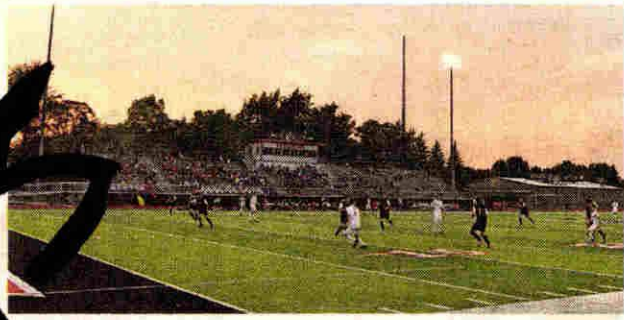


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## Council may request hotel tax law change

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A request for some help from Lansing on issues surrounding problems at several hotels across Livonia could be in the works:

The Livonia City Council is considering asking its state legislators for assistance

in changing state law to allow for additional collection of taxes to help offset the amount spent by the city patrolling around several hotels in town that have accrued hundreds of call over the last 18 months.

The council was presented with the issue by Police Chief Curtis Caid during a committee meeting Aug. 28, who expressed concern over the number of runs officers make to several hotels in the city in the last few years.

Caid said the following hotels have been the police force's most-visited since the beginning of 2018:

- Sunrise Suites, 36655 Plymouth, 420 calls for service
- America's Best Value Inn, 28512

- Schoolcraft, 334 calls for service
- Crossland Economy Studios, 11808 Middlebelt, 309 calls for service
- Quality Inn, 30375 Plymouth, 159 calls for service
- Comfort Inn, 29235 Buckingham St., 104 calls for service

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Panelists at the Emerging Entrepreneurs luncheon put on by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce talk about business.

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## Millennial business owners talk about their challenges

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Contrary to some popular culture references, millennials aren't just some mysterious demographic made up by marketers. They're looking for the same things many baby boomers and other generations have and seek. The same is true in business.

Those business angles were the subject of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce's Emerging Entrepreneurs luncheon at Schoolcraft College. The luncheon, which featured several entrepreneurs classified as part of the millennial generation, highlighted the challenges and opportunities business owners can have when dealing with the fastest-growing generation.

When it came to challenges in the workplace, all four panelists responded to moderator Ashley Williams, who launched her own company, RIZZARR, after time in television reporting.

"You're going to think that all is lost, but at the end, there is a way out of the tunnel," said Brandon Bahoura, who owns nine Pita Way restaurants in communities including Livonia, New Hudson and White Lake. "Just never give up."

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A crowd attended the Emerging Entrepreneurs luncheon to hear the panelists.

**"You're going to have times when you're lying awake in bed, wondering why the heck did I put myself in this place. The key is getting up that next day, doing what you always do, doing to what is the best of your ability."**

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## Good Samaritans found at Sam's Club

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A feeling of uncertainty gripped Emily Florence on a Sunday afternoon as she prepared to transfer an industrial-sized load of bottled water and Gatorade from a flatbed cart to her Ford Expedition in the parking lot of Canton's Sam's Club.

Two strangers — both men Florence estimated were in their 50s — approached the Canton resident as she popped the back hatch of her vehicle.

"They were walking across the parking lot toward me, looking very determined, but not threatening," Florence recalled. "I was never scared."

"As they approached me, one of the gentlemen said as he walked by me, 'We've got this,' then they started to lift these heavy 40-pack cases of bottled water into the back of my vehicle."

As Florence placed a few smaller items she had purchased into the back seat of her SUV, the men finished unloading the cart.

"When they were done, they smiled at me and said, 'Have a nice day!' Then they walked into the store," Florence said. "My initial expression was probably one of concern because they had approached so quickly; I thought maybe someone had hit my car while I was in the store, they witnessed it and were going to give me the details. But it turns out they were walking so quickly because they wanted to unload the cases of water before I did."

"They were just the nicest, friendliest gentlemen. Their gesture made my day. I felt so good."

Florence posted a recap of the good deed on a Canton-based Facebook page. The post had generated close to 700 likes as of Wednesday night.

"So many people are seeing so many negative things on the internet ... I think to actually see something positive like that makes people feel good," Florence said. "I know this may sound a little hokey, but it just gave me a sense of hope that there is a lot of kindness in this world. You just don't see things like this very often."

"I have no idea who they were, but in hindsight I wish I would have asked them their names. ... It was clear from the start that they weren't looking for gratitude or recognition. They just wanted to do a good deed."

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## Mom brings in sons, stolen exotic animals to police

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Two youths have a story of a lifetime.

Their mother turned them in Sept. 5 to Livonia police, officials said, for taking a baby Sulcata tortoise and three leopard geckos from Stingers Exotics on Middlebelt Road.

Police said in a news release the unnamed mother took the two males and their stolen property to the station.

No other information was available. Livonia police recently released video of the Aug. 27 theft and asked for the public's help in identifying the youths.

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# Suicide prevention events encourage talking, listening

Suicide is a serious and heavy subject. We tend to stay away from approaching people in the depths of depression. But by simply encouraging those struggling to talk, experts say lives can be saved.

There are two Livonia events in the coming weeks designed to help the community better recognize those battling depression and support them by listening without judgment.

"Talk Saves Lives: A Brief Introduction to Suicide Prevention" will be at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library, 32777 Five Mile. The free program will be presented by Livonia-based Hegira Health and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

This event will focus on the leading causes that move people to take their

lives, up-to-date research on prevention, and what the collective community can do to reduce suicide.

Hegira Health is also offering suicide prevention training for business and human resources managers to better handle distressed employees. The training is also recommended for youth and religious leaders. "Question, Persuade and Refer" is a one- to two-hour training seminar that can be held at the venue of your choice.

Melissa Tolstyka, director of programs for Hegira Health, said these efforts are designed to inspire awareness and support for those dealing with severe depression and reduce suicides.

Two weeks later, Churchill High School will be the site of a mental health awareness program that involves the crushing of cars.

Crush the Stigma is an original event inspired by Michael Bassipour, partner of GLR Advanced Recycling. Bassipour lost his brother to suicide a decade ago.

Bassipour plans to bring cars and a car crusher Oct. 2 to Churchill High School as part of a school assembly. St. Mary Mercy Livonia, Healthy Livonia, Livonia Public Schools and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce have partnered on the event.

After a presentation, students will be invited to write messages detailing any personal emotional distress on the cars, before they are crushed.

Livonia Public Schools officials said they will have an increased presence of psychologists and counselors on scene during the powerful presentation in the hope more students dealing with such struggles will talk.

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## Police: Man trails teen into home and finds dad

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A 27-year-old Livonia man recently trailed a high school student onto her porch and followed her inside after asking if her parents were home.

David Angelo Roberts may have found more than he was looking for upon allegedly entering the Arcola



Roberts

Street home Monday afternoon. According to police, the girl's father was sitting in the living room. Roberts ran from the house, jumped over a nearby fence and went into hiding.

The girl's father, her brother and a neighbor searched for him. The girl, who

had been walking home from a bus stop, called 9-1-1, and so did her father.

Police arrived and arrested Roberts. He was arraigned Tuesday on charges that include misdemeanor breaking and entering and felony assault of a police officer.

His bond was set at \$100,000. Contact Susan Vela at [svela@hometownlife.com](mailto:svela@hometownlife.com) or 248-303-8432.

## Serial burglar caught after Coney Island incident

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Wayne police officers have arrested a recidivist burglar whose most recent target allegedly was a Coney Island establishment on Wayne Road.

Police said in a news statement they were dispatched to the restaurant



Miller

around 11:30 p.m. Sept. 4 because of a break-in.

They were told a suspect fled on foot. After a short chase, police were able to arrest David Edward Miller, 57, of Wayne, with the assistance of the Michigan State Police K-9 unit.

They also recovered the stolen property and the tool he used to get into the restaurant.

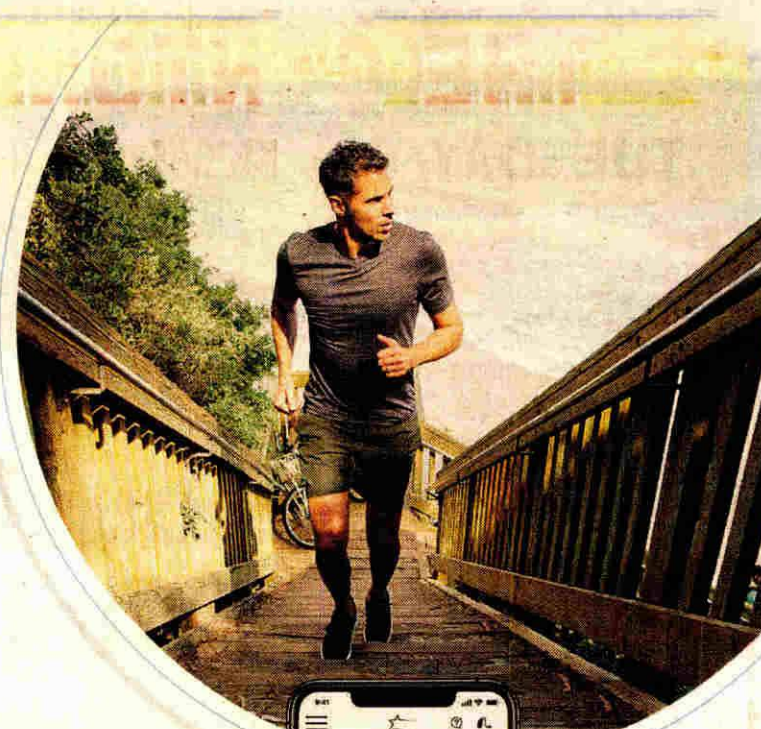
Police say Miller is connected with at least six burglaries in communities that include Wayne, Dearborn and Romulus. He has been arraigned on a felony charge of breaking and entering. His bond was set at \$100,000.

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# Plymouth-Canton retires late player's jersey

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On a crisp autumn night two years ago, as a deadly and painful childhood cancer unknowingly churned and grew inside his lanky 15-year-old body, longtime Plymouth resident Drew Poet secured an arching punt just inside the 40-yard line for Charlotte (N.C.) Catholic's football team.

With 11 full-speed defenders bearing down on him, Poet ignored the two easy choices (call a fair catch or let the ball bounce) and decided to run with it.

Those who knew him best weren't surprised. "He had no fear," Kevin Poet, Drew's dad, remembered. "Returning punts isn't an easy thing. You're staring up at the ball as 11 opponents are running at you. Drew loved it, though."

Thirty-some yards and a few slick juke moves later, Poet was in the end zone, the excruciating hip and leg pain he'd experienced for the past several months washed out momentarily by a wave of joy.

A few months after the highlight-reel punt return, Poet was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, a childhood cancer that leaves few survivors in its wake.

Poet died April 20, at the age of 17. The Poet family relocated to Charlotte in 2017 after Kevin Poet accepted a job promotion.

On Saturday, during an emotional ceremony near the 50-yard line of the downtown Plymouth field where Poet and his two older brothers, Nick and Matt, honed their impressive gridiron skills, the Steelers retired Poet's No. 34 jersey — the same number Nick and Matt wore as well.

With Poet's former Steelers teammates and coaches lined up in support behind him, and his wife Mary at his side, Kevin Poet spoke eloquently about his son, the Steelers organization and the support his family has received over the previous daunting months.

"Wow, thank you," Poet said, emotion gripping his voice as he soaked in the packed grandstand in front of him. "I have a lot of things I was thinking about saying, but I'm not sure I can get through any of them."

"This has been our family for a long time. Drew was 2-years-old when he was over there wrestling on those mats during his older brothers' practices. A lot of his best young-adult memories took place here."

"We appreciate everything the Steelers program did during Drew's fight and the support they provided us after ... and the support they're still giving us. We couldn't have asked to be a part of a better community. This is a tremendous honor."

Moments after Kevin Poet spoke, a flag bearing Drew Poet's No. 34 and the words "No Quit" was hoisted behind the field's north end zone, just under the American flag.

"Initially, Drew told us that 34 was a perfectly good number that has served the Steelers well for years; why are they taking it out?," Mary Poet said moments



Kevin and Mary Poet attend the jersey-retirement ceremony for their late son, Drew, who died in April. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

after the ceremony concluded. "But I have to tell you, I think he'd be incredibly honored by this."

"I think he'd be proud," Kevin Poet added.

### Lasting legacy

In an effort to keep their son's legacy alive and to assist families whose children are experiencing — or will be in the future — the horrors of Ewing's sarcoma, the Poets have started the Drew Poet Foundation, a non-profit organization that has already arranged for several fundraisers, including a "Dine For Drew" event hosted by several downtown Plymouth businesses.

Compari's, Fiamma Grille and The Sardine Room will be donating 15 percent of food purchases on Sept. 29 — patrons are reminded to mention the "Dine to Donate" fundraiser to their waiter — to The Drew Poet Foundation.

The Salem High School volleyball program will also

be conducting a fundraiser for the foundation during its Oct. 1 home game.

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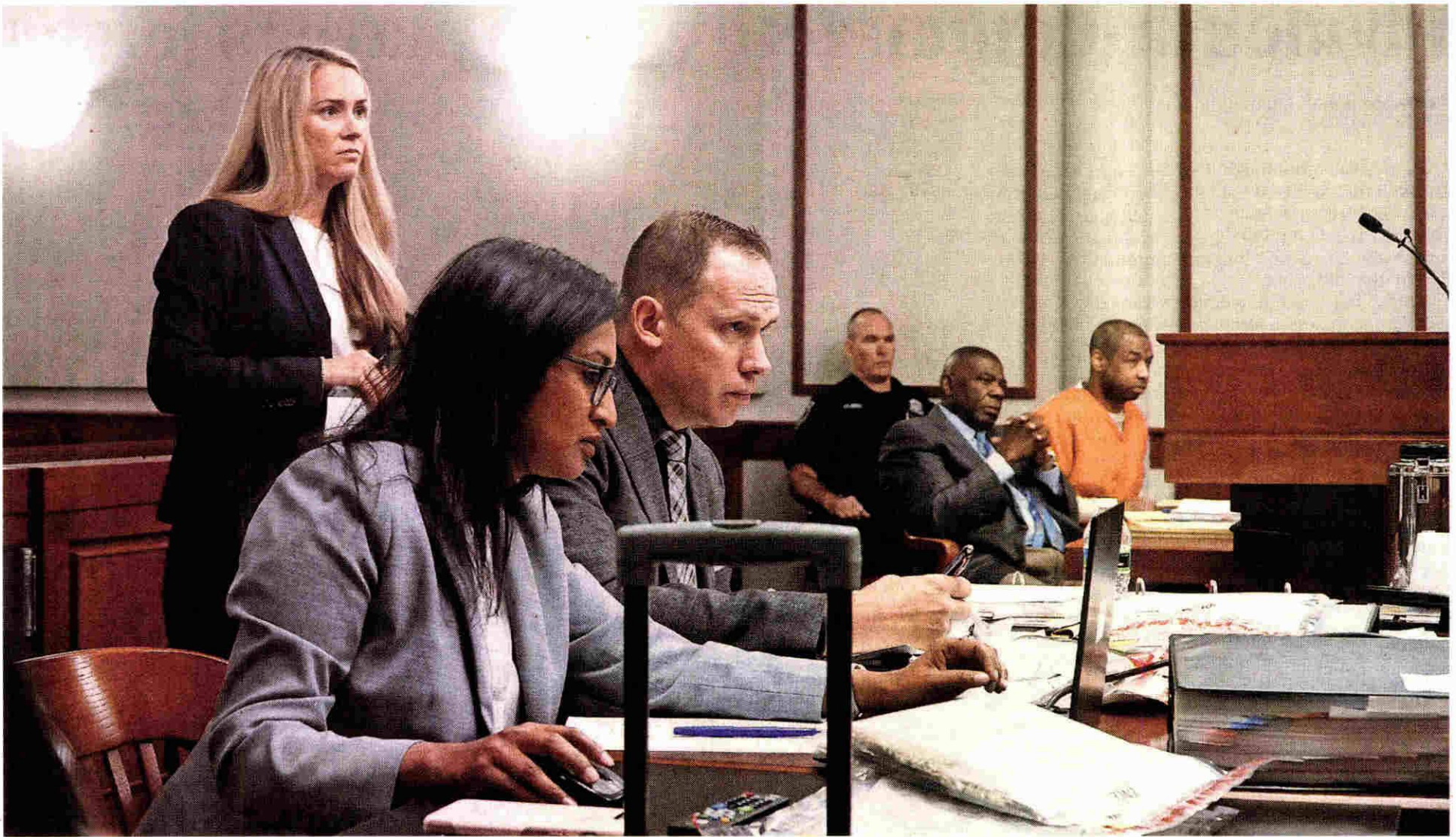


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Jamie Powell Horowitz, special assistant attorney general, center, stands with Farmington Hills Police Dept. Detective Ryan Molloy as they begin to interview witnesses Sept. 9 in the 47th District courtroom of Judge James B. Brady about the disappearance of Danielle Stislicki on Dec. 2, 2016. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Stislicki murder case sent to circuit court

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Evidence piled up Tuesday against Floyd Galloway Jr., a convict accused of planning Danielle Stislicki's murder and disappearance more than two years ago.

From an FBI agent: Cellphones belonging to Stislicki and Galloway were simultaneously connecting with the same cellular tower on Dec. 2, 2016, when she went missing.

From a forensic biologist: Evidence of Stislicki's DNA was found in Floyd Galloway's master bedroom carpeting a few days later.

From a forensic document examiner: Galloway's writing samples indicate he wrote a secret admirer's note accompanying flowers once left on Stislicki's work desk at the MetLife office in Southfield.

"From: Secret Admirer," the note read. "Hope this made you smile today!"

The dam of evidence broke shortly after Tuesday's lunch break in 47th District Court in Farmington Hills, where Judge James Brady bound over Galloway's first-degree premeditated murder case to Oakland County Circuit Court.

Brady mentioned 15 prosecution witnesses and 45 different exhibits. The

defense had no witnesses.

"The court has listened very intently (and) taken copious notes," Brady said. "The notes are overwhelming evidence in this particular case. There is probable cause — overwhelming probable cause — that the defendant Floyd Galloway Jr. committed that crime."

### Stislicki family talks

There's still an Oakland County Circuit Court trial to endure. But Tuesday's ruling gave the victim's family some solace in their quest for justice and relentless hopes of finding Danielle Stislicki's

body.

Her relatives embraced and shed tears outside the courtroom. The judge's decision concluded a two-day preliminary examination that was scheduled to last up to a week.

"We are elated to have the answer and know that we are moving forward," said Ann Stislicki, who testified this week about her daughter's friendly relationship with Galloway at the MetLife office in Southfield.

Both women worked there. Before Stislicki went missing, Galloway did,

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# Nestle closing Plymouth facility, cutting jobs

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A facility owned by Nestle and Dreyer's Ice Cream in Plymouth will close later this year, according to a recent filing with the state of Michigan.

In a letter to the Michigan Workforce Development Agency dated Sept. 2, the company informed the state it was reorganizing its sales and supply chain

frozen direct store deliver operation and closing the facility at 45667 Port in Plymouth. The closure is expected to result in the loss of 57 jobs.

"The entire facility will be closed, and all employees at the facility will be impacted. This closure is expected to be permanent," the company stated in its letter. "The first separation is expected to occur on November 1, 2019, and separations may continue through Decem-

ber 31, 2019."

The shop is not unionized and there will be no bumping rights for affected employees. Several different jobs are affected, including representative pre-sales, delivery drivers, district sales leaders and retail merchandiser, to name a few.

The closure of the Plymouth facility is just one of many moves Nestle is currently making across the country.

Among other locations, it also announced this week it would close a facility in Indianapolis, which would result in the loss of 172 jobs. The closures come as the result of Nestle moving out of the company-owned, direct-store-delivery network.

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## Stislicki

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too, as a security guard.

"We will move to the next step. We are super happy to know that this is another step," Ann Stislicki said. "It's a stepping stone into the greater picture."

Father Richard Stislicki thanked investigators for shedding light on Galloway and what may have happened to their daughter. They still want to know where her body is.

"Perhaps the spirit will come to Floyd," he said. "There is no advantage in him holding onto that information. We hope that at some point that he will repent. It will give us some peace."

No one has recovered Stislicki's body since she went missing that day her phone was linked with Galloway's. She was 28.

Galloway, 32, is a convict now behind bars for demonstrating criminal sexual conduct when assaulting a Hines Park runner in Livonia the September before Stislicki's disappearance. He pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit sexual penetration.

### Building a murder case

This week, prosecutors painted a picture of Galloway as a security guard romantically interested in Stislicki while they both worked at MetLife offices in Southfield. She apparently was creeped out by the flowers on her desk, declined his text requests to hang out and, in time, stopped responding to his texts.

"We know Mr. Galloway had been



Danielle Stislicki's family embraces Sept. 10 after learning Floyd Galloway's case will be bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

carrying a torch for Miss Stislicki since at least October of 2015," prosecuting attorney Jaimie Powell Horowitz said.

The attorney recapped testimony that Galloway made plans to be absent from work on Dec. 2, 2016. His wife was in the hospital.

Data indicates his cellphone traveled from his Berkley home around 11 a.m. that day and headed toward the cellular tower servicing the MetLife offices once located on Telegraph Road, north of Ten Mile Road. Horowitz said he was making sure Stislicki's Jeep Renegade was in the parking lot.

A coworker testified she saw Stislicki talking to a suited man in the MetLife parking lot with his vehicle's hood up at

the end of the work day. Another saw Stislicki drive from the MetLife parking lot with Galloway in her passenger seat around the same time.

Detectives showed video of Stislicki's Jeep Renegade traveling eastbound around 5 p.m. along 11 Mile Road, a convenient road to Galloway's Berkley residence and then her vehicle moving westbound on the same road about three hours later.

Galloway's phone seemed to be turned off during this time period. Investigators testified they tracked Stislicki's phone to Galloway's residence at 5:07 p.m. and it stayed there until 7:53 p.m. Galloway's phone is connected to the same cellular tower network, along

with his home, at 6:20 p.m.

Whatever happened to Stislicki was already over by then, Horowitz said. She then dwelled on a carpet patch that was removed from the side of Galloway's bed and, between that patch and the bed, evidence of Stislicki's DNA.

Scraps of carpeting were found in Galloway's trash bin when detectives searched the residence.

"Whatever happened in this bedroom was of so much concern to Mr. Galloway that he cut that portion out and removed it," Horowitz said. "Blood is going to leave a stain. Evidence of trauma is going to leave a stain. That was cut out and removed. But, unfortunately, Mr. Galloway didn't think about that touch DNA."

Video footage shared during the preliminary examination showed Galloway at a Tim Horton's within a 10-minute walking distance from Stislicki's Farmington Hills apartment on Lincoln Court around 8:40 p.m. on Dec. 2, 2016. The missing woman's keys and Fitbit were found near the Tim Horton's.

A cab picked him up at the Tim Horton's about a half hour later and took him to an apartment building near Grodan Drive and Telegraph Road. The MetLife offices were nearby.

More video showed Galloway purchasing a new comforter a few days after Stislicki's disappearance.

"The prosecution did what the prosecution does," defense attorney William Mitchell III said afterward. "They throw up a bunch of stuff. It's not a trial, there's no finding of guilt."

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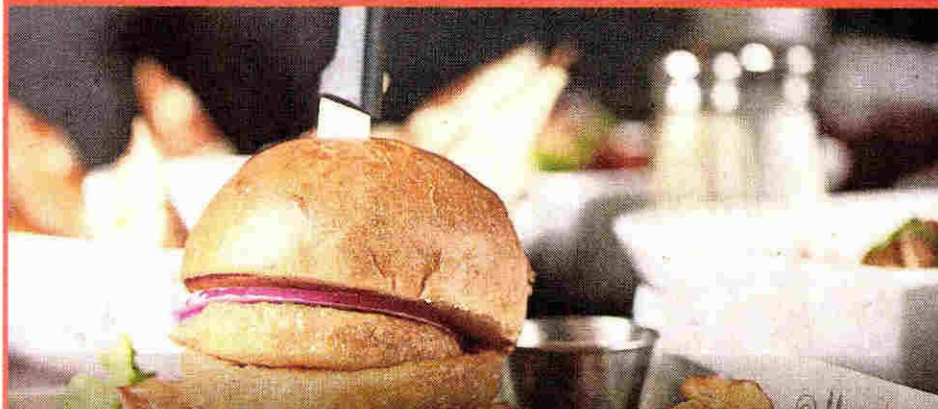


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# What to do when a condo board member resigns



**Robert Meisner**  
Guest columnist

**Q:** Someone resigned from the board of directors of our condo association in the middle of their term, and the other board members just decided to choose a replacement. Can they do that?

**A:** Actually, it is common for bylaws to provide that if a director resigns or the seat otherwise becomes vacant during a director's term, the board may appoint someone to serve out the remainder of the term, or until the next annual meeting. If you don't like the person appointed by the board, or for that matter anyone else currently serving on the board,

you can collect members' signatures on a petition to call a special meeting to recall the appointed director and elect a new director.

You would likely need at least 10% of the members to sign the petition, but it could be less if so provided in your bylaws. But note that this is the percentage needed just to call the special meeting. You will need much more, likely a majority of all members, to vote to recall and replace a director. And it could be more depending on the provisions in your governing documents.

Also note that some articles of incorporation provide that directors can only be removed "for cause" which means they did something illegal or seriously breached their duties under the governing documents. If you just think some-

one else could do a better job, it would be a vote for removal "without cause."

It would be best to have any petition drafted by a community association attorney. And the association would also want its own experienced community association attorney to review the petition and draft the recall election ballot, notice, and other related items.

**Q:** We love skiing and we love Utah, and we are thinking about buying a home around Park City, but we understand it is very expensive. Do you have any idea what the market is like now?

**A:** In talking to real estate agents in Park City, the best way to describe the market is that it is steady. One Realtor told me that his 5,000-square-foot home in an adjacent community about 20 minutes from Park City is worth \$1.4

million, but if it was in Park City it would be worth \$3 million.

The good thing about this area is that there are a number of towns around Park City which are much more modest in terms of housing expenses and costs. However, if you want to live in and around Park City or the condos that are in the canyons around Park City, they can often be in the millions. Consult with several real estate agents in the area before making a decision.

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# How to convert your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

Labor Day has come and gone and the days are getting shorter. That means it is not too early to start thinking about year-end tax or financial moves.

One move that many people should consider is whether they should convert a portion of their traditional IRA into a Roth IRA.

I've spoken about this many times in the past and it deserves repeating. I believe every year you should look at your situation and decide whether it makes sense to convert any of your existing traditional IRAs into a Roth IRA.

The benefit of this is that when money is withdrawn from a Roth IRA, it is withdrawn tax free. In addition, Roth IRAs are not subject to required minimum distributions at age 70½.

The following are the rules I use to decide whether converting is a good move.

The first rule is that you must have the money to pay the tax on the conver-

sion without touching the money you're converting. When you convert a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA, you are going to pay taxes on the amount of money you are converting.

The second rule is that by converting into a Roth IRA, it will not put you into a higher tax bracket. You can use your last year's return as a guide to determine how much, if any, you can convert without putting yourself into a higher tax bracket.

My third rule is that you have to be able to leave the money that you have converted in the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years.

If you meet these three criteria, converting makes sense.

Many people think that to convert your traditional IRA you have to be working; that is not the case. Anyone is eligible to convert money into a Roth IRA from a traditional IRA. However, for those of you who are over 70½ and are taking required minimum distributions, those distributions are not eligible to be converted. You can convert anything above and beyond that.

If you are considering doing a Roth conversion, remember: the transaction

must be completed by the end of the year. There's still plenty of time to allow you to make an informed decision.

There is another year-end move that only applies for those of you who are over 70½ and taking required minimum distributions. As you know, when you turn 70½, you must begin taking from your retirement account. However, a strategy that many people should look at is to potentially donate your required minimum distribution, or a portion thereof, to charity.

For those of you who are charitable in nature and will make charitable contributions, you may find that under the new tax law you are no longer itemizing your deductions, and thus your charitable contributions would not be deductible. If you're in that situation and you still make charitable contributions, a better strategy is to use your minimum required distribution for those contributions. The benefit of this is that you would not have to pay tax on your required minimum distribution that you donate to charity. Therefore, even though you cannot write off your charitable contributions, you are still getting a significant tax benefit.

The key to this transaction is that the money must be transferred directly from your IRA into the charity. If the money is distributed to you and you write the check to the charity, you would have to pay tax on your required minimum distribution. Therefore, for those of you who are over 70½, if you have not taken your required minimum distribution, you may want to consider distributing that money to charity.

Just like with the Roth conversion, this transaction must be completed by the end of the year.

It may seem like December is a long way off, but we all know how fast time goes. Therefore, it is not too early to think about year-end tax moves. In that regard, remember when you make year-end moves, the key is not to do what everyone else is doing, but rather, to do things that will make economic sense for you.

Good luck!  
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# Scarecrows returning to downtown Wayne

Wayne Main Street is welcoming scarecrows back to Downtown Wayne. The organization recently announced the program dates for this year's Scarecrow Show. Now through Sept. 21, community members will be able to register to participate in this year's event. Those who are interested in participating can do so by downloading an entry form online at [downtownwayne.org/scarecrows](http://downtownwayne.org/scarecrows) or by registering in person at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Town Square. The entry fee for this year's event is \$20 or \$15 for returning participants who already have a

scarecrow frame. Scarecrows will be on display throughout downtown from Sept. 28 through Nov. 2. Community members are encouraged to visit each installation while exploring Wayne's historic downtown. Residents and visitors will also have the opportunity to vote on their favorite scarecrows. Wayne Main Street will host a Voting Contest & Reception in Derby's Alley (34924 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne) from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 16. The event will feature live music as well as doughnuts and cider from the Dexter Cider Mill. The 2019

Scarecrow Contest Winners will be announced at this event. Launched by Wayne Main Street in 2011, Wayne's Scarecrow Show has become a signature event. Maxwell Cameron, Wayne Main Street's executive director said, "last year was one of the best years for this project in terms of participation from our community. We are hopeful that this year's event will be even bigger." This project draws thousands of visitors annually to downtown Wayne to view the scarecrows installed throughout Wayne's commercial district.



The scarecrow show returns this fall. FILE

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Blood drive issue disappoints

I read the article about the Red Cross canceling the blood drive at Huron Valley Guns. I say shame on them.

They are projecting their anti-gun views on people willing to donate blood. I am willing to bet that the people receiving the blood don't care if a Republican, Democrat, gun owner etc. donated. They are just damn grateful that someone did.

I don't donate often, but I am not donating in the future in view of this narrow-minded thinking. You would think that someone at the Red Cross would have seen the word "Guns" in the first email and at that time refused their offer to sponsor a blood drive. The owner even offered to have it outside but that wasn't good enough. So, the real loser in this is that the blood supply will not have a few extra gallons in it.

Craig Knapp  
Northville

### Focus efforts on drugs

Michigan has the fourth-highest drug abuse rate in the nation.

Between the years of 2009 and 2018 17,679 Michigan citizens have died as a result of drug overdose.

The Civil War claimed the lives of 14,753 Michiganders. World War 2 claimed the lives of 10,263 Michiganders. World War 1 claimed the lives of

about 5,000 Michiganders. Vietnam took the lives of 2,649 Michiganders. The Korean War took 1,492. The Afghanistan and Iraq Wars took 160 Michiganders.

With a population of 17,679 that would be the 58th largest city in Michigan.

Bigger than the City of Wayne. Bigger than Hazel Park, Mount Clemens, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grandville, Owosso, Berkley, Traverse City, Fraser, Harper Woods, Sault Ste. Marie...

That's just the dead. There are many who enter drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs. It is hard to get those numbers.

Even more difficult to get are the numbers of the people injured by drug overdose. Many don't die. They may suffer physical injury as a result of the overdose - their nerve system or heart may be compromised, for example. There are also many who suffer brain damage. Some may be able to relearn things - like learning how to walk, talk and feed themselves but some cannot. Those numbers aren't generally available.

Our brave soldiers fought and died to keep us safe. They gave up their lives for the Union and for the future of our nation. This is the future they fought for.

Why stand silent while drugs are being fed to our children?

Alfred Brock  
Wayne

### Schools prepare children for future

As children head off to school, I am reminded of the importance of public education in my life and the lives of my children. Although my children are grown and I have no grandchildren, I share Thomas Jefferson's belief in public education.

Ninety percent of Michigan children attend public schools. This year's third graders will graduate high school in just 10 short years. They will go off to start their lives and will become the future farmers, carpenters, nurses, steel workers, engineers, construction workers, electricians, doctors, plumbers, teachers. They will take care of us in our old age, build our hospitals, cure our diseases, buy our homes, and yes, pay to fix our roads.

Those third graders will never pass through third grade again. Each grade is their one opportunity and one step closer to becoming productive citizens. We owe it to these children to invest in their future because our future depends on them. I am forever grateful to the Huron Valley teachers who gave my children a great start in becoming their responsible adult selves. Urge your state representatives and senators to invest in our future by fully funding (not taking funds away from) public education.

Nancy Czech  
Highland

### Hines Park's demise

Three years ago Wayne County Executive Warren Evans proposed selling the Warren Valley Golf Course, part of Hines Park, for \$1.8 million to a developer who intended to turn the site into a real estate project. Dearborn Heights Mayor Dan Paletko led a successful effort to purchase the golf course in order to save it.

Evans' efforts to fragment Hines Park have not ceased; currently he is in the midst of a quiet effort to sell several of the historic Ford mill sites along Hines Drive, including the nearly three-acre Wayne County Sheriffs' complex at Newburgh Lake, to entrepreneurs who plan to restore these old buildings and operate them as businesses. However there is nothing to prevent purchasers from doing whatever they like with these sites once they take possession. We find the thought that a Hooters, a filling station or a Dollar store could pop up along Hines Drive chilling.

Wayne County Commissioner Terri Marecki (Livonia), has been an enthusiastic supporter of Evans' efforts. We would like to hear from mayoral candidates Laura Toy and Maureen Brosnan for their stand on Mr. Evans' efforts to dismantle Hines Park, since the Sheriffs' complex and Newburgh Lake are within Livonia.

John Covert and Bill Craig  
Livonia

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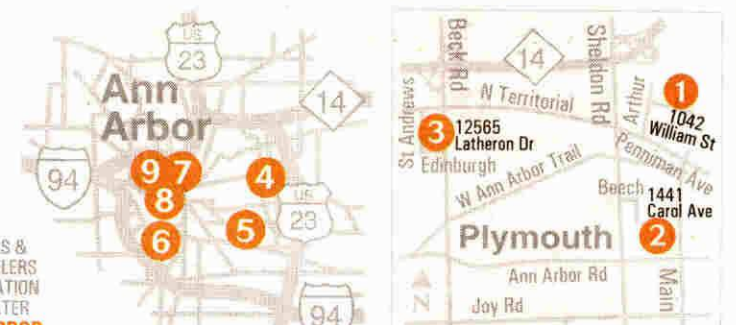
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# Benefit concert to feature popular singer-songwriters

Susan Vela [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Two popular singer-songwriters and fan favorites within the Detroit area Americana music scene will perform Sept. 26 for a concert benefiting Lost Voices.

The 7 p.m. concert is slated for the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$25 and available at [www.lostvoices.org/events](http://www.lostvoices.org/events).

Don White and Matt Watroba, both mainstays on the national music scene, individually paint vibrant imagery with their original storytelling lyrics and melodies that take audiences on emotional journeys.

Together in concert, White and Watroba's decades-long musical and personal friendship makes for a highly-entertaining stage pairing.

Established in 2007, Plymouth-based Lost Voices

helps at-risk children who are victims of trauma find hope and healing through songwriting, poetry and the power of music.

Using the principles of trauma-informed cognitive therapy, teams of professional singer-songwriters help youngsters ages 6 to 18 in residential placement facilities explore their deepest feelings by creating original compositions during week-long workshops.

Lyrics for individual and group songs are set to acoustic music for the children to perform in a professional setting at the week's end.

The song-writing process, along with the emotions children unleash in their songs, often lead to breakthroughs and healing that youngsters explore in therapy long after the Lost Voices experience.

White is a storyteller-comedian-author-troubadour-folk singer-songwriter who brings audiences to laughter and tears with his humorous stories and pow-

erful songwriting.

The 25-year industry veteran from Lynn, Massachusetts, is inspired by all he observes, infusing his work with his experiences as a husband, a father, a seeker, and a joker.

Watroba, an Oakland County resident, is known for his witty and intelligent lyrics and his easy connection with audiences.

He has an encyclopedic knowledge of Americana music and culture which he has shared over the airwaves for decades via the Folks Like Us program on WDET- Detroit Public Radio, and nationally syndicated Sing Out Radio Magazine and Folk Alley shows.

Proceeds from the benefit concert will fund Lost Voices workshops across southeast Michigan. In groups of 8 to 12 at-risk youth per session, the nonprofit has touched more than 2,500 children since its inception.

## Tax law

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Issues are particularly bad at the Sunrise Suites, Caid said, which are located west of Levan.

City attorney Paul Bernier said while there have been issues at the Sunrise Suites, much of it stems from the fact that it has served as a de facto apartment building rather than its intended use, a hotel.

"The facility just treated it as an apartment building rather than a hotel," he said. "This is a hotel, not an apartment complex."

He said it appears a change in leadership has led to the temporary closure of the facility, which includes some renovations to the building which hopefully will help keep it as a hotel rather than an apartment complex, where some residents have vehicles registered there as a home address.

To help recoup some costs associated with the issues around hotels, the council kicked around the idea of asking both state Rep. Laurie Pohutsky, D-Livonia, and state Sen. Dayna Polehanki, D-Livonia, to consider introducing legislation that would change the way taxes could be collected on hotel rooms for local ex-



Livonia officials are wondering if state legislators can help financially with public safety in the city.

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penses. That money could be used to help recoup costs incurred by the city for the issues it responds to at some of the city hotels, including domestic incidents,

overdoses and thefts.

"I don't think it's beyond our reach to perhaps float some legislation up there," said Council President Laura Toy, a former legislator herself. "We could try it. I don't think all is lost."

Currently, the state allows for certain areas to collect additional taxes on hotel rooms, including in Detroit. Council members said there were no types of collections taking place at Livonia hotels.

"Detroit is its own class," Council Vice President Jim Jolly said. "It's a completely different animal altogether."

Councilwoman Kathleen McIntyre said she favor asking about exploring that option in Lansing, given the growth of hotels in the area.

"There's a reason people want to stay in Livonia rather than Detroit," she said. "Either you allow it for all municipalities or you don't allow it for any."

Councilman Brandon Kritzman expressed some concern over potentially charging more taxes on hotels across the city, especially on those hotels who aren't an issue and are not expecting to see additional costs.

"You are potentially and unfairly introducing a tax on well-run businesses and potential good businesses that are run with the city," he said. "We can't arbitrarily pick what hotels to apply this to."

## Business

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And learning from my mistakes is what really

helped me carry on my business.

"It's all about how you carry yourself."

Courtney Morales Hofmann, who runs MCM Staffing, said it can

be lonely being on the top of a company, especially knowing what risks a company can face.

Those challenges are compounded even more for a company like hers,

which operates in Livonia, Madison Heights and elsewhere.

"In our case, I have 26 employees. I have 26 families on the line," she said. "I'm responsible for that paycheck that pays for that family to eat dinner, to go to the park, to pay for school."

The panel was the third by the chamber, all happening in the fall. The first one in 2017 focused on issues surrounding diversity and the second one in 2018 did as well, though it featured an all-female panel.

Joe Legato, who runs the family business Bill and Rod's Appliance on

Middlebelt in Livonia, said there's plenty of times where doubt creeps in and you'll wonder what you've gotten yourself into, even in a family-owned business.

Those doubts, he said, have to be pushed away and continue moving forward to keeping the business running efficiently.

"You're going to have times when you're lying awake in bed, wondering why the heck did I put myself in this place," he said. "The key is getting up that next day, doing what you always do, doing to what is the best of your ability."

Amanda Saad, owner of Butter Bear Shop that opened last year on Five Mile in Livonia, said she's had to teach herself patience when it comes to working with customers that may not think her baking is the best they've ever had.

"It's definitely a marathon, not a sprint," she said. "Things just happen. Some people are just not happy and are not going to like the world's best cookie, and that's OK."

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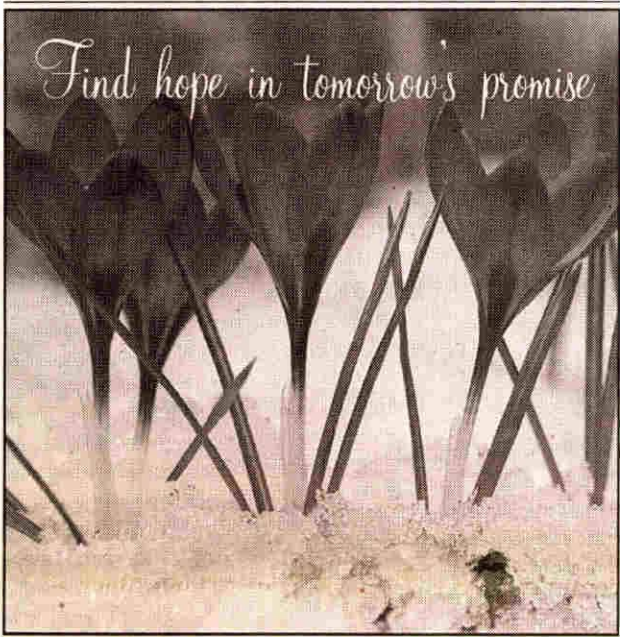
## Theodore Orville "Ted" Brown

PLYMOUTH - Theodore Orville "Ted" Brown, 68 of Plymouth, MI died unexpectedly on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at Weirton Medical Center. Born on June 28, 1951 in Steubenville, OH a son of the late Harold Orville and Enola Mae (Boyles) Brown. He is survived by his loving wife, Susan (Taylor) Brown; his daughter Kelly Renee Brown of Lynchburg, Va; a granddaughter, Mckenna Brown; a stepdaughter, Christine Lazarecki of MI; four sisters, Barb Puzines of Melbourne, FL, Caroline Brown of Memphis, TN, Sandy Casinelli of Follansbee, WV, and Erika (Clay) Smith of Aiken, SC; several nieces and nephews also survive.



Ted graduated from Mingo High School. He retired from Leoni Industries where he worked as an inhouse salesman. Ted's zest for life was riding motorcycles, boating on Lake Huron, and spending time with his wife, Susan in Key West, FL.

A Memorial Gathering will be at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home on Friday, September 13th from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM. A Memorial Service will be held at the Funeral Home on Saturday, September 14th at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.



## Cheryl Anne Queener

ROGERS TOWNSHIP - Cheryl Anne Queener age 61 of Rogers Township passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on September 2, 2019.

She was born October 5, 1957 in Detroit to Gordon and Carol (Willhite) Anderson.

Cheryl graduated from Livonia's Bentley High School in 1975. She met Dennis at ACO hardware during her senior year and they married on November 4, 1978. She worked briefly at GM Fisher Body Livonia until her children were born in 1980,81.

In later years Cheryl also worked at her mother's copy center (Graphic Connections) in Dearborn Heights, but finally found her calling as a bartender, and was fortunate enough to hone her skills at the Bench pub of Livonia where she made many more friends during her 10 years there.

Cheryl retired with Dennis in 2016 and moved north to Rogers City where they have a family cabin and many friends that are retiring also. She enjoyed most of all spending time with her grandkids, walks on the shores of Lake Huron looking for pudding stones, and happy hour on the beach with her family and friends.

Cheryl literally shined as a wife, friend, life partner, mother, sister, daughter, aunt, and especially a grandmother in which she was known as "Grammy" to her precious grandkids. She touched a lot of hearts and will be missed tremendously.

Cheryl is survived by her husband, Dennis; 2 children, Dennis (Ashley) Queener of Lachine and Lindsey (Ken) Stark of Livonia; 3 grandchildren, Oliver, Elizabeth and Gordon; she is also survived by her father, Gordon Anderson, and partner Nancy Soho of South Lyon / Northville; brother Gordie (Carol) Anderson of Whitmore lake, and several loving nephews and nieces.

She was welcomed into Heaven by her mom, Carol.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date. Arrangements are in care of the Beck Funeral Home.

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## Ann Mary Gadbow

FARMINGTON HILLS - Ann Mary Gadbow age 95, entered the pearly gates of heaven while surrounded by family on September 7, 2019. Ann was born at home with a midwife on October 13, 1923 to the late Richard and Anna (Wallace) Gosson in Syracuse, NY. Her parents were immigrants with a proud Irish heritage. She grew up in an area called Tipperary Hill. Ann met a handsome Army Captain at the Rainbow Lounge of the Syracuse Hotel. She wed the love of her life, Joseph J. Gadbow M.D. on February 19, 1944 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Syracuse, NY.

Ann and Joe dreamed of a large family, and a vibrant life filled with adventure. They fulfilled these dreams and experienced many other blessings. They raised eight children in Farmington, Michigan. She was the beloved wife of a well-loved physician in the community. Ann worked as his book-keeper, assisted in his clinics, and took on the important role of "Domestic Engineer" to support a very busy family life. The couple retired in 1990 and moved to Traverse City where they created a remarkable life on the Boardman River. They shared sixty-six wonderful years of marriage and are very proud of the legacy they created.

She was a devoted member of Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington and later St. Francis Catholic Church. She enjoyed golf and tennis with many friends. She was a very thoughtful person and was often known to send caring notes and gifts. She kept up with the times and was well versed in current events, politics, and social media. She loved to go shopping and had a keen



eye for interior design. Ann also enjoyed dining out at local restaurants and was a gourmet cook. Above all else she cherished her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a fierce advocate for things she believed in. In so many ways, she will be remembered lovingly, deeply missed - she is truly "unforgettable."

Ann is survived by her children; Joann Gadbow of Kalamazoo, Joseph Jr. (Victoria) Gadbow of Stonington, CT, R. Michael (Sally) Gadbow, of Potomac, MD, John (Ranee) Gadbow, of Dearborn, Mary (Steve) Gadbow Davis, of Cadillac, Anne (Erik) Paus, of Brewster, MA, Elizabeth (James) Kelderhouse, of Traverse City, Catherine Gadbow, of Traverse City; twenty grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; brother Richard (Mary Ann) Gosson of Syracuse, NY; as well as many other loving family members and friends.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband Dr. Joseph Gadbow; brother John Gosson, and sister Elizabeth Kerrigan.

Visitation for friends and family will be held on Saturday September 14, 2019 from 3 to 5 pm at the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

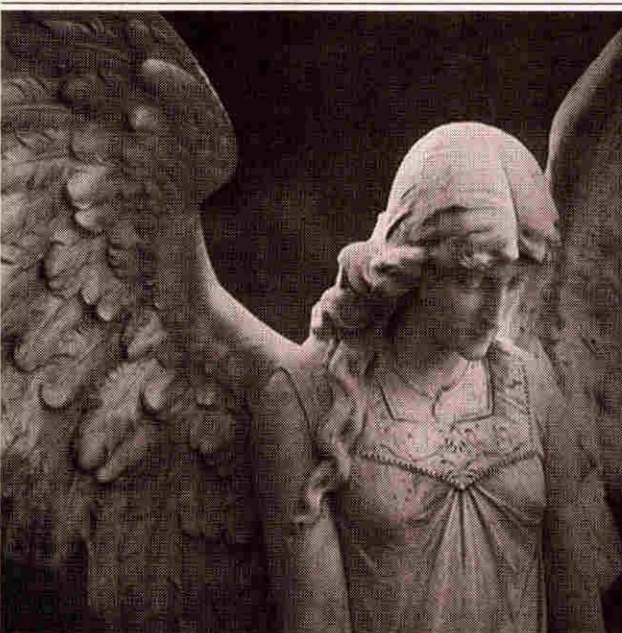
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm with visitation just prior to the service. Father Don Geyman and Father Ken Stachnik will concelebrate the Mass. According to Father Don, this will fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Munson Hospice, 1150 Medical Campus Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684.

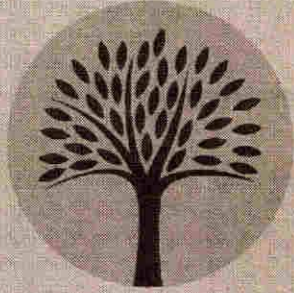
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# Sports

STEVENSON 4, CHURCHILL 0

## Spartans continue torrid start

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Livonia Stevenson continued its hot start to the season, jumping on cross-town rival Livonia Churchill with four second-half goals on Tuesday night to earn the 4-0 win.

It was a tight opening half, with neither team able to find the back of the net, but that wouldn't last. Stevenson's offense was relentless and continued to put pressure on Churchill's defense, which played well for most of the game.

Stevenson improves to 8-0 on the season, while Churchill drops to 3-3-2.

Here are three takeaways from the game:

### Scoring in bunches

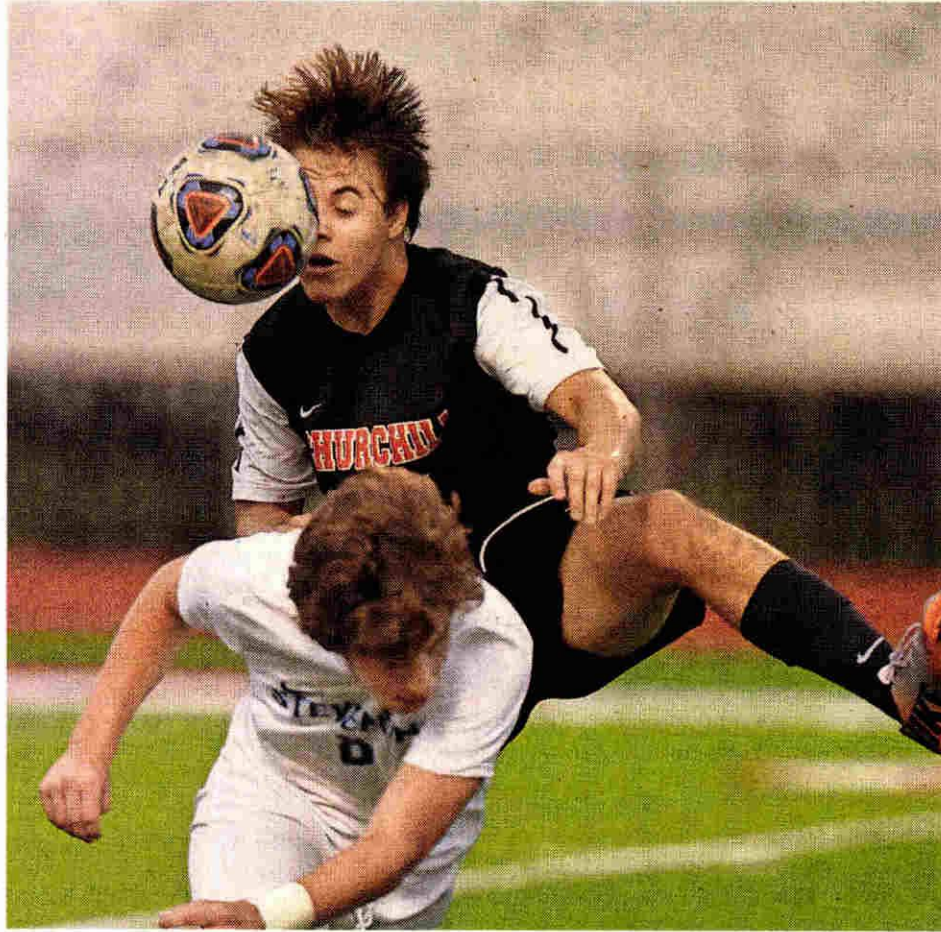
Stevenson's offense had possession of the ball for most of the game, but it wasn't until midway through the second half that it had anything to show for it.

The Spartans scored their first three goals all within a four minute span to take a commanding lead. It began with a goal by junior midfielder Nick Lema, who scored it with 29:13 left in the game. Just under three minutes later, sophomore forward Reece Brown added Stevenson's second goal of the contest.

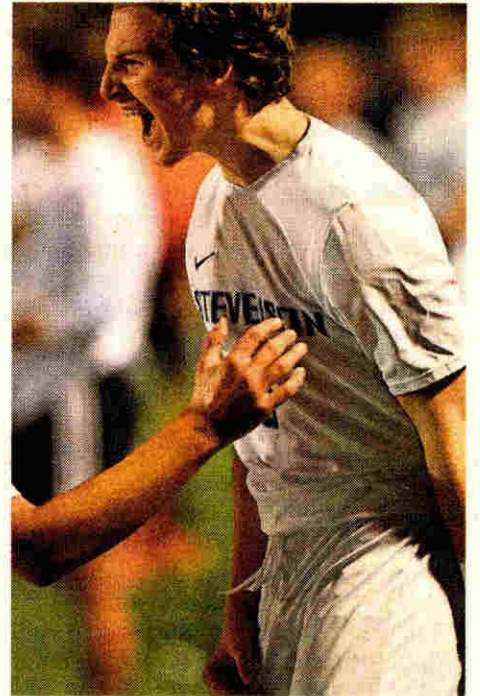
One minute later, Lema was back at it, scoring his second goal of the night.

"We kept putting pressure on and kept on breaking them down," Lema said. "They got tired and we just kept putting more pressure on and eventually scored some goals."

Senior captain John Evangelista fin-



Churchill's Garrett Englehart goes up over Stevenson's Reece Brown to play the ball during Tuesday's game. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Brown roars his approval after scoring the Spartans' second goal.

ground. I thought that was the key in the second half. John did a really nice job of getting around them in wide areas, he was fantastic. He and Nick were really rolling in the second half."

### Keeping it close

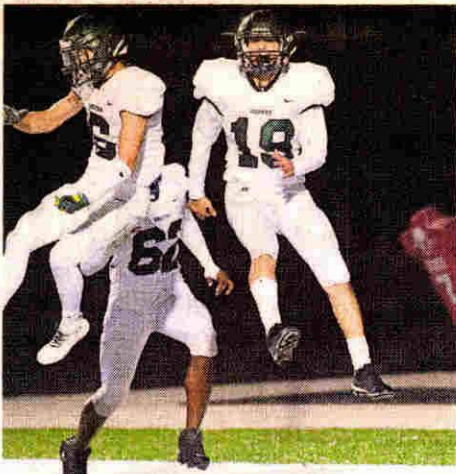
While the final score indicated a blowout, it was a much more competitive game than your average 4-0 contest. Churchill's strong defense held

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ished off the scoring with 16:39 to play. It was his third point of the night after notching two assists earlier in the game.

"I thought we made some slight adjustments (in the second half)," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said.

"Some ground passes are what we were focusing on in the second half, I thought we chipped a lot of balls in front of the goal in the first half and it made finishing very difficult. We really wanted to work the in-line and pass the ball on the



Groves wide receiver Eli Turner, right, celebrates after scoring the game-winning touchdown against West Bloomfield on Sept. 6. TOM BEAUDOIN

GROVES 24, WEST BLOOMFIELD 17

## Frenzied finish for Falcons

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All Colby Taylor had to do was run the clock out.

Groves held onto a seven-point lead with just over 90 seconds left in the game against West Bloomfield, the No. 1 team in the state, and was getting the ball back.

Taylor took the kick, running slow enough to take time off the clock. Taylor was hit. He lost control of the football. The Lakers fell on it in the end zone, ty-

ing the game and instantly erasing a 10-point deficit the Falcons held until late in the fourth quarter.

Groves head coach Brendan Flaherty said his team's mindset was to get to overtime, momentum squarely in favor of West Bloomfield at home.

Markis Alexander had other ideas. He wanted to pick his teammate up.

The senior quarterback dropped back, knowing West Bloomfield was going to be in press-man coverage, and found wide receiver Eli Turner on a back-shoulder ball in the end zone, giving Groves the 24-17 win, the Falcons'

second of the season, and erasing Taylor's fumble from memory.

"I probably made the biggest mess-up in our program's history," Taylor said. "[My teammates] were like, 'Screw that, we got this. We got you. We are going to get this one for you.'"

In a game filled with momentum swings for both teams, Groves was able to take advantage of mistakes made by West Bloomfield: penalties and turnovers, that allowed the Falcons to stick around.

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## VanGorp wins O&E men's event

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It was a wild finish to the two-day Observer & Eccentric men's golf tournament.

Defending champion Raz Boghikian (West Bloomfield) sank a birdie putt on the 18th hole for what he thought was enough to secure the win over Eric Attard (Livonia), who he was paired with, but he didn't realize Greg VanGorp (Livonia) had shot an amazing 68 on day two to finish with a 147, the same total as Boghikian.

That led to a one-hole playoff between the two players. VanGorp hit an 18-foot birdie to earn the victory — and a \$320 gift card to go along with the trophy.

Boghikian took second and Attard placed third in the championship flight, earning \$160 and \$120 gift cards, respectively.

John Doyle (Livonia) won net honors, taking home a \$130 gift card.

In the First Flight, Eric Golbiw (Bloomfield Hills) took first while Chris Adkins (Livonia) took first in net play.

Dan Longeway (Brighton) came in first overall in the Senior Flight and Eric

Birkle (Ann Arbor) took first in net play.

In the Super Senior Flight, Bill Himm (Livonia) placed first overall and Rick Wheeler (South Lyon) took first in net play.

The tournament took place in early September and was played at two area courses: Fox Creek and Whispering Willows. Eighty-one players turned out for the tournament.

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Greg VanGorp of Livonia won the men's O&E golf tournament in a one-hole playoff. PAUL WORLEY

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## PREP CROSS COUNTRY

# Stars embrace racing each other

**Bill Khan**  
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BRIGHTON – Don't tell Jack Spamer or his Brighton cross country teammates that dual meets in early September don't matter.

Sure, the ultimate goal is to perform their best as individuals and as a team Nov. 2 at the state meet. But some early season meets provide an opportunity to sharpen the competitive edge that will be required to succeed at Michigan International Speedway.

Brighton's first dual meet of the season brought three of the state's top runners together Tuesday at Huron Meadows Metropark.

With the temperature in the mid-80s, Plymouth senior Carter Solomon was able to pull away from Spamer in the final half-mile to win with a time of 15 minutes, 40 seconds. Zach Stewart of Brighton was third in 16:04.

Brighton, ranked No. 1 in Division 1, beat the defending state champion Wildcats, 23-36.

"I take it pretty seriously, because when it comes to where it matters — states, conferences, regionals and all those championship meets — it definitely helps you get experience, because you're still with the guys," Spamer said. "You're not under as much pressure, but you're still able to get a lot of experience out of it."

While some coaches downplay dual meets, Brighton coach Chris Elsey realizes it's a benefit any time his runners have to compete hard to win against a worthy foe.

"We want to take advantage and embrace those chances to compete against the top guys in the state," Elsey said. "You don't really worry too much about time. You just embrace that competition and embrace that battle, especially coming down the stretch."

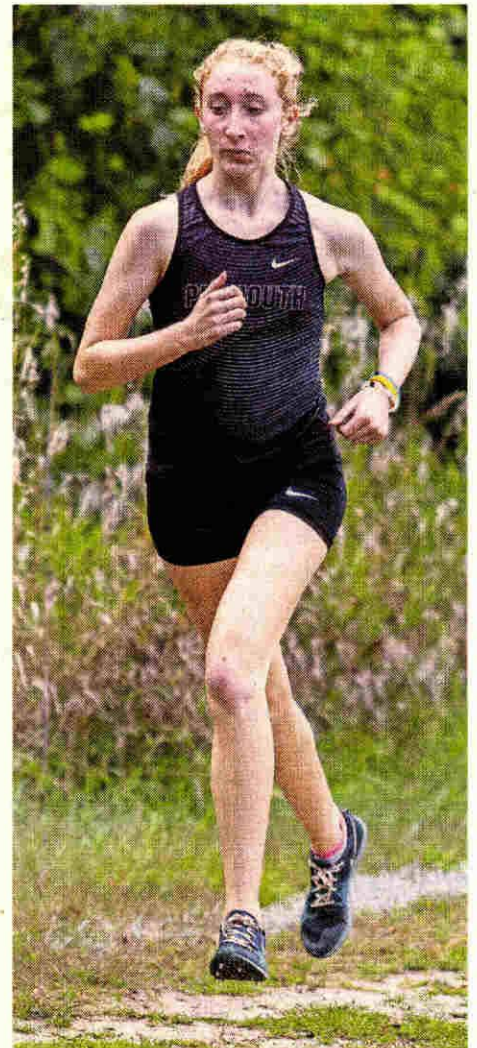
It's the second time Brighton and Plymouth have raced this season, with the same order of finish from the big three. Solomon and Stewart are three-time all-stars who were national Foot Locker qualifiers as juniors, while Spamer made all-state by placing 18th in the state meet.

"Jack's always been a guy I look out for since freshman year," Solomon said. "We knew each other freshman year and we've been running against each other



Plymouth's Carter Solomon, left, finished first and Brighton's Jack Spamer was second during a dual meet race Tuesday at Huron Meadows Metropark.

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Plymouth's Lauren Kiley ran alone up front, finishing first in a dual meet race against Brighton.

ever since. Him and I are buds. He's a great competitor. Coming into this race, I knew he was going to be there. I just came into the race with that mindset, and it came out well."

Brighton returned its top three runners and Plymouth returned its top two, as well as one other runner who scored in the state meet. The losses of No. 3 man Brandon Boyd and No. 4 man Jarrett Warner have been difficult to overcome so far for the Wildcats.

"Brighton's statistically better than us," Solomon said. "We knew that coming in. But we came in with the mindset to do the best we possibly can. It's early in the season, so training isn't quite peaking yet, but we'll get there. We've got a lot of young guys who are pretty promising for years to come. We'll see

how it goes later this season."

The Bulldogs graduated four runners who ran in the state meet, but have a solid No. 4 man in sophomore Evan Ross, while five other runners who have already broken 17:50 are vying for the other varsity spots. Ross was sixth in 16:45 Tuesday.

"They're extremely important," Spamer said. "The top three matter, but you've got to have depth on your varsity team. That's something we're working toward is getting greater depth and being able to have a tighter varsity pack."

In the girls meet, Brighton beat Plymouth, 27-30.

A key for Brighton was sophomore Katie Carothers, who moved into second place overall in 20:09 after trailing Plymouth's Londyn Swenson much of

the race. Plymouth sophomore Lauren Kiley ran alone up front, winning in 19:04.

Morgan Crompton was fourth (20:37), Amelia Kashian fifth (20:45), Ellie Stark seventh (21:13) and Amanda Simon ninth (21:54) for Brighton. In the season-opening South Lyon Invitational on Aug. 24, Brighton won a tie-breaker over Plymouth for the championship.

"We are really tight against Plymouth, so we wanted to come out and show we can race together as a team and go after it and really be competitors," Brighton coach Kristi Matuszewski said. "They were. A couple people are hurting; other people stepped up. That's what it takes."

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## Salem sweeps Rambling Rock Invitational

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The Salem High School boys and girls varsity cross country teams put on a show last weekend, as both teams finished in first place at the Rambling Rock Invitational.

The Salem girls varsity cross country team beat out Plymouth and Hartland, scoring 33 points with four runners placing in the top 10: Reagan Justice, Isabell Kulick, Olivia Millen and Marissa Henry.

"Our varsity as a whole does not have an identity yet, but are working together toward the ultimate goal of team success," Salem varsity girls cross country coach Dace Gerlach said. "I thought we looked pretty darn good today after an incredibly hard practice week we threw at them. They responded today with some serious fight and passion."

The Salem boys cross country team finished in first place at the Rambling Rick Invitational as well, finishing just ahead of Hartland with 36 points.



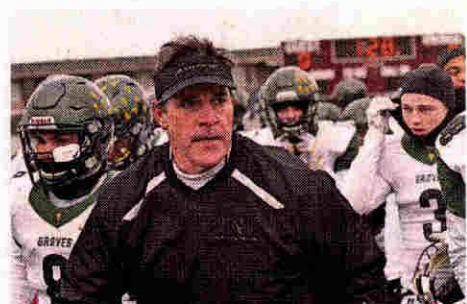
The Rocks were led by junior Talha Syed, who set a personal best and the ninth-best finish in school history with a 15:58 time, the individual runner-up in the race. Overall, Salem placed all five of its scorers in the top 30.

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Reagan Justice, left, placed in the top 10 of the girls' race and Talha Syed finished second in the boys' race for Salem at the Rambling Rock Invitational. FILE PHOTOS

## COACH OF THE WEEK

## Defeat of top-ranked team lifts Flaherty



Brendan Flaherty is in his 19th season as Groves' head coach. BILL BRESLER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE PHOTO

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After Birmingham Groves defeated No. 1-ranked West Bloomfield, 24-17, last week, head coach Brendan Flaherty has been named as the week two recipient of the 2019 Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week by the Detroit Lions.

Flaherty led the Falcons to its second win of the season against the Lakers, amounting to a 17-7 lead before allowing

West Bloomfield to tie the game late in the fourth quarter. However, Groves senior quarterback Markis Alexander found wide receiver Eli Turner in the final minute to secure the victory.

In his 19th season as the head coach at Groves, Flaherty has had 10 state playoff appearances, advancing to the state semifinals twice in the past two seasons.

According to the release, this award is given to a coach that shows success on and off the field and shows an emphasis on developing players' character, disci-

pline and football skill.

Flaherty will be honored along with every recipient of this award on Dec. 15 when the Lions play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Groves football program will also receive a \$2,000 donation.

The Falcons were scheduled to face Rochester at home on Friday.

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BROTHER RICE 53, HOLY NAMES 3

# Warriors find groove on offense

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Junior wide receiver and safety Rocco Milia thinks the general public has giant misconceptions about Brother Rice. He thinks the Warriors came into the season incredibly underrated, with people pointing to the lack of an offensive line or the lack of a running back.

Coming off of a season-opening win against Utica Eisenhower where the offense only put up seven points, Brother Rice did have something to prove offensively. And it did, with a backup quarterback.

With senior Greg Piscopink sidelined, sophomore Jake Coulter and the Warriors put up 53 points, shutting down Windsor Holy Names 53-3 for the Brother Rice football team's second win of the season.

"We believe in Jake," Brother Rice head coach Adam Korzeniewski said. "He can sit in there and do what he needs to do and not feel overwhelmed. He has a strong arm and he's pretty accurate. I was very impressed with him today."

Coulter finished the game completing 7-of-11 pass attempts for 148 yards and four passing touchdowns, three of which went towards sophomore wide receiver Cole Lacanaria.

The Brother Rice defense picked up Coulter when it could as well, with senior safety Giavino Murad intercepting Holy Names quarterback Matt Guenette's first pass attempt and taking it into the end zone for the first score of the game.

After the interception returned for a touchdown, Holy Names recorded a 23-yard field goal after a 10-play drive for its only points of the game.

Along with another stout defensive performance, Milia said this game is big for how others perceive the quality of Brother Rice football.

"I think this game proves that we can pound the ball, throw touchdowns, put a bunch of points up on the board," Milia said.

Here are three takeaways from Brother Rice's 50-point victory on Sept. 5.

## Coulter leads in Piscopink's absence

Coulter knew that he was going to play.

After a taxing win against Eisenhower the week before, Korzeniewski decided to play it safe with Piscopink, who was recovering from a minor shoulder injury and who should be ready to go for the Warriors' Week 3 game against University of Detroit Jesuit.

Coulter knew the situation coming into the game. But that did not make it less nerve-racking for the sophomore.

"I was nervous at the start," Coulter said. "Once Gio got the pick-six at the start, I kind of got it going, feeling all right, we can do this. First pass play, I threw a touchdown. I was like we got this. Let's go."

From his very first passing touchdown, Coulter seemed to find his favorite target: Lacanaria, who brought in three catches for 88 yards and three touchdowns.

Coulter said he spends a lot of time with Lacanaria, since both are sophomores, talking to him during class about things they will do on the field.

"I trust him," Coulter said.

Even though he did not touch the field, Piscopink took the role as Coulter's personal quarterbacks coach. Clad in pads and a Brother Rice baseball cap,



**Brother Rice wide receiver Cole Lacanaria pulls in one of his three TD receptions against Holy Names on Sept. 5.** TOM BEAUDOIN

As a defensive coordinator, this is the mindset to stay in. But leaving the field, allowing three points in the first two games of the season, Korzeniewski showed how much better the defense can be.

The Warriors allowed 26 total yards in the first half, most of which was accounted to one play: a 46-yard pass from Guenette to Theo Johnson.

Brother Rice continued to show its dominance with its turnover margin as well.

With Murad donning the team's turnover chain on the sideline, the Warriors recorded another interception and a safety, recording 12 plays in which the Holy Names offense recorded zero yards or less on a completed play, 10 of which came in the first half.

## Milia shines

Milia did a bit of everything for the Warriors on Thursday night.

He worked as a receiver, catching one of Coulter's four touchdown passes. He worked as a wildcat quarterback in one drive, recording 43 yards on four carries for the offense. He was a shutdown safety, bringing in one of Guenette's two interceptions of the night.

Milia views himself as a jack-of-all-trades football player. But it's all for one common goal: winning.

"I want the team to win, I want to work with the team," Milia said. "Every practice, I will go hard and I'm going to learn everything. I'm going to do it all."

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**Groves running back Ralph Donaldson heads downfield against West Bloomfield on Sept. 6.** TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Football

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"They came ready to play tonight," West Bloomfield head coach Ron Bellamy said. "It's one of those things, the longer you keep a team around, the more confidence you give them. We gave them confidence."

Linebacker and running back Ralph Donaldson called this mentality "green lighting," encouraging his teammates to continue to go, continue to move forward no matter the situation the team was in.

This was easy for Groves. Alexander said the team came into the game with a bad taste in its mouth, wanting revenge after losing to West Bloomfield last season.

And the quarterback was a major part of that.

Connecting with wide receiver Clayton Fox for an 18-yard fade in the first quarter for the first score of the game, Alexander consistently picked on the Lakers' secondary, forcing back-shoulder passes and lobbing up grabs for his receivers.

Flaherty said he was most impressed with Alexander, who threw for 225 yards passing, when he was not completing passes.

"Just his poise," Flaherty said. "It's not even the completions are great, but it's those ones that he chucks into the stands. Just being smart."

Groves was able to take advantage of mistakes made by West Bloomfield though as well.

Penalties killed momentum for the Lakers in the first half. A 35-yard touchdown pass from West Bloomfield quarterback CJ Harris was erased after an il-

legal man downfield penalty in the second quarter, keeping the Lakers to one touchdown until the end of the fourth quarter.

"You start getting into real football, and mistakes happen. A lot of mistakes happen," Flaherty said. "There's some luck, to be honest with you. We got some lucky breaks tonight, and our guys took advantage of it."

After Alexander found Taylor on a 34-yard pass to bring the Falcons to the 1-yard line, Kurt Coleman fell into the endzone, giving Groves a 17-7 lead, one that many thought would remain until the end.

But as his team celebrated when the clock hit zero, Taylor remained near the back of the huddle with his head low. He was still thinking about the fumble in the end zone, the one that tied the game.

When Flaherty asked if anyone wanted to say something in the post-game huddle, Taylor raised his hand.

With tears in his eyes, he thanked his team for picking him up. But Flaherty cut him off, saying, "We wouldn't have been here if it wasn't for you."

Taylor was then lifted on the shoulders by two of his teammates and was cheered for like he had scored the winning touchdown.

The senior said he had never felt more loved by people he considers more than friends, more than teammates, but brothers.

"I don't know if it's some mysterious power," Taylor said. "My boys just got my back."

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## Soccer

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Stevenson in check in the first half, led by the effort of senior goalkeeper Jacob Kujawa. He made several key saves that kept his team in the game.

"He made a couple big time saves on big time scoring chances," Shingledecker said. "Overall, those kids play super hard, it's what we expected. We knew today was going to be a battle and wouldn't be easy. They have some good players and are well coached."

## Still undefeated

With such a strong start, the Spartans have high hopes for this season.

In eight games, they have recorded seven shutouts. They've played two goalies, junior Brenden Ware and sophomore Eric Fifer, and will continue to do so with each playing well.

"It feels really awesome to keep this streak going," Lema said. "We're trying to go all the way and keep this undefeated streak going."

Stevenson was at a disadvantage coming into the game, with two normal starters (seniors Griffin Brown and Jake Kaupp) out due to injury and a third starter (senior Shaam Hammami) that exited Tuesday's game with a broken nose. Nevertheless, the Spartans pushed through and will continue



**Stevenson's John Evangelista, left, battles Churchill's Aiden Somerville for the ball during the teams' game Tuesday at Churchill.** JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

to do so.

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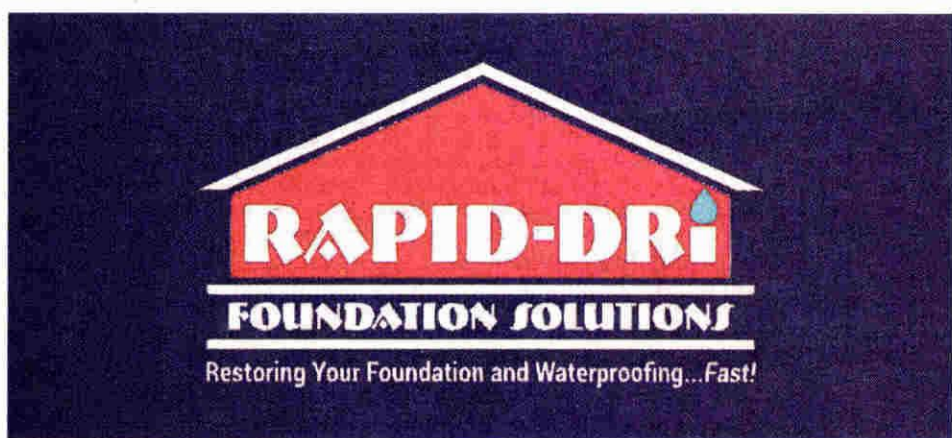
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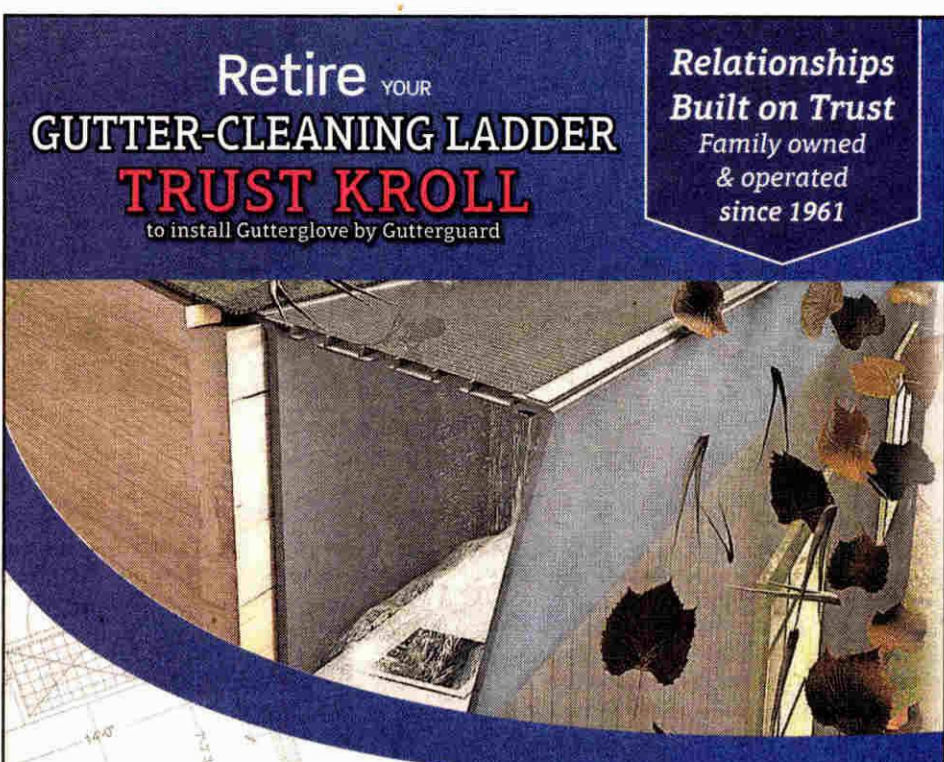
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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF MEETING**

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

**Case #2228, Proposed Land Division, S John Hix, Parcel #079-99-0011-000, Donald Raymor Jr., South of Palmer, North of Glenwood, on the East side of S John Hix.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF MEETING**

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

**Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance Amendment to Section 110-9.7 of Westland Zoning Ordinance No. 248 to Modify the Use List and Development Conditions for Specific Uses.**

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**CITY OF LIVONIA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on **Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.**, in the Auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

**Petition 2019-07-01-06** submitted by Tiseo Architects, Inc., requesting to rezone a portion of the shopping center located on the west side of Middlebelt Road between Clarita Avenue and Seven Mile Road (19043-19053 Middlebelt) in the Northeast ¼ of Section 11 from P (Parking) to C-1 (Local Business).

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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**1. Do you truly value other people as humans?**

Managers who see their team members as a resource, or pieces of a machine, are not among the most productive or successful leaders. If you listen to others, genuinely taking their feedback and concerns into account and understanding their basic humanity (mistakes, quirks, all the good stuff that make us human), it makes you a more empathetic leader. Active listening (without judgment) is one of the most effective leadership qualities you can have.

**2. Do you understand others' emotions, as well as your own?**

Going back to the "humanity" issue, being in touch with your feelings and understanding others' feelings is a common quality in the best leaders. This doesn't mean you have to overshare or cry at work; it can be as simple as acknowledging your own emotions to your colleagues. "I know I reacted with frustration, and here's why." "The announcement made me upset too. Let's talk about that." Being open about your feelings (though work-appropriate ones



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**3. Do you encourage inclusivity and diversity?**

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cultural shift in the workforce. Cliques and insider baseball are out, and having a broad range of people, cultures, perspectives, and opinions is in. Building your teams and your projects around people who bring different skills and perspectives shows a deep commitment to teamwork. Finding a balance — instead of a team of yes-people who see things the same way you do — shows

how much you value others' input and viewpoints, and how much you understand that great things can come from unexpected places.

**4. Do you look toward the future?**

If you find yourself focusing obsessively on what just happened or what's going on now, that can lead to a feeling of aimlessness or directionless. While you obviously need to be able to synthesize what worked and what didn't in the past and solve issues in the now, it's essential to be able to see what's coming up. Planning, setting achievable goals, and making sure everyone is aware and on board with future strategies is a cornerstone of good leadership.

**5. Do you nurture others' talents?**

Helping others grow should be a priority of any leader. It's against your interests (and your organization's) if the people around you feel stagnant in their work, or so overwhelmed with a current workload that they have no bandwidth to figure out what comes next. A strong leader makes sure that others are not only working to their potential but also growing in ways that allow them to move forward in their careers.

If you've answered "no" to any of these questions, it doesn't mean you're simply a lousy leader or will never be executive material — it just means there's an opportunity to build your skills to become someone people admire and turn to for advice and guidance.

*Kate Lopaze is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com where this article was originally published. She investigates and writes about current strategies, tips, and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.*

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