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Charter school focuses on older students

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The latest charter school to open in Livonia plans to change the way middle- and high-school students

Explore Academy, 31100 Plymouth Road, is currently enrolling sixth through eighth graders for its first academic year, which will kick off shortly after Labor

Day. The school will add a grade each year and plans to have a full high school program by 2027.

Principal Eric Pate said his staff is looking forward to getting started.

"We have folks who are experienced and are really, really eager to come here and try something different," he said. "I'm excited about what we're going to do

Pate, who holds an Ed.D. from Central Michigan

University and has worked in Detroit Public Schools and the River Rouge School District, said he was drawn to Explore Academy because of its emphasis on learning plans that are unique to every student.

They pride themselves on allowing their students and their families to have choice by creating flavors," Pate said. "Students here learn by flavors, or themes,

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Randy Hadid helps customers who walked up to the A&W restaurant. Hadid recently bought and reopened the franchise, which will stay open year-round going forward. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Old-school Farmington drive-in restaurant reopens

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Root beer is again flowing along Grand River in Far-

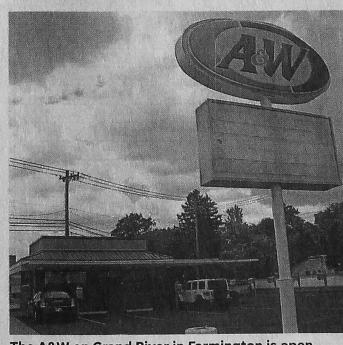
mington.

After being closed the entire summer, the A&W drive-in at 30732 Grand River has opened under new ownership. Randy Hadid, a Farmington High School alumnus and Northville resident, recently acquired the drive-in.

"It's excellent," he said. "We were kind of overwhelmed at first, but everyone online, everyone's said the food's been excellent."

Hadid reopened the spot in early August, bringing back popular items the All-American Drive-in is known for: root beer floats, Papa Burgers and more. He spent a few weeks cleaning up the business, including adding some fresh paint to the exterior of the property and getting menus ready.

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The A&W on Grand River in Farmington is open.

Plymouth-Canton teens enjoy custom experiences after cancer diagnosis

Laura Colvin Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Last December, seemingly out of the blue, Lane Kleinglass found himself with a broken leg. He'd been experiencing pain for a while, but knew he hadn't done anything to injure himself.

Nevertheless, X-rays showed a clean break in his left shinbone.

"Since there was no explanation for the break, the doctors did a bunch of tests and found out it was diffuse B-cell lymphoma," said Kleinglass, 18, a 2022 Salem High School graduate. "It was shocking and over-

"It was the last thing I thought it would be." Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma is the most com-

mon type of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a fast-growing blood cancer. Essentially, a tumor ate away at his shinbone, causing the break.

The feelings Kleinglass experienced are common for teens and young adults diagnosed with cancer. That's why, in 2020, Canton resident Jim O'Farrell

started the Shedneck Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to bringing smiles to young people dealing with the physical and emotional toll of the disease.

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WARM WELCOME

Blake's Lyon Township celebrates opening day

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com | USA TODAY NETWORK - MICH.

Fall isn't quite in the air, but excitement was Friday as Blake's Lyon Township officially opened.

The smell of freshly-made doughnuts returned to the orchard formerly owned by the Erwins, who officially retired last month.

Smiles were back, too, as longtime customers welcomed the new (sort of) kids on the block.

The Blakes, who have been in business since 1946, are known for their orchards in Armada, as well as their hard cider, sold all over the country.

The hard cider hasn't arrived just yet as the liquor license awaits final approval, but it's coming soon, Ray

Meanwhile, visitors Friday found a lot to enjoy.

"I love the setup," said Debbie Kirk, a New Hudson resident visiting the orchard with her mother-in-law. "We didn't try the doughnuts yet, but the apple slushies are amazing!"

Sarah Hendricks, who moved to the area within the past year from Texas, said she had heard rave reviews about Erwin's and Blake's and was excited to bring her children to the orchard. Son Aiden, 4, enjoyed the tire track while Sarah and Emmy, 1, were notably impressed with the doughnuts.

"There is no cider mill like this in Texas," Hendricks said. "This is the real deal."

Blake's Lyon Township is at 61475 Silver Lake Road.



Ray Blake and Dennis Cichonski watch doughnuts roll out of the fryer at Blake's Lyon Township on Aug. 19. PHOTOS BY SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Debbie Kirk, of New Hudson, with her mother-in-law,



Adam Lundberg, who will be a first-grader at Kent Lake Elementary this fall, picks raspberries.



Norma Weldon, of Venice, Fla., drink apple slushies.



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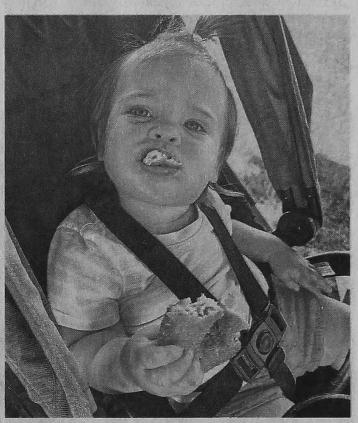
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Gemma Farah, 4, Salvo Qarana, 6, and Cristiano Farah, 6, sit atop hay bales.



illing Heliuricks, 1, or South Lyon, enjoys cinnamon-sugar doughnut at Blake's Lyon Township.



Cathy Jimenez places fresh doughnuts on a tray.

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A variety of Blake's Lyon Township goodies are available for purchase, including doughnuts, pies, and fudge.



Plymouth-Canton plans Back-to-School bash

Laura Colvin Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Pizza, a petting farm and a plethora of people are in the lineup for the annual Back-to-School Bash at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The event takes place 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 27 at the bus loop behind Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road in Canton. The whole community is invited.

The first day of school is Sept. 6.

"Our students, our staff and our families are really excited about the return to school," said Nick Brandon, the district's executive director of communications and marketing. "The idea was to hold an annual get-together for our entire community to celebrate the coming school year."

The inaugural Back-to-School Bash was held in 2017, he said, but was on hiatus the last two years due to the pan-

Along with food - pizza and Italian ice - the event will feature a petting zoo, bounce house, games and other activities in the Fun Zone hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excel-

lence Foundation.

Everything is free.

About 50 groups will also be set up to provide information about everything related to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, from preschool to high

Student representatives will be available to talk about athletics, clubs and other activities.

District leaders, teachers, staff and community partners will also be on hand to answer questions and talk with

"Holding this event at the bus loop makes it more centralized for members of the community," Brandon said, noting tours of the campus - Canton High School, Plymouth High School and Salem High School – will be available.

"It truly is a community event for every family," he added. "So even if your children are not yet in school, it will be a great opportunity to meet some of our community partners or learn about our early childhood programs."

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People enjoy activities and treats at the 2019 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Back-to-School Bash. The event returns Aug. 27 this year at Salem High. COURTESY OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Restaurant

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Judging by the sales since relaunch, Hadid said it's clear the community has wanted the spot open.

"On our second day, we broke the sales record in 27 years with the previous owner. Our second day open," he said. "It's unbelievable."

Those craving a hot dog or cheese curds in the dead of winter will rejoice at the biggest change coming under Hadid's ownership: the restaurant will now remain open year-round.

To help serve customers looking to beat the cold during the winter, Hadid said they plan to offer mobile ordering and curbside pickup in the coming

'We're eventually going to have a QR code where you can scan and order online," he said.

He hopes to add elements to assist with the cold weather, including heaters to keep guests warm.

The reopening brings A&W back to the Farmington/Farmington Hills area. Other A&W locations operate across the region, including one at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and a standalone restaurant in Garden City.

The Farmington menu will look familiar to those who visit A&W regularly. Hadid has a handful of special offerings in addition to the regular combo meals, including a double mushroom onion melt burger, a fish sandwich and a footlong coney dog.

"It's a Michigan staple," he said of the coney dog. "You have to have it."

The restaurant is currently open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

More information, including a menu, can be found at awrestaurants.com.

Contact reporter David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728.



Longtime A&W employee Sandy Khalil delivers food to a car at the Farmington



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Novi celebrates tacos, art in first-time fiesta

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Raise your hand, or margarita glass, if you like tacos with a side of art.

If so, get ready for a fiesta of the finest order Aug. 26-28 in Novi.

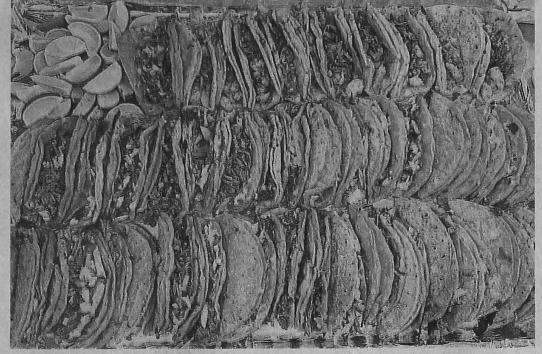
The first-ever Novi Taco Fest & Novi Fine Art Fair will take over Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk this weekend, and tacos and art are just the start.

In addition to at least 35 taco trucks and 40 juried artists, there will be Latinthemed musical entertainment, lucha libre wrestling, contests for animals and human taste buds, and much more.

"We've got cultural programming with dancing, Latin-flavored live music, and obviously, tacos, tacos, tacos," said Karyn Stetz, director of the Art as Healing Foundation, the visual arts nonprofit and event organizer. "We've got close to three dozen food trucks."

Stetz, whose organization has been doing art fairs and exhibits since 2016, began planning the Novi event in February, knowing the art portion requires two rounds as the artists are carefully selected in a juried process. Originally thinking she would add a handful of themed food trucks to the traditional art fair for fun, the idea grew beyond her wildest dreams. When she posted the event with the added food element on social media, more than 6,000 people responded overnight that they were in-

Now, she said, it is more a taco fest



Tacos by the hundreds will be made at more than 35 food trucks, including Que Pasa Taqueria, during the Novi Taco Fest & Art Fair, slated for Aug. 26-28 at Fountain Walk. COURTESY OF QUE PASA TAQUERIA

with an art fair than the reverse, although the importance of spotlighting artists, particularly women and minorities who struggle to be seen in galleries and other highly competitive venues, cannot be overplayed.

The award-winning artists from all over the Midwest will bring with them a variety of works for sale, including paintings, jewelry, pottery, and more.

The art also carries over into a show-

case of music and dance performances, including Ballet Folklorico de Detroit on Saturday and Raices Mexicanas de Detroit on Sunday.

More acts still to be announced will also perform on entertainment stages set up along with a large tent on a grassy area between Powerhouse Gym and Chuck E. Cheese, while art booths and food trucks will have spaces in the nearby parking lot.

For the price of admission, which is \$5 in advance, \$10 at the gate, or \$10 for a weekend pass, attendees also get to view lucha libre wrestling and can partake in lawn games and contests.

Bring your leashed, non-aggressive pet to vie for cutest dog. If your beast doesn't qualify, see if you are up to an eating challenge and enter a hot pepper contest to see if you can stand the heat, or a taco contest to see how fast you can down the treats compared to your ami-

But don't limit yourself to tacos there will be plenty more to enjoy, including fajitas, burritos, quesadillas, churros and of course, margaritas and

"It's going to be a really fun event," said Stetz, who expects between 10,000 and 20,000 guests. "It isn't something to miss, especially if you love tacos, Mexican food, and Latin culture. And of course, margaritas, everyone loves a margarita with tacos."

This fiesta is truly the whole enchila-

The Novi Taco Fest & Novi Art Fair will be 4-11 p.m., Aug. 26; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Aug. 27; and noon to 8 p.m., Aug. 28 at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road (near Emagine). For more information and tickets, visit novitacofest.com.

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Fire started at former psychiatric hospital in Northville Twp.

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Northville Township police seek the public's help to identify a group of people who may have more information on a fire recently started at the former psychiatric hospital along Seven Mile.

A release from the township states a small fire was set inside one of the buildings at the former hospital, which is being transformed into Legacy Park, during the overnight hours of Aug. 15.

The township released stills from a security camera that showed five individuals who were seen on the property several hours earlier.

The incident marks the latest issue for the property, which closed as a psychiatric hospital in 2003 and has remained vacant since. The park has been plagued with trespassing and other criminal activity, so much so that cameras and other security elements have been installed.

The property is expected to trans-

form in the coming months: the township board of trustees approved a plan earlier this year to demolish the remaining vacant buildings to help turn the land into a full-fledged park with trails and bicycle paths.

Those with information on the fire are encouraged to call the Northville Township Police Department at 248-349-9400.

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Northville Township police are seeking information on these individuals. COURTESY OF NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP



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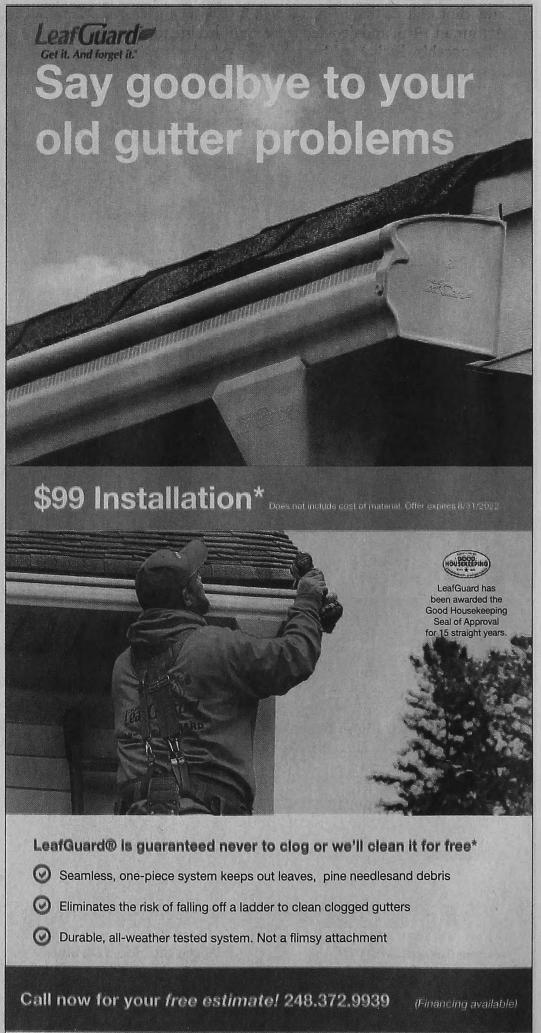
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Gordon W. Kettler

FARMINGTON HILLS - Age 82, of Naples, FL, formerly of Farmington Hills, retired Executive Director of Global Security for General Motors Corp., passed away Saturday, August 20, 2022. Born June 19, 1940 in Flint. Beloved husband of Fran; loving father of



Molly Kettler, Michael (Maria) Kramer, David (Wendy) Kettler, Kelly (James) Knight and, Susan (Matthew) Maine; cherished grandfather of Jacob Stille, Nathan Kettler, Stuart Kettler, Alex Knight, Zachary Kramer, Kayla Knight, McKenna Kettler, Teagan Kettler and Madeline Maine; and, fond brother of Linda Barkley. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 24th, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. Private interment Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Memorial tributes suggested to Therapaws of Michigan: Therapy Dogs at Work. heeney-sundquist.com



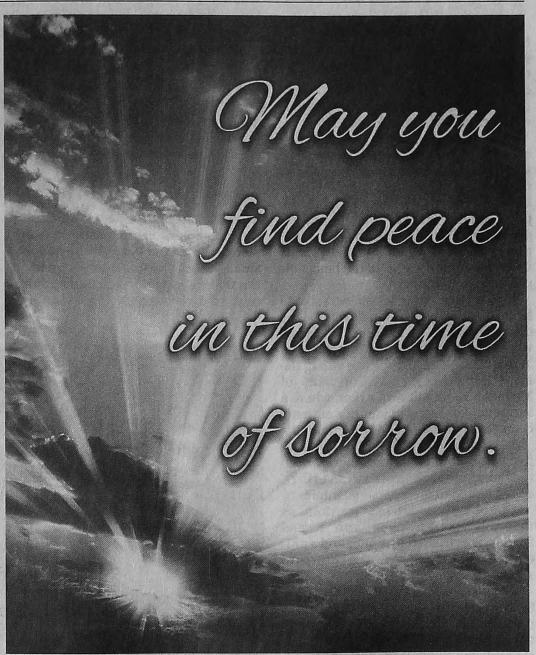




Kevin Robert Polzin Jr.

Kevin Robert Polzin Jr. passed away August 11, 2022, born in Ann Arbor to Kevin R. Polzin and Claudia Perez on December 31, 2017.

Visitation was 12-8 PM with a 6 PM service on Wednesday August 17, 2022. Pastor Bob Lafferty Officiating at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr, Belleville, MI 48111 (734)-697-4500. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the family to defray funeral expenses.



Rev. Dr. Wilbert Donald Gough, Sr.

YORK HARBOR - The Rev. Dr. Wilbert Donald Gough, 104, of York Harbor, ME, went to be with his Lord peacefully on Saturday, August 13, 2022, from the result of his body just wearing out, which he worked hard to preserve over his lifetime.

Born in Davidson, OK on June 13, 1918, in a small house near a cotton gin, the son of the late Samuel Emery and Edna Mae Gough was raised in Dallas and Graham, TX, graduating from Graham High School as the valedictorian in the class of 1935. While enrolled in Draughon Business College of Wichita Falls, TX, he worked at Morrisons Department store

as an accountant and office manager until the event at Pearl Harbor. Feeling lead to serve his country, he enlisted in the Navy in 1941 and was assigned as a Commissary man to the Philadelphia Naval Yard. It was in Philadelphia attending church that he met, fell in love with, and married Florence Isabel his life and cherished memories, always grateful to God for the blessing He Arthur, in 1943, and decided to commit his life to serving God.

Honorably discharged from the Navy, he began the pursuit of acquiring Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church in 1948. In 1953, he left Philadelphia to become the Pastor of Gilbert Memorial Baptist Church in Mount Clemens, MI. Over the next 12 years, he led that church to renaming itself as the First TX) and Loretta Harris (Abilene, TX); many cousins, nieces and nephews. Baptist Church and building a new church and custodian house that continues to serve that community. While there, he completed his Doctor of Theology degree in 1959 from Burton Theological Seminary of Colorado Springs, CO. In 1973, he was awarded the Master of Divinity degree from Temple University and the Doctor of Divinity degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary for his service to churches in Waterloo, IA and Clarksburg, WV.

River Baptist Church in Livonia and served until 1983, when he retired to Plymouth, MI. However, God led him to come out of retirement to continue Valley, PA, 19006. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations serving churches in MI (West Highland Baptist), NH (Hampton Baptist and Trinity in Seabrook), and ME (Kittery Point Baptist and First Christian Congregational). While living in NH, he served as a Staff Associate for Fund). To leave online condolences please visit www.jspelkeyfuneralhome. The American Baptist Churches of Vermont and New Hampshire. Moving with his wife to a retirement community, he continued his service to God Funeral Home. by leading Bible study groups in York Village and at Sentry Hill Inn in York

Harbor, ME. In February 2022 he was awarded the Boston Cane as the oldest living citizen of York, ME.

His lifelong passion was to compose sermons to introduce the love of Jesus in the lives of others. In 2012 he published a book of sermons entitled "Life is Not Fair, But God Is." He was known in the communities he served as "the guy who is always passing out sermons." When not in public, he enjoyed doing the activities of accounting and reading stock analysts reports of companies in which to invest. Earnings from investments allowed him to practice philanthropy and the art of giving to support non-profit initiatives to provide funding for serving others for the good. But foremost to Wilbert was his family and what he could do to help them. He had a strong thirst for "news" about what was going on in the life of a family member, as well as friends and acquaintances. Always, it seemed, wanting to know how he

could help. A spiritual and kindhearted man, his pleasure was worshipping in church and sharing the good news of the Bible. He often reflected on bestowed on him.

Surviving family members include his son, Wilbert Donald Gough, Jr. and

a B.A. in Theology by taking courses at Philadelphia Bible College, Temple his wife Susan of New Castle, NH; his daughter, Diane Elizabeth Fowler and University and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, while working for her husband Phil of Midlothian, VA; grandsons Brandon (Corona, CA), Tastykake and serving as a Pastor for Manatawna Baptist Church. Between Matthew (New Castle, NH), and Jeremy (Brooklyn, NY) Gough; grand-1946 and 1950, he was awarded a BA in Theology from Temple and a BA in daughters Erin Murray (Kenilworth, IL), and Stephanie Smith (Henrico, VA); Theology and a Master of Divinity from Eastern. He became Pastor of the great-grandsons Adam Gough, Oliver Gough, and Leo Gough, Grant Smith, Hudson Smith, and Braden Smith; great-granddaughters Charlotte Gough, Olivia Leonard, and Julia Leonard; sisters Sammye King (Richland Hills,

In addition to his parents, Wilbert was predeceased by his wife Florence Isabel (Arthur) Gough, his sister Ruth Williams, his brother Charles Gough, and his granddaughter Amy Leonard.

Visiting hours will be from 5 – 7 PM on Friday, August 19th at the J S Pelkey & Son Funeral Home, 125 Old Post Road, Kittery, Maine, 03904. A Funeral Service will be held at First Parish Church, 180 York St, York, Maine, Pastor Gough moved back to Michigan as the senior minister of Grand 03909, on August 20th at 11 am. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Burial will be at Forest Hills Cemetery, 25 Byberry Road, Huntingdon may be sent to Eastern University 1300 Eagle Road St. Davids, PA 19087 or https://www.eastern.edu/giving (The Rev. Dr. Wilbert D Gough Memorial com. Care for the Gough family has been entrusted to the JS Pelkey & Son

John Allan Virley

PORT CHARLOTTE, FL - John Allan Virley, 71, of Port Charlotte, Fl, previously of Granada Hills, CA, and earlier Farmington, MI passed on 8/16/22 after a short illness. Born on 3/3/51 in Detroit to John William and Irene (Howie) Virley. Brother to Karen Virley.

John graduated from Farmington H. S. in 1970. He attended WSU and OCC. He worked in marketing research, formed John Virley and Associates -- a complete advertising/public relations group -- and The Video Group, Inc.. He also worked/interned at SWOCC (local cable commission) where he was

known to be a perfectionist and innovative in his quality work. At SWOCC, he produced multiple cable talk shows like "In One Ear" and community services documentaries. One of these on fire protection had John and a local fireman unexpectedly trapped in a fireman pre-set burning building until the fireman was able to "mule kick" a way out. John took much pride in his creation and development of the annual Farmington's Halloween Fest -- a much looked-forward-to and a very well- attended event which brought thousands of people to the downtown. He was called by many Mr. Halloween.

John was an ardent patriot -- never afraid to state his considered opinions, but also willing to listen to those who opposed his views. He always wanted to discuss the issues. He was a conservative and had his political writings read and used by many including national commentators/journalists. He feel better. He loved life and you are better for having known John. was followed on Facebook by many including Bill Hemmer.

itics to out-of-body experiences (which he had experienced himself). These No service is planned.



experiences led him to a firm spiritual belief that we "go on" after death. He also was an ordained minister of the Universal Life Church.

He loved music and knew the lyrics to almost everything ever recorded. Through his love of music and their love of the USA, he became the patriotic/religious/ country singer Joyce Shaffer's friend, manager and promoter.

He supported Toys For Tots and animal (no kill) shelters. He never met a dog he didn't love. Despite having been born in snow country, he hated snow/cold which prompted moves to warmer areas. As a child, he saw his first palm tree and knew he had to live in a place with them. He loved all palms. On his passing, there were over 90 palms in his yard. John loved being by the water. The bigger the water, the better. He said it was calming/soothing to close his eyes and hear the surf gently hit the beach.

With his great sense of humor, John loved jokes and funny stories -- even better if they were true. He said he "invented" the tongue twister, "toyboat".

John wrote poetry and short stories. Many were about family members and John's interaction with them or his dogs. He frequently wrote about universal truths -- family, heroism, transitioning from life to death and gifts we are given such as health, abilities, kindnesses and what we do with them. With others, there was a basic lesson in humanity or humbleness to be reflected on. These were all very thoughtfully and almost understatedly done.

He could not have been a better, more loving, kind brother or true friend to his sister, Karen, who will miss him deeply. Those who knew John will miss him for multiple personal reasons. Just being around him made you

In lieu of flowers, you may want to donate to one of the organizations John loved involved, in-depth discussions. His interests were broad -- pol- above. Kays & Ponger and Uselton (Port Charlotte, FL) are caring for him.

Teens

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"The idea for the foundation came from me wanting to do something deeper than being an executive in the logistics industry," said O'Farrell, vice president of automotive for Radiant Logistics. "For quite a number of years I've been asking myself what that is."

After some research, O'Farrell discovered a great need for support services for teen cancer patients, something he hadn't personally experienced in his own family or circle of friends. He put together a board of directors and began cultivating relationships with businesses, organizations and individuals in the community who would help support the foundation.

To connect with those who could benefit from opportunities offered by the Shedneck Foundation, O'Farrell works closely with the Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Program at the Rogel Cancer Center at University of Michigan Health in Ann Arbor, where a social worker helps to identify patients from the Plymouth-Canton community.

It's important, O'Farrell said, that teens and young adults matched with the foundation are treated to an experience tailored to their personal interests.

One of the foundation's "warriors," as they are dubbed, along with several friends, was treated to dinner and a limousine ride to a night at the theater to see "Lion King" live on stage.

Zoe Weber, a 2021 Plymouth High School graduate, was treated to a formal night on the town with her boyfriend and six friends after her cancer diagnosis and treatment kept her off the lacrosse field and away from her senior

Kleinglass, who is now in remission after four founds of chemo followed by radiation, was able to experience a memorable day, courtesy of the Shedneck Foundation.

The event organized for Kleinglass first included a stop at StockX headquarters in downtown Detroit, where he met co-founder and "sneaker authenticator" Sadelle Moore.

StockX is an online marketplace where users buy and sell highly-coveted items like high-end clothing, shoes, electronics and collectables.

"We got to go into a VIP store they



Lane Kleinglass, center, visited the VIP store at StockX in Detroit with Sadelle Moore, StockX co-founder, left, and Jim O'Farrell, Shedneck founder, right. COURTESY OF JIM O'FARRELL



After missing prom, Zoe Weber was treated to a night out with her boyfriend, Spencer Vos, and six friends, courtesy of the Shedneck Foundation. COURTESY OF DOUG WEBER



Partygoers enjoy the hoedown at last year's fundraiser for the Shedneck Foundation. COURTESY OF THE SHEDNECK FOUNDATION

have. It was awesome," he said, noting he is a "big fan" of the type of shoes and clothing sold through StockX and has shopped using the company's app on several occasions.

Afterward, Kleinglass and his friend were whisked away to dinner, followed by VIP treatment at a The Weeknd concert at Ford Field.

"We had really awesome seats on the stage," he said. "It was a great night."

On Aug. 27, the Shedneck Foundation will host its second hoedown at the Wilcox House in downtown Plymouth. The event includes food, drink, music, dancing, a raffle and more.

The idea, O'Farrell said, is to help raise money for and awareness of the organization, which receives all its support from businesses and organizations in the community.

Ticket information is available at shedneckfoundation.org or on the group's Facebook page.

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School

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which is like something you might see in a course catalogue."

The school's course catalogue is similar to a college course list. For instance, students can take a March Madness-focused probability class, or an English class centered on monologues found in Disney films.

Pate said teachers will have 15 students in a core class, and up to 18 in an elective. Students will also have "flex periods" where they can seek help with homework.

Eventually, the school could accommodate roughly 500 students.

Explore Academy has five sister schools of the same name in New Mexico, Nevada and California. All of them focus on middle- and high-school students. Though there are three other charter schools in Livonia, Explore Academy will be the only one to offer classes past eighth grade.

"I think grades six through eight is where you lose a lot of students, at least that's been my experience," Pate said. "If a student has choice, they're more engaged. In my experiences in traditional education, we're still trying to force a square peg into a round hole."

In Michigan, charter schools are funded on a per pupil basis like public school districts. So, Explore Academy is tuition-free.

Pate noted one of the things Livonia is known for is having a strong public school system. But, he expects to attract people within the city looking for something different and people in nearby communities who may be unhappy with their school district.

"When we were out canvassing the community, some of those folks have expressed how displeased they are," he said. "We hope to have people come to us from other districts."

Pate said Explore Academy will offer clubs and, eventually, athletics.

People interested in learning more can visit an open house 5-7 p.m. Aug. 25 at Detroit Marriott Livonia, which is near Laurel Park Place. Find the charter school online at www.explore.academy/liv.

"This will allow me an opportunity to be part of something that is going to make some change," Pate said.



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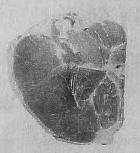
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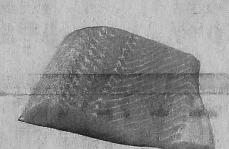


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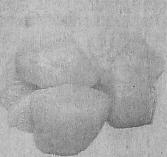


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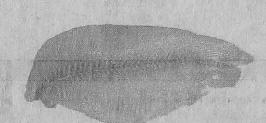




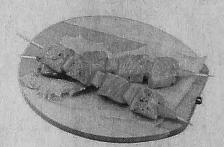
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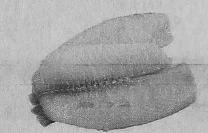
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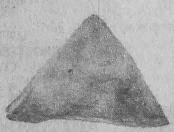


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SPORTS

Our Week 1 high school football picks



South Lyon's Tommy Donovan scores a touchdown at Mott.

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Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Sports reporter Brandon Folsom picks the winners from the five biggest matchups of Week 1 of the MHSAA football season. He went 29-16 picking games in 2021.

Walled Lake Western at South Lyon, 7 p.m. Aug 25

Unfortunately, this matchup is Week 1.

This will likely go down as the Lakes Valley Conference championship. And it would've made for a great season finale.

The Lions graduated many key starters, including quarterback Dawson Sku-

pin and slot back Quinn Fracassi, who gave their offense plenty of fireworks a year ago.

However, Skupin did go down with a season-ending injury. That forced Braden Fracassi to step in as the backup and lead the team to the LVC title and a state semifinal appearance. With Fracassi back behind center, and running back Tommy Donovan lined up behind him, the Lions should be just as good as they were in 2021.

The only issue is Walled Lake Western enters this matchup as one of the top teams in Michigan.

Leading the warriors are a pair of three-star Minnesota commits in QB Drew Viotto and running back Darius Taylor.

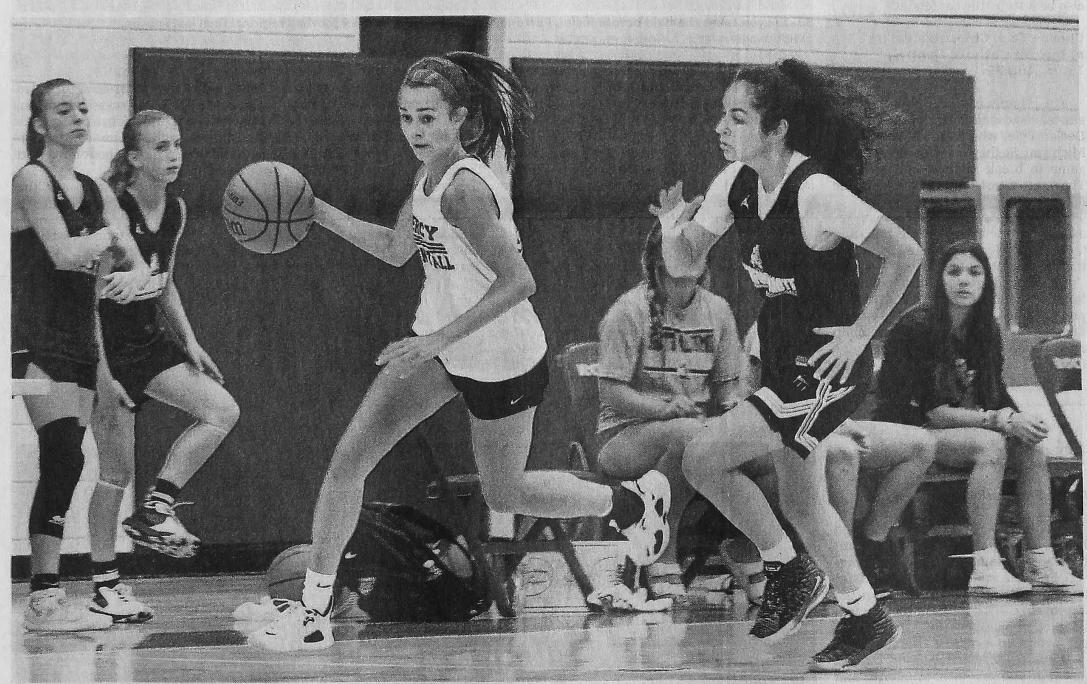
How well the Lions slow down the Warriors' offense should determine the winner here.

Folsom's pick: Walled Lake Western 35, South Lyon 28.

Bloomfield Hills at Birmingham Seaholm, 7 p.m. Aug 25

After winning the Oakland Activities Association-Blue a year ago, Bloomfield Hills got promoted to the White, while Birmingham Seaholm went 1-8 and was relegated from the White to the Blue. So this is the perfect test to see just where each program is at entering its new divi-

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Farmington Hills Mercy's Lauren Smiley dribbles during a Summer League Shootout showcase game against Waterford Mott on July 14 at Salem. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

How Mercy girls can win CHSL-Central

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

It was an absolute dogfight for the Farmington Hills Mercy girls basketball team to win the regular-season Catholic League-Central championship last winter.

Battles with rivals Bloomfield Hills

Marian, Dearborn Divine Child and Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard made winning the league title look like quite the badge of honor.

Unfortunately for the Marlins, they couldn't keep that fight going in the CHSL tournament, as Marian had players return from injuries and managed to upset the field to win the tournament

championship.

Nevertheless, Mercy has had a great summer, despite graduating a few key players, and it should be poised to repeat as regular-season champs and, just maybe, make a run at that tournament title as well.

Here are three keys to the Marlins winning the CHSL-Central in 2022-23:

Replacing senior contributors must be the No. 1 goal

Raise your hand if you saw Sarah Cunningham becoming one of the top

players in metro Detroit a year ago. Because Mercy coach Gary Morris

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Week 1: Five must-see high school football games

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom breaks down the five biggest matchups taking place throughout Week 1 of the MHSAA football season.

Brother Rice at Macomb Dakota (Wayne State University), 4 p.m 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 season.

Walled Lake Western at South Lyon, 7 p.m. 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.

Clinton Twp. Chippewa Valley at Detroit Catholic Central, 7 p.m. Aug 25

The Shamrocks are replacing key starters across the board, including QB Declan Byle, who is now a walk-on at Michigan. So they're not getting an easy game to break in their new starters. They get one of the best teams in the Macomb Area Conference.

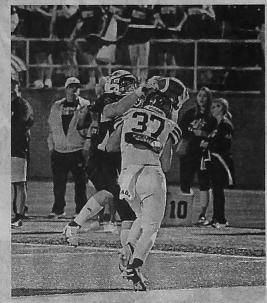
The Big Reds are just four years removed from winning a state title, and their coach, Scott Merchant, is one of the best leaders out there.

This game is going to be a tough test for the Shamrocks, but it'll definitely prepare them for the Catholic League-Central and a Boys Bowl matchup against Warren De La Salle, last year's Division 2 champions.



Brother Rice's Xavier Bowman rushes during a non-conference game against Chicago Christ the King Jesuit last season at Wisner Stadium in Pontiac.

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Detroit Catholic Central's Brayden Courser breaks up a pass intended for Warren De La Salle's Rhett Roeser during a Catholic League-Central game last season at Wayne State University. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



South Lyon takes the field before facing Portage Central in the Division 2 football regional final last season.

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Plymouth at Livonia Churchill (University of Michigan), noon 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, with the Wildcats returning to the University of Michigan for the first time since 2018.

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

Novi at Belleville (Wayne State University), 7 p.m. Aug 26

This showcase game might prove to be the most important of the Wildcats' season.

Not only is the matchup part of the

Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic but it's also against the defending state champions. How well Novi performs in a college-like atmosphere against one of the top teams should say a lot about how good of a season it'll have.

It might be unrealistic to ask the Wildcats to pull off the outright upset. But a close-scoring loss should be a great barometer to determine what to expect from them once the KLAA-West schedule begins. Novi has a serious chance to win the division title. And if it does, that just might set up another matchup against Belleville in the KLAA final

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Picks

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The Maples return five starters on both sides of the ball, including QB Colton Kinnie, running back Sean Emerson, linebacker Jack Hulgrave and safety Kyle Robbins. They should be much improved, especially while playing in a wide-open Blue division with no clearcut favorite to win the league title.

While the Black Hawks bring back just four starters on both offense and defense, one of those starters is QB CJ Jackson, who was must-see last season. As a dual-threat player, he willed them to a 9-0 regular season and clutch wins over Berkley and Troy.

Bloomfield Hills lost a lot from last year's team, but it should be a step ahead of the rebuilding Maples.

Folsom's pick: Bloomfield Hills 35, Birmingham Seaholm 17

Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, noon Aug 26 (University of Michigan)

No team needs a win more than the Wildcats, who want to bounce back from their worst season in program history.

A year ago, they set the school record for fewest points scored in a single season (54), tied their record for fewest wins (1) and the 325 points they allowed was their second worst effort since the school opened 20 years ago. Only their 2004 defense gave up more points (338).

The Chargers return just nine starters out of 22. They must replace most of their premier skill position players from last season's 8-3 team. That includes QB Taj Williams, running back Boston Clegg Jr. and receiver Bailey Brooks, among other former three-year starters.



Franklin's Tyler Garrett makes a move against Stevenson during a Kensington Lake Activities Association football game.

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A win over a rebuilding Churchill squad would be just the shot in the arm the Wildcats need. But I don't see it happening. They've still got more work to do before they upset a team like the Chargers, who have won at least five or more games in 9 of the past 10 seasons.

Folsom's pick: Livonia Churchill 35,

Novi at Belleville, 7 p.m. Aug 26 (Wayne State University)

The Wildcats will be in contention for the KLAA-East championship. How well it fares against Belleville, the defending state champions, should tell us how likely it is they'll actually win the division title. Surprisingly enough, this Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic matchup will be the first meeting between these two schools.

Novi returns several key seniors in coach Jim Sparks' second season. But Belleville brings back many nationally-ranked college prospects, including QB Bryce Underwood, future Maryland safety Mychal Yharbrough, three-star linebacker Jeremiah Beasley and three-star lineman Nathaniel Johnson, among many more listed on the 247Sports recruiting database.

The Wildcats might not have the horses to hang with Belleville, but they should still have a great season.

Folsom's Pick: Belleville 42, Novi 21.

Canton at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m. Aug. 26

These two teams haven't met since 2016, but the Chiefs are on an Il-game winning streak in the series. Franklin hasn't beaten Canton since its 13-7 vic-

tory in 2005.

Yet the Patriots should have the advantage in this matchup. They're playing at home, plus the Chiefs return only two starters (Caleb Williams and Josiah West). If they can overcome the loss to Zac Olesuk at QB, they should finally spen that losing streak to Canton

snap that losing streak to Canton.

Folsom's pick: Livonia Franklin 28,

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Top 10's No. 10 public golf course may close soon

Carlos Monarrez Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

It isn't too hard to pick the best public golf course in metro Detroit. That exercise boils down to deciding between slivers of excellence.

But picking the final entry for the Free Press' Top 10 Public Golf Courses for 2022 is a far more daunting challenge, because the last course on the list invariably is compared against the dozens of other deserving courses that weren't chosen.

I can already hear the protests.

Why wasn't Lakes of Taylor on the list? What about Kensington Metropark? What happened to Pine Trace? Where's Coyote Preserve?

Yes, all of these, and several more courses, are all worthy candidates. But the list has to end somewhere, based on criteria that takes into account a course's overall attributes, like challenge, playability, versatility, condition and beauty.

The one criteria we don't take into account is price, because there are too many variables involved in estimating value.

So the list ends somewhere, but it also begins here, with the first offering in our countdown at No. 10: Coyote Golf Club in New Hudson.

The 7,201-yard, par-72 has been a consistent go-to crowd-pleaser since it opened in 1996, and for good reason. It's an eminently playable track with four sets of tees that meander through woods, ponds and marshes.

Coyote is under contract to be sold to a developer that would turn the property into housing starting in summer 2024, according to a Crain's Detroit Business report. There's no certainty it will happen — it has been on the chopping block before — and it has no bearing on the ranking of this very fair course that requires you to use every club in your bag.

My lone quibble is the 10th hole, a par-4 that requires a precise tee shot to avoid being blocked out by two large oak trees on the second shot to a green guarded by water on the right side. It's almost begging for a back-up from tuckered-out golfers who are making the turn or starting on the back nine.



The signature hole at Coyote Golf Club in New Hudson is the par-5 18th. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY COYOTE GOLF CLUB

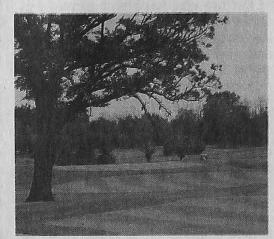
But Coyote's strong five-hole finish makes up for this design hiccup and perfectly executes its goal of leaving golfers wanting to come back for more. The finish starts with the 13th hole, the shortest par-4 and one of its easiest. Transitioning from the benign 13th to the 14th hole, the longest par-3 at 228 yards from the back tees and one of the course's toughest, feels like you're hitting the apex of a roller-coaster and are about to get your money's worth.

The 15th is a winding and long par-5 at 581 yards that's tough but only hints at the difficulty to come. Trees line the left side of the fairway with water to the

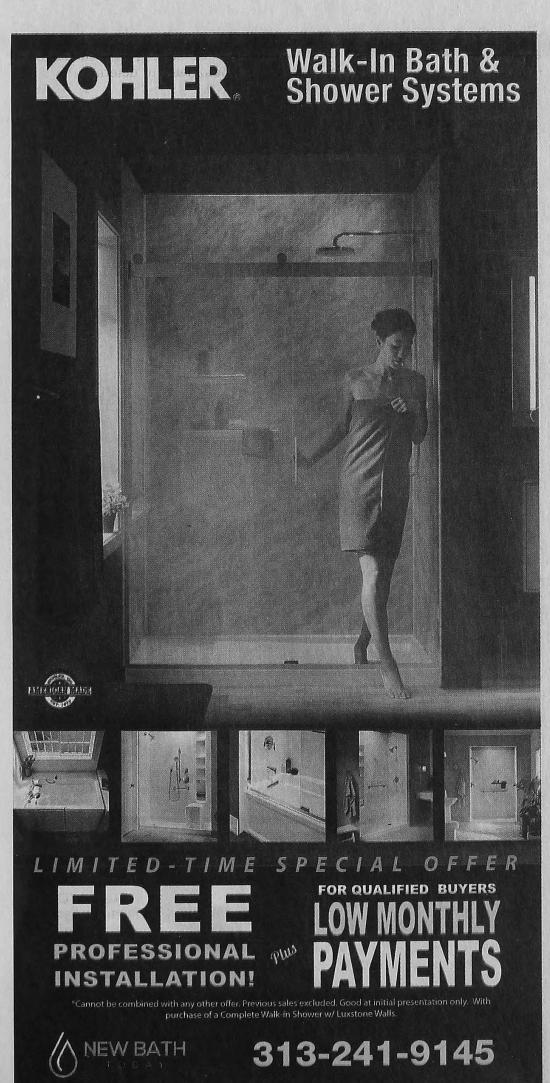
right. There's a split fairway that turns left to a small circular green, so think twice about going for it in two.

The 16th offers a respite as a wideopen par-4. But the par-4 17th requires precise placement off the tee if you hope to hit the green on this sharp dogleg left.

Then there's the 18th, which is Coyote's show-stopper. A course doesn't need a great finishing hole in order to be truly great. But Coyote's 18th hole is its hallmark. The par-5's two forced carries and an approach over a pond that fronts a three-level green presents the kind of finish that stays with you like a well-told story.



The par-4 10th hole at Coyote Golf Club in New Hudson.





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Farmington Hills Mercy's Lauren Smiley dribbles during a Summer League Shootout showcase game against Waterford Mott on July 14 at Salem.



Mercy coach Gary Morris during a Summer League Shootout showcase game.



Mercy's Aizlyn Albanese dribbles against Waterford Mott. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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didn't see it coming.

The 6-foot small forward was definitely the catalyst that guided the Marlins to wins in important games. Not only did she bring senior leadership in key moments but she also stepped up and made the baskets when she was asked to do so.

She finished the season averaging 11.3 points and 5.2 rebounds, leading the Marlins in both categories, which is pretty wild considering Maya White, one of the top recruits in the area (more on this later), was on the roster with her.

She was an All-CHSL selection and, more impressive, she was a first-teamer on Hometown Life's All-Area girls basketball team, which is made up of 43 high schools.

Replacing her effort will be a top pri-

ority for Morris.

"I've been at this a long time, and I've never seen a kid do what she did from one year to the next," Morris said following the Marlins' Summer League Shootout exhibition season in July. "As a junior, she scored 30-something points and as a senior, she scored 200 points. Her improvement was off the charts. And that was just her and her drive to get better. Once she got confidence that she could do it, she got better and better.

"She was a good leader, and I'm happy she's going to walk on at Grand Valley. I talked with (GVSU coach) Mike Williams several times and told him that she's going to work hard for him, and she'll work hard in practice. I said, 'I don't know how much she'll play for you or if she'll even play, but she won't hurt you in practices, that's for sure."

Cunningham wasn't the only reliable player Morris lost to graduation, though.

The Marlins must also replace point

guard Sophie Dugas, who was one of their best 3-point shooters and was routinely asked to guard an opponent's best perimeter player each night.

Dugas, who also made Hometown Life's All-Area team, averaged nine points and 2.4 rebounds while shooting 44% from the floor. She was second in scoring on the team.

"I like our team this year, and we're having to replace a lot of contributions we got from Sophie and Sarah," Morris added. "We've got players who've really gotten better from last year. Hopefully, they continue to improve, and we can get contributions from other players who will see their minutes increase. My expectation, and our expectation as a team, is to compete in the Catholic League."

White must have a big, big senior year

On Aug. 10, power forward Maya See MERCY, Page 5B

White announced her commitment to GVSU on Twitter, choosing the Lakers over offers from Davenport University

and Detroit Mercy. She's got the recruiting part of her senior year already taken care of, so now she can focus on helping the Marlins

And she's going to be needed.

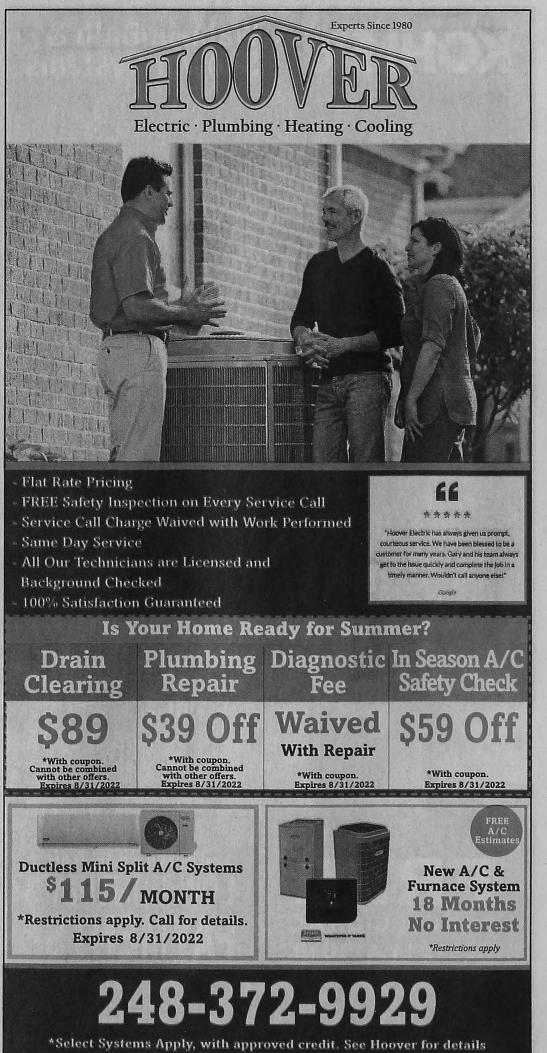
As a junior last winter, the 6-footer averaged 7.3 points and 5.6 rebounds en route to All-CHSL honors. But those numbers didn't show just how physical of a rebounder she was. She was always good for a handful of offensive putbacks each night.

When the Marlins need to get second- and third-chance opportunities, she's usually the one scrapping under the rim for the extra possessions.

Now Morris wants her to grow her game as she enters her senior season, which shouldn't be too tough to do



AFTER





Mercy's Lillian DeJong scrabbles for a loose ball during a Summer League **Shootout game against Waterford** Mott on July 14 at Salem. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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considering how well she played on the travel circuit for the Michigan Storm this summer.

"We're trying to get Maya to expand her game in terms of getting more comfortable driving and shooting," Morris said. "She's got a really nice shot and some 3-point range, and it's just a matter of her doing it. The last couple of games she played for us this summer, she was doing that. She was catching and looking to score right away. We're trying to get her to be a score-first play-

White isn't nationally-ranked like some of the players in metro Detroit, but she's for sure deserving of being mentioned among the best players in the area. Don't be surprised if she's a firstteam all-stater when March rolls around.

Albanese, Smiley must make big leaps as contributors, leaders

While White is expected to be one of the best players in Michigan, do not overlook a few other players the Marlins return such as sophomore Aizlyn Albanese and senior Lauren Smiley.

Albanese was a pleasant surprise for Morris throughout her freshman season. Not much was expected of her because of how young she was, but she

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earned every second of the playing time she received.

As a shooting guard, she has a natural ability to scoot to the rim and score tough buckets. Plus, she's got a great shooting motion.

She's on pace to becoming one of Mercy's next great outside shooters. What's more, she's already about 6-foot tall. She's almost already the total pack-

"With Aizlyn, where she's at now versus where she was at in March, a couple of things jump out to me," Morris said. "She's way more confident in driving to the basket and way stronger finishing around the basket.

"She's really shooting a high percentage on her 3s, and that was pretty much evident all summer.

"Last year, as a freshman, we had other people who could score, so becoming a scorer is something we wanted her to do this summer, and that'll be the case this upcoming season, too."

Dugas might have been the star point guard, but Smiley was just as deserving of bringing the ball up.

Not to mention she has blazing speed, which she uses to cash in on steals, plus she's a heads-up defender. Rarely is she getting scored on, as she showed during the Marlins scrimmage against Waterford Mott over the sum-

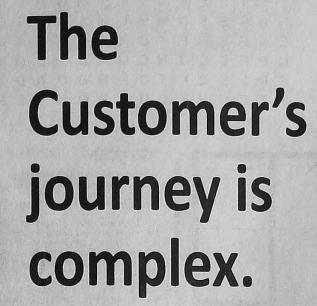
She'll replace Dugas well.

"One area where I think she really improved is with her passing," Morris said. "More specifically, with her touch on her passes. That's something we've been working on with her through the years. It tended to be every pass, whether it's 3 feet from you to 30 feet away, it'd be a very hard pass.

"This summer, Lauren has been completing a lot of touch passes, which is something I don't think she would've done a year ago. Lauren is a really hard worker and definitely put in time on her own this off-season to improve. She'd like to play at the next level, and that's a motivator for her, too, to keep trying to

Mercy has several others who should be big contributors such as Emily Walker, Ava Lorraine, Fran DeNardo and Caroline Butcher, among others.

But the Marlins need big seasons from both Albanese and Smiley, both on and off the court, if they hope to make it to the CHSL tournament cham-



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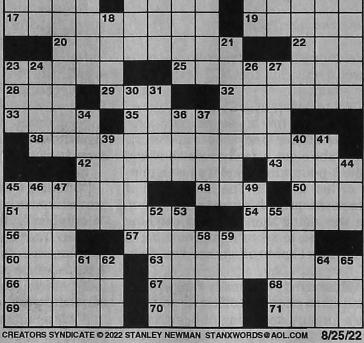
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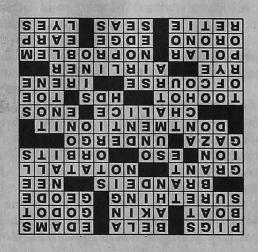
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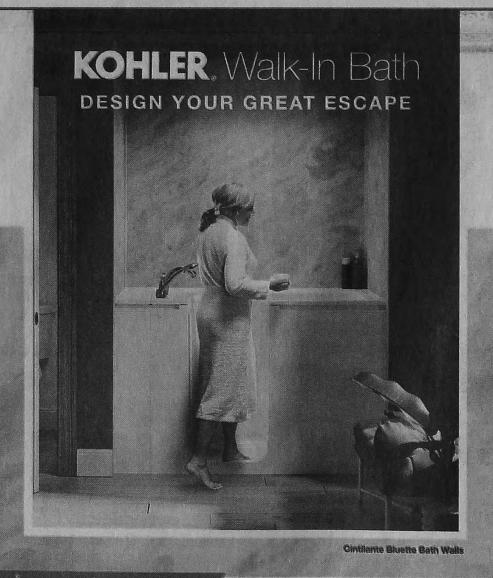
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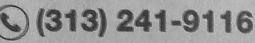


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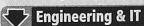
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