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Officials blast 'misleading' claims

GLWA sends letter to Missouri company over mailers

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Accused of using scare tactics to make money, a Missouri company has been ordered by the Great Lakes Water Authority to stop sending alarming mailers that warned Michigan residents they could be exposed to "harmful contaminants" in their tap water. Randal Brown, GLWA general counsel, warned in a letter to Water Services, LLC, that a lawsuit would be filed unless the company agreed to "immediately cease and desist" at-

tempts to sell water purification systems by raising unfounded fears about GLWA's water quality. GLWA has 3.8 million customers in Michigan. "Customers served by this utility should not be deceived through the false and misleading statements contained in your advertisements into believing that the water supplied by GLWA is harmful and they must act immediately to safeguard themselves from being overly exposed to harmful contaminants found in tap water," Brown wrote in his

Sept. 19 letter. Brown demanded a response within seven days and said he has been assured by Water Services, LLC, of St. Peters, Mo., that no more mailers would be sent. "I believe they took the letter seriously and that this is resolved," he said Thursday by telephone. The letter also was sent to The Kangen Water Store, LLC, of St. Charles, Mo., which is listed by the Missouri Secretary of State as the company's owner, and an affiliate, H2O Revolution Trio, of Ulysses,



The Great Lakes Water Authority has demanded that a company stop sending misleading mailers to its customers about water quality. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Push is on to link students with manufacturing firms



Students from Frost Middle School and Clarenceville Middle School inspect engine enhancements at Roush Performance in Plymouth. MICHIGAN MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Businesses host students, looking for those interested in trades

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A potentially far-reaching effort has begun in hopes of linking Plymouth-Canton students to local manufacturing companies and jobs. It's a fledgling initiative that got a boost Friday as more

than 300 high school and middle school students fanned out across Canton, Plymouth and Romulus to see the manufacturing sector at work. Then, they went to Eastern Michigan University, where they learned the education pathways that could help them toward manufacturing careers.

It all coincided with Manufacturing Day, but local leaders say their vision to connect students with the manufacturing sector reaches far beyond one day or one field trip. Rather, their goal is to help students work toward jobs, some of which manufacturing companies have a hard time filling.

"We are committed to connecting employers with qualified students," Canton Chamber of Commerce Thomas Paden said Oct. 5, during a pre-Manufacturing Day kickoff event in Canton. The chamber has worked with local companies and the Plymouth-Canton Community

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Man shot in leg, scrotum at ex-girlfriend's

Police investigate incident at mobile home park

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Canton police are investigating after a 25-year-old Ypsilanti man was shot early Saturday after he went to his ex-girlfriend's house and found another man there. Initial reports indicate he was shot once in the right leg by the other man, a 26-year-old Ypsilanti man, and the bullet reportedly grazed his scrotum.

The incident unfolded about 2:30 a.m. Saturday at the College Park Estates mobile home park off Mott Road, east of Ridge, on Canton's west side. The ex-boyfriend was treated at a hospital for what Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor described as non-life-threatening injuries.

Police went to the scene after receiving a call for what Traylor called "a domestic-related shooting" that occurred when the ex-boyfriend, who still had a key, went to the home. Authorities were sorting out what initially were conflicting reports about the incident. Traylor confirmed the shot was fired from a handgun.

Initial reports indicated the woman may not have been in the room when the shooting happened.

"It doesn't appear that way," Traylor said.

The injured man drove himself to a hospital, according to police reports.

Police hadn't released any further details as of Monday afternoon.

"The investigation is continuing," Traylor said.

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Christine Wofford (right) of Canton and her daughter Olivia, with the posters they took to the Paul McCartney concert.

Poster prowess: Fans try to catch McCartney's eye

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Christine Wofford has loved Sir Paul McCartney for more than a half-century.

That's why, knowing McCartney has a habit of bringing up the artists of posters he spots and likes in the crowd, Wofford and her daughter Olivia decided to give it their best shot.

Wofford, of Canton, and Olivia were in the crowd Oct. 2 at the McCartney show at Little Caesars Arena in downtown Detroit with their posters. They had written McCartney about the effort and were met at their seats by some of his people.

"I worked months on these posters," said Wofford, who was also in the audience for his Oct. 1 show. "I mailed pictures

of them to Paul and we got so excited when his top security person met us at our seats with my letter in hand with instructions from Paul to talk to us and tell us he liked our posters."

Wofford said McCartney "looked fantastic" and said the sound, lights and the trappings of the show were "top-notch." Unfortunately, the effort was for naught, though she isn't ruling out future efforts.

"We're disappointed we didn't get chosen, but I refuse to give up," she said. "Maybe we'll go to Brazil and Mexico, where he has several concerts scheduled. We had a marvelous time."

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Kan. Brown warned officials with those companies also would be named in any potential lawsuit.

A man from The Kan-gen Water Store told Hometown Life in August that the company was merely trying to sell products and it's up to potential customers whether they want to buy anything. He refused to give his name.

An attempt was made by Hometown Life to reach Water Services, LLC, directly in August. A woman who answered the call said she would ask a company representative to call back, but no one did.

Brown said 1,000 mailers including "false, misleading and disparaging comments" about GLWA's water supply were sent to Michigan residents in 195 communities, mostly in southeast Michigan. Many, but not all, are GLWA customers.

Communities receiving the mailers include Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Novi, Northville, South Lyon, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills, Milford, Redford, Wayne, Detroit and numerous others.

The mailers advised residents to call a toll-free number within 72 hours to avoid potential health threats from "harmful contaminants." The company was trying to sell water purification systems.

The mailers riled GLWA, which strongly defended its water quality.

"Here at GLWA, we believe that our water is reliably safe and of unquestionable quality," Brown said by phone. "Anyone that challenges that, we take issue with."

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Mailings warned Michigan residents they could have "harmful contaminants" in their water, drawing the ire of the Great Lakes Water Authority. CANTON TOWNSHIP

In his letter, Brown said GLWA "meets and surpasses" industry standards. He advised Water Services, LLC, that the authority's water quality team "continually conducts all required state and federal testing and all test results have met the state of Michigan and Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Act regulatory standards."

Canton Public Works Director Bob Belair has said Water Services, LLC, was "using fear as a sales tactic" to sell products local residents don't need. He said one inquiry to the company indicated the products were being sold for \$1,500 to \$5,000, with payment plans offered.

Brown's letter warned Water Services, LLC, that its mailers may violate federal and state laws, including the Michigan Consumer Protection Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act. He wrote that the mailer would be referred to the Michigan Attorney General's Office.

"While GLWA sees no reason why this matter

cannot be resolved short of litigation," Brown wrote, "please understand that GLWA is obligated to, and will, protect our reputation for providing drinking water of unquestionable quality."

"GLWA will also protect the consuming public from confusion," he wrote.

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Schools district to build relationships that benefit students and the manufacturing sector. On Friday, students from all three high schools at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and Liberty Middle School toured six Plymouth-Canton area companies: W.F. Whelan Co., Schuler, Inc., Advance Engineering Co., E&E Manufacturing, Tower International and, in Romulus, Innovative Automation.

Going forward, P-CCS Superintendent Monica Merritt said officials are hopeful the manufacturing initiative can lead to job-shadowing and internships that could help students prepare for jobs while still in high school.

"Being able to tap into that pipeline ... who wouldn't be excited about that opportunity?" she said.

In a separate event Friday, about 10,600 students across Michigan got a first-hand look at modern manufacturing facilities, thanks to the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center of Plymouth. It was an opportunity for The Center, as it is known, to join with other organizations and introduce innovative, dynamic manufacturers to school students.

"Our mission is based on serving our state's small and medium-sized manufacturers so they can succeed in an ever-changing business environment," said Mike Coast, The Center's president. "One of the major challenges facing manufacturing is developing the next generation of skilled trades that will be needed in this increasingly high-tech profession. Manufacturing Day activities enable us to shine the spotlight on an



Will Woodington, regional sales manager, points out custom modifications on Ford trucks during Manufacturing Day festivities at Roush Performance in Plymouth. MICHIGAN MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CENTER

industry that accounts for the largest sector of the Michigan economy, with 21 percent of the total output in the state and 14 percent of the workforce."

Among the activities: » Students from Frost Middle School and Clarenceville Middle School learned about engine enhancements at Roush Performance in Plymouth.

» In all, 560 students, teachers and chaperones toured six manufacturers in an effort coordinated with the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and Schoolcraft College.

» The Jackson Area Manufacturers Association and a dozen manufacturing facilities opened their doors to 500 students.

» The Center also sponsored 1,300 students in southwest Michigan, where 30 manufacturers displayed interactive exhibits in two locations.

» In Lenawee County, 12 buses transported students to visit 23 employers with more than

400 students.

Those are just some examples of how The Center worked to boost relations between students and the manufacturing sector. Its Manufacturing Day activities reached as far as the Upper Peninsula.

Paden, meanwhile, said during the Oct. 5 event that the Canton chamber's initiative is partly intended to dispel stereotypes about the manufacturing sector. He pointed to studies that have shown 77 percent of parents don't encourage their children to pursue a manufacturing career, even though many jobs have become much more high-tech and pay well.

Paden also said there are often huge gaps between the number of jobs the manufacturing sector has available and the number of job-seekers qualified for them.

Dennis Webb, vice president and part owner of a Canton-based logistics company, W.F. Whelan, said it has become more difficult to fill jobs

such as quality engineers.

"It's kind of a lost art," he said.

W.F. Whelan has one million square feet of space in Canton, where students toured Friday, and it uses all transportation modes globally to get products to companies. One of its in-house customers alone ships more than 8 million wheels every year.

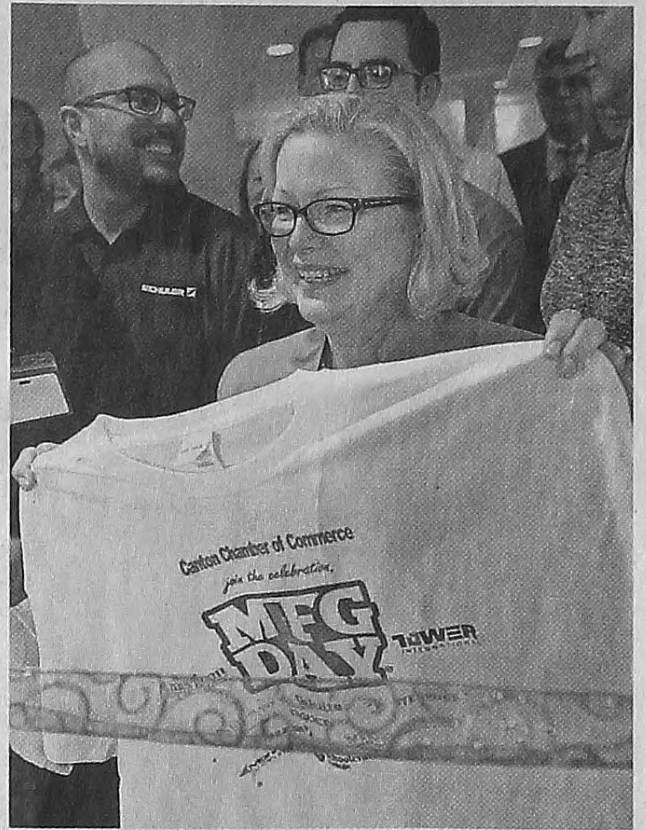
W.F. Whelan chief operating officer Cindy Beregasy-Wasczendki is an example of how career advancement is possible in the manufacturing sector. Webb said she started with the company as a 16-year-old co-op student and, years later, has her COO position.

Meanwhile, Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams underscored the importance of manufacturing Oct. 5 when he read a resolution adopted by the township board. It said:

» Manufacturers contributed \$2.18 trillion



Dennis Webb, vice president of W.F. Whelan, a logistics company in Canton, talks about the importance of filling jobs in the manufacturing sector. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Canton Township Clerk Dian Slavens holds a T-shirt made for Manufacturing Day. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

to the U.S. economy in 2016 and total manufacturing output in Michigan in 2015 was \$92.5 billion.

» Over the next decade, nearly 3.5 million manufacturing jobs will likely be needed, and 2 million are expected to go unfilled due to the

skills gap.

» Events like Manufacturing Day can begin to address the skilled labor shortage and ensure the prosperity of the entire industry.

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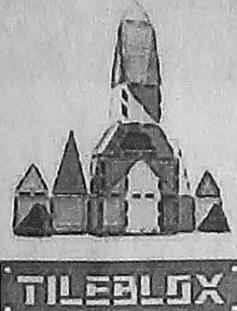
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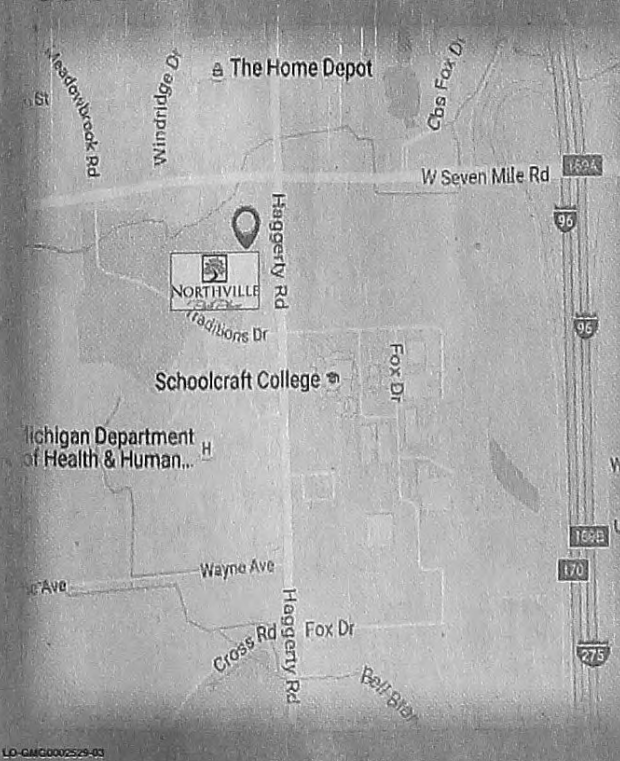
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Plymouth homecoming



Homecoming king Chris Tsakoff (left) and queen Marina Malone present the crown to injured Plymouth quarterback Zach Beadle, who broke his leg during last week's game.

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The rain can't dampen the reign of Plymouth homecoming queen Marina Malone and king Chris Tsakoff. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

AREA CRIME WATCH

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Teen reports man groping himself on bicycle

A 17-year-old woman walking along a bike path notified police to report that a man put his hand inside his pants and fondled himself while he looked at her, a police report said.

She made an obscene gesture at him, walked away and called 9-1-1.

The teen said she was walking near Michigan Avenue and Lotz when she noticed the man. She said it appeared he was masturbating.

She told police he was a white man wearing a dark blue hoodie and blue jeans.

Police searched the area and found the suspect in a nearby neighborhood. He denied touching himself inappropriately, but told police he had offered to give the teen a ride.

Police ticketed the man for indecent conduct.

'Homicidal thoughts'

A 63-year-old man told police he was having homicidal thoughts of randomly killing people, a police report said.

His statements prompted police to take him to a hospital for an evaluation and treatment.

The man's wife notified police shortly after 8 a.m. Sunday that her husband had woken up talking about demons and also said he was having homicidal thoughts, though there were not direct-

ed at any particular person.

He was taken to a hospital without incident.

Handgun confiscated

A 27-year-old Detroit woman was facing possible charges after police confiscated a 9mm handgun from her during a routine traffic stop, a report said.

Police initiated a traffic stop about 11:15 p.m. Oct. 4 after noticing the woman's 2008 Chevrolet Impala had a defective headlight while she was driving near Ford and I-275, the report said.

Police noticed a purse on the floorboard and saw that it contained a handgun. The woman told police she had a license to carry the gun, but police learned it had been suspended, the report said.

Possible charges were pending.

Passenger arrested

A driver's failure to use her turn signal ended with her passenger being taken into custody by Canton police for arrest warrants he had in other communities, a police report said.

A patrol officer initiated a traffic stop about 12:30 a.m. Saturday after a 28-year-old Westland woman failed to use her turn signal near a fast food restaurant near Lotz Road and Michigan Avenue.

Police ran background checks and learned that the passenger, a 27-year-old Detroit man, had warrants for his arrest in Livonia, Sterling Heights and Detroit for offenses such as failing to appear in court and not showing up for court-ordered work

programs.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Hotel disturbance

An unruly woman was ordered to leave the Red Roof Inn near I-275 and Ann Arbor Road after she kept causing a disturbance at the hotel, a police report said.

Police had received more than one call about the 65-year-old woman, the latest coming about 6:45 p.m. Sept. 22. An assistant manager told police the woman was confronting other customers and employees, causing a disturbance.

The woman supposedly had earlier promised she would behave.

Police arrived to escort her out, but she already had called a relative to pick her up and take her to another hotel.

Erratic driver

A 23-year-old Plymouth woman was arrested for driving while impaired after police noticed her driving erratically on eastbound M-14 near Sheldon, a police report said.

A police report indicated the woman's car was weaving in the lane as the incident unfolded shortly after 1 p.m. Sept. 30. Police pulled her over and she initially said she was going to pick up a food order.

Police said the odor of marijuana was evident. The driver eventually conceded she had consumed a few beers and some wine. Police found empty containers in the back seat.

She was taken into custody.

— By Darrell Clem

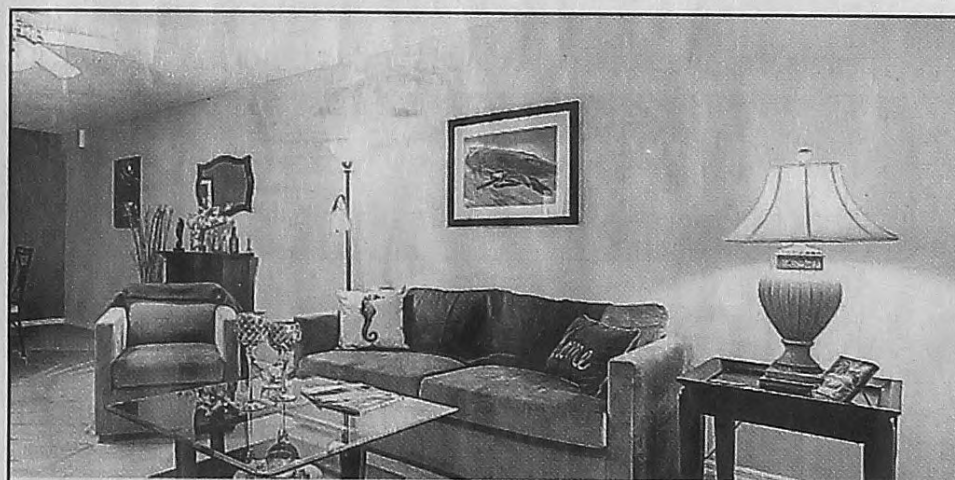
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Dementia care frustrating, information scarce

Fits of anger, frustration, sadness, paranoia, emotional mood swings. These are everyday occurrences in the life of caring for a loved one with dementia – for the caregiver.

My dad has Alzheimer's disease and he is living, hopefully, in blissful ignorance of the world around him. It is certain that he has no clue. My hope is, at this point, he does not understand. He is a danger to himself and others. He is much like a young child in an adult body with the freedom to live and do as he pleases. And his long-term memory is just good enough to get him in trouble.

He apparently gave out too much information recently to a would-be scammer who would have accessed his bank account had it not been for an alert teller.

While dad is, for the most part, happy and go-lucky, living with him is excruciating for mom. He unknowingly obsesses over things for hours at a time, sometimes days. He repeats things seconds after stating it the first, third or 10th time, to the point, if you are with him, you want to scream.

Fine, just do it

None of this is, of course, his fault. Alzheimer's is a nasty disease, robbing the individual and all around him/her of a quality life. As caregivers, we are trying to do things to protect dad, but he does not understand and will needle you to the point of throwing your arms up in frustration.

"OK, you want to drive, fine – go kill yourself or, heaven forbid, someone else." I admit, I have screamed this very sentence on more than one occasion.

Not that a driver's license would make much of difference, but it is frustrating has hell not to have the Sec-



Dan Dean
STAFF WRITER

retary of State on your side. But according our inquiries, once you have a license, it is yours until death, with no further testing required to keep it.

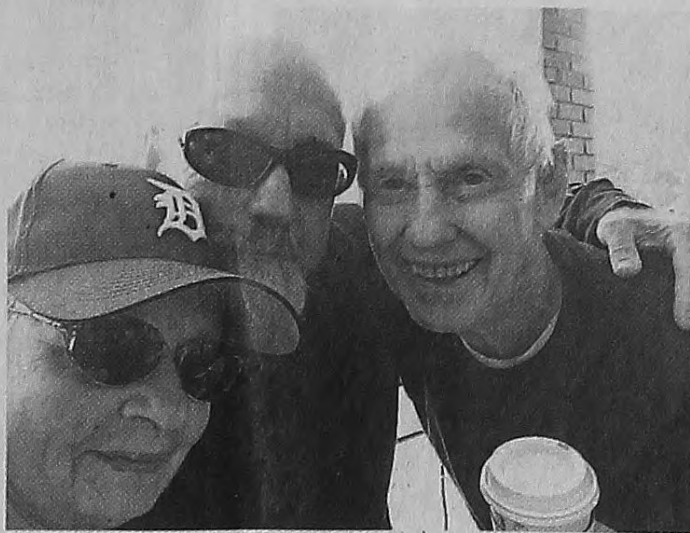
So it is on us to make sure it does not happen. But if I took his keys or his car away and he called the police, would they back me in not giving it back? It is a good question and, while I have come close to getting to that point, so far, we have avoided the hypothetical.

Perhaps, as power of attorney I have the ability to keep his keys or his car from him, but so far, my dealing with the use of POA in simply trying to get his taxes prepared has been an eye-opening experience. Every single company I have dealt with has a different take on POA and a few have simply refused to recognize it, to the point his 2016 taxes have yet to be filed.

I have contemplated writing this series of columns for the past couple of years to document the frustration in dealing with a family member with dementia. Early on, there was a lot of frustration wrongly pointed at dad. It was, oddly, an off-chance meeting at a coffee shop in Plymouth, with a woman who was dealing with the same issue with one of her parents, that helped me see dad in a new light.

Great advice in a coffee shop

She was full of great advice. And I thought it would be informational and therapeutic to write about my struggles with dealing with dad. But like most things in his care, time became an issue and those



Dan Dean with mom and dad. DAN DEAN

columns never materialized.

I recently had an exchange of emails with the Area Agency on Aging 1-B as it is looking for publicity for its upcoming Solutions for Family Caregivers Expo from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, in the Diamond Center of the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

It was time to find time. I have had to find more and more time to help deal with dad. The more I do, the more frustrating it becomes. Today, though, those frustrations are aimed at the lack of credible information and advice.

My mom takes the brunt of the care, as I work full time and then some. My siblings are 100 and 150 miles away. Mom is to the point where she just wants dad gone. It is harsh, and probably an overstatement on her part, but the frustration is real. She needs a break. She cannot deal with him alone anymore and they have even gotten into at least one physical tussle we know about.

What now?

So, after meeting with my siblings, the lawyer my dad hired to update his trust

and his financial adviser, we set out on a plan — for about two days. Then our lives got in the way again. But we also cannot agree on the next step.

Mom, of course, will have nothing to do with any kind of living arrangement other than where she is now. Moving dad to assisted living without mom leaves her alone and, at 85 and with diminished memory issues herself, she should not be alone. Dad, with all his issues, still does a lot around that house that mom would be lost trying to do herself.

So here we are – at a crossroads with more questions than answers, plenty of mistrust and not knowing our next move in Dealing with Dad.

Look for my next column, when I will relate specific issues or struggles that we have gone through and then find a solution or advice from those in the know.

Dan Dean is managing editor of Hometown Life and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He would love to hear your stories about dealing with a loved one with dementia. Email him at ddean@hometownlife.com. Follow on Twitter and Instagram @HTLeditor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NFL protests not unpatriotic

It seems to us those critical of the NFL players protests are missing the point, be they Michigan State Police Director Col. Krista Etue, Trump, Fox News or hate radio. MSP Director Etue and others mentioned above are moving this country backwards and no advancing our country's values.

NFL players are not protesting our National anthem, showing disrespect for our flag or condemning our troops. The fact of the matter is, NFL players are exercising their Constitutional right to redress grievances of Government. NFL players in no way are unpatriotic in exercising their First Amendment rights.

Those on the right and far right may not like it but NFL players are the patriots and to call them Un-American is un-American.

Personally I prefer to stand for our National anthem, support our troops and our flag. But I respect the rights of others who choose not to do so and I listen carefully for these reasons.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

On the 2nd Amendment

Another deranged individual legally buys assault rifles, illegally converts them to fully automatic killing machines and rains carnage and murder on innocent men, women and children.

I wonder if our founding fathers had witnessed the destructive power of modern day weapons, if they might have worded the 2nd amendment a bit differently.

Our modern day Republicans in D.C. are currently pushing to make silencers legal and allowing armor piercing bullets.

Their counterparts in Lansing recently proposed doing away with the requirement that handguns be registered and allowing a concealed pistol without a permit.

Both of the above groups heavily depend on the NRA and gun makers for financial backing. And in Lansing they just enacted a law that opens the floodgates to more political, for lack of a better word, graft.

I don't know the answer to stopping these atrocities, but I wasn't elected to come up with a solution. And, most assuredly, these people were not elected to make a bad situation worse, which is exactly what they are doing.

James Huddleston
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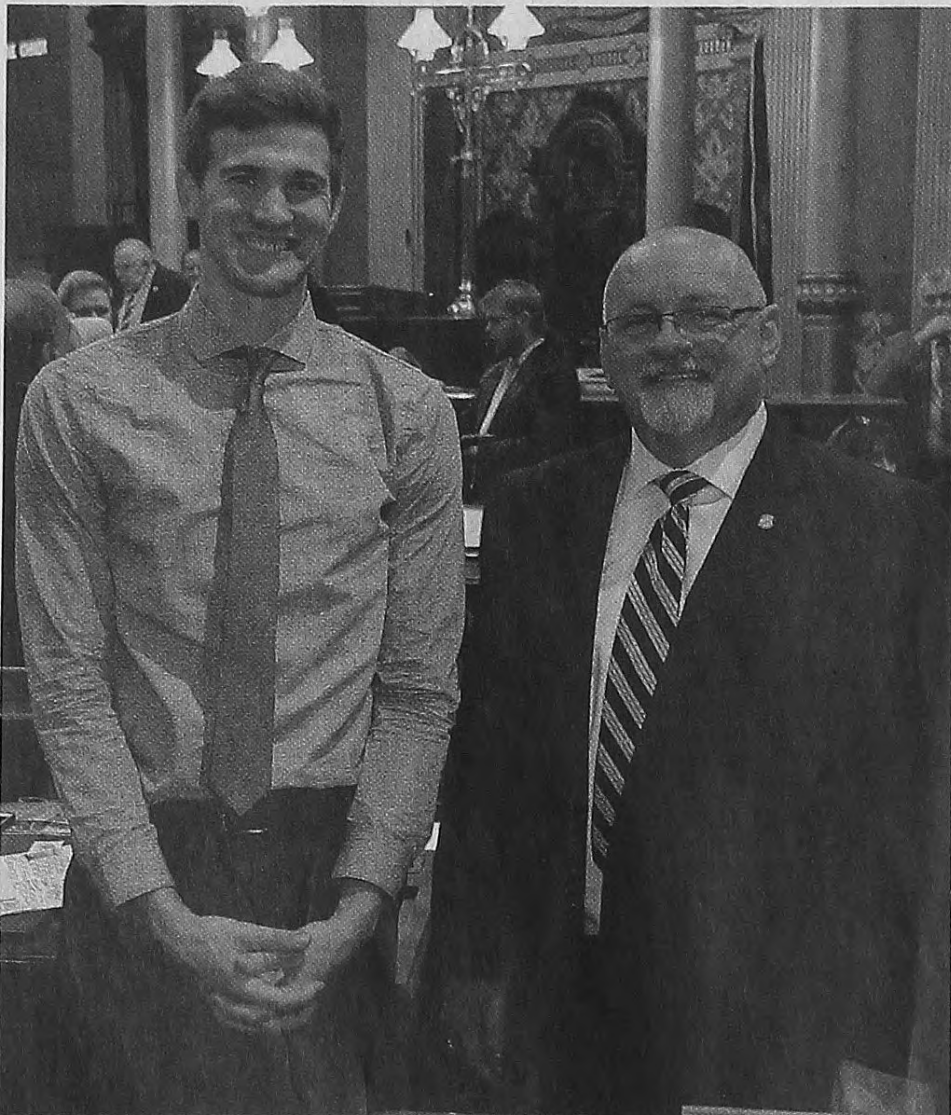
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Noble welcomes student



Plymouth resident Josh Schriver recently joined state Rep. Jeff Noble on the House floor to job-shadow the legislator. Schriver is currently pursuing his master's degree from Capella University.

Plymouth Twp. seeking residents for boards, commissions

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees recently passed a new policy to encourage residents to apply for positions on the township's various boards and commissions.

The policy requires residents to apply either in person or online with township Clerk Jerry Vorva, who will then coordinate with Supervisor Kurt Heise and the township's Board of

Trustees to recommend qualified candidates for the various positions.

"Plymouth Township depends on our boards and commissions to make key decisions on zoning, planning, tax abatement, economic development and hiring, to name a few," Heise said. "We need responsible citizens with a commitment to our community to serve in these important roles."

Boards and commis-

sions in the township include the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Authority, Civil Service Commission and Board of Review.

Residents of Plymouth Township interested in serving on a board or commission may apply online at www.plymouthtpw.org, or in person at the clerk's office, 9955 N. Haggerty.



The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps has in the past played at Monticello in Virginia. The group is recruiting new members.

Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is recruiting

Do you know a kid who loves history or music? Or perhaps you know a kid who loves to travel and to see new places? Or maybe you know a kid who is looking for a place to make friends and to be a part of something bigger than themselves? Well, the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is looking for members just like those mentioned above.

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is seeking motivated new members, ages

12-18, to play fife, drums or to be in the color guard. No experience is necessary. PFDC's professional instructors will teach recruits everything they need to learn during their Monday evening rehearsals.

If you know of a student who might fit the bill for the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, come to the new recruit/parent informational meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, in the choir room of Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton.

Members of the Plymouth Fife and Drum

Corps come from the Detroit area. The Corps prepares in the fall and winter for the summer performance season. The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the ancient arts of color guard, fife and drumming through live performances at parades, historical and patriotic celebrations, concerts, cultural affairs and other civic events.

For more information, go to www.pfdc.us or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pfdc.us/.

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'Blast into Scouting' event

The Boys Scouts are hosting "Blast into Scouting" at various locations throughout Michigan.

"Blast into Scouting" events in the Great Lakes Field Service Council region will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14, including at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton

The Michigan Crossroads Council serves more than 68,000 boys and girls with a variety of youth development and camping programs that promote character, leadership and life skills delivering programs not found anywhere else. The statewide Council also supports the work of more than 10,000 adult volunteers who mentor and lead Scouts. To register for one of the "Blast into Scouting" events, go to <https://scoutingevent.com/272-BlastIntoScoutingGL2017>.

Volunteer tutor training sessions

The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council is a volunteer, nonprofit organization aiming to improve conversation literacy skills for adults who speak English as a Second Language. CLC provides free one-on-one tutors and conversation group tutors in the Plymouth-Canton community. Volunteer literacy tutors do not need any prior experience.

Tutors receive comprehensive training before volunteering in a setting of their choice for up to two hours each week. The next training class, which includes 12 hours of instruction spread out over two days, will be held the following dates: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21.

Community Literacy Council charges \$40 for each tutor to cover the cost of training, materials and food. Advance reservations are required and can be made at www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org or by calling the literacy council at 734-589-0011.

Fall color walks

Join the Friends of Miller Woods for their annual fall color walks 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15 and 22. Each tour lasts one hour, is free, and will leave the entrance every 30 minutes. No dogs or strollers are allowed and you must be able to walk on uneven paths. For more information, go to millerwoods.com or call Cheryl Bord at 734-459-7666. Meet at entrance of woods on Powell Road, just east of Ridge Road.

B.L.O.C.K. to host 'The Relentless Tour'

Area teens are invited to attend "The Relentless Tour," featuring anti-bullying expert Anthony Ianni, 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

Presented by The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center and the Canton Youth Advisory Council, this free event will feature motivational speaker Ianni, a member of Michigan State University's 2010 and 2012 Big Ten basketball teams. Ianni is currently traveling across the state spreading a message of tolerance, as he continues to fight bullying in schools statewide.

Through "The Relentless Tour," Ianni, the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and the Autism Alliance of Michigan seek to raise awareness of autism and the problem of bullying. Ianni's message encourages students to make their



The Shahida Nurullah Quartet will perform Tuesday, Oct. 31, at Jazz @ the Elks.

schools a place where people from all walks of life are respected.

For more information, go to www.cantonfun.org or call The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center at 734-398-5570.

Halloween Forest Fun Hike

Head Friday, Oct. 13, to Nankin Mills Interpretive Center for a guided night hike to meet "not-so-scary" and "sort-of-silly" nature characters. These costumed creatures will tell you all about themselves and share some Halloween prizes and treats. The hike, which starts at 6 p.m. and each half-hour after until 7:30 p.m., is on the grounds of the Interpretive Center and lasts about 45 minutes. It is followed by an indoor live animal show, where you will meet amazing creatures from around the world. Please arrive 15 minutes before your tour time. Program is recommended for ages 4 to adult.

Pre-registration is required by calling the park office at 734-261-1990. You will only be pre-registered when payment is made. The program fee is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult. Add \$1 per person for non-Wayne County residents. No charge for children 3 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Canton fire open house

The Canton Fire Department will be hosting its annual fire station open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Fire Station No. 1, 1100 S. Canton Center Road.

The event will include vehicle displays, station tours and the opportunity for kids to spray water from a fire hose and try on fire gear. Hot dogs, beverages and giveaways will be provided. The department's fire safety house will also be open for kids to go through.

The open house is being held in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 8-14) to promote fire safety in the community. For more information, contact the Canton Fire Department office at 734-394-5455.

Hats for the Homeless

Plymouth Community United Way is gearing up for the annual Hats for the Homeless drive, scheduled to run through Dec. 29 in an effort keep our homeless community warm during the winter months. New and handmade items can be dropped at the PCUW office from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Friday.

Should your company or group like to participate by hosting a drive on-site or like to sponsor items like coats or blankets, contact Randi at 734-453-6879, ext. 5. For more information, go to www.plymouthunitedway.org.

Good Counsel to host Fatima conference

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, will host a two-day conference, titled "100 Years of Fatima —

The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary — A Celebration of Hope," Oct. 13-14.

The event will be held in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the last of six apparitions of Mary to three young shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

Registration, hotel information and all information on the conference can be accessed at <https://www.olgparish.net/fatima>. One-day registration cost is \$30; two-day registration cost is \$40; Youth conference is free of charge. Assistance with the registration fee is available.

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.

Tuesday, Oct. 31, brings the Elks debut of the Shahida Nurullah Quartet, with Nurullah on vocals, Rich Michaels on drums, Ray Tini on bass and Chuck Shermetaro on keyboards. In addition to her performing, Nurullah is a University of Windsor special instructor in jazz and pop voice.

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.

DIA: Away coming to PARC

The Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex will host the DIA Away experience from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14-15. This is a free, mobile interactive classroom and a creative exploration space for people of all ages, especially school-age children.

Participants will discover some of the ways artists think and then have the opportunity to try out creative thinking skills at digital and hands-on stations. PARC is located at 650 Church Street in downtown Plymouth. For more information call, 734-927-4090.

Canton library music fest

The Canton Public Library will host the third annual Family Music Fest beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. The festival is open to all ages and free.

The music kicks off at 10 a.m., with four acts throughout the day, including Beverly Meyer: The Music Lady, To Sangana, The Old Adage and The Moxie Strings.

The Canton Public Library Family Music Fest is being cosponsored by Vibe Credit Union. For more information on the Family Music Fest or the Canton Public Library, go to www.cantonpl.org or call 734-397-0999.

88.1 The Park euchre tourney

Radio station WSDP-FM, 88.1 The Park, will

host its sixth annual euchre tournament at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Players can enjoy an evening of euchre and support the student radio program that has been impacting students and serving the community for over 45 years.

The tournament costs \$25 at the door. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 10 percent of the field. Players will enjoy pizza, snacks and a cash bar. You can sign up by emailing wsdpeuchre@gmail.com or by calling 248-973-7382.

WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district and staffed by students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools.

Howl-Ween Pet Costume Contest

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will host the ninth annual pet costume contest from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, in conjunction with Pumpkin Palooza in Kellogg Park. It's free to enter and prizes will be given to first-, second- and third-place winners. Event bags will be distributed to the first 50 participants. Registration will only be open from 11:45 a.m. until noon. For more information, call 734-455-6620.

Canton Trick or Treat Parade

All are invited to Canton Leisure Services annual Trick or Treat Parade 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, to be held inside the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend this family-friendly event in costume and follow the not-so-scary trail from room to room, each filled with special surprises and little goodies. For those who dare, a spooky Haunted House will be available in the Summit's Gymnasium, that is scarier than ever. Please note that this interactive experience may be too intense

for small children.

Tickets will only be sold in advance of the event until Oct. 26 for \$5 per child for Summit mk Members and \$6 per child for Canton residents. From Oct. 16-26, non-resident tickets will be available for \$10 per child. Proof of residency will be required to purchase tickets and there is a 10-ticket limit per person.

Parents are responsible for the direct supervision of their children during this event. For more information, call 734-394-5460 or go to www.cantonfun.org.

Canton Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the annual Consumer Expo 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Summit on the Park. The Consumer Expo is held annually in October and features more than 60 businesses from the community which display their products and services to the public.

Participating businesses include banks, insurance, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public.

Breast cancer bowling fundraiser

A fundraiser to help fight breast cancer is scheduled for noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. The event will include an afternoon of bowling, pizza and a silent auction.

All proceeds will go to the National Breast Cancer Foundation Inc. The foundation was founded by Janelle Hail in 1991 to provide women of every age and walk of life reliable information about breast cancer, treatment options, heartfelt emotional support and free diagnostic services for the underserved.

The cost is \$12 per

person and includes bowling, pizza and pop. RSVP at bps@bazzi plasticsurgery.com or call 734-844-5700.

Church hosts concert series

The NOTEworthy Concert series at Plymouth First United Methodist Church opens with the Detroit Lutheran Singers at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22. The program theme is "Divide and Conquer: Music of Unity," featuring anthems by many different composers, including Gabrielli, Rutter and Trenney, in settings ranging from double choir to brass and/or organ accompaniment to a capella.

Admission is free; a free-will offering will be received to benefit the PFUMC Chancel Choir and hurricane relief. First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

For more information, call 734-453-5280 or go to pfumc.org.

Pet CPR training

The Plymouth City Fire Services, in cooperation with HVA for emergency medical services, is offering a free class in pet CPR training 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, at the Plymouth headquarters, 1260 Gold Smith Road. Participants will receive a pet bandana. Pre-registration is required at <https://form.jotform.us/72613988582167>.

Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society opens its 13th season at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road.

Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performers. Sign-up for open mic starts at 6:15 p.m. and ends at 6:40 p.m. Performances are the third Saturday of each month, September through May.

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Closser

June Dolores of Detroit, (Eddy) Born January 30, 1925, in Detroit, Michigan. Heaven Day February 19, 2017, Lakewood, Colorado. Memorial Service Saturday, October 14 at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, MI 10:30 a.m. Dearly beloved wife of the late Roy E. Closser (2000), loving mother of Dennis Closser and Judy Closser Cheatham (Richard), grandmother to grandsons Conner Pfau-Closser, and Zachary and Tristan Cheatham. Survived by sister Shirley Schaub (Ralph), sister-in-law Clara Jean Witucki (Roger), and many family members. Preceded in death by her parents, Roland and Josephine Eddy, in-laws Allen and Clara Closser, brothers-in-law Allen, William, Arthur and Donald Closser, nephews Gary, Joseph, and Kevin Closser, and her childhood friend, Rita Perrin Closser. June's passion was reading. She enjoyed movies, musical theatre and dogs, and was an accomplished seamstress who also knitted and hooked wool rugs. She cherished her antiques, collectables and home. She first attended Garden City Presbyterian Church at age 7, became a member in 1951, and continued until she moved to Colorado in September 2012. She was a Deacon, taught Sunday school, provided food for funerals and memorial services, and directed the age 11-18 Youth Group in the 1960's. Most importantly, June treasured her large, extended family and often said she wished everyone lived on Barton Street! She loved greatly, was greatly loved, and will always be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, 48135.

Jackson

Sharon A. of Westland, age 75, October 6, 2017, of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Theodore "Ted". Loving mother of Wendy Sutton, Dawn (Patrick) Bartrum, Deanna (Ron) King and Cindy (Frank) Ferrell. Dear sister of Ronald (Ann) Gentry, the late Richard and the late Donald. She is also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Visitation Thursday at the RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, from 1pm until 8pm, with a Funeral Service at 6pm. Her family suggests donations to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan. Please share a memory of Sharon at www.rggharris.com.



May you find comfort in family & friends

Robinson

Luanne 9/16/1928 - 10/5/2017 Luanne Robinson, 89, of Sarasota, FL., formerly of Wayne, MI, passed away on October 5, 2017 following a brief illness. Luanne was born in Battle Creek, MI on 9/16/1928 to Donald and Gladys Lockwood. Luanne loved baseball, crafts of all kinds and her family. She worked for many years as an administrative assistant to the Counselors at John Glenn High School in Wayne, MI. She is survived by her children Michael (Danya) Robinson of Libertyville, IL., Sharon (John) Halash of Sarasota, FL., her brother Jerry (Ann) Lockwood of Dearborn, MI., four grand children, several great-grand children and one great-great-grand child. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Joseph and her sister, Nancy. Memorial services will be held at a future date.

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Schoolcraft chef earns master's certification

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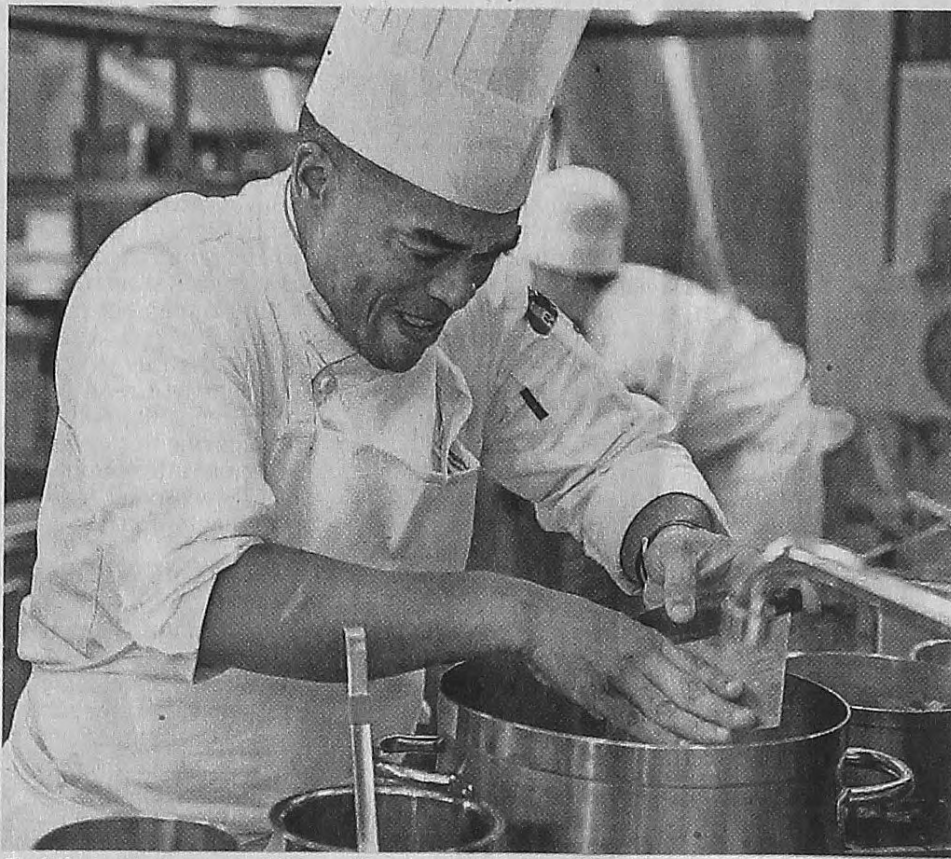
Shawn Loving has cooked for professional athletes and U.S. Olympic teams. He's earned certifications as an executive chef and a culinary administrator.

But Loving, who chairs the Culinary Arts Department at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, called the American Culinary Federation's eight-day certified master chef exam, for which he sat last week at Schoolcraft, the biggest cooking challenge he's ever faced.

He was up to the task. Loving was one of three chefs who earned the designation of certified master chef. Loving and the others — Gerald Ford of Dearborn, executive sous chef at The Everglades Club in Palm Beach, Fla., and Joseph Leonardi, director of culinary operations at The Country Club in Chestnut Hill, Mass. — earned the designation with stellar performances in the last two tests Saturday.

The certifications were awarded in a brief ceremony Sunday at Schoolcraft.

"It's the most difficult cooking challenge and focus I've ever had," Loving said. "I can't find words to describe (the experience), daily and



Chef Shawn Loving earned his certified master's chef certification.
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nightly, to share that feeling."

Ten chefs sat for the exam, during which they were tested on menus featuring healthy cooking, buffet catering, classical cuisine, freestyle cooking, global cuisine, baking and pastry and other cuisines.

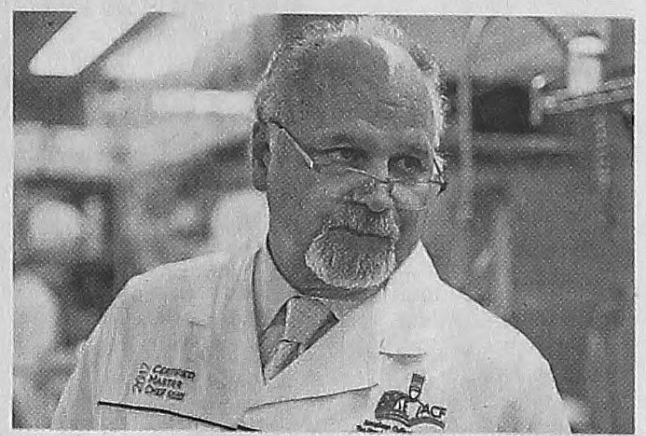
Each candidate was required to maintain an average of 75 (out of a

possible 100) for the first six days and then score better than 75 on each of the final two challenges to earn the CMC designation. Those final challenges counted for 50 percent of the candidates' overall scores.

Loving, Ford and Leonardi were the only ones to attain the certification, though two more candidates got close

enough to earn a shot at a make-up test.

"These profound chefs were driven to display their commitment ... and their dedication to their craft," said Stafford DeCambra, the ACF's board president. "When we challenge ourselves to perform under these trying circumstances, one experiences professional growth that tran-



Retired Schoolcraft chef Kevin Gawronski, who served as an evaluator, said judges were looking for more than just the fundamentals. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

sends our culinary skills."

Loving was cooking in his home kitchen, but quickly discounted any significance to that fact.

He said that might work for football teams or other athletic events, but the chefs in this exam could have been cooking anywhere.

"You had six burners and the stove," Loving said. "When you're cooking for a jury (of people) who represent what you strive to do ... the feeling of having a 'home court' advantage isn't there. It doesn't help."

Chef Chris Misiak, Schoolcraft's culinary arts program coordinator, said hosting the exam was a good experience for the school and praised the hometown chef who made good.

"I really appreciate the American Culinary Federation coming to Schoolcraft," Misiak said. "I had interesting talks with all of the candidates. Chef Shawn, being so close to home, was close to my heart."

Loving said he was, of course, happy to earn the CMC designation and that rising up that ladder brings with it additional responsibility, particularly to young people coming up behind him.

"It means a chapter closed and a new one begins ... with new responsibilities," Loving said. "I have to continue to strive for more knowledge and give it back to the generations. That's the No. 1 driving focus."

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Novelist challenges mental health status quo

Sometimes inspiration materializes when it's least expected. While brushing her teeth several years ago, a character popped into Elizabeth B. Splaine's mind and wouldn't leave until his

story had been written.

That was the birth of Dr. Julian Stryker, a blind child psychologist/profiler who lives in Boston and solves crimes with his homicide detective girlfriend, Alex

Hayes.

In Splaine's recent psychological crime thriller, "Blind Order," Stryker and Hayes work with a crusty FBI colleague to snare Dr. Linda Sterling, a serial killer who lures her prey into sexual encounters and then murders them using difficult-to-trace pharmaceuticals. As Linda unleashes her inner demons on unsuspecting men, the reader gains insight into her horrific childhood.

An editorial review from CreateSpace.com says it best: "Readers are torn between compassion and condemnation for this character as insight into her abusive childhood, frightening inner



Splaine

leaves them questioning the very nature of insanity. Issues relating to family, relationships, profession, and mental health are brought to the fore in this fascinating story, whose unexpected and surprising twists and turns weave an enthralling tapestry that not only keeps readers engrossed but prompts a reexamination of established views."

Splaine hopes that readers will enjoy the book, and will try to

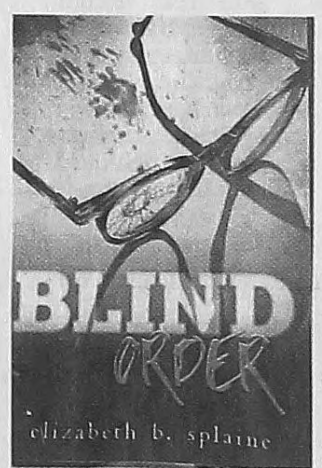
place themselves in some of the characters' shoes.

"Several characters in the book make decisions that are morally questionable, but they do it out of love and loyalty," she said. "I want the readers to ask, 'What would I do in that situation?'"

As Splaine wrote the novel, she couldn't help but grapple with issues such as: Where does one draw the line between hate and pity? And how does each emotion affect your response to someone's actions?

"At the heart of 'Blind Order' is a broken, pathetic, driven murderer. Was she born that way, or was the serial killer created through her circumstances?" Splaine said. "She knows what she's doing is wrong, yet she does it anyway. Is she mentally ill, or not? And from a societal perspective, does that question even matter?"

"Blind Order" currently enjoys a five-star rating on Amazon and is available at local libraries, as well as at My Little Paris Café & Bookstore (formerly The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro) in downtown



"Blind Order" is available at local libraries, as well as at My Little Paris Café & Bookstore (formerly The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro) in downtown Northville.

Northville. It's also available on Amazon.com in paperback and for download onto Kindle (or Kindle app for all other e-reading devices.)

Splaine is busy writing the sequel to "Blind Order," as well as the prequel. She lives and works in Northville as a writer and as a voice teacher/singer. She can be reached at elizbsplaine@aol.com and is available for signings and book club discussions.

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ELL Conversation Groups

When: 9:30-11 a.m. each Thursday and Friday
Details: Practice speaking English in an informal setting with Community Literacy Council volunteers. See the English Language Learner Program FAQ at www.cantonpl.org for more information.

Digital Drop-In Help

When: 10-11 a.m. each Friday
Details: Stop in to get one-on-one help with your e-readers from the friendly experts at the Information desk. Just bring your device and your desire to learn. Kindle users must bring Amazon log-in information as well.

Computer Skills Lab for Beginners

When: 9-11 a.m. second Saturday of each month
Details: If you are looking to build a foundation of strong computer skills, including Internet use and setting up an email account, stop in to CPL's Internet Lab. We will have guided activities for practice with mouse skills, copying/pasting and more, with trusted experts on hand to answer any questions you may have or connect you to additional resources.

Family Storytime

Details: Family Storytime provides an opportunity for caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. Together with a youth librarian, you can build early literacy skills in a welcoming environment through meaningful stories, songs and play. Encourage a love of language and reading while practicing listening and cooperative tasks. Every Family Storytime is followed by a half-hour of ABC Activity Time. Go to www.cantonpl.org for a full October program schedule.

Preschool Storytime

Details: Preschool storytimes feature longer books,

flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-55. These activities help develop pre-reading and school-readiness skills. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend, if needed, to help transition their child to this program, and all parents must remain in the children's department. Registration is required and you can pick a Monday or a Friday session. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

Baby Storytime

Details: Baby Storytime is designed for babies 18 months and younger with an adult and features simple stories, songs and rhymes carefully chosen to build awareness of language and vocabulary, foster a love of books and provide a fun, interactive experience for babies and parents/caregivers. Baby Storytime sessions start Sept. 12. Registration is required. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

Hero Hangout: Comics Reading Group

When: 7-8 p.m. third Wednesday of each month
Details: Do you love reading comics or learning about super heroes? Join us for Hero Hangout, a comic book club is for ages 7-12, and you choose what to read. Every week we will be sharing, reading and making comics. Participants are encouraged to bring a comic to share with a group, but are not required.

Library Board Meeting

When: 7:30-9 p.m. third Thursday of each month
Details: CPL is governed by a six-member Library Board of Trustees of community members elected quadrennially on a non-partisan ballot. The public is invited to attend.

'Calendar Girls' actors actually did a calendar

Brad Kadrich
 hometownlife.com

Maggie Gilkes and her husband Dave have been married for 44 years.

So when Maggie, a 65-year-old actress with the Farmington Players, agreed to strip down to her bare essentials and participate in a calendar to coincide with the troupe's production of "Calendar Girls," it didn't register much with Dave.

"He's never surprised at anything I do," Maggie said with a chuckle about Dave, himself a past president of the Farmington Players.

Maggie was one of several folks associated with the production to pose for the calendar, proceeds from the sale of which are being donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. It's a calendar similar to the one put together by the women celebrated in the movie "Calendar Girls," which starred Helen Mirren.

When "Calendar Girls" popped up on the 2017-18 production calendar for the Farmington Players, director Nancy Cooper thought making a calendar of their own seemed like a natural idea.

After talking with fellow Farmington Player member Maureen Mansfield, the group decided to go ahead with the idea.

"We began talking back and forth about how fun it would be to actually make a calendar in connection with



Farmington Players member Kandi Krumins, Dara Blaty, Ellen Doman and Deborah Anderson hit the right notes during the calendar shoot. PAUL MANOIAN | [HTTP://WWW.PAULMANOIAN.COM/](http://WWW.PAULMANOIAN.COM/)



Master set builder Brian Tupper and sound designer Eric Nogas, with their Christmas trees.

the show and the idea grew from there," Cooper said. "I asked that the show be placed first in the season, so we could sell a 2018 calendar that people could really use."

Cooper said she was pretty sure the six main women in the play would be willing to pose and another six actors joined in, along with nine people from the production staff. Livonia photographer Paul Manoian agreed to chip in his photographic services, Cooper drew up storyboards for each shot and the group did the shoot in one evening.

"They took off their clothes and put on big smiles for charity that night and the whole thing took less than two hours," Cooper said. "At first, everyone was pretty nervous about the nudity, but soon they realized it's more about not actually revealing anything and everyone just had fun."

Cooper contacted the folks at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, who greeted the calendar idea with enthusiasm. The society could use the money; according to information supplied by the society to Cooper, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society:

» Spent \$2.2 million for patient aid and travel assistance for 956 patients.

» Invested \$43 million in what the society called "cutting-edge" research.

» Pointed out that 1.2 million Americans are living with a blood cancer, that someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer every three minutes and that someone dies every nine minutes from a blood cancer.

Gilkes said she, too, was nervous at first, but then adopted a "what the heck" attitude, because the cause was absolutely worth it. Gilkes's aunt died last week and the

family had been looking for ways to donate to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

"I knew the calendar was going to sell and the money was going for a good cause," Gilkes said. "It's an ongoing charity that does really good work. It's a win-win."

The calendars have been sold at intermission and after the shows, so as not to spoil the "big reveal" in the play's first act.

"The calendar is very well-done," Cooper said. "We are all incredibly proud of it."

The Farmington Players' production of "Calendar Girls" closes this weekend, with 8 p.m. shows Thursday, Friday and Saturday at The Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Ticket information is available at the group's website, www.farmingtonplayers.org.

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1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR REVISION TO FIRE CODE ORDINANCE
 Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-56 - Adoption of Fire Prevention Code

PUBLIC HEARING:

All citizens and interested parties are invited to comment on the proposed item listed above. A public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed revision to the Fire Code Ordinance Section 38-56 will be held at the Plymouth City Commission Meeting on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St.

Maureen Brodie, CMC
 City Clerk

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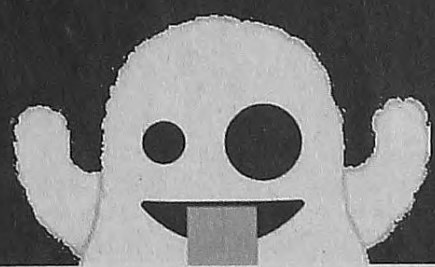
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PREP FOOTBALL

Franklin's Gibson is better than ever

Senior has bounced back from 'lost season'

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

As much as Brad Gibson loves playing football, he detests being forced to sit on the sidelines.

After the Livonia Franklin football player suffered torn ACL and MCL ligaments in spring 2016 while playing elite soccer, of all things, he realized there would be some unwanted bench time.

So he worked harder and faster than anybody else during physical therapy at Mercy Elite in Livonia and made it back to at least kick a few extra points in the final few weeks of the 2016 high school season.

This year has seen the 17-year-old senior come back to the parts of football he loves the most — hitting, being in on big moments on both sides of



Gibson

the line of scrimmage, contributing to the Patriots as they move closer to a state playoff berth.

"I thought the world was over. I didn't know how to deal with it," Gibson said, recalling the injury sustained to his left leg while playing for Vardar-South. "But then I got back to football. They told me it was possible to play, wasn't likely. I went to PT two, three times a week for the whole summer just to be able to play again."

Tough to wait

With encouragement from the Livonia St. Mary Mercy's surgeon who repaired the ligaments (Dr. Michael Brager), Gibson "busted it every day" in his quest to resume his Frank-

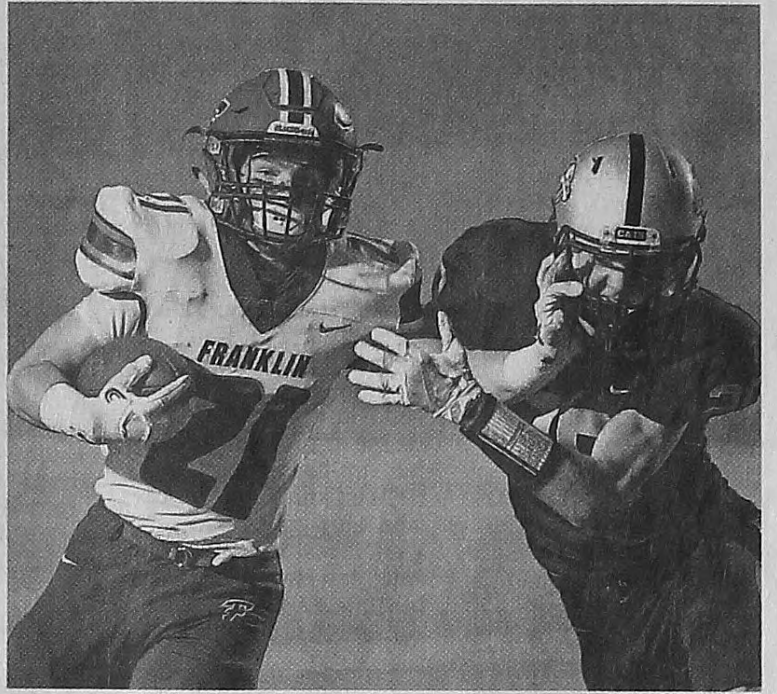
lin football career.

"It gave him a perspective of how valuable playing football is to him," Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert said. "I think he realized how much he enjoys it."

"Not being able to play, I know absolutely killed him last year in the beginning of the year, having to sit there and watch and knowing how important he was to the team."

When Gibson was going through the grueling rounds of PT, he didn't use that as an excuse to skip any Franklin team meetings or practices — even though all he could do was hold a clipboard.

"He came to every meeting, every team function," Kelbert said. "Some guys, when they get hurt, just think it's a free pass to just miss. He had no chance of playing there for two or three months, but he never



Franklin ball carrier Brad Gibson (left) fends off Plymouth's Alec Beshears. Gibson has been a stalwart for the Patriots on offense, defense and special teams. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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PREP FOOTBALL

Hawks celebrate milestone victory

Herrington gets 430th win against Oak Park, 17-14

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

John Herrington earned it. The only football head coach Farmington Harrison has ever had, Herrington tied the Michigan High School Athletic Association state record for most coaching wins Friday night after a thrilling 17-14 victory over highly-regarded, state-ranked Oak Park.

The emotional outcome gave Herrington his 430th MHSAA coaching victory to tie former Brother Rice head coach Al Fracassa as the state's winningest prep coach.

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, Herrington was mobbed by his team as he slowly made his way out to midfield for the handshake in the mild drizzle that punctuated a foggy, warm evening. Herrington later took pictures next to a poster that detailed the milestone triumph.

"I sure do feel like we earned it against them," said Herrington, in his 48th season as head coach. "They're a tough team. They are No. 1 in



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Coach John Herrington's players present a banner marking 430 wins after Harrison beat Oak Park, 17-14. DAN DEAN



Lakeland's Oakland County champion team included Tyler Mann, Tyler Leick, George Drallos, C.J. Davis, Drew Wenger, Harrison Grzymkowski and Kiree Kallimai.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

D1 champ Lakeland runs to county boys title

Milford runner-up to Troy in girls race

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

When it comes to boys cross country teams, White Lake Lakeland continues to be rated as a blue chip stock.

The defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion turned in an impressive performance Saturday morning at Kensington Metropark to earn its first Oakland County meet championship since 1997 by an



Mudel

impressive 73-point margin.

Two-time defending county champion Novi, led by individual winner Gabe Mudel (15:51.3), placed runner-up with 149, while host Milford took third with 165.

"They guys went out, they had an agenda and they went out there and executed pretty well," Lakeland coach Joe Verellen said. "We really didn't know where we stacked up against the rest of the county

because, to be honest with you, we really haven't seen any people in our county. So today was interesting to bring them all together and see how it laid out."

Four Lakeland runners earned all-county (top 30) honors: runner-up Harrison Grzymkowski (15:57.8), Drew Wenger (fifth, 16:11.8), George Drallos (17th, 17:04.8) and Christian Davis (21st, 17:09.6).

But in the absence of Angelo Savich, a key member who was out of the lineup taking an

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PREP FOOTBALL

Hawks register biggest win of the season

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Harrison was waiting all season for a game like this.

The Hawks dropped their opener on the road at powerful East Grand Rapids and suffered a heartbreaking three-overtime loss to Birmingham Groves at home two weeks ago. So Friday's pulsating 17-14 victory over Oak Park was as good as it comes.

The win not only forced a three-way with Oak Park and Birmingham Groves for the OAA White Division lead at 5-1 and one division game left, it lifted John Herrington into a tie with former Brother Rice head coach Al Fracassa as the state's winningest coach. Both head coaches have 430 career victories.

While Herrington was

pleased to finally have caught Fracassa, he was even more satisfied to have secured the program's fifth victory, which means Harrison needs to win just one of its final two games to clinch a state playoff berth. Harrison missed the playoffs last year for the first time in seven years.

Harrison and state-ranked Oak Park are now 5-2 overall.

"Oak Park is a great team. Their quarterback (D'wan Mathis) is awesome," Herrington said. "We couldn't stop him on the run at all. And their (running back Casual Goldsmith), we couldn't tackle him. But we tackled him just enough.

"You know, we hadn't won a big game in a while. West Bloomfield last year, and we've been beating teams that weren't that good, but we

hadn't won a big game, so it was big for our players.

"I was really more into getting this win to have a chance at the playoffs, because who we get in the crossover is going to be somebody really good, I know," he added. "So it means a lot (to tie the state record), but getting that win is a big thing."

Following are five takeaways from the game:

HARRISON NEVER TRAILED

The teams played a scoreless first quarter, but Harrison scored twice in the second quarter and enjoyed the precarious lead the entire game.

Junior running back Roderick Heard opened the scoring on a 29-yard



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Harrison's Ovie Oghoufo runs for yards after catching a pass during the first half. DAN DEAN

PREP FOOTBALL



Redford Thurston's Demetrius Dowd (left) outraces Redford Union defender Issac Grant during Friday's contest. TOM BEAUDOIN

Late surge propels Thurston to 42-40 overtime triumph over RU

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Just one minute into Friday's homecoming game at Redford Thurston, it didn't look like it was going to be the Eagles' night.

Redford Union junior running back JuJuan Stokes burst through the line for a 79-yard touchdown run and the Panthers tacked on two more TD runs by Stokes before halftime to go up, 21-8.

But the Eagles, after playing what coach Bob Snell described as their worst half of the season, turned things around in spectacular fashion. A late flurry capped off a 20-point fourth quarter and sent the game to overtime at 34-34.

Thurston then won the game, 42-40, with a TD in the second OT session, collecting the coveted Supervisor's Cup in the process. The Eagles now are 5-2 (3-2 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division) and just one win away from a playoff spot.

"We had nowhere to go but up and we had to pull ourselves back up," Snell said about the second half transformation. "And to their credit, they did it. It's not easy for 16- and 17-year-olds to be shaken like that and then rise back up and get their composure back and play a great second half."

Panthers head coach Miles Tomasaitis lamented the final outcome, but not the fact the RU-Thurston rivalry game is as strong as ever.

"Unfortunately, somebody had to lose the game and tonight it was us," said Tomasaitis, whose team fell to 3-4 overall. "But what a great game, great rivalry. Coach Snell does a great job with the kids. And with all the stupidity that happens in the world, we just got a great football game to play against these guys.

"And I'm happy to bring it back, because it was missing for a few years. The rivalry actually means something, the game's competitive and a lot of fun."

On track

Thurston senior halfback Demetrius Dowd was instrumental in the comeback, with touchdown grabs of 13 and 8 yards in the final five minutes of the final quarter. The more dramatic of the two came on a do-or-die play with 17 seconds remaining.

On fourth-and-goal from the 8-yard line, quarterback Keysean Ware (in for starter Zachary Crofford, who had just hobbled off with an apparent leg

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PREP FOOTBALL

Lakeland punches playoff ticket vs. Milford

Plenty of fireworks as Eagles roll to 55-13 victory

Brad Emons
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Fourth of July came early for White Lake Lakeland's football team and it was only appropriate that the Eagles would celebrate their big win with a fireworks show afterward.

The Eagles hit the trifecta Friday night in a 55-13 homecoming victory over rival Milford, but more importantly, earned a spot in the MHSAA Division 1 state playoffs for the fourth time in school history and their first since 2008.

Lakeland, which improved to 5-2 overall and in the Lakes Valley Conference, pulled away in the second half to hand the Mavericks their seventh straight setback dating back to 2012 in the Huron Valley Schools district series.

The Eagles rushed for 389 yards on just 27 attempts while scoring 27 unanswered points in the second half after leading 27-13 at intermission.

"I'm in tears," Lakeland's 6-foot-3, 265-pound senior offensive lineman Ryan Allen said. "This is the most amazing thing. This is the most amazing I've ever felt. This is fantastic. Big shout-out Lakeland leadership class for putting all this on. Shout-out to my teammates ... this is amazing."

Milford (1-6, 0-6), coming off two close losses a year ago against Lakeland, made things interesting for a half, but simply couldn't keep up with the Eagles' big offensive line, led by Allen.

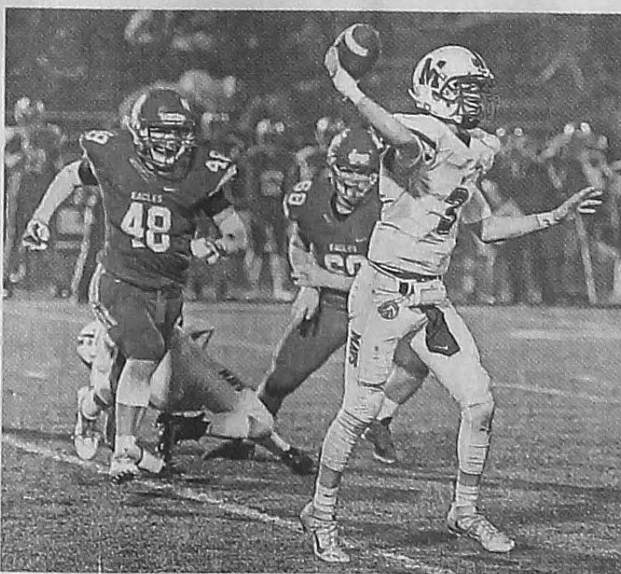
"Just blocking down field, doing our jobs, making sure we're blocking to the whistle," Allen said. "We're closer than any group of people you'll meet."

Lakeland scored first on an 11-play drive, resulting in an 11-yard touchdown run by Dakota Myers with 2:33 left in the first quarter, but Milford answered on a 6-yard TD run by senior quarterback Aiden Warzecha on the first play of the second quarter to knot the game at 7-7.

Lakeland senior Sean Cullen took the ensuing kickoff, a squibber, as



Lakeland's C.J. Davis (left) tries to break free from a Milford tackler. JERRY REA



Milford quarterback Aiden Warzecha makes a throw on the run during Friday's loss to Lakeland. JERRY REA

Mitchell Boles to Shawn Keller in the third quarter, followed by a 59-yard TD run by Cullen and an 81-yard TD run by Jon Fernandez in the fourth.

"We made some mistakes on the special teams tackling," Novak said. "We were in spots, missed tackles and gave up big plays. Offensively, we did some good things early on then the game got a little out of hand as the game went on. We had a few kids hurt and different kids in different spots and it showed. We missed assignments and gave up big holes and they took advantage of it."

Here are six other takeaways:

SHARING THE LOAD

Leading ball carriers for the Eagles included Myers (10 carries, 97 yards), Tracy (nine carries, 91 yards) and Cullen (three carries, 88 yards).

"I don't think we punted tonight," third-year Lakeland coach Joe Woodruff said. "The offense was just plugging away. The great thing about it was we really simplified the offensive game plan down this week. And (I) was really, really happy

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he peeled through and around a sea of Milford would-be tacklers and returned it 69 yards for a TD.

The Mavericks then came back with a 12-play, 58-yard drive, resulting in a 16-yard Christian Koschke TD run with 5:17 left in the half. But on that series, Warzecha left the game with an injury and was replaced by Andrew Minton.

"(Warzecha) took a helmet to the hand," first-year Milford coach Dan Novak said. "His throwing hand just swelled up. There's a

giant knot, bigger than a golf ball, it's huge. He gritted it out, going against a rival. He wanted to stay in, but I pulled him at the end and got our backup quarterback back in."

Lakeland blocked the extra point to keep it at 14-13 and then capitalized on a short Milford punt to score with just 24.1 seconds until intermission on a Myers 7-yard TD run to go up 27-13.

The Eagles went on to dominate the second half, getting a 46-yard TD run by Robbie Tracy and a 25-yard TD pass from

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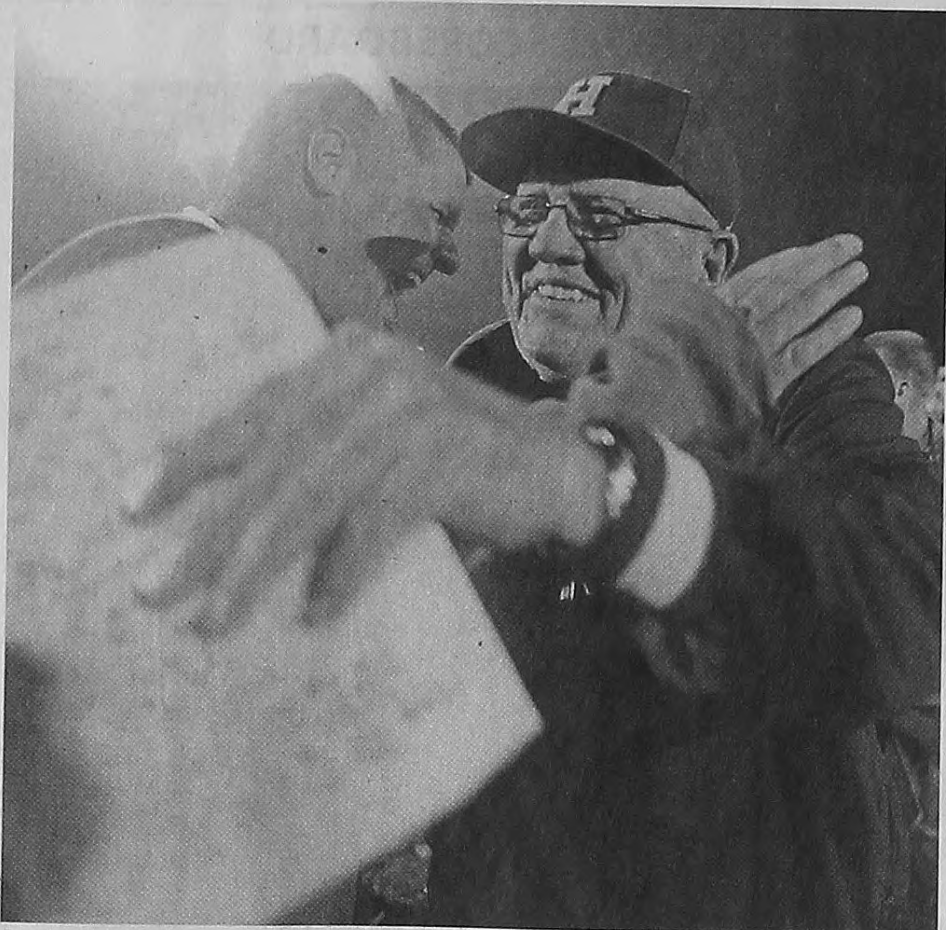
"I'm glad we won because you guys can stop writing about the darn thing now. I was really more into getting this because now we have a chance to get into the playoffs," he added. "Because who we get in the (final game) cross-over is going to be someone really good. So it means a lot, but getting that win was even better."

Mill "The Thrill" Coleman, an all-state quarterback for Herrington back in the late '80s, couldn't have been happier that his former coach tied the state record that Fracassa has held since 2008.

"We knew it was inevitable. We knew it was going to happen," said Coleman, now an assistant offensive coordinator and quarterback coach for Harrison. "It was a great game to do it in. It was a tough game and we needed it. It was vital for us to win this game to have a chance for the playoffs."

"We beat a team tonight that was ranked in the state. We knew it was going to be a physical game and it was going to come down to the end like it did. It was to be expected. Our guys stepped up, I'm proud of them and I'm sure (Herrington) is, too."

"Coach deserves it, because he's been doing it for a long time," he added. "He has a great staff that's been with him for a long time so, hope-



Coach John Herrington get a hug from his son Layne after his team beat Oak Park 17-14 to give him 430 career victories. DAN DEAN



Farmington Harrison football head coach John Herrington celebrates after his team beat Oak Park 17-14 to give him 430 career wins, tying him with former Brother Rice coach Al Fracassa for most wins. DAN DEAN

fully, there's more to come."

Herrington can break the record this week,

THURSTON

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injury), dumped the ball to Dowd and it looked like the Panthers had him stopped short of the goal line.

Dowd kept churning his legs and the second effort paid off with the score.

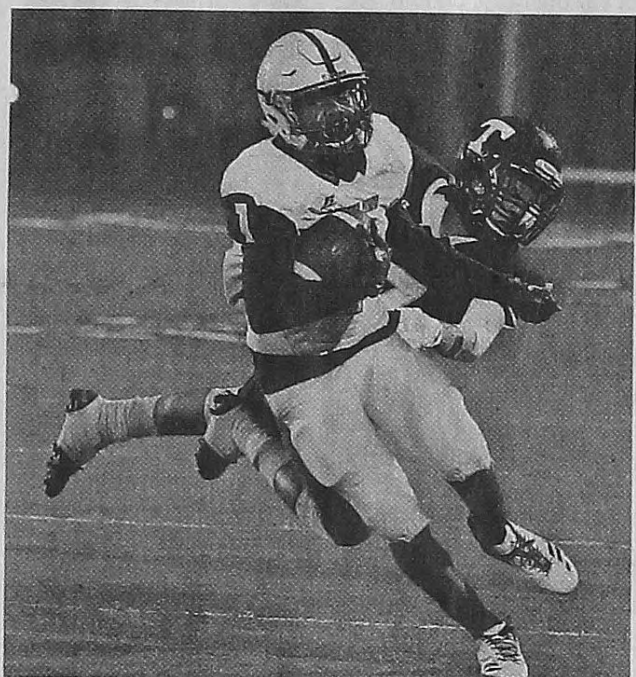
"We got a nickname, we're the Train Boys," Dowd said. "We just told each other we were going to keep chugging down the train tracks. I just didn't want to disappoint my team, because I know they really need me."

"I know I'm a senior. This is my last homecoming game. I didn't want to let anybody down."

Thurston still needed to convert the two-point play to send the game to overtime. Junior Leonard Funches took it in with a run. Funches earlier jump-started the Eagles' big fourth quarter when he scored on a 49-yard TD run with 11:41 to go in the fourth.

That came just 10 seconds after RU's Thorton Cain scored on an 11-yard carry on the first play of the fourth to make it 28-14.

Both teams failed to score in their first crack at an overtime TD (teams start from the 10-yard line). But then Jayshawn Adams swept around left end for the tie-breaker



Redford Union's Kenneth Perry (front) runs the ball down the sidelines while Thurston's Keysean Ware tries to bring him down. TOM BEAUDOIN

and Funches again scored a two-point conversion.

Redford Union responded with Issac Grant's touchdown run, but the Panthers were unable to make the two-pointer needed to extend the game to a third overtime.

"We had the play called, the ball was slippery in the quarterback's hands," Tomasaitis said. "And he couldn't get the pitch off or else we'd still be playing right now."

Here are several other takeaways:

TOUGH TO STOP

Twice, the Eagles seemed to have Stokes bottled up and both times he found a way through the maze for touchdown runs. Stokes was a one-man wrecking crew in the first half, with TD runs of 79, 28 and 50 yards.

KEY RESPONSE

Dowd helped get the home crowd into it when he scored on a 74-yard kickoff return late in the fourth quarter, to put the Eagles on the board at 14-8.

HOMEcoming KUDOS

Rob Spicer, a Thurston alum who played in the NFL with the New York Jets, was recognized during the second quarter. Also introduced was coach Don Riehl, who led the Eagles from 1954-79.

1969 REVISITED

Members of the undefeated state champion 1969 Thurston football team (8-0) were introduced following the first quarter, to warm applause. Under the leadership of coach William McDonald, the Eagles set a Class A record for consecutive wins. Stepping out onto the gridiron were alums Bob Graustein, John King, Steve Boyak, Larry Marshall, Don Kneller and Bill Lenerz.

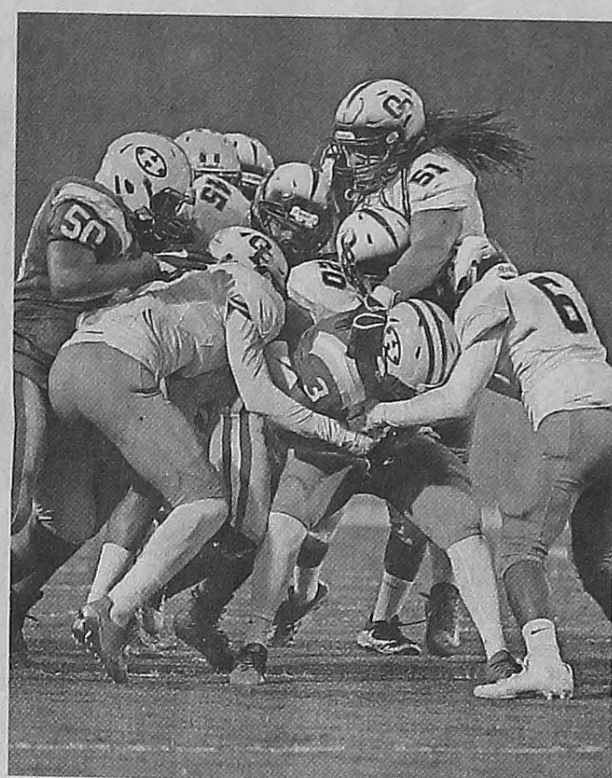
REDFORD RAIN

There was a drizzle falling at Thurston during the first half and the rain came down harder after the 20-minute homecoming intermission. But fans did not budge as the rivals battled for Supervisor's Cup honors.

BACK AND FORTH

The Eagles won the cup back from RU (winner in 2016). Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz-Kobylarz presented the trophy following the game.

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Harrison's Roderick Heard is stacked up by a host of Oak Park defenders. DAN DEAN

HAWKS

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run on the second play of the second quarter. Oak Park scored on its ensuing drive, but missed the extra point and Harrison was ahead, 7-6.

The Hawks scored on the final play of the second quarter, when quarterback Noah Hendricks ran it in from a yard out on the quarterback keeper. Junior kicker David Hiser booted his second extra point and Harrison held a 14-6 halftime lead.

HISER'S BOOT IS GAME-WINNER

Hiser provided the eventual winning points midway through the third quarter.

After Harrison's drive stalled at the Oak Park 19-yard line, Hiser split the uprights on the foggy, drizzly evening with a 36-yard field goal. The huge kick put Harrison up 17-6 at the time.

Oak Park scored immediately after the field goal, going 55 yards on just six plays. Senior Gary Gayle went in on a left-side jet sweep from 27 yards away. Mathis ran in the two-point conversion, which accounted for the final score.

HARRISON'S DEFENSE RISES UP

Oak Park had dominated its White Division opponents this season, outscoring them by a whopping 220-14 margin. Four of its five wins were by shutout.

However, Harrison managed just enough offense to win the game and limited the talented Knights team to their second-lowest point total of the season (they had seven in the season-opening loss to state-ranked Utica Eisenhower).

The Harrison defense came up with a number of clutch plays.

Seniors Jerrin Harvey and Nick Cotton both had a timely interception. They also recovered an Oak Park fumble to seal the vic-

tory late in the game. Twice they stopped Oak Park on fourth-down plays.

Junior defensive lineman Maverick Hansen finished with six tackles, including a sack for a 4-yard loss in the first quarter. Moet Andrews, Vincent Rawls and Rapana Filemu also had strong games.

"Our defense was tremendous," said Herrington, in his 48th season. "We couldn't get much going on offense in the second half, but we came up with some big stops. The interceptions were big."

CLUTCH FOURTH-QUARTER POSSESSION

After forcing Oak Park to punt on early in the fourth quarter, Harrison got the ball back at its own 6-yard line with 8:33 remaining in the game.

The Hawks then held the ball for a little over six minutes, marching toward midfield. On a fourth-and-three, Harrison lined up like it was going to run a play. However, Hendricks quick-kicked the ball down to the Oak Park 11-yard line.

The Knights needed to go 89 yards with 2:21 remaining on the clock. They never got past midfield as Harrison's defense came through once again to secure the win.

"Noah had a great run to keep that drive alive and then he came up with that quick kick put it out on the 11-(yard line)," Herrington said. "That was a very important drive. I knew (defensive coordinator Dave) Thorne didn't want me to give them the ball back around midfield or something. And Heard ran really great in the last part of the game I thought."

HARRISON LEADS SERIES

As the recent series results dictated, it was Harrison's turn to win this year's game.

Harrison owned a 5-3 overall lead in the series heading into the game, but the teams had traded victories since 2011. The Knights won last year's game, 14-9.

The Hawks now lead the overall series, 6-3.

LAKELAND

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that we executed our base offense as well as we did."

YARDS DISCREPANCY

Lakeland outgained the Mavericks in total offense, 428-242.

Warzecha was 7-of-12 passing for 68 yards, while Minto was 2-of-5 for 43. The Mavericks had 131 yards rushing, led by Warzecha (10 carries, 44 yards), who after going out returned to the lineup in the third quarter.

"Our defensive staff did a great job of ad-

justing to what they were doing," Woodruff said. "(Warzecha) for them is a warrior. When he wasn't in there for a couple of those series, it certainly took them out of their game plan and what they wanted to do. Then when he came back in with a hurt hand - when you can't go under center - we kind of get an idea of what they're doing and kind of tee off a little bit on them on defense. Defense did a great job settling down."

EFFECTIVE OFFENSE

The Eagles completed their only two passing attempt for 39 yards, with one going for a touchdown.

With starter Brady Woodruff going down last week in a 13-11 loss to Walled Lake Western with a dislocated hip and a fractured pelvis, the Eagles went with two QBs against the Mavs.

"I was just happy the way our kids rallied around," Woodruff said. "Mitchell (Boles) played a really good game, did some really nice things tonight. Grew up and took a couple big steps in there. Joe Rzeppa, who was able to play, too, he came in those last two or three drives where we scored on it. There was a lot of jitters and stuff, but we're really, really proud of the way our

offense ran tonight."

BRAGGING RIGHTS

This was the 46th meeting between the two schools. Despite losing seven straight to the Eagles, Milford still leads the series, 24-22.

"This is what I expected," Novak said. "I was part of this as an assistant (at Milford) before and both teams were fired up. Rivalry games are always fun."

Meanwhile, the Eagles soaked up their \$6,000 homecoming post-game fireworks display by staying on the field.

"It was a good environment for the kids," Woodruff said.

BYE WEEK

Lakeland is off next week before winding up the regular season Friday, Oct. 20, at Walled Lake Northern (5-2, 4-2) in an LVC clash.

Woodruff said he is hopeful senior running back Dylan Kutzleb could return to the lineup after missing the past two games.

"Going into our bye week, we can kind of catch our breath, re-evaluate and kind of figure out where we're going from here," he said. "We're still a little bit banged up and we're going to get a chance to get healthy a little bit before our last game."

PLAYOFF-BOUND

Despite having a bye in the eighth week, the Eagles are automatically in with their fifth victory.

"I've done this a lot of years and made the playoffs at different places," Woodruff said. "It's just getting the kids to understand taking steps forward. In Michigan, making the playoffs is kind of the benchmark of how good you're season is. So we've got to get our kids off of that and realize we have another game left. And that's going to be our focus next week."

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WEEK 7 PREP FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

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Friday Oct. 6

BELLEVILLE 69, GARDEN CITY 0: Julian Barnett caught three touchdown passes to lead host Belleville past Garden City. The Cougars dropped to 1-6 overall.

BENTON HARBOR 21, DETROIT COUNTRY DAY 6: The Yellowjackets grabbed the lead early in the second quarter on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Anthony Toma to Kolin Demens. But DCD couldn't score again, due in part to losing five turnovers (four interceptions and a fumble). The Yellowjackets still maintained the lead into the final quarter, but Benton Harbor's Jaylin Jones scored a trio of fourth-quarter touchdowns to provide the final margin. Country Day fell to 2-5, while Benton Harbor improved to 3-4.

BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE 24, STEVENS-VILLE LAKESHORE 20:

The Warriors trailed previously unbeaten Lakeshore 20-3 through three quarters before rallying to victory behind three Greg Piscopink touchdown passes. Piscopink threw a 44-yard TD to Jack Moran and later found Colin Gardner for 22- and 36-yard scoring strikes. Christian Haijar opened the scoring for the visiting Warriors with an early field goal. He stayed busy in the fourth quarter by booting three extra points and then intercepting a late pass to seal the Warriors' victory. Rice is now 4-3 overall, while 10th-ranked Lakeshore is 6-1.

BIRMINGHAM GROVES 31, ROCHESTER 13:

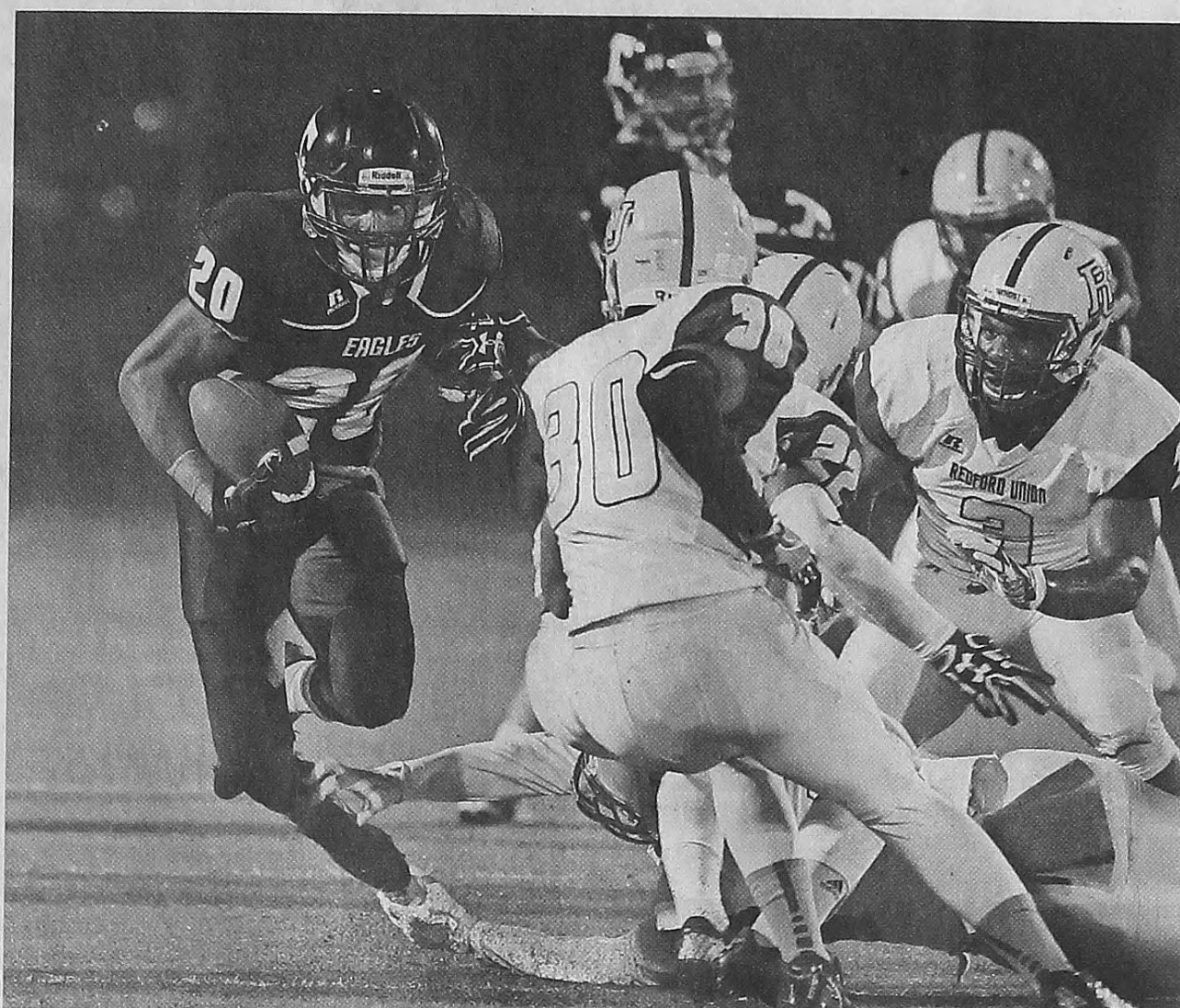
Groves improved to 6-1 overall, 5-1 in the OAA White. Rochester dropped to 2-5, 2-4. The young duo of sophomore Josh Salter (13 carries, 112 yards) and junior Damonte McCurdy (12 carries, 82 yards, two TDs), led Groves' running attack. Chaise Ford also ran for one score, while Reed Abbott caught a touchdown pass for Groves. Defensively for Groves, Ian Ebbing contributed seven tackles, while Solomon Bell added five.

BRIGHTON 20, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 7:

The Rockets suffered another competitive loss, dropping to 1-6 on the season. Glenn grabbed a 7-0 lead and entered halftime tied at 7-7, but two second-half touchdowns led Brighton to victory.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 23, SOUTHFIELD ARTS & TECHNOLOGY 22:

The host Black Hawks overcame a 14-10 fourth-quarter deficit in a non-conference clash. Quarterback John Paddock completed 21-of-40 passes for



Carrying the ball for Redford Thurston is Leonard Funches (left), while RU's Trevon Williams looks to make a stop. TOM BEAUDOIN

286 yards and two touchdowns and scored another TD on the ground. His favorite aerial targets were Ty Slazinski (eight receptions, 118 yards) and Darren Mack (six catches, 108 yards, one TD). Bloomfield Hills' defensive leaders included Mack, who had 12 tackles plus an interception, and Paul Mucci, who contributed 10 tackles. The Black Hawks rose to 5-2 overall, while Southfield dropped to 3-4.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK-KINGSWOOD 49, MACOMB LUTHERAN NORTH 27:

The visiting Cranes built a 42-0 halftime lead. Quarterback Trevor McConnell passed just nine times, but he made them count, completing five tosses for 180 yards and two touchdowns. Marquis Stokes caught a 67-yard TD pass in the second quarter. Torrell Williams grabbed two catches for 65 yards, including a 53-yard TD reception to open the scoring, just 48 seconds into the game. Jack Fairman scored on both of his rushing attempts, on a 1-yard plunge in the second quarter and on a 98-yard sprint in the third quarter. Fairman also blocked a punt and recovered it in the North end zone for another TD. Tariq Muhamed scored Cranbrook's other two touchdowns, on runs of 2 and 11 yards. Pierson Cooke was 7-of-7 on extra points. Defensively, Fairman and Muhamed had one interception apiece. Fairman led the Cranes with 5.5 tackles.

CANTON 45, HOWELL 8:

The Chiefs, ranked sixth in the state in Division 1, rolled to a 31-0 halftime lead. Overall, Canton scored five rushing touchdowns and add-

ed a TD pass plus a field goal before the Highlanders gained a late score.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD 20, LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 6:

The visiting Trojans fell to 1-6.

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 20, ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S 3:

Cam Ryan led the Shamrocks to victory in the Catholic League clash, running 30 times for 200 yards and three touchdowns. Marco Genrich was 5-of-8 passing for 46 yards and added 35 rushing yards on 10 carries. Mike Harding caught a pair of passes for 23 yards. Isaac Darrangelo led CC's defense with nine total tackles, including six solo stops.

HARTLAND 21, LIVONIA STEVENSON 13:

The Spartans made a spirited comeback attempt, after Hartland took a 21-0 halftime lead on three Tommy Lapin touchdowns. Stevenson fought back on TD runs of 26 yards by Dalen Cobb and 5 yards by Parker Graham, but could draw no closer. Stevenson is now 4-3.

HAZEL PARK 48, NORTH FARMINGTON 7:

The tough season continued for the visiting Raiders, who fell to 1-6.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 21, GRAND BLANC 9:

The visiting Chargers (6-1, 5-0) scored an impressive victory over eighth-ranked Grand Blanc (6-1, 4-1) to move into first place all alone in the KLAAs' Gold Division. A Josh Hastings interception set up Churchill's first score, a 2-yard run by Darrell Mason. After the Bobcats scored on a blocked punt in the second quarter, the Chargers answered immediately as Tyrese Williams ran the ensuing kickoff back 90 yards for a touchdown. Churchill

clung to its 14-7 lead until Mason's 1-yard TD plunge made it 21-7 in the fourth quarter, before the Bobcats added a late safety. Martell Dooley had three interceptions to help the Chargers protect their lead.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 10, PLYMOUTH 7:

Brad Gibson booted a 20-yard field goal with 10:34 remaining in the game, breaking a 7-7 tie and lifting the visiting Patriots. Franklin improves to 5-2 overall, 4-1 in the KLAAs' Gold Division, while Plymouth drops to 2-5, 2-3. Franklin opened the scoring on Jake Kelbert's 5-yard run plus Gibson's extra point in the first quarter. The Wildcats knotted the score 4:58 before halftime when Nick Downs connected on a 62-yard touchdown pass to Carson Miller, then Cade Ahlijian kicked the extra point. Franklin outgained Plymouth 176-156 in the defensive struggle. Julius Simmons led the Patriots' ground attack with 51 yards on 11 carries, while Isaac Moore ran for 47 yards on 17 attempts. Miller paced Plymouth with 32 rushing yards.

ROYAL OAK 44, FARMINGTON 23:

Kendall Williams led the visiting Falcons with 133 rushing yards, including one touchdown. Oscar Glenn added 69 yards on the ground, with one score. For Royal Oak, Will Stephens ran for 185 yards and two touchdowns, while Pat Tesho gained 159 yards and three TDs.

TROY 13, BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM 2:

Michael Abitheira booted a pair of field goals and Will Flynn secured the victory with a 67-yard, fourth-quarter scoring run to give the Colts a homecoming victory. The Maples trimmed the score to 6-2 in the third quarter by blocking a Troy punt that bounced through the end zone for a safety. Troy is 5-2 over-

all, 4-2 in the OAA White. Seaholm is 1-6, 1-5.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 17, SOUTH LYON EAST 10:

The visiting Cougars fell to 2-5 overall.

WATERFORD MOTT 35, SOUTH LYON 7:

Mott rolled to a 35-0 lead and the host Lions could only respond with one second-half score. The Corsairs are now 6-1 overall, with the same record in Lakes Valley Conference play. South Lyon is 1-6, 1-5. Ryan Gill scored South Lyon's lone touchdown on a 43-yard run in the third quarter, followed by Brenden Lach's point-after kick. Overall, Gill ran for 50 yards on just three carries, while Ian Goins added 44 yards on 10 attempts, as South Lyon managed just 222 yards total offense, against Mott's 405. South Lyon quarterback Conner Fracassi was 10-of-17 for 113 yards; Gill caught five of those completions for 45 yards. The Lions' defensive leaders included Ben Buchler (five solo tackles, six assists), Mitch Komorous (four solo tackles, five assists) and Jake Newman (three solo tackles, five assists).

Saturday, Oct. 7

SALEM 34, NOVI 14:

The host Rocks broke a 7-7 tie with two second-quarter touchdowns. Andrew Davis opened the scoring for Salem with a 72-yard run in the first quarter. Joshua Gilmour added the first of his four extra-point kicks for a 7-0 lead. Novi knotted the score on a 50-yard TD pass from Sean Gilliam to Traveon Maddox Jr. Ryan Young then gave the Rocks the lead for good on a 55-yard TD dash early in the second quarter. Davis' 5-yard touchdown run late in the period gave the Rocks a 20-7 halftime lead. In the third quarter, Jaquan Baker scored on an 8-yard run and Young plunged over the goal line from 1 yard out to make it 34-7. Gilliam ended the scoring with a 12-yard run, followed by Blake King's second extra point. Salem didn't complete a pass, but outgained the Wildcats on the ground, 390-44. Davis carried 11 times for 154 yards, Baker ran 17 times for 108 yard and Young added 96 yards on 11 attempts. Kyle Klosterman paced Novi's ground game with 12 carries for 52 yards. Gilliam was 9-of-25 passing for 124 yards. Maddox caught four passes for 86 yards. Salem's defensive leaders included Ryan McAuliffe, Cody Tapp and Tyler Overatis, with 4.5 tackles apiece. Tapp and Brennan McNeal both had two sacks and Davis added an interception. Drew O'Connor had 7.5 tackles and Tyler Vankirk added seven for Novi. Salem improved to 4-3 overall, 3-2 in the Kensington Lakes Black Division while Novi fell to 2-5, 2-4.

GIBSON

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missed anything."

Gibson brought out water to his teammates during practice breaks and watched extra film to learn all the plays "just in case if I was allowed to get back in, I would know what to do."

Because of that dedication and sheer will, Kelbert said Gibson "got through his tests quicker than anybody they'd ever had before (at Mercy Elite). His determination was part of that and him being in good shape prior to the injury."

Work pays off

By mid-October, he was permitted to kick extra points as the 2016 Patriots marched toward a playoff spot.

"I ended up going through PT and getting to the cutting program, that was, like, so I could plant," Gibson said. "We went into the hospital and Dr. Brager cleared me to play. I was just so happy. I got to get into the playoffs and kicked."

Gibson, who is a slot receiver, cornerback and kicker/punter for the Patriots, actually got stronger because of going through the long process.

"January, right when we started lifting in weights class, I was good," Gibson said. "Maxed out on squat (380

pounds) and bench (265). I got stronger, my left leg ended up stronger."

Fast forward to the 2017 season. Gibson is a key two-way player who also is making a difference with his kicking abilities.

In Week 3, he drove a game-winning 37-yard field goal through the uprights to cap a late comeback and defeat Northville.

Long snapper Jacob Mass sent the ball back to holder Cal Fournier and Gibson found the sweet spot — twice, because the Mustangs called a quick timeout.

"We were on the left hash and it went right down the middle," Gibson said, recalling the moment. "They called a

timeout, we snapped it, I still kicked it and I made the first one — and then I made the second one, too."

"They iced me. But I was, like, I made the first one I'm going to make the second one. It felt good. When I kicked it, I had the chills all throughout my body. It was a great feeling. Never felt that before. A lot of emotion."

And for good measure, Gibson also kicked the winning field goal late in Friday's game for a 10-7 victory over Plymouth.

Hasn't missed a beat

Kelbert said it's been a big boost to have Gibson back in full swing this season.

"He's a guy that brings some of our

toughness, some of our intensity to our team," Kelbert said. "He's been a real big part of both sides of the ball for us and he's also our kicker. So he is a three-unit guy for us and fills a lot of needs."

"Not having him would be hard shoes to fill."

The coach added that he hasn't noticed any drop-off in the speed and skill shown by Gibson this season and said the senior is "pretty close" to how he played as a sophomore in 2015.

"He's a smarter player, just with age, he's gotten better," Kelbert said. "Physical abilities, I don't think he lost anything. He's got the same speed, same quickness."

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KLAA GIRLS GOLF

Conference meet good tuneup for postseason

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The cream of the crop in high school girls golf often is very rich when it comes out of the ultra-competitive Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

It was more of the same Oct. 3 at Salem Hills Golf Course in



Vento



Zydeck

Northville, as KLAA teams and individuals demonstrated they are primed for upcoming regionals and states.

Finishing first with 309 for 18 holes at the par-72 course was

still-undefeated Brighton, walking away with the conference championship trophy. Spearheading the Bulldogs with 76 were Heather Fortushniak and Annie Pietila, while Autumn Blaney finished with 77. In second place with 313 strokes was Northville. Perennial contender Plymouth came in third with 337.

"Some of the top teams in the state are in our league, so it's very competitive," veteran Plymouth coach Dan Young said. "There's a lot of teams that are really good. I think leading the way is Brighton and Northville. So yeah, we're all chasing those two."

Best showing

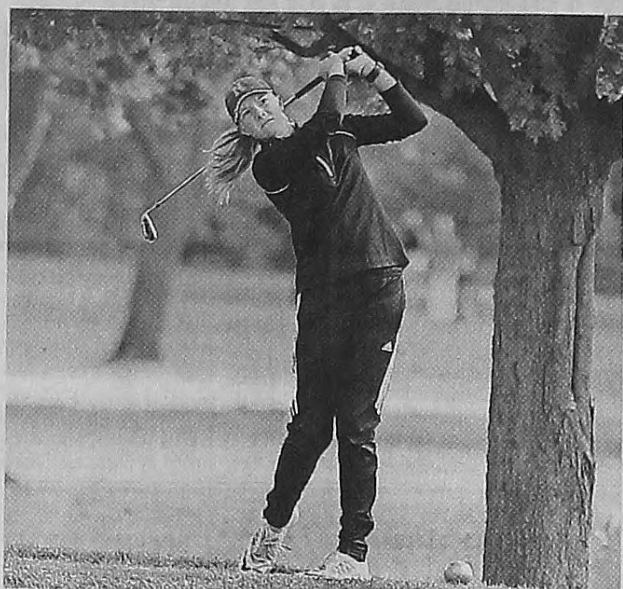
The Mustangs had a record-smashing afternoon, led by medalist Nicole Whatley.

The freshman registered 1-under-par 71 and declared herself ready for the regional, which for Northville takes place Oct. 12 at Lake Forest Golf Course in Ann Arbor.

"I just tried to play my own game," Whatley said. "I felt pretty confident going in. I parred the first five holes and then I started to go under a little bit, 3-under through nine."

"And then I started going back up again and I came back at the end."

Northville head coach Chris Cronin said his team showed strength in numbers with the 313



Northville freshman Nicole Whatley follows through on a shot Tuesday at Salem Hills Golf Course, where she was individual medalist at the KLAA girls golf tournament.

total, busting the school's previous team record of 318.

"(Whatley) was just outstanding today," Cronin said. "And Mariella Simoncini was our No. 2 today, she shot a 77."

"But Northville really had three other girls that brought it home for us. You play six and score four. We had an 82, 83, 84 today. We were able to pull it out that way."

That trio included Sufna Gill (82), Katelyn Tokarz (83) and Sedona Shipka (84).

Among those tied for the runner-up spot with 76 were Livonia Stevenson senior Anna Vento and Plymouth junior Shae Zydeck.

"I think this tournament is beyond important, especially for states," Vento said. "We don't get to play a ton of 18 holes before then and this is a good tournament, too. It puts a lot of pressure on the girls. I know at regionals, they'll be feeling it, too. This one is helpful."

According to Zydeck, she had some familiarity with the course, having played some summer tournaments.

"The back nine has some tricky holes. There's a lot of times where you have to go over the water," Zydeck said. "But if you get through those, it's pretty straightforward."

"I think it (KLAA tourney) is great for regionals and states, for preparing."

Young praised his top two golfers, Zydeck and senior Erin Johnson (81).

"(Zydeck) had a great round, she's had a great

year," Young said. "Her and Erin Johnson have led us every match and tournament, they've been at the top. Both have been very consistent players for our program."

Plenty of accolades

Also crowned Oct. 3 were the division champions. Plymouth won the Central Division, Livonia Stevenson and Northville earned co-champion honors for the South and Brighton won the West.

Other top performers included Canton's Manasa Potluri (77), Novi's Abby Livingston (79) and Leah Kiura (84), Livonia Franklin's Sophia Wygonik (85), Livonia Churchill's Emma Grodek (86) and Halena Harris (89) and Salem's Megan Kozlowski (89). Weighing in with 86 were Hartland's Sydney Bradford and Sammi Behen.

And now the teams gear up for the state regionals.

Some KLAA squads will compete Oct. 12 at Lake Forest Golf Course in Ann Arbor (such as Northville and Plymouth), while Livonia Stevenson and other squads will golf Oct. 12 at Macomb Burning Tree Golf Course (in a regional hosted by Grosse Pointe South).

"We played Saturday in an 18-hole tournament and today, so we're ready," Young said. "Just got to get back and clean some things up."

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BOYS SOCCER

Canton starts strong, finishes with 2-0 victory and Park Cup

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When two state-ranked varsity boys soccer teams from the same campus square off, it's always extremely competitive out on the pitch.

But the Oct. 5 matchup between Canton and Salem (entering the week ranked No. 16 and No. 17, respectively) was ratcheted up even more than usual — the teams were playing for a shiny new trophy, the first-ever Soccer World Park Cup.

Behind an early goal by Ethan Schiffour and a late one from freshman Nick Yono, Canton emerged with a 2-0 victory to finish 1-0-1 in the inaugural series. The Rocks, winners the previous week against Plymouth, went 1-1-0.

"It's a Park rivalry," Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said. "The trophy is icing on the cake, but they would have been out battling."

"They knew we needed to win this game and wanted to win this game."

Salem head coach Kyle Karns liked the idea of Soccer World sponsoring an annual trophy because it will be "something you get to hang on to and get bragging rights for a year."

But Karns stressed that the teams would have battled just as hard without a prize waiting at the end of the night.

"I think it just intensifies a rivalry that's already pretty intense to begin with," Karns said. "The kids get excited to play this game. The trophy brings an extra value to it. But these kids get excited to play the Park rivalry games with or without a trophy."

Tangible proof

Following the contest, played at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium, Soccer World's Dillon Sana and Steve Besk presented the trophy to the Chiefs and their large legion of fans who came out to watch the match.

"It feels great," junior Justin Gottschalk said. "Tying with Plymouth and beating Salem, when they won against Plymouth. Got a big goal from Nick Yono, the freshman, and we had a great first half coming out early."

"It's always intensity



The Canton Chiefs triumphantly hoist the Soccer World Park Cup after defeating Salem.

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with the Park teams, every game, Plymouth, Canton, Salem. They're always very competitive against each other."

Smiling from ear to ear while holding the trophy was senior Nathan Lepek.

"Man, it literally ... it feels so good. Everybody played fantastic," Lepek said. "We get the first one."

With a knowing nod, Lepek slightly raised the cup when asked about whether the trophy made the victory that much sweeter: "We got the hardware."

Yet Canton senior forward and leading goal scorer Jordan Forney said it meant more to defeat Salem as a bit of revenge for defeating the Chiefs in the 2016 districts.

"We didn't even know there was a trophy until during the game," Forney said. "So just getting the win was the big thing, especially in our league."

Forney did add that "the trophy's great, it means a lot."

Here are other takeaways:

THEY LIKE THE CONCEPT

Several fans talked during halftime about the Soccer World Park Cup and liked the idea.

"I think it's pretty cool that soccer gets to be represented," Salem sophomore and JV player Hans Vanhala said. "I mean, everyone loves soccer and I think it's a great thing. The crowd's pretty big, they're getting hyped. It's pretty cool."

Two of Vanhala's teammates concurred.

"It gives their title more meaning and I think they want that," Salem sophomore Christopher Pohl said.

Freshman Brendan McGowan said the cup awaiting presentation to the winner "brings the rivalry up even more than it was originally, people now have a way of winning and brandishing that they're the Park champs. Originally, they didn't have anything like that. So it's really cool."

Robert Mitchell, who perhaps is Canton's No. 1 fan, noted that what the trophy does is "it gets the teams to work hard for something they want to earn."

GOOD START HELPS

The Chiefs came out flying in the first half and were quickly rewarded when Schiffour scored just seven minutes into the contest. Springing him loose and earning the assist was Forney.

"I think we started strong," Zemanski said. "We worked the ball fast and were able to get an early goal, which always makes a big difference when you can get the lead. That really helped us."

ON THE OTHER HAND

Salem could not match what the Chiefs were doing out of the gate and it ultimately cost the Rocks.

"I thought we were flat in the first 10 minutes, which is disappointing considering the circumstances and playing for what we had on the line," Karns said. "But we got to learn from these things."

EARNING KUDOS

Zemanski gave props to Forney and Yono (who iced the win with a goal at 36:02 of the second half, assisted by Alex Heyde) for displaying their usual offensive zest.

But he underscored the all-around contributions of Schiffour and Avery Olson.

"Avery Olson and Ethan Schiffour really played outstanding games today," Zemanski said. "Ethan is my center-back who scored the game-winning goal on a give and go and just really did a good job shutting down some dangerous forwards."

"And Avery Olson played midfield and was outstanding today."

NET WORTH

Both goalkeepers, Canton's Sean O'Meara and Salem's Buraq Oral, were aggressive and outstanding throughout the 80 minutes.

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ACT test, senior Tyler Leick proved valuable as the Eagles' fifth scorer, taking 33rd in 17:28.2.

"We've had Tyler Leick really coming on strong the last week or so, from (Waterford) Mott invite to our own double-dual meet," Verellen said. "Thirty-third in the county is a big deal for typically for our sixth guy to come out here and do that today. He really stepped up. It was very impressive on his part."

Verellen, in his eighth season as Lakeland's coach, had a state title under his belt, but not a county crown.

"As a coach, I've never won this; this is my first," he said. "Good day, for sure."

Here are six other takeaways:

MUDEL'S DAY

The Novi senior ran a calculated race on challenging 5,000-meter course as he became the sixth fastest all-time among boys at the county

meet.

"I knew it was going to be a battle the whole way through," Mudel said.

"There are about six or so big contenders for the title, so I knew I was going to work really hard for it. Some teams like Lakeland, Milford and (Birmingham) Brother Rice ... they race a lot more here than I do. And this is probably the hardest course we run all season. I felt like I had my work cut out for me. But it ended up like I wanted it to, so ..."

Mudel pulled away from Grzymkowski in the final loop to earn his first county title. Rochester Stoney Creek's Harrison Steen was third in 16:03.5, while Farmington's Nick Trevisan was fourth in 16:06.8.

"There were two hills at the end," Mudel said. "After the first of those two hills, Harrison pulled away a little up the hill, but once he got to the top, he was breathing really heavy and I caught him right back after. Up the second hill, we were neck-and-neck. Down the hill, I took off and that's when I knew I had

enough separation to close it."

WILDCATS PROUD

Novi's runner-up team finish featured three all-county performers: Mudel, Trey Mullins (22nd, 17:10.0) and Matt Whyte (26th, 17:16.3). Rounding out the Novi scoring contingent were Prateek Bhola (45th, 17:49.0) and Nathaniel Wood (57th, 17:57.6).

"I think that's more of a surprise than anything we were expecting," Mudel said. "I'd say we were hoping for a top three finish. And that was kind of unlikely, we felt, but it was kind of a reach to get that. But to finish second, we're super-thrilled. We're all very ecstatic right now. It's really nice."

MAVERICKS SHINE

Milford, third in the team standings, had one all-county performer in Evan White, who placed 16th in 16:59.0.

Other scorers for the Mavericks included Kellen Caldwell, 32nd (17:20.1); Grant Ballard, 38th (17:35.9); Nolan Bailey, 39th (17:36.9); and Luke Caddell, 41st

(17:41.2).

"We were in the trenches," Milford coach Brian Salyers said.

"There were a lot of bodies and a lot of things and a race like this can exploit a lot about that, so we've got to take from this experience and see how it all shakes out and how we apply that going forward. We were looking at this meet as a test to see where we fit in. There's a lot of quality teams."

MORE ALL-COUNTY BOYS

Brother Rice, fifth in the team standings with 173 points, had three top 30 finishers: Michael Tremonti (sixth, 16:17.1), Alec Miracle (10th, 16:41.0) and Grant Davey (11th, 16:43.9).

Other area all-county finishers included George Nummer (Birmingham Seaholm), eighth (16:34.0); Jacob Sayers (Seaholm), 14th (16:55.3); Luke Perelli (Novi Detroit Catholic Central), 20th (17:06.7); and Alexander Dugas (CC), 28th (17:17.8).

TROY GIRLS RULE

The Colts scored 71

points to earn the team title, placing five individuals among the top 21 finishers.

Milford, the defending Division 1 girls state champion, earned runner-up honors with 132, led by junior Victoria Heiligenthal, who placed 10th individually in 19:35.9. Defending county champ Seaholm was third with 141.

"In terms of the county meet, this is a great learning experience for the girls because some races go as you anticipate them and sometimes they don't," Salyers said. "What you do in that moment of adversity really says a lot about what you're capable of. That's kind of what we took away from today."

Also earning all-county status for the Mavericks were Abby Hiipaka and Paige Saiz, who placed 29th and 30th with times of 20:24.2 and 20:27.7, respectively. Milford's other two scorers were Regan Lobodzinski (33rd) and Elaina Schwendenmann (34th with identical time of 20:44.9).

"The best story of the

day is Abby Hiipaka," Salyers said. "Here's a girl who has been here for four years and struggled a number of times, but recently had her blood checked and she's running out of her mind. She's a senior just enjoying the opportunity to run and is running crazy fast, which is cool."

TOP GIRLS PERFORMERS

Waterford Mott's Ryilee Robinson was the runaway individual winner in 18:28.8, followed by runner-up Kyla Christopher-Moody (18:53.5) of West Bloomfield and third-place finisher Madeline Rehm of Lakeland (18:53.9).

Other top area all-county performers included Abby Inch (Farmington), eighth (19:27.3); Olivia Clymer (Lakeland), ninth (19:32.9); Ryilee Lukes (Lakeland), 24th (20:12.7); Anya Turner (Farmington Hills Harrison), 25th (20:19.7); Whitney Reid (North Farmington), 26th (20:19.8); Shelby Jenkins (Bloomfield Hills), 27th (20:21.5).

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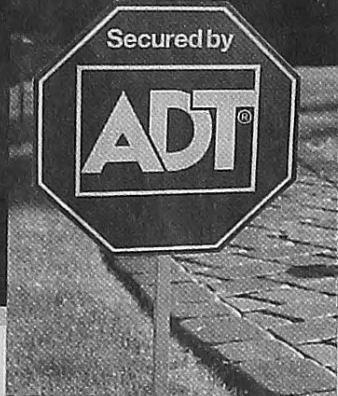
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