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FARMINGTON HILLS

City-run makerspace finding success

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The new makerspace at The Hawk in Farmington Hills is full of tools for sewing, woodworking, 3D printing, graphic design and more.

City officials haven't been able to find a similar community-run service and think it's unlike anything else in the country.

The makerspace recently opened on the second floor of the \$22.5 million facility and was mostly equipped from a \$537,000 grant Bosch Group, which is headquartered in Farmington Hills. The grant is the largest Bosch has given in the United States to date.

Because of all the large, expensive equipment in the space, officials expect DIY fans to take advantage of the tools they may not be able to afford or fit in their own homes.

"When we started to see The Hawk was going to be a

reality, we understood that it was a very large building," City Manager Gary Mekjian said. "We knew that, in the high school, it already had an auto shop and a woodshop. We wanted to be able provide access to a facility like that."

Some of the big ticket items city staff expect people to be excited about include a laser wood engraver and a quilt.

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"When I was growing up, it was the concept of Batman that really elevated me," said Fergel Amayo, owner of Gotham Night Comics in Livonia. The store on the corner of Newburgh and Five Mile roads sells comics and items Amayo says can't be found anywhere else. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Livonia comic store takes modern approach to fandom

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You can tell Gotham Night Comics is different the moment you walk in the door.

The new comic book and collectibles shop on the corner of Newburgh and Five Mile roads in Livonia isn't packed with boxes of comics shoppers need to dig through, it's full of high-quality collectibles. And the owner, Livonia resident Fergel Amayo, is an expert on everything in the store.

"If you go into most comic stores, they sort of feel bland," he said. "Folks don't really engage you. We wanted to create a store that was uniquely different. We need to have a nerd haven."

The shop is the only one like it in Livonia — the last comic book store moved out of the city a decade ago — and is one of just a handful of Black-owned comic stores in Michigan. Amayo, a Farmington native who used to work in banking, decided during the pandemic that it was time to make his lifelong passion his full-time job. He and his wife, Joni, opened the Livonia storefront in June and hope to open more in the future.

"Comics to me have always been a passion, ever

since I was a young man," he said. "When I was growing up, it was the concept of Batman that really elevated me. It was some dark days and I was looking for some role models. For me, it just felt like he took tragedy and turned it into purpose."

Gotham Night is full of items that, according to Amayo, comic fans won't be able to find anywhere else. The owner works with small suppliers and offers an array of signed material, new books, unique t-shirts, vintage books, art, action figures and more. The shops also hosts free drive-in "movies that don't suck" in its parking lot on Saturday nights.

He wanted to create an environment where everyone — from children to high-end collectors — can find something they're excited about.

"When you walk in here, it truly feels like a comic store," he said.

Staff are also able to help beginners find characters and storylines they might enjoy, and the shop even has tablets people can use to learn more about characters before they purchase a book. Amayo said he buys collections, but looks for ones that are in good shape. There's no dollar bin at Gotham Night; it

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ELECTION COVERAGE

Ostertag, McCoin seek 2-year seat on Plymouth-Canton school board

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Two candidates are seeking a 2-year term on the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education. Voters in the district will elect one of them in the Nov. 8 election.

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. Both responded.

Patricia McCoin has a BBA from Eastern Michigan University, MAT from Wayne State University and a graduate certificate in ESL from Western Michigan University. She is a middle school math, social studies, and ESL teacher in Detroit Public Schools Community District. She also has prior accounting/

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ELECTION COVERAGE

Meet the Garden City council candidates

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On Nov. 8, voters in Garden City will elect two people to serve on city council for four years. Voters will also elect one person to serve on council until Nov. 11, 2024. The Garden City mayor position is also on the ballot.

Kim Dold is the current director of the city's downtown development authority and is running for a four-year term. She is an active member and officer of the local Kiwanis and Goodfellows groups and volunteers with a number of other community groups.

Stacy Karafotis was appointed to council in January and is running for a four-year term. She owns Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare and Boarding as well as Lucky Dog Too, both of which are in Garden City.

Jaylee Lynch is a current council member and former mayor running for a four-year term. She's a retired school administrator and has volunteered with local groups like Kiwanis and Rotary.

Denise Stabley is a DDA board member and is running for a term that will end Nov. 11, 2024. She's a frequent volunteer at local events and has been involved with the local Goodfellows and garden club.

Hometown Life sent each candidate a questionnaire on their ideas and the state of the city today. **Zachary Witt**, who is running for a term expiring Nov. 11, 2024, did not respond.

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

Dold: I believe there are many reasons I'm qualified for this office. My many years with the DDA have brought me a deeper understanding of how our city works behind the scenes. In addition, I have held quite a few 'leadership' positions over the years, both volunteer and in my career. Garden City is my home, its home to my children and grand-children, my friends and extended family. I need to do what I can to

make it the best that it can be. The role of a council member is to stay in touch with what the residents need and want, it's to stay educated on issues that will affect them and I think most importantly to be honest and forthright.

Karafotis: First and foremost, I have been a lifetime resident of Garden City and I care about this community. I also own 2 businesses in the city. I see council's role as the voice of the residents. We should be voting according to what our residents want and what we need as a whole.

Lynch: I have been a member of the City Council and have helped set the positive direction we are headed. As a member of this honorable body, I listen to the needs of our residents, discuss with them and then follow through and take action. I will continue to serve our community and ask the tough questions. At the table I will always vote for the greater good of our community rather than for a special interest or private agenda. Council's role is to set the policies, budget and direction for the City to follow. We are also there to proudly represent our community at programs and events and to listen to the needs of our residents and represent them with integrity.

Stabley: The primary role of city council is to set policy. The importance of setting policy is to create/modify ordinances that not only make sense but benefit our entire community. Additionally, residents rely on council members to control spending and ensure that our tax dollars are being spent wisely to provide excellent services. As an active resident and volunteer, I am passionate about my community and want to play a role in its future development. I have 30 years of experience in the finance industry with extensive involvement in customer service which is critical in collaborating with council and residents.

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

Dold: I am not. There has been a focus on the superficial for several years; I feel we need to be looking to the future and preparing for it however possible.



Dold



Karafotis



Lynch



Stabley

Karafotis: I think our city needs new elected officials with fresh ideas who are willing to be active in making things happen. I also think we can make better decisions about how to spend the money we have to improve our community. I would like to see our administration make more of an effort to save our residents money by utilizing additional grants and government savings programs etc.

Lynch: I am very happy with the overall direction of the city. Garden City is under 6 square miles and considered a bedroom community. I'm proud that with proper management we have been able to run all of our city departments and keep our city services, purchase a new building and update it for our community center, purchase a new fire engine, police cars and work vehicles at DPW, make improvements in our parks, update the fire dept. building (next spring) and begin fixing our roads. All of this was possible through good fiscal management, grant money, and the support of our community.

Stabley: I am happy with the direction of the city, and I have spent a fair amount of time speaking with residents that concur. We have incredible services from DPW, police, and fire which are critical to safety and quality-of-life issues in our community. The recent acquisition of Radcliff Center from Schoolcraft College has presented an opportunity for us to create a community center benefiting all residents. I think that we are on an upward trajectory, and I hope to be a part of our future successes.

Dold: I am not. There has been a focus on the superficial for several years; I feel we need to be looking to the future and preparing for it however possible.

What is an issue facing the community that isn't on residents' radar that should be? What steps would you take to address that issue?

Lynch: I am happy to say that there aren't any issues facing the community because council has been working diligently to make sure Garden City is on solid footing. There is something, however, that is out of our control. Statewide there are fewer people entering the fire service who also have their paramedic license. As members of our fire dept. retire, we do not receive many qualified applications to fill the positions available. We have already changed the qualifications to allow licensed paramedics to apply without their firefighting certification, allowing them to go to school while on the job. If this continues, we may have to go back to hiring people for the openings and then send them to school for their certifications. This change in procedure will not affect the safety of our residents, however, because we will always have fully certified firefighter paramedics in our fire department.

Stabley: Although we have excellent services, there is always room for improvement. In attending council meetings, I have learned that we have some chronic ordinance violators and blight issues that continue to persist. The recent expansion of our ordinance department should assist with some of the issues; however, it is my understanding that some violators just pay their fines but do not correct the issues. I think that council needs to work on creating and implementing a policy to substantially increase fines for habitual offenders to deter repeat offenses.

Dold: The disconnect and discord at City Hall. This may not sound like a huge issue to some, but the city cannot move forward without unit. We need clear, honest communication with respect and integrity. I always strive to listen to people's needs and by using sound judgment and common sense I can help to see that they are met.

Karafotis: The residents should be more aware of spending, how the administration follows our city charter and asking for more transparency.

School board

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auditing experience.

Sebastien Ostertag is a 2019 graduate of Plymouth Canton Community Schools. He did not provide details on additional education or professional experience.

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?

Patricia McCoin: I am a current school board member, chair the policy committee, current classroom teacher, and volunteer. As a classroom teacher I can see how decisions affect the educational experiences of students and the board needs that perspective. My children attended P-CCS from kindergarten through graduation and received an excellent education from the caring, qual-

ified, professional staff and I want to make sure every student is afforded the same opportunities. The board provides oversight to the school district. Our primary functions are to set policy, review and approve the budget, and evaluate the superintendent.

Sebastien Ostertag: I know what it's like to be a student in the district. I still have friends in the district since I only graduated in 2019. All the other people running in this election are decades out of high school and don't know the impact of the policies on students. I was in high school when the most extreme of the incumbents were elected, and I remember them making decisions that violated student rights. If elected, I will push to let students petition the board and force the board to listen to their complaints. I will invest in foreign language education starting in elementary school and I will put some of the most controversial policies that the board has currently passed on the ballot for the community to repeal.

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

Sebastien Ostertag: Not at all. If I was happy then I probably wouldn't run for the board. I see the board as extremely political and controlled by special interest groups, which has led to the district to lose millions of dollars of funding over the last year because of parents leaving.

Patricia McCoin: Yes, and there is still much work to be done. While I believe we are moving in the right direction there remains a lot of room for improvement. The end goal is that every student in the district is able to achieve at their highest level, access an education that will allow them to make the choices that are right for their lives, and feel safe, welcome, and represented. There is continuous change in the community and the district needs to continually innovate and change to meet the needs of our diverse learners.

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



McCoin



Ostertag

Patricia McCoin: Remediation for students who are behind. The pandemic adversely affected all students but some more than others. There are many families in the district who suffered the loss of multiple family members and still have challenges with long COVID, their children were not able to fully engage with the curriculum and require extra help. Students with IEPs were often unable to fully engage with academic work and need additional support and services.

Sebastien Ostertag: Ending period poverty by providing free female hygiene products in every girls' restroom in middle and high school; raise teacher pay or at least provide a bonus to the current staff; start investing in foreign language education by hiring language teachers for elementary and middle school; hire more school resource officers to protect the schools from gun violence. Harden schools as well against intrusion.

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?

Sebastien Ostertag: For inclusion, I'm a Christian, which means that I believe that everyone is loved by God and has innate worth. Racism and hate go against that, which is why I will strive to show love and respect to everyone, no matter their beliefs. For diversity, we already have an incredibly diverse district, which was honestly one of the best parts of high school for me. I loved getting to make friends with people of different faiths, ethnicities, and political beliefs. For equity, I believe that there are certain underprivileged communities and I would really like to learn more about what can be done to help them.

Patricia McCoin: Making sure that all students seen themselves represented in the curricular materials being used. Gloria Ladson-Billings talks about how students need to see themselves reflected in the images they interact with.

School districts saw student enrollment drop dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic to private-, charter-, home- or non-school options. With school funding tied directly to enrollment, what are your thoughts on schools of choice policies, and how would you attract new, returning students to the district?

Patricia McCoin: One of P-CCS largest enrollment issues is that the birth rate in Wayne County is declining, the district graduates about 1,500 each year and enrolls 1,200 kindergarten students. The district also sees students who attended charter or private schools in elementary and middle school enroll for high school so they can access the educational offerings at P-CEP and/or Starkweather. Many within the district are not aware of the educational programs and classes that are offered in the district and plans have been made to engage those families. Schools of choice has helped stabilize the enrollment in the district while allowing families choose the district that they feel will provide the best opportunity for their children.

Sebastien Ostertag: I have talked with many parents who have left the district over the last couple years, and honestly the reason that many haven't come back and that many are still leaving is that the board has put political ideologies above the students. I'm running to put students over politics. They have eliminated girls' sports on paper, as well as essentially ended gender specific restrooms/locker-rooms/showers. For teenage girls and their families who don't feel comfortable and feel disrespected, the board has essentially just told them to shut up. The current district policy is to not let parents know if their children are socially transitioning at school and the district website has resources for links to actual gender transition therapy as well as genital mutilation surgery. If elected, I'll work to build more single stalled unisex restrooms while also reversing the political policies.

What is an issue facing the district that isn't on residents' radar that

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ELECTION COVERAGE

Hoskins, Jackson seek 18th District state House seat

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Recent redistricting changes have connected the Farmington area more with Southfield. And several candidates are running to represent the two major areas in the state House in Lansing.

The new 18th House District contains all of Lathrup Village, the eastern portion of Farmington Hills, most of Farmington and Southfield, as well as a very small portion of Oak Park. Previously, each community and the nearby smaller towns were in its own district.



Hoskins

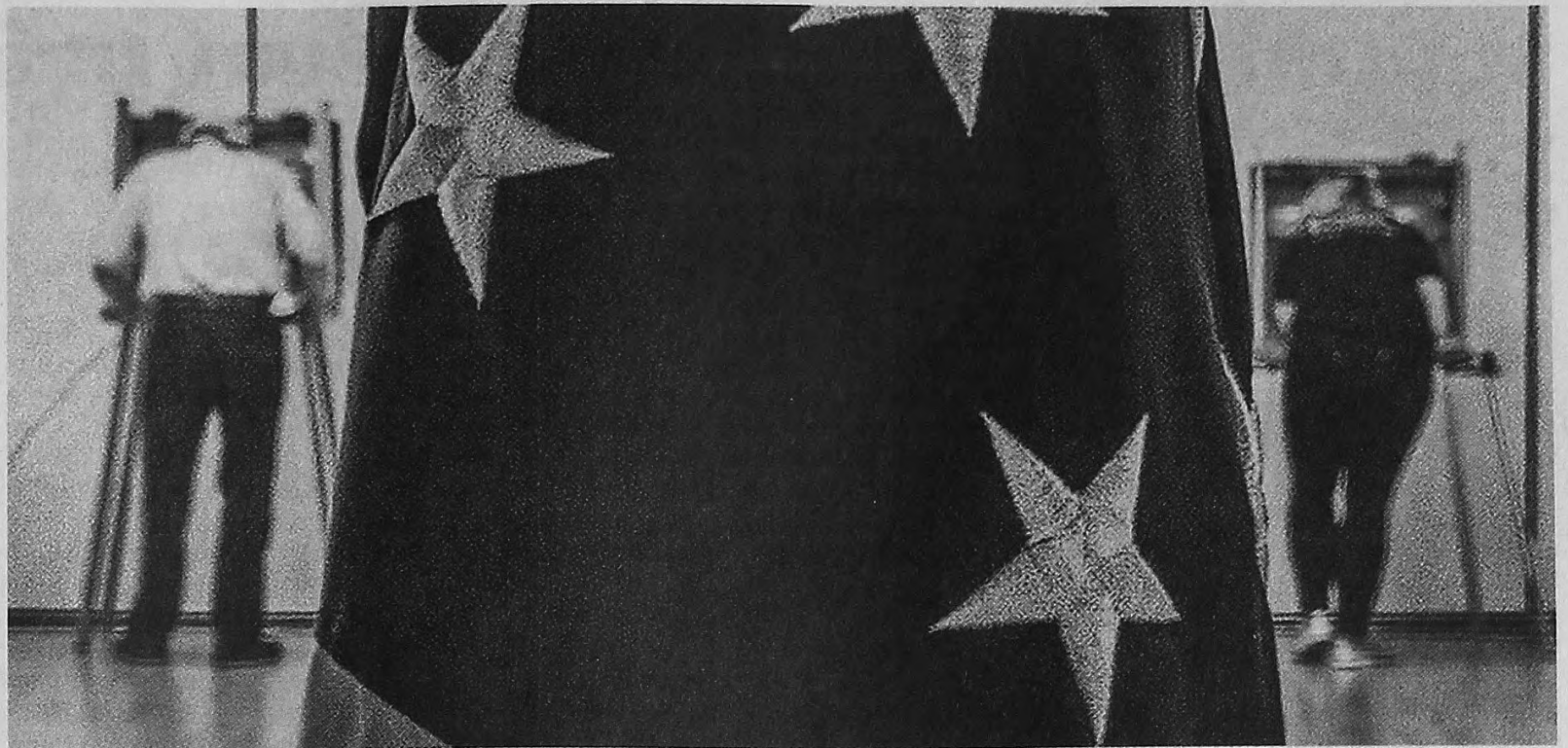
Democrat Jason Hoskins and Republican Wendy Webster Jackson are running in the November election: Hoskins is a Southfield city councilman, while Jackson is a doctor specializing in podiatric medicine and previously ran for the city clerk in Southfield.

Candidates were asked to answer a series of questions by Hometown Life in 100 words or less. Answers that went over 100 words end with an ellipses at the 100th word. Jackson did not respond to the questionnaire.

Statistics show systemic racism is prevalent in law enforcement, government, health care and economics. Name one tangible action state government could take to help address racism.

Hoskins: As a Black person from a majority Black community, this is something that impacts me each day. As Southfield City Councilmember I was part of enacting laws that consider the "equity impact" of each piece of legislation before us. I believe this is something we can and should be doing in Lansing.

How would you grade the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and what, if anything, should the state legislature do next?



Voters in the 4th precinct at Farmington High School. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Hoskins: I think the State had a few missteps along the way but ultimately acted with the limited information they had at the time to attempt to save lives. The State Legislature's focus right now should be helping make more opportunities for small businesses to thrive in a post-pandemic world. These businesses did the right thing and closed to save lives, and many closed permanently as a result, I want to find a way to help these people. Also, Michigan's pocketbooks are hurting right now and the state should use the COVID-19 dollars we've received the federal government to relieve the ...

What are your thoughts on safety and security of our elections, specifically Michigan's election integrity, and do you accept the results of the 2020 election?

Hoskins: I absolutely accept the results of the 2020 election. I didn't like the result of the 2016 election and I accepted that as well. As a lawyer, elected official, and citizen, it is paramount to me that we protect the integrity of the vote from fringe extremists. As well as

those on the other side of the aisle who seek to put real hurdles between legal voters and the ballot box.

Thinking of the recent school shootings that killed students in Uvalde and Oxford, what recommendations would you make in your effort to prevent similar tragedies in the future?

Hoskins: I support common-sense gun legislation like Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs), also called "red flag laws" they empower families & law enforcement to prevent gun tragedies by temporarily restricting access to guns for those with an elevated risk of harming themselves or others. I support life saving reforms like universal background checks, keeping guns out of schools, and getting "ghost guns" or illegally modified guns off the streets. I also support Safe Storage legislation that can help people better store their firearms away from children and those who shouldn't be operating them.

Do you support amending the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to

include LGBTQ people? Explain.

Hoskins: Yes I do. We are seeing more attacks both political and violent on LGBTQIA+ peoples and it is crucial to enshrine protections for them in law. The fact that it is 2022 and you can be fired for who you love is incredibly frustrating, especially for me as a member of the LGBTQ community.

What is an issue facing state government that isn't on Michigan's radar that should be? What steps would you take to address that issue?

Hoskins: As a local elected official, I would like to draw more attention to how the state government has slashed revenue sharing with municipalities. These funding shortfalls can be felt in everything from our disastrous infrastructure issues to putting firefighter and police pensions in jeopardy. Our local governments simply aren't getting their fair share from the state - and our communities deserve better.

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ELECTION COVERAGE

Polehanki, Bauman seek western Wayne support for state Senate seat in 5th District

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There are plenty of choices when it comes to selecting a senator from the new 5th Michigan state Senate District.

Democrat Dayna Polehanki of Livonia will look to keep her spot in the Senate as she faces off against Republican Emily Bauman of Westland.

Polehanki is a current state senator, representing the 7th District. Bauman is a former state House candidate who ran in 2020. The district includes all of Westland, Garden City, Canton Township, Inkster and southwest Livonia.

Below are the responses to several questions Hometown Life asked the candidates to answer.

Statistics show systemic racism is prevalent in law enforcement, government, health care and economics. Name one tangible action state government could take to help address racism.

Polehanki (D): I am a cosponsor of SB 799, which would create a commission on the inclusion of African American and Native American history in K to 12 instruction. I also voted no on SB 460, which would withhold 5% of funding from a school where it is taught that "certain races are fundamentally ... oppressed."

Bauman (R): We often hear about the change one person can make--I can speak to what I can/am/will do--I have been pulling round table discussions on many topics such as racism with thought leaders, including people affected by racism, as well as change makers. These are safe spaces for civil discourse, which lead to open and honest conversations and opportunities for solutions and ideas that can make a difference, even with out legislation. As Senator, I will continue these, and as needed, will champion solutions for change & improvement.

How would you grade the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and what, if anything, should the state legislature do next?

Polehanki (D): I would give the state a "B" grade as Governor Whitmer and MDHHS were essentially "building a plane as they were flying it" and unprecedented decisions had to be made. In the end, PPE was widely distributed, COVID testing and vaccine sites were created, and currently the unemployment rate is low.

Bauman (R): The long-term effect to families, businesses, schools and our children is great. Likely, the enduring spirit of Michigan people will settle in to a 'new normal'. However, we must do everything we can to reduce the negative impacts, including easier paths and opportunities for people to start or build thriving businesses, potentially through less regulation or incentives. We must also ensure the education of our students be focused on core academics and that parents are involved and supported in the education of their children with a school system that recognizes parents rights in the raising of their children.

What are your thoughts on safety and security of our elections, specifically Michigan's election integrity, and do you accept the results of the 2020 election?

Polehanki (D): We need to make voting easier. We can achieve this by providing pre-paid postage on absentee ballots and applications, requiring drop boxes in every municipality, and increasing people's ability to vote early. We should continue the safe and secure process of requiring voters to prove their identity by showing a photo ID or signing an affidavit at the polls and by providing their signature when voting by mail. We must also allow local clerks to



Bauman



Polehanki

start processing ballots earlier to speed up the tabulating process. Yes, I wholeheartedly accept the results of the 2020 election.

Bauman (R): Elections are a matter of state and national security. There were grievous problems identified in our past elections which must be corrected. My father was a math teacher -- regardless of whether I got the right answer or not--if I did not or could not show my work and achieve the same results backwards and forwards, then it was wrong. Regardless of the outcome, no election is secure until it has been proven secure and must be fair, transparent and accurate. This should be the goal of every Michigan citizen.

Thinking of the recent school shootings that killed students in Uvalde and Oxford, what recommendations would you make in your effort to prevent similar tragedies in the future?

Polehanki (D): As a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Caucus in the Michigan Senate, I have sponsored or cosponsored various gun safety bills, including background checks, "red flag," safe storage, and magazine capacity bills. We need to act on legislation that could prevent future mass killings.

Bauman (R): Similar to physical health, we need to take a pro-active and preventative view to mental health. We talk about taking care of ourselves physically to prevent illness -- we must apply that same principle to mental health. A proactive and preventative view of mental health would include teaching coping skills to parents, kids, teachers, law enforcement, etc. to help them in times of stress and uncertainty. Additionally, through these efforts, we can remove the stigmatization of mental illness and more of us would recognize the needs of others and be empathetic. This would create a stronger and

healthier society.

Do you support amending the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to include LGBTQ people? Explain.

Polehanki (D): Yes. We must expand Elliott-Larsen by adding sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes, which would bring Michigan in line with other states to become a model of equality nationwide.

Bauman (R): Article 1 of the Michigan State Constitution says 'No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws...'. In an effort to be sympathetic to anyone's concerns with their individual rights, we must support our people by upholding and enforcing these laws. We must hold our officials accountable for enforcing the laws, and when we do, we will have safer, more equal communities.

What is an issue facing state government that isn't on Michiganders' radar that should be? What steps would you take to address that issue?

Polehanki (D): As the Democratic Vice Chair of the Education and Career Readiness Committee in the Michigan Senate, I have introduced a bill that would eliminate the grade retention piece of Michigan's Third Grade Reading Law as grade retention does not improve kids' reading. Students should not be flunked by the state because they performed poorly on one test.

Bauman (R): What an interesting question and it begs the answers to: 1) what are the citizens asking; and, 2) are all citizens being heard? What seems to be missing with many Michiganders is understanding the process of government and the inherent political power they have and how to ensure government is fulfilling their duties of equal benefit, security and protection without overstepping their role. (ref. Article 1, Sec 1 of Michigan State Constitution).
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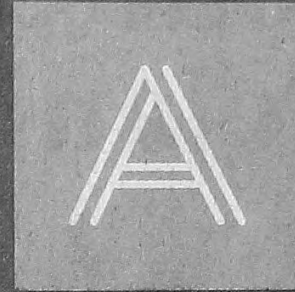
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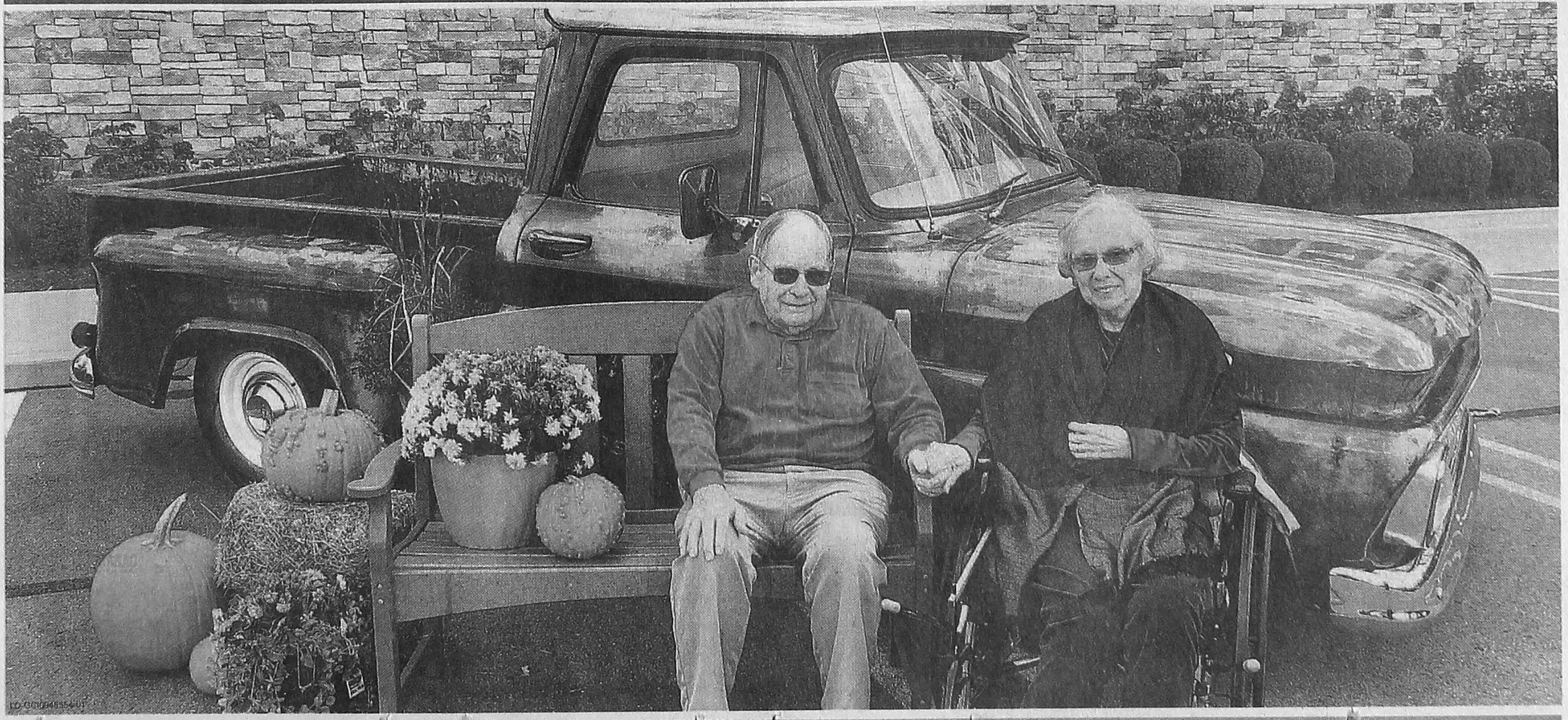
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Northville church leader, daughter go to Poland, Ukraine to help refugees

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What began as a simple collection to assist Ukraine eventually blossomed into a mission trip of a lifetime for Jon and Ashley Wilkes.

The father/daughter duo recently returned from spending time in both Poland and Ukraine, assisting refugees displaced by the war with Russia in the eastern European country. Jon Wilkes, the pastor at Northville First Baptist Church, made contact with a missionary they support in Poland.

They began with a collection at their Easter service that collected \$12,000 to send overseas to help. Once that was sent over, some discussion began about potentially going over to Europe began among the family, though Jon Wilkes said he wasn't sure how serious the talks were.

Ashley Wilkes, however, was. "I was just like, 'I could do that,'" said Ashley Wilkes, who lives in Wixom and works as a teacher. "I had the summer off and I was like, 'Yeah, I'm going to go.'"

Poland was the logical place to help, Jon Wilkes said, especially since there is a missionary there the Northville First Baptist Church supports on a monthly basis. Add in the geographic proximity to Ukraine and there is a lot that can be done to help.

"They're in Warsaw, and Warsaw is the first train stop coming out of Ukraine," Jon Wilkes said. "So if you're getting out, there's where you get off. Especially the people getting off there, they don't have any money. They don't have any connections."

The two flew to Poland in August, with Jon Wilkes staying for 10 days and Ashley Wilkes staying an additional week. They both began work cleaning up an athletic arena that had housed refugees that had come to the city, as the arena was shifting back to hosting sporting events. They then split up, with Ashley Wilkes heading to a summer camp and working as a de facto counselor for children and families staying



Ashley Wilkes and her father, Jon Wilkes, traveled to Poland to assist Ukrainian refugees affected by the war with Russia. Behind them, a map shows all the missionaries the Northville First Baptist Church supports, including one in Poland.

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there. Jon Wilkes began doing other work, including taking a day trip into Ukraine to help deliver supplies.

After heading to a store to pick up supplies, Jon Wilkes and others drove into Ukraine to deliver the goods to a church. He said crossing the border into Ukraine was fairly simple, but trying to leave was not.

"On our way home, we came to these same checkpoints and there was a dozen uniformed guards that were checking passports," he said. "We're like, 'What happened?' Well, we didn't know it, but that day was the day the Ukrainian army attacked the Crimean airport to try and take it back over."

After Jon Wilkes headed back to the United States, Ashley Wilkes stayed an additional week to help set up a new place for refugees to stay in Warsaw.

She said the people were incredibly happy to see her help and assist them during their time of need. She said several people mentioned to her she was the first American they had met that had come to assist them.

"All the Ukrainians were so thankful," she said. "The kids just swarmed you and they were so happy because we were just there to love on them."

Much of the backing to embark on such a trip came from the dozens of parishioners who attend the church at 217 N. Wing St.

The two are continuously thanking the small congregation for its help with everything, from prayers to financial donations.

"They gave the original \$12,000, and then they gave an additional \$8,000 beyond that to allow us to go," he go. "We

didn't ask anyone to help. We just had people that said, 'We want to help.'"

The experience is one that's changed both of them forever. Both have done mission trips in faraway lands before, but this trip felt different for both of them.

After spending so much time in Poland, Ashley Wilkes said she hopes to return later this year. She hopes to head back at the end of the year and bring Christmas gifts to the children.

Ashley Wilkes said she's been in contact with groups in Poland who are hoping to begin an orphanage and has said to let her know what can be done to help. She knows the situation is probably going to last for a very long time.

"This isn't over," she said. "This is going to be a long endeavor for all these Ukrainians."


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A staffer shows off a quilting machine in the new Makerspace at The Hawk. PHOTOS BY SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Makerspace

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"There's a lot of quilters in this area, and a lot of people have to send their quilts out to be finished," said Rachel Timlin, The Hawk's cultural arts supervisor. "So, they're excited to come in and learn how to use this. A lot of quilters can't fit something like this in their house."

Seasoned hobbyists can use the space after getting checked out on the equipment, and rookies can take courses to learn how to use the machinery. Staff will always be available to supervise and assist visitors. People can purchase daily, monthly or annual passes.

The city will welcome people with small businesses or side hustles, but equipment should be reserved ahead of time and some machines come with a time limit. Some materials will be available for purchase, but people are encouraged to bring in their own materials like wood, needles or fabric.

"What I would love to see is users talking to each other," said Jessica Guzman, The Hawk's visual arts supervisor. "There could be cross promotion, but also new ideas sparking up."

The makerspace's opening is part of a continual completion of The Hawk, which still has a vacant third floor. Mekjian said the city is still considering putting a business incubator on the third floor along with training facilities for Farmington Hills' police and fire departments.

In the year it's been open, The Hawk has garnered over 1,000 annual and monthly pass holders and averages about 2,300 daily pass holders a month.

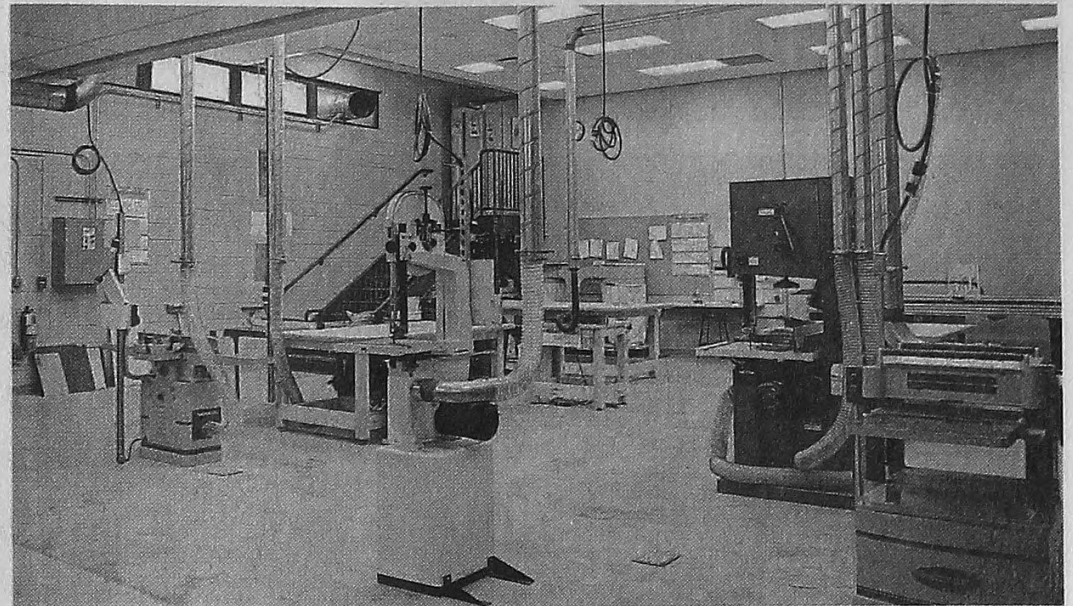
At this point, The Hawk is not self-funded, and Mekjian said he's not sure it will ever be. Membership and pass fees from the center are part of the \$7.5 million the city makes in annual special service fees, but about \$2 million currently comes from the city's general fund to operate and staff the building. According to the city's 2022-23 budget, Farmington Hills expects to invest \$16 million in The Hawk over the next six years.

"I'd love it to be cost neutral. I'm just not sure if that's realistic," Mekjian said. "There's a component that our special services department delivers to this community that can't be measured just in monetary ways. There are social services there that you can't monetize."

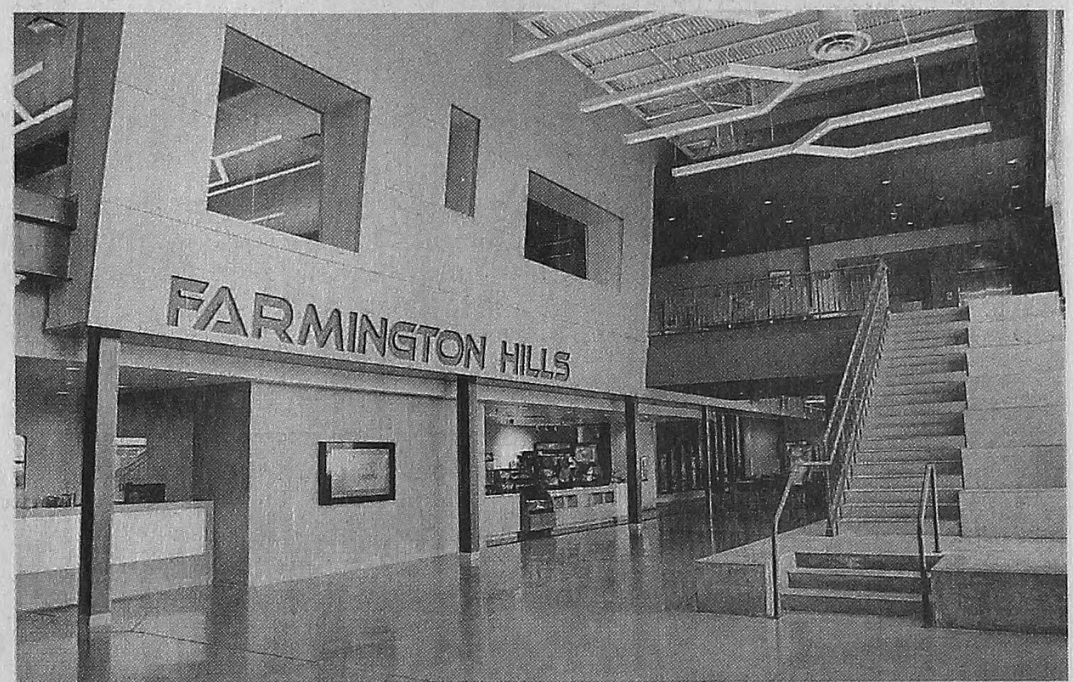
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Much of the expensive machinery in the makerspace was purchased or donated through a large contribution from Bosch.



The woodworking room in The Hawk's new makerspace.



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Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Dear Rick:

After reading one of your columns, I've started the process of converting my traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. I sat down with my accountant, and we've decided to convert the money over a three-year period. I'm debating who to name as the beneficiary on my IRAs.

I would like to name my two grandchildren as my beneficiaries. My wife and I are both on our second marriages and we have a prenuptial agreement so that upon either one of our deaths, the other does not inherit anything from the other. My two grandchildren are 6 and 8 years old, so are they even eligible to inherit an IRA? In general, is this a good idea?

Thank you, J. J.

Dear J. J.:

Yes, your grandchildren can be named as beneficiaries of your IRA. There is no age requirement as to a beneficiary. That being said, when a beneficiary is a minor, they cannot inherit money outright. Therefore, you will need to name another legal adult to act as the child's custodian for the money until they are of legal age. Another acceptable alternative would be to create a trust for the benefit of your grandchildren and then to have that trust inherit the IRA.

A trust will allow you to have more control of your money after your death. For example, in a trust you can provide for distributions over many years and have some control as to how your grandchildren spend their inheritance. The downside is that it is more expensive to implement than the custodianship.

A custodianship is relatively easy to establish as there's generally very little cost, if any, involved. However, typically

under a custodianship arrangement, once the child turns the legal age of maturity, they generally receive their money, without constraints.

If you want to be able to control how your grandchildren spend their inheritance and there is substantial money involved, I would lean toward a trust. On the other hand, if the inheritance is not large and you're not overly concerned as to how the grandchildren will spend their inheritance, the custodianship is probably the better alternative.

Generally, I have no issue with leaving money to grandchildren. However, you do have to consider how the inheritance will impact the grandchild. In other words, some grandchildren, particularly if the inheritance is significant, may have a disincentive from going to college and getting a good education. Others who inherit money at a young age may use that money in a self-destructive or irresponsible manner. Therefore, in deciding whether you should leave money to a grandchild, it is important to consider what impact the inheritance will have on the grandchild.

Also, keep in mind that because you are doing a Roth conversion, upon death, all the money in the Roth IRA will be passed to the grandchildren with no income tax. If the money on the other hand was in a traditional IRA, they would have to pay income taxes on the inheritance.

One of the great benefits of a Roth IRA is the fact that distributions, whether it is to the individual who established the Roth or to the beneficiary, are income tax free.

As a sidenote, with the down stock market, converting existing IRA money into a Roth IRA can be a very good move and something that can pay significant benefits once the stock market regains its strength.

Good luck.

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School board

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should be? What steps would you take to address that issue?

Sebastien Ostertag: We need to support female students, especially during this recession and with inflation. Many families find it difficult to buy female hygiene products which is why I want to provide them in every middle and high school girls restroom. Other districts have done this and it's something that I really intend on pushing if elected. We can do it and we should do it.

Patricia McCain: How tenuous school funding is in the state. While we have seen increases in the last several years we are still far below the funding that is necessary to adequately educate a student who doesn't



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have any special needs or require transportation. The education budget also does not include funding for an infrastructure improvements, those need to be fi-

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Gotham Night Comics in Livonia has plenty of vintage books, like this pristine copy of "The Shadow" #1, published by DC Comics in 1973. PHOTOS BY SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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Store

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only sells things people would want to keep. In a market when comic shops are few and far be-

tween, but superhero movies like those in the Marvel cinematic universe make billions at the box office, Amayo hopes his expertise, attractive store and unique collection will make his store one that attracts loyal customers.

He appears to be on his way to that. Since opening in June, Gotham Night has a 4.9 star rating on Google

with over 70 reviews so far.

Everyone needs a hero now and then. Amayo thinks the fictional variety in his shop will inspire people the way Batman and the Black Panther have inspired him.

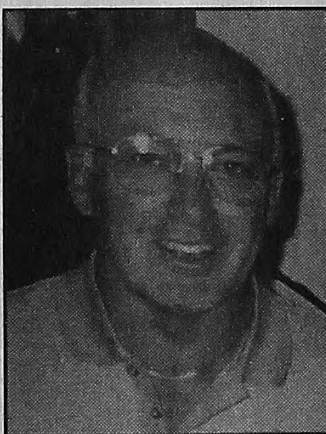
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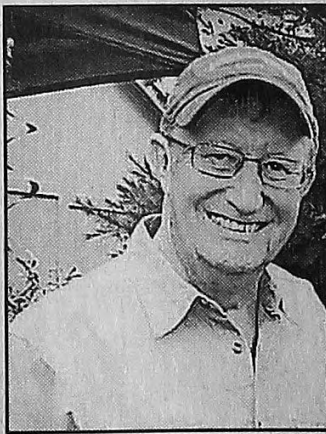
Robert Atkins

THE VILLAGES, FL - Robert Atkins, 85, of The Villages, FL died Saturday Oct 1, 2022. Bob, as he was known to his friends, was preceded in death by his loving wife Marty. He was the father to 4 children, Debbie Woodall (Matt) of Farmington Hills, MI, Bob Atkins, Jr. (Lynne) of Katy, Texas, Craig Atkins (Pam) of Northville, MI, and Tom Atkins (Felecia) of Frisco, Texas. He was a wonderful grandfather to Cameron, Kelly (Brian) and Connor (Karlie) Woodall, Rob and Chris Atkins (Bailey), Cynthia Lynn (Bryan) Roos and Craig Atkins, Jr. (Victoria), and Brennan (Erin) and Brady Atkins, and Great-Grandfather to Owen Atkins, Mia, Gabriel and Bianca Roos and Brynlee Woodall, and Lainie Atkins. Bob was born August 6, 1937 in Kokomo, IN to Earl and Helen Atkins. He graduated from Cheboygan HS and played football at Alma College before starting a long and industrious career in education. Bob was an English and P.E. teacher and administrator of athletics at Redford Union High School and later at Walled Lake Schools. He coached baseball and football at Redford Union High School and coached baseball at University of Detroit. Bob was a successful summer league baseball coach, winning a A.A.B.A National Championship with Adray Appliance in 1978. Bob was inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2001 and the Redford Union Athletics Hall of Fame in 2020. Through his teaching and coaching, Bob impacted thousands of lives, and assisted several players in preparing and entering professional baseball. An open house will be held at his house in The Villages, Florida on Saturday, October 9th from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 Under, 35780 Five Mile Road #2, Livonia, MI 48154 on Oct 29th. The Celebration of Life service will begin at 11:00 am with reception to follow.



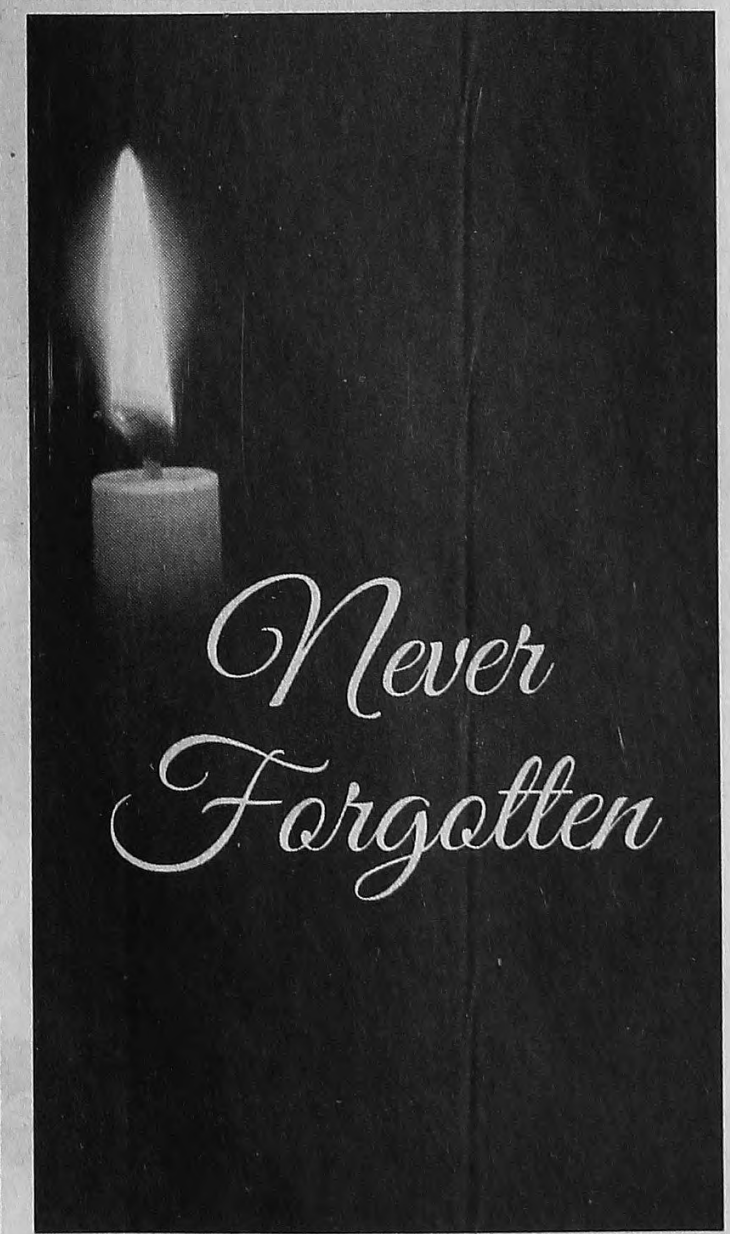
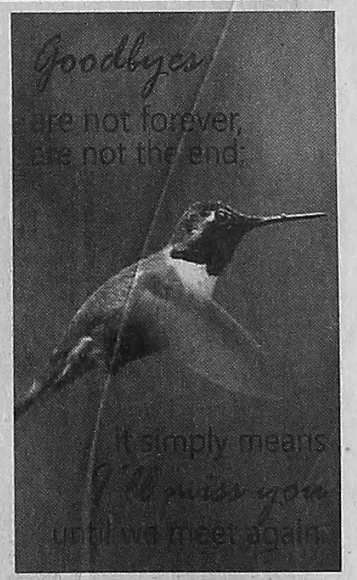
Joseph "Joe" Martell

Joseph "Joe" Martell passed away on October 1st, at the age of 73 after a sudden illness. Beloved son of the late Edward and Geraldina. In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by two sisters, Eleanor Blackburn and Marilyn Przybylko. Surviving Joe are his devoted wife of 51 years, Rosanne, his children, Paul, David (Elizabeth), Erin, and Jeffrey (Lisa) and his four grandchildren, of whom he was most proud. He will be missed by many loving family members and friends. Overcoming a number of obstacles early in life, Joe obtained his associate's degree from Schoolcraft College. He later completed his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University simultaneously during his 43-year career in the automotive industry and raising four children. Although his dream of a career in teaching wasn't in the cards, Joe instilled in his children a love of learning (particularly history), music, and nature, and encouraged all of their varied interests. He had encyclopedic knowledge of music, could solve crossword puzzles in pen, and was a solid team member when golfing or bowling. Joe also loved all animals, and was known as the "animal whisperer" among his family. Dogs, cats, hamsters, and other creatures his family brought home were always drawn to his gentle and calming personality. A celebration of life is being planned for family and close friends. In lieu of flowers a donation may be sent to the Michigan Humane Society or Chef José Andrés' World Central Kitchen.



Audrey Minidis

PLYMOUTH - Minidis, Audrey (Erbaugh), passed away surrounded by her family on October 2, 2022. Preceded in death by loving husband, John Minidis. Audrey is survived by her three children, ten grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and one great grandchild.



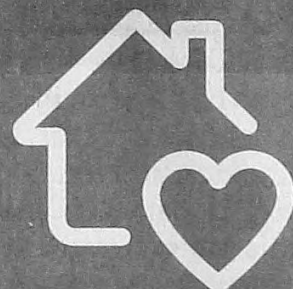


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Henry Garrity, Birmingham Brother Rice

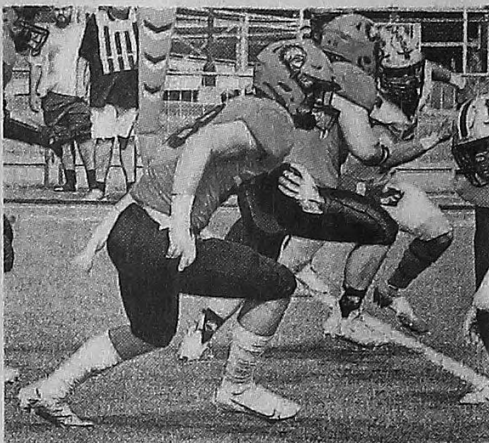
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Stats: Has over 350 yards and six

TDs receiving, including a monster day of 11 catches for 225 yards and three scores against defending state champion Warren De La Salle.

Folsom's take: He's the son of former 10-year NBA veteran Pat Garrity, and he certainly plays like it both on the gridiron and the basketball court.

The three-star pass catcher is underrated, in my opinion, despite having a preferred walk-on offer to Notre Dame, where his dad played college basketball. He seems to always make the tough catches when the Warriors need to move the chains.

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Brother Rice's Henry Garrity has over 350 yards and six TDs receiving.
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Week 6 top high school football performers

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Week 6 of the Michigan high school football season is in the books.

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

Is your team missing stat leaders? Encourage your coaches to send stats to sports reporter Brandon Folsom at bfolsom@hometownlife.com.

Catholic League

Orchard Lake St. Mary's 15, Brother Rice 7 (CHSL-Central)
The Warriors (2-4, 1-2) wrapped up division play with Andrew Kulka catching a pass for their lone TD.

Macomb Lutheran North 37, Cranbrook 23 (CHSL-Intersectional 1)
The Cranes fell to 2-4 overall and 1-2 in the division.

Warren De La Salle 28, Detroit Catholic Central 0 (CHSL-Central) (Boys Bowl)

LB Brayden Courser recovered a fumble for the Shamrocks, who fell to 4-2 overall and 1-1 in the division.

Independent

Livonia Clarenceville 24, Taylor 20
The Trojans improved to 4-2 overall.

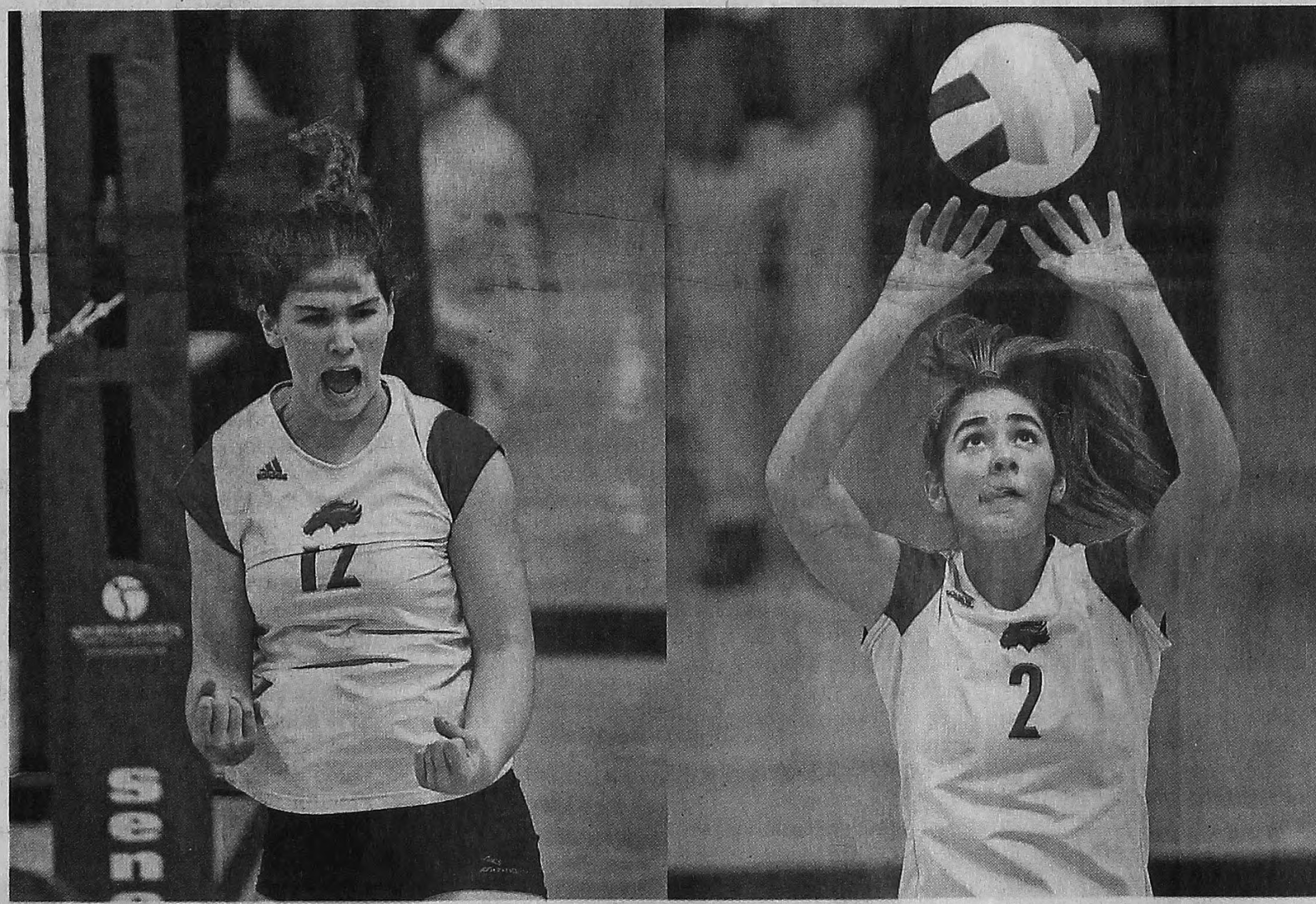
Detroit Country Day 35, Flint Powers Catholic 10
RB Gabe Winowich ran for TDs of 58 and 60 yards for the Yellowjackets (4-1). QB Hunter Riutta scored on a 1-yard QB keeper and tossed a 62-yard TD pass to Gabe Zeldes, while Graham Doman raced 20 yards for a score.

Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Novi 34, Plymouth 6 (KLAA-West)
QB Caleb Walker was 13 of 29 passing for 204 yards and two TDs for the Wildcats (4-2, 4-1). Lance Galliard and Cole Shires each rushed for TDs, Luke Aurilia caught five passes for 54 yards and a score and Andrew Kummer had three catches for 87 yards and a TD. Niko Krall led the defense with 16 tackles, Andrew Abler added nine tackles (1.5 for loss) and one sack, Cole Shires and Niko Hertrich each had a sack and Aurilia pulled down an interception.

WR Ali Hashm caught a 21-yard TD pass from Cam Witt for the Wildcats (1-5, 1-4). QB Sam Plencner was 8 of 13 passing for 84 yards and also rushed 18 times for 52 yards. Nathan Gillick added 44 yards on the ground. Orlando Daniels paced the defense with

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Bloomfield Hills Marian's Ella Schomer, left, and Ava Sarafa, right, are Michigan Miss Volleyball nominees.
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Miss Volleyball nominees helping Marian defend title

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The Bloomfield Hills Marian volleyball team has won back-to-back state championships.

Ava Brizard was named both Michigan Miss Volleyball and Gatorade Player

of the Year in 2021. And the top-ranked Mustangs have returned a plethora of talent again this fall.


They want to make it a three-peat with several players who have experience playing in tense playoff atmospheres.

That's why it wasn't a surprise to see

a pair of Marian seniors named Miss Volleyball finalists in early September.

Yet both girls, seniors Ella Schomer and Ava Sarafa, were caught off guard when they learned they were among the 10 names being considered as candidates.

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Watch list

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Mario Campoy-LoVasco, Birmingham Groves

Vitals: RB, sophomore, 5-foot-10, 165 pounds.

Stats: Totaled just over 500 yards and 3 TDs rushing through four weeks. He had a season-high 262 rushing yards against North Farmington.

Folsom's take: Falcons QB Cayden Hardy has a handful of solid options to get the ball to, but none are as dynamic as Campoy-LoVasco, who has sprinter's speed, the strength to stiff-arm would-be tacklers and great hands to catch the ball out of the backfield. He's on pace to be one of the top ball carriers in metro Detroit over the next two years.

Colton Kinnie, Birmingham Seaholm

Vitals: QB, junior, 6-foot-2, 218 pounds.

Stats: Totaled 368 yards and six TDs rushing on 63 carries (averaging 5.8 yards per attempt), plus has thrown three TDs in the Maples' run-first offense.

Folsom's take: Kinnie refused to be added to my watch list unless I also individually noted each of his offensive linemen and running backs who've paved his way into the end zone for the 5-0 Maples. So here they are: Granden Kinnie, Sean Emerson, Jack Hulgrave, Kyle Robbins, Dylan Beuse, Luke Therswell, John Jokisch, Zack Miketa, Ben Rosenfield, Jacob Fines, Brenden Barrett, Blake Baldner, Ben Diskin, Grant Welch, Jack Lewis, Joey Lewand, Will Rotger, Penn Roberts and Brock Hartwig.

John Kersh, Cranbrook

Vitals: LB/RB/TE, senior, 6-foot-2, 218 pounds.

Stats: Totaled 67 tackles (four for loss), one sack and one interception. Had a season-high 25 tackles against Bishop Foley.

Folsom's take: I didn't tell one of my best friends, Jeff Corrian at Michigan football recruiting blog The D Zone, about John when we went and saw the Cranes in Week 4. I wanted to see if he would notice John's play on his own. It didn't take too long before Jeff started asking me about him and what kind of recruiting interest he was getting. That's how good of a linebacker John is. He's always making the play on defense.

Brayden Courser, Detroit Catholic Central

Vitals: LB, senior, 6-foot-1, 215 pounds.

Stats: Totaled 63 tackles (eight for loss), four sacks and one interception.

Folsom's take: The heart and soul of the Shamrocks' defense holds offers from Eastern Kentucky, Valparaiso, Ferris State, Grand Valley State and Findlay (Ohio). He's about as close to an Anthony Darkangelo throwback as you can get.

Gabe Winowich, Detroit Country Day

Vitals: RB/OLB, junior, 6-foot-1, 220 pounds.

Stats: Rushed 62 times for 556 yards and seven TDs, averaging close to 9 yards per carry in just four games, as the Yellowjackets had a Week 4 bye. Totaled nine tackles, two sacks and three QB hurries, despite being double-teamed on most plays.

Folsom's take: This four-star holds offers from Maryland and Rutgers and is one of the hardest-hitting runners you'll find. He's not afraid to lower his shoulder and plow over bigger players.

Cameron Pettaway, Farmington

Vitals: RB, junior, 5-foot-10, 167 pounds.

Stats: Has rushed 93 times for 633 yards and seven TDs, plus has 248 yards and four scores receiving.

Folsom's take: He's fast and slippery. And if you don't fully wrap up and finish the tackle on him, he's breaking out of it and running in for six.

Owen McGraw, Garden City

Vitals: RB/SB, senior, 5-foot-8, 165 pounds.

Stats: Totaled 532 yards and seven TDs rushing as well as 80 yards receiving and one score. Has 145 yards returning kickoffs and punts, too.

Folsom's take: The best teams have an Owen McGraw. Like Dominic Simpson at Livonia Franklin, Xavier Spadacini at Westland John Glenn and Luke Aurilia at Novi. These are the selfless players who can get it done in each phase of the game.



Birmingham Groves' Mario Campoy-LoVasco rushes against North Farmington. RAYVON DELMONTA/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Milford's Wyatt Lesnew gets up after making a tackle against South Lyon.



Livonia Franklin's Cordell Mabins Jr. rushes the ball at Westland John Glenn. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Jon Lytle-Montgomery, Livonia Churchill

Vitals: RB, senior, 6-foot, 170 pounds.

Stats: Totaled 92 carries for 518 yards and three TDs rushing.

Folsom's take: It's wild to think the Chargers were hiding this kind of talent behind Boston Clegg Jr. a year ago. Lytle-Montgomery is one of the fastest runners I've seen in a while, and he's great at reading his blocks, making one cut and getting uphill for a big gain.

Cordell Mabins Jr., Livonia Franklin

Vitals: RB, senior, 5-foot-11, 200 pounds.

Stats: Has rushed 105 times for 823 yards and 13 TDs and has also caught on receiving TD.

Folsom's take: The colder it gets with each week that passes, the harder it'll be for defenses to slow down Mabins Jr. It hurts to tackle a freight train such as him when it's bone-chilling freezing. Expect coach Chris Kelbert to use that to his advantage as the 5-0 Patriots prepare for a deep playoff run.

ArJon Thompson, Livonia Stevenson

Vitals: QB/DB, junior, 6-foot, 200 pounds.

Stats: Has rushed 72 times for 380 yards and eight TDs, gone 13 of 30 passing for 158 yards, one TD and one interception, has caught three passes for 17 yards and totaled 21 tackles and four pass breakups.

Folsom's take: There's a reason they put Cordell Stewart on the cover of the arcade game "NFL Blitz." His nickname was "Slash" because he could do it all (QB/receiver/running back/kick returner/whatever). And that's been Thompson, too. We should call him Slash 2.0.

Noah Etnyre, Lutheran Westland

Vitals: QB/RB/DB, senior, 6-foot-2, 185 pounds.

Stats: Has gone 17 of 33 passing for 290 yards (17 yards per completion, plus has rushed 53 times for 418 yards (almost 8 yards per rush).

Folsom's take: Normally they put the state runner-up wrestlers on the offensive and defensive lines. Not the Warriors. They have Etnyre behind center. And they're a better team because of it. He's a dynamic runner, plus he's a great decision-maker. He keeps defenses honest.

Wyatt Lesnew, Milford

Vitals: MLB, junior, 5-foot-11, 230 pounds.

Stats: Totaled 71 tackles (12 for loss) and has recovered one fumble.

Folsom's take: This linebacker is about as throwback as they come. Like Zac Thomas or Brian Urlacher throwback. Milford QB Ryan Allen has put up Player of the Year numbers, but what Lesnew is doing on defense is jaw-dropping. His statistics almost overshadow any other defender in metro Detroit.

Luca Prior, Northville

Vitals: QB, 6-foot-1, 170 pounds.

Stats: Has gone 45 of 60 passing 571 yards and nine TDs and also rushed for a score.

Folsom's take: There is no questioning Prior's leadership skills, and the turnaround the Mustangs have had since last year has a lot to do with him. Not just behind center but behind the scenes. He's a great teammate. Had he not gotten injured against Brighton, Northville might still be undefeated right now.

Niko Krall, Novi

Vitals: LB, senior, 5-foot-9, 215 pounds.

Stats: Totaled 72 tackles (26 solo, 8.5 for loss) and one sack.

Folsom's take: In Week 5, this linebacker totaled his 251st-career tackle, surpassing former Wildcat Alex King as the all-time tackling leader in program history (248). And there are still four regular-season games left to play. He's going to put that record completely out of reach for any upcoming standouts on defense. He's also the all-time leader in solo tackles (149) and tackles for loss (32.5) and second all-time in sacks (eight), assisted tackles (102) and fumbles recovered (five).

Jaxon McCaig, Plymouth

Vitals: RB, junior, 6-foot-1, 202 pounds.

Stats: Rushes for 622 yards and five TDs, averaging 124.4 yards per game and 6.2 yards per carry.

Folsom's take: He's one of my favorite players to watch because once he gets into the open field, it takes someone with incredible sprinter's speed to catch up to him. Unfortunately, we cannot watch him again this fall, as he suffered a season-ending injury against Hartland in Week 5.

Cory Chavis, Redford Union

Vitals: QB, senior, 6-foot-5, 195 pounds.

Stats: Has gone 49 of 66 passing for 1,053 yards, 17 TDs and two interceptions and has a 74% completion percentage.

Folsom's take: It doesn't matter how many playmakers the Panthers have,

and trust me, the Panthers have a lot of them, they still need somebody to get them the ball. And that's been Chavis, who is finally getting some much-deserved attention on the recruiting trail.

Robert Jones, Salem

Vitals: RB, senior, 6-foot-2, 225 pounds.

Stats: Has rushed for 459 yards and three TDs.

Folsom's take: Yes, the Rocks are 0-5, but opposing defenses are definitely reaching for the ice bags the morning after playing against Jones. He's an old-fashioned, smash-mouth running back, and it takes group tackles to bring him down.

Tommy Donovan, South Lyon

Vitals: RB/DB, senior, 5-foot-11, 185 pounds.

Stats: Has rushed 65 times for 455 yards and six TDs, caught 16 passes for 275 yards and four TDs, and has totaled 15 tackles, one scoop and score TD and one interception. Also has 184 yards returning kickoffs and another 46 yards and a TD returning punts.

Folsom's take: If the season ended today, he'd be Hometown Life's Player of the Year. He holds offers from Illinois State and Dayton University, and he has done everything for the Lions except drive the team bus to away games. And he's done it at an elite level.

Jordan Newbill, South Lyon East

Vitals: WR/DB, senior, 5-foot-11, 170 pounds.

Stats: Totaled 10 TDs, including one on special teams, eight receiving and one rushing. Has over 350 yards receiving.

Folsom's take: It's a shame Newbill has only offers from two smaller Division III and NAIA schools because he's been playing at an elite level for the Cougars. And he's doing it in each phase of the game. He's rushed for a score, caught TD passes and has returned a blocked field goal for six. He's a scoop-and-score or pick-six away from having a TD in each phase.

Damon Powers, Westland John Glenn

Vitals: RB/LB, junior, 6-foot, 190 pounds.

Stats: Has rushed 69 times for 404 yards and totaled 30 solo tackles on defense.

Folsom's take: This is a future Division I college linebacker or safety hiding at John Glenn. As the Rockets continue to win, the more recruiting interest Powers should garner. He's probably the most underrated recruit in the Hometown Life region.

Honorable Mentions

Here are the other players I'm still keeping my eye on for Player of the Year:

Nolay Ray, Brother Rice
Eryx Daugherty, Brother Rice
Blake Marrogy, Brother Rice
Cayden Hardy, Birmingham Groves
Kyle Robbins, Birmingham Seaholm
Devon Pettus, Canton
Caleb Williams, Canton
Preston Washer, Cranbrook
Brady Blakita, Detroit Catholic Central
Evan Haeger, Detroit Catholic Central
Jovon Massey, Detroit Catholic Central
Dominic Pesci, Farmington
Gavin Miller, Farmington
Evan Snead, Livonia Churchill
Jayden Allen, Livonia Churchill
Tyler Garrett, Livonia Franklin
Dominic Simpson, Livonia Franklin
Chuck Davidek, Livonia Stevenson
Aiden Sexton, Lutheran Westland
Ryan Allen, Milford
Danny Sternberg, Milford
Peyton Chamberlain, Milford
Angelo Rodriguez, Northville
Hunter Ladach, Northville
Preston Phimister, Novi
Cole Shires, Novi
Evan Cosgrove, Plymouth
Luc Damiani, Plymouth
Dequan Davis, Redford Union
Dematthew Dixon, Redford Union
Jeremiah Alston, Redford Union
Dawaune Strickland, Redford Union
Jamel Belcher, Redford Union
Jamire Hall, Redford Union
Kyren Ware, Redford Union
Javerious Shepherd, Redford Union
Nicholas Warren, Redford Thurston
Charles Nelson, Redford Thurston
Michael Patsy, Salem
Braden Fracassi, South Lyon
Simeon Mardossian, South Lyon
Xavier Spadacini, Westland John Glenn
Nick Wetmore, Westland John Glenn
Connor LeCourt, Westland John Glenn
Dylan Moore, Westland John Glenn
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6.5 tackles (six solo), Evan Cosgrove had 5.5 (five solo) and Tyler Harris added 3.5.

Northville 31, Salem 7 (KLAA-West)

QB Luca Prior was 7 of 11 passing for 142 yards and two TDs for the Mustangs (5-1, 4-1). Caleb Moore rushed seven times for 37 yards and two scores, Nick Helner caught a 50-yard TD pass and Caden Besco nabbed a 5-yard TD reception. Owen Ross led the defense with nine tackles (four solo), Hunter Ladach added eight tackles (two for loss) and a sack and Evan Deak pitched in eight tackles (three solo).

RB Robert Jones rushed 29 times for 133 yards and one TD for the Rocks (0-6, 0-5). QB Robert Ahlgren was 16 of 22 passing for 109 yards, Nick Mullin caught five passes for 48 yards, Michael Patsy led the defense with eight tackles (three for loss), one sack and one fumble recovery and Zach Passmore added seven tackles (two for loss).

Brighton 41,

Canton 21 (KLAA-West)

RB Devon Pettus rushed 16 times for 161 yards and two TDs for the Chiefs (1-5, 1-4). Alexander Guadagni added 16 carries for 81 yards, and Dillon Calhoun scored once on the ground.

Dearborn Fordson 31,

Livonia Churchill 28 (KLAA-East)

RB Jon Lytle-Montgomery rushed 32 times for 153 yards and three TDs for the Chargers (1-5, 0-5). QB Evan Snead was 9 of 13 passing for 131 yards, Jayden Allen caught five passes for 91 yards and Messiah Amerson punched in a 2-yard TD run. Miles Lueck led the defense with five tackles (four solo), while Amerson and Tyler Mileski had four apiece.

Livonia Franklin 24,

Livonia Stevenson 7 (KLAA-East)

The Patriots (6-0, 5-0) are the Livonia City Championship winners thanks to Cordell Mabins Jr. rushing 25 times for 151 yards and one TD, QB JD Bates going 7 of 8 passing for 144 yards, one TD and one interception, Jon Jasionowski adding 51 yards and a TD on the ground and Tyler Garrett catching five passes for 144 yards and a score. Jasionowski led the defense with 10 tackles, Domanic Lemon and Sam White had five tackles apiece and White and Gino DiPonio each pulled down interceptions.

QB ArJon Thompson rushed nine times for 124 yards and one TD for the Spartans (3-3, 3-2). Alex Bowser rushed for 30 yards and caught four passes for 21 yards. Owen Reed led the defense with 10 tackles and one forced fumble, Chuck Davidek added seven tackles and Nihad Ajdarasic pitched in five tackles.

Dearborn 2, Wayne Memorial 0 (forfeit) (KLAA-East)

The Zebras fell to 0-6 overall and 0-5 in the division.

Belleville 56, Westland John Glenn 0 (KLAA-East)

The Rockets fell to 2-4 overall and 2-3 in the division. RB Xavier Spadacini rushed 14 times for 84 yards, Connor LeCourt caught two passes for 28 yards and Dylan Moore and Dougie Wicker led the defense with four tackles apiece.

Lakes Valley Conference

South Lyon 46,

Waterford Kettering 6 (LVC)

QB Braden Fracassi was 2 of 3 passing for 91 yards and one TD for the Lions (5-1, 4-1). Tommy Donovan rushed six times for 85 yards and two scores and pulled down a 48-yard TD reception, Wyatt Douglass added five carries for 53 yards and Ryan Henderson caught a 43-yard reception. Alex Stoyanovich paced the defense with six tackles (two for loss) and two fumbles returned for TDs, one for 28 yards and another for 54. Douglass had four tackles, and Nick Stoyanovich added three.

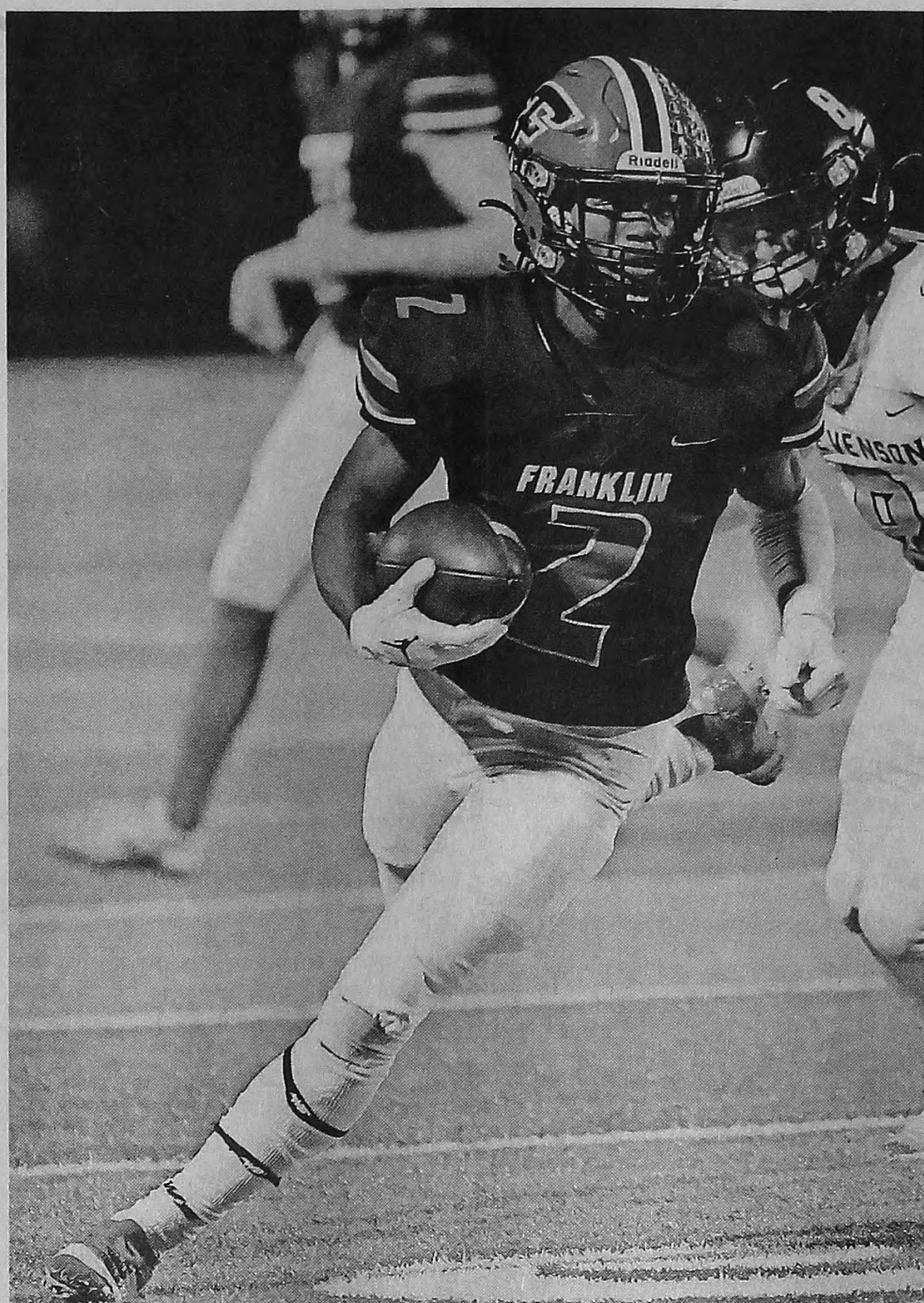
South Lyon East 36,

Walled Lake Central 7 (LVC)

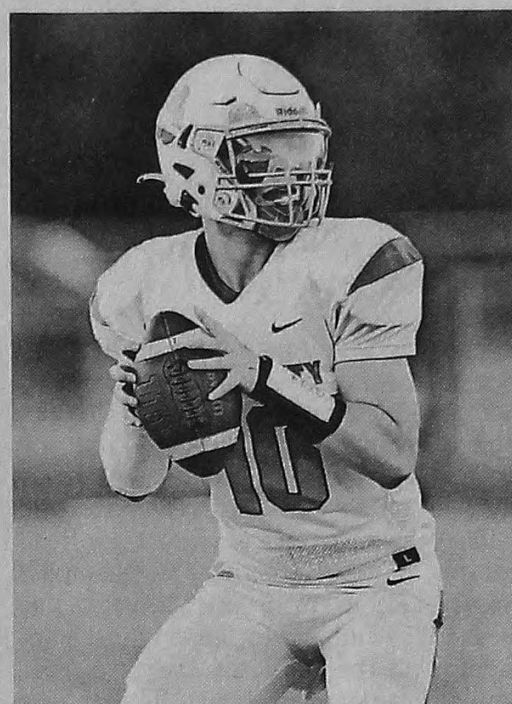
The Cougars improved to 5-1 overall and 4-1 in the league. QB Dominic Giovannini was 10 of 16 passing for 170 yards and three TDs, while Daedricco Fizer rushed 16 times for 100 yards and two scores. Jordan Newbill caught six passes for 63 yards and one TD and added two tackles and two interceptions on defense, while Drew Moyer caught three passes for 72 yards and a score, rushed for 8 yards and Caleb Gash caught a 37-yard TD pass and gained 33 yards on the ground. Jack Toth led the defense with five tackles (3.5 for loss) and one sack and Jack Fannon added 4.5 tackles and one pass breakup.

Waterford Mott 20, Milford 7 (LVC)

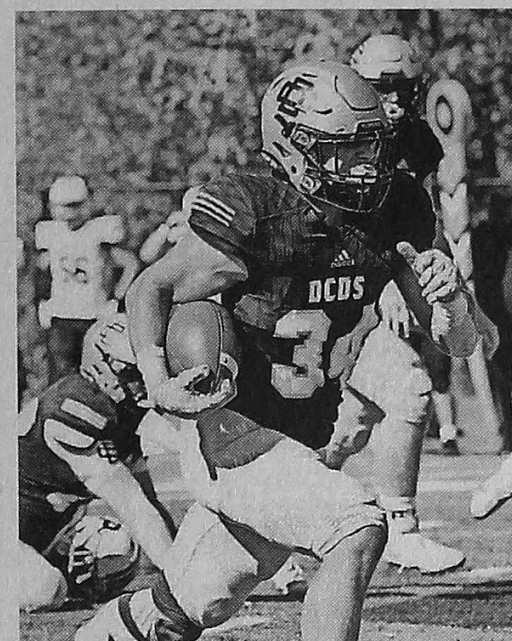
QB Ryan Allen was 5 of 10 passing for 91 yards and an interception and also ran 12 times for 56 yards for the Mavericks (3-3, 2-2). Peyton Chamberlain rushed eight times for 48 yards, and Ethan Phipps caught two passes for 51 yards. Wyatt Lesnew led the defense with 22 tackles, followed by Danny Sternberg and Ike Stuft with 10 apiece



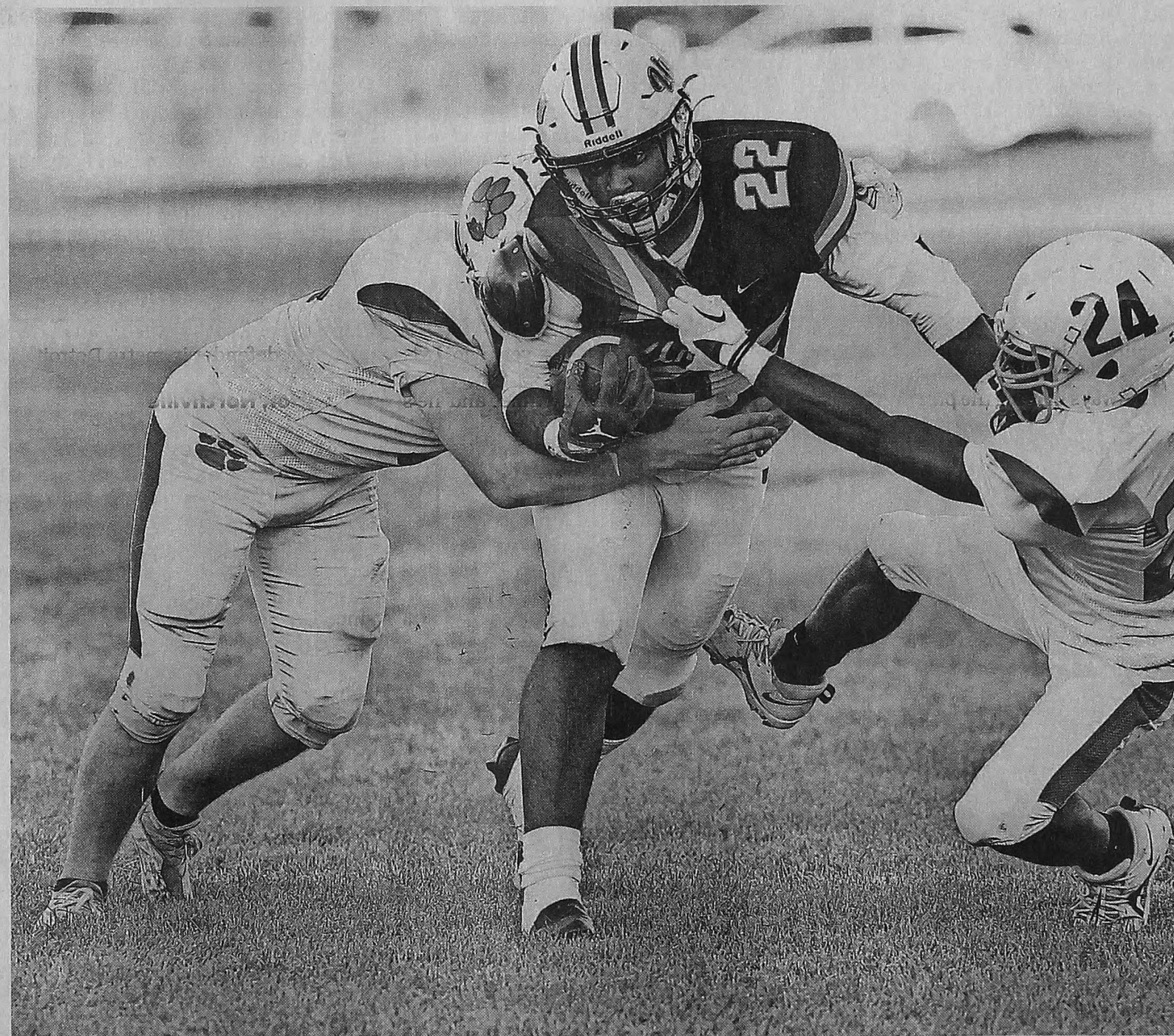
Livonia Franklin's Tyler Garrett rushes against Livonia Stevenson Sept. 30.
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Garden City's Nathan Wasil looks to pass the ball against Redford Union.



Detroit Country Day's Gabe Winowich rushes against Flint Powers Catholic.



Redford Union's Daquan Davis is brought down by Garden City defenders. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

and Jon Motes and Aidan Beattie with five apiece.

White Lake Lakeland 17, Walled Lake Northern 13 (LVC)

The Eagles won the Battle of Bogie Lake Road and improved to 3-3 overall and 3-3 in the league. Michael Mahaney rushed 13 times for 70 yards, Sean Latham added 15 carries for 66 yards and one TD and Trevor Schudin carried 13 times for 47 yards and one score. Nolin Thompson booted in a 22-yard field goal and helped the defense with six tackles and one sack. Trey Rowley led with seven tackles and one interception, Caden Calhoun totaled five tackles and one sack and Tyler Ponitz, Grand Glosinger and Ben Lillenthal each had interceptions.

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Lutheran Westland 2, Dearborn Heights Star International Academy 0 (forfeit)

The Warriors improved to 4-2 overall.

Oakland Activities Association

Southfield A&T 70, Bloomfield Hills 0 (OAA-White)

The Black Hawks fell to 1-5 overall and 1-3 in the league.

Birmingham Groves 15, Harper Woods 12 (OAA-White)

RB Joshua Woods rushed for a pair of 5-yard TDs for the Falcons (4-2, 3-1). QB Cayden Hardy tossed a two-point conversion pass to Elias Kendra. Chris Little and Woods each had interceptions on defense, while Kendra fell on a fumble.

Birmingham Seaholm 52, Troy 0 (OAA-Blue)

The Maples (6-0, 3-0) got one TD run apiece from Jack Lewis, Colton Kinnie and Granden Kinnie, while backup QB Louie Sullivan rushed for a pair of scores and Kyle Robbins scored on a 48-yard fake punt and returned a fumble 32 yards for a TD.

North Farmington 28, Troy Athens 7 (OAA-Blue)

The Raiders (2-4, 2-2) totaled 383 yards of total offense, which included QB Ryan Shelby throwing for 177 yards and one TD, PJ Gardner rushing for 166 yards and two scores and Quinn Parpart hauling in 101 yards and a TD receiving.

Farmington 49, Pontiac 0

RB Cameron Pettaway rushed for 159 yards and four TDs for the Falcons (4-2, 2-1). Aaren McCray caught a 25-yard TD pass, and Owen Matteson

nabbed an interception.

Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Dearborn Heights Robichaud 37, Redford Thurston 21 (WWAC)

The Eagles fell to 0-6 overall and 0-5 in the league.

Redford Union 47, Garden City 21 (WWAC)

QB Cory Chavis threw a 39-yard TD to Kryen Ware, a 69-yarder to Jamel Belcher and was named the homecoming king at halftime for the Panthers (6-0, 5-0). Dawaune Strickland rushed for TDs of 5, 9 and 5 yards, while Daquan Davis scored from 58 yards out. Ware and Jeremiah Alston each recovered fumbles on defense.

RB Owen McGraw scored three TDs for the Cougars (3-3, 3-2), including a 69-yard TD reception from QB Nathan Wasil and on rushes of 10 and 35 yards. Kaden Williams intercepted a pass, Travis Hartwell fell on a fumble and the Cougars blocked a punt.

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Marian

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Here's why:

Schomer's finally getting her chance to shine

One of Schomer's former coaches sent her a congratulations text about her becoming a Miss Volleyball finalist. But they actually were breaking the news to the opposite hitter.

"I was like, 'What?! What are you talking about?'" the 6-foot-1 Wofford commit said. "This is huge news to me. I was so very grateful for it because I've worked my butt off to get to where I am today, and I'm so happy that everyone considers me to be a top finalist this year."

"I'm really excited to show what I can prove."

And that, right there, is why this is a big season for Schomer.

It's not surprising to see her become a Miss Volleyball finalist. But it is surprising that she wasn't overlooked for the honor by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association.

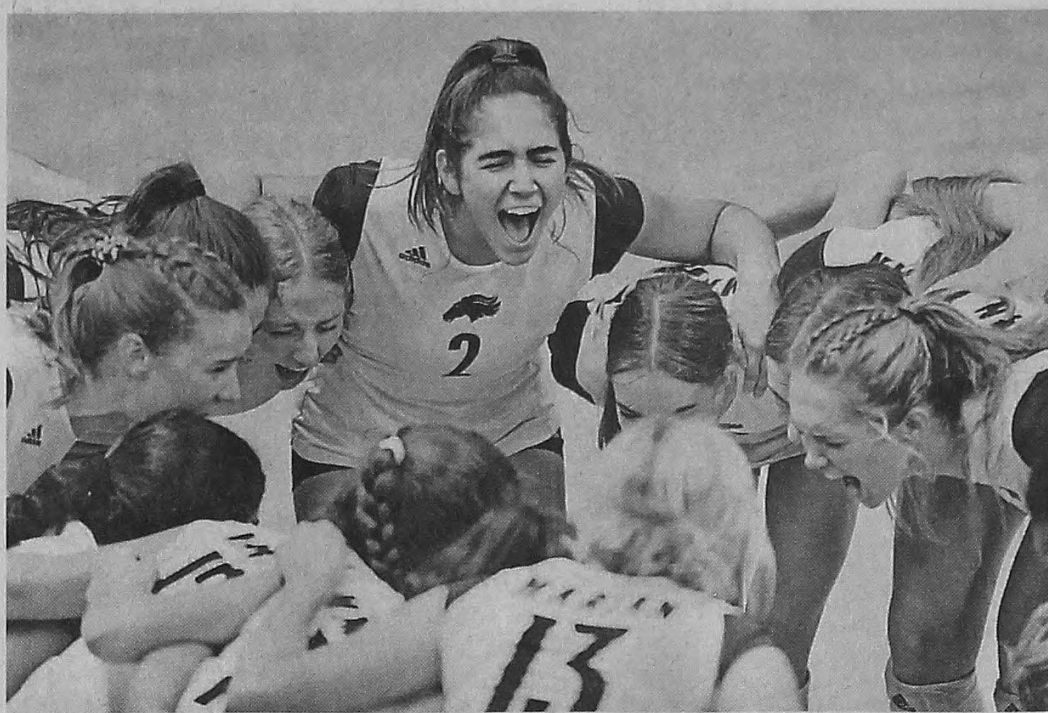
Yes, she's a Division I talent, and she's been an integral part of the dynasty the Mustangs are building. She was even the one who recorded the match point when they upset Farmington Hills Mercy 3-2 in the regional championship en route to winning their third-ever state title in 2020. And that Marlins squad had Julia Bishop, an All-American who signed with Michigan State and was named Miss Volleyball that season.

But Schomer has played second-fiddle at Marian.

Outside of her, the Mustangs had four other elite hitters a year ago. That included Brizard (NC State), an outside hitter, Sarah Sylvester (TCU), a middle blocker who was also a 2020 Miss Volleyball finalist, outside hitter Sophia Treder (Brown) and middle hitter Jannah Jones, who had D-I offers but elected to not play in college.

Schomer totaled 63 aces, 119 blocks, 522 digs and 439 kills in 2021, despite sharing her court time with some of the best players in the country.

Now she's clearly the No. 1 offensive



Bloomfield Hills Marian's Ava Sarafa rallies the troops at Farmington Hills Mercy.

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Marian's past candidates for Miss Volleyball

- **2021:** Ava Brizard (winner) and Sarah Sylvester (nominee)
- **2018:** Madison Dowd (nominee)
- **2009:** Alexandra Cocklin (winner)

option for the Mustangs, and that means she can finally display just how hard of a hitter she can be.

"That girl is power, and she's always been able to hit," Marian coach Mayssa Cook said. "But we've always spread out the offense so well. When we've had the Brizard, the Sylvester, the Treder and the Jannah Jones, I think people are just seeing her hit more balls now. Instead of being our third or fourth option, she's now our No. 1 or 2 option. She was swinging like this last year, but she just didn't get as many chances. You're going to get overlooked when you've got the Gatorade Player of the Year and Miss Volleyball on your team."

Schomer isn't doing this alone.

She also has the likes of 5-10 senior opposite hitter Reagan Sass and 6-1 middle blocker McKenzie Swanson, one of the top girls basketball recruits in the country, helping her produce points, alongside a few other experienced play-

ers rotating in.

She said it's been an adjustment being thrust into Brizard's role as the team's offensive leader.

"It's definitely crazy," she said. "Last year, I did my contributions, but this year I knew I had to step it up. I want to prove what I truly am made of because we did have some talented people last year. I was overlooked, so I want to show what I really am made of."

Is Sarafa the best in Michigan?

Cook has coached some of the best players around for Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy. And she's seen a handful of great ones while coaching at both Marian and Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard.

Heck, when she led FGR to a state title in 2015 she even had former Miss Volleyball nominee Emily Tanski (New Hampshire) playing outside hitter for her.

She's seen some of the best recruits this state has to offer.

That's why it was wild hearing her talk about Sarafa following a 3-0 victory at third-ranked Mercy.

"Ava is, obviously, the best setter in the state and, in my opinion, the best player in the state right now," Cook said. "When the best player on your team is a

setter, and Ella is right there next to Ava as one of the best, it makes things exciting."

That's a bold statement, especially with Ann Arbor Skyline having outside hitter Harper Murray (Nebraska), the No. 1-rated recruit in the country, also up for the Miss Volleyball honor.

But Sarafa is just that good.

She's posted three-straight 1,000-assist seasons at setter. That included her tallying 1,444 assists during their 53-1 effort her junior season.

But she, too, was surprised to find out she made the cut.

"It was honestly an honor to see that I made the top 10," the 6-foot Kentucky commit said. "To be in that top 10 with all of those amazing players, I was just stunned and couldn't even speak. It was something I've been working toward throughout high school and all four years of being on varsity. Just to see my name on that list was amazing."

As mentioned earlier, Sarafa had some of the best hitters to pass to in 2021.

While she's familiar with everyone on this year's squad, it has taken some time to develop new chemistry with a different rotation.

But doing so has made her a better player.

"Ava has become so much more offensive this season," Cook said. "Maybe losing some of her hitters she's been setting the last three seasons has forced her to become a little more offensive, so that's a positive in Ava's sense. But she works hard. She's super skilled. She's a difference-maker on our team. They (Schomer and Sarafa) both are. These two were huge for our success in our last two state championships."

Sarafa said learning a new rotation to pass to has been a welcome challenge.

"I know I've got to get everyone involved," she added. "When you're calling the play, you've got to have eye contact with everyone, make sure you're being a leader on the court and make sure you're being vocal about where to hit and what spots are open. Just connection with each and every one of them has been important. We've got to depend on the whole team this year (to win a third-straight state title)."

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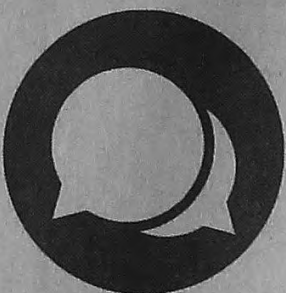
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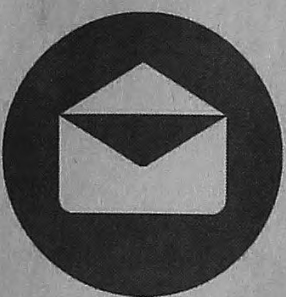
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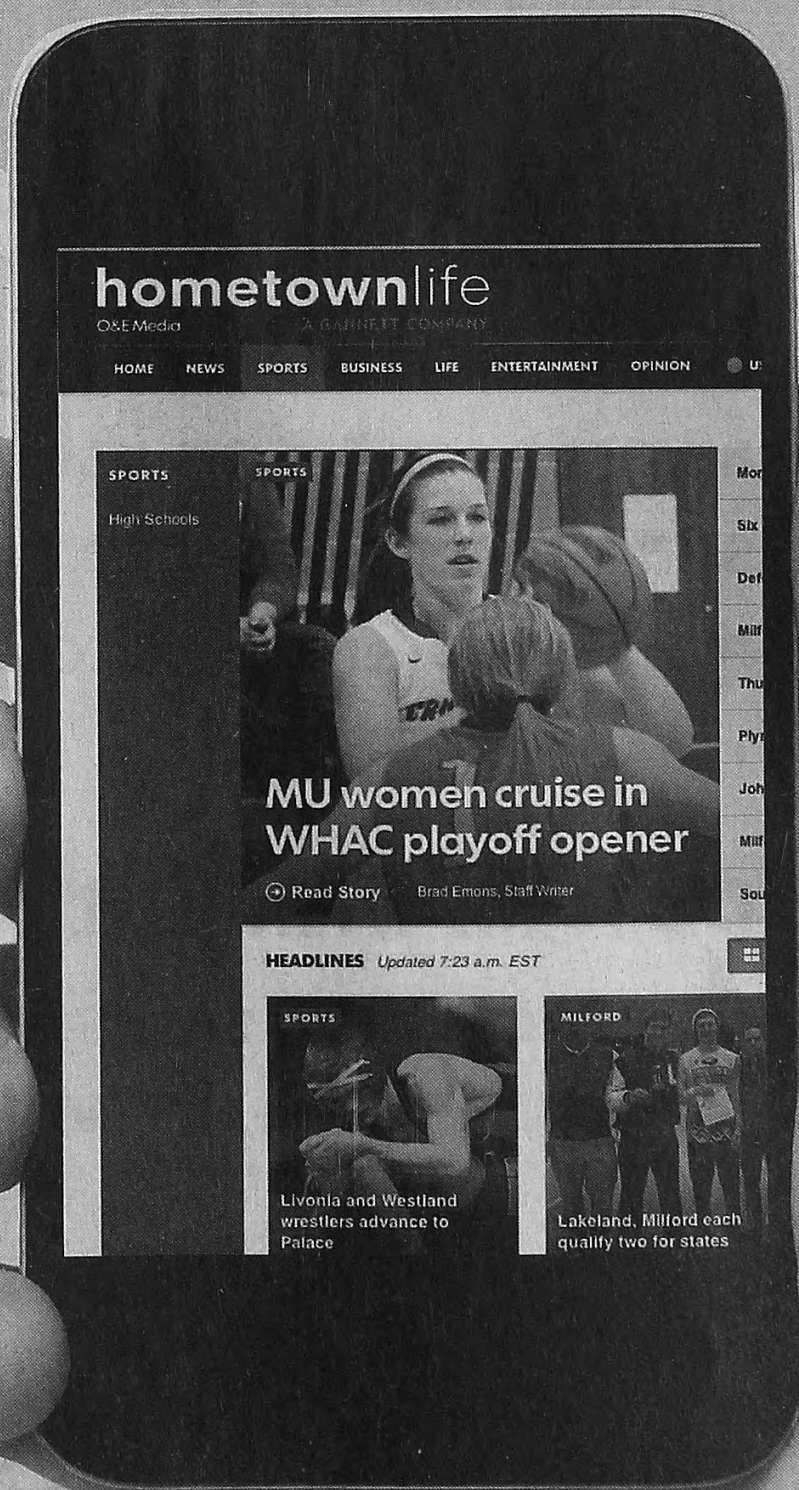
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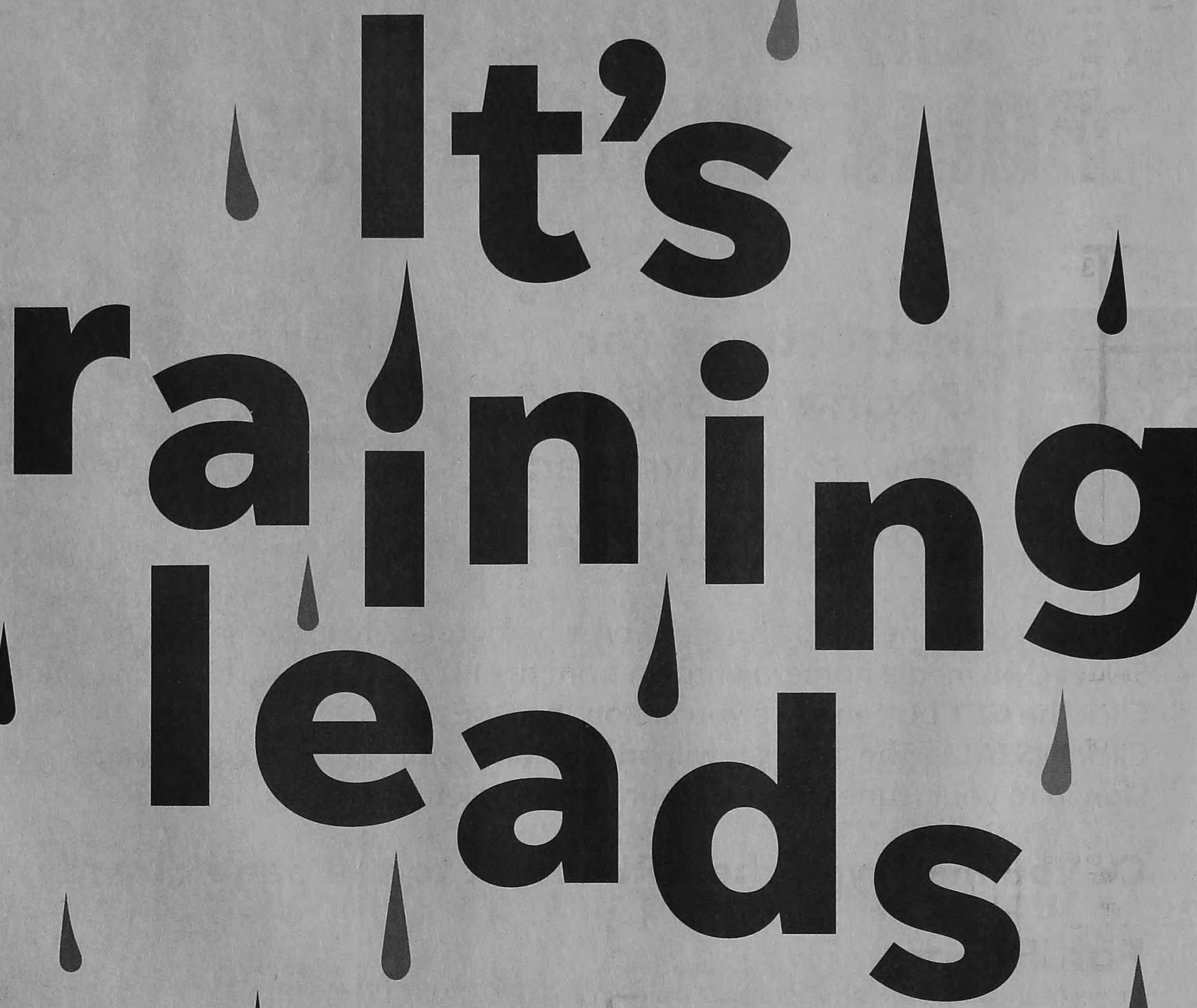
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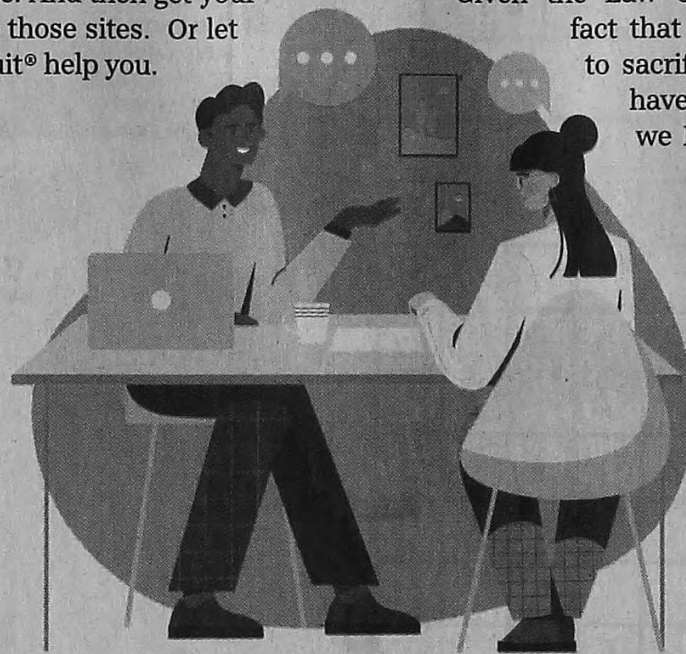
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