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Council begins talks on nondiscrimination law

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Well over a year after it was first proposed, Livonia City Council has begun formal discussions on a local nondiscrimination ordinance.

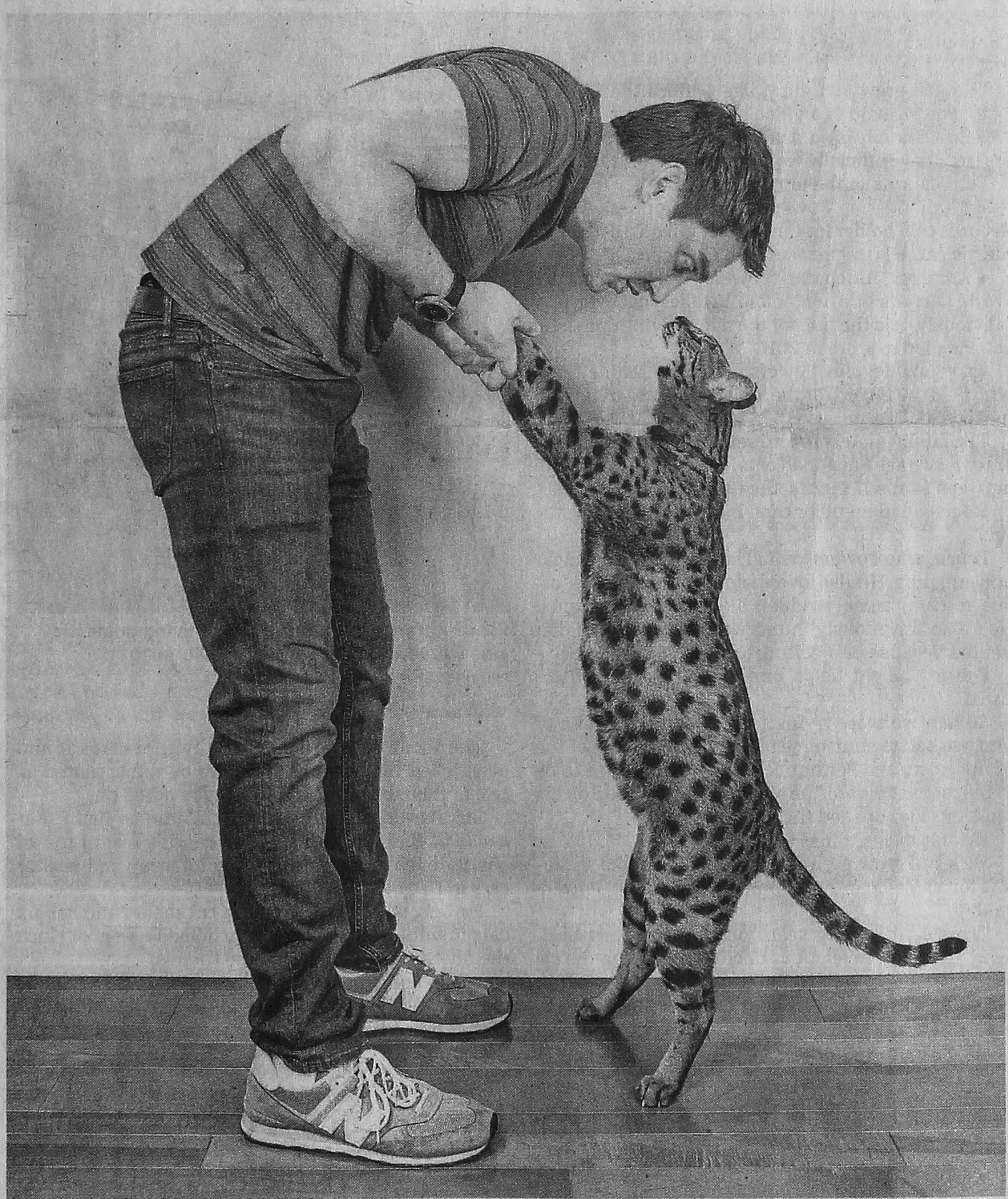
Council is poised to send the matter into committee of the whole, which would happen after final approval to the motion Oct. 5. Committee meetings allow for a more informal environment than voting and study meetings. The session would be open to the public.

"This will allow us, as council, to have a frank discussion," Council President Jim Jolly said.

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan first proposed the ordinance in June 2021, but council's Sept. 26 meeting was the first time it appeared as an agenda item.

"I'm grateful to the members of the Livonia City Council for taking up the conversation about our city's

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Farmington Hills physician and HIV specialist Will Powers plays with Fenrir Antares Powers, the tallest living domestic cat. Fenrir measures 47.83 centimeters (nearly 19 inches) tall and was verified in January 2021.

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Height runs in family for world's tallest domestic cat

Saleen Martin

USA TODAY

He likes treats, he helps patients relax at the doctor's office, and now he's the world's tallest living domestic cat.

Fenrir Antares Powers, a 2-year-old Savannah cat, measured 18.83 inches on Jan. 29, 2021. His record was published in the Guinness World Records 2023 edition.

Savannah cats are crosses between domestic cats and large-eared wild African cats, according to the International Cat Association. The cross gained popularity in the 1990s, and in 2001, the association accepted Savannahs as a registered breed.

Fenrir's owner is Farmington Hills physician and HIV specialist Will Powers, the website said. Powers adopted Fenrir when Fenrir was just 12 weeks old.

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McAllister's Deli to open first metro Detroit location in Westland in 2023

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McAllister's Deli, a fast-casual sandwich chain, plans to open its first metro Detroit location in Westland next year.

The company recently received the necessary approvals from city council to break ground in March. "There's a lot of people in this building who are excited about this," Council President Jim Hart said.

The business will locate at the corner of Warren Road and Central City Parkway, directly across the street from Westland City Hall, and will be part of the city's shop and dine district.

It will include a dine-in option as well as a pickup window for online orders. The building will not have a drive-thru window.

McAllister's is known for its baked potatoes, sandwiches, salads, soups, and its "famous" sweet iced tea. It has five other Michigan locations, including Flint and Lansing. The chain founded in 1989 has about 500 restaurants in 28 states.

"They're very similar to a Panera Bread," project engineer Travis Munn said. "So it's a nice alternative to fast food and it's a little more healthy. ... My client is really excited to bring McAllister's to town."

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Wayne man fatally struck by vehicle in Canton Twp.

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A 56-year-old Wayne man died Monday evening after he was struck by a vehicle in Canton Township, police said.

Canton Township Police Chief Chad Baugh said the man was crossing Michigan Avenue near I-275 at 8:45 p.m. when he was struck by a mid-size SUV driven by a 47-year-old female. The woman's city of residence was not clear.

"We believe alcohol was a contributing factor for the driver," Baugh said.

The woman remains in custody as the Wayne County Prosecutor's office reviews the case.

The stretch of road where the accident occurred is concerning for officers, Baugh added, because it is not well lit.

Police are not releasing the victim's name pending notification of family.

Deli

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Once crews break ground, Munn said he anticipates a 150-day construction period, meaning the restaurant should open around August.

Most of council expressed excitement for the project and said they plan on being patrons once it opens.

"I do agree there's a lot of fast food options, and this is a great alternative option," Councilwoman Melissa Sampey said.

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ELECTION COVERAGE

Two officials want to be Garden City mayor

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On Nov. 8, voters in Garden City will elect a mayor. The mayor serves a four-year term and leads city council meetings. Day-to-day operations of the city fall to the city manager, Doc Dougherty, who is hired by council.

Hometown Life sent each candidate a questionnaire on their ideas and the state of the city today.

Mark Jacobs has served on council for seven years, including a stint as mayor pro-tem. He's a lifelong Garden City resident and volunteers with organizations like his homeowners association and the local Kiwanis club.



Jacobs

Randy Walker has been on council for 15 years, 13 of which he's served as mayor. He's a lifelong resident and is involved with community groups like Kiwanis club and the downtown development authority. He was formerly a reserve police officer for the city.

would be to lead the council and administration, helping establish a united front to serve the residents to the best of our ability.

Walker: I have been the mayor for the last 13 years and have the experience and the knowledge of leading Garden City. I have built relationships with residents, business owners, employees, school board members, seniors, and neighboring community leaders. The role of a mayor is to lead with professional oversight, and vote what is best for our city. It is also to keep the city financially secure.



Walker

Are you happy with the overall direction of the city? Why or why not?

Walker: Yes, Garden City is financially secure; we are improving our roads, making improvements at city hall, police station and our fire department. We recently purchased the Radcliff center from Schoolcraft College and are renovating it into our new community center. Great things are happening in Garden City, and I want to be part of the team that keeps the progress going.

Jacobs: As a current council member, I am pleased with our efforts to grow our city and serve our residents. I do feel that we need to continue that growth by enlisting more transparency, more unity and more communication between the council and all residents and community groups who work toward the common goal of making our city a great place to call home.

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What makes you qualified to be mayor and why do you want to hold that position? What do you see as your role as mayor?

Jacobs: I believe my 7 years of experience (with one term as Mayor Pro-Tem) on the council along with my extensive background in working with residents serving in various roles of the community, makes me a qualified candidate for mayor. My goal is to move the city forward with more transparency and open communication. As mayor, I believe my role

Cat

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"He just grew and grew, like Clifford the Big Red Dog," Powers said in a video about the kitty.

Fenrir's family is no stranger to fame. Four of Powers' cats have officially won Guinness World records.

Famous cats in the family include:

- **Altair Cygnus Powers** - The Guinness World Records title holder for the longest tail on a living domestic cat. His tail measures 16.07 inches.

- **Arcturus Aldebaran Powers** - The Guinness World Records title holder for the tallest cat ever, and previously held the title for the tallest living domestic cat. He died in a fire in 2017.

- **Cygnus Regulus Powers** - A silver Maine Coon who held the record for the longest tail on a living domestic cat. Cygnus also died in the 2017 fire.

The family's latest record setter, Fenrir, is a bit taller than average Savannah cats; they usually measure between 14 and 17 inches, the Guinness website said.

He may end up taller than his late brother, Arcturus.

Fenrir, who Powers lovingly calls "Fen," is friendly and outgoing. He also loves helping out at Powers' office to calm anxiety-ridden and stressed patients. He's also "ravenously" hungry and has seen his diet limited because he's getting too big, Powers said.

Fenrir's height helps him do things that others can't.

"When we were trying to take some pictures of him, we had to shut some of the other cats out of the of the room, and Fenrir decided he didn't want to be in the room anymore," he recalled. "So he stood on his hind legs and opened the door."

He also snags things off the counter.

He's still growing, and some folks mistake the feline for a small panther, a puma, or an ocelot, Powers said.

"This can actually scare people, and they back away from him in fear, but once I explain that he's a therapy cat and very friendly, people are thrilled to walk up to him," Powers told Guinness World Records.



Fenrir Antares Powers, the tallest living domestic cat, was verified in Farmington Hills in 2021.

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The doctor says he does everything for his cats, and even joked that his dad wants to be reincarnated as one of them because of how they're doted on.

But Powers realizes not all cats are so lucky. Because of that, he wants to use Fenrir's record to run charity events and raise money for stray and shelter cats in Detroit.

Powers, who is president of a cat shelter and has six cats in total, said the cats have helped him a lot since the fire that took two his feline friends.

"They make my life well," he said. "They've made me get well. I guess they gave me a reason to climb out of that hole."

Law

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non-discrimination laws," she said. "The Human Relations Commission and the city's law department have spent countless hours on this issue, studying our current ordinances and proposing areas for review and reconsideration.

"My hope is that our community can join the council in engaging in the civil, serious conversation that this issue deserves."

Westland and Canton Township have similar laws on the books. Brosnan worked with Livonia's human relations commission to create her proposal.

"I think it's important for us to work together and come up with a document that works well for our city," said Richard Glover, chair of the human relations commission.

The city's current ordinances — last updated in 1982 — provide some protections to individuals for religion, race and disability regarding housing and employment. Brosnan's proposal takes the city's existing policies and combines them into a single law while adding age, sex, appearance and sexual orientation protections. Complaints on violations would be handled by the city's law department.

The proposal also requires nondiscrimination language in every contract the city enters, bars discrimination in real estate transactions and requires gas

stations to assist physically disabled patrons. People would have 180 days to file a complaint.

In Michigan, discrimination is a misdemeanor charge and can carry a \$500 fine.

Councilman Brandon McCullough, who requested the item be added to the agenda, said he'd like to see an update passed.

"The world has changed a lot in 40 years," he said. "This is something that should have been done a long time ago just to stay current. When you're on city council, you have to lead and tackle these issues. You should have those hard conversations. Committee of the whole is, I think, a good place to start that conversation."

A group of residents at council's recent meeting who support the law expressed optimism at seeing it considered. Some asked questions or expressed concern, as well.

"A nondiscrimination ordinance that's 40 years out of date is pretty embarrassing," resident Sara Overwater said. "I appreciate the time and care council will take to review this in committee of the whole."

Support for the proposal includes endorsements from PFLAG Livonia, Madonna University and the Livonia Police Department. Livonia's chamber of commerce has also endorsed the idea of a nondiscrimination ordinance, but has said it does not endorse specific proposals.

The chamber recently started offering stickers to businesses that indicate inclusive values in a We Welcome Livonia campaign.

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ELECTION COVERAGE

Seven in race for 3 Livonia school board seats

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On Nov. 8, voters in the Livonia Public Schools district will choose three board of education trustees.

Superintendent Andrea Oquist reports to the school board members, who oversee the overall direction for the district. Trustees serve four-year terms and are paid \$50 per meeting.

Hometown Life sent each candidate a questionnaire on their ideas and the state of the district today. Some particularly long answers were shortened, which is indicated with an ellipsis.

Colleen Burton currently serves as the school board's president. She's been involved with Livonia schools for years, which includes roles with the PTA, booster club and the LPS Education Foundation. She's been on the board since 2009.

Jeff Ferguson is running for the school board for the first time. He has a professional background as a teacher in secondary grades. He's worked for public, charter and private schools.

Elizabeth Jarvis is running for a third term on the school board. She's also been involved with the LPS Education Foundation, school robotics programs and the Michigan PTA.

Mark Johnson currently serves as the board's vice president. Johnson is an attorney and also serves on the boards of the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast and the Livonia Parks and Rec Commission.

Emily Keith is running for office for the first time. She's an accountant and is involved with the Livonia Soccer Club, PTA, Livonia PFLAG and Moms Demand Action.

Pamela Morgan is a first time candidate. She's currently employed by the Plymouth-Canton district and has been involved with a Livonia PTA group as well as the Delta Kappa Gamma Association.

Reina Vendramini is another first time candidate. She teaches dance lessons and has a teaching background in public school and homeschooling. Outside of work, she's active in her church.

What makes you qualified to be a school board member and why do you want to hold that position? What do you see as the role of a school board member?

Burton: I have served on the Livonia School Board for 13 years with a proven record of transparent, productive leadership, and have over 20 years of volunteer service in all levels of the district. I am a certified School Board Member with the Michigan Association of School Boards, having earned the Awards of Merit, Distinction, Master Board, Diamond Board, and Honor Board Member. I am running to use my experience and passion to continue excellence in education in Livonia Public Schools ... Effective Board members are active in the schools and the community, and communicate well on behalf of both the citizens and the district.

Ferguson: I was an educator for over ten years. My wife is a teacher and both of my sons are in or have graduated from Livonia schools. My family's experiences, coupled with my own, give me a broad knowledge of public education. I want to be a school board member because I want to serve my community by representing parents who, like myself, believe in education without politics, district transparency, parental rights, and family values. I believe school board members are there to serve the community by making informed decisions that help create a highly successful educational environment. To be informed you must listen to the needs and concerns of school employees, students and the parents ... in addition to doing your own extensive research.

Jarvis: My qualifications for being a school board member include having successfully held the position for eight years. That is a lot of job experience. Additionally, I have received training from the Michigan Association of School Boards and have received honors from them as well. I have the experience and knowledge needed to do the job ... I want to continue in this role to help the district continue to be an excellent learning environment for student and families, and an excellent employer for the 2,000 staff members who work as part of the district. Coming back from the pandemic puts us in a growth position. Board members must be focused on this growth, and on moving the district forward; not looking backward.

Johnson: I am qualified to be a board member as I have been in that role for going on twelve and a half years. During that time, I have helped guide the district, in my role as Secretary, Vice President and President, through some very difficult times. I have helped pass and implement, thanks to the generosity of the community, the 2013 and 2021 Bonds and the Wayne County Enhancement Millage, all of which have helped the district upgrade its aging facilities, create financial stability, hire and retain high quality staff and many other priorities of the district ... There is much more to do which requires a stable and experienced board. That is why I have chosen to seek re-election ...

Keith: As a Livonia Public School alumni, mother and aunt to children currently attending LPS, spouse to a LPS substitute teacher, and former VP board member of a PTA I would bring a fresh perspective. I have experience in working with government funding when I was an accounting manager/budget specialist at a not-for-profit agency that services people with developmental disabilities. My work as an external auditor has given me the skills to read through complex contract language and question if we can improve on how a task was done last year. My current position as Senior Director of Accounting has given me experience with keeping expenses in line with the budget ...

Morgan: I have been a teacher for over 30 years in the Plymouth-Canton School District and I am presently teaching first grade. I have also taught K-8 and Adult Education. I was Teacher of the Year for the North West Wayne County ARC ... My diverse experience in education, and especially my experience during the pandemic has provided me with opportunities to share empathy, leadership and great concern ... I want to be a school board member because I am passionate about bringing public education back to the forefront. I want to facilitate wise decisions making during these turbulent times and lead Livonia Public Schools on the path of excellence ... I promise I will serve the community with a unique view as a parent and a teacher ...

Vendramini: Livonia is home. I graduated from Stevenson, then received my B.A. from Hope College. I chose Livonia to raise my three sons as a single mom, educating them through LPS, homeschooling, and charter schools. I have taught junior high, French, dance, and have been a substitute teacher. My sons were all in LPS during the lockdowns, and I witnessed the harmful effects of the pandemic policies on my children and others in the community. I spoke up at school board meetings and met like-minded parents. Together we formed United Parents of Livonia Public Schools. The purpose of this group is the same purpose I have in running ... be a voice and advocate for parents, students, and community members ...

Are you happy with the overall direction of the district? Why or why not?

Ferguson: I am not happy with the overall direction of Livonia schools. More and more decisions are being made to push a political agenda rather than providing a quality education for our children that is free of political bias. Discipline is down, behavior is worse, and the current environment doesn't seem to promote personal integrity and responsibility.

Jarvis: As we return to normal ... the district is in a growth-focused orientation. LPS learned many things from the pandemic, we are not the same district we were before. The district used the interim years to its advantage, examining its mission, purpose, vision, and culture. We looked for opportunities for improvement, development, and growth. The district is improving its facilities and resources, using both the dollars from the recent bond issue, and the Covid-relief funds ... There are exciting new pilot programs being introduced, which will expand and enhance teaching and learning. We are continuing to address the mental and emotional well-being of students and staff in the district ... I am happy with the overall direction of the district because that direction is forward.

Johnson: I am extremely happy with the overall di-



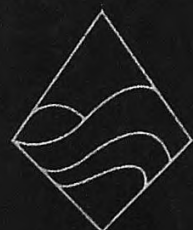
rection of the district ... We have the best superintendent in the state. Not only is she a product of the LPS school system, but she has also been a teacher, administrator and cabinet member in LPS ... The district is focused on a commitment to student learning, investing in high quality teachers and staff, fiscal responsibility and upholding a culture in which we value one another ... We have been able to reduce overall class sizes, provide extra help for our students by adding support teachers, elementary student assistance providers, after school support and more at the elementary level. At the secondary level, we have added assistance providers, social workers, psychologists, interventionists and many more ...

Keith: I am happy with the overall direction of the district. LPS offers a variety of options for our students starting off with early childhood programs such as the Great Start Readiness Program for at-risk-4-year-olds and the Young Fives pre-kindergarten program to a K-6 Japanese immersion school, state-renowned special education programs and finally high school level programs specializing in subjects such as a Global Education, Creative and Performing Arts, and the Livonia Career and Technical Center.

Morgan: I am happy with the core curriculum that has been organized by incorporating science and social studies into the Elementary Reading Programs. I am happy about the new STEM program being piloted at Elementary Schools. Teachers need more time to plan with their team members and this program will add a block of planning for teachers ... We need to support our teachers as much as possible and make sure they feel valued. I am happy about the Technical Career Center that allows opportunities for students to learn a skill that they can use after graduation ... We need to train our students for future jobs ...

Vendramini: Livonia Public Schools has traditionally been a strong, well-respected district ... However, I have become increasingly concerned with the direction the district is taking. I see a need to reprioritize excellence in academics and vocational training. Social and political agendas have been creeping into our schools ... To improve our district, student behavior needs to be addressed ... and teachers need to be supported ... Also, it is imperative that our school board members listen carefully to parents who come to them with legitimate and pressing concerns. With parents at the helm of their children's education and well-supported teachers, our children will be happy and successful, and our district will be an example of Excellence for the entire state.

Burton: Yes, I am very happy with the direction of Livonia Public Schools. The district has lowered class sizes, enhanced classroom and extra-curricular offerings, added STEM curriculum K-12, doubled the academic and emotional support specialists, psychologists, and social workers, secured multiple-year contracts with raises for all employee groups, and achieved financial stability. We passed two bonds, one of which without any increase in taxes for our community, to provide significant security, technology and building upgrades including performing arts centers, air conditioning, an early childhood center, a robotics facility and updated media centers to benefit our students, staff and community.



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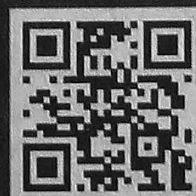
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ELECTION COVERAGE

Six vie for 6-year term on Plymouth Canton school board

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Six candidates are seeking a 6-year term on the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education. Voters in the district will elect three of them in the Nov. 8 election.

In a second race, two candidates will face off for one two-year term on the board. A total of four seats are up for grabs.

School boards set overall policy for the school district, as well as hire and manage the superintendent, who oversees day-to-day operations in the school district.

Hometown Life sent identical questionnaires to the candidates, seeking to learn more about them and their views on issues. Five responded.

Amanda Krinke taught in South Africa as part of her graduate program at MSU. She also worked as a teacher in both public and charter schools. Her children attend school in the district, where she volunteers.

Nathan Morris is an engineer in the automotive industry and a mathematics tutor. He and his wife have two young children.

Sheryl Picard ran for school board in 2020. She is currently a precinct delegate.

Anupam Chugh Sidhu has worked as a teacher, tutor, ISD education consultant, administrator, and school board member. She has experience in education policy, leadership, innovative programs, strategic planning, and school improvement and was appointed twice by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to serve on two statewide education advisory councils. She and her husband have a child in the district.

Judith Westra is an information technology professional with a degree from the University of Maryland and experience in leading large projects and collaborating between diverse groups. She volunteers in the schools. She and her husband have two children.

What makes you qualified to be a school board member and why do you want to hold that position? What do you see as the role of a school board member?

Amanda Krinke: I have the unique experience of attending P-CCS schools from grades K-12, graduating in 2002. My children are P-CCS students, and I

have been a substitute teacher in P-CCS across all grade levels for five years. I graduated

from MSU with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's in curriculum teaching. I am running because I know my knowledge and perspectives will be an asset to our board and ultimately support all kids in our community. I am not endorsed by special interest groups and am committed to keeping the school board position non-partisan as it is intended.

Nathan Morris: I am a parent and involved member of the community. I am an engineer graduated from Michigan Technological University. I am a problem solver, critical thinker, and a leader. I have excellent data interpretation abilities and I think outside of the box. I want to be a school board member to help foster an environment of academic excellence in our schools. I see the role of the school board as being the students, parents, and community's voice for the school system. Every decision the board makes much be in the best interest of the community it was elected to serve.

Sheryl Picard: I have lived in Plymouth for 36 years and had four children attend P-CCS from 1992 to 2016. I have volunteered in classrooms, booster clubs, PTO and on the housing committee. I have a business degree and have studied nursing, emergency management and child development. I am presently a preschool teacher assistant. I am running for school board to help return our district to the academic excellence for which it was formerly known. As board member, my role would be to hire and evaluate the superintendent, approve policies and curriculum, prioritize the budget, hire staff and manage the facilities.

Anupam Chugh Sidhu: I have 25+ years of experience in public education including: teacher, ISD education consultant, administrator, adjunct professor, and school board (Plymouth-Canton & Michigan Association of School Boards). I have extensive experience in education policy, leadership, innovative programs, strategic planning, and school improvement. I hope to continue moving our district forward with improving student achievement and well-



Krinke

Morris



Picard

Sidhu

Westra

being for all students. The board has five main functions: Goal setting (district vision with short & long-term goals); Setting policy; Hiring/evaluating superintendent; Budget review, approval, & allocating resources based on district goals (including facilities & contracts); Approve curriculum based on district goals, state requirements/standards, & student achievement data.

Judith Westra: I have extensive professional leadership experience that I feel will be useful. I want existing P-CCS programs continued and enhanced and I want to see stronger partnerships formed between district staff and parents. My ultimate goal is to see that every child receives the resources he/she needs to be prepared for whatever path they chose after graduating from high school. The role of school board member is to make decisions about curriculum, annual budgets and more by consulting with parents, teachers, and the district administration. The board defines the 'what' is to be done, while the administration defines 'how' to implement the decisions.

Are you happy with the overall direction of the district? Why or why not?

Nathan Morris: I think there is significant room for improvement. There is a significant amount of focus in areas that are not academically related. Our test scores and proficiencies are down across the board in grades 3 through 8. We have a district where 40% of 3rd graders are not proficient in reading and writing and nearly 40% of 8th graders are not proficient in mathematics. The School Board's number one priority should be fostering an environment of academic excellence.

Sheryl Picard: I am not happy with the overall direction of our district. Test scores have been dropping since long before Covid and enrollment is down. The goal for academic excellence has changed along with the curriculum which now integrates political agendas and ideologies. An extreme focus on DEI is causing divisiveness instead of comradery. Teachers are being expected to become therapists, counselors and activists causing an interference and distraction to instruction.

Anupam Chugh Sidhu: We have a great school district, but we need to do better in serving all students with academic success and student well-being. We also need to increase community/family engagement, transparency, and accountability.

Judith Westra: Overall, I am happy with the direction of the district, however I am aware that some of groups of students are not being well served. I want to see our district improve so that every child receives the resources that he/she needs to succeed. I especially want to see stronger, more collaborative and transparent partnerships between our district and parents so that the needs of each individual child are better known and met. I also want to see improvements in the district's measures to improve the physical and psychological safety.

Amanda Krinke: I am not happy with the direction of our district. We have lost a significant number of families to other educational institutions, and we are short staffed. Trust in our district has been lost between families and community members and we need to rebuild. Our schools have so many exceptional educators, but I see their frustrations and how policy decisions make their jobs more difficult than necessary. In addition, student academic achievement and proficiency is not growing. I want our district moving in a direction of growth- families wanting to attend our schools, educators wanting to work here, and to see our students excelling.

What should the school district's priorities be coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, including how it spends ARPA funds?

Sheryl Picard: As a priority, the district needs to have a curriculum that isn't integrated with political agendas. The district needs more teachers/tutors, to help children struggling academically due to restrictive Covid mandates and curriculum. The district needs to stay in its lane and carry out its duty as declared by law. "...The public schools of this state serve the needs of

the pupils by cooperating with the pupil's parents and legal guardians to develop the pupil's intellectual capabilities and vocational skills in a safe and positive community." Revised school code (excerpt), Act 451

Anupam Chugh Sidhu: Social/emotional/mental health support b. Unfinished learning (learning gaps due to COVID disruptions and challenges) and closing opportunity gaps. Ensure all students that need additional support have the resources they need to be successful. c. Improve COVID safety measures to keep buildings clean with proper protocols while mitigating spread to keep buildings open.

Judith Westra: In general, the decreases in our student's academic scores held steady, showing decreases consistent with the rest of the state and country. However, we know that some students had dramatic decreases in academic scores and are now struggling much more than before. Improving the performance of all students, especially those most affected by the pandemic must be a priority for the district. There are guidelines on how ARPA funds may be used, primarily permitting building safety improvements. School safety is every parent's priority after the school shootings of recent years. I support the use of ARPA funds for safety measures.

Amanda Krinke: We need to prioritize undoing the damage done by prolonged and unnecessary covid protocols established by our district. Our teachers and support staff are facing the challenge of making up the learning loss that has occurred, and doing so with record numbers of behavior challenges, and in some schools, increased class sizes. Available funding should be used to give teachers resources they need and recommend to achieve their goals and do what is best for students. I would also like to see support staff including bus drivers, appropriately compensated.

Nathan Morris: The measures of remote learning, half days, social distancing, and masking to all students were detrimental to students. Students that once excelled now excel less and students that struggled now struggle more. We need to use these ARPA funds to recovering learning losses encountered from the board's reaction to the pandemic. We need to hire more teachers so we can shrink the classroom size and offer a higher quality education experience to our students and families. We should also invest in after school learning programs to help students get back on track with their learning plans.

Issues related to diversity, equity and inclusion are a recurring conversation among students, staff and the community at large. What's one tangible action local districts can make to address diversity, equity and inclusion?

Anupam Chugh Sidhu: We need to involve all stakeholders in this process. This is about creating safe, inclusive schools that serve & support all students. The board, with administration and all stakeholders, set a vision with priorities outlining diversity, equity, and inclusion. These elements become part of the district improvement plan with expectations of: improving school culture/climate, increasing student achievement for all students, growing the district, improving instructional and hiring practices, communication, and increasing family partnerships. These goals/strategies need to be embedded in the board and superintendent goals with ongoing review and accountability measures.

Judith Westra: I believe our country at large has a culture that undervalues diversity, equality and inclusion and that families must be part of the solution to these issues. Our district is quite diverse in any number of areas: culturally, religious, racial, and socio-economic. The district has implemented a number programs like SEL and advisory times and townhalls that can foster an environment where students better understand and respect each other. I'd like to see these efforts continued and broadened and more students and, especially, families encouraged to be involved in efforts around diversity and inclusion.

Amanda Krinke: I think building better relationships with families and increasing parent involvement in the school community would do a lot to address DEI. I think the disconnect caused by covid policies really highlighted the importance of schoolwide activities and parent involvement especially at the K-5 level. Providing opportunities for not only students but also their

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Obituaries

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Lorna Marie Nitz

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS - Lorna Marie Nitz, 83, was born on April 20, 1939, in Sturgis, Michigan to Lauren and Esther (nee Holtz) Horrom. She died Thursday, September 8, 2022, at Waverly Inn Memory Care Community, in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Lorna is survived by her husband of 61 years, Dean Clark Nitz; her children Laurette (Stephan) Petersen, Susan (Joffre) Mishall, and Joel (Kim) Nitz; grandchildren Samantha Mishall, Jacob Mishall, Sarah Mishall, Sabrina Mishall, Joshua Mishall, Annabelle Nitz and Jackson Nitz; and her brother, Roger Horrom.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her sister Janet, and her brother John.

Lorna loved her family, especially all of her grandchildren. Lorna loved to dance and sing, and always enjoyed her cookies and ice cream! Lorna was an avid reader, colorer and game player.

Lorna earned a Bachelor of Arts with Honor in Elementary Education and a Master of Arts in Education at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, where she also met the love of her life, Dean.

From 1960 until she retired in 2001, Lorna did what she loved to do the most, teach. She was an elementary school teacher with the Lansing, East Lansing, and Plymouth Michigan School Districts. Lorna LOVED being a teacher. She loved her kids, especially those that needed a little extra help or support.

In addition to her career as a teacher, Lorna also liked to volunteer in her community -- some might say she was born with her hand raised.

She was a member of AAUW (Association of American University Women), the Plymouth Michigan Historical Society, Plymouth Michigan Arts Council, Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia, Michigan and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

After many years in Michigan, in 2019 Lorna and Dean relocated to Arlington Heights, Illinois, to be closer to their family.

Memorial Service scheduled for Friday, November 25, 2022, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1234 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter, 8430 West Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631, https://www.alz.org/illinois?form=alz_donate, or to a local food bank.

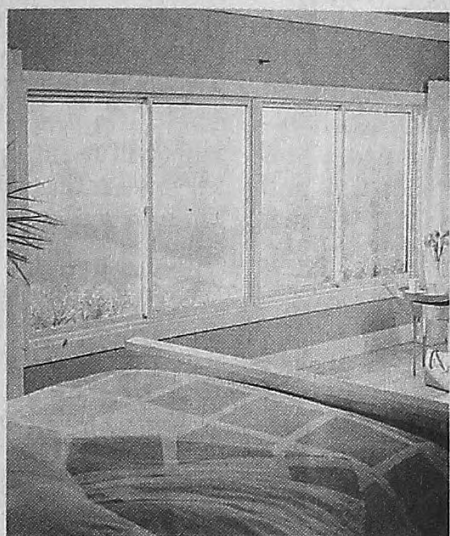
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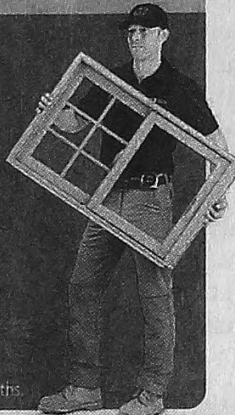
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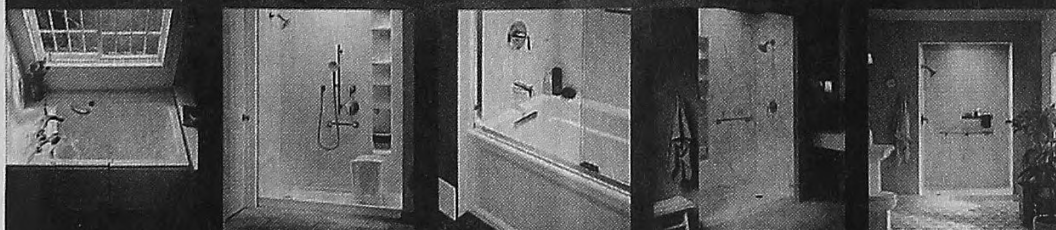
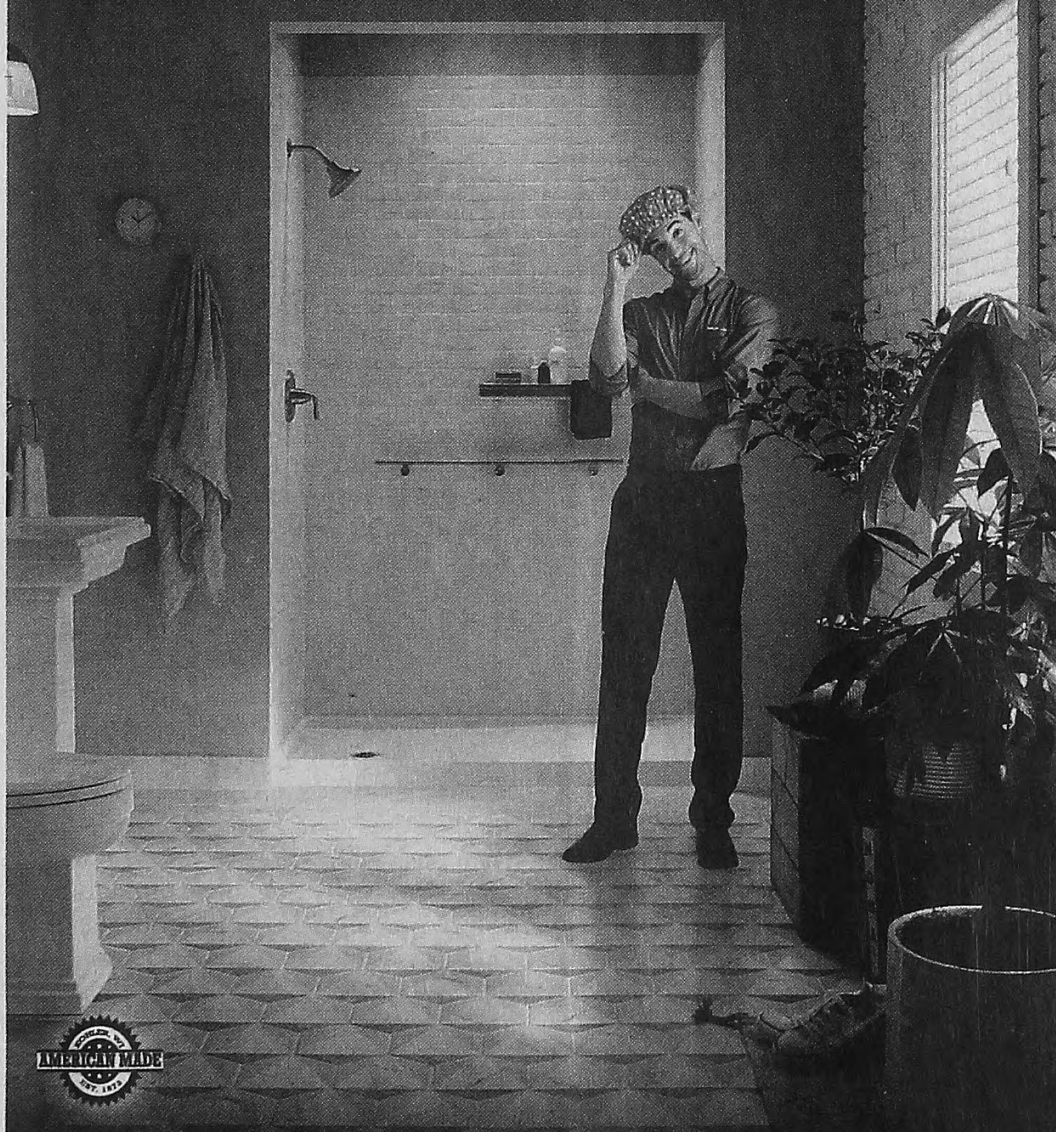
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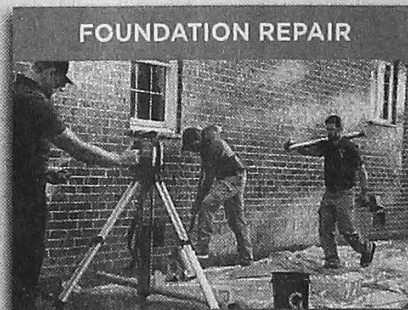
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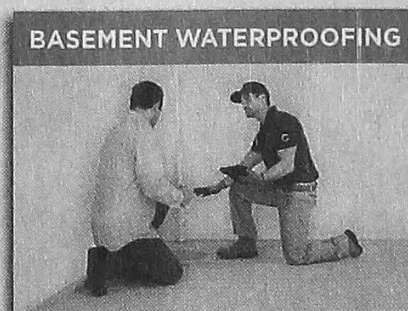
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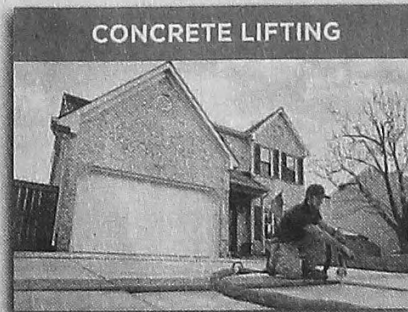
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It takes a community to grow a farmers market



Walt Gajewski
Guest columnist

Last Saturday we held our annual volunteer appreciation get-together. It's something we do as the season winds down – an opportunity to look back at what was and is still coming as we broke bread together in the spirit of community.

This year we met at the market's Sundquist Pavilion, lining up tables end to end in farm-to-table family-style fashion. I did the cooking with a speaking part in the middle. The cookin' I prepared for; the speakin' I did not. But, hey, you don't have to prepare so much when you speak from the heart.

As everyone set themselves down at the long line of tables, I stepped forward, knowing I had to open short and sweet as I cast a wary eye on the barbecue smoking away behind me. Out the words came as we welcomed all those who are putting in a long six months at Saturday market: "You can have a community without a farmers market, but you can't have a farmers market without community..." And so began a beautiful clear night after a long day for all of us at market. We pulled in straw bales, lit fires and enjoyed good food and good company.

Farmington Mayor Sara Bowman sat with us as she thanked all with a strong tilt of gratefulness and a face full of smile as she spoke. Then farmer Brittny Rooney of Beaverland Farms stood up and told all how wonderful the dynamic and the vibe are at the Farmington market. Britt knows because farm-



Farmers market volunteers enjoy dinner at a long line of tables under the market's Best in Metro Detroit banners in the Sundquist Pavilion in downtown Farmington.

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ing out of Brightmoor in Detroit requires a strong and steadfast commitment to community.

With my view from behind the grill, I could see how many hands it takes to make a market, from volunteers to legacy vendors such as Ron and Suzette Wright, who joined us for dinner. The Wrights have set up at market for 18 years now and are still going strong. Across those years, they've even joined

the volunteer ranks in Farmington.

And so, as we wind down this market season, I would like to give thanks to all those whose spirit contributes to Saturday vibe in a Michigan small town.

Let's start with Wright Beamer Attorneys in Farmington Hills. Managing partner Dirk Beamer helped bring to life the vision of the very pavilion under which we were sharing good food and kinship. That was many years ago, and in the many years since, Wright Beamer is still a pillar sponsor of the farmers market. The same can be said for the accountants at Montgomery, Wiethorn, Burke, Mackinder & Dye. They also contribute to the framework and pulse of community, unwavering. Beaumont Health, Fresh Thyme, Farmington Insurance, the Farmington Garage, Great Lakes Ace, Dearborn Music, Oakland Community College – the list is long, and I will add to it next time. Otherwise, I feel like I would be typing out the Yellow Pages!

Your market this week

Make your way to downtown Farmington this Saturday because, when the market bell rings, it means breakfast is being served! "Police and Pancakes" will showcase Farmington's finest in blue, from our public safety department. All across the country this weekend, local public safety officers will be out in meet-and-greet fashion as part of an effort to show their commitment to community and public service.

Here in Farmington we do things our way. Start your fall day way at the farmers market with a free pancake breakfast. Yes, free! Fire chief hats will be passed out to kids as they climb into the fire station ladder truck.

The Little Sprouts Corner opens at 9 a.m. and will be hosted by the Farmington Area Mom's Club, whose members are determined to keep the little ones busy over on the west side of the market as a line surely forms for Petey's Donuts.

At 10 a.m., Mike Freeman plays rock-solid acoustic classics with gritty vocals. Pull up a straw bale and park yourself with pancakes in hand on the north side of the market, in Riley Park.

Shortly after, at 10:30 a.m., Oakland County Parks Red Oaks Nature Center will set up with Discoveries of Nature that promises family fun for everyone.

At 11 a.m., we welcome the Oakland Community College School of Culinary Arts featuring Chef Julie Selonke and Chef Hariprasad Dhatchinamoorthy, who will team up to demonstrate and serve an Indian-inspired dish of pumpkin and tomato chutney with aromatic spices – a perfect profile of fall flavors with free samples!

Well, we are tipping our wings into the final descent of what has been an amazing season of community on full display. I can say that with full confidence thanks to where I stood behind the grill serving the volunteers last Saturday night and from earlier in the day when I put away the market bell. That bell rang in almost 5,400 people into the market last Saturday – never before have so many come to market in one day. I don't know how to explain it, other than to repeat myself: "You can't have a farmers market without community."

So until next time and as always, here's saying: "See you at the market."

Walt Gajewski is the Farmington Farmers Market manager. The market runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays in downtown Farmington. Visit www.farmingtonfarmersmarket.com for more.

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caregivers to work together and unite as a school community builds acceptance and an authentic sense of belonging.

Nathan Morris: I believe all students

– regardless of background, beliefs, and ideology – have the right to a fair and quality education. The school system's responsibility is to promote a culture of mutual respect and personal responsibility across all points of view, to enable students to focus on their studies. Every student can succeed, and it is up to the schools to help them find their personal

path to success.

Sheryl Picard: An action by our district to address diversity would be to change our mission statement. Students need to recognize what it means to be an American (instead of citizens of the world) and to live in a free country. We all obviously live in the world, but what unites us is that we live in the Unit-

ed States. Having a strong understanding of the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and American History would facilitate comradery instead of the divisiveness we have now. Many have immigrated to this country and died for this country to have the freedom to be diverse and respected.

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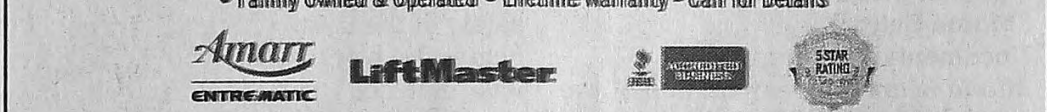
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Greater Farmington Film Festival announces lineup

Courtesy of KickstART Farmington

Farmington-Hills based nonprofit organization KickstART Farmington announces the film lineup and schedule for the 2022 Greater Farmington Film Festival.

The Greater Farmington Film Festival takes place Oct. 6-9 at the Riviera Cinema, Farmington Community Library, and the Zekelman Holocaust Center, with a selection of recently released feature films and documentaries that engage the heart and mind, explore important contemporary issues, and inspire action: good films for a better world.

Thursday, Oct. 6

7 p.m. at the Riviera Cinema

"The Art of Making It"

Documentary, 94 minutes

This is a film about who gets seen and who gets left behind in today's seductive, secretive and unregulated art world. *The Art of Making It* follows a diverse group of compelling young artists on the brink of unimaginable success or failure as they challenge systems, break barriers and risk it all with the goal of making it in an industry where all the rules are currently being rewritten.

Friday, Oct. 7

7 p.m. at the Riviera Cinema

"Mission: Joy. Finding Happiness in Troubled Times"

Documentary, 90 minutes

Deeply moving and laugh-out-loud funny, *Mission: JOY* is a documentary with unprecedented access to the unlikely friendship of two international icons who transcend religion: His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Tutu. In their final joint mission, these self-described mischievous brothers give a master class in how to create joy in a world that was never easy for them. They offer neuroscience-backed wisdom to help each of us live with more joy, despite circumstances.

Consisting largely of never-before-seen footage shot over 5 days at the Dalai Lama's residence in Dharamsala, the film invites viewers to join these luminaries behind the scenes as they recount stories from their lives, each hav-



Patrons watch a movie at the Civic in 2021. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

ing lived through periods of incredible difficulty and strife. With genuine affection, mutual respect and a healthy dose of teasing, these unlikely friends impart lessons gleaned from lived experience, ancient traditions, and the latest cutting-edge science regarding how to live with joy in the face of all of life's challenges from the extraordinary to the mundane.

9:15 p.m. at the Riviera Cinema

"Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America"

Documentary, 118 minutes

Jeffery Robinson had one of the best educations in America. He went to Marquette University and Harvard Law School and has been a trial lawyer for over 40 years – as a public defender, in private practice, at the ACLU, and now at The Who We Are Project. In 2011, Robinson began raising his then 13-year-old nephew and, as a Black man raising a Black son, struggled with what to tell his son about racism in America. How, he wondered, did we get here? And when he started looking at our Nation's history, Robinson was shocked by what he had not known. For the past 10 years, in community centers, concert halls, houses of worship, and conference rooms across America, he has been sharing what he learned.

In *Who We Are – A Chronicle of Racism in America*, Robinson faces his largest audience, asking all of us to examine who we are, where we come from, and who we want to be. Anchored by Robinson's 2018 performance at NYC's historic Town Hall Theater, the film interweaves historical and present-day archival footage, Robinson's personal sto-

ry, and observational and interview footage capturing Robinson's meetings with Black change-makers and eyewitnesses to history. From a hanging tree in Charleston, South Carolina, to a walking tour of the origins of slavery in colonial New York, to the site of a 1947 lynching in rural Alabama, the film brings history to life, exploring the enduring legacy of white supremacy and our collective responsibility to overcome it.

Saturday, Oct. 8

2 p.m. at the Farmington Community Library

The Best of the 2022 New York International Children's Film Festival

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7 p.m. at the Riviera Cinema

"Mama Bears"

Documentary, 91 minutes

Mama Bears is an exploration of the journeys taken by two "mama bears"—conservative, Christian mothers whose profound love for their LGBTQ+ children has turned them into fierce advocates for the entire queer community—and a young African American lesbian whose struggle for self-acceptance perfectly exemplifies why the mama bears are so vitally important.

Mama Bears is the story of women who have allowed nearly every aspect of their lives to be completely reshaped by love. Although they may have grown up

as fundamentalist, evangelical Christians, mama bears are willing to risk losing friends, family, and faith communities to keep their children safe — even if it challenges their belief systems and rips their worlds apart.

9:15 p.m. at the Riviera Cinema

"Flee"

Animated Documentary, 89 mins

Flee tells the story of Amin Nawabi as he grapples with a painful secret he has kept hidden for twenty years, one that threatens to derail the life he has built for himself and his soon to be husband. Recounted mostly through animation to director Jonas Poher Rasmussen, he tells for the first time the story of his extraordinary journey as a child refugee from Afghanistan.

Flee was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Animated Feature.

Sunday, Oct. 9

12:30 p.m. at the Zekelman Holocaust Center

"Charlotte"

Animated Drama, 93 minutes

Charlotte is an animated drama that tells the true story of Charlotte Salomon (Keira Knightley), a young German-Jewish painter who comes of age in Berlin on the eve of the Second World War. Fiercely imaginative and deeply gifted, she dreams of becoming an artist. Her first love applauds her talent, which emboldens her resolve. But the world around her is changing quickly and dangerously, limiting her options and derailing her dream.

When anti-Semitic policies inspire violent mobs, she leaves Berlin for the safety of the South of France. There she begins to paint again and finds new love. But her work is interrupted, this time by a family tragedy that reveals an even darker secret. Believing that only the extraordinary will save her, she embarks on the monumental adventure of painting her life story.

The festival also includes several free virtual screenings, including "Driving While Black: Race, Space and Mobility in America," "Kiss the Ground," and "The Revolution Generation."

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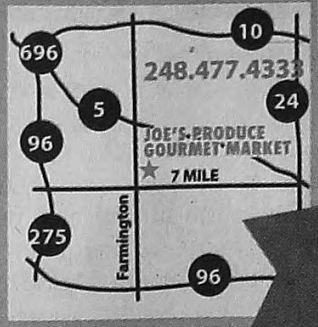
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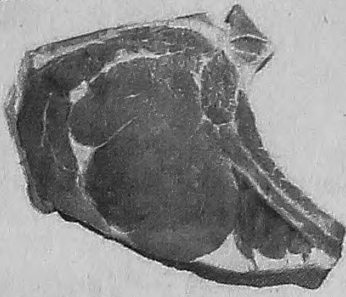
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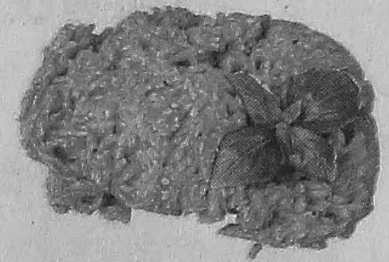
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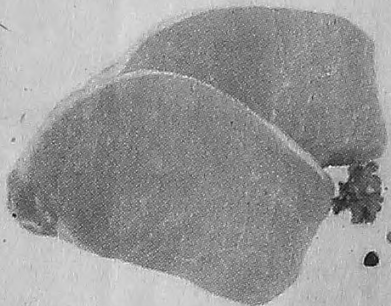
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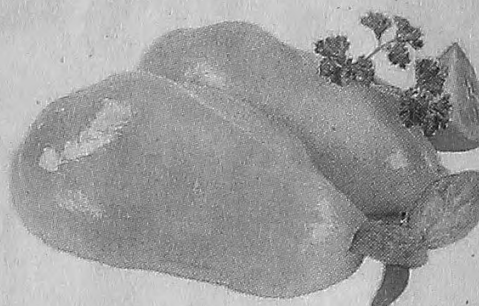
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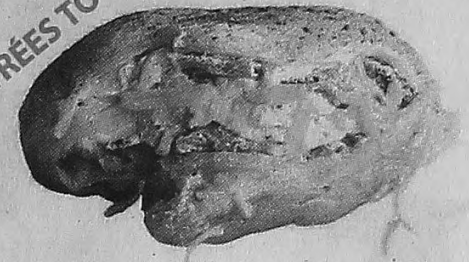
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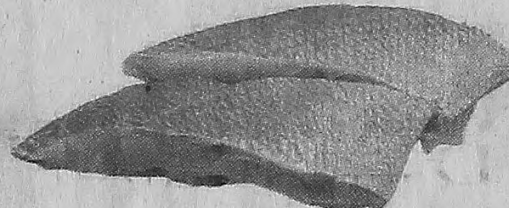


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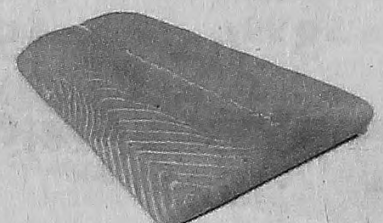
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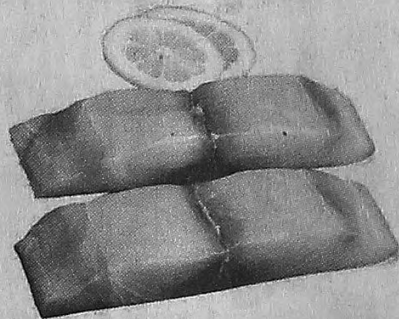
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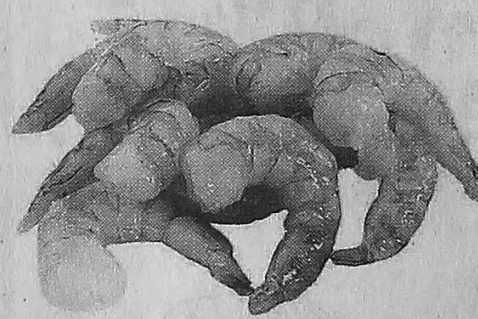
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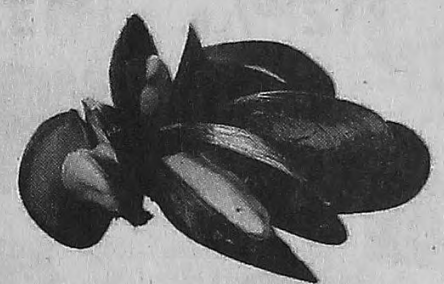
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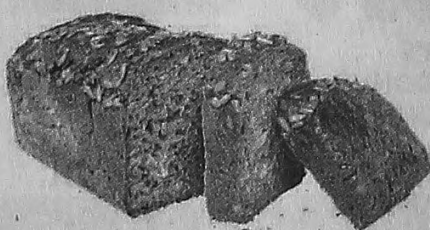
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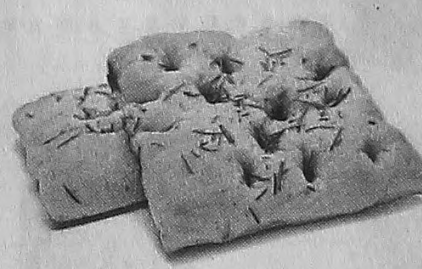
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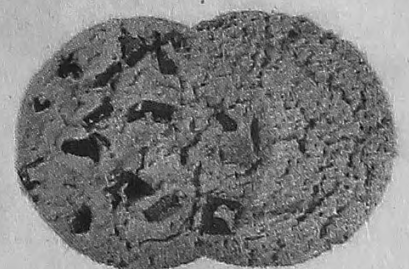
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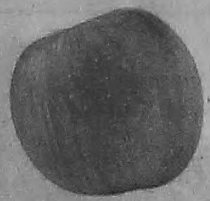
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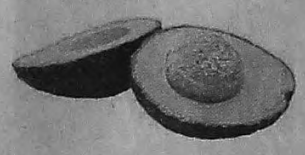
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Redford Union's Cory Chavis passes against Garden City on Sept. 30. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Redford Union building program 'piece by piece'

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Ian Iler had no interest in becoming a head coach.

Heck, he didn't even want to be an offensive or defensive coordinator.

He just enjoyed showing up to practices and developing players.

And that's what he did as a positional coach at his various stops, which included helping Canton, Westland John Glenn and Siena Heights University as well as a few different youth instructional programs.

But a new job in 2017 as a positive behavior interventions and support specialist got him back to Redford Union Schools, where he graduated in 2005, and an opportunity to lead his own program popped up a year later.

Iler joined the staff of longtime Pan-

thers coach Miles Tomasaitis and quickly realized just how much talent their small community in northern Wayne County was harboring.

"I was helping Miles when he was the head coach, and I was like, 'Redford's got so much talent,' and then you look at Belleville. You look at (River) Rouge. You look at (Detroit) King," Iler said following RU's 47-21 win over Garden City last week. "They've had Redford kids on their rosters. That's why I always say it's about keeping the kids here and building something they can be proud of."

"I know that I'm proud of it because I went to it. But at the end of the day, if we can build something that can have them be proud of it themselves, they don't have to drive somewhere and waste their gas. They can be right here in their own district winning championships and getting scholarships. Right here."

One year after Iler returned to RU, To-

masaitis stepped down as the head coach after leading the team for 13 seasons and posting a 61-60 record so he could become the school's athletic director.

Iler jumped at the opportunity to replace Tomasaitis and hasn't second-guessed himself once.

He had a tough first year, going 2-7. But ever since, the program has been on the rise.

They've made the playoffs three straight seasons, and they've already secured a postseason berth this fall.

A year ago, they won the Western Wayne Athletic Conference with a 7-0 league record. It marked the first time since the Panthers won the Michigan Mega Conference-Gold in 2004 that they had won a league title. That was Iler's junior season.

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Our Week 7 high school football rankings

Brandon Folsom
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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

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

10. Farmington (4-2, 2-1 OAA-Blue; Last week: Unranked)

The Falcons are still alive in the Oakland Activities Association-Blue title race, despite dropping a division game to Troy two weeks ago. They got just the bounce-back performance they needed in a crossover matchup with Pontiac in Week 6, and they should pick up another confidence-building win against Ferndale this week.

Just how good is Farmington? We'll find out in the de facto OAA-Blue championship game in Week 8 when undefeated Birmingham Seaholm comes to town.

A win for the Maples gives them the outright title. A win for the Falcons means both teams would finish 3-1 in the division.

9. Novi (4-2, 4-1 KLAAs-West; Last week: No. 10)

The Wildcats wrapped up their three-game stint against the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park by going 3-0 and outscoring Salem, Canton and Plymouth by a combined score of 112-16.

It's going to get a lot tougher for Novi the rest of the way. It has a trap game type of matchup against Howell this week before it visits rival Northville in Week 8. Then it will take on either Livonia Franklin or Dearborn in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover in the regular-season finale before the playoffs start.

8. South Lyon East (5-1, 4-1 LVC; Last week: No. 9)

The Cougars should beat White Lake Lakeland this week. That win would tie the program record for most wins in a single season (6). That's saying something because they'll still have matchups against Milford and South Lyon left before the regular season concludes. And then they'll get at least one playoff game.

Assuming South Lyon East can avoid another catastrophic injury to a key starter (QB Nico Campo was lost against Walled Lake Western in Week 4), this team should go down as the all-time winningest since the school started playing the sport in 2008.

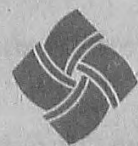
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Our picks for Week 7 high school football

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom picks the winners from the five biggest matchups this week. He went 4-1 picking games last week and is 24-6 on the season.

All games kick off at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7.

Detroit Catholic Central (4-2, 1-1) at Orchard Lake St. Mary's (2-4, 1-1) (CHSL-Central)

Except for a few exciting plays from backup QB Skyler Hunter, the Shamrocks looked passive offensively in last week's loss to Warren De La Salle.

They must find a way to score points in order to avoid getting upset by the Eagles, who did just that to Brother Rice with a 15-7 win in Week 6.

What's more, a loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's means the Pilots walk away as the Catholic League-Central champions. A win for Detroit Catholic Central ensures both teams finish the league slate at 2-1 overall.

Folsom's pick: Detroit Catholic Central 42, Orchard Lake St. Mary's 12

Salem (0-6, 0-5) at Canton (1-5, 1-4) (KLAA-West)

Livonia Franklin, Plymouth and Brighton have proven that a strong rushing attack can beat the Chiefs.

The Rocks certainly have a strong rushing attack with Robert Jones leading the charge. The senior is an old-school, smash-mouth runner and about

as throwback as they come between the tackles.

Expect the winless Rocks to enter Week 7 hungry. Not only is it a Park rivalry game, but it's also likely their best shot at winning a game until their KLAA crossover matchup (likely against Wayne Memorial) in Week 9.

Folsom's pick: Salem 21, Canton 17.

Howell (3-3, 2-3) at Novi (4-2, 4-1) (KLAA-West)

The Wildcats have won every game they've been the favorite to win. They don't fall victim to the trap game.

Well, Week 7 is another trap game. It'd be easy to get caught looking ahead to their Week 8 matchup against rival Northville. So they better not do that. They must take care of business against the Highlanders, which I fully expect them to do.

Folsom's pick: Novi 35, Howell 21.

South Lyon East (5-1, 4-1) at White Lake Lakeland (3-3, 3-3) (LVC)

While the Eagles are still rebuilding, it was great to see them win the Battle of Bogie Lake Road against rival Walled Lake Northern a week ago. This week's test will be much tougher, however.

The Cougars are on pace to finish as the third- or fourth-best team in the Lakes Valley Conference. There's no denying how well Walled Lake Western and South Lyon have played. But it'll be interesting to see who finishes in third place between Waterford Mott, Milford and South Lyon East.

East cannot afford to drop a winnable road game at White Lake Lakeland.



Salem's Robert Jones (center) gets pulled down by Novi's Niko Hertrich (left) and Niko Krall (right) on Sept. 9. RAYVON DELMONTA/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Folsom's pick: South Lyon East 45, White Lake Lakeland 18.

Romulus (1-5, 1-4) at Redford Thurston (0-6, 0-5) (WWAC)

This matchup is likely Redford Thurston's last chance to win a game in 2022.

Romulus beat Dearborn Heights Robichaud by one score in Week 3, but it's

been one of the worst teams in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference. It has actually scored fewer points (67) than winless Thurston (89).

Thurston's issue has been finishing games. Twice, it has lost by the score of 22-21. It should be 2-4 right now.

Folsom's pick: Redford Thurston 26, Romulus 19.

Rankings

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7. Northville (5-1, 4-1 KLAA-West; Last Week: No. 7)

Traveling to Hartland is never an easy feat. But I don't need to tell the Mustangs that. They've never beaten the Eagles once in football. Seriously. Hartland has gone 4 for 4 against Northville since the two were aligned in the same division of the KLAA four years ago, and it leads the all-time series, 4-0. And the games haven't even been close, as the Eagles have won by an average margin of victory of 21.5 points.

But this is a new and improved Northville squad. It should put up more of a fight this time around. Week 7 should be a good test for the Mustangs.

6. Detroit Catholic Central (4-2, 1-1 CHSL-Central; Last week: No. 1)

It might be too harsh to drop the Shamrocks five spots in the rankings after losing to the defending Division 2 state champions. But they didn't show too much fight against Warren De La Salle during the Boys Bowl.

The defense played well enough to win, giving up just 28 points and even holding De La Salle scoreless in the third quarter. But the offense just couldn't get anything going. There were fumbles, dropped catches and blown assignments along the offensive line.

Detroit Catholic Central will bounce back with a win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's this week, but it must sort out its offensive woes before the playoffs start at the end of the month.

5. Detroit Country Day (4-1; Last week: No. 6)

The Yellowjackets are quietly having a great season.

Their lone loss was in Week 4 against South Lyon, a D-2 team with twice its enrollment.

They had a bye the following week, but they got just the bounce-back performance in a 35-10 homecoming thumping of Flint Powers Catholic this past weekend.

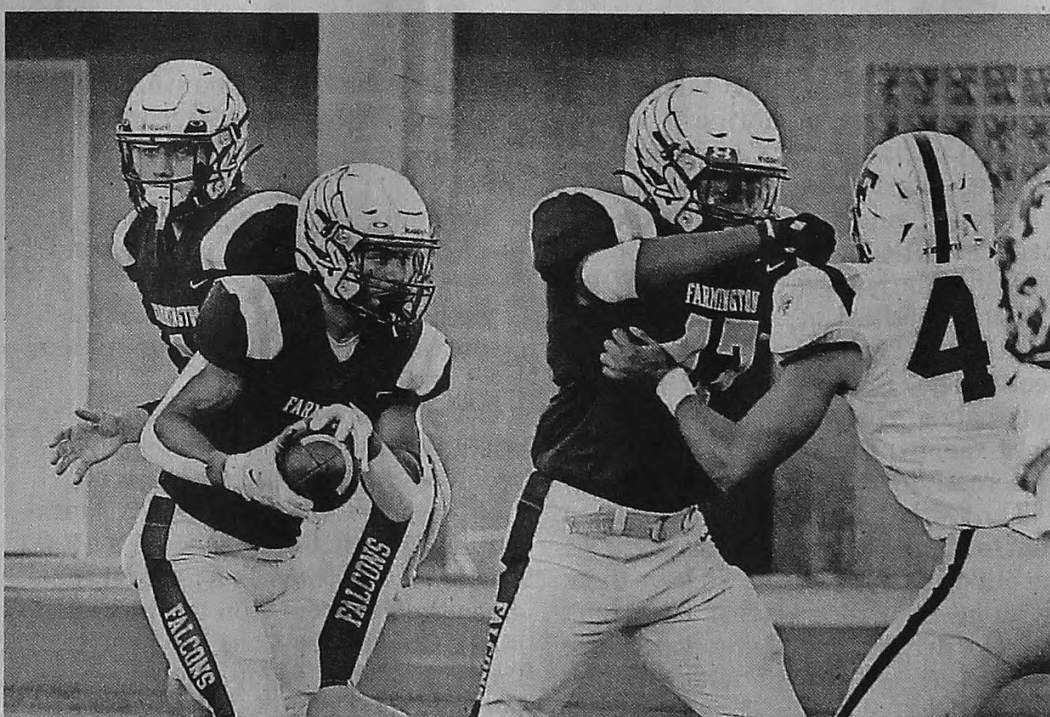
They have a challenging schedule to end the regular season, but each game is winnable, including that Week 8 matchup against Brother Rice. The Warriors have struggled this season, and it could be perfect timing for Detroit Country Day to snap its two-game losing streak to big brother up the road.

4. Birmingham Seaholm (6-0, 3-0 OAA-Blue; Last week: No. 5)

Out of all the teams on the Maples' schedule so far, Troy had the best chance of knocking off Birmingham Seaholm. And it just didn't happen. Seaholm crushed the 2021 OAA-Blue run-



Detroit Catholic Central's Beau Jackson passes against Warren De La Salle during the Boys Bowl on Oct. 2. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Farmington's Cameron Pettaway rushes against North Farmington on Sept. 16. RAYVON DELMONTA/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ner-ups to the tune of 52-0, and it was its most-dominant performance yet.

The Maples should keep this going. I expect them to beat Farmington to win the division title. It'll be a coin flip if they beat rival Birmingham Groves in the regular-season finale. But it doesn't matter what happens in that game. It'll already have a playoff spot locked up and, likely, home-field advantage as well.

3. Redford Union (6-0, 5-0 WWAC; Last week: No. 4)

Garden City proved that the Panthers

are, indeed, human. Only the Cougars didn't have enough depth and discipline to pull off the upset at Redford Union. It was a one-score game at one point, and Garden City had the perfect opportunity to knot the score. It probably could've garnered enough mojo to take the lead, too.

But maybe getting punched in the mouth will prove to be a good thing for Union. Steamrolling every opponent doesn't help them learn how to deal with adversity. And the Panthers definitely dealt with adversity in last week's Western Wayne Athletic Conference game.

2. Livonia Franklin (6-0, 4-0 KLAA-East; Last week: No. 3)

It wasn't a surprise to see the Patriots claim the outright Livonia City Championship a week ago, nor was it surprising seeing Livonia Stevenson QB ArJon Thompson keeping the game close early. But the Patriots pulled away late and picked up the admirable 24-7 victory against the Spartans.

Livonia Franklin faces rebuilding Dearborn Fordson this week. And it should be another big win that allows the Patriots to get each backup some playing experience. But they must leave this matchup unscathed. They're going to need every playmaker they have when they meet top-ranked Belleville for the KLAA-East title in Week 8.

1. South Lyon (5-1, 4-1 LVC; Last week: No. 2)

This week will be the Lions' final easy win before the schedule starts to heat up for the rest of the year. They face Walled Lake Northern in Week 7, and they should win by another big score. The biggest challenge will be escaping without injuries to key players.

But back-to-back games against Waterford Mott and South Lyon East await them. And then the playoffs start. Each week should get incrementally more challenging until their season ends. And that's going to be either them losing deep in the playoffs or them winning the state championship.

Out of the top-10 rankings: Milford (3-3, 2-3 LVC; Last week: No. 8)

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Four questions for Week 7 of high school football

Brandon Folsom

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom asks the important questions entering Week 7 of the Michigan high school football season.

Can the Cougars make the playoffs?

Garden City entered the 2022 season with two goals in mind: Win a league championship for the first time in three decades and qualify for the postseason.

The Cougars (3-3, 3-2) will not be accomplishing their first goal, as they lost to defending Western Wayne Athletic Conference champion Redford Union, 47-21, in Week 6. The Panthers (6-0, 5-0) are one win away from clinching the league title outright, which there's no question they'll get that done against either Melvindale or Redford Thurston.

But making the postseason for the first time since 2018 is still on the table for Garden City. They have winnable games against Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Dearborn Heights Robichaud and Pontiac to close out the regular season.

"We don't have any more room for error the rest of the season," coach Thomas Michalsen said. "Annapolis is the next team on our schedule, and it's homecoming week. We've got to do the little things right, but homecoming week is always a coach's worst nightmare."

Garden City was actually in a position to take the lead against Union, but it fumbled its chances.

Senior running back Owen McGraw scored the second of his three TDs on a 10-yard run to make it a 20-13 score. The Cougars forced a punt on Union's ensuing possession and even blocked the kick.

Alas, they fumbled the ball right back to the Panthers. Moments later, Union QB Cory Chavis hit Jamel Belcher for a 69-yard TD pass, and Garden City could never recover.

They had the upset win right there in their grasps.

"The turnovers just cost us," McGraw said. "It was really just all the mistakes. We came out and played hard. It was really just the mistakes and turnovers that hurt us in the end."

Garden City had a taste of the post-season experience during the COVID-19 shortened season two years ago. That's when the Michigan High School Athletics Association allowed every team to qualify for the playoffs. The Cougars lost 41-0 to South Lyon East in the district opener.

For seniors such as McGraw, actually earning a playoff berth is important to his class. They don't want any handouts or freebies this time around.

McGraw's class wants to be the foundation for any future success the Cougars might have.

"I totally understand that (our team isn't playing for a state championship in 2022)," McGraw added. "I texted coach and told him I fully realize we're build-



Garden City's Owen McGraw rushes the ball Sept. 30 at Redford Union. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ing something special here, and I'm OK with being the stepping-stone class so the next 10-15 years can be successful here. That's why making the playoffs would mean a lot. It hasn't been done in 5 years besides that COVID year. We're just building something special for the younger kids coming up."

What position will Gabe Winowich play in college?

Detroit Country Day junior Gabe Winowich rushed for two touchdowns during Saturday's 35-10 homecoming victory over Flint Powers Catholic.

That puts him at around 700 yards and nine TDs rushing for the season (and the Yellowjackets had a bye in Week 5). Which is part of the reason Hometown Life included the running back on our mid-season Player of the Year watch list a week ago.

But the four-star isn't getting recruited by big-time colleges to run the ball. Most of them want him to play on defense. He's listed as an athlete in 247Sports' recruiting database. And plenty of schools have talked to him about playing defensive end, linebacker or strong safety. But he's still holding out hope he can catch on as a running back at the next level.

"I would love to run the ball in college," he said. "I really believe that I can. Some people want me to play defense. But my whole thing is I'd like to have the ability to come on campus and have the ability to play running back. If I can't prove myself, I have no problem playing defense."

Winowich already holds offers from Maryland and Rutgers.

More interest will be coming. He's already 6-foot-1 and 220 pounds. He's built like a Division I player, for sure.

And he's definitely built like a running back.

He has breakaway speed. He showed that on his 60-yard TD run to close out

Saturday's victory. And he's slippery, which is something he also showed on the game's second play, as he stumbled out of a few tackles, corrected course and raced 58 yards for a hard-fought TD. Plus, he's built like a Mack truck. He has no problem bowling over tacklers. But it's also hard to overlook just how good of a tackler he is while playing defensive end.

"I'm not against playing defense, but my first choice is to run the football," Winowich added.

Winowich plans to make his college announcement next August before Country Day kicks off its 2023 season. Will he be committing as a linebacker or safety, or will he get his wish and land somewhere as a tailback?

Can the Maples finish the regular season undefeated?

Birmingham Seaholm (6-0, 3-0) should have no problem beating 2-4 Berkley in an Oakland Activities Association crossover matchup this week.

But the Maples have two challenging games to close out the regular season.

They face Farmington (4-2, 2-1) in Week 7. A win for Seaholm gives them a perfect record in the Blue and the outright championship. A win for the Falcons makes it a two-way tie between the two teams. Judging by how well the Maples performed in their shutout against Troy, last year's OAA-Blue runner-ups, a week ago, they should be the favorite when they meet Farmington in two weeks.

But their regular-season finale should be a tougher one. Not only is it a rivalry game against Birmingham Groves (4-2) but these Falcons play in the tougher OAA-White. Groves should be more battle-tested against better opponents, considering it'll enter the finale having already played against three-star QB Isaiah Marshall at Southfield A&T and Bloomfield Hills QB CJ

Jackson, who led the Black Hawks to the OAA-Blue title in 2021.

But the fact we're talking about Seaholm going undefeated in the regular season is wild considering the Maples were abysmal last year. They went 1-8 overall and scored seven or fewer points in four of their nine games.

Which Community Chest card will the Patriots pull from the deck of Monopoly cards?

Livonia Franklin's season is shaking out a lot like a game of Monopoly.

The Patriots (6-0, 5-0) should be undefeated when they meet defending state champion Belleville (6-0, 5-0) in Week 8. On the line is the right to remain undefeated, the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East championship and a chance to play in the KLAA championship (which will be a likely matchup against Brighton).

The Tigers seem almost unbeatable. Not only do they look better than last year's Division 1 state title team but they also return a slew of future college football stars. That includes Bryce Underwood, the No. 1-ranked sophomore QB in the country, according to 247Sports.

It's too early to rule out a Franklin upset because it is, indeed, possible of happening. Heck, Livonia Churchill was the only team to beat the Tigers a year ago, so why can't the Patriots muster a similar kind of effort?

So how does this relate to Monopoly? Beating Belleville will be a lot like drawing the "Advanced To Go (Collect \$200)" card from the Community Chest. Doing so usually sets you up to have even more success down the road.

Losing to Belleville will be a lot like drawing the "You Have Won Second Prize In A Beauty Contest (Collect \$10)" card. Sure, finishing in second place in the KLAA-East is admirable. But who cares? Advancing to the KLAA championship is the main goal here.

Redford Union

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And already in 2022, they're undefeated. They knocked off Pewamo-Westphalia, winners of two of the past three Division 7 state championships, in the season opener and have won five-straight WWAC games since. A win over Melvindale this week ensures them at least a share of the league title. And a win over winless Redford Thurston in Week 8 gives them the championship outright.

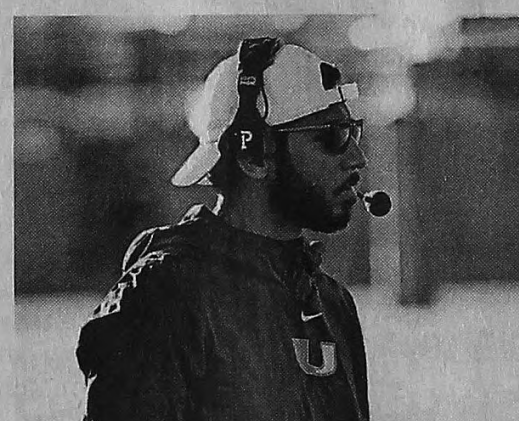
The Panthers had made the playoffs only five times before Iler took over.

Now qualifying for the postseason has become the standard. This year marks just the 30th time in the past 72 years that RU will have a record over .500. But having near-perfect regular seasons has become the standard.

Watching the best athletes in the school district transfer to football powerhouses elsewhere has plagued the Panthers for years.

But having Division I college coaches stop by Iler's office to recruit his home-grown talent has become the standard.

And having as many as 45 players on the JV team has become the standard. "Honestly, man, everybody says brick by brick," Iler added. "But we like to say we've built it from the dirt. We sowed a lot of the seeds. We've kept a lot of the kids in Redford that would normally go to other places. That's been the main factor. And, yeah, we get some



Redford Union's Ian Iler watches his offense play against Garden City on Sept. 30.

BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

kids that come from other places, too. But we build them up.

"We build them up, and we love them up. We're hard on them, super hard on them. But at the same time, we tell them how special they can be. That's the thing we're trying to get to them: Don't take for granted what you're doing. Every single team since 2018 has left something behind. Now this team is going to leave something behind that we think can be really special. But we're also trying to keep them humble at the same time."

And that has to do with just how much talent the Panthers have.

Leading the defense is three-star linebacker Jeremiah Alston, who is committed to Central Michigan University.

Their backfield is crowded with

about three or four guys who could start at running back at most other D-4 schools, including starters Dawaune Strickland, Daquan Davis and Javerious Shepherd. And even Alston runs the ball.

Their receiving depth is about as deep as you can get with Kyren Ware, Jamel Belcher II and Dematthew Dixon.

And their quarterback is as reliable as they come in 6-foot-5 pocket passer Cory Chavis.

"It's been great. It's just been a full turnaround," said Chavis, a second-year starter who tossed TD passes to Ware (39 yards) and Belcher (69) against the Cougars. "Last year, we had our beginning stages. I've worked with my receivers in the off-season, and we just got our timing together."

One of Iler's biggest challenges is realizing that Chavis has only one football to share among eight or so different playmakers each week.

That's why the fifth-year coach has encouraged his guys to make the most of their opportunity when they actually do get the ball. He likes to ride the hot hand. Sometimes guys will get three touches per game, others will get 10 or 12.

But regardless of how many touches you get in his offense, you better be making house calls. You might not touch it again for a few quarters.

And that strategy has worked. It's not out of the ordinary to see a receiver have three catches for over 100 yards or a running back have fewer than 15 rushes but have three or four TDs.

And rarely do his guys have off

nights.

"It's hard work, but we're staying consistent, and we're keeping motivated," said Strickland, who rushed for three TDs this past week. "It's amazing. We really put in the work. It's not possible if the team doesn't stay consistent and just stay locked in."

The Panthers are just three wins away from finishing with an undefeated regular season for only the second time in program history. The 1998 team went 9-0 but lost its regional opener to Dearborn, 34-27.

Michigan high school football is going through an era of "Keeping up with the Jones." There's no transfer portal, but there are plenty of transfers. Players are leaving home every day for better opportunities down the road. It's like a free agency with an a la carte menu.

By focusing on themselves, the Panthers have navigated those troubled waters well. By building something special at home, they're making RU look like a great place to play to outsiders. And they're keeping their kids at home, in the district.

Going undefeated at RU might have seemed unbelievable in 2018. Now it's the expectation.

"This year, the mantra is 'Us vs. us,'" Iler added. "We know what to expect from our opponents. But throughout the week, we're not playing for Garden City. We're not playing for (Dearborn Heights) Crestwood. We're playing for Redford Union. If we do what we're supposed to do, piece by piece and detail by detail, you won't lose."



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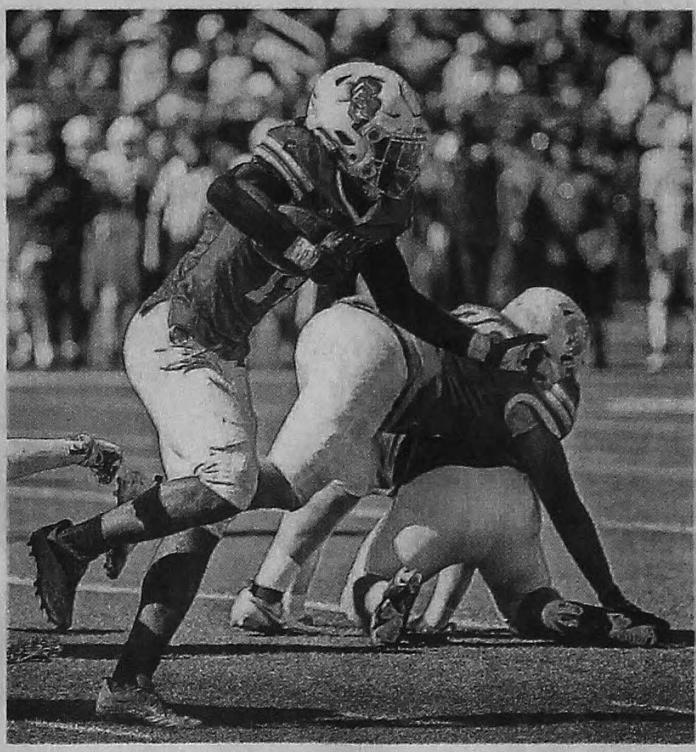
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Five must-see games for Week 7 HS football

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom breaks down the five biggest matchups taking place during Week 7 of the MHSAA football season.

Detroit Catholic Central (4-2, 1-1) at Orchard Lake St. Mary's (2-4, 1-1) (CHSL-Central)

The crowd showed up. The Shamrocks' offense did not. While hundreds and hundreds of cars littered the fields adjacent to the auxiliary parking lots at Detroit Catholic Central, the alumni didn't get the performance they were expecting from the Shamrocks in the 78th annual Boys Bowl on Sunday.

Defending Division 2 state champion Warren De La Salle beat them 28-0 and made it a two-way tie atop of the Catholic League-Central standings.

The Shamrocks entered the matchup with a chance to take a 2-0 division record to Orchard Lake St. Mary's this week. Instead, they lost to the Pilots, and now CC must beat the Eaglets to ensure it shares the league title with DLS, as both teams would finish the league slate at 2-1 overall.

This week's trip to northwest Orchard Lake was going to be a special one, but that loss to the Pilots has taken away some of its sheen. Still, it's important that CC takes care of business in this one.

Salem (0-6, 0-5) at Canton (1-5, 1-4) (KLAA-West)

The Rocks have an opportunity to close out the 2022 season on a three-game winning streak and give first-year coach Brendan Murphy something to build on entering the off-season.

Up next are back-to-back Park rivalry matchups against Plymouth and Canton, which are both winnable games as the Wildcats and Chiefs have won just two games between the two of them.

Salem will close out the slate with a Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover game.

How well they do in the next two weeks will determine how tough of a matchup that game will be. If they drop both rivalry games, they'll get Wayne Memorial. If they steal a game against either Canton or Plymouth, they'll likely face Livonia Churchill to end the season. Or maybe Dearborn Fordson or Westland John Glenn.

While the rebuilding Rocks have played an incredibly tough schedule early on, they have a chance to have some fun and win some games down the final stretch.

Howell (3-3, 2-3) at Novi (4-2, 4-1) (KLAA-West)

The Wildcats cannot get caught looking ahead. They're one week away from facing Northville to wrap up the KLAA-West calendar. On the line are rivalry bragging rights, much-needed playoffs points and a potential KLAA second-place crossover matchup against either Belleville or Livonia Franklin.

So Novi cannot take Howell lightly. This matchup is the definition of a trap game. The Highlanders are having an OK year, but they haven't been world-beaters by any means. It'd be easy for the Wildcats to overlook them in practice throughout the week and end up getting punched in the mouth come kickoff Friday night.

It's imperative that Novi stays focused on beating Howell. Northville can wait another week.

South Lyon East (5-1, 4-1) at White Lake Lakeland (3-3, 3-3) (LVC)

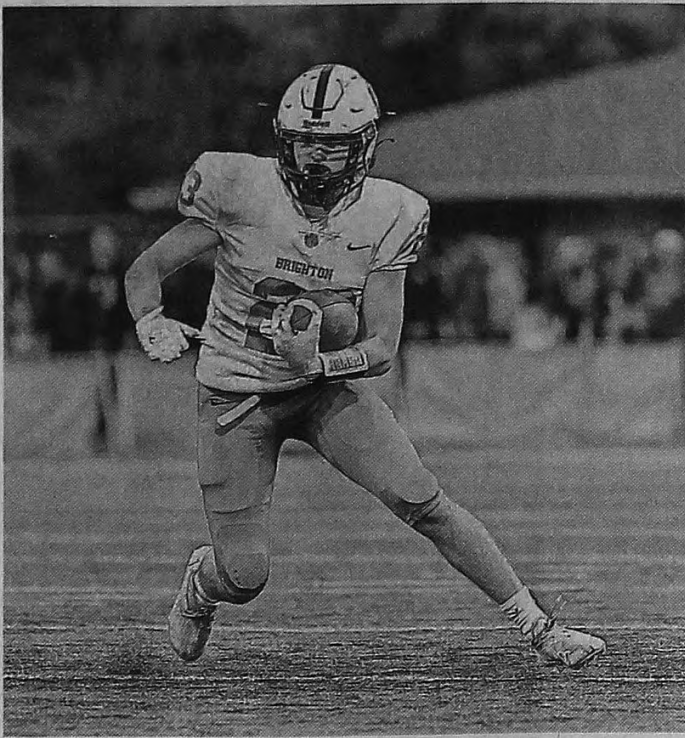
The Eagles snapped a three-game losing streak with an impressive win over rival Walled Lake Northern during the Battle of Bogie Lake Road last week.

But all eyes are on the Cougars. South Lyon East has a chance to win its sixth game, which would be just the second time in program history it has won that many games in a single season.

Not only are the Cougars looking to earn their fifth playoff berth ever but they're on pace to be the all-time winningest team since the school started playing the sport in 2008.

They should be favored to beat the Eagles this week. But if they get upset, they have games left against Milford and South Lyon to close out the regular season. Plus, they'll be getting a playoff game.

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Brighton's Ashton Tomassi caught two touchdown passes in a 41-21 victory over Canton. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

Brighton 6-0 for first time since 2000

Bill Khan
Livingston Daily
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BRIGHTON — Brighton has been Livingston County's most successful football program in recent decades, but this year's team has achieved something that doesn't happen often for the Bulldogs.

With a 41-21 victory over Canton Friday night, Brighton is 6-0 for the first time since the 2000 team won its first 10 games. It's only the fourth time the Bulldogs have been 6-0 in the past 41 seasons.

Canton, meanwhile, fell to 1-5, guaranteeing its first losing season since going 4-5 in 1999.

Five different Bulldogs reached the end zone and two quarterbacks threw touchdown passes.

Colin McKernan was 12-for-20 for 224 yards and three touchdowns, the first of which was a 55-yarder to Joseph Davis to tie the game 7-7 after an early Canton score.

The Bulldogs exploded for 31 points in the second quarter, including two touchdown passes from McKernan to Ashton Tomassi. Carson Shrader broke the 7-7 tie with a 6-yard touchdown run, Grant Hetherington threw a 55-yard touchdown pass to Andrew Stewart and Braeden Chiles kicked the first of his two field goals to make it 38-7 at halftime.

Chiles kicked a 42-yard field goal in the third quarter and Dillon Calhoun capped the scoring with a 2-yard run in the fourth quarter.

"It was a weird game," Brighton coach Brian Lemons said. "We came out, we moved the ball up and down the field offensively. We had a lot of success throwing the ball. Carson was tough to stop on the ground. We spread the ball around quite a bit tonight."

Shrader ran 10 times for 90 yards, Tomassi caught three passes for 101 yards and two touchdowns, and Davis caught three passes for 71 yards.

Linebacker Luke Frisinger had an interception for Brighton, which hosts Plymouth next Friday for homecoming. A victory would guarantee Brighton will host the KLAA championship game.

Canton ran for 285 yards and had zero passing yards.

"They were a little banged up," Lemons said. "The kids they had on the field were giving it everything they've got. They had some success running the ball like they do."



Redford Thurston's Jordan Watson rushes the ball Sept. 23 at Garden City. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Must-see

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Romulus (1-5, 1-4) at Redford Thurston (0-6, 0-5) (WWAC)

This is likely Redford Thurston's last chance to win a game this season, as it has two tough matchups with Redford Union (6-0) and Swartz Creek (5-1) to close out 2022.

Despite experiencing winning woes the past two years, the Eagles haven't finished a season 0-9 since 1988. So they must take care of Romulus in Week 7 to ensure that 34-year streak isn't snapped.

Romulus stole a victory against Dearborn Heights Robichaud in Week 3, but it's been struggling to produce points ever since. It has scored six points or fewer in each of its last three games. It has scored only 67 points all season. Even winless Thurston has produced more points than that (89).

Hopefully, Thurston enters this week hungry for its first win.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY,
MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request for Approval of a Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Article 30: Administration
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, October 19, 2022
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 PM
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty, Plymouth, MI 48170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth will consider a text amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Article 30: Administration as related to performance guarantees. The text amendment will add Section 30.11: General, providing for the intent and scope of requirements, providing for general requirements, and providing for remedies for unsatisfactory completion of improvements as related to performance and cash bonds.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the proposed text amendment to Plymouth Township Hall, attn.: Carol Martin. Pertinent information is on file at the Township's Public Services Department (second floor counter) and may be viewed during regular business hours (8:00 AM - 4:30 PM).

Plymouth Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one week's advance notice by contacting the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty, Plymouth, MI 48170; (734) 354-3201.

Kendra Barberena, Secretary
Planning Commission

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The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, October 24, 2022.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.497) at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office, located at 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 8 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Proposal Section

State

Proposal 22-1

A proposal to amend the state constitution to require annual public financial disclosure reports by legislators and other state officers and change state legislator term limit to 12 total years in legislature

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Require members of legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general file annual public financial disclosure reports after 2023, including assets, liabilities, income sources, future employment agreements, gifts, travel reimbursements, and positions held in organizations except religious, social, and political organizations.
- Require legislature implement but not limit or restrict reporting requirements.
- Replace current term limits for state representatives and state senators with a 12-year total limit in any combination between house and senate, except a person elected to senate in 2022 may be elected the number of times allowed when that person became a candidate.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Proposal 22-2

A proposal to amend the state constitution to add provisions regarding elections.

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Recognize fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct;
- Require military or overseas ballots be counted if postmarked by election day;
- Provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement;
- Provide voter right to single application to vote absentee in all elections;
- Require state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes, and postage for absentee applications and ballots;
- Provide that only election officials may conduct post-election audits;
- Require nine days of early in-person voting;
- Allow donations to fund elections, which must be disclosed;
- Require canvass boards certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Proposal 22-3

A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecution of individuals exercising established right

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility;
- Allow state to regulate abortion after fetal viability, but not prohibit if medically needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health;
- Forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment;
- Invalidate state laws conflicting with this amendment.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Residents of Plymouth Township who are not already registered to vote may register at a Secretary of State Branch Office or State Designated Agency, or by visiting the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI, 48170, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Mail-in registrations postmarked by **October 24, 2022** will also be accepted.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, telephone: 313-354-3224. A sample ballot may be viewed at <https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot>.

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Plymouth Township Clerk

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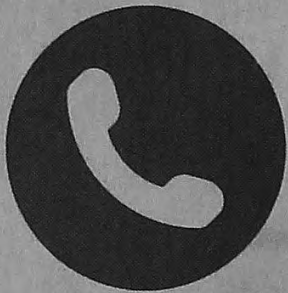
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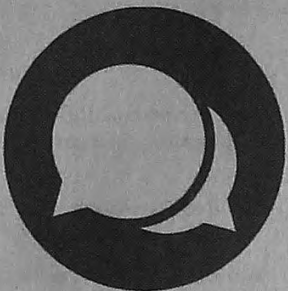
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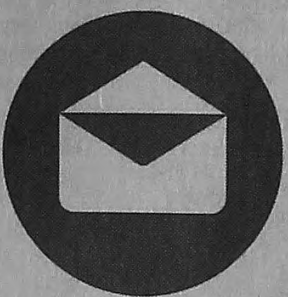
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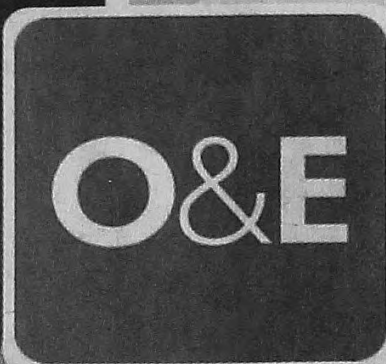
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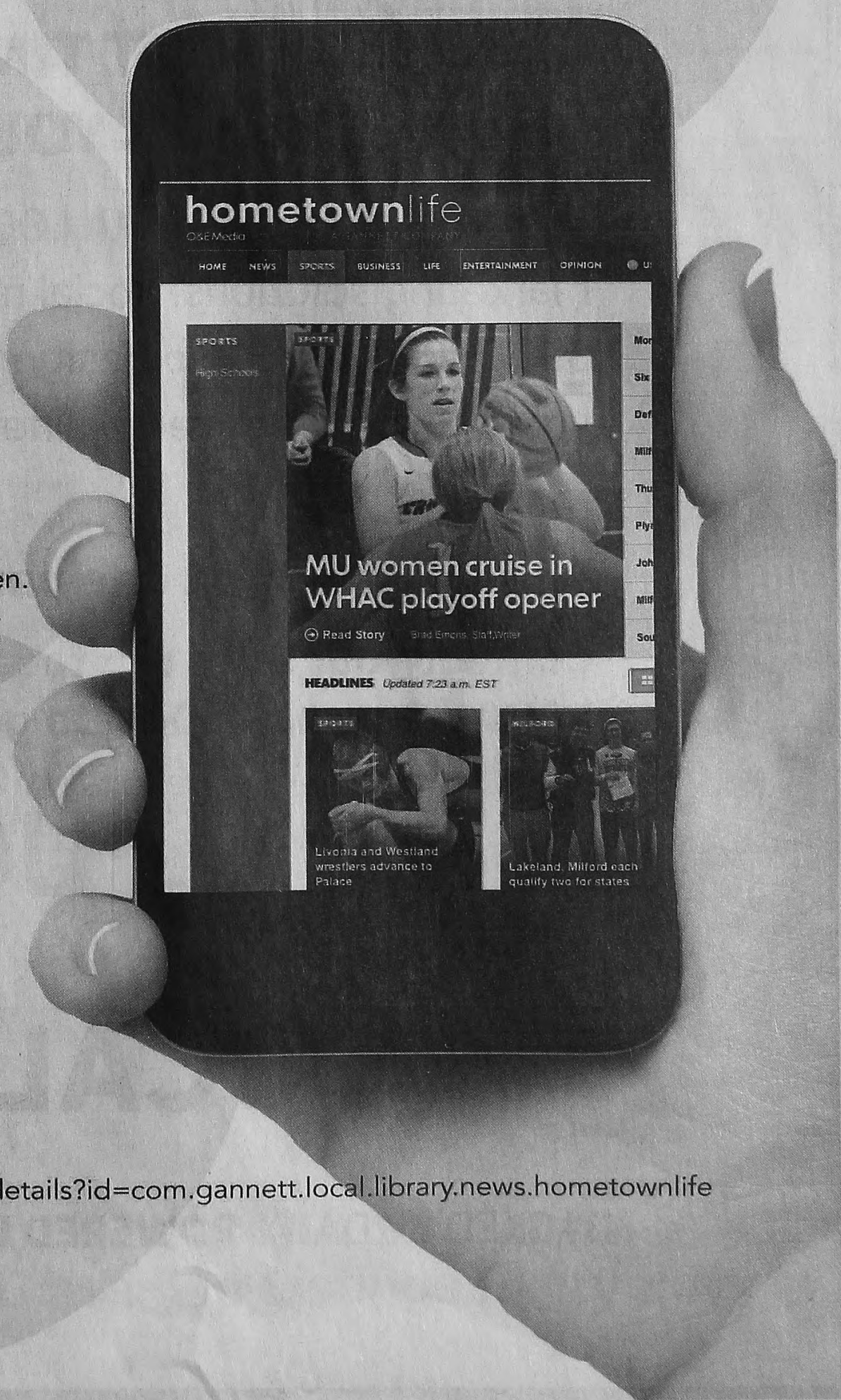
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|----------|----------|-----------|---------|
| Aggro | Deck | Leash | Steep |
| Aloha | Dude | Noosa | Surf |
| Angourie | Dump | Nose | Swell |
| Birds | Fins | Onshore | Swim |
| Bombora | Gnarly | Point | Tube |
| Boomer | GoPro | Reef | Under |
| Break | Grit | Rips | Wall |
| Camp | Guns | Sallboard | Wave |
| Chop | Heat | Sand | Winner |
| Circuit | Hollow | Sets | Wipeout |
| Cold | Kahuna | Shark | Woody |
| Coogee | Margaret | Skag | |
| Curly | River | Skill | |

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 A H R S N U G I H A D I B A R
 N O O S A T H U E R R R S G U
 D W L W A O N L C T E K R G O
 T A Y E L A L O E A E M C R G
 U V D L A I L R K G R A O O N
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 S H W H R C I A N O S E E C I
 A I E A U N C P P O N F E E R
 M A M R S S A I L B O A R D D
 T R L K T R E N N I W S E T S

NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Common settings for westerns
 6 See 30 Down
 11 Practical application
 14 Nonsensical
 15 What may power a pointer
 16 Scholarly attainment
 17 Something to launch
 19 Facebook label
 20 Roof features
 21 Beans partner
 22 Make plans for
 26 Artists' outfits
 28 Something to launch
 31 How much toothpaste tastes
 32 Open, as oysters
 33 Besides that
 34 Took part, with "in"
 36 Sticks on snow
 40 Remain unrenewed
 42 Blond shade
 43 Something to launch
 46 Launch
 48 Not much
 49 Peeved
 50 Salome's stepfather
 52 Ancient European invader
 53 Something to launch
 59 Era
 60 Nasal appraisal
 61 Sport with barrel racing

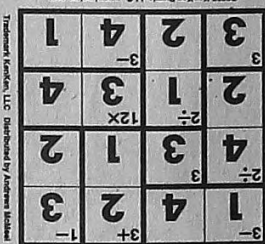
DOWN

1 Diver's accessory
 2 Some unnamed person
 3 Unprocessed
 4 Sticks with kicks
 5 Rather fast on the road
 6 Ingenious
 7 Furry host of kid lit
 8 Sale advisory
 9 Meet with
 10 Hospital show settings
 11 Incremental rise
 12 Humble home
 13 Periphery
 18 Evergreen herb
 21 Snow melter
 22 Ultimate attainment
 23 Stir up
 24 Winning streaks
 25 Runner on a range
 26 Fancy button
 27 Brit's rainwear
 29 Sunflower cousin
 30 With 6 Across, something to cut to
 34 Australian export
 35 Frat letter
 37 Sea-speed standard
 38 Pop favorite
 39 "Auld Lang ___"
 41 Snacked on
 42 Mini-burgers
 43 Pest in a nest
 44 Guy serving gimlets
 45 Organic itch remedy
 46 Old-style oath
 47 What fills some compacts
 50 Ring of a barrel
 51 Austen's
 52 Woodhouse
 53 Actor Efron
 54 Hospital show settings
 55 Massive quantity
 56 Oath affirmation
 57 Opposite of paleo-
 58 Captured or conned

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 3. Freebies: fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.



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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**

TODAY'S ANSWER

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

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

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