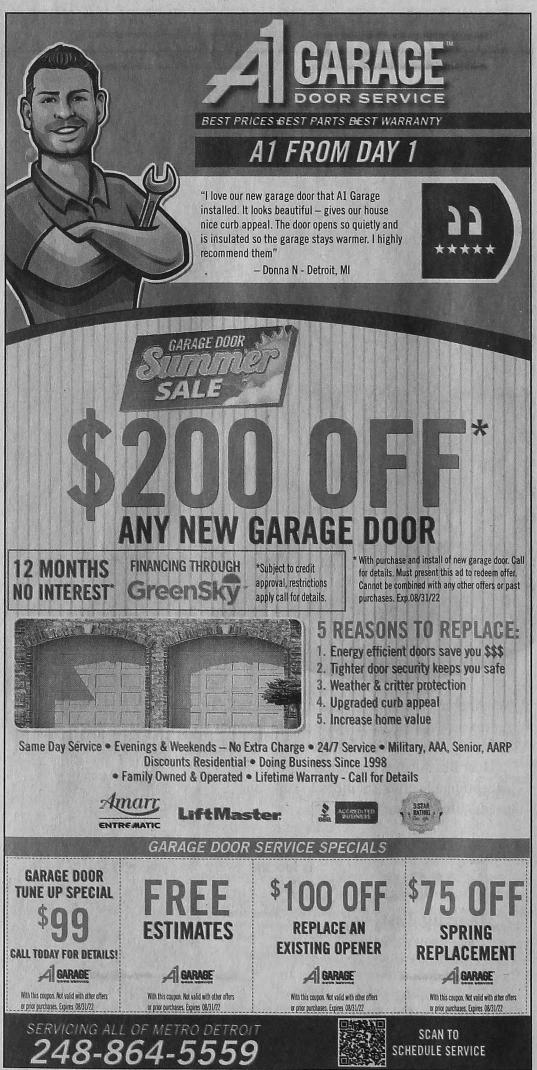
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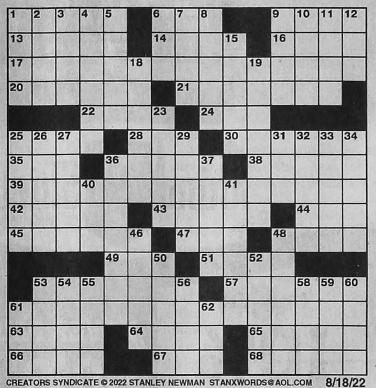
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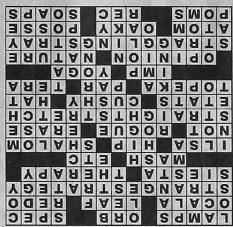
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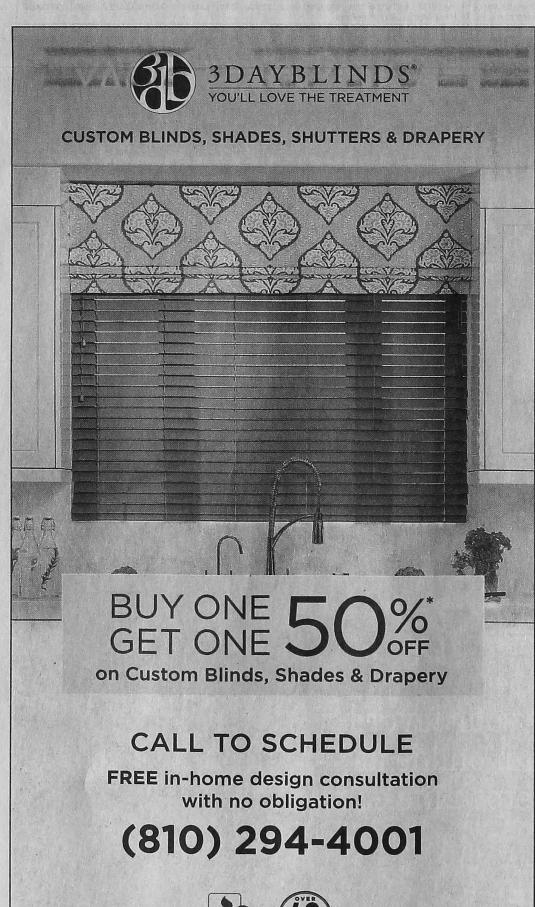
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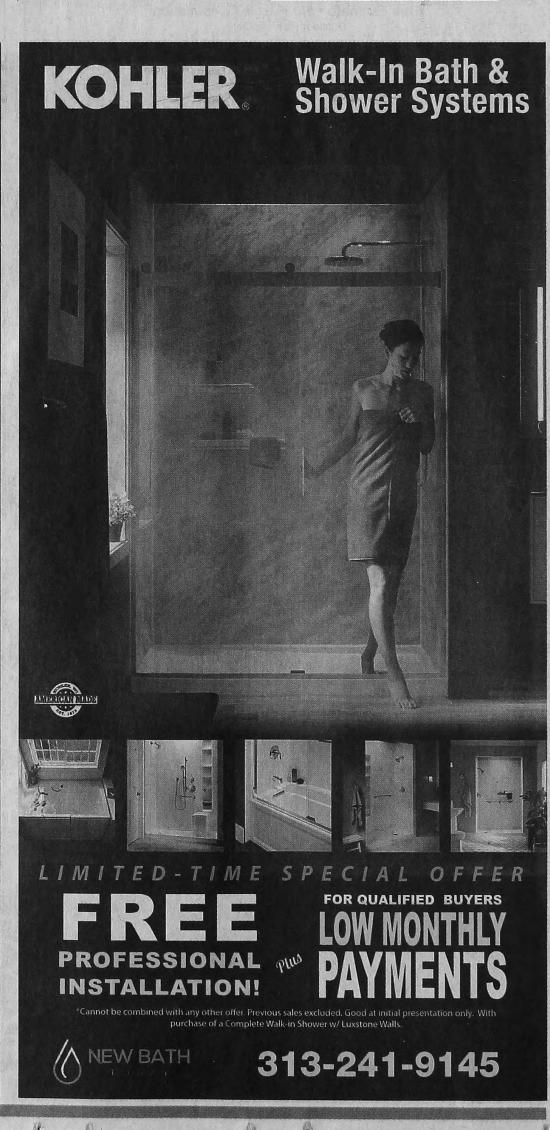


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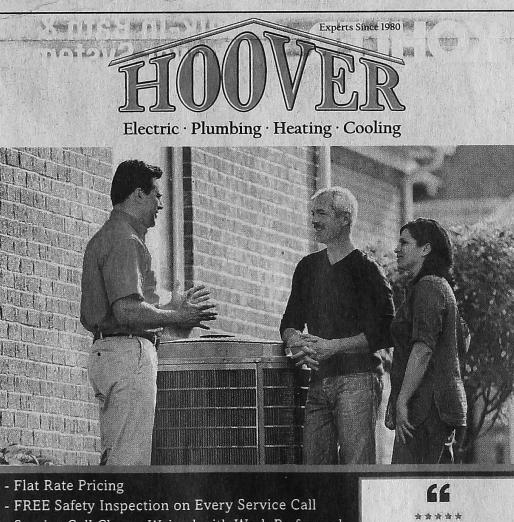
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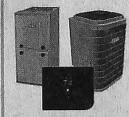
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