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Local clerks prepare for November elections

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Absentee voting has increased dramatically, spurred by the coronavirus pandemic and a change approved by voters two years ago allowing absentee voting with no reason.

Clerks issued more than 2 million absentee ballots across Michigan in preparation for the August primary election. In November, that number is expected to climb.

With more residents voting by mail in absentee ballots, local clerks expect to process tens of thousands of absentee ballots, meaning it might take longer

to find out who won the presidential election this fall.

Here's what local clerks saw in the most recent election, what they are still seeing, and their hopes for November.

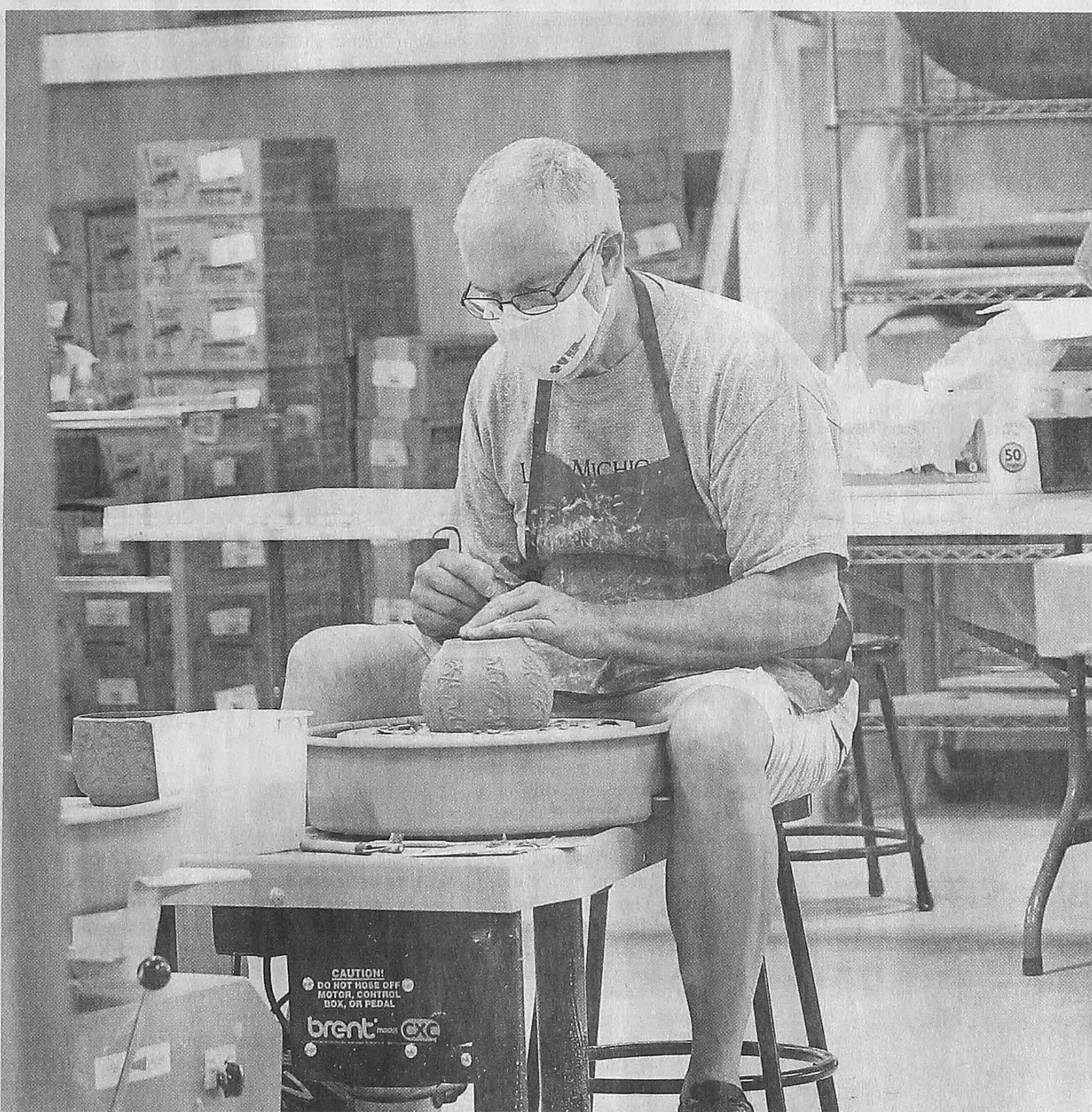
Livonia

Last week, Livonia processed 22,468

absentee ballots. In August 2016, the city received just 4,870. Livonia Clerk Susan Nash expects to process about 40,000 this fall.

"We're going to have a massive mailing at the end of September," she said. "I'm sure it'll be another large order that

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Jim Fry, a member of the Cherry Hills Potters Guild, works at the potter's wheel July 29 at the Village Arts Factory. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Retirement, memory care center coming to Livonia

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Livonia is, in general, an older community. More than 40% of its population is over age 55.

Consequently, the city has 15 long-term care facilities along with a number of memory, occupational therapy and retirement facilities. Now, another retirement and memory care community is coming to Eight Mile Road.

Provision Living, based in St. Louis, is looking to build four new retirement communities in Michigan - in Livonia, Fenton, East Lansing and St. Joseph. The company already has facilities in Ann Arbor, West Bloomfield and Grand Rapids.

Livonia's center will be built at 33579 Eight Mile Road within the next year and will include 40 assisted living apartments and 14 memory care apartments.

"We look for areas that have a real strong sense of family and connection," said Todd Spittal, co-founder and principal of Provision Living. "That's important to us, and we saw that in Livonia."

The 39,082-square-foot facility will include restaurant-style dining, weekly cleaning and laundry services, recreational and social activities, a beauty salon, a movie theater and an outdoor courtyard. Each apartment will include Wi-Fi, cable, an individual thermostat, a full bath and a kitchenette. Residents can choose from one- or two-bedroom options as well.

Even though Livonia has many retirement homes, Spittal said Livonia has a "clear need" for a retirement and memory care center. He was also drawn to Livonia because of its sense of community pride, he said.

Spittal said he's excited for Provision Living to be in Livonia. With the company having been around since 2004, he thinks it has the experience and resources to serve the city's senior citizens well.

"We're really used to working with elders and their families and building local teams really created to serve and meet those needs," Spittal said. "We work really hard to build an excellent team in the local building starting with the management all the way through the caregivers and the service teams."

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Village Arts Factory opens doors to a variety of artists

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When Sharon Czekala heard about the space available at the Village Arts Factory in Canton, she knew it was the perfect opportunity to expand her soap business.

The Canton resident is one of many individuals and groups occupying space at the former Henry Ford property at 50625 Cherry Hill. The campus, which has been under construction for years, finally began hosting tenants earlier this year after years of work. More than a dozen businesses and groups occupy

the warehouse space, including Czekala's business, Science + Lyes, a space for small groups to gather and make handmade soaps.

Czekala taught soap making classes through the Handcrafted Soap and Cosmetic Guild for some time and decided to branch out and begin offering them elsewhere in her hometown.

"I've also been doing private classes out of my own home for a while," she said. "So being able to get out of my house and do it somewhere else has been a good thing."

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Sharon Czekala makes a line of soaps that she sells at the Village Arts Factory and elsewhere in Michigan.



Private schools lead way in return to class

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Several private schools in the area are leading the way with in-person education during the coronavirus pandemic as teachers, students and parents both in and outside those school communities look on.

It looks a lot different.

Marian Head of Schools Sister Lenore Pochelski, IHM, spent the first hour and 10 minutes of Wednesday assisting with temperature screenings for the 400 students enrolled at the all-girls Catholic high school in Bloomfield Township.

The students also have to answer daily health questions, and Pochelski believes it is going "especially well."

"Every day we are able to debrief and figure out how to make it work for the next day," she said. "Students are most cooperative and anxious to do the right thing. I wear a six-foot tape measure around my neck, it's my new fashion statement jewelry to remind everyone how far six feet is. We are making the best of it. We are not going to let COVID rule us, we are going to be strong women of mind and heart and figure this one out."

In-person school schedules have been altered to achieve social distancing. Marian offers hybrid plans, as well as an all-virtual option, but the in-person schooling has drawn increased inquiries about enrollment.

That is also the case at neighboring all-boys Catholic school, Brother Rice, which also had the first day of school Wednesday.

However, Brother Rice is unique in that it is only offering in-person classes for its 520 enrolled students.

"We do not have a hybrid plan," Brother Rice President Tom Reidy said, who added there is a virtual plan if the state returns to phase 3 in the pandemic. "The feedback from parents was that they really wanted in-person five days a week."

"We believe the Brother Rice experience is best achieved here on campus, it's so much more than what happens in the classroom."



Nick Aiello teaches an AP U.S. history class to Catholic Central students in-person and virtually.
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Reidy said about 20-25 students have transferred from other schools, seeking that experience, and there was a "dramatic" increase in inquiries, including from families with students currently enrolled in public schools.

Several public schools in the area are returning later this month or in September, with various learning options. In Birmingham, a fully remote start was chosen, much to the dismay of several parents who said they would withdraw their children from the district in favor of in-person learning at a private school.

In addition to Brother Rice and Marian, there are numerous private schools in the area: Detroit Country Day, Cranbrook, Mercy High School in Farmington and Detroit Catholic Central in Novi, and all require fees and annual tuition, which ranges from \$13,500 annually at Brother Rice up to more than \$33,000 per year at Country Day.

Some are already at or near enrollment capacity and placing students on wait lists.

At Detroit Catholic Central, which has 940 students enrolled and offers both a hybrid plan with in-person learning as well as a fully virtual option, there is a wait list.

"With our demographics, we expected to be down

this year (for enrollment)," Director of Admissions Jake Marmul said. "Throw COVID in the mix and we actually did pretty well, based on our projections from the fall. ..."

"We had a spike in interest, especially the first two weeks of August as families saw the full back-to-school plans offered."

Catholic Central will reexamine transfer requests each semester, "keeping a close eye on class sizes to keep social distance in classrooms."

Principal Fr. Patrick Fulton was enthusiastic about the return to school and said in an email that the building was full of energy and excitement.

"We've been truly blessed to have the students back on campus," he wrote. "A school without its students feels quite soulless, and now the lifeblood is pumping again!"

The first day of academic learning at Mercy is set for Aug. 24 with a hybrid learning plan or virtual option in place for the roughly 700 girls who attend the Catholic high school in Farmington Hills.

"For sure there is an increase in interest, the challenge is parents calling and only wanting to have their child come until their school opens," Julie Earle, communications director, said. "The number of those interested could be 300, but 200 asked, 'Can she just come for the month of September?'"

"They have to commit for at least one semester, if not the whole year."

Cranbrook doesn't have its first day of school until Sept. 8, but anyone educated in the school's hybrid plan for 2020-21 would have had to enroll a year ago. The private school with about 1,650 students is taking applications for next year.

Tuition rates vary, up to nearly \$50,000 annually including boarding.

Detroit Country Day Communications Director Laura Korotkin said the school, which is offering in-person learning for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade at a varied tuition schedule, has "definitely" seen an increase in the five-day program and is continuing to accept applications for this school year.

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Extinct elk Cranbrook's rarest animal find

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Cranbrook Institute of Science is open again with a shocking discovery.

The museum in Bloomfield Hills will greet visitors with the rarest paleontology find it has ever hosted: the massive skull of an extinct elk that roamed southeast Michigan roughly 220 years ago, which was discovered in a lake last month.

"It's magnificent," museum Director Mike Stafford said. "We have spent about three weeks preserving it after it's

been on the bottom of a lake for a couple hundred years."

The Eastern elk was discovered in Sullivan Lake near Fenton after it became hooked on the anchor of a swim platform being moved by Michael Bleau and his family.

They brought up the 43-inch wide, 50-inch tall and 24-inch deep skull almost perfectly intact, preserved through two centuries in the water. The antlers have six points on each side.

Cranbrook is happy to provide identification and the age of specimens found by the public, most commonly bones of American mastodons.

The Eastern elk was seen throughout eastern North America prior to being hunted to extinction. The last disappeared from Michigan in 1875 and was declared extinct five years later by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The recently discovered elk dates to about 1800, give or take 30 years. Its age was determined by radiocarbon dating.

The Eastern elk is a close cousin of the Rocky Mountain elk, which was not present in Michigan at the same time. The Eastern elk was a slightly larger animal.

Stafford speculates that the Eastern elk now at Cranbrook may have met its demise by getting stuck in the muck while drinking from the lake. The adult bull, which would have weighed up 1,000 pounds and stood up to 5 feet tall at the shoulders, could have also broken through the



Max Hella, an exhibit technician for Cranbrook Institute of Science, poses with the skull of an extinct Eastern elk, recently discovered at the bottom of a Fenton lake. The skull is the rarest paleontology find for Cranbrook to work on.
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ice while crossing the lake and drowned. There is no damage on the skull that would suggest the elk met its end at the hands of a human.

Stafford is sure more of the elk's skeleton is in the lake. A lifelong diver, he has considered a possible search to see if he can find more bones sticking up from the sediment.

Conservationists at the museum soaked the skull in Acrisol, a chemical which will harden the bones as they dry. The specimen, which the Bleaus have not yet named but have loaned to the museum until at least Jan. 1, will be ready for viewing when the mu-

seum reopens to visitors after a lengthy shutdown due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"The elk has phenomenal curb appeal," Stafford said. "It's a snapshot in time, to help people understand that Michigan and the whole Great Lakes are constantly changing, there's an enormous amount of diversity in living creatures here now and in the past. I hope it triggers them to think of their role in protecting what the natural history of Michigan is and could be, and become more attached to the place they are from."

The Cranbrook Institute of Science reopened to members Aug. 19 and opens to the general public Aug. 26. All guests will receive free general admission through Sept. 6 courtesy of MASCO Corporation Foundation. For more information, visit science.cranbrook.edu.

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The Garden City location of Orin Jewelers was pretty busy Aug. 11 as customers checked out the store's closing sale.

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Longtime jewelry store closing after 67 years in Garden City

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Downtown Garden City looks a lot different now than it did in 1965, but one constant has been Orin Jewelers, which has sold diamonds and precious metals at the corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt for decades.

But even that will change soon: the family behind the business located at 29317 Ford Road has decided to close its Garden City location later this year, leaving decades of memories in a building that formerly housed the city offices.

"It's like the most difficult decision I've ever had to make," said Orin Mazzoni Jr., whose father opened the business in Garden City when he came to Michigan from West Virginia back in 1953. "Our history is here and we've spent many years on this corner."

The shop formerly operated in a small building where the McDonald's currently under construction is on the southwest corner of the intersection.

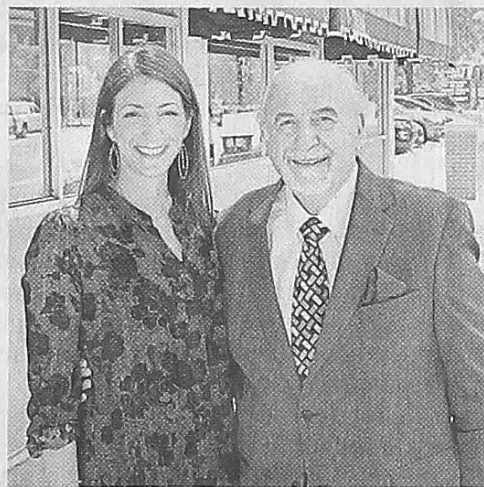
Mazzoni's parents, Orin Sr., and Mary Mazzoni, moved the shop across the street in 1965 to the former city hall building that also housed the National Bank of Detroit, and have sold jewelry to several generations of families since. Mazzoni took over the business in 1969 when his father retired.

The decision to close, Mazzoni said, is one of pure personal choice and not related to the coronavirus pandemic. The decision has been discussed among the family for several months and Mazzoni said it carries a lot of emotion for him.

"It was a business decision that I had to make and probably if I just made business decisions, I would have made it sooner," said Mazzoni, who now lives in Farmington Hills. "But because my heart was involved, it took a long time for me to say, 'I have to do it.'"

Northville shop staying open

Orin Jewelers will remain open in downtown Northville at 101 E. Main St., where it has operated since 1983. There, Mazzoni's daughter, Antoinette Kramar, will take the lead.



Orin Jewelers owner Orin Mazzoni Jr. and his daughter, Antoinette Kramar.

"We need time together for me to learn everything that I need to learn," she said.

That space will actually grow a bit, Kramar said: the shop will expand into the space formerly occupied by Spice and Tea Merchants, which recently moved to a new location on Main Street.

Making the move to operate just one shop was in the best interest in keeping the business viable moving forward, Mazzoni said.

"As we all know, time goes on," he said. "The best thing to make sure Orin Jewelers would continue for the future was to consolidate."

There's no definitive closing date for the shop; it will remain open so long as there is inventory. Items such as watches, necklaces, rings and earrings are up to 70% off at the Garden City shop. The shop is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Having those personal relationships with longtime customers has made his work the most enjoyable, Mazzoni said. He's sold class rings and engagement rings to children of customers as they grow up, forging a special connection in the community.

"We have a lot of families here that are now working on their third and fourth generation," he said. "A lot of people have been in. They're sad that we're closing, but they understand why we're

doing it and they're very supportive."

'I'm so happy for him'

One of those people sad to see the shop close is Kim Dold, the director of the Garden City Downtown Development Authority. She said it was bitter-sweet to see the iconic business begin to close its doors.

"I got tears in my eyes. ... Obviously we don't want to lose Orin's, it's an icon in Garden City," she said. "But, I'm so happy for him. He can take some time and enjoy life."

While Dold is sad the shop will close, she's confident something will eventually move in that will keep the downtown area moving forward.

"It's our busiest intersection," she said. "I would imagine that it won't take that long to get somebody in there."

The connection to Garden City runs deep for Mazzoni, who has helped with scholarships for students at Garden City High School and been involved with the DDA and other organizations, as well as the Michigan Retailers Association. Having spent so much time in the city, he's going to miss serving the community that's been so special to him for so long.

"We want to make sure we thank the people in Garden City and customers that made us successful," he said. "We hope we're going to be able to take care of them and the generations to come in Northville."

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Westland man accused of killing his Wayne father

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A 25-year-old Westland man is accused of stabbing his father to death.

Flem Stiltner IV was arraigned Aug. 12 with first-degree homicide, first-degree home invasion and tampering with evidence because of the death of Flem Stiltner III, 48, of Wayne.

Prosecutors said the younger Stiltner fatally stabbed his father in the 4400 block of South John Hix Road on Aug. 9 before placing him in the bed of his pickup truck and driving to another location.

At about 10:15 a.m. that day, Michigan State Police troopers began their investigation because the father's corpse had been found in a pickup truck near Belleville Lake in Van Buren Township.

State police troopers and Wayne police officers identified the son as the suspected killer and he was taken into custody.

He is scheduled to appear in Wayne's District Court later this month.

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Face masks donated to Wayne County children

About 25,000 Wayne County schoolchildren will receive protective face masks through a \$200,000, two-part donation from Ballmer Giving, LLC of Bellevue, Washington.

Wayne County Commissioners unanimously approved the donation Aug. 6.

"This is a wonderful gift and we are very grateful to receive it," Commission Chair Alisha Bell said.

Under the grant, \$100,000 will be used to acquire face masks for children in kindergarten through eighth grade who live in low-income areas of Dearborn, Ecorse, Garden City, Inkster, Hamtramck, Highland Park, River Rouge, Romulus and Westland. Masks will be distributed at designated sites in each community.

An additional \$100,000 will be used to promote the Save-A-Life Program for convalescent plasma donation as a treatment for COVID-19.

The Ballmer Giving grant is administered through the Goldman Sachs Philanthropy Fund.

Ballmer Giving, LLC was created by former Microsoft CEO and current Los Angeles Clippers owner Steve Ballmer, a Detroit-area native.

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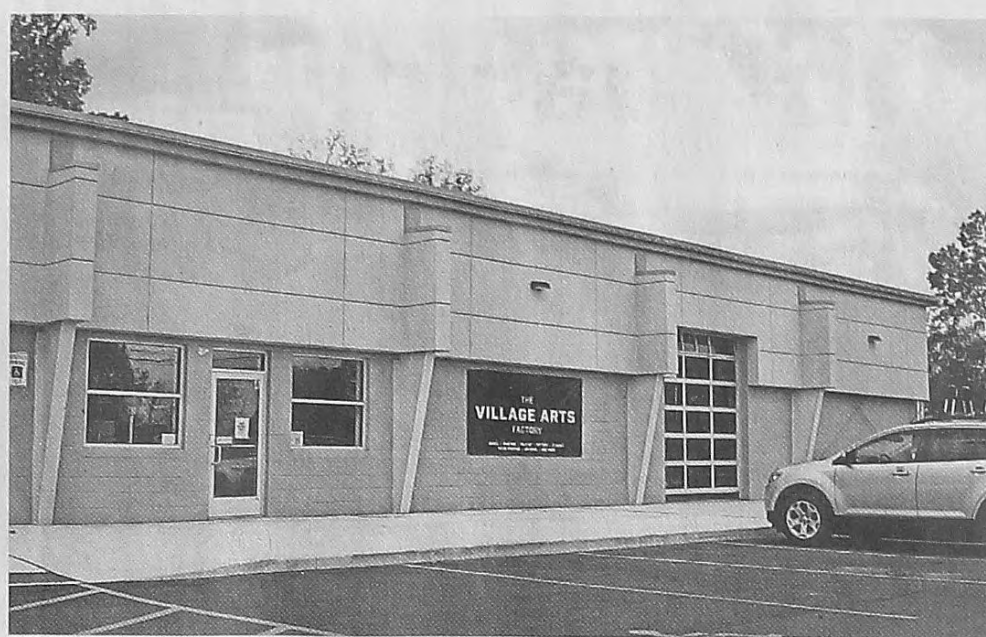
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Sharon Czekala pours a soap base into a mold at Village Arts Factory in Canton. Czekala, who owns Science + Lyes, a soap and cosmetic making workshop, teaches soap-making classes there. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The Village Arts Factory is located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road.



Cherry Hill Potters Guild President Beth Hazen, of Plymouth, talks about how renting space at the Village Arts Factory warehouse has worked for the group.

Arts

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The opening of the warehouse portion of the campus was completed in March, but because of the coronavirus pandemic, it wasn't until July that most tenants began to move in, said Jill Engel, executive director of the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

"It's very exciting," she said. "We had people over there just this past week that said they were astonished."

The warehouse is home to private businesses, including photographers and art designers, as well as the Cherry Hill Potters Guild, the site's first tenant to sign a lease several years back.

Beth Hazen, president of the Cherry Hills Potters Guild, said the new space is a great expansion, especially for the amount of sunlight that comes in through the large windows on the north side of the building.

"A lot of times, we don't even need to

turn the lights on," said Hazen, a Plymouth resident. "We have so much natural light. We like the idea of sharing the space with other artists so we can collaborate ... on ideas and on shows or sales."

The Village Arts Factory also hopes to serve as a beacon for the arts for area schoolchildren. Several tenants plan to offer in-person courses designed for students once a week. More information on this initiative can be found at villageartsfactory.com/homeschool.

Finally becoming a reality

The site has been in the works since it was purchased at auction by the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities back in 2012. The group has worked for eight years to bring its vision to life.

Also completed is a veterans dormitory, which will house several veterans on a transitional basis. The dormitory dates back to the days of Henry Ford, who also had veterans housing in the space.

Still in the works is the old factory. Engel said no tenant has been named yet for the space, though there's been interest. She said any group that leases the space would be arts-related. Having such a focus, Engel said, is crucial for the site in making it a destination.

"We wanted it to be somewhere that people will come to Cherry Hill Village," she said. "We wanted to create this arts district so that people will come from ... all over the area."

Former Ford factory

The land was used by Ford in the 1940s as the last of his village industry, which manufactured parts for vehicles. The factory stopped producing parts in 1945 and the property was purchased and used by several businesses until the mid-2000s.

Czekala's classes range from sessions for younger people using a soap base to bath bombs. The space currently can accommodate four guests to stay within mandates to reduce capacity be-

cause of the pandemic.

She said she's gotten a good response since beginning to offer classes in her space this summer, with time slots filling up into September.

"I think people are starting to find us and notice that we're here, which is good," she said. "I was concerned about how many people were willing to do classes in the age of COVID, but it doesn't seem to be an issue right now, so that's good."

Engel said while the project has taken big steps forward, there's still plenty to be done on the property. Those looking to donate to the cause can do so by visiting villageartsfactory.com.

"Many residents who do live in the area think it's a township-owned amenity. They don't realize a nonprofit owns it," she said. "It's interesting the perceptions when you share and people don't realize everything like that."

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Clerks

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I'm going to be putting in."

In preparation for November, Nash is buying two more absentee ballot tabulators, giving her six to use on Election Day. If all goes smoothly, she hopes to be done by 1-2 a.m. the day after voters head to the polls. But if hurdles arise and results take days to come in, Nash and her election workers may be working in shifts so people can sleep.

In August, Livonia had 10 absentee ballots that could have been counted arrive late in the mail. Nash said most uncounted ballots she received were postmarked too late.

No matter what happens, Nash said she's thankful and confident in the help her city's administration continues to give her during every election.

"I consider myself a lucky clerk because I do have the support of the mayor, the council, the treasurer, everybody," she said.

Farmington Hills

For various reasons, Oakland County has long been known to finish counting ballots before neighboring Wayne County. True to that tradition, Farmington Hills Clerk Pam Smith said she had things wrapped up by 10 p.m. Aug. 4.

"We planned," she said. "We doubled our teams and we planned for receiving about 20,000 ballots. So we knew when they started coming back and we had

received about 18,000 we would be in pretty good shape with that."

Election workers in Farmington Hills were able to process nearly all absentee ballots voters sent their way. Smith said the city received roughly 60 ballots in the mail after Election Day, but most were postmarked after Aug. 4.

While Smith has increased her number of full-service tabulators from two to four in preparation for more absent voters, she thinks buying more equipment isn't the answer.

Smith would like to see the state legislature give clerks more leeway to process absentee ballots before Election Day. As it stands, cities must wait until polls open on Election Day to start processing ballots.

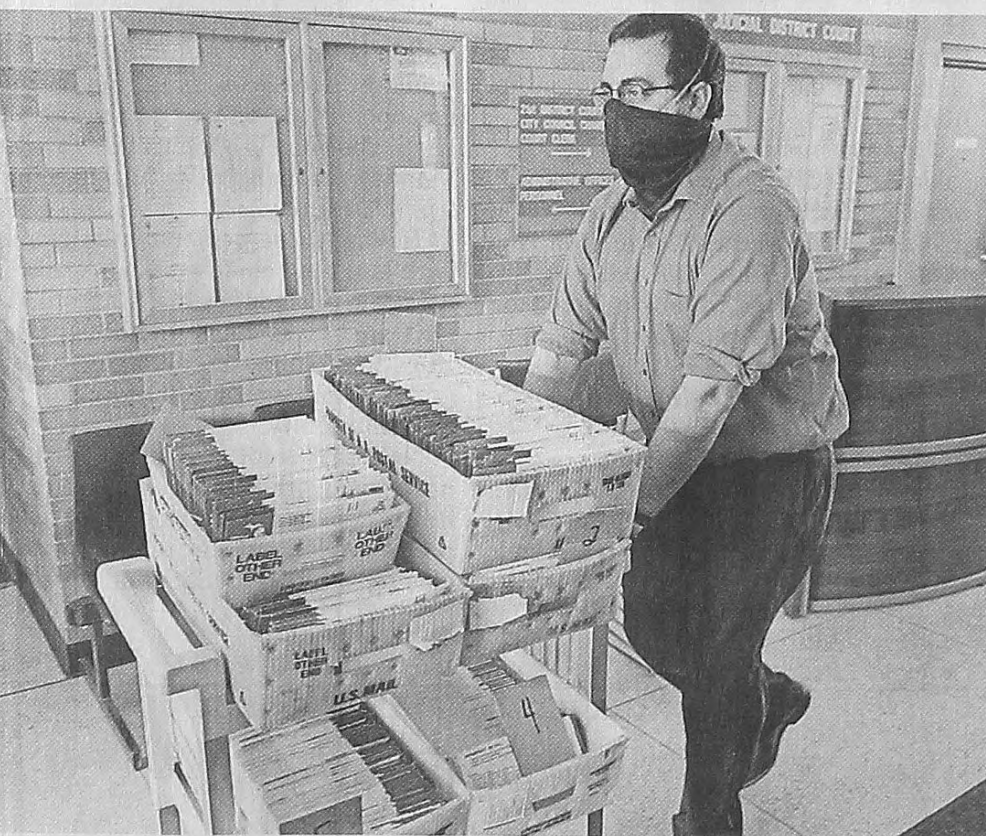
"Clerks really need more time and ... we've been trying to get change and we're going to keep pushing for that," she said.

Bloomfield Township

In Bloomfield Township on Aug. 4, more than twice as many absentee ballots, 12,666, were cast as those at the precincts, 5,030.

The absentee ballots in this primary totaled more than all the votes cast in the 2016 August election, which had 5,426 absentee and 5,691 at precincts.

Township Clerk Jan Roncelli said the coronavirus pandemic and the applications sent by the Secretary of State to all voters contributed to the large number of absentee ballots. Her office increased part-time staff and part-time hours to manage the volume in a timely manner.



Election worker Jordan Smellip carts some of the nearly 4,000 vote-by-mail ballots Garden City received for the school bond election May 5. City hall was open that day for in-person voting as well. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"The challenge of counting ballots in one night was overwhelming," Roncelli wrote in an email. "The Michigan Senate is still holding up legislation to allow clerks to open the ballots on the day before the election, with tabulation limited to Election Day."

Roncelli also had numerous ballots returned to her office after election day,

more than 100 of which were postmarked from July 27-30.

Clerks in Plymouth and Canton townships did not respond to requests for information.

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Obituaries

Richard B. ("Dick") McGlenn

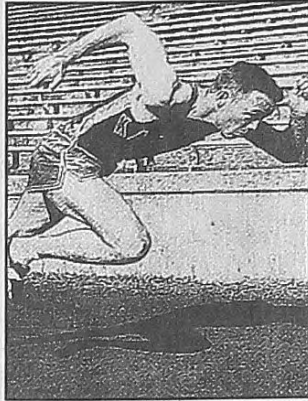
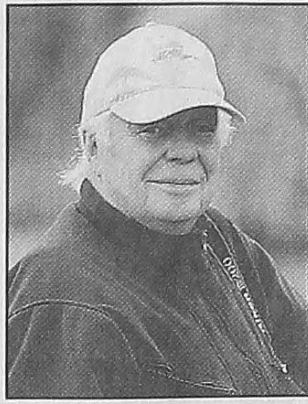
PLYMOUTH - Richard B. ("Dick") McGlenn, 88, passed away at his home in Plymouth, Michigan on August 8th 2020.

He was born on April 20, 1932 in Leavenworth, Kansas as the third-born son of Louise (O'Leary) and Edward McGlenn. He grew up in Leavenworth and married his high school sweetheart, Elaine Kubicki. They were married for 66 years and had eight children, 16 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

His early childhood coincided with the days of the Great Depression. Despite this, he enjoyed a boyhood of great freedom, growing up along the banks of the Missouri river, where he swam and spent time with his family and friends. He was a voracious reader, who was often seen in the Leavenworth library, where he proceeded to read every book on loan to children under the age of eighteen. His lifelong commitment to equal rights and democracy manifested itself early, when, as a youngster, he defiantly crossed segregation barriers to swim and play ball with his racially diverse friends.

As a youth, he proved to be an exceptionally gifted and graceful runner, who, in his senior year at Immaculata High School, tied the Kansas prep record for the 100-yard dash of 9.8 seconds at the K.U. Interscholastic meet. In the same year he ran the 220-yard dash in an astonishing 21.3 seconds during the Kansas State track finals. He was also an inspired basketball and football player, celebrated by fans and feared by opponents for running end-around plays without ever being touched due to his agility and lightning speed. After graduating from Immaculata High School in 1951, he was one of the most sought-after athletes when he started his studies at the University of Kansas where he received a double-header scholarship (Outland Club, NROTC). In 1953, the K.U. Sprint Medley team, of which he was a member, set a new world record at the Texas Relays of 3:21:8, for which he was inducted into the University of Kansas Athletics Hall of Fame in 2008. He attended Kansas University until he joined the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, thereafter, returning with his wife and first-born son to Leavenworth.

He taught himself finance and accounting, from which he formed his very



successful career. In February 1957, he joined Bendix in Detroit, Michigan, following his brother, Ed, there. In 1962, he graduated from the University of Detroit and was awarded a BPhil having majored in History with a minor in Philosophy. He worked at Bendix for 28 years, until his retirement in February 1985 as a finance executive. A few days later, he joined Taubman company, and retired as SVP, Treasurer in January 1998.

Throughout his life, he remained a person of considerable intellectual vivacity, always open to the pursuit of knowledge and with a particular interest in history. Often, he read several books at a time and was deeply engaged with current affairs and history in the making. His commitment to justice and belief in human rights translated into engagement with the Democratic party in the 60s and 70s in support of Civil Rights amendments and against the Vietnam War. From early in his career onwards, he advocated for and hired women and racial minorities. In 2007, he marched in Washington to protest against the US-led invasion of Iraq. Throughout the last two decades, he hosted a blog, themcglenn.com, his platform for safeguarding our Democracy through the dissemination of information and the preservation of the right to dissent.

His second home was on the "holy waters" of the Au Sable River where he found his greatest peace with a fly rod in hand and a handtied fly. Fly-fishing had long been in his family and, for him, it was a way of communing with nature, a grounding experience that he would pass on to all his children and grandchildren.

He loved his large family and bringing the members together. He especially loved holidays with his large family, and his children remember overflowing gifts beneath the Christmas tree. He and Elaine hosted unforgettable Thanksgivings and summer family reunions which he called 'The Gathering.' His favorite toast, "To Family!"

Dick is survived by his wife, Elaine, 8 children (Stephen, Paula, Mark, Richard, Maureen, David, Daniel and Eileen), 16 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and his brothers (Bill and Bob). He was preceded in death by his brother Ed and sister Mary (Datwyler).

In celebration of the life of Richard B. McGlenn, a man of his own kind, a true liberal and freethinker, autodidact, poet, celebrator of friendship and of humanity, gentle guardian and great provider of family, stalwart responder to those in need and peace activist, we welcome your support of the following charities: Amnesty International and Southern Poverty Law Center

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.

HEENEY-SUNDQUIST



Mary Lynn Cundiff

LOUISVILLE, KY - Mary Lynn Cundiff, 76, formerly of Louisville, passed away peacefully at the Villages Regional Hospital, The Villages, FL on August 6, 2020.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Ratterman Funeral Home, 3711 Lexington Road, St. Matthews, Louisville, KY 40207. Please visit www.RattermanBrothers.com to view obituary and to leave online condolences.

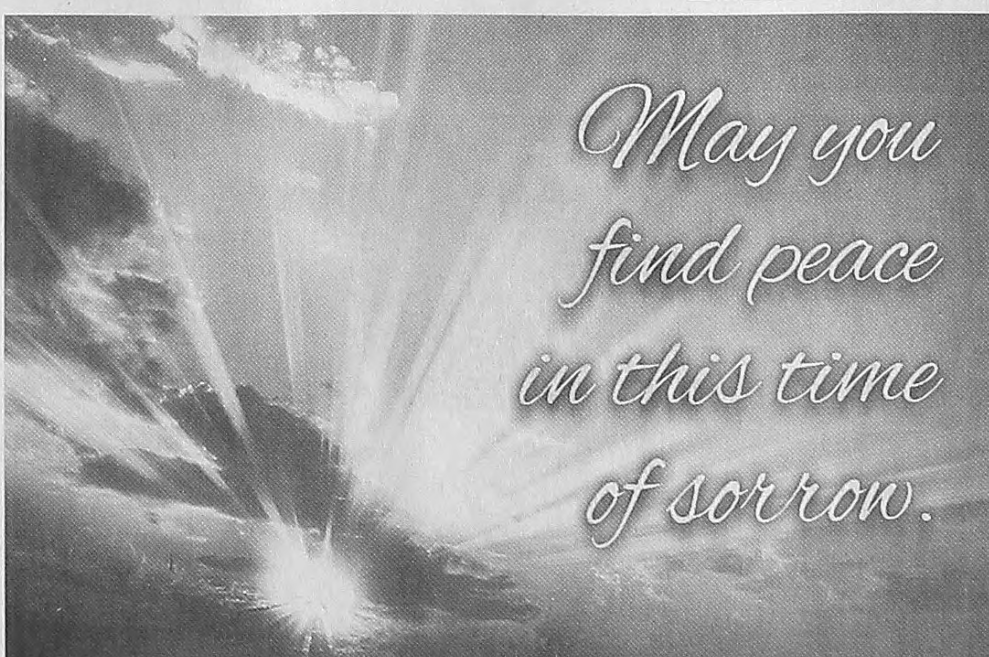
Janet "Jan" Gerish

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



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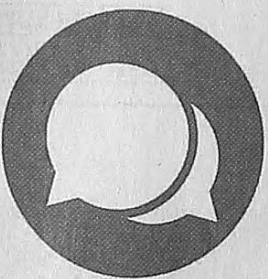
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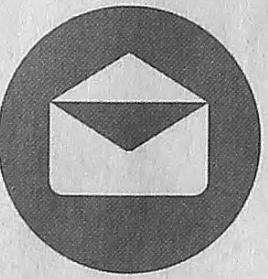
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SPORTS

Brother Rice football coach on postponed season: 'Wool put over eyes'

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Brother Rice was preparing Friday, Aug. 14, to play football in 2020.

Head coach Adam Korzeniewski was adamant about preparing for the Warriors' Aug. 27 game against Utica Eisenhower, challenging his players to be 100 percent focused on that game, and not anything else.

"We were all in," he said.

As the Michigan High School Athletic Association deliberated regarding a fall football season in the midst of COVID-19, Brother Rice, like many teams across the state, was still practicing, still following protocols like taking players' temperatures, wearing masks, remaining socially distant, sanitizing weights after use.

To senior Rocco Milia, he was still in awe, after months of isolation, after months of Zoom meetings and Google document workouts, that the team was back together, preparing for what could be.

"I didn't think we would be out here right now," Milia said. "It's definitely a blessing that we are because what's going on in the world right now is terrible.

"No, I did not expect to be out here, but being out here is great, and hopefully we continue to stay out here and have a season."

This was Friday morning.

Friday afternoon changed everything.

At 4 p.m., the MHSAA announced the Michigan high school football season would be postponed to the spring, with more information and guidance regarding format and scheduling coming at a later date.

Korzeniewski was not surprised by the announcement. But from what he had been told, from what his approach had been through the first five days of practice, he was angry with the decision made.

"I feel like the wool was put over the eyes," Korzeniewski said. "When people are saying that the MHSAA ... people say that they were communicating clearly, I don't think they were at all. I think they put out so many pieces that were contradictory and unclear."

Korzeniewski's main question out of this decision is simple: What changed?

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Livonia Stevenson varsity soccer coach Ken Shingledecker addresses his team on Monday after a practice about their hoped-for season opener on Aug. 22 against Northville. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

THE WAITING GAME



Since starting practice, Shingledecker said his players have been excited to return to the field, competing in actual soccer drills while also following the guidelines put in place.

Stevenson prepares for season ahead of MHSAA decision

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Stevenson boys soccer head coach Ken Shingledecker thinks he knows what the status of his season will be when the Michigan High School Athletic Association makes its decision Wednesday.

He thinks the association will limit people, try and limit contact scenarios - spreading players out along the sideline and in the bleachers - and continuing the pre-practice screening protocols.

More importantly, Shingledecker expects there will be soccer played in the fall.

"I feel like if they were going to shut it

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Nothing seemed normal about football in 2020



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High school football in the spring was never meant to happen.

It almost seems as though football was created for Friday nights in October, as the leaves changed and the temperature dropped. Football was meant to be played in the times of spooky masks and pumpkin spiced lattes.

Not in 2020.

With the coronavirus turning the world upside down since March, Michigan high school sports were just one

measly victim of a sweeping pandemic, shutting down businesses and closing schools.

COVID-19 changed everything.

Even as practices began at the start of August, seemingly pleading for some semblance of normalcy, players and coaches, while doing things they always did - from lifting weights to running - appeared to look at it through different lenses.

Instead of taking each practice as one step in a long journey to reach the pinnacle of high school football in the state - hoisting a trophy at the 50-yard line of Ford Field - players and coaches were using language of a fleeting pleasure.

"We're blessed to say we were able to play and still see each other and hang out

with each other," Plymouth senior cornerback Justin McNeil said.

While the focus on the surface level still seemed to be the standards - getting better each and every day, staying focused on who we will play Week 1 - the message was one of reminiscence, one of remembrance.

It's the ideas that come to mind when an alumni returns to their old stomping grounds: remembering the wins, the losses, the friends, the enemies, the speeches heard, the speeches given.

The idea of brotherhood.

Players and coaches saw it coming. They watched as the Big Ten, the Mid-American Conference and the Pac-12

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Decision pending for fall sports

The Michigan High School Athletic Association said it planned on announcing a decision earlier this week on fall sports, particularly boys soccer and volleyball. The MHSAA previously announced it is postponing football from fall to spring 2021.

That announcement was not made before this edition was sent to press. Local high school teams continued to practice ahead of the decision as they prepare for the fall sports season, COVID-19 style.

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FOOTBALL

Area teams react to postponed season

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As South Lyon football players stretched, ready to start their fifth day of padded football practice, head coach Jeff Henson heard the news from his coaching staff: The season was postponed.

The Michigan High School Association announced Aug. 14 that high school football in the state would be moved to the spring.

The Lions had just taken their season team photo, a moment capturing a level of optimism when every team has a 0-0 record, before taking the field to end the week.

Henson could not break the news to his team then.

"We thought we would finish up practice today, have a good time with them and then break the news after," Henson said.

For football teams across metro Detroit, the MHSAA's announcement was not one of surprise. It was only recently they watched the Big Ten and the Mid-American Conference shut down football in favor of ramping up training for a potential spring season.

But this did not suppress the level of disappointment for young players who have been conditioning and training for the past two months.

"This week of practice was getting them back to somewhat of a normal routine," Stevenson head football coach Randy Micallef said. "Watching their interactions with each other, their interactions with us as coaches, it was the closest we have had to a normal pattern of days since mid-March.

"My heart just kind of went out to them."

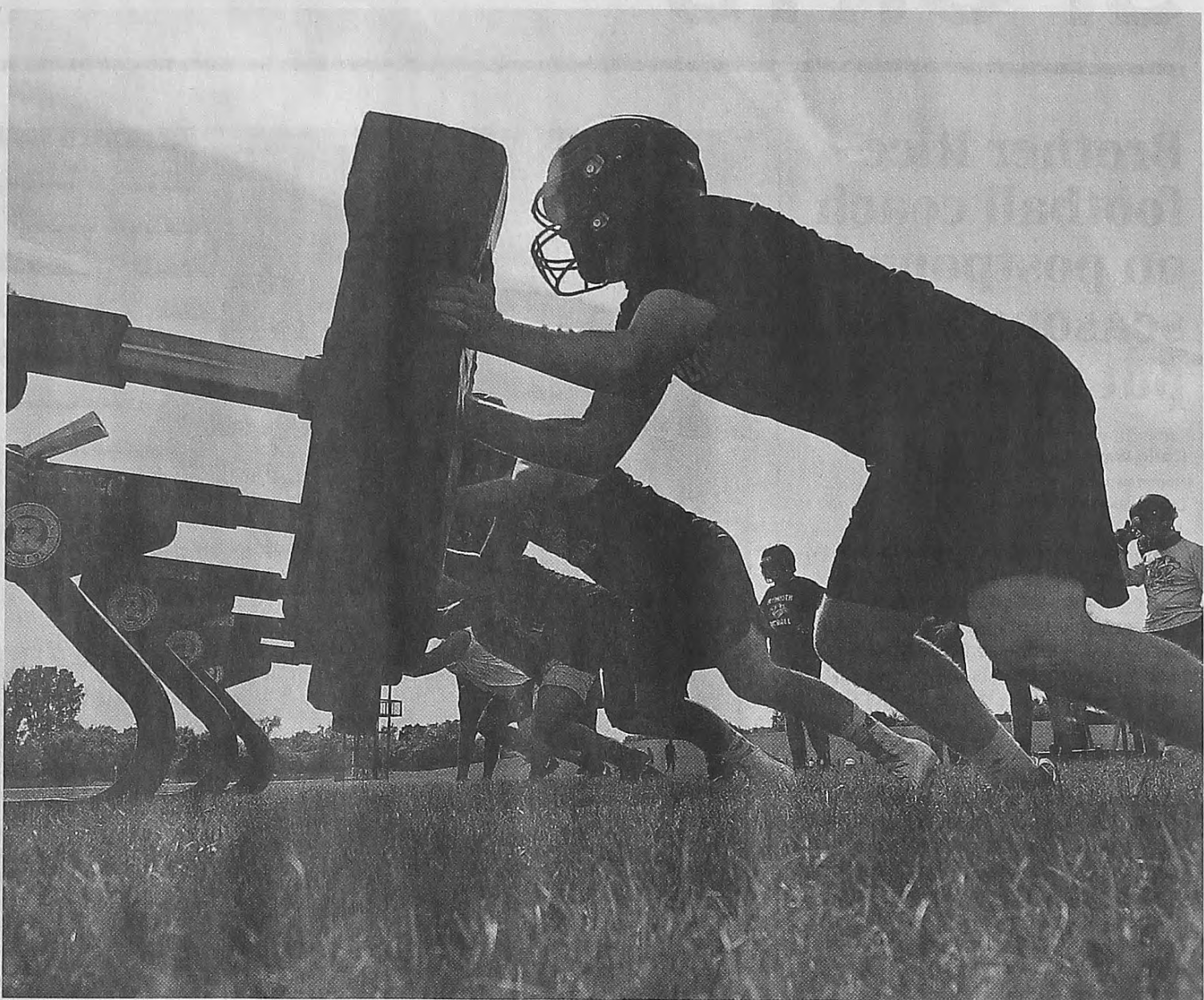
Novi Athletic Director Brian Gordon said his decision was not a shock, no matter how different the high school and college leagues are.

"Player safety, coaches safety and wellness is always a top priority. The optics of high school football running would not be a good one when everything around us is shutting down," Gordon said. "Even though we know that high school sports and college sports are substantially different in so many different ways, it seems like it would be the right thing to do based on the logistics of everything that could happen in football."

North Farmington head coach Jon Herstein found out about the news on a water break, hearing the latest from the MHSAA while players were on the sideline, urging on another to check their Twitter feeds.

"Nothing's for certain yet, just like it was coming into the fall," Herstein said he told his team. "All we can do is control what we can control, which is to continue to prepare, continue to do things the right way."

"We thought we had a good camp, thought the team had shown some real



Plymouth Wildcat linemen hit the blocking sled during a practice Aug. 13. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"The one positive is that football will still be played. Obviously our kids and coaches, everybody, no matter how positive you try to be, is going to be affected and a little bummed out."

Aaron Babicz

Detroit Catholic Central athletic director

improvements. I felt that we were starting to come together a little bit."

A Birmingham Seaholm player showed head coach Jim DeWald during the team's own five-minute water break, and his emotions could not be held back when he addressed his team.

"My heart literally sank," DeWald said. "Truthfully, I was kind of welling up a little bit because I just think it's sad. I think we are doing a disservice to our kids. We need football. We need sports. We need normalcy. We have been doing a great job of social distancing and doing everything we possibly can just to have it canceled.

"It's very frustrating."

The MHSAA said more information regarding a specific fall schedule and format for an unprecedented return to play will be released at a later date. The association will try and limit overlap of

spring football and traditional spring sports.

This is one positive that Detroit Catholic Central Athletic Director Aaron Babicz is taking: No matter how different the season would be, football is still alive in the 2020-21 school year.

"The one positive is that football will still be played," Babicz said. "Obviously our kids and coaches, everybody, no matter how positive you try to be, is going to be affected and a little bummed out.

"We followed every protocol to a T, hammered out details since June 8. We were blessed enough not to have any contact with the virus. I told the kids if they towed the line and did the right thing they would have an opportunity, and we still have that opportunity."

South Lyon East head football coach Joe Pesci was scheduled to lead his team in its final practice of the week Friday evening. Instead, he will lead a meeting giving his players closure on this part of the season with a focus on what is next and the expectations for them moving forward.

"Depending on what the state will allow us to do in the fall, we wouldn't mind being able to have a couple of nights where we could still get the kids out here

to put them through some conditioning and training type stuff," Pesci said. "We're obviously not going to have access to the building right now, and even in December, January, February, if we can get back into the building we got six basketball teams going and any sort of gym time just to start working out stuff is pretty tough."

Herstein says he wants to continue to train his players in the fall and winter months, but does not know when the spring season will fall, especially with many players on his roster playing important roles on the North Farmington basketball team.

Micallef knows that the players – the underclassmen, the seniors – are in a rough spot, just like they have been since high school sports shut down March 12.

Uncertainty remains for players, but to Micallef, their attitudes will remain great because, he said, they always are.

"One of the kids just sent me a text that said, 'Coach, it just means we have more opportunities to get better before the season starts,'" Micallef said.

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Brother Rice

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"What is it? Put it out there," Korzeniewski said. "You've got a feeling you were going to cancel this or what are you basing this on? Are there numbers that spiked specifically to the college football or high school football environment? What are you basing this on, because, right now, nobody knows.

"Right now, it feels pretty subjective."

In the MHSAA's release, executive director Mark Uyl said after talking with the Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office, state health department officials, member schools and members of the representative council, that there was "too much uncertainty and too many unknowns" to play football in the fall.

"No one is willing to take the risk of COVID being passed on because of a high-risk sport," Uyl said. In the statement. "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."

Korzeniewski said he still had not found the words to say to his team Friday after the announcement. There was nothing he could do to fix it, he said. There was nothing he could do to make them feel better.

Their focus was on Utica Eisenhower. His focus was on Utica Eisenhower, and that was the way he wanted to run his practices: zero in on what you can control.

Friday morning was a normal football practice for Brother Rice. The team was



The Brother Rice football team runs a drill during its practice Aug. 14, the last one before the MHSAA announced later that day that the season was postponed to spring 2021. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

not going to wait for guidance from the MHSAA. It was going to grind, going to continue to work until they were told to stop.

"Coach K would tell us, 'Hey, we don't know if we're going to have a season or not. We'll just prepare for it,'" senior running back Tate Kwaiser, who was ineligible last season after transferring from Stoney Creek, said.

"You would hate to be unprepared for when the occasion comes. He would rather have us prepared to not play than to be unprepared for when it comes to playing."

Friday afternoon, the occasion came. But Brother Rice was prepared anyway.

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Gay

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postponed their football seasons. They watched Major League Baseball nearly crumble after coronavirus cases kept teams off the field for weeks.

Players and coaches seemed to be aware that COVID-19 was going to set them back at some point. It seemed inevitable, with some players saying they were surprised to be out on the practice field, to be taking hand offs from quarterbacks.

But the message shifted. The cliché of "treat every practice, every rep like it's your last," became real.

To be honest, high school football in the spring is so unprecedented that I don't see it happening.

There are many questions that remain to be answered:

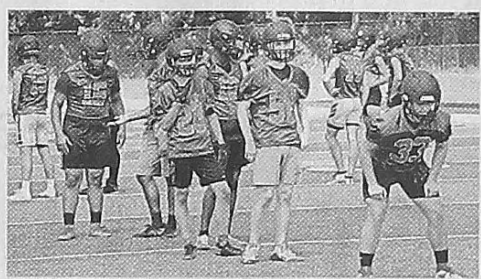
- Will the virus still factor into football being played in the spring?

- Will athletes who play winter sports be able to play football in a time frame the MHSAA said would be before traditional spring sports begin?

- Is it safe for high school athletes to play a shortened football season in the spring, and then turn around and play a full fall season in 2021 like nothing happened?

I don't know. You don't know. The MHSAA does not know.

It's unprecedented. Jeff Henson knew those questions would have to be answered. The South Lyon head coach found out the news about the move from fall to spring right



Livonia Churchill players begin practice for their hopeful 2020 season Aug. 10. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

as he started the last football practice of the first week of normalcy.

Instead of ending the practice then and there, ending this chapter of the football season and returning the players back to a level of uncertainty, he let them play.

"We thought we would finish up practice today, have a good time with them and then break the news after," Henson said.

Teams across metro Detroit had a chance last week to remember football, to remember those Friday nights in October – this time in the scalding heat of August.

In the spring, if the MHSAA's plan goes without a hitch, players and coaches will have a chance to remember those "Friday nights in October" in March.

High school football was never meant to be played in the spring.

But in 2021, I hope it will.

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VOLLEYBALL

North Farmington expects to shine

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Two weeks ago when North Farmington volleyball head coach Mike Love led his team in a weeklong conditioning camp nicknamed Hell Week, he said parents came up to him every day with the same comment:

"Wow, you got my daughter out of bed at 5 o'clock in the morning to be out here for conditioning," Love said the parents told him.

The head coach said the drive has to do with players wanting a sense of normalcy: staying active and preparing for a fall season with their team.

North Farmington, along with teams across the state, is expected to find out the status of the 2020 volleyball season from the Michigan High School Athletic Association in the near future, which has been on the minds of players ever since they returned to the school in July for conditioning.

"That's kind of on all of our minds as players," junior setter Charlotte Warner said. "When we are playing, it's like, make every day count because you never know, with the season, with COVID."

Senior outside hitter Lauren James said she feels there can be a high school volleyball season with proper precautions being made limiting contact and minimizing fans in the stands.

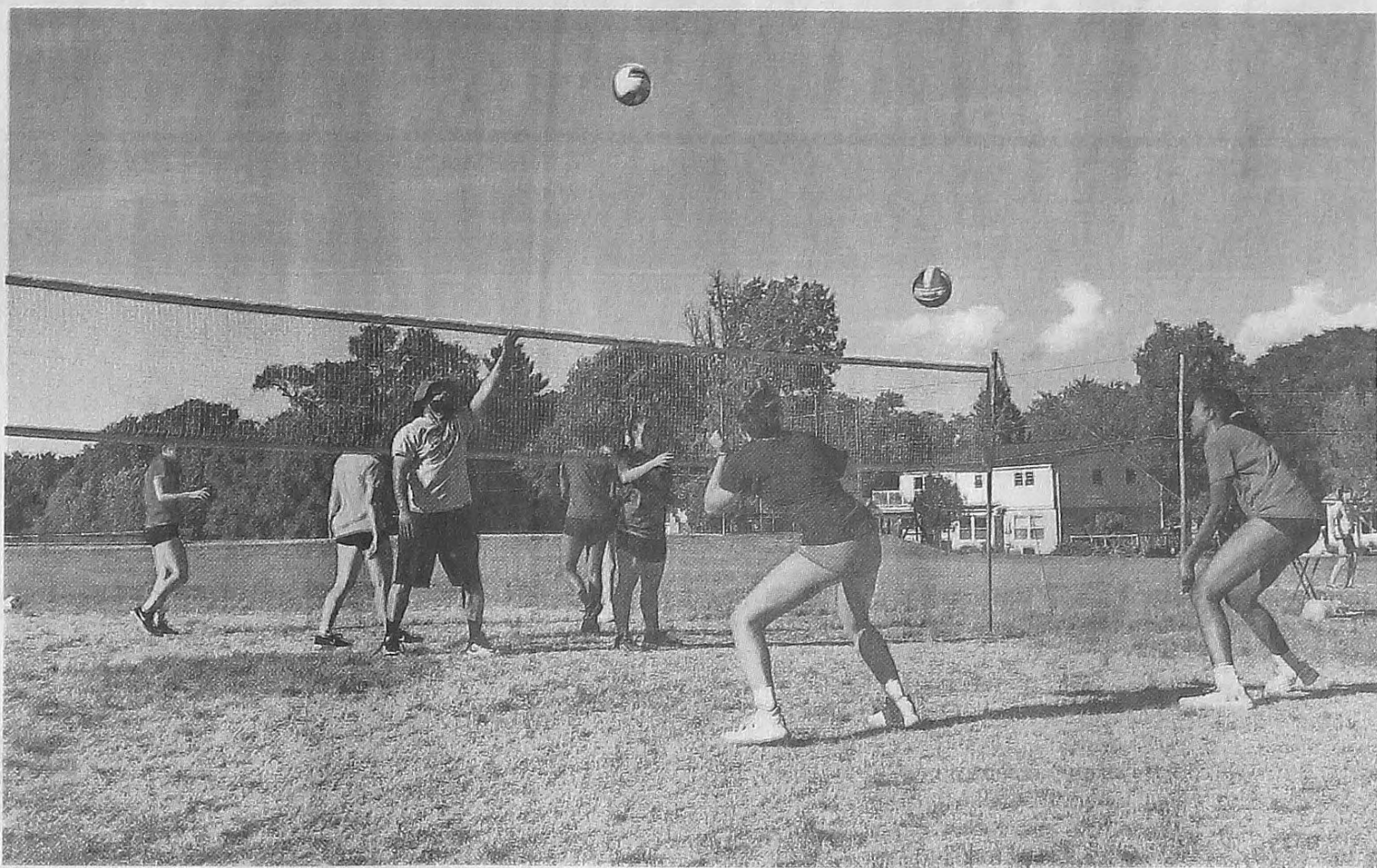
But she also knows that a decision to postpone the season, like how the MHSAA moved football to the spring of 2021, could affect the rest of her North Farmington career.

"Most of us on the team play club volleyball, which starts in December," James said. "So if they move it to the spring, we would have to choose between that, and I know most girls are going to choose playing club."

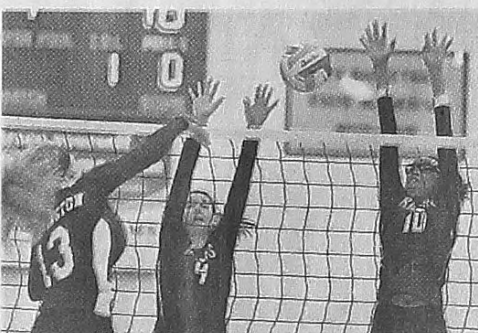
"If we have a season in the spring, I'm not sure if we would have a volleyball team."

The Raiders have spent the past two weeks preparing like they would begin the season Sept. 3 against Rochester Adams. And while the outdoor conditioning may have been normal, volleyball practice outside of the gym has been extremely unusual.

North Farmington has been using auxiliary fields behind the soccer fields at the school. To the players, the grassy surface is not as level and more slippery than the



North Farmington volleyball head coach Mike Love leads his team during a recent practice. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Outside hitter Lauren James, right, and setter Charlotte Warner, center, expect to be two main contributors for the team in 2020, if given the chance. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

indoor courts they are accustomed to, along with a lack of shade making game play susceptible to the outdoor elements.

Even though the team is working outside, trying to pass and set balls despite wind and sunshine, James said the approach to practice does not change.

"Just getting our fundamentals down, because during games that's usually

what counts," James said. "When you have your fundamentals down, you are able just to run stuff."

In Love's first year with the team, the Raiders finished sixth in the Oakland Activities Association White division, winning two of seven contests.

Despite losing seniors like Alyssa Murphy, North Farmington's all-league player from 2019, Warner and James, both all-league honorable mentions, provide a base for the Raiders to storm back in 2020.

Last season, Warner said one struggle for the Raiders was passing the ball and putting the setter in the best position to succeed. In 2020, the junior setter said Amelia Scarchilli, a junior libero, will provide much needed improvement.

Amelia Scarchilli joins the team with her sister Miah, a senior setter, after transferring from Novi Christian Acad-

emy and sitting out the 2019 season. Love said both bring an increased level of energy to the rotation.

Along with the talent, Love feels that players are bringing an intensity to each and every practice, taking it as each rep is a state championship-level rep.

Heading into 2020, North Farmington's confidence is high. If given the chance, the Raiders want to make noise in the OAA.

"Just that intensity that these players bring and give to each other makes them want to be better," Love said. "I feel like we have a great team, (and) as long as we gel together and everybody does their part, we'll be fine."

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Stevenson

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down, why wouldn't they have done it with football?" Shingledecker said on the MHSAA's plan to announce the status of soccer Wednesday. "Maybe I'm wrong, maybe I'm too wishful, but I'm thinking it's going to happen."

MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl said on the Huge Show, a Michigan sports radio show, Monday he expects the season to proceed, but that the matter in question is where to proceed in terms of the schedule.

Stevenson is scheduled to open the season Aug. 22 against Northville.

The Spartans are hoping for a 2020 fall season.

The reigning Kensington Lakes Athletic Association East champions ended the 2019 season in a 1-0 loss to Seaholm in the district semifinal. Now the Spartans want an opportunity to make it even farther in 2020, carrying a roster with many three-year varsity starters, including leading goal-scorer Nick Lema and goalkeeper Brendan Ware.

But while conversations have been had about the talent on the roster, Stevenson's focus is on putting themselves in the best position to actually play a game in 2020 during the coronavirus pandemic.

Since starting practice last week, Shingledecker said his players have been excited to return to the field, competing in actual soccer drills while also following the guidelines put in place.

The head coach noticed he has seen players doing the little things to ensure soccer will be played in 2020, especially after what happened in the spring to their club teams or to their friends on the Stevenson girls soccer team.

"They saw what happened to the girls last year. They are good friends with the girls players and watched all our seniors come out without playing a final game. So these guys can appreciate it," Shingledecker said. "I think the younger guys appreciate what the older guys could be possibly going through, with the season getting canceled or postponed."

"I think they get it a bit more than

maybe people outside this fence."

Stevenson senior midfielder Josh Trage describes himself in the same place as the underclassmen, as the coaching staff, as the entire athletic department: none have really been a part of a global pandemic before.

Trage said it's part of his job, as one of the leaders on the team, to make sure the players are taking each day one step at a time, putting themselves in a position to play soccer.

"When there's something new like this, it's just different," Trage said. "I think we all just adapt, and we are all like, 'This is how it is, and this is how it's going to be. Let's just roll with it.'"

Without a club season, Trage said players are definitely rusty ahead of the scheduled season opener. However, the senior explained that that's what practice is for, why they put in the hours as a team to make sure they are all prepared for whenever the season would begin.

Ware said he saw the rust from the beginning of the first practice, but he is confident in a return to form once games begin.

If Stevenson is allowed to start its season, the goal is simple: win the KLAA East title.

Shingledecker thinks his team is in a prime position to return to that spot in 2020.

"We've got a lot of pluses," Shingledecker said. "We really want this to happen. I think our guys are ready. I'm ready. I think it could be a great year."

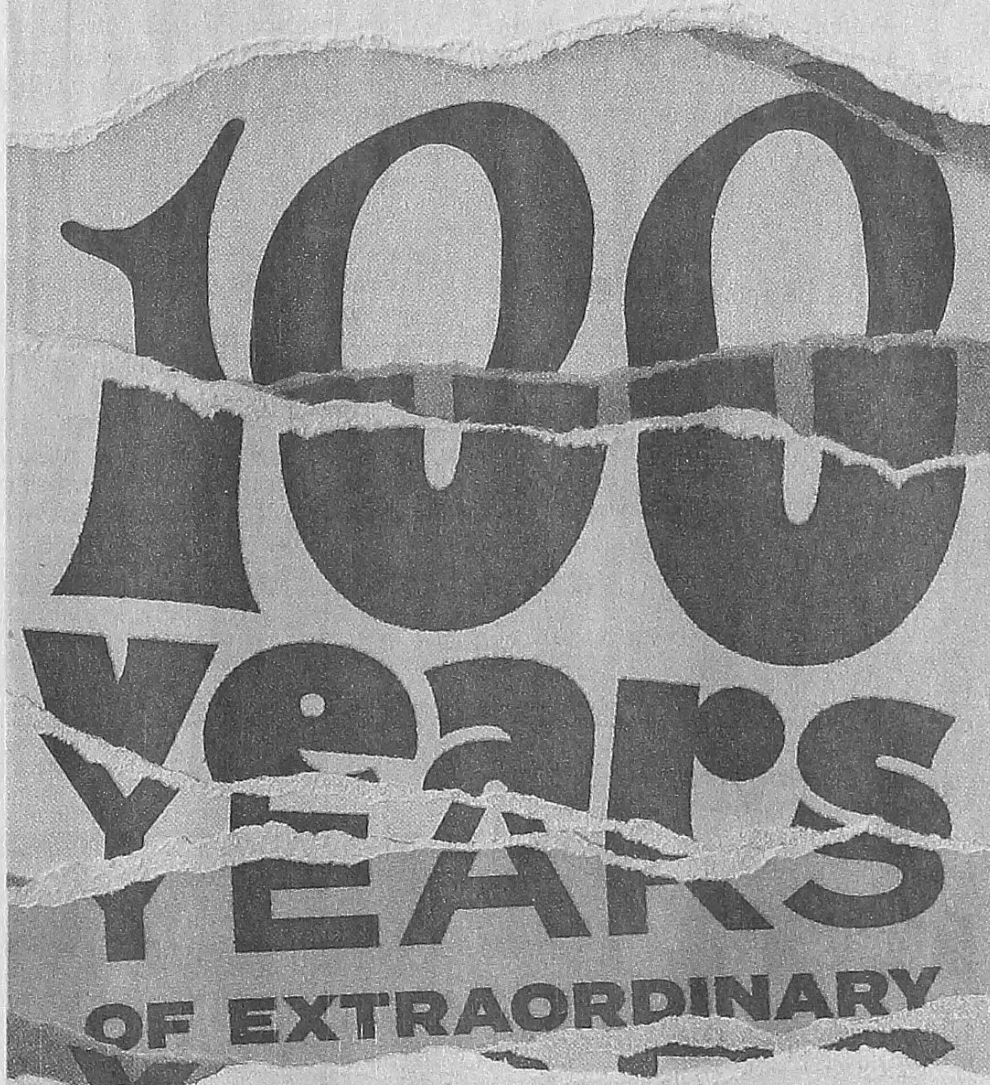
However, days before the MHSAA is expected to make a call on the season as a whole, Spartans players prepared together. Many have played together in clubs and leagues even before they had touched a high school field.

To Ware, no matter if a school season is played, canceled or postponed, COVID-19 has united this group even more.

"We all share the same interest of playing soccer and we all missed it very much," Ware said. "It's just nice that there's a whole group of people coming together to do what they love."

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Maybe you're looking to supplement your full-time income with a side business. Or perhaps you're finished with the 9-to-5 and ready to be your own boss. In either case, coming up with a killer small-business idea is the first step on the path to entrepreneurship.

Focus on your strengths, skills and experience.

You can perform at a higher level earlier on if there's less of a learning curve.

And starting a business that you have passion for gives you a better shot at success and lowers the chances of burn-out. A detailed business plan will help, too.

If you're handy

1. General handyman business

Some people are just good at fixing stuff.

A handyman business helps people with nearly any type of task around the house, from large projects such as kitchen or bathroom remodels to smaller jobs.

- Investment: Depending on where you live and the services offered, you may need to obtain a business license or be registered with your state. The startup costs could run high if you need to purchase tools and a work truck. While word of mouth and referrals are a great way to grow this type of business, advertising may be necessary in the early stages.

- Potential challenges: You risk getting injured on the job, so you'll likely need to get insurance. Low demand for your services due to heavy competition



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or seasonal dips can also pose challenges.

2. Appliance repair

If you have specific experience working on appliances such as washers, dryers and dishwashers, this could be a better business idea for you.

- Investment: Similar to a general handyman business, you'll likely need to purchase a work truck or van and tools to fix appliances, and you may need to get a business license to operate.

- Potential challenges: Insurance is a must with this business, given the risks of injury to yourself or employees, or the

possibility of damaging appliances. You might also face competition from established appliance repair businesses.

If you're tech-savvy

3. Smartphone repair

Experience fixing broken smartphones is required, and you'll need a good marketing strategy to reach customers.

- Investment: If you don't require training, you'll likely only need to purchase some parts and tools to get started, and you can operate the business from your home.

- Potential challenges: You will likely run into serious competition from repair shops and phone provider service programs, such as AppleCare.

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- Potential challenges: This business has plenty of competition, a challenge when you're starting out. You also need to build a strong portfolio of projects to draw in new customers.

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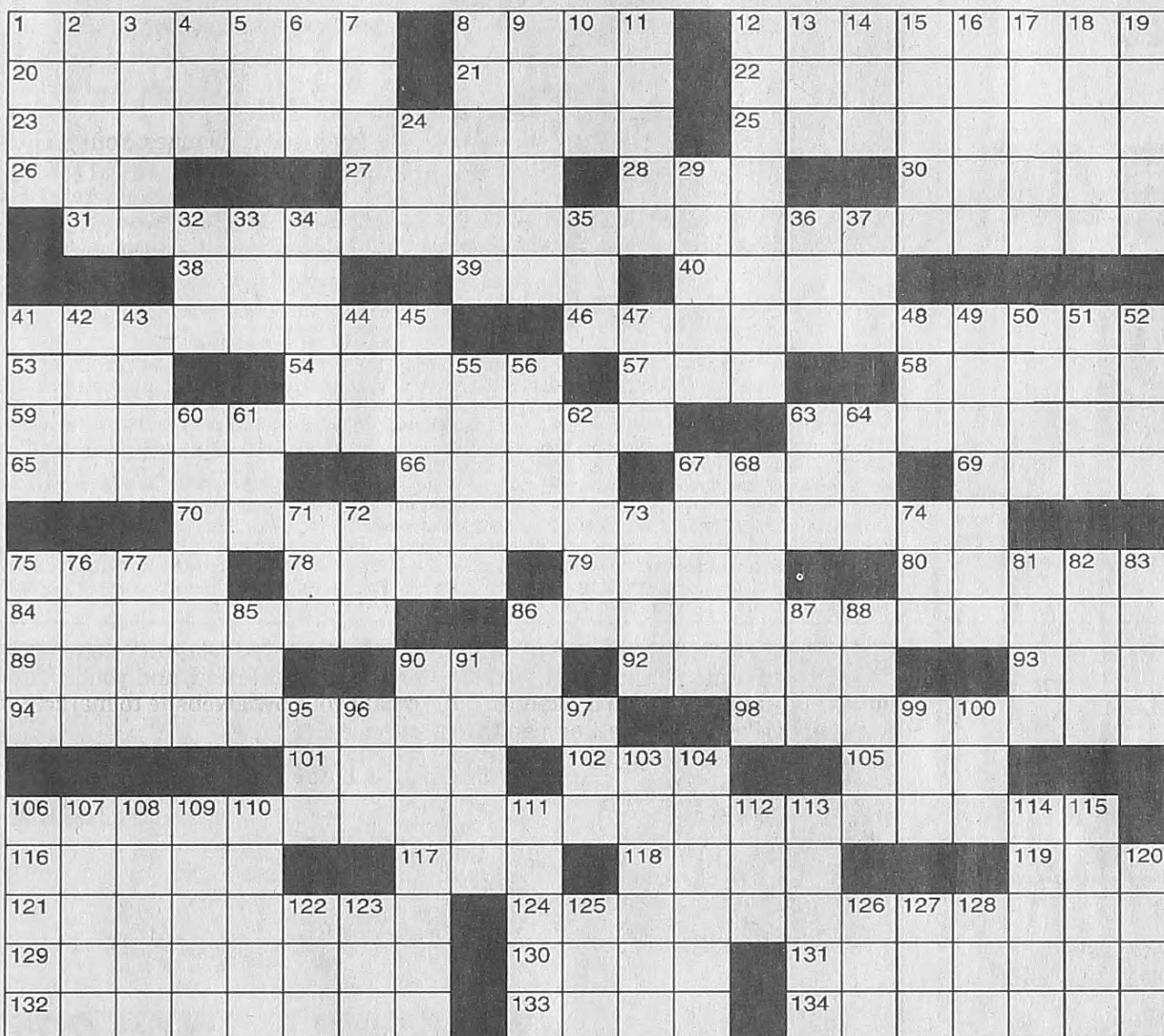
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- 1 Most minuscule
- 8 "The lady — protest ..."
- 12 Subjective newspaper section
- 20 Slightly
- 21 Opera part
- 22 Scrams
- 23 Spicy stew that's so thick it takes more than two people to stir it?
- 25 Commits in confidence
- 26 Mon. follower
- 27 With 75-Down, light-colored pub drinks
- 28 Sticky sealer
- 30 Very mad
- 31 Create the wax figure of the Police's frontman?
- 38 "— be an honor"
- 39 Dinero dispenser
- 40 Glass plate
- 41 Cause of a stuffy nose
- 46 Speed at which a Roman emperor walks?
- 53 Diner dispenser
- 54 Bucolic
- 57 Many '90s music sales
- 58 Auditoriums
- 59 Mailed item containing a bill from a nail salon?
- 63 Replies to irritably
- 65 Imprint
- 66 On the safe side, at sea
- 67 — B'rith
- 69 Skywalker's mentor
- 70 Attach a certain package covering to a corkboard?
- 75 Chorus voice
- 78 A.J. of auto racing
- 79 "Psst" cousin
- 80 Navigate
- 84 In a lax way
- 86 Taking a long time to grow, just like some velvety plants do?
- 89 Born earlier
- 90 Sci-fi craft
- 92 Daisy's kin
- 93 — Palmas
- 94 Wound protector that causes sorrow?
- 98 Hot pepper variety
- 101 Folk tales
- 102 MPG org.
- 105 Suffix with salt
- 106 Hairless inmates in an old English prison?
- 116 Related to the kidneys
- 117 GI tour gp.
- 118 Tyke, in Baja
- 119 Sis, e.g.
- 121 Restricted-access computer linkup
- 124 Product for scrubbing your noggin?
- 129 Wash lightly in advance
- 130 Beige-like
- 131 Painter
- 132 Mountains between France and Spain
- 133 River of myth
- 134 Most orderly
- 2 Pelvic bone
- 3 Big name in skin care
- 4 Suffix with Tokyo
- 5 SFO guess
- 6 Camera type, in brief
- 7 Work fill-ins
- 8 Mexican flower
- 9 Get aligned
- 10 Up to, in brief
- 11 Port-au-Prince's land
- 12 Highway bridge
- 13 Skillet, say
- 14 Trauma-trained pro
- 15 Singer Day
- 16 Rains heavily
- 17 Verdi's "very"
- 18 Reach
- 19 Ruhr city
- 24 Bill the — (comics character)
- 29 All fired up
- 32 Billy the — (outlaw)
- 33 & so forth
- 34 Gussy up
- 35 SUV biggie
- 36 Gene stuff
- 37 Always
- 41 Motor noises
- 42 QED part
- 43 Paquin of "True Blood"
- 44 Sweetums
- 45 Dismal
- 47 Hotshot
- 48 "— -La-La" (Al Green hit)
- 49 Old writing scroll
- 50 And
- 51 Dressed (in)
- 52 Juan's "this"
- 55 Dole out
- 56 Theater mogul
- 60 Interloped
- 61 Center or Pen lead-in
- 62 Like prisons
- 63 Weaken
- 64 Bit of a chill
- 67 Beer and tea
- 68 Quarterback great Joe
- 71 Org. for 68-Down
- 72 Lad
- 73 "Easy there!"
- 74 Big head
- 75 See 27-Across
- 76 1970 hit by the Kinks
- 77 Chuck of NBC News
- 81 Tahiti, e.g.
- 82 Sweetums
- 83 Fuel brand up north
- 85 Be incorrect
- 86 Many an heir
- 87 Salty waters
- 88 Hotshot
- 90 American hwy.
- 91 Feudal lords' estates
- 95 Kay-em link
- 96 Lawn turf
- 97 "Golly!"
- 99 "Life of Pi" director Lee
- 100 Teachers' gp.
- 103 Larder
- 104 Farewells, in French
- 106 Linda in 1998 news
- 107 Actor Fonda
- 108 Step into
- 109 Dancer's handrail
- 110 Actor Delon
- 111 Riatas, e.g.
- 112 Kin of Ltd.
- 113 Film director Christopher
- 114 Actor Davis
- 115 Claims on homes, say
- 120 Writer Harte
- 122 Ark.-to-Ill. dir.
- 123 Suffix with Nepal
- 125 Opera part
- 126 Hydrocarbon ending
- 127 — glance
- 128 NSFW part



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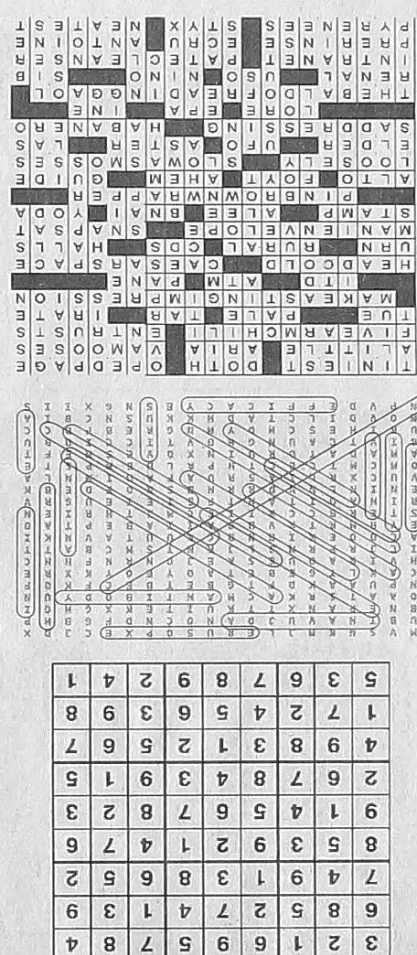
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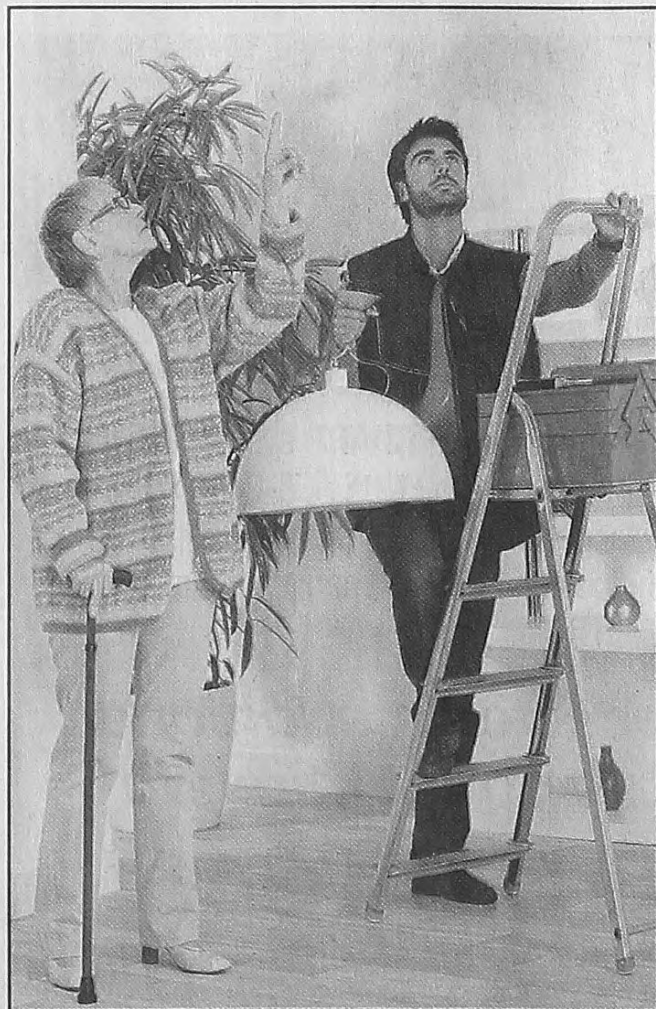
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