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Students save 2 from Livonia house fire

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Livonia Churchill students Ethan Morche, Chase Adams and Colin Anderson became heroes Monday after saving two neighbors from a house fire.

The three boys were driving down Ellen Drive in central Livonia Aug. 29 and noticed smoke coming from a nearby garage. They thought it was a bonfire

until they realized just how much smoke there was. Instead of continuing to pass by, the three jumped into action.

"It's just kind of what we had to do," Morche, a sophomore, said. "It's just instinct. I mean, my dad is a firefighter and a cop in Farmington, and he's told me what we should do in a situation like that. We just did that."

The boys contacted 911, and Morche and Adams ran into the home through a back door after hearing people

speaking inside. Anderson remained outside so someone would continuously be on the phone with the 911 operator. A WYZE security camera on a nearby home caught the whole thing on video.

Adams and Morche each retrieved someone from the home before first responders arrived a few minutes after the boys' call.

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The marquee of the State Wayne Theater in downtown Wayne. Some renovations recently took place on the marquee, a 75-year-old icon of the skyline of downtown Wayne. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

State Wayne celebrates 75 years in business

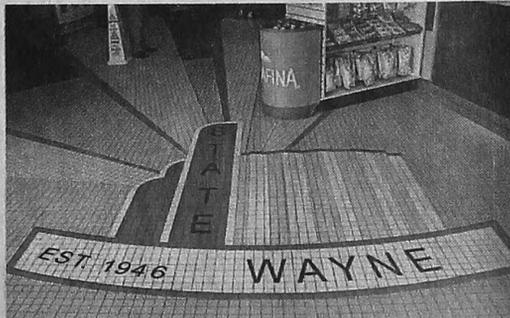
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One of Wayne's most distinguished landmarks has lit up the sky for 75 years. It's a milestone Cory Jacobson said is tough to top across the metro Detroit region.

That's one of the reasons the State Wayne theater is still a gem in the Phoenix Theatres owner's eyes.

"I think one of the interesting things about this place is that if you stand out in the middle of the street and look in both directions or in a circle ... you can look 50 miles, and I think you'd have a really hard time finding another building that is operating in its intended purpose as a business and it's really doing the same thing," he said. "It's still essentially doing the same thing it was doing 75 years ago. I think that's a very interesting idea."

The theater first opened in 1946 and still showcases the latest in cinema, including new releases and special events such as the twice-monthly screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Frequent visitors or people who regularly drive by the theater at 35310 W. Michigan Ave., may notice something different these days: the iconic marquee has gotten a refresh.



A tile mosaic on the floor of the lobby.

Gone is the yellowed background, replaced with a white background that's expected to stay bright for years. LED backlighting now powers the marquee, allowing for better energy efficiency and reducing costs by the thousands yearly for lighting the sign, which Jacobson said is the largest marquee in Michigan.

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Plymouth Fall Festival promises rides, games, more

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Ready for a whirling, twirling and spinning good time? The annual Plymouth Fall Festival, now in its 66th season, is set for Sept. 9-11 in downtown Plymouth.

Carnival rides open at 3 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

If spinning, swinging and bouncing to the blare of carnival music isn't your thing, the weekend also

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Carnival rides have been a mainstay at Plymouth's Fall Festival for years. This year's festival opens Friday in downtown Plymouth. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

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Wayne County homes for sale rise in price, while Oakland County home prices drop

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A typical Wayne County home listed for \$160,000 in July, up from \$159,900 a month earlier, an analysis of data from Realtor.com shows.

The median list home price in July was down about 9.3% from July 2021. Wayne County's median home was 1,272 square feet for a listed price of \$130 per square foot.

The Wayne County market was busy, with a median 32 days on market. A month earlier, homes had a median 30 days on market. The market added 2,556 new home listings in July, compared with the 2,396 added in July 2021. The market ended the month with some 3,681 listings of homes for sale.

The median home prices issued by Realtor.com may exclude much, or even most, of a market's homes. The price and volume represent only homes that are single-family homes, condominiums or townhomes. They include existing homes, but exclude most new construction as well as pending and contingent sales.

Information on your local housing market is available through the USA TODAY Network, with more data from Realtor.com.

Oakland County home prices drop 3.8 percent to \$419,900

Oakland County's home prices fell 3.8%, to a median \$419,900, from a month earlier. The typical house was on the market for 24 days, from 21 days a month earlier. The typical 2,005-square-foot house had a list price of \$210 per square foot.

Across metro Detroit, median home prices fell to \$280,000, down 1.7% from a month earlier. The median home had 1,557 square feet, at a list price of \$178 per square foot.

Across all of Michigan, median home prices were \$284,900, rising 0.9% from a month earlier. The median Michigan home for sale had 1,646 square feet at list price of \$168 per square foot.



Across the United States, median home prices were \$449,024, down 0.2 percent from a month earlier, Realtor.com data shows. ANDREW CRAFT/USA TODAY NETWORK

Across the United States, median home prices were \$449,024, down 0.2% from a month earlier. The median American home for sale had 1,890 square feet, listed at \$227 per square foot.

The median home list price — the midway point of all the houses or units listed over a period of time — is used more often in this report instead of the average home list price because experts say the median offers a more accurate view of what's happening in a market.

In finding the average price, all prices of homes listed are added and then divided by the number of homes sold. This measure can be skewed by one low or high price.

The USA TODAY Network is publishing localized versions of this story on its news sites across the country, generated with data from the Realtor.com residential listings database. The story was written by Mike Stucka and Sean Lahman.

Missing teen found safe in NW Detroit

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Missing Commerce Township teen Laken Lewis, 15, was found safe Saturday in northwest Detroit by police and has been reunited with family after being missing for two weeks.

Laken had been missing since Aug. 18 after she went for a walk in the Stratford Villa mobile home park in Commerce Township. She said she would be home two hours later but never returned.

She was found Saturday by Oakland County Sheriff's Office detectives from the Special Investigations Unit and the Fugitive Apprehension Team with help from the Detroit Police Department. A tip regarding her whereabouts helped detectives locate Laken, who was found in the company of several people.

"We appreciate the feedback we received from the public and the hard work of our Detectives that located this missing young girl and recovered her safely in Detroit," Sheriff Michael Bouchard said in a news release.



From right, Livonia Churchill students Chase Adams, Ethan Morche and Colin Anderson speaking with a Livonia firefighter. The three took action when they saw smoke coming from a garage on Ellen Drive in central Livonia. COURTESY OF KIM ANDERSON

Students

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"We just did what anyone should have done," Adams, a junior and varsity hockey player, said. "We called 911 and found a way in. I was just doing what I should have done no matter what."

Livonia Fire Chief Robert Jennison praised the three teens for taking such quick action.

"We couldn't be more proud of these young men who remained calm, did the right thing, and were directly responsible for saving the lives of two of their neighbors," Jennison said.

The boys and the two occupants of the home were evaluated at the scene and released with minor

smoke inhalation. According to Jennison, the fire originated in the garage and resulted in "significant" fire damage to the garage and attic of the home. A large portion of the home also sustained smoke and water damage.

Officials are not yet sure what started the fire.

Anderson, a junior and varsity soccer player, said the recognition is nice, but ultimately isn't why they acted.

Morche and Adams expressed similar sentiments.

"It feels good, but at the same time were just doing a good thing," he said. "It wasn't for any recognition. We just wanted to get those people out and safe."

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includes a full lineup of entertainment, a car show, craft show, pet show and vendors. And, of course, food.

"The festival is a great cap on a wonderful season

on events that really show the vibrancy of our business districts and the people who like to live, work and play in Plymouth," said Plymouth Mayor Nick Moroz. "It's a celebration of everything that is welcoming and inclusive and prideful about our community."

In addition to carnival food, the festival will once host the annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 10, and the traditional Rotary Club annual Chicken BBQ, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or until sold out), Sunday, Sept. 11. Dinner includes a half-chicken, corn-on-the-cob, roll, bottled water and a cookie.

New to the festival this year, Cirque Amongus performers will take to the Kellogg Park Main Stage at noon Saturday.

Festival organizers said professional entertainers and skilled instructors will introduce the young audience to the fundamentals of circus arts — juggling, movement and balancing — in a safe, fun-filled, and educational environment.

Organizers are also hoping a pie-eating contest, dunk tank and a children's area would also be part of the festival this year.

Additional festival information is available at plymouthfallfestival.com.

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Celebrating the Harvest Moon and nutrition for all ages



Walt Gajewski
Guest columnist

It's 5:30 a.m. I'm writing in the dark, save for the glow of my laptop. Coffee is on, I got the dishwasher going. Last Saturday when I got to the market, it was dark. Time was, I could drive to downtown Farmington to a rising sun and a hint of what the skies might be like. All of which brought me to the realization that there are nine markets left in this market season.

So yes, It has been a whirlwind of a year in downtown Farmington as we pass the 18-week mark. For me, each week, getting out and coming to market comes with a heightened sense of anticipation, even excitement. Maybe it's because fall is my favorite time of year or maybe because each of the remaining weeks is something to savor as I lace up my boots and grab a sweatshirt heading out the door.

They say when you get older that time passes more quickly. Could be. But I think we would all agree as we settle into September skies that the time stamp of fall is making its mark. It stays dark a little longer in the morning and the nights are coming in a little quicker. The locust trees in our backyard are fluttering their leaves. The early morning air has a dewy earth cast to itself. Soon, soon comes the harvest moon.

Harvest Moon Celebration and a very special market

Just around the corner comes downtown Farmington's Harvest Moon Celebration. This annual three-day marking the onset of fall takes place Sept. 15-17, with evening tented events featuring live music, firelight, craft cocktails and local foods. Tickets are \$8 in advance and available around town at The Vines, Merle Norman, Farmington Brewing Company, The Meadows Fine Wine and the market. This event, now in its 18th year, was forged from the farmers market back in 2005 and is a nod to the zenith of the harvest, to community and social gathering at what is now an iconic landmark in the downtown: The Walter



The harvest season is a special time in downtown Farmington, bringing fall splendor, community gathering and a celebration of fall that showcases the ever-changing landscape of the farmers market. COURTESY OF FARMINGTON FARMERS MARKET

E. Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park.

Sept. 17 brings the Market of the Harvest Moon along with a very special day for seniors as we welcome our inaugural Senior Health Fair hosted by Beaumont Health, Henry Ford Health, the Oakland County Health Department and more.

On this day, all seniors 60 and better will receive a free \$5 voucher for the purchase of fruits and vegetables at our farm stands. I know, I can't believe it myself, but it's true, thanks to HOP — Healthy Oakland Partnership — that unites health care with area farmers markets including Farmington, Oak Park and Oakland. The aim is to showcase direct access to farm-fresh, locally grown produce and nutrition as a cornerstone for wellness and self-initiated preventive health. In other words, farmers markets offer food that is at the highest level of nutritional content (not to mention flavor!) because it's picked for

local markets and comes from farms that are, on average, 90 minutes out.

We couldn't have HOP at the market without POP! at the market. Our popular children's POP! Club (the POP stands for the Power of Produce) will time-lapse itself to Sr. POP! Seniors 60 and better can sample new things, taste the results of a healthy cooking demo, learn how to shop for an empty nest and receive a \$2 voucher to shop the market thanks to a contributing grant from the Farmington & Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth & Families.

In all, that's \$7 in fresh produce to be had for seniors as they shop in the open air and a community setting that's dressed in fall splendor while benefiting our local farm families. Perhaps most importantly, though, they'll be reminded of the jaw-setting realization that, at all ages, it's important to be conscious of where our food comes from.

This week's market

This Saturday, Sept. 10, we welcome the Farmington Library hosting the Little Sprouts Corner with "Story Time" at 10:30 a.m.

Bob Skon plays classic acoustic rock rhythms from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the park.

And, being the second Saturday of the month, it's a Kids POP! Club day! Children ages 3-12 years will learn why eating the rainbow is a simple but important way to eat healthy. They'll sample some of that nutrition and take on a fun challenge before shopping the market with a \$3 voucher.

September has quickened my steps to get to market, so I'm off and running while saying: Until next time and as always, see you at the market!

Walt Gajewski is the Farmington Farmers Market manager.



A rendering of the Northwest Apartment building looking southwest as part of the Northville Downs development. COURTESY OF THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE

Decision expected soon on Northville Downs proposal

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A recommendation for what the proposed development at the Northville Downs property could come soon from the city's planning commission.

After months of combing through the details of the proposed plan, the city's planning commission began summarizing its findings during its most recent meeting, which was expected to culminate in a recommendation to the city council on the plans this week.

"This is where the rubber hits the road," Chairwoman Donna Tinberg said.

The decision comes after the commission has combed through the entirety of the project over the last several months, including details on the roads, the housing and the public spaces associated with the development.

The redevelopment project calls for the removal of the Northville Downs racetrack and replaced with a massive mixed-use development, which would include hundreds of residential units, retail storefronts and more.

The planning commission pored through several facets of the plans during its recent meeting, including reviewing the planned public benefits. They agreed on most of them, though debated on some, including the temporary home of the farmer's market on the site.

Construction would disrupt the market's current home at Seven Mile and Center Street.

The developer of the Downs project, Hunter Pasteur, has offered space for a temporary home for the farmers market for several years.

Without the project being constructed, the market would not need to change locations.

But having somewhere to stage it on an interim basis was something that a majority of the commission eventually saw as a good thing.

"It's definitely a benefit in my eyes," said Commissioner Steven Kirk.

A full list of benefits perceived by the city and the developer, as well as other issues with the project, are listed on the city's website.

The commission discussed just among themselves during the meeting, which ran until almost midnight.

Because of the longevity, Tinberg said she expected public comment to be taken on the project at the meeting Sept. 6.

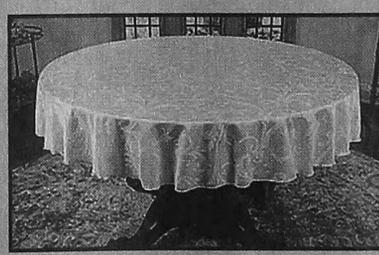
After public comment, the planning commission is expected to take action on the plans. Once that vote is made, the project will head to the city council for its review and decision.

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Livonia schools, teachers union agree on contract

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During a growing teacher shortage affecting school districts all over Michigan, Livonia sees its teacher contract as one of its best tools to get professionals in its classrooms.

The district and the Livonia Education Association, the union representing teachers, reached an agreement over the summer that will dictate the compensation, policies and benefits for teachers over the next three years. The agreement, one of six union contracts in Livonia, replaces one that expired in August.

"Collectively, I think we feel it's a very strong and very positive agreement," Superintendent Andrea Oquist said. "It's something we are very proud of in the district."

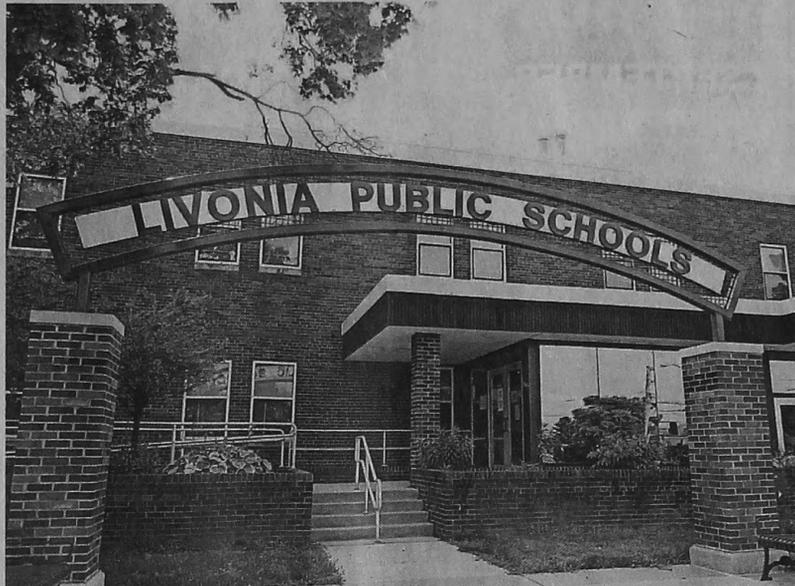
District administration and the LEA took part in interest-based bargaining over the summer, a more collaborative process than the traditional proposal swapping model. Priscilla David, the LEA president and longtime district employee, said the union has been hoping to start using that model.

"On the whole, the bargaining team was going to be all new so it seemed like this would be a good time to do it," she said. "I think it worked very well."

Pay for new teachers, compensation for loyal employees was major discussion point

David and Oquist said compensation was a sticking point for both parties.

"When you're bargaining, there's certain things that are always going to be considered and those things are compensation, salary, benefits, insurance and a number of other things," David said.



The Livonia Public Schools administration building on Farmington Road.
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The district wanted to make sure its pay scale was competitive, and the union wanted loyal employees to be rewarded for staying in Livonia.

The new pay scale starts teachers with a bachelor's degree at \$49,000 and ends with \$86,000 a year depending on experience. That's up from the old scale ranging between \$40,804 and \$76,671.

Additionally, Longtime teachers who've taken furloughs or had pay frozen during difficult years will start to make some lost money back, as well. David said 2010 and 2011 were tough on Livonia teachers as many took voluntary furloughs to avoid layoffs.

"There were some years when the district, for pretty significant financial reasons, had to freeze movement on

steps for really everyone in the district," Oquist said. "Some took furlough days, some took pay cuts and others had steps frozen. It was an item of high importance for our teachers, and we were pleased to be in a financial position to recognize the experience who have been with us and stayed with us."

Teachers who endured those years and aren't as far along on the pay scale as they should be will be able to skip steps over the next three years.

"We call it step restoration," David said. "So if somebody is three steps behind where they should be at this point, we came to an agreement that what we will do is let that staff skip a step. By the end of the contract, you will hopefully be at the level you should have been at."

Coping with shortage of teachers, substitutes

Oquist said one role the contract serves is helping make Livonia a desirable place to work, which she feels ultimately benefits students.

"Overall, the teacher shortage in Michigan and in this country is certainly a reality," she said. "We are fortunate that we have seen relatively few retirements this summer and spring. We're hopeful this collective, joint effort helped retain our valued staff."

"It ultimately benefits the students we serve. That's why everyone works so hard to come to these agreements."

David said the teacher shortage is one reason the LEA wanted wages and benefits that would encourage the people already working in Livonia to stay.

"When you consider the shortage of young people coming out of our universities with teaching certificates, you're no longer looking at a huge field of people and a high level of competition," she said. "We felt it was more important to concentrate on people who have been with the district and exhibited loyalty to the district."

Because substitute teachers are also in short supply, the new contract states full-time staff will be compensated when they have to serve in a substitute role during their planning periods. Teachers will make \$50 an hour when serving as a substitute.

"The sub shortage is a big thing that's been in the news in all facets of education," said Jen Keatts, the district's director of human resources. "We wanted a way to support our teachers who would have to sub in classes during their planning time."

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Oakland Co. Sheriff's deputy suspended for alleged 'wrongdoing'

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An Oakland County Sheriff's deputy has been suspended without pay for wrongdoing, according to a news

release.

Sheriff Michael Bouchard wrote in the Monday release that an investigation of the unnamed employee in the agency's Corrections Division began after someone spotted allegations of

wrongdoing online.

The deputy has worked in the Sheriff's Office for five months, assigned to the Oakland County Jail.

The Sheriff's Office did not specify the nature of the allegations against the

employee.

"A preliminary investigation has been initiated and based on early findings he has been suspended until the investigation is complete," he wrote.

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Catherine Ann Britz

DETROIT - Catherine Ann Britz, 43 of Detroit, Michigan. Beloved daughter of the late Harold Michael Britz, II and Cheryl (Needham) Britz, died unexpectedly on August 27, 2022.

Cathy was a lifelong resident of Detroit, and the simplest pleasures in life brought her immense joy: arts and crafts, going to the movies, enjoying a good meal, reminiscing over family photos, feeding the waterfowl at the park (Belle Isle was a favorite destination), and spending time with her housemates at Hancock.

She especially enjoyed her time with her 1:1 aide, Denise Janke.

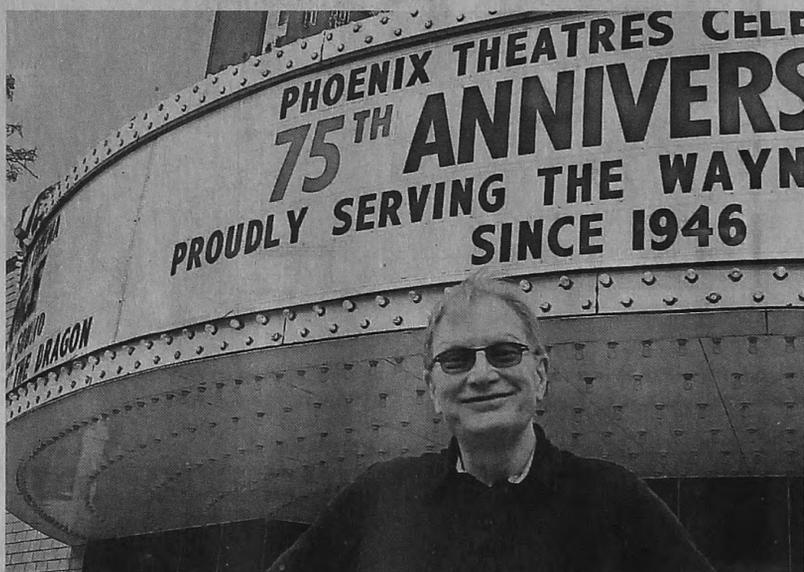
But her greatest love in life was swimming- and she went every time she had the opportunity.

Cathy lived a life without limits- not in spite of them. She lit up every room she entered, and was always the life of the party. She enjoyed traveling, although her favorite destination was always Frankenmuth- a trip she made many times as a child with her family.

She is survived by her brother Brian (Bex) Britz of Grand Rapids, MI; niece and nephew Fiona and H. Louis Britz of Grand Rapids, MI; her Aunt Mary Sporer of Grosse Pointe Woods, MI; Aunt Peg Britz of Plymouth, MI; Aunt Hanny (Denny) Starns of Bradenton, FL; and Aunt Cindy Jo Rush of Naples, FL. She is also survived by numerous dear cousins.

No funeral or memorial service is immediately planned. The family will notify loved ones when a service is scheduled.

In her memory, the family asks you to consider registering as an organ and tissue donor, making a donation to LGBT Detroit, Gift of Life, Special Olympics Michigan, or Alpha Phi Omega, and taking some time to feed frozen peas and corn to the geese and ducks at your local park.



Phoenix Theatres owner Cory Jacobson stands outside the State Wayne Theater in downtown Wayne. Phoenix Theatres has operated the building since 2012.

DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

State Wayne

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The marquee has attracted plenty to its flashing lights over the years, including a national group dedicated to marquees that paid a visit a few years ago. Keeping the sign up to date is important given its history, Jacobson said.

"It's the character of the whole business; it's the character of the whole building," he said. "It really gives the theater its landmark status."

History of the State Wayne

The theater opened Dec. 31, 1946, under the ownership of Walter Shafer, whose company ran it for years before selling it in 1986 to National Amusements. That company ran the theater until it closed a year later. After sitting vacant for years, the City of Wayne purchased the theater and brought back Shafer's company to operate it. It was during this time the theater was divided up into multiple screening rooms and the large mural was added.

Phoenix Theatres began operating the theater in 2012 and purchased the

landmark two years later from the city. Since taking over, the company has made several improvements to the marquee and sound quality as well as adding recliners and digital projection.

Shane Vida, the general manager of the theater, worked at the State Wayne when the city operated it and continued when Phoenix Theatres took over. He said he's grown up attending the theater, loving its charm over the larger multiplexes in the area.

"It was a cool place, especially when you're young," he said. "It had a better feel, because there was a few places around town and this was my main one."

Phoenix Theatres operates several multiplexes in Michigan, Iowa and Massachusetts. Locally, it runs theaters in Livonia, Monroe and Grand Rapids. None have the history of the State Wayne, something Jacobson said he treasures.

"I think we're stewards of the history of this building and we're here to make sure it gets passed on to the next generation," he said.

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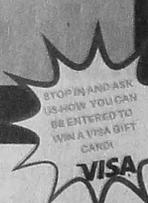
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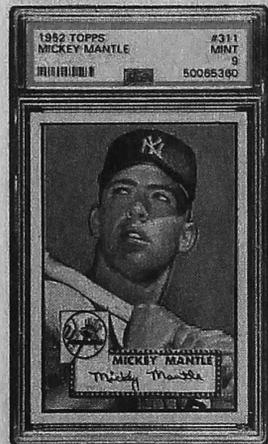
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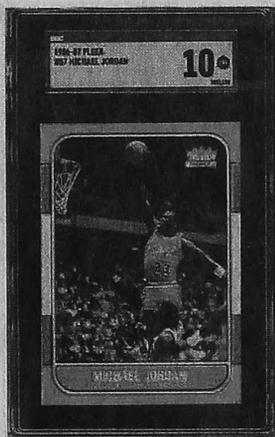
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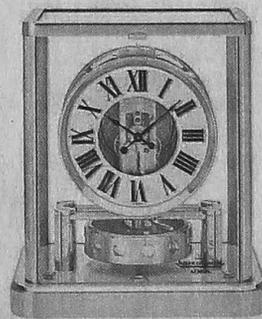


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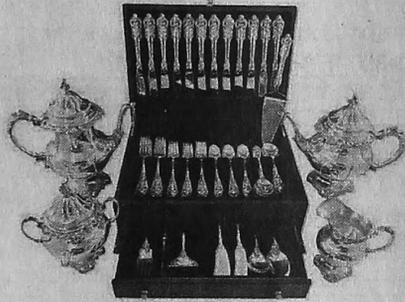
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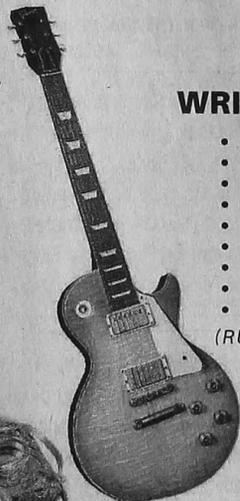
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MI residents scramble to get State Silver Bank Rolls

Once Michigan residents got wind that Michigan State Bank Rolls filled with Silver Walking Liberties dating back to the early 1900's were being handed over, there was a mad dash to get them. That's because they are the only Bank Rolls known to exist with the exclusive State Restricted Design.

"The phones will be ringing off the hook. That's because everyone will be trying to get them while they still can," according to officials at the National Mint and Treasury who say they can barely keep up with all the orders.

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

You see, the U.S. Gov't stopped minting these Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars in 1947 and there can never be

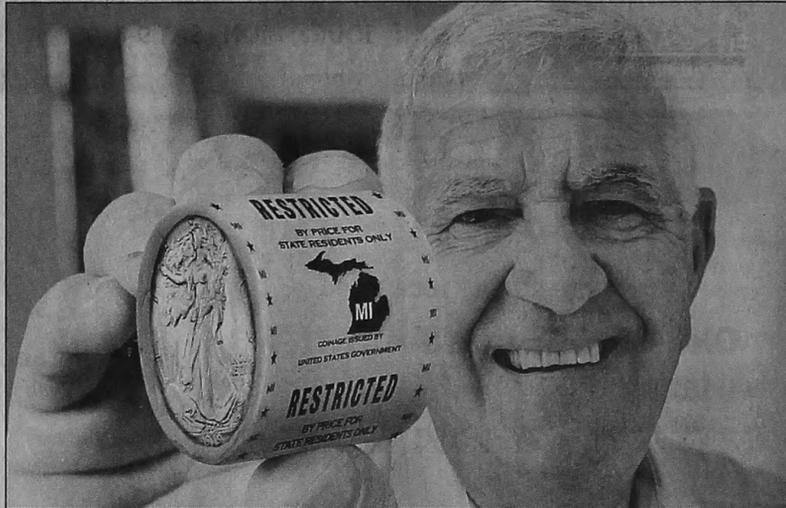
any more which moves them into the collectible coin status.

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

That's why the state minimum set by National Mint and Treasury of just \$39 per Silver Walking Liberty coin, which is just \$585 for the full Bank Roll is a deal too good to pass up.

But you better hurry because these Michigan State Bank Rolls themselves have been marked State Restricted by price which means the state minimum set by National Mint and Treasury is restricted to Michigan residents and non-state residents must pay full price if any remain.

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



■ GOT 'EM: Residents all across Michigan who get their hands on these State Silver Walking Liberty Bank Rolls are definitely showing them off. That's because they are the only ones known to exist with the exclusive State Restricted Design. And here's the best part, these Bank Rolls are loaded with U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars some dating back to the early 1900's so everyone who wants them better hurry.

Only State Restricted Silver Walking Liberty Bank Rolls go to Michigan residents

Michigan residents get first dibs on Sealed Bank Rolls loaded with U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberties dating back to the early 1900's some worth up to 100 times their face value starting at 7:30 am today

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

"Michigan residents get first dibs. That's why Hotline Operators are bracing for the flood of calls," said Laura Lynne, U.S. Coin and Currency Director for the National Mint and Treasury.

Beginning at precisely 7:30 am this morning State of Michigan Sealed Bank Rolls loaded with rarely seen U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars are actually being handed over to Michigan residents who call the State Toll-Free Hotlines listed in today's newspaper publication.

"National Mint and Treasury recently spoke with its Chief Professional Numismatist who said 'Very few people have ever actually saw one of these rarely seen Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars issued by the U.S. Gov't back in the early 1900's. But to actually find them sealed away in State Bank Rolls is like finding buried treasure. So anyone lucky enough to get their hands on these Bank Rolls had better hold on to them,'" Lynne said.

"But here's the good news. The Bank Rolls themselves have been marked State Restricted by price which means the state minimum set by National Mint and Treasury is restricted to Michigan residents only and non-state residents must pay full price if any Bank Rolls remain," Lynne confirmed.

This is important to note. "These are the only Michigan State Silver Walking Liberty Bank Rolls known to exist. You can't get them at banks or credit unions or the Government since they do not produce State Silver Walking Liberty Bank Rolls. In fact, you can only get them bearing the exclusive State Restricted Design and rolled this way directly from National Mint and Treasury," Lynne explained.

"Now that the State of Michigan Sealed Bank Rolls are being offered up we won't be surprised if thousands of Michigan residents claim the maximum limit allowed of 4 Bank Rolls per resident while they still can," said Lynne.

"That's because after the Bank Rolls were loaded with 15 U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberties, each verified to meet a minimum collector grade of very good or above, the dates and mint marks of the Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars found inside the Bank Rolls have never been searched. But, we do know that some of these coins date clear back to the early 1900's and are 90% pure silver so Michigan residents who get their hands on them will be glad they did," Lynne went on to say.

And here's the best part. If you are a resident of the state of Michigan you cover only the \$39 per coin state minimum set by the National Mint and Treasury, that's 15 U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars worth up to 100 times their face value for just \$585 which is a real steal because state residents who miss the deadline and non state residents must pay \$118 per coin which totals \$1,770 if any coins remain after the 2-day deadline.

"U.S. Gov't issued coins like these are 90% pure silver and a favorite of dealers, collectors and the like," Lynne said.

"We know the phones will be ringing off the hook. So the only thing readers need to do is make sure they are a resident of the state of Michigan and call the State Toll-Free Hotlines printed in today's publication," Lynne said. ■

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

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

How much are State Silver Walking Liberty Bank Rolls worth:

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

Why are so many Michigan residents claiming them:

Because they are the only Michigan State Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls known to exist with the exclusive State Restricted Design, everyone who wants their share better call the State Toll-Free Hotlines printed in today's publication. Each Bank Roll contains a whopping 15 Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars dating back to the early 1900's. Best of all the Bank Rolls have been marked State Restricted by price which means the state minimum set by National Mint and Treasury is restricted to Michigan residents who beat the deadline only. That means Michigan residents cover only \$39 per Silver Walking Liberty, which is just \$585 for the full Bank Rolls for the next 2 days.

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

Michigan residents are authorized to claim up to the limit of 4 Michigan State Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls by calling the State Toll Free Hotline at **1-800-979-3771 Ext. RWB5078** starting at precisely 7:30 am this morning. Everyone who does is getting the only Michigan State Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls known to exist with the exclusive State Restricted Design. That's a full Bank Roll containing 15 Silver Walking Liberties from the early 1900's some worth up to 100 times their face value for just the state minimum set by the National Mint and Treasury of just \$39 per Silver Walking Liberty, which is just \$585 for the full Bank Rolls and that's a real steal because non state residents must pay \$1,770 for each Michigan State Walking Liberty Silver Bank Roll if any remain.

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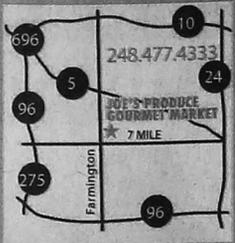
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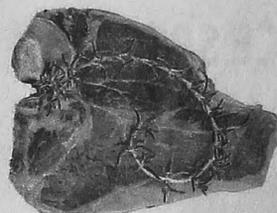
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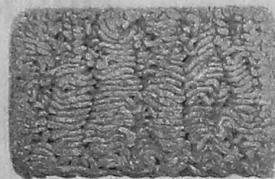
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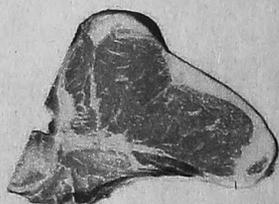
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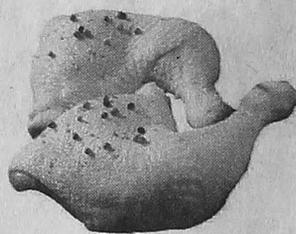
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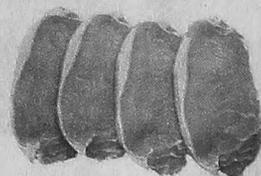
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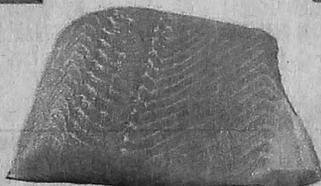
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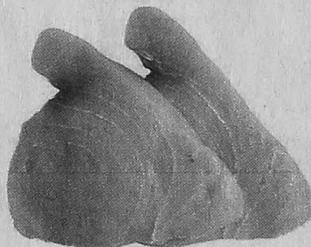
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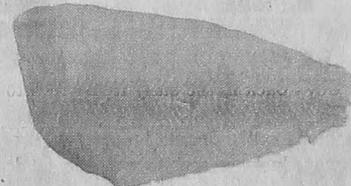
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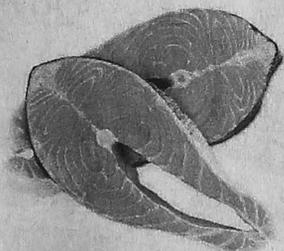
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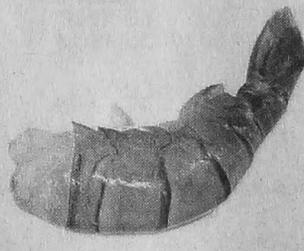
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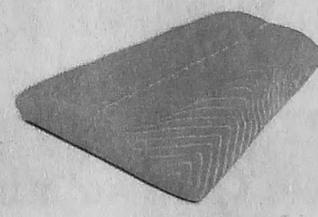
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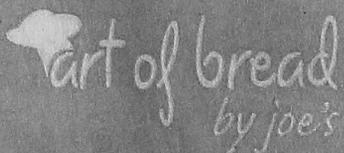
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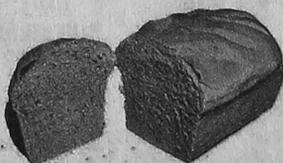
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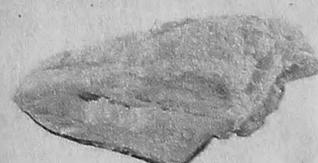
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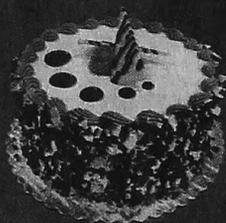
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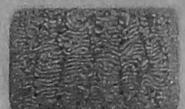
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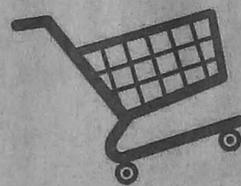
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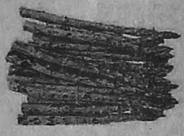


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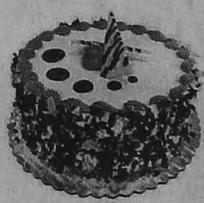


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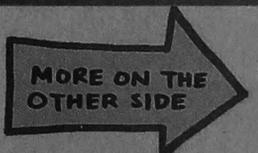
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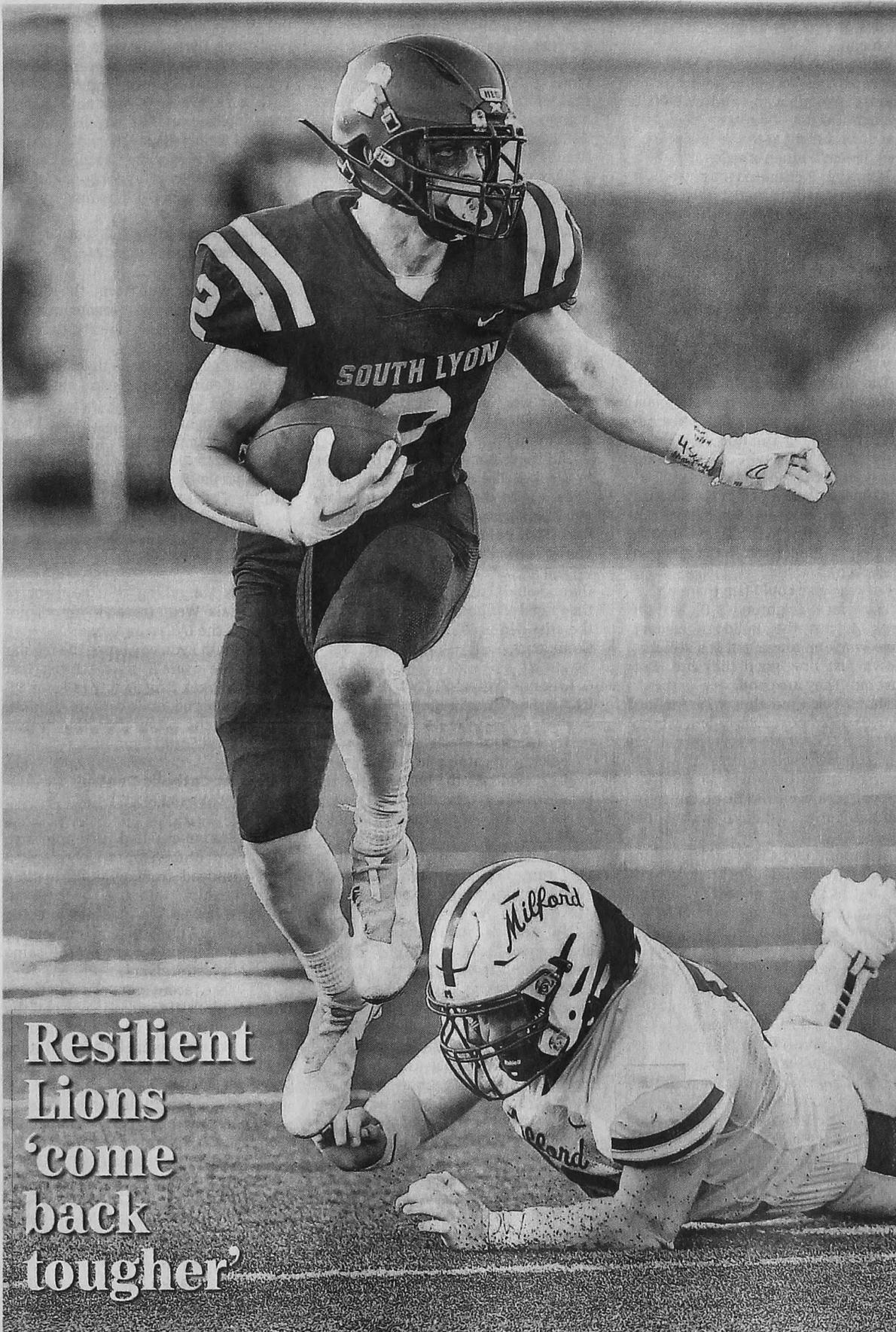




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SPORTS



Resilient Lions 'come back tougher'

South Lyon's Tommy Donovan rushes during a Lakes Valley Conference football game against Milford on Sept. 1. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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South Lyon football coach Jeff Henson thumbs through one of his favorite sports leadership books each week and finds a word that best relates to where the Lions are at as a program.

He shares that word with his players. They talk about it throughout practices and meetings. And then it sits on their minds as they go through their game-day routines.

It didn't take the seventh-year coach too long to pick out his most recent word of the week: Resilient.

That's what Henson knew the de-

fending Lakes Valley Conference champions needed to be following Week 1's 47-26 loss to Walled Lake Western, which was ranked No. 8 in Division 3 in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's top-10 poll entering the fall.

See **RESILIENT**, Page 2B

Biggest games for Week 3 in high school football

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Sports reporter Brandon Folsom breaks down the five biggest matchups taking place during Week 3 of the MHSAA football season.

All games kick off at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9.

Livonia Stevenson (1-1, 1-0) at Westland John Glenn (1-1, 1-0) (KLA-East)

Raise your hand if you saw the Rockets upsetting Livonia Churchill in Week 2? Put your hand down if you're not from Westland because you're clearly lying to yourself.

First-year John Glenn coach Jason Mensing is doing a fantastic job rebuilding the program.

The Rockets no longer look like the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's punching bag.

At the beginning of the season, the question was: Could they win a game or two?

See **GAMES**, Page 3B

Churchill sinks to No. 6 in our Week 3 HS rankings

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom is back with his Week 3 top-10 football rankings:

10. Brother Rice (0-2; Last week: No. 4)

The Warriors had the win wrapped up in Week 2 at East Kentwood. They led by one point, and all they needed was one final defensive stop.

Instead, the Falcons marched down the field 86 yards, lined up for a 26-yard field goal and boomed it in at the final whistle for the walk-off win, 19-17.

That's a bummer for Brother Rice, which was still without three-star running back Nolan Ray, who suffered an injury during a pre-season scrimmage. But it should get its first win in Week 3.

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Four questions entering Week 3

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom asks the important questions entering Week 3 of the Michigan high school football season.

Will the Raiders choose to benefit from this adversity?

North Farmington QB Thomas Balazovic spent all night running for his life.

Even on designed handoff plays, Caledonia would blow through his offensive line and wrap him up before he could slip the ball to his running backs. He was constantly sacked or pressured into throwing interceptions.

Some of that had to do with how great the Fighting Scots were. They're ranked No. 3, regardless of division, in the Detroit Free Press' Super 10 rankings this week.

But the other part of it was just how young and inexperienced the Raiders (0-2) proved to be in their 68-14 Week 2 loss to Caledonia.

They have 17 seniors, but they're also relying on nine sophomores and 15 juniors.

There are going to be plenty of growing pains over the next seven weeks. And the schedule will continue to be tough with matchups against Troy, Farmington, Birmingham Seaholm, Troy Athens and Bloomfield Hills coming up.

So North Farmington needs to choose how it responds to tough losses. It can pack it in, just write off the season and hope for better luck next year. Or it can take its licks and use each snap as an opportunity to better itself.

Can the Panthers go undefeated?

The short answer: Yes.

But it'll be a historic event if they can do it.

Redford Union has had only one undefeated regular season. That was in 1998 when they posted a perfect 9-0 record and was 6-0 in the Mega Conference-Blue.

And these weren't any slouches the Panthers faced that season. They knocked off the likes of Livonia Churchill, Brownstown Woodhaven and River Rouge. However, they ultimately lost to Dearborn in the Class A regional opener and finished the fall 9-1 overall.

Barring any wild injuries, the start of World War III or the sport becoming outlawed sometime in the next seven weeks, the Panthers (2-0, 1-0) should finish undefeated for only the second time in program history.

Their Western Wayne Athletic Conference schedule is set up for them to repeat as league champions. It's uncertain who they'll face in Week 9 (likely Madison Heights Bishop Foley if the Ventures miss qualifying for the Catholic League Prep Bowl). But they've already proven they can beat top-notch schools. They downed Pewamo-Westphalia, winners of two of the past three Division 7 state championships, in Week 1, ending the Pirates' 55-game winning streak at home. And last week they downed last year's WWAC runner-ups, Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Be sure to send me a WWAC champions shirt if you pull it off, Union fans.

Will the Warriors miss the playoffs for the first time since 2015?

Brother Rice has missed the playoffs only once (2015) since 1998. And this season might be the second time that it happens in 24 years.

The Warriors (0-2) have a brutal schedule ahead of them.

They start their Catholic League-Central slate with defending state champion Warren DeLaSalle in Week 4, followed by Detroit Catholic Central the next week and Orchard Lake St. Mary's after that.

They have a Week 7 bye game, and they wrap up the regular season with a matchup against Cass Tech, which is always one of the toughest teams in Michigan.

Right now, the only two winnable games on their schedule are this week against Woodhaven and Week 8 against Detroit Country Day. And that's not a slight at the Yellowjackets. They're just a much smaller school.

If Brother Rice makes the playoffs, it will mean it truly earned its way in. It'll need a handful of upsets along the way.

Which team could trip up the Wildcats' pursuit of winning the KLAA-West?

Novi got the hardest win out of the way.

The Wildcats used a fourth-quarter comeback to upset Hartland, last year's Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West champions, in Week 2.

Now they must win out to ensure they qualify for the league championship, which should be a rematch with defending state champion Belleville in Week 9 (Novi lost to the Tigers 41-10 in the Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic two weeks ago).

But who else could trip them up?

They face Brighton (2-0, 1-0) in Week 4, but the Bulldogs haven't played anyone tough yet. It's still unknown just how good they are. But trust me. They are good.

That Week 5 matchup with Canton (1-1, 1-0) could be a challenging one as well. The Chiefs have relied on their ground game to score points. They just haven't figured out their passing attack yet. If Novi can bottle up Canton's running game, it should pull off the win.

And then there's Howell (1-1, 0-1) in Week 7. The Highlanders are never an easy out, and this game could very well be a trap game for the Wildcats, considering who they play in their West finale.

That's right. The one team that could most likely halt Novi's league title hopes is rival Northville (2-0, 1-0). This might be the best Mustangs team since 2016, and they're poised to not only make the playoffs but to make a push at representing the West in the KLAA championship.

This Week 8 matchup should be one of the best of the fall, and Hometown Life has already made plans to cover this one in person.

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Brownstown Woodhaven is coming off back-to-back blowout wins against bad teams.

Expect this game to be just the tune-up the Warriors need.

9. Detroit Country Day (2-0; Last week: No. 9)

The Yellowjacketsface Warren Michigan Collegiate, one of the better smaller schools in metro Detroit, but Country Day downed the Cougars by almost 30 points a year ago.

Expect the Yellowjackets to be 3-0 when they welcome South Lyon for their big test of the season in Week 4.

8. Novi (1-1, 1-0 KLAA-West; Last week: No. 8)

Outside of Westland John Glenn upsetting Livonia Churchill, the Wildcats had the most impressive victory in Week 2.

After they got blown out against defending state champion Belleville in the Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic, they bounced back by knocking off Hartland, last year's Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West winners.

That proved just how good Novi will be the rest of the way.

7. Milford (1-1, 0-1 LVC; Last week: No. 6)

High tempo. High risk. High reward.

That's the best way to describe the Mavericks' Ryan Allen-led offense. They're fun to watch, and you never know who's getting the ball next.

Against undisciplined teams with players who don't read their keys or follow their roles correctly, Milford will gash them for hundreds of yards.

But that's not what South Lyon was in Week 2. The Lions read their keys. They stayed disciplined. And, before you knew it, they were ahead of Milford, 31-7, before they replaced their starters with backups.

The Mavericks are a fun, solid team that should make the playoffs. But they need to figure out how to handle the elite defenses in the Lakes Valley Conference.

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

The Chargers

looked unbeatable in their big win over Plymouth in the Battle at the Big House in Week 1, but they had no answers for John Glenn's rushing attack a week ago.

And Livonia Churchill's about to play a three-game stretch against arguably the three best teams in the KLAA-East.

Up next is the defending state champions, Belleville. The Chargers were the only team to beat the Tigers in 2021. But this year's Belleville squad is filled with future college football stars, including Bryce Underwood, the No. 1-ranked 2025 QB in the country, according to 247Sports. And then they face rival Livonia Franklin in Week 4 and Dearborn the following week.

They might be in fear of missing the playoffs if they don't steal a win or two.

5. Birmingham Groves (1-1; Last week: No. 3)

It's hard to fault the Falcons for their

Week 2 late-game loss at Oxford.

This night was the most important game in Oxford's history. It was the first home game since a school shooting in 2021 cost four students their lives, including former Wildcats star player Tate Myre.

Not only did the community show up in droves to support Oxford but so did the rest of the state, whether in person or on Twitter.

After listening to Buck Myre, Tate's father, give a heartfelt post-game speech to the Wildcats, it's easy to see how they fought through adversity to upset Birmingham Groves.

4. Redford Union (2-0, 1-0 WWAC; Last week: No. 10)

If the Panthers didn't play such a weak schedule (not their fault, by the way), they'd be my No. 1-ranked team.

There's no question they'll repeat as the league champions. The real question is: Can they go a perfect 9-0?

It's likely. In Week 1, they trounced Pewamo-Westphalia by 20 points. And the Pirates were winners of two of the past three Division 7 state championships. What's more, the win snapped P-W's 55-game home winning streak.

Union's Week 9 opponent hasn't been finalized yet. But it'll face Madison Heights Bishop Foley if the Ventures miss qualifying for the Catholic League Prep Bowl. Foley is arguably one of the best small-school CHSL teams.

3. Livonia Franklin (2-0, 1-0 KLAA-East; Last week: No. 7)

The Patriots won't win the KLAA-East. But if I had to pick any team in the division to upset Belleville, it'd definitely be Livonia Franklin.

Franklin might just be the most well-rounded team in the division outside of the Tigers.

They're my favorite to win the Livonia City Championship right now, and I'm excited to see just how well Churchill and Livonia Stevenson can compete with the Patriots.

2. South Lyon (1-1, 1-0 LVC; Last week: No. 5)

Unless something wild happens to Walled Lake Western, the Lions will not repeat as the LVC champions.

But South Lyon will finish the regular season 8-1 overall. Its next big test comes in Week 8 against three-star QB Kalieb Osborne and Waterford Mott. And then the Lions end the season against rival South Lyon East.

1. Detroit Catholic Central (1-1; Last Week: No. 2)

The Shamrocks had an impressive Week 2 win at Davison, which is only 3 years removed from winning a state championship. Running back Evan Haegar followed his blockers into the end zone for four TDs, and sophomore QB Beau Jackson looked on the same page with his receivers.

They face recent state champion DeWitt this week. If they can knock off the Panthers, that should set them up, confidence-wise, to compete for the Catholic League-Central title against Warren DeLaSalle, last year's D-2 champs.

Out of the top-10 rankings: None.

Also being considered: Birmingham Seaholm (2-0), Canton (1-1, 1-0 KLAA-West), Livonia Stevenson (1-1, 1-0 KLAA-East), Northville (2-0, 1-0 KLAA-West), South Lyon East (1-0, 1-0 LVC), Westland John Glenn (1-1, 1-0 KLAA-East), White Lake Lakeland (2-0, 2-0 LVC).

Resilient

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It was a five-point game in the second half. But with 5 minutes left in the third quarter, the Lions suffered cramps and injuries and, ultimately, three of their top players couldn't finish the game.

The matchup went from being an LVC championship-like atmosphere to a blowout in a matter of seconds.

Instead of the Lions starting their league title defense with a hard-fought win over one of the top teams in Michigan, they found themselves one game back in the standings and desperate for a turnaround effort in Week 2.

"Resilient," Henson said Friday. "That word was the one that really popped out to me. It was really the definition. After a tough loss or a tough circumstance, how are you going to respond to that? After last week's tough defeat from our rival, we knew we needed to come back tougher and fight through it, and I thought we did that tonight."

The Lions (1-1, 1-0 LVC) certainly did.

Illinois State commit Tommy Donovan rushed for two touchdowns, caught five receptions for 97 yards, which included a 39-yard TD, and made a pair of heads-up defensive plays in the Lions' 31-21 victory over Milford.

South Lyon scored 17 unanswered points in the third quarter to ice the win, which included Donovan diving over the pylon on a 9-yard carry, Ben Radley hauling in a 22-yard TD catch from QB Braden Fracassi and kicker Nicholas Stoyanovich burying a 29-yard field goal, all of which made it a 31-7 score.

Mavericks QB Ryan Allen punched in a pair of rushing TDs in the final 2 minutes to lessen the damage.

"We had to bounce back," Donovan said. "Our word of the week was resilience. That means that when you get knocked back, you've got to climb back to where you were."

"We were on a two-game losing streak counting the end of last season (a loss to Traverse City Central in the D-2 state semifinal) and the start of this season, and we weren't going to let it happen again."

Donovan, as expected, put on quite the show.

And it wasn't just what he did to the

Maverick's stout defense, which was led by linebackers Wyatt Lesnew and Danny Sternberg.

The senior also got it done at linebacker.

Immediately following Donovan's 1-yard plunge into the end zone, which made it a 7-0 game with 3:58 left in the opening quarter, he brought down a Milford ball carrier on fourth down to get the ball back for South Lyon.

On the first play of the Lions' next series, he caught a swing pass from Fracassi and raced 39 yards down the home sideline to put his team ahead, 14-0.

"That's what you expect from your best player, right?" Henson said. "To go out and make a difference, he has the ability to do that on both sides of the ball, and that's what makes him the player that he is."

He also came up with an interception near the end zone to halt another Milford drive in the second quarter.

"Tommy's a good player," said Milford coach Andrew Micovich, whose Mavericks are 1-1 overall and 0-1 in the LVC. "We didn't necessarily play to our expectations tonight as far as limiting him. But we'll get back to the drawing board and do better next week. ... We've

just got to limit explosive plays and rally a little bit better.

"South Lyon is a good team, and that's what it comes down to. We've got to make more explosive plays and give up less."

The Lions' defense stopped Milford on fourth down five times. They gave up just 251 yards of offense, despite the Mavericks running a high-tempo offense and South Lyon's backups playing for most of the fourth quarter.

Radley and Brady Shields had two sacks apiece on Allen, who was 17 of 24 passing for 144 yards.

South Lyon's post-game talk amongst players reiterated being resilient. And, without hesitation, Donovan said the key to beating Milford was playing with resilience.

The Lions must hope for a loss or two from Western to have a chance at repeating as LVC champions. It's a long shot, at this point, but South Lyon is happy to finally take control of its destiny again.

"It feels absolutely great," Donovan said. "We bounced back, and now we have a plan. We have a big plan."

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Wayne Memorial coach Mike Ryan, left, speaks with the media during the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Football Media Day on Aug. 12.

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Our picks for Week 3

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom picks the winners from the five biggest matchups of Week 3 of the MHSAA football season. He went 3-2 picking games last week and is 7-3 on the season.

All games kick off at 7 p.m.

Livonia Stevenson (1-1, 0-1) at Westland John Glenn (1-1, 1-0) (KLAA-East)

After the Rockets upset Livonia Churchill, Hometown Life's No. 1-ranked team entering Week 2, they're looking to make it 2 for 2 against Livonia Public Schools.

Livonia Stevenson is coming off a big win over Dearborn Fordson, but Westland John Glenn might have more mojo entering this game.

If the Rockets pull this one off, we need to start talking about them making a push at qualifying for the playoffs.

Folsom's pick: Westland John Glenn 24, Livonia Stevenson 17.

Wayne Memorial (0-2, 0-1) at Dearborn Fordson (0-2, 0-1) (KLAA-East)

Zebras coach Mike Ryan is passionate about turning around the program, but the team is definitely going to take some lumps in his second season.

But if they're going to win their first game since Oct. 25, 2019, this is the week to do it. The Tractors are rebuilding after sending a ton of players to the college ranks, including receiver Antonio Gates Jr., now at Michigan State.

Folsom's pick: Dearborn Fordson 21, Wayne Memorial 18.

Canton (1-1, 1-0) at Plymouth (0-2, 0-1) (KLAA-West)

If you drafted only Chiefs running backs in your high school football fantasy league, congrats on your Week 2 victory because you must have blown out your opponent.

Canton coach Andry LaFata elected to only run the ball against Howell. Like to the tune of 58 carries for 333 yards without a single pass. The Chiefs had three backs break the 100-yard mark.

The Wildcats' defense will have their hands full in the season's first Park rivalry game.

Folsom's pick: Canton 35, Plymouth 13.



Livonia Stevenson's Johnny Morris returns an interception against Howell on Aug. 25.

Salem (0-2, 0-1) at Novi (1-1, 1-0) (KLAA-West)

There's a lot to like about this Rocks' squad, especially with how hard they play. And linebacker Michael Patsy is proving to be one of the best defenders in the KLAA.

But this is still a rebuilding effort for first-year coach Brendan Murphy, and Salem will struggle from time to time.

I expect this to be one of those times. The Wildcats are coming off a program-defining win over Hartland, last year's KLAA-West champions, and are poised to win out in the division to qualify for the league championship.

Folsom's pick: Novi 42, Salem 14.

Howell (1-1, 0-1) at Northville (2-0, 1-0) (KLAA-West)

This matchup is the second-best game of the week, and it should be a great barometer to see where the Mustangs are actually at as a program.

They've won just three games in a single season in four of the past five years. They can reach that mark and start a season 3-0 for the first time since 2015 with a win over the Highlanders.

Livonia Stevenson couldn't muster a single point against Howell in Week 1, but Canton gashed the Highlanders for 333 yards on the ground a week ago. Expect Northville to run to set up the pass. The Chiefs didn't attempt a single pass in Week 2, but Mustangs QB Luca Prior is too good not to muster an attempt or two down the field.

Folsom's pick: Northville 21, Howell 14.

Games

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Now the question is: Can they win enough games to make the playoffs for the first time since 2014 (and, yes, we're not counting the 2020 COVID-19-shortened year as a playoff appearance. Every team in Michigan automatically qualified for the post-season)?

Beating the Chargers was impressive. Can they do it again vs. the Spartans, who finally sorted out its offense in a blowout win over Dearborn Fordson? Hometown Life will be searching for just that answer when we cover this game live this week.



Plymouth's Evan Cosgrove rushes against Northville on Sept. 1.

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Dearborn (1-1, 0-1) at Livonia Franklin (2-0, 1-0) (KLAA-East)

We'll find out just how good the Patriots actually are against the Pioneers, who are likely the second- or third-best team in the KLAA-East.

Dearborn is coming off a thrashing to Belleville, which isn't surprising. The Tigers are the defending state champions and have the No. 1-ranked sophomore QB in the country. But the Pioneers are a solid squad and should win plenty of games.

Franklin first-year QB JD Bates had an excellent breakout game by throwing three TDs against Wayne Memorial in Week 2. And the one-two punch of Cordell Mabins Jr. and Tyler Garrett has made the Patriots' rushing attack dangerous. How well their offense performs against a playoff-caliber team such as Dearborn will tell us a lot.

Howell (1-1, 0-1) at Northville (2-0, 1-0) (KLAA-West)

If the Mustangs want to prove they've turned the corner as a program, they must beat Howell, a team that skunked them 34-0 in 2021.

In four of the five past years, they haven't won more than three games in a single season. A win over the Highlanders will put them at that mark and give them their first 3-0 start to a season since 2015.

Howell's defense struggled to stop the run in its Week 2 loss to Canton. So it's good the Mustangs' rushing attack looked great against Plymouth a week

ago. Will they be able to run hard again?

Canton (1-1, 1-0) at Plymouth (0-2, 0-1) (KLAA-West)

The Chiefs absolutely gashed Howell on the ground in Week 2. Like, quite literally.

They didn't attempt a single pass and finished with three different 100-yard rushers in Devon Pettus, Joe Ndjuk and Caleb Williams. As a team, they rushed for 333 yards on 58 attempts. That's almost 6 yards per rush.

Plymouth seniors Orlando Daniels and Evan Cosgrove are two of the toughest defenders in the KLAA, but the Wildcats will have their hands full with Canton's rushing attack.

Nevertheless, let's celebrate! It's the first Park rivalry game of the season.

Waterford Mott (2-0, 1-0) at South Lyon East (2-0, 2-0) (LVC)

The Cougars have the opportunity to open a season with a 3-0 record for the first time since the program was established in 2008.

It won't be easy, though, as Waterford Mott is one of the top teams in the Lakes Valley Conference. The Corsairs are coming off back-to-back blowout wins over Walled Lake Central and Wyandotte.

What's more, Mott three-star junior Kalieb Osborne is one of the best players in Michigan. East's defense must slow down this dual-threat QB if it's going to make school history.

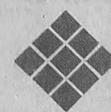
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Novi's David Tyree moment helps beat Hartland

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NOVI — All his teammates wanted to talk about with him after the game was “The Catch.”

Not Boden Fernsler’s 19-yard catch on fourth-and-11 that turned out to be the game-winner Thursday night in Novi’s 13-10 victory over Hartland in a KLAA West football opener.

Instead, the topic of interest was the catch that didn’t show up in the scoring summary, one so remarkable that a teammate compared it to David Tyree’s iconic grab against his helmet in the New York Giants’ Super Bowl victory over the New England Patriots in 2008.

With Novi facing third-and-eight, quarterback Caleb Walker threw a high pass that Fernsler juggled a few times while defended by Hartland cornerback Dylan Neuer.

A split second before free safety Sam Clay arrived on the scene, Fernsler corralled the 39-yard pass with 5:17 left in the third quarter, giving Novi a first down at Hartland’s 45-yard line.

“The (defensive back) played good defense,” Fernsler said. “I had to tip it up a few times, because he was playing good defense.”

“He was all over me. I was able to come up with it at the end.”

Like Tyree’s catch, it didn’t win the game, but it made Novi’s go-ahead touchdown possible.

Fernsler’s catch extended a drive that ended with him catching a 21-yard pass over the middle from senior quarterback Luke Aurilia with 3:29 left in the third quarter.

“I just had a lot of space on the side,” said Fernsler, who caught five passes for 77 yards and both Novi touchdowns. “I had a post route. There was only one high safety, so I had a lot of space. Luke put a great ball on me, wide open for a touchdown.”

Both teams rotated quarterbacks. For Novi, Walker was 9-for-16 for 83 yards and a 5-yard touchdown to Fernsler and Aurilia was 2-for-3 for 28 yards and a score.

“We tried to keep Hartland off balance, so we used both guys,” Novi coach Jim Sparks said. “They both bring different things to the table. Luke’s main



Novi's Boden Fernsler tips the football while defended by Hartland's Dylan Neuer, eventually making a 39-yard reception on the go-ahead touchdown drive Sept. 1. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

thing is he’s got so much experience. You want to make sure he’s on the field as much as possible. We try to reward guys for hard work. Caleb’s worked incredibly hard.

“We thought, maybe, it would be to our advantage if we played them both. I looked at coach (Jim) Harbaugh; it seemed like a good idea, so I gave it a whirl.”

For Hartland, junior starter James Butzier scored on a 5-yard run with 47 seconds left in the first half before sharing time with Clay in the second half.

Clay and Butzier played on the first series of the third quarter and each had a touchdown run called back by a holding penalty.

Hartland had to settle for a 28-yard field goal from Alex Hernandez with 5:51

left in the third.

“We tried something a little different,” Hartland coach Brian Savage said. “James played great. Sam plays great. We just have two kids who work hard there. It’s sort of the flow of the game. I thought Sam might do something different in the second half and he gave us a little look.”

“It’s just probably something we’re going to be doing a little bit.”

The penalty-plagued opening drive set the tone for the second half for the Eagles, who had six penalties for 65 yards after halftime. They aided Novi’s game-winning drive by committing a defensive holding penalty and being assessed for a late hit when Walker scrambled out of bounds.

“Too many penalties down in the end zone there,” Savage said. “We had two touchdowns called back. It could’ve been a different game, but it is what it is. We’ll just move on.”

Clay was behind center with the game on the line after Hartland forced a punt with 3:52 remaining. Clay ran the ball four straight times, moving the ball from the 50 to the Novi 23-yard line with 2:06 to go.

Just when things looked promising for the Eagles, they took a 15-yard personal foul penalty, then fumbled with 59 seconds left.

Hartland still had all three timeouts, which became moot when Aurilia ran 11 yards for a first down with 45 seconds to go.

Novi kept Hartland running back Joey Mattord bottled up the entire night, holding him to 50 yards on 20 carries. Clay led Hartland in rushing with 55 yards on 12 carries.

“Those two inside linebackers were flowing to Joey,” Savage said. “Their kids maybe came off the line a little harder sometimes.”

“Self-inflicted penalties cost us in key spots; that was the biggest factor tonight.”

Linebacker Niko Krall was all over the field for Novi, making 17 tackles, four tackles for losses and one sack. Cole Shires forced two fumbles.

Hartland’s Mitch Cavanaugh had four tackles for losses among his team-high seven tackles. He also caught three passes for 44 yards.



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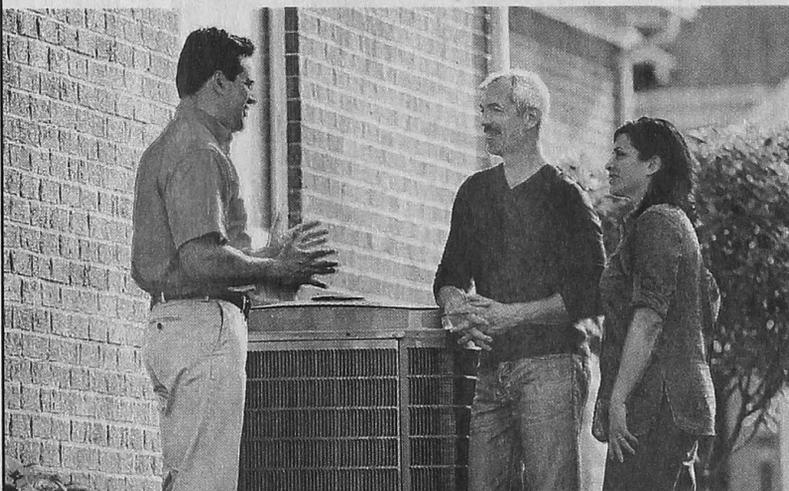
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 O L A I L E A S N F O A O R H
 T I R I J R S C E D L M N U O
 W O H O I I I T N N S A E S A
 A C R S M S N A E R N H L H T
 L D A O C E L G E D O A Y A R
 E U B O N L Y A B M O B C V A
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6x			2÷
11+		5+	
	2		
2÷		1-	

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- Each row and column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
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- Freebies: fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

3	4	1	2
1	3	2	4
2	1	4	3
4	2	3	1
2	4	1	3
1	3	2	4

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Insert numbers 1-9 in each box with every row, column and 3x3 box containing the digits just once. Difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest) **RATING: BRONZE**

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9	4	2	1	8	5	3	7	6
2	1	5	7	3	6	8	4	9
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5	2	1	6	9	8	4	3	7
6	9	3	1	7	2	4	5	8
8	7	4	6	3	5	3	2	1
4	5	2	3	6	7	1	8	9
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1			8	9				
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6			1	7	2			8
	2	1		8		3		6
	3	8	5				1	
		5			6			4
				1	8			7

NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Costco competitor
- Hair holder
- Ice-cream thickener
- "Add to that..."
- Strong suit
- 1996 national candidate
- "Hip hop" song performed by Sinatra, Lena Horne et al.
- Easter season flower
- Nonexistent
- Well-planned
- Well-planned
- Ratatouille rat
- Significant other of 36 Across
- No different from
- Stable stuff
- Prank projectile
- Major span
- Big D hoopster
- Coffee containers
- First "performer" of 17/59 Across
- Nearly invisible
- London washroom
- Many a monthly
- It has a How Courts Work web page
- Small burst
- Off the hook
- The voice of 36 Across
- State with one area code until 2017
- Blow a whistle
- Earth orbiter

DOWN

- Where titles can be read
- Alternative to the Accord
- Mosque worshiper
- IRS identifier
- Overstuff
- Off-white shade
- Stradivari's teacher
- Scat singing syllable
- Poet Pound
- See 17 Across
- Turn suddenly
- Badger cousin
- Vague sense
- Rotary current
- Fritter away
- Fume away
- Alamos, NM
- Wrest (open)
- Whom Ike defeated twice
- About to leave amateurism
- Declaring in court
- Spanish king
- Like a mucho-macho push-up
- Accumulate intel
- Distrustful
- Title like Czar
- Distress call
- "That's right"
- Continue with a sea voyage
- Pioneering rock-video channel
- Pressed for
- Was a meddler
- More than fond
- Military melody
- Interoffice activity
- Mahal
- Most favored
- Got there
- Friends character
- Not yet trained enough to function
- Overly familiar
- Decides to drop
- Tripled trio
- Grimm villain
- Holiday brink
- Fiddle stick
- When an EMT is expected
- Campers, for short

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14				15							16	
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W	E	S	T	E	W	A	S	T	E	W	A	S	T	E	W	A	S	T	E			
V	E	R	O	T	E	R	L	I	B	E	V	E	R	O	T	E	R	L	I	B	E	
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T	I	N	I	L	A	V	M	A	G	T	I	N	I	L	A	V	M	A	G	T	I	
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P	L	U	S	A	R	M	O	R	D	O	L	E	P	L	U	S	A	R	M	O	R	
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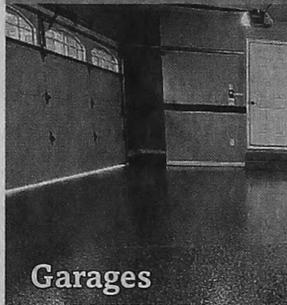
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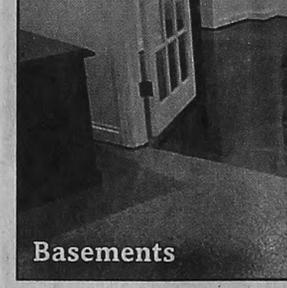
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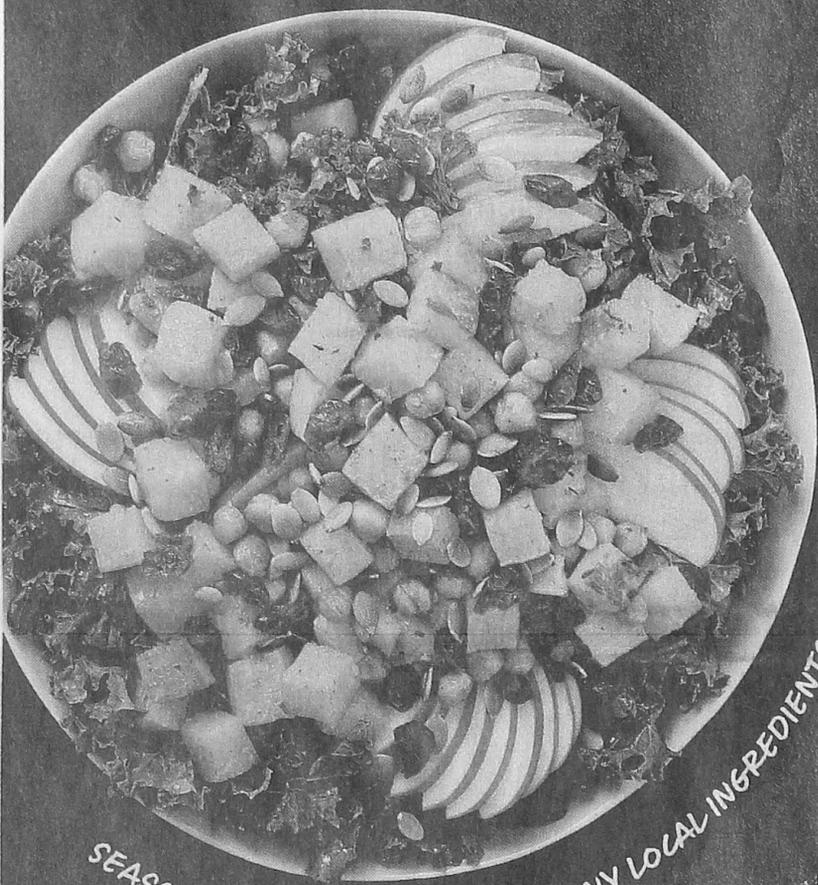


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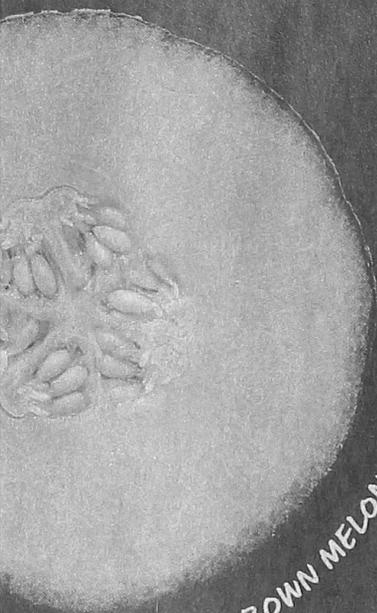


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