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Survey a start to reducing deer population

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Southeastern Michigan's deer problem is a tough one to solve.

Residents know the dense population and major roads paired with a large deer population can spell trouble for yards, drivers and pets. The problem is especially prevalent in Oakland County, which has the

highest deer-related vehicle crash rate in Michigan and many communities that don't allow hunting.

Michigan gives communities the option to cull or sterilize deer. Relocation is often not considered an option as it can result in harm or trauma for the animals. Culling, like the organized hunting done at Kensington Metropark, is controversial and a temporary fix. Sterilization, on the other hand, can be expensive and produce mixed results.

Oakland County leaders want a new option, and

they're hoping residents can help them brainstorm.

"The state deer management plan is a one-size-fits-all approach for the entire state," said Joe Valentine, assistant city manager for Farmington Hills. "It doesn't really recognize the unique circumstances we have in our more suburban communities. We have dense communities with large deer populations and large roads."

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Who's the spookiest of them all?



The Perkinses make most of their décor themselves, like this skull wrapped in plastic and painted. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Livonia starts 'Haunt Your Home' competition

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Rich Perkins loves the Halloween season for the same reason why some people love Christmas — it brings people together.

He enjoys the cider mills, hunting, haunted houses and, of course, setting up a Halloween display at his Livonia home. This is the fourth year he and his wife, Laura, have crafted a mostly homemade setup that they work on throughout the year.

"We dabble year round working on Halloween decorations with friends and family," he said. "Time spent with them makes it special to us."

The couple hosts a Halloween party every year and actually renewed their vows at the event a few years ago while dressed as

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ELECTION COVERAGE

Five candidates file for 3 seats on Clarenceville school board

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

Clarenceville includes parts of Redford Township, Livonia and Farmington Hills. It is considered an Oakland County school district.

School board members set district policy and oversee Superintendent Paul Shepich, who manages day-to-day operations. Trustees serve four-year terms.

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.

Kim Arnett, a first time candidate, works in software engineering. In her personal life, she volunteers with WAG Animal Rescue alongside her husband and their daughters.

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St. Mary Mercy president leaves hospital for role in Georgia

Courtesy of Trinity Health Michigan

Trinity Health Michigan announced that David Spivey, longtime president of Trinity Health St. Mary Mercy Livonia and senior vice president of Community Health and Well-Being, accepted a new role to become interim president of Trinity Health St. Mary's in Georgia.

The decision is part of a larger move of executive leaders across Trinity Health's national system. Montez Carter, president and CEO of St. Mary's Health Care System in Athens, Georgia, was named the new president and CEO of Trinity Health of New England, leaving an important vacancy within the health system's executive leadership team. As one of Trinity Health's most senior executives, Spivey agreed to step in to provide leadership and stability for the Georgia health system during the search for a new president.

"While I am saddened to lose Dave's counsel and leadership here in Michigan, I am happy to have him support our healing mission in a new and meaningful way," said Rob Casalou, president and CEO of Trinity Health Michigan and Southeast Regions. "On behalf of a Michigan team that has come to know and respect Dave as a leader, colleague and friend, I want to extend our deep appreciation to him for his 22 years of service to the Livonia community and for the many important



Spivey

statewide community health and well-being initiatives he has led."

Under Spivey's leadership, Trinity Health Livonia has grown and prospered. The hospital won numerous awards including the HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, Thomson Reuters Top 100 Hospital Award, and The Joint Commission and Leap-Frog Group awards for quality and safety.

During his tenure Spivey was credited for making forward-thinking capital investments, recruiting expert clinical and non-clinical teams and inspiring significant philanthropic support for hospital initiatives.

Notably in 2010, he oversaw the implementation of the hospital's first Graduate Medical Education program which has grown to 141 residents and six programs. In that same year, Spivey also oversaw the implementation of a Senior Emergency Department, which was developed for the specialized care of seniors ages 65 years and older. The hospital's Senior ER was the first-ever in the state of Michigan.

In 2013, Spivey oversaw the construction and renovation of the Livonia hospital resulting in a new state-of-the-art Emergency Department and conversion to all private inpatient rooms. In 2018 he led construction of a new chapel on the north side of the hospital cam-

pus and in 2020 he was one of the lead executives involved in construction of the Trinity Health IHA Medical Center - Schoolcraft, which provides comprehensive ambulatory care and physician services to Schoolcraft College and residents of western Wayne County.

Another enduring legacy is his work to establish Mercy Primary Care as a continuing ministry of Trinity Health serving the east side of Detroit. The clinic has been a vital safety net for uninsured and underinsured adults since 2001.

"Dave's calling to strengthen access for vulnerable populations transformed health care in the metro Detroit area and beyond," Casalou said. "His influence transcends Trinity Health and is felt in all aspects of our community health and well-being programs throughout the state."

Following Dave's departure from Trinity Health Livonia, Shannon Striebich, president of Trinity Health Oakland and senior vice president of Operations for Trinity Health Michigan, will serve as the hospital's interim president, in addition to her current responsibilities. Striebich is well known at the Livonia hospital and well versed in its operations, having previously served as interim president of the ministry in 2019-2020 and as its chief operating officer from 2014 to 2016.

Board

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Cynthia Immonen has been on the board since 2009. She works in insurance and has three children who've graduated from the district.

Michael Liss is a current school board member, elected in 2018. A Clarenceville native married to Jaime, a 2006 Clarenceville graduate, the couple have five children.

Dennis Myers was appointed to the board in 2017 and has remained on it since. Dennis Myers works as a carpenter and has been involved in the district through things like musicals, sports and hosting exchange students.

Riley Myers interns for a state senate office and has been canvassing with Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights. She plans to graduate from Saginaw Valley State University this winter.

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?

Kim Arnett: First and foremost, I'm a parent of a Clarenceville student. I've seen firsthand the struggle our kids have gone through the last couple of years, and I want to help get the district back on track ... As we near the other side of the pandemic, we're seeing: staff leaving at alarming rates, educators facing burnout, students struggling with mental health and behavior problems from the instability of the last few years, and uncertainty for everyone about what lies ahead as we continue to face the fallout ... While I don't have a background in education, I am a parent who cares and wants to be the megaphone for our teachers, students, principals, support staff, and parents to help drive the change our district needs to be successful.

Cynthia Immonen: I have been on the Clarenceville School Board since 2009 and I hold this position as I'm a very proud Clarenceville Trojan. As a current mem-



Arnett



Immonen



Liss



Dennis Myers

ber the school board - I see our roles as being very purposeful within the school.

Michael Liss: I am a member of the district, a parent of younger children, and have been a member of the Clarenceville District since 1993 have been a board member for the last four years winning in 2018 as a write in. I have a lot of passion for the district and have invested a lot of time in being a well prepared board member. The role of the school board member is to set policy to guide the district to achieve the highest level of student achievement possible.

Dennis Myers: Having served on the Clarenceville Board of Education for the past 6 years and a proud member of the Michigan Association of School Boards I am excited to continue to give back. In efforts to become a better board member, the past six years I have taken many MASH classes, attended the Plant Moran/Clark Hill School Law & Finance Seminars and attended conventions in Traverse City and Grand Rapids. I have been involved in the Building & Grounds committee for the past 5 years and am the lead on the newly developed policy committee. My roll as a school board member is to help envision the districts education future ... And most importantly to advocate for students.

Riley Myers: I am a lifelong resident of Clarenceville School District and, as a 2019 graduate, I feel that I can bring a fresh perspective to the board. I have been a college student throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, so I am able to directly relate to what students are going through and, since I was enrolled at Clarenceville so recently, have firsthand experience of the needs of the district. I am grateful for the opportunities my education at Clarenceville gave me and I want to give back to the district and help make it so more students can feel the same way. I have been inspired to find a way for myself to make a difference in our district and our student's educations and lives.

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

Cynthia Immonen: Yes. We have been working very hard to move the district in the right direction. Covid was a big hic-up for all schools and we are working to over-come all Covid delays in learning and programs.

Michael Liss: I believe that there are some really good things that are happening, but I know there is still a lot of work to be done on our districts strategic plan and I am happy to be a part of that.

Dennis Myers: I am pleased with the current direction of the district. Although there is always room for improvement, I believe focusing on all the good that is going on throughout our district is as important if not more than tweaking the few minor challenges we currently face. Seeing academic improvement in all grades is part of what I have been pleased with. Watching our dedicated staff and administration lead us through a pandemic while developing new teaching methodologies to keep students engaged during a never done before online learning environment, has been rewarding to watch. To see the community, embrace the slogan "It's a great day to be a Clarenceville Trojan" is very heart warming.

Riley Myers: I feel that Clarenceville School District is doing pretty well given the circumstances. We are in a global pandemic, dealing with safety/security issues, teacher turnover and staffing shortages. Clarenceville continues to use their secure entrances and safety plans, build open and trusting relationships between students and staff, and embrace the positive effects living in a small district provides. Our current administration has been working hard to fill positions, move schedules around, and accommodate our current situation to the best of their abilities and through that are able to avoid cutting programs. In fact they are implementing new ones for the students. I believe in the potential of our district and that we will continue to pull through.

Kim Arnett: Overall? No. The pandemic has driven a lot of uncertainty and fallout into every district; ours is no exception. I'm concerned about the district's ability to bring in and retain teachers. I'm concerned over the current board's communication and ability to have the kids' best interests in mind. I'm concerned over the



Riley Myers

lack of support for our teachers, hearing in more than one school board meeting that "if kids are engaged in their education, there aren't behavioral problems." That might be true in some utopia, but that's not our district. I've seen firsthand how problems at home can lead to problems in the classroom, and not providing support to our teachers to remedy the core issue will only lead to more problems. They deserve better.

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

Michael Liss: The priorities coming out of the pandemic should be to continue to keep students and staff safe while also giving the teachers the resources they need to address the severe learning loss and social emotional help the kids need from the pandemic.

Dennis Myers: There is no doubt the Covid-19 pandemic adversely effected most students. The ARPA funds allow school districts to receive and be reimbursed for funds spent that have or had a focus on emotional, social or mental health and their academic needs. Our current Board has approved two new positions an Engagement Coordinator and Wellness Coordinator that will help students and families become more engaged and distribute needed resources to families.

Riley Myers: The school district should not only prioritize student's physical health and safety, but also their emotional wellbeing throughout this difficult time of adjustments. The ARPA funds should be used to help facilitate this process.

Kim Arnett: We must get our district back into shape by attracting new talent and retaining educators. We are in a candidate's market with almost every school district desperately looking to fill their staff. That means we must be proactive in meeting our staff's needs and provide competitive benefits, or they will find it elsewhere. I want to work with our teachers and administration to ensure they are happy, fulfilled, and have the support they need to succeed in their careers. Many teachers nationwide have shared concerns around behavior coming out of the pandemic, being one of the primary reasons they've left the field. Comments from our current board and administration (highlighted in question 2) have left much to be desired of support for our teachers.

Cynthia Immonen: Putting our students and staff first is the biggest priority.

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?

Dennis Myers: DEI can sometimes be a touchy subject and difficult to talk about however that is exactly what we need to do. Although our district has adopted an all means all mission there is still much work to be done. As a small district we are blessed as a little work can go along way. I encourage student lead programing like "Why March is National Women's history Month" that teachers can explore the differences of equity or African Studies that explore the value of diversity within cultures. I am also excited we currently are back to accepting foreign exchange students that live with local families. These students bring with them a wealth of real-life experience and of cultural differences.

Riley Myers: One tangible action local districts can make to address diversity, equity, and inclusion would be to provide teachers and staff with additional diversity training in order to empower them with the tools needed to better support their diverse group of students. Students should feel safe asking a teacher to use a different name or pronouns, going to a counselor to discuss racism issues, and overall feel safe and seen by the district.

Kim Arnett: Training for our staff and administrators. 2020 was a big "shush and listen" year for me. I learned how important it was to stop centering my feelings, emotions, and experiences and listen to others lived experiences and feelings. As humans, each of our experiences is unique. I want to equip our district with the knowledge of navigating DEI, why it's important and how to make lasting change in a student's life

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Competition

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Beetlejuice and Lydia Deetz, two of the main characters from the 1988 film "Beetlejuice."

Like other Halloween fans, the Perkinses were excited to hear Livonia launched a Halloween décor contest called "Haunt Your Home."

The contest is a spookier version of Light Up Livonia, the city's popular Christmas décor competition.

"I don't look at it as a contest," Rich Perkins said. "It's more about being able to drive around and see the people who entered instead of just aimlessly driving around."

Contestants have until Oct. 17 to register for free with the city's parks department.

All of the entries, including the Perkinses', will be put on a map so residents can visit the spookiest homes in the city.

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan and the Ghostbusters will visit three winners Oct. 25.

Rich and Laura are still in the process of setting up their display, which includes homemade tombstones, animatronic skeletons and a chilly fog machine.

They've become experts at rehabbing used decorations and building their own.

One of the new additions this year Rich Perkins is particularly excited about is a tombstone for Lizzie Borden.

Borden is said to have murdered her father and stepmother with an ax in 1892, though she was acquitted of the charges.

"It's all trial and error," Rich Perkins said. "You do it, you don't like it and you do it again."

"What's nice about painting this stuff is that you can always repaint it."

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Rich Perkins with part of the Halloween display at his Livonia home. PHOTOS BY SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Farmington 'Bootification' contest

In neighboring Farmington, the city's beautification committee is bringing back its "Bootification" contest. Residents are being encouraged to decorate their homes in the spirit of the season, and the scariest street will be the site of a parade Oct. 27.



A set of tombstones, mostly homemade, at the Perkins home.

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even when their background is vastly different from yours. I care deeply about our students' well-being, and study after study has shown how vital DEI is in mental and physical health and the community. Our community is highly diverse; it deserves to be honored, respected, and celebrated.

Cynthia Immonen: With racial stress over the past few years this has caused many schools to reexamine their diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) policies and priorities. We have DEI as part of our strategic plan and have been working our DEI plan for improvement too.

Michael Liss: We can all live up to the saying at Clarenceville: "All means All." I think this issue is really on the backs of parents to take pride in raising kind loving respectful humans with a huge emphasis on being a difference maker aka a bucket filler and this world would be a much better place.

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?

Riley Myers: I think we should allow as many school of choice students as we can handle. This will boost enrollment and spread awareness of our district to surrounding areas by word of mouth. In order to keep current families coming back year after year we need to continue bettering our district by maintaining our programs, smaller class sizes, and opportunities available.

Kim Arnett: Unfortunately, the last few years were uncharted territory for everyone. However, at its core are valuable lessons we can apply as we move forward ... As we move towards a new normal, I believe we can grab ahold of this opportunity and showcase what being a part of Clarenceville is all about. We must fix our core problems first, using data points collected by national institutions to determine where remedies can take place and begin to prioritize blocks to build back on. For example, the teacher-to-student ratio is a significant driver for students moving from public to private education ... In the current climate where teachers are leaving at unprecedented rates, we must first

work on building back our resources to level out our current ratio ...

Cynthia Immonen: As we work our strategic plan for the CSD, we plan to keep and attract our students with many opportunities including student growth and exciting programs.

Michael Liss: I believe school of choice should be used in a limited fashion, and if that means we have to right size the district I would be in support of that.

Dennis Myers: Clarenceville has seen the value of allowing other students the opportunity to attend our school while increasing the funding for our in-district students for several years. I don't believe the amount or ratio of student in district to out of district should exceed 50% ... Through Leadership I will insist our school district continue to improve and attract new families. This plan includes research and implementation into the various aspects of our educational, operational, financial, and facility usage and functions. By focusing on improving our current programming and demanding higher academics through accountability we become a desirable district. This plan not only helps students but raises property values as well.

Deer

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The Southeastern Michigan Coalition of Government's deer coalition — made of nine Oakland County communities, including Farmington Hills, Farmington, Southfield and Birmingham — is asking residents of Oakland County to complete a survey to inform leaders of their concerns.

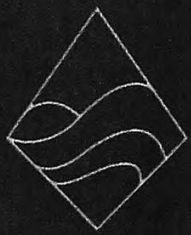
"We really want to hear from everybody and know what their concerns are," Valentine said. "We're trying to develop some new options that will allow for additional flexibility."

People can access the survey at cobaltcommunityresearch.org/deer through Nov. 11. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Valentine said data can take several months to sift through, and then a planning process will begin. He hopes a regional approach will solve the issue for Oakland County residents after years of talk.

"Everybody is dealing with the same situation," he said. "Now, collectively, we can deal with it as a regional issue."

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Meet the candidates running for Wayne council

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On Nov. 8, voters in Wayne will elect a total of three people to serve on city council representing wards four, five and six, one person for each ward.

Each position is a two-year term. In 2024, the city will disband its ward system so all of the council members will represent and be voted on by all electors in the city. Every council seat, and the mayor's position, will go up for election at that time.

Hometown Life sent each candidate a questionnaire on their ideas and the state of the city today. **Matthew Mulholland**, who is running in **Ward Six**, did not respond. Particularly long answers were shortened, which is indicated with an ellipsis.

Eric Cleereman is looking to get elected for the first time in **Ward 5**. Cleereman works in project management and is a is on the city's parks and trails committee. He's also served on the city's commission on aging.

Rabih Darwiche is a first time candidate running in **Ward Five**. Darwiche manages a gym and is the director of operations and peer recovery coach for the Safe Substance Abuse Coalition.

Phillip Wagner has been on council since 2018 and is running in **Ward Six**. He owns his own business selling window treatments.

Deborah Wass was appointed to council last year and is the only candidate running in **Ward Four**. She'd previously served on the city's planning commission and board of review.

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?

Cleereman: I believe in Wayne, and I believe in making a positive impact on our great city and that of the lives of our citizens. I feel strongly in improving things that matter to me, my family, and my community. When I can make something better, I like to get involved and do just that. I see the City Council as representatives of our citizens, who should vote on behalf of those citizens, and for their best interests. I would be a voice for many of our citizens whose voices are currently unheard.

Darwiche: I've had many careers in different lines of work but none as significant as the career I have in service. I believe in making decisions that are in support of the city's citizens, and not my own benefit. For the past six years, I have dedicated my time to serving our people, whether it be the youth or adults. I'm running for Wayne City Council - Ward 5 to serve my neighbors in a different capacity, be accountable, work on their behalf, meet them where they're at, and shed light on the issues that matter to them most.

Wagner: I have been on city council since 2018. I was active in the community before that, volunteering in park clean ups, and working to defeat the SMORSA



Cleereman Darwiche Wagner Wass



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ballot proposal. Some think of elected officials as leaders, and this is partly true. However, we are also servants of the people who trust us with their vote. The main roles of city council are to direct the administration, and to advocate for our city to the elected officials at county, state and the federal levels.

Wass: I have lived in Wayne most of my life. I have been involved in Wayne activities, board and commissions. I wanted to do more. I've seen our good and bad moments. I see my role on council as a steward for the citizens of Wayne. I live here too. When I'm helping to make decisions by casting my vote, I am doing so as a Wayne resident. I am thinking things through and weighing options to hopefully get the best results for us. Keeping costs down while still providing needed services is always the goal.

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

Cleereman: I am happy with the positive improvements within our City in the 8 years in which I've lived here. New roofs have been installed on the library, museum, and many park pavilions. The Community Center debt has been paid off. That said, we still have issues balancing our revenues against our expenditures. We need to live within our means, and cannot continue to access tax after tax after tax on our citizens to make ends meet. This has resulted in many homeowners selling their homes and moving out of the community, which just makes the problems worse for those who remain.

Darwiche: I do believe that the city administration and council have largely succeeded in improving the quality of life of our city under particularly difficult times. But there is still much work left to do. I will be an open, attentive leader who brings a sensible approach to how city resources are managed for our future successes. I also believe that the success of the city is going to require a stronger community voice. As a council

person, I will engage the citizenry so that we can work together to advance our mutual goals.

Wagner: Ever since the real estate crash of 2008, the City of Wayne has made extreme cuts ... We are running the city with a skeleton crew, we are not building any new city buildings, and we've sold a few. We sold 1 park ... we sold the Recreation Center ... and we continue to attract new development, both commercial and residential. And we paid off some of our bonds, as well as refinanced the others at lower interest rates. Wayne has faced and is still facing rough times, but we are getting through it ... It is a privilege to be part of Wayne's turn around, and with your support, I can continue this important work.

Wass: I am happy with the direction the city is moving. We have many new businesses. We have a balanced budget. The staff in Wayne works very hard to keep costs down. They are innovative. Always looking for how we can improve. How we can save money. How we can get more people in the areas we are still lacking. This is a work together atmosphere. The city staff and public servants in Wayne should be very proud of the strides they have made.

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?

Cleereman: Our retirees paid into the system, we owe it to them to live up to our commitments. We need to budget for our DPW and first responders, along with the equipment necessary for their jobs. Outside of that we must cut expenditures aggressively to live within our means. When an item costs thousands of dollars, rather than just voting for the lowest bid, it needs to be asked: Do we need this specific item? Do we need it now? What is its long term cost? These questions are currently unasked. We cannot continue to hemorrhage money while our revenues decrease.

Darwiche: The city has a problem retaining city workers, including police officers and firefighters. Because of that, we cannot obtain certain grants that other cities can because we do not have enough police officers to qualify. In office, I would evaluate what exactly are the issues that make the employees want to leave and move on to other opportunities, and what can we do to solve these problems. I would work with the administration to make sure it can fix these issues as soon as possible.

Wagner: One thing that may not be on the forefront of every ones' radar is lead lines. The city has been replacing these, but the funding just isn't there to replace them all at once. We will continue to replace these as funding is available, and look for state and federal funding to assist us in this effort as well.

Wass: Our MERS deficit is one of the biggest challenges. We have to pay retirement benefits. They were promised and earned. However, right now we have far more people collecting than are paying in. Legacy costs take up 50% of the budget. We are doing our best to keep from having to put more cost on us, the residents. Pinching pennies wherever possible.

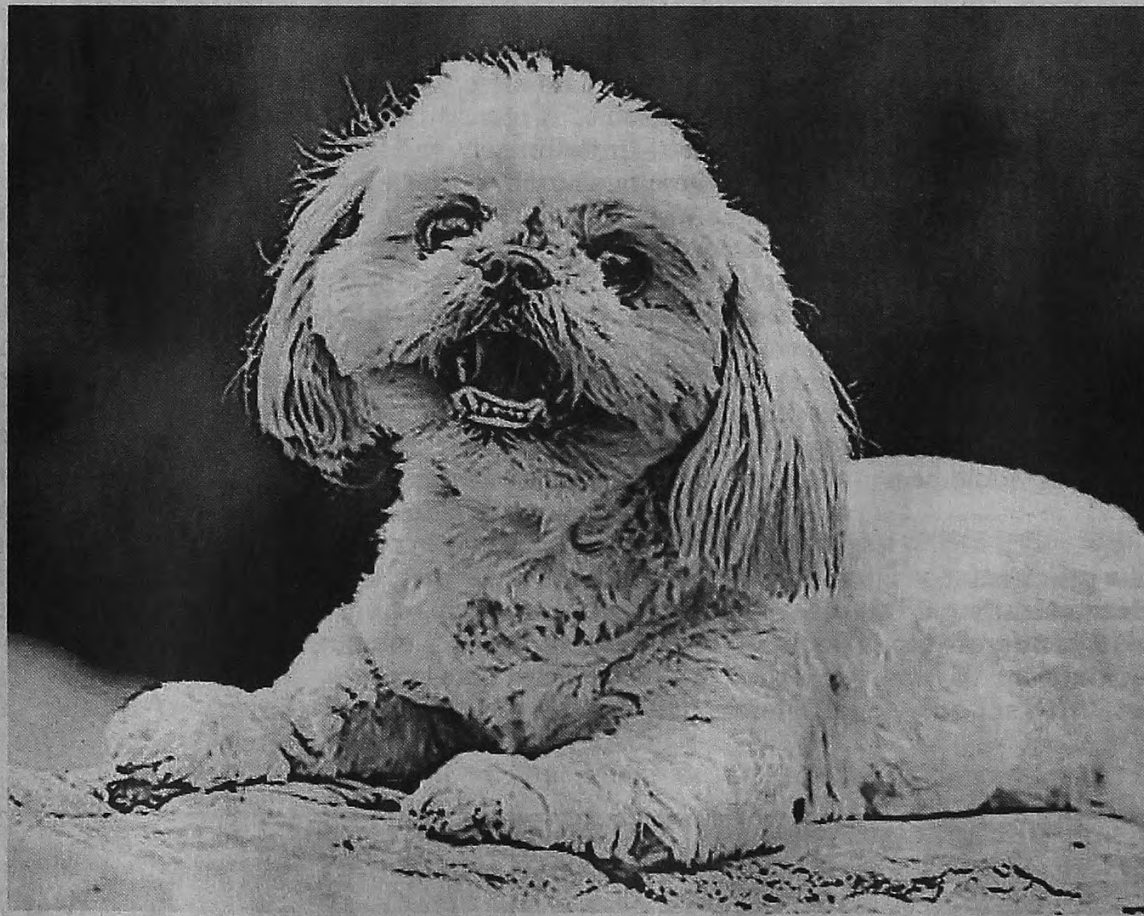
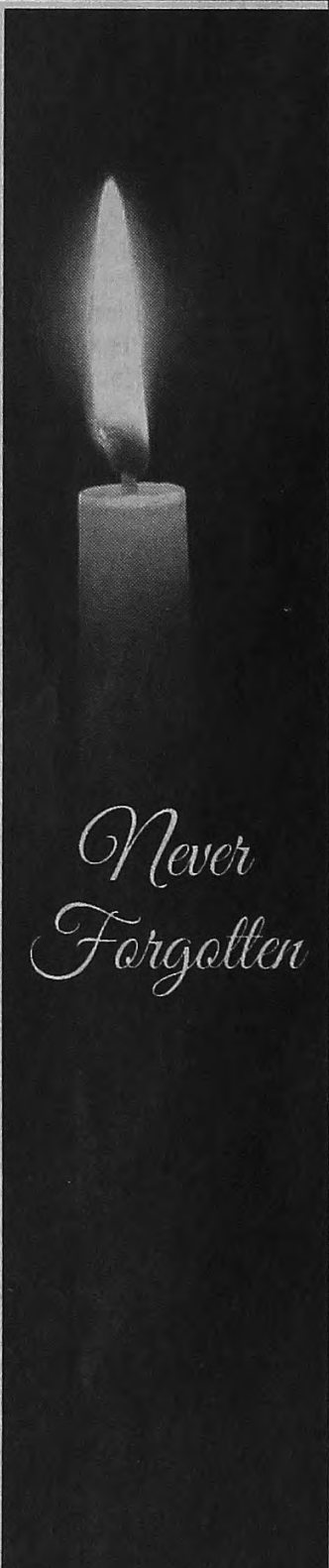
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Rex, a dog from Livonia that swallowed a wishbone, is one of 12 finalists for Nationwide's 14th annual Hambone Award. The public votes to determine the most unusual pet-related Nationwide insurance claim of the last year. COURTESY OF NATIONWIDE INSURANCE

Livonia dog up for insurance claim award

Shelby Tankersley
 Hometownlife.com
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Rex, a shih tzu from Livonia, had a harrowing experience last year that just might earn him some cash.

The pooch was attending a graduation party with his family when he swallowed a wishbone. Over the next few days, the normally friendly dog became lazy, lost his appetite and was in visible discomfort.

After several days of tests, a veterinarian eventually found the wishbone lodged in Rex's throat. Once a surgeon removed it, Rex was back to his normally happy self.

The family used their Nationwide pet insurance to cover the cost of Rex's operation. Nationwide Mutual Insurance happens to be the largest pet insurance provider in the United States.

"It's very costly to have a pet when he needs a vet care or emergency surgery — sometimes it's not affordable," a family member told Nationwide. "Pet insurance was very helpful, and we are very thank-

ful for having Nationwide for our pet." Due to the debacle, Rex is one of 12 finalists for Nationwide's 14th annual Hambone Award. The public votes to determine the most unusual pet-related Nationwide insurance claim of the last year. The competition was inspired by a dog that ate an entire Thanksgiving ham.

Rex's family declined media interviews. Voting lasts through Oct. 17. The winner will receive a trophy, \$1,000 gift card and a \$1,000 donation to the pet charity of their choice. The two runners-up each receive a \$500 gift card and \$500 charity donation, as well.

This year's other nominees include a cat that got put in a drying machine, a snake that got stuck in a bracelet and a dog that fell down the steps at his home. Last year's winner was a German Shepard from California that fell off a cliff.

People can vote for Rex by visiting hamboneaward.com/nominee/rex.

Contact reporter Shelby Tankersley at stankersle@hometownlife.com or 248-305-0448. Follow her on Twitter @shelby_tankk.

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How Plymouth kite business has survived 33 years

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Jon Trennepohl wants metro Detroiters to go fly a kite. Literally.

The kite maker and enthusiast owns Kites and Fun Things in Plymouth with his wife, Marianne. They have been making and selling kites for over 33 years.

From the annual Detroit Kite Festival on Belle Isle to faraway places like Japan and South America, Trennepohl has showcased his kite-flying and kite-making skills.

He also runs the Lyon Township Kite Festival, a two-day event typically held in early June.

Unable to compete with manufacturers based abroad, Jon Trennepohl started designing sport kites for a Maryland company called Premier Kites, which enabled him to keep his own business running.

"Most kite stores are in tourist areas and they sell a small percentage of

kites," he said. "We are a destination store specializing in kite sales."

His shop also provides supplies to other kite stores and hobby shops specializing in products like remote sailboats.

One of the designs for which he is known and that has become very popular in Michigan and around the country is the Pro Dancer. The design, which he produces in his Plymouth store, is made of lightweight carbon materials capable of flying in the light winds that are common in Michigan.

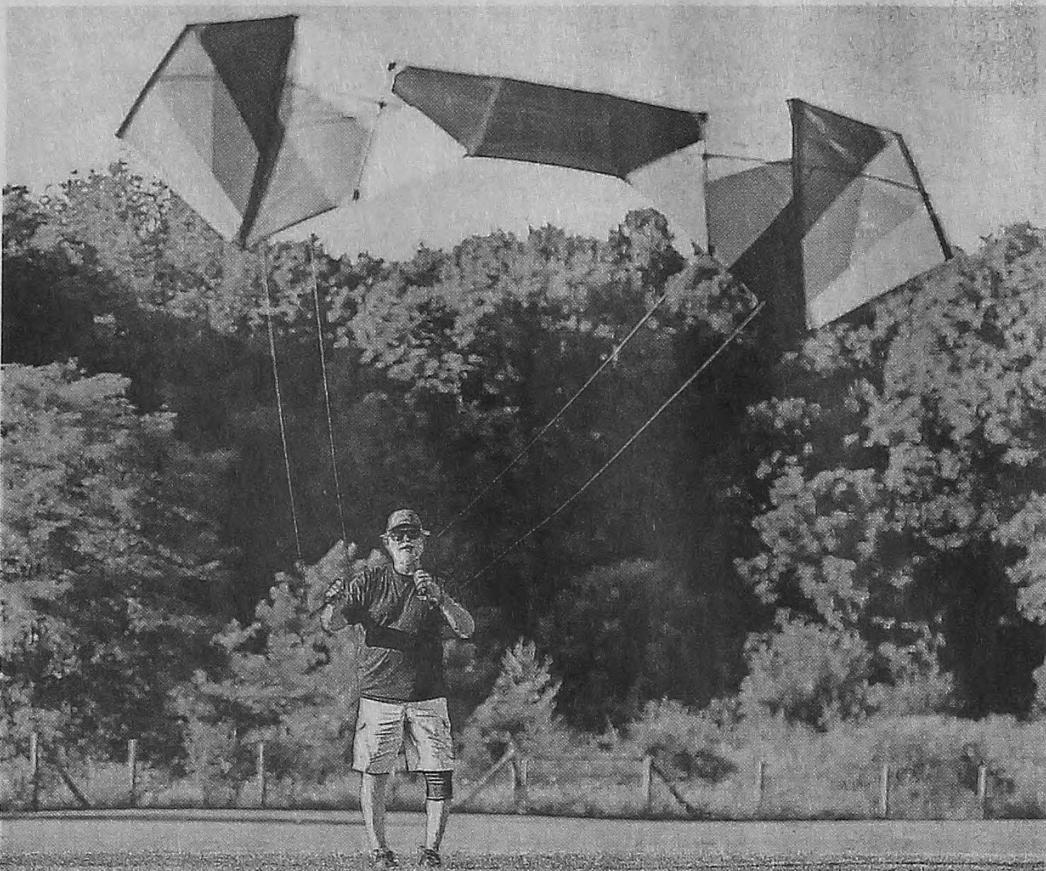
For those interested in learning how to fly kites, Trennepohl offers free get-togethers on Wednesday nights, 4:30-7 p.m., depending on the wind, at Marv Gans Community Park in Northville.

Their contact information can be found at kitesandfunthings.com.

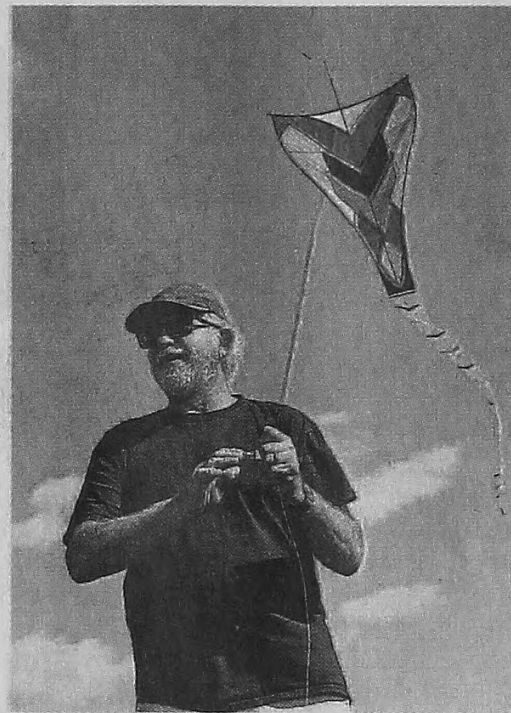
"There used to be more young people interested in flying kites but because of electronics, we are in a fight-to-the-finish battle trying to get kids back outside and that's what we are really trying to do," Trennepohl said.



Jon Trennepohl works on one of the kites ordered through his store, Kites & Fun Things, in Plymouth in July. Trennepohl has been in the business of designing kites for over 30 years and has traveled to kite festivals all over the world, showcasing his designs. PHOTOS BY KIRTHMON F. DOZIER/DETROIT FREE PRESS



Trennepohl flies a Fulcrum Kite at Marv Gans Community Park in Northville. He collaborated with designer Carl Robertshaw to make the kite.



Trennepohl flies a Pointer Kite he designed at Marv Gans Community Park in Northville in September. Trennepohl, along with other kite fliers, goes to the park once a week, weather permitting, to fly kites and trade tips.



Mike Diehl, of Canton, catches his Quad Line Kite before it hits the ground at Marv Gans Community Park in Northville on Sept. 7.

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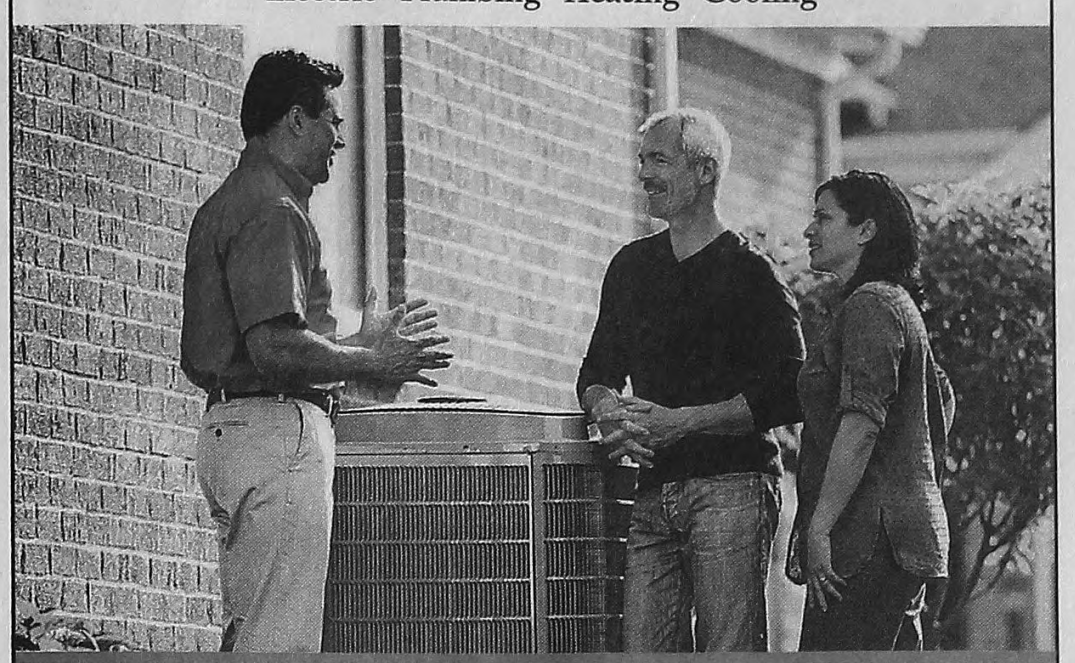
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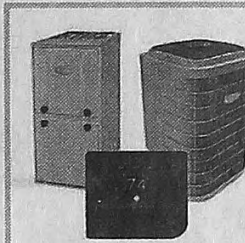
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Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Dear Rick:

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I have three children and I'd like to give them \$100,000 apiece. In addition, I have two nephews that I'd like to give \$50,000 apiece. Lastly, I want to gift my wife \$100,000.

This is my second marriage, and my wife and I keep our finances totally separate. I was told that I would have to pay gift taxes on this money; is that true? Do the people that I am giving the money to also have to pay taxes?

Thank you, Larry

Dear Larry:

I have some good news for you: you can avoid paying gift taxes and at the same time, the recipients of your generosity will also not have to pay any taxes.

First, it is important to understand what gift taxes are. Gift tax is a tax that is assessed on the donor of gifts. In other words, the person making the gift is responsible for any taxes. The person receiving the gifts receives those gifts tax free. If there are any taxes owed, it is to the donor.

There are some exceptions to the rule. First, there is a \$16,000 annual exclusion. What that means is that the first \$16,000 you gift to anyone is tax free. That number doubles if the recipient is married and their spouse joins in on the gift. Therefore, a married couple can donate \$32,000 annually to anyone they choose. The annual gift exclusion of the \$16,000 is per recipient. You can give \$16,000 annually to as many people as you choose without paying taxes.

There are other exceptions to the

rules which are relevant here, and the first one is gifting money to a spouse. When you gift to a spouse, whether it's over the \$16,000 or not, it is tax free. Therefore, the money that you want to gift your spouse falls under this exception, and thus, is tax free.

With regards to the money for the children and your nephews, there is also an exclusion for that. Currently, we each have a lifetime gift tax exclusion: for 2022, that number is \$12.06 million. The lifetime gift exclusion is shared with the estate taxes. Upon death, the first \$12.06 million is estate tax free; however, you can choose to use part of your \$12.06 million exemption during your lifetime. Therefore, with the gifts to your children and nephews, anything over the annual gift tax exclusion can be excluded from taxes by using your lifetime gift exclusion. This way, you can gift the money this year and pay zero gift taxes.

For the annual gift tax exclusion, no tax return needs to be filed; however, to use part of your lifetime gift exclusion you do have to file a Federal Gift Tax Return, Form 709. Although there will be no taxes due, you do have to file this return. Gift tax returns are due by April 15 of the year after you make the gift. Therefore, if you make the gift this year, your gift tax return, with no tax liability, will be due April 15, 2023.

FYI, if your spouse is a U. S. citizen, a gift tax return is not required for the money you gift her.

The way our gift laws are structured is that only the person making the gifts is liable for any gift taxes. Neither your spouse, your children or your nephews will have any tax liability, and they will not have to file any special tax return. On the other hand, you will have to file a gift tax return, but there will be no taxes due.


Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is bloomadvisors.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomadvisors.com.

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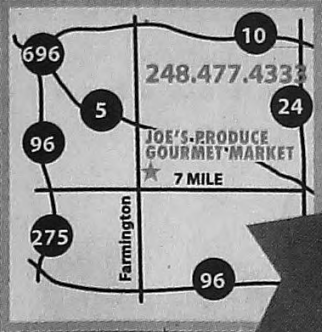
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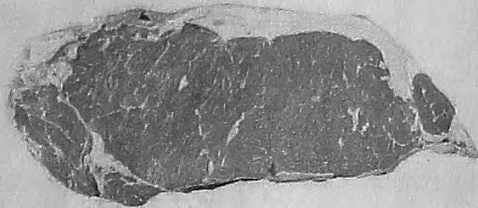
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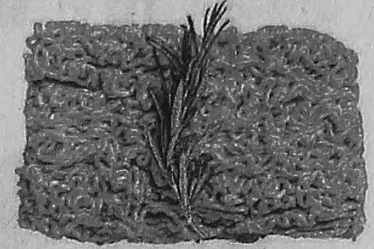
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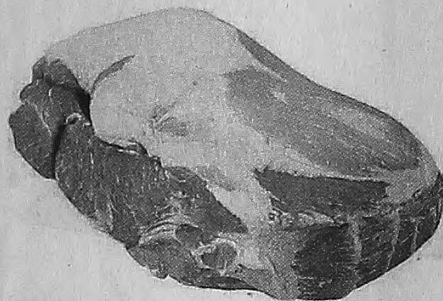
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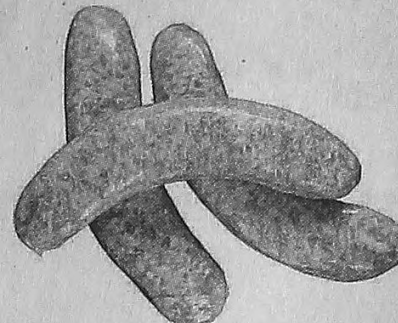
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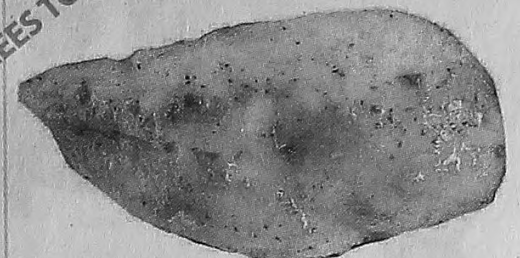


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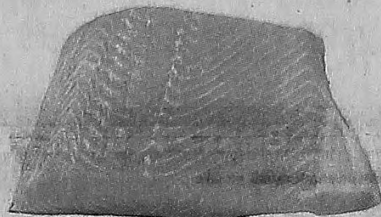
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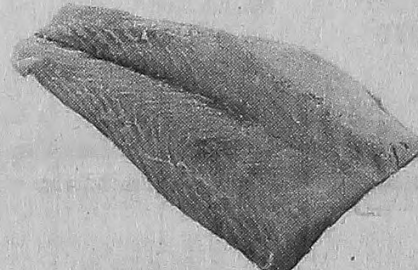


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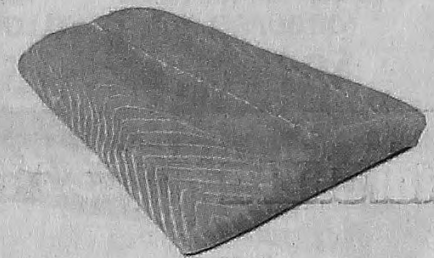
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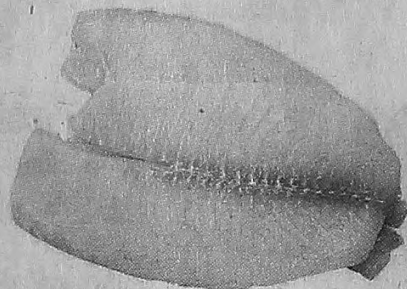
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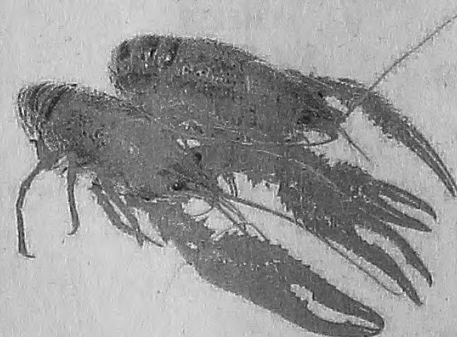
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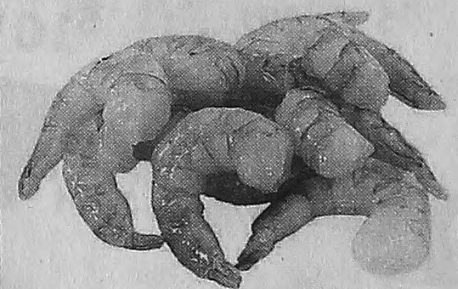
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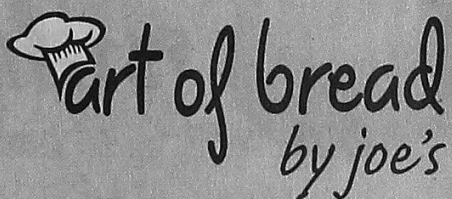
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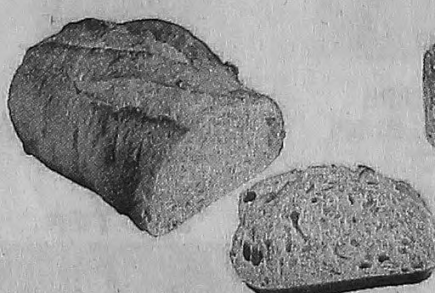
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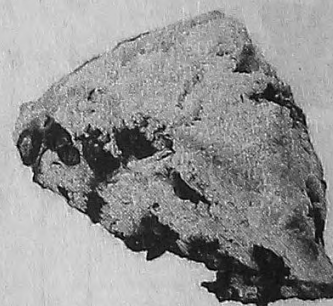
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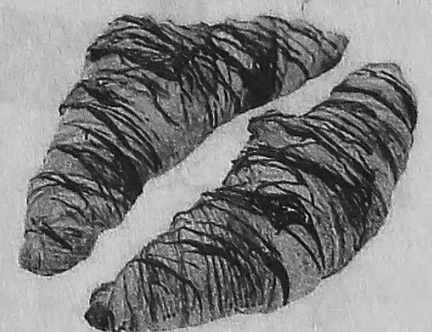
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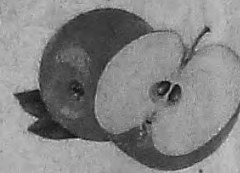
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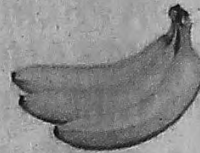
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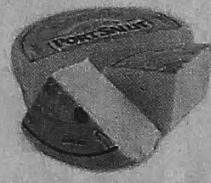
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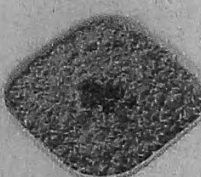
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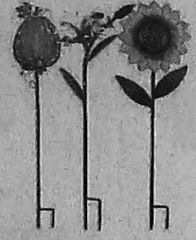
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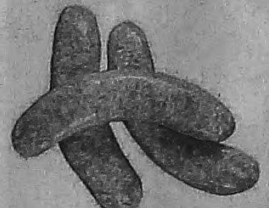
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SPORTS



White Lake Lakeland's Mike Mahaney III celebrates a touchdown against South Lyon East on Oct. 7. The Eagles won, 21-10. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Eagles upset Cougars to keep playoff hopes alive

Brandon Folsom
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The stakes couldn't have been any higher for the White Lake Lakeland football team.

Forget that it was homecoming night. This was about keeping the season alive.

Forget that it was the final time 11 seniors would ever play on their home field. This was about earning playoff points.

Forget that it had dropped three-straight Lakes Valley Conference games to the three best teams in the league in Walled Lake Western, South Lyon and Waterford Mott. This was about persevering against the league's fourth-best team in South Lyon East, one that's en-

joying arguably its most-memorable season in program history, and not losing for the fourth time.

The Eagles needed special teams plays. They got two blocked punts.

They needed defensive stops and hard-fought first downs on offense. They got both in droves.

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Our top 10 teams for Week 8 of HS football

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

10. South Lyon East (5-2, 4-2 LVC; Last week: No. 8)

Despite White Lake Lakeland upsetting the Cougars in Week 7, South Lyon East can still tie the program record for most wins in a single season (6). And it can still finish as the all-time winningest team since the school started playing football in 2008.

But it's not going to be easy. The Cougars end the regular season with back-to-back games against Milford and South Lyon. Beating the Mavericks will be a coin flip. They're both similar teams. And it'll take everything they have to upset the rival Lions. But both games are winnable.

And then East heads to the postseason. It has won only two playoff games ever.

Can they get to seven wins?

9. Farmington (5-2, 2-1 OAA-Blue; Last week: No. 10)

It's a shame the Falcons didn't take care of business against Troy in Week 5.

They'll look back at that two-point loss with great disdain if they upset Birmingham Seaholm this week.

A Farmington win would give both teams 2-1 records in the Oakland Activities Association-Blue. A Seaholm win ensures the Maples the division title outright.

The Falcons want to win. Obviously. But they'll also be kicking themselves about letting one slip away vs. the Colts if they split the championship with Seaholm.

8. Novi (5-2, 5-1 KLAA-West; Last week: No. 9)

The Wildcats avoided losing a trap game to Howell and didn't get caught looking ahead to their Week 8 matchup against rival Northville.

This week's matchup should be one of the best in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, despite it being the de facto second-place game in the division. Brighton will represent West in the league championship game against either Belleville or Livonia Franklin.

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Redford Thurston forfeits Romulus game

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The Redford Thurston football team forfeited its Week 7 game against Romulus.

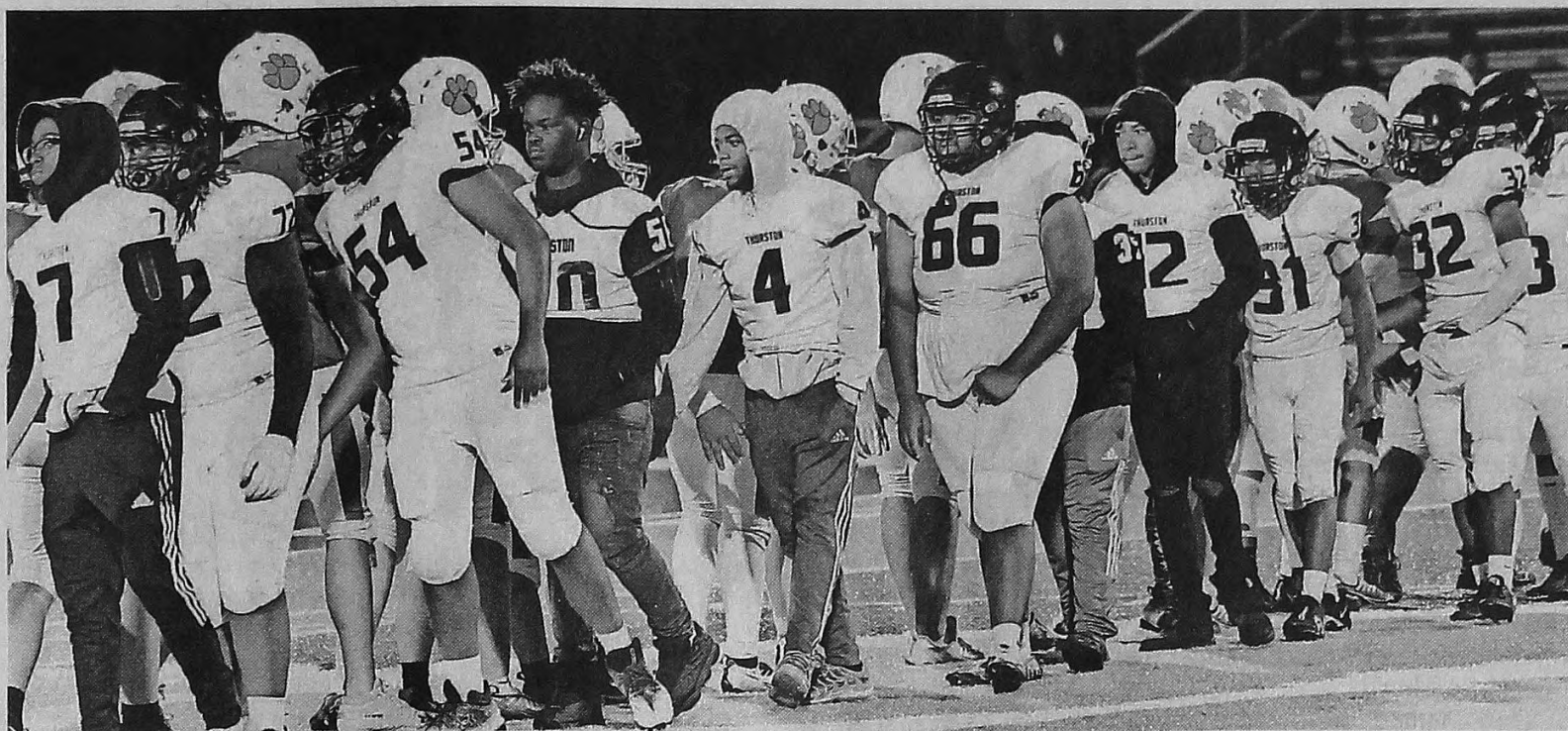
According to first-year coach Antwain White, 11 players were suspended from the program for one week as punishment for a fight that broke out during the Eagles' 37-21 loss to Dearborn Heights Robichaud a week earlier.

White said his suspended players will return for the Eagles' rivalry matchup with Redford Union in Week 8.

The loss dropped Thurston to 0-7 overall and 0-6 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

Thurston closes out the 2022 season against Swartz Creek.

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Players from Redford Thurston shake hands following a game Sept. 23 at Garden City. Thurston forfeited its Week 7 game against Romulus because 11 players were suspended as punishment for a fight. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Spark at QB not enough for Howell in loss to Novi

Bill Khan Livingston Daily

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

NOVI — The return of junior Levi Curtin provided a spark for Howell's offense, but the Highlanders' normally reliable defense had issues Friday night in a 31-21 loss to Novi.

Curtin ran for two touchdowns and threw for another after missing the last three games with an injury. He is one of three players to start at quarterback for the Highlanders this season.

"He did great," Howell coach Brian Lewis said. "He really had command of the offense. Levi made some good plays our offense needed."

Curtin threw only five passes, completing two for 13 yards and an 11-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Hamilton. That pass, with 41 seconds left in the third quarter, tied the game 21-21.

Novi (5-2) took the lead on a 2-yard touchdown run by Cole Shires with 6:31 left in the game and sealed the victory



with a 33-yard field goal by Antonio Cappella with 1:44 remaining. A Howell fumble led to the field goal.

"We left some opportunities out

there again," Lewis said. "It's kind of happening too many times where we're just leaving opportunities out there or we're making a mistake at a key mo-

Howell's Cole Quattlander ran 15 times for 117 yards in a 31-21 loss at Novi on Friday.

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ment. That's been our Achilles' heel all year. It was no different tonight."

Howell (3-4) opened the scoring on a 20-yard run by Curtin with 5:02 left in the first quarter. Novi quarterback Caleb Walker tied it on a 5-yard run with 35 seconds to go in the quarter.

Shires' 3-yard run gave Novi a 14-7 lead before Curtin tied it with a 3-yard run shortly before halftime.

The Wildcats went back on top, 21-14, on a 13-yard pass from Walker to Andrew Kummer with 2:04 left in the third quarter. Howell quickly answered with Hamilton's touchdown catch.

Despite the loss, Howell had the type of ground attack it envisioned going into the season. Cole Quattlander ran 15 times for 117 yards, while Curtin ran 17 times for 98 yards.

Carter Kraft had 12 tackles, including a sack, to lead Howell's defense.

The Highlanders will host unbeaten Brighton at 7 p.m. Friday in the battle for the Little Brown Jug.

Eagles

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And they needed both veterans and youngsters to step up when adversity reared its head. And they got just that in the waning moments of Friday night's 21-10 upset win over the Cougars.

Not much was expected of the Eagles (4-3, 4-3) entering 2022. Not only do they play in a tough league but they were also rebuilding. They graduated 25 seniors. None bigger than former quarterback and Michigan State baseball player Tate Farquhar, who was on hand to crown a new homecoming king at halftime.

They lost three straight, even getting outscored 137-30 against the LVC's three powerbrokers, from Sept. 9-23. They could've rolled over and died. They could've written off the season and chalked up the remainder of the schedule to getting their five starting sophomores valuable game experience.

They came out swinging instead. They were the underdog against the Cougars, and they never lost control of the game.

They blocked two punts in the first quarter. They turned the first one into a Mike Mahaney III touchdown. And Maxwell Thompson fell on the other one in the end zone.

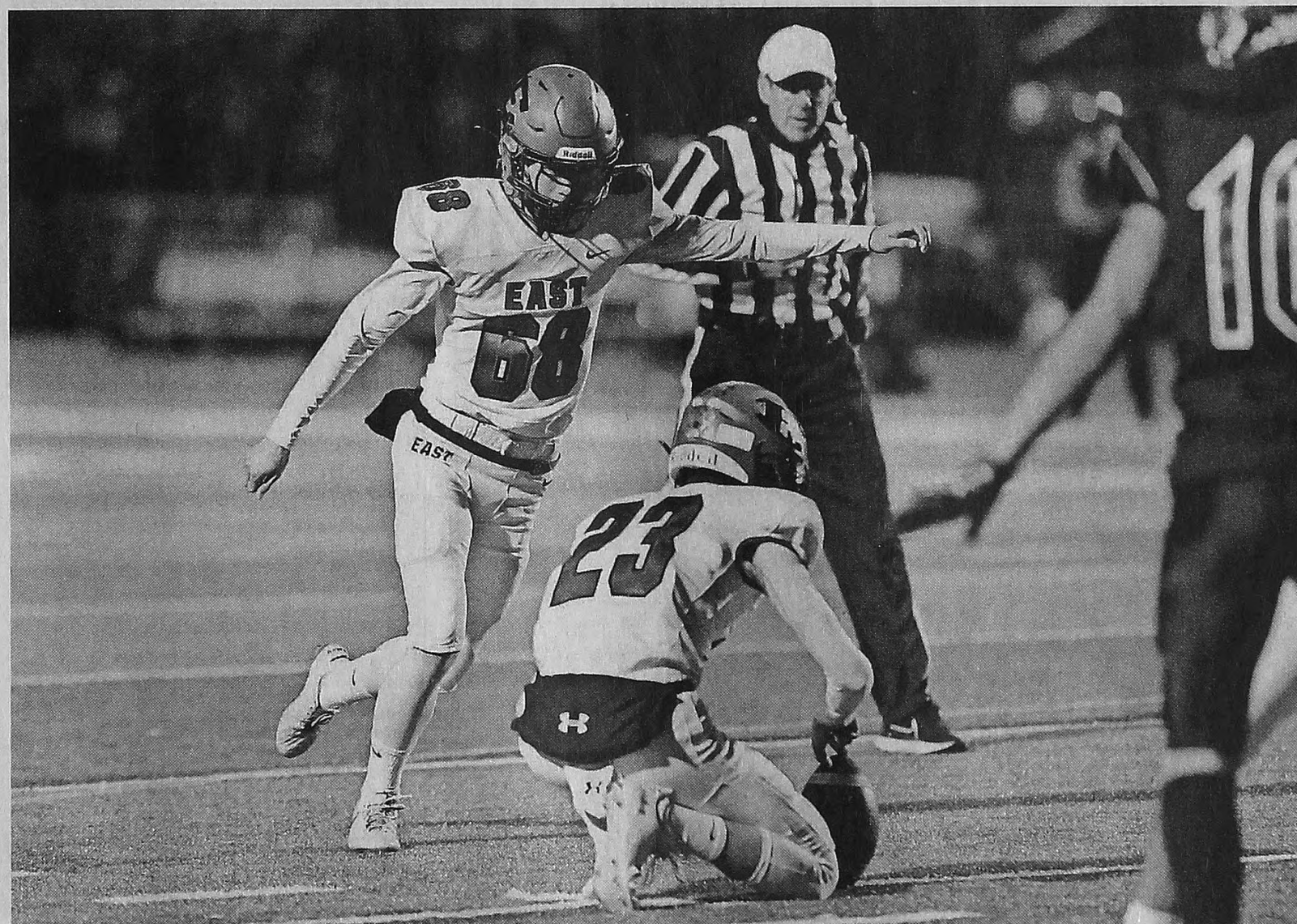
A 14-0 lead against the best SLE team in school history?

"It says they're, No. 1, coachable, No. 2, they work hard, and, I think, No. 3, they're learning," coach Jim Calhoun said. "We came through a tough stretch. When you roll into Western, Mott and South Lyon, that's no parade there. We stayed the course, but let's be honest: We got our tails kicked. We stayed the course. We kept working. We kept trying. We kept learning. And that's the biggest thing. They learned, and they're good kids."

The Cougars (5-2, 4-2) had their chances to win the game. And they battled back, too.

Jordan Newbill hauled in a 19-yard TD catch on fourth and 7 in the second quarter. And Manake Watanabe buried a 25-yard field goal to make it a four-point deficit late in the third.

They had chances to put together go-ahead drives, but penalties and bumbled offensive plays stop them in their tracks.



South Lyon East's Manake Watanabe kicks a field goal Oct. 7 at White Lake Lakeland. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

But, honestly, the game was never really in question.

Lakeland's rushing attack did enough to move the chains. And when it could, it caught the Cougars off guard with halfback passes, reverses and counters.

The Eagles rode Trevor Tschudin's rushing to ice the win in the second half. The sophomore finished with 14 carries for 85 yards.

And to win it all? They called Braxton Godin's number. The senior had never scored a touchdown on varsity. But there he was taking a reverse handoff 13 yards untouched for the game-clinching score. The whole crowd watched as he waltzed into the end zone with both arms waving with just 3:18 remaining.

His last TD was a 90-yard kickoff return when he played on the JV. This one kept his team's season alive.

"We had some rough patches, but we figured it out toward the end, and we got

the job done," Godin said.

Defensive back Grant Glosinger, another sophomore playing a big role at a young age, nabbed an interception on SLE's ensuing drive to end it all.

"We've had our rough patches. A lot of people have stepped up. We have 4-5 sophomores who have starting roles. They're there for a reason, and they know what they're doing," said senior captain Caden Calhoun, a lineman on both sides of the ball. "With everyone coming together, this new batch of kids, with every week we play, we keep getting better and better. We're not going anywhere."

"It feels amazing. These guys really care. This could be my last time ever walking out of that tunnel and playing on this field. Everyone came out here and tried their best tonight, and I really appreciate it."

Revered high school football playoff prognosticator Snooze2You has Lake-

land in the playoffs' right now.

But the Eagles have two weeks to go. And that's two more wins they'll need to secure their postseason berth. And both games are on the road.

They visit 6-1 Gibraltar Carlson first, and then they end the regular season at rival Milford.

Are they two winnable games? Sure. Is Lakeland going to be the underdog entering them? You bet.

But that's the position the Eagles were in on homecoming night against SLE. Look at them now.

"They bust their tails, and they keep working," Coach Calhoun said. "What we can control, we try to control. What we can't, we try to react. The way they reacted after that tough stretch we had, it spoke for itself tonight."

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Northville football spoils Hartland homecoming

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HARTLAND — Hartland had momentum going into halftime, but the Eagles didn't have Joey Mattord.

Losing their star running back, the Eagles couldn't generate an attack Friday night during the second half of a 28-21 homecoming loss to Northville.

Mattord pulled up injured without having sustained contact during a Northville punt with 6:26 left in the first half. He had an ice bag on his right knee and didn't return to the game.

A team that has already lost reigning Livingston County Defensive Player of the Year Sam Clay to a season-ending injury hopes that Mattord's absence will be temporary as it tries chasing down a state playoff berth.

"They pulled him out," Hartland coach Brian Savage said. "Just a precaution, I think. He wasn't good enough to get back in there. We don't know obviously what it is. We'll get ready next week, find out and go from there."

"We've had the injury bug, but all that means is somebody else has to step in there. Some guys did that tonight. Jack Sargeant did pretty well getting thrown in there at tailback and playing both ways. He was playing corner, as well. He was a tired kid out there, but that's just what we've got to do."

Hartland fell behind 14-0 on Northville's first two possessions, but responded with 21 straight second-quarter points. Mattord scored on a 1-yard run with 9:42 left in the first half, Mitch Cavanaugh returned an interception for a touchdown 56 seconds later and Jaxson Wilson caught a 5-yard touchdown pass from James Butzier with 12.3 seconds left in the half.

"Our week of practice wasn't the same intensity as last week," Wilson said. "It got us down a little bit. We kind of thought maybe we had the game at half. I personally didn't, but maybe some people were thinking we had it. We didn't come out strong in the second half. They're a great team. They played a little harder, I guess, in those last final moments on that last drive."

"We're gonna shake this one off and get ready for Canton next week. We're



Jack Sargeant (21) replaced injured Joey Mattord at running back for Hartland in a 28-21 loss to Northville on Friday.
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going to have to have a great week of practice like we did Howell week. That's what it takes. Monday through Thursday is when the games are won is what our coaches say."

Without Mattord in the second half, the Eagles never crossed into Northville territory.

The Mustangs, meanwhile, were able to move the ball against a strong Hartland defense. Caleb Moore scored on a 45-yard run to tie the game with 4:46 left in the third quarter.

On Northville's next drive, quarterback Luca Prior atoned for throwing the interception to Cavanaugh by scoring the winning touchdown on a 5-yard keeper with 7:59 remaining in the game.

"We fight through adversity," Prior said. "Coach (Matt) Ladach's message is to believe. We believe in each other, we believe in this team, we believe in this group. Everyone's got my back after that pick-six. I already know it. I need to pick myself up and go make a play. We made a lot of plays in the second half. It turned out really great for us. The defense picked us up big-time."

Hartland went for it on fourth-and-6 from its own 46-yard line, but Northville linebacker Cole Attanasio tackled Dylan Neuer for a 6-yard loss with 6:53 left in the game.

Hartland got one more opportunity to tie the game after Northville's Sam Wiest missed a 31-yard field goal at-

tempt with 1:32 left. Evan Deak ended the Eagles' comeback hopes by intercepting a third-and-10 pass with 1:15 on the clock.

"They had all the momentum in the world going into halftime," Prior said. "We came out in the second half and stuck a dagger in them, and it turned out in our favor."

Northville improved to 6-1 to clinch a state playoff berth.

The Eagles, who had a three-game winning streak snapped, still have some heavy lifting ahead of them to secure a spot in the postseason. They face Canton next week before hosting a cross-over game against an East Division opponent.

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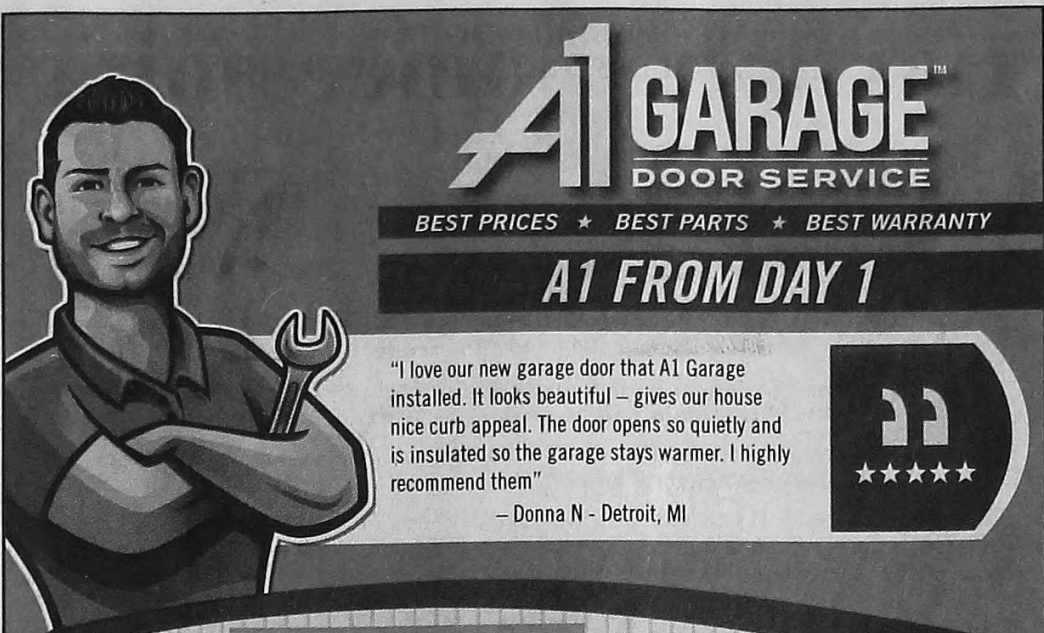
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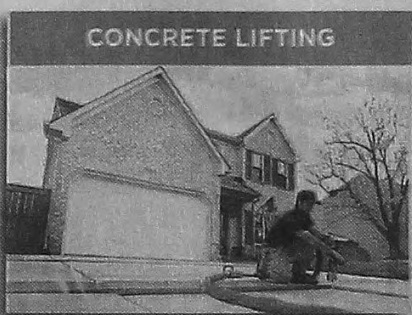
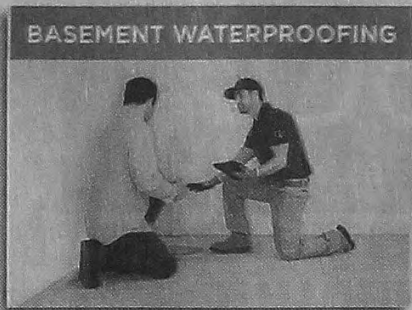
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The District Library Board will provide auxiliary aids and services of materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon reasonable notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Shauna Anderson, Director, Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI at 734 453-0750 x 218.

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

By-Law Nos. 0164.1: Regular Meetings - Time, Place, and Notification

Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month except there will be only one meeting in July (July 19), one meeting in December (December 13), and one meeting in March (March 14) beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the following location (except as agreed herein) unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of the members:

E. J. McClendon Educational Center
454 South Harvey Street
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

By-Law No. 0164.2 Special Meetings - Time, Place, and Notification

Special meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, and place of such special meetings, or by a majority vote of the Board.

PUBLIC NOTICE of each meeting of the Board of Education shall be given by posting a copy of the NOTICE on the message board by the front entrance to the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time of the meeting. The Executive Assistant to the Board of Education or other Central Office staff in her absence shall be appointed the designee for posting notice of meetings.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022**

The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year of 2023 during their regularly scheduled board meeting on **October 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM** at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Town Hall Meeting Room, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address in the clerk's office weekdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and on the township's website at www.plymouthtwp.org. This budget may be adopted after the public hearing.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

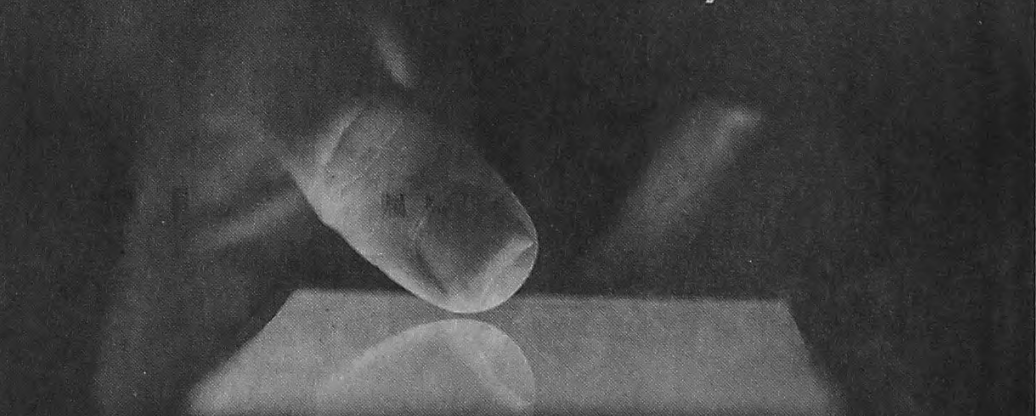
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**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

ALL VOTING PRECINCTS 1,2,3,4 WILL BE AT THE FOLLOWING POLLING LOCATION: PLY CULTURAL CENTER, 525 FARMER ST. and qualified electors in the City of Plymouth will be voting for the following:

Candidates for the offices of:

- State Governor/Lieutenant Governor
- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- United States Representative in Congress – 6th
- District State Senator – 13th District
- Representative in State Legislature – 22nd District
- State Board of Education (2 positions)
- University of Michigan Regents (2 positions)
- Michigan State University Trustees (2 positions)
- Wayne State University Governors (2 positions)
- Wayne County Executive
- Wayne County Sheriff (Partial Term Ending 12/31/2024) (1 position)
- Wayne County Commissioner, 10th District
- Justice of the Supreme Court (2 positions)
- Justice of Court of Appeals – 1st District Incumbent (2 positions)
- Justice of Court of Appeals – 1st District Incumbent (Partial Term Ending 1/1/2027) (1 position)
- Judge of Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit Incumbent (15 positions)
- Judge of Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit Incumbent (Partial Term Ending 1/1/2027) (1 position)
- Judge of Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit Non-Incumbent (5 positions)
- Judge of Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit New Judgeship (1 position)
- Judge of Probate Court – Incumbent (1 position)
- Judge of Probate Court – Non-Incumbent (1 position)
- Judge of District Court – 35th District Incumbent (1 position)
- Schoolcraft Community College – Board of Trustees (2 positions)
- Schoolcraft Community College – Board of Trustees (Partial Term Ending 12/31/2024) (1 position)
- Plymouth-Canton Community School Board (3 positions)
- Plymouth-Canton Community School Board (Partial Term Ending 12/31/2024) (1 position)
- Plymouth District Library Board (4 positions)

The following ballot proposals:

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?
YES NO

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?
YES NO

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?
YES NO

To view the official list of candidates, full text of proposals and sample ballots visit: mvic.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index
Sample ballots may also be obtained at the City of Plymouth Clerk's office, 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities. Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act and needing accommodations can contact the City Clerk's office in advance of the election. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats should contact the City Clerk's office in advance of the election.

The Clerk's office will be open Saturday November 5, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to issue and receive absentee ballots.

Questions should be directed to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 203, 225 or 234.

Maureen A. Brodie, City of Plymouth City Clerk

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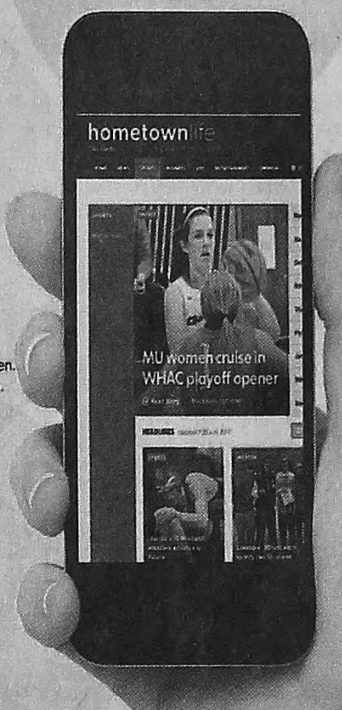
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| Coal | Hubs | Race | Triple |
| Cows | Idle | Rate | Volvo |
| Depot | Loads | Rigs | Weary |
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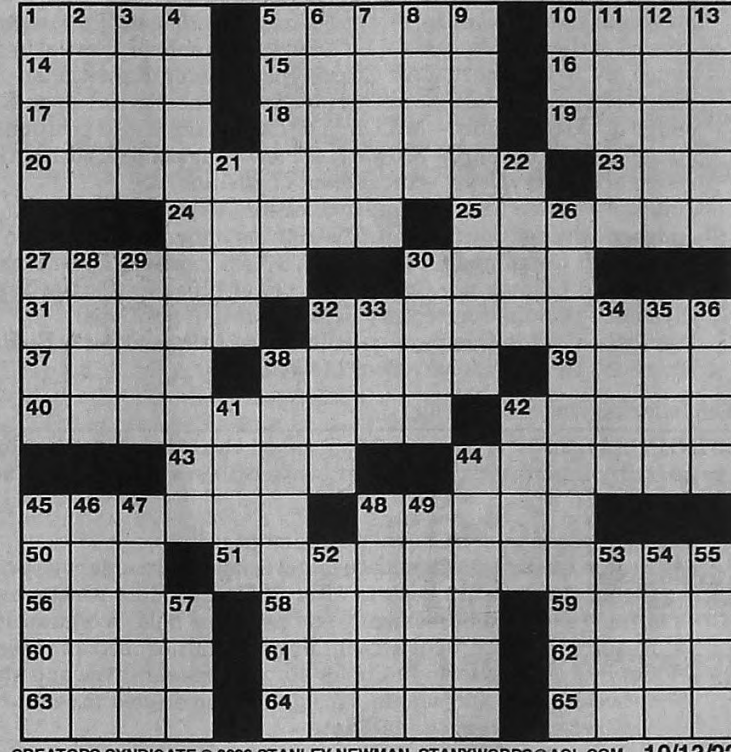
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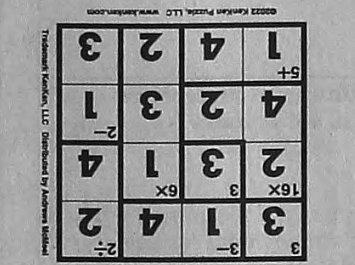
- ACROSS**
- 1 Swine supper
 - 5 Film score staple
 - 10 Cardinal point
 - 14 Upscale
 - 15 Is sporting
 - 16 Program principal
 - 17 Reiterate
 - 18 Temple platform
 - 19 Lug around
 - 20 "My point being..."
 - 23 Make it all up
 - 24 Falls in line
 - 25 Repetitive patterns
 - 27 Privet partitions
 - 30 Slow-to-decide refusal
 - 31 On guard
 - 32 "My point being..."
 - 37 Romance novelist Roberts
 - 38 Checked out for a crime
 - 39 Simpsons bus driver
 - 40 "My point being..."
 - 42 Emmy category
 - 43 Logical inconsistency
 - 44 Predecessor of Sadat
 - 45 Single-person watercraft
 - 48 Impassive
 - 50 Two-thirds of sesqui-
 - 51 "My point being..."
 - 56 Dresses in
 - 58 Clog-busting brand
 - 59 Part of Ontario's border
 - 60 Boys' choir member
 - 61 Puckish
- DOWN**
- 1 Gush
 - 2 Fishing spot for Scots
 - 3 Agcy. with ergonomics standards
 - 4 Album contents
 - 5 River under the Tower Bridge
 - 6 Roots writer
 - 7 These, in Cádiz
 - 8 Pouty plaint
 - 9 With vitamins added
 - 10 Ending for "most" words
 - 11 Coral ring
 - 12 French composer Erik
 - 13 Hammock holders
 - 21 "That'll be the day"
 - 22 Bring into harmony
 - 26 Décor decision
 - 27 German "Johnny"
 - 28 Wells' blond race
 - 29 Lotion brand suffix
 - 30 Enable wrongdoing
 - 32 Stick with it
 - 33 Sch. in Columbus or Corvallis
 - 34 Posted airline info
 - 35 "Don't look ___!"
 - 36 Tornado sound
 - 38 Engine chamber
 - 41 Marvel Comics mischief maker
 - 42 Lectern location
 - 44 Nary a soul
 - 45 Last Supper attendee
 - 46 Sherlock sister of teen lit
 - 47 Window shades
 - 48 Major mess
 - 49 Mediterranean cruise port
 - 52 Folk singer Guthrie
 - 53 Times given names
 - 54 Far from crisp
 - 55 Tend (towards)
 - 57 Airborne attention-getter



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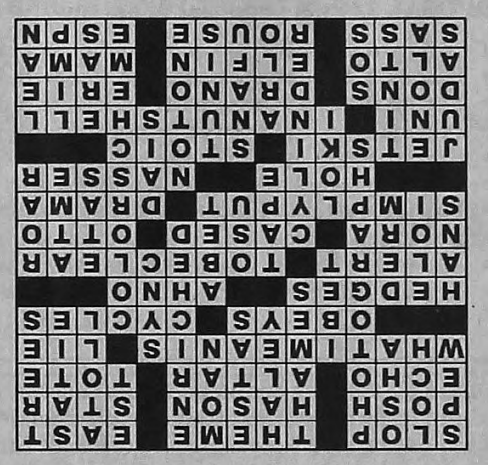
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