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Livonia Police Sgt. Stacy Hayne, Cooper's handler, said her family loves having a dog in the house. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Livonia Police welcome 1st therapy dog to force

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com  
 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Cooper, a 14-week-old goldendoodle, is still learning the ropes at his new gig. In a year's time, Cooper will aid the Livonia Police Department by bringing comfort to people interacting with police and being there for officers who've responded to a difficult call.

But for now, the pup will spend his time getting acclimated to the department, its staff and the community.

"Anyone who's suffered from a traumatic event, is testifying in court or is nervous about something, we'll bring him to them," said Livonia Police Sgt. Stacy Hayne, Cooper's handler. "We'll have him be pet by

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## The last days of an inspiring dog in Plymouth

Jamie L. LaReau Detroit Free Press  
 USA TODAY NETWORK

Early last month, Bob Ostendorf made his way across the dining room at his restaurant in Plymouth when an elderly gentleman seated stopped him. The man asked whether Ostendorf owned the restaurant's namesake: A Bernese Mountain Dog named Stella. Ostendorf said yes and the man related a story of years ago when his young granddaughter was dining there and Stella carried a doll in her mouth to give to the child. It was a poignant gesture at the perfect time. The child had lost her brother and parents in a car accident just days before.



Stella, a Bernese mountain dog, attends a birthday party in her honor at the bar she is named after, Stella's Black Dog Tavern, in Plymouth in 2018. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

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## Farmington Hills opens makerspace at The Hawk

Staff report

If you've never heard of a makerspace, next week is your chance to discover the latest addition to The Hawk community center in Farmington Hills.

The Hawk Makerspace opens 2 p.m. Tuesday with a special kickoff featuring information about classes, equipment, special access passes, and more.

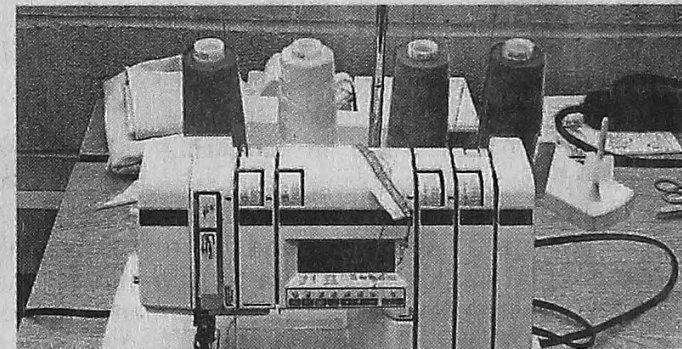
A makerspace is a place to express your creativity and work on projects in a community setting. The city supplies the tools and you supply the ideas. The Hawk Makerspace welcomes people of all ability levels and encourages you to explore, create, design, invent, and have fun.

The makerspace features more than 5,000 square feet of space. Specialized equipment includes a laser cutter, engraver, vinyl cutter, a large format printer, a 3D printer, and a sewing lab with a long arm quilter, an embroidery machine, and industrial sewing machines. The woodshop encompasses almost 2,000 square feet with specialized equipment including a large ShopBot, CNC Router, SawStop Table Saw, panel saw, and more.

Makerspace hours are 2-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. It is closed Monday and Friday. Passes are available.

The makerspace also offers a variety of woodworking classes to help from conception and design to actually building your own project.

Learn more online at fhgov.com/makerspace.



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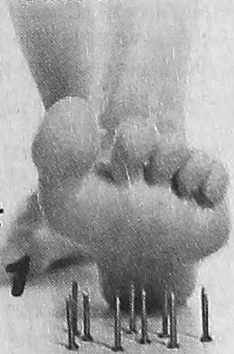
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# Stella

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"I want you to know how well she's doing," he told me," Ostendorf said. "He said, 'She never forgot that moment. When she heard that Stella wasn't coming in anymore, she wanted me to come back and say thank you.'"

Ostendorf, who owns Stella's Black Dog Tavern, sat down and cried.

About a month later, on Sept. 1, Stella died just short of her 12th birthday after a diagnosis of cancer.

It's not unusual for many in Plymouth to have a story about Stella. Stella's Black Dog Tavern is popular, but its namesake was always the main draw.

Customer Debbie Kinast told the Free Press in an article about Stella in 2018 that she would come to Stella's Tavern several times a month.

"We always look for Stella when we come here," she said. "She's a mascot for Plymouth."

Stella rode alongside Santa Claus on the town's fire truck over the years to help open the holiday season. A certified service dog, Stella made regular visits to war veterans at Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System. But it was her everyday presence in the tavern that made her so well-loved.

It's for that reason that Ostendorf and his wife, Dorothy, want to honor Stella's life of helping others by starting a new foundation called Stella's Magic.

"The outpouring of love and care for this dog is profound," Dorothy Ostendorf told the Free Press. "It would be a horrible disservice to all that she and Bob have done over the years if we don't do it in her name. She wasn't just a dog. She was soulful. She touched so many lives. She was the most benevolent and gentle giant in the world."

## A star is born

The Ostendorfs plan to launch Stella's Magic on what would have been Stella's birthday, Oct. 23.

That's fitting considering Stella's birthday has been a big deal in Plymouth for the past decade. When the Free Press went to one celebration a few years ago, hundreds of customers turned out at the restaurant on Fralick Street to laud arguably the biggest star in town.

"I'm the township supervisor and Stella's bigger than me," said Kurt Heise at that time. "I couldn't get a crowd like this for my birthday. She's got a book and a restaurant named after her."

Bob Ostendorf got Stella as a baby from a breeder in Missouri. He paid \$600 for her and \$300 for a person to fly with her to Michigan.

He'd never had a Bernese Mountain Dog before, but he read about them being a versatile working dog that originated in Switzerland. He liked that the breed is known to have an endearing personality.

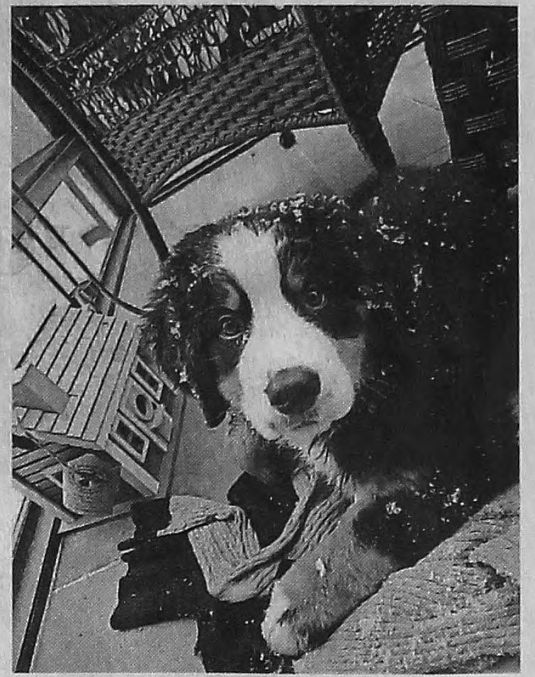
At first, Stella was his rock as he faced the death of his parents and then a divorce. She accompanied him to the neighborhood pub, Doyle's Tavern. The staff there prepared a "surf-and-turf" meal for Stella.

Ostendorf liked the place and was bored in retirement. The tavern was in financial straits, and he had spent his career as a turnaround specialist. So in 2013, he and a minority partner bought it and renamed it Stella's Black Dog Tavern.

Stella came to the restaurant daily with Ostendorf, usually only staying a few hours. But she soon became the main attraction. The customers who didn't get to see her would often return



Stella makes her way around her namesake, Stella's Black Dog Tavern, during a birthday party in her honor in 2018. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE PHOTOS



Stella as a puppy in 2011. COURTESY OF BOB OSTENDORF



From left, Stella's Black Dog Tavern owners Bob Ostendorf and Jim Sullivan are joined by Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise for Stella's birthday party in 2018.

later asking to meet Stella. A sign graced the entrance telling patrons if she was in that day.

"She's the draw," Ostendorf told the Free Press in 2018. "Our food's good, too, but she's the draw. People will come in and say, 'I've been here three times and I haven't seen her yet.'"

## Old movies and ice cream

Stella's last days were made as joyful as possible. She indulged in her favorite foods: rare steak, liverwurst sausage and ice cream (any flavor but fruity). She also watched her favorite old movies.

"She was a big fan of John Wayne," Ostendorf said, adding, "because I love John Wayne."

Since her death, Ostendorf has been in despair, mired in a wave of turbulent emotions. He and Dorothy sought out the opinion of four veterinarians before making the decision to ease Stella's pain.

"I'm not doing very well," he said. "She was a very benevolent creature. She knew everybody and she'd reach

out to them. She was as pretty the day I got her as she was the day she died. She was a beautiful girl."

Last Monday, about 200 people showed up at Karl's Cabin restaurant in Plymouth for a lunch in her honor. That turnout offered the Ostendorfs some comfort.

They also focus on all the good that her popularity has brought. She helped raise money for various organizations; in 2021, Stella's Tavern collaborated with Dogtopia Foundation during Stella's birthday party and raised enough money in donations to pay the \$10,000 for a service dog to go to a military veteran, Ostendorf said.

The party has also raised more than \$15,000 over the years in donations for the Huron Valley Humane Society. Whatever amount customers donate, Ostendorf matches.

Recently, the Ostendorfs have added Friends of Animals of Metro Detroit to the donation roster and raised about \$10,000 in Stella's name for that group.

The Stella's Magic foundation will carry on the tradition of helping animals and people in need.

"We'll set up a board," Ostendorf said. "From what I've seen, it will be well funded and we'll do many good things. So many people came up to me today, I'd guess 50, and asked me, 'When the website will be up?'"

## A future new Stella?

Dorothy said the couple has a "grand-dog," a 110-pound German Shepherd, who comes to their house for sleepovers.

They also have a 17-year-old rescue horse named Roper that they board in Superior Township. They plan to spend more time with him.

"He and I are best buds," Ostendorf said. "Stella loved horses."

As for whether there may be a new dog in the future, the answer is firm.

"Nope. Nope. I could never find another Stella," Ostendorf said. "And I'm too old to go through this again. It takes too much out of me."

"The more you commit to an animal, the more they commit back. The smarter they are, the more they give you. Stella was a very smart dog."

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## Therapy dog

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them, and that instantly calms them down."

Hayne expects Cooper will be great for children interacting with police, and he'll be visiting some of the local schools in September.

Cooper will likely be a fixture of any event the department holds, as well.

The therapy dog programs in Oakland County, Birmingham and Bloomfield Township inspired Hayne to propose one in Livonia.

She thinks having a therapy dog will pair especially well with the social worker Livonia police hired last year.

Cooper's training will take place over two weeks in October, and he'll be eligible for certification when he's a year old.

Hayne thinks having a goldendoodle as a therapy dog will be a good fit as the breed is known for being friendly, easy to train and hypoallergenic.

Livonia has one K-9 dog, Colt, who



Cooper, a new therapy dog for the Livonia Police Department, takes a break after a busy morning in August. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

serves in a very different role from Cooper.

"It's totally different training," Hayne said. "It's like night and day. Cooper is supposed to be the kinder, gentler, 'come pet me' dog."

When he's not at the office, Cooper lives with Hayne and her family. She said her children are already in love with their newest family member.

"I love dogs, and I truly believe that having a dog around to love on reduces stress and anxiety," she said. "So, I don't know if his job ever truly stops, because we're constantly loving on him at home."

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# Birmingham to honor uncovered history of Underground Railroad

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Descendants of a formerly-enslaved man from around the country will speak during an event commemorating significant historical discoveries made over the past several years by staff and volunteers at the Birmingham Museum.

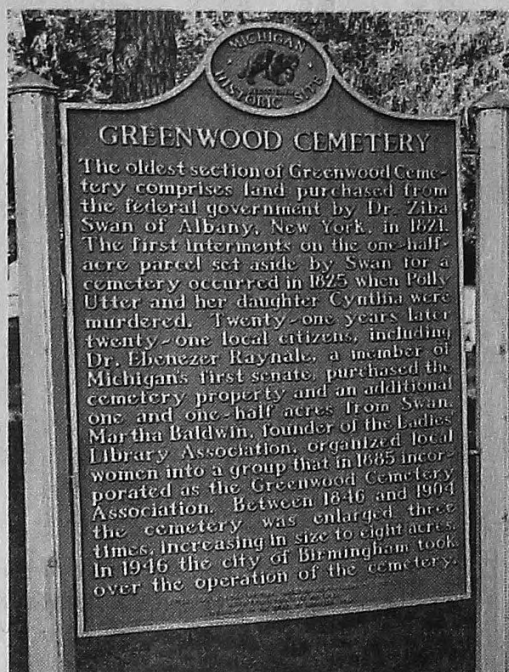
The Underground Railroad Commemoration Ceremony is 11 a.m. Sept. 17 at Quarton Lake Park. The event will formally acknowledge the National Park Service's recognition of the Greenwood Cemetery grave sites of abolitionist Elijah S. Fish and freedom seeker George B. Taylor on the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

Both men are buried in the cemetery. "It's a big deal," said Birmingham Museum Director Leslie Pielack. "We had these two individuals, both buried at our Greenwood Cemetery, unbeknownst to us up until recent times, who had this incredibly important history - and people didn't know about it."

It all began with the discovery of an obituary and later, researchers were able to reconstruct history. Following a public whipping in Kentucky, Taylor escaped enslavement through a grueling journey to Michigan. He was briefly captured, held prisoner, shot at and nearly died from hunger and exposure. Yet he prevailed, and later, along with his wife, Eliza, became the first African Americans to own property in Birmingham in the late 19th century.

Both are buried in unmarked graves at the cemetery, but an effort is underway to purchase gravestones for the couple.

Fish, a Birmingham settler, established the first local Presbyterian Church in his barn and helped found the Oakland County Anti-Slavery Society in 1836, before the State of Michigan organized its society. He worked all his life to help freedom seekers escape enslavement and provided money and supplies to help them reach freedom.



Birmingham's Greenwood Cemetery was established in 1825.

Taylor is in the only formerly enslaved person known to be buried at the cemetery.

The commemoration will begin with a short ceremony at the north end of Quarton Lake Park (the corner of Oak and Lakeside), one block from Greenwood Cemetery, followed by a tour of the grave sites. Ceremony attendees will include city officials and staff, local historians, state representatives and Taylor's descendants.

"This event has become much bigger than we imagined and we hope the community will attend to show their appreciation and support for this designation and the lives of these extraordinary men," said Pielack, who applied for the national designation after the stories of Fish and Taylor were uncovered late last year.

Learn more about the Underground Railroad Commemoration Ceremony at [bhamgov.org/undergroundrailroad](http://bhamgov.org/undergroundrailroad).

Contact reporter Laura Colvin at [lcolvin@hometownlife.com](mailto:lcolvin@hometownlife.com) or 248-221-8143.



Donna Casaceli, a Birmingham Museum assistant, places flowers at the grave sites of former slaves George and Eliza Taylor at Greenwood Cemetery in 2020.

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# In weeks, a Michigan crossover and then peak fall color

Elissa Robinson Detroit Free Press  
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Michigan's beautiful fall colors never fail to dazzle us and if forecasts prove to be right, the week of Oct. 10 will be Mother Nature's big week to shine.

The annual fall foliage week-by-week map has been released by SmokyMountains.com.

Since 2013, the organization has used its algorithm to analyze several data points, including forecast temperatures and historical precipitation to predict the precise moment when peak fall color will occur across the country, including Michigan.

Here's a week-by-week look at what's expected to play out this fall:

## Week of Sept. 26

Most of Michigan's Lower Peninsula will be seeing partial foliage, while the west side and far east of the Upper Peninsula are near peak foliage.

## Week of Oct. 3

Look for beautiful oranges and reds to start shining through. Most of lower Michigan is near peak conditions. Portions of the Upper Peninsula are in peak season, including areas west of Marquette.

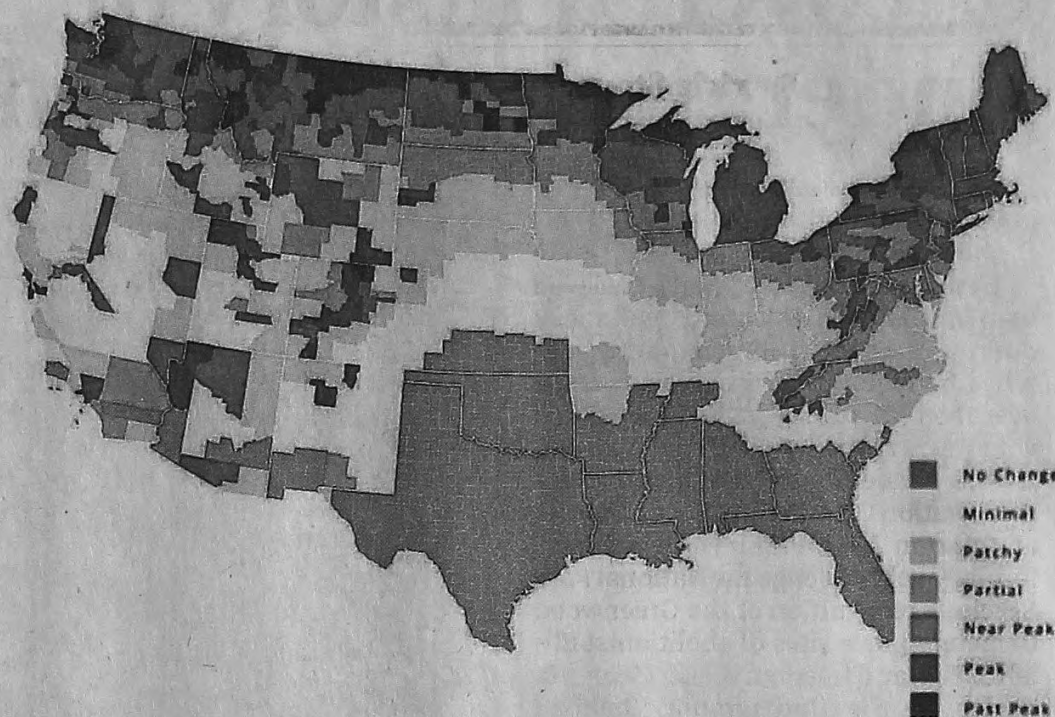
## Week of Oct. 10

Show us what you're made of, Michigan. Most of the Lower Peninsula is in peak season now. A trip Up North, whether it's Muskegon, Gaylord or the tip of the Thumb, should offer our state's most beautiful colors.

The Traverse City area, however, and parts of Michigan's Upper Peninsula are past peak season.

## Week of Oct. 17

Our state is now past peak season. Of course, like any forecast, this should not be considered an exact prediction.



During the week of Oct. 10, most of Michigan is expected to be in peak foliage season, according to GreatSmokyMountains.com. GREATSMOKYMOUNTAINS.COM

# How to minimize risk and stay prepared for emergencies



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

Last week's storms in southeast Michigan should remind us all how unpredictable life can be and the importance of understanding risk. Whether it is risk in our portfolios or the risk of an unexpected family emergency, the key is to understand that although it is impossible to eliminate risk, it is possible to manage it. With regards to the recent storms and subsequent damages, it is important to identify your losses and ensure that your homeowner's insurance policy is up to date to cover those losses.

We all know that the weather in Michigan is unpredictable. Because of this, I believe it is important that everyone create a current video inventory of their home and assets. This gives you a

reminder of what you own in the event of an emergency. After living in a home for several years, it is nearly impossible to remember everything that you own, particularly during a crisis, when you may not be thinking clearly. Therefore, a video inventory of your home and premises allows you to refresh your memory in a time of crisis.

When creating your video inventory, I recommend that you film your entire premises, from the floors to the ceilings and everything in between. In addition, I recommend that you narrate your way through the video as you record it, describing things as clearly as possible.

Another benefit of a video inventory is that if you ever have a claim on your policy, it can provide additional evidence to the insurance company of any losses. In that regard, if you have any collectibles and you have receipts or appraisals, I also recommend that you include those in your video inventory.

The other aspect of good risk management is an ongoing review of your

homeowner's insurance policy. Unfortunately, most people purchase their homeowner's insurance policy at the time they purchase their home, and never update it. This is a big mistake. As we enter another season of unpredictable weather, it is important to review your policy to ensure you have the coverage you need.

I recognize it is difficult for most of us to read and understand our homeowner's policy. After all, they are written by lawyers for lawyers. That is why if you have not recently sat down with your homeowner's insurance agent - now is the time to do it. Most homeowner's insurance agents that I know encourage their clients to meet with them to make sure their coverage is up to date. If your homeowner's insurance agent does not want to sit down with you to discuss your policy, then it's a clear indication that you need a new agent.

One of the mistakes many homeowners make is that they assume all homeowner's insurance policies are the


same. However, there are several differences across companies. Different policies and different companies work better for different situations. The key is to have the policy that matches your individual situation.

I also believe it is important to shop around for your homeowner's insurance policy. There is nothing wrong with getting competitive bids to see if you can lower the cost of your insurance. Remember, the lowest bid isn't necessarily the best bid; however, price is always a factor.

It would be nice if we could eliminate risk from our lives; however, that is impossible. The best we can do is be prepared in such a way that when a crisis occurs, we have the proper tools to manage it.

Good luck.

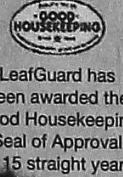
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## Catherine Ann Britz

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) Stearns 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.



**Dennis (Denny) M. Foy**

Dennis (Denny) M Foy, born April 9, 1940. A longtime former resident of Birmingham, Michigan passed peacefully in Scottsdale, Arizona on July 6, 2022. His brother Larry Foy predeceased Denny in 2017. Denny is survived by his beloved wife, Mariann (Missy) and his son Luke. Denny was an entrepreneur creating several patents in the material handling and LED industry. He also enjoyed success with his "mind-scape" paintings with gallery openings in Birmingham, MI and Scottsdale, AZ. His extraordinary creativity and insights about the world and people will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Denny will be laid to rest at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona as a veteran of the Air Force.

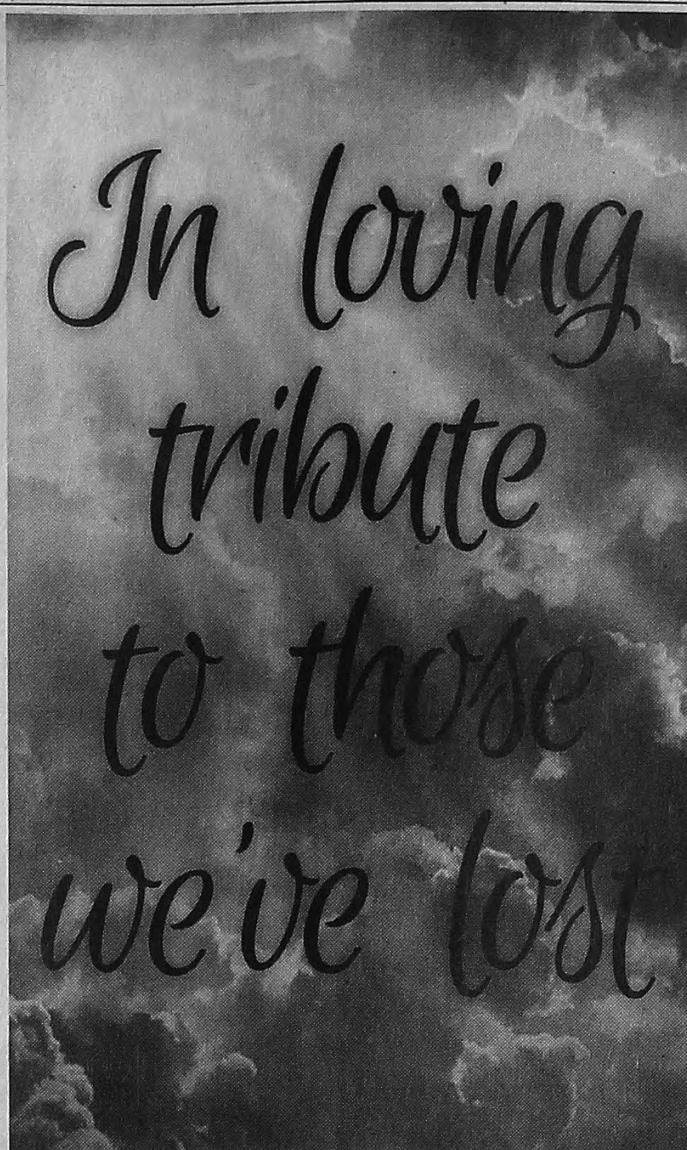
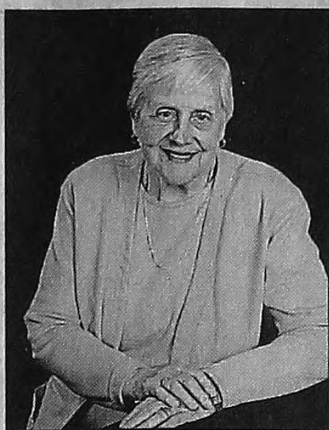


# Obituaries

## Patricia Stoner

**BIRMINGHAM** - Patricia L. Stoner passed away on August 16, 2022. She was born October 25, 1933 and raised in Port Huron, MI, daughter of L. Edward and Hattie Smith. She is survived by her two children, Timothy L. Stoner (Kimberley) and Luanne R. Plante. She will be missed by her grandchildren, Jeremy Plante, Heather Spatchek (Adam), Joshua Plante, and Robert L. Stoner. Pat will be missed by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Donald A. and Michelle Stoner. Pat graduated from Port Huron High school, Port Huron Jr. College and Albion College where she was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She obtained a M.A degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University. She taught school in Michigan and California. She was an Office Manager of Birmingham Area Senior Center for several years and was a partner/broker in a Birmingham, MI real estate firm. She also worked as Administrative Assistant to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kresge. Patricia was a dedicated and active member of the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, MI, for over 50 years, where she enjoyed many activities. She was also a member of the Birmingham Athletic Club and Quail Ridge Country Club in Boynton Beach, FL. The family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak on Friday, September 9, 2022, 3-7pm. Memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham at 11am, on Saturday, September 10, 2022. Interment will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, MI.

View obituary and share memories at [AJDesmond.com](http://AJDesmond.com)



## Norma Jean Dedow

**PORTAGE** - Norma Jean Dedow, age 88 of Portage formerly of Canton, died in Portage, Michigan, on August 29, 2022. She was born on March 8, 1934, in Rockford, Illinois, daughter of Marion (Geyer) and Leonard G. Rorer. Norma was a graduate of Northern Illinois University and received her master's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University. On February 9, 1958, she married Warren H. Dedow. Norma was an avid reader and loved playing bridge. She was a member of a Bridge Club for many years. She and her husband lived in Australia for a couple of years when Warren H. worked for Ford Motor Company. Norma and Warren enjoyed traveling in that area of the world and loved meeting people of different cultures. Her family includes her children: Warren (Carol) Dedow and Marla (Gregory) Koslosky; her grandchildren: Laura (Shawn) Miller, Christopher Dedow, Cynthia (Gregory) Nicholson, and Jessica (Christopher) Kosrow; her great-grandchild, Owen Jacob Nicholson; and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard Rorer and Marion Rorer Gerlach, her husband Warren H. Dedow, and her brothers, Leonard and Robert. A private family service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery. Donations may be made to Elara Caring Hospice. Please visit Norma's personalized online guestbook at [www.langelands.com](http://www.langelands.com)



## Robert Stoner

**BIRMINGHAM** - Robert F. Stoner passed away on August 18, 2022. He was born May 6, 1933 and raised in Port Huron, MI, the son of J. Frank and Mildred A. Stoner. Robert married his beloved wife, Patricia L. Stoner, in 1955. He is survived by his two children, Timothy L. Stoner (Kimberley) and Luanne R. Plante. She will be missed by her grandchildren, Jeremy Plante, Heather Spatchek (Adam), Joshua Plante, and Robert L. Stoner. He will be missed by his only brother Donald A. Stoner (Michelle). And numerous cousins, nephews and nieces. Bob graduated from Port Huron High School, Port Huron Jr. College, and University of Michigan (BBA and MBA). He was a member of the Michigan Marching Band and Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army in the 6th Div. and 42nd Army Bands. He enjoyed music, tennis, and golf. He retired from Kelly Services as Sr. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer after 32 years of service. He was Certified Management Accountant. He served on the board of Methodist Children's Home Society for over 30 years and was honored to have a cottage named after him. He was a dedicated member of the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, MI, for over 50 years. Over his career, he served as President of the Birmingham Athletic Club and National Association of Accountants (Oakland County). In addition he served on the board of the Ecumenical Theological Seminary (Emeritus Director), Financial Executives Institute, Board of Regents: Certified Management Accountants Institute, Detroit YMCA Board. He also served on the following advisory committees: Chicago Federal Reserve, United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, Walsh College, and the certification committee of the Academy of Collegiate Schools of Business. He was a member of the Birmingham Athletic Club and Quail Ridge Country Club in Boynton Beach, FL. The family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak on Friday, September 9, 2022, 3-7pm. Memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham at 11am, on Saturday, September 10, 2022. Interment will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, MI.

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## Dr. Charles Whitfield

### Dr. Charles John Whitfield

Our community and world sadly lost a Godly loving pastoral leader on Friday, September 2, 2022, when Charles John Whitfield went to be with the Lord. He was born on August 8, 1933, and his life and legacy impacted and influenced thousands in so many ways.

### HE WAS A LOYAL HUSBAND.

He met the love of his life Judy Ann Whitfield in high school. They would be married over 70 years and serve together in their life's most cherished work at Grace Baptist Church for over 60 of those years. Side by side and inseparable defined each day.

### HE WAS A LOVING FATHER AND GRANDFATHER.

He never missed a ball game of his son Dan, and he thought Beethoven should take a back seat to his daughter Susan's piano proficiency. Watching "The Secret Garden" or time at the Lake cottage communicated his love to his grandchildren.

### HE WAS A "PASTOR."

It is fitting that a man of few words could have one single word explain and encapsulate his life, leadership, and legacy. That word is "Grace."

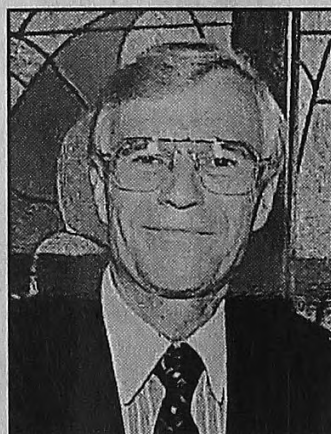
His highest priority was passionately proclaiming the saving grace of Jesus. He believed every service should include and person should receive an invitation to accept God's amazing grace.

He extended "grace" to his congregation, community, and churches across the country and other continents. Hospital visits, funerals, and pastoral care were his passion and priority. Through sixty steadfast years of service, thousands would attest that he provided healing and help for the hurt and hole in their hearts.

"Grace" was the name he selected for the church he started and served faithfully for 57 years.

Weddings, baby dedications, graduations, etc. were all excuses to celebrate God's grace.

He even exited life "gracefully." Dealing with the difficulties of dementia with dignity and determination, he peacefully passed in his sleep.



### HE WAS A PASTOR'S PASTOR."

- He graduated from Midwestern Baptist College with undergrad, masters, and doctorate degrees in Pastoral Ministries and Biblical Theology.

- He was Registrar and Dean of Students at Midwestern Baptist college for 25 plus years equipping a generation of spiritual leaders that spanned the globe.

- He founded and led the Birmingham Bible Institute for 40 years training over 6000 Christian leaders in the State of Michigan.

- He was recognized by the State Senate for being the longest-tenured minister at the same congregation in Michigan.

- He preached at hundreds of churches, Christian colleges, conferences, and camps across the country to pastors and Christian leaders.

- He led 20+ trips to the Holy Land, personally providing the means for many pastors to enjoy a life-changing Biblical experience.

- He provided friendship, fellowship, and a safe forum for scores of pastors and missionaries.

Every day was dedicated to inspiring, influencing, and initiating love in action to all who crossed his path. Those he served would say he left a legacy that will last.

He is survived by children Susan and Daniel and their spouses Marty and Heidi, grand-children Marty John, Amie, Brooke, Chelsea, and J.D., great grand-children Sawyer, Scarlett, Meriska, Zander, Chelsea, McKenna, Phillip, Savanna, Corinna, Kayla, Ezekiel, and Joel. He is survived by thousands of spiritual children who will impact and influence hundreds of thousands for good and for God for time and eternity. The funeral service will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 11am at Grace Baptist Church, 280 E. Lincoln St., Birmingham, MI 48009. A public viewing at church will begin at 10am. Memorial donations to the church. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 549-0500. Burial following service at Greenwood Cemetery.

"With love and appreciation for your faithful service, the family formally invites all full-time Christian workers who were taught by Pastor Whitfield at Midwestern Baptist College or the Birmingham Bible Institute as well as all previous and current board or staff members of Grace Baptist Church to be honorary pallbearers for the funeral and graveside service."

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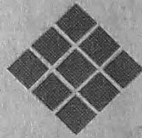


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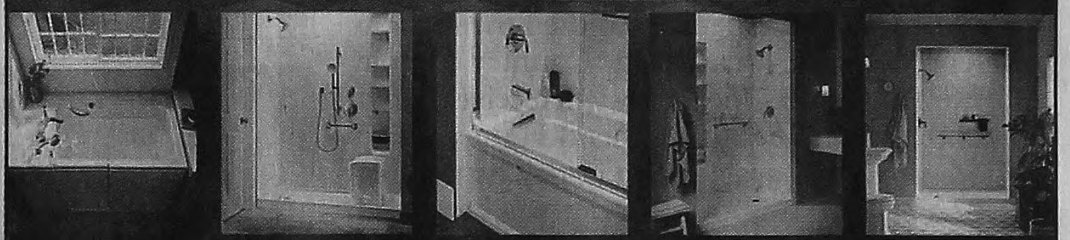
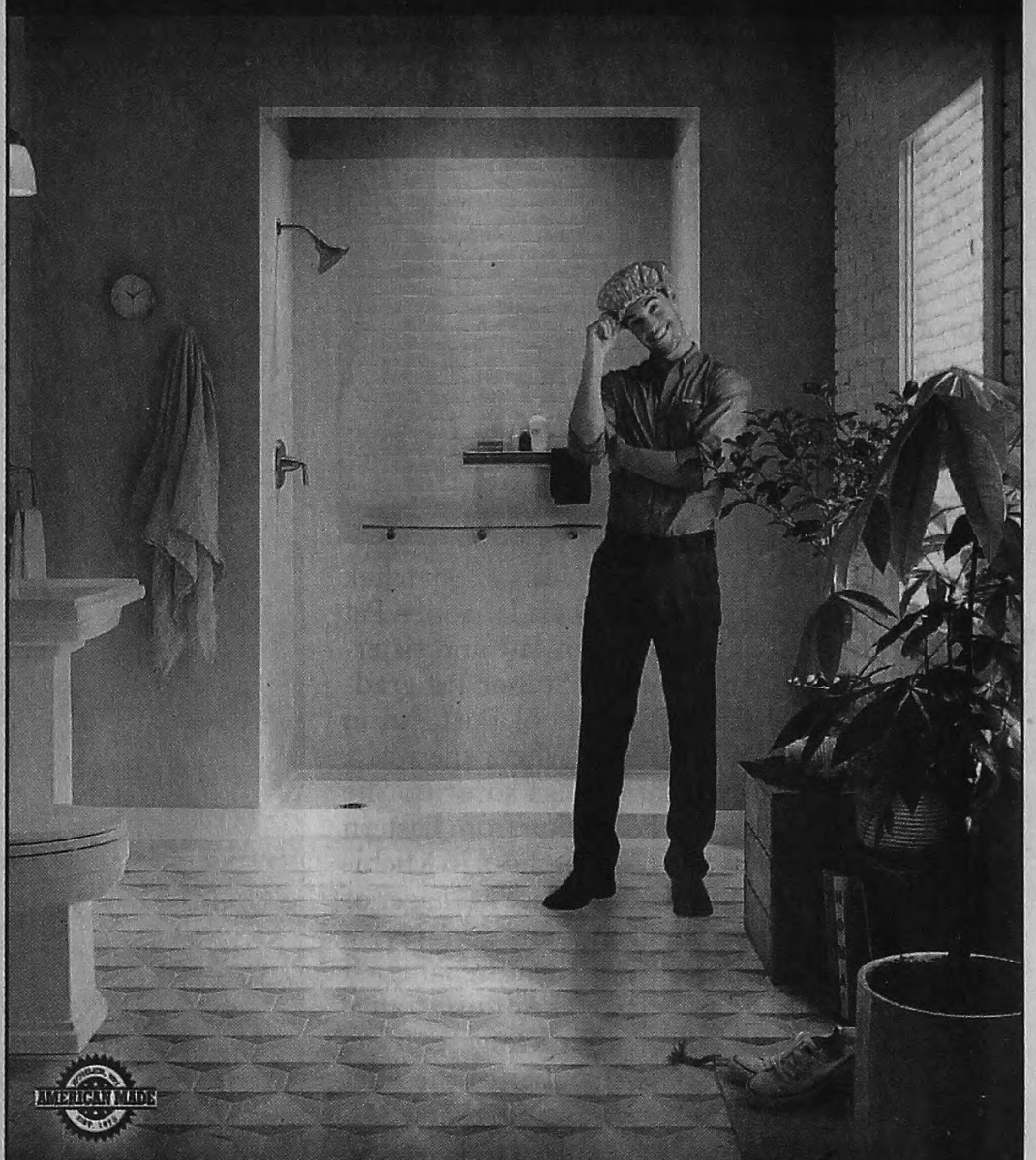
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# SPORTS

## Rockets' RBs gash Chargers for 1st victory

**Brandon Folsom** [Hometownlife.com](#)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Believe it or not, the Westland John Glenn football team played well enough to win in Week 1.

Coach Jason Mensing loved how his defense flew to the ball. He was excited about how his special teams limited Hartland's opportunities to flip field position.

But he absolutely loathed how his offense performed in the 26-8 loss to last year's Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West champions.

So entering Week 2, the first-year coach reached for his favorite pair of scissors, cut out a large chunk of his

playbook and kept in only the plays that worked well for the Rockets.

"We went into this week with the philosophy that we had to reduce our offense," Mensing said. "We had problems executing. I cut out 85% of our offense with the idea that we'd have to have minimal packages we could execute instead of a larger package we'd have issues with."

"Offensively, that helps us immensely. Defensively and on special teams, we played well last week, and we gave ourselves a chance to win. But, offensively, we were horrendous."

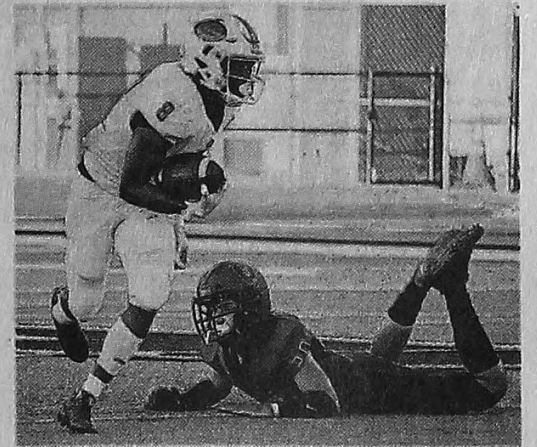
As it turns out, less really is more. The Rockets (1-1, 1-0) absolutely gashed Livonia Churchill on the ground,

racking up 243 yards rushing and averaging 7.3 yards per carry, en route to upsetting the Chargers 23-20 in their KLAA-East opener Friday.

Damon Powers rushed 14 times for 104 yards and a pair of TDs, including a 30-yarder to open the game and an 8-yarder to begin the fourth quarter.

Xavier Spadacini added nine carries for 95 yards as well as the game-clinching TD. The senior raced 43 yards to put the Rockets ahead 23-13 with 4:28 remaining.

Churchill's Jon Lytle-Montgomery (22 carries for 75 yards) punched in a 2-yard TD to make it a 3-point game with



**John Glenn's Damon Powers rushes against Churchill in the Rockets' 23-20 win Sept. 1.** RAYVON DELMONTA/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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## Canton runs, runs, and runs some more in football win over Howell

**Bill Khan** [Livingston Daily](#)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

CANTON - Howell didn't have an answer for Canton's running game, an age-old issue for opponents going up against the Chiefs' full-house T-formation.

Canton ran 61 times for 316 yards and five touchdowns last Thursday night in a 34-25 victory over the Highlanders.

The Chiefs didn't throw a pass and punted only once.

"We didn't help ourselves," Howell coach Brian Lewis said. "We got a little out of position with what they were doing. Their backs are still talented kids. A couple times, they got out. It was tough for us to tackle them."

Touchdown runs of 25 yards by Joe Najduk and 2 yards by Devon Pettus gave Canton a 14-0 lead. Howell rallied to within 14-13 by halftime, missing an extra point.

The Highlanders twice missed 2-point conversions that would've tied the game, one late in the third quarter after cutting the deficit to 21-19 and the other with 5:05 remaining in the game with the score 27-25.

Canton regained a cushion when Najduk scored on a 29-yard run with 3:43 left.

"Penalties, giving ourselves an opportunity to tie the game and not capitalizing on the 2-point conversions because of exchanges," Lewis said. "That was tough. We get a big stop, get a personal foul and they get a first down. Those things all played a factor today. That's kind of what did us in."

Levi Curtin ran for two touchdowns while playing quarterback in the second half. Dru Taylor threw first-half touchdown passes to Cole Quattlander and Brandon Hamilton.



**Northville's Caleb Moore scores against Plymouth on Sept. 1.** Moore carried 15 times for 78 yards and one touchdown. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Top performers in Week 2



**North Farmington's Thomas Balazovic rushes against Caledonia on Sept. 2.** BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

**Brandon Folsom** [Hometownlife.com](#)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Week 2 of the Michigan high school football season is in the books.

Let's take a look at the stat leaders around the Hometown Life coverage area.

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### Catholic League

**Dearborn Divine Child 51, Cranbrook 7**

John Kersch scored the lone TD for the Cranes (0-2), while the linebacker

also led the defense with nine tackles. Alex Smith recovered a fumble and had a tackle for loss.

**Detroit Catholic Central 44, Davison 34**

Beau Jackson threw TD passes to Brady Blakita and DJ Lee for the Shamrocks (1-1). Evan Haeger rushed for four TDs, and Brayden Courser came up with an interception.

**East Kentwood 19, Brother 17**

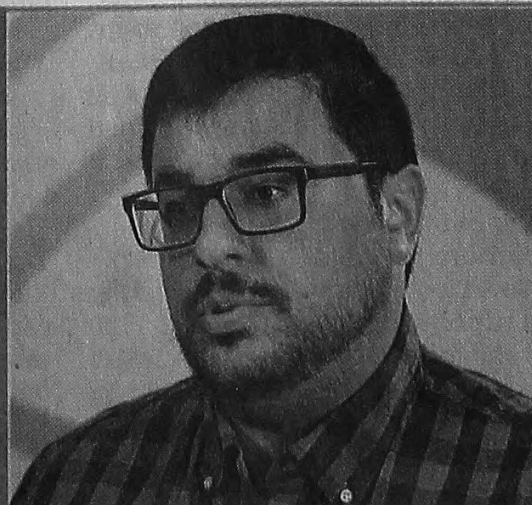
QB Blake Marogy was 11 of 15 passing for 137 yards and two TDs for the Warriors (0-2). Cashton Papadelis rushed 16 times for 53 yards. Henry Garrity caught five passes for 55 yards and a TD, and Nikalai Korzeniewski hauled in a

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# Maples use only pass attempt for OT win

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

The John Lennon song "Strange Days Indeed" was music to Birmingham Seaholm's ears in last Thursday's 21-20 overtime victory over U-D Jesuit in Week 2 high school football action.

The host Maples, coming off a 1-8 season a year ago, improved to 2-0 despite attempting only one pass all night. They needed OT for it, though, as junior quarterback Colton Kinnie connected with Kyle Robbins on the first play of OT and Wesley Billings' extra point held up for the one-point triumph.

"I thought we were running the ball great and when desperate times call, that's what desperate times did," said Robbins, who finished with 139 yards rushing on just seven attempts. "It was a great play call by the coaches and it worked successfully. I'm very glad we ran it. We run the veer, you get two passes max out of us."

The Cubs (1-1) scored second in OT, on Nick Johnson's 1-yard TD run, then elected to go for the win. But they threw an incomplete pass on the two-point conversion attempt.

Seaholm took a timeout to get its defense aligned right and the Maples were able to flush U-D quarterback Anwaar Carter out of the pocket.

"Our coaches drew it up perfectly," said Seaholm defender Jack Lewis, a junior. "We knew exactly what they were going to run. Their running back ran a little swing. We were in Cover 2 and we

just got pressure on him and he threw it away. He tried to make a good throw but he had defensive pressure in his face."

U-D Jesuit ran for just 26 yards in the loss against the stout Seaholm defense with most of the yardage coming on the arm of Carter, who hit 15 of 27 passes for 150 yards in what turned out to be a defensive struggle.

"They (Seaholm) beat us up front," U-D coach Matt Lewis said. "I thought our pass protection was pretty good, but in the run game, we struggled trying to run the ball."

After coughing up a fumble in the red zone to start the fourth quarter while leading 7-6, the Maples went up, 14-6, on a 7-yard TD run by Jack Hulgrave with 7:07 remaining.

But on the ensuing kickoff, U-D's Elijah Dotson came through with an electrifying 94-yard kickoff return and Ellis Folks ran in for the two-point conversion to knot the game at 14-all 15 seconds later.

U-D was poised to go in for the go-ahead TD after Deion Allen returned a punt from his own 49 down to the Seaholm 30 with 2:41 to go, only to have Jack Lewis stymie what could have been the game-winning score when he won a jump ball for an interception at the goal line with 1:09 to go.

"In the back of my mind, I was thinking get a pick, make something happen at that point in the game, not much time left and they're thinking field goal, it was low-scoring so we needed a turnover," Lewis said. "The jump ball — I

went in the air. It was really in both of our arms and I just tore it out of his arm and came out with it. ... Big play."

After a scoreless first half, things finally opened up to start the third quarter as Robbins ripped off a 40-yard run off a pitch from Kinnie, followed by a 27-yard TD 1:41 into the period on what appeared to be the identical call for a 7-0 Seaholm lead.

"It's one of our option plays, one of our base plays," Seaholm coach Jim DeWald said. "We tried to run it early and they took it away. They had number 56 (Edgerrin Cross) who was really good and causing havoc inside. We adjusted to handle him a little bit and we were able to get the ball to the edge a little more the second half."

U-D's offense then came to life on the ensuing possession, driving 58 yards in just six plays resulting in a Phillip Cato 19-yard TD run. But the Cubs' extra point attempt was blocked by Brock Hartwig with 7:39 to go in the third to keep Seaholm ahead, 7-6.

"Our kicker is out with COVID, so we were kind of scrambling with the kicking game a little bit today," Matt Lewis said. "After we missed that first one, we were kind of chasing our tails a little bit."

The Cubs were just shy of the 10-yard line when Jack Lewis came up with the key INT for Seaholm.

"We were knocking on the doorstep, but not having a field goal even as an option there was tough," Matt Lewis said. "But we give them credit, they (Seaholm) made plays when they had to and

that's the story today."

To start the fourth quarter, the Maples were poised to extend their lead only to have Jason Brown scoop up a Seaholm fumble at his own 13 with 11:53 to go in regulation.

The first two quarters proved to be a feeling out period between the defenses.

Seaholm's offense got some traction in the second quarter as a 30-yard run by Jack Lewis got the Maples down to the U-D 33, only to turn it over on downs when Cubs defensive back Caleb Knuth came up with a timely stop on Will Rotger on fourth-and-6 with 3:15 remaining in the half.

Carter completed five of eight passes for 44 yards on the Cubs' final possession of the second period. But Seaholm's defense held on fourth-and-4 on its own 31 when Carter threw an incomplete pass with only 10 seconds left.

Seaholm had the edge in total first-half yardage, 98-92, while not attempting a pass. Carter was 10-for-20 passing for 85 yards for the Cubs, who ran for 7 yards on nine attempts.

But when it came to winning time, the Maples went to their seldom-used passing playbook.

"The one and only pass of the game. ... We had 10 yards to score and we said, 'Let's see if we can get one real quick,' and if not, we'd still have three plays to get 10 yards," DeWald said. "I like our odds of getting 10 yards in three downs personally, just in general. But (U-D) played their butts off."

## Week 2

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21-yard TD reception. Andrew LaBarre led the defense with 11 tackles and one sack, while Owen Pardi buried a 23-yard field.

### Independent

**Detroit Country Day 21, Parma Western 14**

**Dundee 36, Livonia Clarenceville 20**

### Kensington Lakes Activities Association

**Novi 13, Hartland 10 (KLAA-West)**

QB Caleb Walker was 9 of 16 passing for 83 yards, one TD and one interception, while Luke Aurilia also threw a TD pass and rushed for 32 yards. Boden Fernsler caught five passes for 77 yards and two TDs. Niko Krall led the defense with 20 tackles (five solo, three for loss) and 1½ sacks, while Thaddeus Lawler totaled nine tackles and Cole Shires recovered two fumbles.

**Northville 39, Plymouth 7 (KLAA-West)**

QB Luca Prior was 8 of 11 passing for 112 yards and two TDs for the Mustangs (2-0, 1-0). Prior also rushed for 39 yards and a TD, while Caleb Moore carried 15 times for 78 yards and one TD and Colin Charles rushed for a 15-yard TD. Angelo Rodriguez caught four passes for 53 yards and a TD, and Nick Helner caught a 29-yard TD. Hunter Ladach led the defense with nine tackles (four solo) and a sack, Owen Ross added eight tackles (three solo) and Evan Deak nabbed an interception.

RB Jaxon McCaig rushed 15 times for 59 yards for the Wildcats (0-2, 0-1), while Evan Cosgrove carried seven times for 29 yards and one TD. Orlando Daniels led the defense with six tackles (five solo) and one sack.

**Canton 34, Howell 25 (KLAA-West)**

RB Devon Pettus rushed for 101 yards and a TD, Joe Ndjuk carried for 100 yards and two TDs and Caleb Williams added 101 yards and two TDs for the Chiefs (1-1, 1-0). Devvin Calhoun and Williams led the defense with four tackles apiece.

**Brighton 43, Salem 6 (KLAA-West)**

QB Robert Ahlgren was 12 of 19 for 97 yards for the Rocks (0-2, 0-1). Robert Jones rushed 12 times for 66 yards and caught a pass for 12 yards, while Braden Priester added nine carries for 37 yards and a TD. Lawson Shields led the defense with seven tackles, Michael Patsy added six tackles and a fumble recovery and Mason Fraley recovered a fumble.

**Westland John Glenn 23, Livonia Churchill 20 (KLAA-East)**

QB Nick Wetmore was 4 of 8 passing for 70 yards for the Rockets (1-1, 1-0). Damon Powers carried 14 times for 104 yards and two TDs and tallied 3.5 tackles (three solo). Xavier Spadacini averaged 10.6 yards per carry, finishing with nine rushes for 95 yards and a TD. Amari Bingham-Cage led the



Redford Union's Cory Chavis looks to pass against Dearborn Heights Crestwood on Sept. 2. He was 14 of 18 for 213 yards and had five TDs for the Panthers.

TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

defense with 4.5 tackles (four solo).

QB Evan Snead was 26 of 43 passing for 243 yards and two TDs for the Chargers (1-1, 0-1). Jon Lytle-Montgomery carried 22 times for 75 yards and one TD, Jayden Allen caught six passes for 75 yards and two TDs and John Palozzi had 12 receptions for 87 yards. Tyler Mileski and Allen led the defense with 5.5 tackles apiece, while Tanner Diaz added five.

**Livonia Franklin 50, Wayne Memorial 6 (KLAA-East)**

QB JD Bates was 5 of 8 passing for 119 yards and three TDs for the Patriots (2-0, 1-0). Cordell Mabins Jr. rushed 12 times for 125 yards and two TDs, while Jayden Dotson added 71 yards and Dominic Simpson had 67. Tyler Garrett, Mabins Jr. and Simpson each caught TD passes. Sam White led the defense with eight tackles (four solo, two for loss).

RB Dwayne Jones carried 11 times for 94 yards and a TD, caught one pass for 18 yards and forced a fumble on defense for the Zebras (0-2, 0-1). Darnell Johnson rushed 14 times for 45 yards. Brandon Britton led the defense with seven tackles, while Keyvonte Calloway added six and Kaiden Williams recovered a fumble.

**Livonia Stevenson 26, Dearborn Fordson 7 (KLAA-East)**

ArJon Thompson was 5 of 8 passing for 44 yards and rushed 27 times for 128 yards and four TDs for the Spartans (1-1, 1-0). Alex Bowser rushed 13 times for 58 yards and caught three passes for 32 yards. Nihad Ajdarparasic led the defense with two sacks.

### Lakes Valley Conference

**South Lyon 31, Milford 21 (LVC)**

QB Braden Fracassi was 14 of 21 passing for 188 yards, two TDs and one interception and also rushed for 66 yards for the Lions (1-1, 1-1). Tommy Donovan carried 14 times for 52 yards and two TDs, caught five passes for 97 yards and one TD and nabbed an interception on defense. Ben Radley caught a 22-yard TD and totaled two sacks. Nicholas Stoyanovich caught three passes for 35 yards. Simeon Mardossian led the defense with eight tackles (one for loss). Zackary Nowell had six tackles and one sack and Benny Leece and Brady Shields added one sack apiece.

QB Ryan Allen was 17 of 24 passing for 143 yards and one interception and rushed 16 times for 80 yards and two TDs for the Mavericks (1-1, 0-1). Peyton Chamberlain rushed 17 times for 66 yards and a TD, Ethan Phipps caught four passes for 63 yards and Nolan Ogg had three receptions for 49 yards.

**South Lyon East 48, Waterford Kettering 0 (LVC)**

QB Nico Campo was 9 of 15 for 195 yards and four TDs and rushed for a TD for the Cougars (2-0, 2-0). Daedricco Fizer rushed 15 times for 70 yards and a TD, Peerless Schlusler carried seven times for 90 yards and Jordan Newbill caught four receptions for 118 yards and three TDs. Jack Toth and Carter Hamilton led the defense with four tackles apiece, Newbeill and Connor Marsac each recorded sacks and Drew Moyer had one interception.

**White Lake Lakeland 14, Walled Lake Central 7 (LVC)**

QB Sean Latham rushed six times for 103 yards and one TD for the Eagles (2-0, 2-0). Braxton Godin added 75 yards on the ground, Michael Mahaney had 44 and Trevor Tschudin pitched in 36 yards and a score. Trey Rowley led the defense with seven tackles and a sack, followed by Landan Wegmann with six tackles. Ryan Johnson, Everett Ross and Mahaney each recorded a sack, and Fisher Bedini and Grant Glosinger had one interception apiece.

### Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

**University Liggett 33, Lutheran Westland 0**

QB Noah Etnary rushed 14 times for 70 yards for the Warriors (1-1), while Justice O'Brien added 29 yards on the ground. Tyler Scott paced the defense with eight tackles (one solo) and Nathan Klann had five (two solo).

### Oakland Activities Association

**Birmingham Seaholm 21, Detroit U-D Jesuit 20 (F/OT)**

QB Colton Kinnie tossed the game-winning TD to Kyle Robbins in OT for the Maples (2-0). Jack Hulgrave and Robbins each added rushing TDs, while Jack Lewis came up with a game-saving interception with under a minute left in regulation.

**Farmington 44, Royal Oak 0**

QB Dominic Pesci was 13 of 18 passing for 191 yards and two TDs for the Falcons (1-1). Cameron Pettaway rushed for 176 yards, had 35 yards receiving and totaled three scores.

**Oxford 17, Birmingham Groves 14**

QB Cayden Hardy punched in a 1-yard TD for the Falcons (1-1), while Mario Campoy-LoVasco added a 3-yard rushing TD.

**Caledonia 68, North Farmington 14**

QB Thomas Balazovic tossed 35- and 17-yard TDs to Mill Coleman for the Raiders (0-2).

**Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 42, Bloomfield Hills 7**

### Western Wayne Athletic Conference

**Garden City 29, Romulus 14 (WWAC)**

QB Nathan Wasil rushed for two TDs for the Cougars (1-1, 1-0), while Kaden Williams and Owen McGraw each ran for a score as well. Emanuel James recorded an interception.

**Redford Union 41, Dearborn Heights Crestwood 6 (WWAC)**

QB Cory Chavis was 14 of 18 for 213 yards and five TDs for the Panthers (2-0, 1-0). Javerious Shepherd rushed for a score, while Kyren Ware caught five passes for 66 yards and two TD passes and Jamel Belcher, Jeremiah Alston and Dematthew Dixon caught one TD apiece.

**Melvindale 40, Redford Thurston 13 (WWAC)**



# Victory

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2:18 left. And the Chargers (1-1, 0-1) even had a chance to win it late, but John Glenn's defense came up with a stop on fourth down near the goal line in the waning moments.

Chargers QB Evan Snead was 26 of 43 passing for 243 yards and a pair of TD passes to Jayden Allen, who caught six balls for 75 yards.

The Rockets haven't won more than two games in a single season since 2018. Now they just knocked off the Chargers, who were ranked No. 1 in Hometown Life's Week 1 top-10 poll.

"Our kids put their hearts and souls into this," Mensing said. "They've been working hard and investing in our program since May. They believed in each other and in the things we were doing. We have a great group of young men. The kids take a lot of pride in being the best they can be."

The victory goes down as Mensing's first with the Rockets.

He took over John Glenn after Wayne-Westland Community Schools fired Calvin Griggs, who had a 4-12 record in two seasons.

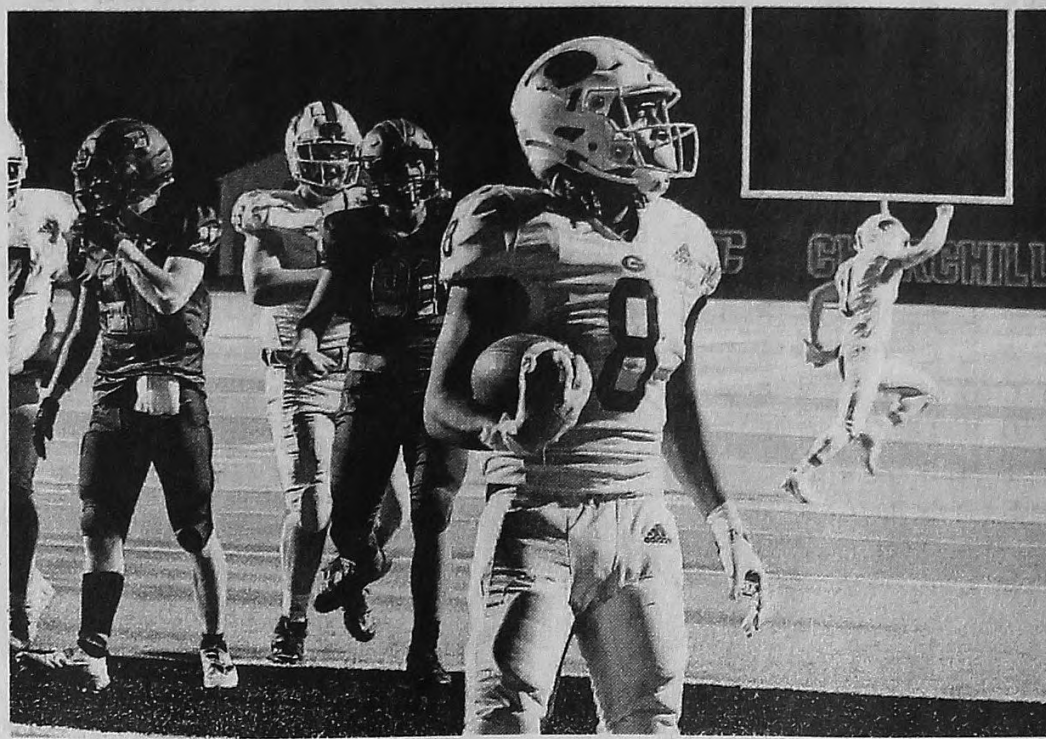
Mensing spent 10 years coaching at Ottawa Lake Whiteford where he went 93-24 and had no losing seasons. He took the Bobcats to back-to-back Division 8 state championships in 2016 and 2017, which included them defeating Saginaw Nouvel 42-21 to win their first state title in 2017.

On top of that, he led them to five district titles, four league championships and four state semifinal appearances.

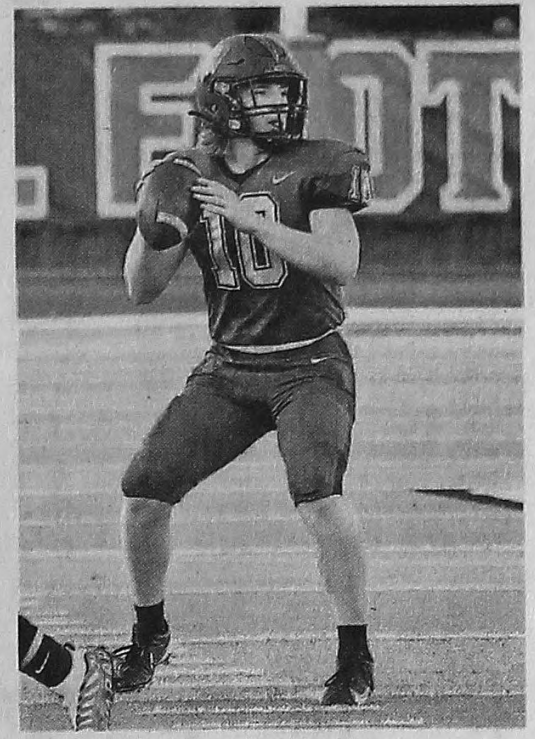
Now he's already given John Glenn a program-building win against Churchill. And he reiterated that in his post-game talk with the Rockets. They're not going to be the league's punching bag anymore.

"Our goal is to compete week in and week out," Mensing said. "With whatever you go through in life, you have to keep your eyes on the prize. You're attacking adversity day in and day out. You can't let adversity influence where you're heading and what you want to achieve."

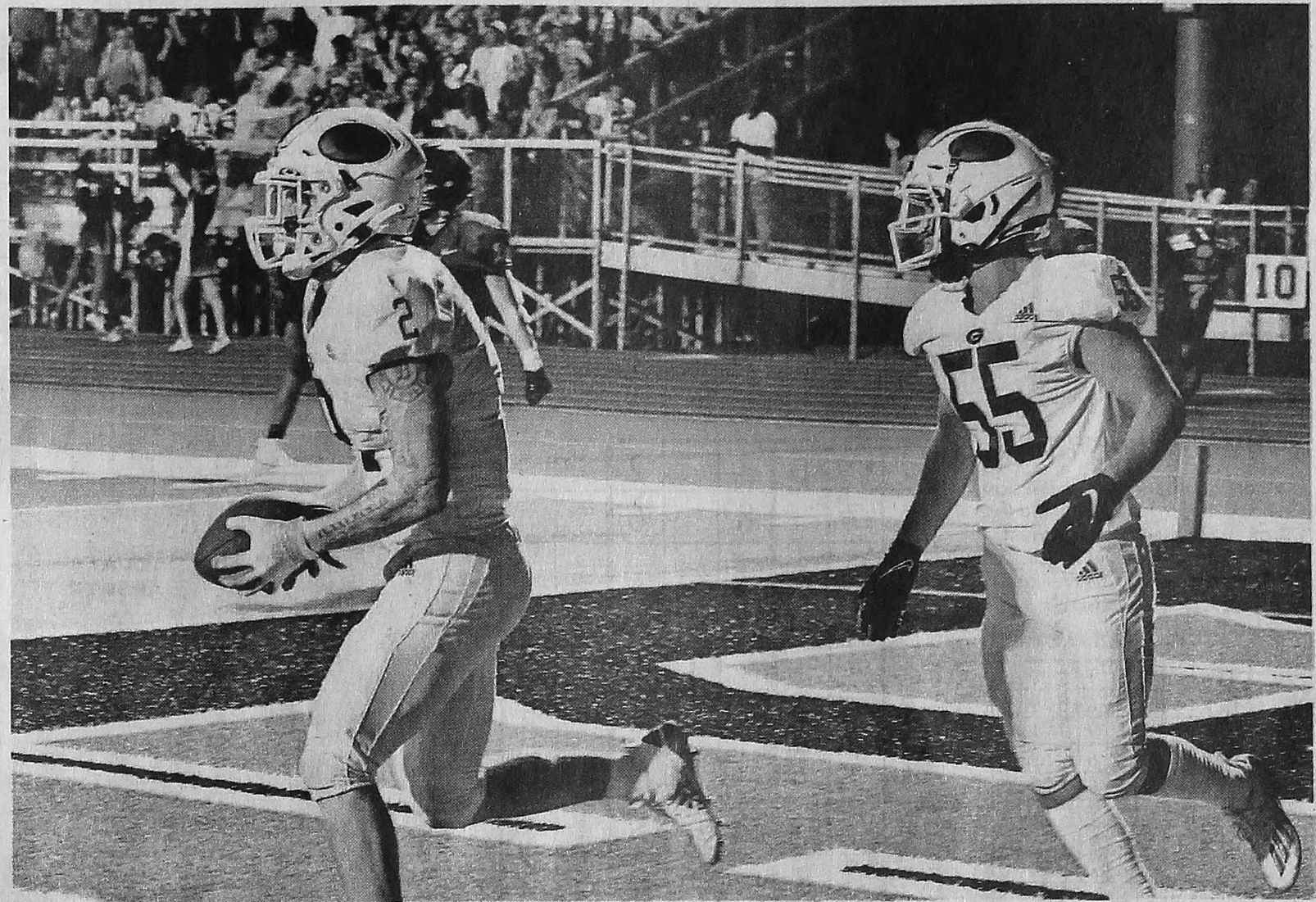
"This (win) could be the tip of the iceberg for us. Our future will be determined by how well we pursue that prize."



Westland John Glenn's Damon Powers scores against Livonia Churchill on Sept. 1. PHOTOS BY RAYVON DELMONTA/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Churchill's Evan Snead passes.



John Glenn's Xavier Spadacini scores a touchdown against Churchill on Sept. 1.



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**ACROSS**

- 1 One making service calls
- 7 With 7 Down, brewed line Starbucks sold to Unilever
- 11 Spring center
- 14 Really drag
- 16 Mohamed Zakariya designed a Forever stamp for it
- 17 Sport that Brits call "footy"
- 18 Where 56 Across wouldn't go
- 19 BYU sponsor
- 20 Sound from a dropper
- 21 Boaster's comeback
- 23 Letter written by Tolkien
- 24 Didn't release
- 25 "Remarkable!"
- 28 What may precede a Q & A
- 32 Speak for
- 33 Go where one isn't wanted
- 35 Wouldn't move on
- 38 Paradoxical parting words
- 40 Ultra-extreme
- 41 What you must provide for a kid's cable car kit
- 42 Read Across America sponsor
- 43 Texter's "I didn't have time for it"
- 45 Playwright source for Shakespeare's *King John*
- 46 Rust removers
- 48 Didn't give up
- 50 Gave up
- 52 Fishing
- 53 Foul confines
- 56 40-time

**DOWN**

- 1 Key missing
- 2 Glorify
- 3 Tests that the FAA requires of pilots
- 4 Column heading for NBA stats
- 5 End of some offering statements
- 6 Common hour follower
- 7 See 7 Across
- 8 Column heading for PBA stats
- 9 Abductor on a Greek 2-euro coin
- 10 110th Birthday limited edition for 2022
- 11 Stepping stone for many a president
- 12 One in a recital trio
- 13 IT VIP
- 15 Drive away
- 22 Listed at sea
- 23 Highest-paid woman in rock, c.1978
- 25 Longest west-flowing tributary of the Mississippi
- 26 Alchemist's "little person" statue
- 27 Make an indelible impression
- 29 Stuck
- 30 Mardi Gras accessory
- 31 What a tabletop might do

- 34 *Oppozitsiya* pronunciation
- 36 Highly hoppy refreshment
- 37 \_\_\_ per square centimeter (pressure measure)
- 39 Its rivals include MIA and ATL
- 44 Part of five European country's borders
- 46 Dismantled
- 47 Most of Europe abolished them by 1861
- 49 Deep sea diver's initial concern
- 51 Altruistic allotment
- 52 Body language?
- 53 Made like some bee products
- 54 \_\_\_ farm
- 55 Front
- 58 Audible crack
- 59 Moby Dick's mother

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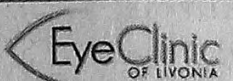


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### Profound and pervasive gains

- The economy added 528k jobs in July. That's the largest gain in 6 months. A key figure in this report is the diffusion index, which came in hot at 68.6, signaling that job gains were very broad-based. Healthcare (96.6k), leisure and hospitality (96k), and professional and business services (89k) led the gains.
- In the few industries with job losses, the losses were very small. For example, at the high end, motor vehicles parts manufacturing lost 2.2k jobs.
- Despite the huge slowdown in the housing market and in mortgage applications, employment in the real estate industry was unchanged, and credit intermediation activities lost only 700 jobs.

### Almost no recession warning signs

- Despite a steady stream of layoff announcements over the past two months, the unemployment rate fell to 3.5% and the median unemployment duration stayed the same at just 8.5 weeks. The share of unemployed people who lost their jobs within the last 5 weeks fell from 38.3% to 36.9%. That suggests the labor market is tight enough that people who are being laid off are able to find new jobs quickly.

- The unemployment rates ticked down for prime-age workers (from 3.0% to 2.9%) and for women (from 3.6% to 3.4%).
- Two measures in the report tend to be leading indicators of recessions: the number of people working part-time for economic reasons, and the number of temporary help services jobs rose. The first moved in the wrong direction, increasing by 303k to 3.9 million, with more workers forced to take part-time jobs because of difficulty finding full-time work. But the second moved in the right direction. Temporary help services workers tend to be first in, first out—the first terminated during times of economic uncertainty when companies are hardening themselves against the risk of a recession and

trimming costs. But that industry posted gains of 9.8k jobs—more than in the prior month.

### The labor market is doing better than we thought

- Upward revisions to the prior 2 months tell us that the job market was even better in the second quarter than we thought. The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for May was revised up by 2k, from 384k to 386k, and the change for June was revised up by 26k, from 372k to 398k. With these revisions, employment in May and June combined is 28,000 higher than previously reported.



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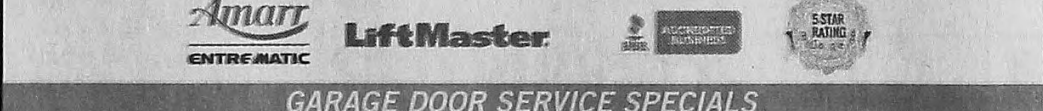
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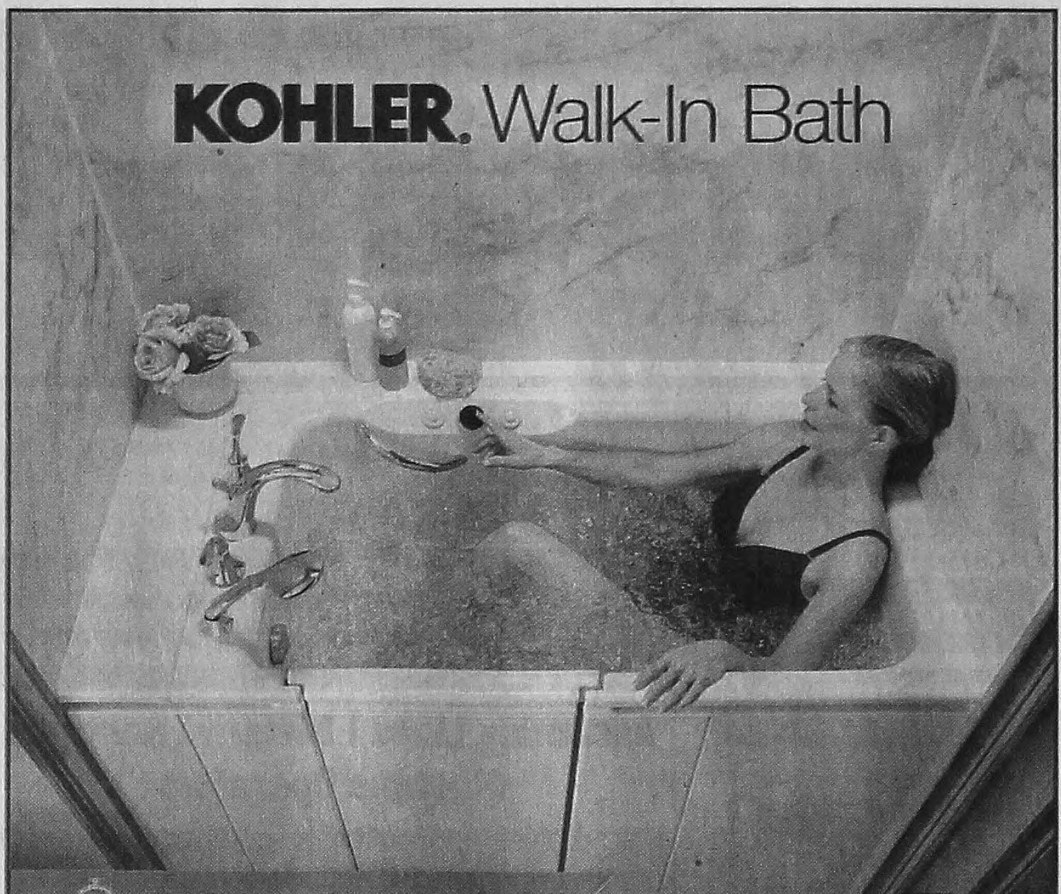


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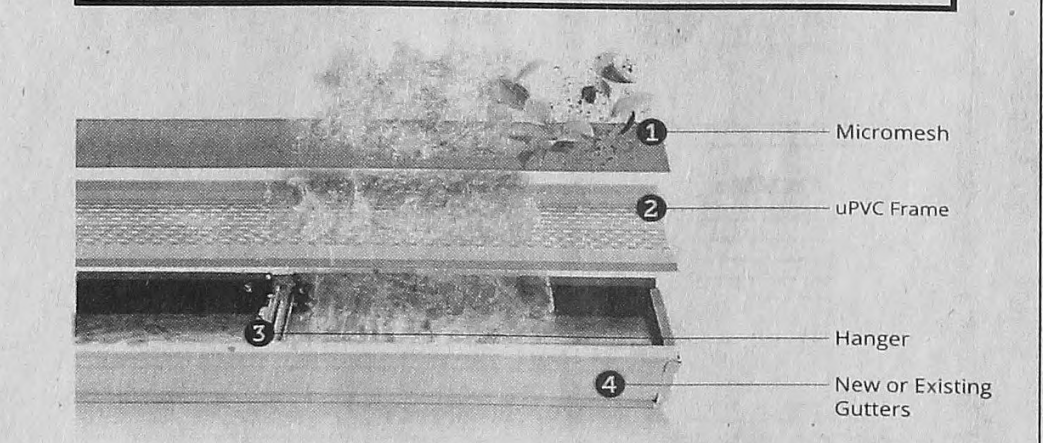
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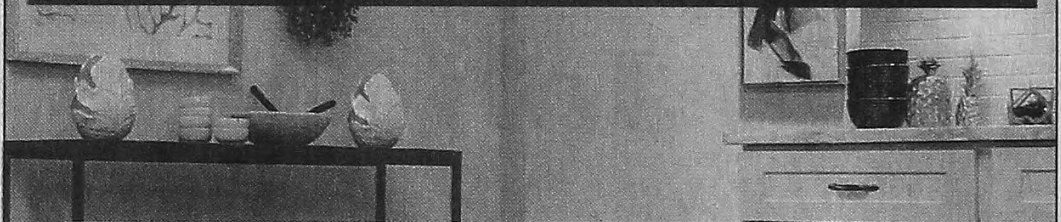
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