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Friends set up fund to help Plymouth family

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Amy Caragay always knew Kevin McCormack as a family man, a leader and "an amazing dad and person."

Now Caragay is among friends who are trying to help Kevin McCormack's

family through a tragedy, following the fire that ultimately claimed McCormack's life.

McCormack was killed, and his wife, Carrie, was severely injured last month after an accidental propane explosion caused a fire at a cabin on an island in Lake Huron.

"Kevin ... was the kindest person and

very laid back and giving and just enjoyed life," Amy Caragay recalled. "Always helping others and funny and friendly. Kevin was ... an amazing dad and person."

According to Amy Caragay, Kevin McCormack, whose family lived in Plymouth, worked as a pharmacist at Henry Ford Hospital, where his wife, Carrie,

is a nurse manager.

The families were friends for years. Caragay's son, Bryan, and the McCormacks' son, Dylan, have known each other since they were 4 years old (they're 22 years old now), were in a Boy Scout troop for which Kevin McCormack

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Ryan Karr, of Canton, says that the time for the Ironman is now, before he marries and begins a family. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

20 Michigan athletes take on Kona Ironman

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Imagine seeing God and swearing at him simultaneously.

Rabid triathletes insist there indeed is that double-tracked response to pouring body and soul into the intense training needed to reach the summit of triathlon competition — the 40th annual Ironman World Championship, set for Oct. 13 in Kona, Hawaii.

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Nikki Derrick poses at Island Lake State Recreation Area before the T-Rex triathlon series. Read inside about how Derrick is honoring her longtime friend Karen Perzyk, who died in January, by wearing her number at Kona. SUBMITTED

Book donations aim to increase diversity acceptance

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George Belvitch believes there's still a lot of work to do to curb bullying and encourage acceptance of diversity, particularly in local schools.

So Belvitch and the Plymouth-Canton chapter of PFLAG, the national group that supports issues in the LGBTQ community, are trying to do something about it.

PFLAG is launching a program to donate age-appropriate LGBTQ-positive books to schools in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The program aims to foster respect in a diverse school district and to reduce the substantial risk of bullying, depression and suicide that LGBTQ students face. The books range from simple picture books showing a wide variety of families, including ones with two moms and two dads, to chapter books for middle schoolers that tell the stories of transgender kids who face bullying.

Belvitch pointed out that a 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey of high school students show some 8.4 percent of Michigan high schoolers identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual, and another 3.2 percent weren't sure of their sexual orientation.

That means, according to Belvitch, that "at least 500" of the 6,000 students at the three P-CCS high schools identify as a sexual minority, making programs like the book donation even more relevant.

"Kids need to see all kinds of literature," said Belvitch, the local PFLAG president. "Students here will inevitably meet kids who have gay parents as well as other kids who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer. Having books in school libraries and reading books to students that include LGBTQ characters helps kids overcome fear and prejudice, and helps queer kids feel seen and respect-

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Computer Skills Help for Beginners

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Details: Experts are on hand to answer questions or connect you to additional resources.

Board Gaming League of Canton

When: Noon first Saturday of each month
Details: Drop by to play some of the

hottest games, sharpen your mental skills and meet new folks.

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.

ACCEPT

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ed.”
The idea for the program came from a local PFLAG member who attended a national conference. Belvitch said the feeling was the program “was positive

and a very good thing,” and presented it to district leaders.

Mike Bender, Plymouth-Canton’s chief academic officer, said the district is happy to partner with PFLAG on the program, which he says fits right in with the district’s philosophy.

“It’s another opportunity for us to support all students,” Bender said. “It really helps students deepen their un-

derstanding of all students and the value each student brings.”

Running Oct. 11-31, each public elementary and middle school in the district is invited to choose six books from PFLAG’s list of picture and chapter books for their school libraries.

PFLAG’s two lists of 20 books, one each for elementary and middle schools, include selections from the Hu-

man Rights Campaign’s Welcoming Schools program, and many award-winners.

PFLAG, which raised more than \$1,600 in a social media fund-raising campaign, will purchase the books and deliver them to schools.

“They get to choose books they think will best connect with their students,” Bender said.

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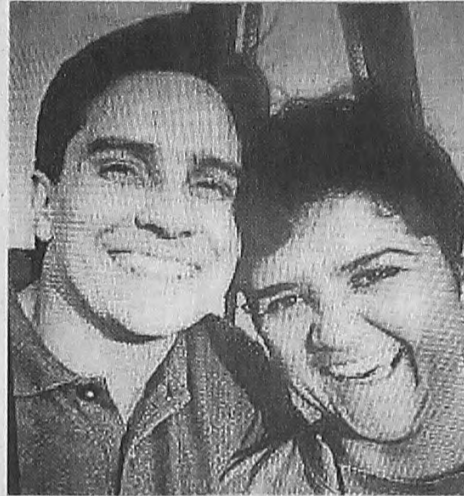
mack was the leader, and went on to Michigan State University together.

“I’ve known the McCormack’s almost my entire life ... They are always the people there when others need help,” said Bryan Caragay. “This family is composed of the most compassionate people you can meet.”

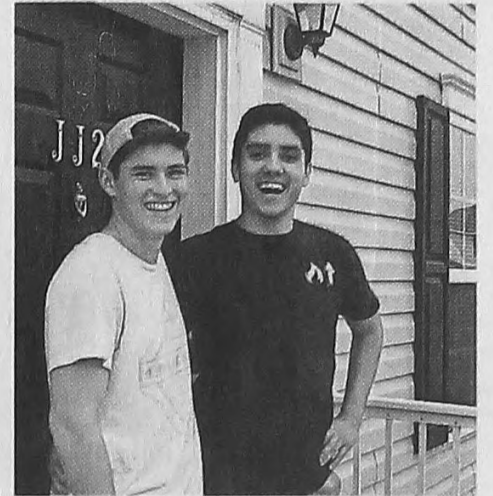
The McCormacks have three sons and, according to Amy Caragay, Carrie McCormack’s mother also lives with the family. That’s a large family group the Caragays say are “going to need some help” in the coming days and weeks.

That’s why friends have set up a GoFundMe account (<https://www.gofundme.com/the-mccormacks>) to help the family. As of Friday, Oct. 5, the account had reached more than \$14,000 of its \$15,000 goal.

Bryan Caragay, who described the McCormack family as “a family full of determined, amazing and thoughtful people,” said he and others are administering the GoFundMe page because that kind of help is how the McCormacks would have reacted themselves.



Friends set up a GoFundMe page for the McCormack family of Plymouth after Kevin McCormack died in a fire and his wife, Carrie, was hospitalized.
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Bryan Caragay and Dylan McCormack have been friends since preschool.
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“Something wrong in your life? Reach out to one of them ... This is the first time in a long time where the McCormacks are in a reversed situation, and they need the help,” Bryan Caragay said. “We set it up to help ease some of the burden from the family. With Kevin passing, and Carrie still in the hospital, the last

thing we wanted was for this family to have to worry about money. We might not be able to cover everything, but every dollar helps.”

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Country Day students earn National Merit recognition

Detroit Country Day School announced recently that a record high 30 National Merit semifinalists and 16 commended students — which equates to 25 percent the school's class of 2019 — have been recognized by the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. DCDS Headmaster Glen Shilling made the announcement.

Country Day's National Merit semifinalists are Erin Brennan (Beverly Hills), Kevin Chang (Troy), Jocelyn Chu (Livonia), Alex Ge (Northville), **Jenna Good** (Plymouth), Meghan Guo (Bloomfield Hills), Connor McGeorge (Bloomfield), Ruhi Nayak (Bloomfield Hills), Nehaar Nimmagadda (Northville), Katherine Pan (Livonia), Sreeram Panicker (Troy), Shivan Prasad (Troy), Samuel Redman (Bloomfield Hills), Anusha Santhapur (Novi), Aditi Sharma (Rochester Hills), Julia Shen (Beverly Hills), Erin Shi (Beverly Hills), Nicklaus Sicilia (Bloomfield Hills), Michael Stevanovich (Sterling Heights), **Anna Sun** (Canton), Sahil Suneja (Novi), Ashwin Surapaneni (Bloomfield Hills), Kevin Tang (West Bloomfield), Justine Thomas (West Bloomfield), Alicia Wang (Northville), Collin Wang (Farmington Hills), Yannis Wu-Yip (Troy), George Yalamanchili (Troy), Madeline Yang (Bloomfield



Detroit Country Day School had 46 students who received recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Hills) and **Joshua Zhe** (Canton).

Country Day's National Merit commended students are Molly Beachum (Birmingham), Chloe Burns-Krul (Oak Park), Harliv Chahal (Northville), Megan Charlakolu (Farmington), Jiahong Hu (Bloomfield Hills), Julie Jaipati (Farmington Hills), Aashni Khatri

(Northville), Rebecca Li (Bingham Farms), Chaitanya Manam (West Bloomfield), Vignesh Nalliah (Bloomfield Hills), Jared Nation (Rochester), Rohan Nuthalapati (West Bloomfield), Neel Shah (Rochester Hills), Hassan Siddiqui (Bloomfield Hills), Nikol Uribe Guiza (West Bloomfield) and Ariana

Zarghami (Birmingham).

"This marks a momentous achievement with 25 percent of our senior class earning an impressive national recognition," Shilling said.

For more information, go to www.dcds.edu.

Madonna University purchases Ladywood property

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Madonna University will become the next owner of the Ladywood High School property adjacent to its campus.

In purchasing the property, university officials say it will locate several programs within the former high school's walls, including parts of its music program, athletics department and forensic science program, as well as use the space to facilitate the creation of an early childhood lab school.

"We feel blessed and fortunate to be able to take possession of the property," said Cameron Cruickshank, the university's executive vice president for enrollment management and university

advancement. "We feel good that it's going to stay in the family."

No sale price was disclosed.

The university will begin seeing the effects of the purchase right away: Cruickshank said Madonna will be able to use the school's parking lots and its outdoor athletic fields immediately. Many of the programs moving to the site will come at a later date as the former all-girls school receives renovations.

Cruickshank said it's expected some interior work will begin in the summer and the hope is to complete it by September 2019.

The Felician Services sought proposals for uses on the site. Several proposals were submitted, including one from a group of parents looking to keep a Catholic high school on the site that was

ultimately rejected.

"While all the finalists submitted good proposals, Madonna University was decidedly the best," Andrea White, FSI president, said in a statement.

Ladywood High School closed this past June after the Felician Sisters announced late last year it would be closing its door due to declining enrollment. It celebrated its final graduation ceremony at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia in May.

In addition to relocating academic and athletic programs to the site, the university will also have some sort of dedication to Ladywood High School within its walls, Cruickshank said.

Canton man joins Make-A-Wish board

Make-A-Wish Michigan has announced six new members were recently elected to the organization's volunteer Board of Directors. One of those is Canton resident Todd Van Tol, senior vice president, health plan business for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Van Tol hiked in the second annual Trailblaze Challenge recently with his son to raise funds for Make-A-Wish Michigan. Van Tol is a member of the National Management Association, as well as the United Way Alexis de Tocqueville Society. He also serves as a mentor to University of Michigan Ross MBA students.

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Vote for Dayna

Our state is in desperate need for new leadership. We need legislators in Lansing who advocate for strong public education, safe water and improved infrastructure, as well as protections for working families.

This year we are very lucky to have a distinctive choice for state Senate. My friend Dayna Polehanki is a teacher and a small business owner. Every day she rolls up her sleeves and works to help students achieve in the classroom. I know she will bring that same work ethic to the state Senate.

As a Livonia School Board member, I first crossed paths with Dayna due to her passionate advocacy for students. She is one of the most authentic people I know; always speaking from her heart. Livonia, and the entire state of Michigan, will benefit from electing someone like Dayna, who has the moral courage to lead.

With only weeks left before election day, I know we need Dayna in Lansing, to put our families first. I am personally supporting Dayna Polehanki and I hope that you will join me and cast your vote for her on your absentee ballot, or at the polls on Nov. 6.

Dan Centers
Livonia

Supports PARC millage

The team that runs the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex has proven it knows what it is doing. PARC has been offering recreational opportunities, hosting performance events and serving as a center for the arts for the past three years. Now, the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Authority has been created, governed by a board appointed by the leaders of the city and township. PARC is requesting 0.75 mills in property taxes to take the final step toward long-term sustainability, which includes building a revenue-generating performing arts center and making much-needed capital improvements to the property. The 800-seat theater is the perfect size to accommodate performances both of a professional nature and things like your children's dance recitals.

I've spent a lot of time at the PARC property. It is impressive how many people from the community use the facility and grounds for tennis, football, soccer, swimming, non-profit events, baseball, basketball, theater, cooking classes, music, etc. Non-profits and community groups use the building for offices and meeting space and pay rent. The building is a true community asset and is historically significant, dating back to 1917. The property's first use as a school goes back into the 1800s. We have a wonderful, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to keep it that way, and we should not miss it.

I've lived in Plymouth Township for 17 years, and I wouldn't wish to live anywhere else. When I tell people where I'm from, I say Plymouth because for me, the

township and the city are one. Together, we enjoy great neighborhoods, wonderful schools, ample dining and nightlife and a solid business base. When we want to do something great, we can – and do. And now, to make what is good even better, we could have a true community arts and recreation center that will serve both city and township the next 100 years, just as the wonderful Plymouth High School / Central Middle School site has done since the mid-19th century.

For those who believe that investing in the future is wise, now is the time. Long ago, the Kellogg family set aside land for what we know today as Kellogg Park, whose quaint setting and schedule of events are unique in southeast Michigan. Today, we have a similar opportunity to do something that will benefit not only ourselves, but future generations as well. Because of the need for a facility like this and the thoughtful and experienced team running it, PARC is something that we can all get behind, and it is worthy of our best efforts. The request seems like a small amount given the benefits. Vote Yes on the PARC millage request.

Michael Barlow
Plymouth Township

Safety first in Plymouth Twp.

Plymouth Township will have a 1.2-mill public safety proposal on the ballot in November. The funds generated by this millage will be dedicated to our police, fire and dispatch departments. The millage is necessary in order to maintain a safe community. When Plymouth Township residents dial 9-1-1, they have a right to expect a quick and professional response to their emergency. This expectation is threatened today. Previous township administrations have failed to put aside funds to cover equipment, personnel and legacy costs for our first responders. We are now seeing the results of this short-term planning.

Our three existing fire engines have outlived their life expectancy and this year alone have cost the township over \$100,000 to maintain. The oldest vehicle is almost 30 years old and the other two are 26 and 18 years. How much longer can these vehicles be expected to service our community?

Today the number of our first responders is at the bare minimum of public safety personnel needed to keep our community safe. This millage will enable us to increase coverage to a more acceptable level. At present we don't have the funds to comply with new state financial mandates for retiree pension and health care obligations.

The primary responsibility for all governments is the protection of the citizens they represent. Without additional revenue, Plymouth Township will not be able to meet this requirement. If the millage fails, it will result in cuts to our public safety that no one wants to see. Our safe and secure community will be a thing of the past. Public Safety should be a top priority in every Plymouth Township household.

Jackie and Gil Peters
Plymouth Township

Support Democrats

'Tis the season for glossy flyers in the mail and the airing of TV ads, both pro and con for candidates.

The attack ads against Democrats are understandable. The Koch Brothers and other billionaires are fearful they may have to start returning some of the bounty bestowed on them by the Republicans at the state and federal level.

The pro ads and campaigns by Republicans Bill Schuette, John James and Lena Epstein have one common thread, they all seem to list undying loyalty to Donald Trump. Hardly a mention of anything that will benefit Michigan.

On Nov. 6 lets make sure the Koch Brothers' and cronies' fears turn into reality by electing Democrats to return fairness to all segments of government.

James Huddleston
Canton

Support for Prop 2

As registered voter, I have known about the problem of gerrymandering in our politics for a long time but never saw any way to solve it. All that changed when I heard about Voters Not Politicians. I immediately knew that it was a movement I wanted to be involved in and acted accordingly.

Partisan redistricting, or gerrymandering, has been

a problem in the United States almost since its inception. Michigan has been excelling in this regard of late, with some of the most gerrymandered political maps in the country. The fundamental problem with the current redistricting process is that it puts the power to map districts in the hands of those who compete in those districts. Such a problem cannot be resolved except through the reforms exemplified in Proposal 2.

Proposal 2 solves the problem of gerrymandering excluding politicians. Instead, it gives the task to a citizen commission with Republican, Democratic and independent voters. With at least two votes needed from each group to approve new maps, all but guaranteeing maps not marred by gerrymandering. Furthermore, the commission must act with complete transparency by holding public meetings and publishing the methods it used to determine district boundaries.

Once voters understand the problem, they will see Proposal 2 as the solution. It is not concerned with advocating for any particular party, candidate or even policy; rather, it ensures that all candidates and ideas have a fair shot at prevailing electorally. I invite all Michigan voters to get involved with this campaign, and most importantly, to vote "Yes" on proposal 2.

Yousuf Ali
Northville

Opposes Prop 2

I will not, and I hope many many people will not vote to approve Proposal 2 on Michigan's 2018 ballot.

The slick TV ads claiming that Proposal 2 is for the people, is in fact, an ad for special interest groups. Any time a proposal that wants to change or amend our state constitution, is proposed, be very suspect of what exactly is wanted. A yes vote on Proposal 2 would eliminate, or take away, part of our legislators job to represent us and would put it into the hands of special interest groups, leaving us, "We The People," out in the cold.

You think that auto and health insurance is high in Michigan, now, wait till you see your rates skyrocket if Proposal 2 passes. The biggest lobbies in Michigan are, insurance companies, pharmaceutical corporations, and petroleum companies. Vote no on proposal 2.

Robert Johnson
New Hudson

Oppose Proposal 1

It is every parent's worst nightmare. Your son or daughter riding on the school bus, and a classmate shares a snack. But instead of an ordinary gummy, this snack is marijuana in disguise.

Of all people, parents and school boards should oppose Proposal 1. The damage marijuana does to children is well-known and undisputed. One in six teens who use marijuana get addicted to it. Marijuana is the #1 reason why kids enter treatment for substance abuse: more than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, meth, ecstasy and other drugs combined. Today's marijuana is substantially more potent than that of the past.

Supporters of Proposal 1 suggest that marijuana should be regulated "like alcohol." When it comes to schools, the nature of marijuana makes that impossible. First, if a student comes to school possibly drunk, the police can issue a breathalyzer test to confirm that. When it comes to marijuana, there is no reliable on-the-spot test. Districts are not trained in identifying impairment and will be powerless to act.

Second, if a student brings alcohol to school, administrators can rapidly identify it, remove it, and discipline the student. Marijuana cookies? Brownies? How are they to know? The reality that voters should digest is that Proposal 1, if passed, will lead to more marijuana in our schools, and districts will be powerless to stop it.

One of the most pervasive behavioral issues in our schools is vaping. Children believe, due to slick marketing, that vaping is somehow healthy behavior. Under Proposal 1, children will have easier access to hash oil for vaping, and unless districts purchase law-enforcement grade devices, administrators will be unable to determine the substance's contents and take proper action. Don't be fooled; this legislation is about introducing to our great state a powerful new industry – corporate marijuana – and its best customer is your children. Fighting this industry will redirect time, money and resources out of education and into more drug prevention.

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Family Music Fest

The Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, will be hosting Family Music Fest from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. The fourth annual event is free and open to the public. This year's event will bring children's music, street dancing, face painting, Latin jazz and Indian fusion music to the community.

Bring your own lunch for a break where there will be face painting and more thanks to co-sponsor Vibe Credit Union. For more information, go to www.cantonpl.org or call 734-397-0999.

Star Wars Reads Day

The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, will hold a Star Wars Reads Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. A wide variety Star Wars activities are planned.

The library will join other libraries, schools and bookstores around the world in this global event. Locally, attendees will find Star Wars characters, collectibles, posters, decorations and more throughout the library. All are encouraged to dress as a favorite character and enjoy the following free activities, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

For more information, contact the library at 734-453-0750, ext. 4, or go to plymouthlibrary.org.

Ghost stories at Cady-Boyer Barn

The Canton Historical Society will host its annual evening of ghost stories presented by Judge Ronald Lowe, 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, in Cady-Boyer Barn, located in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road. Participants will enjoy hearing about ghosts, goblins and all things spooky. Cider and two doughnuts are included with the ticket and will be available while supplies last.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway; the White Pole Barn at the Canton Farmers Market each Sunday;

the Canton Historical Museum, 1022 Canton Center Road; and at the door. All proceeds benefit the Canton Historical Society.

For more information, go to www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

PARC Showcase

Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex will present a PARC Showcase, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at its complex, 650 Church Street, in Plymouth. The event will feature music, dance, comedy, and theater to showcase the performing arts talent at PARC, including the Michigan Philharmonic, Artistry Dance, Eden Arts Cooperative, Main Street Opera Theatre, The Mitten Theater (improv comedy), Arts Detroit and more.

There is a \$15 suggested donation at the door (cash only). For more information, call 734-927-4090.

U.S. Air Force Academy Band concert

The U.S. Air Force Academy Band's Stellar Brass combo will perform a free concert at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. The concert will feature a mix of music from Americana and patriotic favorites to unique twists on the classical repertoire by this energetic six-piece ensemble.

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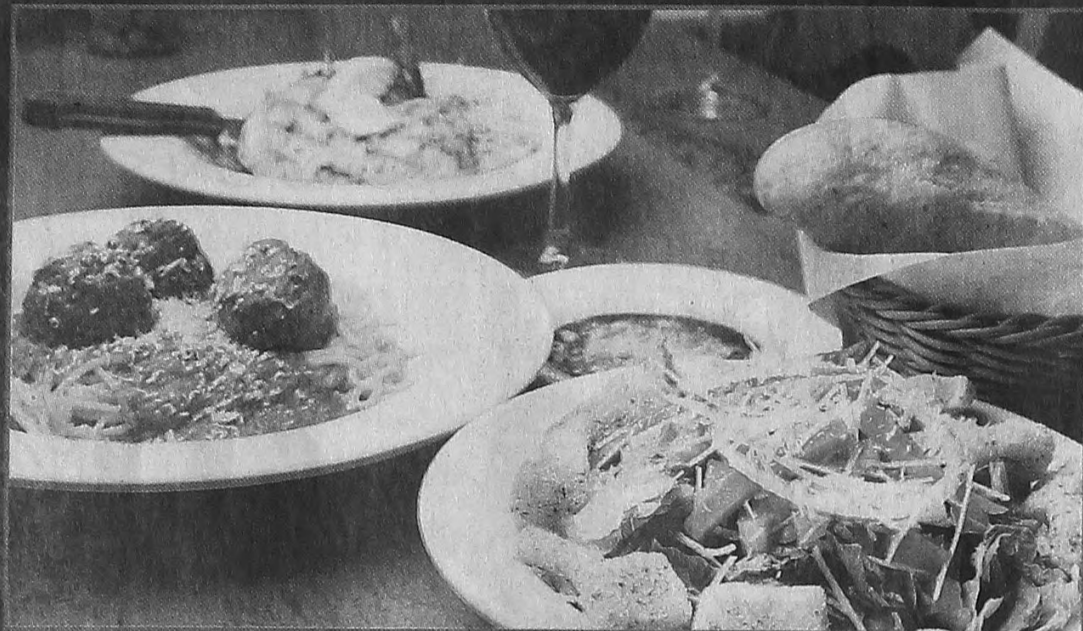
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In her heart, Ironman Kona all about lost friend

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Nikki Derrick is going to wear her heart on her Ironman race bib.

Sure, the 47-year-old Royal Oak resident hopes to perform well enough at the Oct. 13 Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii, to land a spot on the podium.

But more than anything else, she will be honoring the memory of another Ironman triathlete — the late Karen Perzyk, a friend who died in January after a brief battle with stage IV esophageal cancer.

Derrick will wear race bib No. 1184 in Kona, the same number worn in the 2016 Hawaii Ironman by Perzyk.

"The problem is we think we have time and we don't know," said Derrick, a former all-state girls basketball player for Grosse Ile High School who is about to compete in her fourth Ironman and second Kona event. "We don't know if we do. And even in this journey ... it's been a weird year for me.

"It throws you for a loop when you watch your friend just fade away and just die. I'm, like, 'Am I doing the right thing with my time, sacrificing? Is this where I should be?'"

The loss of Perzyk at age 49 continues to rock Derrick, who will spread some of her friend's ashes while in Hawaii. She'll wear the race bib as well as a temporary tattoo with the initials "K.P." on it. To secure bib No. 1184, she made a written request to Ironman organizers.

"I think me having her race number it makes it cohesive ... it's not about me," Derrick said. "The people who don't know me and knew her better, I think will still be very touched by the fact that there's someone who she was close to who is honoring her there."

Gearing up for the Kona Ironman has been another tough chapter for Derrick. In early September, she ran so hard and long that she suffered a pre-stress fracture.

Brief setback

Thoughts rolled through her mind that maybe she couldn't race in Hawaii.

"For a while I couldn't really walk without pain and, at that time I thought about not going (to Kona)," she said. "But honestly ... when you have your mind set on something and put everything into it and all of a sudden you can't do it, you go into this really dark, dark place.

"Your brain chemistry changes. Your dreams just feel shattered. So I don't know if those were real concrete thoughts that I wouldn't go, but I definitely had the thoughts that I wouldn't be able to go. ... That was short-lived. I'm going. I'll have (Perzyk) in my heart."

Asked about what Perzyk's reaction might be to the Ironman tribute, Derrick said quickly, "She'd be over the moon. ... She was excited for everybody, no matter what their skill level was. She really was. She just loved triathlon and the sport, watching her friends do well."

And Perzyk had many, many friends who now are wearing T-shirts with #KPSTRONG on them.

A day to remember

In early September, on what would have been Perzyk's 50th birthday, more than 100 of those friends spent the day doing her favorite things.

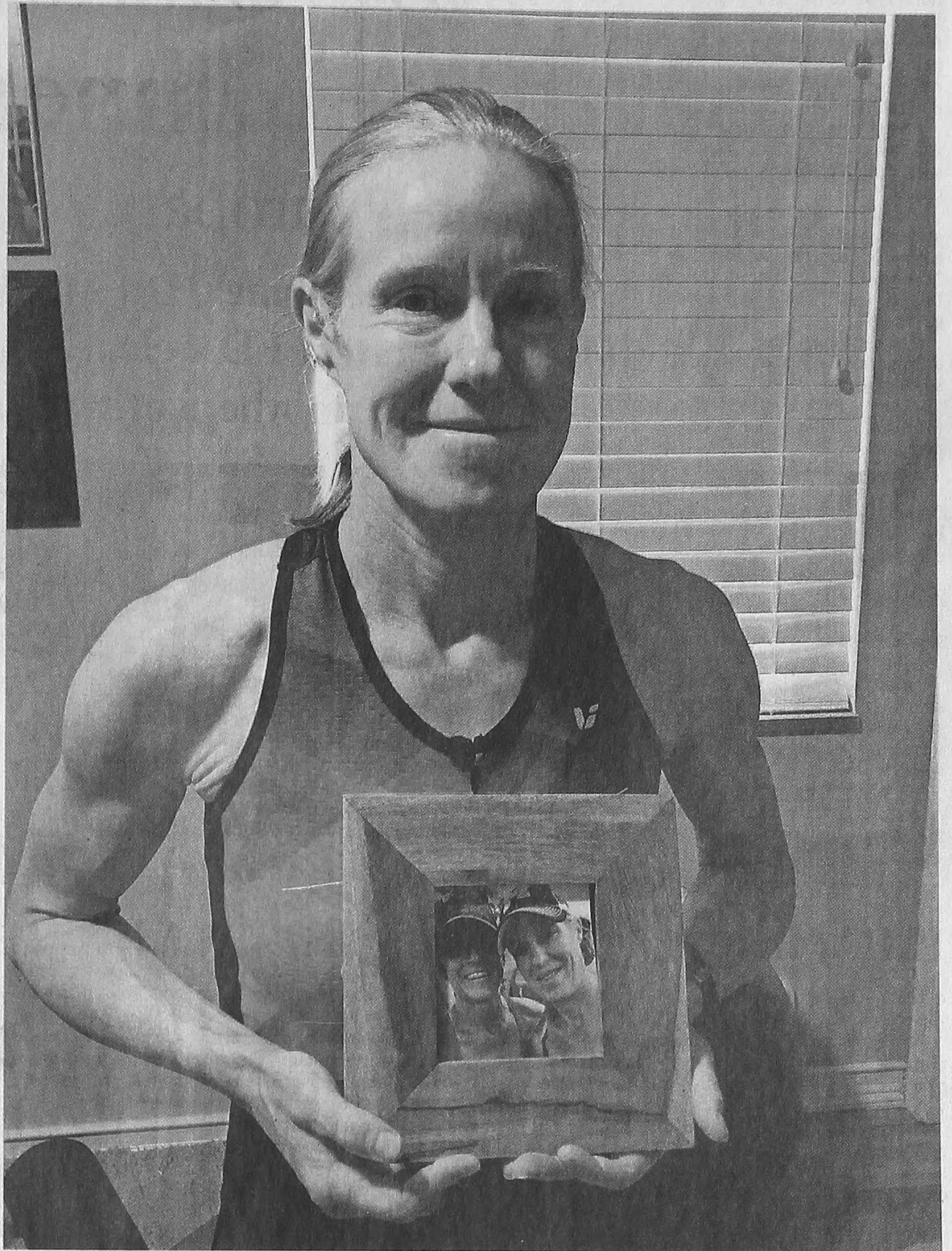
The Sept. 4 event was organized by Derrick, also author of an ongoing Facebook blog titled "KP's Updates and Support," which has more than 500 followers. Derrick keeps tabs on her Hawaiian quest in "Nikki's Road To Kona," a second Facebook blog.

"I have two separate parts of my life now," Derrick said. "There's Nikki doing the Ironman and there's Nikki doing something in Karen's memory. In that (latter) bucket, I organized an event this summer for Karen.

"It's sort of like a memorial. But I knew on her 50th birthday that I would have a hard day. So I put it out there that I was going to do things she loved to do on that day. And we probably ended up having 125 people come out. We swam in Walnut Lake that morning, the family came, we got boats and we scattered her ashes that morning.

"And then we went out to Island Lake and did a bike ride. There's a bench and a bike station in her name out there."

They closed the remembrance with beers and



Holding a photo taken with friend Karen Perzyk is Royal Oak's Nikki Derrick. The photo was taken at the 2016 Hawaii Ironman. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

laughs at Kickstand Brewery. They plan to do it again in 2019.

Life is fleeting

All of that is a stark reminder about how fleeting life is, even for those who seem to be in seventh heaven.

Two years ago, with no hint of the tragedy ahead of her, Perzyk was on top of the world when she raced at Kona. There to lend support were Derrick (who was not participating in that race) and Perzyk's boyfriend, Patrick Foley.

"In 2016, it was the best day of her life, making it there and participating in that," Derrick said, in a hushed voice.

Derrick's training room has a photograph taken on that trip, with the initials "K.P." spelled out on a bed of lava rocks. There also is a stationary trainer bike nicknamed "J.T.," a playful nod to entertainer Justin Timberlake.

"I am pushed to my limit often in there," Derrick said. "I named the trainer J.T., by the way, after Justin Timberlake, so I feel like I'm on a journey with a fun person. In my blog I'll say, 'Oh, I spent three hours with J.T. today.'"

Then came another Ironman event in October 2017, when Perzyk finished fifth in her age division with a time of 11 hours, 32:35 minutes.

But around Thanksgiving, Perzyk started having

trouble breathing. Tests were done and the news was devastating — not only was it stage IV esophageal cancer, it had metastasized to her liver.

The timing of that horrific diagnosis came just two months after Derrick qualified for the 2018 Kona Ironman. She did so with a top five finish in her age division at the Ironman in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Even though Derrick knew she had a major race to start training for, she virtually dropped her long runs and bikes to be there for her dying friend.

There for her

It was coincidental that Derrick worked as a physician assistant at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, the same facility where Perzyk was hospitalized.

Derrick virtually devoted the next several weeks to helping Perzyk, whether running errands or being a patient advocate.

"Our friendship just grew," Derrick said. "I just happened to (have) the career, at U-M, and be a friend of hers and be a single woman who could be over there on my days off. It's all I did. I didn't work out one time, I didn't want to. How could I work out when I'm watching my friend?"

"When she got sick, she wanted to see fewer and

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fewer people, because she just didn't want to repeat herself. She didn't feel well, right? Finally, the doctors came in. She didn't want to give up. But they said, 'I don't think there's anything more we can do for you.'

"She's, like 'So, I have like a couple days left?' They said yeah and she said, 'OK.' I was, like, 'Karen, there's a lot of people who want to see you, it's ultimately your choice.'"

Derrick immediately posted on her "KP's Updates and Supports" Facebook page that Perzyk wanted to say so long to whoever could stop by her hospital bed. "There were, like, a hundred people that showed up," Derrick said. "People dropped what they were doing to get there."

The day Perzyk died, Jan. 21, Derrick gave her friend as much space as she needed. K.P.'s family was there, so was her boyfriend.

Noticing Perzyk's lips starting to bleed, Derrick left to grab a bottle of Biotene spray from a nearby pharmacy. When she returned, her triathlon pal was gone.

"So I felt like it was, like, this kind of beautiful story where, like, I was her great friend. I wasn't her best friend," Derrick said. "But she had her siblings and her boyfriend at her bedside — and her friend out running a last errand."

"I actually have the bottle (of Biotene) in my cabinet in there, just to remind me to be a good friend."

Be fearless

In another couple of weeks, Derrick will once again say so long to K.P. in a personal, unforgettable way. If she finishes in the top five of her age division (45-49 women), she'll come back to Michigan with a coveted wooden bowl.

Then, it will be back to normal.

"This is going to end Oct. 13 and then I'll go back to the lifestyle where I have a lot more freedom with my



Nikki Derrick talks about several items in her Ironman training room, dedicated to the late Karen Perzyk. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

time," Derrick said. "But I'm also trying to do something big with my life. You know, like, capture one of those great moments (Kona). It just takes work to get there. It's kind of a balance."

"But yeah, I plan to do things kind of differently go-

ing forward. Just being a better friend to people, being a better listener and not worrying about the drawbacks of certain experiences."

"I'm trying to be more of a fearless person, because life can be really short."

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"It's the Super Bowl of triathlon, for sure," said veteran triathlete Jimi Young, 48. "It's Boston Marathon times a thousand. It's probably that difficult to get in as well."

Young delved into the enormous task facing him and some 2,000 others, following a recent training session in preparation for the race considered to be one of the world's most grueling tests of human endurance.

A Novi High School alum who now lives in DeWitt, Young is one of 20 men and women of all ages from Michigan who will head to the big Island of Hawaii to take on Kona.

For some, like Canton's Ryan Karr, it is their first crack at the race made famous in 1982, when ABC's "Wide World of Sports" cameras documented the most incredible finish in Ironman history.

The footage shows college student Julie Moss in the lead with just yards to go when her body fails and she collapses. As folks rush to her aid, Kathleen McCartney passes Moss to claim the title. And then, miraculously, unable to get to her feet, Moss crawls across the finish line.

Ironman was born 40 years ago as a challenge between swimmers, bicyclists and runners in Hawaii to see who was more fit. The race combined the toughest races in each discipline, resulting in what is now a 2.4-mile swim in the warm waters of Kailua Bay, biking 112 miles across the hot, windswept lava fields of Kona and wrapping things up with an equally grueling 26.2-mile run.

The unforgettable footage from 1982, still popular today on YouTube, has made an impression on the 23-year-old Karr, the youngest member of the Michigan Kona contingent.

"It's still a mythical thing in my head where you hear about the heat and the lava fields and you see the videos of these people in the '80s (where) they can't move any more and they're 10 feet away from the finish line," Karr said. "It's starting to hit me, but I still can't quite wrap my head around it."

Karr, a graduate of Plymouth High School, only has one full Ironman under his belt — July's Lake Placid, N.Y., race, where he finished third in the 18-24 age division with a time of 11 hours, 20 minutes.

"Completely unexpected," Karr said about his fast ascent to the cream of the Ironman crop. "It's starting to get a lot more real now that I look at the calendar and realize 'two weeks from yesterday, (Sept. 26) I'm flying to Kona.'"

Bumps, bruises and butterflies

Another first-time Kona participant is Royal Oak's Allen Hutchinson. He may have been only age 9 when Moss made her famous finish, but today he is a veteran of 13 Ironman events. He said the nervousness he used to feel when he started out in the sport is creeping back as he contemplates racing Kona.

"So talking about the mental thing ... now here I am," said Hutchinson, who qualified via the Legacy program (for those with 12 Ironmans under their belt). "This is the first time I'm going to Kona, I have that thing again, because it's just built up so much. It's such a big thing. It's the pinnacle of the sport."

Young agrees, saying the mental aspect is as big as the three physical challenges: "It's really four (disciplines), because you have to add the mental aspect into it as well. You can actually throw a half in there for nutrition."

Rochester Hills resident Jennifer Rea, 52, might not conclude the 26.2-mile portion of the Kona challenge on her hands and knees the way Moss did. But she definitely could limp down the stretch, due to a nagging stress fracture in her foot.

"If I can walk, it will be good," Rea said. "Without a limp, I hope. And it will be the first race I've ever done

where I really have to worry about the cutoffs."

Because of the foot injury, her plan is to complete the swim and bike portions with time to spare, in order to give her the best possible chance to complete the race in the allotted 17 hours.

"I have a couple friends who have gone (to the Hawaii race)," Rea said. "They have given me a lot of pointers, about how to be relaxed when you go there and not get too caught up in the excitement and seriousness that a lot of people have."

"I am mostly excited about doing the bike portion of the race. The swim is kind of exciting, but I'm also a little bit nervous as I've never raced in the ocean. But that will be a fun experience."

This will be Rea's first Kona Ironman, although she has "20-ish" triathlons and four Ironmans to her credit. She qualified in 2017 at the Chattanooga, Tenn., Ironman (finishing first in her age division), overcoming a bike crash with 100 or so miles yet to ride. She scraped up an elbow and banged up her bicycle.

"I was going through a feed zone and I decided, 'I'm not going to take anything,'" Rea said. "So I have a little (snacks) pouch, I thought I'll just get something out of my own bag and I kind of went over the yellow line and went down. The yellow lines are really dangerous. You should stay off of them at all costs."

"It was early, maybe 15 miles in. I had 116 at that race to actually ride. So I said, 'OK, I know I have to keep going.'"

And it is that mind-over-matter penchant that keeps veterans and newbies from giving up on achieving the goal of an athletic lifetime.

Spectacular view

Young's 31st career Ironman will be his third at Kona. His first visit there was a thrill-per-minute joyride as he set eyes on the ocean-front beach where a couple of thousand triathletes make their start at Kailua Pier in the 79-degree aqua-blue waters of the Pacific Ocean.

"There's a hill called Palani," Young said. "I have watched the Ironman videos over and over. I bet I had 15 videos riding on the (stationary bike) trainer downstairs. I have in my mind what I thought it was going to be like and I thought I knew everything there was to know about Hawaii."

"And the first time I walked down that hill and saw the very, very small beach where the race starts and stops, the hair on my arms just stood up. It was amazing, way better than I expected."

Karr is looking forward to his own hair-raising experience.

"Just riding my bike up on the pier the day before and getting everything ready," Karr said. "I've seen it so many times on the TV specials. Once you get there and you're on the pier looking out toward the water, it's going to be real."

"And then just getting through that pain and crossing the finish line on the Ali'i Drive will be one of the most special moments in my life."

Now that's extreme

Asked about the hopeful message of Ironman's "Anything Is Possible" mantra, Hutchinson said the slogan is completely on target.

"It's exactly what it says," Hutchinson said. "And here's the thing for me. When you look at Ironman and you look at the people involved, the cross-section, there's all types of people that are there and all types of people that are accomplishing it."

"There's people that are missing limbs. There's handicapped people. There's people that come from all types of different backgrounds. Veterans. People with stories of addiction and alcoholism. I think that's what it is. Anything's possible, you can do it."

Many of the Ironman participants who make it to Kona are merely devotees to the sport, carving time out of work and family obligations to peddle endlessly on stationary bikes, run or swim at 5 a.m. to push themselves beyond their physical limits.

But there are those who give a new meaning to extreme triathletes.

"I was in this (Ironman) race one time, I was in Louisville (Ky.)," Hutchinson said. "And it was a really hot race, it was in August. I saw a guy coming down the hotel elevator with a sling on. I stopped and I talked to him."

"It was mile 88 of the bike, he basically got in a crash. He broke his collarbone. Got back on the bike, rode the other 25 miles and then after that ran the marathon."

That encounter dialed down Hutchinson's perspective about how he views his own Ironman accomplishments.

"On one hand, people can talk about that, 'Oh that's great, it's an Ironman, you did an Ironman,'" Hutchinson said. "But when I look at some of the people that are out there, like to me, those are the people that ... I don't feel like I'm doing anything special when you look at some of these other people and what they're overcoming."

Maybe not. But there still is a Mt. Rushmore-type feeling that endurance athletes of all ages and abilities experience on the Big Island. There also is an attitude adjustment — in the best possible way.

"It means you're a bad ass," Rea said, loudly and proudly.

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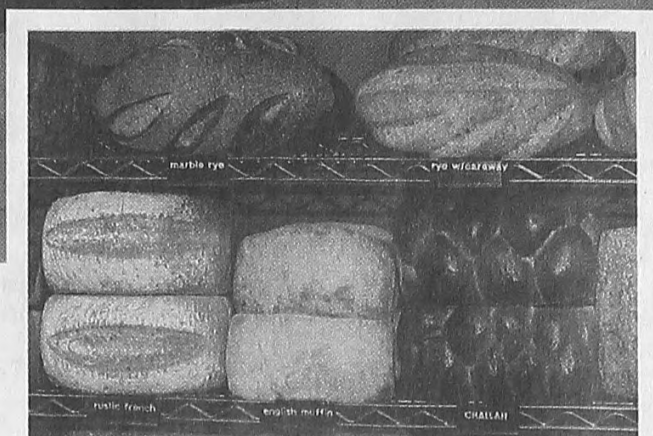
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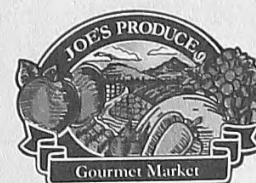
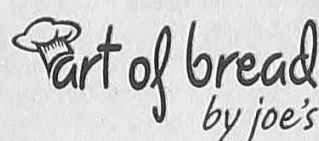
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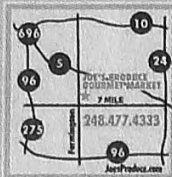
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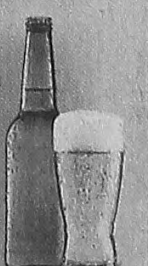
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Franklin football coach suspended for two games

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Livonia Franklin's Chris Kelbert was not on the sidelines during the Patriots' 35-31 homecoming loss against Dearborn Fordson.

The Patriots' head coach was suspended and placed on an administrative leave for two games, according to the

school's athletic director Ron Hammye on Friday.

Assistant coach Dusty Hall is serving during the interim. He will also coach this Friday's game (Oct. 12) against KLAA West Division leader and unbeaten Belleville (7-0, 6-0).

Hammye said Kelbert will return for the Patriots' final regular season game on Oct. 19.

According to Hammye, the decision



Kelbert

to suspend Kelbert was made jointly by the Franklin administration and the Livonia Public Schools. The Franklin A.D. said that Kelbert's teaching status is not affected and does not factor in the coaching suspension (Kelbert is a physical education instructor at Franklin).

Hammye said he could not go into any specifics regarding Kelbert's suspension, but a statement was provided by the Livonia Public Schools and shared with the Franklin football community, which reads in part:

"Head varsity football coach, Chris Kelbert, has been suspended from his football duties through October 12, 2018.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Canton's Steven Walker ran 19 times for 377 yards and five touchdowns in a 48-29 victory over Howell on Friday, Oct. 6, 2018. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

Howell victimized by Steven Walker Show

Bill Khan
 Livingston Daily
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CANTON — Canton defensive end Darius Robinson doesn't need to sell himself too much on the recruiting trail.

He's the state's highest-ranked uncommitted football player in the Class of 2019, holding 20 Division I scholarship offers, including one from Michigan State.

But while he's talking with college coaches to determine his own future, Robinson plans to put in a good word for senior teammate Steven Walker.

Words may not be necessary. He can just bring Friday night's game film to his next college visit and push "play."

Walker tore up Howell's defense to the tune of 377 yards and five touchdowns on 19 carries, the vast majority of that damage coming in the first half, as Canton rolled to a 48-29 victory.

In the first half alone, Walker had what would've been a record-setting day at most high schools, running 12 times for 327 yards and four touchdowns. He had six runs of at least 20 yards and three of at least 61 yards.

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'That's Steven Walker for you. I can't wait to see him at the next level.'

Darius Robinson
 Highly ranked recruit on his Canton teammate

5 TO WATCH

Championship week marks Week 8 match-ups

Marty Budner
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Well, here it is. Championship week.

Three league championships are on the line for four Hometown Life Sports prep football teams.

South Lyon can wrap up an outright Lakes Valley Conference championship against Walled Lake Western and remain undefeated on this memorable season.

Over in the Oakland Activities Association Blue Division, Birmingham Seaholm and Farmington are both undefeated in league play and the winner brings home the hardware.

And, in the Catholic League Central Division, Catholic Central can still earn a share of the crown with a triumph over Warren De La Salle.

So, if you find yourself some free time Friday evening - or Sunday afternoon this week, put on some warm clothes and go out to support your favorite team. It promises to be a great weekend of prep football.

Here's a preview at this week's top five match-ups.

5 to watch

(all games at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, unless noted)

Walled Lake Western (5-2, 5-1) at South Lyon (7-0, 6-0): South Lyon has wrapped up a playoff berth and now has its sites firmly set on the Lakes Valley Conference championship to cap an amazing turnaround season. The Lions can wrap up their first league championship since tying Livonia Stevenson for the KLAA Central Division title in 2014. Western was the pre-season pick to capture the LVC championship and enters the battle with a 5-1 series advantage over South Lyon, including a 49-28 victory last year. Quarterback Connor Fracassi and his Lions, who won only one game last year, will make it a great evening for their fans and the dream season continues. **Picks:** Emons (Western), Budner (South Lyon), Smith (South Lyon).

Farmington (6-1, 6-0) at Birmingham Seaholm (6-1, 5-0): The winner takes the outright OAA Blue crown to end title droughts. Seaholm's last division title came in 2013 when it went undefeated in the Blue. Farmington's last title came in 2014 in the Blue with a

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Farmington clinches playoff spot, retains city jug

Tim Smith

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There was a little extra on the line Friday night for the Farmington varsity football team against rival North Farmington, and when the Falcons' were done securing a 27-7 victory they got what they were looking for.

The host Falcons — on a festive homecoming night — not only won the coveted rivalry jug that the Falcons and Raiders battle for annually, they clinched a MHSAA playoff berth thanks to improving to 6-1 overall and 5-0 in the OAA Blue Division.

"1-2-3 jug!" yelled happy Farmington players such as senior running back Kendall Williams, after a postgame talk with head coach Kory Cioroch, who still thought his squad didn't play a crisp game (four turnovers, three on special teams).

"It feels good, you know we had it last year and we just focused on keeping it," said Williams who scored one touchdown on a 39-yard reception and another on a nine-yard run. "And that's what coach just preached on us this whole week. Just keep the jug."

"A big deal, man," said Farmington head coach Kory Cioroch about the playoff clincher. "We had a couple rough years in a row. It feels good. It was our goal at the beginning of the year and we accomplished it. Now we have a chance to go above and beyond some of the goals that we set, which is pretty cool."

Farmington senior quarterback Anthony Reaves had a big game, throwing three TD passes. On each of those (a 15-yarder to senior running back Delmon Sewell, the 39-yarder to Williams and a 32-yard strike to junior wide-out Jacody Sikora) receivers gained significant



Farmington Falcons quarterback Anthony Reaves (5) eludes North Farmington defenders. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

yardage after catching the football.

In addition to his game-tying touchdown grab, Sewell helped the Falcons' cause with 61 yards rushing in 13 carries.

North Farmington (3-4, 3-3) got off to a rousing start in a bid to spoil Farmington's homecoming night. On the Raiders' first offensive snap, from their own 40-yard line, quarterback Zion Tyler burst through the line and ran 60 yards to the house, to make it 7-0 (after Massimo Sgambati's extra point) just 17 seconds into the contest.

"We got the touchdown, we saw a little glitch we thought we could take advantage of," Raiders head coach Bob Chiesa said. "It worked."

The mojo didn't last, however. Midway through the opening stanza, North Farmington fumbled the ball and it was recovered by Nate Shaw of the Falcons.

That set up the equalizer, on the TD catch by Sewell.

"Kendall Williams has been doing it for three years, he's on his way to break the school record for rushing," Cioroch noted. "He's just one of the nicest and toughest kids I've ever coached." Following are several takeaways from the contest:

CLEAN IT UP

Despite the win, which gives the Falcons a crack at the OAA Blue Division crown in Week 8, Cioroch said too many miscues were made to suit him.

"I don't think we played crisp at all today," Cioroch emphasized. "We made a lot of mistakes, we turned the ball over. Special teams weren't very good at all. But we won, so we got to go clean some

stuff up, we play for the league championship next week. And we couldn't be happier to be in that position."

BEST GAME OF YEAR

Cioroch also praised the performance of Reaves (4-5, 89 yards, three TDs passing; nine rushes for 43 yards) in spearheading the attack.

"(Reaves) probably played his best game of the year today," the coach said. "He threw a couple touchdown passes and really led the offense today."

BRIGHT SPOTS

North Farmington gave up 27 unanswered points, but Chiesa saw some positives.

"I was proud of the young men," Chiesa said. "They held tough, we forced three special team turnovers. Defense held tough. We just got to tighten it up a little bit more on that offensive side of the ball."

He cited top performers as Klarc Crockett "who played very well on both sides of the ball" and Matt Coleman.

HOMECOMING FUN

The overflowing crowd enjoyed a halftime performance of Wizard of Oz tunes performed by the Farmington Marching Band and Color Corp. Outstanding in the role of Dorothy was Alyssa Peressini.

Also named were the 2018 homecoming queen (Taja Carroll) and king (Luke Braska).

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Suspend

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suspend

Assistant Varsity Coach, Dusty Hall, will serve as the interim head coach during the next two contests. In the service of educational athletics, this action has been deemed appropriate for program integrity and growth.

"Coach Kelbert is a highly valued team player at Franklin High School and within the Livonia Public Schools. He holds his athletes to high standards of conduct and he holds himself to even higher expectations. Regrettably, while addressing his players during a film session earlier this week, he did not present himself as a positive role model."

Kelbert, who will be reinstated on Oct. 13, was contacted Friday afternoon and declined to comment.

After the loss to Fordson, the Patriots (4-3, 4-2) are fighting for a state playoff berth and need two more wins to automatically qualify for the MHSAA playoffs for the 10th time in school history. The final game is a KLAA crossover (Oct. 19) against a West Division opponent to be determined.

Kelbert, in his 17th season, is currently 88-81 overall and has coached the Patriots to eight MHSAA playoff berths.

He guided Franklin to a magical run all the way to the Division 2 finals last November before losing 41-6 to Warren DeLaSalle at Detroit's Ford Field, Franklin's first state title game appearance since 1975.

"Chris is our head coach, Chris is in good standing, Chris made a mistake," Hammye said.

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Franklin varsity coach Chris Kelbert has been placed on a two-game suspension and administrative coaching leave. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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5 to watch

7-0 mark. Both teams rely on exceptional rushing attacks -- Farmington's led by Kendall Williams and Seaholm's by Max Schumaker and Chase Mentag. Seaholm owns a slight offensive and defensive edge. **Picks:** Emons (Seaholm), Budner (Seaholm), Smith (Seaholm).

Livonia Franklin (4-3, 4-2) at Belleville (7-0, 6-0): Franklin has a chance to deny powerful Belleville the outright

KLAA East Division title. The Tigers can wrap up their first KLAA championship in their first season after coming over from the Western Wayne Conference. Amazingly, these programs have never played before. **Picks:** Emons (Belleville), Budner (Belleville), Smith (Belleville).

Farmington Harrison (5-2, 4-1) at Birmingham Groves (5-2, 4-1): Oak Park has wrapped up the OAA White Division title. Groves and Harrison are playing for second place. The host Falcons enter with a five-game winning streak, but, more notably, a three-game winning streak over the Hawks. Harri-

son enters with a brand new transfer quarterback in Keel Watson. Harvard-bound Khalil Dawsey is a difference maker for Groves which won a three overtime thriller last year. The winner earns a state-playoff berth and White runners-up honors. **Picks:** Emons (Harrison), Budner (Groves), Smith (Groves).

De La Salle (6-1, 2-0) at Catholic Central (5-2, 1-1), Sunday, Oct. 14, 1p.m. at Catholic Central: These two state powers have accounted for the last three Central Division titles. The Pilots won last year en route to the Division 2 state championship. CC won in 2016 and the

teams were part of a three-way tie with St. Mary's for the 2015 crown. De La Salle beat CC twice last year and must stop CC in the Boys Bowl this year if it hopes to make it three straight. The Pilots, who are on a six-game winning streak, are playing with a back-up quarterback but have an outstanding receiver in senior Josh DeBerry. CC, coming off a loss to St. Mary's, has power running back Keegan Koehler in its corner. **Picks:** Emons (De La Salle), Budner (CC), Smith (De La Salle).

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Canton

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"That's Steven Walker for you," said Robinson, who plays on the offensive and defensive lines. "I can't wait to see him at the next level. I'm going to do everything I can to help him out. That boy's way too good not to be playing on Saturdays. He's having a great year. He's just got to keep it going. The team's doing well. We block for him and get in the end zone."

Walker came into the game with a shoulder injury, then injured his wrist during the first half. He got poked in the eye while being tackled with 1:59 left in the game and quickly got off the field to be looked at by Canton's trainer.

"It happens in games like this," Canton coach Andy LaFata said. "I'm sure everyone in the state right now is banged up."

Walker scored on runs of 19, 61, 82 and 6 yards in the first half. He also had an 83-yard run to the Howell 10-yard line. Walker, who was crowned homecoming king at halftime, had a 10-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

"I don't know if we've ever given up that many yards to a single back, and we've seen some good ones," Howell coach Aaron Metz said. "Give that kid credit; he ran hard."

The Highlanders were chasing the scoreboard the entire game, giving up touchdowns on Canton's first six possessions. The Chiefs scored on seven out of nine possessions, allowing a 73-yard fumble return for a touchdown by Howell defensive back Michael Brauer with 1:02 left in the third quarter and taking a knee from the Highlanders' 5-yard line to end the game.

Canton had 488 yards on the ground and 98 through the air.

"On film, you don't see how fast they are, you don't see how they actually

play," Brauer said. "We came out slow. They came out and hit us in the mouth harder than we did. They just played harder than we did in the first half. We should've played like we did in the second half in the first half."

The final score isn't indicative of how Canton dominated the game.

The Chiefs got out to a 27-0 lead before Nathan Eades broke off a 47-yard touchdown run for Howell with 9:07 left in the second quarter.

Canton (5-2) tacked on two touchdowns in the final 2:12 of the first half, aided by a fumbled kickoff by Howell.

Howell battled back to within 41-22 on a 7-yard touchdown pass from Matt Hornyak to Eades and Brauer's fumble return in the third quarter.

Canton responded with a 10-yard touchdown run by Walker with 8:21 left in the game. Howell concluded the scoring on a 44-yard pass from Hornyak to Christian Nichols with 6:25 remaining.

"We just missed opportunities to

keep it close," Metz said. "When you're in a track meet, you've got to keep scoring points."

The loss ended Howell's four-game winning streak and hopes for a KLAA West championship. Had the Highlanders won the battle of second-place teams, they would've been in a position to play for the division title next Friday at home against Brighton.

Howell (4-3) needs to win its next two games to automatically qualify for the state playoffs. The Highlanders have qualified at 5-4 three times.

"We've just got to have a good practice this week," Brauer said. "Like coach Metz said, lick our wounds and just get better next week against Brighton. They're a good team, but we beat them last year and we were underrated."

Hornyak was 9-for-17 for 201 yards and two touchdowns. Canton quarterback Ben Stesiak was 6-for-7 for 98 yards and a touchdown pass to Luke Joppi.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

South Lyon soars to No. 1 in HTL Top-10 football rankings

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There's a new top dog. Or, in this case, Lion.

Surging South Lyon has slowly worked its way up the Hometown Life's Top-10 rankings. Last week No. 3. This Week No. 1 as the HTL area's lone undefeated squad.

The Lions -- the prep team, not the pro team -- are for real and have proved it each week. They've remained consistent while the top two teams from last week each lost. Thus, the South Lyon promotion.

The Top-10 rankings have a new look heading into Week 8, so check it out:

1. South Lyon (7-0)

Last week: No. 3. South Lyon has not wavered. The Lions have taken care of foe after foe, opening with a one-point victory over Walled Lake Northern and securing a nice 21-14 victory over a fine Waterford Mott squad last week thanks for some late heroics from senior lineman David Rende. South Lyon's new No. 1 status faces two major tests in its final two games, starting this week with a first-place showdown against Walled Lake Western and then at district rival East to end the regular season. *Next game: Oct. 12 home vs. Walled Lake Western, 7 p.m.*

2. Livonia Churchill (5-2)

Last week: No. 4. Churchill is on a three-game winning streak, with close wins over district rival Franklin and

Dearborn, plus last week's blow-out victory over Wayne Memorial. Its only two losses were to Fordson and Belleville -- the KLAA East's top two teams. Quarterback Drew Alsobrooks has led the Churchill offense which is averaging 35 points per game. Churchill hopes to atone this week for two straight losses to district rival Stevenson. *Next game: Oct. 12 home vs. Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.*

3. Canton (5-2)

Last week: No. 5. After suffering a heart-breaking loss to Brighton, Canton has rebounded nicely with two straight wins by a combined 83-36 points. The Chiefs continue to be led offensively by senior running back Steven Walker who piled up a whopping 377 yards in last week's victory over Howell. Highly recruited and uncommitted lineman Darius Robinson leads the way defensively. *Next game: Oct. 12 at Hartland, 7 p.m.*

4. Catholic Central (5-2)

Last week: No. 1. After spending three straight weeks as HTL's top-ranked team, the Shamrocks tumbled to No. 4 after stumbling on the road last week to Catholic League Central Division rival St. Mary's. The Shamrocks lost a two-point heart-breaker as the Eaglets booted a last-season field goal. CC faces a tough bounce-back game this week against defending Catholic League and Division 2 state champion Warren De La Salle. *Next game: Oct. 12 home vs. De La Salle, 1 p.m.*

5. Farmington Harrison (5-2)

Last week: No. 2. Harrison's three-game winning streak was snapped last week by OAA Red Division foe Rochester Adams in a thriller. You can never count a John Herrington-coached team out. The Hawks trailed 17-0 at halftime, but scored 17 unanswered second-half points to tie the game. The visiting Highlanders put together a long drive and won with a late touchdown. *Next game: Oct. 12 at Birmingham Groves, 7 p.m.*

6. Birmingham Seaholm (6-1)

Last week: No. 1. The Maples dominated Berkley last week to wrap up its first post-season playoff berth since 2013. Veteran head coach Jim DeWald's crew can capture its first league championship since 2013 this week as it faces a showdown with Farmington. Both teams are undefeated in the OAA Blue Division. The Maples have been led all year by third-year seniors Chase Mentag and Max Schumaker, plus senior quarterback Gray Kinnie who missed all of last season with a knee injury. *Next game: Oct. 12 home vs. Farmington, 7 p.m.*

7. Livonia Franklin (4-3)

Last week: No. 7. Franklin fell by three points to Fordson's fourth-quarter rally in a key KLAA East Division battle last week. The Patriots, who played in last year's Division 2 state championship game, have lost two of their last three games by a combined 10 points. Junior quarterback Jake Kelbert and the Patriots face a monumental road test this week. *Next game: Oct. 12 at Belle-*

ville, 7 p.m.

8. Lakeland (5-2)

Last week: No. 8. After dropping two of its first three games by a combined 10 points, Lakeland dominated Milford last week for its fourth straight victory. The Eagles, led by senior All-State running back Robbie Tracy, play undefeated Lapeer this week in non-conference action. *Next game: Oct. 12 home vs. Lapeer, 7 p.m.*

9. Farmington (6-1)

Last week: No. 9. The Falcons rebounded from its lone loss against Madison Heights Madison with last week's 27-7 triumph over district rival North Farmington. It was Farmington's third straight win over North. Now it's on to Birmingham to play Seaholm which won the last meeting in 2016. Farmington, however, owns a 5-3 all-time series edge. *Next game: Oct. 12 at Seaholm, 7 p.m.*

10. Birmingham Groves (5-2)

Last week: No. 10. Groves, led by veteran head coach Brendan Flaherty, is on a roll. The Falcons have won five straight games -- the last a 28-0 shutout over Troy. During that impressive streak, they've outscored their foes by an outstanding 192-47 margin. Groves' offense will be put to the test this week at home in a battle for second place in the OAA White Division. It marks the last game ever against Harrison and the state's all-time winningest head coach John Herrington. *Next game: Oct. 12 home vs. Harrison, 7 p.m.*

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Week 7 prep football scoreboard, photos

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A select few teams clinched a playoff spot last week. Who will add their name to that list? Here's a roundup of prep football scores from around the area for week 7.

Friday, Oct. 5

BELLEVILLE 46, LIVONIA STEVENSON 0: Quarterback Christian Dhue-Reid threw for 271 yards and four touchdowns as the state-ranked Tigers (7-0, 6-0) clinched at least a share of the KLAA East Division title with a victory over Livonia Stevenson (1-6, 1-5). DeLand McCullen added four catches, including three TD grabs for Belleville.

BIRMINGHAM GROVES 38, TROY 0 BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM 42, BERKLEY 13: Seaholm (6-1, 5-0) clinched its first state playoff berth since 2013 with this victory Friday over the Bears (2-5, 1-4) in OAA Blue Division action. The Maples were led by senior Max Schumaker who scored on long touchdown runs of 63 and 36 yards, and finished with 138 yards rushing. Will McBride also scored twice while Jackson Vance and William McBride scored a touchdown apiece. Jeremiah Watkins scored one of Berkley's touchdowns on a 5-yard run. Now that Seaholm clinched the playoffs, it has the opportunity to win the OAA Blue Division championship next week at home against Farmington (6-1, 5-0). The Falcons and Maples are undefeated in the OAA Blue entering the huge showdown.

BRIGHTON 37, SALEM 0: Quarterback Will Jontz went 7-for-7 passing for 101 yards and one TD and also rushed for 85 yards on 11 carries as the KLAA West Division leading Bulldogs (6-1, 5-0) blanked the Rocks (1-6, 0-5). Jontz threw a 28-yard TD pass to A.J. Lin and added a 20-yard TD run. Chris Seguin (11-for-101) added TD runs of 33 and 20 yards. Jackson Krause returned a punt for a TD and Paul Skoczylas added a 25-yard field goal to cap the Brighton scoring. Salem's leading rusher was Nathan Hunt (24-for-102). Quarterback Tyler Overaitis was 4-of-18 passing for 85 yards and rushed for 42 yards. Sheldon Lyall also had three catches for 21 yards. The Rocks, who trailed 27-0 at halftime, got 10 tackles, including three for loss from Jaquan Baker. Marcus Glaze added eight tackles. Cole Riddle had seven tackles, including three for loss and a sack, for Brighton.

CANTON 48, HOWELL 29 COLUMBUS (OHIO) COF ACADEMY



Brighton's Chris Seguin (20) gets around Salem tackler Joshua Williams (55). DAVE DONOHER

14, BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE 13 DEARBORN 21, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 14: Bilal Elhasan ran for 120 yards and a TD, while Ben Clark added 100 on the ground and another score as the Pioneers (4-3, 3-3) downed visiting Westland John Glenn (2-5, 1-5) in a KLAA East Division game. Zein Bazzoun also added a TD catch and Rami Mullan's later interception help seal the win for Dearborn. Jared Tarrance returned an interception return for 25 yards for a Glenn TD. The Rockets also executed a double-pass for a 65-yard TD Chad Stevens, to Sydney Tatum and then to Daijon Tatum.

DEARBORN FORDSON 35, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 31 DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY 44, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 8 FARMINGTON 27, NORTH FARMINGTON 7

HARTLAND 35, NOVI 14: Holden D'Arcy, 10-of-14 passing for 164 yards, threw for three touchdowns and ran for two more leading the Eagles (3-4, 3-3) to the KLAA West Division victory against the host Wildcats (1-6, 1-5). D'Arcy scored on a pair of 1-yard TD runs and threw two TD passes to Logan Tobel (26 and 8 yards), along with another to Zach Linfield (20 yards). Reece Potter added 80 yards rushing on 17 carries as Hartland pulled away in the second half

after leading 14-7 at intermission. Novi's Josh Erno threw an 18-yard TD pass to Ein Mack, while also scoring on a 25-yard run. Robert Wynn III (16-for-136) and Erno (13-for-109) both rushed for over 100 yards. Drew O'Connor had seven tackles and an interception to lead Novi's defense. Matthew George also had seven tackles and a sack. Carson Neuer led Hartland with seven tackles, while Reece Potter had six tackles and an interception.

GARDEN CITY 1, LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 0 (FORFEIT)

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 55, WAYNE MEMORIAL 14: The Chargers (5-2, 4-2) racked up 511 total yards and moved closer to a playoff bid with a homecoming victory over the Zebras (0-7, 0-6). Churchill's Shane Morelli had a team-high 120 yards on nine carries and a TD, while Shane Bushnell added 91 yards rushing and two TDs. Churchill quarterback Drew Alsobrooks was 6-of-11 passing for 155 yards and three TDs, including strikes to Avery Grenier (79 yards), Brendan Lowry (16 yards) and Joel Forgacs (21 yards). Other TDs came from Darrell Mason Jr. (6-for-52) and Dylan Curran. Defensively, Andrew Greff and Deon Pitchford each had interceptions, while Jake Robertson blocked a punt. For Wayne, QB Jacquis Gant threw a 35-yard TD pass to Kevin Downs and ran for

a 70-yard score.

ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY PREP 31, DETROIT CC 29: The host Eaglets (3-4, 1-1) put together a late 70-yard, fourth-quarter drive and kicked the game-winning field goal as time expired to upset Novi Detroit Catholic Central (5-2, 1-1). CC took a 29-28 lead on Owen Finnerty's field goal with 5:50 left. CC's Ryan Birney returned a kickoff for a TD and caught a TD pass from Jack Beno. Marco Genrich and Beno also added TD runs in a losing cause.

PLYMOUTH 17, NORTHVILLE 10: Mike Mathias, who had 93 yards on nine carries, scored the game-winning TD in the fourth quarter to lead the host Wildcats (5-2, 4-2) to a KLAA West Division win over the Mustangs (2-5, 1-4). Mathias also had three receptions for 79 yards. Carson Miller (20-for-54) added a 7-yard TD run, while Jackson Vacca booted a 23-yard field goal to end the first half and went 2-for-2 on extra points. Plymouth QB Nick Downs was 6-of-12 passing for 139 yards. Northville jumped out to a 7-0 first quarter lead on Trevor Schornack's 1-yard keeper. Schornack was 7-of-15 passing for 124 yards. Enzo Rodriguez was Northville's top rusher (17-for-92), while Daniel McLaughlin had three catches for 71 yards. Jackson Cooney added a 44-yard field goal. Ian Davis and Logan Walkley led Plymouth in tackles with 6.5 and six each, respectively. Spenser Lorroch had two sacks and Jack Angott added an interception.

REDFORD UNION 42, ANNAPOLIS 6: Carl Ware threw a pair of TD passes and rushed for 97 yards on four carries, including a 34-yard TD run, to lead the Panthers (2-5, 1-4) to a Western Wayne Athletic Association homecoming win over Dearborn Heights Annapolis (1-6, 1-5). Ware was also 5-of-8 passing for 102 yards and led the defense with four tackles. Samir Rashed was RU's top rusher with 115 yards on eight carries, including a 49-yard TD run. The Panthers had 495 yards rushing while also getting TDs from Terrell Hallman (6 yards) and Dayshawn Jones (3 yards). Annapolis had minus-7 yards rushing and only seven passing.

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Fordson rallies late to avert Franklin upset bid

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Talk about coming back from the dead.

Seemingly on life support, Dearborn Fordson did just that Friday night as the Tractors revived themselves from a 10-point deficit late in the fourth quarter to stymie Livonia Franklin and stun its homecoming crowd, 35-31.

Hassan Mansour took a screen pass from Hussein Ajami and bolted through a sea of Franklin defenders for 46 yards and the game-winning touchdown with only 53 seconds remaining to give the Tractors the KLAA West Division football win.

"The whole team was just blocking, they wanted to win," said Mansour, a 5-foot-11, 180-pound junior. "Everyone was blocking and I just followed my lead blockers . . . I'm telling you. I ran right behind them, touched their back, ran through them, and that was all."

And that was not all for the Tractors, who rushed for only 67 net yards, but made up for it with Ajami's passing. The 6-1, 200-pound senior was an eye-popping 21-of-24 for 343 yards.

Fordson's bread-and-butter play turned out to be the screen pass to the short side of the field and it worked repeatedly.

"They were just biting on the play and coach (Fouad) Zaban knew," Mansour said. "Coach is just a good play caller . . . he knew. We just ran around their blitz and he called it. We got that thing 50, 40 yards. Every play we averaged 20 yards. That's a good play there."

After being dominated in the third quarter, Fordson (6-1, 5-1) trimmed the deficit to 31-28 with only 4:55 remaining in the fourth using the same type of screen pass with Ajami hitting Abraham Jaafar out of the backfield for a 71-yard TD.

In the fourth quarter alone, Ajami was 9-of-10 passing for 199 yards, many coming on short dump-offs.

"They run multiple screens and we knew that going in," said Franklin interim coach Dusty Hall, who was filling in for suspended head coach Chris Kel-



Franklin's Kyle Hetu (left) breaks away from Fordson tackler Adam Allie for a second-quarter TD pass. NANCY ERWIN

bert (see related story). "We felt like we had it schemed right coming in, we made some adjustments and I give all the credit to Fordson, they made all the plays. I felt like that last one we defended well and their kid (Mansour) made a play. Hats off to them."

The Patriots had a more balanced attack going for 441 yards in total offense, including 218 on the ground and 223 in the air.

But Franklin, which slipped to 4-3 overall and 4-2 in the KLAA West, couldn't milk the clock down the stretch and were forced to punt to the Tractors on two of their final three possessions.

"Fordson made their adjustments defensively and they made the plays," Hall said.

Fordson led 21-17 at halftime getting a pair of TD passes by Ajami, including a 28-yard strike to Ahmed Allamy, 69-yard screen passed to Jaafar, followed by 21-yard run by Mansour.

"Number 34, Jaafar, obviously he's a gifted player," said Fouad Zaban, the Fordson head coach. "He's somebody that we definitely lean on. And then Mansour . . . he's just a guy that we use everywhere and he knows how to play. He's done this all his life and he made a huge play tonight."

Franklin junior quarterback Jake Kelbert was heroic in defeat going 9-of-17 passing for 223 yards. He also rushed for a team-best 115 yards on 10 carries. He threw TD passes of 32 yards to Kyle Hetu and 67 yards to Fredrick Biles, the latter whom made a great individual effort for the score during the first half.

The Patriots also got a 24-yard field goal from Connor McIntosh to get on the board.

"The quarterback Kelbert . . . he's a helluva player and I'm not looking forward to seeing him again next year," Zaban said. "He makes that team go and he's a tough kid. I would love to coach him. He's a terrific player. But you have to give them all their credit. They played hard, they played tough. I thought their coaching staff did a great job tonight. And they always do. They always get better as the season goes and that's the sign of good staff and a great program."

In the third quarter, Fordson ran only five plays, while the Patriots surged ahead on Hetu's 5-yard TD run followed by a 13-play, 99-yard TD drive resulting in a 16-yard TD pass from Kelbert to the speedy Biles with only 38 seconds remaining.

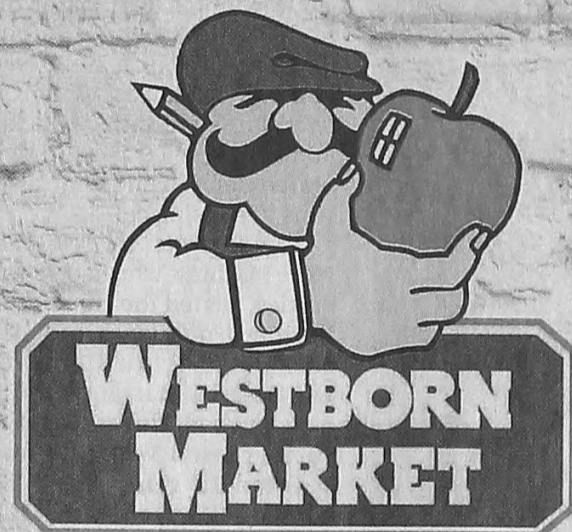
But the script was flipped in the fourth period and what could have been the upset upset this season in the KLAA. But the Patriots, who were missing their suspended head coach, couldn't protect their lead.

"It's been a tough week, but I'm so proud of these guys," Hall said. "We banded together, we talked about being a family unit, staying together, and that's exactly what these guys did. I couldn't be more proud."

Fordson, meanwhile, overcame a slew of costly penalties to pull out the victory.

"I'm going to be honest with you, I'm disappointed with our effort," Zaban said. "And to be honest with you, they (Franklin) deserved to win the game tonight. I'm not proud of that performance that we just played today. I give them all the credit in the world."

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	1				9		5	3
	2		3		6		4	
		1		7		3		6
7		6	8					5

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

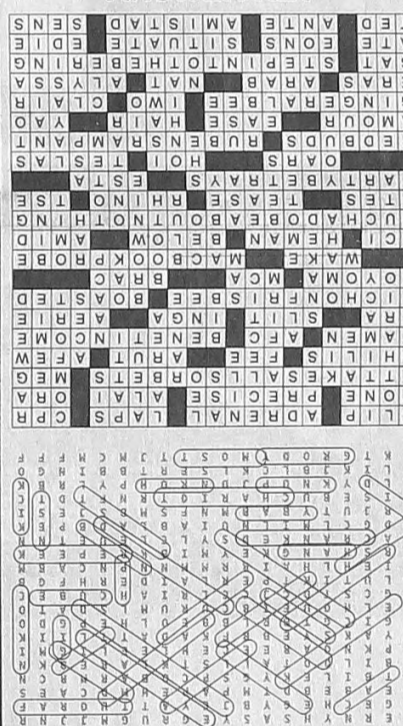
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Y Y A K S Y E B B F K A D A T T L I I K
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WORDS

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- BLAST
- BREAD
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- CHARTIOT
- CLANKED
- CLYDE
- COOKIN
- COOTIES
- CRANKED
- CUBE
- DEUCE
- EYEBALL
- FAR OUT
- FLICK
- GERM
- GIG
- GRODY
- HANG
- HEP
- HORN
- JACKETED
- JETS
- KEEPER
- KICK
- KOOKIE
- LID
- MOST
- NEST
- PUNK



5	2	1	7	6	8	9	3	2
9	6	3	2	2	5	1	8	7
8	7	2	9	1	3	6	2	9
3	9	9	6	8	2	7	1	2
2	1	6	3	7	9	2	5	8
2	8	7	1	5	2	3	6	9
6	3	8	9	9	7	2	2	1
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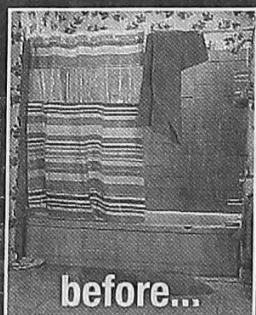
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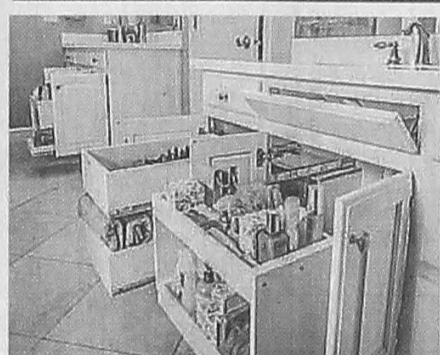


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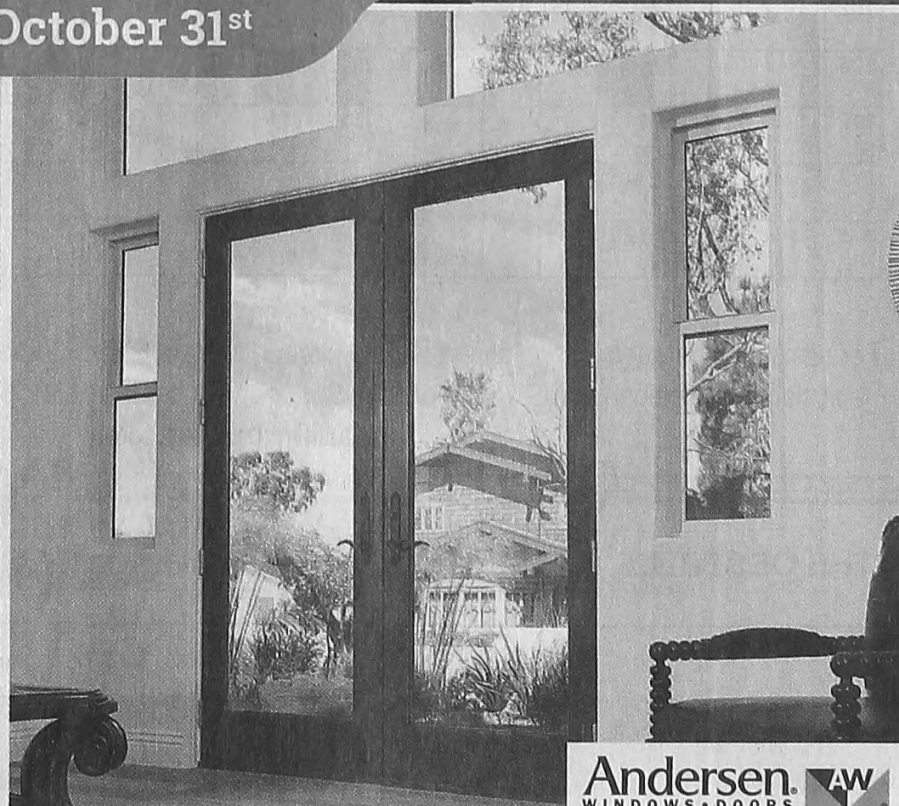
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