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Boulevard project starts long journey

Officials reveal formal request for design proposals

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The ball is officially rolling on Canton Township's massive Ford Road boulevard project, but motorists shouldn't expect to see ribbon-cutting ceremonies or hear concrete-shredding jack-hammers anytime soon.

Township Director of Municipal Services Tim Faas revealed Nov. 1 that the first step — as minute as it may be — has kick-started what officials believe will be a several-year process to build a safety-enhancing boulevard along Ford

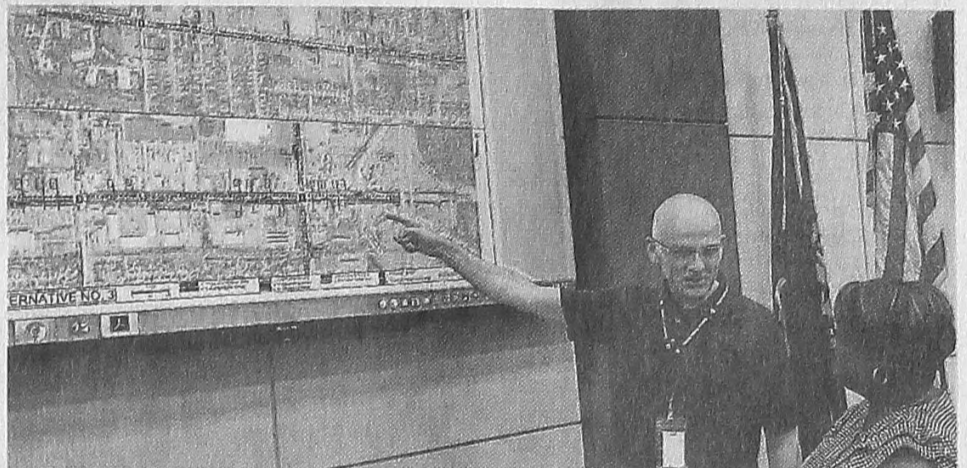
Road from I-275 to just past Sheldon Road.

"MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) released the formal RFP (request for proposal) for design bids," Faas said. "I anticipate the design process to take a couple of years."

In August, Canton Township residents approved a ballot proposal that will raise an estimated \$5,506,872 each year over 20 years that will go toward road maintenance and repair.

The successful millage also set the groundwork for the 2.5-mile boulevard

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Canton Township Director of Municipal Services Tim Faas explains how the Ford Road boulevard project would be implemented to township Trustee Sommer Foster. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

JUST SAY, 'THANK YOU'

98-year-old World War II veteran sharp as a tack

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Eugene McDonald sits back in his chair and tugs on his baseball cap with "World War II Veteran" emblazoned on the front in loud and proud yellow lettering.

And for the 98-year-old McDonald, who served in the U.S. Navy from August 1940 through the end of World War II in 1945, any time spent talking about those years more than seven decades ago is like tugging on something else, too — his heartstrings.

"I toured the whole country. I enjoyed the navy," McDonald said, reminiscing inside the small apartment at American House in Westland where he lives. "I never was one for the army and all that dust and dirt."

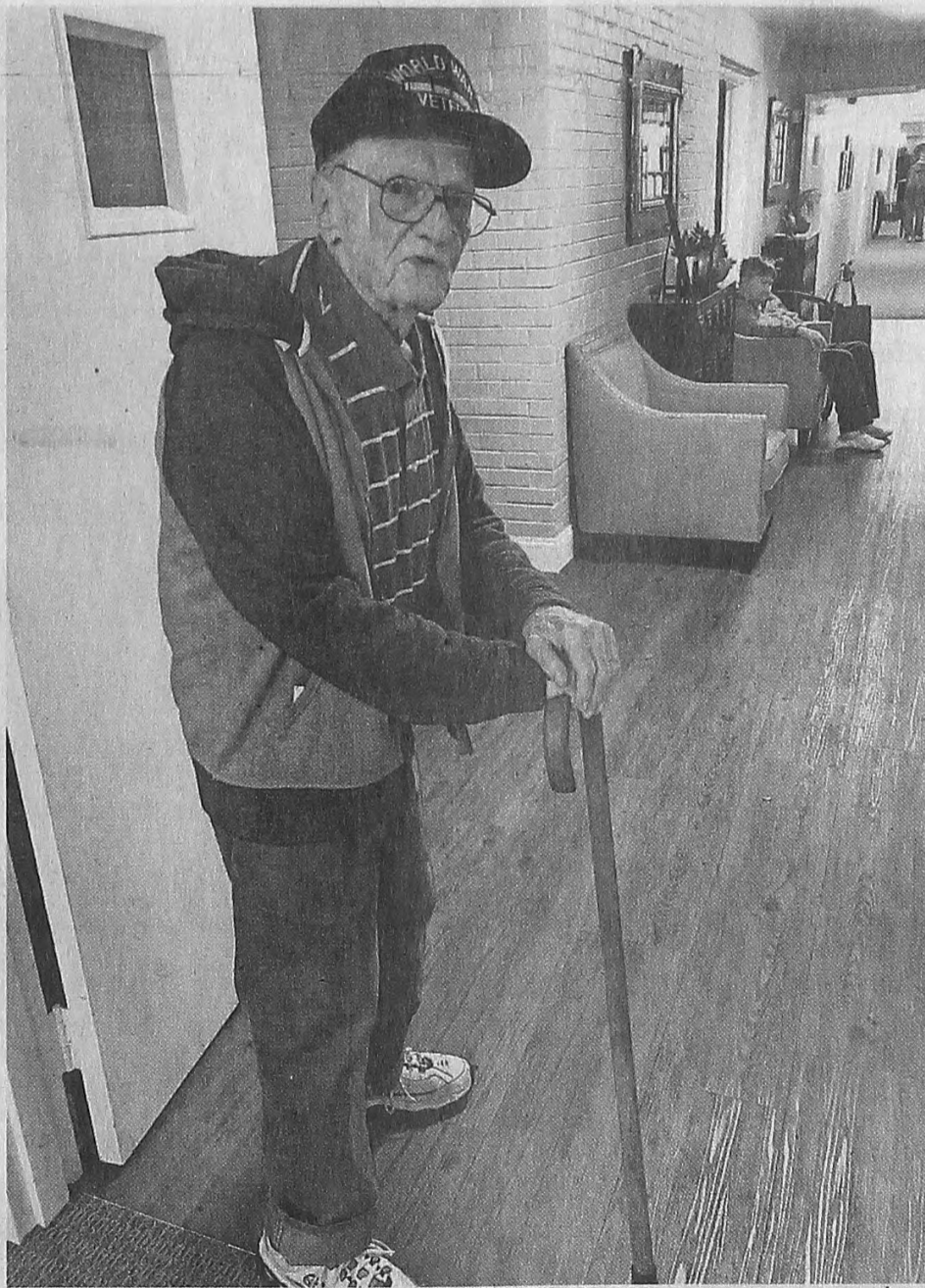
"When we were doing convoy duty, we went from the island of Bermuda to Boston to Texas and down to the country of Brazil and up the Amazon River — where your little piranha fish play, the ones that like to eat you. And that was quite a deal there."

He remembers getting much sicker smoking a vintage K-Woody pipe (the same one favored by legendary movie star Bing Crosby) than he did on the USS Lake Champlain in 1944, when an electrical malfunction caused the ship to rock harder than anything Elvis Presley recorded a decade later.

"Our ship was rolling 35 degrees to one side and then 35 degrees the other side, that's 70 degrees," McDonald said. "Day and night — and that's quite a rolling. Now fortunately, I've never been seasick in my life. But my wife (Kathryn, now deceased) gave me a K-Woody pipe, like Bing Crosby was always smoking."

"I never was so sick in my life. ... The darn pipe. It's a blessing, because you notice now everything is 'Don't smoke, don't chew, you're going to pay a terrible price for it.'"

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Eugene McDonald, 98, gets ready to take a walk at Westland's American House, where the World War II veteran remains active. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I tell you, there's nothing to describe the feeling you get when somebody out of the clear blue sky says, 'Thank you for your service.' It just puts a warm glow through you."

Eugene McDonald
World War II veteran

Planned Parenthood site draws protesters

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A site seemingly purchased by Planned Parenthood in Livonia has riled up anti-abortion activists into protesting outside the building.

Activists were out the evening of Nov. 1 protesting at the building, located at 15707 Farmington Road, north of Five Mile. They say the building is going to be operated by Planned Parenthood and started protesting over its arrival in the city. The organization is typically protested by anti-abortion groups for its practice of offering abortions, though it does provide several other services to its clients.

"This is an organic movement. Read the signs: 'Livonia says no to Planned Parenthood,'" said Lynn Mills, a Livonia resident and director of Pro-Life Michigan. "Livonia doesn't want Planned Parenthood here. I guarantee you that."

A phone call and email message were left Friday morning with Planned Parenthood of Michigan, but were not returned by press time. City of Livonia tax records show the building, formerly occupied by Metro Tech Inc., Engineering Services, was purchased by an organization called West Michigan Facilities Corp. for \$275,000 back in April.

The taxpayer information on the city's website said the corporation is the one paying the taxes and the address given on the taxpayer information is for the Planned Parenthood of Michigan administrative offices in Ann Arbor.

It appears work is being done to the building, as boards covered the windows and the roof appeared to have some work done on it, as well.

If Planned Parenthood were to op-

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Protest

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erate a clinic on the site, it would not be the first time the organization has operated such a clinic in the city. It formerly operated one along Ann Arbor Road, west of Newburgh, though that facility closed earlier this year. It was the site of plenty of protests, including a large one for both anti-abortion and abortion rights groups last year.

The Planned Parenthood website lists 20 clinics and satellite clinics across Michigan. The next closest clinics include two in Ann Arbor, two in Detroit, one in Ferndale and one in Warren. The Planned Parenthood site states the Livonia location is currently "closed for relocation."

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, also appeared at the small protest Nov. 1 before his office hours in Livonia



Protesters stand outside a building they say is looking to become a Planned Parenthood facility on Farmington Road in Livonia DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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that night. Colbeck, a staunch proponent against abortion, said he would rather see women go to centers that do not offer abortions for care.

"It's concerning, because this is something that is not necessary. This is something where you're actually taking an innocent life," he said. "We wouldn't

be sitting out in the rain for any old reason. This is important."

The protests Nov. 1 are not the last time the anti-abortion group plans to come out. Mills said they anticipate attending the Nov. 7 Livonia City Council meeting to address the council on the topic and plan to be out protesting again

at 10 a.m. Nov. 17 in front of the building.

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Project

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project, which, once completed, is expected to significantly reduce accidents on the treacherous stretch of roadway.

The boulevards will separate east- and westbound Ford Road traffic, eliminating the center turn lane that currently exists.

Boulevards would also be installed on Haggerty near the Haggerty-Ford Road intersection because of the high volume of traffic in that area, Faas explained.

Once a design is accepted by MDOT, the next step in the project involves purchasing property from businesses along the 2.5-mile stretch of Ford Road so that the roadway can be widened on both the south and north sides.

The deadline for design submissions is Nov. 19, Faas said.

"At that point, we will sit down, review all the bids and select a firm based on the details of their bid," Faas said.

Working as a team

The township has been working with MDOT for the past two to three months to hammer out each entity's obligation to the project.

"We have to figure out how much we need to pay, how much say we'll have in the selection process of the contractor ... important details like that," Faas said.

Faas foresees the design process to stretch to 2019 or 2020, the bidding process to unfold in 2021 and the first jack-hammer breaking asphalt sometime in 2022.

"That is probably a best-case scenario," he said, referring to the timeline.

Faas said the contractor selected to tackle the project will be asked to make the experience as convenient as possible for motorists.

"The goal will be to keep one lane open both ways, at all times," Faas said.

Lilley Road bridge update

Faas said the Lilley Road bridge reconstruction project has been temporarily delayed due to Wayne County's attempt to relocate a gas main near the site.

"It's expected the bidding will be done during the winter months, with work starting in the spring," Faas said. "It's a little behind the initial timeline."

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Busch's kicks off annual holiday food drive

Busch's Fresh Food Market is partnering with local charity organizations to collect food and monetary donations for families in need.

The food drive will take place Nov. 12-21, at all 17 of Busch's locations. This is the 22nd year that Busch's will host the event. Busch's is partnering with Food Gatherers, CARES of Farmington Hills, Saline Social Services, Livingston Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest to col-

lect and distribute donations for area families.

Guests who shop at Busch's can donate pre-made "ready-to-go" food donation bags filled with 16 items, recycling bottle slips, a \$5 produce or \$10 bakery donation or any cash amount. Busch's will also have a hot dog cart staffed at various times throughout the campaign and proceeds will benefit the local food banks.

"It's so important to give back to the community, especially during the holidays," said Doug Busch, community development director. "Anything helps."

All donations will stay in the community, ensuring that local families are the ones to receive assistance.

Busch's Fresh Food Market has served southeast Michigan for more than 40 years. Busch's is Michigan's largest family-owned independent gro-

cery retailer, with locations in Ann Arbor, Brighton, Canton, Clinton, Carleton, Dexter, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Novi, Pinckney, Plymouth-Northville, Rochester hills, Saline, South Lyon, Tecumseh and West Bloomfield. Busch's also operates a Central Kitchen located in Clinton and a self-distributing warehouse in South Lyon. For more information, go to buschs.com.

Seedlings' benefit auction open until Nov. 14

Win great items for yourself or holiday gifts and help blind children learn to read by bidding in an online auction through Nov. 14 benefiting Seedlings Braille Books for Children, a nonprofit in Livonia.

Hot auction items include tickets to

Detroit Red Wings, Lions and Tigers games; a two-night stay at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island; a Crystal Mountain weekend getaway; golf packages; Amazon gift cards; handmade quilts; a 2018 NASCAR Cup Series Racing Helmet autographed by 15 drivers;

tickets to the Henry Ford, Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Nutcracker Ballet; restaurant gift certificates; vintage items; and more. Check out the nearly 300 items or make a cash donation at www.BiddingForGood.com/braille books.

Bidding goes until 10 p.m. Nov. 14. Seedlings hopes to raise \$18,000 for 1,800 braille books for children around the world who have vision loss. For more information, contact Karen Smith at 734-427-8552, ext. 301, or seedlink7@ameritech.net.

Board needs to take action on collecting money



Condo Living
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Q: Our community association has historically only pursued assessment collection to the point of recording a lien on the delinquent owner's property and no further action is taken after that. I was just elected to the board and I'm thinking maybe we need to do more. Am I right?

A: Absolutely. The assumption that people make with the above approach is that the association will eventually be paid when the owner refinances or sells their property. However, they are taking on significant risk that there is enough equity in the property to begin with and the additional risk that there will not be

a housing market crash that erases that equity. It seems many have already forgotten what happened just 10 years ago, when housing values plummeted and associations everywhere were out of luck when delinquent owners' properties were not worth anything near the amount of their mortgages. When the banks foreclosed, there was no money available for the association. This raises the additional question of whether your board is properly addressing its fiduciary duties to the association, which could form the basis of a claim against the board.

Perhaps your association does not yet have the ability to recover fees and costs of collection in its governing documents and that is part of the reason why the board has decided on its current approach. If that is the case, then you should amend your governing documents right away to give the association

that ability.

I am also going to make an educated guess that your association has not yet adopted a collection policy. Adopting such a policy is crucial to ensure the defensibility of your collection efforts. It would set forth the timing of each step in the collection process (e.g., late notice, lien, foreclosure), late fees and interest, partial payment provisions, payment plan provisions and other items which may not be addressed in your declaration or bylaws. Then, everyone will be on notice that you are drawing a line in the sand and are going to be aggressively pursuing delinquent accounts going forward.

I should mention that all of the above holds true whether you live in a subdivision or a condominium.

The association members are wise to have elected you and, hopefully, you can convince the rest of the board that

changes need to be made. You need to contact an experienced community association attorney who can assist you with amending your governing documents as may be needed, preparing a collection policy and determining the next steps to take for each individual collection matter.

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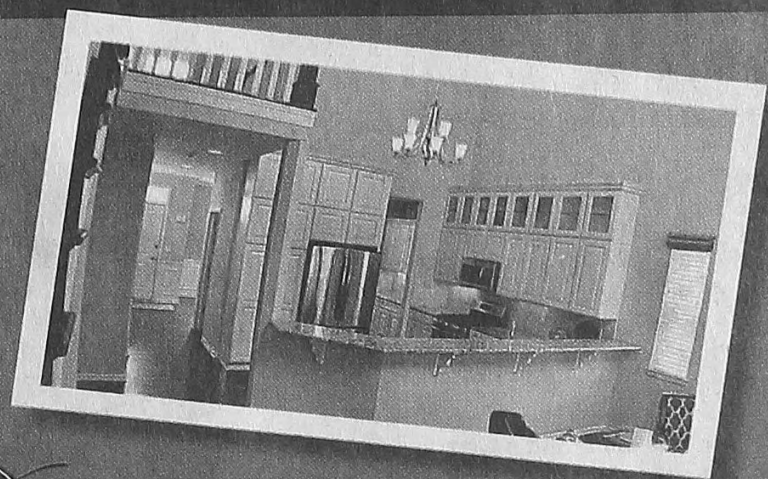
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Check out these three events this weekend

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Finally, the election is over. You can go back to expecting those giant pieces of paper in your mailbox to be Bed, Bath & Beyond 20-percent off coupons and not handbills telling you to vote for or against someone.

Now that you can take that walk without finding out your neighbor's political leanings with signs in their yard, this weekend is the perfect time to get outside and have some fun.

Here are three events taking place in the Hometown Life area worth checking out this week-

end.

Red kettle kickoff in Plymouth

If you couldn't wait to put those Christmas lights up this past weekend, Plymouth is where you're going to want to be Friday night.

The kickoff to the Salvation Army's red kettle campaign will take place at 7 p.m. Friday at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. The event begins the iconic campaign by the group, which positions bell ringers and red donation kettles across the region for the needy.

Trees will also be lit up across downtown Plymouth, with entertainment by the P-CEP choir

and the Salvation Army Brass Band.

Those who attend are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate. The first 100 people to attend will also receive a free gift.

Pet expo in Novi

Kitty!

That's just one of the things you could say this weekend when attending the pet expo at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, in Novi. Find everything for your four-legged friends at this expo, including YouTube sensation Sarah Packer and Hero; a bounce house; a dog lure course; and plenty more.



Holiday music filled Kellogg Park and the streets of downtown Plymouth as a Salvation Army brass band performed last year during the Main Street boulevard tree lighting ceremony. The event also kicked off the Salvation Army Plymouth Corps' Red Kettle fundraising campaign. TOM BEAUDOIN

A pet adoption will also take place for those looking to add a new member to the family.

More than 20 rescues will be at the show, with animals up for adoption. Dogs are allowed at the

show, though several restrictions apply, and those interested in bringing their canine should check the show's website for information. Admission is \$10 for ages 12 and older, \$5 for ages 6-11 and free for under age 5. Parking is \$5. The show runs 2-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, go to novipetexpo.com.

Golf outing in Birmingham

Calling all golfers: There's still a chance to partake in an outing for a good cause in Birmingham this weekend.

The sixth annual Turkey Shoot Golf Classic tees off at 10 a.m. Saturday at Springdale Golf Course, 316 Strathmore, in Birmingham. The 18-hole outing and awards dinner will benefit Lighthouse of Oakland County. The event will feature three formats: alternate shot, scramble and best ball.

Those interested in signing up can do so by calling 248-530-1660. Entry fees are \$30 a player, though that cost is reduced by \$10 for those who bring a frozen turkey to donate to Lighthouse of Oakland County and is reduced by \$5 for those who bring a non-perishable food item to donate.

For more information, go to golfbirmingham.org.

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Conference on suicide

Kevin's Song, a local nonprofit dedicated to raising awareness about the causes of suicide and preventative measures, will host its third annual conference on suicide Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 8-10, at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, in Plymouth.

This year's conference, titled A Conference on Suicide: Confronting a Public Health Crisis, will feature a diverse lineup of speakers and experts from fields dealing with suicide. Uniquely, the conference's third day will be dedicated to survivors, including attempt survivors and those who have lost loved ones to suicide.

A full conference agenda and registration details can be found at kevinsong.org.

'Moonlight' at Village Theater

Spotlight Players will stage "Escanaba in da Moonlight" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton with performances Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 8-11. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are \$15 to \$18 and available at www.cantonvillagetheater.org, by phone at 734-394-5300, ext. 3, or at the box office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekday. If any tickets are still available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to show time.

For more information, email goerlitzgirls@gmail.com.

PCCA fundraiser

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging is hosting a fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft Road Gently used purses and jewelry will be sold at exceptionally good prices. All sales will help support the PCCA.

Salute To Service

Canton will honor area men and

women who have served and who are currently serving in the armed forces in a Salute to Service event Sunday, Nov. 11, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Cherry Hill Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. for military displays and reception. The main presentation is scheduled for 7 p.m.

This year's keynote speaker is Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone, who received her commission in 1977 in the U.S. Air Force as a medical officer after graduating from college. Fausone served on active duty in various nursing staff positions and transferred in late 1981 to the Michigan Air National Guard. The program will also feature musical tributes sung by the Workman Elementary Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Keri L. Mueller.

The public is encouraged to attend this free event - no tickets are required, all ages are welcome to attend. For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

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.

The Dale Robertson Band will perform Tuesday, Nov. 13. Joining Robertson, who plays harmonica and sings, are Christophe Leigh on guitar and vocals, Neno Blag on bass and Jake Segall on drums.

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.

Detroit All-Star Band Showcase

The Detroit All-Star Band Showcase 2018 will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. World-renowned comedy-magician Jeff Hobson will be featured, along with the Jerry Ross Band.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling 734-394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at the box office one hour prior to show time.

Holiday arts & craft show

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters will host its annual holiday arts & craft show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, in Canton. The show will feature more than 100 unique handmade crafters and artisans, as well as a bake sale, raffle, food and door prizes.

Admission is \$2 and children age 12 and under are free; strollers welcome. For more information, call 313-600-8696 or email craftshowpcomb@gmail.com.

Grace Canton craft market

Grace Canton church, 46788 Cherry Hill Road, will host a holiday craft market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. This event will feature crafters and artisans selling an array of fine arts, handmade gifts, jewelry, ceramics, apparel, accessories and home goods.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, email kelly@kellycaroline.com or call 734-536-1705.

Plymouth Goodfellows meeting

Christmas planning has begun for the Plymouth Goodfellows, who have assisted families with food, clothes and toys for the past 80 years. The group is looking for volunteers. A meeting in preparation for the 2018 Christmas season is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street.

For more information, contact Kristen at 734-262-3199, email plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo.com or go to www.plymouthgoodfellows.org.

Canton Turkey Trot

Canton Leisure Services will hold the 16th annual Turkey Trot for a Cause starting at 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 22. There will be a 5K race or one-mile fun run that will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, an organization dedicated to empowering individuals with seizure disorders.

This year's race will start and end at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Pre-registration is available online at csc.canton-mi.org until midnight Tuesday, Nov. 20. Registration fees are: \$25

for the chipped 5K race and \$15 for the one-mile fun run.

Participants can pick up shirts and bibs at Gazelle Sports, 39737 Traditions Drive, in Northville during regular store hours Nov. 16-18. Bib/shirt pickup will re-open 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, in the Summit Banquet and Conference Center.

For more information, including a course map, go to csc.canton-mi.org or call 734-483-5600.

Preschool open house

The Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex and the Plymouth Family YMCA have announced their collaboration on new, enrichment program for preschool age children, Plymouth PEP (Preschool Enrichment Program) beginning January 2019. To kick off the program and introduce it to the community, an open house will be held at PARC, 650 Church Street, from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 4. Parents are encouraged to bring their children and experience everything the program has to offer.

Plymouth PEP will offer a comprehensive schedule of classes for preschool children ages 3-5. Classes include art, dance, swimming, sports, music, theater and more. All classes will be offered at PARC. Classes will be taught by instructors from the YMCA and other participating PARC organizations. Classes will be offered Monday through Friday during the morning hours.

A complete schedule of classes including days, times, and registration information, will be available at www.ymcadetroit/plymouth, beginning the first week of November.

Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society continues its 2018 season, at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road. Performances include 10 open-mic artists and then the feature act at 8 p.m.

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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Money Matters

Rick Bloom
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It's hard to believe, but the holidays are right around the corner. It seems every year the stores are starting earlier and earlier with holiday sales. It used to be that the Friday after Thanksgiving (Black Friday) signified the beginning of the holiday season. Today, the sales are starting earlier, with many stores actually opening Thanksgiving Day. The goal of all these sales and advertisements is very simple — for us to spend, spend and then spend some more during the holiday season. But just because they are urging us to spend more doesn't necessarily mean it's something you and I should be doing.

It seems every year I write a column, such as this one, encouraging people not to overspend for the holidays. Likewise, it seems every year at this time, I read an article about people who have finished paying for last year's holiday gifts just as they're about to start spending for this year. Going into debt is no way to celebrate the holidays. We should all make a pledge to not

overspend for the holidays. I know this is easier said than done, but it's very important.

Before you even begin your holiday shopping, set a budget. You should know what you are going to spend in total for the holidays before you begin shopping. It's hard to know how much someone should spend for the holidays; one thing I can tell you is if you have to put purchases on your charge card and you cannot afford to pay the balance in full, you know you're spending too much. Charge cards, especially during the holiday season, should not be used to finance purchases.

At the same time you establish a holiday budget, you should also decide who you have to buy gifts for. Once you do, it's much easier to allocate your resources. Establishing a game plan before you go shopping makes it much easier to stay the course.

Another thing that families can do to help ease the pressure people feel during the holiday season is to set a limit within the family as to the amount to be spent on a holiday gift. We always tell children it's the thought that counts, not how much you spend. Maybe this is the year we actually put that into effect.

The reality of the situation is that, despite an improving economy and an improved job situation, unfortunately, gift giving detracts from the true meaning

of the holidays. The holidays are a time to spend with family and friends in order to enjoy each other's company. It is not a time to go into debt and cause financial difficulty. All too often, that's what the holidays end up being for all too many people. Before you begin your holiday shopping, consider talking to family and friends who you traditionally exchange gifts with and consider putting a cap on holiday gifts. I recognize this may be an uncomfortable conversation to have, but family and friends should be able to discuss finances without being embarrassed.

The holiday sales and push from retailers has already begun. As consumers, you and I can't fall prey to their tactics. Don't get caught up in that vicious circle of spend, spend and spend some more. I can assure you that if you don't have the financial pressure that inevitably happens during the holiday season, you will enjoy the holidays the way they're meant to be enjoyed.

Good luck!

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

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Details: Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-5. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend to help transition their child to this program. All parents must remain in the children's department. Registration required.

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When: 10-10:30 a.m. each Tuesday

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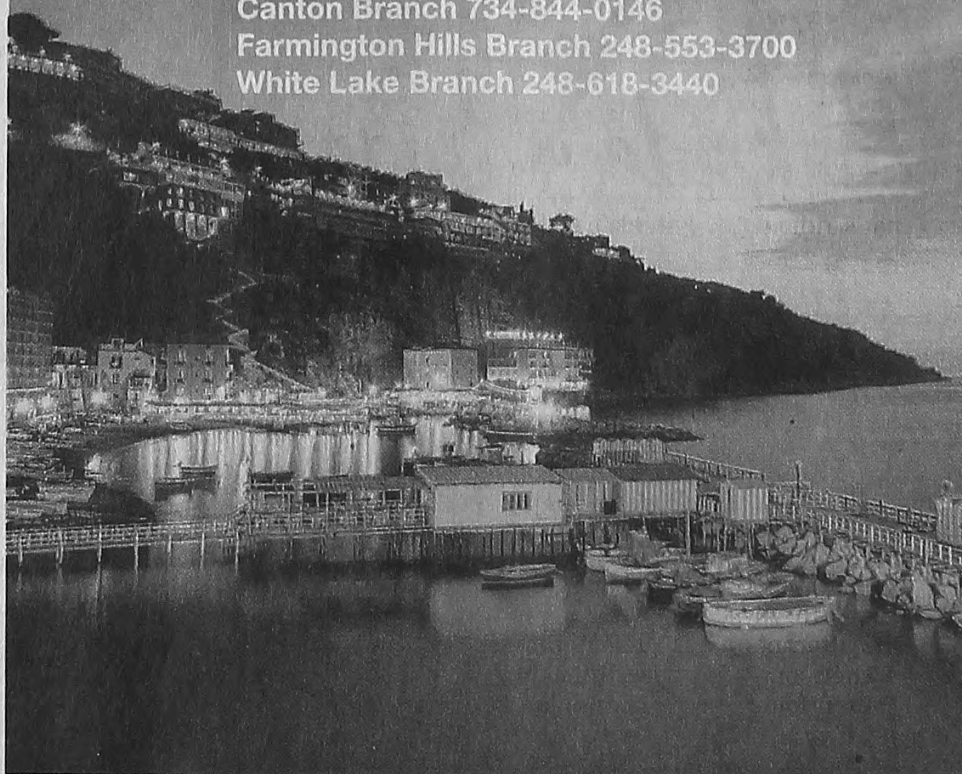
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Veteran

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McDonald gave up smoking on the spot. He doesn't drink alcohol, either. Both are factors in his incredible longevity, having turned 98 in August. But the California native has other secrets to living a long life.

Check out American House on any given day and chances are good McDonald will be patrolling the sidewalk out on Venoy Road, trusty wooden cane in hand. If the weather isn't cooperating, such as one recent rainy weekday, he'll make his rounds inside the assisted living facility — where he deservedly is a bit of a superstar and the second-oldest resident.

"I've got this heavy breathing," McDonald said, discussing a July hospitalization, when he was diagnosed with acute respiratory failure. "That sets you up for heart attacks and other cheery stuff. But I walk a lot. I have a big cane here and I don't use the walker, because that weakens you.

"Well, you got to every single day of your life, so I walk every day."

The apartment where McDonald lives now isn't very stylish. Main items include a bed, television set, dresser and chair. On the outside of the apartment door is his nameplate, a nice touch. But for all his sharp, insightful memories, not even Buckingham Palace could contain his still-robust mind.

McDonald puts on his jacket and cap, grabs the cane and then starts moving in the direction of the American House office. Once there, he exchanges pleasantries with the facility's doctor and executive director, Elizabeth Churnesky.

Back on his walking tour, he kibitzes with a couple of neighbors in the hallway and takes a look down the hallway where a bingo game is in full swing. McDonald keeps on walking because such activities aren't his cup of Lipton.

Tells it like it is

Walking the walk keeps him active physically and he augments that by keeping up on current events such as the midterm elections and the recently concluded World Series between the Boston Red Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers.

Just ask him, he's got an opinion. But he isn't a troublemaker, giving opinions quietly but with the kind of gusto an old navy man can give them.

"Surprisingly, a lot of (resident neighbors) are hard to talk to," McDonald said. "They pride themselves on never watching the news. ... I've never heard so many people running for election that says the other one was a despicable so-and-so.

"A lot of people pride themselves (that) they didn't vote. One vote's the only reason we speak English and not German. There are people who say your vote doesn't count."

McDonald lived and fought through one major war and, obviously, was a student of another, the Revolutionary War. The vote that made English the official language of the American colonies took place in 1776.

Baseball is another of his favorite pastimes, switching out his World War II cap for one with the logo of the Cincinnati Reds on it. He became a Reds fan while living in Lawrenceburg, Ind.

"Everybody around here wears a hat to keep their head warm," McDonald said with a chuckle. "Here's an interesting point. Look inside the label of that (the Reds hat) and it says New Era, (official maker of MLB caps since 1920). That's the same year I was born. But now I have to be a Detroit fan, if they quit giving all their players away!"

The champion Red Sox featured four key players and a general manager that had close-but-no-cigar postseason experiences with the Tigers.

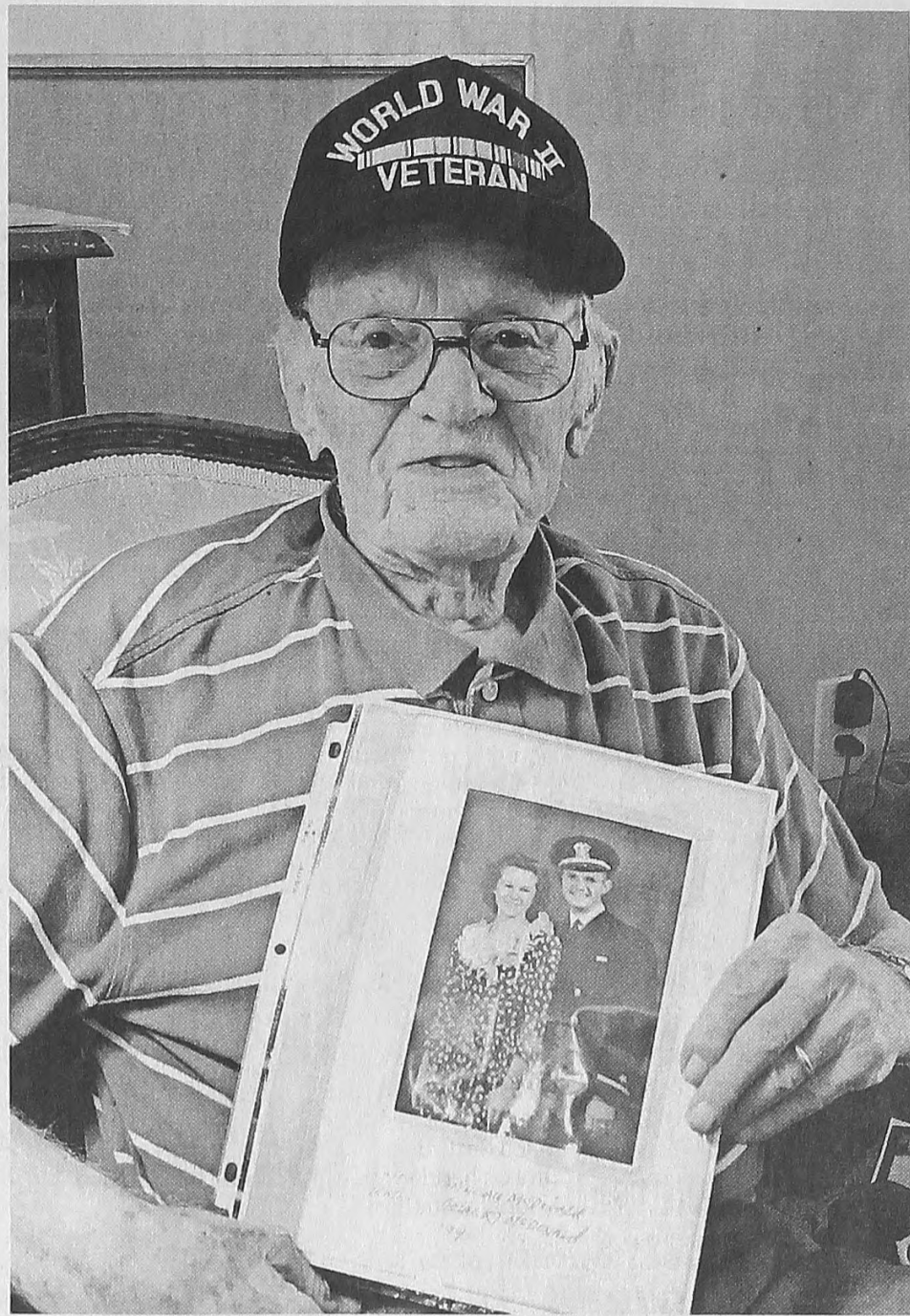
The recent World Series was something that made him bristle, particularly an 18-inning game that took 7:20 to complete.

"People aren't going to sit around and watch a game for seven and a half hours," McDonald said. "One of the girls that works here, she got up early to go to work and said, 'The damn game is still on.' That's ridiculous. I think baseball better wake up."

Nice to be recognized

Despite the chilly rain falling outside, this was a good day for McDonald. For breakfast, he had some scrambled eggs, toast, bowl of regular Cheerios and a single cup of coffee. He expected 72-year-old son Jay McDonald, a Plymouth resident, to stop in for a visit later on. Jay is one of four children he and now-deceased Kathryn raised.

In the afternoon, he had something else to chew on — the heartbreaking lack of attention that American heroes often deal with. Veteran's Day is looming (it is Sunday, Nov. 11), but McDonald



Eugene McDonald, 98, of Westland, holds a 1941 photograph taken during his World War II U.S. Navy tenure. He is shown with his first wife Kathryn. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

isn't planning anything special.

"In Cincinnati, you (heard) the words, 'Thank you for your service,' very much," McDonald said, referring to when he lived in Indiana. "Here in Michigan, it's very seldom. Now they all couldn't have worked for Ford Motor Co. or Chevrolet. You just don't hear that much, at least I don't.

"Well, it hurts. I tell you, there's nothing to describe the feeling you get when somebody out of the clear blue sky says, 'Thank you for your service.' It just puts a warm glow through you. And I think a lot of people think by being quiet, they're being helpful. No.

"And a lot of (U.S. veterans), especially from Vietnam ... everybody looked down on them because they didn't volunteer for that, they were forced to go. And then everybody called them bad names. So, 'Thank you for your service' goes a long, long, long ways to making you feel like a human being."

War stories

For as much as McDonald loved his family and civilian life in the decades since Harry S Truman ordered atomic bombs be dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki — prompting the Japanese to surrender — he wistfully wonders about staying in the navy a bit longer than he did.

After all, he did have some unique wartime experiences. For example, he spent five months on the USS Osmond Ingram "cruising the Caribbean, visiting all the islands, all the way from Cuba to Trinidad. Then they pulled us out and made us into a sea-planing tender."

The day when the United States defeated Japan and triumphantly signaled the end of the war, McDonald doesn't remember doing anything "dramatic" to celebrate.

"We were in port (in Norfolk, Va.), and, as the high point man on my ship, they said, 'You want to get off today?'" he said. "And I'll tell you, at 25, you do not know all the answers. You're not as smart as you think you are. I should have stayed in the navy. My god, I had six years in. That's the hard years. By then, you know the ropes or think you do."

Another thing McDonald recalls about serving during World War II was that young Americans during the 1940s didn't think twice about it.

"Well, they attacked us and everybody went," he said. "The president's sons, Roosevelt's sons, went into the service. The movie stars signed up. Some of them would sign up as privates because they were so good.

"I was on the USS Richmond, a light cruiser from World War I, and she was stationed in Kodiak, Alaska. Well, before I got on her, the USS Salt Lake City, a heavy cruiser, those two were in a task force and they had five brand new destroyers with them. They ran across four Japanese heavy cruisers and somebody did something wrong on the Salt Lake City ... the ship stopped dead in the wa-

ter. The Richmond was still going, so she circles the Salt Lake — and later on they called her the Greyhound of the Pacific."

Those American ships crept up to within striking distance of the Japanese.

"They got within 2,000 yards, that's only about a mile, and they dropped all their torpedoes and the Japanese cruisers were, like, 'Let's get out of here,'" McDonald said. "About 25 torpedoes coming at you, you don't want to take a chance."

Nick of time

McDonald realizes he was a lucky guy, though. His World War II experience was book-ended by a knack for really good timing.

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, McDonald wasn't there. Instead, he was on the U.S. east coast, in port with the USS Osmond Ingram.

And when the atomic bombs were dropped in August 1945, McDonald wasn't there. The USS Lake Champlain was undergoing sea trials off the coast of Virginia. But the ship's number was next to be called.

"Two days before we were going to go to the South Pacific, they stopped the war and that's when I got off," McDonald said.

The western world went wild, but not McDonald. Oh sure, he was happy that the United States had prevailed, but he was ready to just return to Kathryn and start a family.

"We were in port in Norfolk and I just wasn't one of those that got carried away like a lot of people did," McDonald said.

The McDonalds, who were married in November 1941, went on to have four children (the late Eugene, Jay, Sandra and Mary Ellen) and were proud grandparents, great-grandparents and even great, great-grandparents.

As one of the dwindling members of America's Greatest Generation (those born from 1910-24), McDonald still doesn't cotton to the limelight or to celebratory hoopla.

All he wants are handshakes and thank yous.

If you have a compelling story to tell, contact Tim Smith at tsmith@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter @TimSmith_Sports.

Obituaries

Donna Marilyn Ryder

NORTH BRANCH — Donna Marilyn Ryder, born Carol Sonia Polczynski on December 6, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan. For most of her adult life, she resided in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. For the last 2 1/2 years, she resided in North Branch, Michigan with her grandson Travis, his wife Michelle and their three children who all cared for her. The "GMA Project" (her loving text name) was a family victory as she died peacefully at home on October 29, 2018.

Donna attended Baldwin High School (1945) and graduated from Michigan State College (1949) with a degree in Speech and Communications. She married George R. Ryder on September 12, 1947, who predeceased her in 2004.

Donna discovered early that the theater was her passion. Starting in high school at Cranbrook Youth Theater and then college, she earned the lead in most productions for which she auditioned. She was a member of The Village Players and St. Dunstan's Theater for many years. From the ingenue to the experienced actress, Donna's inner star shone brightly.

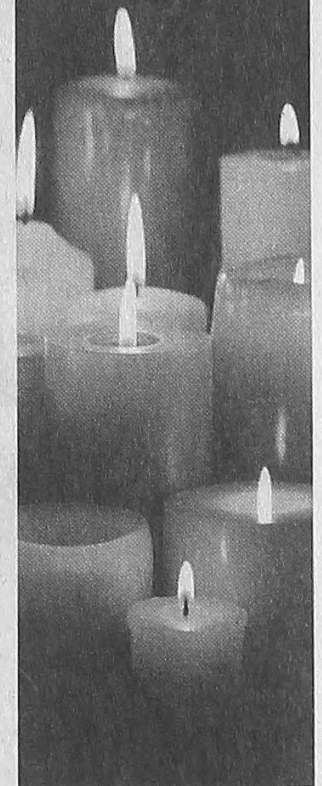
During her many years in the Birmingham area, she enjoyed decorating and remodeling 8 different homes. Her years of tennis and paddle tennis at Orchard Lake Country Club provided great joy and many friendships. Donna was also a member of The Village Club.

Survivors include: children, George (Gail) Ryder, Katherine Ryder (Brad) Purcell; grandchildren Travis (Michelle) Ryder, Cody (John) Ryder, Julia (Simon) Purcell, Luke Purcell, Aven (Tom) Purcell, Dylan (Jessica) Box, Oliver (Anthony) Box; great-grandchildren, Steven, Maya, Kaleb, Isabelle, Dominic, Goldie.

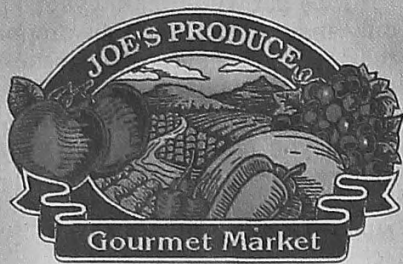
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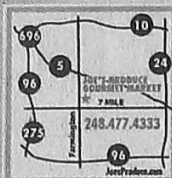
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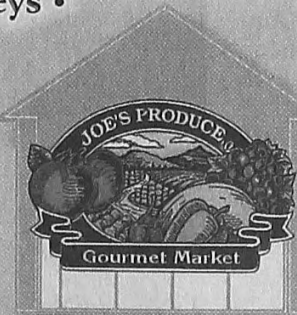
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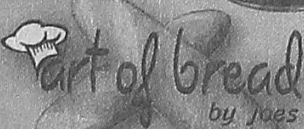
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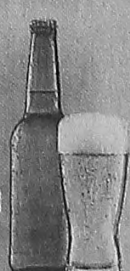
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Senior running back Roderick Heard has provided plenty of memorable moments with his legs during Harrison's final football season.

Friday night, though, it was Heard's arm that was on display (sort of).

Heard, who never really broken loose in the running game, tossed a wobbly touchdown pass off of a failed field-goal try on the final play of the game, leading the Hawks (8-3) to a 13-10 overtime win over host Detroit Country Day in a Division 4 district championship game.

The pass, a less-than-perfect spiral,

found senior Max Martin around the 2-yard-line and Martin carried it in, carrying the Hawks into the regional against Chelsea.

"It was a bad snap and I knew (senior kicker David Hiser) wasn't going to be able to kick it, so I just took off with it," an emotional Heard said after the win. "I saw (Martin) ... and we just made a play.

"You can tell I'm not a quarterback," Heard added, smiling through the tears. "It wasn't a perfect spiral, but ..."

It was the first time Harrison and Country Day (7-3) had met in the state playoffs and only the seventh time they'd met overall (Harrison has won all

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Farmington Harrison's Max Martin celebrates after catching the game-winning touchdown in a 13-10 overtime win over Detroit Country Day. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Plymouth boys capture D-1 state championship



Plymouth runners pose after capturing the Division 1 state title at the 2018 cross country finals. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

3 TO WATCH

Only four Hometown Life teams still alive in playoffs

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And then there were four. The 2018 Michigan High School Athletic Association's annual post-season football party began with 16 teams from the Hometown Life area. Three-quarters of them have been eliminated after the first two rounds of action.

We are guaranteed to have at least one more team advance to the state semifinals, as Birmingham Groves will host Livonia Franklin in a Division 2 regional championship game.

The remaining two teams both represent the Farmington Public Schools district.

Farmington and the lame-duck program from Farmington Hills Harrison will play for Division 3 and Division 4 regional titles, respectively.

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Solomon leads way as Wildcats bring home title after finishing second last year

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In cross country, it's not about being the best team in August or September.

In this sport, it's all about that one day, the first Saturday in November, when months of training get put to the test in the state meet at Michigan International Speedway.

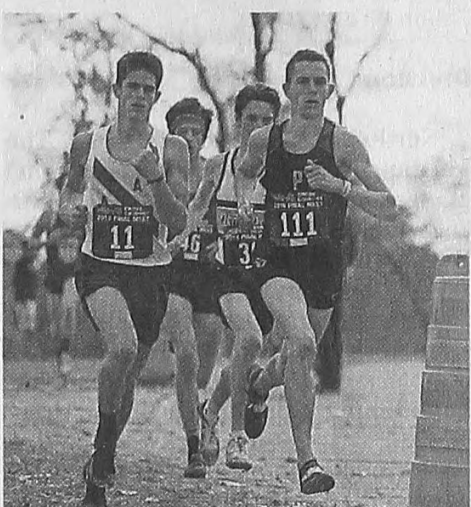
While other teams looked more impressive early in the season, Plymouth's boys peaked when it mattered most, coming away with their first state championship.

One year after falling three points short of the title, the Wildcats put themselves on the right side of another close meet, edging surprising Walled Lake Central by a 122-127 margin.

Of the top three teams in the final rankings, No. 1 Plymouth was the only one to place in the top three in the state meet.

"With our training, the way we do it is we kind of go slower at the beginning and keep progressing," Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz said. "We were pretty happy. After conferences, we start-

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Ann Arbor Skyline's Nick Foster (left) and Plymouth's Carter Solomon race during the Division 1 2018 cross country finals. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Farmington Harrison's Maverick Hansen celebrates after the thrilling victory over Detroit Country Day. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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BENEFIT RUN

Rick Austin 5K walk-run set for Nov. 10 at Churchill

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It's only fitting that the upcoming second annual Rick Austin Memorial 5K Walk-Run will finish on the newly reconstructed track that was dedicated in his name at Livonia Churchill High's Charger Stadium.

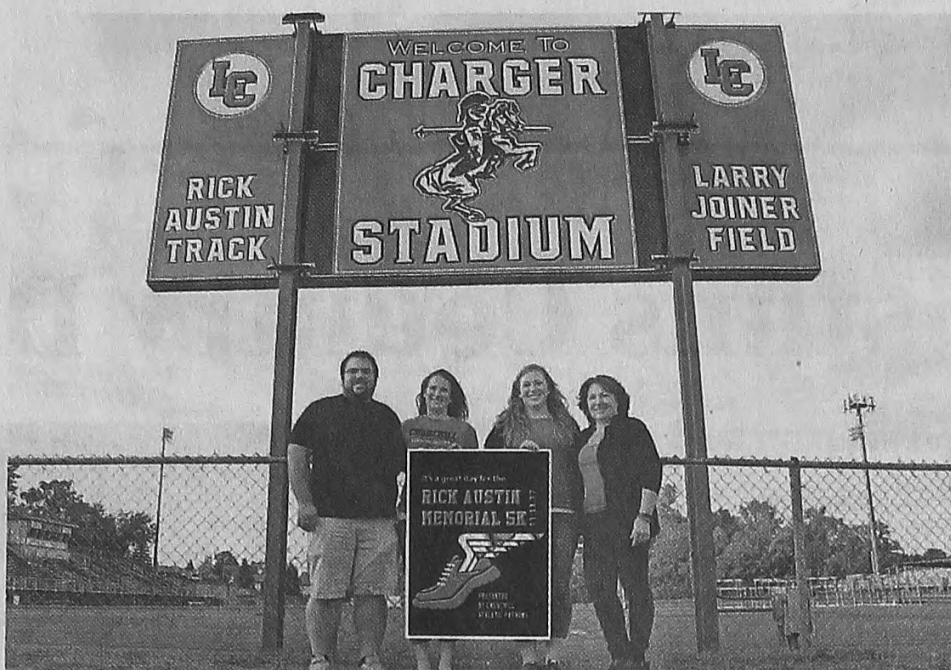
The school's longtime track and field coach, who died unexpectedly in March 2017 at age 57 from complications following heart surgery, would probably be grinning from ear to ear.

The five-kilometer race begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, in the Churchill High parking lot and will wind through the neighborhoods surrounding the high school with the finish on the track that was dedicated in his honor Oct. 13, 2017.

Austin was a fixture in the school's athletic programs. He also taught business education at Churchill at the Livonia Public Schools Career Center.

Austin was 1978 Churchill grad and former standout hurdler who went on to coach at his alma mater for 21 years, starting in 1996 when he replaced his former coach Fred Price. Austin guided the Chargers to one regional, three conference and six division track and field titles.

A Central Michigan University grad who ran track for the Chippewas, Austin started his coaching career at Dearborn



Proudly honoring the memory of Rick Austin by organizing a 5K run/walk in his honor last year were (from left) son Travis, daughter-in-law Becca, daughter Kaylin and wife Annette. The second annual race begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Livonia Churchill H.S. RICK AUSTIN FAMILY PHOTO

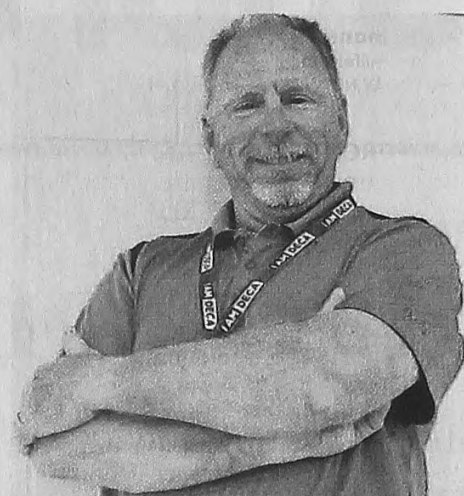
High and was also the Churchill varsity boys basketball coach for five years.

Last year, more than 300 registered for the Austin Memorial 5K and all proceeds will go toward the Churchill Athletic Patrons to help support the school's athletic programs.

"We're just blessed to be able to do

this the second year in a row," said Annette Austin, wife of the late Churchill coach. "We plan to continue to do it annually in Rick's honor."

Registration fees are \$20 for students (ages 13-18) and \$25 for adults. You can register online at a2racemanagement/registration. Packet pickup will be 4:30-



Former Livonia Churchill High boys track and field coach Rick Austin's legacy lives on with a memorial 5K walk-run Saturday, Nov. 10.

7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the Churchill Fieldhouse.

The overall men's and women's winners will earn a gift certificate from Running Fit. Age-group award winners will also receive gift certificates donated by more than 50 local businesses.

For more information, email chscapfunrun@gmail.com or go to Facebook (Rick Austin Memorial 5K).

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Canton's Walker wins latest weekly poll

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Steven Walker's high school football career at Canton ended last week, but not before leaving with a signature performance.

The 5-foot-9, 170-pound senior running back was heroic in defeat as he ran for 268 yards on 24 carries and four touchdowns in a 49-28 Division 1 pre-district loss Oct. 26 at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

In 10 games this season, Walker rushed for a total of 2,318 yards and 26 TDs.

And for his efforts, Walker was voted Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week after he racked up 5,649 votes (38.43 percent).

Walker edged two cross country runners for the honor: Northville's Nicole Cybul, who finished with 4,089 votes (27.82 percent), and Birmingham Seaholm's George Nummer, who had 3,417 votes (23.24 percent).

To get to know Walker a little bit better, here's five questions that were



Canton's Steven Walker returns a kickoff. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

posed to him.

What made last week's perfor-

mance special? We would all talk at school about how who's the real CC and

the whole day I was talking to the offensive line and I was, like, "Hey, you've got to get your stuff together, you've got to go hard this game." And what made my job special was I followed my blocks, did anything I needed to do and left with no regrets.

Who is your football role model? Le'Veon Bell (of the Pittsburgh Steelers) because he's like a balanced-type running back and that's what I try and do, be an all-around type running back.

Favorite subject in school? Science. There's a lot of cool things about science, a lot of things you can do. I like to get my hands on stuff and science allows you do that.

What is your all-time favorite movie? "Halloween" ... one of the older films. I grew up watching the scariest movies and stuff. I was just fascinated for some reason, I don't know why.

What are your future plans and do they include football? If I don't get a ride or any offers to any school, I'm going straight to, like, the marines or the navy, commit to the military part. But I'll play anywhere."

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Plymouth

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ed getting our groove more. Regionals was good and then we were able to hold on today, so it was amazing."

Junior Carter Solomon led the charge for the Wildcats, placing second to defending champion Nick Foster of Ann Arbor Pioneer. Foster pulled away from Solomon down the home stretch to win in 15:13.0. Solomon covered the muddy five-kilometer course in 15:18.1.

"Unfortunately, this is only the second time I've raced him this year," Solomon said. "The previous year, we raced three or four times. I love racing against him. I love racing against competition. It makes the race that much more fun.

"I love going out to races like this and testing myself. In a few weeks, I'm going to the Foot Locker regional. I know that's a really stacked race. I'm super-excited for that. I knew Nick was going to be there the whole race. He closed a lot harder than I did."

Walled Lake Central featured a tight pack, with only 16.2 seconds separating its five scoring runners. Plymouth won with its strength at the top of the lineup.

Following Solomon for the Wildcats were sophomore Patrick Byrnes (15th, 15:56.2), who earned all-state (top 30); senior Brandon Boyd (33rd, 16:13.8); senior Jarrett Warner (60th, 16:31.9) and junior Tyler Mussen (63rd, 16:34.8).

"I'm so proud of those guys after last year being runner-up," Mikos said. "To have the pressure on them all year and to be able to come back and pull it off is amazing."



Lakeland's Madeline Rehm runs during the Division 1 2018 cross country finals. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Lakeland senior Harrison Grzymkowski finished third in 15:32.3 and Milford senior Evan White took sixth in 15:46.4 to earn all-state.

Other area boys all-state finishers included Alec Miracle (Birmingham Brother Rice), ninth (15:51.8); Peter Baracco (Farmington), 17th (15:56.7); Luke

Perelli (Novi Detroit Catholic Central), 20th (15:59.4); and Nicholas Couyoumjian (Northville), 30th (16:11.4).

Other area teams included Milford, eighth, (267); Northville, 15th (372); and Salem 19th (457).

Division 1 girls

Northville's girls had a tough day. The Mustangs were ranked No. 1 in Division 1 all season, but wound up eighth with 252 points. Second-ranked Clarkston won with 134, beating runner-up Ann Arbor Pioneer by 18.

Northville grabbed the final two all-state positions, with senior Nicole Cybul placing 29th in 18:43.8 and sophomore Emily Gordon placing 30th in 18:43.9.

Northville sophomore Yasmine Mansi, who didn't run slower than 18:24 in any of the Mustangs' eight invitational-style meets, placed 129th in 19:52.9.

Rockford senior Ericka VanderLende was the runaway winner individually in 17:08.4.

Among the area all-state performers were Lakeland's Madeline Rehm, fourth (18:00.0); Milford's Victoria Heiligenthal, seventh (18:06.9); Birmingham Seaholm's Audrey DaDamio, 11th (18:09.3); Farmington's Abby Inch, 12th (18:10.9); and Plymouth's Lauren Kiley, 20th (18:32.1).

Pinckney (206), Traverse City Central (208) and Bay City Western (234) rounded out the top five team finishers.

Other area schools included Salem, 10th (310), Milford, 15th (392), Bloomfield Hills, 16th (413); Lakeland, 17th (424); Plymouth, 19th (446); Birmingham Seaholm, 25th (539).

PREP VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Churchill seizes district title

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CHURCHILL 3, FRANKLIN 0: On Nov. 2, junior outside hitter Sarah Dunn had a match-best 17 kills as Livonia Churchill (34-12) earned a 25-22, 25-19, 25-10 victory over rival Livonia Franklin in the Division 1 district final at Wayne Memorial.

The Chargers, who captured their fifth district title in a row, also got seven kills each from Mya Grant and Summer Clark. Nina Gaffke and Jessica Maladecki each served three aces. Setter Jordan Wozniak, filling in for injured starter Grace Vaeth, added 21 assist-to-kills.

Maladecki paced the Churchill defense with 13 digs, while Dunn and Clark each added nine.

Jamia Murray paced Franklin with 12 kills, 13 digs and two aces. Other leaders for the Patriots included Abi Atteveld (six kills, three blocks), Kaitlyn Merrill (seven kills, three aces, eight digs) and Joanie Evans (18 digs, one ace).

Churchill advances to the regional semifinal at Dearborn Edsel Ford to face Allen Park. The other semifinal pits Brownstown Woodhaven against the host Thunderbirds.

The regional final is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at Edsel Ford.

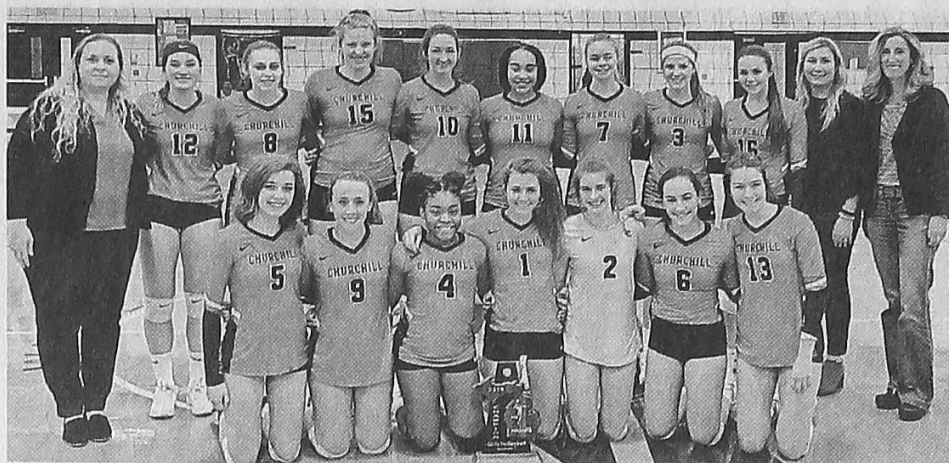
MERCY 3, STEVENSON 0: In the Division 1 district championship Nov. 2, top-ranked Farmington Hills Mercy downed Livonia Stevenson (34-11-4) in straight sets, 25-13, 25-10, 25-16.

The Marlins advance to the regional semifinals at Birmingham Marian against Detroit Renaissance.

Koryn Parmenter led Stevenson's hitting attack with nine kills, while Libby Cleaveland added five.

Other leaders for the Spartans included Hannah Campau (nine assist-to-kills), Abby Cleaveland (two aces, 12 receptions), Eliza Alushi (nine digs, nine receptions) and Erin Pietruszka (seven digs, seven receptions).

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 3, HURON VALLEY 0: Junior Gabriella Kellogg finished with a team-best 13 kills and 10 digs as defending state champion Ply-



Livonia Churchill defeated rival Livonia Franklin in three sets to win the Division 1 district crown.

mouth Christian Academy (20-19-3) rolled to a 24-14, 25-11, 25-15 Division 4 district victory Nov. 1 over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Elise Miera added eight kills and three ace serves, while other contributors for PCA included Morgynn Valieres (six kills), setter Izzy Racho (15 assist-to-kills) and Madison Raymond (six digs).

In the district opener Oct. 29, PCA won by forfeit over Detroit Westside Christian.

GABRIEL RICHARD 3, CLARENCEVILLE 0: In the Division 2 district semifinal Nov. 1, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard ousted host Livonia Clarenceville (13-17-6) in straight sets, 25-13, 25-11, 25-12.

The Trojans, unable to get it going offensively, got six kills from Krystal Jones and three from Sydney Vargo. Setter Madison Jaber finished with 13 assist-to-kills and went 12-for-12 from the service line.

Defensively, Allie Snage led Clarenceville with nine digs with a handful of back row attacks. Jaber and Cassidy Galvin added seven and six digs, respectively.

CHURCHILL 3, GARDEN CITY 0: Junior outside hitter Sarah Dunn finished with 15 kills and served six aces as Livonia Churchill (33-12) rolled to a 25-14, 25-7, 25-22 MHSAA Division 1 district triumph over the Cougars Oct. 31 at

Wayne Memorial.

Seniors Summer Clark and Molly Chantres each added six kills, while setters Jordan Wozniak, a freshman, and Nina Gaffke, a junior, contributed 13 and nine assist-to-kills, respectively, as they both filled in for senior starter Grace Vaeth, who was out with a sprained ankle.

Other standouts for Churchill include Jessica Maladecki (four aces, six digs), Carly Dlugos (nine digs) and Takanta George (six digs).

FRANKLIN 3, JOHN GLENN 0: In the other Division 1 district semifinal Oct. 31, Livonia Franklin ousted Westland John Glenn in three sets, 25-15, 25-22, 25-19, as Jamia Murray led the way with 10 kills, 14 digs and three aces.

Other standouts for Franklin included Kaitlyn Merrill (10 kills, three blocks, one ace) and Hannah Rhatigan (nine kills, three blocks).

STEVENSON 3, FARMINGTON 1: Erin Pietruszka served six aces Oct. 31 as Livonia Stevenson (34-10-4) advanced with 20-25, 25-22, 25-20, 25-13 Division district semifinal win over the host Falcons.

Leaders in kills for the Spartans included Libby Cleaveland (nine), Koryn Parmenter (eight), Abby Cormier (seven) and Abby Cleaveland (seven).

Assist-to-kill leaders for Stevenson were Abby Cleaveland and Hannah

Campau with 13 and 11, respectively.

Sedona Coon and Eliza Alushi paced the defense with 15 digs apiece for Stevenson.

NORTHVILLE 3, PLYMOUTH 0: On Oct. 31, junior Clare McNamara and sophomore Jenna Boksha each finished with eight kills as the host Mustangs (43-6-1) cruised to a 25-16, 25-13, 25-15 Division 1 district semifinal victory over the Wildcats.

Eleanor Knight chipped in six kills, while setter Gabi Fisetto recorded 25 assist-to-kills. Michigan State commit Hannah Grant, a senior libero, paced the defense with 15 digs, while Nyia Setla added six.

NOVI 3, SALEM 0: Senior Jaeda Porter finished with 14 kills as the Wildcats (40-8-2) advanced with a 25-20, 25-15, 25-12 Division 1 district semifinal victory Oct. 31 against the Rocks at Northville.

Other stalwarts for Novi included Shannon Jennings (32 assist-to-kills, five aces, eight digs), Megha Gondi (nine kills) and Rachel Jennings (14 digs).

NOVI 3, CANTON 0: Setter Shannon Jennings had 25 assist-to-kills, four aces, four kills and five digs as the three-time defending MHSAA state champion Wildcats (39-8-2) opened Division district play with a 25-10, 25-12, 25-21 win over the Chiefs Oct. 29 at Northville.

Other stalwarts for Novi included Jaeda Porter (11 kills, 13 digs), Rachel Jennings (19 digs, four aces), Caleigh Robinson (six kills, two blocks) and Gabby Cummings (six kills, three digs).

FRANKLIN 3, WAYNE 0: Kaitlyn Merrill had nine kills, eight aces and six digs leading Livonia Franklin to a Division 1 district first-round victory Oct. 29 over host Wayne Memorial.

Joanie Evans added five aces and 20 digs, while Abi Atteveld added eight kills and three aces as the Patriots advanced to the district semifinals.

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Harrison

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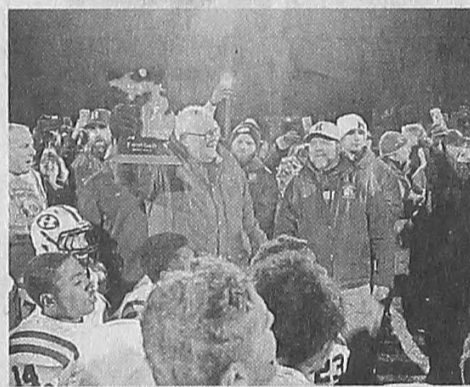
seven). Before Friday's three-point verdict, the closest game between the schools came in 1999, when Harrison won 17-13.

Ironically, both teams went on to win a state championship that season.

The latest meeting featured a wild end to a strange game that saw the Hawks score on a pair of safeties, each team miss a field goal and featured tremendous defense on both sides.

Harrison took an early 5-0 first-quarter lead on a safety and a Hiser field goal. The Yellowjackets had a chance to get on the board, but had kicker Zain Abu-Akeel's field goal sail wide right with 7:43 left in the first half.

Country Day finally got on the board with 1:30 left in the second quarter on a 21-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Ahlon Mitchell to senior receiver Darrin King, giving the 'Jackets a 7-5 lead.



Farmington Harrison head coach John Herrington hoists the district trophy after the thrilling victory over Detroit Country Day. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

It looked like the Hawks would reclaim the lead just before halftime, but on a first-down play from the Country Day 22-yard line, senior quarterback Keel Warston took a sack. He called timeout with 0:00.7 left on the clock, but Hiser's field-goal attempt fell short of the crossbar.

Harrison tied it with 4:22 left in the

third quarter. Country Day had the ball at its own 34-yard line, then fumbled. The ball bounded off of players all the way back into the end zone, where the Yellowjackets finally recovered it to prevent the touchdown.

The resulting safety, though, tied the game at 7-7, setting up the dramatic fourth quarter.

Both teams used fourth-down daring in attempts to win the game in the fourth quarter. On a drive that started at its own 47 following the free kick after the safety, Harrison twice went for it on fourth down.

The first time, senior Vincent Rawls gained 2 yards on a fourth-and-one at the Country Day 33. But on a fourth-and-seven from the 27, Martin was tackled for a loss.

On a drive that started at its own 37 with 6:25 left in the game, Country Day found itself facing fourth-and-five at the Harrison 15-yard-line, but took a false start penalty. Mitchell, scrambling on fourth-and-10, was stopped short.

Country Day's Abu-Akeel drilled a field goal on the fourth play of overtime,

setting up Heard's climactic finish.

"I'm very disappointed for it to end like that," Country Day coach Dan MacLean said. "It was a great game, I give (Harrison) a lot of credit. But there were some turnovers ... in a game like that, you can't have that."

Harrison coach John Herrington was all smiles — albeit nervous ones — after the win. He said he thought it was over — "I thought we were done when we bobbled that snap," he said — but had nothing but praise for Heard, who scored on a kick return during last week's win over Cranbrook.

"Last week, it was a kickoff return, this week he does that (the touchdown pass)," Herrington said. "Some guys are just playmakers."

The win puts Harrison into the regional final against Chelsea, back on the Hawks' home field.

"We get another game," Herrington said, the smile even wider.

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Playoffs

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In an interesting side note, Groves, Harrison and Farmington all compete in the Oakland Activities Association, while Franklin is out of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Here is a closer look at each of the three games involving those four teams this weekend:

Livonia Franklin (7-4) at Birmingham Groves (9-2), 7 p.m. Friday: Franklin has won 10 playoff games the past four years, including four last year before losing in the Division 2 state championship game to Warren De La Salle. The Patriots have enjoyed another strong season despite what their four-loss record might indicate. Two of those defeats were to Belleville and Dearborn Fordson — both of which are still alive in the D-1 playoffs — in KLAA East Division play. Franklin is led by quarterback Jake Kelbert, who accounted for three touchdowns in last week's win over Bedford. The Patriots also have been bolstered by the return of running back Julius Simmons and defensive end Arsell Weary,

who missed some time with injuries. The Patriots allow an average of 24 points per game and the host Falcons could exploit that with their big-play offense, led by senior speedsters Damonte McCurdy and Khalil Dawsey. Dawsey, headed to Harvard, had a strong game against Brother Rice in the district final with a pair of TD catches and a pick-six. Like Franklin, Groves has enjoyed recent playoff success, losing to Detroit King by a touchdown in the 2016 semifinals. Groves has never defeated Franklin in nine previous meetings (one tie). This should be an entertaining clash. **Picks:** Emons (Groves), Budner (Groves), Smith (Franklin).

Farmington (8-3) vs. DeWitt (11-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Lansing Catholic Central High School: Kendall Williams and his Falcons teammates will have their hands full against undefeated DeWitt. The Capital Area Conference Blue Division champions have a playoff pedigree that includes a 49-24 postseason record and 18 playoff berths over the past 19 years. DeWitt has played in five state championship games without having won a state title. The Panthers are solid on all fronts, averaging a whopping 39 points per game offensively and giving

up just 89 points all season on the defensive side. They scored 34 points or more in each of their first 10 games before squeaking by East Lansing, 9-7, in the district championship game last week. Farmington, the OAA Blue Division runner-up, has averaged 38 points in winning its first two playoff games. Williams, a senior running back, has led the Falcons' postseason offense with nine touchdowns in wins over Avondale and South Lyon East and will face his stiffest test this season against the stingy Panthers defense. Massive defensive lineman Donovan King is playing well in the trenches. It marks the first-ever meeting between the two schools. The Falcons will be heavy underdogs to the Panthers and will need to play a mistake-free game in order to pull off the upset. **Picks:** Emons (DeWitt), Budner (DeWitt), Smith (DeWitt).

Chelsea (7-4) at Farmington Harrison (8-3), 1 p.m. Saturday: Well, now. Harrison's final season continues after a miracle finish against Detroit Country Day in last week's district championship game in Beverly Hills. The Hawks trailed by three points in overtime and lined up for a field goal. After a snap miscue, holder Rod Heard picked up the ball and

tossed a pass to senior Max Martin for what proved to be the game-winning touchdown in a pulsating 13-10 triumph. The last-second win allowed Harrison to extend its final season — the school is closing after this year — at least one more week. And the Hawks earned a home game to boot for a chance to win a regional championship on their own turf. Heard has more than 2,800 career rushing yards and is seventh on the school's all-time rushing list. The Hawks will face a Chelsea squad that placed third in the Southeastern Conference White Division behind Jackson and Dexter. The Bulldogs, like the Hawks, have been perennial playoff participants this millennium, with a 25-20 overall postseason record. They lost in the 2015 D-3 state championship game to Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Chelsea has never defeated Harrison in three previous meetings. It should be a memorable day for Hawks nation in their final ever game at Buller Field inside the John Herrington Athletic Complex. **Picks:** Emons (Harrison), Budner (Harrison), Smith (Harrison).

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PREP FOOTBALL

Franklin defense holds off late Bedford comeback

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Talk about a crazy finish. After building a 21-0 advantage during the first half, Livonia Franklin nearly watched its football state playoff hopes evaporate before holding on in the waning seconds for a 27-25 victory Friday at home in the district championship final.

The Patriots, last year's Division 2 runners-up, improved to 7-4 and will travel Friday Nov. 9 to face Birmingham Groves (9-2), a 38-24 winner over Birmingham Brother Rice.

It was Franklin's third district title in four years and the fourth under coach Chris Kelbert (2007, 2015, 2017 and 2018).

Bedford (6-5) recovered a controversial onside kick and scored with 3:25 remaining in regulation to pull within two, 27-25, on a 26-yard touchdown run by Christian Brown.

The Kicking Mules went for the two-point conversion, only to have Franklin linebacker Marino DiPonio break up the toss sweep play with a clutch tackle.

"The defense had a couple of really good stops in the first half," Kelbert said. "But (Bedford) made some half-time adjustments and found some things that they could do effectively and were able to score points."

After pulling to within two, Bedford went for another onside kick, which the Patriots recovered.

Franklin answered with a first down, but coughed up the ball on a bad snap at its own 45 as Wade Johnson recovered, giving Bedford a final chance to go ahead with a field goal or touchdown.

With a short field, the Mules drove down and had first-and-goal at the Franklin 4 with only 12 seconds remaining before calling their final timeout.

After missing pair of extra points earlier in the game, Bedford coach Jeff Wood shunned a field-goal try and went for the TD, only to have the Patriots' Erick Reeves make a clutch tackle on Bedford QB Austin Malabanan short of the goal line as time ran out on the Mules.

Franklin jumped out to a 14-0 first-



Bedford quarterback Austin Malabanan (left) is tackled by Franklin's Doug Neal (top) and Arsell Weary. NANCY ERWIN



Franklin captured its third Division 2 district title in four years with a 27-25 win over Temperance Bedford. NANCY ERWIN

quarter lead as Connor Linton caught a 78-yard TD pass from junior quarter-

The Patriots went up 21-0 early in the second on Aidan Pittenger's 2-yard TD catch from Kelbert, who was 6-of-13 passing on the night for 165 yards.

Malabanan then ripped off an outside veer play and ran 80 yards for a TD to cut the deficit to 21-6 at halftime.

"We came out and did everything we wanted to do," Chris Kelbert said. "We had a couple of missed tackles on that play before the half when the quarterback had that big run, a couple of missed assignments, so it gave them momentum."

In the third quarter, the Mules got a 44-yard run Malabanan to make it 21-13, but Kelbert answered with a 39-yard TD toss to Biles in the fourth to put Franklin up 27-13. (The extra point was missed.)

Bedford came back again with a 5-yard TD run by Brown, who had 116 yards on the game. The Mules then recovered the onside kick, resulting in a 26-yard Brown TD run to pull within two.

The Mules edged Franklin in total offense, 476-435, and in first downs, 18-15. Each team lost a fumble.

Franklin's leading rushers were Biles (four carries, 80 yards) and Kelbert (eight carries, 60 yards). Linton had two catches for 93 yards, while Biles added three catches for 70 yards.

Franklin's Kyle Hetu had an interception and recovered a fumble.

Leading tacklers for the Patriots included Ethan Cooper (seven solo, three assists), James Carpenter (six solo, three assists), Arsell Weary (three solo, a sack, six assists) and Jake Swirple (two solo, six assists).

The Patriots now will be gunning for their second straight regional title against Groves, which has won nine straight since losing its first two games to West Bloomfield (39-28) and Oak Park (13-7).

"They're really good," Kelbert said of the Falcons. "They're athletic, they play in a really good conference (Oakland Activities Association). It will be a tough test for us."

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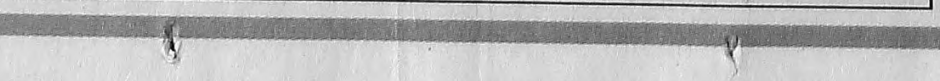
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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Talk big
- 6 Generally speaking
- 15 Lhasa — (little dogs)
- 20 Ed of "Gus"
- 21 Small drying item on a bathroom bar
- 22 Obama's successor
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Have a blast
- 26 "Yummy!"
- 27 "Exodus" actor Mineo
- 28 Lyric forgetter's syllables
- 29 "Yippeel!"
- 30 "Forbidden" perfume
- 33 Common pet lizard
- 38 Warlike deity
- 39 Riddle, part 2
- 44 India's place
- 46 Brand of contact lens cleaner
- 47 Place to exit
- 48 Riddle, part 3
- 52 Unfurled, e.g.
- 57 Former Disney head Michael
- 58 Uncle, in Spain
- 59 Depict by drawing

- 62 Met maven
- 63 No, in Essen
- 66 — bow (upper lip shape)
- 68 A-list person
- 69 Riddle, part 4
- 73 "Neon" fish in a tank
- 75 Naturally illuminated at dusk
- 76 Duel weapon
- 77 Baldwin of "Andron"
- 78 Morse E's
- 79 Jet grounded in '03
- 81 "— Fideles"
- 86 West Texas city
- 88 Riddle, part 5
- 91 Munchkin
- 95 Farm baby
- 96 Crimson and carmine
- 97 End of the riddle
- 104 Actress Tara
- 105 Write the score to
- 106 Polo of "The Fosters"
- 107 Time of note
- 110 Official seal
- 112 — Na Na
- 115 Lopsided
- 117 Lopsided
- 118 Riddle's answer
- 124 Plow maker
- 125 Consensus

- ### DOWN
- 1 Humorously indecent
 - 2 Milo of film
 - 3 Study of data patterns
 - 4 Alien seekers' program, for short
 - 5 Sad, in Nice
 - 6 Many a time
 - 7 Casual turnaround
 - 8 Top fighter pilots
 - 9 Inferior — cava
 - 10 And others, in Latin
 - 11 — -com (film category)
 - 12 Feeling of amazement
 - 13 Prefix with magnetic
 - 14 Munchkin
 - 15 Gillette shaver brand
 - 16 Major for a future D.A.

- 17 Actress Mena
- 18 Eggy dish
- 19 Belly flop result
- 24 Fake display
- 28 "The Far Side" cartoonist
- 31 Hamilton dueler Aaron
- 32 Web surfer, say
- 34 Great joy
- 35 Brand of fleecy boots
- 36 — Lingus
- 37 Vegas-to-Helena dir.
- 40 Violin virtuoso
- 41 Having a shot to win
- 42 Shaped like a die
- 43 Purported psychic gift
- 44 Suffix for an enzyme
- 45 Fashion's Anna —
- 49 Skin dye
- 50 State north of Calif.
- 51 Like a boor
- 53 Blissful site
- 54 Aswan's river
- 55 Woman in 53-Down
- 56 Little bit

- 59 Actress Tyler or Ullmann
- 60 Concept, in Calais
- 61 New car sticker fig.
- 64 Words in an analogy
- 65 Food box datum: Abbr.
- 67 Miniature couch for a pooch
- 68 Female college students, outdatedly
- 69 One foot forward
- 70 Two-tone whale
- 71 Part of HRH
- 72 52-week unit
- 73 — Bo (fitness option)
- 74 Certain pipe fitting
- 78 Neglects to
- 80 "How Great — Art"
- 82 To be, in Le Havre
- 83 Vile villainesses
- 84 Danson of "Mad Money"
- 85 Gp. activated by a 911 call
- 87 Snoop (on)
- 88 Whence one wicked witch

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- 90 Sheltered from the wind
- 92 Immodesty
- 93 Saturated
- 94 Abbr. at LAX
- 97 Pinball parlor
- 98 Hires out
- 99 Wire arch on a croquet course
- 100 Hold fast
- 101 Tabloid monster moniker
- 102 In — (stagnant)
- 103 Karaoke problem
- 108 Fleming of opera
- 109 Spitting nails
- 111 Lambs' mothers
- 113 Many a carol
- 114 See 122-Down
- 116 Within: Prefix
- 118 In the role of (Lat.)
- 119 Dad's bro
- 120 — de cologne
- 121 House pest
- 122 With 114-Down, "Not true!"
- 123 Part of CBS: Abbr.

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