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Owner: Phoenix Mill to open next summer

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The Phoenix Mill in Plymouth Township hasn't seen any activity since it was shut down by the Ford Motor Company in 1947. Rick Cox plans to bring some life to that site as early as next summer. Cox, a developer whose company

Critical Mass, LLC, purchased the historic mill from Wayne County, gave an update last week night to the Plymouth Township Planning Commission on the project he's planning at the mill, located at 14973 Northville in Hines Park.

He says the plan, assuming all the approvals fall into place, is to open the facility as a restaurant and banquet center

next summer.

"We're making progress. Not as much as we'd like," he said. "Contractors are hard to get right now and it's really tough. Everybody's booked up."

He's hoping to bring in roofing contractors some time in the next week to begin that process of restoring the old mill, previously operated by Henry Ford,

in the county park.

About 75% of the window frames have been restored on the building, Cox said, and some glass will begin being installed on the building this month.

"It's going to start to take shape as to what the building is going to look like

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Dean Frohey, president of the Americas business unit of Novares, said, "We've got a global innovation team that focuses on innovation and taking new things to market." PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Novares adds innovation to automobile industry

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A car without rearview mirrors? One with the dashboard located in the center console? Storage in a vehicle's front grill? It's all part of the newest model vehicle created by one local company.

The technology of the future was put on display in the parking lot of the Embassy Suites on Victor Parkway in Livonia. Two vehicles, labeled Nova Car #1 and Nova Car #2, were highlighted by Novares, 19575 Victor Parkway, as some of the newest technologies could be found inside.

"We've got a total of 41 innovations on the two vehicles," said Dean Frohey, president of the Americas business unit for Novares. "We've got a global innovation team that focuses on innovation and taking new things to market."

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Julie Mornan and Walter Walker try a Nova Car at the Embassy Suites in Livonia.

What vaping means for students in high school

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A lot of teens' reason for picking up and taking a puff off a vape for the first time is simple: It looks and feels cool.

But, when there's at least eight people dead from vaping? That's not cool. Getting in serious trouble because of statewide and suggested nationwide bans? Also not cool.

"They're getting something from it that they think they're enjoying. But it's just, in the long-term, it's killing them and they don't realize that."

Jack Yaquinto is a senior at Churchill High School in Livonia. He's pretty upfront about having tried vaping. But he'll also, proudly, tell you he's happy to have talked some of his buddies out of their vaping addictions. His buddies, other teens, are among some of the most prevalent vape users in the country, according to the Truth Initiative.

Lawmakers including Gov. Gretchen Whitmer want to limit teens' and young adults' use of vapes, arguing that teens are drawn to the habit largely because of "fun" flavors like pink lemonade and strawberry watermelon. Government agencies like the FDA say that might be true.

Vapes, also known as e-cigarettes or vape pens, allow users to have varying amounts of nicotine, an argument for those using the alternate nicotine delivery system to help people gradually quit smoking cigarettes.

It's also possible to vape THC or CBD, which are oils from marijuana plants.

But a Juul pod, among the most popular vaping devices, has about as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes. For context, a Juul pod takes about 200 puffs to finish.

That's where lawmakers' concern for teens, and Yaquinto's concern for his friends, comes in.

"I have friends who have used it before and they've tried to quit many times," Yaquinto said. "I've seen them go back to it many times, too."

Getting away with it

Among the ladies, it's pretty easy to just head to the bathroom for a nicotine fix.

"It'll be three or four girls in one stall

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Wayne man charged in Inkster fatal shooting

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A Wayne man is facing numerous charges including murder, robbery and assault because of the fatal shooting of Joseph Kenneth Benson, 26, of Inkster.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office alleges Cleve Allen Ransaw, 26, of Wayne shot Benson, an acquaintance, when an argument between the two escalated the night of Sept. 13.



Ransaw

Inkster police were dispatched around 11:30 p.m. that night to Western and Oakwood streets because of a shooting.

Upon arrival, they found Benson's lifeless body. He had multiple gunshot wounds.

An investigation led to Ransaw, who apparently took cash from the victim.

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Farmington Hills Fire Department Sgt. Dan Rickard, right, and firefighter Ryan Smith tend to the still-burning Guinness Book of World Records lint pile at the Farmington Hills DPW yard Sept. 19 as part of a Fire Safety Month demonstration. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Farmington Hills company sets record for largest lint ball

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Drivers on Interstate 696 may have noticed smoke coming from the base of the Farmington Hills water tower. There's no need to be alarmed: that was just the world's largest ball of dryer lint being burned in a safe, controlled environment.

The Guinness World Record attempt was a stunt pulled by Farmington Hills-based Dryer Vent Wizard, 37735 Enterprise Court, as a way to bring awareness to the dangers of dryer lint being left in drying machines and getting caught in vents.

The attempt required the company to begin collecting lint from its employees from across the country since April. Franchises from across the nation would ship boxes of lint to Farmington Hills in preparation for the record attempt, which went off without a hitch Thursday afternoon in the parking lot of the Farmington Hills Division of Public Works building at 27245 Halsted.

"Those folks all shipped boxes of lint to us," said Terry Reuer, the company's executive chair and partner and a Farmington resident. "I'm sure our UPS driver is glad we're done with this. I think one day he brought us 35 boxes of lint."

The lint had to be formed into a ball shape before it was set ablaze. The ball weighed in at 690 pounds, well over the 99-pound minimum required by Guinness to establish the record, which did not exist until Thursday.

"We decided we were going to do it big," Reuer said. Jason Baloga, the fire marshal for the Farmington Hills Fire Department, said he's never seen such a request come across his desk for a burn permit. He said it's an important safety reminder for residents, as fires can be routinely caused by backups of dryer lint in lines.

"I have never seen a lint ball this large in my life," he said. "We do see dryer fires regularly." He said there are typically 3,000 dryer fires that occur nationwide every year, though did not have an exact number for how many happen on an annual basis in Farmington Hills.

"It's not uncommon to see an appliance fire," he said. The Guinness world record attempt is the second one to take place in the Farmington area in the past month. Zap Zone, at the corner of Orchard Lake and Grand River in Farmington, set the world record for the longest winner stays on laser tag tournament.

The company cleans, repairs and installs dryer vents, and is always looking for unique ways to get their name out there. "Lint is flammable and it creates a safety hazard in your home," Reuer said. "But we wanted to have some fun in the process."

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Mill

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with the fresh glass," he said.

The concept that Cox, who also owns the Northville Valve Plant in Northville, wants to bring consists of a banquet facility for weddings that could accommodate a few hundred people, as well as a "lower-scale" restaurant designed to attract those cycling and walking through Hines Park that would be open to the public.

He said he is going to keep parking on the site to a minimum, instead working to secure partnerships that would allow for shuttle buses to transport banquet guests from nearby hotels and perhaps a valet service that could utilize an area parking lot. Parallel parking along Hines Drive may also be an option.

The Phoenix Mill is one of three dilapidated mills sold or in the process of being sold by Wayne County in Hines Park. All hailing from the early 1900s, they all played a role in the Ford Motor Company. Wilcox Mill, 230 Wilcox in Plymouth, is being considered for an art space ran by local artist Tony Roko and the Art Foundation, while there are no plans announced yet for the Newburgh Mill at 37401 Hines Drive in Livonia.

A presentation was originally scheduled to take place before the Livonia City Council's committee of the whole on Sept. 16, but was taken off the agenda.

The sale of the mills has been a point of discussion across the county the last year, with one group, Save Hines Park, organizing to protest the sale of the mills.

The project, which does not have a site plan rendering yet, received preliminary approval from the planning commission, who will still see the plans before issuing a final site plan approval at a later date.

"Good luck to you," said planning commissioner Dennis Cebulski. "It's an exciting project."

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 18 9/16/19

Presiding: President Godbout

Present: Green, Hammons, Hart, Herzberg, Johnson, Londeau

179: Minutes of regular meeting held 9/3/19.

- Traffic Control Order 2019-09: Remove traffic control light @ Ann Arbor Tr., & Berwick Dr.
- Traffic Control Order 2019-10: Install (1) "STOP" sign @ Berwick Dr., s. of Ann Arbor Tr., for n/b Berwick Dr. traffic & Install (1) "STOP" sign @ Berwick Dr., n. of Ann Arbor Tr., for s/b Berwick Dr. traffic.

- Adopt Non-Profit Recognition Resolution for Friends of John Glenn Music.

- Bid for Outfitting of 3 police vehicles to ABS Storage Products, amt. not to ex. \$17,316.

- Purchase of 1 Outfitted Freightliner Single Axle Chassis w/10 ft. dump box; amt. not to ex. \$145,326.

- Purchase of Wireless Kits for Police Dept. Motor-Unit Helmets; amt. not to ex. \$6,384.87.

- Motorcycle Lease Buyout w/Town & Country Sports; amt. not to ex. \$36,552.

- Ext. of Services w/IDS.com for printing/mailling services; amt. \$36,000.

- Professional Services agrmnt. w/98point6 Telemedicine Services for delivery of on-demand primary medical care to City of Westland employees; \$6,000/yr. w/contingencies.

- Adoption of LTSW Resolution & Agreement for Westland Family Dollar, 27454 Van Born Road.

181: Adoption of Resolution Designating TIFA members as Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

182: Minutes of study session held 9/9/19.

183: Set 9/16/19 as PH date for IFT application from US Farathane, 39200 Ford Rd.

184: Close PH for IFT application from US Farathane, 39200 Ford Rd.

185: Adopt Prepared Resolution to grant the application from US Farathane, LLC, for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

186: Approval of agrmnt. w/US Farathane, LLC, for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

189: SLU & Site Plan for Prop. Telecommunications Facility, 34033 Palmer Rd., w/ contingencies.

190: Rezoned CB-2 to CB-3, 6503 N. Wayne Rd.

191: Land Division, PID #048-99-0015-000, Linville St., s. of Marquette, n. of Cherry Hill btwn. Wayne & Newburgh Rds.

192: Appr. Checklist: \$38,116,953.75.

Mtg. adj. at 8:56 p.m.

James Godbout
Council President

Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2019-23 SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT. COUNCIL APPROVED: Agenda, Minutes of September 3, 2019 Regular Mtg., Wayne Main St. Scarecrow Contest, 1st Reading Ord. 2019-08, LOCC Appt.-M. Smith, Rev. & Exp. Report August 2019, School Resource Officer, 2017 Ford Taurus-Wayne P.D., Coll. Barg. Agmt.-IBE Local 58, Breast CA Awareness Res., RNI Training, Tavern License-Phoenix St. Wayne, Class C Liquor License-M. Paladino, Information Security Policy & Information Tech. Change Mgmt. Policy, Coll. Barg. Agmt.-COAM, Consent Calendar. Adjourned 10:05 p.m.

Tina M. Stanke
Wayne City Clerk

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Vaping

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just vaping," said Arta Palushi, a senior at Livonia Stevenson High School. "They're eating lunch in there too. But there's people who have to actually use the bathroom and there's no way to get in. It's crazy."

Four female high school students told *Hometown Life* that bathroom vaping is something they see often. Yaquinto and another male high schooler reported that, for guys, it's not as much of an issue. But all six said, if someone really wants to get away with it, it's not all that hard to vape in school.

"It's very easy to hide," said Jerrick Hai, a senior at Churchill. "For example, people can like put it up their sleeve or, if it's small enough, people can just hold it in their hand."

The teens said Juuls, which look like a long USB drive, are especially easy to conceal. Though they contain nicotine, vapes don't exactly smell like tobacco, either.

"It doesn't smell like a cigarette," Palushi said. "It smells like something fruity. With a cigarette, you would see the smoke and you would smell it. You would know that someone is smoking. But for a vape, it smells like strawberries or something. It can be so easily hidden, too."

Many stood up for school staff, saying that the problem, big or small, doesn't stem from a lack of teachers or administration trying to stop vaping when they see it.

"I think administration is well aware of it," Yaquinto said. "I do not think that teachers, specifically, are on the lookout for that. There's probably some that are looking for that stuff, but some teachers wouldn't see that. It could just be where you sit in the classroom."

Getting hooked

Caroline Hardy, a senior at Livonia Franklin High., talked about what she called the one and only time she took a puff from a vape. She said it was a "peer pressure situation" in which she wanted to fit in. Hardy said she's since changed her mind about that.

"I felt like I fit in but, at the same time, I wasn't happy with myself because I was like, 'You don't need to do that to fit in,'" she said. "People around me didn't really



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change their perspective of me, I just thought I needed to."

Yaquinto and Hai also said they've tried vaping at the offering of others. Though they said no, Franklin senior Madison Moore and Stevenson sophomore Isabella Covert said they've been offered at least once. For half the teens, it's natural to want to say yes.

"I think when you're just in that atmosphere, it's just sort of like, 'Oh, this won't hurt me,'" Yaquinto said.

But, some reported seeing something that started as fitting in become something that had a real grip on their friends.

"People will say it's not a big deal and that it's fine," Moore said. "But, they get so used to using it that's it's like consistent and it just sidetracks them from what they actually need to be focusing on at school."

Why not?

Non-vaping teens said staying away from the trend makes sense because they don't want something controlling them.

"I run cross country and track and so I care about my lungs and I don't want anything happening to them so I just choose not to," Hardy said. "Also, I like saving my money and spending it on things like food or going shopping for clothes. I don't really want to have to go and try figure out how I'm going to buy Juul pods."

Yaquinto, who is also an athlete, agreed that vaping wouldn't help him on the field.

"I don't smoke because it's not necessary," he said. "I'm an athlete and it's not good for your health. Clearly, it's not good for your health and I think people keep on doing it because they haven't seen a major outcome of what these things can do to you."

Others think it's a distraction.

"I feel like it just distracts them from what needs to be done, like their priorities. . . I don't think smoking helps with anything that is going on in high school," Covert said.

Perhaps not surprising, underage smokers were not interested in talking about their habits.

Staying healthy and alive

"As unfortunate as it is that someone passed away from it, I think it'll bring more attention to how many people are doing it and get them to realize this is not OK," Hardy said.

Hardy thinks young people are stuck in a place of not being educated about vaping and not caring.

"I definitely do not think people are educated enough on it," Moore added. "People have just been so caught up in the idea that, 'Well, it's not a cigarette.'"

The eight deaths caused from vaping have come from puffing THC, the psychedelic chemical in marijuana, bought from street dealers. But popcorn lung, or bronchiolitis obliterans, and wet lung, or pneumonitis, have both been tied to vaping. Either way, the long-term effects of frequent vaping aren't known.

"Now, this is hitting our generation and nobody knows what the long-term affect is. It's unpredictable," Yaquinto said.

"The health risks involved in vaping are still unknown," Hai added. "So, I'm not willing to take that risk."

Moore went as far as to suggest that she'd like to see it in health class curriculum so people can get wise to potential health effects. The Farmington Public Schools district had a doctor speak with its high schoolers in mid-September with the aim of doing just that.

But as far as vaping with the hopes of fitting in goes, Hardy kept it the simplest.

"You definitely don't need to."

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Novares

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The innovations on the vehicles include a curved display that shows the vehicles' information, climate control and entertainment options; Smart Breeze, which is a new take on how hot and cold air travel through vents in the front of the vehicle; and Birdview, which used different-colored lights to communicate on the outside of the car.

The work is a step forward for the local division, which was KeyPlastics up until two years ago when Novares acquired the company.

"A lot of the interior stuff is the coolest stuff," Frohey said. "Our parts traditionally are trim pieces, but now they're becoming intelligent."

The parts are shown to different manufacturers such as Ford, General Motors, Toyota and Tesla throughout the year, enticing them to add the tech to their vehicles in the future. The display last Friday in Livonia was primarily done for area

employees to see what the company has been working on.

Much of the technology was crafted by employees in Livonia.

One of those employees is Brent Egnor, a product innovation leader. He

shared information about some of the technology in Nova Car #2, including the door handles on both the interior and exterior.

The interior handle, coated in rubber, contains the buttons to

change the rearview camera angles, roll down the vehicle's window and open the door. It fits perfectly in the left hand, making the handle very ergonomic.

"You've got a smooth control surface, all the

controls right there in the grab handle," he said. "It wouldn't open the door unless your hand was wrapped around it."

Working on such vehicles is something Egnor enjoys, even though sometimes the deadlines

do feel like they are looming large.

"It's fun," he said. "Sometimes you're working six or seven days a week to meet the deadline. Sometimes, it's just the normal progression of work."

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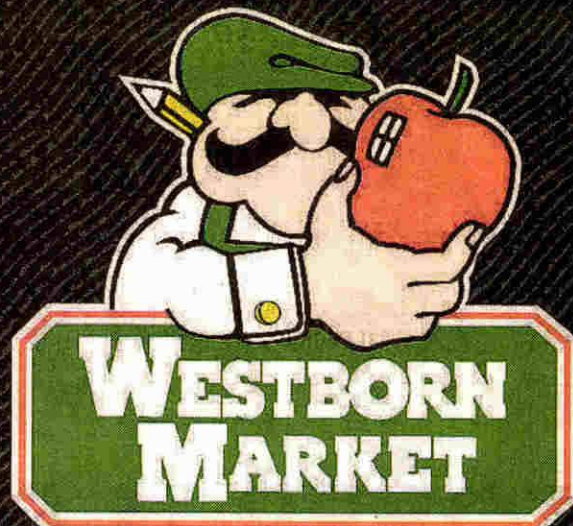


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Construction headed to Northville Twp. intersection

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If you thought the intersection of Six Mile and Beck roads in Northville Township couldn't get any more congested, well, you haven't driven by there this week.

Monday started a two-phase traffic signal and pavement improvement construction project by Wayne County.

The first phase, which is projected to stretch until early November, will consist of pavement widening and construction of a new traffic-signal foundation.

The second phase, which will start in mid-April 2020 and last approximately two months, will include modernizing the existing traffic signal at the intersection.

The June 2020 completion date is

dependent on manageable weather, the Wayne County Road Commission stated in a release.

Two-way traffic and left turns at the intersection will be maintained at all times throughout the project. Access to all affected driveways will be open at all times throughout the project and staging operations.

Residents who live along the project corridor and own an in-ground sprin-

kler system are urged to identify and stake the locations of the system (heads, valves and underground lines) or any other underground utilities not included in the state's MISS DIG program.

Further information is available by calling 888-ROAD-CREW or by visiting www.waynecounty.com.

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Driver injured, sculpture toppled in crash

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A two-car crash Sunday morning in Canton Township left one driver with minor injuries and a prominent piece of artwork with major damage.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., witnesses reported that a driver pulled into oncoming traffic at the intersection of Canton Center and Ford roads. The collision resulted in one car being pushed under the township's multi-ton sculpture, which toppled off its base.

The driver of the car that ended up under the piece of art sustained minor injuries, said Canton Township Public Safety Sgt. Greg DeGrand. She did not require transportation to a hospital, DeGrand added.

Alcohol or drug use was not a factor



A damaged vehicle came to rest under a toppled sculpture after a two-car crash Sunday morning in Canton Township. COURTESY OF JASON SMITH

in the accident, DeGrand added.

"Allegedly, a driver turned in front of another, causing the accident," DeGrand said. "A violation was committed."

"What made this accident unique is that one of our officers was right there

when it happened."

A photo posted on a Canton Township Facebook page Sunday morning showed a car resting beneath the toppled multi-ton piece of art.

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Farmington Hills doctor's fraud case bound over

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Pinpointed by Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel for alleged health care fraud, a Farmington Hills doctor waived her preliminary examination last week and allowed her case to go directly to Ingham County Circuit Court.

Dr. Ban Mechael, 56, faces two counts of Medicaid fraud-false claim and one count of medical records-intentionally placing false information.

Nessel said in late summer Mechael billed for far more infusion treatments than could actually be completed based on billing data and submitted claims for medical work that apparently took place while she was out of the state.

Meridian Health Plan investigators instigated the complaint that was referred to Nessel in 2018. The allegations are tied to the doctor's activities in 2016 and 2017.

An Internet search shows Mechael operating a doctor's office on Farmington Road in Livonia.

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Inkster man accused of 3 armed robberies

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Sylvester Ross, 59, of Inkster is facing three counts of armed robbery, along with two habitual offender counts, after allegedly striking three Livonia locations the evening of Sept. 12, according to local officers.

Livonia police said on Facebook they initially received the suspect's description after an employee from a Dollar

General store on Inkster Road reported a robbery.

While at the Dollar General, police learned another robbery had just happened at the 7-11 in the 9000 block of Newburgh Road.

Employees there described the suspect, and police knew the suspect had a dark-colored Audi with a decorative front license plate.



Ross

About an hour later, Livonia police saw Ross driving a vehicle matching the employees' description near Eight Mile and Middlebelt roads.

The driver pulled into a gas station parking lot, exited the vehicle and entered the gas station. The driver's build, features and clothing matched descriptions given to police.

Officers arrested Ross, who had implied he had a weapon during the robberies. No weapon was recovered.

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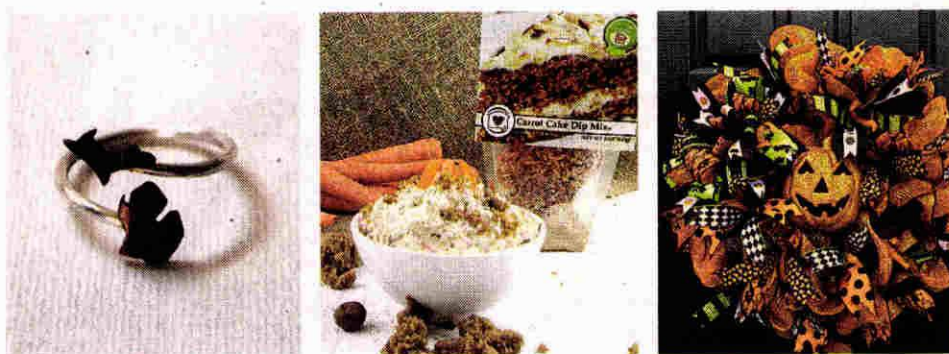
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What to know about downtown South Lyon's annual Pumpkinfest

Susan Bromley HometownLife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Fall into some fun with the 35th annual Pumpkinfest this weekend, Sept. 27-29, in downtown South Lyon.

The festival runs 6-11 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Friday and Saturday evenings are the Biergarten and main stage only.

Orange you glad we have five things you should know about this event?

Beer and music

The event kicks off Friday night at 6 p.m. when the Biergarten and main stage on Wells Street opens and brews from Witch's Hat, Drafting Table, Draught Horse and River's Edge flow while music fills the air. Taking to the stage first will be 2018 Battle of the Band winners, followed by two sets from Power Play Detroit.

Also on tap for the weekend are David "ELTON" Sower, Sweet Cheese, Short Bus, Dig a Phony and Killer Flamingos. Visit the Pumpkinfest website for a full schedule.

Of course there's a parade

This year's parade celebrates the 35th anniversary of Pumpkinfest, and bands, floats, and classic cars are expected. The staging area is the Centennial Middle School parking lot, and spectators are encouraged to arrive early for the parade which begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday and will travel down Pontiac Trail from 9 Mile, proceed west on Liberty St. and continue to McMunn Street, where it ends.

Off your gourd with contests

It wouldn't be Pumpkinfest without pumpkins, and there are plenty of competitions that involve the gourd. In addition to the Pumpkin Pie Bake-off, the Great Pumpkin Contest celebrating the largest pumpkin and the Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest for kids in two different age categories, a new pumpkin decorating contest sponsored by Traveling Brushes gauges your artistic ability in painting.

Shop 'til the clock strikes 6 p.m. on Sunday

Don't have an artist's touch? You can still appreciate it and find some art, as well as numerous other items, to purchase at booths throughout Pumpkinfest. In ad-



The 35th annual Pumpkinfest in downtown South Lyon is set for Sept. 27-29. COURTESY OF KELLY DOBSON

dition to artisan and merchant booths, non-profit booths will host activities, games and crafts.

Aww, such cute, amazing, furry punkins

Returning this year are the Ultimate Air Dogs, which was started in 2005 by former Detroit Tigers pitcher

Milt Wilcox and features dogs competing to fly through the air farthest as they fetch items thrown over a giant pool and make a giant splash with delighted audiences.

For more, go to southlyonpumpkinfest.com. Contact Susan Bromley at sbromley@hometownlife.com.

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Amazon to buy 100K e-vans from Mich. startup

Nathan Bomey
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON - Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos said Thursday that the company has committed to meet the terms of the Paris climate agreement 10 years ahead of schedule, including by purchasing 100,000 electric vans and moving to 100% renewable energy.

The company said it will purchase 100,000 electric delivery vans from Michigan-based startup Rivian, he said. Currently, all of the company's vans burn fossil fuels. Amazon has invested \$400 million in Rivian, which also has backing from Ford.

Rivian, which rebuffed a partnership with General Motors, is a rising darling of the tech and automotive industries as vehicle manufacturers seek electrification solutions and push plans for electric pickups.

Ford and Rivian have agreed to work together to develop an "all-new, next-generation battery electric vehicle for Ford's growing EV portfolio using Rivian's skateboard platform," Ford said in announcing its \$500 million investment in April.

Rivian has said it plans its manufacturing at a former Mitsubishi plant in Illinois.

Amazon has been facing pressure from its employees and activists to reduce its emissions in an effort to combat climate change.

A day before a global climate strike is expected to call attention to the world's environmental plight, Bezos said the company would use its considerable leverage to slash carbon emissions.

Bezos told reporters that Amazon would "implement decarbonization strategies in line with the Paris agreement," alter its "actual business activities to eliminate carbon" and acquire "credible" carbon offsets based on "nature-based solutions."

Former United Nations climate chief Christiana Figueres, who appeared alongside Bezos in an endorsement of the company's plan, said Amazon would also pressure its business partners to meet the goals.

"We want to use our scale and our scope to lead the way," Bezos said. "We have to do it."

Amazon gets about 40% of its energy from renewable sources with 15 utility-scale solar and wind farms. That will move to 80% by 2024 and 100% by 2030, Bezos said.

Bezos said he remains optimistic that the world can successfully confront climate change despite dire scientific projections of sea-level rise, environmental catastrophes, health epidemics and extreme weather.

Asked how Amazon's move to one-day or same-day delivery affects the environment, he defended the company's business model, saying that short delivery times require local warehouses and often can't be done by carbon-heavy planes.

"It actually turns out that as you increase the speed of delivery, you have less carbon," he said. "That is counterintuitive."

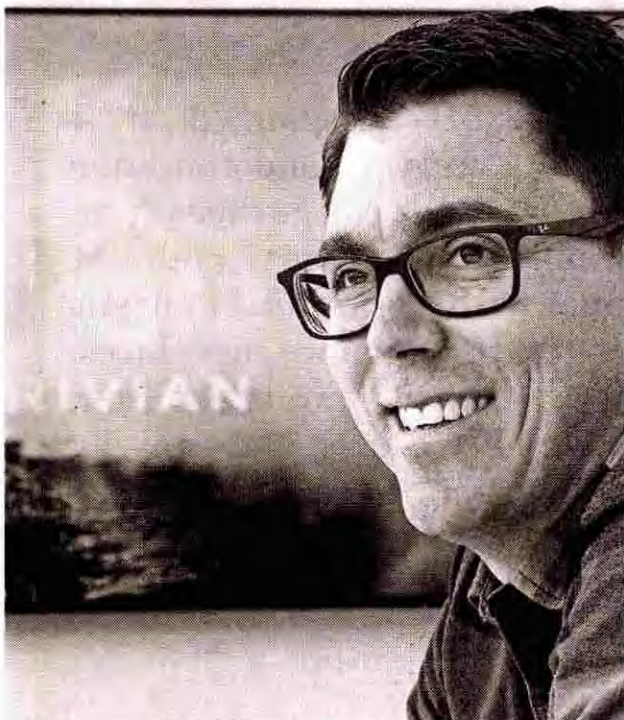
Thousands of Amazon's own workers have signed onto a group called Amazon Employees for Climate Justice, which organized a campaign to urge the company's shareholders to adopt a resolution forcing the company to take action.

The measure won the support of two independent shareholder advisory services but was rejected by investors in May.

Rebecca Sheppard, a senior product manager at Amazon who is active in Amazon Employees for Climate Justice, told USA TODAY recently that "Amazon's paying attention" - based on the company's recent actions, including an announcement involving plans to cut emissions from 50% of its packages.

"Being an employee is actually a great gift to change the industry for which you work," Sheppard said at the time. "If you want to invoke change, the best way to do so is to go into the industry where you want to see the change and fight for it."

Sheppard added: "It seems increasingly that being on the right side of the climate crisis is not a fringe issue. It's becoming more and more what shareholders and investors expect."



R.J. Scaringe, Rivian founder and CEO, talks about his electric vehicle startup in February at the business in Plymouth.



Rivian Lead Design Sculptor Andrew Frierott works on design development for an R1T electric vehicle at the startup in Plymouth in February. PHOTOS BY RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Obituaries

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Donald William Lucas

PLYMOUTH/NORTHVILLE - Donald William Lucas, age 57, passed away on September 17, 2019. Don was born on May 14, 1962 in Livonia, Michigan to his mother Carolyn and late father William Lucas.

Don graduated from Northville High School in 1980. He continued his studies at Lawrence Technological University, earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Don worked as an engineer at Chrysler for 30 years.

Don had the innate talent of being able to fix anything that was broken, from cars to computers. He attended several Jeep Jamborees and was known to be a fearless driver in the often-perilous Michigan winters. Don cherished time spent with his daughters, especially family outings to his favorite breakfast shop. Don was a lifelong hockey player and dedicated soccer dad, always volunteering to play goalie for shooting practice with his daughters.

Don is survived by his four daughters, Erica, Madeleine, Lilian, and Christina; siblings, Deborah (Lynn) Roberston, Cheryl Blaskiewicz, and David Lucas.

Per Don's request, services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to The American Brain Tumor Association. Please leave a message of comfort to the Lucas Family by calling 1.877.231.7900 or sign the guest book at borekjennings.com



Merino Bernardi

FENTON - Merino S. Bernardi died in his Fenton home surrounded by his family on September 15, 2019 at age 87. Son of Vincenzo and Elisabetta Bernardi, born in Paganica, Italy. Born as a U.S. citizen he moved from Italy to the USA with his mother and brother to join his father and older brother in 1938. Survived by; his beautiful wife Diane, the love of his life for over 61 years, his children Kenneth, Cheryl Reardon (Ron Reardon) and Jill (Monique Mathieson). Grandfather of Kristin Browning (Matt Browning) and Rachel Reardon (fiance Brian Henk) by whom he was affectionately known as "Horse", brother Fred and numerous wonderful nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his brother August. After graduating from Henry Ford Trade School in 1951 and joining Ford Motor Co., his career in mechanical engineering flourished until retirement. He and his family enjoyed boating and water sports along with winter sports at his vacation home on Blue Lake near Kalkaska. In later years they wintered at their second home in Naples. He and Diane enjoyed years of extensive travel throughout the US and abroad. An avid outdoorsman, he traveled the globe hunting and fishing. Per his request there will be no formal service. A small memorial will be held in his honor at a later date. THANKS FOR ALL THE FUN DAD! Ciao.



John David Lewis

FARMINGTON HILLS - Passed away at home on September 22, 2019; age 70; husband of Susan; father of David Lewis, Danielle (Tom) Gresham, Jackie Lewis, Joshua (Michelle) Lewis, Jennifer White and Carrie (Stan) Lewis-Adams; preceded in death by his daughter Jessica Lewis; grandpa of Nathan Arnold, Zach, Julia & Samantha Berger, Aidan & Jackson Lewis, Noah Alec, Alexis, Gavin & Ella Gresham, Kyle, Ryan & Kelli White; also survived by 11 siblings and many nieces & nephews. John owned & operated Great Impressions Hardwood Floors, Farmington Hills. He served in the U.S. Army and was active at Restored Church of God. He enjoyed bow deer hunting. Graveside service Tuesday, September 24th at 11:30 am at All Saints Cemetery-The Preserve, Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Donations may be made directly to the family. Please leave a memory or condolence on John's online guestbook at www.wintfuneralhome.com



Virginia B. Fehlig

PLYMOUTH - Fehlig, Virginia B., September 20, 2019 age 100 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late William G. Fehlig. Loving mother of David (Holly), and Patricia (the late David) Tome. Proud grandmother of David (Maria), Jeff (Nancy), Brian (Sabrina) Tome, Catherine Tome, Jeff (Chitose) Hanert, & Jill (George) Carroll. Great grandmother of Brittany, Makayla, Brenden, Justin, Jeremy, Justen, Jordan, Reed, Owen, Luke, Brandon, Mia, Cedrik, & Ezme and Great Great Grandmother of Jace & Emery. Arrangements by Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Historical Society, Interment Riverside Cemetery. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



The Memories Remain

Westland wants public input on parks

The City of Westland is currently in the process of updating its Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

In an effort to better serve the community and gauge the interests of residents, the Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a survey focused on the recreational wants and needs of Westland residents.

Residents can find the survey on the homepage of cityofwestland.com. Hard copies of the survey can also be retrieved from and submitted to the following locations:

- Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road
 - Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center, 32150 Dorsey St.
 - The Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road
 - William P. Faust Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway
- "We would greatly appreciate all of

our residents to take the time out to complete this Parks and Recreation survey," commented Kyle Mulligan, Director of Parks and Recreation. "The survey aims to get a more comprehensive understanding of the types of recreational amenities Westland residents currently utilize and where they would most like to see resources deployed for improvements."

The department will take the information obtained through the survey into consideration while updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The survey is only 12 questions and gives residents a voice in the planning process of improving the City's Parks and Recreational amenities. For questions, please contact Kyle Mulligan at kmulligan@cityofwestland.com.

The City is also seeking applicants to fill vacant positions on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council (PRAC).

The PRAC is a seven member board that is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.

The PRAC reviews plans and specifications for work undertaken in City parks and volunteers for programs provided by the City's Recreation Department. The board also advises the administration on Parks and Recreation strategies. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Westland City Hall.

The PRAC's primary purpose is to provide advice from a citizen perspective. The activities of the PRAC may include the study of critical issues, performing independent research, and reviewing staff reports and recommendations. These prepare the advisory body to discuss, analyze, formulate, and forward well-developed, thoughtful recommendations to the administration and the legislative body.

They will play a fundamental role in the planning and implementation stages of Westland's Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Interested members must be residents of the City of Westland with an interest in parks and recreation activities. They must be willing to function as part of the advisory team and willing and available to attend monthly meetings.

Applicants should be willing to support the mission and goals of the group and should be familiar with various aspects of recreation and fundraising, which may include having established relationships with funding partners such as community foundations, corporations, individual donors or preparation of funding applications.

Interested applicants can submit an application through the City's website or send a resume to Mayor Wild at mayor@cityofwestland.com.

Teens see positive changes through Champions of Wayne program

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Teachers and community members near Wayne Memorial High School have long gone the extra mile to help the school's students succeed through the Champions of Wayne program.

The program pairs participating kids up with a mentor that pushes them toward a chosen goal: better grades, better class attendance or something else.

"When you have a student that's barely passing, they can't see achieving anything to get on the right track," said Deborah Vigliarolo, executive director of Champions. "It's just too hard for their vision. But if we make this little goals, say let's pass your classes, that's attainable."

Dante Foreman, a junior at Wayne Memorial, said it's been game-changer.

"It helps a lot," he said. "It makes you put a goal down and it gives you something to look forward to with going to school. I think it's great."

Foreman, who is working on high grades, perfect class attendance and not



A student receives a \$200 check at a Champions of Wayne banquet. RYAN WRIGHT

missing any basketball practices, meets with his mentor before and after the class she teaches.

"I have good people in my corner pushing me, and that just helps a lot," Foreman said.

When students meet those set goals, they're invited to a banquet and receive a \$200 check.

"We have students who were just completely down and out," Vigliarolo said. "They had a parent who (committed) suicide, parents in jail or parents on drugs. This just turned their life around because they had somebody who believed in them and pushed them."

The checks and banquets are heavily funded by Richard Helppie, a Wayne Memorial alumnus and the founding sponsor of the program.

Aside from donations and sponsors, Champions raises money through a yearly event. The film is a documentary about Willie O'Ree, the first African-American to play hockey for the NHL.

"The story is about perseverance, and that's what these kids have with some of the things they're dealing with in their personal lives," Vigliarolo said. "This story is for anybody. It's about how you can conquer anything."

The Champions hope to see the program spread to other schools and impact more students in the area.



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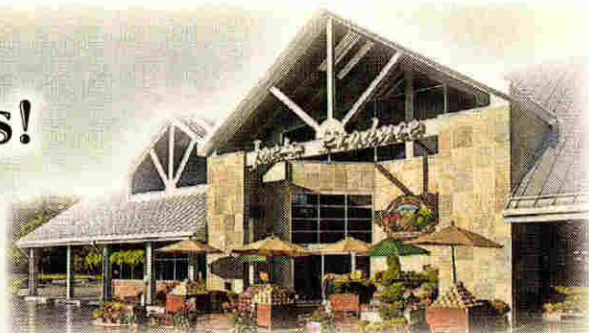
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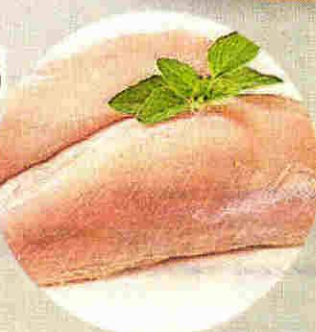
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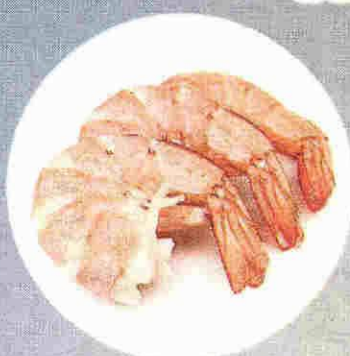
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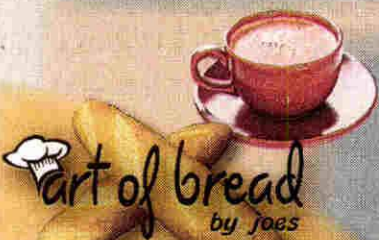
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Plymouth seizes control of KLAA West

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

CANTON – Nick Downs knew what he was up against.

This time, the Plymouth quarterback and his teammates were ready for anything Brighton threw their way.

One year after one of the toughest

games of his career, Downs threw for two touchdowns in a 14-7 victory over Brighton to put the unbeaten Wildcats in command in the KLAA West football race.

Downs was a highly efficient 8-for-9 for 74 yards and two touchdowns. A year ago, he was 3-for-8 for 48 yards and an interception as Plymouth managed

only 157 total yards and failed to score an offensive touchdown in a 24-7 loss at Brighton.

"It was in the back of my mind," Downs said. "I wasn't afraid. I love the challenge. I knew these guys were going to be a good defensive team. I have some buddies (at Brighton) — Cole Riddle, Luke Stanton, all those guys. They're

good players. I knew it was going to be a dogfight. Coach said it was going to be a 48-minute game, and it was."

On Plymouth's opening drive, Downs rolled right on third-and-four and dumped off a 7-yard touchdown pass to Alec Beshears, who dove to get the ball

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Franklin quarterback Jake Kelbert runs in his second touchdown of the game against Livonia Stevenson on Sept. 20.
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Franklin beats Stevenson in high-scoring battle, 47-21

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It's always a heavyweight fight when Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Franklin get together and that's exactly what we got Friday night when the cross-town rivals met at Stevenson High School for week four of the high school football season.

The Patriots came out red-hot, scoring 21 unanswered points which led them to a 47-21 win over the Spartans.

Franklin senior quarterback Jake Kelbert was the offensive star with five total touchdowns.

"It's the greatest feeling in the world," Kelbert said. "Growing up playing against these kids, this rivalry is one like no other. I compare it to Michigan and Ohio State. It's pretty heated. We're good friends off the field but on the field we hate each other. It's a really fun game to play."

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On Stevenson's second possession, junior quarterback Ray Kastl launched a fourth down pass 35 yards into the end zone which initially looked to be caught by junior Luke Evanoff, but the Franklin defense was able to knock away the ball as he fell to the ground, resulting in a turnover on downs.

Farmington roars back against North Farmington

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Farmington's Meghan Burba knew what she could do.

With the Falcons leading 24-23 in the fourth and possible deciding set, she went to the back of the court to serve the volley. Standing right in front of the loud and boisterous North Farmington student section, she just smiled.

"They were talking all this trash," Burba said. "I just smiled like, 'Just watch.'"

Burba aced the serve, securing the four-set victory in the season opener for the Falcons over North Farmington, using momentum and runs after losing in the first set to the Raiders.

In the first set, North Farmington seemed to have all of the momentum. Led by Lauren James in the front, the Raiders battled to a 27-25 set win after she blocked a ball at the net, leading to a botched serve by Farmington to secure the final point.

Farmington head coach Katie Drews had her message heard after the first-set loss, leading to momentum later in the game that North Farmington could not shake.

"We did not let the first set get to us," Drews said.

After what senior Rachel Kriese called a "fluke" of a first set, the Falcons used momentum to their advantage. In the final three sets, Farmington had stretches of four-or-more consecutive points seven times.

In the midst of a raucous crowd on the road at North Farmington, Kriese admitted that the atmosphere got to her and her teammates early on. But as the game continued, the mindset shifted.

"We were just kind of in our head, the crowd was in our head," Kriese said. "So we were like, 'OK, take it back to practice, remember the basics. We got this.'"

Farmington took the second set 25-18, leading to a 25-14 third-set win in which the Falcons had a stretch of recording 16 of the final 23 points.

While the final set was reminiscent of the first, with eight ties, the Falcons roared back, scoring five of the final six points to secure the set and the match.

In those long stretches of success for the Falcons, Burba said it was like a switch was turned on offensively, showing up and "wanting it more."

North Farmington head coach Mike Love said he was proud of the effort his team gave in the first game of the season, but saw many areas that needed to be improved.

"They definitely gave 100 percent

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Rochester Adams vs. Seaholm	Adams	Seaholm	Adams	Seaholm	Adams
Troy Athens vs. Groves	Groves	Groves	Groves	Groves	Troy Athens
North Farmington vs. Avondale	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington
Farmington vs. Pontiac	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Pontiac
Catholic Central vs. Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	CC	Brother Rice	Brother Rice
Stevenson vs. Dearborn	Dearborn	Dearborn	Dearborn	Dearborn	Dearborn
Churchill vs. Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
Novi vs. Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Novi
Salem vs. Northville	Northville	Northville	Salem	Northville	Salem
Canton vs. Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton
Lakeland vs. South Lyon East	Lakeland	Lakeland	South Lyon East	Lakeland	South Lyon East
South Lyon vs. Walled Lake Northern	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	Walled Lake Northern
Waterford Kettering vs. Milford	Kettering	Milford	Milford	Kettering	Milford
Michigan vs. Rutgers	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan State vs. Indiana	Indiana	Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan State
Washington vs. USC	Washington	Washington	Washington	USC	USC
Western Michigan vs. Central Michigan	Western Michigan	Western Michigan	CMU	Western Michigan	Western Michigan
Virginia Tech vs. Duke	Duke	Virginia Tech	Duke	Virginia Tech	Duke
Toledo vs. BYU	BYU	BYU	BYU	BYU	BYU
Lions vs. Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs	Lions
Last Week's Record:	11-9	15-5	14-6	12-8	9-11
Season Record:	58-21-1	63-16-1	59-22-1	59-20-1	41-38-1



Brighton's Nicholas Nemecek is tackled by Plymouth's Billy Salamey on Friday. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

Plymouth

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inside the pylon with 5:34 left in the first quarter.

After Brighton tied it, 7-7, on a 30-yard pass from Colby Newburg to AJ Lin with 10:17 left in the second quarter, Downs connected with Nathan Janke for a 24-yard scoring strike that proved to be the winning touchdown with 3:36 left in the first half.

"Hat's off to the O-line," Downs said. "Outstanding, outstanding job up front opening holes and giving good protection. I think I got sacked only one time, and it was a coverage sack."

Following are four more takeaways from the game:

The future is now

Sophomore John Aurandt is the quarterback of the future for Brighton, but that process got sped up when Newburg was injured running the ball with 2:46 left in the first half.

In his first significant action as a varsity quarterback, Aurandt was 6-for-14 for 76 yards, completing his first four passes.

"Their atmosphere is just crazy," Aurandt said. "I was never expecting to come in, but I'm always ready. I just wanted to play my heart out for my senior guys and expected the best."

"I'm definitely going to look back at this game, figure out what I did wrong, figure out what I did right and keep on moving forward."

Champions of the West?

It's still early in the season, but the KLAA West championship is Plymouth's to lose.

The Wildcats took care of their two toughest challengers in back-to-back weeks, beating Canton (15-13) and

Brighton. Plymouth is 4-0 overall, 3-0 in the West. Brighton fell to 3-1 overall, 2-1 in the West. The other six teams in the division have at least one loss.

"The rest of the league's tough, but these last two were really emotional back-to-back," Plymouth coach Brian Lewis said. "Brighton got us last year. This was an emotional week for our kids to bounce back and get this one."

"Obviously, 4-0 feels better than anything else. We'll move on to next week (Saturday), but we'll enjoy this one tonight."

Self-inflicted wounds

It was a night of self-sabotage for Brighton, beginning on the third play from scrimmage when the Bulldogs received a personal foul penalty after stopping Plymouth on third-and-four. The drive continued and produced a touchdown.

It was one of four personal foul penalties for Brighton (one was offsetting), which had eight penalties for 71 yards.

The Bulldogs also had three turnovers, including a fumbled snap from the Plymouth 1-yard line with 7:53 left in the third quarter.

"You've got to take care of business when you get the opportunity," Brighton coach Brian Lemons said. "Tonight, maybe a couple bad bounces and things like that, but you've got to play, you've got to play and score."

Abbreviated return

Brighton senior linebacker Zach Pardonnet, who suffered a knee injury in the season opener at Livonia Churchill, returned to the field but was reinjured on the eighth play of the game.

Unlike when he was injured at Churchill, Pardonnet was able to put weight on his right leg and he came off the field.

He dressed for the previous game against Hartland, but didn't play.

Franklin

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Stevenson was able to come back and make it a game, getting within three in the second half, but couldn't hang on in the fourth quarter, where Franklin scored three more touchdowns.

"I'm proud of the kids the way they battled back, however, we can't let a good team get 21 points up on you," Stevenson coach Randy Micallef said. "It's difficult when you have a 21-point lead like they did and we were able to get back in the game, but you can't do those things against a good team and they're a very good team."

Franklin improves to 4-0 and Stevenson falls to 2-2.

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Can't stop Kelbert

The Patriots leader was on top of his game Friday night. The senior quarterback completed 15-of-21 passes for 251 yards and two touchdowns, he also ran for 81 yards and three touchdowns — including the first two scores of the game.

"We want to start out every single game fast and that's what we did tonight," Kelbert said.

Stevenson's defense frankly didn't have a solution for him. He led his offense up and down the field throughout the entire game, much like he's done to opponents all season.

"I liked his composure," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "He was very smart with the football and made good decisions. He made a couple of bad ones, but for the most part the decision-making was key."

He lost a key fumble in the third quarter, but the defense bailed him out with a big stop.

Big game, big plays

The contest feature several highlight-reel plays from both teams. On the opening drive of the game, Franklin faced a long fourth down in their own territory, but fooled everyone with a fake punt that resulted in a first down. Franklin later scored on the drive.

On Stevenson's second possession, junior quarterback Ray Kastl launched a fourth down pass 35 yards into the end zone which initially looked to be caught by junior Luke Evanoff, but the Franklin defense was able to knock away the ball as he fell to the ground, resulting in a turnover on downs. The Patriots made the Spartans pay, with Kelbert recording a 50-yard run on the next play to end the first quarter. They would score a touchdown on the first play of the second quarter, a 15-yard catch by senior James Carpenter.

Carpenter finished the game with 46 yards rushing, 82 yards receiving and two receiving touchdowns.

"We have a chemistry that you don't normally see between two high school players," Jake Kelbert said. "We've been playing together since we were in third

grade. He was my tight end back in the day. We developed chemistry throughout the past 10 years playing football together."

Later in the second quarter, Kastl connected with Stevenson senior Dylan Johnson for a 72-yard touchdown, which was responded to by Franklin with a 34-yard touchdown pass from Kelbert to Carpenter.

Kastl finished the night 12-for-19 and 234 yards and two touchdowns. He left the game late with an injury. Johnson had a big game, catching six passes for 124 yards and two touchdowns. Running back Caden Woodall, who's been a workhorse for the Spartans this year, was kept in check. He ran for 62 yards and a touchdown and caught three passes for 46 yards.

"When you play Franklin-Stevenson, it's always going to be this kind of battle," Chris Kelbert said. "Nobody wants to lose this game."

The second half didn't see as many long touchdown plays, but certainly saw more turnovers.

Turnovers and penalties

There were plenty of penalties and turnovers to go around both both teams, but especially in the second half.

A wild part of the game came in the third quarter, just after Stevenson had scored a touchdown to get back in the game. The Spartans forced a Patriots punt, but the return was fumbled and recovered by the Patriots inside the 10-yard line. However, the play was called

back due to a penalty on Franklin. On the redo, the punt came off the foot poorly and only traveled a few yards, setting Stevenson up with fantastic field position.

After taking a sack on third down, Stevenson missed a long field goal and Franklin got the ball back only for Kelbert to fumble it back to the Spartans, who after another sack on third down, attempted a long field goal, this time making it. That made the score 28-25 just into the fourth quarter.

"We got up big, had a couple of mistakes and they capitalized on those mistakes," Chris Kelbert said. "We have to do a better job, we go on this big high and then we have this low. We have to get rid of that low and continue to play well all the way through the game."

Stevenson would later turn the ball over on a fumbled lateral, which effectively killed its chances of coming back.

"There's a lot of things we have to correct," Micallef said. "We took too many penalties, we didn't protect the ball very well, we didn't play the style of football that we're capable of playing and that's disappointing."

Chris Kelbert said he's worried about the penalties because his team has received far too many this season, but also doesn't want his team to lose its aggression. It's something he plans to work on with his squad moving forward.

"Right now we're on to next week," Kelbert said. "We have another big one, the other rivalry. So we'll enjoy this for a couple minutes and then we're on to Churchill."

Hometown Life top 10 high school football teams: Week 5

Andrew Vaillencourt
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Week 4 of the high school football season is complete, and Hometown Life Sports is back with its weekly top-10 teams in the area. Each week, we rank the top 10 teams in our coverage area based on record, strength of schedule, experience and game results. The ranking will be decided on by sports reporters Andrew Vaillencourt and Colin Gay. Here is the top 10 for week 5:

1. Livonia Franklin (4-0, Last Week: No. 2)

While there have been changes at the No. 1 spot, Livonia Franklin has remained a constant: scoring over 45 points and allowing less than 25 points in each of its first four games to come into Week 5 with a 4-0 record.

Now, the Patriots have a chance for that success to continue as the No. 1 team in the area. But they will have to face rival Churchill on the road.

2. Brother Rice (4-0, Last Week: No. 4)

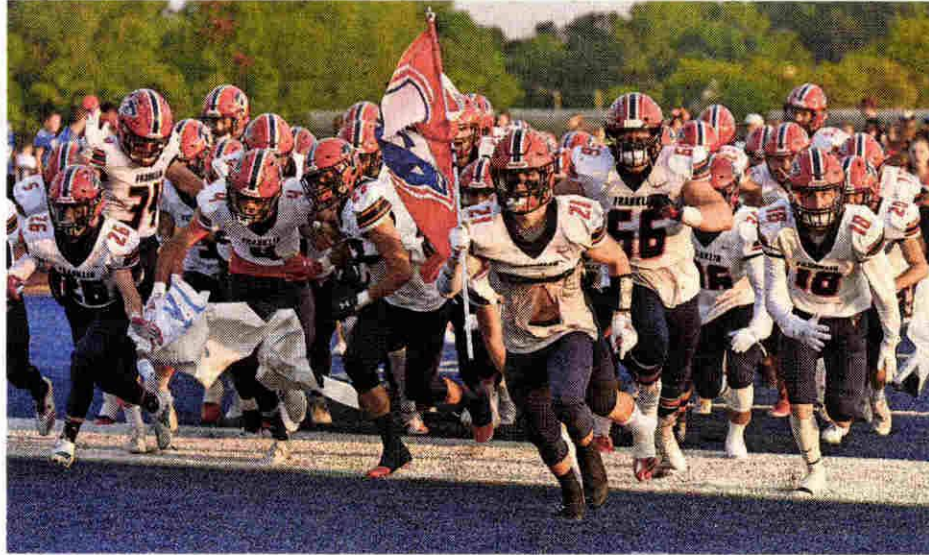
Brother Rice has been incredibly consistent over the first four games of the season.

With a tough stretch of games, including three Catholic League matchups, the Warriors have remained consistent on defense, allowing 24 points in the first four games combined behind head coach Adam Korzeniewski's defensive game plan.

Brother Rice faces a tough game in Week 5 against Catholic Central, who holds a four-game win streak against the Warriors.

3. South Lyon (4-0, Last Week: No. 3)

After a scare against Lakeland in Week 3, South Lyon came back with a vengeance, defeating Waterford Kettering 43-30 this past Friday. It was the



The Franklin Patriots run onto the field Sept. 20. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

first time since the season opener that Conner Fracassi and co. put up more than 40 points as an offense.

South Lyon will face Walled Lake Northern on Friday.

4. Plymouth (4-0, Last Week: No. 5)

After two-straight one-score wins, Plymouth remains at the top of the KLAAs West with a 4-0 record.

Now, the Wildcats will look to return to their early-season dominant wins over Wayne Memorial and Howell when they take on 1-3 Novi on Friday.

5. Birmingham Groves (3-1, Last Week: No. 1)

Coming into Week 4 with momentum, Groves was stopped in its tracks. Oak Park ran all over the Falcons defense, handing Groves its first loss of the season.

However, with an offense that continues to show signs of consistency, Groves still has the potential to make some noise in the OAA White division.

The Groves defense will have a chance to bounce back this week, taking on Troy Athens.

6. Farmington (4-0, Last Week: No. 6)

The Falcons cruised to their fourth win of the season last week versus Ferndale. The sky is the limit for Farmington, which could roll into its week eight game against North Farmington undefeated.

7. Birmingham Seaholm (4-0, Last Week: No. 7)

Seaholm continued its dominating ways last week, drilling Rochester 42-7. Running back Chaz Strecker rushed for four touchdowns and 240 yards to lead the way. It's a tough slate of games to finish the regular season though, so we'll find out what the Maples are made of.

8. North Farmington (4-0, Last Week: No. 8)

One of the biggest surprises of the year continues to be North Farmington, which picked up yet another win last week. In fact, the Raiders didn't just win, they obliterated Pontiac

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FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Here is a look at what the scores look like for Hometown Life area high school teams in the fourth week of the football season. Stay tuned for updated scores throughout the weekend.

Friday, Sept. 20

- OAA**
Oak Park (3-1) 26, Birmingham Groves (3-1) 14
Birmingham Seaholm (4-0) 42, Rochester (0-4) 7
Bloomfield Hills (0-3) at Adams (2-1)
Farmington (4-0) 53, Ferndale (1-3) 14:
Max Martin- two rushing touchdowns and a passing touchdown, Jacody Sikora- 53 rec. yards, TD, Alan Robertson- two interceptions
North Farmington (4-0) 68, Pontiac (0-3) 0
- Lakes Valley Conference**
South Lyon (4-0) 43, Waterford Kettering (1-3) 30
Lakeland (2-2) 16, Walled Lake Northern (2-2) 10
Waterford Mott (3-1) 26, Milford (1-3) 14
South Lyon East (1-3) 49, vs. Walled Lake Central (0-4) 6
- Catholic High School League**
Detroit Catholic Central (2-2) 31, University of Detroit Jesuit (2-2) 15
- Independent**
Detroit Country Day (4-0) 49, Detroit Public Safety Academy (2-2) 8
- Western Wayne Athletic Conference**
Redford Thurston (3-1) 40, Garden City (2-2) 16
Redford Union (2-2) 20, Dearborn Heights Crestwood (2-2) 0
- MIAC**
Livonia Clarenceville (3-1) 33, Southfield Christian (2-2) 0
Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (3-1) 31, Lutheran Westland (0-4) 13
- KLAAs**
Belleville (4-0) 44, John Glenn (0-4) 0
Canton (2-2) 48, Salem (0-3) 12
Dearborn Fordson (4-0) 42, Churchill (1-3) 28
Franklin (4-0) 47, Stevenson (2-2) 25
Hartland (2-2) 35, Northville (1-3) 7
Howell (2-2) 34, Novi (1-3) 7
Plymouth (4-0) 14, Brighton (3-1) 7

Saturday, Sept. 21

- Dearborn Divine Child (3-1) 14, Cranbrook Kingwood (2-1) 10
Brother Rice (4-0) 16, De La Salle (2-2)

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GAME OF THE WEEK

Brother Rice vs. CC leads must-watch matchups

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The Michigan high school football season rolls into Week 5 after an eventful fourth week of the season.

Here are six games to watch this week, including Hometown Life's Game of the Week: Brother Rice vs. Catholic Central.

Brother Rice vs. Catholic Central, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m.

The 75th edition of the Boys' Bowl is here. Brother Rice comes into its matchup with Detroit Catholic Central with momentum.

In the midst of a grueling four-game stretch, including three-straight rigorous Catholic League games, Brother Rice has shown up.

The Warriors come off a 16-14 win against De La Salle, continuing to show the defensive prowess they have had all season: allowing 21 first-half yards against the Pilots while allowing 24 points through four games.

Catholic Central, on the other hand, has had a roller coaster of a season.

After starting the season with a two-point win against reigning Division 3 state champions Detroit King, the Shamrocks lost two straight against two Toledo-area teams, being outscored 42-13 against Whitmer and Toledo Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks came back in Week 4 with a 31-15 win against University of Detroit-Jesuit, but come into their first Catholic League game action seeking to revive that life it had after the King win.

With quarterback Greg Piscopink, wide receiver/safety Rocco Milia and the rest of the Brother Rice team trying for its fifth-straight win of 2019, and quarterback Jack Beno, running back/free safety Cole Price and Catholic Central looking to extend its four-game win streak against the Warriors, expect another highly-contested matchup between two historic area teams.

Here are five other games to watch this week:



Brother Rice sophomore wide receiver catches a 41-yard pass from Greg Piscopink in the fourth quarter against De La Salle on Sept. 21.

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Churchill vs. Franklin, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

Jake Kelbert thinks every game is a big game for Livonia Franklin moving forward.

After extending the Patriots' win streak with a decidedly dominant 47-25 win against Livonia Stevenson, Franklin looks like it can't be stopped at this point of the 2019 season, winning four straight, and outscoring opponents by no less than 22 points.

Kelbert and the Patriots have an opportunity to extend that dominant stretch against rival Churchill on Friday, a team that has struggled to find its footing this season.

Other than a 27-5 win against John Glenn in Week 3, the Chargers have struggled against area powerhouses, losing to Brighton, Belleville and Dearborn Fordson.

However, Churchill has lost two of those games — Brighton and Fordson — by 14 points, keeping the Chargers in the game.

But in facing a Franklin defense that has not allowed more than 25 points this season, Churchill is still facing an uphill battle to earn its second win of the 2019 season.

Canton vs. Brighton, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

During the 2019 season, Canton has found no trouble in games it should win, defeating both Salem and Northville by an average of 29.5 points. However, in games that pits the Chiefs against winning teams, Canton has been outscored 36-19.

The Chiefs will have an opportunity to reverse that trend in their Homecoming game on Friday, taking on a Brighton team that is looking for revenge after a 14-7 loss to Plymouth in Week 4.

A win against Brighton could bring Canton back on track, and would put the Chiefs in second place in the KLAA West behind Plymouth.

Novi vs. Plymouth, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

Plymouth has won each of its first four games to start the season, but the past two wins have not been in dominant fashion.

Facing Brighton and Canton, the Wildcats won by a combined nine points. However, Plymouth remains at the top of the KLAA West heading into Week 5.

The Wildcats will face a Novi team that, after earning a 33-7 win against Salem in Week 3, resorted back to its losing ways, falling to Howell 34-7, the team's lowest point total of the season.

Seaholm at Rochester Adams, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

With Birmingham Groves losing to Oak Park this past weekend, Birmingham Seaholm comes into Week 5 alone at the top of the OAA White division, winning all three of its division games thus far in 2019.

The Maples will now have to beat Rochester Adams, whose only loss came at the hands of Lake Orion, the first-place team in the OAA Red.

Other than a seven-point win against Stoney Creek, Seaholm has not found much competition early on.

South Lyon East vs. Lakeland, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

Coming off a one-point loss to South Lyon in Week 3, Lakeland returned to its winning ways, defeating Walled Lake Northern 16-10 in another low-scoring battle. The Eagles now have a 2-2 record, and have the tiebreaker over Walled Lake Northern for fourth place in the Lakes Valley Conference.

Lakeland will take on a South Lyon East team that pounded last-place Walled Lake Central 49-6, but scored 27 total points in the previous three games.

South Lyon East has the opportunity to continue its momentum from its first win and separate itself from the bottom of the LVC with a Week 5 win against Lakeland.

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The South Lyon boys soccer team recently captured the LVC regular season title. SUBMITTED

South Lyon secures LVC regular season title

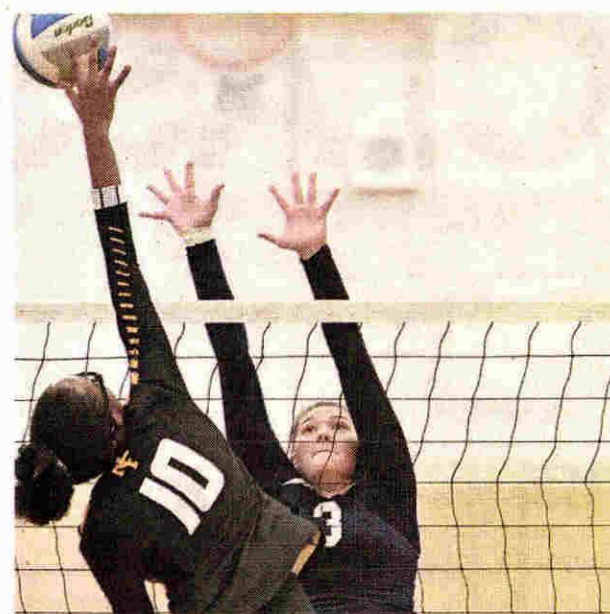
The South Lyon boys soccer team secured the LVC regular season title this past Tuesday, defeating Waterford Kettering on the road 1-0.

The Lions head into the LVC tournament as the No. 1 seed with a 6-0-2 record in conference play. South Lyon finished the season with a 7-1-2 record overall,

only losing to Birmingham Seaholm, 4-1, Sept. 13.

South Lyon will open LVC tournament play Sept. 23 when the Lions take on No. 8 Waterford Kettering at home.

The LVC tournament final will be played on Oct. 1.



North Farmington's Lauren James, left, tries to loft a shot over the hand of Farmington's Rachel Kriese. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Farmington

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effort," Love said. "It was just the mental errors, the not moving our feet on passes that got us those mistakes, and not being vocal or loud enough on the court."

With the rivalry between North Farmington and Farmington — ignited by the closing of Harrison High School — Drews said she thought it was beneficial for both sides to get this rivalry game out of the way first.

Drews said there will be a lot of momentum from this win moving forward for the Falcons.

"It makes anything happen," Drews said. "This is the hardest gym to play in when it's a rival and it's this loud. We probably won't see another gym this loud or this intense, so now we have no excuse. Now we know we can play through anything."

Top 10

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68-0. They'll have a real test on the road versus Avondale this week.

9. Detroit Country Day (4-0, Last Week: No. 9)

Country Day improved to 4-0 with a blowout win over the Detroit Public Safety Academy. As one of the top teams in Division 4, a state championship is a real possibility should the Yellowjackets continue their strong play.

10. Detroit Catholic Central (2-2, Last Week: NR)

The Shamrocks find themselves back in our top 10 after a win against U-D Jesuit last week.

There's plenty of talent here, but we'll look to see more consistency moving forward. The schedule doesn't get any easier either, with vaunted rival Brother Rice up next.

■ The Hometown Life sports (HTL sports) area consists of 28 teams representing Catholic League (Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood), Independent (Detroit Country Day), the Oakland Activities Association (Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Farmington, North Farmington), the Western Wayne Athletic Conference (Garden City, Redford Thurston, Redford Union), the MIAC (Livonia Clarenceville, Lutheran Westland), the Kensington Lakes Activities Association (Canton, Livonia Stevenson, Salem, Novi, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Northville, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial) and the Lakes Valley Conference (White Lake Lakeland, South Lyon East, South Lyon, Milford).

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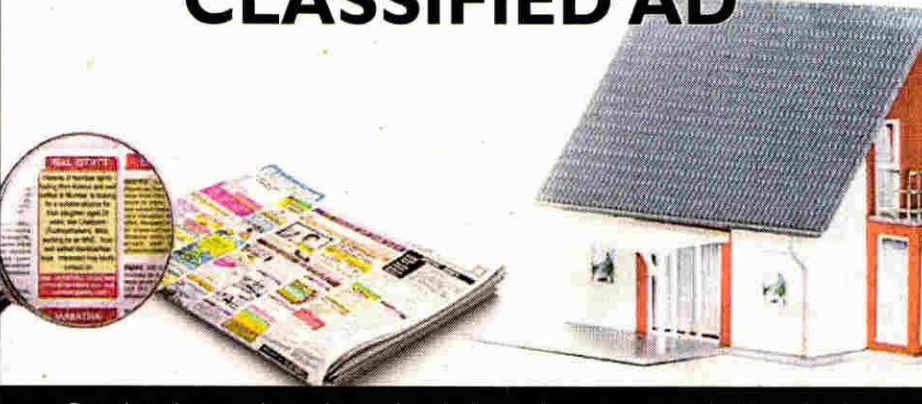
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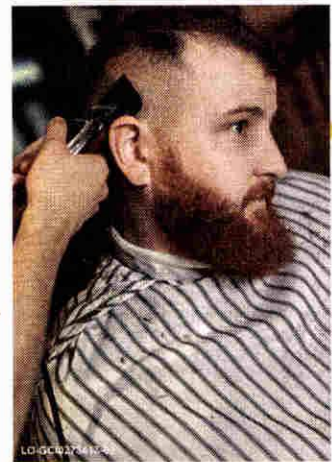
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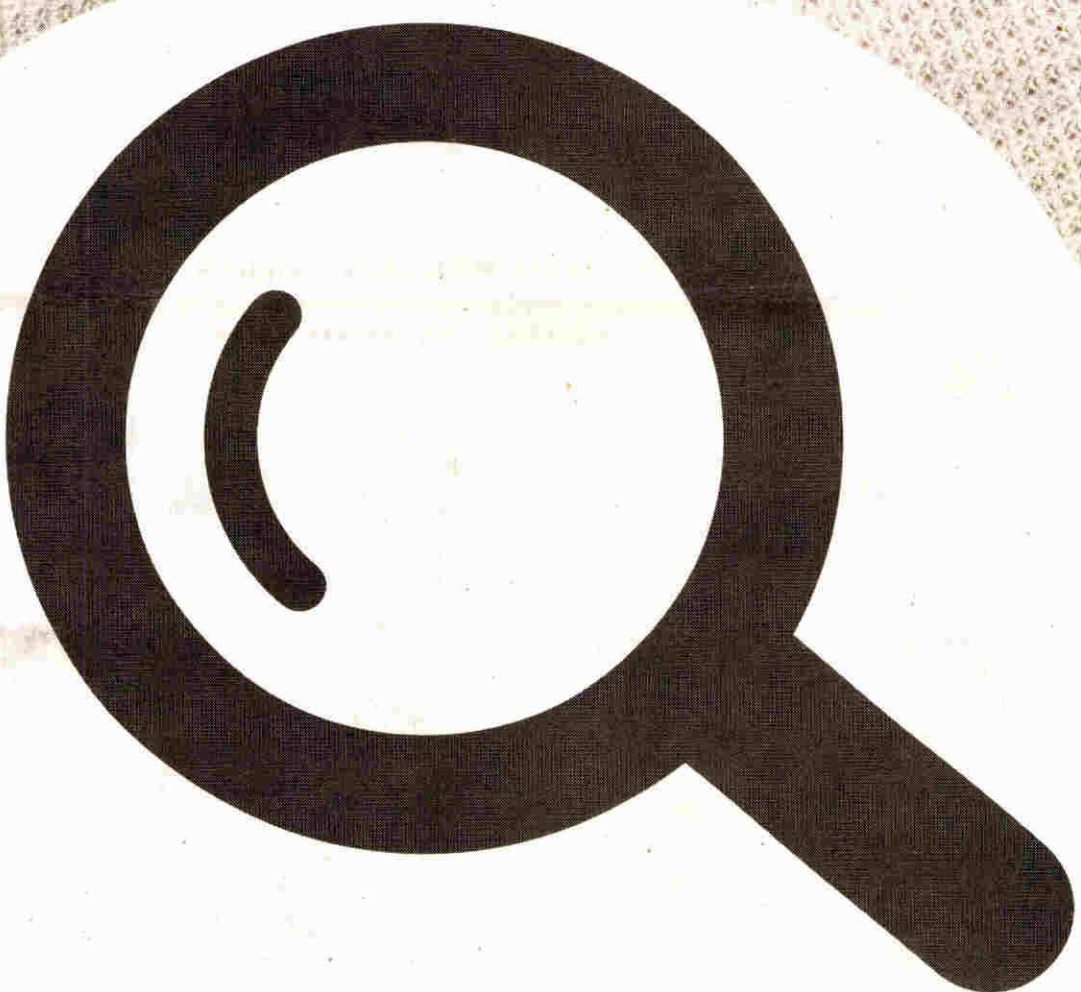
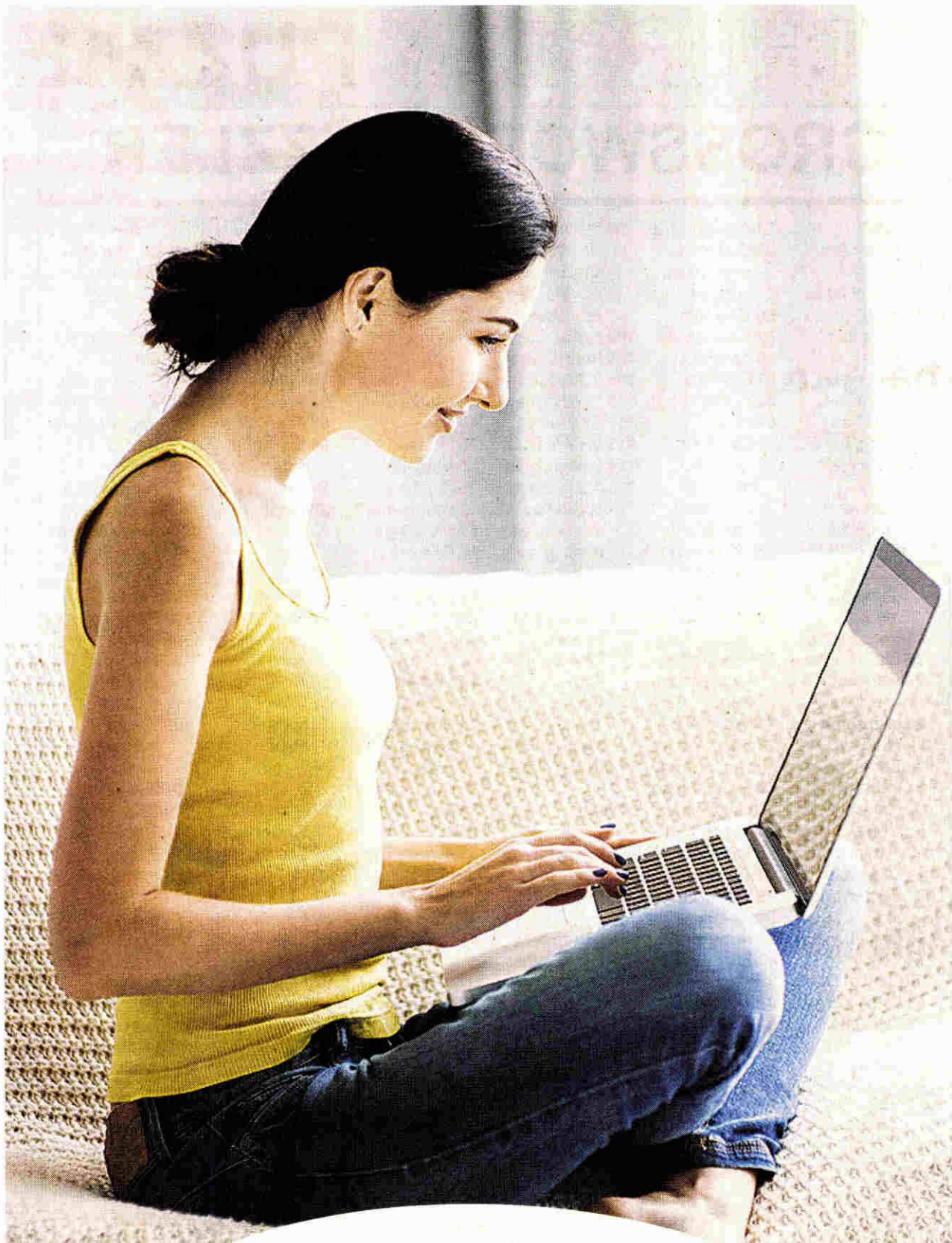


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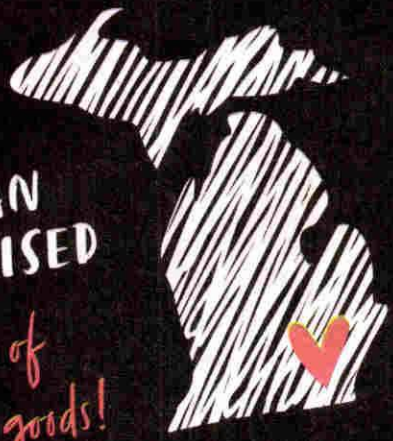


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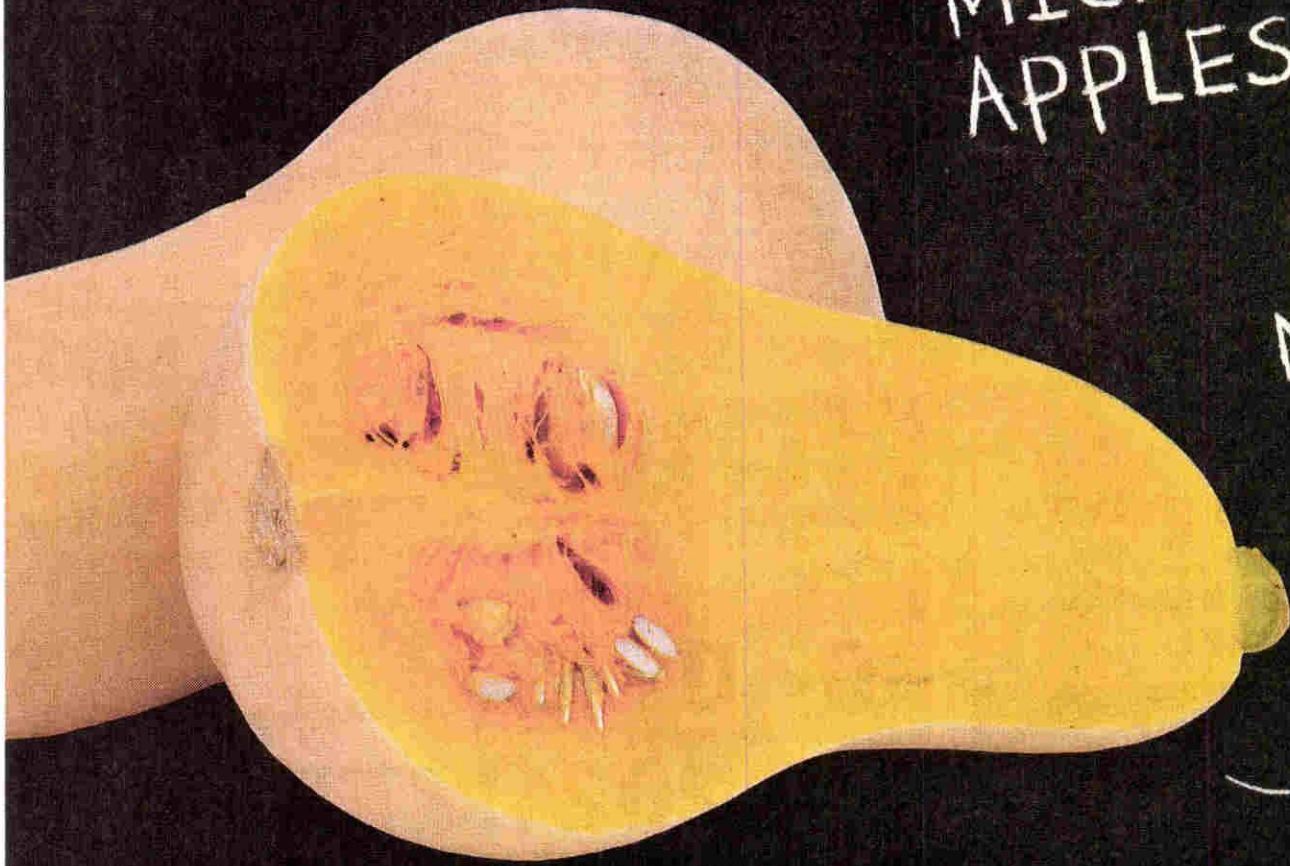
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