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## Metro area grapples with deer population

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It's that time of year again. Fall in Michigan has arrived and deer are on the move. They're moving across roadways, into backyards and grabbing a free lunch on shrubs, trees or anything leftover in the garden.

Love them or hate them, deer are part of life in southeast Michigan. And according to local officials, there's no real way to lessen the region's massive population anyway.

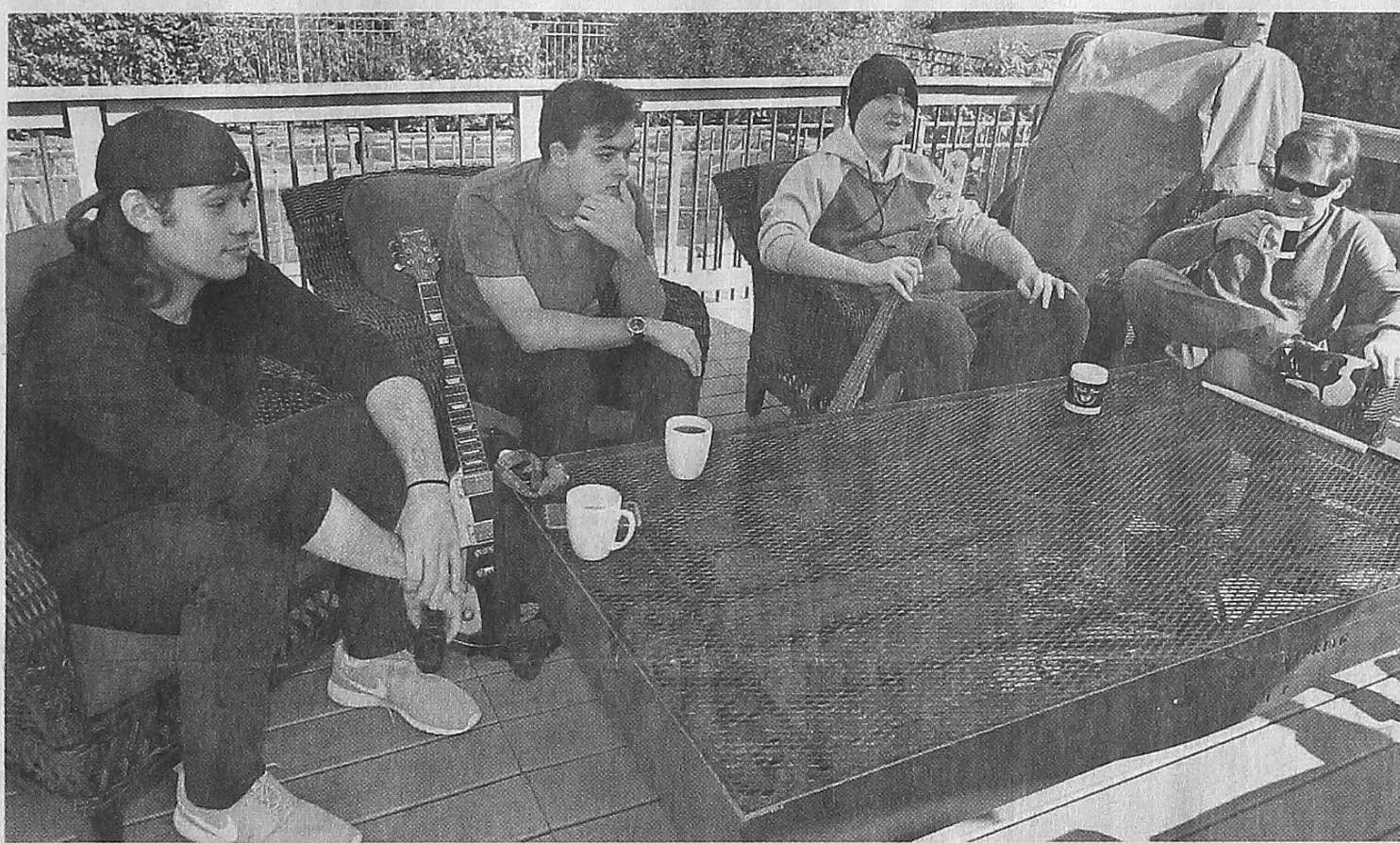
"You look at the Rouge River system in Hines Park - that's the deer's freeway," Doug Moore, Livonia's assistant director of public works, said. "They're

coming in from everywhere. Even if we did a cull, I think we'd have a lot of deer coming back in within six months just because of the waterways."

In Farmington, Livonia, Westland and Farmington Hills, it's illegal to hunt, even with a bow. With many residents living so close together, some officials don't think it's responsible to allow.

"You might get someone who thinks they know what they're doing and doesn't, and then next thing you know ... it's going through somebody's window ... we just live way too close to each other in this area," David Murphy, Farmington's city manager, said.

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The Kings of Strings talk about their band Oct. 9 in Plymouth Township. From left are band members Giovanni Rugiero (vocals), Jacob St. Pierre (guitar), Luke Porada (bass), and Noah Wojcik (drums). PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Local rock band gears up for release of first album

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Every band has to go through a few bad ideas before landing on a good name.

Giovanni Rugiero, Jacob St. Pierre, Luke Porada and Noah Wokcik of The Kings of Strings said they brainstormed a lot of cheesy and lackluster names before they found a fitting identity.

They had been sitting around talking about good, bad and memorable rock bands.

An obvious standout was, of course, her majesty: Queen.

"Well, what's the opposite of that? King," St. Pierre, the band's guitarist, explained. "One of us wanted it to rhyme and someone said The Kings of Strings."

The four 20-year-olds, who grew up

around Plymouth, Livonia and Dearborn, say they never intended to start a serious band. But somewhere along the way, that ended up happening.

The band went from four guys getting together to jam, to starting a cover band to becoming a bona fide, club-booking group that plays gigs and sings their original songs. They stick to rock music, though it varies between the sounds of classic, punk and alternative.

"After a while, you kind of get bored playing somebody else's stuff," St. Pierre said. "If you don't do it yourself, you'll probably get bored with it eventually."

While St. Pierre writes most of the band's riffs, songwriting is very much a group effort.

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Porada talks about the band's formation during a get-together.

## Creation of new park in Canton inspired by moms' ideas

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The feel-good backstory of Canton Township's new Kopper Park is divided into chapters, each written by a different segment of the community.

It begins with the idea of two mothers - Madi Rieksts and Heidi Phou - whose suggestion to install a park for the children of Holiday Park subdivision (the oldest in the township) and a nearby under-construction apartment development was embraced by Canton Township's decision-makers.

The township delivered the idea to the development's management, who liked the plan so much that it sold a half acre of its property to Canton for a generous price so it could construct Kopper Park, which officially opened Oct. 15, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended, in part, by ecstatic young children.

The park sits just north of Koppernick Road a bit east of Haggerty.

It is the first pocket park for Holiday Park, which was built in the 1950s.

"I was born and raised in a small town in Ohio (Hillsboro), where the citizens' voice was heard, so when I heard about the town hall (three years ago) to discuss the property, I decided to attend," said Rieksts, who Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams labeled the driver of the project along with Phou.

"I threw the idea out there, thinking I might as well; it can't hurt. The township liked it, the developer was nice enough to donate the property and here we are."

As Rieksts spoke, several children, all under the age of 10, tested out the new playground equipment, revealing their approval with a chorus of delightful laughter.

Williams praised Northgate Apartment Development's Danny Veri for selling the parcel of land to the township at a generous rate.

"This all started because of two mothers who attended a board meeting to see if there was anything that could be done about the delays at the railroad crossing (about 50 yards from the park)," Williams said. "One thing led to another and we started talking about the park."

The park features swings, slides, a structure with a basic climbing apparatus, play panels, a spinning wheel,

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## Farmington issues loan to Civic Theater

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Downtown Farmington's theater received a lifeline from its city council this week.

The Farmington City Council voted Monday to approve a \$64,000 loan to the Farmington Civic Theater, 33332

Grand River, which had seen its cash run out earlier this summer while movie theaters were ordered closed by the state. Such a loan will assist with keeping the theater operating through the rest of the city's fiscal year, which ends next summer.

"We just don't know how much they'll be able to bring in, how much rev-

enue," said city manager David Murphy. "I know Scott (Freeman, the theater's general manager) has cut everywhere he can."

"We just need to prop them up for the remainder of this year."

The council approved the loan,

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# Michigan Lottery honors Canton High School worker

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The \$1,500 check Canton High School nutrition services supervisor Colleen Berry received recently from the Michigan Lottery had nothing to do with luck.

The longtime Plymouth-Canton Community Schools employee earned it serving in one of the district's behind-the-scenes capacities.

Berry was the recipient of a Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education award, a recognition honor that was started in 2014 to recognize outstanding public-school educators.

In addition to the \$1,500 cash prize, Berry received a plaque and a \$500 grant that can go to the school or the district.

Berry is one of 52 weekly winners who is eligible for a \$10,000 prize that is awarded to the Lottery's Educator of the Year.

"Colleen is one of those people we call an unsung hero," said district Director of Food and Nutritional Services Kristen Hennessey. "I'm so excited she's been recognized by the Michigan Lottery. Colleen is a graduate of PCCS and her children all attended PCCS schools, so her heart is in the district."

Hennessey said Berry goes the extra mile to ensure the students who eat in the Canton High School cafeteria are well, both physically and emotionally.

"Colleen not only goes out of her way to make sure our children are nutritionally fed, but she watches out for kids who may be lost or in need of help," Hennessey

said. "I can't tell you how many times she has called me and said, 'I'm really concerned about this child. I'm going to go to the principal or counselor'."

"And before we know it, it was a struggling child who needed someone to notice that they needed help."

Berry was her typically humble self when she accepted the award during a recent school board meeting held via Zoom.

"I am very honored and thankful to receive this recognition," Berry said. "I couldn't have done with without the support staff at Canton High School and the great food service team we have there."

Berry has been instrumental in the distribution of meals to students in need during the COVID-19 crisis. One week alone this month, she helped pass out approximately 20,000 meals.

Each winner also is featured in a news segment on the Lottery's media partner stations: WXYZ-TV in Detroit, FOX 17 in Grand Rapids, FOX 47 in Lansing, and WNEM-TV in Saginaw.

A colleague who nominated Berry for the awarded emphasized "her leadership and dedication to feeding students, and her ability to adapt to the challenges the school faced at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic."

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, Colleen had to change gears and turn into a new community service to provide food to these families difficult times," the nomination stated. "Having meals with fruit, vegetables, and milk available helped countless families during the school weeks while children had no school."

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools employee Colleen Berry was awarded a check for \$1,500 by the Michigan Lottery. COURTESY OF THE MICHIGAN LOTTERY

## Farmington keeps January in-person start plan for older students

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It's official: Middle and high school students in the Farmington Public Schools district will not return to in-person instruction until Jan. 25, 2021.

The district's board of education voted unanimously on the decision at a meeting Tuesday.

Officials previously said a winter semester return to classes in will give district administration time to reorganize class schedules so teachers do not have to teach remote and in-person classes simultaneously, which would happen if in-person classes resumed this semester.

Throughout its proposal process, the decision drew criticism and questions from the community. But, teachers have remained supportive of the delayed return.

The board has previously voted to send all elementary-age students back to school buildings on Nov. 9. Some programs, like early childhood and special education, have already gone back to in-person learning.

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A student prepares food for OCC's to-go restaurant program. PHOTOS COURTESY OF KIM MADELEINE

## OCC launches to-go meal service during pandemic

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In a lot of ways, the pandemic changed the restaurant industry.

Now, students studying culinary arts at Oakland Community College are learning those changes firsthand. While students usually help run a restaurant at the college's Farmington Hills campus, 27055 Orchard Lake, the program has moved to serve meals with a bit more mobility.

"Without having that guest to serve, we were losing something from our education," said Jason Smith, a foodservice technician at the college. "So, the idea to launch OCC To-Go took the same food that our community and customers are used to from our restaurants for them to pick up curbside."

The program, held every Wednesday between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., combines students studying bakery merchandising, restaurant cookery and front-house operations into one service.

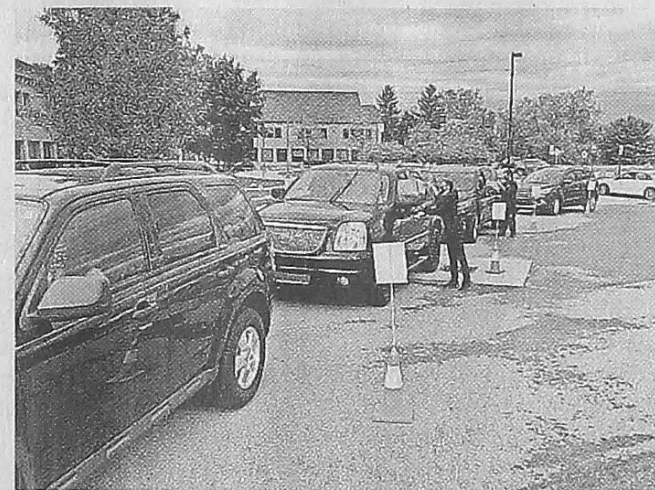
Jeremy Velazquez, a freshman in the class, said the new program has been a bumpy road at times that requires some patience, but overall has been a good experience.

"We've all actually been working well together as a class," he said.

Customers can view that day's menu online at oaklandcc.edu/culinary and email culinarystudies@oaklandcc.edu by noon Tuesdays to secure their order. Outside the campus' G Building, off Oakland Drive, OCC students meet customers to deliver their orders and take payment.

The menu includes soup, salads, baked goods, sandwiches and several entrée items. Julie Selonke, a chef and certified culinary educator, said customers can order some items, like cold soup, to finish preparing at home.

"If anyone wants reheating instructions or know how to finish things, we will literally give them instructions," she said. "So it's a nice way to pick up nice,



Cars line up for OCC's to-go restaurant program.

scratch-made food at a bargain, basic price and be able to not have to worry about lunch or dinner."

Though the kitchen is making less food than before the pandemic, Selonke said the smaller volume has allowed students to have a bigger hand in menu creation.

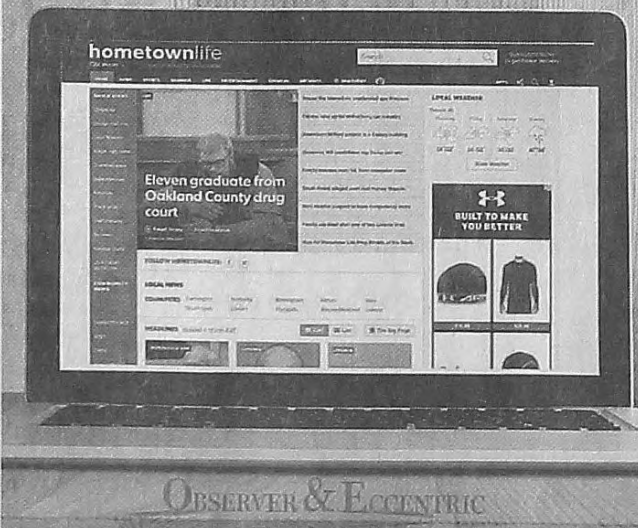
"I've wanted to collaborate with the students more," she said. "It's given them an opportunity to do recipe development, basically. In the past, they've had one week a semester where they take over the kitchen."

On the front end, Smith said students are learning more problem solving than they might in a typical semester.

"This is so current and in the moment," he said. "What the students are doing today is teaching them how to adapt, pivot, be flexible, adjust their plan. I think with input from the students and faculty, we've come up with a plan that hits all the objectives of the class."

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# Poke bowls served at new Livonia restaurant

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The life of a traveling accountant inspired Ken Chen to bring a taste of the Pacific to western Wayne County.

Chen, a Northville resident, recently opened Ahi Poke and Grill in Livonia, a restaurant focusing on Hawaiian dishes such as poke. His travels on the west coast had him dining on various cuisines, including poke bowls. Seeing such food was not commonplace back home, he began looking for a space to house a restaurant dedicated to serving up the Hawaiian classic.

"I've been working in the restaurant throughout my school years. I did a lot of different cuisines where I was working," Chen said. "That gave me a hint to make the next step."

Chen describes poke as "sushi in a bowl" for those unfamiliar with the concept. Bowls are made with rice, and can join alongside a myriad of other flavors, including tuna, salmon, chicken or tofu. Chen's classic tuna bowl, for example, consists of Ahi tuna, avocado, cucumber, seaweed salad, red onion, green onion, mango, taro chips, and house sauce.

Most bowls are served cold, with just the rice being warm. Chen also offers a line of hot bowls with items such as teriyaki chicken, eel and steak. Also on the menu are classics such as macaroni salad — a staple of Hawaiian cuisine — and miso soup.

Family meals, as well as catering, are also available that can feed several people.

The restaurant opened in early September at 37104 Six Mile, in the shopping center on the northeast corner of Six Mile and Newburgh. It occupies the space formerly held by Izumi Sushi Grill. As with many other new restaurants this year, Chen was delayed by the shutdowns related to COVID-19; he said he originally planned to open in the spring.

When looking for a place to open, Chen said he was originally targeting all the offices in the Six Mile/Newburgh area, believing business professionals would seek out something new for lunch. Of course, once the pandemic struck and everyone began working from home, that cut into the original plan.

"Poke is such a newer concept in this area. We know we want to do residential crowds, but we thought we would ease into it, slowly introduce it to residents," he said. "The majority of our orders are



Ken Chen prepares a poke bowl at his restaurant, Ahi Poke and Grill. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

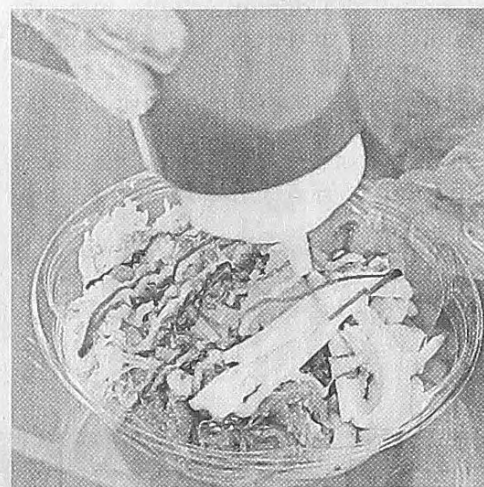
to-go orders."

With that dynamic shifting, Chen said he's seeing more neighbors stop by to try his dishes. Now, he's seeing more interest around dinner as opposed to lunch.

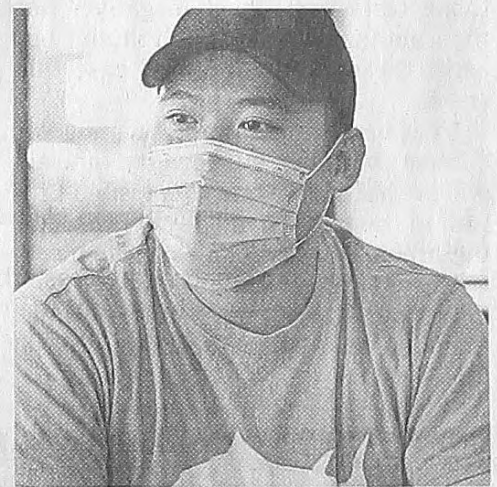
Those looking to order can order online or by phone, and they provide delivery through third-party companies. The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

To find a menu or to order, visit [ahipoke-and-grill.square.site](http://ahipoke-and-grill.square.site).

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Some teriyaki sauce is drizzled on a poke bowl.



Chen talks about opening the restaurant.

## Livonia restaurant seeks approval for beer, wine to go

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The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way many eat at their favorite restaurants. That goes for small shops as well as national chains.

One Livonia restaurant has asked to make modifications to allow staff to bring the experience home to customers.

Olive Garden, 14000 Middlebelt, plans to add beer and wine sales for to-go orders to its carryout and delivery menu. The restaurant chain expanded to offer adult beverages earlier this year as a part of its curbside pickup and delivery program and sought the proper approvals from the City of Livonia to do so.

The restaurant went before the city's planning commission Oct. 6 to utilize an SDM liquor license, the appropriate license for selling prepackaged alcohol for off-premise consumption.

"This is part of a national program where Olive Garden increased their to-go offerings, and that included the sale of beer and wine," said Patrick Howe, a Birmingham-based attorney representing Olive Garden during the planning commission meeting. "This is purely for beer and wine to be sold in connection with takeout orders. Beer and wine will not be displayed or advertised on a stand-alone basis in the restaurant."

The restaurant currently utilizes a Class C liquor license, said Mark Taormina, the city's planning and economic development director. That allows for the consumption of alcohol purchased onsite. He said there are some conditions that would need waiver from the city council, including the restaurant's proximity to other locations with an SDM license.

Both the Aldi market to the south and the Wine Palace across the street on Middlebelt both have SDM licenses and would require a waiver from the city



Olive Garden in Livonia is hoping to sell beer and wine to go.

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council, Taormina said.

The planning commission voted unanimously to recommend approval and send the issue to the city council, though did put a restriction on the use of the license to just Olive Garden.

"We frequently put that language in place for proposals or petitions where the commission concurs with a particular operator of a business with a waiver approval but also wants to be cautious about how that waiver is transferred in the future to other users," Taormina said.

Olive Garden also has locations in Novi, Ann Arbor, Dearborn and several other communities, and provides beer and wine to go at those restaurants.

Howe said while the to-go prepackaged beer and wine can be purchased on its own, it's marketed toward complementing meals. He said Olive Garden's alcohol sales in restaurants account for just 10% of revenue, and prepackaged beer and wine sales at other Michigan Olive Gardens that provide it account for just 0.1% of sales.

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This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

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Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Architecture**, will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Builder's Exchange, Lansing.

Bidding Documents will be available beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 2020 via Building Connected.

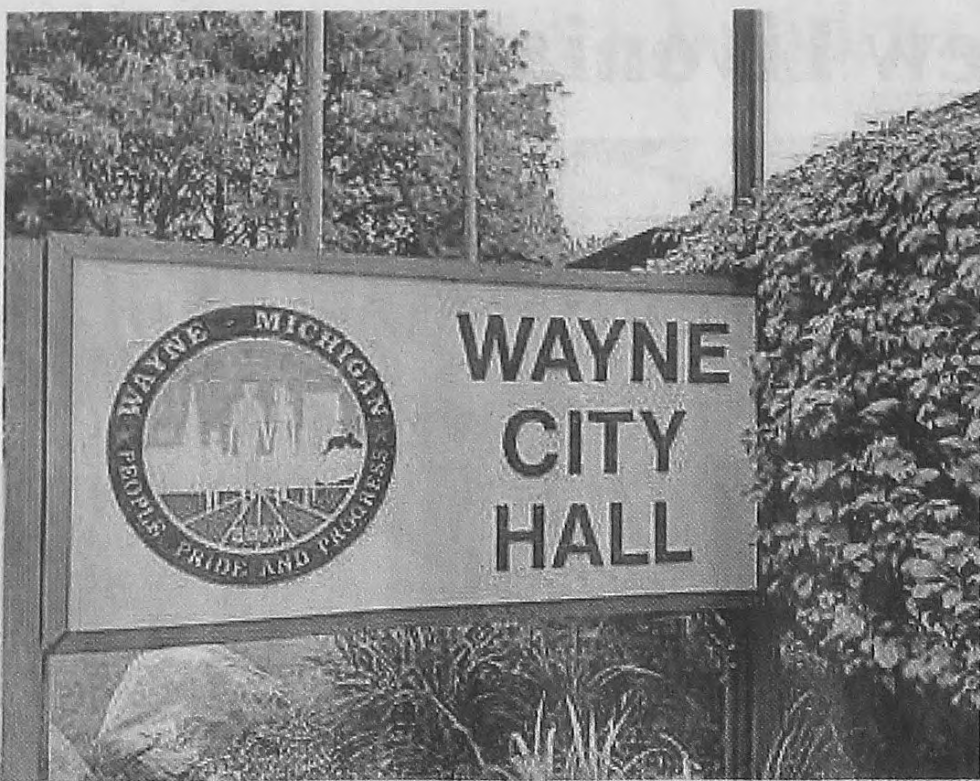
There will be a **Pre-Bid Meeting on Thursday, October 15 at 1:00 p.m. at Discovery Middle School, located at 45083 Hanford Rd, Canton, MI 48187.** The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project bid documents & schedule, and to answer any questions bidders may have. Following the meeting, the bidders will have the opportunity to visit the project site. The pre-bid meeting is not a mandatory meeting however, bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. **A FACE MASK WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE WORN INSIDE OF THE BUILDING DURING THE PRE-BID MEETING.**

All bids **must** include the Familial Disclosure Affidavit (Section 004205), the Iran Linked Business Affidavit (Section 004210), and the Criminal Background Check Affidavit (Section 004220).

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Wayne city hall is closed to all non-election business. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

# Wayne City Hall mostly closed due to coronavirus pandemic

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Wayne City Hall is closed to all non-election business due to two employees testing positive for COVID-19.

One of about 20 employees working at the Wayne Road institution tested positive last week, leading to a battery of tests for the others.

City Manager Lisa Nocerini said those tests came back negative. But then another employee fell ill and became the second confirmed case this week.

That employee did not have regular contact with the public. City officials still are asking anyone who visited City Hall in the last several days to monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms.

They announced that City Hall is only open for election matters, and that's because of the upcoming presi-

dential election.

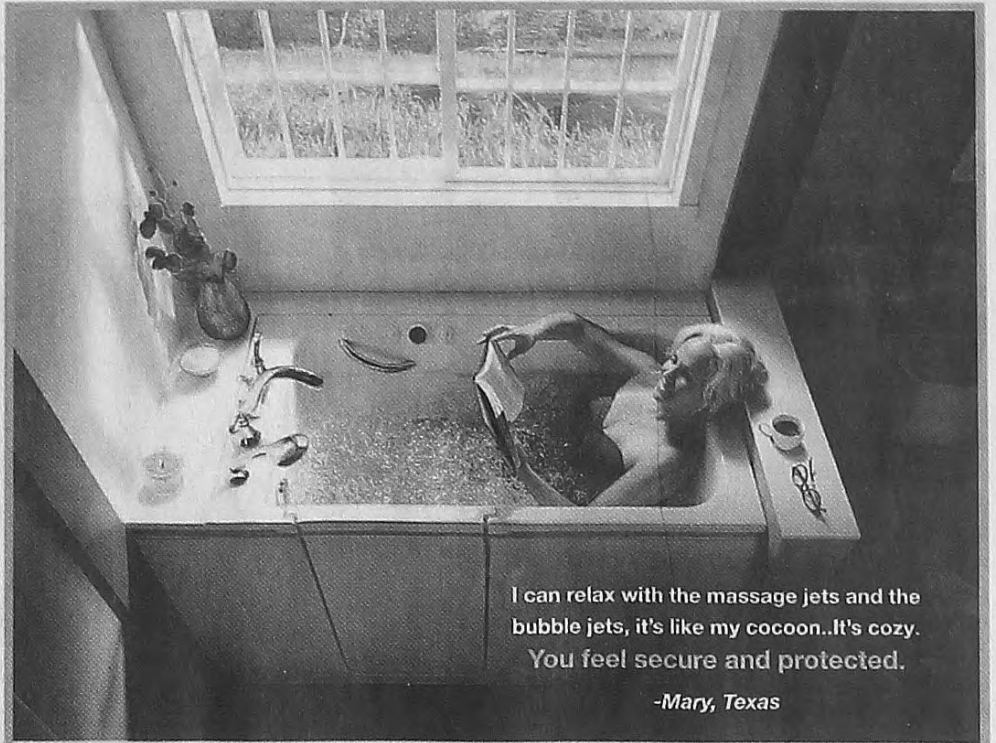
Only one person will be allowed inside the building at a time for the City Clerk's election services, starting Wednesday.

A sanitizing and disinfecting is planned for the building, also on Wednesday. Drop boxes are available for both ballots and bills.

Although Nocerini is hoping City Hall gets clearance to reopen soon, "it is likely we will be operating with minimal staffing just to reduce the risk of exposure," she said.

Those with water bill questions are asked to call 734-722-2000, ext. 3, and leave a message. Bills can be mailed to City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184.

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# Park

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shade sail, a bouncing grasshopper and benches that will serve as an invitation for neighbor to gather while their children play.

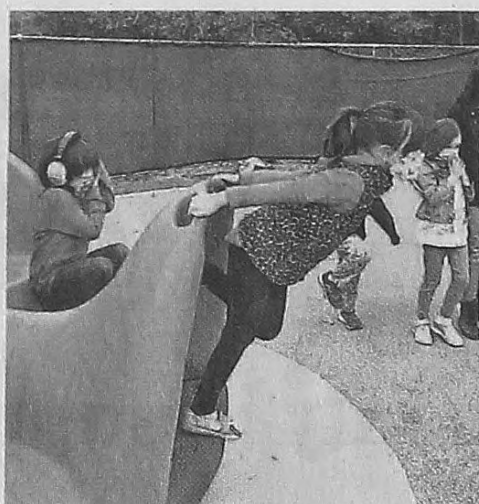
The installation of rolling hills covered by synthetic turf is expected to be completed by the end of the year, said Canton facilities supervisor Brad Sharp, who orchestrated the park's design and construction.

"The first thing we did after the township purchased the property was hire a consultant (Great Lakes Recreation) to help with the park's layout and to assist in the selection of equipment," said Sharp. "It's designed for younger kids, under the age of 10, but it doesn't mean other kids can't play on it."

"The goal was to build a space for young families to enjoy and, looking at all the kids' happy faces, we've succeeded."

Kopper Park was funded in part by a community development block grant.

"This new site was added to the northeast part of Canton in an effort to provide park access in this section of our community," said Canton Leisure Services Director Greg Hohenberger. "Plus, this new addition to our parks system is helping us get closer to fulfilling our goal of having a park within a 10-minute walking distance from every home in Canton by 2050."



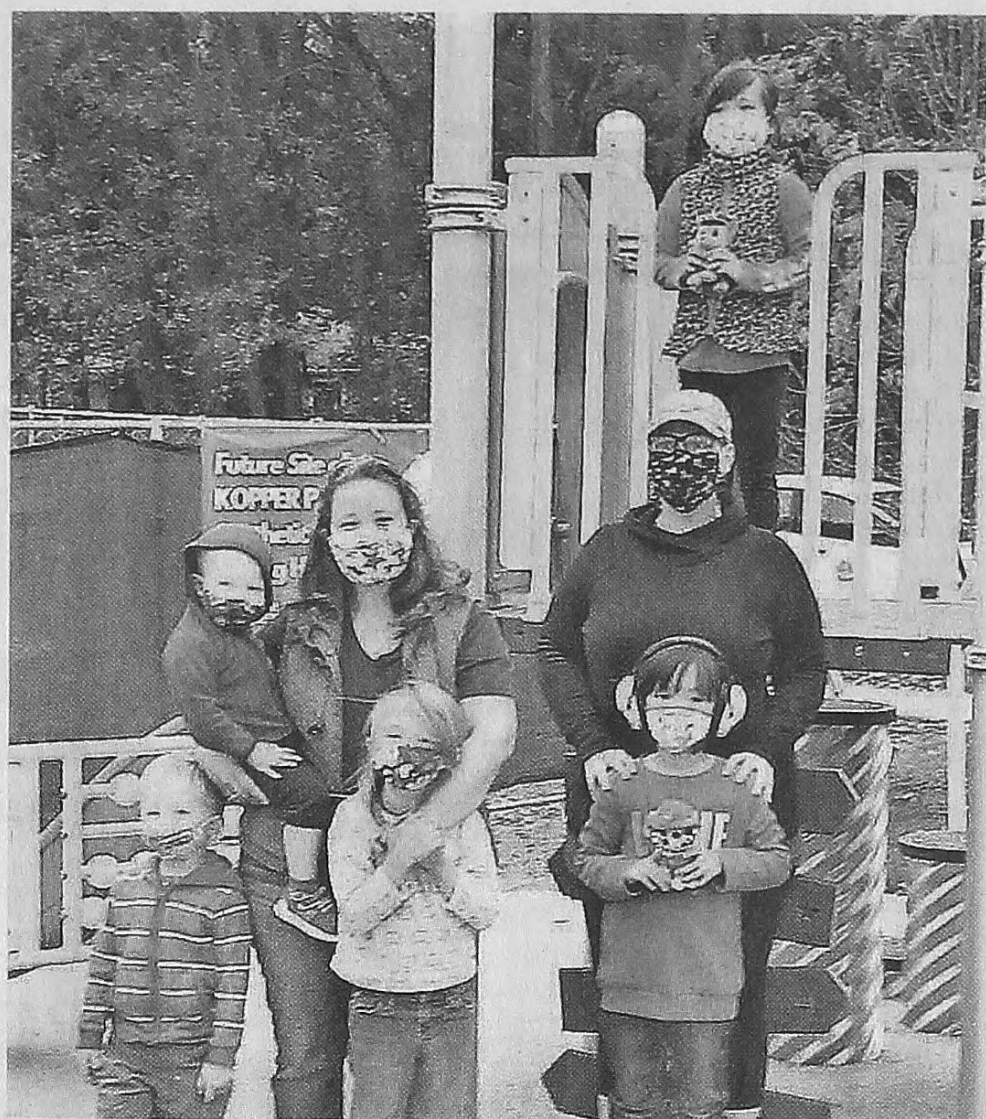
Children enjoy the new playground.

The half-acre site includes a Little Free Library, which was funded by the Canton Township Rotary.

Visitors to Kopper Park through Nov. 1, 2020, can enter to win a certificate good for 18 holes of golf for two at Pheasant Run Golf Club. The sole requirement to be eligible: snap a selfie next any of the park's amenities and posting it on Facebook using the hashtag #KopperParkFun and tagging Canton Leisure Services.

This prize is valued at approximately \$100. The winner will be notified by Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020, on Facebook @CantonLeisureServices.

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The families who initiated the Holiday Park playground idea attended Thursday's ribbon-cutting ceremony. PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Loan

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which will see money coming out of the general fund. It would be a three-year loan and would be borrowed with 1% percent interest. The theater is city-owned but typically operates on its own generated revenue.

The Farmington Civic Theater reopened Oct. 9 after being closed since mid-March when Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ordered such businesses to shutter their doors to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Murphy said it's difficult to determine exactly how much the theater

would need to operate in the coming months. He said the theater's operating costs are about \$8,000 a month, and with reduced capacity for screenings he said he's guessing about \$4,000 a month through the end of the fiscal year in June should allow the theater to keep its doors open.

But with the fluidity of the COVID-19 situation, it's tricky to determine what exactly is needed, especially if an emergency repair is needed in the coming months.

"That's just a projection on my part," Murphy said. "I honestly don't know. And there's not enough data to tell us yet."

The Farmington Civic Theater has operated since 1940. It has two screens

and was purchased by the city in 1999. Tickets are currently \$5 for children, seniors and anyone seeing shows before 6 p.m. Tickets for evening shows are \$6.

The council voted unanimously to approve the loan with several council members lauding the efforts being made at the theater to keep it running.

Councilman Steve Schneemann said the fact that the theater had plenty saved up during the shutdown is a testament to how well it's run.

"I think it's remarkable the theater was able to go on its own for five, six months after the shutdown," he said. "I think that's an attestation to how well it's run by Scott and so I'm very comfortable with this loan because I think they manage their finances really well and

it's a great asset we have as a community."

Mayor Sara Bowman commended Freeman and the team at the FCT, who worked hard to keep the theater in the public eye the last several months by doing things like sell popcorn. She said she attended opening night to see "Bill & Ted Face the Music" and was impressed with the measures they've put in place to try and keep guests safe.

"It was just exciting to be out and about," she said. "The few of us in the theater felt very comfortable and it was great."

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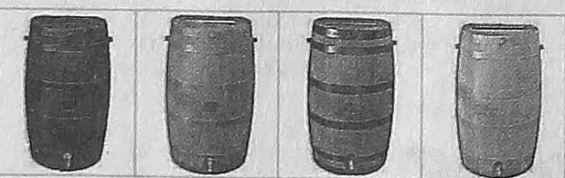


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# Deer

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Relocating deer isn't really an option because the stress it can cause animals can lead to injury, death and other trauma.

Deer culls, which can include segregating or killing a certain number of deer, can be controversial, as well.

"I think there would be people on polar opposites of that discussion," Moore said. "We would have people that want them gone and we would have people who don't want them gone."

David Boyer, city manager of Farmington Hills, noted culls can prove ineffective in the long-term because many metro Detroit communities, especially those in Oakland County, have large deer populations that "don't know borders."

"It doesn't help if just one community

does it, because deer migrate," Boyer said. "It has to be looked at as a regional challenge or issue."

Boyer went on to explain most of metro Detroit provides the creatures with a perfect habitat, one with no hunting and no natural predators.

In Oakland County, deer were related to 1,928 vehicle accidents in 2019, which is about 300 accidents above the next highest county. In Wayne County, deer were a factor in 513 vehicle accidents last year.

But nonetheless, Farmington Hills City Council plans to discuss the issue because of resident complaints.

However, it remains to be seen if there's actually a solution to be found

"I don't know what the answer is, I really don't," Murphy said.

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# Band

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"He'll, like, present something and we'll just kind of go off of that and jam," Porada, the bassist, said. "The lyrics kind of come later."

"There's not one sole songwriter," Wojcik, who replaced the band's founding drummer in 2019, added. "We all put effort into it, and we tend to take turns writing lyrics."

The Kings had been working toward a four-song EP, for which two original songs are done, prior to the pandemic. Now, the band hopes to release it some time next year, but that will depend on how soon they can get back in the studio.

"We want to push that out as soon as possible just so people have a firm grasp of what we've got," Rugiero, the band's lead vocalist, said. "Here's four solid songs of ours that are professionally recorded."

But, though the band can't play some of the local spots it has in the past, like the New Place Lounge in Dearborn and Club Above in Ann Arbor, the band continues to make music. On Aug. 29, they played a virtual show as part of The

Beats Go On, a virtual version of Royal Oak's canceled Arts, Beats and Eats.

"It was cool just to be able to play again because we weren't able to, like, at all," Porada said. "There was a period of time back in March when the COVID stuff first started where we didn't see each other for a couple of months."

The foursome dreams of playing venues like Detroit's Fox Theatre and St. Andrew's Hall, but they started playing together to have a good time, and that's still what it's about.

"Everybody wants to be a rock star when they grow up," Porada said. "I think everybody has that dream. But in our minds it's like we love it and we're passionate about it. Whatever happens, happens. We just want to have fun with it."

With two original songs, "No Time" and "Disapproval" available to stream on Soundcloud, the guys plans to work toward their EP and have a little, or a lot, of fun along the way.

"We're going to do it until we stop having fun with it, and I don't think we're going to stop having fun with it anytime soon," St. Pierre added.

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# Obituaries

## Elizabeth F. Morrow

PLYMOUTH - Elizabeth Florence Morrow, age 94, of Plymouth, died on October 18th at her daughters home in Lexington, MI under the care of United Hospice of Marlette. She previously happily resided at Sunrise Assisted Living of Northville.

She was born in Cornwall, England, and emigrated to Detroit as a young girl.

Elizabeth is survived by her daughters, Charlene Welsch Blondy (Sam Webster) of Lexington, and Kathleen Welsch Clarke (Burton) of Howell; her beloved grandchildren, Elizabeth Blondy (Patrick Deegan), Nick Clarke (Jessica), and Burt Clark Jr. (Jonathon Fewell); her great granddaughter, Layla Rose called her GG – and she awaited another great grandchild in the spring. Also survived by her stepdaughter, Barbara Morrow, and family in nice, France.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Stuart Morrow and George Welsch, and her parents, Florence and Charles Jenkin.

She will be remembered for her deep faith and her abiding love for her churches, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and Ward Church of Northville.

Inurnment will be at FPCP. Donations are welcome to the Hospice Services of your choice. Family details available at [www.pomeroyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.pomeroyfuneralhomes.com).

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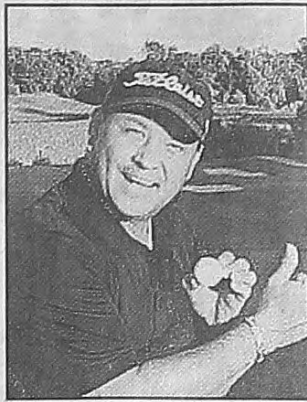
## Johnny Lee Sizeland

BRIGHTON - We are heartbroken to announce that on October 8, 2020 our little brother went to heaven. A wonderful father, son, brother, uncle and brother-in-law. He was 54 yrs old and a resident of Brighton, Michigan. He was an avid golfer and sports enthusiast including boating with friends. He was employed by Senior Benefits Group for 20 yrs and was passionate about serving his clients. Family and friends are asked to light a candle as a remembrance to Johnny.

He was predeceased by: his Grandfather, Delbert Larrick; his Father, Gary Sizeland; Uncle, Dale Larrick, and Richard Larrick.

He is survived by: Son, Noah Sizeland who is stationed at Air Force Base, Eielson, Alaska; Grandmother, Irma James, of St Augustine, Florida; Mother and Step Father, Lynda and Tony Thibault of Palm Coast, Florida; Sister, Michele (Mickey) Burkard, residing in Kaiserslautern, Germany; Brothers Paul and Les Sizeland of Brighton, Michigan, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

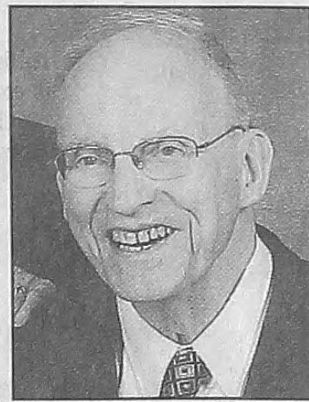
Funeral Services are set for November 8th (Sunday) at Plymouth Church of Christ, 2pm, family well wishing, 3pm Memorial Service followed by Graveside. The family is asking that everyone who wishes to attend, wear a mask during the services, due to Covid.



## Robert "Bob" L. Walsh

ROBERT "BOB" L. WALSH, October 19, 2020, age 82. Beloved husband of Gladys since June 18, 1966, 54 wonderful years together. Dear brother of Margarite Jozwiak (Jim) from South Carolina. Son of the late Thomas L. Walsh and Agnes Baker. Bob graduated from Dondero High School in Royal Oak in 1957 and is a graduate of Western Michigan University and is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Bob also proudly served in the Army. He worked at the Episcopal Diocese of Detroit, All State, Chrysler, and retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan on October 7, 1988. Bob served on the Beverly Hills Planning Board and was a Council Member. He also served on the Southfield Township Planning Commission/Zoning Board and the Township Board. In his spare time, he enjoyed history and travel. Family will receive friends Sunday, October 25, 2020 4-8 PM at A. J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (Between 13 - 14 Mile), 248-549-0500. Rosary Sunday 6 PM. Funeral Mass Monday, October 26, 2020 10 AM at St. Regis Catholic Church 3695 Lincoln Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI. Burial will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial Tributes to Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Catholic Charities of Southeastern Michigan, or St. Regis Catholic Church.

View obituary and sign tribute wall at [AJDesmond.com](http://AJDesmond.com)



## Evie Glenn

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL - On Tuesday, October 6, 2020, Evie Glenn of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, passed away in her sleep.

Evie was born in Detroit, Michigan. She resided primarily in Birmingham, Michigan for over 25 years. She spent the remainder of her life in Palm Beach, Florida and Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. She was married to Dr. Thomas H. Glenn who preceded her in death in 1980. Evie attended St. Cancious Elementary School, the Felician Academy High School in Detroit, Michigan and Michigan State University where she received a B.A. degree in Education. She also attended Wayne State University and the Detroit Institute of Musical Art. She was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority/AA Chapter.

Evie was a successful entrepreneur, innovator, pioneer and well-respected businesswoman. Upon graduating from Michigan State University, she taught school. She then founded and franchised Joli Salons in Detroit, Michigan. She and her late husband, Dr. Thomas H. Glenn, were founders of Palm Beach Motor Cars which was the first Rolls Royce dealership in the Palm Beach, Florida area. In her later years, she founded a national medical marketing consulting firm helping physicians build and promote their practices. She was a member of the American Academy of Medical Administrators, The Catholic Theater of Detroit, a Guardian Ad Litem and a V.I.P. volunteer for the Palm Beach Police Academy. As a devout Catholic, Evie taught CCD and was also a Eucharistic minister at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Palm Beach, Florida, and Our Lady Star of the Sea in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Evie lived life to the fullest...with no regrets! Her children and grandchildren were her life and she always did anything she could for them. She was a positive person with a bright smile! She was a fierce competitor in anything she encountered. If you did it, Evie probably did as well... and maybe twice.

She will be remembered as a true friend who made a significant difference in many people's lives. May she rest in peace and enjoy the parties and dear family and friends that have awaited her arrival in Heaven. She will be missed dearly and will always be in our hearts and watching over us!

Evie is survived by her brother, Dr. Richard S. Jason and his wife, Helen; sons, Gregory and John; daughter, Cherie Huttman; daughters in law, Becky and Leslie; son in law, Larry Huttman; grandchildren, Tommy Glenn, Matthew Glenn, Joseph Huttman, Allison Glenn and Mary Huttman; and great grandchildren, Naomi and Tommy Glenn; and nephew, Dr. Scott Jason and his wife, Stephanie. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Thomas H. Glenn; loving son, Thomas C. Glenn; beloved grandchildren, Benjamin Glenn and Jennifer Glenn; and sister in law, Truly Jason.

A memorial Mass will be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, on October 16, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.. In lieu of flowers, Evie requested donations to: EWTN (Eternal World Television Network Inc.) 5871 Old Leeds Road, Irondale, AL 35210

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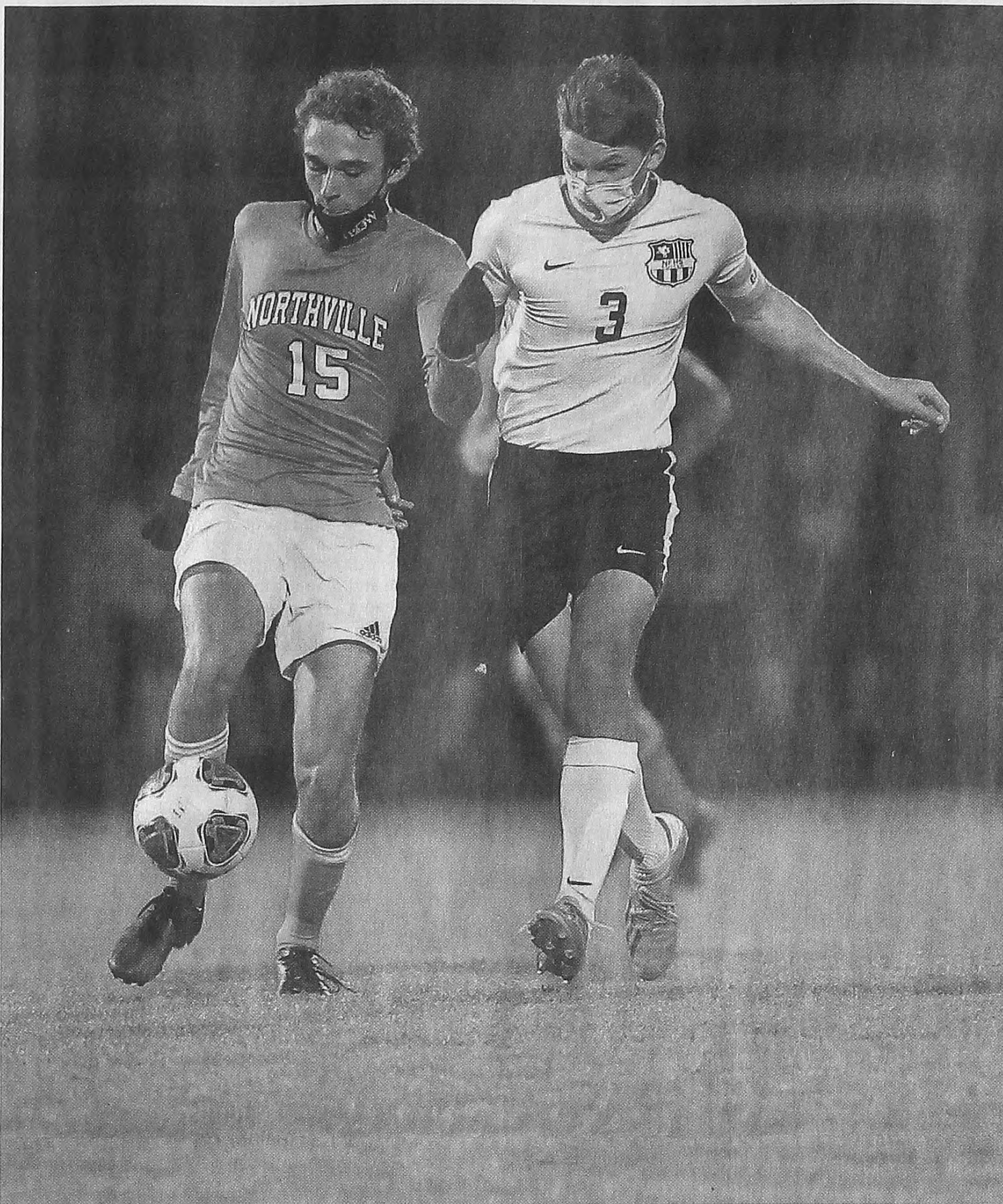
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# SPORTS



Northville's CJ Castiglione, left, and North Farmington's Daniel Hanus go after the ball in the District 5 semifinal.  
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## CC soccer shuts out Brighton in district semifinal

Colin Gay [Hometownlife.com](http://Hometownlife.com)  
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Brighton soccer is not used to giving up goals. The Bulldogs have eight shut-outs this season and, from the start of October, have allowed two goals in their past six games.

Detroit Catholic Central made sure its offense showed up in the district semifinal.

In their first game of the 2020 play-offs — advancing to the semifinals after a first-round bye — the Shamrocks broke the scoreless tie just over seven minutes in the game, as sophomore Drew Pierson hit a strike from the right side to the top left corner of the goal.

Two first-half goals for Catholic Central (7-0-3) proved to be the decider, as the Shamrocks beat Brighton (12-3-2), 2-0, in the District 5 semifinal.

Catholic Central will take on North Farmington in the District 5 final.

"I think we came off the bye with high energy," Catholic Central head coach Gene Pulice said. "We have a game plan — we stick to our game plan. Our leadership on the field was very good. I guess when we keep possession and move the ball quickly, we were able to play through it."

The Shamrocks were not done in the first half.

Senior captain Chad Ewing hit a try near goal, which was blocked by Brighton senior goalkeeper Hagen Carriere, but landed right in front of Catholic Central sophomore Ian Arroyo, who composed himself and fired, tucking it in for the two-goal first half lead.

Brighton, who came into the contest averaging 2.6 goals per game and scored three in its first-round win against Novi, was held to no shots on goal in the first 40 minutes of play.

But the Bulldogs came out firing in the second half.

Junior forward Michael Kramer hit the ball near Catholic Central's goal as players for both teams fought for possession, hitting the crossbar and landing parallel to the ground without crossing the scoring line.

Brighton head coach Mark Howell saw a different fire and mentality from his offense in the second half, having four scoring opportunities in the first 20 minutes, but could not punch it in.

"We looked a little bit nervous," Howell said. "I don't think we were ready for the moment, mentally. A lot of these guys are new guys to this moment — we kind of have a mixture to

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## Soccer: Headers lead North Farmington past Northville

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With 1:51 left in a tied division semifinal match, North Farmington junior Jared Frazier knew where he had to be on the upcoming free kick.

He knew he had to attack the ball, stepping in front of opposing Northville players to get a good chance at the ball. He knew that senior Josh Edelman would put the ball in a good enough spot — with head coach Erika Rust describ-

ing the senior as "great at finding the end of a guy's head."

Frazier knew it was on him to break the tie. Right before the ball was kicked, Frazier looked at Edelman.

"I made eye contact with him," Frazier said. "And then the ball was there."

The ball barely grazed the back of the North Farmington junior's head, changing direction just enough to advance the Raiders to their first district final since Rust took over in 2016.

North Farmington (6-3-4) came out

with the 2-1 win against Northville (8-4-2) in the District 5 semifinal, advancing to the district final against Detroit Catholic Central.

"We're always in this killer, cut-throat district where, a lot of times, the person out of this makes the state final every year," Rust said. "It's a great accomplishment for them, but they are by no means done. They do have a lot of confidence going into that final."

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## South Lyon, Marian girls golf take home state titles

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The South Lyon girls golf team won its first Division 2 state title Friday at Forest Akers West in East Lansing, beating three-time defending state champion Forest Hills Northern, by three points.

The Lions, scoring 335, were led by senior Katie Potter, who finished second overall, shooting a 73 — one stroke over par — while sophomore Gabriella Tapp finished sixth with an 80.

Senior Bella Campbell (85), junior Sophia Joseph (97) and junior Logan Faust (101) rounded out the scoring for the Division 2 state champion.

For South Lyon head coach Dan Skatzka, this title has been a long time coming, having led the Lions to a state final for 12-consecutive seasons, each time leaving without a trophy.

"We have been runner-up twice, and finished in the top five most of those years, but to actually win it all is very special," Skatzka said.

Farmington Hills Mercy finished in eighth place with a 367.

After Potter birdied the first hole, South Lyon stretched its lead to as many as 11 strokes early on. The senior posted two more birdies on the front nine, finishing three strokes under par after

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# Groves slips past Seaholm in district opener

## Falls to Berkley, 1-0, in district semifinals

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Moments can be drawn up perfectly, and almost be ideal.

Groves senior forward Joe Katz didn't want to face another team other than Seaholm with the season hanging in the balance Oct. 14.

The Falcons didn't let the moment pass them by, as Groves beat the Maples, 2-1, to advance in the Division 1 soccer playoffs.

"It feels great. It's the moment you want," Katz said. "Being a senior, against a rival, I didn't want my last game to be against our rival team. I wanted to fight another day, and play another week of soccer."

He almost didn't get that chance, however.

After a tightly contested first half that yielded very few opportunities, Groves (12-2-2) found itself down 1-0 on a costly mistake.

Seaholm (4-6-4) moved the ball into the offensive zone with just over three minutes into the second half off the foot of junior Parker Saliccioli. The leading pass was taken on by junior Ben Roman, who headed the ball backwards towards Groves' net. Goalkeeper Nick Lurz was out of position as the ball tucked inside the middle of the goal for a 1-0 lead.

Despite the miscue, Groves found the mental toughness to rebound and play tough the rest of the second half.

"We did it twice last week. I think it's in our DNA, to be honest," Groves head



Groves soccer pulls out the first-round win against Seaholm.

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coach Greg Perkins said. "We were down, 1-0, last week to Rochester, and again to Seaholm. We talked about it before: if we got the first goal that would done it. But we have the character to deal with (setbacks) and we did it again tonight."

In about 10 minutes time, a once stout defense began to show cracks and creases in its foundations due to Seaholm's disjointed effort.

"My guys always play with a ton of heart, and they played with a ton of heart tonight," Seaholm head coach Ja-

red Vince said. "They wanted it, till the last second. I think they played good, quality soccer. The defense played a stellar game."

"But instead of trying to go forward together, we just sent the ball forward. Every time we did that, our offense and our midfield got disjointed. That created spaces and allowed Groves to go at us."

With 27:24 left in the half, Seaholm tried to regain possession of the ball, and create a clear. The Maples defense kicked the ball back towards its keeper, but Katz was there to intercept it.

"I was just trying to read the back line and how they played the ball back to the keeper. I was able to read the pass, and be there at the right time," he said.

Once he gained control, he volleyed the ball just past the keeper's hands and towards the far post that tied the score at one.

The second goal was much of the same. It was right place, right time again for Groves junior forward Henry Ellenbogen with 7:32 left in the game for a 2-1 lead.

"The wide areas were going to be key for us because they play three in the back, and a wide player on each side. We've always overloaded that side to allow our players to sneak behind and hit their mark," Perkins said.

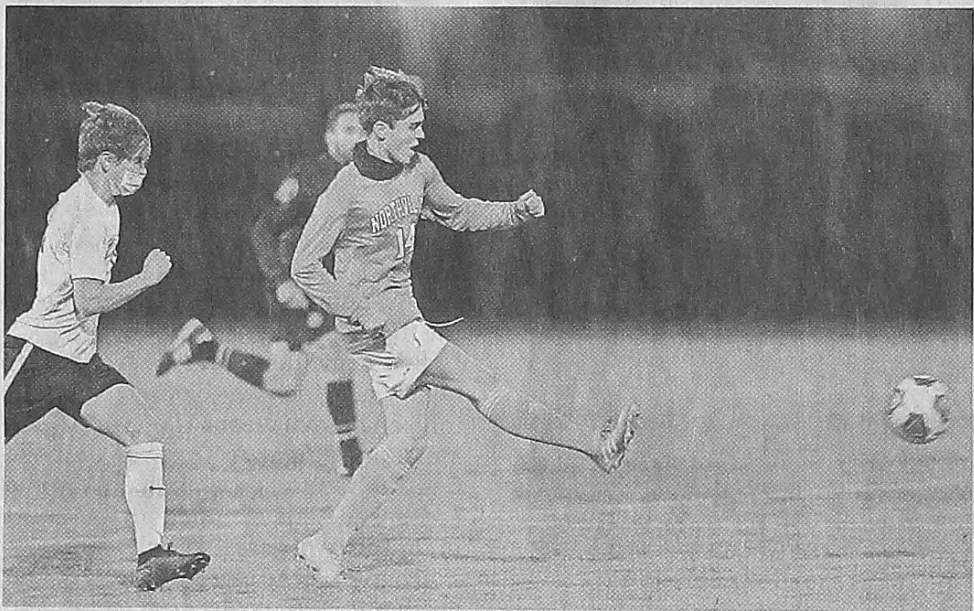
The win didn't come without a flare for the dramatic as Seaholm had one final scoring chance in the waning seconds of the game.

With 18 seconds left, the Maples quickly hurried the throw-in to forward Dylan Genzlinger. The senior dribbled the ball past the Groves defenders into the box, and offered a crossing shot to the far post that just was pushed wide by Lurz who made the last second save.

"We measure success in effort, and that showed there. There are some things out of your control when it comes to a soccer game. And a lot of times, a goal will happen that you didn't expect. You can always control your effort. They're men of character, and it matters to them. Makes it harder that we lost this game," Vince said.

Groves faced Berkley in the semifinals, losing 1-0.

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Northville's Kyle Stoner, right, boots the ball downfield in the District 5 semifinal against North Farmington. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Soccer

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In the first half, North Farmington built off of a defense that had shut out Lakes Valley Conference champions South Lyon in the first round of the playoffs.

Senior goalkeeper David Alam and the rest of the North Farmington back line stepped up, limiting Northville, who came in scoring an average of 2.3 goals per game, to two missed shots on goal in the first 40 minutes.

"They have found a lot of chemistry, they are playing together," Rust said. "It took us awhile to kind of find that chemistry consistently, but right now, it's paying dividends. It's not always pretty, but these guys are digging deep and getting the job done."

Just over a minute into the second half, Frazier gave North Farmington a level of confidence.

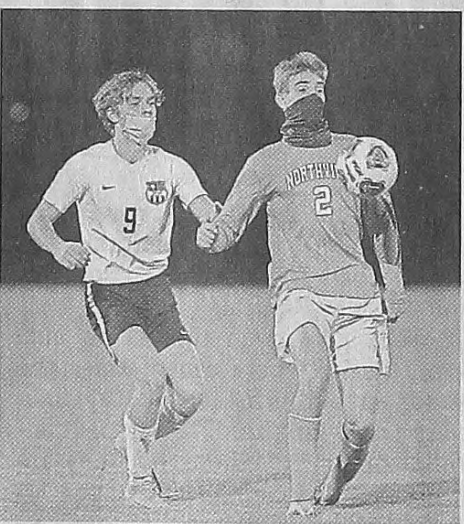
The junior took the feed off an inbound from senior captain Daniel Hanus heading the ball in for the first Raiders goal of the game.

But after taking the 1-0 lead, Rust said North Farmington was forced to toe the line of staying aggressive offensively, but also keeping a hungry Northville offense at arm's length.

And while the Raiders succeeded for most of the half, the Mustangs broke through.

After Northville senior CJ Castiglione was issued a red card and ejected from the game after an argument with a referee, junior Levi Miller found junior Michael Chimienti on a cross, tying the game with 14:43 left in the contest.

"I think the desire," Northville head coach Henry Klimes said of his team's aggressive second-half approach after allowing the early goal. "They didn't want to lose, of course. I thought the referee was a little tough on us on a few plays, so maybe it was karma that we could muster up and get the equalizer, but again, bad execution play to give



Northville's Levi Miller, right, plays the ball against North Farmington.

them a free kick at the end of the game and North Farmington executed."

With Alam and the back line stepping up when they needed to — including senior Trayvin Fetzler, who Rust said had a "stupendous" game — Frazier made sure he was in the right place at the right time for that final score.

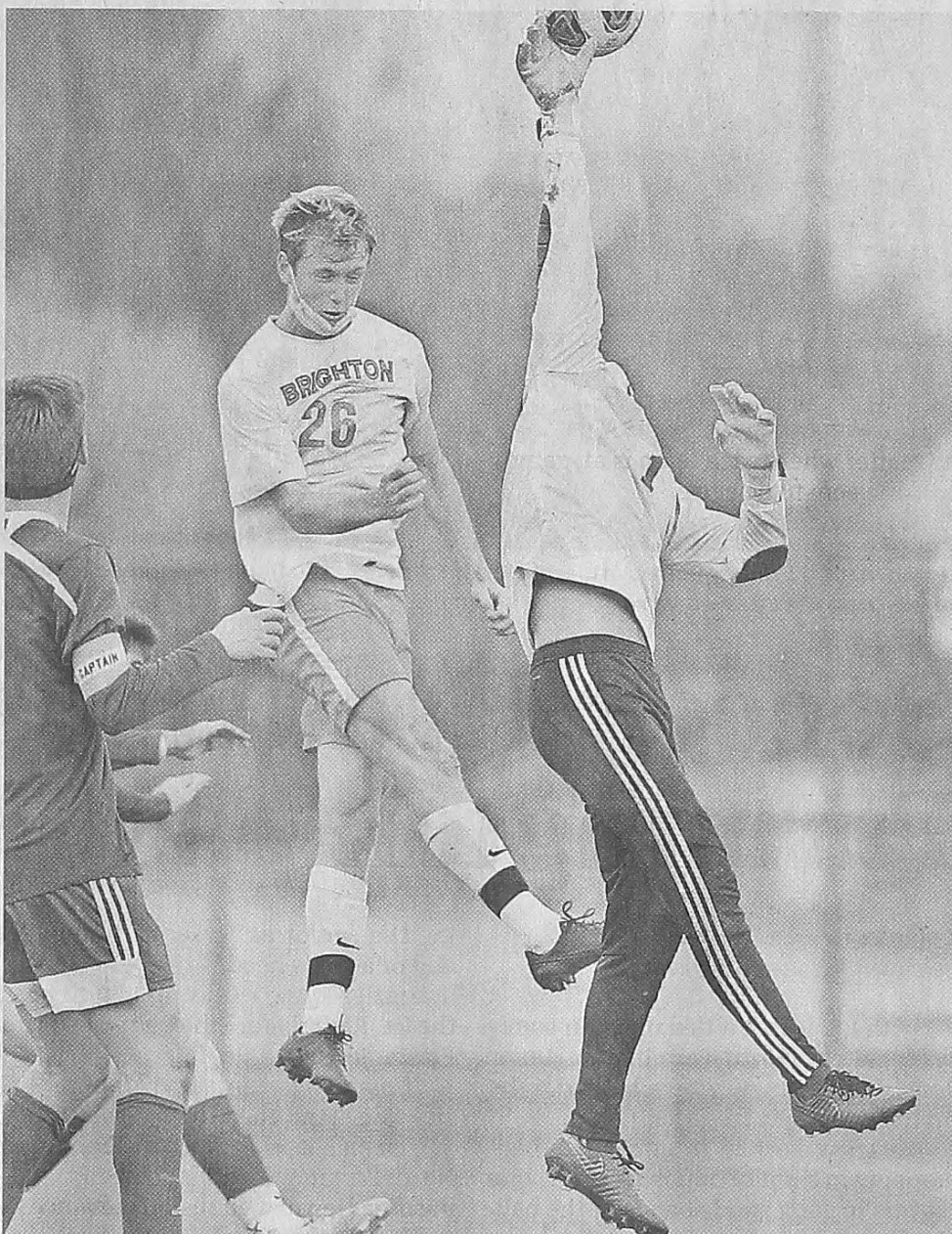
"Defense wins championships," Frazier said. "Our defense knows we can get one or two every game, so they hold them down, we can win every game."

And as the ball grazed his head, falling into the back of the net to allow North Farmington to play another game, one thought crossed Frazier's mind: CC, with a confidence that's at the highest level it's been all season.

"We finally found out how to win," Frazier said. "All season, we were losing and tying, winning games here and there, but now we know how to win, so we will keep winning."

North Farmington will take on Catholic Central in the District 5 final 7 p.m. Thursday at Novi Meadows Stadium.

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Surrounded by players, Catholic Central goalie John Browning makes a leaping punch-save of a shot on goal by Brighton. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Semifinal

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the group. It took that two-goal lead to kind of wake us up and kind of set the guys' mind straight of, 'It's truly win or go home,' and it was, unfortunately too big of a hole to come out of against a good team."

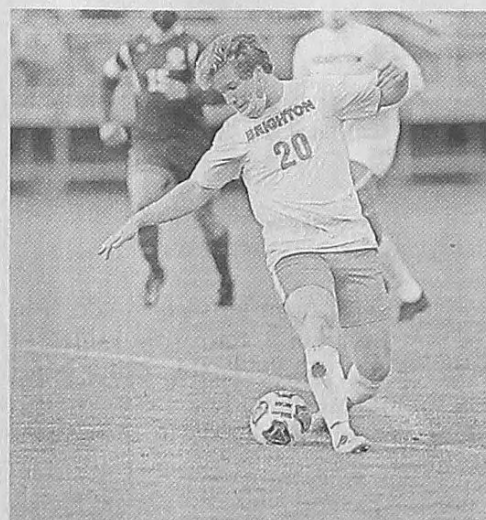
Pulice saw the talent from the Bulldogs, especially as they pressed near goal, but saw a defense that never lost sight on its job.

"As much as they were dangerous, we were pretty much in control," Pulice said. "They couldn't play through us, so they tried to play over us and our back line and goalkeeper was able to deal with it pretty well."

Pulice said, if anything went wrong for the Shamrocks, players tried to take over and play an individual style of soccer early in the second half, allowing Brighton to have chances to score.

However, heading into the district final, the Catholic Central head coach said the focus needs to be solely on team play.

"The last 18 minutes, we kind of



Brighton's Seth Bedford tries to get into the Catholic Central zone.

took the game back and we got reorganized and finished strong," Pulice said.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

# Sophomore Bunda leads Stevenson soccer

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Playing on a senior-heavy Livonia Stevenson soccer team, sophomore Nico Bunda has been one of the reasons behind the Spartans' dominance.

This season, Bunda leads Stevenson in scoring, finishing the regular season with two goals in the team's final home game against Franklin and three against Livonia Churchill.

With his scoring ability around the net, Bunda earned the Hometown Life Athlete of the Week award for the week of Oct. 12, earning 7,412 of the 15,493 total votes cast — 47.84%.

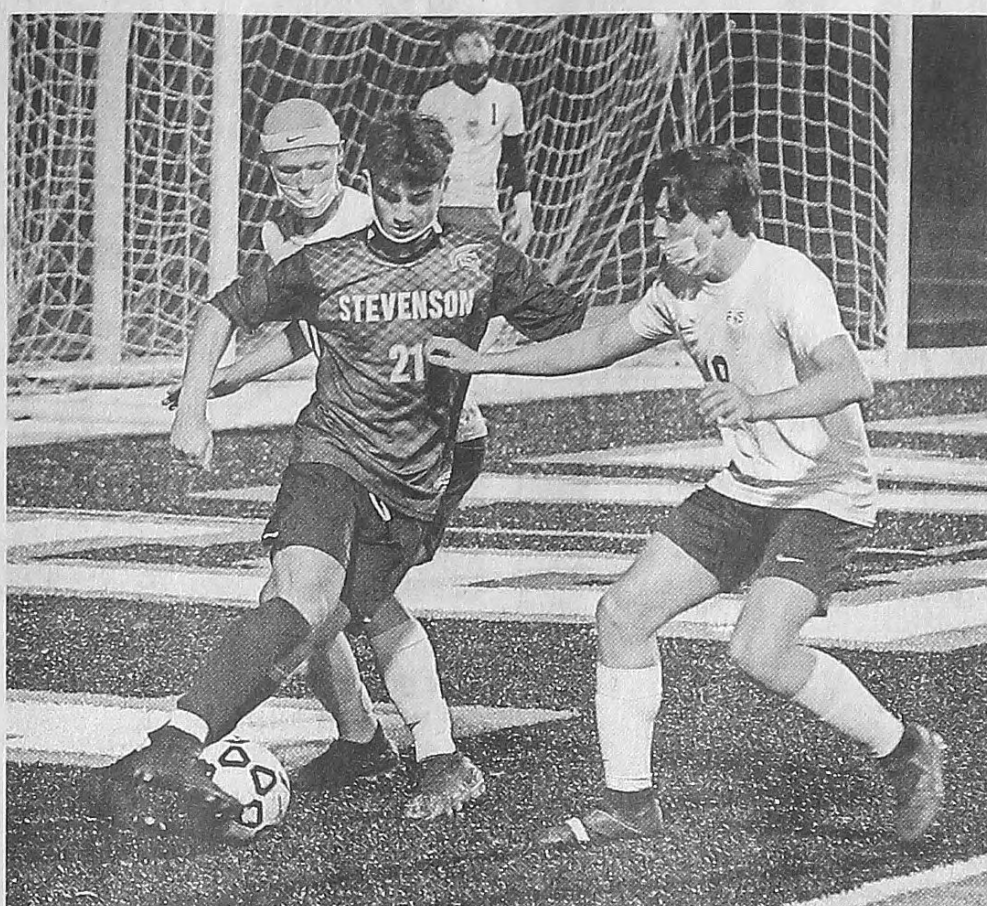
Farmington soccer player Aaron Percival finished in second place with 5,040 votes (32.53%) and Seaholm running back Jackson Vance finished in third with 2,368 votes (15.28%).

Mercy setter Julia Bishop and Livonia Churchill wide receiver Connor Hatfield finished in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

Ahead of the Spartans' first playoff game against Farmington on Tuesday, we caught up with Bunda about the season and what people should expect from Stevenson moving forward.

**What have you learned from such an older group that helped you refine your game?**

"I have learned dedication and hard work throughout the season in my experience playing soccer for Stevenson High School. It took a lot of hard work to get where I'm at now. It's all about dedi-



Stevenson mid-forward Nico Bunda, left, tries to organize the offense in the Franklin zone. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

cation and focus, playing with people who are older than me."

**How has this season been with Stevenson's level of domination throughout the regular season?**

"The season was great. The team worked very hard to get where we are. It took a lot of focus and hard work."

**Was there a level of drive because of how weird this season was with the**

coronavirus?

"The coronavirus really, it kind of messed up the year — they kind of moved the games three games a week now — but I think that we handled it and the team worked even harder because of the coronavirus, and it took."

**How would you describe yourself as a soccer player?**

"I'm focused and I love playing with the team. It's really fun playing with older kids because they tell me what to do and they guide me to the right direction."

**Has there been a change in mindset knowing that playoffs are here?**

"Our goal is just to win states and go game-by-game, working hard. The game on Tuesday, I'm scared about it because it's the semifinals, but I think we are going to work hard under no circumstances."

**Do you have your sights set on playing at the college level? Have you talked with any schools?**

"I haven't at the moment, but I do want to play soccer in college. But I don't know what I am doing yet for college, but that is my goal."

**What are some things that interest you off the soccer field?**

"Hanging out with my friends and just staying active, and hanging at home with my family."

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# Mercy volleyball continues win streak, sweeps Marian

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When Mercy took the court against Marian Oct. 7, it had yet to fall from the peak that last season's state championship brought the program.

The Marlins held a 22-game win streak heading into the match, having lost only one set all season — against Stoney Creek Sept. 11 in a tournament game.

However, when facing the Mustangs, no matter where each team is at, games always seem to be close.

But after sweeping Marian in three sets that came within three points Sept. 21, Mercy (23-0) came out of its shell a bit in their second meeting, sweeping the Mustangs (14-4), 25-23, 26-24 and 25-11.

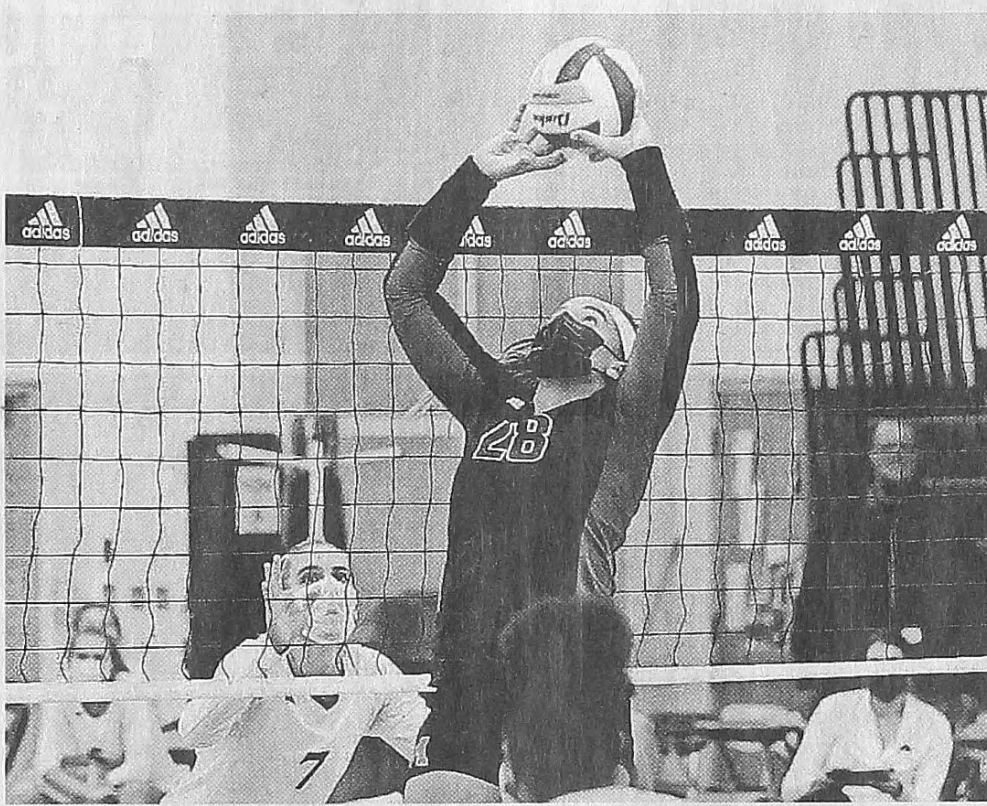
The Marlins have not lost a set in 19-straight games.

"I felt, number one, that they used our block real well," Mercy head coach Loretta Vogel said. "We were trying to make adjustments on that and changed up some things like that that were effective. I thought they served strong, so I just think we needed to realize some of the things we can benefit on and work on those avenues."

The first set brought the back-and-forth action a Mercy/Marian game is expected to have. Neither team took more than a three-point lead.

But trailing 21-19 late in the set, the Marlins exploded, recording six of the next eight points, including two dagger kills from senior Ellie Tisko, to secure the three-point victory.

The second set held a similar storyline for the two teams. Mercy senior Julia Bishop set a ball for senior Charli



Mercy senior Julia Bishop sets up a teammate against Marian.

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Atiemo to give the Marlins a 16-12 lead — the largest lead of the game up to that point. But Marian battled back, eventually tying the game with the help of a kill and a block from junior Ava Brizard.

Another Brizard block and a too-strong kill by Mercy senior Kaylin Collins gave the Mustangs a two-point lead late in the second set, but, like the first, Mercy found a way, starting a 5-1 run with the help of three assists from Bishop to secure the two-point victory.

After two close sets, matching the first game between the two rivals, Bish-

op said composure and experience were on Mercy's side.

"Being able to go back on a serve-receive and just be like, 'OK, this is a normal ball. Let's do the same thing that we always do and make it happen,'" Bishop said.

Mercy was able to relax a bit heading into the third set. The team knew Marian was young — carrying five sophomores and four juniors. The Marlins took advantage.

After allowing the first point for the Mustangs, Bishop set up Collins for a

kill, and the Marlins offense was off, recording a 15-7 run to start the set.

When the Mustangs returned with two points in a row, including a block from junior Sophia Treder, Mercy rattled off seven points in a row, eventually earning the dominant 25-11 win and the match.

Marian head coach Mayssa Cook was frustrated with her team's hesitation against its rival, saying it led to the Marlins' surging offense in the deciding set.

"We're just not playing our game," Cook said. "I know they are close, but we are yet to play our A-game against them. It's one of those things: we bring our A-game, we'll win. We can't play a B-game or B-minus game, lose by two and think that's OK."

Vogel said Mercy began passing better in the closing set, with Bishop doing a nice job of finding Marian's blockers up front, while the Marlins used their size more effectively.

Coming off a state title, Vogel realized this year's group was different from the 2019 champion. She said that her players have each been respectful of their individual jobs, and that the teamwork makes a difference on the court.

To Bishop, that experience is what separates Mercy and what puts them on a path back to where the team ended the 2019 season.

"Coming from a season last year, that was the highest of the highs, that was the best thing to ever happen," Bishop said. "And we know what it's like, we know what it took to get there, so that's definitely going to help us out when we get later in the season."

"We have the composure, we have the senior leadership. ... We just need to make it happen mentally."

# Golf

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nine holes.

Tapp finished the front nine at two-over par, eventually getting her score down to one-over, while Campbell, who Skatzka said was playing the "best golf of her life" was two-over par in the front nine.

As the tournament neared its finish, South Lyon's lead shrunk to three strokes. Skatzka said the last four holes were played like match play, with each of his players struggling to hang on to or regain a lead over the player they were paired with.

"What made it even more stressful is that each girl literally had an up to the minute scoreboard in front of her with the scoring on her phone," Skatzka said. "As each girl waited to tee off at the next hole, they could see up to the minute scoring as they posted their score on their phone."

But Joseph closed it out, cementing

the victory for the Lions for the first state title in school history.

## Marian takes home Division 3 state title

After earning the program's first state title a season ago, Marian added to its trophy case Saturday, winning its second-straight Division 3 state championship with a 312, 15 points ahead of Lutheran North.

Marian senior Shannon Kennedy brought home her third individual state title in four years, tying Grand Rapids Christian's Ryann Breslin in regulation at 70 before securing the victory on the first playoff hole.

A senior-heavy group led the Mustangs back to another state title.

Seniors Lauren Sass (70), Sarah Kuredjian (81) and Laura Emerson (91) added to Marian's score, while junior Ashley Carrol shot an 82 to secure the victory.

Cranbrook Kingswood finished in fourth place with a 340, while Detroit Country Day finished in 12th place with a 380.



The South Lyon girls golf team captured the program's first-ever state title after 12 consecutive state final appearances. COURTESY OF DAN SKATZKA

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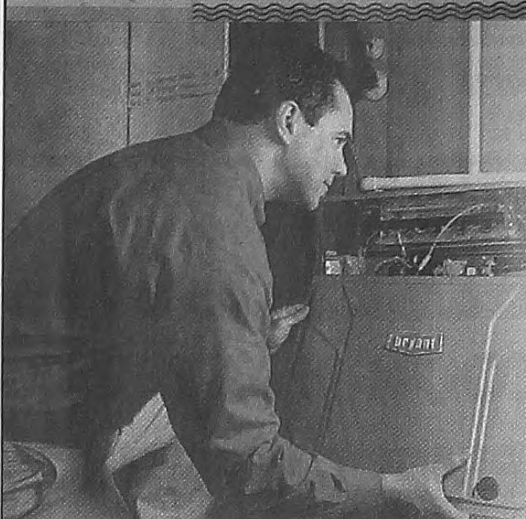
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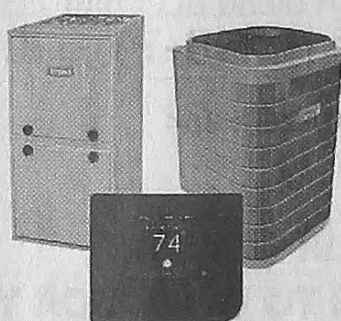


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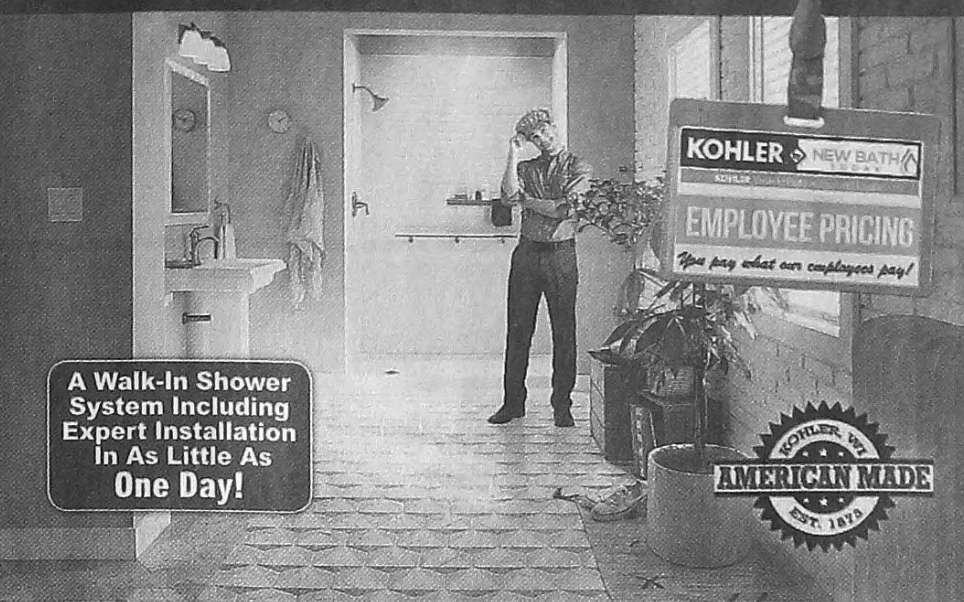
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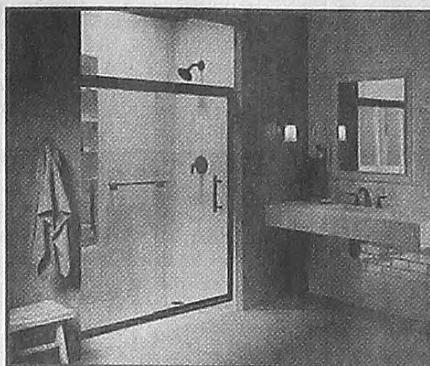
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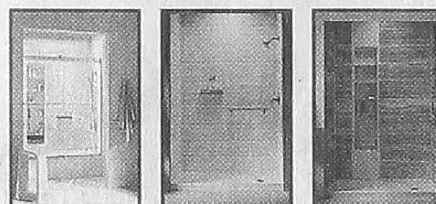
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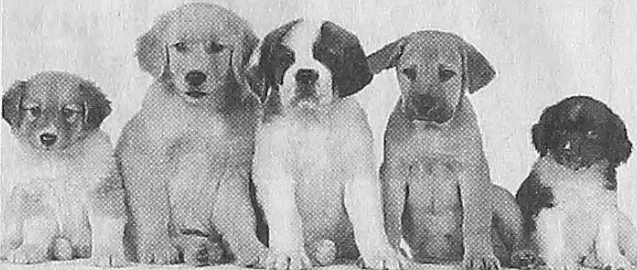
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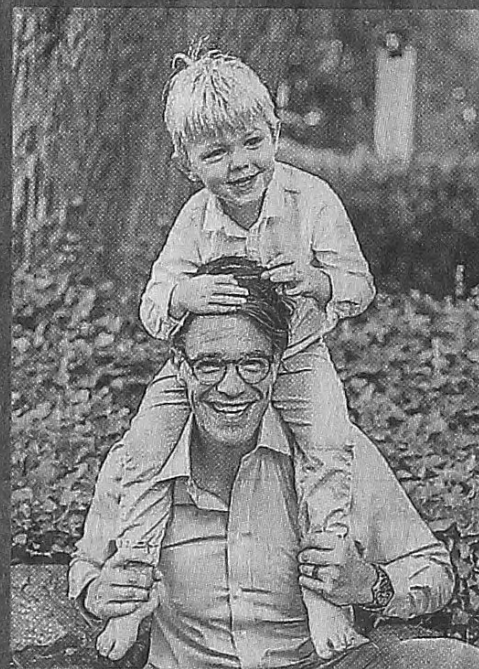
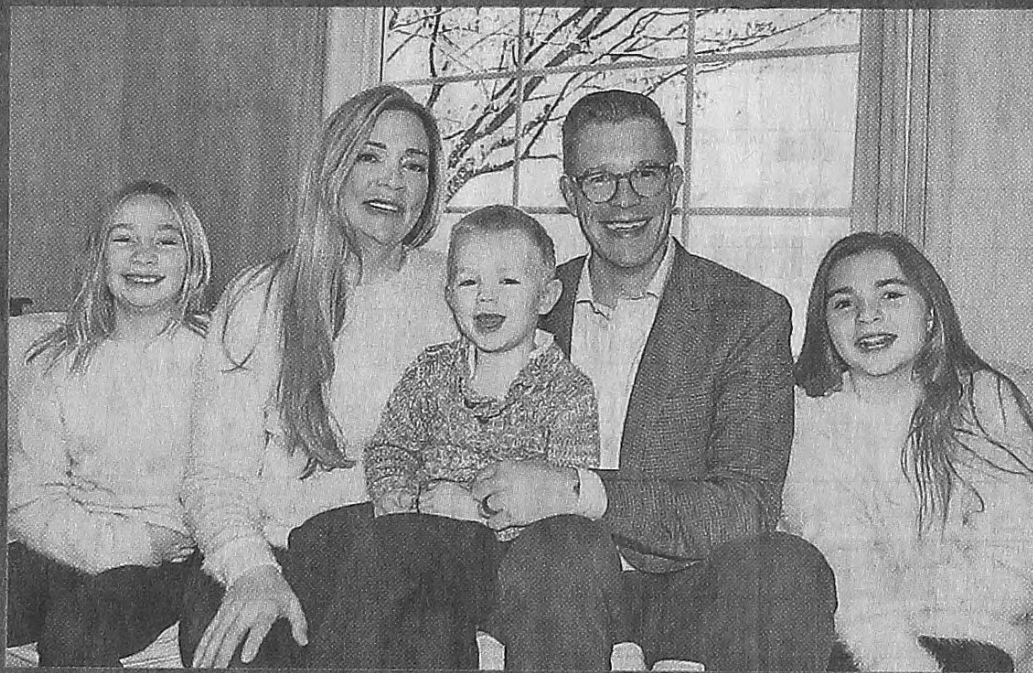
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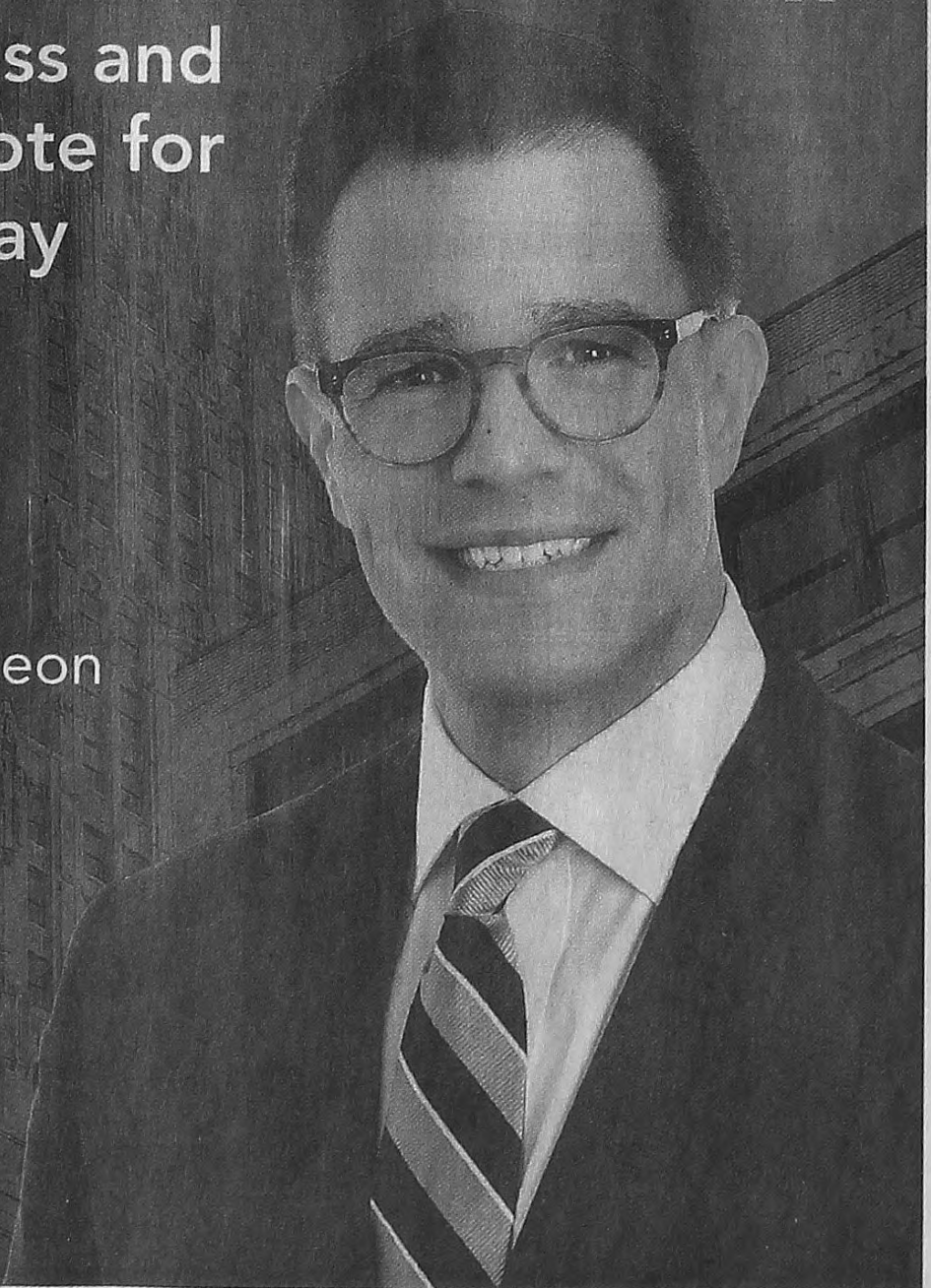
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