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## Work underway on Seven Mile in Livonia

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Traffic will move slower on Seven Mile Road in Livonia for a while.

A portion of the road, between Newburgh Road and the ramp onto Inter-

state 275, is undergoing repairs expected to last through October.

The work includes resurfacing, sidewalk ramp repair, new pavement markings and signage. The work will also include a project at the Newburgh and Seven Mile intersection.

During the project, commuters should expect lane closures and slower traffic.

Wayne County, which is administering the work, is spending \$589,000 to repair the half-mile area.

Until the project ends, drivers are en-

couraged to use Six Mile and Eight Mile roads to access Interstate 275 to avoid delays.

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Scott Helm talks about the success he's had in losing weight with the Westland TOPS group. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Man drops 125 pounds with Westland weight loss group

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In 2011, Scott Helm weighed about 340 pounds and was unhappy.

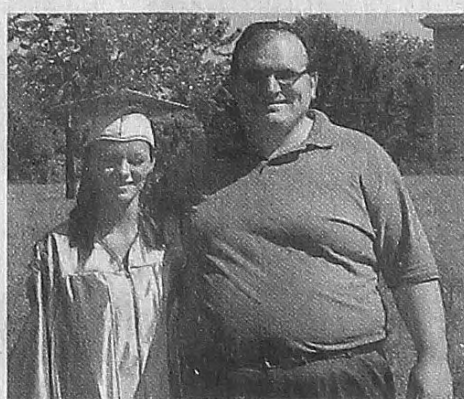
"I've lost weight several times in my life," he said. "When I was in my 20s I lost about 90 pounds, then in my 30s I lost about 50 pounds. But it always, like a yo-yo, what went up had to go down. The high I was on with the low weight would always come down."

He was considering gastric bypass surgery when he heard about TOPS, Taking Off Pounds Sensibly, at work.

Having always had trouble keeping weight off on his own, Helm thought the support group model TOPS uses might be helpful.

"It's a true support group," he said. "When you join, you are given a roster with emails and phone numbers for all your fellow members. So whenever you feel like you're struggling, you can reach out to somebody and call or email or text. We have some members in our group who are very encouraging and will just reach out to you."

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Helm at his highest weight: around 340 pounds. COURTESY OF SCOTT HELM

## Road work projects multiply in Canton Twp.

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The technical term for what is unfolding this week on Sheldon Road between Warren and Ford roads in Canton Township is a "two-inch mill and fill."

Township drivers who often travel the busy north-south stretch of roadway have a one-word description of the Wayne County Road Commission's project: overdue.

The Sheldon Road improvement project, which is expected to run through Aug. 24 according to the Wayne County Road Commission website, is one of a matrix of road-improvement projects ongoing in Canton this summer, making orange the color of the season.

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## Plymouth Orchards will not open in the fall

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With the dog days of summer in full swing, that typically means one thing: apple cider season is coming. But not for one local orchard.

Plymouth Orchards, located at 10685 Warren in Superior Township, has announced it will not open this fall for the first time in 37 years, citing the coronavirus pandemic.

Mike Adsit, who works in agriculture at the orchards, said the closure for the year was decided a few weeks ago as restrictions on gatherings were placed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

While there was some hope earlier in the summer the state would move to Phase 5, which would allow for larger outdoor gatherings, the state has remained in Phase 4.

Adsit said they could not determine how to best serve the thousands of people who typically visit Plymouth

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# Orchards

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Orchards on weekends in the fall.

"We have a pretty large outdoor area for people, but there are long rides for wagon rides and buying cider and everything," he said. "It was just like almost an impossible task."

Opened by Mary Emmett, the orchards have grown substantially throughout the decades and become a place for people from Ann Arbor and metro Detroit to gather each fall. With all the employees who sell products at the orchards and the thousands of people who visit, it would be tough to try and keep everyone at a safe social distance, Adsit said.

"We have bakers and we have people who make doughnut flour. We have 35 part-time people that work here in the fall. We pump a lot of money in the local economy over a two-month period," Adsit said. "We feel badly."

Several products, including certified organic apples and apple products, such

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**Mike Adsit** Plymouth Orchards

as the famous organic dried apples, will be available for purchase through other outlets, the business said.

Adsit said they'll distribute some products to places in Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor and Canton.

They're also exploring other avenues to sell products through Gateway Farm, which is another property owned by Emmett.

Adsit said they plan on reopening in 2021 and hope to come back better than ever. But he said they're sad they won't be able to see the customers like they do every year.

"We're unhappy and really regret that we can't do this and be a part of the community this year," he said.

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Visitors to Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill search for pumpkins in the U-pick pumpkin patch in a previous season. The orchard in Superior Township announced it would not open for the 2020 season due to the pandemic.

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While Sheldon Road north of Ford Road in Canton is undergoing improvements, traffic has been squeezed into two lanes. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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The side of Sheldon heading north has already been covered with a fresh coat of asphalt, while the side heading south appears prepped for its new finish.

The sound of cement-crumbing machines and the scent of fresh road coverings can also be experienced along Canton's Haggerty Road, between Ford and Warren roads. Motorists will be asked to be patient while Haggerty's lanes are reduced during the work.

Major resurfacing projects are also ongoing on Cherry Hill and Ridge roads, while a big-time enhancement will be taking place at the intersection of Canton Center and Warren roads for the next six to eight weeks.

The road work, while temporarily agonizing for drivers who are tiring of following detours, is the result of a 2019 roads improvement bond passed by Canton voters last November.

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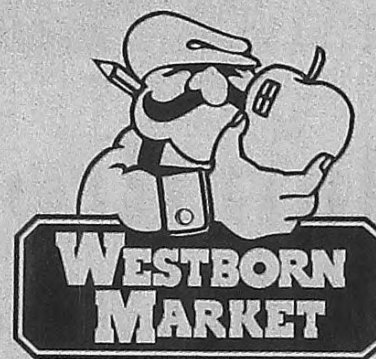
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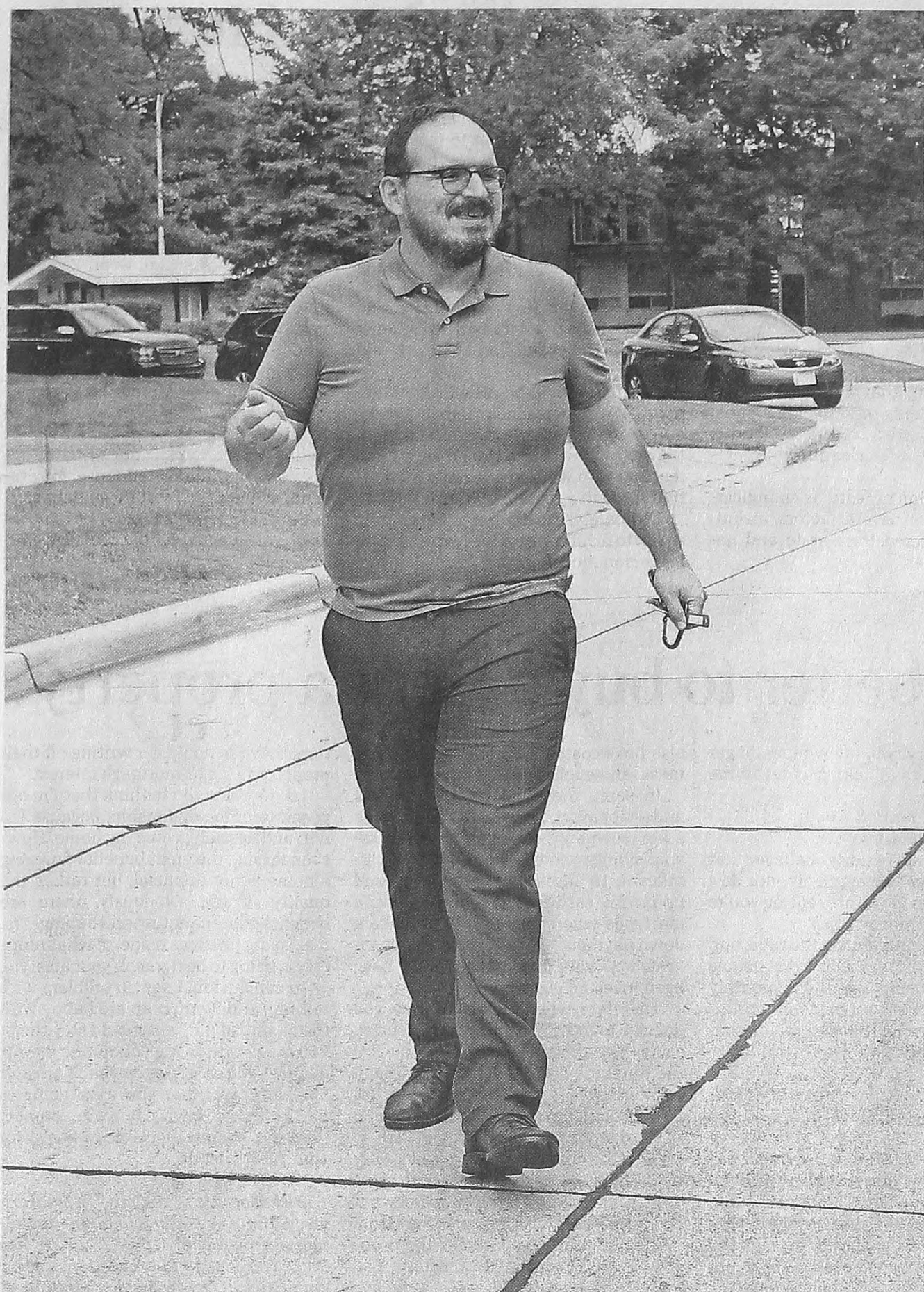
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Scott Helm lost about 125 pounds with help from Taking Off Pounds Sensibly. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Weight loss

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Helm and his father joined TOPS 202 in Jackson, of which his dad is still a member. Helm eventually moved to TOPS 53 in Westland because it was closer to home. With support from the two groups, he's lost about 125 pounds since 2011.

"They've been very supportive to me," Helm said. "That's why I've maintained membership with the Westland TOPS group."

After seeing so much success, Helm was named TOPS' Michigan King, meaning he lost the most weight of any other men in the state for 2019 since he joined TOPS.

Helm and other winners would typically attend a conference, but the 2020 event was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Instead, he'll be invited to next year's event in Niagara Falls.

After hitting his goal weight of 215, Helm is known as a KOPS, or Keeping Off Pounds Sensibly. He said another KOPS, Rosalie Fisher, was a valuable source of support to him.

"You have all these new friends," Helm said. "All these people are doing the same things you're trying to do."

To exercise, Helm does a lot of walking and jogging. He said it's also been a big help to eat meals at the right time, drink more water and cook unpleasant foods like broccoli with a little spice.

But his advice to people looking to lose a lot of weight or even just the "COVID-15" is to find people to tackle the challenge alongside.

"I would give an organization (like TOPS) a try because synergy is that momentum that happens when you collaborate with others," he said. "TOPS is a group where you've got these other people who are struggling with the same things you are."

TOPS 53 meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. John's Episcopal Church at 555 S. Wayne Road. People can attend their first meeting for free. Learn more about the program at TOPS.org.

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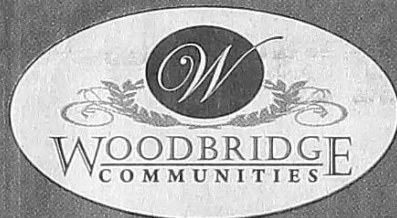
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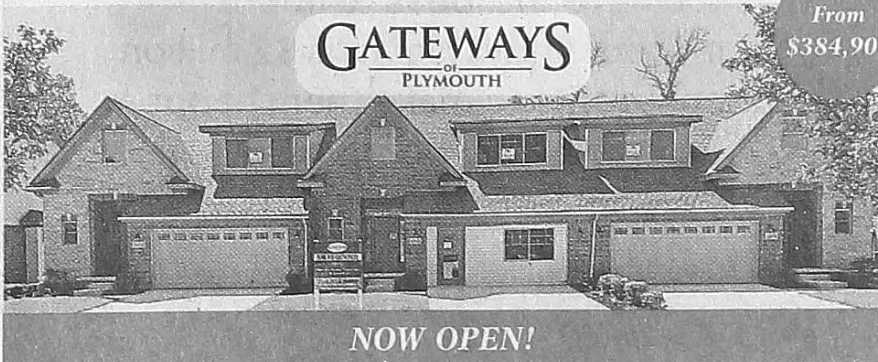
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# Plymouth-Canton approves 100% virtual learning

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Following 17 hours of discussion during three separate meetings, listening to hundreds of comments from district residents and digesting the ever-evolving guidelines from government leaders, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board of education voted to start the 2020-21 school year with a 100% virtual learning plan.

The decision, which went against the approximately 60% of survey responses that favored an in-person-or-virtual choice for students, was cemented Aug. 11 with a unanimous vote of school board members.

Details of the plan can be found on the district's website and by watching recent school board meetings on the district's YouTube page.

When asked to comment on the plan,

a school district spokesperson declined, citing the ongoing day-to-day gathering of information.

Like most school districts in Michigan, Plymouth-Canton is still grappling with how to enforce mask-wearing requirements once face-to-face learning does resume, and the role paraprofessionals will serve, both during the virtual learning period and once in-person learning kicks back in, a district official said.

The deadline passed to decide whether to commit to a one-semester virtual academy that will stretch to late January. Students who decide against the academy option will be required to return to face-to-face learning once it is deemed safe.

The definition of "safe" is complicated and based on several factors, including data collected from state and national resources.

Some southern United States school districts that have returned to in-person learning are being forced to reevaluate their decisions following outbreaks of COVID-19 in students and staff.

Plymouth-Canton's safe-start learning plan will offer a full virtual model where students would have the expectation of returning to in-person learning using a thoughtful, phased approach, according to the district's website. The district will begin to transition students based on the evaluation of health and safety data.

Instruction will be provided by Plymouth-Canton teachers using district curricula for K-12. Students will begin the year with their assigned classroom teacher, who will provide daily instruction through a remote platform.

Ultimately, the district is developing a plan to pivot from online learning to an in-person model.

Current students are already enrolled in this default option and no further action is required, according to the website. Only enrollment in the virtual academy requires action.

The district's leadership has emphasized repeatedly that the virtual learning program that will greet students on the first day of school Sept. 8 will be more refined and effective than the emergency online program that was installed when in-person school closed for good on March 13 due to the spread of the coronavirus.

The upgraded virtual plan includes increased mandatory expectations for learning, including content that will be graded, the administration of formative assessments, and attendance for students as required by state guidelines.

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## Financially, is it better to buy or rent a property?



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

### Dear Rick:

About a year ago, my wife and I sold our home. At the time, our game plan was to buy a home on the west side of the state to be closer to our daughter. Because of timing issues, we were planning to rent a condominium for about six to nine months. The deal for our new property eventually fell apart and thus, we have continued to rent.

We are considering staying where we are and renting for the foreseeable future. I have always believed that buying a home was a great investment and that renting is just throwing money away.

I would be interested in your thoughts in what we should consider in making our decision. You should know that my wife and I are in our mid-50s. I am still working, and I'll probably work

for another 10 years. My wife no longer works, other than taking care of the grandchildren.

Thank you, Mark & Kim

Dear Mark & Kim:

I do not necessarily believe that houses are great investments, nor do I believe that when you are renting you're throwing your money away.

I hear that argument all the time, and when I do, it is typically from people who are focusing on their monthly mortgage payment versus their monthly rent. This comparison ignores other significant costs associated with home ownership.

Often times I hear that someone bought a home in 2000 for \$150,000 and sold it in 2020 for \$300,000, and they think they made \$150,000. When people solely focus on what they paid for the house versus what they sold it for, they are not considering the significant costs incurred to maintain their home.

Homeowners must bear the costs for repairs, maintenance and updates. In addition, on a year-by-year basis you'll

also have costs for insurance, property taxes, snow removal and landscaping.

In some rental properties, utilities and water may be part of the rent, but as a homeowner, those costs are your responsibility and those costs can be significant. In addition, whether you end up paying cash for the home or have a mortgage where you've had to make a down payment, you will have money invested in your home that could have been invested elsewhere.

Therefore, when you buy a home, you do have to factor in the lost opportunity costs. The bottom line: When you run the numbers and you look at it purely economically, renting in many situations is actually a better financial move.

Another factor to take into consideration is the change in our tax laws. Historically, many of the additional costs that a homeowner had were somewhat offset by the tax savings received from writing off mortgage interest and property taxes. However, for most people, because of the new tax laws which have significantly raised the standard deduc-

tion, they are no longer writing off their property taxes or mortgage interest.

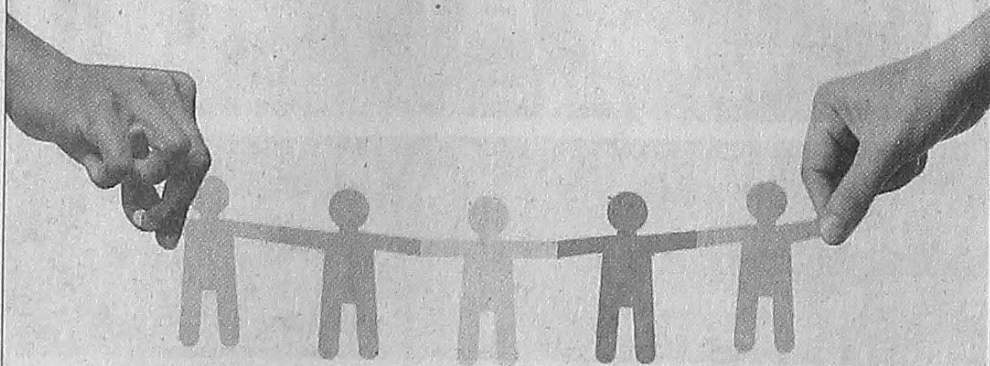
I don't want you to think that I'm opposed to home ownership, because I'm not; and actually, I own my home. However, for me, the great benefit of owning a home is not financial, but rather, the quality of life. Obviously, there are benefits of both renting and buying. The real issue, finances aside, is what property is going to best match your lifestyle.

In conclusion, I see no problem with renting, and if you both are happy with the quality of life, you should stay there. You are not throwing your money away; in fact, you're giving yourself greater flexibility. Whether you were going to pay cash or a down payment, you now have that money available to invest for your future needs.

Good luck!

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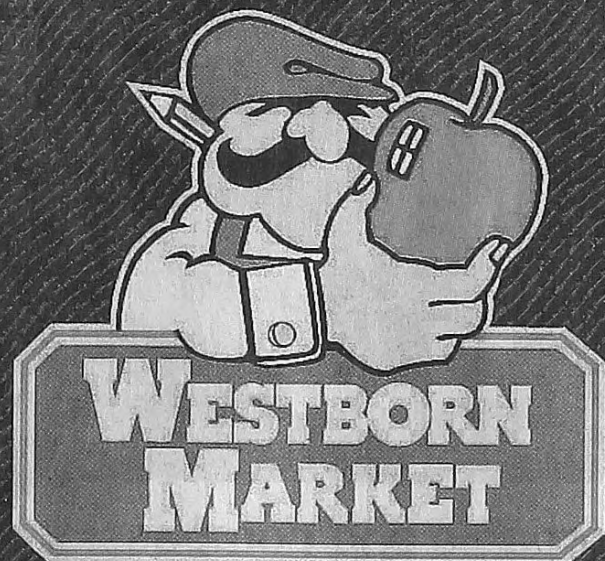


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# Woman teaches disease prevention worldwide

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Yoruba Mitchell is well-acquainted with some of the world's most deadly diseases. She has been waging war against disease around the globe for the past three years as a health educator for Doctors Without Borders.

Her battles include teaching people how to prevent malaria, cholera, Zika and Ebola. Now she adds to the list a new enemy - COVID-19.

"It's really hard to get people to sit down and talk to each other. I am seeing a lot of the same things with the COVID outbreak here," she said. "People are really resistant, it's new, it hasn't impacted them before, there are mixed messages. You see the same obstacles ... that I have seen in other places with other diseases as well."

Mitchell, a Romulus native, recently returned to metro Detroit after serving with Doctors Without Borders in Puerto Rico. She spent two weeks in quarantine upon her return.

The U.S. territory was her first assignment related to COVID-19. There, infections are steeply rising, with more than 15,000 confirmed positive cases and 200 deaths as of July 27 on the island of 3 million. Puerto Rico's seven-day average shot up in July to more than 400 new cases daily from the approximately 50 new cases per day they had been averaging since mid-April.

Mitchell arrived in Puerto Rico that same month to begin educating residents about prevention of the coronavirus, even as she and her DWB colleagues were still learning about it.



Yoruba Mitchell, a community health educator for Doctors Without Borders, poses in front of a mural the organization commissioned in Puerto Rico this spring. Mitchell, a Michigan native, has been teaching others how to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. COURTESY OF YORUBA MITCHELL, DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

The 39-year-old was in the Congo in December on an assignment to educate people there about the prevention of Ebola when she first heard of the coronavirus emerging in China. To her and the team of epidemiologists she was with, it appeared to be a SARS-like outbreak.

"It seemed like it was something in the abstract," Mitchell said.

By early February, it was increasingly

real, as was her concern as she prepared to come home to Michigan. She wore masks on all her flights, drawing strange looks from fellow travelers who were unaware that soon the accessory would be commonplace. She found a kindred spirit in a Canadian doctor who was also wearing a mask, and the two shared a conversation about whether they should also wear goggles.

"We were the only two talking like

this and people were looking at us like we were crazy," Mitchell said, remembering that her hands were already peeling because she had been washing them so often as a precaution against Ebola.

Teaching proper sanitation, including the importance of proper and frequent hand-washing in keeping diseases at bay, has been a significant part of Mitchell's job as a health educator.

The Wayne State graduate began this kind of work in 2013 on what would be a two-year stint with the Peace Corps in Burkina Faso, focusing on child health, promoting polio vaccinations and malaria prevention.

She then took a job with what is now the U.S. Agency for Global Media in Washington, D.C., for two years, but could never take her mind off going "back out to the field," and when she was accepted into Doctors Without Borders in 2017, she promptly flew to what would be the first of two assignments in the Congo. There, she taught cholera and malaria prevention in a program that also focused on infant malnutrition and assisting victims of sexual violence.

She served in South Sudan for most of 2018, and in Honduras for half of 2019.

One of the biggest challenges she has seen is access to clean, running water. Mitchell said she is a "soap queen," giving out soap whenever possible.

She talks often of best practices, but she also listens. She asks people what they think will work to keep themselves and their families from getting sick.

"You can't just dictate, it has to be an open dialogue," she said.

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Expanding onto Market Street has allowed the Farmington Farmers Market to offer a safer shopping experience.

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## Finding our way to a safe market



Walt Gajewski  
Guest columnist

I love Sunday mornings after a Saturday market. Rain or shine, it doesn't matter. I have a routine. I go out and pick up all the market wayfinding signs around town. I like to go early so people don't mistakenly think there's a market on Sunday!

The music in my truck is easy listening. The town is quiet, the coffee is hot. I'm thinking that soon it will be September.

I head for Riley Pavilion to store the signs and inspect the market's home the day after more than 4,000 people came to downtown Farmington. Just the simple act of opening the market storeroom on a Sunday morning and seeing the order put in place by volunteers brings a sense a market that is cherished and well cared for, that is protected.

To me, shopping the market in the fresh air under open skies offers a sense of freedom and normalcy.

I ran into Farmington Mayor Sara Bowman last Saturday as she stood in line at our patisserie, Golden Wheat, waiting for a fresh-baked croissant.

"You know, Walt," she said, "walking to market today I could hear music playing in the park, and I had a welcoming moment where everything felt normal to me again."

I realized the market doesn't offer just peak-season produce, live music in the park, a fresh cup of hot coffee, and a Pe-tey's doughnut. It offers a feeling of normalcy that is so rare in these times. It reminds you that we still can enjoy Saturday life in a Michigan small town on a beautiful summer day. We just need to be careful. Here are a few ways you can do that at the market.

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grower; we have 15 in all.

Don't touch the food. Just point and tell your farmer what you would like. All our fruits and vegetables are picked within hours of a vendor's arrival, so it's all good; there's no need to pick through. Wash your produce when you get home.

On Aug. 19, 1974, musical troubadours Crosby, Stills & Nash released an album titled "So Far." Today, their music is as uplifting as it was when Joni Mitchell designed the album cover for it. The title seems relevant to the market this year: So far, so good.

On May 15, we opened, not knowing what would happen. Today, we open with determination, knowing we've done the work.

As I finished finding market signs, it occurred to me that the signs for the market are inside me, inside all of us. They're not signs of what to do and what not to do; they are the signs of community, of keeping ourselves and our neighbors safe. As the song "Guinevere" played, David Crosby reminded me: "Singing in silent harmony, we shall be free..."

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

Walt Gajewski is the Farmington Farmers Market manager. The market runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

## Michigan DNR to auction off 225 properties

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The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will auction off 225 properties from Sept. 8 through Oct. 5. Each bidding day corresponds to the availability of properties in a specific area or county. From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., bidders will be able to see the current bid for each property and place bids of their own.

The DNR said that most of the land is being offered because parcels either are far from other state properties or don't offer many public recreation opportunities. Proceeds from the auction will help fund future state projects.

Land is mainly available in the Upper Peninsula as well as central and northern counties in the Lower Peninsula.

The parcels range from less than half of an acre to 40 acres. Starting bids start as low as \$300 and can be as high as \$67,800.

### Examples

While one plot of land in Caldwell, in Missaukee County, is less than one-tenth of an acre, it has a beautiful view of Dyer Lake and connects to other plots of land if you're willing to spend the money. Starting bid for the location is \$9,600.

Starting at \$7,770, parcels 405577 and 405603 make up a 3.7-acre lot near Lake Marjory in Otsego County.

In Lapeer, two plots are situated near Lake Davison as well as a stream. Both are 0.22 acres and have starting bids of \$5,625.

Here's the schedule for the current auction period:

- Sept. 8 - Shiawassee County
- Sept. 9 - Clare and Gladwin counties
- Sept. 10 - Lapeer County
- Sept. 17 - Allegan and Ottawa counties
- Sept. 24 - Lake and Newaygo counties
- Sept. 28 - Kalkaska, Missaukee and Wexford counties
- Oct. 1 - Crawford, Oscoda and Otsego counties
- Oct. 2 - Antrim County
- Oct. 3 - Bay County
- Oct. 5 - Gogebic, Houghton and Schoolcraft counties

Those interested in bidding should register at <https://bit.ly/3avabq7>.

For detailed information on each property, go to <https://bit.ly/2DWxJZ7>.

# Canton celebrates revamp of park playground

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Heritage Park in Canton Township is now a little more accessible for people who use a wheelchair.

The park, located behind the township offices off Canton Center Road, recently added a We-Go-Round play structure, a playscape designed so people in wheelchairs can seek the same thrills on the playground as other children.

"Thanks to the parks team for the creativity," Supervisor Pat Williams said during a ribbon-cutting event Aug. 11 at the park. "They never stop coming up with ... new ideas for Canton and the residents. So applause to you guys for getting it done."

The township also replaced the rubber matting on the ground surrounding the play structures at the north pavilion playground. Greg Hohenberger, the township's director of leisure services, said the old rubber matting was losing its bounce and needed to be replaced.

He said the work took a few months



A ribbon cutting was held Aug. 11 at Heritage Park in Canton to celebrate new playground equipment: a We-Go-Round and rubber matting for the playground.

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to complete and wrapped up about two weeks ago. Since then, the playground near the pavilions at the park has been

open for families to enjoy. The new structure replaced a four-way teeter-totter, Hohenberger said.

Adding the new element takes the playground one more step toward becoming universally accessible, which would allow children of all abilities to use it.

"We want to progress this playground because it's a centrally-located playground to be universally accessible," Hohenberger said. "Universally, anybody of any ability can use it. It's difficult for us to do something at every location, so we're trying to focus on this one location to get this playground universally accessible."

To celebrate, Canton has set up a contest to win 18 holes of golf for two people at Pheasant Run Golf Club. Those interested in entering can take a photo of themselves next to the We-Go-Round at Heritage Park and post it on Facebook with the hashtag #CantonOutdoorFun and tag Canton Leisure Services. The contest runs until Aug. 31. The winner will be notified in early September.

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## Obituaries

### Claude A. Mayo, Jr.

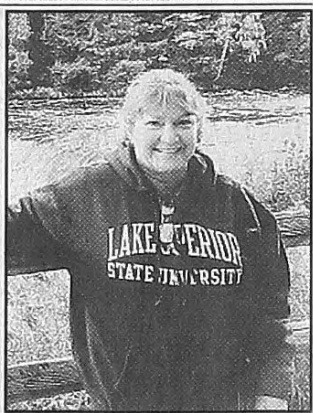
Claude A. Mayo, Jr., 94, passed away on August 14, 2020 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia Hospital.

Born in Anderson, Missouri, he was the son of Claude, Sr. and Lenore Mayo and brother of Charles. He is survived by his children Dennis, Michael, Janice (Michael) Woodard, Patricia Bradstreet, 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 60 years, Kathleen, son, Douglas and son-in-law, Dean Bradstreet.

After his parents moved to Detroit in 1929, Claude spent the rest of his life in the Detroit area, living in Livonia for 56 years. In 1943, he joined the U.S. Navy, and remained in the Navy as a Signalman aboard the USS Bosque (APA-135) until 1947. Upon entering civilian life, Claude met the love of his life, Kathleen and they were married in 1949. They raised five children together. Claude was an avid boater and fisherman. He spent many summers with his family boating and at their cabin on Ordway Lake in Northern Michigan.

Claude worked for Ford Motor Company in the Glass Department for a few years before he and a partner started their own window company. In 1968, Claude, with the help of his wife and sons, branched out on his own with Custom Fit Window Corporation in Dearborn Heights. Claude remained in business for 45 years and finally retired at 87 years old. During this time, he made lifelong friendships. Claude was a man of character and integrity, never hesitating to lend a helping hand, sharing his sense of humor and spreading kindness wherever he went.

A small, graveside service was held on Tuesday, August 18 at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.



### Carolyn E. Leeson

LIVONIA - age 59, passed away peacefully August 12, 2020. Loving mother of Steven and the late Joey; dearest sister of Martin (Carol), Steven (Becky) and Thom (Kelly); cherished aunt to Kevin (Ashley), John, Jacob, Michael, Carter and Loren and remembered by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Visitation Friday, August 21, 2-8 pm, and Saturday, August 22, 11am-1pm at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds, N of Grand River) downtown Farmington (248-474-5200), where a ceremony honoring Carolyn's life will be held Saturday, August 22, 1 pm. Donations to St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center, Livonia.

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Michael Kelly, bottom left, is honored by Rep. Haley Stevens, top right. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Northville Vietnam vet honored

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Michael Kelly has finally been formally recognized for his sacrifice during Vietnam War, 45 years after the conflict ended.

Congresswoman Haley Stevens (D-MI-11) held a virtual ceremony for Kelly, a Northville resident, last week to present him with a commemorative lapel pin acknowledging his service.

Kelly served as a sergeant for two years in the Army. His father and father-in-law were both veterans, as well.

"(The Vietnam War) taught us to have a better objective in what our end point is in any conflict we engage in," Kelly said. "We should have some pre-planning. Secondly, it taught us about the proper treatment of veterans. I'm glad to see that we now honor veterans for their service."

Stevens was joined by Dr. Ginny Creasman, the Medical Center director for the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, and Zach Rich, a Farmington Public Schools board of education trustee and caseworker on Stevens'

staff who handles veteran affairs.

Stevens said it's a joy to honor Vietnam veterans in a way she wishes could have been done years ago.

"Now we have the opportunity to do what we should have done 50 years ago: welcoming our Vietnam veterans home with honor and thanking you and your families for your service and sacrifice," she said.

Former U.S. President Barack Obama formally began the commemoration program in 2012, which was first commissioned in 2008 by Congress. The program will run through 2025, which will be the 50th anniversary of the war's end. Vietnam veterans can receive a commemorative pin honoring their service from their federal representatives for free.

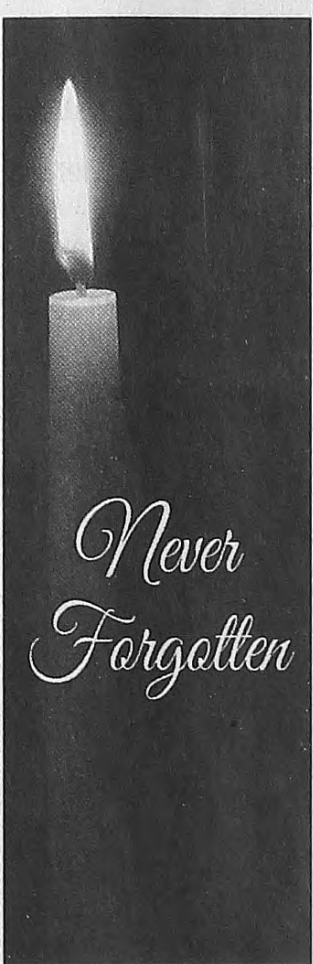
Veterans in Michigan's 11th congressional district, which includes Northville, Livonia, Birmingham, Canton, Farmington, Novi, Plymouth, South Lyon and Milford, can contact Stevens' office at [stevens.house.gov/Vietnam-Veteran-Lapel-Pin](http://stevens.house.gov/Vietnam-Veteran-Lapel-Pin).

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### Janet "Jan" Gerish

NORTHVILLE - August 16, 2020 age 91 of Northville. Beloved wife of the late Arthur. Loving mother of Bruce (Bridget), Susan, David and Amy (Steve) Katz. Dear sister of the late Edwin (Leni) Hancock, Joan (the late Donald) Clark. Proud grandmother of Kristin (Matthew) Staley, Katelin Moran, Evan (Sylvan) Gerish, Kayla Koch, Colin (Madison) Gerish, Brianna Koch, Hannah Katz and Great-Grandmother of Ryan Staley. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, August 20th 5-8 PM and Friday, August 21st 4-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W., (between Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. The funeral service will be held privately with interment at Rural Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Trinity Church. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



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## Prevention

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Mitchell knows community members may distrust her. It isn't made any easier by health workers who may be wearing full protective gear and looking "like they just stepped off a spaceship," nor by trying to convey the danger of an enemy the community can't see, particularly if no one they know is sick.

While most are familiar with malaria, a disease dealt with for hundreds of years, Ebola is different with 11 outbreaks since the 1970s, but in some places very localized.

When Mitchell arrived in Puerto Rico in April, she quarantined for two weeks and then went to work supporting essential workers, nursing home staff, homeless shelters, migrant farmworkers, and teaching proper hand-washing and how to use personal protective equipment, even as the island faced a shortage of PPE.

Puerto Rico also faced an additional challenge. It still is dealing with the devastation wreaked in 2017 by Hurricane Maria and had several

earthquakes in the early months of this year.

Mitchell said that with many Puerto Ricans lacking access to adequate healthcare and afraid of contracting coronavirus if they visit the hospital, she and her colleagues visited to the homebound and distributed about 5,000 hygiene kits to the homeless.

While there are shortages of supplies in Puerto Rico, wearing a mask is "universal there" with much more adherence than she saw when she first returned to Michigan a month ago.

But mask-wearing, like the pandemic itself, is ever evolving. When Mitchell recently boarded a plane again, this time bound for Burundi, she was not alone in wearing a mask.

"I think the most important thing is to have a productive dialogue with your neighbors, friends, family, even people you don't agree with," she said. "In a lot of cases, people set their mind in being in disagreement with one side or another, but you do need full community participation if you want to beat an outbreak, and people have to work together."

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# Men's Virility Restored in Clinical Trial; 275% More Blood Flow in 5 Minutes

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Nitric oxide won the Nobel Prize in 1998. It's why "the little blue pill" works. More than 200,000 studies confirm it's the key to superior sexual performance.

And this new discovery increases nitric oxide availability resulting in even quicker, stronger and longer-lasting performance.

One double-blind, placebo-controlled study (the "gold-standard" of research) involved a group of 70-year-old men.

They didn't exercise. They didn't eat healthy. And researchers reported their "nitric oxide availability was almost totally compromised," resulting in blood flow less than HALF of a man in peak sexual health.

But only five minutes after the first dose their blood flow increased 275%, back to levels of a perfectly healthy 31-year-old man! "It's amazing," remarks nitric oxide expert Dr. Al Sears. "That's like giving 70-year-old men the sexual power of 30-year-olds."

## WHY SO MUCH EXCITEMENT?

Despite the billions men spend annually on older nitric oxide therapies, there's one well-known problem with them.

They don't always work.

Dr. Joseph Loscalzo explains why. He's studied nitric oxide for over 43 years. He is the physician-in-chief at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He says a "deficiency of bioactive nitric oxide... leads to impaired endothelium-dependent vasorelaxation."

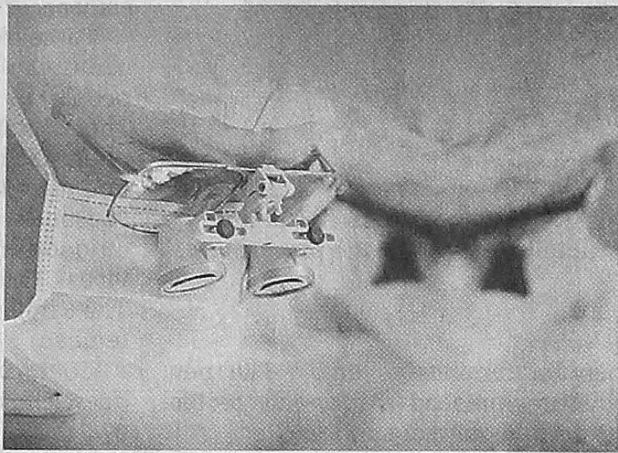
In plain English, these older products may increase levels of nitric oxide. But that's only half the battle. If it's not bioactively available then your body can't absorb it to produce an erection.

Experts simply call it the nitric oxide "glitch." And until now, there's never been a solution.

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Upon further research, America's No. 1 men's health expert Dr. Al Sears discovered certain nutrients fix this "glitch" resulting in 275% better blood flow.

He's combined those nutrients with proven nitric oxide boosters in a new formula called *Primal Max Red*. In clinical trials, 5,000 mg is required for satisfying sexual performance.



A new discovery that increases nitric oxide availability was recently proven in a clinical trial to boost blood flow 275%

*Primal Max Red* contains a bigger, 9,000 mg per serving dose. It's become so popular, he's having trouble keeping it in stock.

Dr. Sears is the author of more than 500 scientific papers. Thousands of people listened to him speak at the recent Palm Beach Health & Wellness Festival featuring Dr. Oz. NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Namath recently visited his clinic, the **Sears Institute for Anti-Aging Medicine**.

*Primal Max Red* has only been available for a few months – but everyone who takes it reports a big difference. "I have the energy to have sex three times in one day, WOW! That has not happened in years. Oh, by the way I am 62," says Jonathan K. from Birmingham, AL.

## HOW IT WORKS

Loss of erection power starts with your blood vessels. Specifically, the inside layer called the endothelium where nitric oxide is made.

The problem is various factors THICKEN your blood vessels as you age. This blocks availability causing the nitric oxide "glitch." The result is difficulty in getting and sustaining a healthy erection.

How bad is the problem?

Researcher shows the typical 40-year-old man absorbs 50% less nitric oxide. At 50, that drops to 25%. And once you pass 60 just a measly 15% gets through.

To make matters worse, nitric oxide levels start declining in your 30's. And by 70, nitric oxide production is down an alarming 75%.

*Primal Max Red* is the first formula to tackle both problems. Combining powerful nitric oxide boosters and a proven delivery mechanism that defeats the nitric oxide "glitch" resulting in 275% better blood flow. There's not enough space here to fully explain how it works, so Dr. Sears will send anyone who orders *Primal Max Red* a free special report that explains everything.

## MORE CLINICAL RESULTS

Nutrients in *Primal Max Red* have logged impressive results.

In a *Journal of Applied*

*Physiology* study, one resulted in a 30 times MORE nitric oxide. And these increased levels lasted up to 12 hours.

"I measured my nitric oxide levels, you can buy a test kit from Amazon," reports 48-year-old Jeff O. "Monday night I showed depleted."

Then he used ingredients in *Primal Max Red* and, "The results were off the charts. I first woke around 3 a.m. on Tuesday very excited. My nitric oxide levels measured at the top end of the range."

## FREE BONUS TESTOSTERONE BOOSTER

Every order also gets Dr. Sears testosterone boosting formula *Primal Max Black* for free.

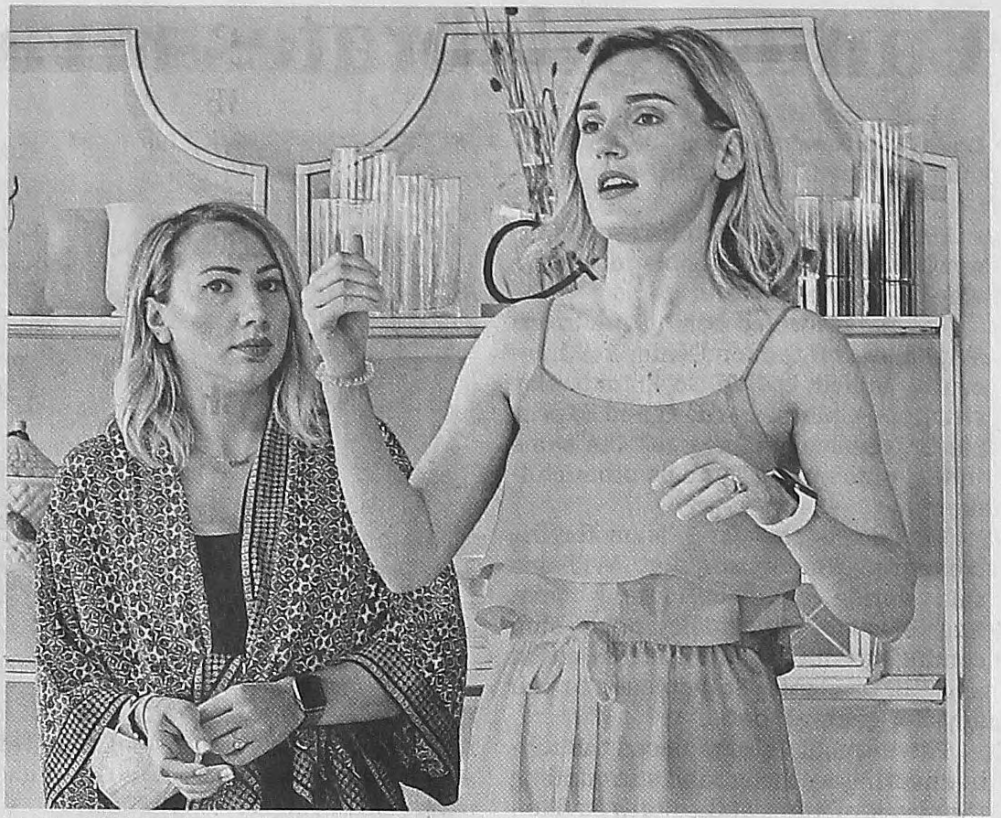
"If you want passionate 'rip your clothes off' sex you had in your younger days, you need nitric oxide to get your erection going. And testosterone for energy and drive," says Dr. Sears. "You get both with *Primal Max Red* and *Primal Max Black*."

## HOW TO GET PRIMAL MAX

To secure free bottles of *Primal Max Black* and get the hot, new *Primal Max Red* formula, buyers should contact the Sears Health Hotline at 1-800-814-4291 within the next 48 hours. "It's not available in drug stores yet," says Dr. Sears. "The Hotline allows us to ship directly to the customer."

Dr. Sears feels so strongly about *Primal Max*, all orders are backed by a 100% money-back guarantee. "Just send me back the bottle and any unused product within 90 days from purchase date, and I'll send you all your money back," he says.

The Hotline will be open for the next 48 hours. After that, the phone number will be shut down to allow them to restock. Call 1-800-814-4291 to secure your limited supply of *Primal Max Red* and free bottles of *Primal Max Black*. You don't need a prescription, and those who call in the first 24 hours qualify for a significant discount. Use Promo Code NP0820PMAX125 when you call in. Lines are frequently busy, but all calls will be answered.



Anisa Dino, right, and her sister-in-law, Mona Anouti, talk about their business, **Kristal Events & Floral**, in Garden City. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Event-planning business opens its doors in Garden City

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How do you open an event-planning business when there are so few events because of the coronavirus pandemic? Sisters-in-law Anisa Dino and Mona Anouti believe they know.

The two recently opened their event-planning business, **Kristal Events and Floral**, in downtown Garden City. The space at 29210 Ford Road provides room for consultations for events.

"If we have no venues open to hold those events, then we have to readjust everything and readjust our business ideas to something else we could come up with," Dino said.

While many large events such as weddings have been pushed back to later this year or to 2021, the two have adjusted and refocused on planning events on a smaller scale for the time being.

"Most of them are showers or birthdays," Anouti said.

The two began providing event services for family and friends a few years back after planning a gender reveal party for Anouti. They quickly discovered they provided a service people were willing to pay for. As their business grew, they needed more room, which brought them to Garden City.

"We realized that a lot of people were asking to actually pay for our services, so we started as a business," Dino said. "We started working out of our own houses at first and then the business grew little by little to the point where we needed to get a store to accommodate everything."

The location, the two said, is a perfect fit: it has high visibility from busy Ford Road and is between Dino's home in Westland and Anouti's home in Dearborn. They signed a lease in late February for the space and opened in June.

While the space is simple, a few accents pop out for visitors when they step into the shop. The biggest draw is a giant ring that can be decorated using balloons and other decor. Dino and Anouti change its appearance regularly to showcase their skills and to give clients inspiration. The same goes for the window display.

"Every week, we do something different," Dino said. "This week we did 'Under the Sea.' Same thing with the display area."

"We'll set up different things in the



Anouti carries some of the flowers available for purchase at the shop.

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Anisa Dino Co-owner, **Kristal Events and Floral**

display area depending on what we have going on."

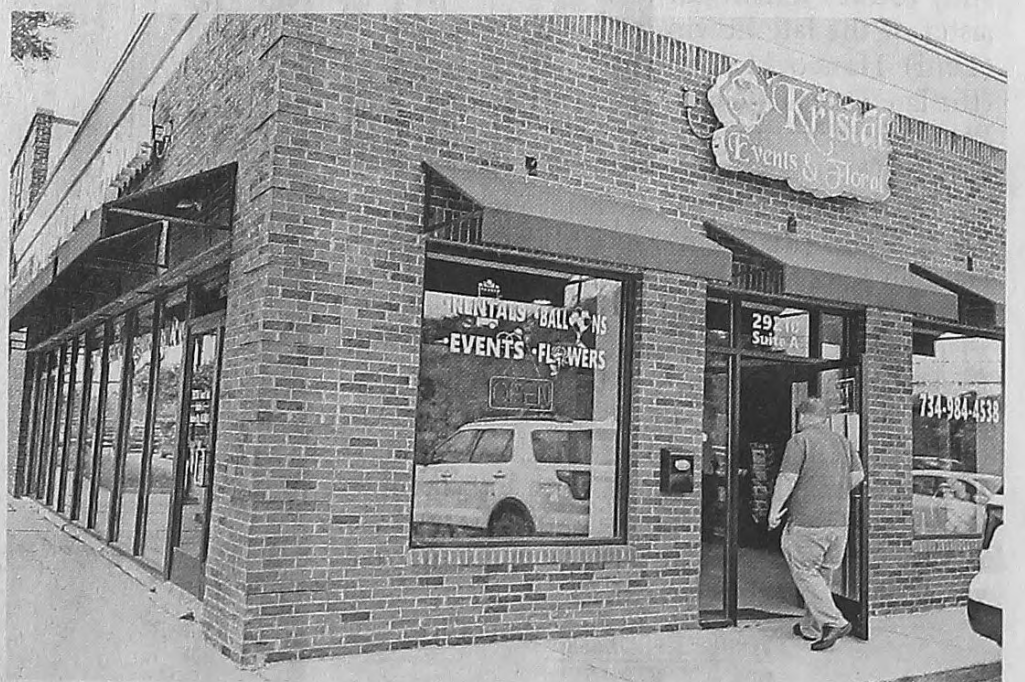
Some aspects of the business had to shift, especially when it comes to availability for supplies. Dino said because of travel restrictions, items such as fresh flowers – some of which come from COVID-19 hot spots like Florida and California – aren't currently available. But Dino and Anouti said customers have been understanding.

The two are currently available for appointments for prospective events. Those interested can learn more and contact them through their website, [kristaleventsandfloral.com](http://kristaleventsandfloral.com).

Dino said they are excited to finally have a place in the community to showcase their work, and believes their skills are the perfect fit for those looking to plan special events.

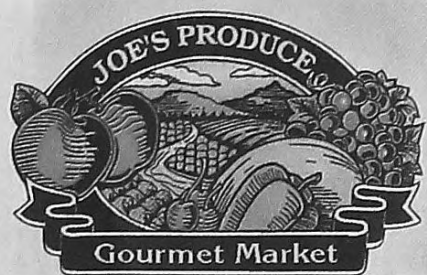
"I have a passion for balloons, she has a passion for flowers, so why not put them together?" Dino said.

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Kristal Events & Floral sits at 29210 Ford Road in Garden City.

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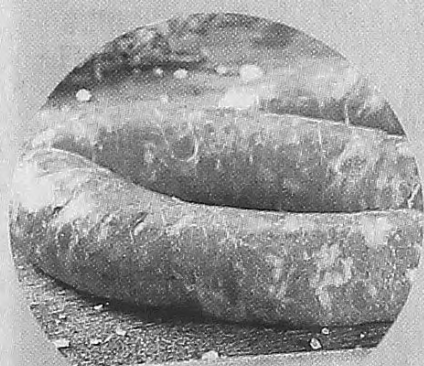
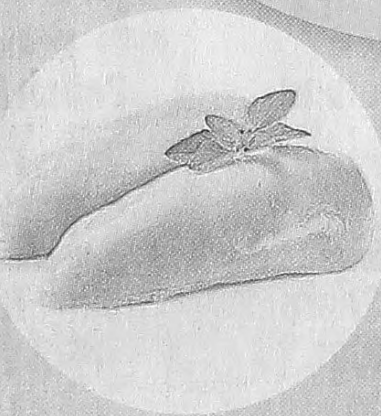
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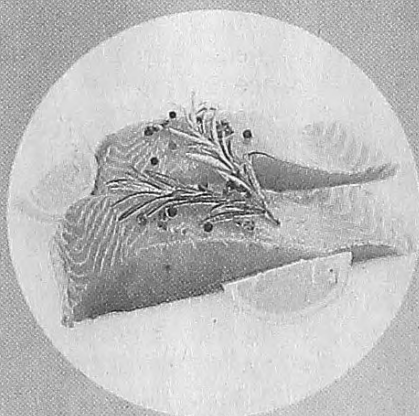
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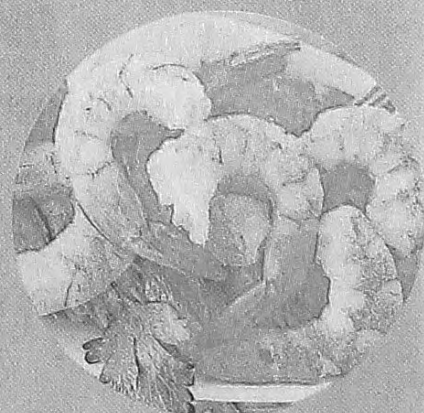
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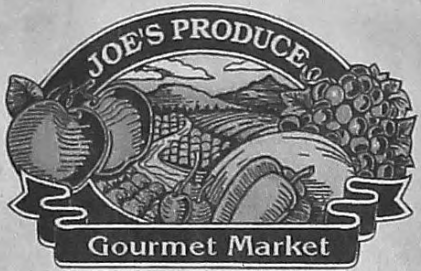
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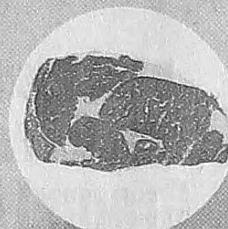
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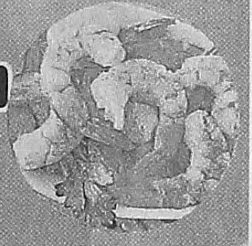
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# SPORTS

## MHSAA moves football season to spring

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The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced Friday it would move the high school football season to the spring with the remainder of the fall sports continuing as scheduled.

Details for a spring season, including schedules, will be released at a later date, but the MHSAA said it will try and

limit overlap between football and traditional spring sports.

"At the end of the day, we did everything we could to find a path forward for football this fall," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said in the release. "But while continuing to connect with the Governor's office, state health department officials, our member schools' personnel and the Council, there is just too much uncertainty and too many un-

knowns to play football this fall.

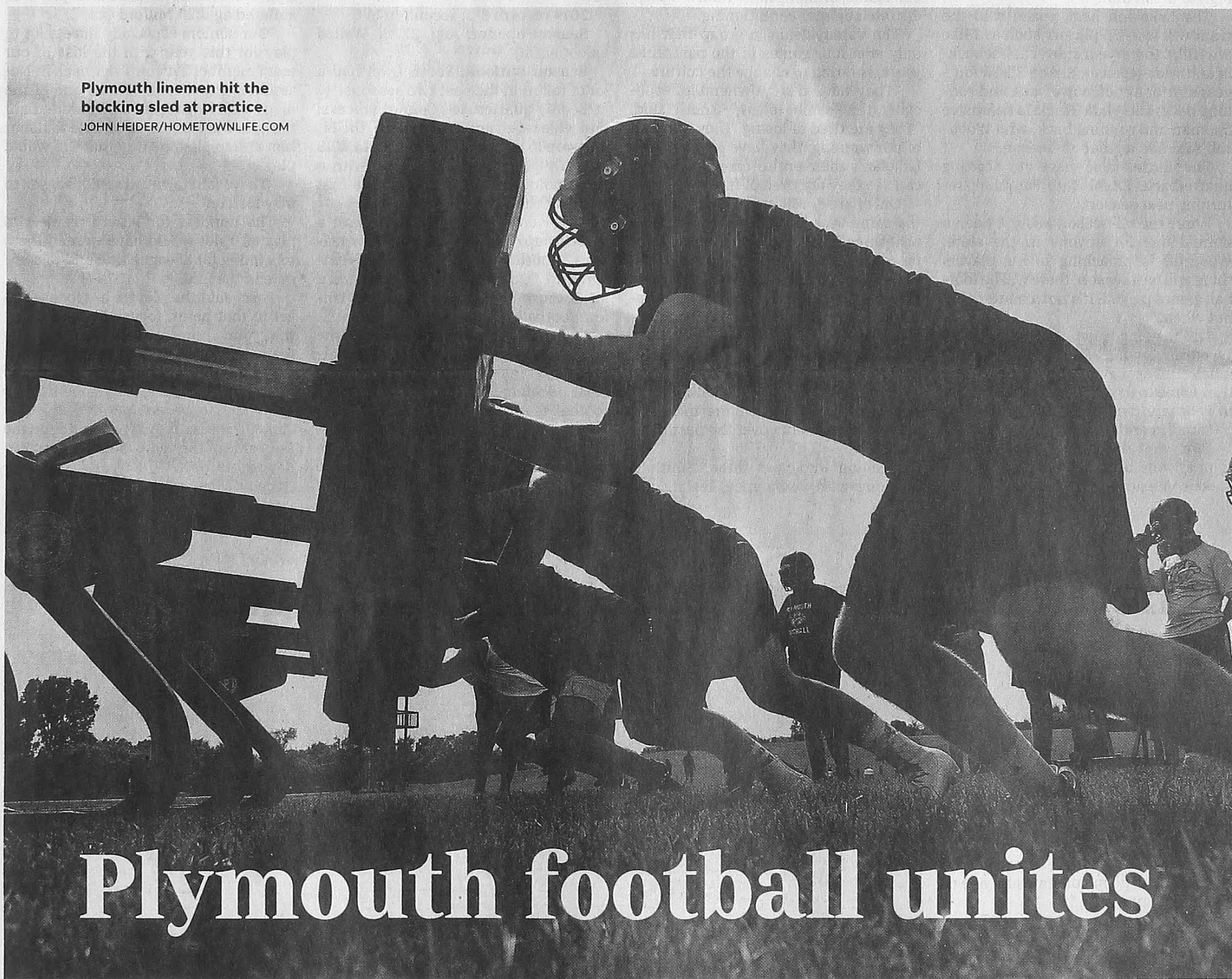
"No one is willing to take the risk of COVID being passed on because of a high-risk sport. Decisions have to be made on our other sports as well, but none of those carry the same close, consistent, and face-to-face contact as football."

The MHSAA said it has decided after surveying member schools after the first four days of practice.

Competition guidelines for volleyball, boys soccer and girls swim and dive was scheduled to be released Aug. 19. Guidance from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office on the use of indoor facilities is expected to be released in the near future.

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Plymouth linemen hit the blocking sled at practice.  
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## Plymouth football unites

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The 2020 season was going to look different for Plymouth football. Head coach Brian Lewis left for Howell with Greg Souldourian taking over the role. But the coronavirus just flipped the Wildcats' season on its head with football delayed to spring.

Offensive and defensive installations were pushed back with Souldourian saying the team is working on things that would have usually been done in late July. Lifting sessions have been pushed outside onto the junior varsity soccer field in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Players and coaches are wearing gator masks, keeping socially distant through breaks.

But one thing for Plymouth football remained constant through all the chaos: The Hill.

Right next to the Wildcats' practice field stands a grassy incline with a reputation, one that players from generations past return and say, "I remember that hill."

Souldourian, who has been a part of the Plymouth program since 2005, uses

The Hill as a point of camaraderie, a rallying cry for a group in the midst of uncertainty.

After the final ascent, players congregated around the head coach, who preached a message of "Why are you here?" to his 2020 varsity team.

No matter if there is a game played

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# Take an early look at LVC football teams

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High school football in Michigan has been pushed to spring 2021 due to the coronavirus.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced the decision Friday, with decisions on boys soccer and volleyball in the spring still in limbo.

While teams in the Lakes Valley Conference will have to wait longer to see what their teams look like, here is what Lakeland, Milford, South Lyon and South Lyon East could do in the conference come spring.

## Lakeland

**Head coach:** Joe Woodruff, sixth season

**2019 record:** 7-3, third in LVC

**Season opener:** Aug. 27 vs. Walled Lake Western

**Season outlook:** Lakeland has been knocking at the door for the top of the LVC for the past few seasons under Joe Woodruff.

The Eagles won 21 games in each of the past three seasons, allowing less than 200 points to opposing offenses each of those years, but have finished either third or second in the conference each of those seasons.

"In the last years, we have beaten everyone in the league," Woodruff said. "We just can't figure out a way to do it all at the same time."

But with an offense of mostly returning players and a defense that is eager to continue the tradition of what Lakeland has done in the past, expectations are high to finish first.

The Lakeland head coach said the team will lean on players such as Mike Sherrill, a three-year starter at linebacker and wide receiver; Shane Ells, a four-year starter at defensive back and running back; and Mark Tingle, a defensive lineman and running back, who Woodruff said had a great off-season.

The Eagles also have its starting quarterback, junior Tate Farquhar, returning next season.

While the off-season has not been a normal one for anyone in the state, Woodruff is preaching to his players there will be a season, there will be football games played. It's not a matter of if, but when.

"We're going to get a chance to play," Woodruff said. "We've got to get as much stuff as we can do now ready, so if they come to us and say, 'We're starting in February,' we've got the majority of our stuff in and we are ready to go."

"We want the season to start more than anyone because we think we can make some noise."



Milford head football coach Garfrey Smith feels like the Mavericks are about ready to break through in his third season at the helm. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

## Milford

**Head coach:** Garfrey Smith, third season

**2019 record:** 1-8, eighth in LVC

**Season opener:** Aug. 27 vs. Walled Lake Northern

**Season outlook:** When Garfrey Smith took the head coaching job at Milford, he knew it was going to take some time to find success. Heading into his third season into the rebuilding project, Smith feels like the Mavericks are about ready to break through.

For the first time in Smith's tenure, Milford will have three full-fledged football teams, bringing more than 100 players into summer conditioning.

The varsity team, a group that has only won four games in the past three years, is raring to change the culture.

"They have taken ownership, especially this senior class," Smith said. "They are tired of losing. They are tired of not winning; they have never beaten Lakeland their entire career, and you can see they are tired of it."

On offense, Milford will bring back the same veer look it has used for the past three years, but with more athletic pieces, Smith said, looking to either Billy Sternberg or Brandon Gibson to lead the team at quarterback along with Trevor Lee and Victor Elicerio on the offensive line.

On defense, Smith said the Mavericks will have the same 3-3 stack base, and will be a key to the team's overall success after allowing more than 300 points to opponents over the past three seasons.

Heading into year three, Smith is beaming with confidence, feeling like

Milford should be ready to break through, to surprise the conference.

"To be honest, I feel that we should be more than competitive. We should be able to dominate some games, we should be able to shock the LVC, finally," Smith said. "We wanted to shock them every year. It hasn't happened."

"We feel, with the swagger and the work that our players have put in, we are ready to dominate and be in the top of the LVC."

## South Lyon

**Head coach:** Jeff Henson, sixth season

**2019 record:** 8-2, second in LVC

**Season opener:** Aug. 27 vs. Walled Lake Central

**Season outlook:** South Lyon had a lot of talent in the past two seasons.

Led by quarterback Connor Fracassi and wide receiver Brenden Lach, the Lions won 18 of 21 possible games in 2018 and 2019, finishing the season with a three-point loss to Fenton in the first round of the playoffs.

"We were very fortunate to have a great group of kids over the last few seasons," South Lyon head coach Jeff Henson said. "Our record indicated it and a lot of those kids moved on to play college football... We had a ton of talent."

Henson is excited for whatever the next season looks like He has his whole offensive and defensive lines back, what he refers to as the "nucleus" of the football team.

Henson said he will rely on his linemen — Gus Taylor, Eric and Adam Walrath, Isaac McComb and Ryan Schamp — to determine the long-term success of

South Lyon.

In terms of skill players, Henson said there are players on offense and defense, such as Evan DeFrank, who will likely play quarterback, Jordan Singleton, the returning starter at running back, and Quinn Fracassi, who have a lot to prove.

Coming off a season where the junior-varsity team won six games and the freshmen team won eight, expectations are still high to sit at the top of the LVC when the season is over.

"We have a lot of really good athletes in our program that we are really excited about and are really improved over the off-season, have grown and have shown really positive and exciting things," Henson said.

## South Lyon East

**Head coach:** Joe Pesci, seventh season

**2019 record:** 3-6, sixth in LVC

**Season opener:** Aug 27 vs. Waterford Mott

**Season outlook:** Joe Pesci likes South Lyon East's chances with the amount of players coming back.

After finishing the 2019 season, 3-6, with a sixth-place finish in the LVC, the Cougars have Ayden Oliver returning at running back, Drake Willenborg and Dorian Armstrong returning at wide receiver, and Zander Desenz returning at quarterback.

However, South Lyon East's focus and drive is associated with one player: Trevon Tyler.

Tyler, a junior offensive lineman, died in November after complications from a knee surgery after an injury was suffered against Milford Oct. 2.

"Our seniors especially have a lot to play for this year with the loss of our team member Trevon Tyler back in November," Pesci said. "That's one of the biggest driving forces for our kids right now, for our seniors, to be able to honor him and to play the way that Tre would play."

"They want to have a senior season to play for Tre."

The mindset for Pesci's team is to play as Tyler would have wanted them to: aiming for a league title and to compete in the LVC.

Pesci said the players are focused to get to that point, focused on recording the third non-losing season in the team's history.

"They look at the pieces we have, and I think our kids feel pretty good that we are going to be competitive in every game," Pesci said. "We're banking on the right side of the score most of those Friday nights."

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# Whether fishing or catching, Michigan is best

Bill Broderick

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With four of the five Great Lakes, rivers, ponds and other bodies of water peppered all over our mitten, there is water seemingly within reach no matter where you cast your line in the state of Michigan.

Which is why fishing is one of the best things to do in our state and one of my favorite pastimes.

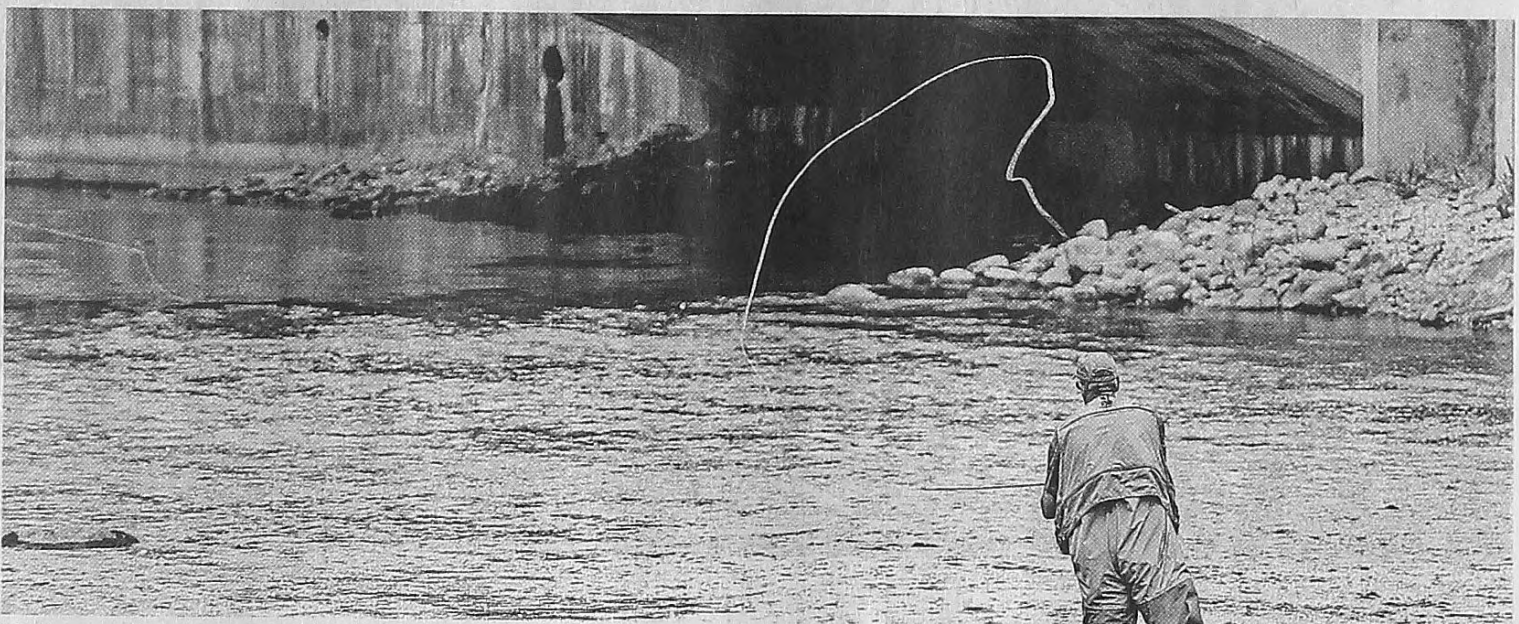
Now, catching is an entirely different thing.

A wise older man on a charter, heading out on Lake Michigan, once told me: "I can promise great fishing today. I didn't say anything about catching."

And that's what keeps anglers throughout the state going out on the water, or standing on the shore, or throwing a bobber and a hook from a bridge. There is always great fishing, and sometimes there is great catching, but those are two very different things. With a rod in your hand and sitting in the boat, you are fishing. But when you actually bring in a fish, then you are catching. But all fans of the activity are always on the prowl for the right combination of both as nothing is promised and nothing is given. Which means the challenge is always there.

Chances are, in this state, fishing and catching will mostly likely go hand in hand. With over 150 species of fish, 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, thousands of miles of rivers and streams and 11,000 inland lakes, Michigan is one of the premier places in the country to fish.

Many Michiganders know that, wherever you are in the state, you are never more than six miles from a body of water. So pick a direction, grab your



With over 150 species of fish, 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, thousands of miles of rivers — including the Battle Creek River, shown here — and streams and 11,000 inland lakes, Michigan is one of the premier places in the country for fishing.

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tackle box and start walking or driving ... chances are you'll be fishing soon.

Growing up, for many of us, it is part of life here. A parent takes a son or daughter out to a local fishing hole, sets their hook for the first time, and shows them how to cast. Then, that young angler has a hobby that they can do for a lifetime and someday, maybe, teach their son or daughter the same thing.

Being from the middle of the state, catching sunfish and bluegill at Graham Lake, or Beadle Lake, as a child is still fresh in my memory. Your lake of choice is probably very similar, a funny-sounding name, plenty of fish to be had, and maybe even more "grass snakes" to get your hook caught on, interrupting your day for a bit while you untangle the weeds.

Then, memories race to spending some of my college days killing some

early evening hours after class on the Grand River near Lansing, mostly hooking carp, which didn't help fill the frying pan, but still was fun.

Then there were the best times, after settling in with a family, being on the Battle Creek River and Kalamazoo River with my own kids, wondering if they were having even half as much fun fishing as I was watching them.

It was always about enjoying some peace and quality time on the water. But there was always the goal of bringing in that fish that later you can say, I caught one "this big," with hands stretched out wide.

How big? Well several fish caught in Michigan have impressive histories and records that have lasted generations.

According to the state record books, the largest Lake Trout was 61½ pounds and was hooked in Lake Superior in

1997. The biggest carp was the same 61½ pounds and was caught on Wolf Lake in Jackson County. That record has stood since 1974. And there must have been something in the water in 1974, because the record for biggest Lake Sturgeon is 193 pounds, caught on Mullet Lake in Cheboygan County, also in 1974.

I wouldn't expect anything like those fish to come out of the water the next time you throw a line in, but landing a nice 21-inch bass will keep the fish stories going for most of us for a while.

So whether you are fishing, or lucky enough to do some catching, as we play out the rest of the summer and into the fall, be grateful that you get to do both in Michigan — maybe the state best equipped to experience the sport in the U.S.

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# How does MSU pay for sports without football?

Craig Lyons Lansing State Journal  
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EAST LANSING — Since Michigan State won't play football this fall, the athletics department may be left to find a way to cover some \$80 million in lost revenue.

Football is by far the largest revenue source for MSU athletics, generating upward of \$80 million and accounting for 57% of all the money brought into the department, according to financial disclosures filed with the NCAA for the 2018-19 year.

Indeed, the football program covered its own \$37.3 million budget, leaving another \$42.4 million to fund other athletic programs, records show.

The Big Ten announced Tuesday it will postpone the 2020 football season, citing fears over the spread of the novel coronavirus. The cancellation also affects men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country, field hockey, and volleyball.

The Spartan football team just returned to practice last week after a 14-day quarantine imposed when athletes and staff tested positive for COVID-19.

Even before the Big Ten canceled the fall playing season, MSU Athletic Director Bill Beekman portended "severe cuts" to athletic programs.

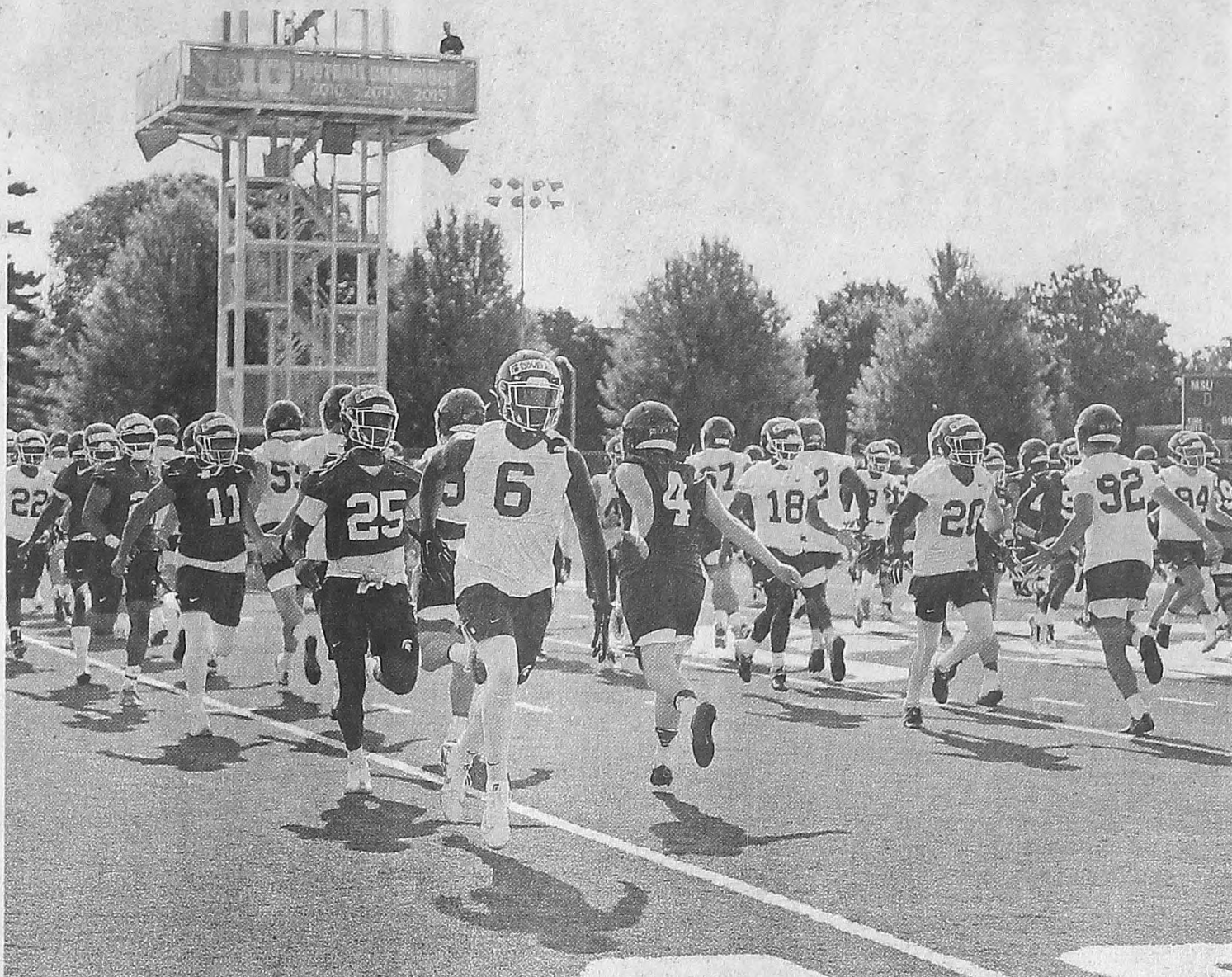
"At this point, we have modeled some fairly severe budget reductions, that probably if we don't play football, we would not be playing most other, maybe all other, sports," Beekman said during a presentation to the Economic Club of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce on Monday. "Men's basketball generates revenue, so I think it becomes an open question."

Decisions are pending, he added.

## Football is MSU's moneymaker

The \$80 million raked in during football season dwarfs the money brought in by other top-earning MSU sports programs. Men's basketball brought in \$26.3 million; women's basketball \$2.1 million; and other sports a combined \$7.2 million. Only football and men's basketball have greater revenue than expenditures.

An additional roughly \$24.7 million



Michigan State University football players run a drill during their first practice of the season Aug. 1 in East Lansing.  
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in revenue is not tied to a particular program.

Here are the largest sources of the nearly \$80 million in football revenue:

- \$34.9 million in media rights from the Big Ten Network and other broadcasters
  - \$19.8 million in ticket sales
  - \$12 million in contributions to the program from donors
  - \$7.1 million in conference distributions of bowl-generated revenue
- MSU athletics ended its 2019 fiscal year with \$4.4 million in surplus funds. MSU is among the Big Ten schools that

made money that year, with only Ohio State and Illinois losing money, records show.

## Football, men's basketball revenues sustain programs

Since football easily covers its own expenses, 53% of the money brought in by football helps support MSU athletics overall, including other sports. Football expenses are 28% of MSU athletics' total operating budget, which is roughly \$135.7 million.

Men's basketball brought in \$26.3

million in 2018-19, covering its \$16.8 million in expenses and contributing \$9.5 million to the department's budget.

And while women's basketball brought in \$2.1 million in revenue, the total program expenses were \$6.3 million.

The other MSU sports combined generated \$7.2 million in revenue collectively. Those programs cost \$28 million to run.

The NCAA financial filings do not detail revenue for individual sports programs besides football and men's and women's basketball.

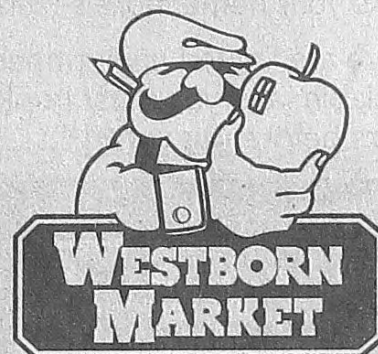
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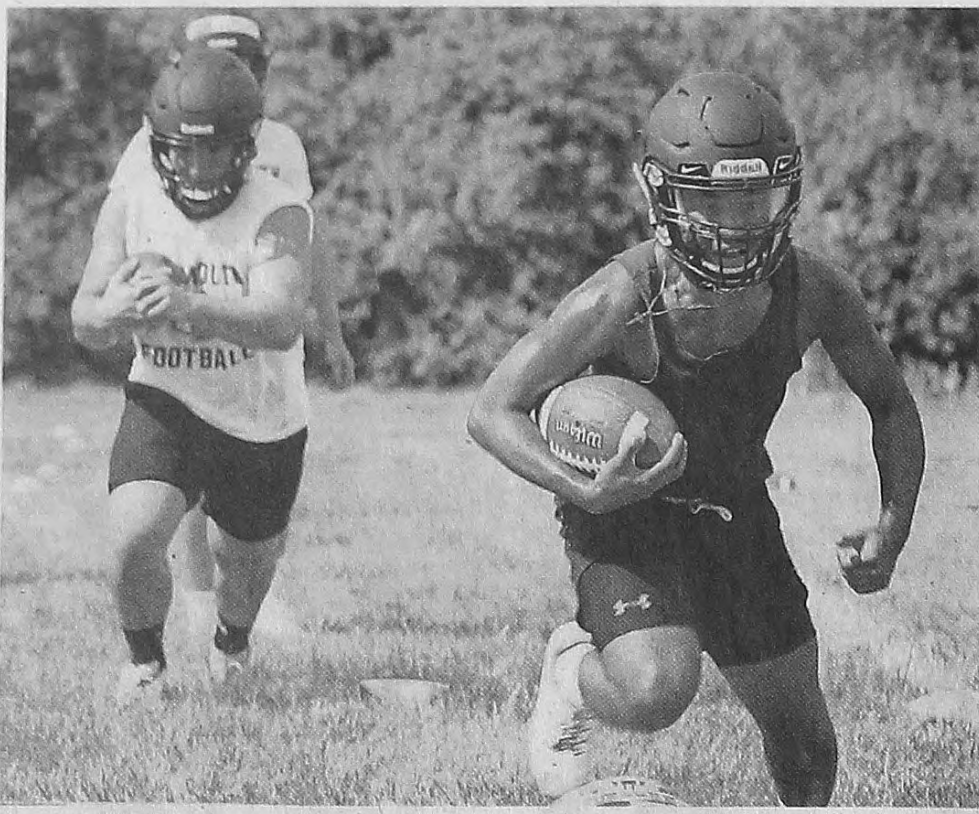
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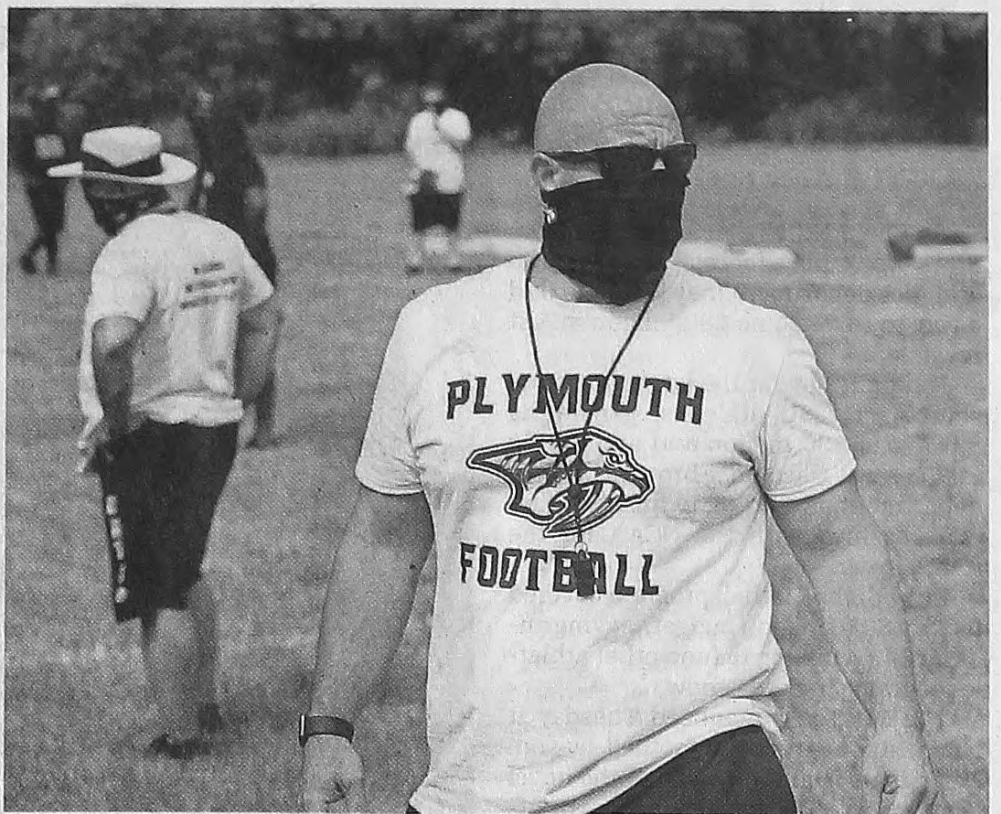
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Wildcat running backs practice their footwork during a practice drill Aug. 13.  
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Plymouth High School head football coach Greg Souldourian watches the team.

## Plymouth

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this year, the coronavirus has seemingly made this upcoming season more than just snapping or throwing a football.

"It's just a game. At the end of the day, it's just a game," Souldourian said. "Do I want to win? Yeah, I want to win. But we're preparing these guys for once they leave here.

"Belleville is on the clock, and that's important, but, at the end of the day, if we can teach them life lessons through our game, then we are doing our job."

From the first workout, players began to gravitate toward that message. Through outdoor lifting and summer conditioning, a realization hit among players, especially among the senior class, how fragile each and every practice was in 2020.

"It kind of makes you realize that we're just all here hanging out with our boys," senior Andrew Uhlian said. "You kind of cherish every practice, every two-a-day, even conditioning on The Hill, you just try to have fun with it because it could get axed. You don't even

know: it could be tomorrow they make an announcement and the season's over."

When senior cornerback Justin McNeil arrived for the first summer conditioning session after a summer of Zoom meetings, his first reaction was one of disbelief.

"We were honestly all in awe that there was still a season," McNeil said at the time. "We're blessed to say we were able to play and still see each other and hang out with each other. At first, the first workout, our mindset was down because we knew, 'Wow, our season could be over. This could be it.'"

"Day after day, it started getting better and better and we are just all on the same page and getting through it together."

Cenzi Defelici, a senior offensive guard, admitted the "cloud of corona" had been over every lifting session, every offensive walk-through, every run up The Hill.

His mindset, like the rest of the team, had been to slow down, taking it one day at a time, one rep at a time and enjoying it for what it is.

"Being with the football team, there's no bond like that," Defelici said. "When



Plymouth's football team is focused on following up 2019's nine-win season.

you are pushing through hills and conditioning and gassers and lifting, and you do that five days a week all summer, it makes it a lot easier when you have your guys next to you."

Plymouth is focused on what is ahead: following up 2019's nine-win season, considered one of the best in school history, although the team doesn't quite know when that will be.

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**Zoning Board of Appeals Notice**  
**Thursday, September 3, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Location: ONLINE ZOOM MEETING**  
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A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. online via Zoom to consider the following:

- Z20-06 Non-Use Variance Request for 359 McKinley  
 Rear yard setback  
 Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential  
 Applicant: Donna MacDonald
- Z20-07 Non-Use Variance Request for 1381 Sheridan  
 Roof connecting home and detached garage  
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 Applicant: John Corsi

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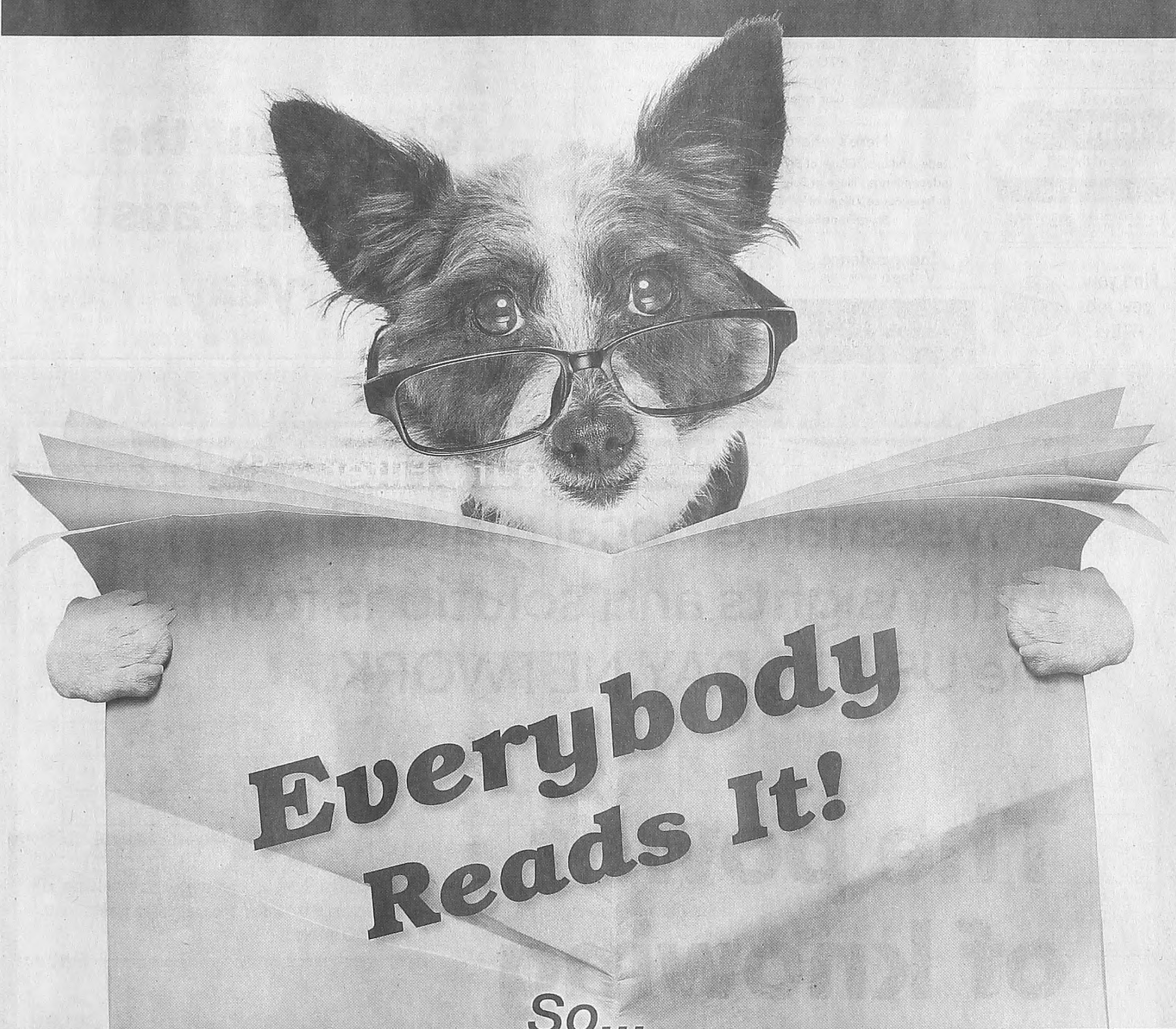
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

### ACROSS

- 1 Cheddar-like cheese
- 6 Pointy heel
- 14 Catching with a lariat
- 20 Love to bits
- 21 Decorative park shelter
- 22 Intro
- 23 NFL team whose logo is a red planet?
- 25 Canadian metropolis
- 26 Guitar ridge
- 27 Manning of the Giants
- 28 Co. kingpins
- 30 Cookout raiders
- 31 NFL team whose logo is a prairie?
- 38 President of Syria
- 41 Small-time
- 42 Actresses Longoria and Mendes
- 43 NFL team whose logo is a bracelet?
- 48 Poet Jonson
- 51 Estrada of "CHiPs"
- 52 D-Day invasion river
- 53 Here-there link
- 54 Opposite of staccato
- 56 Headed up
- 57 Thurman of "Robin Hood"
- 58 NFL team whose logo is a steak?
- 61 "— Fideles" (yule carol)
- 63 Go by ship
- 65 Pre-takeoff abbr.
- 66 Biblical "ark-itect"
- 67 NFL team whose logo is a Lipitor pill?
- 72 Gillette razor
- 75 Rhinoplasty doc
- 76 Nix from Nixon, say
- 77 Like most slasher films
- 81 NFL team whose logo is a sword?
- 85 Diving seabird
- 86 Wood chopper
- 87 Venus — (Louvre statue)
- 88 Brian of electronica
- 89 Super-close buds
- 91 Where a goatee grows
- 92 Just-OK mark
- 93 NFL team whose logo is a cheese curd?
- 98 Old film critic James
- 99 Justice Kagan
- 100 Oscar winner Witherspoon
- 101 NFL team whose logo is an amoeba?
- 108 Arkin of film
- 109 San —, Italy
- 110 L-P link
- 111 Final Four org.
- 115 "Honor Thy Father" author Gay
- 117 NFL team whose logo is a perfume bottle?
- 123 Lounging
- 124 Board, as a train
- 125 Slabs
- 126 Alleviate
- 127 Half a school year
- 128 Really vexed
- 7 Lucky charm
- 8 "— done it!"
- 9 Fleur-de- —
- 10 "A Nightmare on — Street"
- 11 Carrere of "True Lies"
- 12 Illuminator on a dime
- 13 Advent
- 14 President on a dime
- 15 Choose
- 16 Floral parts
- 17 Nonsensical
- 18 Pond wrigglers
- 19 Lawn stuff
- 24 Catch on to
- 29 Basebatter Hershiser
- 32 Tyrant Amin
- 33 Light meal
- 34 Prefix with cycle
- 35 Burglarize
- 36 Actor Hugh
- 37 Artist's stand
- 40 Sarcastic
- 44 Ladies' club policy
- 45 Target of the Million Mom March, for short
- 46 What the weary have, in a saying
- 47 Little cave
- 48 Chachi player Scott
- 49 Volcano in Sicily
- 50 Light meal
- 55 "Who ya — call?"
- 57 Colorado tribe
- 58 Affront, informally
- 59 Pupil, in Paris
- 60 Suffragist — B. Wells
- 62 "My Two Dads" actress Keanan
- 63 Karate teacher
- 64 Former name of Kazakhstan's capital
- 68 Prefix with 101-Down
- 69 Ending for auction
- 70 Bridge beam
- 71 Rile
- 72 "Moneytalks" rock band
- 73 You, quaintly
- 74 "The — of the Ancient Mariner"
- 78 Western lake
- 79 Leaves
- 80 Concentrated
- 82 Put straight
- 83 Taken eco-friendly measures
- 84 Like filets
- 85 Movie-archiving org.
- 89 U2 vocalist
- 90 Apartment sharer, 'to a Brit
- 91 Neat and wholesome
- 94 Nixing mark
- 95 High peak
- 96 For every
- 97 Old PC screen
- 98 Trojan hero
- 101 Birth-related
- 102 Thrill
- 103 Swansea locale
- 104 Stockpile
- 105 Opposite of day, in Italy
- 106 Soon to receive, as a treat
- 107 Fa follower
- 112 Traffic marker
- 113 Singer Paul
- 114 Office helper. Abbr.
- 116 Iceland-to-Ireland dir.
- 118 NASA lander
- 119 Chimp, e.g.
- 120 Denials
- 121 Blast creator
- 122 "Eureka!"

### DOWN

- 1 Baby cow
- 2 Smell
- 3 Be defeated
- 4 "St. Elmo's Fire" bunch
- 5 Longing
- 6 Kind of wheat

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- AUSTEN
- BROWN
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- KING
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- NABOKOV
- ORWELL
- PATTERSON
- ROBERTS
- ROWLING
- SEUSS
- STEEL
- STEINBECK
- STINE
- TOLKIEN
- TWAIN

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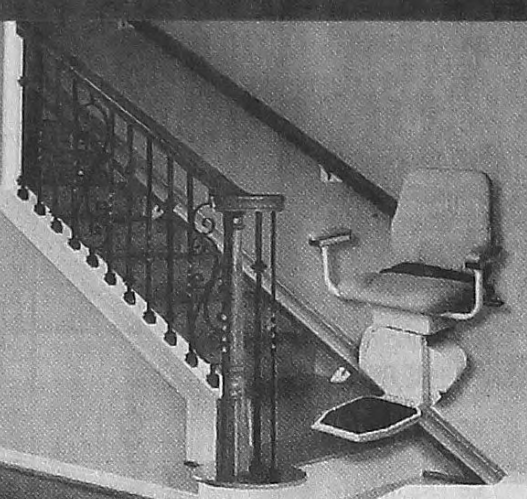
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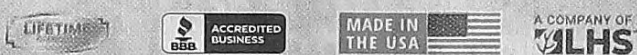
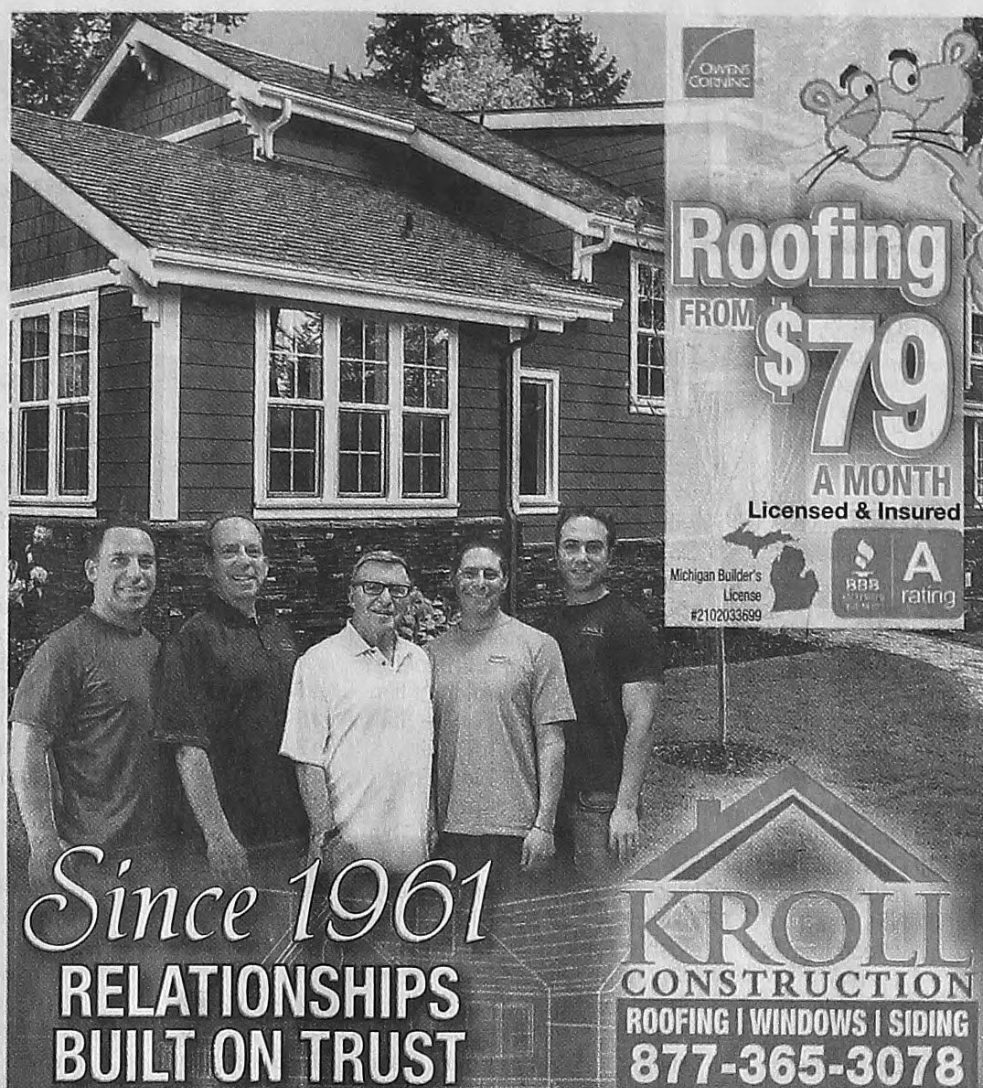
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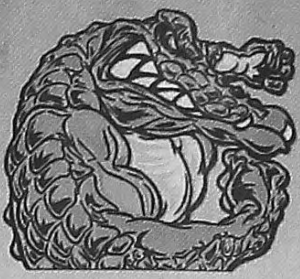
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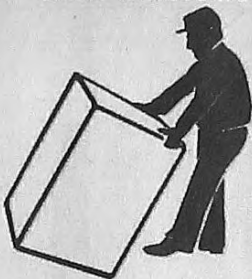
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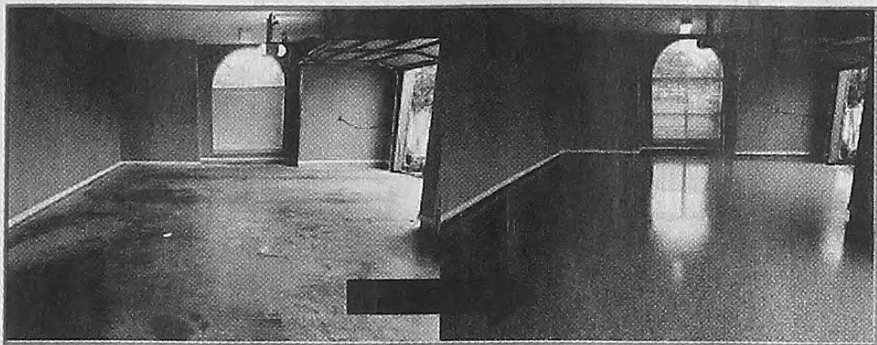
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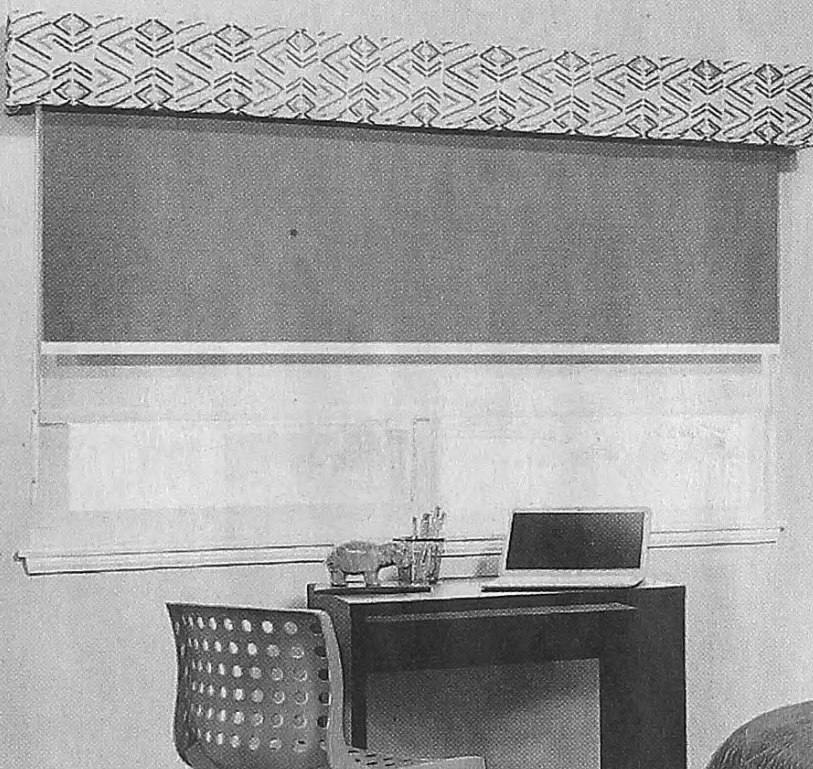
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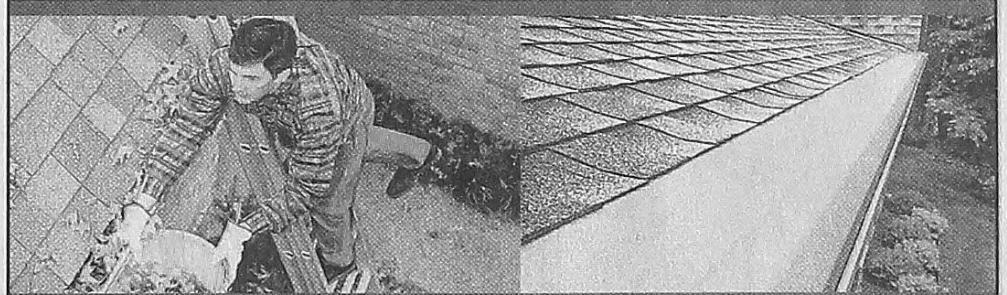
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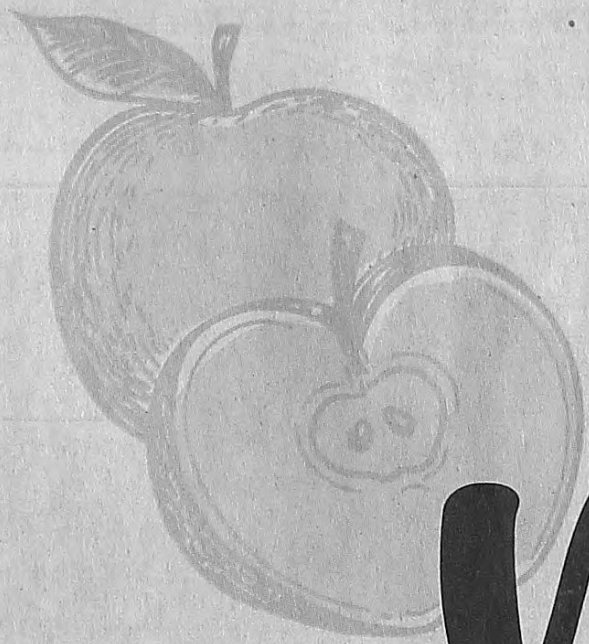


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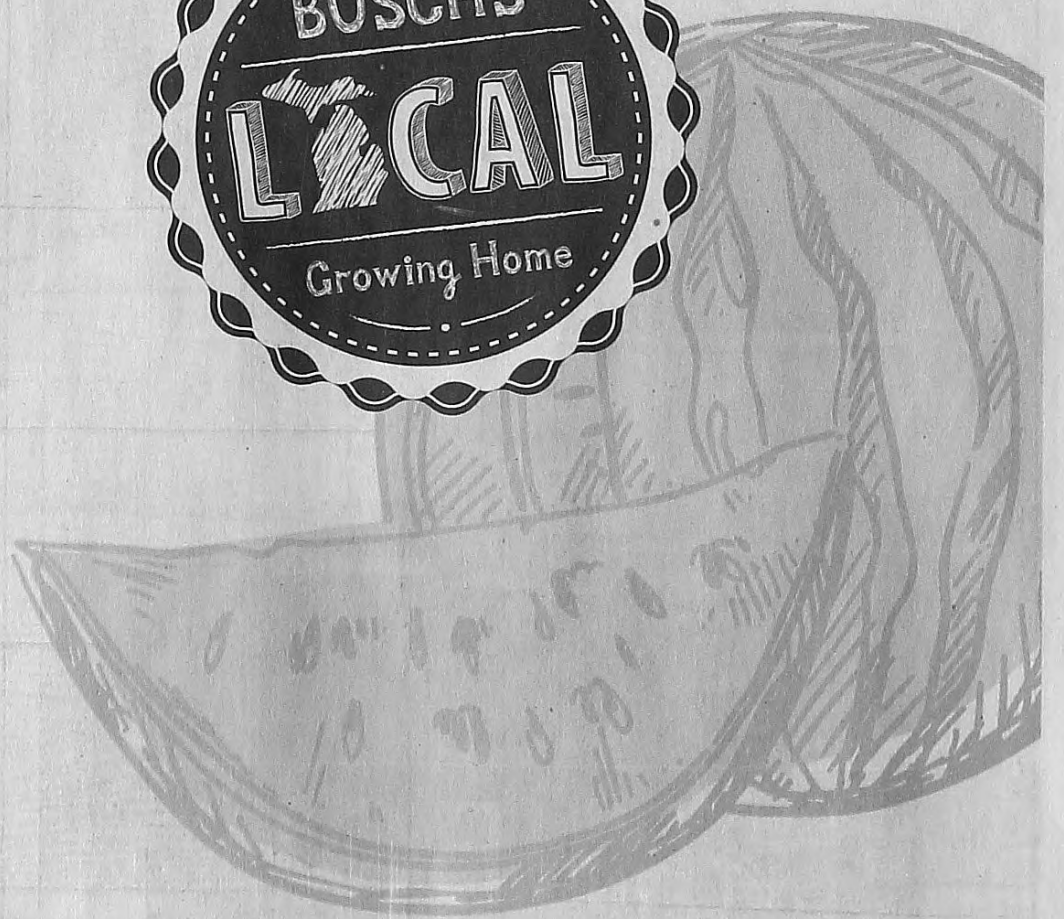


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