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## Wayne-Westland students wait for laptops

### Delivery delay leaves kids without tech two weeks in

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As students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district start the fall semester, thousands are going without much-needed technology.

The district told families Sept. 3 the planned Chromebook distribution scheduled for Sept. 4 had been canceled due to a delivery delay. The delivery includes 5,000 laptops.

The district is making Chromebooks available to students who need comput-

er access as learning moves online during the coronavirus pandemic.

"Unfortunately, this afternoon, we heard from our distributor that our delivery of several hundred Chromebooks has been delayed," a statement sent to ninth- and tenth-grade students said. "As soon as delivery occurs we will reschedule the technology distribution

dates. Students will not be penalized for not having devices. We realize this creates challenges for our families and we will be supportive in any way we can."

When the first 1,500 laptops in the order come in, ninth- and tenth-grade students will get first priority.

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The Summit on the Park recreation facility building in Canton will soon reopen for the first time in more than six months. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Canton's Summit on the Park facility slated to reopen soon

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com  
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When Canton Township's Summit on the Park reopens Oct. 5 following a seven-month shutdown, visitors can be assured it will be clean.

Closed since mid-March when coronavirus cases first popped up in Michigan, the Summit will open its doors again with coronavirus-related changes in place.

The most notable alterations are that

the complex's popular aquatic center will remain closed, business hours will be shortened and the number of guests will be limited to adhere to local, state and federal public health guidelines and requirements.

Members will have access to the facility's walking track (while following social-distancing mandates) and the strength-and-fitness equipment.

The reopening plans were announced a short time after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer allowed gyms in the state to

reopen with adjusted protocols.

"Summit staff are working hard to prepare the facility for reopening," Supervisor Pat Williams said. "There is a lot to do."

"It's not something you can do overnight."

A township-issued news release stated that outdoor fitness classes will be transitioned indoors sometime in October.

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## Biggby plans new drive-thru in Livonia

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Hangups over a desired drive-thru at a proposed Biggby Coffee shop in Livonia has slowed the process, but a local franchisee says changes are being made to make it happen.

Livonia resident Ed Buison, who owns the Biggby Coffee at Newburgh and Ann Arbor Road in Livonia, wants to open another shop on the southeast corner of the intersection in the space formerly occupied by the Very Very Vertical blind shop.

Part of that concept would include a drive-thru window, something he and other Biggby representatives have said is crucial to business amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"A drive-thru was needed before the pandemic," he said. "It's especially needed now."

But several planning commissioners were leery of the proposed plan to add a drive-thru along the back alley of the small strip mall, especially with the level of clearance near the building.

The issue was discussed at the commission's Sept. 1 meeting, which was held virtually.

With the building not originally constructed to house a drive-thru, it would need some work before it could fit vehicles with drivers looking to pick up their morning Caramel Marvel or Mocha Mocha Latte drinks. Those concerns led the commission to postpone moving forward with the project.

"I'm not sure you have four votes tonight to pass this along," said Commissioner Glen Long. "I do think we like this project but just aren't sold yet on the drive-thru."

The commission voted unanimously to table the proposal and bring it back at a future meeting after some revisions to the drive-thru plan are made.

Having a drive-thru in the location is critical for success, especially with customers demanding more options for limited-contact pickup in the coronavirus pandemic. Bob Perry, who serves as a company area representative for Wayne County to help other shops, said data from last month showed a massive swing between

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## Canton motorcyclist hospitalized after crash

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Canton Township police are investigating a Monday crash that hospitalized a 26-year-old motorcycle driver.

Police said they were dispatched around 7:45 p.m. to Ford and Lilley roads because of a collision.

The motorcyclist, from Canton, was eastbound on Ford Road when his 2009 Yamaha collided with a 2019 Mazda vehicle. The Mazda driver, 54, also from the township, was turning west onto Ford Road when the crash happened.

The motorcyclist is in serious but stable condition at an area hospital.

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# Farmington Hills man, 50, dies after diving into water

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A Farmington Hills man died Sunday following a diving accident in Clay Township in St. Clair County.

At 5:45 p.m., deputies from the St. Clair County Sheriff Marine Division were called to Little Muscamoot Bay in Clay Township.

The 50-year-old man was out on a

boat with friends when he decided to dive into the water. He dove off the boat from approximately six feet in the air into about three-and-half feet of water, according to the St. Clair County Sheriff Department.

He misjudged the dive angle, and it appears he directly struck the river bed, causing fatal injuries, according to the department.

The sheriff department said friends

removed him from the water and started CPR immediately.

He was transported to Ascension River District Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Tri-Hospital EMS, Clay Township Police, Clay Township Fire Department and the Macomb County Sheriff Marine Division also assisted at the scene of the accident, which remains under investigation.

## Westland police release citation, arrest data

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Westland police have upped their transparency game this month, debuting a dashboard with a multitude of information about police activity.

Any computer user can visit the police department's website and open the link, titled "Community Dashboard."

There, they'll find these factoids, along with many others:

- Citations have increased since 2015.

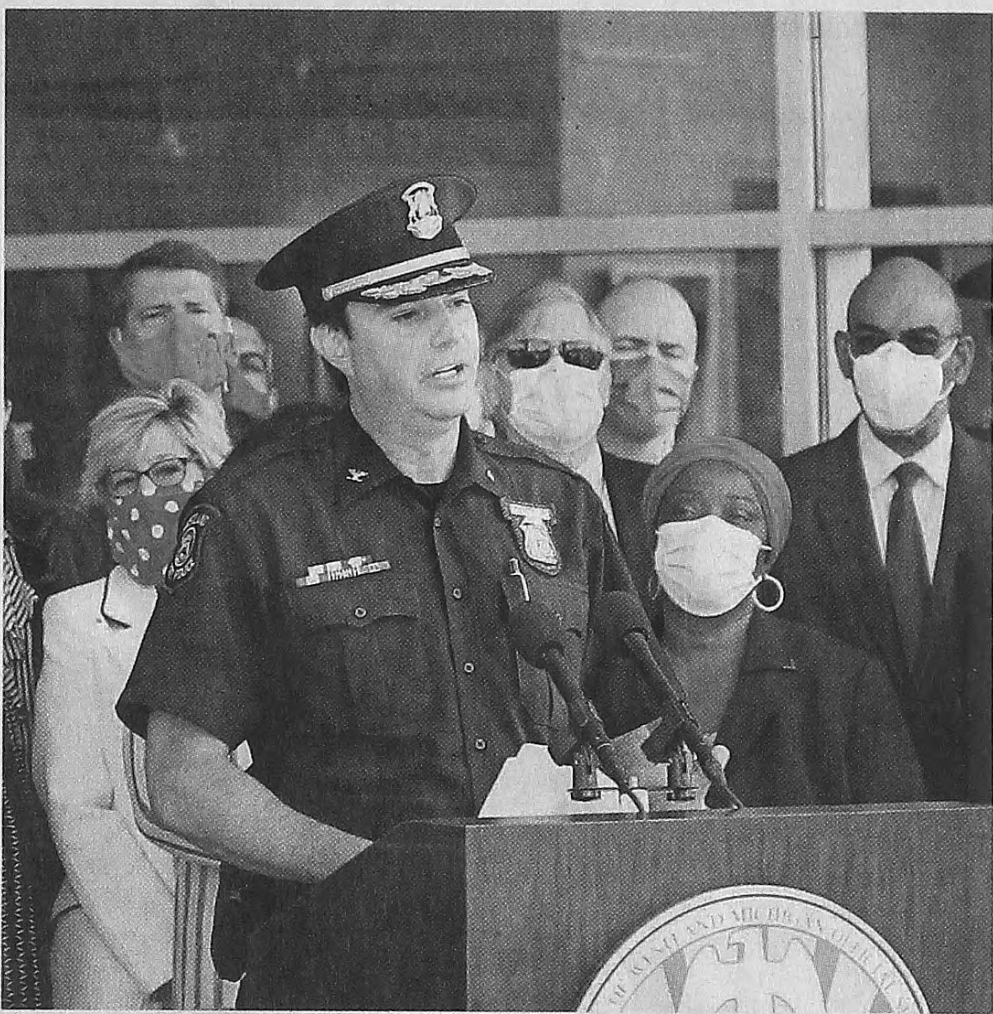
- Whites accounted for 59% of the 2019 citations. Blacks made up 36%.

- Total arrests are dropping year-to-year. In 2019, a Black person was almost as likely to be arrested as a white person. Blacks comprised 46% of the total. Whites made up 52%.

- Hundreds of hours were documented for responsibilities like taser recertification and first-aid training.

Council unanimously agreed Sept. 8 to install the dual dashboard, and intelligence risk management software program, named Arx Alert.

Altovista Technology, the Detroit-born manufacturer, says on its website "Arx Alert provides a 360-degree view of every officer and every encounter,



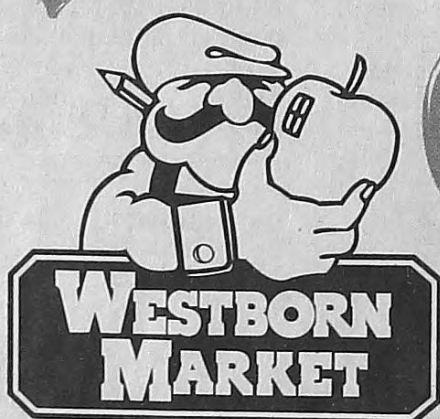
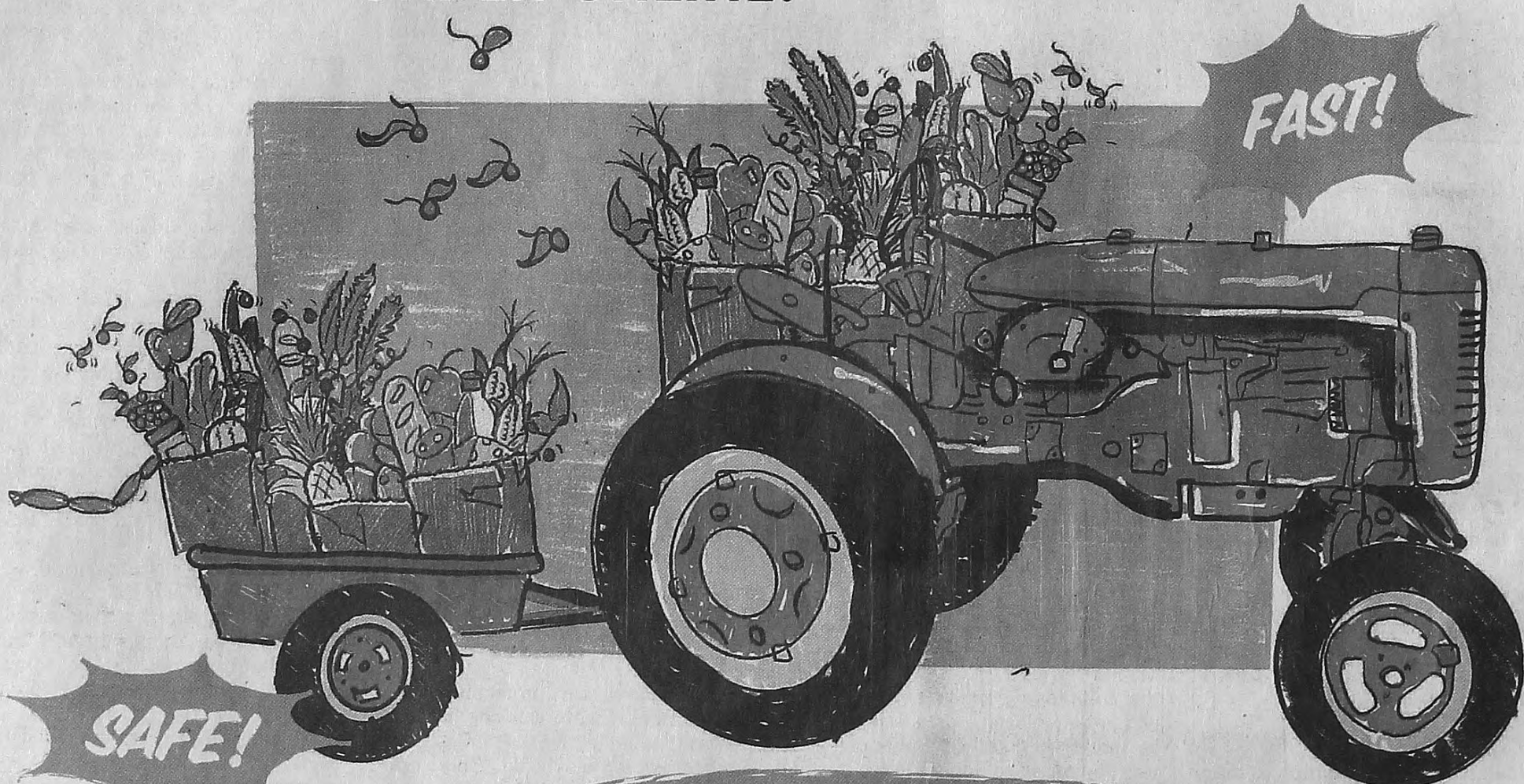
Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik speaks at City Hall in June.

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# A look at census response rates as deadline nears

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The deadline to fill out a federal census form to be counted is fast approaching, and some metro Detroit communities are doing better than others.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, field data collection and self-response options end by Sept. 30 and, overall, Michigan's self-response rate is 70.4 percent.

It's even better in Novi Township, where the rate was 91% as of Sept. 9.

South Lyon, Northville, Milford, Garden City and Plymouth had rates of 80-85%.

Detroit's self-response rate early Wednesday afternoon was 49.8%.

The decennial census is important because population numbers can determine federal funds for community endeavors like schools and roads. In other words, your tax dollars coming back into the community. Businesses also use the data to determine where to build and locate.

Here's how local communities were doing as of Sept. 9:

- Novi Township, 91%
- Plymouth Township, 88%
- Livonia, 87%
- Franklin, 85%
- Lyon Township, 85%
- Northville Township, 84%
- South Lyon, 84%
- Green Oak Township, 83%
- Milford Township, 83%
- Northville, 83%
- Salem Township, 83%
- White Lake Township, 83%
- Bloomfield Township, 82%
- Garden City, 82%
- Milford, 82%
- Canton Township, 81%
- Novi, 81%
- Plymouth, 80%
- Highland Township, 78%
- Birmingham, 77%
- Farmington Hills, 76%
- Bingham Farms, 76%
- Wayne, 76%
- Westland, 76%
- Bloomfield Hills, 74%
- Farmington, 73%

For more information, visit [census.gov](http://census.gov).

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A road construction crew works on stripping a layer of the road surface on Main Street in Plymouth in July. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Main Street road work underway in Plymouth

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Temporary pain will result in long-term gain for drivers and bicyclists in downtown Plymouth.


Road crews were expected to begin road diet-stripping operations on Main Street between Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road this past Tuesday, according to a statement released by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

Motorists should expect some delays and detours

around rolling work crew operations, which are expected run a few days.

The road diet will add two dedicated bike lanes and a left-hand turn lane on Main Street between Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road, while reducing vehicular lanes from two in each direction to one in each direction.

The project is funded by a roads improvement bond Plymouth residents passed in November. The first phase of the project saw milling, fresh paving and restriping of Main Street from Wing to Church streets.



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Three homes are being built along West Main Street in Northville on the property of the former Main Street School. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Project underway at former Northville school

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Lumber shortages, COVID-related shutdowns and, yes, boredom-fueled home-renovation projects have all played a role in the slower-than-desired progress of the construction of three landscape-altering homes on Northville's Main Street.

Rising on the site of the former Main Street School, three homes (down from the original plan of five) are taking shape as longtime residents of the history-minded city look on with growing anticipation.

"I'll take several calls a day from people who offer a mixture of input on the project," said Mike Miller, owner of Mike Mil-

ler Building Company. "Ninety percent of the calls I receive are positive. A lot of residents like how the homes blend in well with the existing buildings. Others say they're too large. A small percentage don't want to see anything built there."

Miller said building through the COVID-19 crisis has been a struggle at times, but nothing that a

little resilience can't overcome.

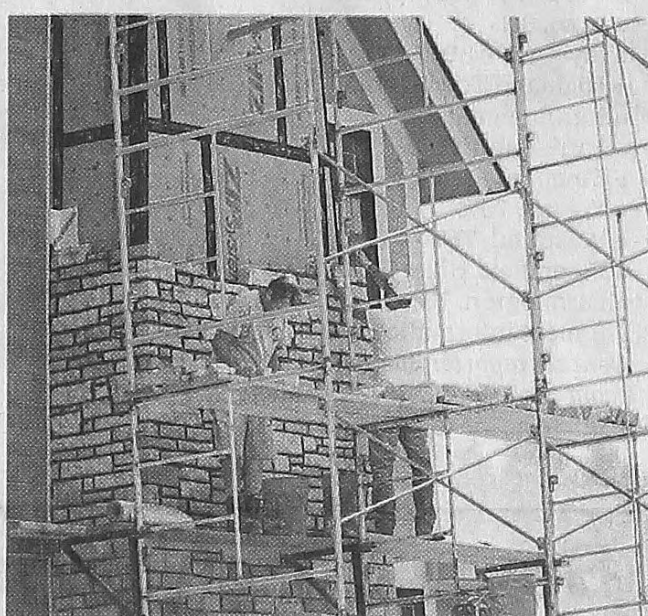
"We were forced to shut down for seven weeks when everything else was shut down in March," Miller said. "The biggest issue has been the inconsistency of materials. For instance, companies that, let's say, produce 100 widgets a day under normal circumstances were down to making zero or 10 a day because of COVID-related line shutdowns."

"The supply of lumber has been up and down, and not just because of line shutdowns. It turns out a lot of people who are home a lot more than normal are doing home projects, which has increased the demand for lumber. The number of renovation projects has exploded."

"The supply of interior doors has been a little tricky. Instead of four-week lead times, we have to understand it may take 12 weeks now. It's just a whole different set of rules now."

While admitting that it is difficult to project any timelines during a pandemic, Miller said he expects the first of the three homes to be completed by the end of 2020.

The second of the trio should be done by spring



Stone masons work on the chimney of one home.

of 2021, with the third ready to be lived in by the end of 2021.

A longtime resident of Northville, Miller said the project is personal for him.

"I realize as much as anybody that some people don't want to see change, especially when the landscape of a city's Main Street is altered," he said. "We're doing our best to make people happy."

Originally set for five homes, the project was redesigned when some residents insisted the houses would be "right on top of each other" if five homes were built.

"When we reconfigured the parcels, we added a pocket park, an area with trees, brick paver and benches where people can sit back and relax," Miller said. "We're very mindful of what residents in the area are going to have to look at every day from now on."

Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull said the vast majority of the calls he receives on the Main Street project support Miller's vision.

"For the most part, residents seem to like the fact that the builders are putting in extra effort to make the homes blend into the existing landscape," Turnbull said. "Not surprisingly, there are other residents who are a little upset."

"When I ask them what they'd like to see done differently, their answers will range from, 'Make the roof lines shorter' to 'Don't build any more homes.'"

Two of the homes will have Main Street addresses, while the third will be on Cady Street.

A large sign detailing the COVID-19 guidelines construction workers must follow is attached to the temporary fencing that surrounds the property.

"The sign is quite a bit larger than requirements call for, but we wanted to make sure everyone involved in the project is aware of the protocol we need to follow," Miller said.

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# Owner details plan for hotel at Eloise site

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Guests of the hotel proposed at the site of a former asylum in Westland may have some paranormal visitors.

John Hambrick, owner of the former Eloise asylum at 30712 Michigan Ave., went back before the Westland Planning Commission on Sept. 1 during its virtual meeting to review a rezoning request for five of the properties at the site.

He plans to redevelop the site and make it an attraction, turning the Kay Beard Building into a hotel and renovating the firehouse to serve ice cream.

During the hearing, Hambrick said he hopes to make the hotel reminiscent of the early 1930s, making the space more about the destination, something he said younger travelers seek.

"I'd rather have it be more of an experience than kind of your average, everyday hotel," he said. "That's really what (the next generation is) searching for, is to stay in places where they have an experience so they can post it on Instagram or their Facebook and all their social media stuff and tell all their friends about it."

The planning board recommended approval of rezoning of the five parcels during its meeting. The recommendation will now go to the city council for its review and final determination.

The Eloise property dates back to 1839. It operated as a poor house before transitioning to medical care. It housed patients with mental illness as well as patients with tuberculosis. It once occupied more than 900 acres in the area, with dozens of buildings and thousands of patients. The facility, which last operated as Wayne County General Hospital, closed in 1984. Since then, it's been used for a variety of purposes, including housing some Wayne County employees until 2016.

Hambrick purchased the property in 2018 for \$1. Some of the structures on the site, including the power plant, will be removed as a part of his redevelopment plan.

The project has also caught the eye of the Regional Transit Authority, said Mohamed Ayoub, Westland's director of planning.



The owner of the Kay Beard Building along Michigan Avenue wants to turn it into a hotel. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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**John Hambrick** Owner, former Eloise asylum

With increased attention being paid to the Michigan Avenue corridor between Detroit and Ann Arbor, Ayoub said the RTA is planning a bus stop nearby, a move made after hearing about the project's potential.

"A stop was identified in this area either at Wayne Road in the City of Wayne or Merriman Road in the City of Westland," he said. "The RTA, after hearing about the potential hotel at this parcel, in addition to the vacant land ... looks like they're going to decide Merriman is going to be the stop instead of Wayne."

Guests of the proposed hotel could be treated to a paranormal experience. When Commissioner Debra Fowlkes asked about the "haunted" aspect of the hotel, Hambrick said they don't plan to evict those spirits that wander the hallways. He said he has had personal experiences with them, and so have others.

"I had my daughter there and she had her hair pulled standing by herself on the fifth floor," he said. "There's been so much evidence already caught on camera ... my business partner got grabbed. "The haunted aspect is already there."

While many changes are expected at the site if the plan is approved, one element will not go away: its iconic name.

Hambrick said the hotel is expected to keep the Eloise name, which has become so synonymous with the property, a horror movie called "Eloise" was released based on the facility back in 2017.

"I think that's the iconic piece to the project," he said. "You can't get rid of the Eloise name."

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# Oakland Management Corp. among top property tax payers in Farmington Hills

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In 2019, Farmington Hills brought in \$63,026,838 in personal and real property taxes. More than 22% of those taxes came from just 10 companies.

"So they're paying between a quarter and a fifth of the freight for our property taxes in this community," said Thomas Skrobola, the city's finance director and treasurer.

Skrobola said a large portion of the city's budget is funded by the property taxes from businesses and homeowners. Those funds keep the city running in a number of ways.

"Roughly two-thirds of what we're spending on public safety, highways and streets, parks and recreation, public services, general government - two thirds of all those costs are covered by property taxes."

The city's top taxpayer, Oakland Management Corporation, paid \$3,817,622 between the summer and winter deadlines. The company owns business and apartment buildings throughout the city.

Other big contributors include DTE Energy, Robert Bosch Corporation and several apartment complexes. None of the city's major taxpayers receive state tax exemptions, though an Act 198 exemption is in consideration for Nissan.

"They're breaks that we give to industries that make major improvements to properties or to create industry and jobs and stuff," Skrobola said. "That's a local tax break that's enabled through state law."

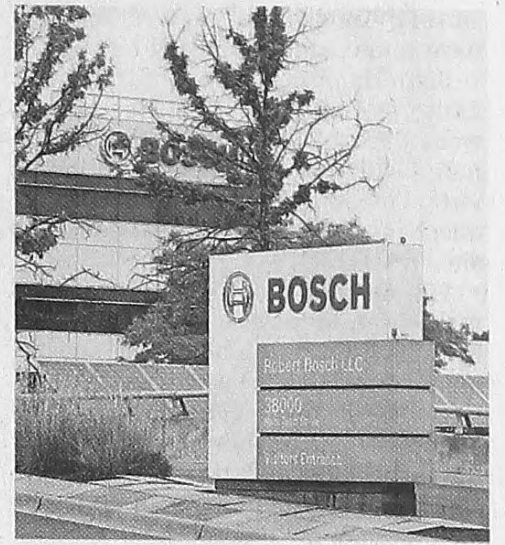
But, Skrobola said it's the residents who bring in the biggest share. About 70% of taxes collected come from homeowners, some of whom, Skrobola noted, own businesses in the city, too.

"It's the working families that get up and go to work every day that help pay the lion's share of bills for the city," he said.

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## Top taxpayers in Farmington Hills


Rank	Business	Taxes paid in 2019	Taxable value	Business type
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2	DTE Energy	\$2,207,648	\$38,573,090	Energy
3	Consumers Energy	\$1,292,545	\$22,588,800	Energy
4	Farmington Hills Corporate Investors	\$1,249,857	\$21,870,800	Real estate
5	Independence Green Apartments	\$1,169,720	\$20,468,510	Housing
6	Green Hill Apartments	\$1,056,814	\$18,384,510	Housing
7	Nissan Corporation	\$845,725	\$15,044,400	Transportation
8	Finsilver Friedman Real Estate	\$848,290	\$14,857,450	Real estate
9	Ramco/Lion Venture	\$843,374	\$14,789,880	Real estate
10	Robert Bosch Corproation	\$729,345	\$13,634,890	Transportation



The Robert Bosch Corporation headquarters on Hills Tech Drive is among the top property tax payers in Farmington Hills. Other contributors include DTE Energy and several apartment complexes. None of the city's major taxpayers receive state tax exemptions.




Oakland Management Corporation sits at Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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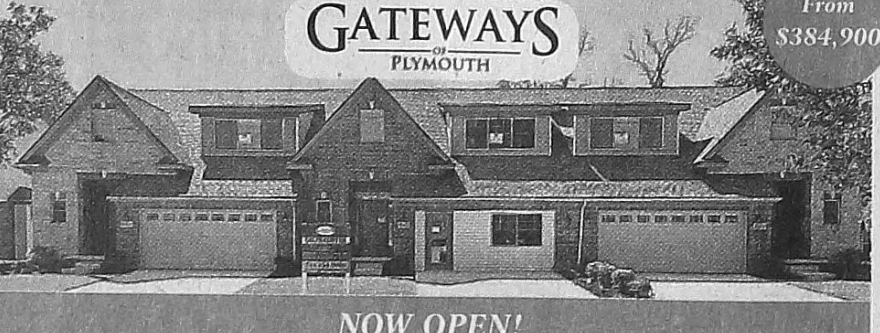
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every day.”

“We recognize the need to maintain law enforcement transparency with the community,” Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik told city council before its unanimous approval. “We continue to build upon the concept. We continue to strive toward ways to build community trust and confidence.

“This is what a lot of our communities have been asking for and what communities throughout the country have been asking for.”

Before council’s vote, Jedrusik noted that the release of data builds on the transparency achieved when police began wearing body cameras in 2018. Jedrusik said he hopes to update the public-access dashboard weekly.

A second, internal dashboard will provide data to Jedrusik for analyzing risks associated with police pursuits, use of force and officer productivity and behavior problems.

There are supposed to be 1,000 data factors to alert police officials to department and officer risks.

Westland’s initial two-year agreement with Altovista Technology is supposed to be less than \$24,000. Council’s nod was tied to a \$12,083 commitment.

Altovista Technology is allowing free use of the equipment in the first year, so the \$12,083 will go toward Year Two’s \$24,000 cost, according to Jedrusik.

In other public safety matters, council members also agreed to pay up to \$27,285 for 10 additional solar-powered speed radar signs.

The proposed locations for the additional signs are:

- Both sides of Wildwood Street, between Ford Road and Hunter Avenue, near Jaycee Park and Edison Elementary School.

- Both sides of Ann Arbor Trail, near Hubbard Street, because of a new subdivision.

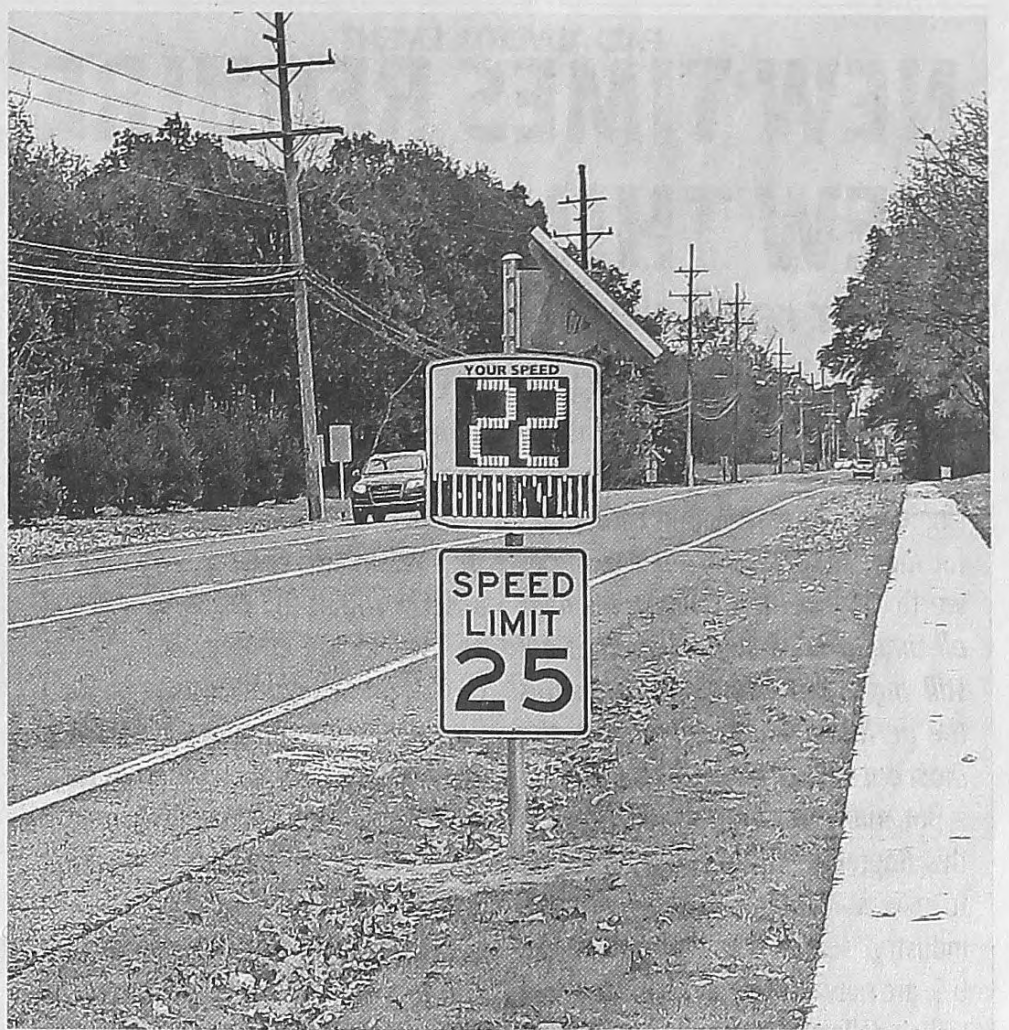
- Both sides of Cowan Road, between Farmington Road and Millwood Drive, due to some Lutheran high school campuses.

- Westbound Glenwood Road, near Treadwell, due to Schweitzer Elementary School and a school crossing.

- Northbound Henry Ruff Road, between Annapolis Avenue and Van Born Road, because of a church, residential area and the curve in the road.

- Venoy Road, between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads, due to a history of speeding violations and proximity to houses.

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A new radar speed sign has been installed along Marquette Street in Westland, in front of John Glenn High School. COURTESY OF WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Reopening

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Staff members who were laid off during the past few months will be reinstated, the township revealed, and are being prepared for all necessary training and implementation of coronavirus-related safety protocols.

“All Summit on the Park memberships, which have been frozen since the facility’s closure due to the global pandemic, will be re-activated and extended accordingly once a member first returns to the Summit,” the release stated. “Memberships will remain frozen for those members who do not feel comfortable returning to our facility at this time.”

Members can stay up to date regarding the Summit’s reopening by visiting the township’s website.

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Kids enjoy the pool at the Summit on the Park in Canton during a pumpkin-selection event last year. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE



A Biggby Coffee with a drive-thru feature could come to the empty storefront in the plaza at Middlebelt and Plymouth in Livonia. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Biggby

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stores that have drive-thrus and those that do not.

“The drive-thru stores had 46% more sales than the non-drive-thru stores,” said Perry, who also owns Biggby franchise locations in Livonia, Farmington Hills, Plymouth and Shelby Township. “That averages out to about \$790 more per day in sales, which, in the coffee business, is a significant amount of sales.”

If approved, it would mark a return of Biggby Coffee to that intersection: a shop operated several years ago in the space now occupied by Smoothie King in Wonderland Village, which opened last summer.

Some concerns stemmed from the opening of another Biggby along Plymouth Road near where one had closed several years ago. Buison said he believes his ownership style will help keep the business viable on the corner, as opposed to the former owner across the street.

**“A drive-thru was needed before the pandemic. It’s especially needed now.”**

**Ed Buison** Owner, Biggby Coffee at Newburgh and Ann Arbor Road in Livonia

“I know that he was not an active participant in his business,” he said. “Obviously, I feel that it’s going to be different with me.

“I really believe that I am an asset to the city because I want to give back.”

Another Biggby formerly operated down Plymouth Road just east of Farmington. That location closed several years ago and now houses the Happy Wok Chinese restaurant.

If approved by the planning commission, the plans would then go to the city council for its review and final determination.

If approved, Buison said he hopes to open the shop by the spring.

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## Laptops

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Not all students are without laptops. Some received computers during distribution events in late August.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools started the school year Sept. 1. Affected students received delayed due dates for assignments and alternate work plans are in place until students receive the needed technology to participate in remote classes.

Superintendent John Dignan said he hopes to get students back on track as soon as possible.

“We want to get devices into the hands of our kids as soon as possible and we are working feverishly to make that happen,” he wrote in an email. “It’s not fair to our students, teachers, parents/guardians, administrators or school community but nationwide there are so many public entities competing for the same resources.”

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## Obituaries

### Lila Louise Greer Hindmarsh

Lila Louise Greer Hindmarsh, age 96, passed away on August 11, 2020. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Lila moved to Detroit with her husband, Andrew Hindmarsh following the end of World War II. For over 60 years, Lila was a piano teacher and an accomplished accompanist.



She started accompanying the Don Frohman Chorus and later worked with the Oak Park Civic Chorus for over 40 years. She was sought out to accompany many soloists and vocal groups throughout her career. She was married to Andrew Edward Hindmarsh for 69 years. She lived in Livonia until 2014 when she moved to Henry Ford Village in Dearborn, Michigan. She is survived by her three sons, Wayne (Jimi) Hindmarsh of Grosse Pointe, Michigan; Dale (Kathy) Hindmarsh of Shallotte, North Carolina; and Keith (Wendy) Hindmarsh of Chatham, Ontario, Canada. Lila was blessed with grandchildren Stephanie, Ryan, Stacey, David, Elise, Benjamin and Patrick and her 12 great-grandchildren. Donations may be made to Henry Ford Village, Dearborn, Michigan.

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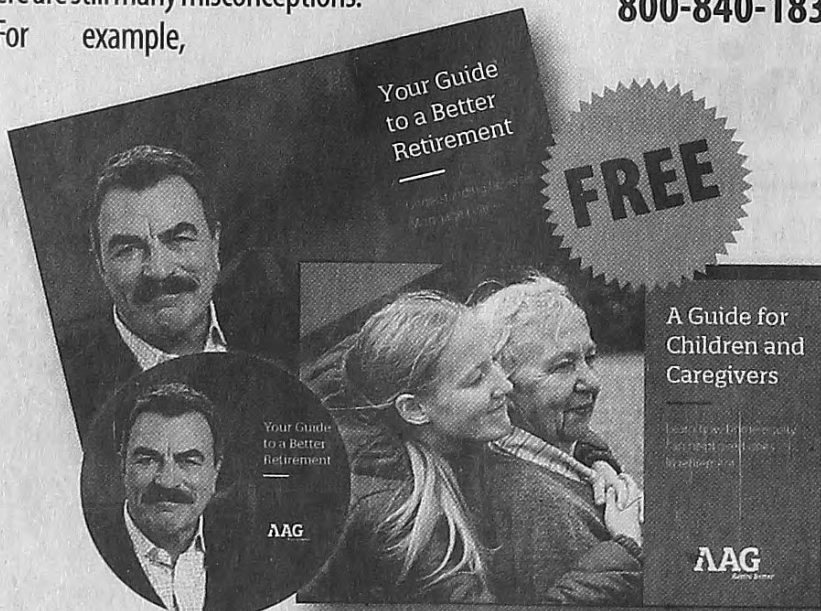
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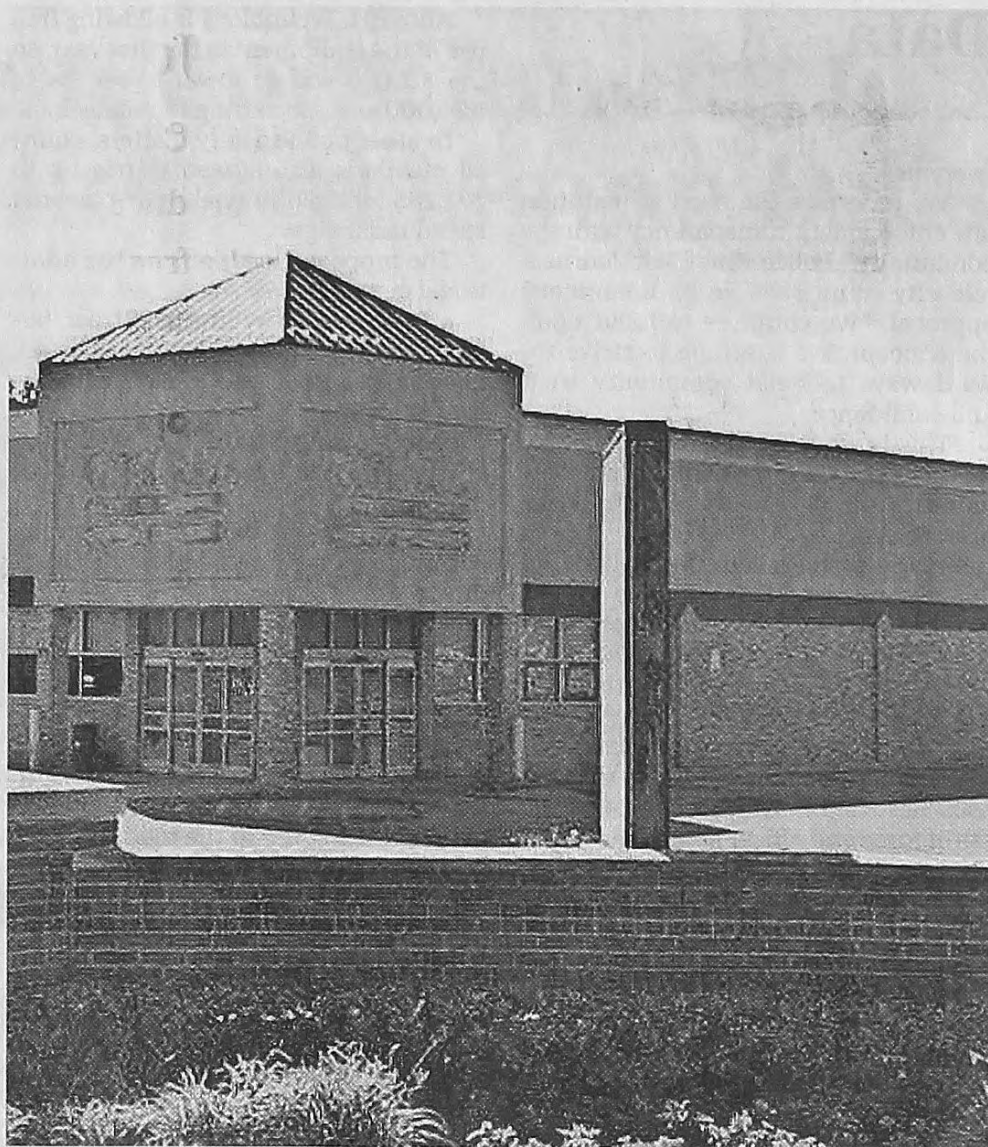
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A blood plasma donation center is proposed at this former Rite Aid in Westland. COURTESY OF GOOGLE MAPS

# Westland council to decide on proposed plasma donation center

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**Narrow vote**

It will be up to the Westland City Council to decide whether a plasma donation center will move into a former pharmacy at a prominent city intersection.

The Westland Planning Commission recommended denial of a special land use for Octapharma Plasma at the former Rite Aid at 35363 Ford Road during its Sept. 1 meeting.

The 5-4 vote to deny sent the issue to the city council, which will make the final determination at its Sept. 21 meeting, said Mohamed Ayoub, the city's director of planning.

The proposed plan would revamp the current building into a plasma donation center, a place where people could donate plasma in exchange for funds placed on a debit card.

Moving into the space, said Michael Vogt, a Bloomfield Hills attorney with Dykema representing the company, is a natural move for them: The company has transformed several former Rite Aid buildings into Octapharma centers across the country. Vogt spoke during the Sept. 1 meeting.

Bringing such a business into town, Vogt said, will pump well-paying jobs into the area almost immediately.

"This one donation center will create about 50 new jobs in Westland," he said. "And with those 50 new jobs, they'll pay ... \$2 million in annual wages."

The site was recommended for denial by the city's administration, citing issues with it fitting into the city's master plan for that area of the city.

Ayoub said he had had some discussions before the coronavirus pandemic began six months ago about other businesses, including possible restaurants, showing interest in the space.

Several neighbors near the property sent letters speaking out against the proposed center.

Vogt said the master plan is a guide and new businesses aren't required to fit into every single category. Given that the building has been empty since Rite Aid left in 2018 and the landlord has told Octapharma there has been no other interest in the site, Vogt said bringing in the company makes sense to help reinvigorate a blighted building.

"I think it's important to point out that it says that a special land use has to be consistent with the general objectives of the plan," he said. "Not that it's not an important guiding tool in zoning, but it is a plan. A vision for potential development in the future."

"It doesn't say it have to meet every objective."

The commission forwarded the plan to the city council with a recommended denial, voting 5-4 to do so. Commissioners Sam Durante, Ruby Richards, Andrew Spisak, Lori Wilson and chairman Ken Sharp voted to recommend denial.

Commissioner Debra Fowlkes brought up some of the issues mentioned by residents, including what could be done to prevent donors from going into the nearby neighborhood after donating.

"They're fearful that some of your donors will wander through the neighborhood afterwards," she said. "So how can you assure our residents that that's not going to happen?"

Kerry Clish, director of facilities for Octapharma, said they have no control over what their donors do after they leave the facility, but said he was confident donors wouldn't wander the nearby neighborhoods after donating.

He said those who donate are looking to earn a little extra cash and do not fit into perceived stereotypes of the past when it comes to plasma donation centers.

"The biggest obstacle we have to deal with is the stereotype that we're going to bring in the homeless, the drug users and whatnot coming to get \$20 so they can go buy drugs," he said. "And that's absolutely not true."

If eventually approved, the center would join other plasma donation centers across western Wayne County, including a CSL Plasma location on Ford Road in Westland.

Octapharma also operates donation centers in Redford Township, Ypsilanti and Madison Heights.

Another plasma donation center, BioLife, plans to open a facility on Plymouth Road in Livonia in the future.

Commissioner David Rappaport, who voted "no" on the denial, said he would rather see the plasma donation center come to the corner now than have the building sit vacant for a long time and wait for a tenant that may never come.

"I have a very strong belief that a viable use is better than allowing the property to dwindle and fall into disrepair and waste, to be perfectly frank," he said. "I respect the administration's and the master plan's desire for a more traditional retail establishment at this location, but given the realities that we may be looking at moving into a future economy that's completely uncertain, I really honestly don't know if we're going to have a much better offer of a business to move into this particular location."

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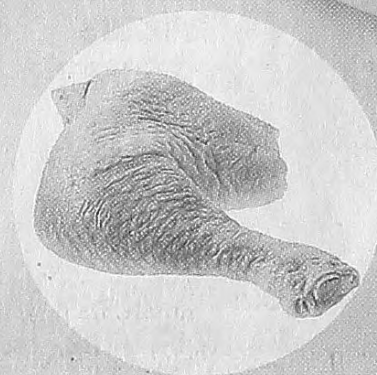
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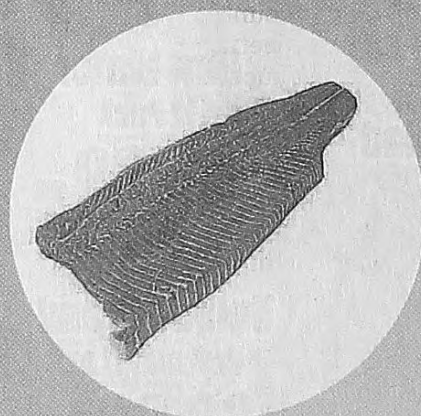
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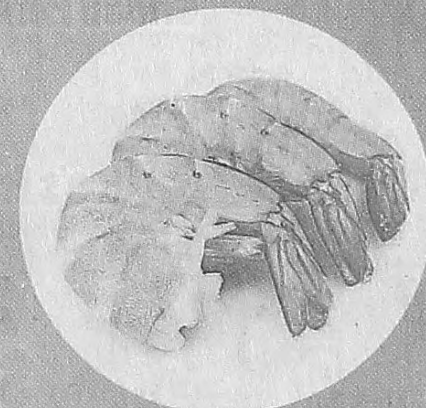
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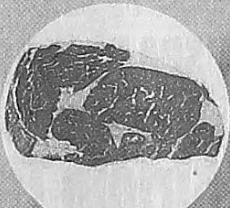
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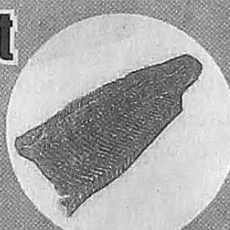
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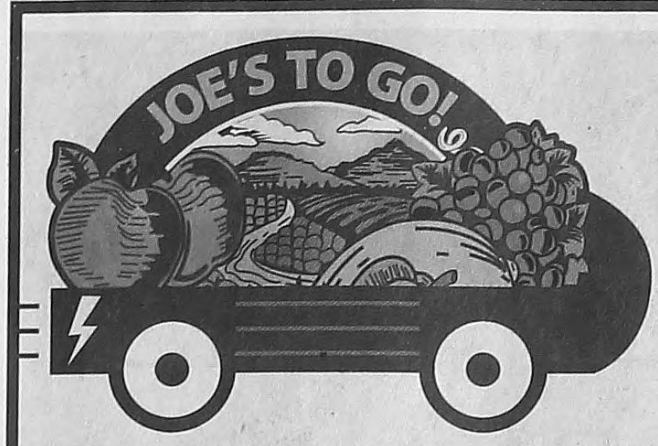
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# SPORTS

## Week 1 high school football games to watch

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Football is back. After a summer filled with uncertainty from the coronavirus, leading to a cancelation of high school football, and, two weeks later, a reversal of that cancelation, teams will take the field for the

first time Thursday night.

While the atmosphere on game day may look different — from the socially distanced and limited crowds to the mask mandate for the players — one thing remains the same: aspirations for a deep playoff run, with every team having the chance at the postseason in 2020.

Here are a few games to watch as the 2020 season kicks off this week.

### Farmington vs. Groves

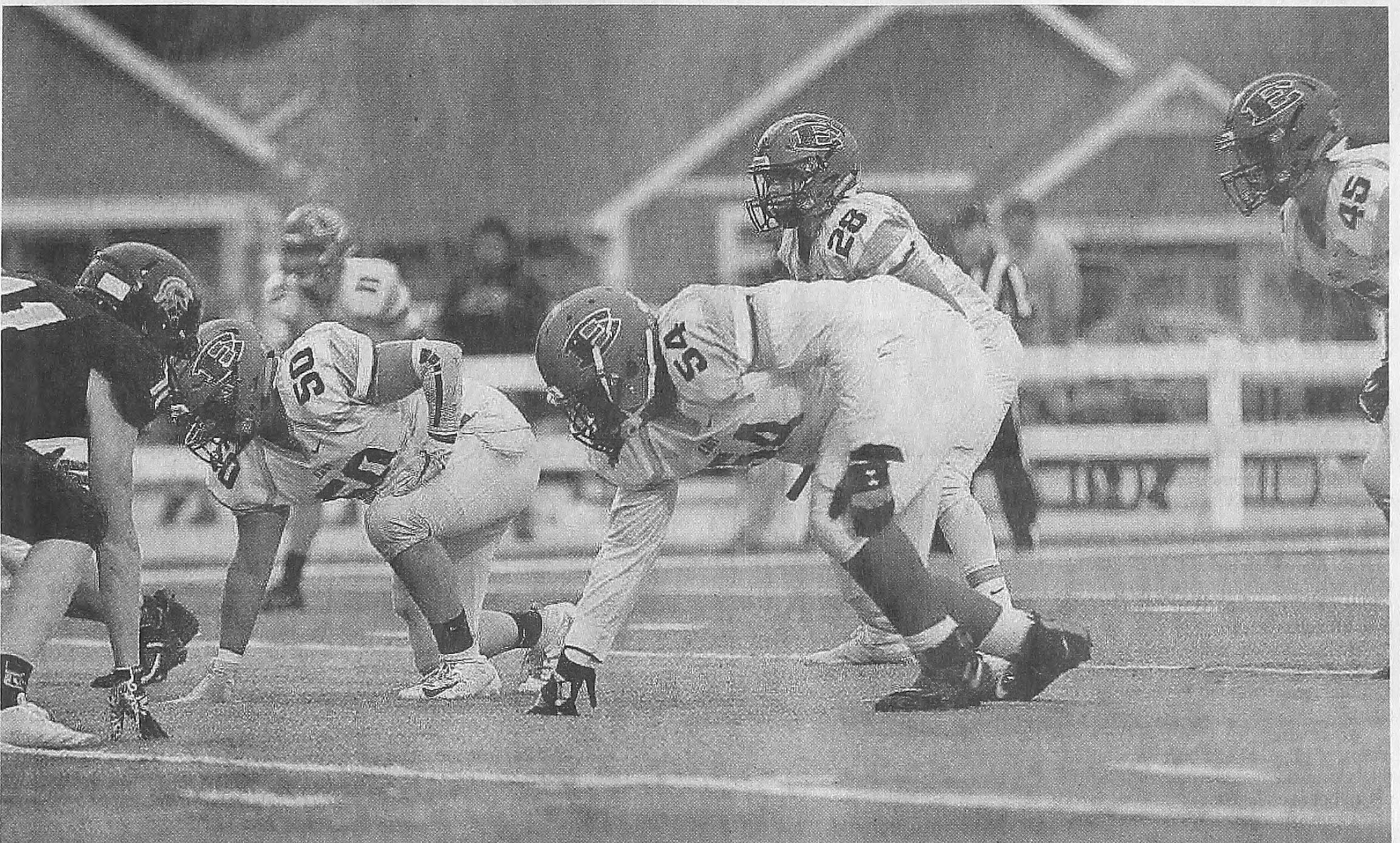
The OAA White looks a bit different heading into 2020.

Farmington rejoins the division after spending three seasons in the OAA

Blue, finishing in second place behind North Farmington in 2019.

In their first game of the season, the Falcons will take on Groves, who, in their last time on a football field, lost to city rival Seaholm, 42-7, in the district final.

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Former South Lyon East offensive lineman Trevon Tyler plays last season. He died Nov. 29 after post-surgery complications. TREVON TYLER GOFUNDME PAGE

## South Lyon East prepares for season without Trevon Tyler

Colin Gay [Hometownlife.com](http://Hometownlife.com)  
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The start of each summer practice looked the same for South Lyon East football.

As loud music blares from speakers surrounding the field, players move to their predetermined, socially-distant warm-up position.

The music stops. Players bow their heads, some hold up five fingers in one hand and four in the other.

Fifty four seconds. A time of acknowledgement toward what could have been, what should have been. A time to separate football: the game and football: the family.

A time to indicate that the 2020 season was going to be different for South Lyon East no matter what, even before the coronavirus disrupted every aspect of preparation.

Trevon Tyler.

An offensive lineman, yes, but more: a teammate, a friend, an example.

Tyler should have been on that field. He should have been wearing the number 54. He should have been preparing for the 2020 season, ready to use his 6-foot-4, 300-pound frame to push somebody, to put the guy behind him in the best position to succeed.

Tyler was not on the field in early August. The junior offensive lineman died Nov. 29 after complications from surgery to repair a torn meniscus.

To Chad Stuckey, South Lyon East's varsity offensive line and running backs

coach, the 54 seconds represents a time to be centered. To remember the athlete who wore the number 54.

"We've told the guys, 'This is the most important 54 seconds of the practice,'" Stuckey said. "Nothing else matters if this 54 seconds doesn't matter."

South Lyon East football will not be the same without Tyler. But as the Cougars prepare for an inevitable next season, awaiting their season opener

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# Tyler

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against Walled Lake Central Sept. 17, Tyler became a guide, a rallying cry based on the life he lived and the example he carried everywhere he went.

Tyler became larger than life.

## A physical anomaly

Tyler was an athlete. He was driven. But based on size alone, most thought he was slow.

Yolanda Lewis, Tyler's mother, said in some ways, this was true: He walked slow and talked slow. But whenever he took a court or a field, whatever sport he was playing, he showed a level of speed that seemed unreal, unprecedented.

"I used to have him play soccer, and he just loved soccer," Lewis said. "They always had him playing goalie because he was always the biggest one, so they are like, 'You can't run, so we will stick you at goalie.' He would always be like, 'Mom, I want to run, I want to play.'"

"One time, one of the coaches finally let him go out and kick the ball, and it was so funny because he's like the smallest, biggest kid out there and no one could catch him."

One thing Lewis used to tell Tyler was that he got his speed from her, describing herself as a "track star."

Those genes, those physical attributes made Tyler stand out to Stuckey from the moment he first stepped into South Lyon East's gym as an eighth grader for weight training.

The offensive line coach remembers the incoming freshman coming in strong physically with solid natural movements — describing him as the "heavy kid that can move around" — without a lot of football experience.

Tyler played for South Lyon East his freshman year of high school, skipped his sophomore season, but told his mother he would be back for his junior season.

And when he returned to the team, he was all in.

"Once he decides 'it's what he wants to do,' it's 150 to 200 percent on 'it's what he wants to do,'" Lewis said.

"Number one, he's going to research everything. He stayed on the internet finding his position, what he needed to do, all the top guys in the position. I mean he knew everything. If you asked him anything about what position he played or anything concerning it, he knew about it. It was just the person that he was."

When summer practice came prior to the 2019 season, Tyler never missed a day.

Stuckey began to work with the junior on his technique at the line, using footwork drills and film study to get him better, gaining strength by consistently benching 250 pounds.

"He responded really well to me," Stuckey said. "He was very coachable, and he literally wanted to learn and be good."

To his teammates, Tyler had a combination of physical attributes and drive that made them think he had a legitimate shot at college football, with parts of his game that coaches at the next level would likely have gawked over.

With a combination of size and speed, an ability to showcase those skills not only on the football field, but also on the soccer field and the basketball court, Tyler's attributes were honed and crafted.

But some things he did were God-given. And it was something Tyler used to laugh off.

"I would always try and ask him, 'How are you able to do this stuff?'" senior linebacker and tight end Nick O'Donohue said. "And he would come up with something funny like, 'Man, this is just normal for me.'"

According to Lewis, Tyler was striving to take his speed one step forward in the spring: He wanted to get healthy to run the 100-yard dash on the South Lyon East track team.

Tyler was convinced he wanted to show how fast he truly was, something that pushed him to have the surgery in November, something that has haunted Lewis since her son's death.

"To be honest, I didn't really think he even needed to have the surgery, now that I look back on it," Lewis said. "He wanted to have that surgery so he could get back to playing sports like he loved."

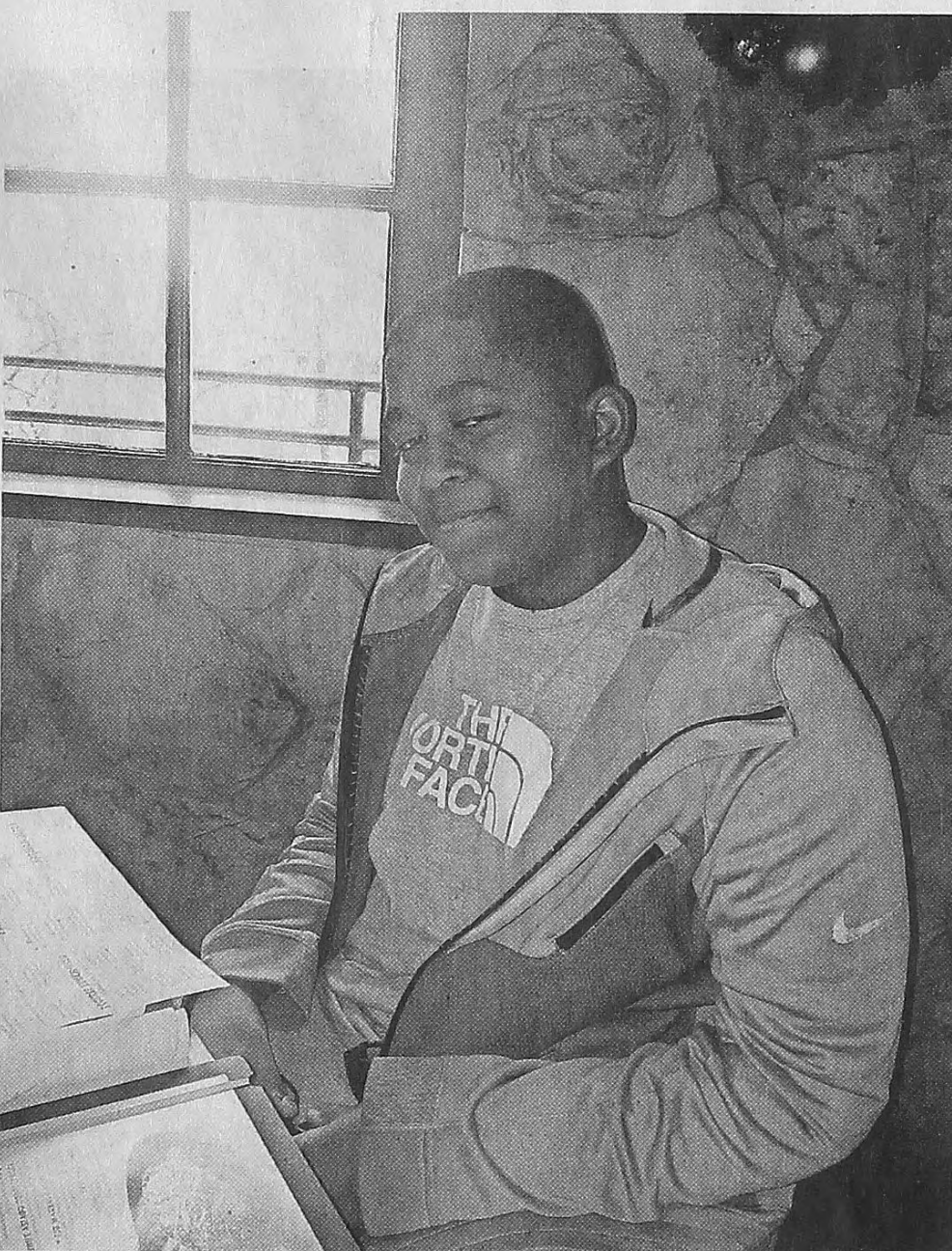
"That has been at the back of my mind a lot. I know he just loved sports. 'Mom, I have to do this because I want to run track, I want to run that 100-yard dash and I got to get ready for football.' That kind of sticks in my mind."

## A selfless 'Hombre'

To Stuckey, Tyler was the epitome of what it meant to be a member of the South Lyon offensive line, better known as the "Tough Hombres."



South Lyon East students and parents raise their cell phones with lights on to remember Trevon Tyler at his Dec. 6 memorial service at the school's football stadium. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE



Trevon Tyler was described as selfless both on and off the football field. COURTESY OF YOLANDA LEWIS

The offensive line is usually described as selfless, existing to lift up and showcase the physical ability of other members of the team.

Lewis said this is something Tyler did when no one was around.

Describing herself as a person that has always been in poor health, Lewis remembers Tyler always helping her upstairs, always being eager and ready to help.

He was always ready to love on his mother.

"In the morning, when we were preparing to go to school, he would always tell me, 'Bring it in, Mom. Bring it in,' and do our traditional 'Mommy hug,'" Lewis said. "For him to be 6'4", 300 pounds, you know, you just don't see a guy like that say, 'Come here Mom, come give me a big hug.'"

Tyler loved people. It was part of the reason why Lewis was adamant on sending him to public schools outside the city of Detroit. She wanted him in the best situation possible, not focused on uniformity in both clothing and education, but free to do what he did best: make relationships.

With Tyler driving out from the city to attend South Lyon East, Stuckey had a chance to see both sides of Tyler: the drive and focus he showed on the football field and the gregarious and inviting personality he showed with those around him.

O'Donohue saw this the last time he saw Tyler. Nothing was different, just a social, engaging conversation in the

back of a classroom right before Thanksgiving break.

Tyler was tight with a lot of people. He was a listening ear, one that could hold the weight of heavy conversations.

It was one thing Lewis said Tyler was most proud of: being a good friend.

"He was just a genuinely caring person," Lewis said. "When you talked to him, you felt that. Some of the kids really talked to him about serious stuff."

"He would tell me some of the things and I was just like, 'Wow, he is such a good friend.'"

After Tyler's death, after his funeral and memorial service at the school, after the coronavirus shut down all normal spring and summer preparation for a fall season, this is the mentality the South Lyon East football program embraced.

The players and coaching staff talked over Zoom calls, bonding over emotions of grief and uncertainty, to put football: the game into perspective.

"It definitely let us all reset and find out who we are as teammates, as players, as coaches, as a whole team, as one unit," O'Donohue said. "I think it was a big thing to kind of hit the reset button and start over and figure out who we are."

Who South Lyon East became was what Tyler would have been, emphasizing the focus of "Play for Tre, live for Tre and do something for Tre." It was the mentality of the South Lyon East offensive line, the Tough Hombres: selfless.

Each practice, they reminded them-

selves of their missing link.

"When we break out of a (practice), we don't say, 'We are East, We will play for Tre.' That's the whole team," Stuckey said. "When we break for them... I count down 'Five, four' for Tre, they yell, 'Tough Hombres.'"

## A victory

Fifty four seconds of reflection was not the only thing South Lyon East planned to do to honor Tyler.

His jersey hangs in what would have been his locker. Attached to the door, a whiteboard eulogizes the junior as "one of the best human beings to step foot in this program."

Another one of his jerseys will be brought with the Cougars each game, draped over a bench on the sideline.

An icon in the middle of the "E" on each helmet shows his number 54 proudly.

South Lyon East is eager for the chance to play for Trevon Tyler in 2020, even if it's not with the schedule it originally intended.

"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," South Lyon East head coach Joe Pesci said.

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

But one thing will remain through all of this, through the 2020 season and beyond.

Play number 54 in the South Lyon East playbook will be victory formation in honor of Tyler.

To Lewis, this hit home.

She knew Tyler as motivated to finish what he started; as determined, from the football field to his garage at home, where he fixed up what she called a '1971 jalopy.'

She knows he knew every play, what every member of the offensive line was doing, just to make the guys behind him look good.

And when victory formation was called, he knew he did his job.

"It's kind of like a big circle because that's him. That's him," Lewis said. "Getting the play, he would always tell me the running back, 'When I go in, he's going to get his points. He's going to get his yards. We're going to break that record because it don't matter who's in front of me. I'm moving him out the way.'"

To O'Donohue, offensive lineman do not get enough credit for their role on the field. However, they are the moving pieces as to why the offense is successful.

To the senior captain, that was Tyler. That is what South Lyon East is missing, yet clinging to.

"He was just a victory," O'Donohue said. "He just did everything right."

When South Lyon East takes the field for the first time in 2020, for the first time without its staple on the offensive line, one thing will remain:

If the team does everything right on the football field, the coaching staff will make a call to honor a player who did everything right on and off the field.

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# Games

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While the two teams have not faced each other since the 2016 season, both teams come into 2020 with different looks than a season ago.

Jack Woods will take the reins of the offense at quarterback from graduated senior Markis Alexander, while junior wide receiver and defensive back Jaden Mangham Jr., who holds offers from schools such as Michigan, Michigan State, Penn State and Florida, leads on both sides of the ball.

Farmington, on the other hand, returns senior defensive back Julian Ama and senior running back and linebacker Javen Culpepper, while gaining Jacob Sanders, an all-state honorable mention running back, who transferred from Shrine.

Farmington will host Groves 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17.

## South Lyon East at Walled Lake Central

Heading into 2020, South Lyon East head coach Joe Pesci is confident in what his offense can do with returning talent such as quarterback Zander Desentz, running back Ayden Oliver and wide receivers Drake Willenborg and Dorian Armstrong.

But heading into the season opener against Walled Lake Central, the focus will be more of who is not on the field: Trevon Tyler.

Tyler, a former South Lyon East offensive lineman, died after complications from surgery Nov. 29. Heading into the 2020 season, the rallying cry for the Cougars has been to "Play for Tre," something they aim to start when taking on the Vikings in an LVC matchup.

With that, the goal for Pesci is for South Lyon East to compete for a league title and to make a deep run in the playoffs.

The Cougars will face a Walled Lake Central team that was winless in 2019, scoring 40 total points and allowing 375 to opposing offenses.

Walled Lake Central hosts the game 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17.

## Plymouth at Howell

Howell has not beaten Plymouth

since 2010, last falling to the Wildcats, 38-7, in the second week of the 2019 season.

However, heading into the first game of 2020, this game looks to be a bit more emotional.

After the 2019 season, former Plymouth head coach Brian Lewis left to take the same position at Howell, with longtime assistant coach Greg Souldourian taking over the Wildcats' position.

In two seasons with the Wildcats, Lewis finished with a 15-6 record, earning a KLAA West title in 2019, before losing in the conference title game against Belleville, and to West Bloomfield in the district final.

Lewis will try and lead the Highlanders to their first winning season since 2013, while Souldourian, and players such as senior tight end and defensive lineman Andrew Uhlian and offensive lineman DJ Robinson, will try for its eighth winning season since 2010.

Howell will host Plymouth, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18.

## Canton vs. Northville

In his first two years as Canton's head coach, Andrew LaFata has continued the team's playoff run, extending the streak to 12. However, Canton did show inconsistency in 2019, averaging 26.2 points per game — its lowest since 2007 — and scoring an average of 14.2 points in each loss.

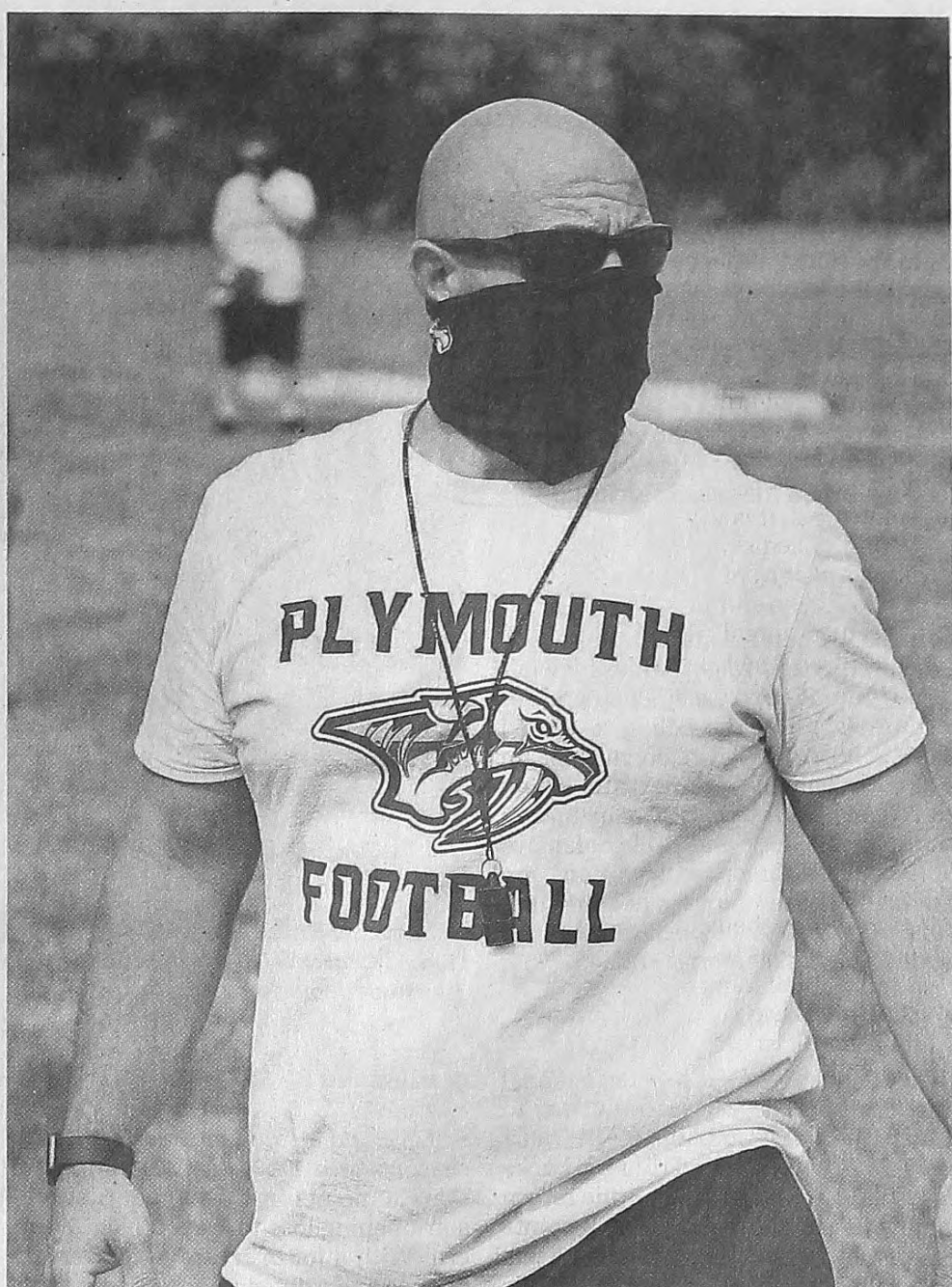
Northville, coming off three consecutive three-win seasons, found confidence with its defense in 2019, allowing an average of 23.4 points per game — its lowest since 2015.

But facing the familiar "T" offensive look of Canton, Northville has not found much success as of late.

The Mustangs have lost each of their last six matchups, with Canton outscoring Northville, 255-104, in those games.

Canton will have a few returning players familiar with the offense they run, including running backs Marco Johnson and Zack Badger, but lost 16 seniors from last year's team, including 10 starters.

Northville, on the other hand, has experience on its side in 2020, bringing back 11 returning starters, including senior running back Cayden Saunders, to try and move forward from the program's worst offensive season since 1986.



Greg Souldourian's first game as Plymouth's head football coach will be against his predecessor: Howell head coach Brian Lewis. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Canton will host Northville 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18.

## Wayne Memorial vs. Churchill

After finishing 2019 as a Cinderella team, Churchill comes into the 2020 season as a KLAA East favorite.

Led by senior quarterback Gavin Brooks and senior safety Jimmy Targoz, the Chargers will try and continue its story from last year: winning their last four regular-season contests before making a run to the regional final before

losing to Walled Lake Western by a touchdown.

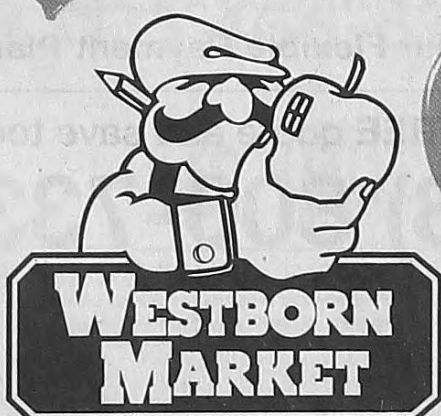
The Chargers will open the 2020 season against a Wayne Memorial team that scored 20 total points a season ago and allowed 405, but lost only eight seniors, and will bring a level of experience to the field.

However, the Zebras only earned three wins against Churchill in their 17 total matchups, last beating the Chargers in 2009.

Wayne Memorial will host Churchill 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18.

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# Hometown Life preseason top-10 football teams

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The 2020 football season is upon us. In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, the season is expected to be unlike any other. Games around the state kick off Thursday for a six-game sprint of a season in which every team makes the playoffs.

Here is a look at what teams in the Hometown Life coverage area could look like when the season kicks off this weekend.

## 1. Churchill (7-5)

In 2019, Churchill started the season 1-4, but won six straight games for what turned into an extremely deep and invigorating run before falling to Walled Lake Western in the regional final. In 2020, with many returners, including both senior quarterback Gavin Brooks and senior safety and 2019 defensive MVP Jimmy Targoz, expectations are sky high for the Chargers heading into 2020. Churchill will open the season against Wayne Memorial Friday.

## 2. Seaholm (9-4)

The Maples earned its first regional title since 1997 last season, but fell to King in the state semifinal, 60-17. Quarterback Caleb Knoer and running backs Jackson Vance and Will McBride return for an offense that averaged 35.3 points per game a season ago. Seaholm will open its season against Rochester Hills Stoney Creek Thursday.

## 3. North Farmington (9-1)

In their first year under head coach and former Harrison assistant Jon Herstein, the Raiders shined, scoring more than 300 points for the first time in school history, and recording its first undefeated regular season since 1978. With Jacob Bousamra at the helm, along with wide receiver/defensive back Aaron Rice and Renaissance transfer running back Justin Whitehorn, it looks like North Farmington will try and continue what it started in 2019. The Raiders will open against Rochester Adams.



Livonia Churchill QB Gavin Brooks prepares to sling a pass at practice Aug. 10. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## 4. Lakeland (7-3)

Lakeland recorded its best defensive season since 1983, not allowing more than 30 points in a game after its season-opening loss to Walled Lake Western. With a lot of returning players on offense and a defense with a reputation, head coach Joe Woodruff's goal in 2020 is to get over the hump in the Lakes Valley Conference and take the league title. Lakeland will open the 2020 season against Walled Lake Northern.

## 5. Plymouth (9-2)

Despite losing 20 seniors and its head coach from the 2019 season, Plymouth believes it can continue its winning ways in 2020. With Greg Souldourian taking over the program, the Wildcats will return players like tight end/defensive lineman Andrew Uhlian and offensive lineman DJ Robinson. Plymouth will open the season against Howell.

## 6. Groves (8-3)

Coming off a 42-7 loss to Seaholm in the district final, the Falcons will try and bounce back with 11 returning starters and a new quarterback in senior Jack Woods. Jaden Mangham Jr., who holds offers from Penn State, Michigan State and Michigan, will also play a major role for the Falcons. Groves opens its season against Farmington Thursday.

## 7. Detroit Catholic Central (4-5)

After a rough 2019 season, finishing with a 4-5 record and 13-0 loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's to keep them out of the playoffs, the Shamrocks, coming into 2020 with experience, will try and return to its winning ways. Catholic Central will be led by Declan Byle at quarterback with senior Sam Dersa at defensive back and wide receiver and Sean Field at defensive end. The Shamrocks will open against Harper Woods.

## 8. Farmington (8-2)

In 2019, Farmington lost its two games by four combined points. While many of those players are not returning for the Falcons, head coach Kory Ciococh is confident in his team's makeup in 2020, taking talent from an 8-1 junior-varsity team in 2019 and adding Jacob Sanders, a Royal Oak Shrine transfer who was an all-state honorable mention at running back last year. Farmington will open against Groves Thursday.

## 9. Franklin (8-3)

Coming off a season in which the offense averaged 38.5 points per game, the Patriots will have to replace its quarterback for the first time since 2016. But with youth at skill positions, Franklin has four of five offensive linemen returning, along with eight starters on defense. Franklin opens the 2020 campaign against Dearborn Fordson.

## 10. Stevenson (4-5)

Returning 22 seniors, including running back and Harvard commit Caden Woodall, the Spartans will try and return to its winning ways in 2020, not recording a winning season since 2015. Stevenson will try for its first win of the season against KLAA West powerhouse Belleville.

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# Fight defines Stevenson's opening win against Wayne

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Holding onto a 5-1 lead late in the first half, Livonia Stevenson senior defender Alec Alaouieh was fouled near the goal against Wayne Memorial.

After exchanging words, pent-up emotions boiled over.

A benches-clearing altercation ensued between the two teams with 44 seconds left in the half.

Zebbras seniors Hugo Olmos and Luis Martinez came near the bench throwing punches, and had to be separated by multiple players and coaches, while Stevenson sophomore midfielder Nico Bunda tried to fight back.

Olmos, Martinez and Bunda did not return to the contest and red cards were issued to both teams.

While both teams returned to play in the second half, with Stevenson securing the 9-1, mercy-ruled win with 24:41 left on the clock, the altercation proved to be a defining factor, quieting a sparse and socially-distant crowd for the remainder of the contest.

"It's really unfortunate," Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said. "For opening night, to have it be like that, I was disappointed in my guys, the way we reacted to it, but these guys have been pent up for six months with no competition.

"It seems like it boiled over in one moment of a lack of maturity for guys on both sides.

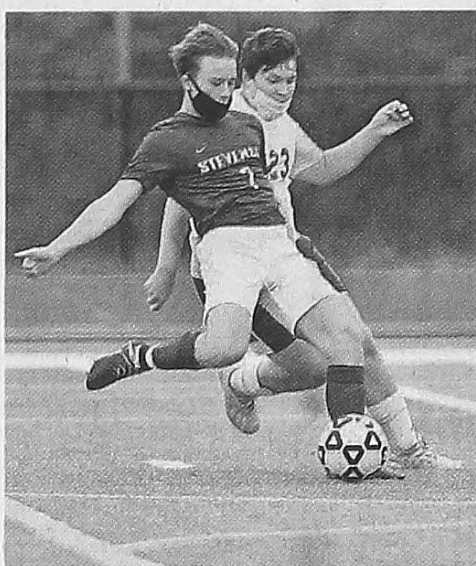
"Today, everything that went on — the goal we gave up, the altercation at the end of the half — I think all, pretty much, incredible learning moments for our guys."

Wayne Memorial head coach Keith Tilley said he saw "somebody standing up for his little brother," something he said was unnecessary, but understandable.

"It was uncalled for," Tilley said. "Any way you look at it, it was totally uncalled for. I don't support it, but I understand it."

Early in the first half, Wayne Memorial junior goalkeeper Michael Quick suffered an injury after two blows to the head.

He was carted off the field and taken to an area hospital.



Stevenson's Alec Alaouieh. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

After the game, Tilley had no update on Quick's status.

At halftime, Shingledecker gathered his team in the south end zone, talking to the players not about the game or the score, but about how they carry and handle themselves, what his expectations are of them in those situations.

"Those moments, we can't be involved with them," Shingledecker said. "We have everything to lose in those moments, and we just have to do a better job at stopping those moments from happening."

### Stevenson starts hot

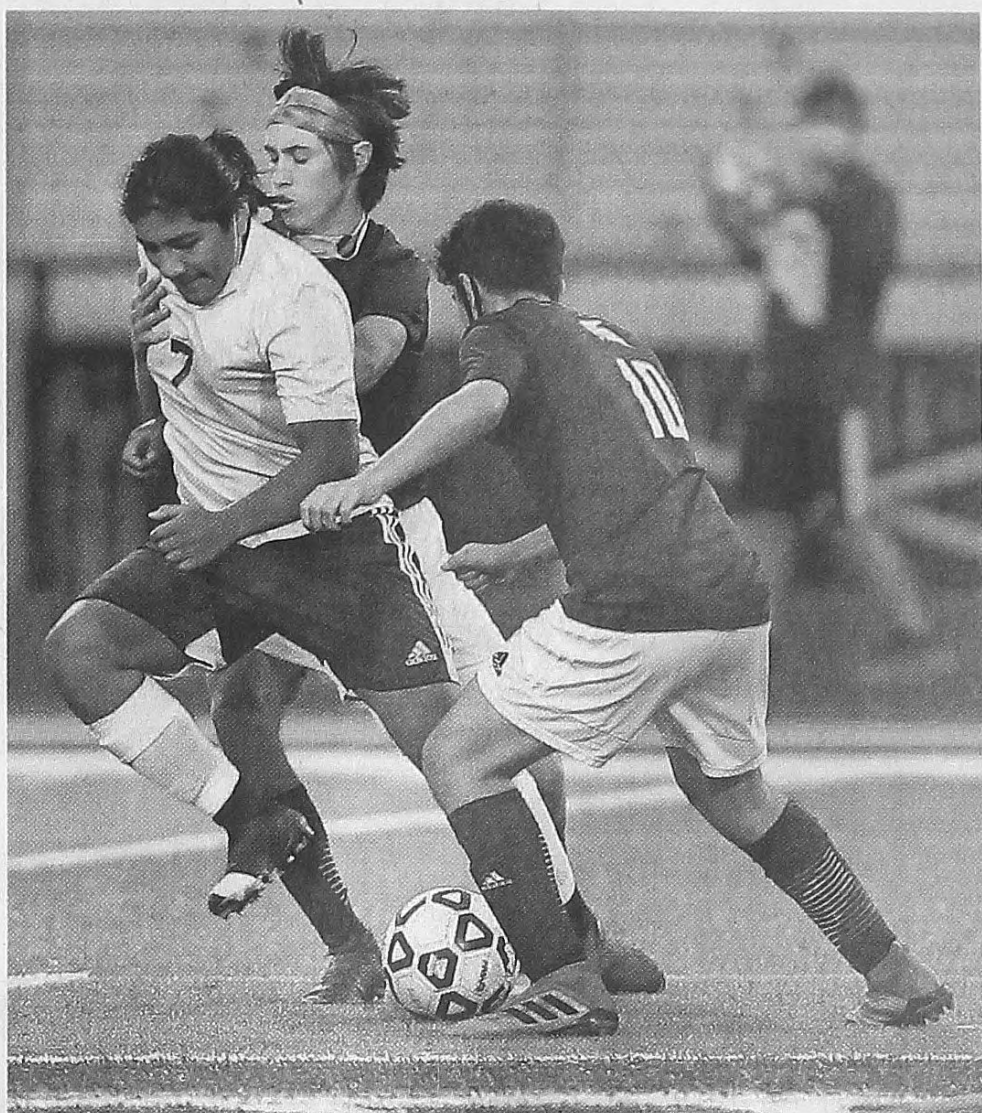
Stevenson started its 2020 season extremely hot offensively.

After senior forward Nick D'Orazio connected on a free kick after a trip was called in the box, the Spartans found the back of the net two more times, both by senior Nick Lema, holding a three-goal lead early in the half.

However, all momentum stopped when Lema scored his second goal, and Quick suffered his injury.

After play resumed, Wayne Memorial stepped up, as junior Angel Ochoa found the back of the net for the Zebbras' first, and only, goal of the contest.

Stevenson responded twice more in the first half, and four more times in the second, with Lema earning the hat trick



The Spartans try to slow down Wayne Memorial's Hugo Olmos, left.

on a goal early in the second period.

After Quick's injury halted play, Shingledecker said his team looked rusty and could not ramp back up its energy, with sloppy play in the back leading to the Wayne Memorial goal.

Tilley, on the other hand, saw something he could work with.

"I was very impressed with how they were playing," Tilley said. "I saw a lot of things I wanted to see: they were playing as a team, they were communicating, they were working together."

While Stevenson secured the mercy-ruled win with four second-half goals, the focus was on what happened at the 44-second mark in the first.

For both teams, it was a wake-up call.

"I'm confident with how we are going to do for the rest of the season, if we keep the hotheads off the field, or at least thinking properly," Tilley said.

For Shingledecker, he viewed it as a learning opportunity, saying that his team will benefit from this game in the long-run.

However, that did not change his emotions after the season opener had ended.

"It just became the strangest half ever," Shingledecker said.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2020 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

1. Application 1609, R78-060-02-0056-000, 11420 Gold Arbor, R-1 zoning district is requesting one variance to allow for (6) chickens on less than (1) acre in the Tomlinson Estates Subdivision. *Variance requested the keeping (6) chickens.*
2. Application 1610, R78-03-01-0389-000, 45885 Denise, R-1-S zoning district is requesting one variance to construct a 12'x12' covered deck that would reduce the rear yard setback to 45' feet whereas 50' feet is required. *Variance requested is Five (5) feet.*

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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Zoning Board of Appeals Notice  
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Meeting Location: ONLINE ZOOM MEETING**  
201 S. Main Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170  
Website: www.plymouthmi.gov Phone: (734) 453-1234 ext. 232

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. online via Zoom to consider the following:

Z20-08 Non-Use Variance Request for 388 S. Main  
Two wall signs on one facade  
Zoned: B-2, Central Business District  
Applicant: Mark Chalou

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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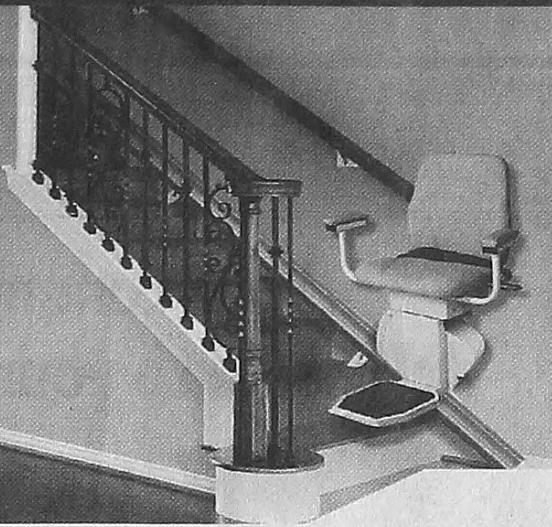
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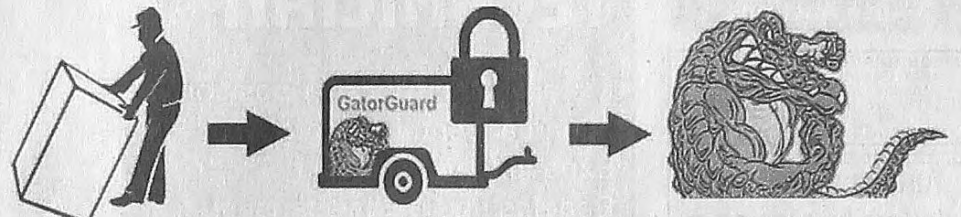


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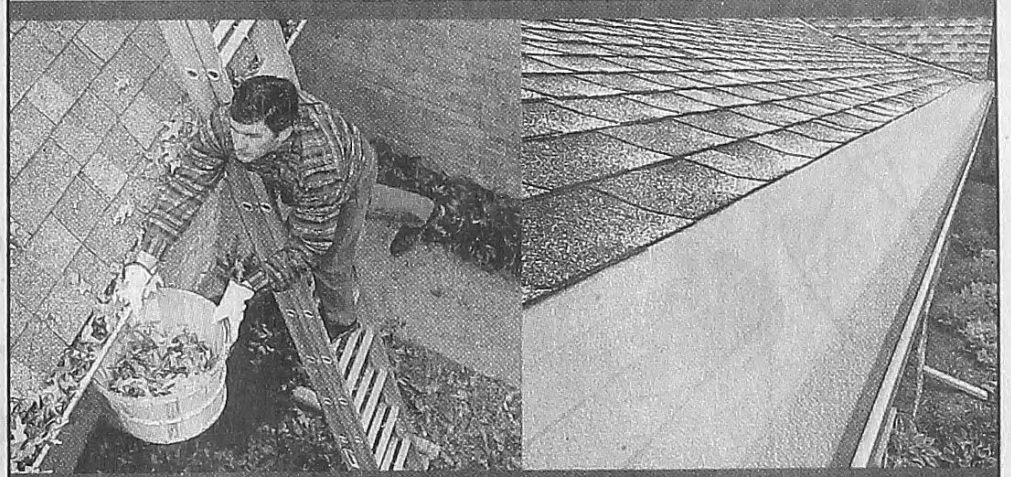


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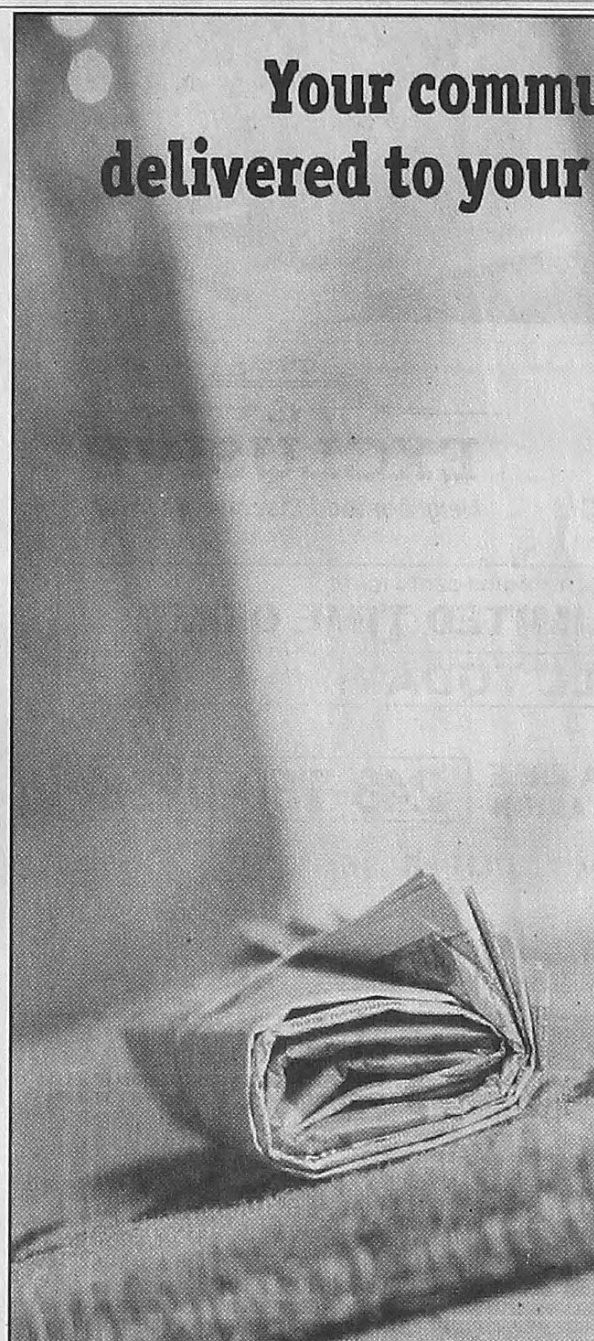
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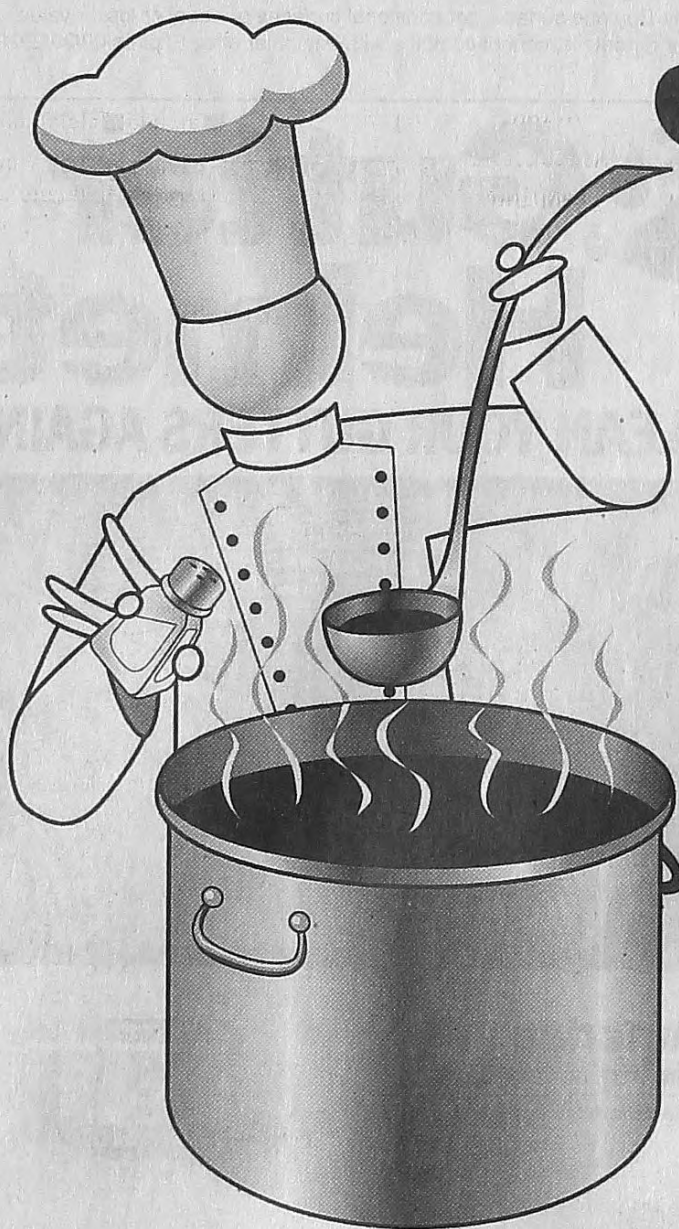
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

### ACROSS

- 1 Tea and ale
- 6 Brunch menu items
- 13 Difficult to pin down
- 20 Newswoman Shriver
- 21 Ancient Italian region
- 22 Like adoptees and swindle victims
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 French scholar Peter
- 26 Buddy
- 27 Sly-fox link
- 28 Passenger-screening org.
- 29 Shallowest Great Lake
- 30 Crocheted coverlet
- 33 Mess up
- 36 Retina spot that might degenerate
- 38 Chou En —
- 39 Riddle, part 2
- 42 Running herd
- 45 Marked with stripes
- 46 "Alfie" actress Long
- 47 Ghana's capital
- 51 Whiz
- 52 Printing proof, informally
- 56 Riddle, part 3
- 61 Jinx
- 62 Whim
- 63 A single time
- 64 Eastern "way"
- 65 Shirt tag information
- 66 Andre of tennis
- 67 Application to thinning hair
- 69 Give a job to
- 71 Zip
- 72 Abbr. on military mail
- 74 Lip
- 75 Almond confection
- 76 Food fish
- 77 Riddle, part 4
- 80 Very little, in recipes
- 82 — -mo
- 83 Syrian president since 2000
- 84 Scottish seaport
- 85 Skin art
- 88 Carts away
- 92 End of the riddle
- 98 Prefix with lingual

### DOWN

- 1 X6 carmaker
- 2 "Go, team!"
- 3 Distinctive time
- 4 Coven member
- 5 Comic — Baron Cohen
- 6 Female gamete
- 7 Gibson of "Gallipoli"
- 8 Ultimate goal
- 9 Eases
- 10 Natural gas component
- 11 Knotted neckwear
- 12 Declare
- 13 Approx. airport stats
- 14 Ritchie Valens hit
- 15 Small guitar, for short
- 16 One drafted for service
- 17 Trapped by habit
- 18 Manly
- 19 Win the affection of
- 24 Pound fraction
- 28 Shorten
- 30 Capone and Pacino
- 31 Pudgy
- 32 Big black-and-white mammal
- 33 "Yuck!"
- 34 Football's Cowboys, on scoreboards
- 35 Big 1940s computer
- 37 Crooning cowboy Gene
- 40 Set — (start wedding plans)
- 41 R&B singer — Marie

### ACROSS

- 43 Operate wrongly
- 44 Ratchet wheel engagers
- 48 When doubled, tot's train
- 49 Versatile stoves
- 50 Peaceful, simple place
- 53 "Goodbye, Columbus" author
- 54 Divide into different districts
- 55 Some daisies
- 56 Activist Jagger
- 57 "No more for me, thanks"
- 58 NBA Hall of Famer Thomas
- 59 Stoops (to)
- 60 Go-getters
- 65 Spreads' apart
- 67 Public unveilings of products
- 68 Fishing tools
- 70 Agra's Taj — woman
- 73 Basil-based green sauce
- 75 Propel a bike
- 77 Allowance
- 78 Unconfined

### DOWN

- 79 Big laughs
- 81 Like some lotteries and liquor stores
- 86 Diatribes
- 87 Part of SFPD
- 89 Take forcibly
- 90 Monkly title
- 91 Fish part
- 92 Like a wise bird
- 93 Lingua —
- 94 One who triumphs
- 95 Uno or dos
- 96 Spring blooms
- 97 Most minimal
- 102 Wedding cake layers
- 103 Knotted neckwear
- 106 Mattresses' places
- 108 Pre-'91 superpower
- 110 Suffix with script
- 111 U.K. military fliers
- 112 Mess up
- 113 Beatified Fr. woman
- 114 Wall-climbing plant
- 115 Food fish
- 116 Dir. from Fresno to L.A.

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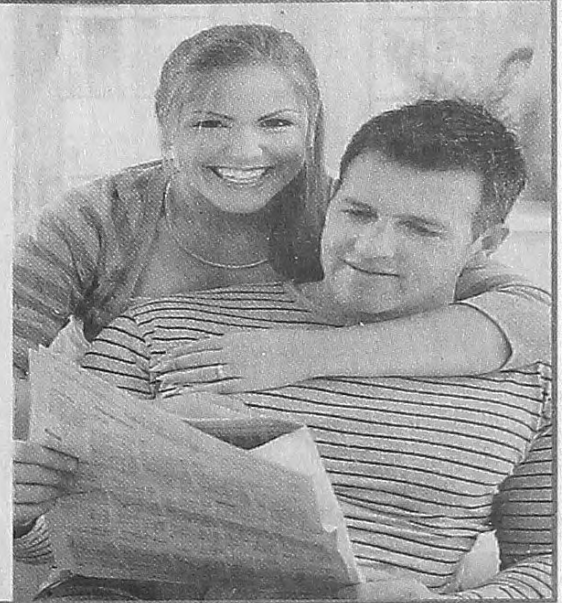
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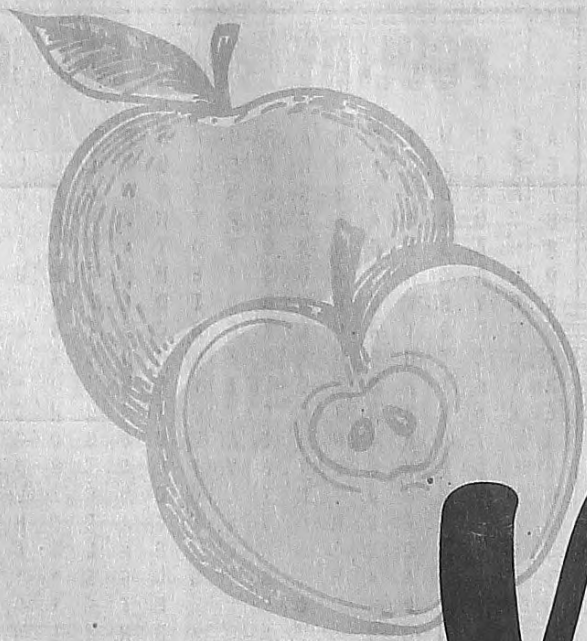
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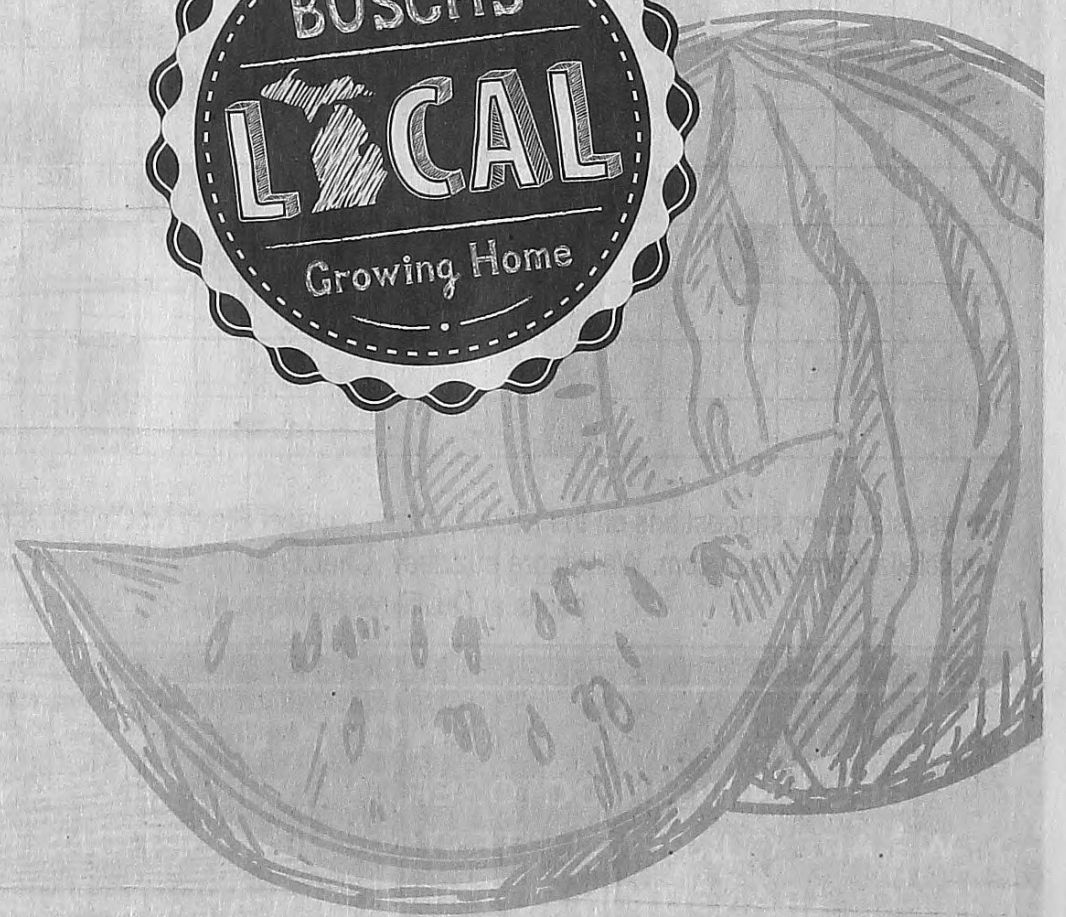




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