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## Seedlings publishes 500,000th braille book

Seedlings Braille Books for Children, a Livonia nonprofit, produced and distributed its 500,000th braille book on Aug. 22.

"Our donors and volunteers made this possible. To them, we say thank-you for making a huge difference in the lives of children who are blind," Seedlings Founder/Director Debra Bonde said.

The title of the 500,000th book was "The Boxcar Children," the children's story of young orphaned siblings who survive on their own in an abandoned boxcar. It was sent to a school in Tampa, Florida, to be enjoyed by students who are visually impaired.

Bonde founded Seedlings in 1984 in Detroit after meeting a little girl who owned only two braille books because they cost more than \$100 each. Bonde didn't think that was fair so she began transcribing popular children's stories into braille and charging just for the cost of the paper. That first year, she produced 221 books.

Since then, Seedlings has produced and distributed 500,000 books to blind children in 75 countries. Seedlings gives half of its books away for free, and the other half are sold for an average price of just \$10 a book.

With financial support from donors — Seedlings receives no government funding — and the help of volunteers, Seedlings has already begun working on its next 500,000 books.

Blind children are at a disadvantage when it comes to learning to read since braille books continue to be rare and costly, Bonde said. For every 100 books a sighted child has, a blind child may have five.

Yet, literacy is just as important to a blind child as it is to a sighted child for success in life. According to the National Federation of the Blind, blind adults fluent in braille



Founder/Director Debra Bonde holds the 500,000th book Seedlings published, "The Boxcar Children." She stands next to Seedlings' newest braille printer, purchased this year. In the foreground are a copy of one of Seedlings' first books and the printer Bonde used in 1984 when she started the nonprofit.

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## New credit union branch coming

Other plans in works for Shop and Dine District

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A new credit union branch will be constructed on part of the former Quo Vadis Theater site in Westland.

Construction of the Community Financial branch on the east side of Wayne Road just north of Warren Road is expected to be one of several changes in Westland's Shop and Dine District.

"It's a really nice building. We are just finally getting redevelopment on this site," Westland Planning/Building Director Bruce Thompson said. "This has a lot to do with (Westland) city hall and the (Westland) fire station. We're pretty pleased to get this site rolling."

The new credit union building, which includes drive-up lanes, will be a one-story 3,772-square-foot building on a 1.5-acre parcel. Closed in 2002, the Quo Vadis was demolished in 2011. The 4-acre theater property was divided into three parcels fronting along Wayne Road including the credit union site.

Thompson was referring to municipal development in the area surrounding Westland Shopping Center. Opened in 2014, Westland City Hall is housed in a renovated former big box store on Warren Road west of Westland Shopping Center.

Along with bringing new life to a former Circuit City store

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## Mosquito species known to carry Zika virus found in Livonia



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An Asian tiger mosquito.

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State, county and city officials say a species of mosquito known to carry the Zika virus has been found in Livonia.

Brian Wilson, assistant director of public works for the city, said Asian tiger mosquitoes were located in a trap near Schoolcraft and Newburgh, near Interstate 96.

While the breed is known to carry the virus, Wilson said there's no immediate indication that the mosquitoes here have the virus.

"There's no evidence that this population has the Zika virus," he said. "The vast majority of mosquitoes don't carry it."

Zika virus is relatively mild with symptoms for those who contract it, though it can be very serious for women who are pregnant; the virus can be passed from mother to child and can cause a serious birth defect called microcephaly and other severe brain defects, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More than 2,100 pregnant women in the U.S. have been

confirmed to have the virus and more than 4,400 pregnant women in U.S. territories have been found to carry the virus.

Wilson said it's believed the insects were brought to the area via a company near where mosquitoes were found near Toledo.

Traps were set at sites in Livonia and Grand Rapids, with the Livonia traps catching Asian tiger mosquitoes this past week. Wilson said the city is working with the state, as well as the Wayne County Health Department.

State officials said the dis-

covery is not a cause for alarm, but cautioned Michiganders to take caution when dealing with mosquitoes.

"Finding Asian tiger mosquitoes in Michigan is no reason for great concern. Many of our neighboring states have found them previously and have not seen Zika transmission from this species," Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, said in a statement. "However, it is always a good

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with the city hall project, the city also purchased the nearby property along Nankin Boulevard that was the site of a long-closed Service Merchandise store. That building was demolished and the portion fronting along Central City Parkway is now the site of Fire Station One, and development is being sought for the balance of the land.

A former athletic facility at Wayne Road and Central City Parkway has been redeveloped into a strip center, with Bed, Bath and Beyond relocating to a renovated spot on Warren Road and a strip center is being constructed nearly opposite city hall. Another Warren Road building has recently been remodeled and turned into a

surgical facility. With construction on the Community Financial Credit Union branch to begin soon, Thompson said efforts have been underway to attract a fast casual-type restaurant to one of new lots to the north towards the existing Pizza Hut.

"We absolutely benefit from the new credit union and development around the mall," said Patrick Derrig, Westland Shopping Center marketing manager. "We are never afraid of competition — we're more worried about vacancies. Any added foot traffic is the best thing that can happen for all of us."

Among the mall's non-anchor stores, the mall has over 90 percent occupancy, Derrig said. The large vacancy for Westland is the 350,000-square-foot former Macy's store, one of a large number of closings by the chain earlier this



A rendering of the new Community Financial Credit Union to be built on part of the former site of the Quo Vadis theater in Westland.

proud that the mall is being proactive, not reactive with short-term, mid-term and long-term goals for the shopping center.

"The Shop and Dine District is alive and doing well," he said.

Westland also benefits from the recent addition of Gus's Famous Fried Chicken on Ford near Wayne Road and Anna's House on Newburgh at Warren Road. Those are both popular regional restaurants, Thompson said, Gus's having only a Detroit location in the state while Anna's is well-known on the west side of Michigan.

"People will drive from Canton, Livonia and Farmington for regional restaurants. Anna's in Westland was the first one on the east side of the state. They have a statewide reputation and a huge following," Thompson said.

Having those types of restaurants nearby should benefit efforts to attract a restaurant as part of the new development at the southwest corner of Ford and Newburgh, he said. A new Ciena healthcare is expected to break ground south of the proposed restaurant site.

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year. "Macy's owns their building and the land. The mall has no control over it other than working with their broker," Derrig said. "They have been actively representing the space. What that entails I don't know."

The New York-based Namdar Real Estate Group purchased Westland Shopping Center late last year and is looking to expand development on outlots surrounding the mall.

That includes new lots adjacent to Panera and

Longhorn Steakhouse, Thompson said, as well as the site where the Ashley's beer garden is currently located. He said the mall is looking selling parking lot adjoining Kohl's to the store chain.

"In mid-life, malls will sell lots. Maybe the land for the Longhorn or Panera buildings is leased," Thompson said. "They could sell the land (to Longhorn or Panera) and maybe that gives them the option to reinvest in the mall."

Those outlots are part of a trend for using valu-

able property on the periphery of malls, Derrig said, by offering fast food and other services.

"It's a convenience sought by the customers. They may go into one of our partners who isn't in the mall or stop by if they are doing something in the mall," Derrig said. "All of our industry certainly has diversified traditional uses to offer the customer wants in mixed use with food, entertainment and services."

As a native Westlander, Derrig said he is very

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idea to take precautions against mosquito bites, since other mosquito species can carry diseases like West Nile virus."

### Prevention

Residents are encouraged to be vigilant when it comes to preventing mosquitoes from breed-

ing, including the following recommendations from the Department of Health and Human Services:

» Eliminating sources of standing water, such as wading pools, old tires, buckets and containers, by dumping water to prevent mosquito eggs from hatching or larvae from developing into biting adults.

» Wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks when outdoors.

» Applying an EPA-registered insect repellent according to label instructions.

» Making sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens.

More information on the Zika virus can be found at [mi.gov/zika](http://mi.gov/zika).

Wilson said the city of Livonia has been on top of mosquito abatement for more than a decade, dating back to the initial days of the West Nile virus. He said city crews

will continue to treat potential breeding grounds through the end of summer and into the fall.

"We each year have been treating all the catch basins throughout the city of Livonia," he said. "Those were treated a little earlier this summer. Those catch basins are treated as we speak."

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**Brooke**, a 10-year-old Kansas girl who is blind, says, "I love to read the braille books that I receive from Seedlings. I want to be able to read a real book, just like my friends do, instead of only being able to listen to a book."

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## BOOKS

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have an 80-percent chance of being employed compared to a 20-percent chance if they are not.

"Braille to a blind person is the same as print is to a sighted person," said Seedlings board president Jared Stofflett of Farmington, who is blind and works as a software developer for Compuware. "A sighted person who can't read or write is hard-pressed to find and keep a job that will support a family. The same is true for a blind

person."

Seedlings — the only braille publisher in the United States that specializes in children's books — is able to give half of its books away for free and sell the other half below cost because of donors and volunteers who offset the production costs.

"Our donors and volunteers are giving children who are blind and visually impaired the gift of literacy — and the chance to live independent, fulfilling lives," Bonde said.

To donate, visit [www.seedlings.org](http://www.seedlings.org). Every \$10 gives a book to a blind child.

# Judge: 20-40 years in prison for brother who molested sister

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A Redford man at the heart of a case described by a judge as the "worst case ... of incest" she's seen was sentenced Thursday to 20 to 40 years in prison.

Livingston County Judge Miriam Cavanaugh told the 28-year-old man that he brought an "incestuous culture" into his family's home and has "no doubt" that he poses "a significant risk to children" and the community.

"This is probably, um, probably the worst case, um, of incest that I think I have ever seen come through this court," the judge said. "You have left (your sister) with a lifetime of tortured memories to have to sort through and deal with."

"I would encourage the Michigan Department of Corrections to think long and hard before they release you one day shy of these 40 years," Cavanaugh added.

The man, whom the

Livingston Daily is not identifying because it could identify his siblings, pleaded guilty in July to two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct of a person less than age 13. He also was given a 10- to 15-year sentence for one count of third-degree CSC. He was given credit for already spending 356 days in the county jail.

The complainant, now 17, told her brother he "messed up" the entire family's lives, including his daughter, whom he also molested. She called him a coward, and expressed hope that he will one day be able to admit his crime.

"You want to turn it around and say it was me," she said. "At 6 years old, it was not me. I don't have consent at that age. I have no consent, period, to any of this; I never did."

Assistant Prosecutor Michael Taylor said the sentence was consistent with the agreement between the prosecution and defense, and it considered a pending case

against the defendant in Wayne County. There, the defendant faces sentencing on charges of child sexually abusive activity and second-degree criminal sexual assault for molesting his 7-year-old daughter. The sentence date was not immediately available.

"If there is anything to applaud the defendant for in all of these inhumane acts it's that he took accountability, even if it was by virtue of an agreement, so that his daughter would not have to testify against her father and incarcerate him," Taylor said. "That being said, that is the only reason I can implore this court to provide any mercy for an offense that could be punished by up to life in prison. ..."

"In this case (the defendant), as far as we know, was the inception of the abuse in this house. There has been no information provided to us as to how he came to decide to engage in these acts," Taylor added.

Southfield defense attorney Carla Marable

quickly provided an explanation — she blamed the defendant's mother, whom she alleged took showers with her son until "age 8 or 9." She said her client also was allowed to sleep nude until he was taken out of the house at age 12.

"When you talk about inappropriate behavior, he's learning this from the people who care for him," she said. "I think that's important. I'm not saying what my client did was right, but I'm saying everybody wants to now throw him under the bus."

"He learned this behavior in that home. Who takes a shower with an 8- or 9-year-old child? That's inappropriate," Marable said.

Meanwhile, the defendant's younger brother faces sentencing in September after a jury convicted him of criminal sexual conduct for molesting two younger sisters when they were under age 13.

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## Man charged in armed robbery of Westland smoke shop

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Westland police say a 32-year-old Inkster man has been charged with an armed robbery at a local tobacco shop last week.

Police say Christopher Jablonicky faces two counts of armed robbery after being charged from the incident, which took place at about 10:40 a.m. Friday at the Sara Smoke

Shop, 1367 S. Wayne.

Police say the suspect entered the store brandishing a firearm and demanded money.

Police began checking the area nearby and located Jablonicky, who matched the description



Jablonicky

of the suspect, while he was walking nearby. After speaking with him, police reportedly found evidence linking him to the crime and arrested him.

He was arraigned Sunday on the two armed robbery counts and was given a \$30,000 cash or surety bond. His information did not appear in the Wayne County Jail online inmate database

as of early Monday afternoon.

He's scheduled in Westland's 18th District Court for a probable cause hearing at 9 a.m. Sept. 7. If convicted on the charges, he faces a maximum of life in prison.

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# Davenport University moving satellite campus from Livonia to Detroit

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Livonia is set to lose another business to Detroit within the next year.

Davenport University, which operates a satellite campus at 19499 Victor Parkway, has announced it would close the campus and move it to an undetermined location in the Midtown neighborhood in Detroit.

The school said moving would better tap into the markets happening in the emerging neighborhoods surrounding Woodward Avenue.

"The Davenport University Board of Trustees has approved plans for DU to move to a new campus in Midtown Detroit from its current Livonia location at 19499 Victor Parkway," the university said in a statement sent to Hometownlife.com. "Davenport is



The sign facing Victor Parkway announcing Davenport University's intentions to move its Livonia campus to Detroit.

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committed to the Detroit marketplace and believes a new campus in the Midtown area will help it to better tap into the growth and excitement of Detroit's renaissance."

Davenport University operates its main campus

in Grand Rapids and has several satellites across the state, including in Warren, Flint and Lansing. The Livonia campus is a three-story building with about 40,000 square feet of space.

The Livonia campus

offers several undergraduate degrees, including ones in marketing, finance, accounting and computer information systems, among others. The school also offers several graduate-level programs in Livonia,

including master's of business administration, master's of management and master's of accountancy.

The school's facility is now listed for sale, with signs posted in front of the property along Victor Parkway, as well as on the west side of the building visible from Interstate 275.

There was no word on how many students are enrolled at the campus or the number of employees affected by the pending move. A message left Friday for media relations officials seeking that information at Davenport University was not returned.

The building will continue to offer courses throughout the upcoming school year. The school hopes to locate a new facility after a buyer is found for the Livonia campus.

"A new location close to the QLINE along Woodward Avenue will be finalized after a new tenant has been found for the Livonia location," the school said in a statement. "The marketing of this property will not affect classes at the Livonia campus for fall 2017 or winter 2018."

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said the investment Davenport made 10 years ago during the recession was a positive step for Livonia. He expects that building won't be empty for long.

"We hate to see them go, but I believe it won't take long to find a new user for that building," he said. "We wish Davenport well in their new venture in Midtown Detroit."

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## LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

### Champagne taken from Meijer

Livonia police were called Aug. 23 to Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud suspect who had fled the store.

Police looked around the exterior of the store before finding the suspect, who had a backpack containing six bottles of champagne without the security tags on them. He was stopped and detained in the parking lot while officers spoke to employees inside the store. An employee told police the suspect was seen selecting the bottles and removing the security caps from the bottles. He was then seen concealing them in a backpack before trying to leave without paying. He was confronted by a store employee, but fled.

Police recovered a tool used to pry open the security caps on the

bottles from the man after he was arrested.

### Computer stolen

A resident who lives in the 29100 block of Barkley came into the police station Aug. 23 to report the theft of a computer from a vehicle.

She said she was leaving for work that morning and saw her passenger door was ajar. She looked in the backseat and saw her laptop computer was missing. She said she took her vehicle to do some errands after work the day before and that it could have been taken then, but she said she believed it was stolen while the car was parked at her home. She said she was unsure if the car was unlocked overnight.

### Boxed wine, K-Cups taken in retail fraud

Police were called

Aug. 23 to Kroger, 30935 Five Mile, on the report of a retail fraud suspect that had fled the store.

A loss prevention employee told police they saw a suspect riding a scooter in the store and took several items out without paying for them. The employee said he got into a truck after being approached and abandoned the cart he was with. Another employee said another suspect was also seen with a cart full of groceries, asking odd questions of an employee. He was then seen walking to the front with the cart, abandoning the cart and grabbing a plastic bag full of groceries. Police located the suspects and pulled them over near the store and arrested them. Items taken included boxed wine and K-Cup packs.

— Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

## Keep focus away from taxes in all investments

We all saw the story the other day of the woman from Massachusetts who won more than \$700 million in the lottery. I have no doubt that the majority of us fantasized about what it would have been like if we were the winner. That being said, there is a lesson to be learned that could help you be a better investor.

As most of you know, lottery winners are subject to income tax, both federal and state. In addition, we know that lottery winners who take their money in one lump sum — as opposed to spreading it out over 30 years — receive a reduced amount. Therefore, the recent lottery winner will net somewhere in the \$300 million range after taxes. I would venture to say that the great majority of us would be focusing on the \$300 million, not the \$150 million or so that the tax man gets. After all, what ends up in our pocket



truly is the most important number. Unfortunately, all too often, investors don't focus on that number, but what they pay in taxes. As far as I'm concerned, that is a mistake.

I cannot tell you how many times I have met with investors and they tell me one of their main goals is to reduce their taxes. Whenever I hear that, I always use the example of a lottery winner.

This same lesson should apply to investors for every investment we make. The main focus should not be on what is paid in taxes, but what ends up in our pocket. I always say that people who focus on reducing their taxes don't want to win a mega-lottery because they would have to

*If you're meeting with a financial person and the first thing they talk about is taxes, you know their focus is on the wrong area.*

pay a lot in taxes. I don't mean to suggest that taxes aren't important, because they are. However, as investors, they are not the main focus. I see it all the time. Investors will sit down with a financial sales person and be fooled into getting into an investment because it supposedly lowers their taxes. That makes no sense whatsoever. Why do we want to invest in something that lowers our taxes as opposed to investing in something that will make us more money? The focus should always be on what ends up in our pocket.

If you want to fool an American about an investment, talk taxes. As far as I'm concerned, if you're meeting with a financial person and the first thing they talk about is taxes, you know their focus is on the wrong area. Taxes are never the issue.

There is no doubt that we all want to win the lottery and we would have no problem paying the \$150 million in taxes. We need to follow that same logic when it comes to our investments. Don't focus on what you are paying in taxes, focus on what ends up in your pocket. If you do that, you will be a much more successful investor.

Good luck!  
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# Jousting, food, fun: 3 things to do Labor Day weekend

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Staying at home this Labor Day weekend? Here are just a few of the events taking place in the region you can check out over the long weekend:

## State Fair launches its fifth year in Novi

It's been five years since the Michigan State Fair rebooted, going from the traditional fairgrounds in Detroit to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The event, which features livestock exhibits, rides for all ages and a parade, will run from Thursday to Monday at the convention center at 46100 Grand River. The Shrine Circus will hold performances throughout the weekend at noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., with the final show taking place at 5 p.m. Monday.

New this year is the Friday Night Flights beer-tasting event, which will begin at 5 p.m. and will include tastings from breweries such as Roak Brewing Co., Short's Brewing Co., Oddside Ales and Jolly Pumpkin Artisan Ales. Tickets for the event cost \$50 and can be purchased on the event's website at michiganstatefairllc.com. The beer garden will remain open throughout the weekend.

The Monday Michigan Mega Jam will showcase more than 10 local artists Monday on the St. John Providence Stage. Those performing include: Stewart Francke, Liz Larin, Melvin Davis, The Whiskey Charmers, Pierre Anthony, Twyla Birdsong, Mike Leslie, Alison Albrecht, as well as Redi Choi backed by



R.J. Nehr, 9, of Roseville rides a merry-go-round during the Michigan State Fair.

the amazing Mighty Fun-house band featuring Skeeto Valdez, Paul Randolph, Phil Hale and Kris Kurzawa, among others.

The Michigan State Fair runs from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday. Tickets for the fair and the carnival are available for varying price points on the fair's website.

Ultimate wristbands, which includes access to rides, the fair and circus performances, cost \$30. Fair-only admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. On-site parking is \$10, with grass surface parking costing \$5.

## Arts, Beats and Eats

Arguably one of the biggest events in Oakland County over Labor Day weekend is the annual Arts, Beats and Eats festival, which runs from Friday to Monday in downtown Royal Oak.

The festival, now in its 20th year, will feature artists and groups such as 311, the B-52s, George Clinton and the P-Funk All-Stars and The Wallflowers, among others. More than 40 restaurants will offer food at the event, including Bonefish Grill, Lockhart's BBQ, Union Jacks and Andiamo.

And finally, the Ford Arts, Beats and Eats Juried Fine Art Show will take place on the southern portion of the festival grounds all weekend, featuring the work of artists from across the country.

Admission to the event is free before 5 p.m. Friday and \$7 after 5 p.m. Friday. The rest of the weekend will see admission at \$3 before 3 p.m., \$5 after 3 p.m. and \$7 after 5 p.m. Parking is available at some downtown Royal Oak parking structures and a shuttle service will run Saturday



Jerry Girtman, owner of the Red Wood Grill in Commerce Township, cooks up ribs and chicken at Arts, Beats and Eats in this 2014 file photo.

through Monday from Royal Oak High School, 15000 Lexington Blvd. Parking at the high school is free, though taking the shuttle will cost festival-goers \$10.

More information on the festival can be found at artsbeatseats.com.

## Renaissance Festival

Those looking to take a step back to the Middle Ages can do so this weekend at the Michigan Renaissance Festival, which takes place at 12600 Dixie Highway in Holly.

The festival, which opened Aug. 19 and runs each weekend through Oct. 1, will be open all weekend, as well as Monday. Patrons can take in the sights and sounds of the 16th century, including jousting, comedy shows, music and replications of shops, taverns and a castle.

This weekend's theme is High Seas Adventure and will feature several activities, including a

beard competition at 3 p.m. on the Wlydewood Stage. Those interested in competing just need to show up at the stage to be judged and considered for longest beard, grizzliest beard, most unique beard and best trimmed beard.

Similarly, a tattoo competition takes place at 1:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. on the Igor's Roost stage. Come and get your tattoo's judged for best color, best black and gray as well as the best overall.

Tickets for the festival can be purchased at michrenfest.com/tickets. Adults are \$22.95, seniors are \$20.95, students with an ID are \$20.95, children ages 5-12 are \$13.95 and children under 5 are free. More information on activities can be found at michrenfest.com.

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# Holy Cross Lutheran installing married couple as new pastors

During the 10 a.m. service Sept. 10, Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia will install the Rev. Beth Birkholz and the Rev. Scott Seeke as co-pastors.



Birkholz

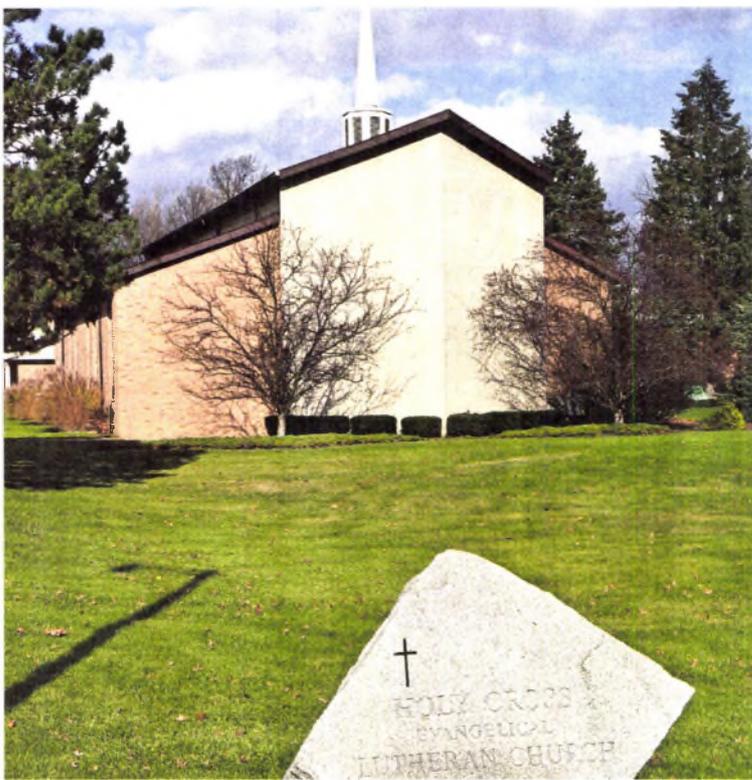


Seeke

The Rev. Dr. Donald P. Kreiss, bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will preside.

Birkholz and Seeke are the fourth senior pastors since Holy Cross was founded in 1963 and they are the first co-pastors in the church's history. Everyone in Livonia and the surrounding communities is invited to attend.

"We see this installation as an exciting new chapter in the life of Holy Cross," council President Melodie



Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia.

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Provencher said. "Pastor Beth and Pastor Scott bring wonderful energy and enthusiasm for mission and ministry that fit perfectly with where we think God may be leading us next."

Birkholz and Seeke are a married couple. They moved their family from Atlanta, Ga., in late July and are excited about what they see at Holy Cross and within the greater Livonia area.

"It's really all about the people who are here and what they were already doing for this community," Birkholz said.

"There are incredible possibilities here," Seeke said. "There's the labyrinth, the Abbey (a coffeehouse area used by many groups) and, most of all, the people's generosity of spirit."

Birkholz is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Trinity Lutheran Seminary, where she earned a master's of divinity degree in 2001. She has served several churches in the Atlanta

area, most recently at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Marietta, Ga. She is passionate about wellness as part of God's call. She is a certified Ashtanga yoga instructor, as well as a runner, hiker and camper.

Seeke was raised in upstate New York and graduated from Syracuse University. He met Birkholz at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and also graduated with a master's of divinity degree in 2001. He has served as an associate pastor, church planter and senior pastor. A frequent contributor to Living Lutheran magazine, he wrote a 2015 book titled "Uncle Bush's Life Funeral" and wrote the 2010 Sony movie "Get Low," which starred Robert Duvall, Sissy Spacek and Bill Murray. He loves the outdoors and is especially fond of lacrosse and Syracuse University athletics.

For more information, go to [holycrosslivonia.org](http://holycrosslivonia.org).

# County commission approves transfer of foreclosed properties to county land bank

The Wayne County Commission has authorized transferring 141 tax-foreclosed properties to the Wayne County Land Bank, which intends to sell the properties to nine private developers through its pilot program designed to strengthen neighborhoods.

Properties are located in Detroit and 17 other communities throughout the county.

The developers will pay the properties' back taxes, plus adminis-

trative fees that will be used by the land bank.

"This will help small cities like mine," said Commissioner Martha G. Scott, D-Highland Park, who supported the transfer.

"In my district, we do not have the staff to rehabilitate these properties, so I am willing to give this a chance."

Rather than be sold at a treasurer's auction, properties will be purchased by members of a group of developers selected and vetted by

Wayne County Land Bank staff. The commission exercised rights of refusal on the properties, which are being transferred to the Land Bank via quitclaim deeds.

While they represent a small portion of the roughly 8,000 county properties in foreclosure, county officials said the goal is to have these properties rehabilitated quickly by local developers rather than being purchased at auction by developers who

could sit on the properties for years.

Commission Chairman Gary Woronchak, D-Dearborn, supported the transfer, but said the commission would keep a close eye on the Land Bank process before deciding whether the program should be continued beyond this year.

"Our goal, as always, is to help everyone avoid foreclosure and this is only a fraction of the properties in foreclosure," Woronchak said. "It might not work, but

then again, it might be a brilliant idea and one we can advance in the future."

Under the program, those renting homes from owners that have been foreclosed upon will receive an option to stay under the new ownership.

Commission Vice Chair Alisha Bell, D-Detroit, also was optimistic: "Anything we can do to keep people in their homes builds neighborhoods and strengthens communities."

Of the 141 properties, 71 — just over half — are in Detroit. Other municipalities are Dearborn Heights, 23; Dearborn, 13; Hamtramck and Westland, five each; Southgate and Trenton, four each; Brownstown Township, three; Harper Woods, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township, two each; and Allen Park, Canton Township, Grosse Ile Township, Huron Township, Livonia, Redford Township and Riverview, one each.

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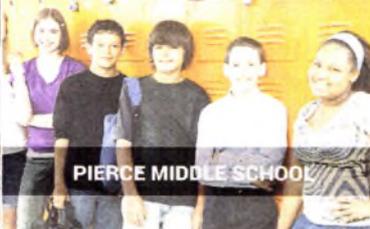
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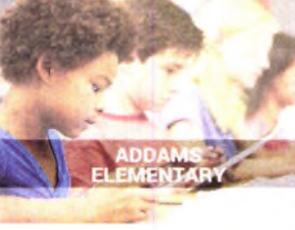
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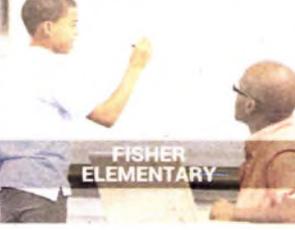
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### Barone office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone will conduct office hours from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at Barone Law Offices, 607 S. Main St., in Plymouth to meet with constituents who can discuss matters of concern within the community.

Barone, R-Plymouth Township, represents District 10, which covers Canton Township, Plymouth Township and the city of Plymouth.

For more information, contact David Herbeck at 313-224-0882.

### Holiday delays GFL collection

Due to the Labor Day holiday, GFL will not collect refuse, recycling or yard waste on Monday, Sept. 4, and all collections next week will be delayed by one day. GFL will resume its regular collection schedule on Monday, Sept. 11.

For more information, visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call GFL at 844-464-3587.

### Westland Farmers Market

The Westland Farmers Market runs 3-7 p.m. each Thursday through Oct. 13. The market is at 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford Road. The market features produce, plants, fresh foods, crafts and live music weekly. EBT is accepted. For more information, email [westlandchamber@yahoo.com](mailto:westlandchamber@yahoo.com).

### Livonia Farmers Market

The Livonia Farmers Market is held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Wilson Barn. Local crafters selling

unique handmade items, local vendors and farmers with a variety of goods to the community at great prices. Wilson Barn is at 29350 W. Chicago St.

### Free movie at Finnish Center

The award-winning Finnish film "Man Without a Past" will be shown at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, at the Finnish Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. The movie is a comedy-drama, rated PG 13, for which director Ari Kaurismaki was awarded the Grand Prix in Cannes and received the highest accolades from film critics. For more information, call 248-478-6949.

### Help a neighbor

On Saturday, Sept. 9, the FRIENDS program will once again come together to help a resident spruce up their home.

The program was started in 1998 to help a Wayne resident whose home needed some tender loving care. Homes are usually chosen based on the homeowners' inability to handle the work themselves, due to either financial or health reasons. The FRIENDS committee coordinates with willing volunteers to complete the task. This program is completely funded through donations and volunteers.

For more information, to donate or to volunteer, call the Wayne's Community Development department at 734-722-2000, ext. 1032.

### Mom 2 Mom Sale

A Mom 2 Mom Sale is set for Sept. 9 at SS. Simon & Jude, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland.

There will be an early bird sale 9-10 a.m. for \$2 admission. From 10 a.m.

to noon admission is \$1. There are eight-foot tables for \$15 per table; there are additional charges for card tables and racks.

For more information, call Sandy at 734-721-4867 or Carolyn at 734-728-1559.

### Blood drive

St. Colette Church is hosting a blood drive from 1-7 p.m. Sept. 14 in the Activity Center behind the church at 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Donations supply local hospitals. Walk-ins are welcome. First-time Michigan Blood donors receive a blanket or umbrella while supplies last.

If you prefer an appointment, call Dan at 734-464-1610.

### Griffin Golf Classic

The 16th annual Emily Ann Griffin Golf Classic will be held at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35780 Five Mile Road Livonia, at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, with a shotgun/scramble start at 2:30 p.m.

The fee of \$100 buys 18 holes of golf with cart, snacks, pop and water on the course, and dinner with chances to bid on silent auction items at Sacred Heart Banquet Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. For guests wanting dinner only, the price is \$60 and approximate meal time is 7-7:30 p.m.

The Emily Ann Griffin Foundation was founded in memory of Emily Ann Griffin by her parents, Matt and Inger Griffin, longtime Livonia residents. The foundation benefits families of special needs children with assistance to purchase costly medical equipment often prescribed to support and enhance their child's lives, but too often not covered by insurance. For more information,

contact the Griffins at 734-542-0469.

### Fall book sale

The Friends of Westland Library is preparing for its Fall Book Sale.

The Friends Preview Sale day is set for 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14. Regular sale hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15-16. From noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, is a \$4 Bag Sale day.

### Shred Day

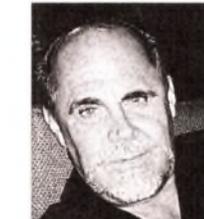
The City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will offer a Shred Day for all residents of both communities on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon (or until trucks are filled) at the Plymouth Township Hall parking lot, 9955 N. Haggerty Road.

This marks the second Shred Day event to be hosted jointly by the township and the city this year, something leaders of both communities cite as part of their new cooperative relationship.

Paper to be shredded shall be limited to five banker boxes on each trip. Residents can, however, make multiple trips throughout the morning. Documents can be in paper bags or boxes when brought to shredding. Documents in plastic bags must be removed.

Residents participating must also provide proof of city or township residency, which can be done with a driver's license, voter ID card, water bill or property tax bill.

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Mark 61. of Port Charlotte, Florida passed away on Friday, August 25, 2017 at Tidewell Hospice in Port Charlotte after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mark was born January 18, 1956 in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Stevenson High School, Livonia, Michigan in 1974. Mark lived his life with a strong will and a commitment to his family and friends.

He worked for Massey Ferguson, Hart Precision, Skyway Precision and was self-employed for many years. Mark loved to travel. He fell in love with Costa Rica and spent many winter months living large in Jaco, Costa Rica where some affectionately called him "The Mayor of Jaco". Mark will always be remembered riding his motorcycles, teasing, laughing and caring for others. He has been described recently as one-of-a-kind. He will be sorely missed.

Mark is survived by his parents: Carol and Harvey Bonnell of Port Charlotte, Florida; sister, Linda Hinkle (Don) of Fort Pierce, Florida; brothers, Gary Bonnell of Canton, Michigan; Cliff Bonnell of Waterford, Michigan; Bill Bonnell (Debbi) of Whitmore Lake, Michigan; and Tim Bonnell of Plymouth, Michigan. Mark is survived by nieces and nephews, Keith Bonnell, Kyle Bonnell, Peter Bonnell (Christine), Tracy Bonnell Enright (Tim), Jacqueline Bonnell, Heather Hinkle Hardwick (Billy), Chad Hinkle, and Trent Hinkle. He was great Uncle Mark to Brayton and Landin Bonnell, Courtney and Ella Enright, Tenley and Brooklyn Bonnell, and James and Andrew Hardwick.

A Celebration of Mark's Life will be held on Thursday August 31, 2017 from 5:00 PM until service time at 6:30 PM at Englewood Community Funeral Home with Private Crematory, 3070 S. McCall Road, Englewood, Florida 34224.

In Michigan on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Genitti's Restaurant, 108 E. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

In lieu of flowers, those wanting to remember Mark are asked to make donations in his name to Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rind Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34238. You may share a memory with the family at [www.Englewoodfh.com](http://www.Englewoodfh.com)

## Mandel

Josephine Eliza "Josie" (Williams) passed away peacefully August 16, 2017 after a battle with cancer. She was 83. Born February 7, 1934 in Detroit, MI to her parents Joseph and Elizabeth Williams. Josie was a life time resident of Plymouth, MI. She is preceded in death by her husband Joseph. Josephine will be loved and missed by her surviving children: Elizabeth Skinner-Jent, Kimberly Kelp, Deborah Mandel and Joseph Mandel; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Josephine will be buried in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. At her request, a private family memorial will be held at a later date.



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PREP FOOTBALL

## Moody's 57-yard FG spurs Northville win

Mustangs' ground game chews up Dearborn in opener

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There's a reason why it's called *foot-ball*.

Northville senior Jake Moody, one of the nation's top kickers, continued to validate his talents Friday night as he opened the scoring with a school-record 57-yard field goal while propelling the Mustangs' to a convincing 44-14 win over Dearborn at Tom Holzer Field.

Moody eclipsed his own school-record of 52 yards, but proved he was human as he missed a "chip shot" 47-yarder late in the game.

"It was a good night, but got to be perfect next time," said Moody, who is now tied for third all-time for the longest field goal in state history.

Moody, however, also im-

pressed with a high hang-time 44-yard punt down to the Dearborn 1, to go along with several kickoffs that sailed through the end zone.

Which was better?

"I'd say the 57-yarder, because it was a school record, so that was a big kick," Moody said. "Right before that kick, I had the coaches asking me what they thought I was good from inside of ... so I said inside of 40 yards (spotting it). It

was 39-and-a-half yards, so we decided to go for it."

And it was a no-doubter. "I knew right away it went

in, I just didn't know it was 57 yards," Northville quarterback

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XIN WAN

Northville's Jake Moody boots a school-record 57-yard field goal with Jon Michalak holding.

### #HTLSports GAME OF THE WEEK 2

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#### Game of the Week

Friday, Sept. 31, 7 p.m.: Plymouth at Canton. Follow Tim Smith @TimSmith\_Sports

#### Other games

Thursday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m.: Livonia Churchill at Northville. Follow Brad Emons @BradEmons1

Thursday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m.: Livonia Stevenson at Novi. Follow Marty Budner @BhmEccentric

Friday, Sept. 1, 7 p.m.: Mishawaka (Ind.) Penn at Brother Rice. Follow Marty Budner @BhmEccentric

#### Predictions

Smith: Canton, Churchill, Stevenson, Penn  
Emons: Canton, Northville, Stevenson, Rice  
Budner: Canton, Northville, Stevenson, Rice

CLARENCEVILLE HONORS TIM SHAW

## 'I LOVE THIS PLACE'



Tim Shaw reacts to the unveiling of the new sign Saturday night at Clarenceville.

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### Ceremony unveiling Shaw Stadium packs an emotional wallop

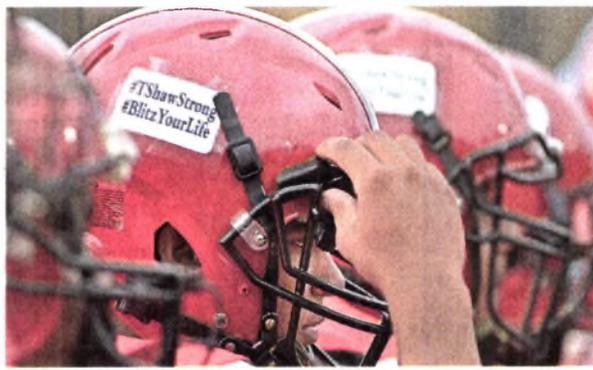
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It's Tim Shaw's house now and Clarenceville loves it.

Amid standing ovations and chants of "Shaw, Shaw, Shaw!" the love fest between Clarenceville's favorite son and the small community he took by storm as a football player grew to epic proportions Saturday night.

An emotion-packed halftime ceremony began with athletic director Kevin Murphy calling it "a great day to be a Clarenceville Trojan" and ended with the Shaw Stadium sign officially unveiled. The stadium now is David B. McDowell Field at Shaw Stadium.

In between, the man of the hour — visibly slowed by ALS



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Clarenceville players' helmets offer inspiration: #TShawStrong, #BlitzYourLife

— had to be helped to the podium by his dad John. But once

there, although struggling to enunciate his words, he still

delivered a powerful, undeniable love letter to the community.

"It's never been about me. I can't believe this is happening," Shaw said. "Probably the biggest honor I've ever received. I love this place. I've given my heart here, my sweat, my tears.

"This is about Clarenceville, it's about keeping this community as a place that really matters, where kids can come and get a great education, be involved in great after-school programs and become impactful citizens of this community."

#### It's connected

Shaw said what his time at Clarenceville taught him was the connectivity be-

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

## Milford's Heiligenthal ready to take next step

Lakeland returns seven, including two all-staters

**Brad Emons**  
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Victoria Heiligenthal is no longer considered the co-star or the understudy.

The Milford junior is the one ready to carry the torch now for the defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion girls cross country team.

Heiligenthal takes center stage for the Mavericks, who lost three-sport all-stater Malory Barrett (Michigan) to graduation after she placed ninth in last year's state finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Coming off a 14th-place finish of her own with a 5,000-meter time of 18:26.6, Heiligenthal is trying to adjust to life without Barrett.

"For me personally, it's really hard because I ran with her all the time in races and in practice," said Heiligenthal, who was the KLAA Lakes Conference champion from a year

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Milford junior Victoria Heiligenthal assumes the lead role now for the defending state champions.

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Stevenson rallies to edge Franklin, 14-13

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Friday night's football opener between Livonia Franklin and Livonia Stevenson was a tale of two halves.

When it was over, the Spartans came back from a 13-0 halftime deficit and earned a 14-13 victory.

The Spartans rallied behind the lethal combination of quarterback Parker Graham to wide receiver George Ferguson (three receptions, 145 yards and two TDs).

On the winning touchdown, from the Franklin 22, Graham found Ferguson in the back-right corner of the end zone. The PAT by Griffin Matick provided the winning margin.

"Coach said, 'Fergie, post corner,'" Ferguson said. "I ran a good route and Parker threw a perfect pass. I just had to do the rest. It felt great."

Stevenson might not have had the chance if not for a costly facemask penalty against Franklin, after it appeared the Patriots recovered a fumble.

"There was a facemask call and then we had another penalty that gave them a first down which, ultimately, led to their game-winning



Livonia Franklin defenders close in on Livonia Stevenson's George Ferguson (middle) during Friday's crosstown rivalry contest. Ferguson scored both of the Spartans' TDs in a 14-13 win.

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touchdown," Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert said. "It was uncharacteristic of some of the guys ... you give (Stevenson) extra opportunities and they cashed in."

A blocked field goal by the Spartans' Devin Poster early in the fourth quarter also helped turn the momentum back in their favor. Also keeping the Patriots down and out was an interception in the fourth quarter by Scott Rushlow.

A last-minute bid by Franklin to answer was

foiled by a Devin Dunn interception.

"We talked about it all week long. There's five or six big plays in a game that really determine the outcome," Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said. "The fumbles, some of the penalties, touchdowns called back. Those all add into that equation. The football gods were shining on us tonight."

Here are several takeaways from the contest:

**TAKING ADVANTAGE**

In the third quarter, Franklin was stopped short on fourth down and the Spartans scored on the next play.

Graham threw a strike to Ferguson, who caught the ball around midfield and took it home for an 80-yard score. That gave Franklin a 13-7 lead.

The Spartans then took their first and only lead before the end of the game on a drive aided by penalties against Franklin, including one that cost the Patriots a fumble

recovery.

**WELCOME BACK**

After missing the 2016 regular season due to injury, Franklin senior Brad Gibson made quite an impact against the Spartans.

Gibson picked off a Graham pass late in the first half, setting up a 51-yard scoring drive in eight plays. He also chipped in a point-after touchdown kick.

"It was a hard-fought game. We should have pulled through," Gibson said. "We had a couple mistakes as a team."

**WORKHORSE MOORE**

The Patriots' offense in the first half was largely Isaac Moore, as the senior running back carried the ball 15 times for 85 yards and a 1-yard scoring plunge, which made it 13-0. In the second half, however, Stevenson's defense stiffened and pitched a shut-out.

"He's a tough kid, a very good competitor who wants to win," Kelbert said. "They all put a lot of time and effort into this and it just didn't come in our favor today."

"We put ourselves in bad situations. We were in a lot of second-and-longs, third-and-longs. We fumbled the snap a couple times, had a cou-

ple penalties. Those things, when you're behind the chains, you got to throw the football. We want to run the ball and be able to throw off our run. It just didn't go that way."

Franklin's opening score was on a zig-zagging 47-yard run by junior Julius Simmons.

**OH, THOSE PENALTIES**

Stevenson missed out on a couple of chances to get on the scoreboard in the first half due to penalties.

With the game still scoreless early in the second quarter, Ferguson's apparent 55-yard punt return was snuffed out by an illegal block penalty.

Ferguson lost another TD in the closing seconds of the half. He reeled in a desperation toss by Graham — but officials nullified that score due to a holding infraction.

**GETTING THEIR KICKS**

Robert Cavin, besides being a two-way lineman for Stevenson, proved to be a big threat with his foot. He drove two punts that pinned the Patriots inside their own 5-yard line.

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PREP FOOTBALL



Novi's Deshaun Clayton picked up this fumble and ran 23 yards to the Groves 2-yard line to set up a score.

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# Game of the Week: Groves' big plays sink Novi, 42-21

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Last year's Division 2 state semifinalist Birmingham Groves proved once again it could be a football team to be reckoned with in 2017.

The Falcons used their big-play capability and took advantage of a key second-quarter turnover

Aug. 24 to take down Novi, 42-21, in the 2017 football season opener for both teams.

Here are five quick takeaways:

**FORD HAS A BETTER IDEA**

Chaise Ford, a 5-foot-11, 195-pound senior running back scored on touchdown runs of 16, 42

and 56 yards, finishing with a net of 121 yards on the night on just 10 carries.

"I just saw grass," Ford said. "Those O-linemen, those big guys ... I just got behind them. That brick wall, they just paved the way for me. Those weren't even my touchdowns. Those three touchdowns were the

whole O-line. I didn't have to make them miss. It was just straight up the field. I'm blessed to have an O-line play that well."

**SHORT-TERM MEMORY**

Novi scored the game's first TD on Sean Gilliam's 57-yard TD

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Big-play Sailors upend Chiefs at Big House, 41-23

Tim Smith  
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The Canton Chiefs have played plenty of big games in recent seasons, but not at the University of Michigan's stadium, a.k.a. the Big House, which they did Saturday afternoon against Muskegon Mona Shores in their season opener.

Canton had flashes of excellence throughout the Battle at the Big House, but fell short, 41-23.

Sparking Mona Shores to victory were Damari Roberson (92-yard kickoff return TD), D'Anthony Davis (13 carries, 104 yards, two TDs) and quarterback Tristan Robbins (219 combined yards).

Playing a strong two-way game for the Chiefs was senior Nick Polydoros, who scored two rushing touchdowns and was a defensive force all day.

Junior running back Steven Walker was another bright spot for Canton, with 20 carries for 158 yards. Senior quarterback Conner Engel connected on 5-of-13 passes for 92 yards.

Canton coach Tim Baechler said the Sailors were a formidable opponent, mixing up formations and showing they will be a team to be reckoned with this season.

"They run a tricky mid-line option and an outside veer option," Baechler said. "Scrimmages were all we had to go on. But we saw four or five different formations and it really took a lot to adjust. A couple of our kids just weren't doing what we wanted to do. Plus, when we did, they were just good."

"They were big, strong, fast, they broke tackles. We got too



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Despite a strong defensive effort from Canton's Steven Walker (right), Muskegon Mona Shores wide receiver Damari Roberson makes a spectacular catch.

many kids going both ways and it kind of caught up to us at the end."

Following are five takeaways from the game:

**UNANSWERED**

After the Chiefs went up 7-0 on a Colin Troup touchdown run, the Sailors roared back with three unanswered scores to go up 21-7 with about three minutes to go in the half.

**BACK AND FORTH**

The teams then traded touchdowns in the next two minutes, with Canton's 12-yard TD run by Polydoros, immediately answered by Roberson, who raced down the field for a 92-yard kickoff return TD.

Canton then added a 30-yard field goal by Chase Meredith with two seconds remaining to get to within 28-17 at half-time.

**BIG OPENERS**

Last year, the Chiefs opened the season at the Prep Kickoff Classic at Wayne State University. This year's appearance at the Big House was the

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PREP FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

# Week 1 scores and highlights

Coaches/statisticians can send game information to LIV-sports@hometownlife.com by 7 p.m. Saturday to be included in the following Thursday print editions. Note: Due to Labor Day holiday, Week 2 information needs to be received by midnight Thursday, Aug. 24.

Saturday, Aug. 26

**Macomb Lutheran North 42, Livonia Clarenceville 13**

Clarenceville QB Terrence Ealy connected with receiver Kyle Nolan twice for touchdowns, but it was not nearly enough against a tough Macomb opponent.

**Muskegon Mona Shores 41, Canton 23 Greenville 47, North**

**Farmington 7**

North Farmington held an early 7-0 lead but it was host Greenville which controlled the rest of the game. Dylan Gordon put the Raiders up with a sizzling 95-yard touchdown run. The defensive caused two turnovers, including an interception by junior Matt Coroiran Coleman. The

special teams also had a blocked punt. "We were up 7-0 then the wheels came off," reported first-year head coach Bob Chiesa. "Our offense had a few turnovers, including two interceptions ran back for touchdowns. Our offense struggled, but showed glimpses.

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# SHAW

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tween "family, team and community. Those are the three things that I've learned the most about while running up and down this football field.

"Family is where it all starts ... team is where it goes. Without my teammates, I never score. Without my team, we never make it to the state championship. And community, I learned that when a community is behind their team, it's an immovable force."

Although the 2017 team lost its season opener, 42-13, to Macomb Lutheran North (both of Clarenceville's touchdowns were scored via the passing game, with quarterback Terrence Ealy connecting with receiver Kyle Nolan), Shaw made sure to remind the community to stay behind current and future teams.

"Those players on today's field, they represent everything that I represent when I played," Shaw said. "And the ones next year and the ones the year after that will do the same. People change, but this community will remain."

"I can't say thank you enough. There's too many people I have to thank. So I will just thank you all. From the bottom of my heart, I love you."

## Just kidding

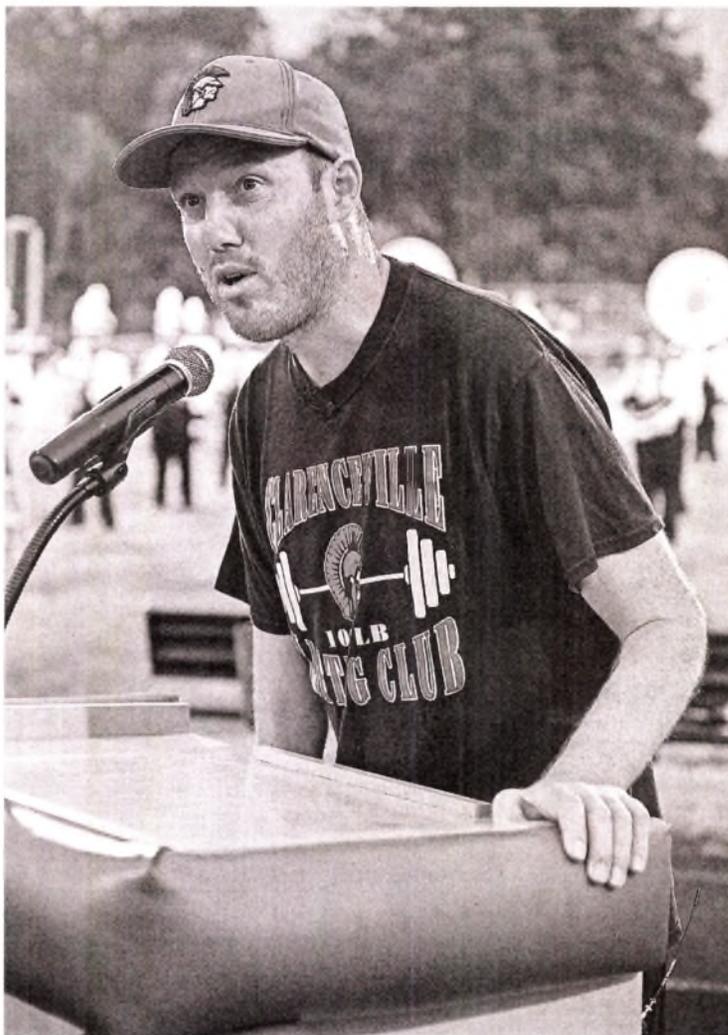
Shaw showed a quick wit, too.

"I would trade every single touchdown if I could have that state championship," he said, referencing Clarenceville's march to the 2001 state finals. "But for now, I'll keep the touchdowns."

During the 2001 season, wearing his now-retired jersey No. 8, Shaw rushed for some 2,600 yards and scored 51 times to earn the nickname "Touchdown Tim." From there it was on to Penn State and the National Football League.

But he never forgot about his hometown, where buses would drive through welcoming banners after road games during that memorable playoff stretch, recalled Shaw's former coach, Greg Hudkins.

"You know, it's funny," Hudkins said following the ceremony. "I've only been back here once since 2003, when I left. And as much as things change, when he talks about the community and how strong they were, it's still the same. You can feel it."



Tim Shaw speaks to Trojan Nation during the emotional halftime ceremony. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I can remember us coming back from play-off games in our bus and the whole community meet us back here. The bus breaks through a banner as we come home. The support is just phenomenal."

Murphy said the tributes would continue for the rest of this season, with the 8-yard line painted red (Clarenceville's colors) to honor Shaw's uniform number and legacy. The Shaw Stadium sign itself will be placed on the back of the press box over the next week.

## Tim Shaw Day

And Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright presented a proclamation announcing Aug. 26, 2017, as Tim Shaw Day in the Clarenceville district.

Superintendent Paul Shepich also made some remarks about honoring "a wonderful human being. I got to know him when he came back and used the weight room."

"We did some traveling to some football games together. What struck me then and strikes me even more so today, it is how gracious and giving and caring he

is. He has never forgotten where he came from and that means a lot."

Sharon Shaw, Tim's mother, said the display of emotion for her son and the renaming itself were "absolutely amazing. Our boys were very involved here."

"We were involved here as parents and we had an opportunity to be involved with a lot of these people. And it's great that they're supporting us now in what we're dealing with."

She agreed that Tim's speech was something to behold.

"He keeps very positive; he uses his words wisely," Sharon said. "He says what he means and he doesn't say anything if he doesn't have anything to say."

Saturday night, Tim Shaw had plenty to say and Trojan Nation couldn't get enough of it.

"It's awesome. It's such a good tribute, he's such a good guy," district employee Rob Monaghan said about the ceremony. "Oh my gosh. Tim is still so well-spoken."

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## SOUND BITES

**TIM SHAW** (saying hello to well wishers during the first half): "(I hope) that they (athletes) see the only limitation you have is time. Other than that, nothing can stop you from whatever it is you want to do. I hope they see that pushing to be the best you can be is the only way to go. Everything else doesn't really matter."

**SHARON SHAW** (Tim's mom): "To have all these people come, people we haven't seen in years, and getting hugs and stuff has been wonderful."

**GREG HUDKINS** (former Clarenceville football coach): "For Tim's name to be up here forever, and he wanted it just 'Shaw' for his whole family, not a more deserving family out there. It's an incredible moment for them and, I think, everybody who's ever been a part of it."

**JOE SANCHEZ** (Clarenceville parent, athletic booster volunteer): "It's kind of, when there's an event like this, to see so many people come and the memories they have and they share them with you. 'Oh yeah, I went to school here, I did this or that.' Everyone remembers."

# WEEK 1

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Our youth showed, but I'm proud of the team as the did not quit."

**Friday, Aug. 25**  
Livonia Stevenson 14, Livonia Franklin 13  
Northville 44, Dearborn 14  
Birmingham Brother Rice 26, Detroit U-D Jesuit 7  
Detroit Country Day 20, Grand Rapids Catholic Central 7  
Livonia Churchill 53, Monroe 13  
Dearborn Fordson 28, Plymouth 14

Fordson controlled the offensive game with 337 total yards, split evenly between rushing (169) and passing (168). Quarterback Hussein Ajami figured in three of four Fordson touchdowns, completing 13-of-24 passes and two touchdowns. He also rushed for the game's first touchdown on a 1-yard run. Mike Mathias scored on a 1-yard run in the first quarter and QB Zach Beadle hooked up with received Bradley Tyszkiewicz for a 25-yd TD in the third quarter. Plymouth finished with 131 total yards in offense.

**New Boston Huron 28, Salem 27**  
Detroit Catholic Central 36, Sterling Heights Stevenson 0

Marco Genrich threw TD passes to Nate Anderson and Parker Bohland as Detroit Catholic Central (1-0) downed Sterling Heights Stevenson (0-1) in the season opener.

CC, which led 14-0 at halftime, also got a 57-yard run from Cameron Ryan, Sam Beydoun had a TD run, while Nazem Beydoun had a strip and score on defense. Jack Downs help preserve the shutout with an interception.

**Thursday, Aug. 24**  
Birmingham Groves 42, Novi 21  
Bloomfield Hills 21, Birmingham Seaholm 19

**Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 35, Redford Union 0**

After a scoreless first quarter, Cranbrook scored 35 unanswered points. Cranbrook QB Trevor McConnell threw for 153 yards and two touchdowns. Tariq Muhamed, Jack Fairman and Aaron Wiggins each

contributed TD runs for the Cranes. The RU offense was limited to 147 yards. Isaac Grant had 57 yards on 14 carries and Thorton Cain had 46 yards on 18 tries.

**East Grand Rapids 33, Farmington Hills Harrison 8**  
Berkley 28, Farmington 23

Farmington trailed host Berkley 28-0 before rallying to make a game of it. "We fought back real hard, but turned the ball over six times to their zero," said Farmington's first-year head coach Kory Cioroch.

**Flat Rock 35, Garden City 10**  
Walled Lake Central 20, White Lake Lakeland 13

**Walled Lake Northern 35, South Lyon 15**  
Waterford Kettering 34, South Lyon East 18

South Lyon East committed five turnovers leading to 21 Kettering points. Score was 14-12 Kettering at the half. Kettering rushed for 245 yards and passed for 26 yards. East QB Chris Kaminski completed 18-of-28 passes for 173 yards with two interceptions. He connected with John Carter for two TDs. Carter finished with 10 catches and 69 yards. Jake Waranauckas had 18 carries for 131 yards and a TD; Donovan Wright carried three times for 39 yards.

**Waterford Mott 34, Milford 0**  
Wayne Memorial 19, Ecorse 15

**Hartland 17, Westland John Glenn 16 (OT)**  
Flint Powers Catholic 7, Redford Thurston 6

Thurston lost its opener at home against Flint Powers Catholic in a defensive struggle. Powers scored on a 1-yard run, capping a 45-yard drive early in the fourth quarter to take a 7-0 lead. The Eagles fought back late in the game and scored on a 2-yard run by Leonard Funches with 3:10 to play. But the Eagles failed to convert on the two-point conversion.

Thurston QB Zack Crofford was 6-of-11 passing for 105 yards. Leonard Funches led the rushing attack with 16 carries for 102 yards and scored the Eagles' lone TD. Demetrius Dowd carried the ball six times for 60 yards. Standouts on defense were Daron Totten with 10 tackles; Trejon Purry with eight and Xavier Coleman-Patillo with seven.



Catholic Central's Cameron Ryan (left) breaks a tackle during Friday's 36-0 win over Sterling Heights Stevenson. SCOTT CONFER

# CHIEFS

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team's first.

Baechler and players said it still was a positive learning experience, despite the loss.

"Our starters got to play four tough quarters and we're going to get hardened up from this," Baechler said. "We're going to improve an awful lot from now until next Friday. We'll be

fired up, believe me."

According to senior Noah Brown, "It was a good experience for the team. I wish we could have come out with a win, but I feel we just made a lot of mental mistakes; a lot of people didn't do their jobs today. I messed up a couple times. I just feel like it was on us, it wasn't on them."

Polydoros said playing at Michigan Stadium "was really exciting, a once-in-a-lifetime oppor-

tunity for us. I thought it was really cool that they put this together for us. We have a lot of things to improve on and we'll just improve upon them and get better throughout the season."

## PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

A penalty against Mona Shores cost the Sailors a touchdown in the second quarter, but only briefly. After being pushed back to the Canton 39, a straight-ahead running attack sparked a

2-yard rushing TD by Davis.

## GOOD RESPONSE

Canton came out strong in the third quarter, in an attempt to get back into the game. The defense stopped the Sailors and then the Chiefs marched 89 yards in 13 plays, with Polydoros punching it in from the 3. That made it 28-23.

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# GROVES

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pass to a wide-open Tyler VanKirk, who got behind the Groves secondary.

"I blew my coverage, I was thinking too much," said 5-9, 165-pound Groves defensive back Khalil Dawsey, who had the task of covering Novi's talented 6-5 wide receiver Traveon Maddox Jr. all night. "It was my first time as a starter. I wasn't paying attention and it was totally on me. I knew I had to rise up if we were going to win." Dawsey made amends

and more than held his own in the first half against Maddox, who finished with nine catches for 55 yards and a TD, all coming in the second half.

"I knew going in it was going to be a big match-up," Dawsey said. "I had to prepare and watch a lot of film, read my scouting report. I felt I was prepared going in."

## GAME-CHANGER

Leading only 21-14 late in the first half, Groves' Antulio Erickson-Suzuki blocked a Blake King punt and teammate Tyler Newitt scooped it up and ran 2 yards for a TD to

give the Falcons a 28-14 halftime advantage.

"I think that momentum was great," Groves coach Brendan Flaherty said. "I kind of shared with the fellas we beat ourselves up. We had a pretty good game, but we kept shooting ourselves in the foot with the (three) fumbles and miscues. But the blocked punt definitely helped. We try and work on that stuff. He think (King) bobbled the snap, too. I think it was a little bit of luck more than anything. It was a good job by the guys."

## LEARNING CURVE

New starting Novi quarterback Sean Gilliam, a transfer from West Bloomfield, threw for two touchdowns and ran for another (3 yards), but was 19-of-37 passing for 153 yards.

The Wildcats were outruled 207-53 on the night as Groves also got a 1-yard TD run from QB Colton Tinsley, along with a 68-yard TD run from sophomore Ralph Donaldson (in third quarter to make it 35-14).

"We just got to put together some offensive drives," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "We seemed like we had a lot

of self-inflicted wounds tonight. We had bad snaps, overthrows at times, just missed reads and we didn't do the basic things that we worked to prep for to beat this team. We're inexperienced and it kind of came through tonight. Coming into this game, we had six kids that had experience on a Friday night. Unfortunately, we got a lot of young kids that got to play."

## UNDER THE RADAR

Groves' Damonte McCurdy finished with seven solo tackles and one assist and a 45-yard kickoff return to set up

the Falcons' first TD. Ford added seven tackles and a sack, while Griffen Best racked up five solo tackles.

Drew O'Connor led Novi with four solo tackles and one assist, while Deshaun Clayton had a 23-yard fumble recovery return and a sack. Noah Grier and Jason Jennings both forced a fumble, while Landon Green and Ryland Bennett also recovered a fumble.

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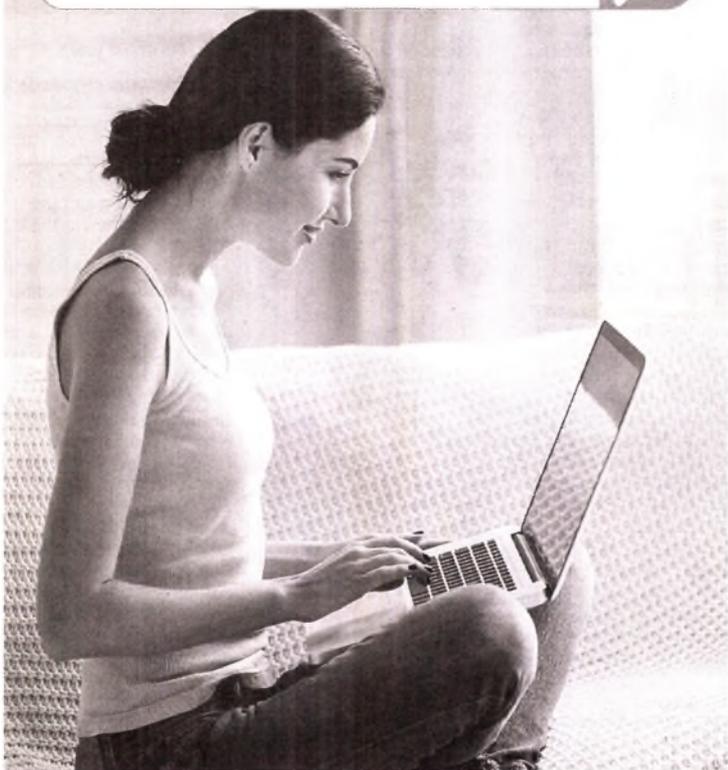
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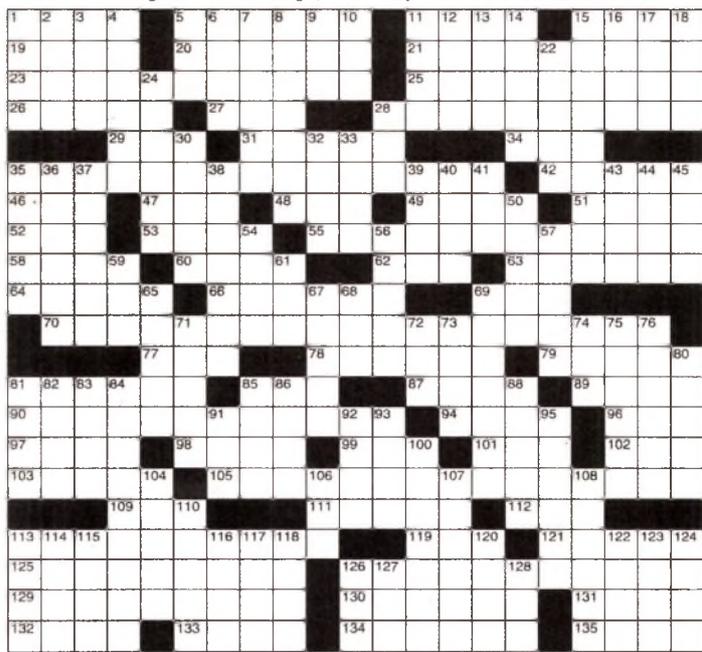
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Simple floater
  - 5 Declare work on it
  - 11 Declines
  - 15 Harvesting yield
  - 19 Aruba, e.g.
  - 20 Alfred E. (magazine mascot)
  - 21 One-player card game
  - 23 Pom-pom or mega-phone?
  - 25 Fine white gypsum
  - 26 Actor Reeves
  - 27 Cain or Abel, to Adam
  - 28 Soft, white limestone used as cat litter?
  - 29 Hen product
  - 31 Give a casual greeting
  - 34 Cup rim
  - 35 Shortage of maraschinos in a busy cocktail bar?
  - 42 It's factual
  - 46 Cyber-giggle
  - 47 Dada artist
  - 48 Act humanly
  - 49 Petition
  - 51 Golfer — Aoki
  - 52 Sothern of the screen
  - 53 Roadies
  - 55 "This has me angry like a Prague native might be!"
  - 58 It has pores
  - 60 Poker option
  - 62 Radio or TV spots
  - 63 — Flico
  - 64 Certain Asian capital
  - 66 Spay, e.g.
  - 69 Fleur-de- —
  - 70 Slow-moving land reptile sitting on a recliner?
  - 77 Arctic seabird
  - 78 Balances evenly
  - 79 Community hangouts
  - 81 "The King of Queens" actor Patton
  - 85 Mother of Cain and Abel
  - 87 Greek love god
  - 89 — Le Pew (skunk toon)
  - 90 Areas where certain salad greens are grown?
  - 94 Pet dog of Sgt. Shorkel
  - 96 Mailroom container
  - 97 Scented powder
  - 98 Brain tests in brief
  - 99 "Well, how about that!"
  - 101 "Say what?"
  - 102 Walk — (brief roles)
  - 103 Fervency
  - 105 Map showing southern U.S. states?
  - 109 Bit of AV equipment
  - 111 Arrange
  - 112 Marshland
  - 113 Let some printed, glazed fabric fall to the floor?
  - 119 Clandestine U.S. org.
  - 121 Ghana's capital
  - 125 Device used to store an electric charge
  - 126 Totally wild about grain husks?
  - 129 Lifeless
  - 130 Sitting room
  - 131 Kemo — (the Lone Ranger)
  - 132 How doodles are drawn
  - 133 Flies, to spiders
  - 134 Not alluring
  - 135 Special periods
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Singer Ashley
  - 2 Court king
  - 3 Arthur
  - 3 Dog bather
  - 4 11th-grader, e.g.
  - 40 Part of REO
  - 41 3 R's org.
  - 43 See
  - 10-Down
  - 44 Social skill
  - 45 Tubular
  - 46 snack cake
  - 50 Molded jelly
  - 54 Wishes one could undo
  - 56 — Gras
  - 57 Like a really easy job
  - 59 And not
  - 61 Expected
  - 65 Author
  - 67 Get narrower
  - 68 Rocker
  - 69 African country
  - 71 Very unusual
  - 72 Mao — tung
  - 73 Deli sub
  - 74 Band blaster
  - 75 Fridge, old-style
  - 76 Broccoli-like vegetable
  - 80 See or touch
  - 81 Eight: Prefix
  - 82 — -Pei
  - 83 Untarned
  - 84 Escort
  - 85 D-I link
  - 86 Rose holder
  - 88 Overfill
  - 91 Despite that
  - 92 Comic Jay
  - 93 Silvery fish
  - 95 "My, my!"
  - 100 Mine
  - 104 Actress Christina
  - 106 Aunt's son, informally
  - 107 Tnket
  - 108 Lost
  - 110 Orang's kin
  - 113 602.
  - to Ovid
  - 114 — McNally
  - 115 Pendant gem
  - 116 — -TASS
  - 117 Memo
  - 118 Low card
  - 120 As sly as —
  - 122 Ruler of yore
  - 123 McEntire of music
  - 124 Fruit drinks
  - 126 PC's core
  - 127 — Solo
  - 128 Sob



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### WORDS

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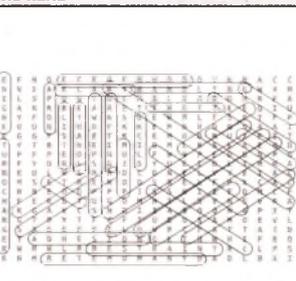
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## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Grzymkowski's return gives Lakeland a leg up

Milford, sixth a year ago, should also contend again

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Lakeland junior cross country standout Harrison Grzymkowski can be categorized as the perfect blend of fierce competitor, scholar and sportsman.

Grzymkowski will be the lead runner once again as he returns for his third varsity season for the Eagles, who are coming off an MHSAA Division 1 state championship as well as regional and KLA Lakes Conference titles.

Grzymkowski placed third individually at last year's finals, clocking an impressive 15:51.4 for 5,000 meters. He also took runner-up honors in both the regional and conference meets.

"I think the thing that makes Harrison special is that he's got this tremendous desire to beat everyone in anything," Lakeland coach Joe Verellen said. "It's kind of like those UFC fighters that sit there bludgeoning themselves, hitting each other, then there's one passed out or the official calls the match, then they get up and hug one another. That's the type of guy he is."

Grzymkowski puts the team first above anything else entering the 2017 season.

"I would love to repeat and go back-to-back state champs," he said. "That's on my list. And next, maybe going for the individual title. That would be, obviously, a dream."

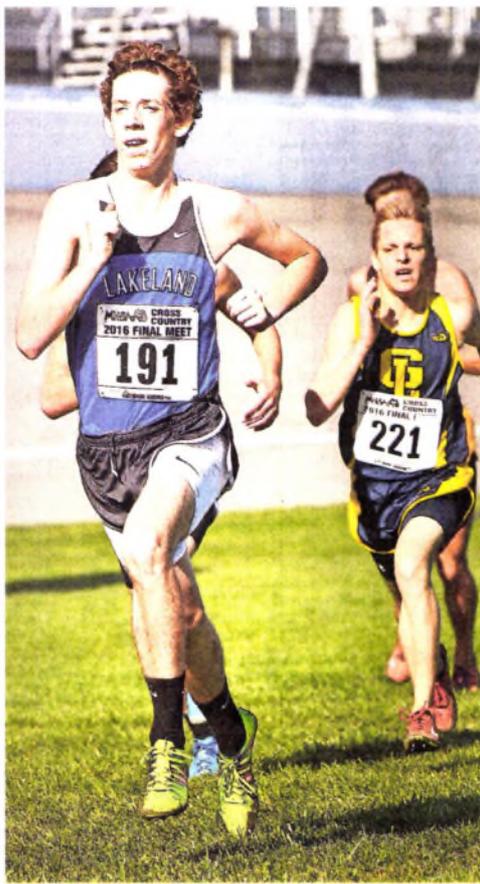
Grzymkowski is shooting for a 5K time somewhere in the low 15-minute range this season.

"Maybe 15:20," he said. "I think that's realistic. I have a really good training partner in Drew Wenger. He'll definitely push me to that pace."

Wenger, a senior, finished 45th individually last year in 16:23.8, while fellow senior Angelo Savich was the team's fifth scorer in 79th (16:43.0).

The Eagles lost four state meet starters to graduation: Zack Werth, Joel Woody, Luke Moore and Karl Stroup.

"There's definitely a chance of winning it again this year," Verellen said. "A lot of people don't realize, but we've got George Drallos (senior), who was part of our state meet team two years ago, that actually as a sophomore was a 16:34 guy. He was unable to be in our lineup late last year due to injury, but he should have been in that lineup had he had



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Lakeland junior Harrison Grzymkowski will be the lead runner again for the defending Division 1 state champs.

been healthy."

C.J. Davis, another senior, could contribute as well after running 4:31 in the 1,600 during the spring track season. Tyler Leick, another senior, should slide into this year's fifth spot.

"With those five guys, we definitely have a shot," Verellen said. "We going to be very upper-classmen, very experience-loaded."

Grzymkowski, meanwhile, likes the direction the Eagles are headed going into the 2017 season as they will vie for a title in the new nine-school Lakes Valley Conference.

"I feel like we've upped our mileage quite a bit," he said. "Verellen is a genius when it comes to running. Whatever he does, I listen to. We do have those recovery weeks, but overall, we've upped our mileage quite a bit."

Grzymkowski, who played soccer for nearly 11 years before concentrating on running, is following in the footsteps of his older brother Jackson, a former all-stater in cross country and track now competing as a scholarship athlete at NCAA Division I school Belmont (Tenn.) University.

"He's more of a runner that kind of waits to the end of the race and really out-sprints his opponent," said Harrison, one of four children. "He's a got a lot more

foot speed than I do, so I kind of use some of his tactics at times. I do use his advice, as much as I don't like to admit that," he added with a laugh.

Grzymkowski, who carries a 3.6 grade-point average, is also a pleasure to coach.

"He's very easy-going," Verellen said. "He's willing to listen to people and he's will to accept people for who they are. He's not out there looking for drama or looking for conflict at all."

## Milford takes aim

The Mavericks, who took sixth in last year DI state finals, lost four runners to graduation: Dakota Giles, Jack Aman, Elliot Seymour and Jared Shupe.

But coach Brian Salyers has a solid corps returning, led by junior Evan White (49th, 16:27.1), senior Nick Martin (16:39.7) and senior Nolan Bailey (134th, 17:03.1).

Senior Luke Caddell and sophomore Carson Kettle also bring experience to the lineup from last year's Linden regional runners-up.

"We've got five guys that are pretty solid," Salyers said. "We're going to be running with more of a pack mentality."

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## MILFORD

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ago. "We did workouts all the time. And it's really hard for us as a team, because we're losing our No. 1 runner, an amazing leader and somebody to look up to."

Milford coach Brian Salyers also returns four others who ran in last year's state finals: senior Nicole Grindling (45th, 19:21.3), junior Natalie Black (64th, 19:32.1), senior Regan Lobodzinski (84th, 19:47.5) and junior Paige Saiz (209th, 21:10.7).

Meanwhile, seniors Rebecca Bradsher and Emilie Kennedy are also state meet veterans who have finished in the top 103 during their careers as well.

"We have 10 top 100 finishers returning and that's a wealth of experience," Salyers said. "Last year's experience was beyond their dreams when they achieved their goal. I think right now they have a great desire and humility. They respect what it takes to do that. It's a respect for the competition, the love for cross country in the state of Michigan and what it takes to accomplish that. But certainly, they'd like to experience it again."

Heiligenthal has all the credentials to take the next step after placing fourth at the Oakland County meet and fifth at the regional. Her personal best in the 5K is 18:04.9, when she took 10th as a freshman at the 2015 state finals.

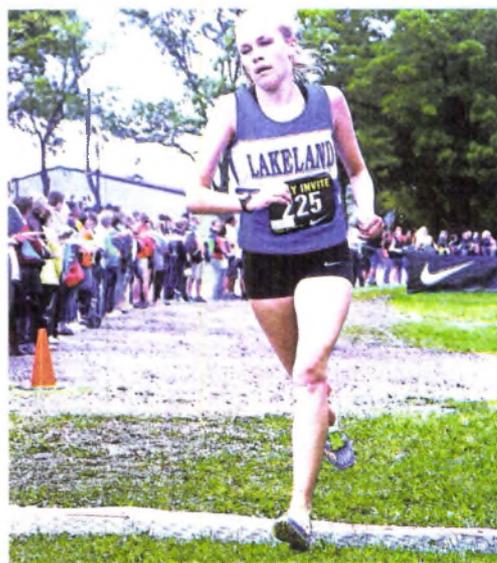
Breaking the 18-minute barrier is one of her main goals entering this fall.

"Last year, I wasn't able to make my P.R., especially at the state meet," Heiligenthal said. "I also have a couple of other goals. I just want to be all-state again and, hopefully, come back and be a conference champ. That would also be cool. At the (Oakland) County meet, I have goals to get an even better P.R. at Kensington (Metropark course) and, hopefully, get into the 18:30s there or lower."

Heiligenthal played several sports as a youth, including travel softball, as well as soccer and basketball as a ninth-grader at Milford before electing to concentrate on cross country and track.

"It was kind of hard balancing everything," she said. "I really had to look into whether I was seriously really committed to running or just wanted to do something I love with friends. I'm definitely happy that I decided to just focus on running. It's easier for me to stay focused throughout the whole season rather than focus on other sports during the season or later on."

Salyers said he has seen Heiligenthal make incremental improve-



Lakeland all-stater Olivia Clymer was 29th at last year's Division 1 state finals.



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Lakeland's Madeline Rehm earned all-state cross country honors last year.

runners from a year ago after placing 15th in the state finals, while falling short to state champion Milford for the regional title at Linden by one point.

"I'd think we're going to have one of our best, if not our best year at Lakeland," Kababik said.

Two all-staters lead the way for Lakeland: junior Madeline Rehm, who placed 23rd overall (18:43.4), and senior Olivia Clymer, who took 29th (18:48.2).

Rehm holds Lakeland's 1,600-meter record in track. Her mother Amanda is one of Lakeland's assistant coaches.

"Madeline probably is one of our most outstanding runners we've ever had at Lakeland," Kababik said. "She's getting better each year. She's putting in more mileage. Madeline is just everything that a coach would want in a runner. Very dedicated, hard worker, just everything you want."

Clymer, meanwhile, has been to the state finals the last two seasons.

"Olivia has really made herself into the runner that she is," Kababik said. "She's just very dedicated like Madeline. The two of them ... they just run together all the time. They just work, work, work."

Meanwhile, sophomore Rylee Lukes (55th, 19:25.5) gives the Eagles another front-runner.

"Those three are just a step above of my other runners," Kababik said. "They just seem to go out and work a little bit harder."

Other state meet veterans for Lakeland include sophomore Lauren Garbovits (159th, 20:29.1) and junior Lilly Clymer (206th, 21:09.7), while sophomores Emily Broman and Clare Bridgewater finished 18th and 25th at the Linden regional.

"The only thing that could stop us is injuries," Kababik said. "You never know who is going to go down with this or that. But I'll be very honest, I expect good things from this team."

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## NORTHVILLE

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and holder Jon Michalak said. "I just put the tee down, held it and I got to the sidelines and I was, like, 'That was 57 yards? Geez.'"

Here are four other takeaways:

### GROUND ATTACK

Michalak, a 5-foot-10, 170-pound senior, figured on four touchdowns, on runs of 8, 9 and 2 yards while also connecting on a 35-yard TD pass to Daniel McLaughlin to make it 23-7 with 8:02 left in the first half.

"We ran the ball well," said Michalak, who rushed for 112 yards on

13 carries. "Last season, we didn't run the ball too well. We were more pass-emphasized. I like that the way we could run the ball wherever and however we wanted ... I like that."

The only downside was the two interceptions.

"We were all making little mistakes and we all knew what we needed to fix," said Michalak, who was 5-of-14 passing for 53 yards. "But we'll clean it up on film."

### HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

Northville coach Matt Ladach couldn't complain much about the victory, but there's always room for improvement heading into next Friday's match-up at home

against Livonia Churchill.

"We didn't play our best," he said. "At half-time, we talked to our team and said, 'Guys, we're up 30-7, but we're far from playing our best.' We made a ton of mistakes and we made a ton of mistakes in the second half as well. It's great to get a win. We're very happy to be 1-0, but we have a long way to go to where we want to be."

But Ladach was pleased with the overall play of his senior QB.

"Jon's a competitor," Ladach said. "I'm always proud of Jon's fire, I'm always proud of his energy and he definitely brought that to the game tonight. We always know we're going to get great

competition from No. 19." Northville's defense also stood out, holding Dearborn to 196 total yards.

"They played well and they were well-prepared," Ladach said. "Our defensive staff always does tremendous job getting them ready and they buy in. It's been really good. I'm proud of those guys."

### SPREADING THE WEALTH

Northville senior running back Abe Khoury added 83 yards on 10 carries, all coming in the first half.

Junior Enzo Rodriguez chipped in 62 yards, while speedy 5-foot-6, 160-pound junior Nicholas Prystash contributed

a nifty 28-yard TD run in third quarter to make it 37-7.

Of Northville's 398 total yards, 314 came on the ground.

"The offensive line was getting great pushes all day, we were able to run the ball up the middle," Prystash said. "Receivers were getting blocks outside. The quarterback did a great job running the ball. We made a couple of mistakes, but got the win and that's all that matters."

### DEARBORN STRUGGLES

The Pioneers returned only one starter off last year's 9-2 playoff team.

After spotting Northville a 16-0 lead, Dearborn got a 9-yard first-quarter TD pass from

Jack Mannarino to wide receiver Ali Makled. Youseph Saad also stood out with two interceptions and a 2-yard TD run.

"We probably made 50 mistakes today and they made 20," Dearborn coach John Powell said.

Last year's game was much closer, as the Pioneers were edged 25-20 by the Mustangs.

"We didn't play well, offense, defense, special teams and coaching," Powell said. "(Moody) was the difference in last year's game. Their whole team was the difference in this year's game. This year, they just beat us."

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**KLAA ROUNDUP**

# Stevenson earns first-place tie at Livonia city tennis meet

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Livonia Stevenson's boys tennis team tied Woodhaven for the championship of the Livonia City Meet on Aug. 24.

Spartans head coach Don McCathney cited the play of singles players Tom Dunne and Caleb Williamson for helping the team gain some important points. Doubles teams gained 13 of 18 possible points, losing just two matches, he added.

Also performing well were Churchill's 1-2-3 singles players and Franklin.

Earning gold medals for the Spartans were Kevin Dunne-Josh Maj (No. 1 doubles), Brian Stremen-Abe Alrabady (No. 2 doubles) and Alec Said-Anthony Akel (No. 3 doubles). Silver med-



Livonia Stevenson celebrates after finishing in a first-place tie at the Livonia city meet. Team members include (back row, from left) coach Rob Williamson, Erik Schmidt, Anthony Akel, Matt Ruiter, Brian Nettie and coach Don McCathney; (middle row, from left) Kenny Fuher, Nick Samaan, J.P. Marvin, Steve Dunne, Josh Maj, Abe Alrabady, Tom Andrews and Dillan Pribak and (front row, from left) Bryant Chua, Caleb Williamson, Tom Dunne, Alec Said, Brian Stemen and Kevin Dunne.

alists for placing second included Tom Dunne (No. 2 singles) and Williamson (No. 4 singles).

**Girls cross country END OF SUMMER CLASSIC:** Three Northville freshman – Yasmine Mansi (18:59), Emily

Gordon (19:23) and Kiera Courney (19:30) – garnered the top three individual places Friday at the Ann Arbor Running Company's End of the Summer Classic. Olivia Harp (sixth, 20:03) and Olivia Masse (ninth, 21:00) also garnered top

10 finishes for the Mustangs.

**Boys soccer NORTHVILLE 0, SKYLINE 0:** Sophomore Robert Damron got the start in goal and pitched a shutout Aug. 24 as the host Mustangs (2-0-1) tied

Ann Arbor Skyline (1-0-2) in a non-conference encounter.

**STEVENSON 2, U-D JESUIT 1:** On Aug. 23, Livonia Stevenson's Jake Kaupp scored with about 12 minutes left to snap a 1-1 tie. Setting up the winning goal for the Spartans (2-0) was Lucas Rea — who scored the game's opening goal in the first half, with Evan Campau assisting.

**DEARBORN 3, SALEM 2:** The Rocks fell short Aug. 24 in this non-conference match-up.

**PLYMOUTH 3, HARTLAND 0:** On Aug. 23, the Wildcats led all the way, scoring once in the first half and twice in the second. Benny Tetlow, Alex Schafer and Nicholas Yoshioka scored for Plymouth, while Tommy Sullivan, Alex Bowser, Bennett Brooks and Justin Wojcik all had strong games.

**NORTHVILLE 4, DEARBORN 2:** On Aug. 22, senior captain Owen Marshall notched a hat trick and senior captain Andrew Mitchell had the other goal as the Mustangs (2-0) defeated the

host Pioneers (1-1) in a non-conference game. Tyler Schneider also added two assists for Northville.

**CANTON 1, SKYLINE 1:** On Aug. 22, the Chiefs opened the season with this tie against Ann Arbor Skyline. Scoring for Canton was Jordan Fourney, with the assist going to Justin Gottschalk. Making 17 saves in goal for the Chiefs was Sean O'Meara.

**Girls golf**

**PLYMOUTH 187, CHURCHILL 188:** On Aug. 24 at Warwick Hills, the Wildcats held off the Chargers to improve to 3-1 overall. Scoring 42 for Plymouth were Erin Johnson and Shae Zydeck. For Churchill (1-1), Halana Harris shot 43, while Ashley Harlock and Paige Peterson both had 45.

**SALEM 180, HOWELL 245:** On Aug. 24 at Chemung Hills, the Rocks prevailed behind match medalist Julianne Small, who tallied 43. Also strong for Salem were Nicole Hahn and Megan Kozlowski, each with 45.

**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

# Northville puts best foot forward with Barrott

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After being a club swimmer for 10 years, Ana Barrott went out for the Northville girls track team during the spring of her freshman year on a whim and hit the ground running.

"I went the first day, then I came back the second day, came back the third, the fourth and the fifth and then I never ended up stopping," said Barrott, now a senior and the Mustangs' top returning cross country runner. "When it came time in the summer to decide whether I was going to swim or cross country ... it was hard, but I knew at that point I liked track so much and I liked running so much more than swimming, so I decided to switch."

Barrott, an all-stater who was both the regional and Kensington Conference individual champion during her junior year, is one of the big reasons Northville should contend again for an MHSAA Division 1 state title.

The Mustangs, who return four starters from last year's lineup, have recorded five top five team finishes during the past five years, including a state crown in 2013 and a third-place finish in 2016.

Barrott, who has a personal best 18 minutes flat at 5,000 meters, finished 25th overall in last year's state meet at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn with a time of 18:44.1.

In last June's state track finals, Barrott placed ninth in the 3,200 (10:49.54) and 11th in the 1,600 (4:59.9).

"First of all, she's an amazing leader," Northville coach Nancy Smith said of Barrott. "She's hard-working, no matter if she has an injury. She works 110 percent in cross training to be in the top shape that she can be in."

Barrott, who is recovering from a stress reaction in her heel bone suffered in summer conditioning workouts in mid-July, will be limited to running four miles



Northville senior Ana Barrott leads a talented cross country team entering the 2017 season.

every other day during the next two weeks.

But she has stayed connected with the pool while working as a life-guard three or four shifts a week at the Kings Mill Condominium complex. She also competed for the Meadowbrook Country Club summer swim team, where she swam her final race earlier this month.

Smith is confident Barrott will be able to gain her legs back quickly once she's nursed back to full strength.

"It helps a lot because she can do a ton of work in the pool for recovery, to cross train, to keep her in top shape and aerobically fit," she said.

Ana's older sister Lexa, now a sophomore on the Indiana University team, was a former all-state track and cross country runner at Northville as well.

Ana would like to follow in her sister's footsteps and run for a Big Ten school, while staying close to home.

"She's helped me so much," Barrott said of her big sister. "I just feel I have a more clear picture of what I'm getting myself into. I know what the expectations are with the training, so that helps a lot. I did not run most of the summer. She

had an intense schedule, but on the recovery runs we'd still run together."

Among Barrott's personal goals are to run a 17:45 5K this season and put her name in the Northville record book.

"Lexa has the school record at our (Cass Bentley Park) home course, which is 18:24, so I want to beat that," she said.

In addition to Barrott, Northville returns three others from its starting lineup: junior Nicole Cybul, who was 33rd at the state final, sophomore Emily Assemany (98th) and junior Olivia Harp (131st).

The Mustangs also have three talented freshmen waiting in the wings: Yasmine Mansi, Emily Gordon and Kiera Courney.

"Honestly, I think this could be one of our better teams in the years past," Smith said. "We have three talented freshmen and we bring back a good core of the top three with Olivia, Ana and Nicole. And we have some returning girls that are going to fight for the top seven spots. I think we have the possibility of being in the top three or better at the state finals, if we remain healthy."

Barrott, who swam for Northville during her freshman year, tried a

variety of sports as a youth, including basketball, tennis, golf and soccer.

And even though her sister Lexa was already an accomplished high school distance runner, running wasn't in the picture until she was coaxed into it.

"My locker backs up to coach (Tim) Dalton's room and he was the track coach," Barrott said, "so every day he'd come out to my locker and he'd be, like, 'Hey, are you going to run track this year?' And I was, like, 'No, I don't have enough time.' And then he kept nagging and nagging me and I was, like, finally, 'Fine, OK, I'll guess I'll just try it.' I was, like, 'It's really not going to work very well with my swimming schedule.' He said, 'You only have to come to two practices a week and then just run the meets.'"

To this day, Barrott still has some reservations about switching sports.

"I don't know if I miss all the early mornings," she said. "But, yeah, I miss the team a lot."

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**LVC ROUNDUP**

# South Lyon girls golfers rule LVC pre-tournament

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ly Gudzinski, 45th (23:35).

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It went to the fifth player tiebreaker as South Lyon edged rival South Lyon East for the inaugural Lakes Valley Conference pre-tourney girls golf title Aug. 24 at Hartland Glen G.C.

East and South Lyon both shot four-player totals of 333 followed by White Lake Lakeland (368), Milford (375), Walled Lake Central (388), Walled Lake Northville (409 on tiebreaker), Waterford Kettering (409), Walled Lake Western (445) and Waterford Mott (610).

South Lyon's Elizabeth Harding took individual medalist honors with a 73 followed by teammates Kendall Skore (82), Julia Vess (89) and Molly Mackey (89).

But it was Sophie Yergin's 90 which proved to be the difference.

East scorers included Kiersten VanNorden (school record 76), Emily O'Brien (77), Natalie Aulicino (81) and Alyssa Strong (99).

**More girls golf**

**SOUTH LYON 160, LAKELAND 189:** On Aug. 23, Elizabeth Harding was medalist with 36 as the Lions (2-0) rolled to a Lakes Valley Conference dual match win over host White Lake Lakeland (0-1) at Hartland Glen.

Other South Lyon scorers included Sophie Yergin (41), Julia Vess (41) and Kendall Skore (42). Alexis Gurke (44) led the Eagles followed by Madison Kotonas (47), Hannah Brown (48) and Kristen Scalpone (50).

**Girls cross country**

Lauren Clark led the way with a 15th-place finish in 21:32 as the 18-member South Lyon East squad, which included eight making their high school debuts, participated Aug. 25 in the End of the Summer Classic at Hudson Hills Metropark.

Other top finishers for the Cougars included Sara Hartman, 20th (21:49); Morgan Aittama, 24th (22:06); Jillian Pompo, 44th (23:34); and Emi-

**Girls swimming**

**Ann Arbor Huron Relays:** On Aug. 24, South Lyon Unified placed fourth in the 16th annual event, which featured seven of the top 20-ranked Division 1 teams and the third-ranked team in Division 2.

South Lyon got a second place from Lindsay Boals, Anna Smith, Abigail O'Reilly and Libby Silverson in the 200-yard butterfly relay (1:32.19).

**Lakeland quad:** South Lyon Unified captured a pair of relays and emerged the winner Aug. 23 in the White Lake Lakeland quad meet scoring dual meet wins over the host Eagles (213-98), Hartland (213-101) and Canton (208-101).

SLU's Anna Smith, Avery Covert, Lindsay Boals and Emerson Ramey captured the 200 freestyle relay (1:59.40), while Boals, Emily Kurt, Smith and Taylor Sciborski took the 400 freestyle relay (3:51.71). Covert also took the 100 breaststroke (1:10.55).

Riley Faulkner was a double winner for Lakeland taking the 100 and 200 freestyle in 55.25 and 1:59.48, respectively. Other wins came from Isabel Fairbanks, 200 IM (2:15.52), Stella Fairbanks, 1-meter diving (221.50 points) and Kate Doyle, 500 freestyle (5:18.49).

Lakeland (0-3) also fell to Hartland (183-125) and Canton (173-128).

**Boys soccer**

**SOUTH LYON EAST 2, KETTERING 1:** Junior Grayson Davies assisted on both goals as South Lyon East (1-2, 1-2) downed host Waterford Kettering (0-2, 0-2) Aug. 25 in a Lakes Valley Conference match.

After trailing 1-0 at halftime, East sophomore Isaac Shiner scored in the 44th minute to tie it and senior Josh Ohland tallied the game winner in the 52nd minute.

**Boys tennis**

White Lake Lakeland opened its season Aug. 23 with a 8-1 non-conference dual match win at Fenton.

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