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Second stretch of Canton Center gets repairs

New project tackles stretch between Geddes, Michigan Avenue

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Just as one stretch of Canton Center Road has been closed for a major reconstruction project, motorists who use another section farther north braced this week for another round of road repairs.

A \$1.2 million reconstruction project has begun amid a complete road closure along a nearly half-mile section of Canton Center, between Geddes and Michigan Avenue, that resident Greg Green has compared to a "past war zone."

Early this week, road crews had

placed orange barrels alongside Canton Center, between Ford and Warren roads, as they began to tackle a one-mile project that involves repairing concrete pavement, sealing cracks and joints, making the area more accessible for people with disabilities and sprucing up pavement markings.

Wayne County Roads Division spokeswoman Kaye Byrd has said both Canton Center projects are expected to be completed sometime in November, barring weather delays. Grass restoration will be completed as weather permits.

Unlike the road shutdown between Geddes and Michigan Avenue, county officials have said one lane of Canton Center traffic will be maintained be-

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At mid-morning, Canton Center Road between Michigan Avenue and Geddes is closed to traffic except for construction equipment and county vehicles.



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Cara Wegrzyn and her daughter Emmeline, 9, team up to figure out how to stack some soft foam blocks and carry them across an obstacle course during the Back to School Bash at Canton's Heritage Park.

Box Bar closing marks end of era in downtown Plymouth

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For nearly 75 years, the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth has been a place where sweethearts, politicians, journalists, beer buddies and burger lovers have staked out their own little corner of comfort.

Located in the heart of downtown Plymouth, some regulars could argue it has been the heart of the city — a place that survived the decades and became a gathering spot for generations of people, much like the Kellogg Park it overlooks.

It's coming to a bittersweet end as owner Chip Falcusan, 71, retires to spend more time with his wife Lauren and travel to see daughters Kimberly, Jordan and Jansan, plus five grandchildren.

"The Box Bar has been a big part of Plymouth for many years," Falcusan said. "It's a place where people come to talk, celebrate and gather together." And for Mayor Dan Dwyer, it was a

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Back to School Bash kick-starts new year

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

School doesn't start until next week, but kids and families in Plymouth and Canton were ready to kick off the 2017-18 school year with a morning of games and outdoor eats at the inaugural Back to School Bash and Quest for Excellence last Saturday.

The event, held in Heritage Park, was hosted by Plymouth-Canton Com-

munity Schools, the P-CCS Educational Excellence Foundation and Canton Leisure Services. It's a fundraiser for P-CCS, with money going toward grants for classrooms and resources the state doesn't cover.

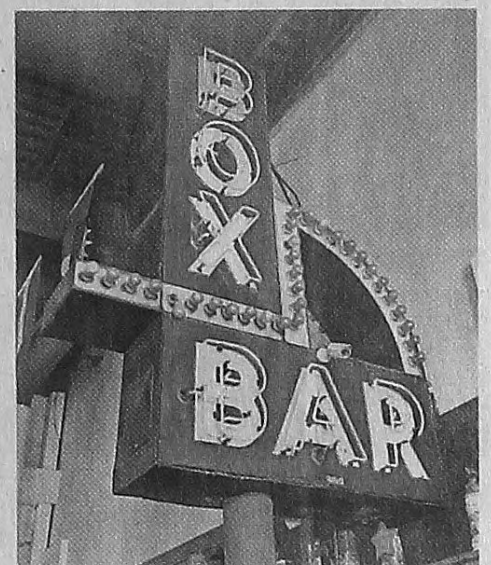
Brooke Detgen is a trustee with the EEF and chaired Saturday's event.

"In part, we wanted to have something family friendly," she said. "In the past, our big fundraiser has been a wine tasting, which doesn't incorporate

families. We wanted to celebrate the P-CCS community and to build some excitement for going back to school."

That excitement was in the air as about 30 teams of two to four people headed off for a sunny morning on the EEF Quest for Excellence, their lime green T-shirts dotting the park as the six-part challenge got underway. There was an obstacle course and a corn hole

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A sign from the old Box Bar hangs inside the place that was expanded in the late 1990s.



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toss. The Canton Historical Society held a scavenger hunt in the museum on-site.

Second-grader Addison Urean, who lives in Canton, competed in the challenge with her parents. Her favorite part of the day? "We got to grade a math quiz."

Teacher for a day – or at least for 15 minutes – was the theme of a particularly popular station sponsored by the P-C Education Association. Kaarina Bodnar and Christine Rushlow, both educators with P-CCS, had set up a "teachers lounge" in a gazebo, with tasks like sharpening pencils, grading tests and going on a scavenger hunt for books, a laptop, folders and a coffee cup.

"The idea was to let people experience the same thing a teacher experiences in the last few minutes of prep time," said Rushlow, who works at the resource room at Eriksson Elementary. "I think they really enjoyed it."

That is, once the kids figured out what the pencil sharpener was and how it worked, added Bodnar, who teaches special ed at Workman Elementary.

"Most kids were, like, 'How do you do this?' and their parents would laugh and show them the technique of holding the base, pushing it in, really cranking it," she said.

Turnout for the games and the subsequent cook-out was an estimated 2,000 people and Detgen was thrilled.

"I hope everybody here who had a good time tells everyone they know and we have an even bigger second year," she said. "We'd like to make this an annual tradition."



Parents and kids take a look at some of the offerings at the raffle table.

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tween Ford and Warren as that project continues. Moreover, Hanford Road will remain accessible, as will other side streets and driveways.

However, Byrd issued a press release warning that motorists could encounter intermittent traffic stoppages by work crews. Officials urge drivers to use caution and obey construction-zone speeds.

Township Supervisor Pat Williams said the two roads he hears the most complaints about are Canton Center and Warren roads, so the Canton Center work is welcome.

"There's no area of Canton roads I don't get grief on," he said, adding that he has "a lot of empathy for our residents" because he travels the same roads.

As the work on Canton Center between Ford and Warren begins, Wayne

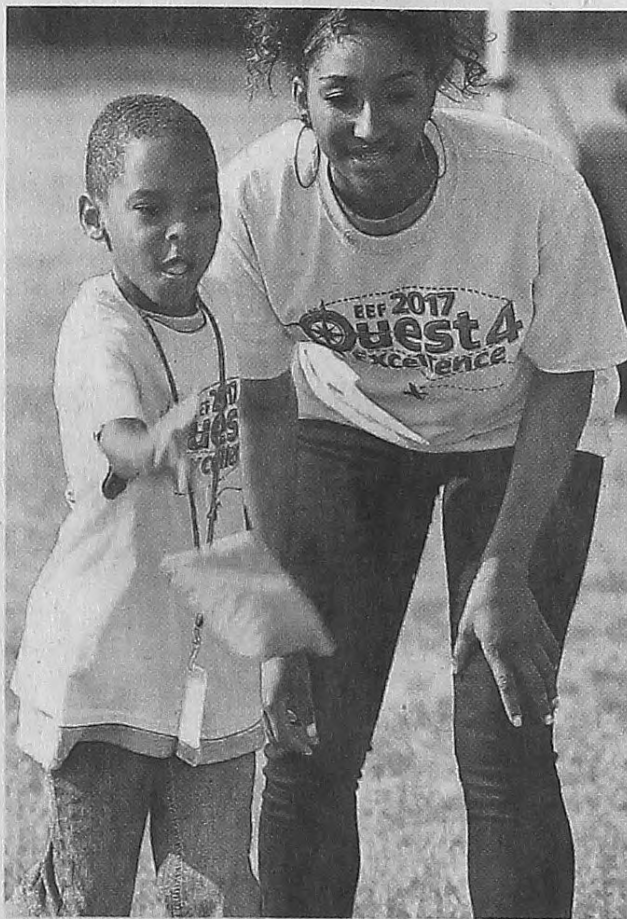


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Concrete cutting is underway. Removal of the old roadbed will begin soon.

County has asked property owners to stake locations of sprinkler systems and any other underground utilities that are not part of the Miss Dig program.

For more information, call the Wayne County Department of Public Services field engineering division at 734-595-6504, ext. 2065.

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Kathie Thompson teams up with her brother Justin, 11, in a bean bag toss competition at the Back to School Bash at Heritage Park.



Coraline Fulton, 4, (right) tries her hand at moving a large rock at the Canton Historical Museum during the Bash.



Canton High student Luke Fensterman checks out the robotics team's robot.

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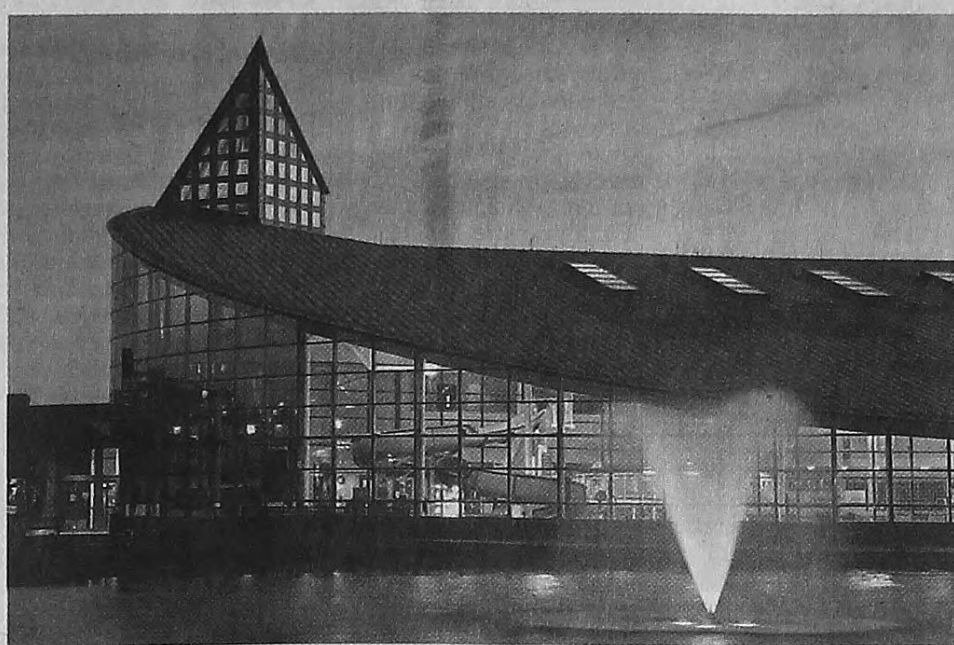
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Summit on the Park's fitness center to undergo renovation

The Summit on the Park's fitness center, Canton's premier fitness and recreation destination since 1996, is getting a new look. The center will undergo renovation starting Aug. 31 and is scheduled to re-open at 6 a.m. Sept. 9.

This \$140,000 renovation project will include installation of several new state-of-the-art strength and cardiovascular equipment (including Precor strength and fitness equipment, TRX suspension trainers, Gym Rax, two FTS Glides and a new multi-gym). Additional enhancements include installation of new carpeting and 11 big-screen TVs. This renovation project will also unveil a new floor layout with expanded stretching area.

"This short-term inconvenience will definitely bring long-term



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gains for individuals in the area who utilize our facility as part of their regular fitness routine,"

facility supervisor Jason Lombardo said. "Our Summit staff is committed to providing state-of-

the-art equipment, as well as cutting-edge programs and services that will continue to enable

our members to make health and wellness a top priority in their lives for years to come."

Recognizing these scheduling inconveniences, all current Summit memberships will be extended five additional days. To celebrate the grand re-opening, a special Summit Membership Appreciation Week has been scheduled for Sept. 9-15. Special activities include chair massages provided by Brackney Chiropractic; blood pressure and body mass index screenings provided by DMC; healthy snacks such as fresh fruit, smoothies, etc. to enjoy post-workout; as well as sandwiches provided by Jimmy John's. All snack items are while supplies last. In addition, Summit members can also enter a week-long drawing for a chance to win prizes, plus take their picture at a selfie station, located in

the Summit lobby.

From Sept. 9-30, anyone may sign up for an annual membership and save 10 percent. This special offer includes annual individual, couples, family and kids corner memberships (excluding matinee and payment plans) and is only available at the Summit front desk.

The Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, remains a popular destination for Canton residents who utilize its many amenities, including aquatic center, fitness center, gymnasium, track, banquet and conference center and meeting rooms. The Summit currently offers daily, six-month and annual memberships.

To learn more about construction upgrades, as well as available memberships, go to www.summitonthepark.org or call 734-394-5460.

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place where he and wife Shon stopped so he could have a beer before she gave birth to their daughter Emma, now 20. She had been advised by doctors to take a short walk to help induce labor. "She told me to have a beer, then we walked home and went to the hospital," Dwyer said.

He called the Box Bar the longest-running bar and restaurant in downtown Plymouth.

"It's probably the most iconic restaurant Plymouth ever had," Dwyer said.

Veteran Hometownlife.com photographer Bill Bresler remembers the so-called Plymouth Press

Club that started at the Box Bar in the 1970s and lasted for years. Rival journalists from the Observer and Plymouth Community Crier gathered once a week to socialize over a beer and a burger. Sometimes, a Free Press editor would stop by.

"We just wanted to get together and have a good time," Bresler said.

Everyone in the Plymouth Press Club had the title of vice president — a title Bresler once put on his resumé.

"We didn't have a president," he said.

Bresler said the club eventually dissolved after local politicians and others started muscling in on the get-togethers.

Falcusan said the bar got its name from brothers Ted and Clarence



Patrons sit outside the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth.

Box, who were the first owners nearly 75 years ago. They passed it on to Herman Halprin, who sold it to Falcusan 39 years ago. The bar was known for its burgers. "The burger hasn't

changed in over 65 years," Falcusan said.

An old sign from the Box Bar can be seen inside the building, a memory of the old bar from before the place underwent a big expan-

sion in the late 1990s.

What's next?

The bar's exact closing date isn't known, though it is expected in mid-September to early October. It depends on when the state finalizes the sale by Falcusan to new owner Ron Cook, who promises "big things are coming" as he changes the name and vision of the restaurant. In other words, stay tuned.

Falcusan recalled days when the bar became involved in community projects such as helping local families at Christmastime by taking donations to a drop-off spot at what was then a local Observer office. Sometimes, his daughters would pick out a charity to help.

"The Box Bar has been a huge part of their lives," he said.

As Falcusan prepares to move on, he has begun selling memorabilia from the bar, such as an extensive beer stein collection, Royal Doulton character jugs and beer mirrors. It amounts to hundreds of items.

"The stuff is really flying out of here," he said. "It's a little bitter-sweet, but at the same time I feel good that people have fond memories of the bar, so they want to take something with them."

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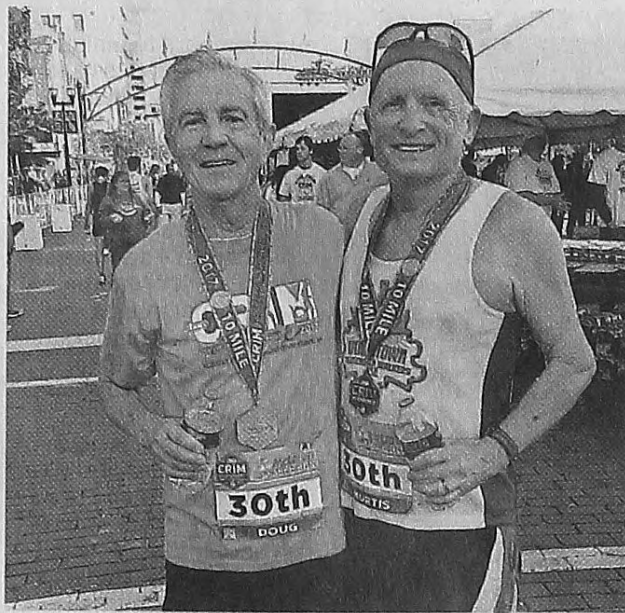
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Absopure donates water to Flint's Crim caces

Absopure, the Plymouth-based provider of bottled water and other refreshment delivery services, served as the official water sponsor for the Crim Festival of Races, which took place Aug. 25-26 in Flint, as well as the race's Michigan Purse Prize sponsor. Frank Zolenski, marketing director of Absopure, made the announcement.

Absopure distributed more than 20,000 bottles of water at the finish line of the race. The company also shared more than 5,000 additional gallons of water throughout the course at hydration stations to help keep runners and spectators alike hydrated before, during and after the race. New to the event this year is the Michigan Purse Prize, which offers monetary awards of \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750 and \$500, respectively, to the



Veteran runners Doug Goodhue and Doug Curtis were among the runners who were greeted at the finish line with bottles of water donated by Absopure.

top five male and female 10-mile race finishers who hail from Michigan.

More than 15,000 people participated in the races last year, with roughly

9,000 competing in the 10-mile race.

"For more than 100 years, Absopure has been dedicated to supporting our neighbors across Michigan through community events and sponsorships," Zolenski said. "Each year, we donate almost 1 million bottles of water to hundreds of charities and organizations in the communities we serve and we're excited to once again be part of the Crim Festival of Races and keep runners from all over the world refreshed and hydrated."

In addition to the Crim Festival of Races, Absopure regularly sponsors several local organizations and events, including Plymouth-Canton High School athletics, the Detroit Free Press Marathon, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Detroit Jazz Festival and the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

AREA CRIME WATCH

CANTON

Woman running naked through neighborhood blames LSD

Police went to a Canton mobile home park amid reports a 22-year-old woman was running naked through the neighborhood — jumping on top of cars, dashing to a children's playground and walking into people's homes.

She blamed it on the LSD she took, a police report said.

It was quite the Saturday evening as the incident unfolded about 6:15 p.m. at the Maple Leaf North mobile home community on Mott Road, east of Ridge. Canton paramedics took the woman to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, where police say she was confused and asked if she had been in a car accident.

One Maple Leaf resident said the woman came to his residence wearing a bra and leggings. The man said he sprayed her with a water hose after she said she was thirsty.

She then went to the middle of the street, completely undressed and ran toward a children's playground, the report said. At another point a man told police the woman jumped onto the hood of his car, dented it, yelled at him, said she was thirsty and threatened to kill him, police said.

The suspect told police she had taken acid and was sorry for her behavior. She was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Indecent exposure

A woman who visits a Canton home to provide nursing care notified police after she repeatedly saw a 75-year-old neighbor man standing in his doorway and masturbating, a report said.

The man told police he was just letting his dogs outside, but then said he would stop his behavior, the report said.

The latest incident happened about 8 a.m. Sunday in the 8400 block of Orhan, near Joy Road and I-275. The 32-year-old worker said she arrived and saw the neighbor masturbating with no shirt on and his pants

around his ankles as he stood at a glass door.

Police warned the man to stop or he could face criminal charges. He said he would.

Threatening customer

Police were called to the Chuck E. Cheese pizza chain on Ford Road after a customer allegedly told an employee she had "a bag of bullets waiting for you," a report said.

A dispute erupted after the customer, a 36-year-old Belleville woman, believed her daughter was standing in line and being ignored by a 17-year-old female employee, the report said. The daughter wanted to get some ranch salad dressing.

Police found the suspect outside the restaurant when they arrived. She said she made her comments in self-defense after the employee said something to her.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Messy divorce?

A 42-year-old woman reported that someone broke into a home and stole thousands of dollars in items, including fishing equipment, a boombox, a wooden dresser, a printer and scanner, cowboy boots and other items.

She told police a side door had been kicked in sometime between Aug. 11 and Aug. 15.

She said she and her husband are getting a divorce and she believes it may have been him. When contacted by police, the husband at first said he wanted to speak with his attorney, then admitted he had gone

into the house to retrieve some of his belongings. The woman told police no one has been staying in the home because it is believed to have mold in it. She said she has been staying at a Canton apartment with her 16-year-old daughter.

She said she and her husband are getting a divorce and she believes it may have been him. When contacted by police, the husband at first said he wanted to speak with his attorney, then admitted he had gone into the house to retrieve some of his belongings.

Driver hits tree

A 20-year-old Westland woman was facing charges of operating while impaired after police say she ran off the road and hit a tree near Ann Arbor Road and Main Street, a report said.

The incident happened about 3:40 a.m. Aug. 12, damaging the front end of a 2015 Ford Focus. Police learned the woman, accompanied by her boyfriend, had left a bar where she had been working. The report said it was evident she had been drinking.

Rims, tires stolen

Police went to The Ravines of Plymouth, an apartment complex near Plymouth and Haggerty, amid reports of a possible attempted auto theft. Turns out the bandits got away with four sets of rims and tires from a 2017 Ford Fusion, a police report said.

The incident happened between 2 p.m. Aug. 11 and 6 a.m. Aug. 12. The victim was listed as a 40-year-old man from Birmingham.

— By Darrell Clem

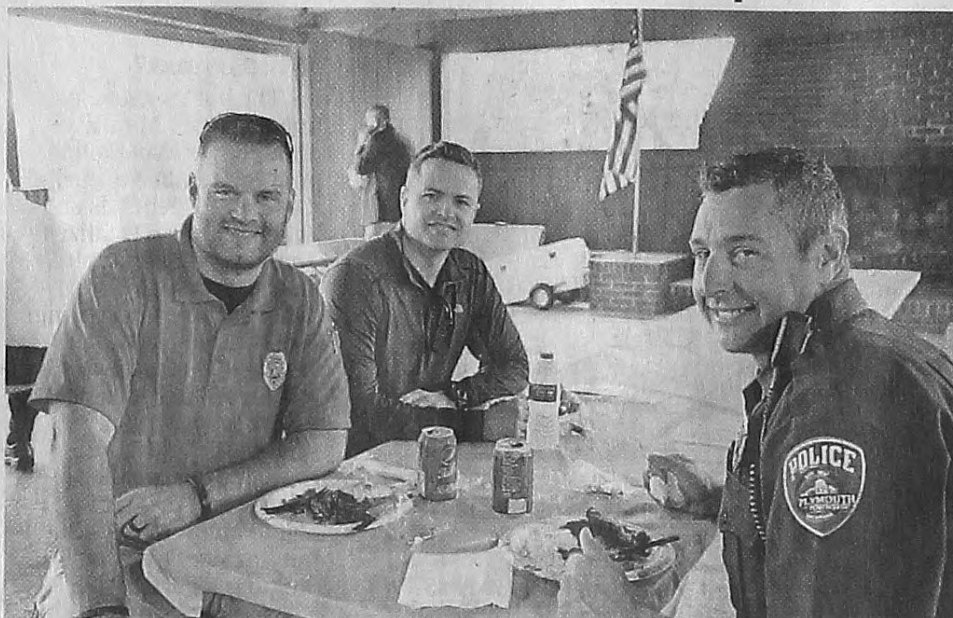
Plymouth Kiwanis Club honors first responders

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth hosted its third annual barbecue for all first responders who serve the Plymouth communities. More than 100 people turned out at Plymouth Township Park.

"Our police, firefighter and emergency medical technicians do so much to keep us safe that we felt it was important to say 'thank you,'" club President George Lytle said. "This event is quickly becoming a favorite of our more than 80 members, because we truly appreciate the work of these brave men and women do each day. People choose to live in the Plymouth community because it is so safe and these people are the main reason."

The first responders were treated to a barbecue lunch prepared by the club's members. Competitive barbecue chef Tom Grabowski and certified personal chef Paul Penney (both club members) led teams of volunteers in preparing favorites such as ribs, chicken, brisket and a variety of tasty side dishes to complete the meal. Penney baked his special homemade fruit cobbler for desert.

Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth has been a major part of the com-



Plymouth Township Police Officers Jeff McParland, Josh McLean and Steve Coffell are all smiles at the third annual Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth Barbecue for First Responders.



City of Northville firefighter Dave Tabaka enjoys some barbecue chicken. Tabaka is a Plymouth resident.



Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth members Jim Eldridge, Tom Grabowski, Jack Schwartz and chef Paul Penney prepared all of the food for the First Responders Barbecue.

munity for more than 50 years. The club raises thousands of dollars each year that it puts back into

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Long-time resident Lare celebrates 90th birthday

A family celebration was held recently for long-time Plymouth resident Jane Lare on her 90th birthday. Nieces Cindy Johnston Clark (Joel), Jill Vernal and Amiee Kaiser, along with her brother John Johnston, who turned 92 in March and is a World War II veteran, joined friends to wish her well. Her sister, Betty Richter, recently died at age 97. Ten years ago, these siblings all celebrated being in their 80s: Betty, 87, John, 82, Jane, 80.

Jane was born at home July 20, 1927, at 160 Union Street, being delivered by local physician Dr. Luther Peck. He lived on one side of Kellogg Park and they on the other. Jane was the youngest of five children Jack and Mabel Johnston would have: Robert Henry (Bob), who had an insurance agency on Main Street; Rose Mary, who would die shortly after birth; Betty Rose; John Strong (Bud); and Jane Mae. After delivering Jane, Dr. Peck informed Jack that Mabel would not be having anymore babies.

The family at 160 Union (still standing) kept chickens and horses. The large barn (still there) was filled with hay. Jack, with friend Herm Backus (who owned Clo-

verdale's), bought and sold horses. At one time there were 10 horses on the empty lot behind the house. Today, the Plymouth Historical Museum stands on that lot. Betty would ride her horse, Midge, up the street each Sunday to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth at 7 years old. Bob's horse, Peanuts, was the prize of the bunch.

From there, the family, chickens and horses all moved to a five-acre farmhouse on Mill Street. There was a creek that still runs through that area and Bud would trap muskrat and sell the pelts to Sear's Roebuck. Eventually, the boys would go off to war, the girls married and Jack and Mabel sold this property, which now houses the Plymouth-Canton school bus yard and all the school buses. All their children would remain in Plymouth and raise families here.

Jane and Bud are the last of this family and can attest to the wonderful years of growing up Plymouth and how their hometown has changed in almost a century.

So we celebrate the Johnston longevity, rich heritage and happy memories with Jane. Happy 90th!!



John "Bud" Strong and Jane Lare are the last remaining siblings from a long-time Plymouth family.

Firehouse Subs donates \$43K to area fire departments

Continuing its mission of supporting hometown heroes, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation donated \$43,275 worth of life-saving equipment grants to four first responder organizations during a press event Aug. 3 at the Firehouse Subs restaurant located at 48955 Grand River Avenue in Novi.

"Giving back to our first responders is the primary goal of the Foundation," Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Robin Peters said. "We're in a very fortunate position that allows us to work together with Firehouse Subs restaurants to raise funds that help provide life-saving equipment locally and throughout the country. Thanks to the generosity of so many people, we're truly making a difference."

Plymouth Township Fire Department received extrication equipment valued at \$19,950. The awarded equipment will improve the department's rescue capabilities for victims in motor vehicle accidents.

Northville Township Police Department received an automated external defibrillator valued at \$1,300. The awarded device will be placed into a police cruiser to help ensure the department is prepared to provide medical assistance if an individual goes into cardiac arrest.

Hamburg Township Fire Department received a fire extinguisher training package valued at \$17,975. The awarded system will allow firefighters to train members of the community on the safe and prop-



Attending the grant ceremony were (from left) franchisee Brad Wilson, area representative John Kupiec, Plymouth Fire Chief Dan Phillips, general manager Katie Mitchell, Officer Chris Rowley, Officer Tyler Schmittou and Northville Township Director of Public Safety Todd Mutchler.

er use of fire extinguishers through instruction and demonstrations.

Woodhaven Fire Department received new fire hose and fittings valued at \$4,050. The awarded hose will replace the existing, which has several damaged sections in need of repair, helping ensure the department is prepared to deliver safe and efficient services to the community. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends a front line hose life of 10 years. After that, the hose should be put on reserve status.

"The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation allows a local small business to give back to the community they are a part of," Northville Township Police Lt. Paul Tennes said. "There is no better example of the direct impact provided to the community than that of the life saved using our AED donated by the Foundation."

Event attendees include local first responders, as well as Peters, Firehouse Subs area representatives John Kupiec and Jennifer

Kupiec and Firehouse Subs franchisees Brad and Pamela Wilson.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was founded in 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, when Firehouse Subs co-founders, Chris Sorensen and Robin Sorensen, traveled to Mississippi where they provided food to first responders and survivors. As they traveled back to Florida, they knew they could do more and Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was born with the mission of providing funding, life-saving equipment and educational opportunities to first responders and public safety organiza-

tions. Since its inception, the non-profit organization has granted more than \$28 million to hometown heroes in 46 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including more than \$458,000 in Michigan.

Each restaurant recycles leftover, five-gallon buckets, available to guests for a \$2 donation to the Foundation. Donation canisters on register counters collect spare change, while the Round Up Program allows guests to "round up" their bill to the nearest dollar. Grant allocations are made possible thanks to the overwhelming support of Firehouse Subs restaurants and generous donors.

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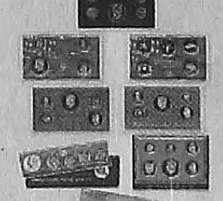
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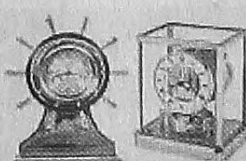
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Exhibit to help mark Plymouth's 150th birthday

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From the 18 chosen photographs made by the nine photographers participating in that event, more than 40 interpretative works of art were created for the exhibit by a dozen artists from throughout metro Detroit.

The exhibit, "Interpretations III: Small Town Living in Plymouth — A True Collaboration" is

scheduled for Sept. 9-28 at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. The third in a series of exhibits is co-curated by photographer Tim Tonachella, a native of Plymouth, and photographer Jim Aho of Farmington Hills. The first two exhibits in the series, "Interpretations I: Old Truck No. 6" and "Interpretations II: Growing Old on the

Street" have been shown at the Atomic Café in Hamtramck, the Downriver Council for the Arts in Wyandotte, the Plymouth Community Arts Council and, most recently, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. A short documentary film produced for the Growing Old on the Street exhibit was recently submitted for consid-

eration to the annual Ann Arbor Film Festival.

There is an opening reception 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the PCAC building. Admission is free and open to the public.

Photographers included in the exhibit are: Jim Aho, Andrew Black, Steve Boni, Joe Kenny, Glenn Kujansuu, Robert Plonka, James Ritchie,

Tim Tonachella and Georgette Willoughby.

Interpreting artists included in the exhibit are: Linda Allen, Emilie Beadle, Jack Cameron, Mary Jo Reedy Caruana, Jane Cassisi, Dana Chicko, Jelly Estrada, Robby Gall, Liz Gullikson, Joe Hosler, Rose Lewandowski, Anne Ritchie, Sharlene Welton and Carrie Wheeler.

Keep focus away from taxes in all investments

We all saw the story the other day of the woman from Massachusetts who won more than \$700 million in the lottery. I have no doubt that the majority of us fantasized about what it would have been like if we were the winner. That being said, there is a lesson to be learned that could help you be a better investor.

As most of you know, lottery winners are subject to income tax, both federal and state. In addition, we know that lottery winners who take their money in one lump sum — as opposed to spreading it out over 30 years — receive a reduced amount. Therefore, the recent lottery winner will net somewhere in the \$300 million range after taxes. I would venture to say that the great majority of us would be focusing on the \$300 million, not the \$150 million or so that the tax man gets. After all, what ends up in our pocket truly is the most important number. Unfortunately, all too often, investors don't focus on



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

that number, but what they pay in taxes. As far as I'm concerned, that is a mistake.

I cannot tell you how many times I have met with investors and they tell me one of their main goals is to reduce their taxes. Whenever I hear that, I always use the example of a lottery winner.

This same lesson should apply to investors for every investment we make. The main focus should not be on what is paid in taxes, but what ends up in our pocket.

I don't mean to suggest that taxes aren't important, because they are. However, as investors, they are not the main focus. I see it all the time. Investors will sit down with a financial sales person and be fooled into getting into an investment because it supposedly lowers their taxes. That makes no

sense whatsoever. Why do we want to invest in something that lowers our taxes as opposed to investing in something that will make us more money? The focus should always be on what ends up in our pocket.

If you want to fool an American about an investment, talk taxes. As far as I'm concerned, if you're meeting with a financial person and the first thing they talk about is taxes, you know their focus is on the wrong area. Taxes are never the issue.

There is no doubt that we all want to win the lottery and we would have no problem paying the \$150 million in taxes. We need to follow that same logic when it comes to our investments. Don't focus on what you are paying in taxes, focus on what ends up in your pocket. If you do that, you will be a much more successful investor.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Strong cooking smells: Get used to it

Q: My new downstairs neighbors in the condo unit below me are cooking strong-smelling foods every single night and my unit is constantly "perfumed" as a result. The constant odor is driving me crazy and attempts at talking with my neighbors have been fruitless. Can I demand the condominium association do something about it?

A: This is likely not an issue that should involve the association as a whole, as I assume you are the only co-owner experiencing the odors. However, sometimes odors will infiltrate a ventilation system and involve multiple units, which may make it more likely that the association's board of directors may decide to take some action.

That said, it couldn't hurt to contact your board and ask them to help. Maybe there is some common element that could be repaired or modified to address the issue. They may also offer mediation of the dispute in front of a board member or other mediator, during which process you might be able to convince your



Robert Meisner
GUEST COLUMNIST

neighbor to take measures to minimize the odors. Even if in the end they decide this is purely a neighbor-to-neighbor issue that should not involve the association, the board should seriously examine the matter and provide a response. In any case, however, do not expect the board to pursue a nuisance lawsuit on your behalf.

I would hazard a guess that "driving me crazy" does not mean you are literally experiencing mental health problems in connection with this issue. On the other hand, if the smell really is so pervasive as to keep you from using your unit and you have to leave whenever the neighbors are cooking, you may wish to contact an attorney to discuss your options. But before filing a lawsuit, be honest with yourself about whether an average person of normal sensitivities would also have to leave. If not, you will be facing an uphill battle. You may have to find a qualified expert to

opine on the severity of the odor.

I should note that tobacco or marijuana smoke is, of course, another subject altogether, since the health effects of secondhand smoke are well-documented. Some plaintiffs have prevailed given the specific facts of their cases, but others have had difficulty proving that they have been harmed or that the smoke constitutes a nuisance.

Although it may be cold comfort, studies have shown that where a constant smell is present, you should become used to it and it should eventually become less intense for you. If you still can't stand it, maybe it's time to look for a new unit on the ground floor or call an attorney.

Robert M. Meisner, Esq. is the principal attorney of The Meisner Law Group, based in Bingham Farms, which provides legal representation for condominiums, homeowner associations, individual co-owners and developers. His book, "Condo Living 2: The Authoritative Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium," is available at www.momentumbooks.com. He can be reached at 248.644.4433 or bmeisner@meisner-law.com.

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Jousting, food, fun: 3 things to do Labor Day weekend

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Staying at home this Labor Day weekend? Here are just a few of the events taking place in the region you can check out over the long weekend:

State Fair launches its fifth year in Novi

It's been five years since the Michigan State Fair rebooted, going from the traditional fairgrounds in Detroit to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The event, which features livestock exhibits, rides for all ages and a parade, will run from Thursday to Monday at the convention center at 46100 Grand River. The Shrine Circus will hold performances throughout the weekend at noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., with the final show taking place at 5 p.m. Monday.

New this year is the Friday Night Flights beer-tasting event, which will begin at 5 p.m. and will include tastings from breweries such as Roak Brewing Co., Short's Brewing Co., Oddside Ales and Jolly Pumpkin Artisan Ales. Tickets for the event cost \$50 and can be purchased on the event's website at michiganstatefairllc.com. The beer garden will remain open throughout the weekend.

The Monday Michigan Mega Jam will showcase more than 10 local artists Monday on the St. John Providence Stage. Those performing include: Stewart Francke, Liz Larin, Melvin Davis, The Whiskey Charmers, Pierre Anthony, Twyla Birdsong, Mike Leslie, Alison Albrecht, as well as Redi Choi backed by the amazing Mighty Funhouse band featuring Skeeto Valdez, Paul Randolph, Phil Hale and Kris Kurzawa, among others.

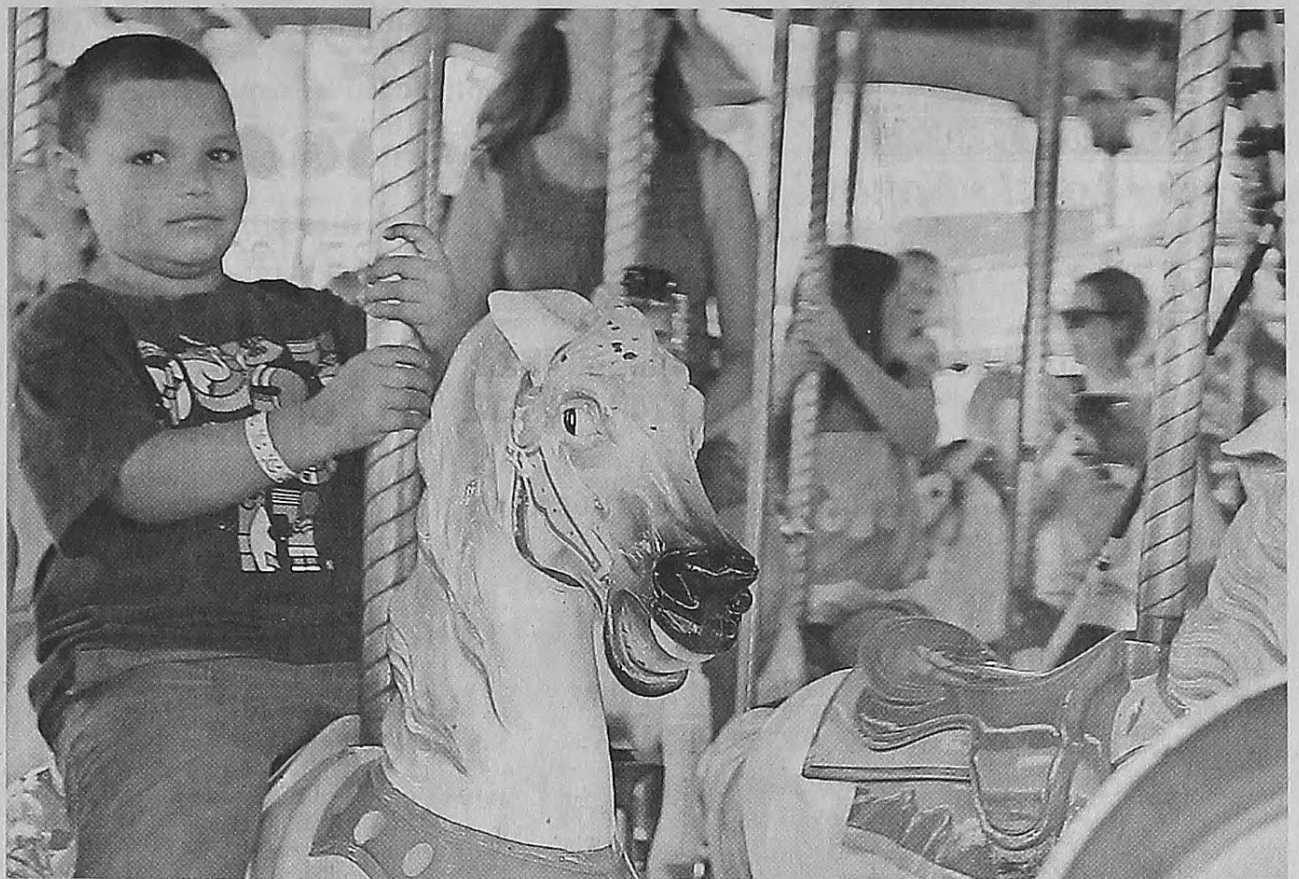
The Michigan State Fair runs from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday. Tickets for the fair and the carnival are available for varying price points on the fair's website. Ultimate wristbands, which includes access to rides, the fair and circus performances, cost \$30. Fair-only admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. On-site parking is \$10, with grass surface parking costing \$5.

Arts, Beats and Eats returns

Arguably one of the biggest events in Oakland County over Labor Day weekend is the annual Arts, Beats and Eats festival, which runs from Friday to Monday in downtown Royal Oak.

The festival, now in its 20th year, will feature artists and groups such as 311, the B-52s, George Clinton and the P-Funk All-Stars and The Wallflowers, among others. More than 40 restaurants will offer food at the event, including Bonefish Grill, Lockhart's BBQ, Union Jacks and Andiamo.

And finally, the Ford Arts, Beats and Eats Juried Fine Art Show will take place on the southern portion of the festival grounds all weekend, featuring the work of artists from across the country.



R.J. Nehr, 9, of Roseville rides a merry-go-round during the Michigan State Fair.

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Admission to the event is free before 5 p.m. Friday and \$7 after 5 p.m. Friday. The rest of the weekend will see admission at \$3 before 3 p.m., \$5 after 3 p.m. and \$7 after 5 p.m. Parking is available at some downtown Royal Oak parking structures and a shuttle service will run Saturday through Monday from Royal Oak High School, 15000 Lexington Blvd. Parking at the high school is free, though taking the shuttle will cost festival-goers \$10.

More information on the festival can be found at artsbeatseats.com.

Renaissance Festival continues

Those looking to take a step back to the Middle Ages can do so this weekend at the Michigan Renaissance Festival, which takes place at 12600 Dixie Highway in Holly.

The festival, which opened Aug. 19 and runs each weekend through Oct. 1, will be open all weekend, as well as Monday. Patrons can take in the sights and sounds of the 16th century, including jousting, comedy

shows, music and replications of shops, taverns and a castle.

This weekend's theme is High Seas Adventure and will feature several activities, including a beard competition at 3 p.m. on the Wlydewood Stage. Those interested in competing just need to show up at the stage to be judged and considered for longest beard, grizzliest beard, most unique beard and best trimmed beard.

Similarly, a tattoo competition takes place at 1:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. on the Igor's Roost stage. Come and get your tattoo's judged for best color, best black and gray as well as the best overall.

Tickets for the festival can be purchased at michrenfest.com/tickets. Adults are \$22.95, seniors are \$20.95, students with an ID are \$20.95, children ages 5-12 are \$13.95 and children under 5 are free. More information on activities can be found at michrenfest.com.

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Barone office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone will conduct office hours 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at Barone Law Offices, 607 S. Main St., in Plymouth to meet with constituents who can discuss matters of concern within the community.

Barone, R-Plymouth Township, represents District 10, which covers Canton Township, Plymouth Township and the city of Plymouth.

For more information, contact David Herbeck at 313-224-0882.

Holiday delays GFL collection

Due to the Labor Day holiday, GFL will not collect refuse, recycling or yard waste Monday, Sept. 4, and all collections next week will be delayed by one day. GFL will resume its regular collection schedule Monday, Sept. 11. For more information, go to www.canton-mi.org or call GFL at 844-464-3587.

Free movie at Finnish Center

The award-winning Finnish film "Man Without a Past" will be shown at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, the Finnish Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. The movie is a comedy-drama, rated PG 13, for which director Ari Kaurismaki was awarded the Grand Prix in Cannes and received the highest accolades from film critics. For more information, call 248-478-6949.

Shred Day in Plymouth

The city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will offer a Shred Day for all residents of both communities from 9 a.m. to noon (or until trucks are filled) Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Plymouth Township Hall parking lot, 9955 N. Haggerty Road.

This marks the second Shred Day event to be hosted jointly by the township and the city this year, something leaders of both communities cite as part of their new cooperative relationship.

Paper to be shredded shall be limited to five banker boxes on each trip. Residents can, however, make multiple trips throughout the morning. Documents can be in paper bags or boxes when brought to shredding. Documents in plastic bags must be removed.

Residents participating must also provide proof of city or township residency, which can be done with a driver's license, voter ID card, water bill or property tax bill.

Michigan Mobile Hard Drive Shredding will also be on site to securely dispose of old and unused hard drives.

For more information, email the city at shred@ci.plymouth.mi.us or the township's Sarah Visel at svisel@plymouthtp.org.

Plymouth art exhibit

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2017 Citizens Academy

The 2017 Wayne County Prosecutor's Citizens Academy is a free seven-week program that seeks to educate and inspire citizens by providing insight into the criminal justice system in Wayne County. The program will explore some of the emerging threats to individuals, families and the community at large and provide a look at what is being done to address them. The academy will include discussions on crime investigation, specialized units designed to protect the most vulnerable members of our county, and the opportunity to weigh in with experts in the criminal justice system. Topics include sexual assault, child abuse, illegal drugs, forensics and homicide.

The academy will be held set for 6:30-9 p.m. each Tuesday at Henry Ford College in Dearborn. The course runs from Sept. 12 through Oct. 24. The number of participants is capped at 120 and Wayne County residents are preferred. The goal for the Citizen Academy is that graduates will help to create a safer and stronger community-based response to crime.

To apply online, go to <http://www.waynecounty.com/prosecutor/citizens-academy.htm>.

Music at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluesociety.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes.

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Theater auditions

Fall 2017 theater season auditions will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theater is a cooperative program hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council featuring directors from Tipping Point Theatre in Northville. The fall program is for ages 6-15 (grades 2-9).

Families may register online or in person or by phone during PCAC business hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Actors will meet in small groups for 20-25 minutes with the director, Sonja Marquis.

Call the office at 734-416-4278 to pre-register and make your appointment for 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. or 7 p.m.

For more information, go to www.plymoutharts.com or email lisa@plymouth-arts.com.

PUPS is an experimental theater program that is actor-centered. All actors will have a role in final production to be held at Northville's Tipping Point Theatre.

Cost is \$215, with current PCAC student membership (\$30), good for a year. Tuition includes two tickets per actor for the final performance.

Bonnell



Mark 61, of Port Charlotte, Florida passed away on Friday, August 25, 2017 at Tidewell Hospice in Port Charlotte after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mark was born January 18, 1956 in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Stevenson High School, Livonia, Michigan in 1974. Mark lived his life with a strong will and a commitment to his family and friends.

He worked for Massey Ferguson, Hart Precision, Skyway Precision and was self-employed for many years. Mark loved to travel. He fell in love with Costa Rica and spent many winter months living large in Jaco, Costa Rica where some affectionately called him "The Mayor of Jaco". Mark will always be remembered riding his motorcycles, teasing, laughing and caring for others. He has been described recently as one-of-a-kind. He will be sorely missed.

Mark is survived by his parents: Carol and Harvey Bonnell of Port Charlotte, Florida; sister, Linda Hinkle (Don) of Fort Pierce, Florida; brothers, Gary Bonnell of Canton, Michigan; Cliff Bonnell of Waterford, Michigan; Bill Bonnell (Debbi) of Whitmore Lake, Michigan; and Tim Bonnell of Plymouth, Michigan. Mark is survived by nieces and nephews, Keith Bonnell, Kyle Bonnell, Peter Bonnell (Christine), Tracy Bonnell Enright (Tim), Jacqueline Bonnell, Heather Hinkle Hardwick (Billy), Chad Hinkle, and Trent Hinkle. He was great Uncle Mark to Braylon and Landin Bonnell, Courtney and Ella Enright, Tenley and Brooklyn Bonnell, and James and Andrew Hardwick.

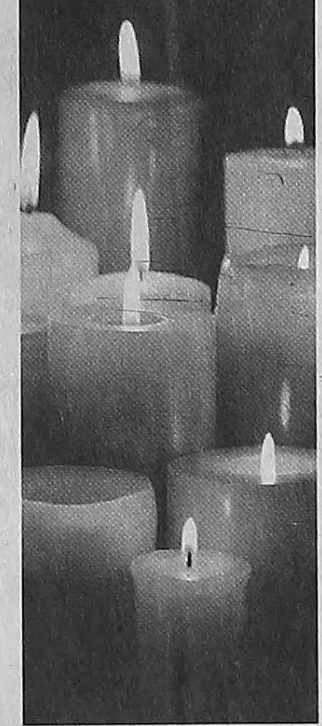
A Celebration of Mark's Life will be held on Thursday August 31, 2017 from 5:00 Pm until service time at 6:30 PM at Englewood Community Funeral Home with Private Crematory, 3070 S. McCall Road, Englewood, Florida 34224.

In Michigan on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Genitti's Restaurant, 108 E. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. In lieu of flowers, those wanting to remember Mark are asked to make donations in his name to Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34238. You may share a memory with the family at www.Englewoodfh.com

Mandel

Josephine Eliza "Josie" (Williams) passed away peacefully August 16, 2017 after a battle with cancer. She was 83. Born February 7, 1934 in Detroit, MI to her parents Joseph and Elizabeth Williams. Josie was a life time resident of Plymouth, MI. She is preceded in death by her husband Joseph. Josephine will be loved and missed by her surviving children; Elizabeth Skinner-Jent, Kimberly Kelp, Deborah Mandel and Joseph Mandel; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Josephine will be buried in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. At her request, a private family memorial will be held at a later date.

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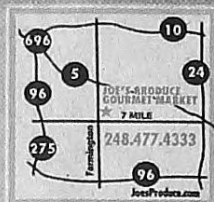
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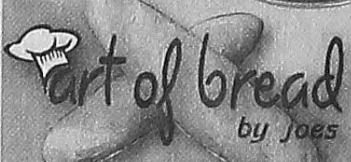
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PREP FOOTBALL

Moody's 57-yard FG spurs Northville win

Mustangs' ground game chews up Dearborn in opener

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There's a reason why it's called *foot-ball*.

Northville senior Jake Moody, one of the nation's top kickers, continued to validate his talents Friday night as he opened the scoring with a school-record 57-yard field goal while propelling the Mustangs' to a convincing 44-14 win over Dearborn at Tom Holzer Field.

Moody eclipsed his own school-record of 52 yards, but proved he was human as he missed a "chip shot" 47-yarder late in the game.

"It was a good night, but got to be perfect next time," said Moody, who is now tied for third all-time for the longest field goal in state history.

Moody, however, also im-

pressed with a high hang-time 44-yard punt down to the Dearborn 1, to go along with several kickoffs that sailed through the end zone.

Which was better?

"I'd say the 57-yarder, because it was a school record, so that was a big kick," Moody said. "Right before that kick, I had the coaches asking me what they thought I was good from inside of ... so I said inside of 40 yards (spotting it). It

was 39-and-a-half yards, so we decided to go for it."

And it was a no-doubter.

"I knew right away it went

in, I just didn't know it was 57 yards," Northville quarterback

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Northville's Jake Moody boots a school-record 57-yard field goal with Jon Michalak holding.

#HTLSPORTS GAME OF THE WEEK 2

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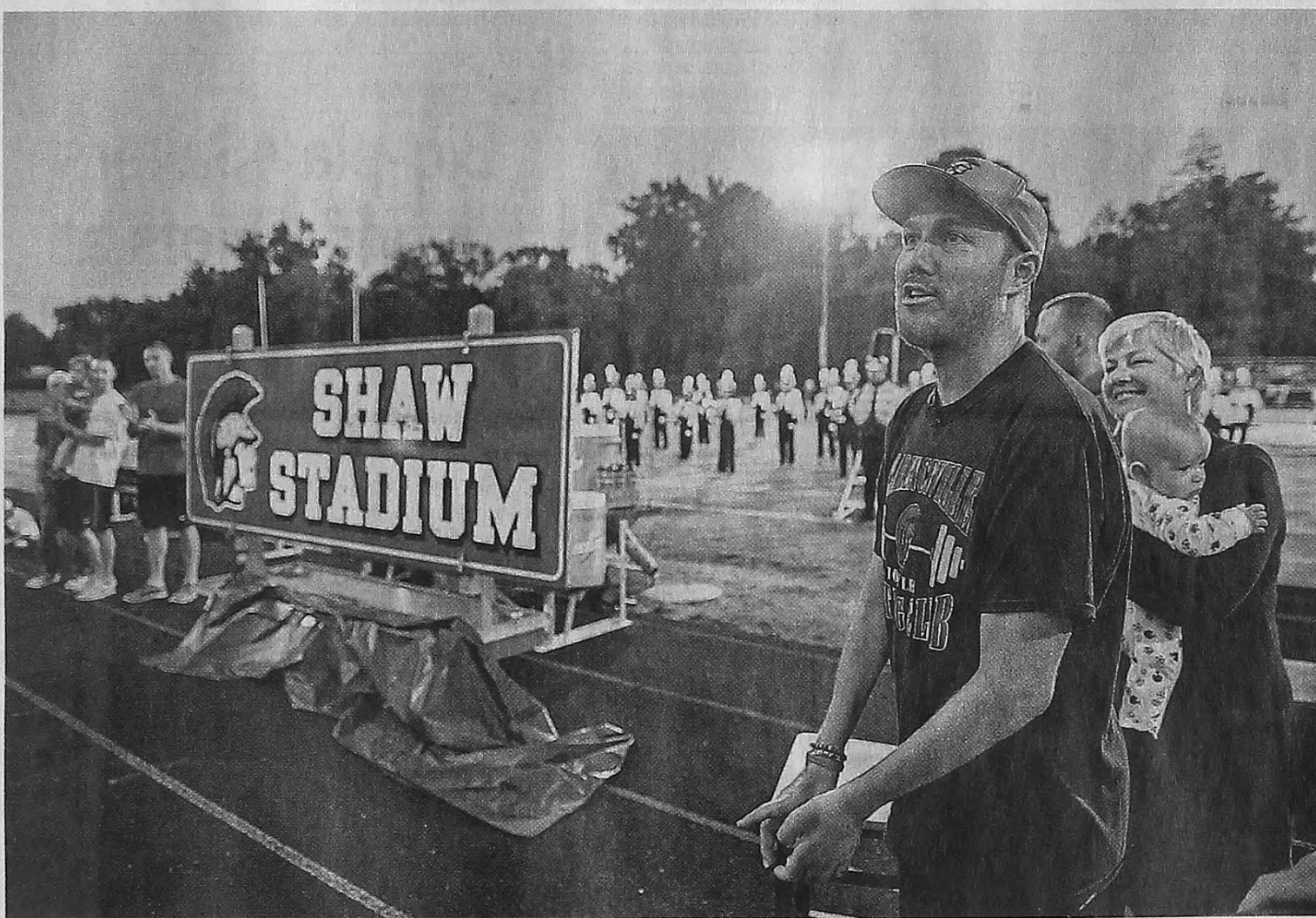
Friday, Sept. 1, 7 p.m.: Mishawaka (Ind.) Penn at Brother Rice. Follow Marty Budner @BhmEccentric

Predictions

Smith: Canton, Churchill, Stevenson, Penn
Emons: Canton, Northville, Stevenson, Rice
Budner: Canton, Northville, Stevenson, Rice

CLARENCEVILLE HONORS TIM SHAW

'I LOVE THIS PLACE'



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Tim Shaw reacts to the unveiling of the new sign Saturday night at Clarenceville.

Ceremony unveiling Shaw Stadium packs an emotional wallop

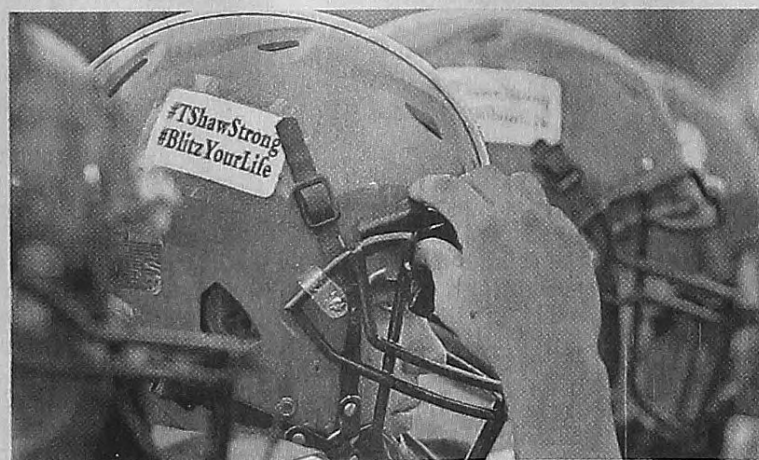
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It's Tim Shaw's house now and Clarenceville loves it.

Amid standing ovations and chants of "Shaw, Shaw, Shaw!" the love fest between Clarenceville's favorite son and the small community he took by storm as a football player grew to epic proportions Saturday night.

An emotion-packed halftime ceremony began with athletic director Kevin Murphy calling it "a great day to be a Clarenceville Trojan" and ended with the Shaw Stadium sign officially unveiled. The stadium now is David B. McDowell Field at Shaw Stadium.

In between, the man of the hour — visibly slowed by ALS



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Clarenceville players' helmets offer inspiration: #TShawStrong, #BlitzYourLife

— had to be helped to the podium by his dad John. But once

there, although struggling to enunciate his words, he still

delivered a powerful, undeniable love letter to the community.

"It's never been about me. I can't believe this is happening," Shaw said. "Probably the biggest honor I've ever received. I love this place. I've given my heart here, my sweat, my tears.

"This is about Clarenceville, it's about keeping this community as a place that really matters, where kids can come and get a great education, be involved in great after-school programs and become impactful citizens of this community."

It's connected

Shaw said what his time at Clarenceville taught him was the connectivity be-

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Milford's Heiligenthal ready to take next step

Lakeland returns seven, including two all-staters

Brad Emons
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Victoria Heiligenthal is no longer considered the co-star or the understudy.

The Milford junior is the one ready to carry the torch now for the defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion girls cross country team.

Heiligenthal takes center stage for the Mavericks, who lost three-sport all-stater Malory Barrett (Michigan) to graduation after she placed ninth in last year's state finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Coming off a 14th-place finish of her own with a 5,000-meter time of 18:26.6, Heiligenthal is trying to adjust to life without Barrett.

"For me personally, it's really hard because I ran with her all the time in races and in practice," said Heiligenthal, who was the KLAA Lakes Conference champion from a year

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Milford junior Victoria Heiligenthal assumes the lead role now for the defending state champions.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Stevenson rallies to edge Franklin, 14-13

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Friday night's football opener between Livonia Franklin and Livonia Stevenson was a tale of two halves.

When it was over, the Spartans came back from a 13-0 halftime deficit and earned a 14-13 victory.

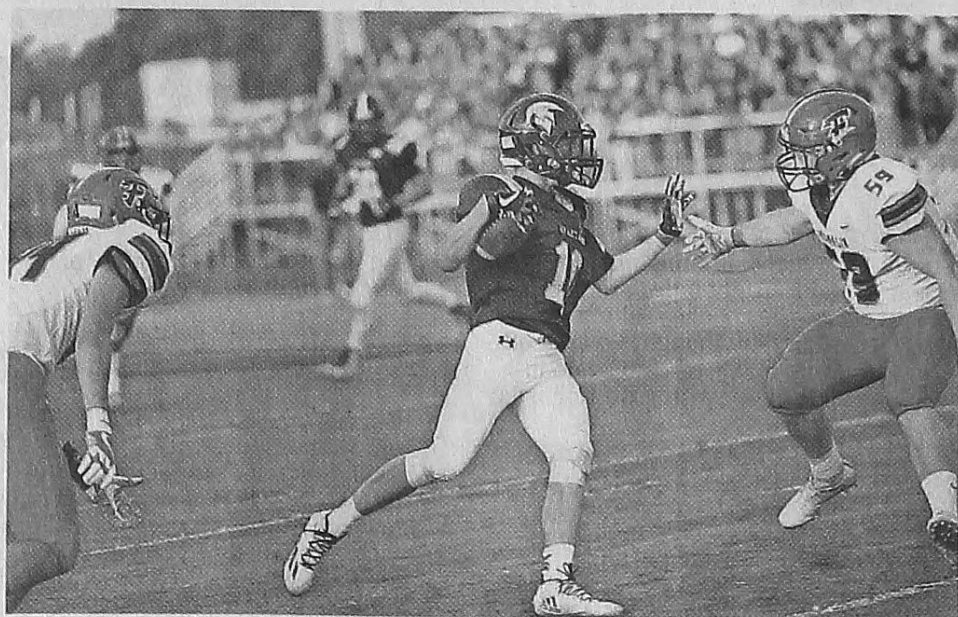
The Spartans rallied behind the lethal combination of quarterback Parker Graham to wide receiver George Ferguson (three receptions, 145 yards and two TDs).

On the winning touchdown, from the Franklin 22, Graham found Ferguson in the back-right corner of the end zone. The PAT by Griffin Matick provided the winning margin.

"Coach said, 'Fergie, post corner,'" Ferguson said. "I ran a good route and Parker threw a perfect pass. I just had to do the rest. It felt great."

Stevenson might not have had the chance if not for a costly facemask penalty against Franklin, after it appeared the Patriots recovered a fumble.

"There was a facemask call and then we had another penalty that gave them a first down which, ultimately, led to their game-winning



Livonia Franklin defenders close in on Livonia Stevenson's George Ferguson (middle) during Friday's crosstown rivalry contest. Ferguson scored both of the Spartans' TDs in a 14-13 win.

touchdown," Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert said. "It was uncharacteristic of some of the guys ... you give (Stevenson) extra opportunities and they cashed in."

A blocked field goal by the Spartans' Devin Poster early in the fourth quarter also helped turn the momentum back in their favor. Also keeping the Patriots down and out was an interception in the fourth quarter by Scott Rushlow.

A last-minute bid by Franklin to answer was

foiled by a Devin Dunn interception.

"We talked about it all week long. There's five or six big plays in a game that really determine the outcome," Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said. "The fumbles, some of the penalties, touchdowns called back. Those all add into that equation. The football gods were shining on us tonight."

Here are several takeaways from the contest:

TAKING ADVANTAGE

In the third quarter, Franklin was stopped short on fourth down and the Spartans scored on the next play.

Graham threw a strike to Ferguson, who caught the ball around midfield and took it home for an 80-yard score. That gave Franklin a 13-7 lead.

The Spartans then took their first and only lead before the end of the game on a drive aided by penalties against Franklin, including one that cost the Patriots a fumble

recovery.

WELCOME BACK

After missing the 2016 regular season due to injury, Franklin senior Brad Gibson made quite an impact against the Spartans.

Gibson picked off a Graham pass late in the first half, setting up a 51-yard scoring drive in eight plays. He also chipped in a point-after touchdown kick.

"It was a hard-fought game. We should have pulled through," Gibson said. "We had a couple mistakes as a team."

WORKHORSE MOORE

The Patriots' offense in the first half was largely Isaac Moore, as the senior running back carried the ball 15 times for 85 yards and a 1-yard scoring plunge, which made it 13-0. In the second half, however, Stevenson's defense stiffened and pitched a shut-out.

"He's a tough kid, a very good competitor who wants to win," Kelbert said. "They all put a lot of time and effort into this and it just didn't come in our favor today."

"We put ourselves in bad situations. We were in a lot of second-and-longs, third-and-longs. We fumbled the snap a couple times, had a cou-

ple penalties. Those things, when you're behind the chains, you got to throw the football. We want to run the ball and be able to throw off our run. It just didn't go that way."

Franklin's opening score was on a zig-zagging 47-yard run by junior Julius Simmons.

OH, THOSE PENALTIES

Stevenson missed out on a couple of chances to get on the scoreboard in the first half due to penalties.

With the game still scoreless early in the second quarter, Ferguson's apparent 55-yard punt return was snuffed out by an illegal block penalty.

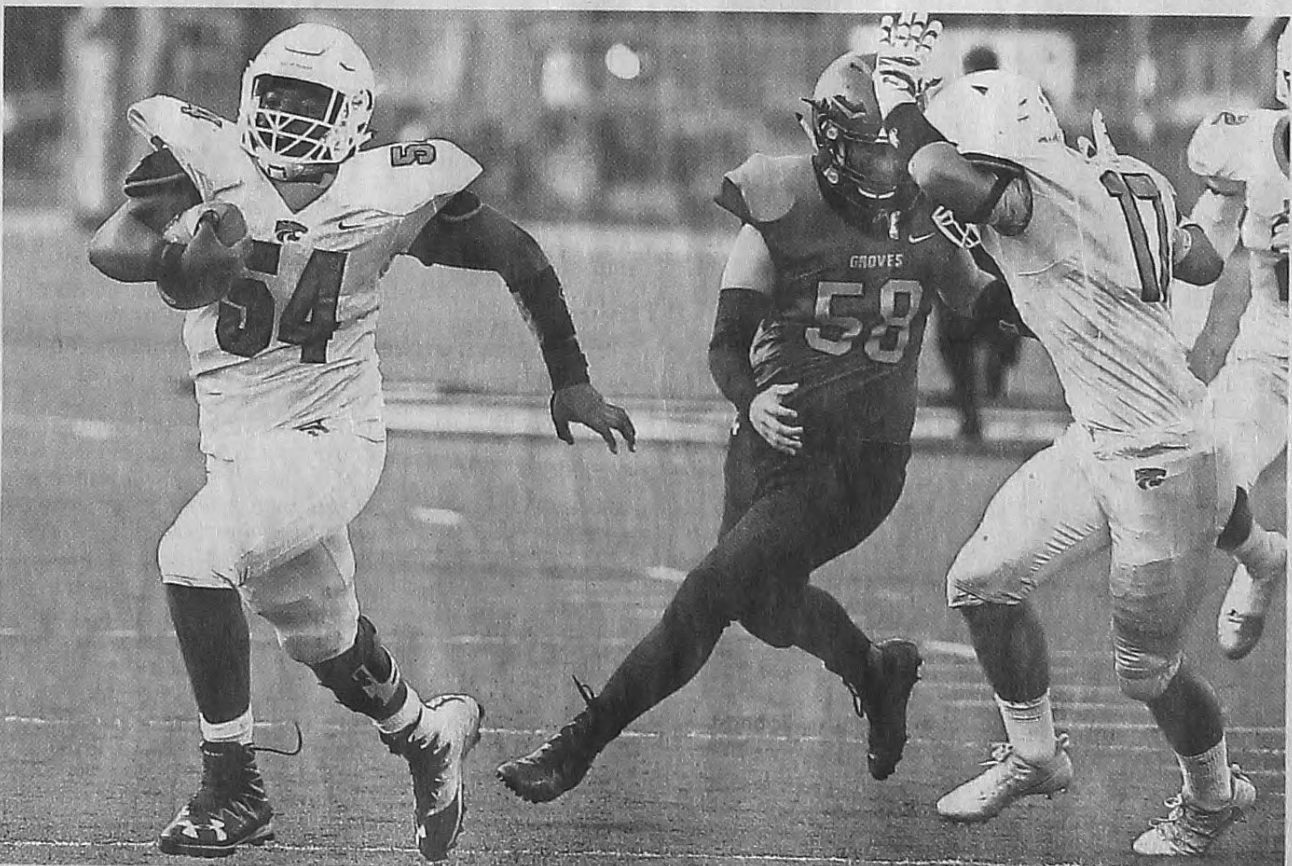
Ferguson lost another TD in the closing seconds of the half. He reeled in a desperation toss by Graham — but officials nullified that score due to a holding infraction.

GETTING THEIR KICKS

Robert Cavin, besides being a two-way lineman for Stevenson, proved to be a big threat with his foot. He drove two punts that pinned the Patriots inside their own 5-yard line.

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PREP FOOTBALL



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Novi's Deshaun Clayton picked up this fumble and ran 23 yards to the Groves 2-yard line to set up a score.

Game of the Week: Groves' big plays sink Novi, 42-21

Brad Emons
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Last year's Division 2 state semifinalist Birmingham Groves proved once again it could be a football team to be reckoned with in 2017.

The Falcons used their big-play capability and took advantage of a key second-quarter turnover

Aug. 24 to take down Novi, 42-21, in the 2017 football season opener for both teams.

Here are five quick takeaways:

FORD HAS A BETTER IDEA

Chaise Ford, a 5-foot-11, 195-pound senior running back scored on touchdown runs of 16, 42

and 56 yards, finishing with a net of 121 yards on the night on just 10 carries.

"I just saw grass," Ford said. "Those O-linemen, those big guys ... I just got behind them. That brick wall, they just paved the way for me. Those weren't even my touchdowns. Those three touchdowns were the

whole O-line. I didn't have to make them miss. It was just straight up the field. I'm blessed to have an O-line play that well."

SHORT-TERM MEMORY

Novi scored the game's first TD on Sean Gilliam's 57-yard TD

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PREP FOOTBALL

Big-play Sailors upend Chiefs at Big House, 41-23

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The Canton Chiefs have played plenty of big games in recent seasons, but not at the University of Michigan's stadium, a.k.a. the Big House, which they did Saturday afternoon against Muskegon Mona Shores in their season opener.

Canton had flashes of excellence throughout the Battle at the Big House, but fell short, 41-23.

Sparking Mona Shores to victory were Damari Roberson (92-yard kickoff return TD), D'Anthony Davis (13 carries, 104 yards, two TDs) and quarterback Tristan Robbins (219 combined yards).

Playing a strong two-way game for the Chiefs was senior Nick Polydoros, who scored two rushing touchdowns and was a defensive force all day.

Junior running back Steven Walker was another bright spot for Canton, with 20 carries for 158 yards. Senior quarterback Connor Engel connected on 5-of-13 passes for 92 yards.

Canton coach Tim Baechler said the Sailors were a formidable opponent, mixing up formations and showing they will be a team to be reckoned with this season.

"They run a tricky mid-line option and an outside veer option," Baechler said. "Scrimmages were all we had to go on. But we saw four or five different formations and it really took a lot to adjust. A couple of our kids just weren't doing what we wanted to do. Plus, when we did, they were just good."

"They were big, strong, fast, they broke tackles. We got too



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Despite a strong defensive effort from Canton's Steven Walker (right), Muskegon Mona Shores wide receiver Damari Roberson makes a spectacular catch.

many kids going both ways and it kind of caught up to us at the end."

Following are five takeaways from the game:

UNANSWERED

After the Chiefs went up 7-0 on a Colin Troup touchdown run, the Sailors roared back with three unanswered scores to go up 21-7 with about three minutes to go in the half.

BACK AND FORTH

The teams then traded touchdowns in the next two minutes, with Canton's 12-yard TD run by Polydoros, immediately answered by Roberson, who raced down the field for a 92-yard kickoff return TD.

Canton then added a 30-yard field goal by Chase Meredith with two seconds remaining to get to within 28-17 at half-time.

BIG OPENERS

Last year, the Chiefs opened the season at the Prep Kickoff Classic at Wayne State University. This year's appearance at the Big House was the

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PREP FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Week 1 scores and highlights

Coaches/statisticians can send game information to LIV-sports@hometownlife.com by 7 p.m. Saturday to be included in the following Thursday print editions. Note: Due to Labor Day holiday, Week 2 information needs to be received by midnight Thursday, Aug. 24.

Saturday, Aug. 26

Macomb Lutheran North 42, Livonia Clarenceville 13

Clarenceville QB Terrence Ealy connected with receiver Kyle Nolan twice for touchdowns, but it was not nearly enough against a tough Macomb opponent.

Muskegon Mona Shores 41, Canton 23 Greenville 47, North

Farmington 7

North Farmington held an early 7-0 lead but it was host Greenville which controlled the rest of the game. Dylan Gordon put the Raiders up with a sizzling 95-yard touchdown run. The defensive caused two turnovers, including an interception by junior Matt Coroiran Coleman. The

special teams also had a blocked punt. "We were up 7-0 then the wheels came off," reported first-year head coach Bob Chiesia. "Our offense had a few turnovers, including two interceptions ran back for touchdowns. Our offense struggled, but showed glimpses.

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SHAW

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tween "family, team and community. Those are the three things that I've learned the most about while running up and down this football field. "Family is where it all starts ... team is where it goes. Without my teammates, I never score. Without my team, we never make it to the state championship. And community, I learned that when a community is behind their team, it's an immovable force."

Although the 2017 team lost its season opener, 42-13, to Macomb Lutheran North (both of Clarenceville's touchdowns were scored via the passing game, with quarterback Terrence Ealy connecting with receiver Kyle Nolan), Shaw made sure to remind the community to stay behind current and future teams.

"Those players on today's field, they represent everything that I represent when I played," Shaw said. "And the ones next year and the ones the year after that will do the same. People change, but this community will remain."

"I can't say thank you enough. There's too many people I have to thank. So I will just thank you all. From the bottom of my heart, I love you."

Just kidding

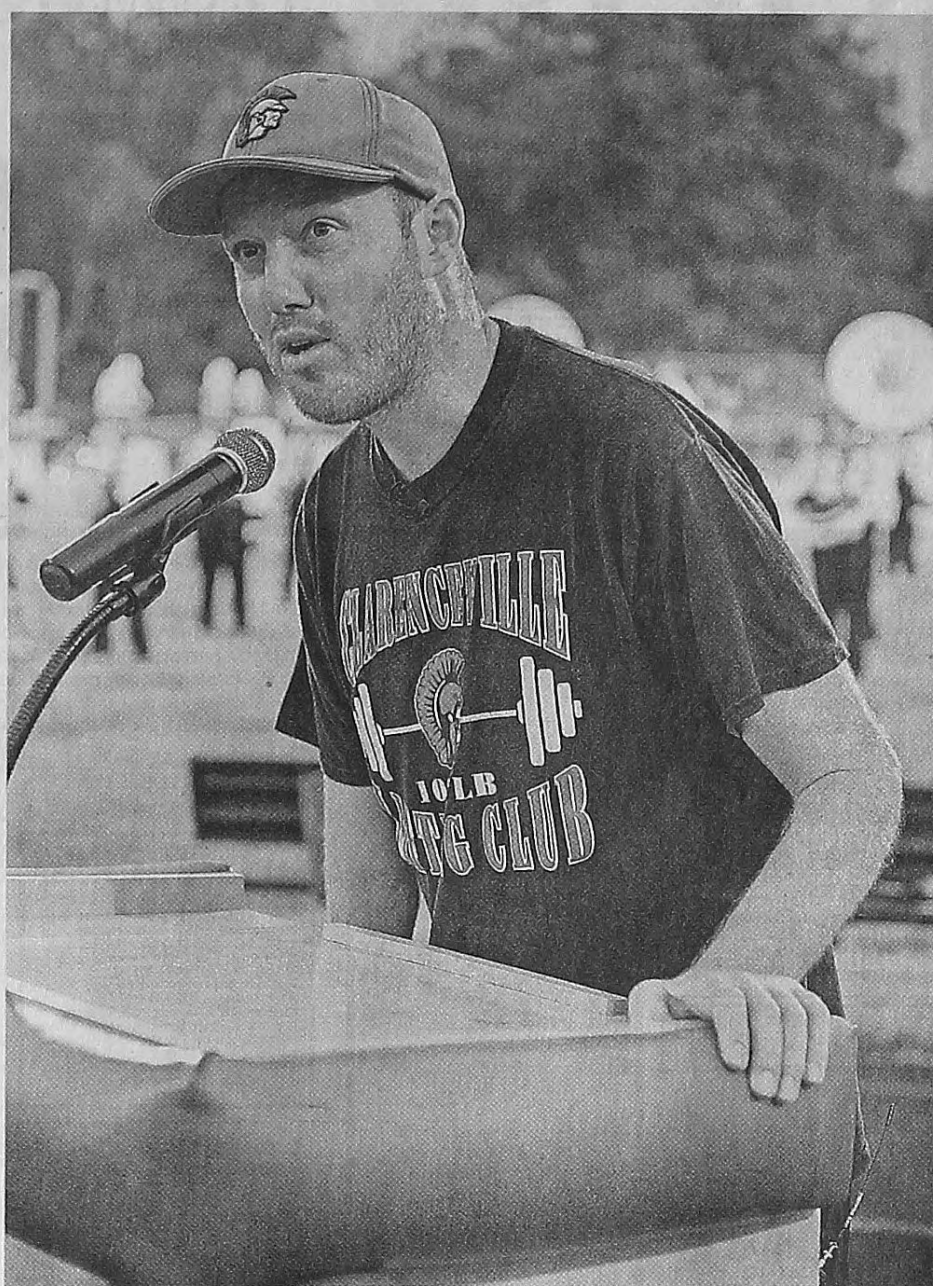
Shaw showed a quick wit, too.

"I would trade every single touchdown if I could have that state championship," he said, referencing Clarenceville's march to the 2001 state finals. "But for now, I'll keep the touchdowns."

During the 2001 season, wearing his now-retired jersey No. 8, Shaw rushed for some 2,600 yards and scored 51 times to earn the nickname "Touchdown Tim." From there it was on to Penn State and the National Football League.

But he never forgot about his hometown, where buses would drive through welcoming banners after road games during that memorable playoff stretch, recalled Shaw's former coach, Greg Hudkins.

"You know, it's funny," Hudkins said following the ceremony. "I've only been back here once since 2003, when I left. And as much as things change, when he talks about the community and how strong they were, it's still the same. You can feel it."



Tim Shaw speaks to Trojan Nation during the emotional halftime ceremony.

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"I can remember us coming back from play-off games in our bus and the whole community meet us back here. The bus breaks through a banner as we come home. The support is just phenomenal."

Murphy said the tributes would continue for the rest of this season, with the 8-yard line painted red (Clarenceville's colors) to honor Shaw's uniform number and legacy. The Shaw Stadium sign itself will be placed on the back of the press box over the next week.

Tim Shaw Day

And Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright presented a proclamation announcing Aug. 26, 2017, as Tim Shaw Day in the Clarenceville district.

Superintendent Paul Shepich also made some remarks about honoring "a wonderful human being. I got to know him when he came back and used the weight room."

"We did some traveling to some football games together. What struck me then and strikes me even more so today, it is how gracious and giving and caring he

is. He has never forgotten where he came from and that means a lot."

Sharon Shaw, Tim's mother, said the display of emotion for her son and the renaming itself were "absolutely amazing. Our boys were very involved here."

"We were involved here as parents and we had an opportunity to be involved with a lot of these people. And it's great that they're supporting us now in what we're dealing with."

She agreed that Tim's speech was something to behold.

"He keeps very positive; he uses his words wisely," Sharon said. "He says what he means and he doesn't say anything if he doesn't have anything to say."

Saturday night, Tim Shaw had plenty to say and Trojan Nation couldn't get enough of it.

"It's awesome. It's such a good tribute, he's such a good guy," district employee Rob Monaghan said about the ceremony. "Oh my gosh. Tim is still so well-spoken."

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Our youth showed, but I'm proud of the team as the did not quit."

Friday, Aug. 25

Livonia Stevenson 14, Livonia Franklin 13, Northville 44, Dearborn 14, Birmingham Brother Rice 26, Detroit U-D Jesuit 7, Detroit Country Day 20, Grand Rapids Catholic Central 7, Livonia Churchill 53, Monroe 13, Dearborn Fordson 28, Plymouth 14

Fordson controlled the offensive game with 337 total yards, split evenly between rushing (169) and passing (168). Quarterback Hussein Ajami figured in three of four Fordson touchdowns, completing 13-of-24 passes and two touchdowns. He also rushed for the game's first touchdown on a 1-yard run. Mike Mathias scored on a 1-yard run in the first quarter and QB Zach Beadle hooked up with receiver Bradley Tyszkiewicz for a 25-yd TD in the third quarter. Plymouth finished with 131 total yards in offense.

New Boston Huron 28, Salem 27, Detroit Catholic Central 36, Sterling Heights Stevenson 0

Marco Genrich threw TD passes to Nate Anderson and Parker Bohland as Detroit Catholic Central (1-0) downed Sterling Heights Stevenson (0-1) in the season opener.

CC, which led 14-0 at halftime, also got a 57-yard run from Cameron Ryan, Sam Beydoun had a TD run, while Nazem Beydoun had a strip and score on defense. Jack Downs help preserve the shutout with an interception.

Thursday, Aug. 24

Birmingham Groves 42, Novi 21, Bloomfield Hills 21, Birmingham Seaholm 19

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 35, Redford Union 0

After a scoreless first quarter, Cranbrook scored 35 unanswered points. Cranbrook QB Trevor McConnell threw for 153 yards and two touchdowns. Tariq Muhammed, Jack Fairman and Aaron Wiggins each

contributed TD runs for the Cranes. The RU offense was limited to 147 yards. Isaac Grant had 57 yards on 14 carries and Thornton Cain had 46 yards on 18 tries.

East Grand Rapids 33, Farmington Hills Harrison 8

Berkley 28, Farmington 23

Farmington trailed host Berkley 28-0 before rallying to make a game of it. "We fought back real hard, but turned the ball over six times to their zero," said Farmington's first-year head coach Kory Cioroch.

Flat Rock 35, Garden City 10

Walled Lake Central 20, White Lake Lakeland 13

Walled Lake Northern 35, South Lyon 15

Waterford Kettering 34, South Lyon East 18

South Lyon East committed five turnovers leading to 21 Kettering points. Score was 14-12 Kettering at the half. Kettering rushed for 245 yards and passed for 26 yards. East QB Chris Kaminski completed 18-of-28 passes for 173 yards with two interceptions. He connected with John Carter for two TDs. Carter finished with 10 catches and 69 yards. Jake Waranauckas had 18 carries for 131 yards and a TD; Donovan Wright carried three times for 39 yards.

Waterford Mott 34, Milford 0

Wayne Memorial 19, Ecorse 15

Hartland 17, Westland John Glenn 16 (OT)

Flint Powers Catholic 7, Redford Thurston 6

Thurston lost its opener at home against Flint Powers Catholic in a defensive struggle. Powers scored on a 1-yard run, capping a 45-yard drive early in the fourth quarter to take a 7-0 lead. The Eagles fought back late in the game and scored on a 2-yard run by Leonard Funches with 3:10 to play. But the Eagles failed to convert on the two-point conversion.

Thurston QB Zack Crofford was 6-of-11 passing for 105 yards. Leonard Funches led the rushing attack with 16 carries for 102 yards and scored the Eagles' lone TD. Demetrius Dowd carried the ball six times for 60 yards. Standouts on defense were Daron Totten with 10 tackles; Trejon Purry with eight and Xavier Coleman-Patillo with seven.



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's Cameron Ryan (left) breaks a tackle during Friday's 36-0 win over Sterling Heights Stevenson.

CHIEFS

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team's first.

Baechler and players said it still was a positive learning experience, despite the loss.

"Our starters got to play four tough quarters and we're going to get hardened up from this," Baechler said. "We're going to improve an awful lot from now until next Friday. We'll be

fired up, believe me."

According to senior Noah Brown, "It was a good experience for the team. I wish we could have come out with a win, but I feel we just made a lot of mental mistakes; a lot of people didn't do their jobs today. I messed up a couple times. I just feel like it was on us, it wasn't on them."

Polydoros said playing at Michigan Stadium "was really exciting, a once-in-a-lifetime oppor-

tunity for us. I thought it was really cool that they put this together for us. We have a lot of things to improve on and we'll just improve upon them and get better throughout the season."

PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

A penalty against Mona Shores cost the Sailors a touchdown in the second quarter, but only briefly. After being pushed back to the Canton 39, a straight-ahead running attack sparked a

2-yard rushing TD by Davis.

GOOD RESPONSE

Canton came out strong in the third quarter, in an attempt to get back into the game. The defense stopped the Sailors and then the Chiefs marched 89 yards in 13 plays, with Polydoros punching it in from the 3. That made it 28-23.

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GROVES

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pass to a wide-open Tyler VanKirk, who got behind the Groves secondary.

"I blew my coverage, I was thinking too much," said 5-9, 165-pound Groves defensive back Khalil Dawsey, who had the task of covering Novi's talented 6-5 wide receiver Traveon Maddox Jr. all night. "It was my first time as a starter. I wasn't paying attention and it was totally on me. I knew I had to rise up if we were going to win." Dawsey made amends

and more than held his own in the first half against Maddox, who finished with nine catches for 55 yards and a TD, all coming in the second half.

"I knew going in it was going to be a big matchup," Dawsey said. "I had to prepare and watch a lot of film, read my scouting report. I felt I was prepared going in."

GAME-CHANGER

Leading only 21-14 late in the first half, Groves' Antulio Erickson-Suzuki blocked a Blake King punt and teammate Tyler Newitt scooped it up and ran 2 yards for a TD to

give the Falcons a 28-14 halftime advantage.

"I think that momentum was great," Groves coach Brendan Flaherty said. "I kind of shared with the fellas we beat ourselves up. We had a pretty good game, but we kept shooting ourselves in the foot with the (three) fumbles and miscues. But the blocked punt definitely helped. We try and work on that stuff. He think (King) bobbled the snap, too. I think it was a little bit of luck more than anything. It was a good job by the guys."

LEARNING CURVE

New starting Novi quarterback Sean Gilham, a transfer from West Bloomfield, threw for two touchdowns and ran for another (3 yards), but was 19-of-37 passing for 153 yards.

The Wildcats were outrushed 207-53 on the night as Groves also got a 1-yard TD run from QB Colton Tinsley, along with a 68-yard TD run from sophomore Ralph Donaldson (in third quarter to make it 35-14).

"We just got to put together some offensive drives," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "We seemed like we had a lot

of self-inflicted wounds tonight. We had bad snaps, overthrows at times, just missed reads and we didn't do the basic things that we worked to prep for to beat this team. We're inexperienced and it kind of came through tonight. Coming into this game, we had six kids that had experience on a Friday night. Unfortunately, we got a lot of young kids that got to play."

UNDER THE RADAR

Groves' Damonte McCurdy finished with seven solo tackles and one assist and a 45-yard kickoff return to set up

the Falcons' first TD. Ford added seven tackles and a sack, while Griffen Best racked up five solo tackles.

Drew O'Connor led Novi with four solo tackles and one assist, while Deshaun Clayton had a 23-yard fumble recovery return and a sack. Noah Grier and Jason Jennings both forced a fumble, while Landon Green and Ryland Bennett also recovered a fumble.

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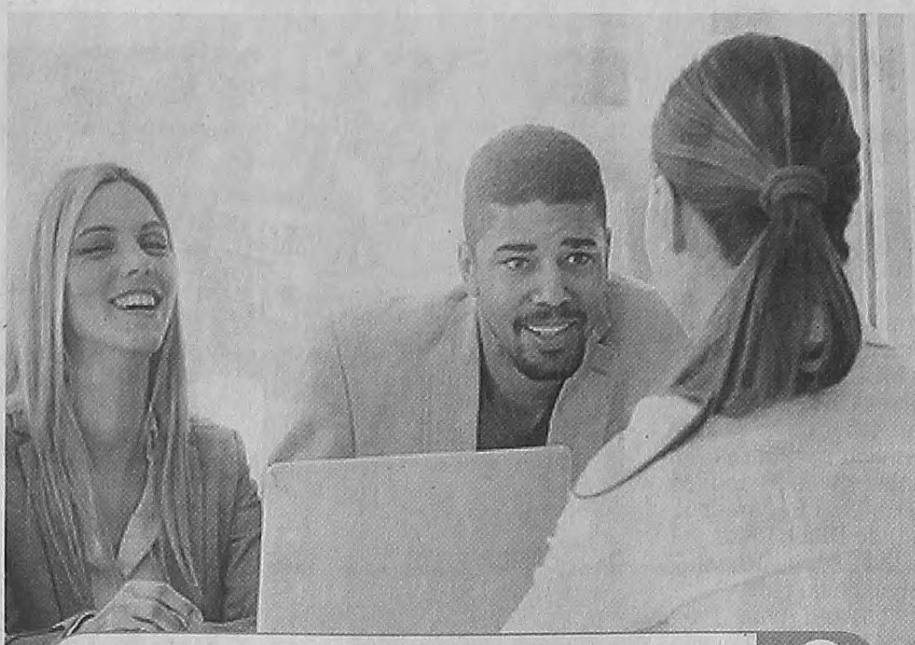
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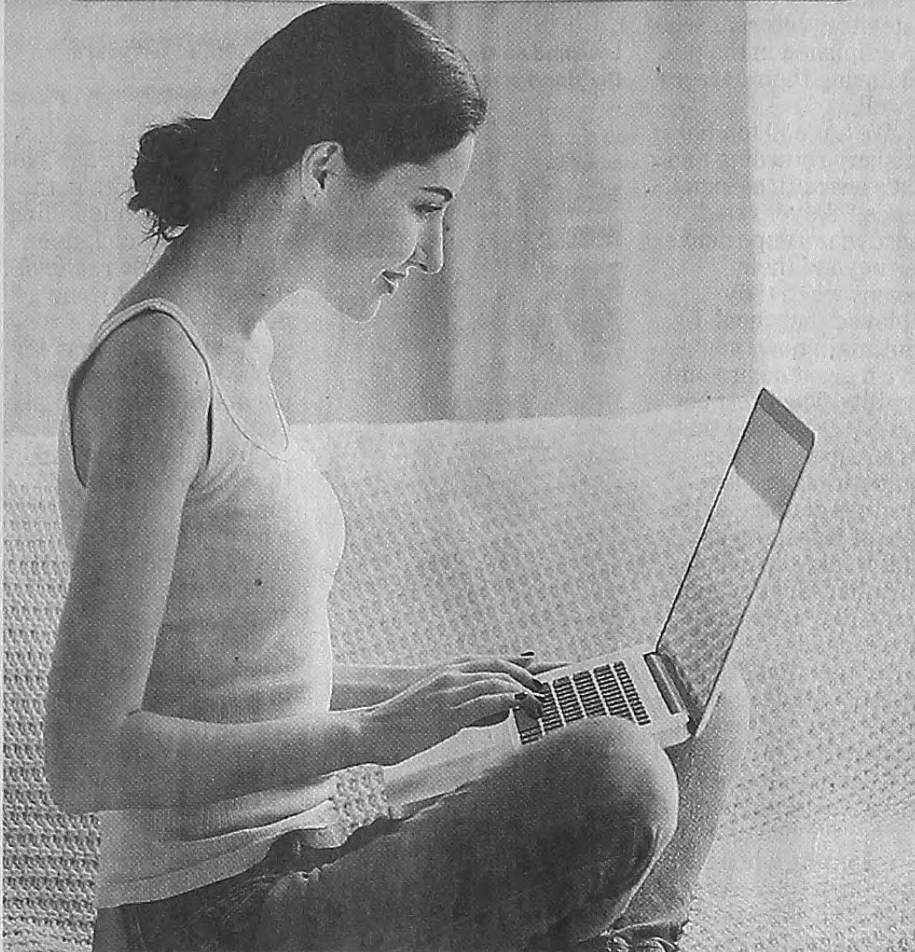
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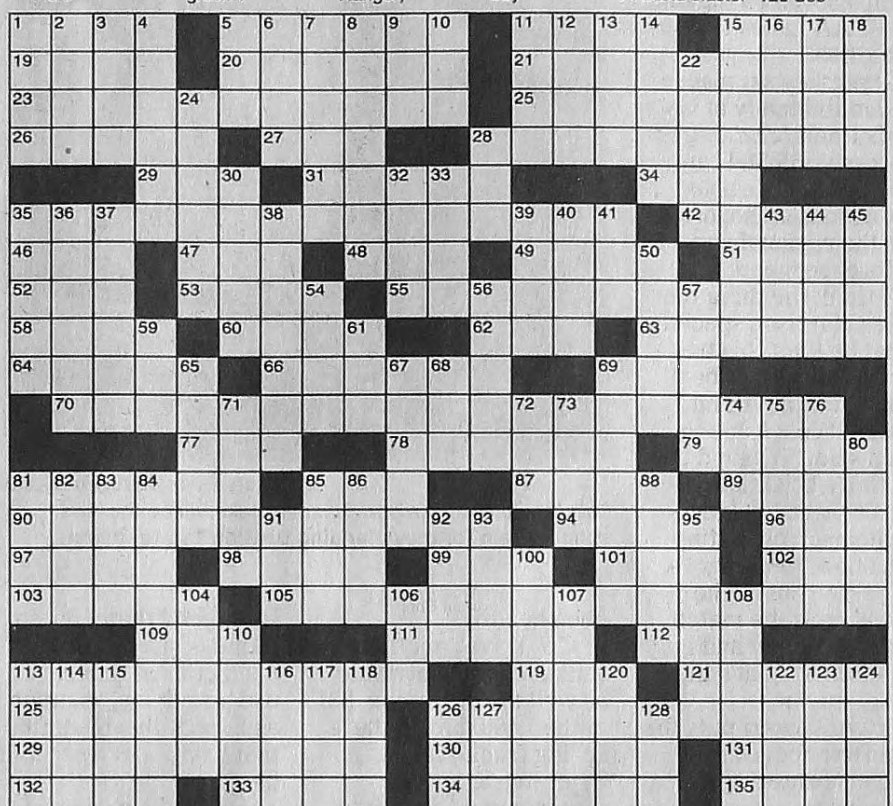
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 - 5 Declares
 - 11 Harvesting yield
 - 15 Aruba, e.g.
 - 20 Alfred E. — (magazine mascot)
 - 21 One-player card game
 - 23 Pompom or megaphone?
 - 25 Fine white gypsum
 - 26 Actor Reeves
 - 27 Cain or Abel, to Adam
 - 28 Soft, white limestone used as cat litter?
 - 29 Hen product
 - 31 Give a casual greeling
 - 34 Cup rim
 - 35 Shortage of maraschinos in a busy cocktail bar?
 - 42 It's factual
 - 46 Cyber-giggle
 - 47 Dada artist
 - 48 Act humanly
 - 49 Pettition
 - 51 Golfer — Aoki
 - 52 Sothem of the screen
 - 53 Roadies work on it
 - 55 "This has me angry like a Prague native might be!"
 - 58 It has pores
 - 60 Poker option
 - 62 Radio or TV spots
 - 63 — Flico
 - 64 Certain Asian capital
 - 66 Spay, e.g.
 - 69 Fleur-de- —
 - 70 Slow-moving land reptile sitting on a recliner?
 - 77 Arctic seabird
 - 78 Balances evenly
 - 79 Community hangouts
 - 81 "The King of Queens" actor Patton
 - 85 Mother of Cain and Abel
 - 87 Greek love god
 - 89 — Le Pew (skunk toon)
 - 90 Areas where certain salad greens are grown?
 - 94 Pet dog of Sgt. Snorkel
 - 96 Mailroom container
 - 97 Scented powder
 - 98 Brain tests, in brief
 - 99 "Well, how about that?"
 - 101 "Say what?"
 - 102 Walk- — (brief roles)
 - 103 Fervency
 - 105 Map showing southern U.S. states?
 - 109 Bit of AV equipment
 - 111 Arrange
 - 112 Marshland
 - 113 Let some printed, glazed fabric fall to the floor?
 - 119 Clandestine U.S. org.
 - 121 Ghana's capital
 - 125 Device used to store an electric charge
 - 126 Totally wild about grain husks?
 - 129 Lifeless
 - 130 Sitting room
 - 131 Kemo — (the Lone Ranger)
 - 132 How doodles are drawn
 - 133 Files, to spiders
 - 134 Not alluring
 - 135 Special periods
 - 30 Street cart sandwiches
 - 32 Vostok 1's Gagarin
 - 33 Impair
 - 35 Be at odds
 - 36 Warn with a tool
 - 37 Cause of odd weather
 - 38 Orbiter in 1957 news
 - 39 Apple's Air, e.g.
 - 40 Part of REO
 - 41 3 R's org.
 - 43 See
 - 10-Down
 - 44 Social skill
 - 45 Tubular snack cake
 - 50 Molded jelly
 - 54 Wishes one could undo
 - 56 — Gras
 - 57 Like a really easy job
 - 59 And not
 - 61 Expected
 - 65 Author Calvino
 - 67 Get narrower
 - 68 Rocker Brian
 - 69 African country
 - 71 Very unusual
 - 72 Mao — tung
 - 73 Deli sub
 - 74 Band blaster
 - 128 Sob
 - 75 Fridge, old-style
 - 76 Broccoli-like vegetable
 - 80 See or touch
 - 81 Eight: Prefix
 - 82 — Pei
 - 83 Untarned
 - 84 Escort
 - 85 D-I link
 - 86 Rose holder
 - 88 Overfill
 - 91 Despite that
 - 92 Comic Jay
 - 93 Silvery fish
 - 95 "My, my!"
 - 100 Mine vehicles
 - 104 Actress Christina
 - 106 Aunt's son, informally
 - 107 Trinket
 - 108 Lest
 - 110 Orang's kin
 - 113 602, to Ovid
 - 114 — McNally
 - 115 Pendant gem
 - 116 — TASS
 - 117 Memo
 - 118 Low card
 - 120 As sly as —
 - 122 Ruler of yore
 - 123 McEntire of music
 - 124 Fruit drinks
 - 126 PC's core
 - 127 — Solo



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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Grzymkowski's return gives Lakeland a leg up

Milford, sixth a year ago, should also contend again

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Lakeland junior cross country standout Harrison Grzymkowski can be categorized as the perfect blend of fierce competitor, scholar and sportsman.

Grzymkowski will be the lead runner once again as he returns for his third varsity season for the Eagles, who are coming off an MHSAA Division 1 state championship as well as regional and KLAAs Lakes Conference titles.

Grzymkowski placed third individually at last year's finals, clocking an impressive 15:51.4 for 5,000 meters. He also took runner-up honors in both the regional and conference meets.

"I think the thing that makes Harrison special is that he's got this tremendous desire to beat everyone in anything," Lakeland coach Joe Verellen said. "It's kind of like those UFC fighters that sit there bludgeoning themselves, hitting each other, then there's one passed out or the official calls the match, then they get up and hug one another. That's the type of guy he is."

Grzymkowski puts the team first above anything else entering the 2017 season.

"I would love to repeat and go back-to-back state champs," he said. "That's on my list. And next, maybe going for the individual title. That would be, obviously, a dream."

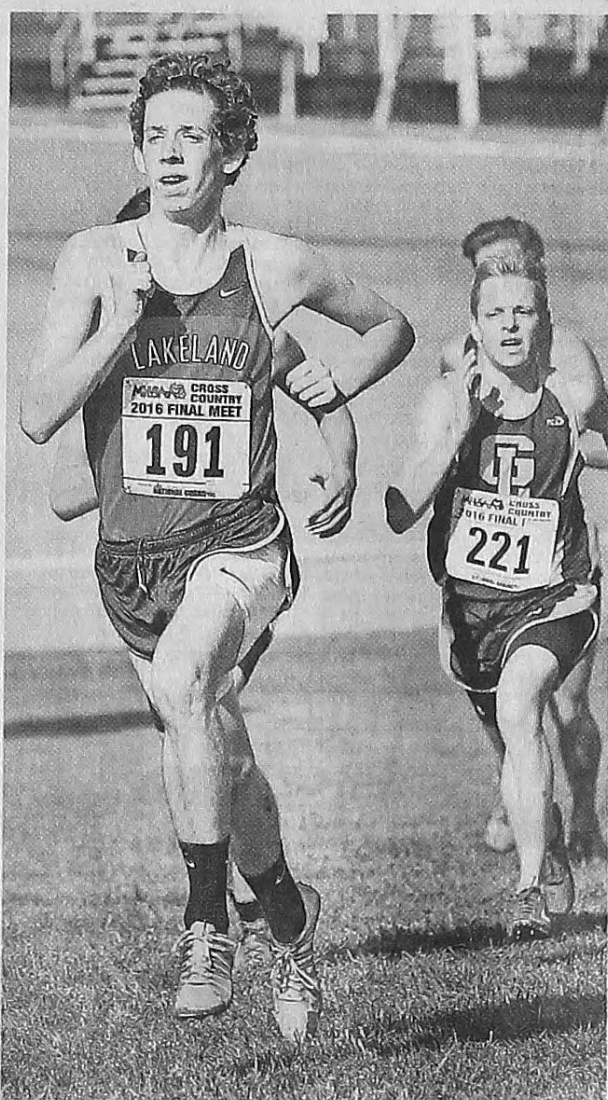
Grzymkowski is shooting for a 5K time somewhere in the low 15-minute range this season.

"Maybe 15:20," he said. "I think that's realistic. I have a really good training partner in Drew Wenger. He'll definitely push me to that pace."

Wenger, a senior, finished 45th individually last year in 16:23.8, while fellow senior Angelo Savich was the team's fifth scorer in 79th (16:43.0).

The Eagles lost four state meet starters to graduation: Zack Werth, Joel Woody, Luke Moore and Karl Stroup.

"There's definitely a chance of winning it again this year," Verellen said. "A lot of people don't realize, but we've got George Drallos (senior), who was part of our state meet team two years ago, that actually as a sophomore was a 16:34 guy. He was unable to be in our lineup late last year due to injury, but he should have been in that lineup had he had



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Lakeland junior Harrison Grzymkowski will be the lead runner again for the defending Division 1 state champs.

been healthy."

C.J. Davis, another senior, could contribute as well after running 4:31 in the 1,600 during the spring track season. Tyler Leick, another senior, should slide into this year's fifth spot.

"With those five guys, we definitely have a shot," Verellen said. "We going to be very upper-classmen, very experience-loaded."

Grzymkowski, meanwhile, likes the direction the Eagles are headed going into the 2017 season as they will vie for a title in the new nine-school Lakes Valley Conference.

"I feel like we've upped our mileage quite a bit," he said. "Verellen is a genius when it comes to running. Whatever he does, I listen to. We do have those recovery weeks, but overall, we've upped our mileage quite a bit."

Grzymkowski, who played soccer for nearly 11 years before concentrating on running, is following in the footsteps of his older brother Jackson, a former all-stater in cross country and track now competing as a scholarship athlete at NCAA Division I school Belmont (Tenn.) University.

"He's more of a runner that kind of waits to the end of the race and really out-sprints his opponent," said Harrison, one of four children. "He's a got a lot more

foot speed than I do, so I kind of use some of his tactics at times. I do use his advice, as much as I don't like to admit that," he added with a laugh.

Grzymkowski, who carries a 3.6 grade-point average, is also a pleasure to coach.

"He's very easy-going," Verellen said. "He's willing to listen to people and he's will to accept people for who they are. He's not out there looking for drama or looking for conflict at all."

Milford takes aim

The Mavericks, who took sixth in last year D1 state finals, lost four runners to graduation: Dakota Giles, Jack Aman, Elliot Seymour and Jared Shupe.

But coach Brian Salyers has a solid corps returning, led by junior Evan White (49th, 16:27.1), senior Nick Martin (16:39.7) and senior Nolan Bailey (134th, 17:03.1).

Senior Luke Caddell and sophomore Carson Kettle also bring experience to the lineup from last year's Linden regional runners-up.

"We've got five guys that are pretty solid," Salyers said. "We're going to be running with more of a pack mentality."

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MILFORD

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ago. "We did workouts all the time. And it's really hard for us as a team, because we're losing our No. 1 runner, an amazing leader and somebody to look up to."

Milford coach Brian Salyers also returns four others who ran in last year's state finals: senior Nicole Grindling (45th, 19:21.3), junior Natalie Black (64th, 19:32.1), senior Regan Lobodzinski (84th, 19:47.5) and junior Paige Saiz (209th, 21:10.7).

Meanwhile, seniors Rebecca Bradsher and Emilie Kennedy are also state meet veterans who have finished in the top 103 during their careers as well.

"We have 10 top 100 finishers returning and that's a wealth of experience," Salyers said. "Last year's experience was beyond their dreams when they achieved their goal. I think right now they have a great desire and humility. They respect what it takes to do that. It's a respect for the competition, the love for cross country in the state of Michigan and what it takes to accomplish that. But certainly, they'd like to experience it again."

Heiligenthal has all the credentials to take the next step after placing fourth at the Oakland County meet and fifth at the regional. Her personal best in the 5K is 18:04.9, when she took 10th as a freshman at the 2015 state finals.

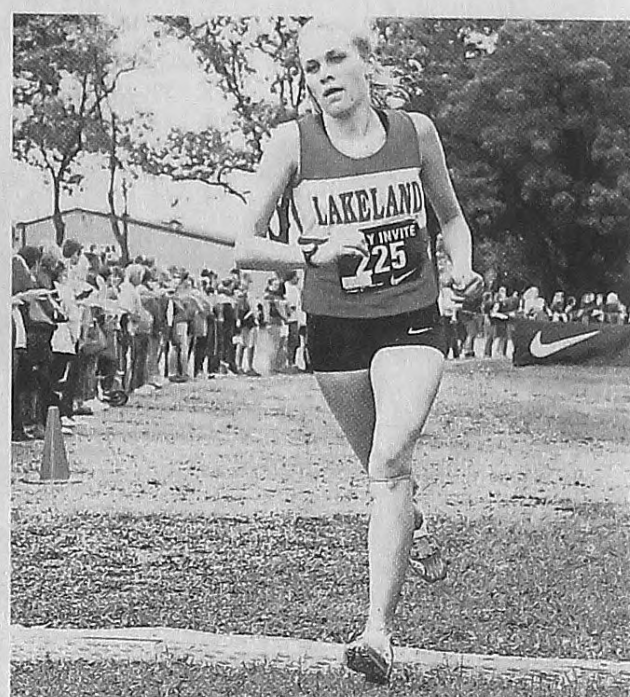
Breaking the 18-minute barrier is one of her main goals entering this fall.

"Last year, I wasn't able to make my P.R., especially at the state meet," Heiligenthal said. "I also have a couple of other goals. I just want to be all-state again and, hopefully, come back and be a conference champ. That would also be cool. At the (Oakland) County meet, I have goals to get an even better P.R. at Kensington (Metropark course) and, hopefully, get into the 18:30s there or lower."

Heiligenthal played several sports as a youth, including travel softball, as well as soccer and basketball as a ninth-grader at Milford before electing to concentrate on cross country and track.

"It was kind of hard balancing everything," she said. "I really had to look into whether I was seriously really committed to running or just wanted to do something I love with friends. I'm definitely happy that I decided to just focus on running. It's easier for me to stay focused throughout the whole season rather than focus on other sports during the season or later on."

Salyers said he has seen Heiligenthal make incremental improve-



Lakeland all-stater Olivia Clymer was 29th at last year's Division 1 state finals.



JERRY REA
Lakeland's Madeline Rehm earned all-state cross country honors last year.

ments following her first two years.

"We've watched that continue and grow with each passing season," he said. "We see more of that in her future. We're very excited where she's at in her preparations for this fall."

Running with Barrett for two years also proved to be beneficial in more ways than one.

"She can take the knowledge she's gained from that and she's ready to be on her own," Salyers said. "It was never a co-dependency, it was a union. They kind of shared a lot of what we did. You're ready to say she's our leader on the course. She's comfortable with that."

And what are Milford's chances of repeating?

"If our top seven girls are in form, we're a contender, just like three or four other schools," Salyers said. "We approach it the same, whether we're ranked one, two or three or nine, 10 or 11."

Lakeland optimistic

Looking for a dark horse to win the Division 1 state title?

Look no further than White Lake Lakeland as coach John Kababik enters his 41st season.

The Eagles return seven of their top nine

runners from a year ago after placing 15th in the state finals, while falling short to state champion Milford for the regional title at Linden by one point.

"I'd think we're going to have one of our best, if not our best year at Lakeland," Kababik said.

Two all-staters lead the way for Lakeland: junior Madeline Rehm, who placed 23rd overall (18:43.4), and senior Olivia Clymer, who took 29th (18:48.2).

Rehm holds Lakeland's 1,600-meter record in track. Her mother Amanda is one of Lakeland's assistant coaches.

"Madeline probably is one of our most outstanding runners we've ever had at Lakeland," Kababik said. "She's getting better each year. She's putting in more mileage. Madeline is just everything that a coach would want in a runner. Very dedicated, hard worker, just everything you want."

Clymer, meanwhile, has been to the state finals the last two seasons.

"Olivia has really made herself into the runner that she is," Kababik said. "She's just very dedicated like Madeline. The two of them ... they just run together all the time. They just work, work, work."

Meanwhile, sophomore Rylee Lukes (55th, 19:25.5) gives the Eagles another front-runner.

"Those three are just a step above of my other runners," Kababik said. "They just seem to go out and work a little bit harder."

Other state meet veterans for Lakeland include sophomore Lauren Garbovits (159th, 20:29.1) and junior Lilly Clymer (206th, 21:09.7), while sophomores Emily Broman and Clare Bridgewater finished 18th and 25th at the Linden regional.

"The only thing that could stop us is injuries," Kababik said. "You never know who is going to go down with this or that. But I'll be very honest, I expect good things from this team."

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NORTHVILLE

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and holder Jon Michalak said. "I just put the tee down, held it and I got to the sidelines and I was, like, 'That was 57 yards? Geez.'"

Here are four other takeaways:

GROUND ATTACK

Michalak, a 5-foot-10, 170-pound senior, figured on four touchdowns, on runs of 8, 9 and 2 yards while also connecting on a 35-yard TD pass to Daniel McLaughlin to make it 23-7 with 8:02 left in the first half.

"We ran the ball well," said Michalak, who rushed for 112 yards on

13 carries. "Last season, we didn't run the ball too well. We were more pass-emphasized. I like that the way we could run the ball wherever and however we wanted ... I like that."

The only downside was the two interceptions.

"We were all making little mistakes and we all knew what we needed to fix," said Michalak, who was 5-of-14 passing for 53 yards. "But we'll clean it up on film."

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

Northville coach Matt Ladach couldn't complain much about the victory, but there's always room for improvement heading into next Friday's match-up at home

against Livonia Churchill.

"We didn't play our best," he said. "At half-time, we talked to our team and said, 'Guys, we're up 30-7, but we're far from playing our best.' We made a ton of mistakes and we made a ton of mistakes in the second half as well. It's great to get a win. We're very happy to be 1-0, but we have a long way to go to where we want to be."

But Ladach was pleased with the overall play of his senior QB.

"Jon's a competitor," Ladach said. "I'm always proud of Jon's fire, I'm always proud of his energy and he definitely brought that to the game tonight. We always know we're going to get great

competition from No. 19."

Northville's defense also stood out, holding Dearborn to 196 total yards.

"They played well and they were well-prepared," Ladach said. "Our defensive staff always does tremendous job getting them ready and they buy in. It's been really good. I'm proud of those guys."

SPREADING THE WEALTH

Northville senior running back Abe Khoury added 83 yards on 10 carries, all coming in the first half.

Junior Enzo Rodriguez chipped in 62 yards, while speedy 5-foot-6, 160-pound junior Nicholas Prystash contributed

a nifty 28-yard TD run in third quarter to make it 37-7.

Of Northville's 398 total yards, 314 came on the ground.

"The offensive line was getting great pushes all day, we were able to run the ball up the middle," Prystash said. "Receivers were getting blocks outside. The quarterback did a great job running the ball. We made a couple of mistakes, but got the win and that's all that matters."

DEARBORN STRUGGLES

The Pioneers returned only one starter off last year's 9-2 playoff team.

After spotting Northville a 16-0 lead, Dearborn got a 9-yard first-quarter TD pass from

Jack Mannarino to wide receiver Ali Makled. Youssef Saad also stood out with two interceptions and a 2-yard TD run.

"We probably made 50 mistakes today and they made 20," Dearborn coach John Powell said.

Last year's game was much closer, as the Pioneers were edged 25-20 by the Mustangs.

"We didn't play well, offense, defense, special teams and coaching," Powell said. "(Moody) was the difference in last year's game. Their whole team was the difference in this year's game. This year, they just beat us."

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KLAA ROUNDUP

Stevenson earns first-place tie at Livonia city tennis meet

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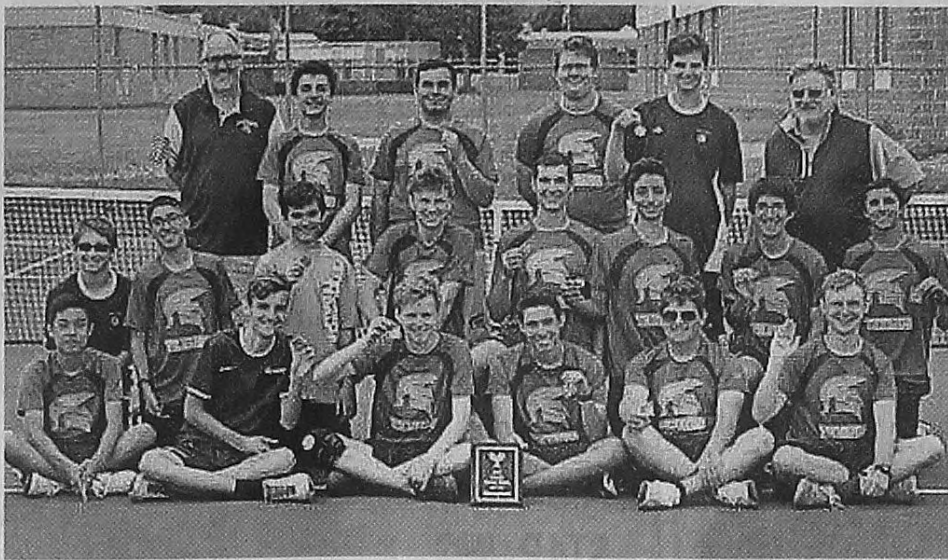
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Livonia Stevenson's boys tennis team tied Woodhaven for the championship of the Livonia City Meet on Aug. 24.

Spartans head coach Don McCarthey cited the play of singles players Tom Dunne and Caleb Williamson for helping the team gain some important points. Doubles teams gained 13 of 18 possible points, losing just two matches, he added.

Also performing well were Churchill's 1-2-3 singles players and Franklin.

Earning gold medals for the Spartans were Kevin Dunne-Josh Maj (No. 1 doubles), Brian Stremen-Abe Alrabady (No. 2 doubles) and Alec Said-Anthony Akel (No. 3 doubles). Silver med-



Livonia Stevenson celebrates after finishing in a first-place tie at the Livonia city meet. Team members include (back row, from left) coach Rob Williamson, Erik Schmidt, Anthony Akel, Matt Ruitter, Brian Nettie and coach Don McCarthey; (middle row, from left) Kenny Fuher, Nick Samaan, J.P. Marvin, Steve Dunne, Josh Maj, Abe Alrabady, Tom Andrews and Dillan Pribak and (front row, from left) Bryant Chua, Caleb Williamson, Tom Dunne, Alec Said, Brian Stemen and Kevin Dunne.

alists for placing second included Tom Dunne (No. 2 singles) and Williamson (No. 4 singles).

Girls cross country
END OF SUMMER

CLASSIC: Three Northville freshman – Yasmine Mansi (18:59), Emily

Gordon (19:23) and Kiera Courney (19:30) – garnered the top three individual places Friday at the Ann Arbor Running Company's End of the Summer Classic. Olivia Harp (sixth, 20:03) and Olivia Masse (ninth, 21:00) also garnered top

10 finishes for the Mustangs.

Boys soccer

NORTHVILLE 0, SKYLINE 0: Sophomore Robert Damron got the start in goal and pitched a shutout Aug. 24 as the host Mustangs (2-0-1) tied

Ann Arbor Skyline (1-0-2) in a non-conference encounter.

STEVENS 2, U-D JESUIT 1: On Aug. 23, Livonia Stevenson's Jake Kaupp scored with about 12 minutes left to snap a 1-1 tie. Setting up the winning goal for the Spartans (2-0) was Lucas Rea — who scored the game's opening goal in the first half, with Evan Campau assisting.

DEARBORN 3, SALEM 2: The Rocks fell short Aug. 24 in this non-conference match-up.

PLYMOUTH 3, HARTLAND 0: On Aug. 23, the Wildcats led all the way, scoring once in the first half and twice in the second. Benny Tetlow, Alex Schafer and Nicholas Yoshioka scored for Plymouth, while Tommy Sullivan, Alex Bowser, Bennett Brooks and Justin Wojcik all had strong games.

NORTHVILLE 4, DEARBORN 2: On Aug. 22, senior captain Owen Marshall notched a hat trick and senior captain Andrew Mitchell had the other goal as the Mustangs (2-0) defeated the

host Pioneers (1-1) in a non-conference game. Tyler Schneider also added two assists for Northville.

CANTON 1, SKYLINE 1: On Aug. 22, the Chiefs opened the season with this tie against Ann Arbor Skyline. Scoring for Canton was Jordan Fourney, with the assist going to Justin Gottschalk. Making 17 saves in goal for the Chiefs was Sean O'Meara.

Girls golf

PLYMOUTH 187, CHURCHILL 188: On Aug. 24 at Warwick Hills, the Wildcats held off the Chargers to improve to 3-1 overall. Scoring 42 for Plymouth were Erin Johnson and Shae Zydeck. For Churchill (1-1), Halana Harris shot 43, while Ashley Harlock and Paige Peterson both had 45.

SALEM 180, HOWELL 245: On Aug. 24 at Chemung Hills, the Rocks prevailed behind match medalist Julianne Small, who tallied 43. Also strong for Salem were Nicole Hahn and Megan Kozlowski, each with 45.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Northville puts best foot forward with Barrott

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After being a club swimmer for 10 years, Ana Barrott went out for the Northville girls track team during the spring of her freshman year on a whim and hit the ground running.

"I went the first day, then I came back the second day, came back the third, the fourth and the fifth and then I never ended up stopping," said Barrott, now a senior and the Mustangs' top returning cross country runner. "When it came time in the summer to decide whether I was going to swim or cross country ... it was hard, but I knew at that point I liked track so much and I liked running so much more than swimming, so I decided to switch."

Barrott, an all-stater who was both the regional and Kensington Conference individual champion during her junior year, is one of the big reasons Northville should contend again for an MHSAA Division 1 state title.

The Mustangs, who return four starters from last year's lineup, have recorded five top five team finishes during the past five years, including a state crown in 2013 and a third-place finish in 2016.

Barrott, who has a personal best 18 minutes flat at 5,000 meters, finished 25th overall in last year's state meet at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn with a time of 18:44.1.

In last June's state track finals, Barrott placed ninth in the 3,200 (10:49.54) and 11th in the 1,600 (4:59.9).

"First of all, she's an amazing leader," Northville coach Nancy Smith said of Barrott. "She's hard-working, no matter if she has an injury. She works 110 percent in cross training to be in the top shape that she can be in."

Barrott, who is recovering from a stress reaction in her heel bone suffered in summer conditioning workouts in mid-July, will be limited to running four miles



Northville senior Ana Barrott leads a talented cross country team entering the 2017 season.

every other day during the next two weeks.

But she has stayed connected with the pool while working as a life-guard three or four shifts a week at the Kings Mill Condominium complex. She also competed for the Meadowbrook Country Club summer swim team, where she swam her final race earlier this month.

Smith is confident Barrott will be able to gain her legs back quickly once she's nursed back to full strength.

"It helps a lot because she can do a ton of work in the pool for recovery, to cross train, to keep her in top shape and aerobically fit," she said.

Ana's older sister Lexa, now a sophomore on the Indiana University team, was a former all-state track and cross country runner at Northville as well.

Ana would like to follow in her sister's footsteps and run for a Big Ten school, while staying close to home.

"She's helped me so much," Barrott said of her big sister. "I just feel I have a more clear picture of what I'm getting myself into. I know what the expectations are with the training, so that helps a lot. I did not not run most of the summer. She

had an intense schedule, but on the recovery runs we'd still run together."

Among Barrott's personal goals are to run a 17:45 5K this season and put her name in the Northville record book.

"Lexa has the school record at our (Cass Benton Park) home course, which is 18:24, so I want to beat that," she said.

In addition to Barrott, Northville returns three others from its starting lineup: junior Nicole Cybul, who was 33rd at the state final, sophomore Emily Assemany (98th) and junior Olivia Harp (131st).

The Mustangs also have three talented freshmen waiting in the wings: Yasmine Mansi, Emily Gordon and Kiera Courtney.

"Honestly, I think this could be one of our better teams in the years past," Smith said. "We have three talented freshmen and we bring back a good core of the top three with Olivia, Ana and Nicole. And we have some returning girls that are going to fight for the top seven spots. I think we have the possibility of being in the top three or better at the state finals, if we remain healthy."

Barrott, who swam for Northville during her freshman year, tried a

variety of sports as a youth, including basketball, tennis, golf and soccer.

And even though her sister Lexa was already an accomplished high school distance runner, running wasn't in the picture until she was coaxed into it.

"My locker backs up to coach (Tim) Dalton's room and he was the track coach," Barrott said, "so every day he'd come out to my locker and he'd be, like, 'Hey, are you going to run track this year?' And I was, like, 'No, I don't have enough time.' And then he kept nagging and nagging me and I was, like, finally, 'Fine, OK, I'll guess I'll just try it.' I was, like, 'It's really not going to work very well with my swimming schedule.' He said, 'You only have to come to two practices a week and then just run the meets.'"

To this day, Barrott still has some reservations about switching sports.

"I don't know if I miss all the early mornings," she said. "But, yeah, I miss the team a lot."

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LVC ROUNDUP

South Lyon girls golfers rule LVC pre-tournament

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It went to the fifth player tiebreaker as South Lyon edged rival South Lyon East for the inaugural Lakes Valley Conference pre-tourney girls golf title Aug. 24 at Hartland Glen G.C.

East and South Lyon both shot four-player totals of 333 followed by White Lake Lakeland (368), Milford (375), Walled Lake Central (388), Walled Lake Northern (409 on tiebreaker), Waterford Kettering (409), Walled Lake Western (445) and Waterford Mott (610).

South Lyon's Elizabeth Harding took individual medalist honors with a 73 followed by teammates Kendall Skore (82), Julia Vess (89) and Molly Mackey (89).

But it was Sophie Yergin's 90 which proved to be the difference.

East scorers included Kiersten VanNorden (school record 76), Emily O'Brien (77), Natalie Aulicino (81) and Alyssa Strong (99).

More girls golf

SOUTH LYON 160, LAKELAND 189: On Aug. 23, Elizabeth Harding was medalist with 36 as the Lions (2-0) rolled to a Lakes Valley Conference dual match win over host White Lake Lakeland (0-1) at Hartland Glen.

Other South Lyon scorers included Sophie Yergin (41), Julia Vess (41) and Kendall Skore (42). Alexis Gurke (44) led the Eagles followed by Madison Kotsonas (47), Hannah Brown (48) and Kristen Scalpone (50).

Girls cross country

Lauren Clark led the way with a 15th-place finish in 21:32 as the 18-member South Lyon East squad, which included eight making their high school debuts, participated Aug. 25 in the End of the Summer Classic at Hudson Hills Metropark.

Other top finishers for the Cougars included Sara Hartman, 20th (21:49); Morgan Aittama, 24th (22:06); Jillian Pompo, 44th (23:34); and Emi-

ly Gudzinski, 45th (23:35).

Girls swimming

Ann Arbor Huron

Relays: On Aug. 24, South Lyon Unified placed fourth in the 16th annual event, which featured seven of the top 20-ranked Division 1 teams and the third-ranked team in Division 2.

South Lyon got a second place from Lindsay Boals, Anna Smith, Abigail O'Reilly and Libby Silversen in the 200-yard butterfly relay (1:32.19).

Lakeland quad: South Lyon Unified captured a pair of relays and emerged the winner Aug. 23 in the White Lake Lakeland quad meet scoring dual meet wins over the host Eagles (213-98), Hartland (213-101) and Canton (208-101).

SLU's Anna Smith, Avery Covert, Lindsay Boals and Emerson Ramney captured the 200 freestyle relay (1:59.40), while Boals, Emily Kurt, Smith and Taylor Sciborski took the 400 freestyle relay (3:51.71). Covert also took the 100 breaststroke (1:10.55).

Riley Faulkner was a double winner for Lakeland taking the 100 and 200 freestyle in 55.25 and 1:59.48, respectively. Other wins came from Isabel Fairbanks, 200 IM (2:15.52), Stella Fairbanks, 1-meter diving (221.50 points) and Kate Doyle, 500 freestyle (5:18.49).

Lakeland (0-3) also fell to Hartland (183-125) and Canton (173-128).

Boys soccer

SOUTH LYON EAST 2,

KETTERING 1: Junior Grayson Davies assisted on both goals as South Lyon East (1-2, 1-2) downed host Waterford Kettering (0-2, 0-2) Aug. 25 in a Lakes Valley Conference match.

After trailing 1-0 at halftime, East sophomore Isaac Shiner scored in the 44th minute to tie it and senior Josh Ohland tallied the game winner in the 52nd minute.

Boys tennis

White Lake Lakeland opened its season Aug. 23 with a 8-1 non-conference dual match win at Fenton.

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