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Three Garden City staffers resign after city-paid Florida trip discovered

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Kevin Kramis isn't sure he'd go back and make the same choices earlier this year.

Kramis, a longtime volunteer in Garden City, exposed improprieties that led to resignations from three city employees earlier this year.

Kramis said the whistleblowing was the right thing to do, but the personal losses he's experienced since then are

difficult to bear.

"Maybe I should have just kept my mouth shut," he said.

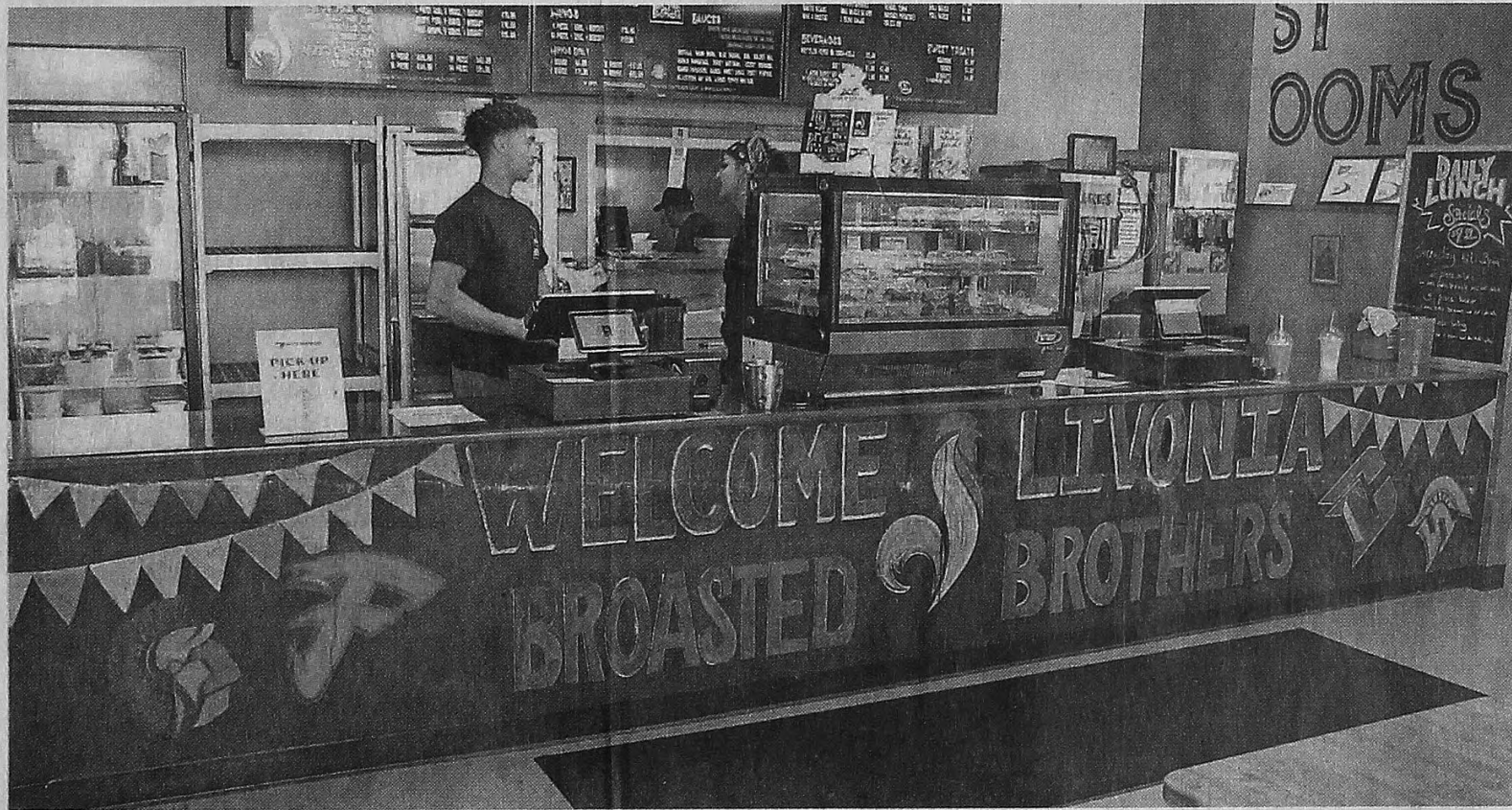
His volunteer roles with the city's Downtown Development Authority, Garden City Community Coalition and the annual Santaland Parade have all

ended. Kramis said he co-chaired the parade for about 20 years.

"It's because I'm not trustworthy," he said. "That's what I was told."

Kramis said he worries if his treat-

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The front counter of Broasted Brothers in Livonia, complete with logos from all four high schools located within the city.

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Grab some broasted chicken at this new Livonia restaurant

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It seems Broasted Brothers isn't just the name of Livonia's newest restaurant, it's their entire business model.

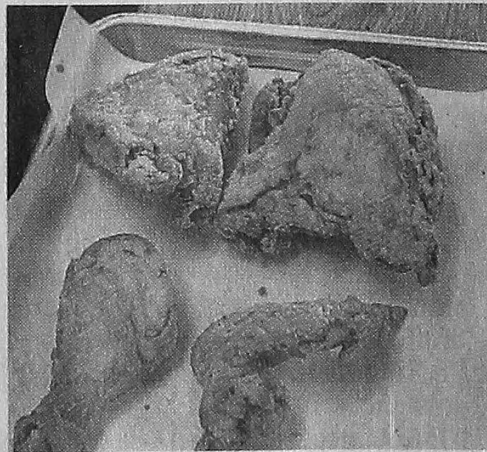
The restaurant, now open at 30983 Five Mile just east of Merriman, is ran by — you guessed it — brothers: Chris and Nick Barbas. They believe they've brought a unique product to town.

"We have authentic broasted chicken so that's based on the mix," Chris Barbas said. "Our chicken looks like the pictures."

The opening earlier this fall marks the restaurant's second storefront: the first opened up back in 2018 in Plymouth Township. The new restaurant is owned by brothers — not related to the owners of the original location — who have lived in Livonia a long time and have plenty of ties to the community. They knew they wanted to bring the signature broasted chicken to the city for some time.

"Just the community and the area we're at, we're right in the middle of Livonia," Chris Barbas said. "We want to bring great product to the surrounding

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A sampling of broasted chicken from Broasted Brothers in Livonia.

Get an early merrymaking start with these six November holiday events

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Why wait until December to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year?

There are plenty of area holiday happenings in November to kick off a joyous season. We picked a few for you to check out that look particularly merry.

Wayne County Lightfest

More than 100,000 lights and 50 animated displays make up a magical four-mile stretch of Hines Park in the Wayne County Lightfest, which opens Nov. 17 and continues 6-10 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday evenings all the way through Christmas Eve. There is a \$5 cash fee for cars and more for commercial-sized vehicles.

The entrance to the Lightfest is 7651 North Merriman Road, which is on Merriman between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren Avenue in Westland, 2 1/2 miles south of I-96. Children can drop off a letter to Santa in a giant mailbox at Perrin Park, mid-way through the show, as well as take advantage of food trucks and a restroom.

Winter, Wine & Whimsy, Novi

This is the second year for Winter, Wine & Whimsy, which is planned for Nov. 17-19 at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk in Novi. The event billed as a holiday market features

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Solar panels at the DTE O'Shea Solar Park are located at Greenfield Road and Capitol Avenue in Detroit, just south of Interstate 96. The solar park's 7,400 panels produce enough electricity to power the equivalent of 450 homes with clean energy. KELLY JORDAN AND MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

DTE plan: Boost renewables, no new nukes

Keith Matheny

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DTE Energy on Thursday unveiled its integrated resource plan, a road map for how it intends to generate power for its 2.3 million customers in southeast Michigan over the next 20 years. The plan calls for dramatically increased wind and solar energy generation built in Michigan; increased battery storage; quicker closure of its large, remaining coal-fired power plants; and meeting bigger carbon reduction goals sooner than its previous plan in 2017.

"Across the country and here in Michigan, the energy landscape is changing rapidly and fundamentally, as coal gives way to natural gas and renewables to power what we call the new modern grid," said Jerry Norcia, DTE Energy chairman and chief executive officer.

The plan would invest \$9 billion in Michigan's economy over the next 10 years, he said.

Norcia called DTE's "CleanVision plan" a "20-year proposal to dramatically transform how we generate or produce clean energy for our 2.3 million customers — all the while investing in a modern grid that keeps energy reliable and affordable."

DTE's renewable energy portfolio would increase from about 20% now to 60% by 2040.

Five key takeaways from the DTE energy plan

1. Meeting net-zero carbon emissions goals sooner.

Through significantly increased use of wind and solar energy, transition to natural gas-fired power plants, improved efficiency and battery storage, DTE Energy officials intend to reduce carbon emissions by 85% by 2035 and by 90% in 2040. That's stepped up from the 80% by 2050 targets the utility set in 2017. The company now targets net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

According to NASA, the planet's average surface temperature has risen about 2 degrees Fahrenheit since the late 19th century, a change driven largely by increased carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere and other human activities. Most of the warming occurred in the past 40 years.

Many scientists believe a limited amount of time remains to dramatically reduce carbon emissions into the atmosphere before already-occurring problems significantly worsen, such as drought or more intense storms that threaten food production, or rising sea levels that increase the risk of catastrophic flooding. Power generation is one of the leading emitters of carbon.

2. A huge increase in wind, solar generation.

DTE Energy officials propose a major investment in wind and solar energy in Michigan — 15,400 megawatts of new generation by 2042, up from the existing 3,000 megawatts of wind and solar generation today. That's enough renewable energy to power 4 million homes.

The utility also proposes 1,800 megawatts of new battery storage, more than

double the amount of storage DTE currently has on its energy grid, to help meet demand when less wind and solar power are produced.

The operator of the Midwest's electrical grid in July approved a \$10.3 billion upgrade of power transmission systems across nine states, including Michigan — an attempt to build a smarter, more interconnected and nimble power grid ready to better accommodate renewable energy. The so-called Tranche 1 extends transmission lines into the plains of the Dakotas, Iowa and northeast Missouri, tapping into some of North America's best wind energy potential. Future proposals would connect to the southeastern U.S. grid, opening up more solar potential.

But Norcia on Thursday said it still makes sense for DTE to make a large-scale investment in wind and solar generation built in Michigan, despite its more limited capacities.

"Having control of the assets in your own state gives you certainty that the assets will be available when you need them, and not subject to transmission bottlenecks or other concerns that may not have that power arrive in the state of Michigan," he said.

The emphasis on new solar development is large-scale, utility solar, not in distributed power, so-called rooftop solar.

Norcia said that approach keeps generation more affordable for DTE's customers.

"Distributed energy resources, we certainly welcome those onto our grid," he said. "They're being attached every day. (But) we are not, at this time, going to have any plans to build distributed energy resources ourselves — we are not going to install rooftop solar. But there are companies out there that are very active in our territory, and we welcome that."

3. Closing the Monroe, Belle River coal plants sooner.

"When we talk about carbon reduction, it really has to do with retiring the last two coal-fired plants that we operate," said DTE Energy president and chief operating officer Trevor Lauer.

DTE's Monroe power plant is one of the largest coal-fired plants in the country — and the nation's second-largest greenhouse gas emitter. Moving on from the plant has always been one of DTE's last checklist items, because it is such an important power generator, producing 30% of the utility's overall generation.

DTE now proposes beginning to shut down Monroe 12 years ahead of its previous 2040 schedule. Two power-generating units at the plant would be closed by 2028 under current plans, with the remaining two shut down by 2035.

DTE will make the final transition from the power Monroe once generated to "whatever technology is available in the 2030s" that best does the job affordably and cleanly, Norcia said. If a tech-

nology available now had to be used, it would be "a natural gas plant that captures carbon and stores it underground," he said.

DTE's Belle River power plant in St. Clair County would convert from a 24/7 coal plant to a natural gas peaking plant, operating during high-demand periods.

"That's going to be really important at times when we have extreme weather or high demand, to make sure that if the sun isn't shining and the wind isn't blowing, we can make sure we are providing the power that our residential, commercial and business customers need," Lauer said.

The conversion of the Belle River plant is slated for completion by 2026.

Nonprofit environmental group the Sierra Club was examining DTE's new plan, but has qualms about its continued reliance upon natural gas.

"While we appreciate DTE proposing a faster path beyond coal, burning it at two units of the Monroe plant until 2035 is too long to meet the urgency demanded by the climate crisis," said Mike Berkowitz, a representative of Sierra Club Michigan's Beyond Coal Campaign.

"We also plan to carefully scrutinize whether Belle River can be replaced with clean renewable energy that is good for jobs, public health and the climate, rather than converting that plant to burn a different polluting fossil fuel — fracked gas — until 2040."

4. No new nuclear plants.

Nuclear power is a key component of power plans globally, because it does not generate carbon emissions — though the tradeoff is potentially harmful spent nuclear fuel that requires special storage for centuries.

DTE officials had earlier discussed the possibility of small, modular nuclear generation as part of its cleaner energy mix. But the utility's 20-year plan does not include new nuclear generation.

"Obviously, Fermi (the Fermi 2 nuclear power plant in Monroe County), we view that as an excellent asset inside our fleet," Norcia said. "It's carbon-free and generates power 24/7."

Small nuclear reactors are still an emerging technology, and are not yet commercially available, he said. It may take a decade or so before their use is viable.

5. Keeping the transformation affordable.

The company has a no-layoffs policy, even as the Monroe plant is retired and the Belle River plant transformed, using attrition from retiring employees and the ability to shift workers to other positions of need, Lauer said.

Costs to ratepayers for the energy transformation are projected to cause the average residential ratepayer's monthly bill to increase by 40 cents, DTE Energy officials said. The utility has reduced the costs associated with its changes by \$1.4 billion over its previous plan, Norcia said.

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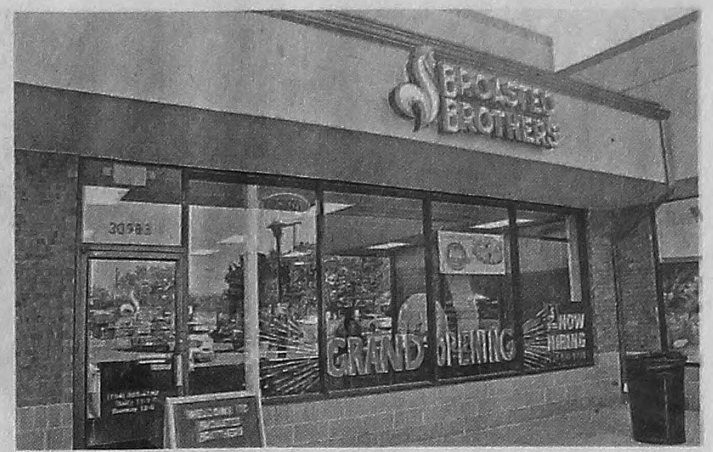
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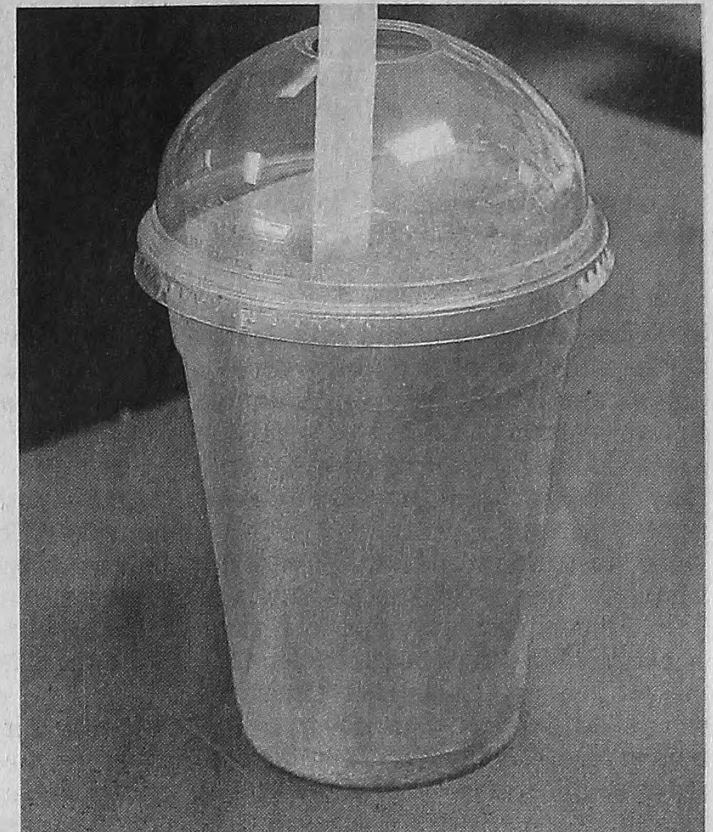
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Nick Barbas pulls out a tray of potato wedges in the kitchen at Broasted Brothers.
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Broasted Brothers at 30983 Five Mile in Livonia.



A Faygo freeze served at Broasted Brothers. The shop sells freezes with Red Pop and Rock & Rye flavors. D

Restaurant

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area, so that's kind of what we were looking at."

The restaurant, open in the former GNC location that has been vacant since 2020, serves bone-in chicken, wings and tenders, all broasted. It's a cooking method that combines frying with pressure cooking and leaves the chicken less greasy than traditional frying. In addition to the chicken, the restaurant serves up plenty of sides such as potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese and more.

They also serve up milkshakes and have a freeze machine that dispenses frozen Faygo drinks such as Red Pop and Rock & Rye.

New to the menu now is the chicken sandwich, which has been served at the Plymouth Township location before. They've also added gluten-free broasted chicken options, a rarity in their business.

He said those that have celiacs disease so cannot

eat gluten have raved about the option when they've tried it. Nick Barbas said one gluten-intolerant customer bought some of the chicken to take home to his family. The family as a whole was not completely sold on it, but that customer was.

"They thought it was kind of bland," he said. "But for him, it was so flavorful because he's never had fried chicken in so long. It was amazing for him."

The brothers signed the lease in January and took some time to completely renovate the interior, including the floors, water lines and more that was needed to transform the space into a restaurant. They opened a few weeks ago, with Chris Barbas saying business has been solid.

"Our opening week was amazing," he said. "Business has been good. It's going to get better, but people need to hear about us more."

More information, including a menu and online ordering, can be found at broastedbrothers.com.

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more than 40 local artisans, including a ladies night Thursday in which there will be a variety of free beauty services and the first 250 women can get a free giftbag.

But the overall event features fun for the whole family, including a tree lighting, Santa and reindeer visits, games, crafts and a snowball arena for the kids, live music to be enjoyed by all, and a free Emagine movie theater showing of "White Christmas" for seniors 55 and over for those who register in time. Visit <https://cityofnovi.org/services/community-relations/holiday-market/event-schedule> for complete Winter, Wine & Whimsy details.

Wild Lights, Detroit Zoo, Royal Oak

Wild Lights is the Detroit Zoo's annual holiday hoopla featuring millions of stunning lights with many displays paying homage to the facility's inhabitants. New this year is an enchanted trail. The event kicks off on Nov. 19 this year and runs through Jan. 8, on select weeknights.

On most Fridays and Saturdays, Wild Lights is from 5-10:30 p.m. Sundays from 5-9 p.m. A variety of packages are available, with prices ranging from \$17-\$65 per person. Tickets are limited and should be purchased in advance, although a limited number of gate tickets are available.

Holiday Lighted Parade, Northville

The theme is Lighting Up the Streets at the 2022 Holiday Lighted Parade in Northville, set for 6:30 p.m., Nov. 19. Bands, dancers, floats, and Santa will be followed by an official tree lighting at 8 p.m. in Town Square, Downtown Northville.

Christmas Parade, Milford

Milford's Christmas Parade, planned for 10 a.m., Nov. 26, features floats, bands and Santa all shown to their best advantage in a charming downtown with decked out businesses.

After enjoying the parade, get a jump start on your shopping before taking a



Casey Rosseau and her husband, Griffin, and son, Lawson, all of Birmingham, walk through the light installations during Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak in 2020. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

Twinkle Tour that evening, with area homes and businesses vying for best-decorated awards.

Holiday Stroll in Canterbury Village, Lake Orion

Canterbury Village's Holiday Stroll kicks off Nov. 23 and then runs weekends through Dec. 23. The outdoor event promises to be "be the most memorable experience of the holiday season" as Canterbury Village is aglow with nearly a million festive lights and a 7-minute light show is choreographed to holiday music.

Professional Christmas carolers and live Christmas performances provide additional entertainment. Roaming holiday characters including the Grinch, Olaf, Frosty, Buddy the Elf, Anna and Elsa from Frozen and more will delight children, as will Santa. Tickets are \$14.99 per person and much be purchased online in advance of the date you choose.

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Santa makes an appearance at the Milford Christmas Parade. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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ment will impact future potential whistleblowers.

Exposing a case a fraud

According to Kramis, he'd been talking with his close friend Dan York in April when he first learned of possible wrongdoings. Garden City was paying for York, the city's communications director at the time, and two subordinates to attend a conference in Florida in May 2022.

The only problem was that every in-person aspect of the conference, put on by website designer CivicPlus, had been canceled as indicated in an April 19 Facebook post by the company.

Kramis said York told him he had no plans to inform the city of the cancellation and was still heading to Florida along with two employees at the city's expense. According to receipts obtained by Hometown Life through a Freedom of Information Act request, flights, event registration and hotel costs amounted to just under \$4,000.

York did not respond to Hometown Life's attempts at contact for comment.

Kramis said he grappled with what he'd heard for a few weeks before alerting Councilwoman Stacy Karafotis and, later, local police. Both parties brought the matter to City Manager Dale Dougherty.

An investigation that led to three resignations

A series of communications among city officials obtained by Hometown Life through a FOIA request piece together a series of events that led to repayment of the Florida trip costs and resignations.

Karafotis contacted Dougherty Aug. 3 about the allegations, saying she heard the seminar was canceled but the staff traveled to Florida. At the time, the email did not mention Kramis' involvement or where the information came from.

In an email response to Karafotis that evening, Dougherty initially denied any fraud happened.

"The below accusation is absolutely false," he wrote. "I would like to know who told you that a trusted and loyal



Garden City whistleblower Kevin Kramis. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

employee of the city may have been involved in the misuse of public funds?"

Dougherty also asked York to call him in an email that included his response to Karafotis.

The next email came Aug. 19 from Dougherty to the mayor and city council announcing the resignations from York and the others that were effective immediately. On Aug. 22, York gave the city \$3,990.56 — Hometown Life obtained the receipt through FOIA — to repay the misused funds for all three employees.

In a tense email exchange starting Aug. 19, Dougherty said he did investigate the initial allegations from the go-go, saying York denied the allegations and he did not see mention of the event cancellation online in his follow-up of the allegation. That investigation, according to Dougherty's email, led to his reply to Karafotis demanding to know the accuser's name. Only after Kramis contacted the police chief was the allegation fully investigated as it was no longer an anonymous complaint.

Dougherty did not respond to Hometown Life's attempts at contact.

Garden City alerted Michigan State Police of the incident. A representative for MSP said the department chose not to investigate because the city handled the matter in house.

"This entire matter is very sad for our

city," Karafotis told Hometown Life in an email. "Dan York has been the beloved voice of our city for as long as I can remember. He was a dedicated, long-term employee and no one wanted to believe he committed this fraud. Three employees rightfully lost their jobs."

City council has also considered investigating whether any local elected officials were involved in the incident.

Removed from positions in various groups

Three days after York and his colleagues resigned, Kramis was informed he'd been removed from the DDA. He was told it's because he complained about the city on social media, which violates the city's guidelines for board members.

Kim Dold, director of the DDA and council candidate, said Kramis was a reliable volunteer. The vacancies left by Kramis and two others have since been filled.

"He was a very active member of this board," Dold said. "He volunteered to help with events — anything we needed, Kevin would volunteer for."

Kramis was also unable to speak about his situation during public comment at a council meeting in late August. Mayor Randy Walker told Kramis he could not speak about employee is-

sues during public comment.

Kramis said he fears the backlash he's faced will stop others from speaking up.

"I think this would make people say, 'Well, I'm not going to bring that forward,'" he said. "I've gotten a lot of heat ... I felt (York's) superiors weren't doing their jobs. I mean, what else is going on?"

Kramis is also frustrated the city didn't press charges.

Prosecution in situations like this is not common, according to a Michigan Municipal League attorney, unless there is extreme misconduct, like former Troy City Manager Brian Kischnick and former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, both of whom received federal prison sentences for their actions.

"I'm really disappointed that they didn't press criminal charges, to be honest with you," Kramis said. "If I robbed a bank of \$4,000, I wouldn't get to pay the money back and walk."

Karafotis said she thought there should have been more oversight, but is happy the city ultimately investigated and dealt with the matter.

"Basically, you dropped the ball on this," Karafotis wrote in an Aug. 19 email to Dougherty. "You should have had protocols in place to avoid this and you didn't."

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Be wary this holiday season as online scam attempts on the rise



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Some of these scams, like the ones involving charities, work to take advantage of our good nature, while others, like some of the tax scams, look to capitalize on our fear.

As 2022 is rapidly winding down, we will soon be entering the holiday season. Unfortunately, the crooks in our society know that during the holiday season we tend to let our guard down, and they are biting at the bit to take advantage of our good nature.

Scams come in every shape and form that you can imagine. Some of these scams, like the ones involving charities, work to take advantage of our good nature, while others, like some of the tax scams, look to capitalize on our fear.

Either way, the goal of these scam artists is the same, and that is to separate you from your hard-earned money.

It is important to realize that scammers are constantly evolving their scams. They use new tactics to take advantage of us, and it is important that we stay knowledgeable regarding new scams.

In fact, the Michigan Department of Treasury just issued a warning for taxpayers. In their press release, the state said there has been a surge of bogus phone calls where the caller claims they are a state official, and unless you pay them you will be arrested. The so-called state official is asking the taxpayer for cash through prepaid debit cards, gift cards or money transfers.

Tax scams are rising, and to protect yourself, it is important to recognize that when you deal with tax authorities like the Internal Revenue Service, they're not going to call you out of the blue to ask for payment or personal information, nor are they going to threaten you.

If a caller claims that unless you make immediate payment they will arrest you, hang-up; you're being scammed. Even if the caller ID says the Michigan Department of Treasury or the IRS, you're being scammed. Neither the IRS nor the State of Michigan Department of Treasury use the phone to initially contact a taxpayer. Typically,

the first interaction is going to be through the mail.

I wish there were one or two things I could tell you that would protect you from all scams, but I can't because there are too many different types of scams.

For example, here are some of the top scams for 2022. There's something called a virtual kidnapping scam where someone calls you and tells you they have a loved one, and if you don't send them money immediately, you'll never see your loved one again. There's also the LinkedIn scam, where hackers try to impersonate your boss or supervisor to get you to wire money to someone outside of the company. Another popular scam is where you receive text messages from your bank claiming that your account has been frozen due to suspicious activity. The scammers encourage you to call a number in the text, but of course, that's not your bank's number; it's just a way of scamming you.

The bottom line—you must keep your eyes and ears open and never be afraid to ask questions. You should independently check something out before you send money, or even link directly from a text or an email. It may be a sorry state for our society, but the bottom line in today's world — you must protect yourself and never let your guard down.

I wish scams were so infrequent that I wouldn't have to write a column like this. Unfortunately, that is not the case. The number and frequency of scams is increasing and so is the number of people falling victim to them. Remember, you are your last line of defense.

Good luck.
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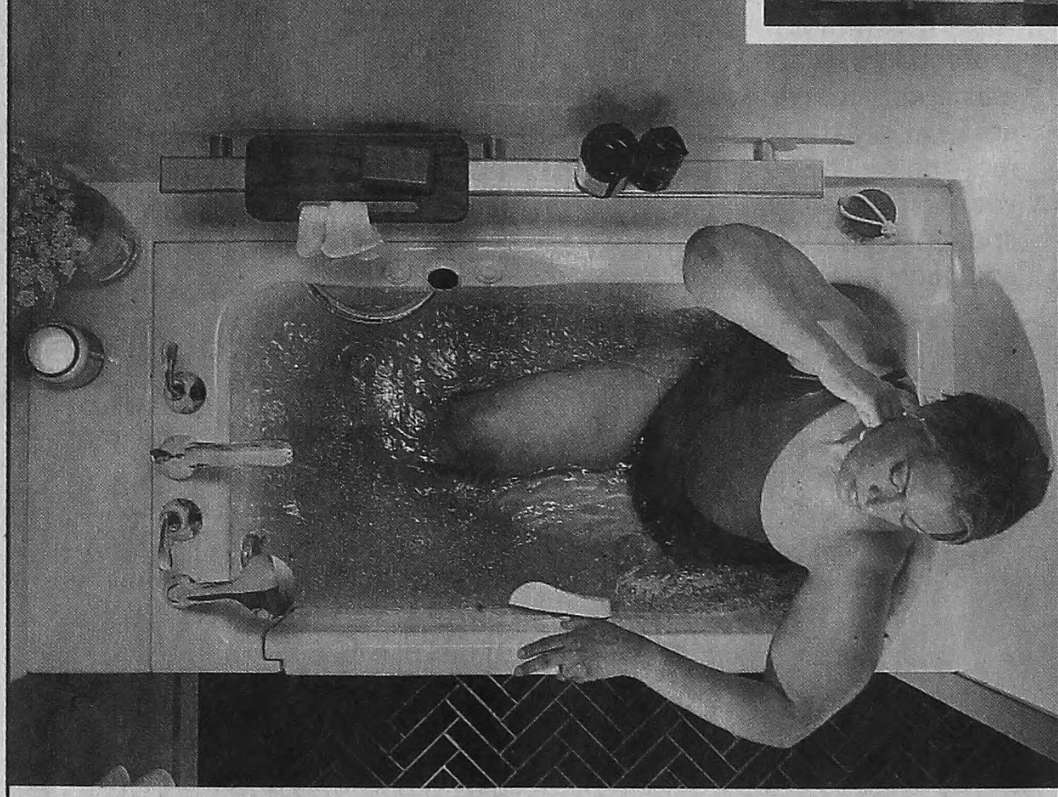
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Amoxicillin shortage in state: What parents should know

Kristen Jordan Shamus

Detroit Free Press
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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has added one of the most commonly used antibiotics for children to its Drug Shortage Database partly because of a spike in demand amid a national surge in cases of respiratory syncytial virus, better known as RSV.

Many Michigan drugstore shelves already are bare of amoxicillin oral powder for suspension, which is mixed by a pharmacist and dispensed in liquid form most often to children, said Farah Jalloul, director of professional development at the Michigan Pharmacists Association.

"RSV is a viral infection. Antibiotics are usually for bacterial infections," Jalloul said. "We've been seeing that it has been prescribed as a secondary protection against any underlying bacterial infection in children with RSV."

For example, Jalloul explained that in addition to RSV, a child also may have developed an ear infection or pneumonia, which could be treated with amoxicillin.

RSV dangerous to babies, elderly, immunocompromised

"Amoxicillin is one of the most dispensed antibiotics for children," Jalloul said. "Demand for the drug is not meeting the supply during this time. With the level of infection that we've seen, I'm assuming that physicians are also seeing an underlying cause of a bacterial infection."

Hundreds of Michigan children have been hospitalized with RSV in recent weeks as part of a national wave of infections. In most people, the common virus causes mild, cold-like symptoms. But for babies, people with compromised immune systems and elderly people, it can cause serious illness.

RSV cases aren't required to be reported to public health departments, so there's no statewide tally of cases. But Corewell Health East, the new name for Beaumont Health, reported a 567% rise in the number of patients hospitalized with RSV in October. Across the state, Corewell Health Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids had a 385% rise in the number of children hospitalized with the virus.

The Oakland County Health Division issued a statement Wednesday urging people with cold-like symptoms to avoid interaction with small children to limit the spread of RSV.

"We are hearing that emergency departments are getting pretty full and we're also hearing that pediatric ICU (intensive care unit) beds are approaching capacity," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, the chief medical executive for the state Department of Health and Hu-



Three-week-old Owen Parker was among hundreds of Michigan children hospitalized with RSV, respiratory syncytial virus, in October. A wave of infections among infants and young children is putting strain on pediatric hospitals across the state. PROVIDED BY MELISSA PARKER

man Services.

"I would not say that things are dire at this moment, but it's certainly something that we are keeping a very close eye on."

FDA Press Officer Jim McKinney told the Free Press Wednesday that the agency is aware of some "intermittent supply interruptions of amoxicillin products in the U.S., and (is) currently working with the approved manufacturers" to address them.

Frustration for parents whose children are in pain

The agency's Drug Shortage Database lists increased demand as the reason for the pinched supply of amoxicillin oral powder for suspension made by four companies — Aurobindo, USA; Hikma Pharmaceuticals; Rising Pharma Holding Inc., and Teva Pharmaceuticals.

For a fifth company, Sandoz, the reason listed for the shortage in the database says "other."

McKinney said: "The FDA's Drug Shortage staff regularly work with manufacturers to evaluate the entire supply chain of drug products to help prevent or reduce the impact of a drug shortage. If a shortage cannot be prevented, we provide a posting of availability for all approved products."

At the pharmacy where Jalloul works in Okemos, she described the scene during a recent shift as parents with sick children came in with prescriptions for a drug she didn't have in stock.

"You can imagine it's frustrating for Mom or Dad or guardian come into the pharmacy with a screaming child because they're in pain and they're trying to fill that prescription, and that dose, we might not have."

A time-consuming challenge for pharmacists

In those instances, the pharmacist must contact the physician to get a different prescription for medication that is in stock or even send the family to another pharmacy, hoping it's available there.

"It's time-consuming in a moment where you have a screaming child in your pharmacy and you're trying to help," she said. "It does take some time, unfortunately, to get ahold of the physician's office, especially if it's on a weekend. It's going to be a challenge, but I think there are multiple alternatives."

Jalloul urged physicians and other prescribers to keep the shortage in mind and consider other options. They could write prescriptions specifying that the preference is for a particular dose of amoxicillin, but if that isn't available, include alternative dosing or the option of switching to a different antibiotic.

"To overcome this challenge, our prescribing community should also make sure that they are in communication with their local pharmacies to make sure they understand what doses they have available to facilitate that prescribing," Jalloul said.

Jalloul said parents and guardians also can be proactive.

"The public should be aware of this," she said. "If you're a mom or dad or guardian of a pediatric patient ... you can say, 'Hey, let's make sure the pharmacy has it before I leave,' the physician's office. That way, if they don't have it, you can get an alternative."

"We will get through this. We've gotten through other shortages before, and I think this is just something that we will have to collaboratively work with our prescribers to make sure that our patients that our pediatric patients are taken care of."

Obituaries

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Warren Arthur Flagg, Jr.

PLYMOUTH - Warren Arthur Flagg, Jr., aged 78 of Plymouth, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on October 30, 2022.

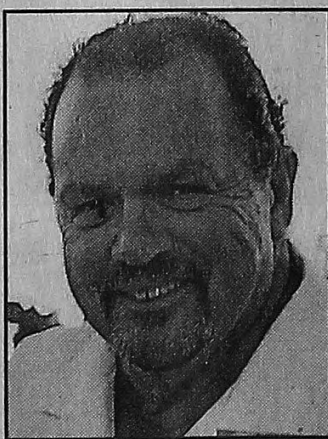
Warren was born in Detroit on December 8, 1943 and was the oldest of six children. He married Katie Love on November 28, 1964 and worked hard every day thereafter to support the family they made. After Katie passed away in 2005, he found a second chance at love and a new lease on life with his wife of 11 years, Julia Hoglen.

He never let his children or grandchildren forget how proud they made him. He was charismatic and loved to tell a story. It did not matter whether his audience was a bar full of strangers or the children that called him "Bumpa". He enjoyed a hearty glass of scotch and had an infectious laugh that will be missed by many.

Warren is survived by his beloved wife Julia, his children Sue Sheerin, Liz Crawford (Bob), and Brian Flagg; siblings David (Jill), Michael, Steve (Monica) Flagg; grandchildren Amber Sheerin (Stuart Crittenden), Kyle Sheerin (Michelle), Trevor LaFond (Dommy), Katie LaFond (Eric Adams); ten great-grandchildren; and countless friends and neighbors that he loved like family. Warren preceded in death by his wife Katie, his parents, Warren Sr. and Barbara, and his brother Paul Flagg.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00am, Friday, November 11, 2022 at Genitti's Restaurant, 108 E Main St, Northville, MI 48167 with a luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Special Olympics Michigan or the charity of your choice in Warren's memory.



251-home development on 198 acres in Lyon Twp. arriving after 17 years

Susan Bromley

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Interest rate hikes be damned.

Hours before the Federal Reserve hiked interest rates for the sixth time this year, Lombardo Homes received final approvals to move a 251-home development forward.

The requests, minor amendments to a final site plan, were granted by the Lyon Township Board Nov. 1, 17 years after the development first received the go-ahead.

Trustee Kristofer Enlow, who has been on the board since 2010, was the sole dissenting vote, expressing discomfort about approving a project he had never heard of before. The planned development on 198 acres, now being called Summerlin, has been dormant since it was first approved in 2005 as Elkow Farms. The property is located at the northwest corner of 11 Mile and South Hill roads.

"It would be beneficial to have the original approved PD to see what has changed," Enlow said. "These plans look brand new. With all these PDs in the past, (developers) had come back for extensions."

Engineer Leslie Zawada explained that the Summerlin planned development is part of the much larger PD that includes the Heights of Elkow and Crystal Creek South subdivisions as well as farm property that weren't required to do extensions as they were actively being built.

The nearly 200-acre parcel that the Summerlin homes will be built upon is the last piece of the original planned development property, Zawada said, adding that it is also how the township ended up with the Milford park site and land that went into a conservation easement.

Township Planner Brian Keesey said the project rings true to the original concept and is in line with what was originally conceived. There is one fewer house than originally approved due to an existing home on the property being retained on South Hill Road. All woodlands and wetlands proposed to be retained in the original plan are being preserved.

Highlights of that plan include paving of Eleven Mile Road from Milford Road east to South Hill Road; streetscape improvements and bike path on the north side of Eleven Mile Road adjacent to the



Nearly 200 acres at the corner of 11 Mile and South Hill roads will be the site of 251 single-family homes in the Summerlin development.

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parcel and on the west side of South Hill Road abutting the parcel; installation of public sewer and water facilities; creation of a large lake; and installation of a pathway system including the connection of the parcel to what is now referred to as the 11 Mile Park.

Six Rivers Conservancy must still approve the final layout for connection of the pathway to properties to the west.

Minor amendments to the final site plan approved by the board include requiring street lights at two entrances on 11 Mile Road and at one entrance on 12 Mile Road; changes to lot size that do not affect density; and changes to roof pitch and home façade materials to meet current market trends.

Jennifer Thomas, director of land development for Lombardo Homes, agreed it has been a long time frame between when the planned development was first approved and it finally coming to fruition.

"Sometimes they happen in a couple years, and sometimes it's the length of time we see right now," she said. "We just enjoy working in Lyon Township and we're looking forward to continuing working there."

Thomas said the two-story and ranch-style homes similar to what is in Crystal Creek South and Windridge subdivisions will start in the \$500,000 range and will be constructed in five phases, about 50 homes per year.

Groundbreaking is likely to occur by next fall, following engineering approval and coordination with the Road Commission for Oakland County on the paving of a 1-mile stretch of 11 Mile Road.

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SPORTS

MHSAA CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

Northville boys win first title

Kirkland Crawford
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Wyoming Potter's House was first to the finish ... and second ... and third.

Buoyed by a historic 1-2-3 finish by Lezawe "Moses" Osterink, Logan Swiney and Jackson Rodriguez, the Pumas

won their first state cross-country title in only their fourth year as a program. With Ian Palacios (seventh) and Noah Finton (22nd) adding all-state finishes for placing in the top 30, Potter's House scored a Division 4-record low total of 35 points, the third-best score in any class in the history of racing at Michigan International Speedway.

Division 4 girls

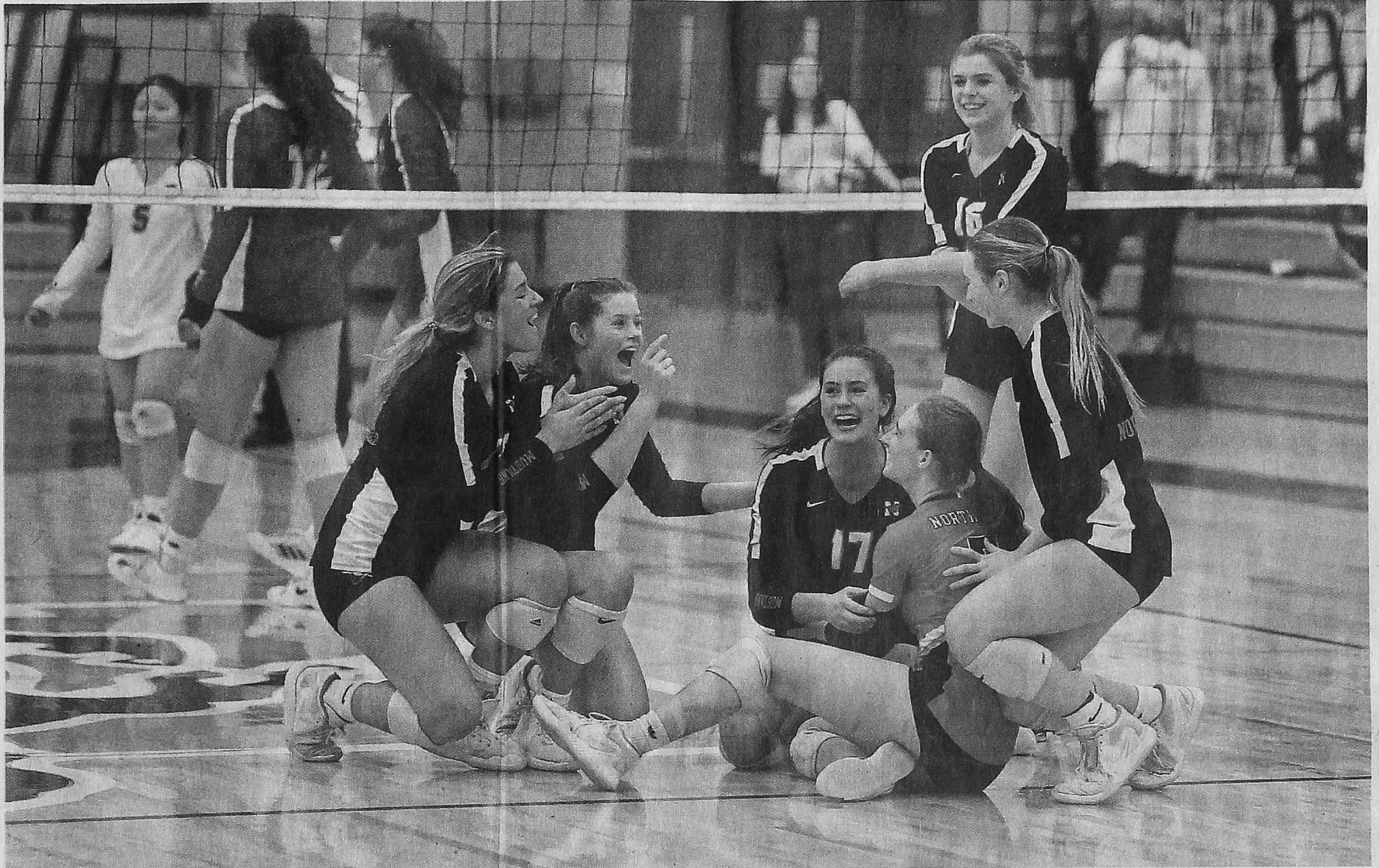
Johannesburg-Lewiston had never won a state championship in any sport until the Cardinal girls broke through on Saturday. With individual finishes in the top 10 by Allie Nowak (third) and Yolanda Gascho (seventh), Johannesburg-

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Northville celebrates its first state title in boys cross country. The Mustangs had three all-state runners: Brendan Herger, Brady Heron and Ethan Powell.

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Northville celebrates winning the Division 1 volleyball district final Nov. 3. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

How Anna Wilds' sacrifice helped Northville volleyball win districts

Brandon Folsom
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It was probably the most excited Northville volleyball coach Sarah Lindstrom had looked all night.

Which was saying something because the second-year coach had just finished hoisting the Division 1 district

championship trophy following the Mustangs' 3-0 win Nov. 3 over rival Novi.

"You know what?" Lindstrom said while clapping her hands. "I love that you've asked me about her, and I love that I get to talk about her."

Who's her?
That would be Anna Wilds.
Lindstrom had the senior penciled in

as the starting setter entering this fall. However, sophomore Ella Craggs unseated Wilds for that starting job.

Instead of pouting about it, Wilds shifted her attention to being the best role player she could be for the Mustangs.

"I said to her, 'Listen, you might be going back in as a serving specialist, but you'll get the chance to set and open up

Ella to be a hitting option,' and she never questioned me once," Lindstrom said. "She's calm. She's controlled. She is a fantastic teammate. I trust that girl on the end line more than anybody else on this team. Her serving percentage. Her ability to ace. They (Novi) tried to pick on her, and she dug every ball that came

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Our high school football picks for Round 3 of playoffs

Brandon Folsom
HometownLife.com
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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom picks the winners for the Round 3 playoff matchups this week around the Hometown Life region. He went 4-3 picking games last week and is 51-17 on the season.

Detroit Catholic Central (8-2) at Belleville (11-0), 1 p.m. Saturday

Belleville is the undisputed No. 1 team in Michigan. There's no questioning that fact. Unless you want to get laughed out of the room, of course. Yet the Shamrocks have a chance to upset the Tigers.

Belleville is currently under investi-

gation for violating the Michigan High School Athletics Association's undue influence rule. What's that mean? Basically, they were accused of recruiting a player. Coach Jermain Crowell has since been suspended and has not coached in either of Belleville's playoff games while the school investigates the issue.

What does this have to do with Detroit Catholic Central? Who knows

when the MHSAA is going to swing its gavel on the Tigers and who knows what sanctions are headed their way? But should they get the ban hammer, you could see a shorthanded Belleville squad against CC. Or if Crowell is still banned from coaching, that kind of off-field distraction could give the

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Cass Tech avenges loss, prevails in district final

Brad Emons

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Detroit Cass Tech got an early jump on Daylight Saving Time in the Michigan high school football playoffs.

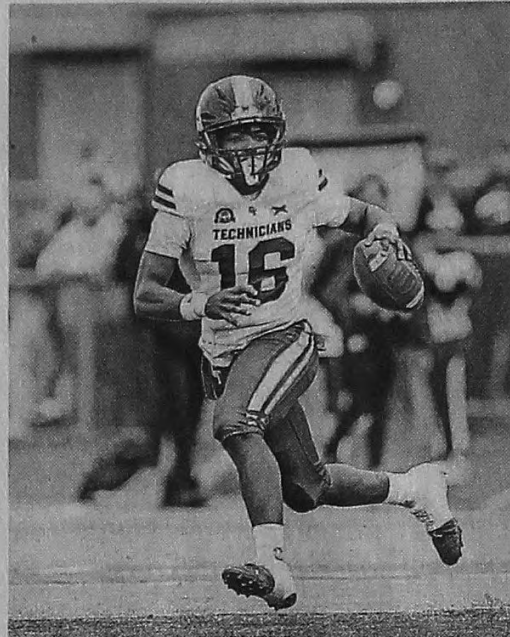
The Technicians evoked shades of state title runs in 2011, 2012 and 2016 as they turned back the clock with a 25-14 victory Saturday afternoon over host Southfield A&T in a Division 1 district final to avenge a season-opening 56-54 loss.

Cass Tech (8-3), coming off a convincing upset of West Bloomfield in the opening round, took the district crown with a ball-control offense and stingy second-half defense to face unbeaten Macomb Dakota (11-0) for the Region 4 championship next week.

Cass Tech was able to move the chains during the final two quarters and held dual-threat junior quarterback Isaiah Marshall in check as the Warriors managed just 15 total yards over the final 24 minutes.

Leading 14-13, Southfield (8-3) gambled and got stuffed on a fourth-and-5 attempt at its own 44 early in the third quarter, and Cass took advantage of the field position with senior quarterback LeeShaun Mumpfield going 15 yards for the go-ahead TD to make it 19-14 with 4:34 to go in the third.

An ensuing squib kick started Cass Tech at the Southfield 48; eight plays later, Sean Hodges (20 carries for 85



Cass Tech quarterback LeeShaun Mumpfield looks to pass against Southfield A&T during the first half Saturday at Southfield A&T High School.

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Southfield A&T quarterback Isaiah Marshall (8) runs against Cass Tech during the first half of a district championship game Nov. 5 at Southfield A&T High School in Southfield.

yards) scored on a 3-yard run to put the Technicians up 25-14 with 11:54 to go in the game.

With wind gusts reaching 25 mph, both teams stayed mostly on the ground in the opening half with Southfield ahead by one.

Marshall started the scoring as he led a seven-play, 63-yard drive culminating in a 22-yard QB keeper with 7:48 left in

the first quarter.

But Cass Tech answered on its second possession (after starting with a three-and-out) when Mumpfield capped a 10-play, 69-yard drive with a 5-yard keeper with 1:42 to go in the first.

A 63-yard TD run by Marshall was nullified by a holding call; following a Southfield 15-yard punt, the Technicians took a 13-7 lead with 10:30 remain-

ing in the first half on Mumpfield's 30-yard TD pass to Elijah Jordan. Helping the cause was a short 15-yard Southfield punt.

But the Warriors answered with a 10-play, 80-yard drive capped by a Marshall TD from 4 yards out with 2:49 left in the half to put Southfield back on top 14-13.

Round 3

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Shamrocks an edge as they attempt to upset Goliath.

Straight-up? This is probably a Belleville win. But should the investigation get resolved this week, that could help CC on the field.

Folsom's pick: Belleville 36, Detroit Catholic Central 14.

Birmingham Groves (8-3) at Livonia Franklin (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday

Outside of the Patriots' Week 8 loss to Belleville, this week should be the most physical game it'll play in all season.

Birmingham Groves knows how to hit.

The Falcons' defense flew to the ball, got helmets on the ball carriers and made life an absolute nightmare for Birmingham Seaholm's offense in Round 2. They had no problem posting a shutout in the second half, securing four turnovers and helping its offense score 26 unanswered points.

Fortunately for Livonia Franklin, it has some bruisers, too. Owen Hawley, anyone? But it cannot underestimate how physically tough this matchup will be.

Like the Patriots, Groves enters battle-tested thanks to playing some of the best competition in metro Detroit in the Oakland Activities Association-White. Facing dynamic players such as Southfield A&T three-star QB Isaiah Marshall and Harper Woods four-star athlete Jacob Oden is only going to prepare the Falcons for the likes of Cordell Mabins Jr., Tyler Garrett, Dominic Simpson, Drew Kelbert and JD Bates.

This should be an absolute fistfight.

Folsom's pick: Livonia Franklin 21, Birmingham Groves 17.

Brother Rice (5-5) at Detroit King (7-3) (Time/date still TBD)

Many coaches around the state have been grumbling about Brother Rice. I know because I've heard from a few of them via text messages over the past two weeks.

The Warriors got into the playoffs with just three wins. And a handful of teams that reached the six-win mark did not make it in.

Well, the Warriors are tired of hearing about it. They feel they deserve to be dancing with the rest of the top teams in Michigan. Especially after they upset Walled Lake Western in Round 2.

"Of all that Brother Rice football represents, a willingness to play the best this state offers is at its core!" coach Adam Korzeniewski wrote on Twitter over the weekend. "Every regular season opponent — EVERY — made the playoffs with six of them alive, well, and competing for a regional championship next week! We don't get the choice to hide!"

Brother Rice's official football team account also tweeted: "Wrote us off, but we didn't write back."

The Warriors have a chance to con-



Detroit Country Day's Chase Dawkins returns a kickoff against Flint Powers Catholic on Oct. 1.

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Birmingham Groves' Jackson Crane rushes the ball Nov. 4 at Birmingham Seaholm.

tinue their Cinderella story by upsetting Detroit King this week. But let's remind everyone that the Crusaders, one, have five-star QB and Oregon commit Dante Moore, two, were supposed to be in Division 4 but opted up this past off-season and, three, have a win over rival Cass Tech, which is arguably one of the hottest teams still in the playoffs.

Perhaps those tweets should've been saved for the end of the season. Because pointing out your tough regular season schedule won't help you prepare to beat a powerhouse on the road in Round 3.

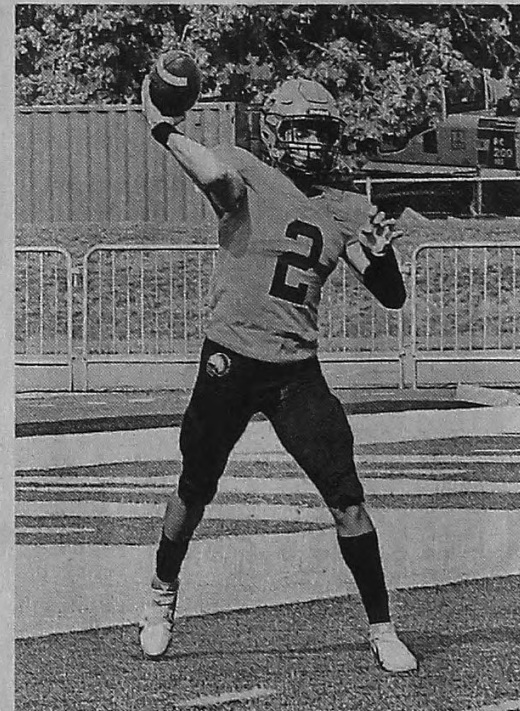
Folsom's pick: Detroit King 35, Brother Rice 18.

Detroit Country Day (7-3) at Flat Rock (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday

I asked a couple of buddies about Flat Rock and, boy, do they appear to be right.

The Rams' quarterback is going to be an absolute problem for the Yellowjackets.

Remember the name Graham Junge. Only a sophomore, Junge has broken seemingly every school record at Flat Rock that matters. He's already thrown for the most passing yards and touchdowns in a single season. Last week's win against Romulus Summit Academy North saw him break the single-game



Brother Rice's Blake Marrogy passes during the Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic against Macomb Dakota on Aug. 25 at Wayne State University.

passing record for most yards thrown in a game (378).

Now here's the scary part: He's actually a better basketball player than he is QB. He's part of The Family, which is arguably the most prestigious AAU basketball program in Michigan. Brother Rice four-star Curtis Williams played for The Family. Ever heard of him?

So, yeah, Junge is an athlete. And this could be a long night for the Yellowjackets if they don't swarm to the ball and make passing under duress a challenge for the underclassmen.

Folsom's pick: Flat Rock 35, Detroit Country Day 32.

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Volleyball

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her way.

"I think she's the reason we had so much confidence throughout the entire match because she started us off with that feeling of, 'We are unstoppable right now,' and she did that without hesitation."

That's right.

Wilds, Lindstrom's new serving specialist, opened the match on a 10-0 serving run, which gave the second-ranked Mustangs quite the shot in the arm as they went on to rip off 25-13, 25-12 and 25-18 runaway victories.

And this was against rival Novi we're talking about.

You know, the same Wildcats who have two seniors committed to Division I colleges in Sarah Vellucci (Long Beach State) and Kaitlyn Hoffman (Ohio State). The same team that has been battling Northville all season long in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

This match was so big that Ann Arbor Skyline senior Harper Murray, the No.-1 ranked volleyball recruit in the country, was on hand to watch her former Legacy Volleyball Club teammates square off.

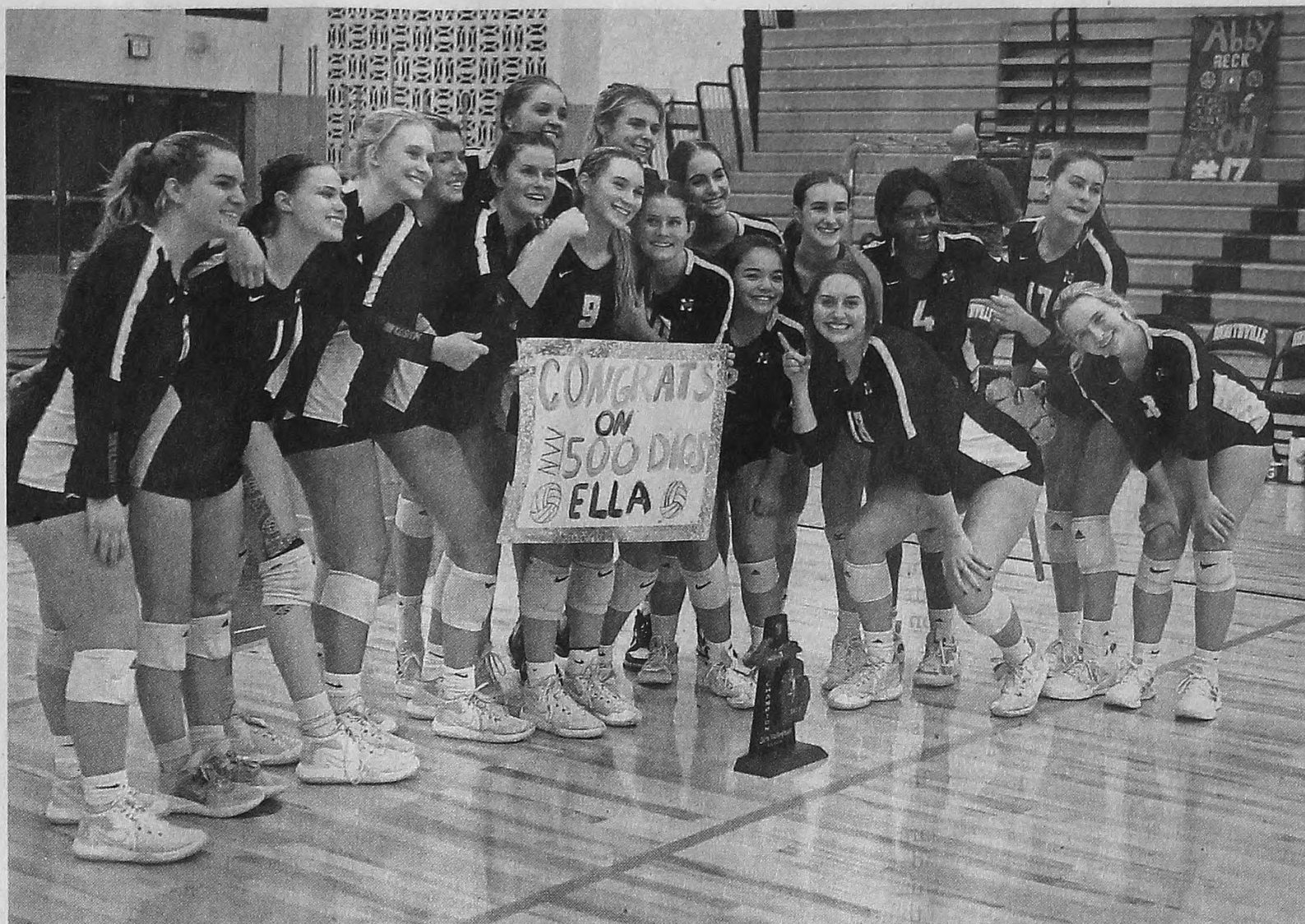
"It felt pretty good, and I think it was such a good way to start off such a competitive game," Wilds said. "It set the tone, and I was proud because it felt good that the team supported me so much.

"It was a little nerve-wracking, but once I got going, I got more confidence, and I settled in. And that felt great. I just love being part of this team, and I love every single person on this team. It feels great that I can contribute and help our team win districts."

Novi entered the match confident it could pull off the upset.

But as Wilds pushed the Mustangs to a double-digit lead immediately in the first set, some dread started setting in for the Wildcats, who lost to Northville in both the regular season and the KLAA tournament.

"It's frustrating," Novi coach Kacy Byron said. "I think that anyone would be frustrated. ... I don't think it was jitters. I just think they (Northville) came out super aggressive out of the gate. They got a couple of aces out of the gate, and they were winning those longer rallies. I'm



Northville celebrates Ella Craggs' 500th career dig with the Mustangs during the Division 1 district final Nov. 3.

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pretty sure I remember a ball hitting off the tape twice, and then it's 10-0, you know? You're not going to do anything about those plays."

Lindstrom said she wasn't shocked Wilds went on such a run.

But the senior didn't do it alone.

It was libero Taryn Rice digging balls. It was Craggs and Wilds setting hitters. It was Abby Reck, Ava Thomas, Molly Reck and Lauren MacKellar, among many others, standing tall at the net.

And then it was the rotational players keeping the momentum alive.

"This team is not just good," Lindstrom said. "They're mentally tough. They support each other. They love each other. They believe in us as coaches. And they believe in the process we're pushing toward them. And everyone is on the same page, and you just saw that right there. That was state-championship-level volleyball."

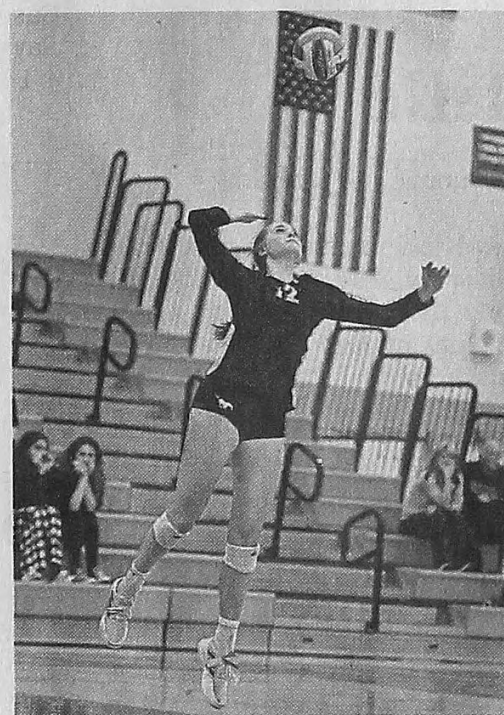
"Whether or not we make it to where we want to be, we didn't let that other team (Novi) take a breath that entire game. And it took 13 players from my lineup to go out there and do that, which I think is just incredible, and I'm just so proud."

Before Northville concluded celebrating its championship, Lindstrom grabbed a sign that acknowledged Craggs for recording her 500th career dig as a Mustang during the match.

Craggs doesn't reach that milestone without Wilds' sacrifice.

As Craggs held the sign Lindstrom had just handed her, Northville's players huddled around her for a quick team photo. Standing directly behind Craggs with a big, bright smile was Wilds.

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Northville's Anna Wilds serves.

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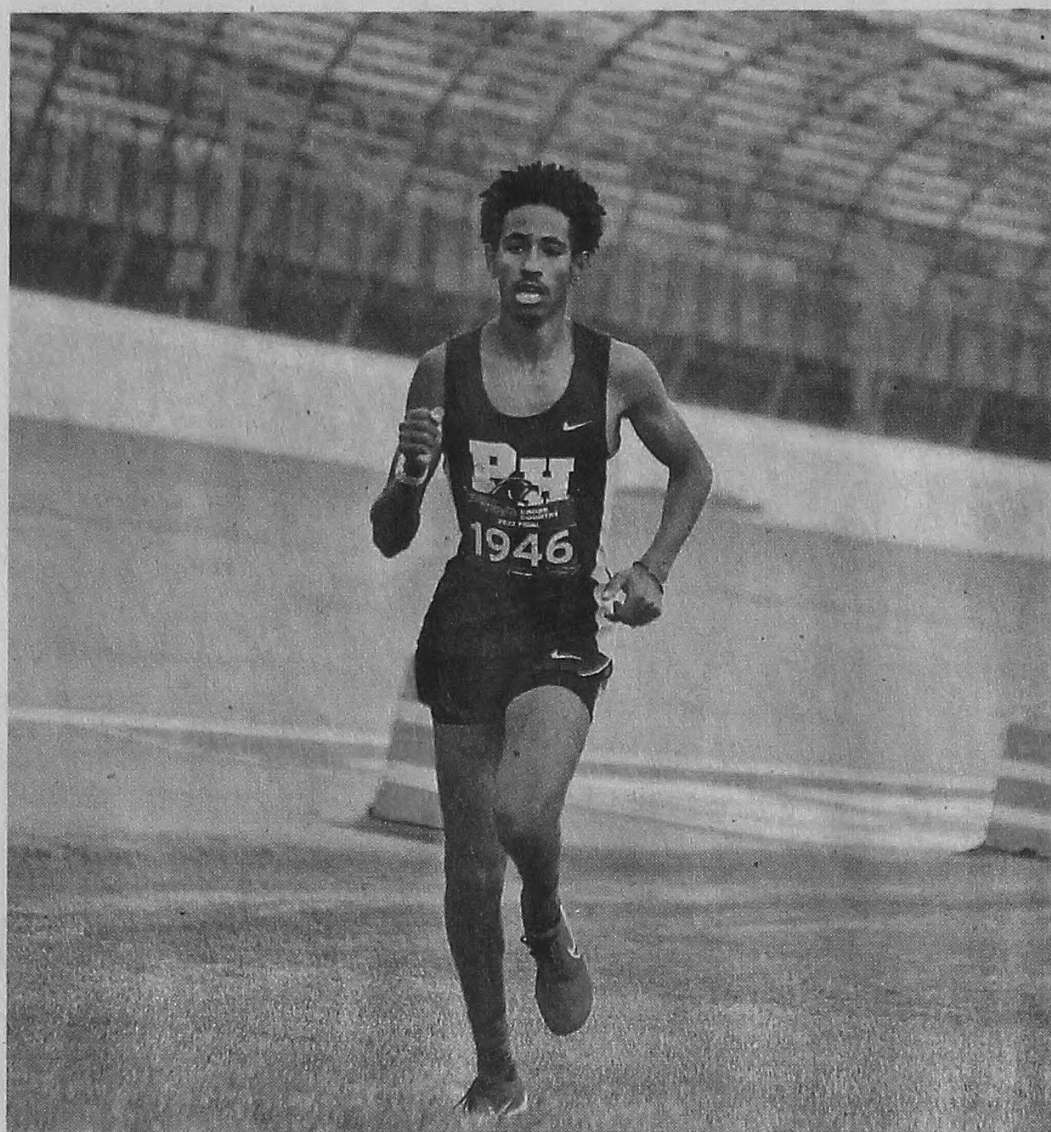
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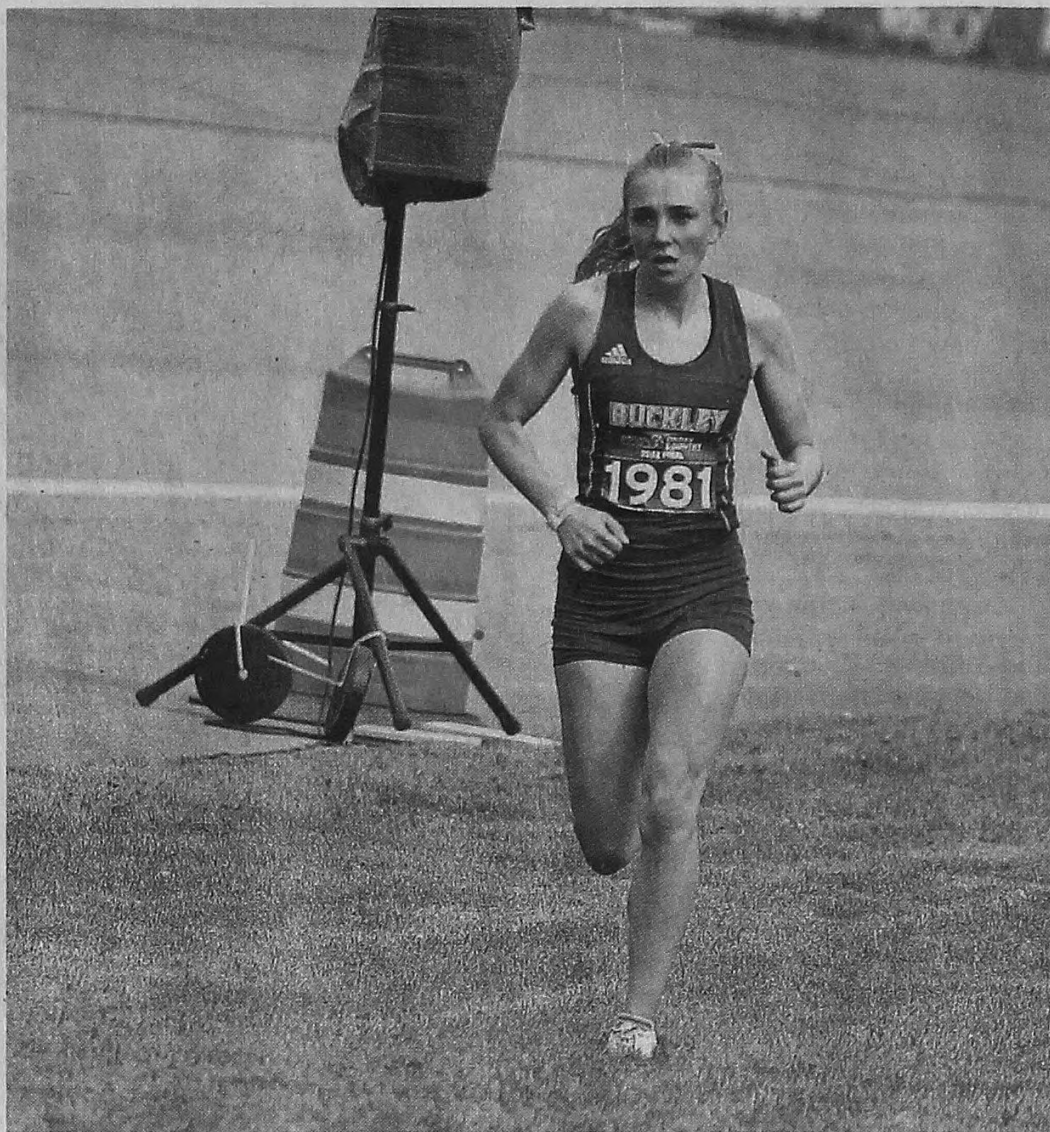
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Defending his individual title in the MHSAA Division 4 boys cross country race, Lezawe Osterink of Wyoming Potter's House approaches the finish line at Michigan International Speedway. His winning time was 15:36.84.

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Buckley junior Aiden Harrand has the finishing stretch all to herself. Harrand won the MHSAA Division 4 girls cross country race at Michigan International Speedway in 19:05.89, 15 seconds better than Auburn Hills Oakland Christian's Eliza Keith.

Title

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Lewiston totaled 118 points, ahead of Hillsdale Academy (159) and Whitmore Lake (192).

Buckley junior Aiden Harrand won the individual title in 19:05.89.

Division 1

In the only close individual finish of the day, Grand Rapids' Ottawa Hills' Benne Anderson outkicked Grand Haven's Seth Norder, 15:17.32 to 15:18.95, to earn top honors in the top boys division.

Top-ranked Northville, led by third-place finisher Brendan Herger

(15:34.05), earned its first boys' team championship, with 111 points.

Down the home stretch, only one thought crossed Helen Sachs' mind.

"It was just an insane feeling — it was like 'Oh my gosh, this is happening!' The energy was just amazing," she said.

Not only did the Holland West Ottawa sophomore win the race with the fastest girls' time of the day (17:18.74), she led her school to its first girls team championship. The Panthers scored 97 points, getting past runner-up Romeo (152) and last year's champion, Ann Arbor Pioneer (196).

Division 2

Top-ranked East Grand Rapids squeaked through for the Division 2 team championship in a race where just

11 points separated the top three boys squads. The Pioneers had 132, to 137 for Chelsea and 143 for Pinckney.

"We believed that we were one of the top teams, and it's always been close between a couple of teams all year. We just knew that our strength was our pack, and if we could get our guys through together well, we would have a good day," coach Drew Collette said. "We were aiming for four inside the top 30, and our fourth and fifth were 32 and 33 (team places), so we knew we had a really good shot."

Chelsea's Connell Alford won the race handily in 15:12.61, 25 seconds ahead of Monroe Jefferson's Carter McCalister.

No defending team champion was able to reclaim its title, but East Grand Rapids came the closest. The Pioneers

were runner-up to Otsego in a competitive battle, 87 to 96 points. Grand Rapids Christian was third with 153.

Division 3

Benzonie Benzie Central's Hunter Jones became just the second boy to win four Lower Peninsula individual state championships, rounding the 5-kilometer course in 14:46.50.

Ackley's squad took the team title, with 116 points, ahead of Traverse City St. Francis (147) and defending champion St. Louis (161).

The Pirates did have the individual champion in Jessica Jazwinski. She ran the fastest time ever by a sophomore to win the Division 3 race, in 17:36.70 despite harsh winds and rain.

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Tigers' Whitaker snubbed by Hall of Fame again, left off vet ballot

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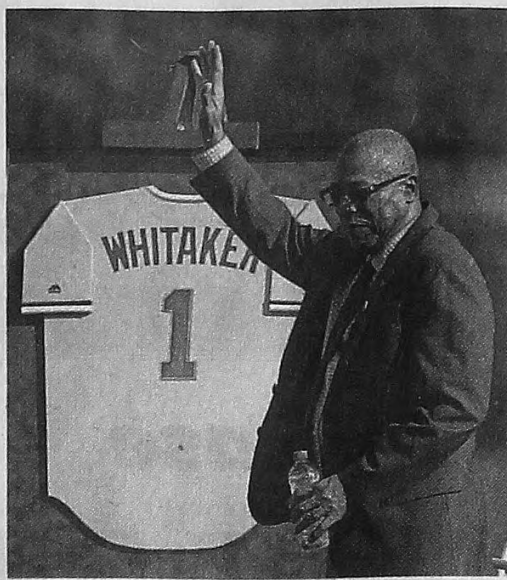
Nearly three decades after his final game, Lou Whitaker took another swing and a miss on Monday.

The Baseball Hall of Fame released its ballot for the "Contemporary Baseball Era" committee, covering players who starred in MLB from 1980 forward and the longtime Detroit Tigers second baseman was left off.

Instead, December's committee ballot features eight players — Albert Belle, Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Don Mattingly, Fred McGriff, Dale Murphy, Rafael Palmeiro, and Curt Schilling — who mostly starred after Whitaker's prime was through. A candidate needs 75% to be elected and anyone who does will be inducted July 23, along with anyone chosen in the Baseball Writers' Association of America vote, to be announced Jan. 24. The Hall restructured the veterans committee process last April for the third time in 12 years. There will be a contemporary-era committee vote for managers, executives and umpires in December 2023 and a classic baseball-era vote in December 2024.

At the time of the reworking of the process, it was thought that Whitaker had a shot at being included on this December's ballot. Whitaker played his entire career with the Tigers, debuting in 1977 and retiring after the 1995 season with a .276 batting average, 244 home runs and 1,084 RBIs over 2,390 games. He was the 1978 American League Rookie of the Year in 1978 and made five straight AL All-Star squads (1983-87) with four Silver Slugger awards (best hitter at his position) and three Gold Gloves (best fielder). Whitaker's best season was likely 1983, when he hit .320 with 12 homers, 40 doubles and drove in 72 runs to finish eighth in AL MVP voting.

Whitaker produced 75.1 wins above replacement, according to Baseball Reference, tied with Hall of Fame catcher Johnny Bench for 82nd in MLB history. The Hall of Fame features 340 members, including 268 former MLB players. Of those 268, 20 were primarily second basemen, and Whitaker's WAR total sits



Former Tigers second baseman Lou Whitaker takes the stage for his number retirement ceremony in August. GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES

seventh among theirs, behind only Charlie Gehringer (84.8), Rod Carew (81.2), Joe Morgan (100.4), Nap Lajoie (106.9), Eddie Collins (124.4) and Rogers Hornsby (127.3).

Whitaker was also known for his steady defense over his 19-season career in Detroit. He teamed with short-stop Alan Trammell to play the most games together of any 2B/SS combo in MLB history.

Trammell was elected to the Hall by the veterans committee as part of the class of 2018 (along with fellow Tiger Jack Morris). Trammell and Morris stumped then for Whitaker's induction to the Hall. He received just 2.9% of the vote from the BBWAA in 2001, well below the 5% threshold to carry over to another year, and fell off the ballot.

Trammell renewed his call for Whitaker's induction in August, when the Tigers retired the infielder's No. 1 in a pregame ceremony: "I couldn't be more honored to have No. 1 next to No. 3, linked together forever," Trammell said. "And you know what's next? The Hall of Fame."

Whitaker has mostly remained silent on whether he deserves the Hall call, though his number retirement this year brought out some of his strongest statements on the matter.

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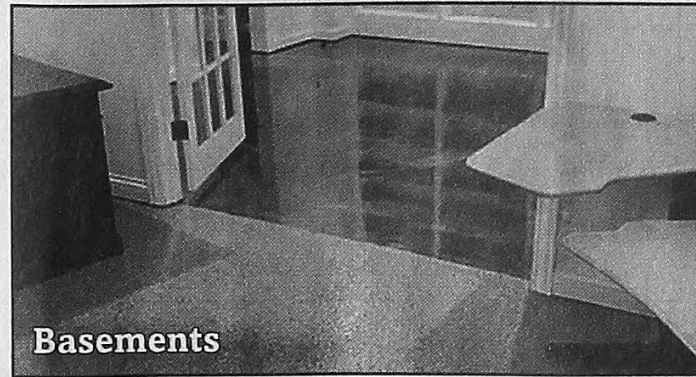
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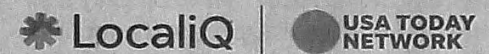
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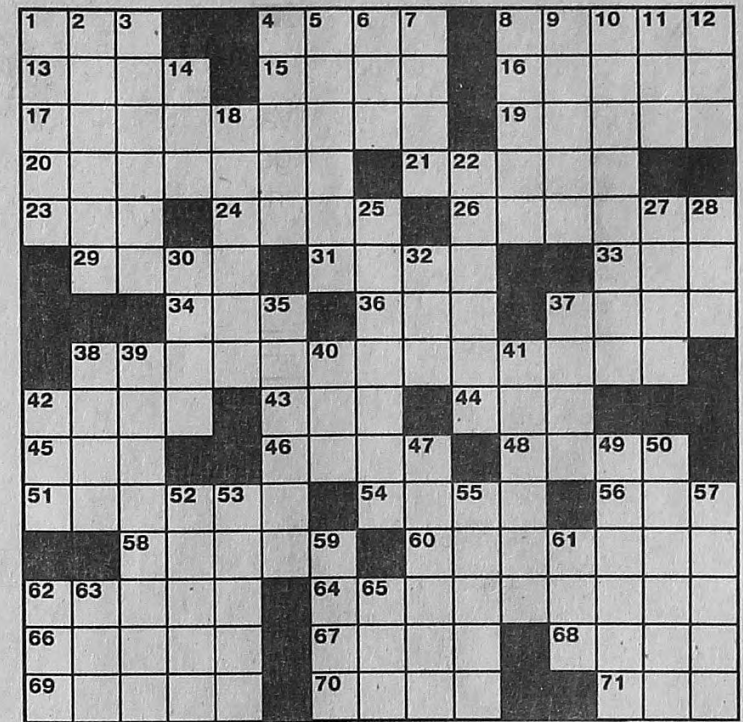
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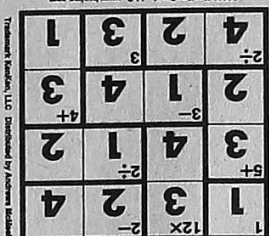
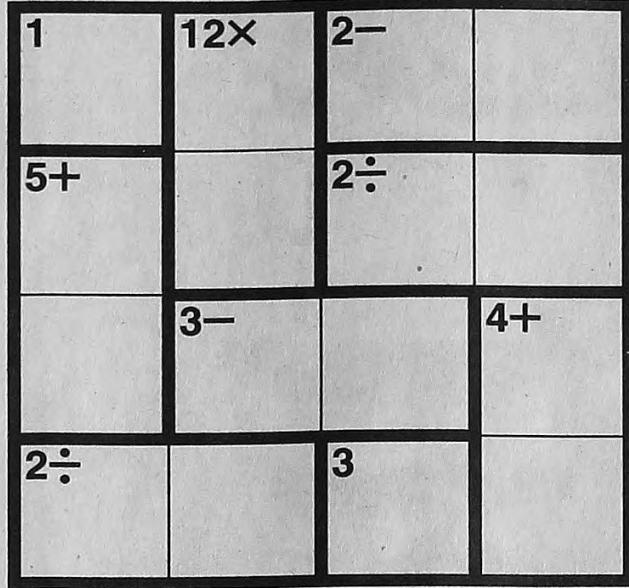


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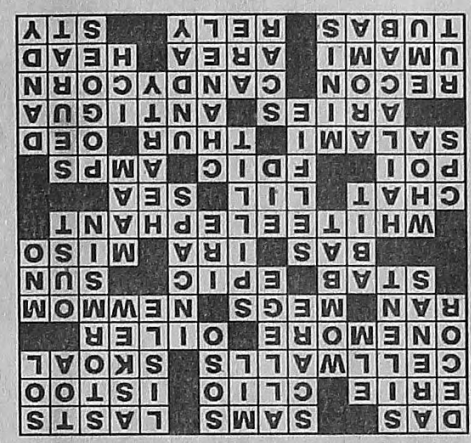
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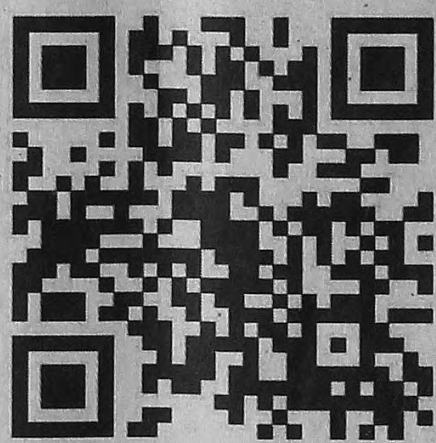
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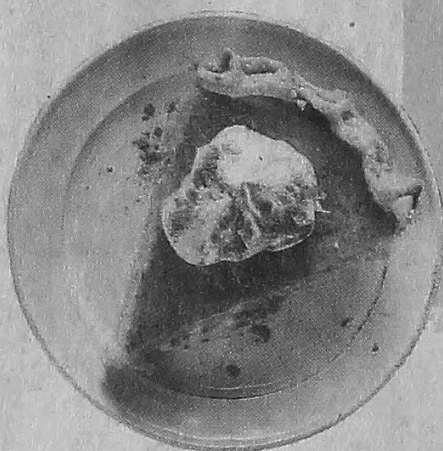


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