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## Founders Fest 2021 will return to downtown

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For at least the next two years, the annual Greater Farmington Founders Festival is headed back to downtown Farmington.

The beloved festival's fate was left up in the air this summer when the Greater

Farmington Chamber of Commerce, which has hosted the event for years, announced it would no longer be doing so.

Until a nonprofit, city commission or other group is formed to run the festival, the City of Farmington and the city's downtown development authority plan to take the reins for the 2021 and 2022

celebrations. In 2018, the festival made a partial departure from downtown, and the DDA is happy to have it back.

"We anticipate that it will be a smaller, high-quality production in the downtown footprint," Kate Knight, the director of the DDA, said. "Some of the traditional elements the community has grown to love over the past half century,

like the parade, the beer tent, some of the crafting elements ... are looking to resurface in this revival."

On Oct. 26, Farmington's city council voted to pay 360 Events and Promotions \$10,000 to organize and execute the 2021 event.

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KCS Advanced Machining Services employee Jack Burnie pauses from working on a machining system to describe how the Livonia company produces shoulder fittings, seen at left, for NASA spacesuits. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

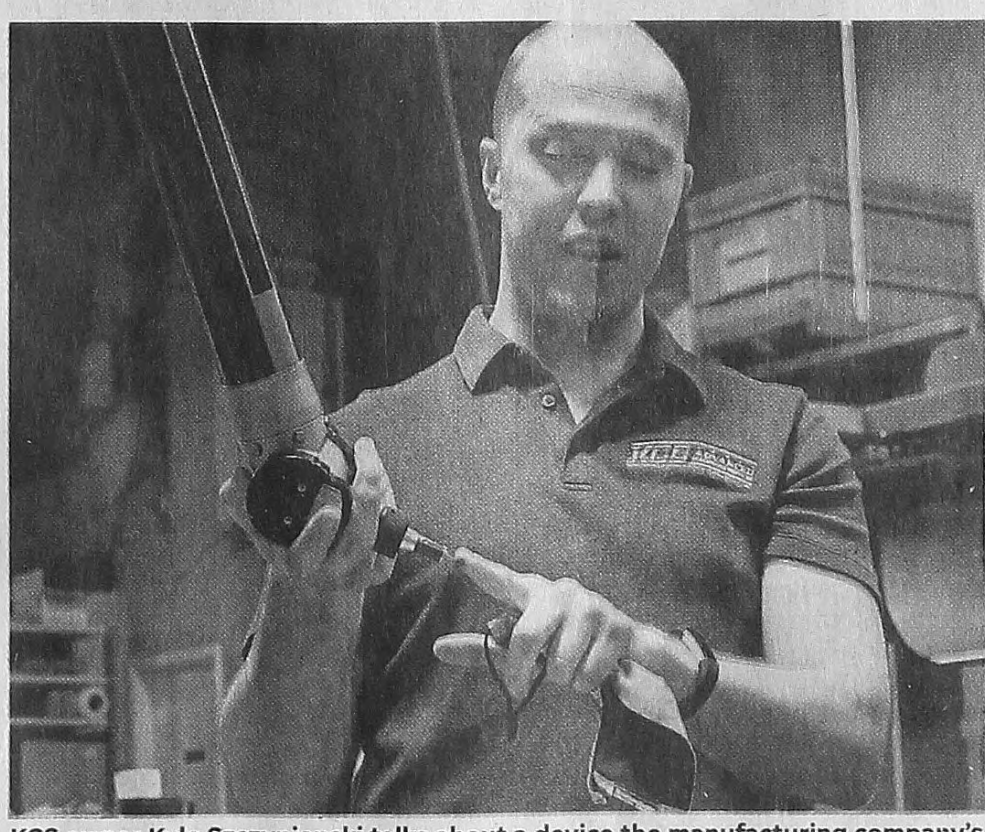
## Livonia company making components for spacesuits

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One Livonia company hopes its products can take a giant leap for mankind in the coming decade.

Inside a manufacturing facility in Livonia's industrial belt is KCS Advanced Machining Services, a company specializing in multi-axis CNC metal cutting. While the employees there have worked to create manifolds and other parts for vehicles, they have another exciting project currently taking place: building prototype spacesuits for a possible return to the moon.

The company, located off Farmington Road between Schoolcraft and the CSX Railroad tracks, has worked for several years on components for the new NASA 2.5 xEMU prototype spacesuit. Owner Kyle Szczypienski said they've worked on such prototypes for a few years, working on several components that would make up the suits that would replace older suits that date back to the



KCS owner Kyle Szczypienski talks about a device the manufacturing company's employees use to take precise laser measurements for making their products.

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## Turkey stops traffic, starts buzz across social media

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A few weeks before the most dreadful day imaginable for birds of its ilk, a cocky wild turkey is creating havoc for drivers in Canton and Plymouth townships — while at the same time becoming a social-media darling.

On several occasions since the beginning of October, the robust bird — one Facebook poster jokingly described it as bigger than her Honda CRV — has strutted boldly into the busy intersection of Beck and Joy roads and held up traffic for several minutes before eventually walking to safety on the side of the road.

While describing the bird's attitude as it fearlessly stands smack dab under the light at the intersection, a few Facebook posters have shared: "It looks at you as if you're the idiot."

Law enforcement has assisted in escorting the turkey out of the road on at least one occasion, according to a Facebook user Nikki Diatto.

"A police officer stopped to get it out of the road with its lights yesterday right by the high school on Beck," Diatto wrote. "That turkey is a trip! lol. It was totally mesmerized by the police lights."

Mike Scott shared an experience that reflected the bird's bravado ... or stupidity.

"I had a run in with him yesterday

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## Election results online

Tuesday was an important day for our country as voters across the nation cast ballots to decide elected leaders from U.S. president down to local school board. With local municipal clerks expecting record absentee ballot turnout, most election officials expected the counting process to take longer than normal.

Results of Tuesday's election were not available before this edition was sent to the printer. We hope the election results will be tallied in time for the Sunday print edition, and if so will be included then. In the meantime, visit [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com) to find the latest election results information in Oakland and Wayne counties.



Employees work at KCS Advanced Machining in Livonia. The company is currently making spacesuit components for NASA's planned return to the moon in 2024. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Company

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1980s. If everything goes according to plan, he said, it's possible parts manufactured in Livonia could make their way as a part of NASA's Artemis program that plans to send humans back to the moon in 2024.

"We're involved with the development of mankind exploring the universe," he said. "It's pretty sweet.

"It's a privilege and we love the challenge and we love the ability to say we're helping put people back on the moon."

The shop was opened by Szczypienski 10 years ago, first operating out of a much-smaller facility in Allen Park. As his operation grew, he began looking at his native Livonia and decided to move to the industrial belt several years ago.

The shop got involved through an unlikely channel for manufacturing: social media. A company looking for shops that could make the parts for the suit saw the Livonia company's work on Instagram and reached out.

"Through social media, I landed my no. 1 customer with the most potential and opportunity for growth in the histo-

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**Kyle Szczypienski**  
Owner, KCS Advanced Machining Services

ry of my business," the Stevenson High School alumnus said. "We're pretty young and modern so we advertise our services on social media because it's a pretty cool community for it."

They've been working on aspects of the spacesuits for several years. Szczypienski said they are currently building prototype parts before working on test suits. Only after both those phases are complete will they begin to make the suits expected to be worn for launch by astronauts.

"It's been scaling up," he said. "We're

expecting to start making production suits as we get closer to 2024."

He said they're one of two shops in the country able to make such products and the other was unable to find a regional firm. That's when they received a call to begin working on the components.

The work being done at the factory was highlighted during a legislative visit Oct. 29 where state and federal legislators came to see the work being done in Livonia.

Attracting more work like the space-suit development is something Szczypienski hopes continues. The company sees plenty of opportunities for aerospace work coming to Michigan in the future, especially given its engineering history.

Gordon Cole of KCS Advanced Machining Services said Michigan ranks 28th when it comes to receiving aerospace funding from the government. He and many others hope to see that change in the future.

"Places like Huntsville (Alabama) and (Los Angeles), they get a lot of this work and then they have to ship it here for the prototyping and the engineering," Cole said.

The Artemis program aims to return

humans to the moon after they last stepped foot on the heavenly body back in 1972. The \$28 billion initiative would see the first woman set foot on the moon. A dozen men have walked on the moon.

Space travel has gotten a boost in recent years with private development. With more money for space travel coming from the private sector, Szczypienski said, more can be done to further exploration of the heavens.

"At this point, it's in the free markets. It's not going to slow down," he said. "It's only going to pick up from here."

Szczypienski said he's had some difficulty finding people with the right skills to join his team, but is hopeful there's plenty of talent available in the area. He said he's excited to see the new facility for Schoolcraft College's manufacturing department open up in the city's industrial belt, a place that could lead to more talent to connect with.

"If you're motivated and you're hungry and you're focused, you can make cooler stuff than washers," Szczypienski said. "Anybody can learn to make washers. But we're making spacesuits."

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## Turkey

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on Beck near the Plymouth High School entrance," Scott posted. "Yup ... just looked at me like he wanted to challenge my F150!! lol."

Dwayne Kelly suggested the fowl may be looking for work.

"I think he is interviewing to be a crossing guard ... lol," Kelly joked.

Relatively speaking, turkeys have high IQs, according to [onegreenplanet.org](http://onegreenplanet.org).

"Turkeys are actually quite intelligent," an article titled "10 Reasons to

Love Turkeys" said. "They exhibit problem-solving behavior and are curious and inquisitive animals. They are always checking out new sights and smells."

Shahid Syed, who has had multiple encounters with the bird, posted: "It doesn't care what you think, feel or believe."

Judging by photos posted on Facebook, although the turkey does not wear a mask, it appears to be following social-distancing guidelines — a status it can only hope to continue on Thanksgiving Day and beyond.

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This wild turkey has been wreaking havoc for drivers on Beck Road in Plymouth. COURTESY OF SHAHID SYED

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## Festival

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360 Events approached the city to ensure "the show goes on" and previously helped the Chamber run the event.

While the DDA will technically host the event, it will have no part in planning or executing it. Knight explained the DDA no longer has the capacity to hold the multi-day event every year.

"We have no capacity to produce Founders Festival," she said. "So, at one point, maybe seven years ago, this was a DDA event. We had staff and a budget to producing, running and executing the Founders Festival. Since then, in particular after the Great Recession, there was a big retuning of the DDA office."

Though the DDA doesn't have the funds or staff to run Founders Festival itself, Knight said "we love to host." The office does produce smaller events in the city, including Art on the Grand and the Harvest Moon Festival. How-



The Greater Farmington Founders Festival will take place in downtown Farmington in 2021 and 2022. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ever, there are mixed feelings about having the massive Founders Festival downtown among business owners.

"We have merchants downtown who love it and depend on that festival week

for a large percentage of their sales and revenue with visitors returning to town and coming to town," Knight said. "They love it. We also have another big percentage that shut their doors, lock it up and leave town."

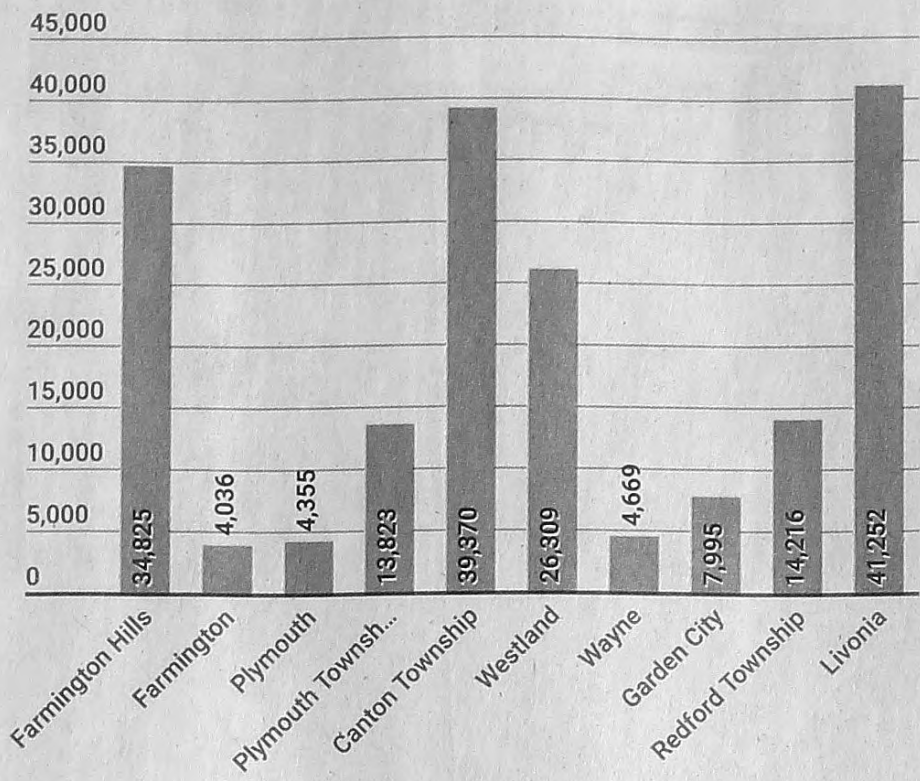
But, mixed opinions aside, Knight said the festival is a "community classic" and several city officials, namely Mayor Sara Bowman, were not about to let the beloved event go away on their watch.

As the 2021 and 2022 events pass by, officials will look to help form a group of community members who love the festival enough to make sure it happens every year.

"There's the expectation that during this two-year agreement, there will be a group formed. It could be a non-profit, it could be a commission of sorts, made up of community members who would then take it on and manage it," Knight said. "This is something that we see as a temporary holdover."

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Absentee ballots returned to clerks as of early Nov. 3. Absentee ballots not yet cast can be dropped off at clerk offices until 8 p.m. Tuesday.



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# Over 3 million absentee ballots cast in Michigan

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This year, the biggest polling place across Michigan appears to be voters' kitchen tables.

The state has recorded more than 3 million absentee ballots cast as of the morning of Election Day, according to information put out by the Secretary of State's office.

Another 2 million were expected to vote on Election Day, according to the state, leading to a potential record-setting day at the polls for the 2020 presi-

dential election.

Above is a breakdown of how many absentee ballots have been returned to clerks in the Hometown Life area as of Election Day morning, according to data released by the Secretary of State's office the morning of Election Day.

A total of 3,019,611 ballots across the region had already been cast by the time the polls opened Tuesday.

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# Meet six first-time voters

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Gwen Pinger stood in a long line outside Pierce Elementary School in Birmingham before the sun rose on Tuesday morning, waiting patiently to cast her first ballot ever.

"It's quite an election to be a first time voter," Pinger said, adding that she would mark Biden on her ballot, citing reasons including healthcare, LGBT rights and climate change. "I'm nervous about the outcome and I've been staring at the moon to calm me. I feel lucky to be participating and it feels like this election is just more important."

This is the first time Pinger, 18, could vote, but several other voters this election had passed up many previous opportunities and were inspired to cast their ballots for the first time in their 30s, 40s, and 50s.

Vicki Lobdell is among them. "This is my first time voting," the 52-year-old said. "I've been registered for years, but my kids are the ones who finally got me to vote."

She was given encouragement by Ari Bryant, 21, who joined her at the City of South Lyon municipal offices Monday to cast absentee ballots.

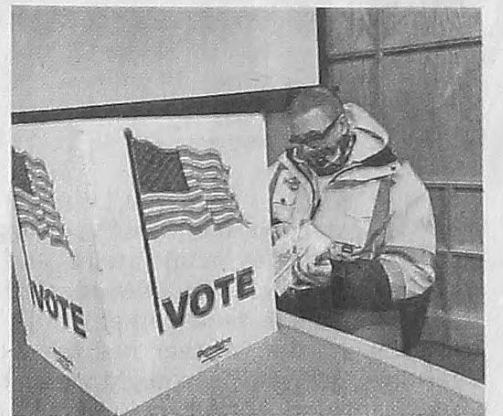
"It wasn't that hard to get her to vote," Bryant said. "If you're marginalized, your future depends on it."

Mike Gibson, 44, was also voting for the first time in his life Monday in South Lyon and wasn't sure what drove him to finally make his voice heard with a ballot.

"I feel like it's a mess, more so than ever," he said. "I feel like voting for once, but both (presidential candidates) are equally worthless. I'm voting for Trump, at least I know what I have with him. I don't know what I have with the others. They all lie, so it really doesn't matter."

Jason Liu, 21, of Novi, was excited to vote in his first presidential election. He is a senior at the University of Southern California, studying urban planning and public policy remotely and hopes to go into public service after graduation.

While he would have preferred Andrew Yang as the Democratic candi-



Mike Gibson, 44, voted for the first time in his life Monday. He cast his absentee ballot at the South Lyon municipal offices.

SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

date, he said he was excited to cast his first vote for president for Joe Biden, who aligns with the issues Liu believes are important.

He was also anxious. "It's important to turn out our generation to vote," he said. "The current administration is chaotic and dangerous for American democracy."

South Lyon resident Emily Wilson, 38, was not proud that Monday was her first time voting, but said she was driven to finally vote 20 years after she became legally eligible because she is unhappy with the current leadership.

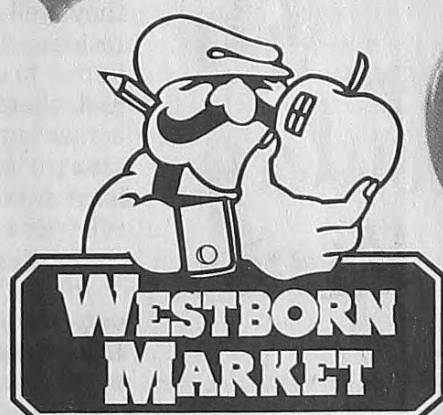
"The way I voted, I would like to see things go in a different direction," she said. "It's time to make a change."

Julia Palushaj, 24, was old enough to vote four years ago, but skipped it because she said she didn't feel informed. This go around, she knows a lot more and said she had done her research. Issues that are important to her include racial injustice, women's rights, the economy and affordable healthcare.

"With everything going on, I've learned a lot being home these last eight months," she said. "I'm voting for Biden. It's also a vote against Trump. I'm kind of nervous, but either way, we will live our daily lives tomorrow and this will all pass."

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# Cause of farmers market's success no mystery



**Walt Gajewski**  
Guest columnist

We've extended our season through Saturday. That's right. At a time of uncertainty and molten anxiety caused by either the pandemic or the polls, we will make room for one more market.

Amazingly, the weather has been our constant these days, giving us 25 straight weeks of dry, mostly sunny Saturdays. And Nov. 7 should continue the streak, being on pace for blue skies and mild temperatures.

The farmers have been blessed with a long growing season, and because of that, they still have good food to bring. So come to market this Saturday.

We all have our favorite movies, those we can watch over and over. One of mine is "Mystery, Alaska." In this fanciful story, everyone in the small town of Mystery comes out for the weekly Saturday pickup hockey game played on an open pond in the center of town. The players include such colorful locals as the town sheriff, the mayor, a grade-school teacher and the local judge.

The boys of Mystery are known to skate like the wind in this ritual of community life. Then a promoter arrives, offering to bring in the New York Rangers to play against them in an exhibition game.

The town quickly finds itself facing anxiety and the adrenaline rush of change along with the attendant fear of opening themselves up to the outside world. Every time I watch it, I find parallels between that Saturday game and our Saturday market, especially the last one.

It was 27 degrees and pitch black Halloween morning. Luckily, I was ready for the chill with Under Armour protection as well as hand warmers, foot warmers, gloves, hat, earmuffs and field coat. I parked at the Sundquist Pavilion and, following my headlamps, watched as volunteers and vendors already were getting ready for the day, working together in the darkness. I realized that, like the boys of Mystery taking part in the ritual of their Saturday game, we had our own ritual in a place that holds our pride and our passion. This is our community, and this is how we do things.

Across the many weeks of this storied market season, we the people – the patrons, civic leaders, farmers, vendors, volunteers and community sponsors – have faced up to the pandemic's challenges. With farmers markets designated by the state as essential businesses for bringing nutritional, locally grown food to the community, we have faced down the challenge of making a market every Saturday. Somehow we found new ways to keep ourselves safe during this



Farmington Farmers Market manager Walt Gajewski, left, shows off a special gift he received from volunteer Kevin Christiansen after the Oct. 31 market. COURTESY OF FARMINGTON FARMERS MARKET

time of national and global fear that has washed up on our own doorsteps.

Cold as it was Saturday, we dressed up for Halloween because – well, it was Halloween. And we wanted to bring smiles to the market.

Cold as it was, everyone stopped what they were doing to bend an ear when volunteer Kevin Christiansen stepped up to sing "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" because – well, you'd have to be from Michigan.

Together, the cast of characters that we are finds a way to stay warm, to bring warmth, to share warmth. We try, we try, we try, and we will keep trying.

Here's what farmer Kathy Fusilier said as she gave gift cards to the volunteers who set up and tear down each market: "We farmers are grateful for this market

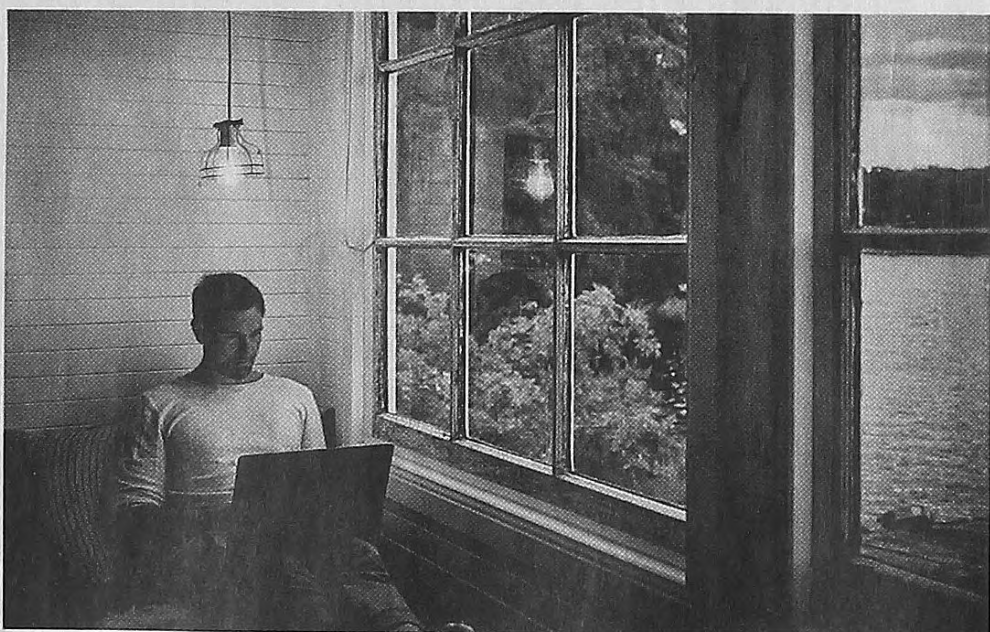
and for this community. We didn't know if we had a place to go (when the season started) or how we would feed our families. Today we know this is one of our best years. Thank you all."

Later Saturday evening, among a cast of market volunteers gathered for a small celebration, I was handed a bag and pulled out, of all things, a hockey jersey with a big "M" on the front. It was a replica of the captain's jersey from "Mystery, Alaska."

Thank you to the cast and crew of the Farmington Farmers Market. We couldn't have had this season without the work and support of all of you.

Until next time and as always, here's saying: "See you at the market."

Walt Gajewski is the Farmington Farmers Market manager.



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## What tax records should I keep?



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

### Dear Rick

My wife and I are selling our home and have bought a condominium. As we begin to pack, the question that has come up is what records, particularly our tax records, do I need to keep?

Basically, I have tax records for over 40 years. This includes my returns and all my backup information. I also have all my old brokerage statements. If it were up to me, I would get rid of all my old statements, but I'm not sure.

My question to you is what tax and financial records do I need to keep and what can I throw out?

Thank you, Kurt

### Dear Kurt

The great majority of documents you mentioned can be destroyed. That being said, the first issue I want to review is the destruction of the documents.

Whether it is old tax returns, bank statements

or brokerage statements, it is important that you dispose of these items in a proper manner. Even though these documents are old, they contain sensitive information.

Therefore, the only proper way to dispose of these items is to shred them. If you just throw the documents in the garbage, you have no idea what could happen.

When it comes to tax records, the IRS generally has to see records for the past three years in order to audit you. Therefore, at a minimum, you need to keep all your tax returns and backup documentation for at least a three-year period.

I generally recommend people keep their returns indefinitely, but they can shred all the backup documentation for anything more than three years old.

With regards to your brokerage statements, my general rule is that you no longer have to save them. Most brokerage firms keep copies of your statement indefinitely, and they also compute your cost basis.

Since 2011, brokerage firms are required to keep

track of your cost basis for stocks and for mutual funds.

Of course, there's nothing wrong with saving records longer than you have to. If for some reason it gives you peace of mind, why not? However, for people who are moving, it provides an excellent opportunity to prune those files.

I believe it makes sense for everyone to go through their files and to prune them out. Sometimes people save so much information that if they needed something, they couldn't find it. Therefore, the old adage, less is more, probably applies in this situation.

For those of you who are tech savvy, you may wish to consider converting your documents to electronic files and storing them in the cloud.

One last note, and that is on your homes. As long as you own your home, you need to save the documents not only with regards to the purchase, but also any related to home improvements.

These documents can be useful when you sell the home in calculating your cost basis. For most people there will not be a capital gains tax when they sell their primary residence. However, we know tax laws change and therefore, when it comes to your home, I say save the documents for at least three years after you sell your home.

Good luck.

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# Wayne-Westland students will learn virtually until 2021

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools is the latest district to decide to keep an online format for a little longer.

At a meeting Oct. 29, the district's board of education voted unanimously to delay returning all students and staff to in-person learning until after Jan. 19, 2021. As that date nears, the district will

look at local coronavirus case data to make a final decision.

Superintendent John Dignan noted the online format's consistency as COVID-19 cases in the county are back on the rise. The district has originally planned to bring students and staff back to buildings Monday, Nov. 9.

"It provides stability," Dignan said of online learning. "Routines have been established and there's stability for all

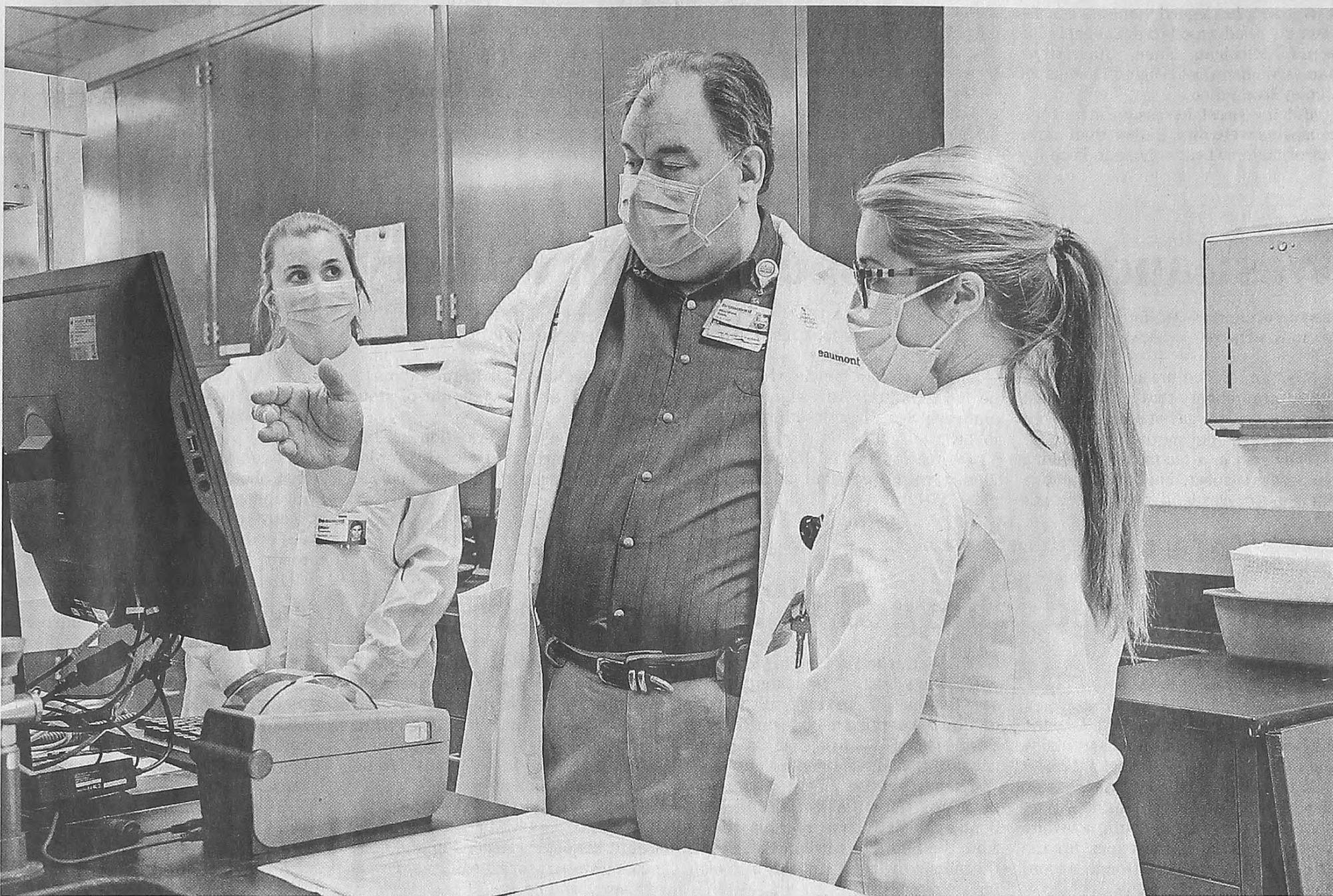
those involved."

In the meantime, the district will continue an effort to aid students' mental health as they continue to stay home. Dignan said the online model has, for the most part, been successful and helps keep everyone healthy.

"We think that this has been a pretty good model thus far," he said. "It's not perfect, but it's meeting the needs of staff and students."

When students and staff do return to classrooms, the district will offer an all-online program for those who want it. The board of education will hear more details on the administration's plan at its final scheduled meeting of 2020 on Dec. 14.

"We may think we set the timelines, but this pandemic dictates what the timeline is going to be," Dignan said. [stankersle@hometownlife.com](mailto:stankersle@hometownlife.com)



Jillian Trueman, left, Dr. Matthew Sims, and Leah Fontana discuss the results of validation testing on new testing equipment. COURTESY OF BEAUMONT HEALTH

# Doctors prepare for winter as COVID-19 patient cases rise

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Winter is coming, and with it there are both good and bad tidings from local doctors on the frontline of the pandemic.

The bad news: COVID-19 hospitalizations are on the rise at hospital systems operating in metro Detroit.

The good news: As of now it isn't anywhere close to as bad as it was in early April, and there is reason to believe the numbers can be kept at a "manageable" level as people move indoors to escape the cold.

"It is drastically down from the spring, but drastically up from June," Dr. Matthew Sims, infectious disease specialist at Beaumont, said. "I think it is going to go up, but throughout the state. It's not near what the hospitals were at in April, but it's going up in a time where you will be indoors and people will try to find other ways to deal with life in a pandemic, but indoors you are limited with social distancing. And now flu and other respiratory viruses are in the mix."

Sims is urging everyone to get a flu vaccine.

From March 29 to April 5, Beaumont Health was treating 1,200-1,300 COVID-19 patients per day systemwide. That caseload continued until about April 10-12 before beginning to drop.

The number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients systemwide throughout Beaumont was about 200 on Oct. 25, including both confirmed and suspected cases.

According to statewide data, as of Oct. 27 1,313 adults were hospitalized throughout Michigan with confirmed COVID-19. Another 235 were hospitalized with suspected COVID-19.

Other hospital systems in the Hometown Life area tallied varying numbers of COVID-19 patients: Ascension has 182 confirmed COVID-19 patients, including 53 in ICU; Detroit Medical Center (which includes Huron Valley-Sinai), admitted 50 confirmed COVID-19 patients, 13 in

ICU; and Trinity Health has 125 COVID-19 patients, 14 of which are intensive care.

Dr. Matthew Griffin, chief medical officer at St. Mary Mercy, part of Trinity Health, noted that across the nation, COVID-19 cases are increasing. At the Livonia hospital, there were 10 confirmed COVID-19 patients hospitalized on Oct. 27, and an additional seven under investigation.

"This is very good; we are very pleased," he said. "Our highest day ever with COVID was around 200, early in April... We've seen an uptick in the last two weeks, compared to a baseline that was staying between three to six. We have to work really hard to make sure this isn't the beginning of something bigger. This is manageable. Zero would make us very happy, but 200 is a crisis mode, a disaster mode."

## Spring vs. fall in pandemic battle

Both Sims and Griffin cite some key advances that will help in the fight against COVID-19. At the forefront, increasing knowledge that has led to more effective treatments and prevention.

Prone, in which COVID-19 patients are placed on their stomachs, rather than their back, is one practice that helps.

Remdesivir, an anti-viral medication, is shortening the duration of COVID-19 infections and emptying hospital beds quicker as a result, although Sims said it hasn't decreased the mortality rate. Steroid use has also proven beneficial as a treatment. Neither were used in the beginning of the crisis.

More commonly used in the spring were ventilators, but doctors are not as quick to put patients on ventilators now.

"We try to leave them off the ventilators now because we learned that people don't do well on the vent," Sims said. "There are various reasons, but it doesn't help the way we thought it would, so now you leave them off as long as you can."

According to state data, as of Oct 27,

146 hospitalized COVID-19 patients were on ventilators.

"There are a lot of things we have learned, but there is still no magic bullet," Sims noted. "We have better ideas of how to treat, but we still don't have a cure or a really good treatment."

## Public plays key role

The biggest key to keeping COVID-19 cases and deaths at bay lies not inside the hospital with medical professionals, but with the general public, who doctors are counting on to protect those most at risk by wearing masks, social distancing and frequently washing hands.

Griffin notes that there is fatigue surrounding the virus, right at the time when the danger of the pandemic is increasing as social gatherings more indoors and the holidays approach.

"People want it to be done," he said. "Most everyone predicts we will have an uptick because of those things, but there are also signs that we should see as hopeful. We understand the virus better; we know how it is transmitted."

Griffin urges everyone to avoid large indoor groups or inviting visitors into their homes and maintains hope that by next summer, "we will have (COVID-19) under better control, especially if an immunization comes along."

A safe, effective vaccine, when identified, he stressed, won't be a quick resolution. Another three to six months of strict adherence to masks and social distance will assist in keeping us from "a dark winter," perhaps even a mild flu season as seen in Australia in the southern hemisphere, which is about to exit winter. Still, he notes that country was much stricter on gatherings and mask-wearing.

## School is brutal

Griffin and Sims both noted the difference in age groups that are currently experiencing the spread of COVID-19. While the elderly and those with comorbidities including lung disease, heart

disease, diabetes, and obesity are more at risk, it is currently spreading among the young, including students.

Griffin called school a "brutal, challenging scenario."

"School-aged kids spread all the viruses, they are sicker in their first five years of school than all the rest," he said. "We all value an in-person education, but not at the risk of causing illness to students, their teachers and their families... We see how nimble children are, one year (loss of in-person education) won't matter in the end. It will matter if a child gets ill and has harm, or parents get ill, or the grandparents get ill and die."

Sims, who has two children in the Troy School District and has addressed the school board, agreed and said "school has been a sore point."

"The concept of hybrid is reasonable if it can be done well," he said. "The problem is schools are basically ignoring social distancing, schools aren't built for a social distance of six feet. ... I know kids don't get as sick, but teacher do and families do. It's not just about schools, but families."

## Holidays on hold

Both doctors are planning to celebrate the upcoming holidays with just the family members who live in their homes and seeing extended family virtually only.

"We will talk about how much we disliked this year, but it won't be defining of our life," said Griffin, who has nine siblings. "This will be the year that was lousy and we didn't like, but one we will look back on as we got through it and took care of our people and not something worse that ruins all future Christmases and Thanksgivings."

Sims notes that we are living in an age with technology to help us through, unlike the flu pandemic of 1918.

"This is a once in a century pandemic," he said. "These are extraordinary times, we are in the middle of history, a part of it, and it's a scary place to be."

# New judge grew up in Wayne's Little Ireland

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Judge Breeda O'Leary knew from a young age she wanted to become a lawyer.

"Let me make my point," she'd beg her mother.

Encouraged to pursue these professional dreams, she adopted her mother's strong work ethic, excelled academically at St. Mary's Catholic school and, in her 13th year, got her first job at Northside Hardware.

She kept her legal dreams alive while attending Ladywood High School in Livonia, Michigan State University's James Madison College and Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

But the Great Recession meant job prospects were dim. Rather than move out of state, O'Leary chose to keep in-

tering for Judge Jim Plakas in Plymouth's 35th District Court.

"My thought was go back there, work for him, because, at least then I'm meeting attorneys," she said. "I'm in the legal field. I'm creating opportunities for myself."

That decision likely put her on the path to where she is today, presiding over Wayne's 29th District Court.

O'Leary met an attorney from the Fausone Bohn firm while working in Plakas' courtroom and scored an interview for an opening. With the firm for about a decade, she served as Wayne's city attorney and Westland's assistant city attorney and prosecuted district court cases in both cities.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer called to offer a judgeship June 3 and O'Leary was sworn in June 8.

O'Leary said the transition from has



O'Leary

been seamless because of her locally established professional experiences. O'Leary said the only serious challenges were related to adaptations for COVID-19.

O'Leary, who is running unopposed in the November election to complete retired Judge Laura Mack's term that would expire Jan. 1, 2025, plans to keep outreach programs that Mack backed to support the community, like mental health court.

"I want people to know they have a new judge. I want them to become familiar with who their new judge is," O'Leary said.

O'Leary hopes 29th District Court visitors will remember she's a lot like them. She grew up not far from Michigan Avenue, in a neighborhood affec-

tionately known as "Little Ireland." She and her family live in Wayne.

"Judges need to be fair," O'Leary said. "They need to be ethical and have integrity and hold themselves to the highest standard of conduct. ... As long as I conduct myself in a professional, ethical manner and I treat all people fair, I'm not worried about anything else."

Barbara O'Leary is proud of her daughter, who adopted her strong work ethic and turned her sacrifices into responsible choices and opportunities for a better life.

"She's my pride and joy," she said.

O'Leary has served as an advisory board member of the Families Against Narcotics' Northwest Wayne County Chapter, a member of the Wayne 100 Club, vice president of Wayne Main Street, and a member of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan.

## Westland police suspect five in robbery

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com  
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Westland police are investigating a strong-arm robbery that happened last month outside a gas station near Ford and Hix roads.

They said in a report several young people are suspected in the assault of a 63-year-old Westland man at the gas

station at 4 p.m. Oct. 17.

They apparently took his wallet and prescription sunglasses.

The males and female who are suspected apparently arrived in three separate vehicles. Their descriptions are as follows:

- A newer model Black Hyundai Elantra with a possible partial license plate DXN.

- A dark-colored Chevrolet Traverse, about a decade old, with an out-of-state license plate.

- A silver Nissan Rogue, about a decade old, also with an out-of-state license plate.

Anyone with information or the ability to identify the people in the pictures are asked to call Westland police, 734-467-3194.

## Shot fired at deputy driving to work in Livonia

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Livonia police are seeking information about a Saturday night shooting involving an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy driving to work on Interstate 96 between Merriman and Farmington roads.

Deputies said there was no apparent interaction or altercation prior to the 8 p.m. incident, where a blue Mercury Milan pulled up alongside the off-duty deputy driving his own vehicle.

The Mercury Milan driver - a Black man in his mid-20s to early 30s with hair to his shoulders and a light, scruffy beard - fired one shot at the deputy, striking the other car, law enforcers said in a Facebook report.

Those with information are asked to call 734-466-2470 or Crime Stoppers of Michigan, 1-800-SPEAK-UP.

A \$1,000 reward is being offered, and tipsters can remain anonymous.

## Man arrested, charged in Livonia carjacking

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Livonia police have arrested a man they say committed a carjacking outside Leo's Coney Island on Schoolcraft.

They said in a police report they were dispatched to the restaurant at 9 p.m. Oct. 25 because a man wearing a white Adidas tracksuit with stripes up the sides had stolen a gold Honda Accord from a man waiting outside.

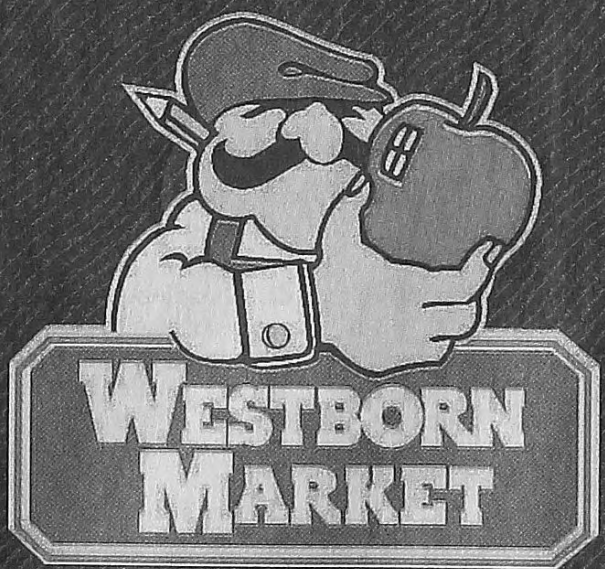
The victim had arrived to pick up his wife, who works at the restaurant. He saw the man in the track suit walking around the parking lot and surrounding businesses. He had moved his car because of a "bad feeling in his gut."

The suspect then emerged from a line of nearby trees, walked past the husband's vehicle and ran up to his window from the rear. The husband told police the man in the track suit was brandishing a 9 mm pistol.

The gunman told the husband to get out of the car. The victim complied, and the man left, driving the stolen car east on Schoolcraft.

Michigan State Police troopers arrested the suspect - Thomas Joseph Adams, 20 - soon after.

He has been arraigned on four felony charges in Livonia's 16th District Court: carjacking, receiving and concealing stolen property, unlawful driving away, and fleeing.



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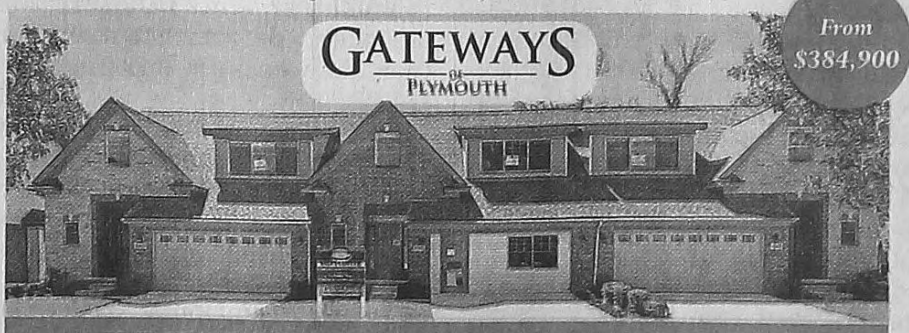
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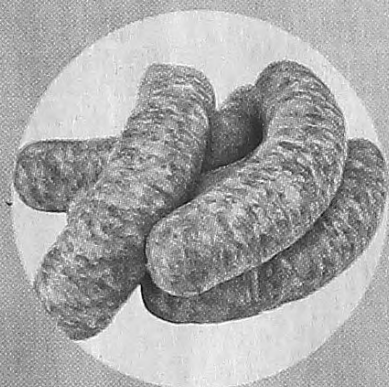
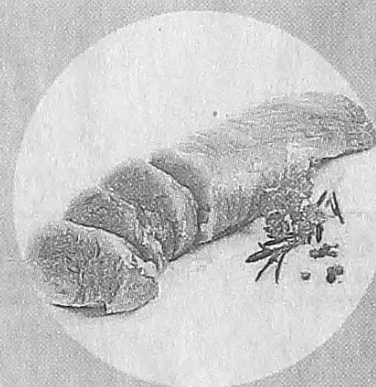
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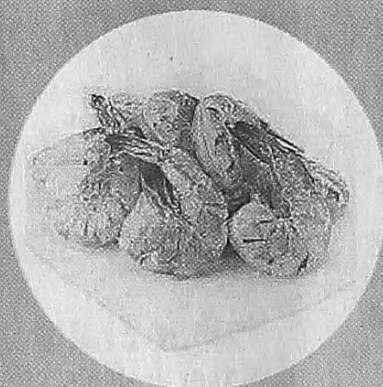
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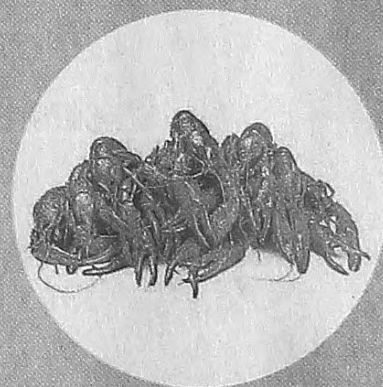
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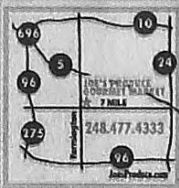


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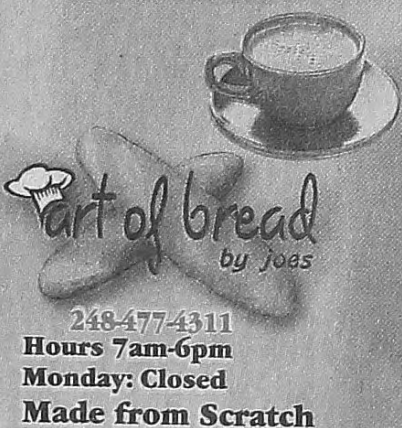
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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Stevenson thumps John Glenn to open playoffs

**Ben Szilagyi** Special to Hometownlife.com  
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Livonia Stevenson will be playing November football. It's a thought that dodged the Spartans for 11 years, but it was always a goal since coach Randy Micallef lay before his team.

"It's an exciting opportunity. These kids have grown up together, most of them playing little league or against each other in little league. They're a close group," he said. "They've heard of the opportunity (to play in November) since freshman year, what it means, and the expectations it takes to get there." After Friday night's 49-13 victory over

Westland John Glenn, the goal became a reality for the first time since 2009. Stevenson will face Canton, who beat Wayne Memorial, 42-8, in the district semifinals, on Nov 6. "Great accomplishment for our kids. They worked hard, and set goals in the off-season," Micallef added. "With everything that happened this summer,

and the ups and downs, having a season, not having a season, for them to get an opportunity to advance in the playoffs is the big thing. "We have some traditions here, and that's one of them that they wanted to build upon."  
**See STEVENSON, Page 2B**



Novi quarterback Luke Aurilia hands off to Alexander Vargas at Brighton on Friday. The Wildcats won, 41-27. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

# Novi defies record in win over Brighton

**Bill Khan** Livingston Daily  
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BRIGHTON — Records can be deceiving, especially in the year of COVID. Technically, Novi entered the state football playoffs as a 2-4 team, but one of those losses was a forfeit to Brighton when the teams' Week 1 game was can-

celed because of coronavirus cases at Novi. Another loss, this one on the field, was a three-point decision to unbeaten KLAA West champion Canton. So, given an opportunity to finally face Brighton, this time in a first-round Division 1 district game, Novi coach Jeff Burnside stressed that his team be-

longed on this stage. The Wildcats certainly looked the part, coming away with a 41-27 victory Friday night over a Brighton team that played in the state championship game a year earlier while Novi went 2-7. "As I told my kids this week, this is a playoff-caliber team in a normal year; I think this team earns its way in," Burn-

side said. "Our record says we're 2-4. One of the losses we never played, so I had a hard time accepting the fact we were 2-4. I wanted to make clear to our kids this was a playoff team. They played like a playoff team tonight. They deserved to be there."  
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# Howell wins over Hartland on late pass

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HARTLAND — It was a mistake that would have haunted Nolan Petru until next fall.

Instead, the regret he felt for fumbling near the goal line when Howell was on the verge of closing out Hartland was brief.

Given a shot at redemption after Howell recovered a fumble with 1:46 remaining, Petru threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Jackson Kovarik with 22.4 seconds left in the game to give the Highlanders a 21-16 victory over Hartland on Friday night in a first-round Division 1 playoff game.

"This is my dream," Petru said. "I've been dreaming of it every single day for my entire life. It came true. It's awesome."

The dream was nearly a nightmare. Howell was leading 13-9 and had second-and-goal on the 1-yard line midway through the fourth quarter. A touchdown would have almost certainly sealed the victory for the Highlanders in a tight defensive struggle, but Petru fumbled with 6:35 left in the game.

Howell wound up getting a safety on the next play when Hartland quarterback Holden D'Arcy was called for intentional grounding in the end zone while being wrapped up by linebacker Danny Honkala, the defensive star of the game.

But the Eagles were still down only six points and got the ball back after a three-and-out. It took Hartland only four plays to go 41 yards and take the lead on a 2-yard run by D'Arcy and Nathan Dibert's extra point with 3:40 left in the game.

When Hartland defensive back Isaac Elmore intercepted a pass with 2:13 left, the Eagles were in a great position to secure the victory. But on fourth-and-1 from Howell's 34-yard line, D'Arcy fumbled the ball and Honkala recovered it to give the Highlanders new life with 1:46 to go at their own 38.

"My defense was just going and ripping the ball," Honkala said. "I saw the ball on the ground, went and grabbed it and started running. I had faith in my

offense."

The game-winning touchdown doesn't happen if Honkala doesn't come through with a 20-yard catch on fourth-and-13 with 55.8 seconds left. Three plays later, Petru spotted a wide-open Kovarik heading to the end zone.

After focusing so much of their attention on containing Kovarik, who had two touchdown catches against Hartland in Howell's regular-season victory, the Eagles left him uncovered on the right side of the field on the winning touchdown.

After three incomplete passes by Hartland on the final possession, the Highlanders had their first postseason victory since reaching the third round in 2010. Howell (4-3) will travel to Lakeland (6-0) for a district semifinal game.

"It's about belief in this game," Howell coach Brian Lewis said. "It's about coming together, believing in each other, believing in the team. That's what our guys did tonight. That's what we really talked about this week was going back to having fun, going back to believing in each other, going back to being who we are."

Hartland struck first when sophomore running back Joey Mattord took a screen pass from D'Arcy and scored on a 46-yard play with 7:01 left in the first quarter.

While Howell's offense struggled, Honkala got the Highlanders on the board when he returned a fumble for a touchdown to tie it 6-6 with 11:35 left in the second quarter.

An interception by Marcus Chidester gave Howell the ball at Hartland's 38-yard line with 45.3 seconds left in the first half. As time expired in the half, Petru threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Ashton Hill to give Howell a 13-9 halftime lead.

Hartland coach Brian Savage summed up the game in one word.

"Turnovers," he said. "Our defense played great all night," he added. "We were three-and-out all night long. On offense, we couldn't get it going. We couldn't score points. If we could score points, it would've been a different game."



Pinckney quarterback Luke Lovell threw for 162 yards and two touchdowns in a 38-14 playoff loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's.  
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# Pinckney can't stop O.L. St. Mary's ground game

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PINCKNEY — Losing is never easy, especially when coming to grips with the finality of a loss in the state playoffs.

But things could have been worse for Pinckney and every other football team in Michigan this fall.

Just two months ago, it looked like there wouldn't be a fall football season at all.

So, even though the Pirates lost 38-14 to traditional power Orchard Lake St. Mary's in a first-round Division 3 playoff game Friday night, at least they got to compete.

That's the perspective Pinckney coach Rod Beaton took when assessing the end of a 4-3 season.

"I'm thinking back to March when everything hit, trying to keep our kids together, keeping everything going that we do," Beaton said. "To be in the spot we were, I think we did the best we could with the situation."

"For me, I'm just so happy our kids got to have a season. Obviously, it's not the way we wanted it to end. I couldn't ask for a better group of kids, better group of coaches, better school and community to be in."

"We had a wonderful time. I had an absolute blast with these kids. I'm happy that they got to have football; that's the No. 1 thing. For me, that's a win in and of itself."

St. Mary's came in with a 1-3 record, but the Eaglets play in the tough De-

troit Catholic League and were listed in the state rankings early in the season. They missed their last two games because of COVID-19 cases.

Pinckney hung tough for nearly a full half, trailing only 21-14 until giving up a field goal to end the first half.

Luke Lovell connected with Caleb Wardlow on passes of 40 and 30 yards for Pinckney's two touchdowns.

The Pirates allowed a 60-yard touchdown run 48 seconds into the second half and one more touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter.

"We caused a fumble and didn't recover it," Beaton said. "They put the ball on the turf on the first play after the half. It was like the next play they took it 60 yards to the house. Who knows what kind of swing that would've been? We would have had the ball at their 40 coming out of the half."

The Eaglets ran for 401 yards and passed only five times, completing one for 34 yards.

"We knew coming in this was not a 1-3 football team," Beaton said. "They were very big, very physical up front. Our kids were fighting tooth and nail, giving it every single thing we had. We just could not stop the run."

Wardlow caught four passes for 80 yards and two touchdowns. Lovell was 14-for-21 for 162 yards and two touchdowns. Bryce White ran 10 times for 45 yards.

Junior defensive end Charlie Lovell was in on 13 tackles, while senior safety Jack Trachet was in on 11.

# Stevenson

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## Quest for 2000

The night started with another quest: senior running back Caden Woodall's quest for 2000 yards. Entering the night, Woodall was at 1,581 on the season, but was humble about the opportunity.

"Maybe a little. My main goal every week is to come out with a win," he said. "If the numbers come with it, that's good. I just want to come out and lay it all on the line every game for my team."

Woodall started the night with a 73-yard touchdown run on the very first play from scrimmage when he burst through the right side of his line, and outran three Rocket players for a 7-0 score 37 seconds into the game.

Woodall dominated the game with five touchdowns on 20 carries, and amassed 342 yards in the process. He had three touchdowns in the first quarter, including a 53-yard and 20-yard score. He added two more in the third quarter of 3 yards and 55 yards.

"Nothing surprises me. His football IQ is tremendous," Micallef said of his star running back. "He'll notice things on the field and say if we do this or this, I might have a better opportunity."

"That's the type of kid he is. That's why his teammates try so hard for him,

because he does the same for them."

Woodall finished the game with 1,923 yards and 30 touchdowns in only seven games played for the Spartans on the season.

Even with the game in hand, his offensive line politicked for the opportunity to have Woodall stay in the game and block for the record achievement.

"They take a lot of pride in it. They were politicking on the sidelines to have him get the mark tonight," Micallef said. "Our linemen have worked hard for this. They're not the biggest or the fastest or the strongest, but they understand what they have to do to give him enough room to run."

Stevenson also got scores from senior Laim Nolan on a 17-yard run in the second quarter, and 75-yard touchdown run from junior Matt Gazzarato late in the fourth quarter.

## Grounded Rockets

John Glenn (2-5) couldn't muster much on offense.

The Spartan made it hard to sustain a drive, and forced two turnovers with interceptions by senior Jake Mars and junior Quincy Salter. The defense also forced multiple three-and-outs, and even had a goal line stand to keep Glenn scoreless in the first quarter.

The Rockets began to move the ball when it lost its starting quarterback in Aaron Rieskamp to an injury. Nick Wetmore provided a spark on offense



John Glenn senior Jaylon Fulwood avoids a tackle from Patrick Coughlin.  
TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

through the air including a 54-yard pass that helped set up a 12-yard touchdown run by Troy White that cut into the lead, 28-6, with 1:24 left in the half.

He also threw a 13-yard touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter to Patrick Bowie on the final Rocket drive of the game.

# Novi

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In our league, there are no weeks off. Good teams come out of our league. Our league is a top-three league in the state overall."

With the game scoreless in the first quarter, the teams combined for three touchdowns in a 33-second span.

Novi's Maurice Langford scored on a 5-yard run, Brighton's Nick Nemecek responded with a 70-yard run and Novi quarterback Luke Aurilia countered with a 39-yard run to give the Wildcats a 13-6 lead.

Novi built its lead to 27-6 by halftime

on a 5-yard run by Alexander Vargas and a 1-yard run by Aurilia in the second quarter.

"They gave us fits in the first half," Brighton coach Brian Lemons said. "We just couldn't execute on defense at all. A couple bad bounces here and there on offense kept us out of the end zone. We came out and made some good adjustments defensively at halftime. We made it a lot tougher on those guys on offense."

Brighton charged back to make a game of it in the second half.

After a scoreless third quarter, a 10-yard run by Nemecek with 9:32 left and a 48-yard touchdown pass from John Aurandt to Owen Ehman with 8:37 remaining got the Bulldogs within 27-20.

The Bulldogs forced Novi to punt on its next possession, but Cameron Bloom nailed a punt out of bounds at the 2-yard line to put Brighton in the shadow of its own end zone. The backbreaking play for the Bulldogs came two plays later on a fumble in the end zone that was recovered by Tyler Patrick with 5:28 left in the game.

"That's tough to come back from mistakes like that," Lemons said. "But we kept fighting down to the last couple minutes."

Novi expanded its lead to 41-20 on a 3-yard run by Langford with 2:51 left. Brighton completed the scoring on a 35-yard pass from Aurandt to Mason McGuire with 2:44 remaining.

The Wildcats gained 461 yards and

scored five touchdowns on 46 carries. Aurilia threw only four times, completing one pass for 29 yards. Langford had 215 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries, Aurilia had 168 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries, and Isiah Washington had 68 yards on four carries.

"The opponents we face in our league, there's not a big gap between the teams," Lemons said. "You're facing some tough players every week. Novi did a great job."

Nemecek had 144 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries to lead Brighton (4-3). Tegan Kogler had 10 tackles for the Bulldogs.

Novi's Niko Krall had 11 tackles, including 5.5 for losses and two sacks.

## Novi, Northville, Farmington boys lead cross country regionals

The regional competition saw a lot of strong times among the competitors.

Tenth-ranked Novi won the boys meet with 46 points. Ninth-ranked Northville was close behind with 49 points, followed by Farmington with 93.

By finishing in third place or better, Novi, Northville, and Farmington all advanced to next Friday's MHSAA Division 1 State Final meet at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

All seven boys on the Northville cross country team ran season best times Friday in the MHSAA Division 1 Region 8 race at Detroit's Chandler Park Golf Course.

"When you look at the finishing times and see that each guy on our team ran a season best, as a coach there's not a whole lot more you can ask for," Northville coach Tim Dalton said.

Peter Baracco of Farmington was the 5,000-meter individual champion in a time of 15 minutes, 32 seconds.

Northville's Jacob Meek battled with Miles Brown of Novi throughout the race before Brown pulled away in the final mile to finish in third place with a time of 15:45.

Meek took fourth in 15:54.

"We went out quick and we had a really good second mile," Meek said of his race. "I knew he (Brown) was a good finisher, so for me it was just about stay-

ing as close as I could to stay ahead of Novi's second guy."

Jake Bulat continued his impressive season for the Mustangs finishing the race in 10th place in 16:15. Matthew Krahe (12th, 16:23), Nathan Hayes (13th, 16:24), Brandon Latta (15th, 16:26), Max Uphaus (16th, 16:30), and Brady Heron (22nd, 16:35), completed the Northville lineup.

Six of the Northville boys finished the race in career-best times, but the final results left an unfulfilled feeling throughout the team.

"We lost by three points," Bulat said. "It just came down to a few shirts and that happens sometimes but I think we all did pretty well, a lot of PRs (personal records)."

The day was a mixed bag for Meek, who was proud of his team's performance but was hoping for a different outcome.

"We came here to win. We got close," said Meek. "Novi had a really good race. We all put everything out there and that was the biggest goal. We knew that at the end of the day we can't control what the other teams do, but we can control what we do and I think we did a good job with that today. We've competed with some of the best in the state and we feel like we can compete with anybody."

## Churchill volleyball withdraws from postseason after COVID-19 case

Philip Allmen [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Livonia Churchill's volleyball postseason ended before it even got started.

Churchill Athletic Administrator Marc Hage said one of the players on the varsity roster tested positive for COVID-19. Other athletes in the program are required to quarantine.

The Chargers were scheduled to take on Garden City High at Divine Child High School on Monday in the MHSAA volleyball district opener.

Hage said he was contacting sports officials about "our unfortunate intent to withdraw from the MHSAA District Volleyball tournament effective immediately," he wrote.

As of Monday morning, Livonia Public Schools said on its website 14 students have tested positive for the coronavirus since Oct. 12. That includes three students at Churchill High.

"I respect and admire the entire team and how well they have handled this situation," Hage wrote. "Nobody could have envisioned the season turning out this way, especially the timing of it."

### PLAYOFFS ROUND 2 SCHEDULE

(All games are 7 p.m. Friday unless noted.)

#### Division 1

**Region 2**  
Howell (4-3) at White Lake Lakeland (6-0).  
Novi (3-4) at Novi Detroit Catholic Central (7-0).  
**Region 3**  
Livonia Stevenson (4-3) at Canton (7-0).  
Northville (5-2) at Belleville (7-0).

#### Division 2

**Region 2**  
North Farmington (4-3) at Fenton (7-0).  
Walled Lake Western (5-2) at South Lyon (5-2).  
**Region 3**  
Dexter (5-2) at Livonia Churchill (4-2).  
Ypsilanti (4-3) at Livonia Franklin (4-3).

#### Region 4

Birmingham Groves (4-3) at Birmingham Seaholm (5-2).

#### Division 3

**Region 3**  
Orchard Lake St. Mary's (2-3) at Birmingham Brother Rice (6-1).

#### Division 4

**Region 3**  
Livonia Clarenceville (5-2) at Redford Union (6-1), 3, Saturday.  
**Region 4**  
Detroit Country Day (4-2) at Notre Dame Prep (6-1).

### SCOREBOARD

#### Division 1

##### Region 2, District 2

Detroit Catholic Central (7-0) 41, Walled Lake Northern (2-5) 3

Novi (3-4) 41, Brighton (4-3) 27

##### Region 3, District 5

Canton (7-0) 42, Wayne Memorial (0-7) 8

Belleville (6-0) 47, Plymouth (1-6) 3. Plymouth's lone score came off a 34-yard field goal by Jackson Vacca.

Northville (5-2) 37, Salem (1-6) 14

Livonia Stevenson (4-3) 49, John Glenn (2-5) 13

##### Region 4, District 7

Sterling Heights Stevenson (6-1, 64,367) 41, Farmington (0-7) 15

Bloomfield Hills (4-3) 29, Troy (3-4) 16

#### Division 2

##### Region 6, District 12

South Lyon (6-2) 15, Milford (1-6) 0. South Lyon scored two touchdowns on the ground: Jordan Singleton off a 10-yard run and Dawson Skupin from three yards out. William Stoyanovich connected on a 24-yard field goal to round out the Lions scoring.

North Farmington (4-3) 44, Waterford Kettering (2-5) 7

##### Region 7, District 13

Livonia Franklin (4-3) 35, Temperance Bedford, (3-4) 14. Franklin opened scoring early with a 98-yard kickoff return by Connor Hatfield. Hatfield scored again after connecting on a 45-yard pass from Zac Olesuk. Cordell Mabins tallied the third touchdown of the day with a 36-yard run. Olesuk connected with Tyler Whisman for his second touchdown pass, this one for 56 yards. Mabins wrapped up the touchdowns for the evening with his second touchdown run, this one for 51 yards.

Region 8, District 15

Seaholm (5-2) 42, Sterling Heights (0-6) 6

Groves (4-3) 36, Auburn Hills Avondale (3-4) 0.

Groves tallied 302 yards of offense led by senior Kaleb Garner, who connected on 50% of his passes for 87 while throwing one touchdown. He rushed for a second score. Junior Jaden Mangham caught three passes for 64 yards with touchdown. Senior Johnny Rex rushed 11 times for 89 yards, and junior Stavi Panos scored while tallying 46 yards on the day.

Region 11, District 22

Chelsea (7-0) 40, Redford Thurston (1-5) 0

Brother Rice (6-1) 29, Dearborn Divine Child, (2-5) 7

South Lyon East (5-2) 41, Garden City (3-4) 0.

Ayden Oliver had 11 carries for 79 yards and three touchdowns on the day: two on the ground and one receiving. Dorian Armstrong scored twice with a 48-yard touchdown run and a 65-yard punt return for a score. Drake Willenborg had a 47-yard touch-

down reception for the Cougars. Quarterback Zander Desentz finished the day 10-for-13 for 182 yards and three touchdowns. On defense, Braeden Tillman Jones had an interception, and the East defense held Garden City to 94 total yards.

#### Division 4

##### Region 15, District 30

Redford Union (6-1) 52, Dearborn Heights Annapolis (1-6) 7

Livonia Clarenceville (5-2) 39, Tecumseh (1-5, 25.2) 35

##### Region 16, District 31

Madison Heights Lamphere (7-0) 43, Cranbrook Kingswood (0-5) 0

Detroit Country Day (4-2) 41, Detroit Henry Ford (4-3) 12

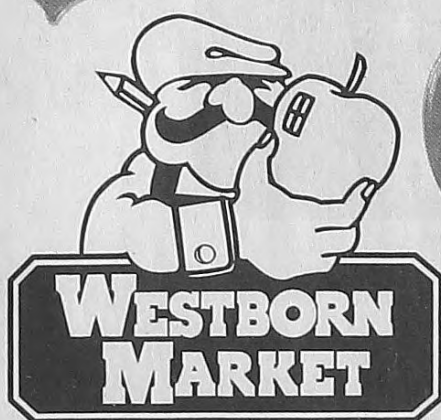
#### Division 6

Region 27, District 47

Blissfield (7-0) 63, Lutheran Westland (2-3) 0

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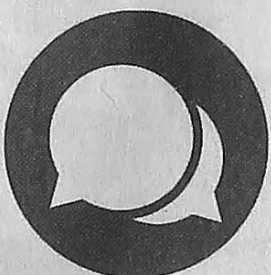
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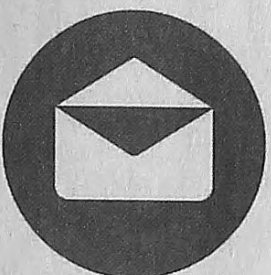
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- 119 Make — for oneself
- 120 Lace-receiving hole
- 121 Crescentlike objects
- 122 Plays spiritedly

**DOWN**

- 1 Defensive tackle Warren
- 2 Willow or oak
- 3 Ethereal
- 4 Almanac item
- 5 Drinking water additive
- 6 Long dashes
- 7 Innocent
- 8 Reaction to an awful pun
- 9 Big vases
- 10 Enumerate
- 11 Chubby
- 12 Inflated sense of self
- 13 Portray
- 14 First coat of paint
- 15 Like many a sr. citizen
- 16 Sidestep
- 17 Old-style messenger
- 18 Pop singer Lopez
- 19 Brewer's fungus
- 24 Snarky
- 29 Lanka lead-in
- 32 Lousy review
- 33 Vendors
- 34 Finale
- 35 Final, e.g.
- 36 Savings acct. protector
- 37 Tart pie fruit

- 38 Track shape
- 39 Road semis
- 40 Fail to catch
- 41 Passing mark
- 43 "Wilson" actress Laura
- 44 Basketballer Ming
- 46 Shipping box
- 47 Hitter Hank
- 48 Negative
- 49 Sleep sound
- 52 "Backdraft" director Howard
- 53 Salad green
- 54 Biggest city in Australia
- 56 Nudniks
- 57 Turtle in a Dr. Seuss title
- 59 Belfry dweller
- 61 Small bill
- 62 Hiatus
- 63 Homer's H
- 64 Win a point
- 65 Sauna wrap
- 66 Tylenol rival
- 67 "Peer Gynt" dramatist
- 68 Sloppy Joe holder
- 69 Hug
- 72 Defective
- 73 Pakistani language
- 76 Walking stick
- 77 '80s sitcom

- 78 "Qué —?"
- 79 Brick-baking oven
- 80 Totally understand, informally
- 81 Plants seeds
- 83 Absorbed
- 85 OPEC liquid
- 86 Big hack attack
- 88 Sty dweller
- 89 Mystery writer Deighton
- 90 Sudden forward thrust
- 92 In the thick of
- 93 Cardinal, e.g.
- 94 Clan-related
- 96 Sticky stuff
- 97 Reimburse
- 98 Hopping mad
- 99 Like ultra-lite food
- 100 Failed to
- 101 Remove, as a 105-Down
- 104 Medium, e.g.
- 105 Shoelace problem
- 107 "How awful!"
- 108 Cardinals, e.g.
- 109 Office fill-in
- 110 Corrida calls
- 112 Sooner than
- 114 Big bush bird
- 115 Flying Solo
- 116 — -been

## SUDOKU

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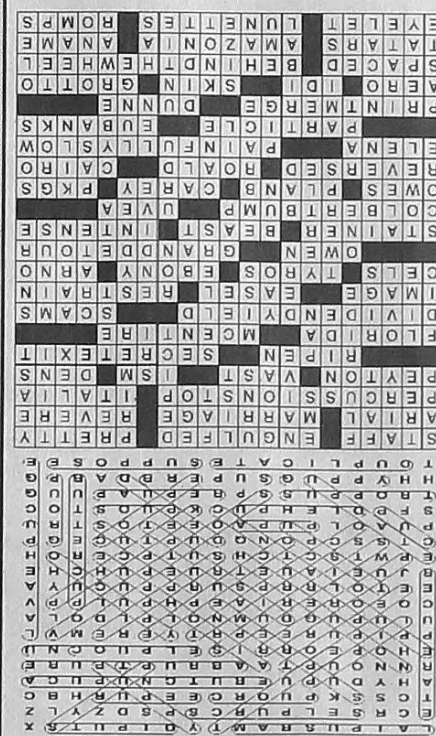
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## WHAT'S UP?

Can you find all the words containing UP? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

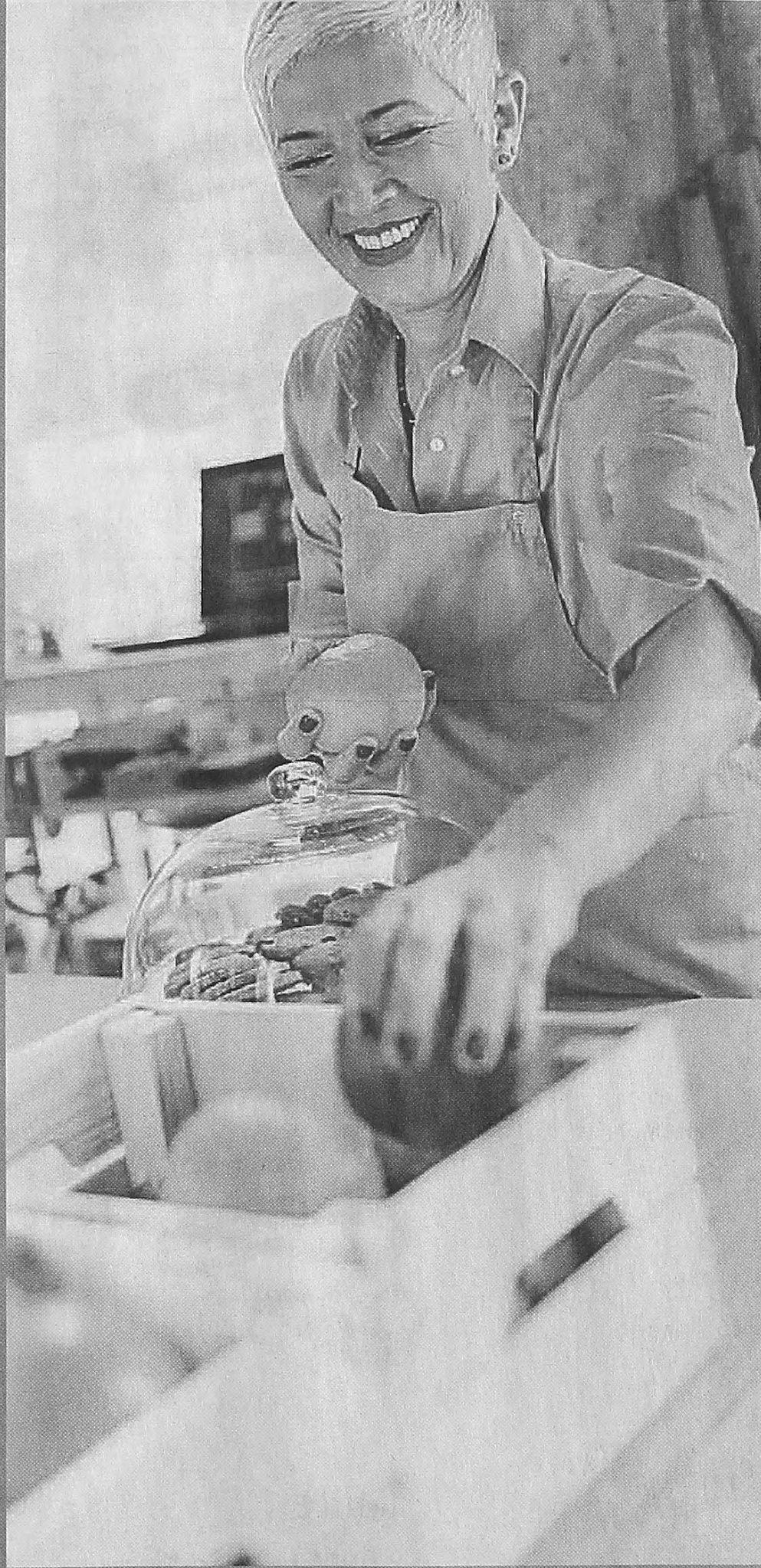
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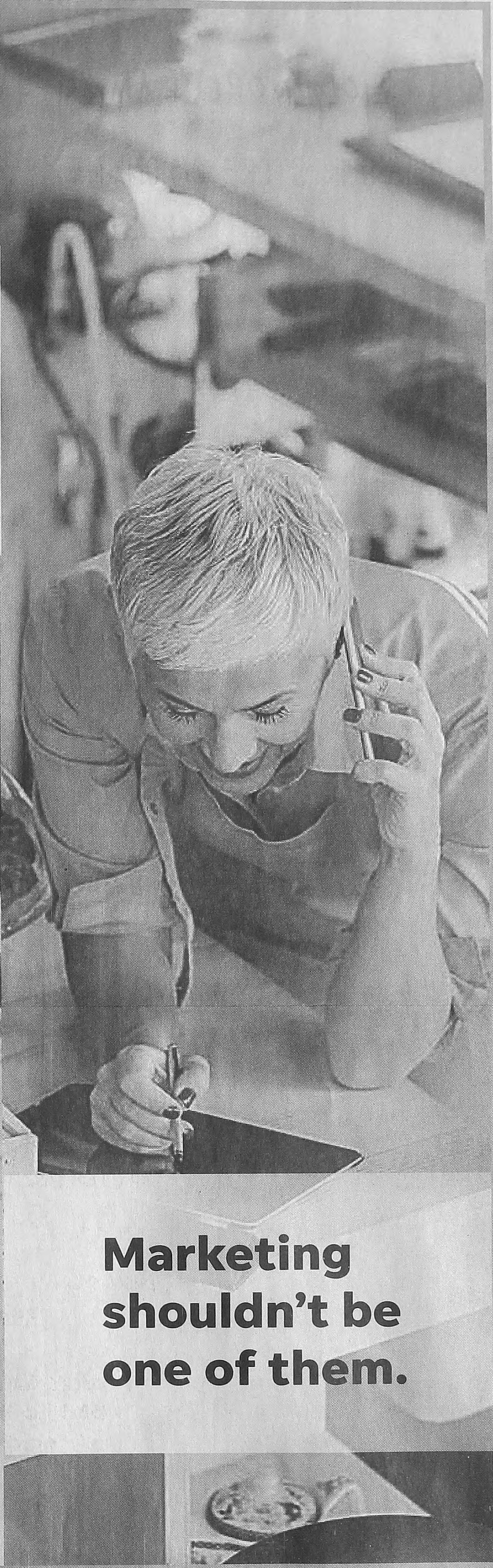


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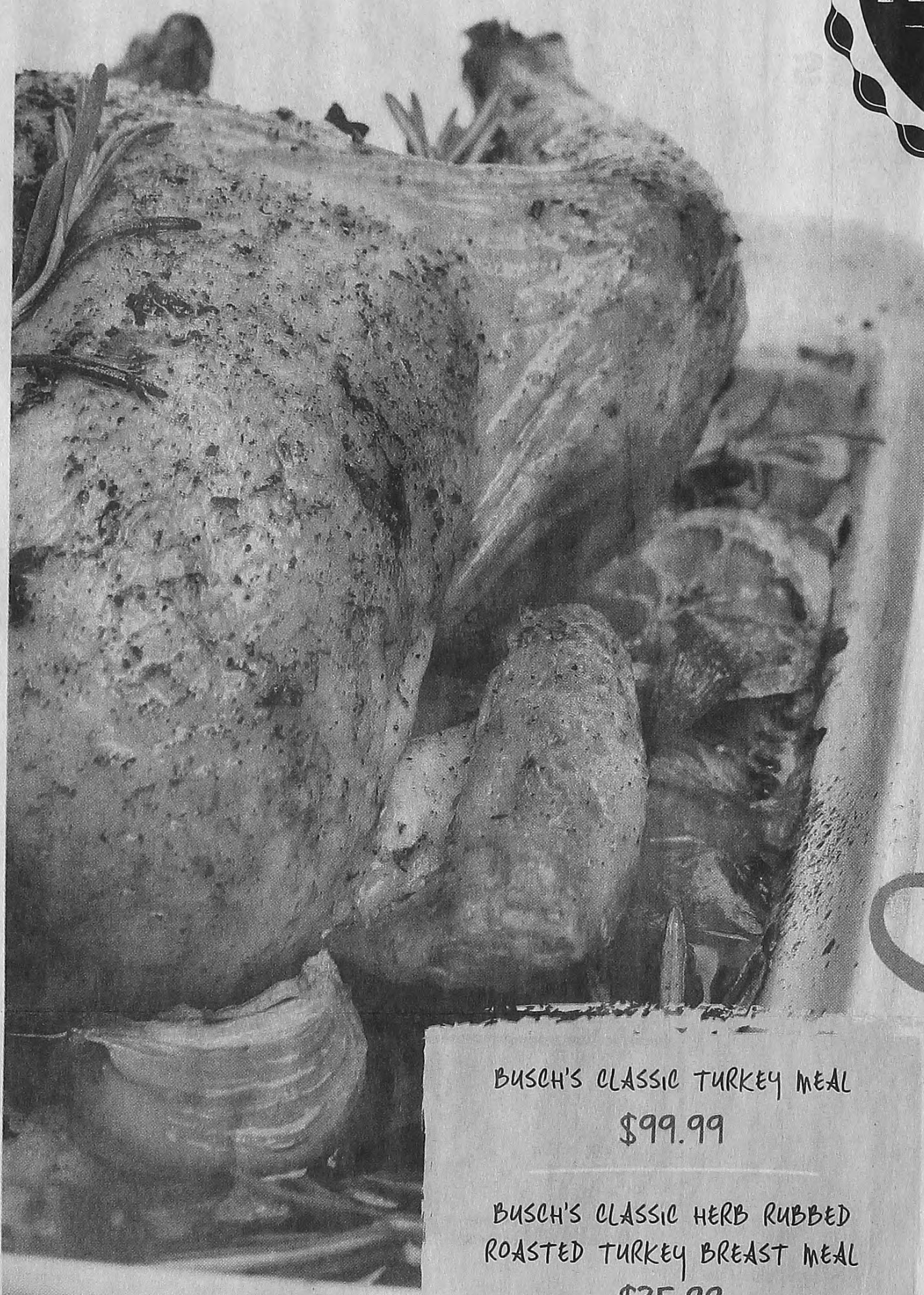
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