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Diversity highlights Canton leadership team

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As Canton Township steadily transforms into one of southeastern Michigan's most diverse communities, its board of trustees is swiftly following suit.

Results of this month's general election welcomed in the township's first

female supervisor — former trustee Ann Marie Graham-Hudak — and its first South-Asian Indian-American woman trustee, Tania Ganguly.

The board, which consists of five women and two men (all Democrats), already included Sommer Foster, the first African-American member of the township's governing team.

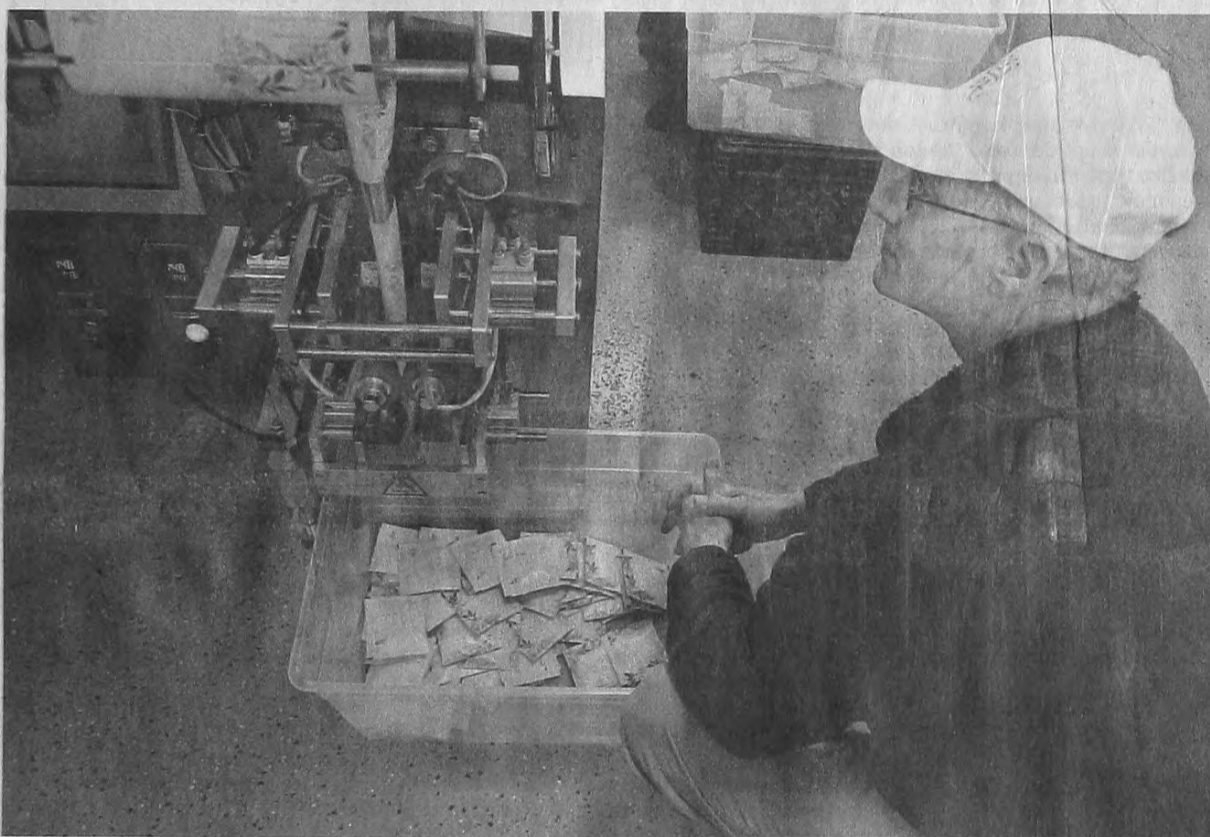
"I am looking forward to serving on

the board with this group of talented, smart, diverse group of individuals," said Graham-Hudak, whose career as a Ford Motor Co. engineer will be put on hold once she takes the supervisor reins. "What we build, and what we leave for future generations must last — it is our legacy."

A township trustee since 2016, Graham-Hudak has been deeply involved

in community-enhancement organizations for several years. She's been a member of the League of Women Voters for over 25 years, filling roles that have ranged from forum moderator to voting educator. She's also chaired the Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion.

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Joe Fraser watches a machine package individual bags of Fraser Tea in early March at the company's Livonia factory.
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Family-owned tea co. in Livonia seeing growth

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The origins of Fraser Tea are the like the beginning of a bad dad joke: What do you get when you combine a former Catholic priest, an entrepreneur and a master gardener who happen to be brothers?

You get a tea company that's con-

tinued to grow since beginning several years ago out of a Livonia warehouse, boasting a wide array of options in their facility as they create a completely organic product.

"Our whole philosophy is people, planet, growth," said John Fraser of Plymouth. "Everything we do is based on those three things."

That passion has turned into a small,

organic tea company processing and packaging dozens of varieties of tea. The company — ran by brothers John Fraser, Tom Fraser of South Lyon, Bernard Fraser of Ferndale and Joe Fraser of Novi — has sold their products in places including Plum Market, Westborn Market and Busch's Fresh Food

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Malls to stay closed for Thanksgiving

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The holiday shopping season is going to be unlike any other this year.

With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to rear its ugly head heading into Thanksgiving, those looking to shop may not be doing the typical stops they do yearly on the fourth Thursday of November and the following day, Black Friday.

Those changes are prevalent with area malls this year as well: for the first time in years, all the region's malls will have their doors closed on Turkey Day. While malls such as Laurel Park Place and Westland Shopping Center have closed their doors on the holiday in previous years, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi is joining them in keeping closed Thursday night.

Kelsey Kiefer, a marketing specialist for the mall at 27500 Novi Road, said this is the first time in her career at the mall they've opted to close the doors Thanksgiving evening.

"We're closing down, allowing our tenants to spend time with their families that day," she said. "We just thought considering the year its been, we're following the trend that other malls are doing."

But once the turkey and leftover stuffing is in the fridge, shoppers can prepare for Black Friday, looking for deals at the major area shopping centers. Twelve Oaks will open their doors at 7 a.m. Black Friday and remain open until 9 p.m. There, customers — who should follow COVID-19 guidelines while doing so — can shop for friends and family at the various tenants and anchor stores at the popular mall.

Holiday shopping is still a go for those looking to get out of the house. The recent orders from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services allow for retailers to remain open during the three-week "pause" period that's closing down restaurant dining rooms, high schools and athletics.

Kristina Circelli, marketing director for Laurel Park Place owners CBL Properties, said the mall at 37700 Six Mile in Livonia will open at 7 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. on Black Friday after being closed for Thanksgiving, a new tradition begun about four years ago by the mall's parent company.

Safety protocols will also be in place for those heading to Six Mile and

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Westland selects new diversity commission

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George Floyd's death in the custody of Minneapolis police last May sparked conversations across the county about change.

Those conversations, along with protests led by residents, have prompted Westland city leadership to make some

changes. The city is part of a county-wide listening tour intended to hear residents' concerns. The city's police department created a transparency dashboard and recently earned accolades from the local NAACP, and city council passed a resolution declaring racism a public health crisis.

The council's resolution, passed in August, also called for city administra-

tion to create a commission focused on diversity. Mayor Bill Wild announced last week those seats on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission were filled.

"We hope they can really help us as we try to become a more welcoming city," Wild said.

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Market and they've recently broken into a new market; Bigby Coffee, the Lansing-based coffee chain, now serves Fraser Tea in its cafes, an expansion that started about a year ago.

The journey toward serving their tea in several hundred cafes across the country began after meeting Bigby owners Bob Fish and Michael McFall at a convention. After striking up a conversation, they began planning to travel to Asia to locate tea, and a relationship was born.

"We're just sort of joking around. We didn't think anything of it," John Fraser said. "That was an exciting trip."

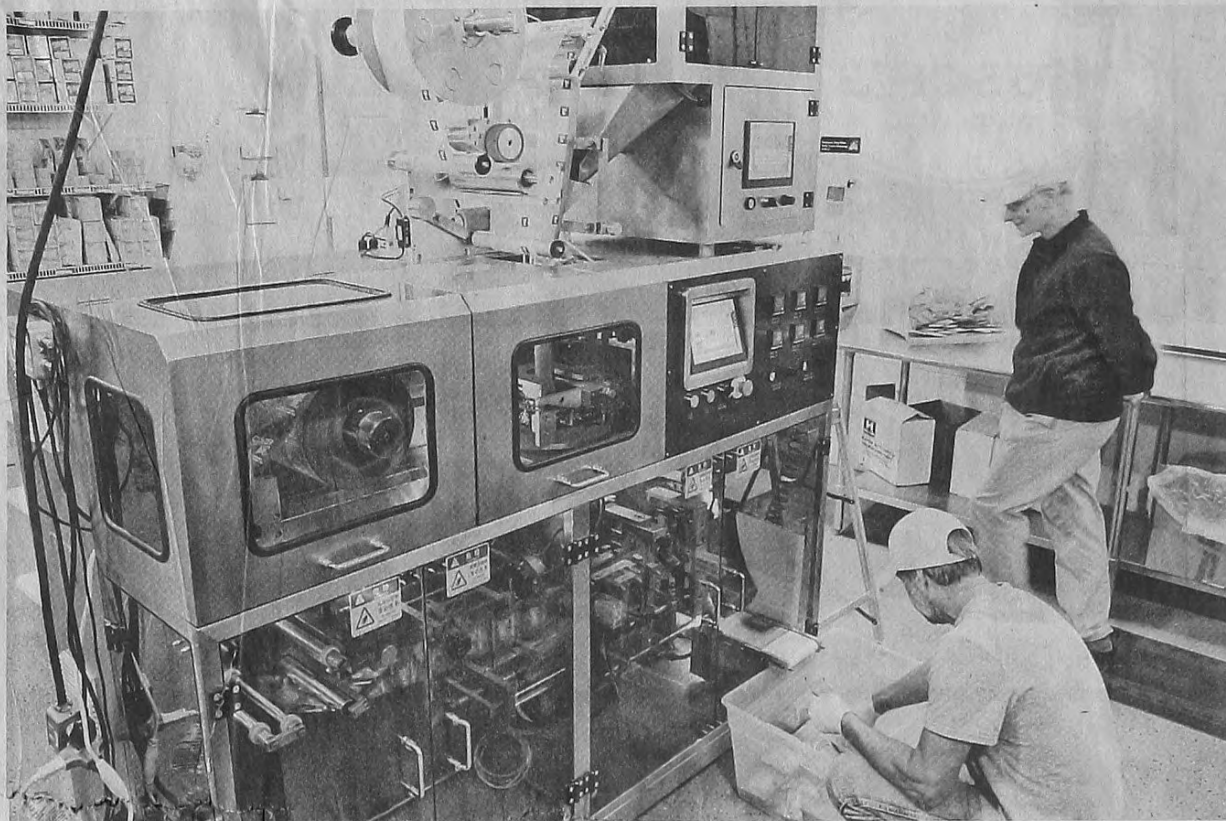
Today, customers can find Fraser Tea in the more than 200 cafes Bigby operates in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, New Jersey and North Carolina. In addition to Bigby, Fraser Tea is sold in several area markets and is available in all 50 states and has distribution in several states nationwide.

Ed Buison, a Bigby franchise owner who owns the cafe at Newburgh and Ann Arbor Road in Livonia, said having the tea has been an adjustment for long-time customers used to one form, but they've taken well to a brand-new option. Having that local connection, he said, is what makes Bigby so connected to the community.

"Coming from Michigan, there's a pride in our state," said Buison, who plans to open another Bigby Coffee cafe in Livonia next year. "You couldn't have thought of a better match."

It's a mutual feeling for Fraser Tea, John Fraser said.

"They're a really good company to work with," he said. "And the customers all seem to be enjoying it."



Fraser Tea in Livonia uses two machines like this to package their blends of teas into individual bags for sale.

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'It's a passion'

The love of tea stems from a healthy family life. The brothers lived in Plymouth before moving to the Monroe area, with all of them attending what's now St. Mary Catholic Central High School.

As they got older, the brothers would extend their family competitions to tea blends, trying to figure out who could

create the best cup.

"We started blending tea and horsing around. Who could do the better blend? We'd fight over it, argue. 'This is better than that,'" John Fraser said. "We're just going back and forth."

The business launched several years ago and the brothers located their facility in Livonia off Stark Road between Plymouth Road and Schoolcraft. They have had plenty of sales since be-

ginning their business. Tea continues to grow as a beverage powerhouse, being the second-most consumed drink on the planet after water.

The Fraser brothers say they've seen that trend continue locally as well: they're seeing interest grow in a variety of types of tea.

"If you look at tea sales, people are

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"I think it's important that our government reflects our diverse population," Graham-Hudak said. "I've enjoyed working to bring our cultures and faiths together."

Graham-Hudak's decision to run for a township trustee position was fueled by a situation she watched unfold while attending a board meeting in 2015.

"There was a meeting during which they announced some warrants for domestic-violence abusers hadn't been processed for over two years because paperwork had been misplaced between the township and Wayne County," she said. "That disconnect made me upset, so I ran for trustee."

Her motivation to pursue the supervisor position was sparked, in part, by the lack of urgency township leaders displayed in the push to make Canton a technology hub within a planned mobility corridor along Michigan Avenue that its orchestrators hope will connect downtown Detroit to Ann Arbor, as well as all the communities in between.

"I created a technology committee once I knew the corridor was in the works, thinking that Canton needed to start preparing for it to make sure jobs stay here and to ensure that the township was going to be a player," Graham-Hudak said.

"The committee generated a lot of interest — there were around 90 people at one meeting — and we came up with some great ideas. Then it was shut down because people above me basic-

ly said, 'Well, we don't need that now' and 'Let's keep Canton, Canton' ... things like that. I thought, 'No, we have to keep moving forward.'"

Graham-Hudak acknowledged that serving as a trustee for four years will be advantageous to her new leadership role.

"I know all of the directors, I've worked at a lot of the township's events and I've made rulings on budgets and policies," she said. "Even before I was a trustee I worked with the police on instituting a variety of diversion programs. That's one reason you don't see a lot of protesting (over racial injustice) here."

"In June, when all of the protests across the country were speaking out against the way people of color were being treated by police departments, Canton was recognized for the positive way its police embrace diversity."

On Nov. 3, the day of the general election, early voting results showed incumbent supervisor Pat Williams winning by a comfortable margin.

"People were texting me Tuesday night saying, 'I'm really sorry,'" Graham-Hudak recounted. "I was thinking to myself, 'It's not done yet.' We knew there would be a red mirage on Tuesday because there were close to 40,000 absentee votes that hadn't been counted yet."

The new supervisor said her primary focus during the early stages of her new job will be to figure out strategies to help contain the spread of COVID-19.

"I will work on making sure we're getting the state revenue we need to help us get a handle on it," she said. "It's hitting us hard right now and there is no end in



Canton Township's new leadership, from left: Kate Borninski, Sommer Foster, Dian Slavens, Ann Marie Graham-Hudak, Michael Siegrist, Tania Ganguly and Steven Sneiderman. COURTESY OF MIKE MCDERMOTT

sight."

Graham-Hudak said the current board of trustees has the kind of chemistry that will get things done in the township.

"I've been working with the returning members of the board for a long time and even when we don't agree, we manage to come together and get the job done," she said. "The diversity of our board gives us such a unique dynamic so that everyone in the community can feel they are represented."

Graham-Hudak and her husband Hadley are the proud parents of four children, two of whom are students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Boston University and completed a Master of Business Administration degree at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

She began her career in engineering with the Federal Aviation Administration, leading construction and replacement of high-tech equipment while removing contaminated fuel tanks and working in brownfields.

Graham-Hudak worked on sustainability and advanced technology, among other fields, at Ford.

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Commission

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The commission will start meeting in January 2021 and function as a recommending body to the local court, city council, police and city administration.

The seven-member body also includes two alternates. Wild said the board, which includes men and women who are Black, white, Hispanic and Arab-American and are from a variety of areas in town, is meant to reflect diversity.

The members include: Elnora Ford, who serves on the Commission on Aging; Lena Nichols, a retiree from Ford Motor Company; Arthur Warren, president of the Southeast Homeowners Association; Angela Rimmel, who works foster care and adoption director; Fabiola Sanchez Santos, a zumba instructor; Denise Sedman, who worked in advertising and public relations for 37 years; and Dr. Mohammad Elmenini, a medical doctor. The com-



Protesters gathered in Westland during the summer to support Black Lives Matter. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

mission also named two alternates, Ebonite Guyton, who works in public health for the state, and Steven Thomas, an accountant.

Council and city administration will get to know the commissioners at a virtual strategic planning meeting Dec. 5 that will focus on diversity. Council has not appointed any liaison from among themselves, but can do so anytime.

"That study session will kind of give everyone in the room a chance to get

some background and learn what everyone in the room are doing or are trying to do," Wild said. "What I hope happens next is they'll start meeting in January and the board, kind of working organically, will go in whichever direction as a board that they want to."

When the board starts meeting after the new year, its meetings will be open to the public.

"Obviously, as the public addresses the board, if the public makes a suggestion the board could add it to their recommendations or they may choose to study it," Wild said. "I do think the public is going to have an opportunity to interact with the board."

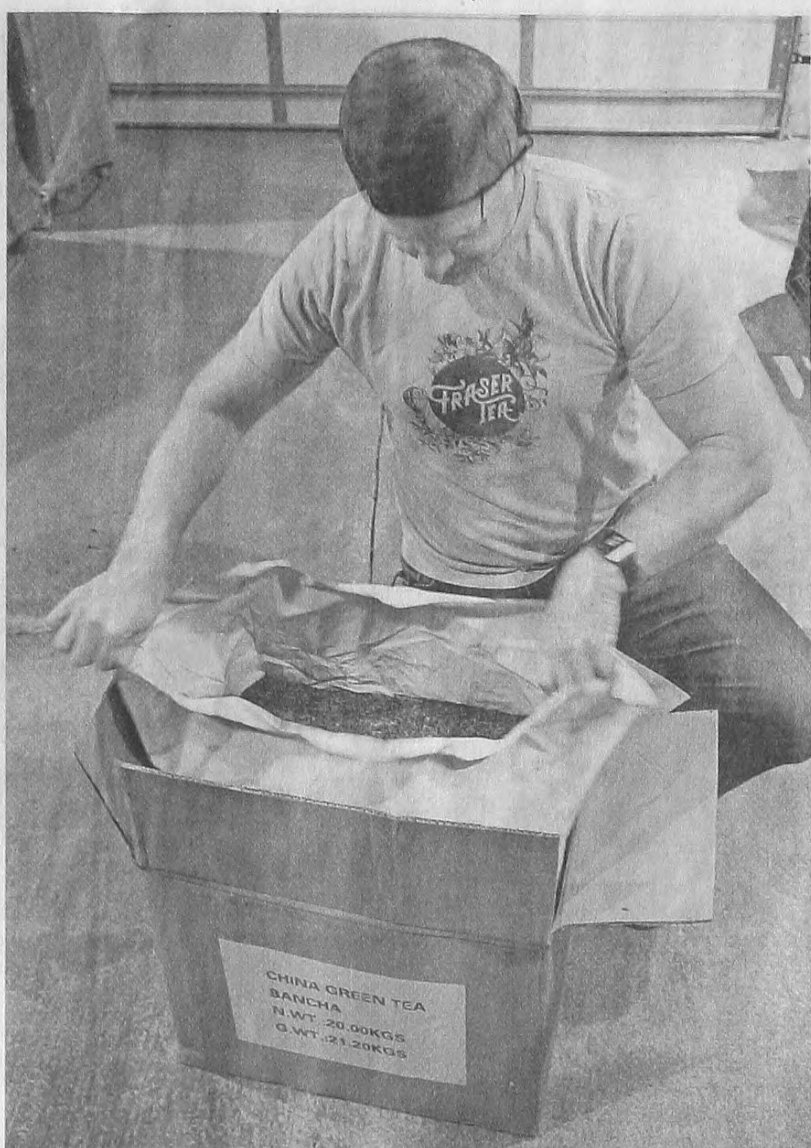
With the diversity commission's, which officials are calling the DEI, seats filled, Wild said he plans to focus on seating the long-vacant ethics board by the year's end.

"We really got a lot of applicants, not only for the board of ethics, but for the DEI board and several other boards," the mayor said. "So, I feel comfortable with the amount of people that applied and we've been having conversations with them."



Tom Fraser points out some of the boxes of Fraser Tea ready to be shipped at their Livonia location during a tour of the facility in early March.

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John Fraser checks out a recently arrived box of green tea from China in early March at the Fraser Tea facility in Livonia.

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educating themselves on what they're drinking," said Bernard Fraser, a former Catholic priest.

Fraser Tea stocks more than 100 tea blends from green tea to black tea to herbal tea. There's a whole host of flavors to choose from, as well, including the watermelon oolong, plum berry oolong and even a line of "mocktail" tea. Those non-alcoholic teas are designed to imitate the flavors in classic mixed drinks such as Royal Rum and Cola and Sparkling Champagne.

Teas are all certified organic, a decision the brothers made early on in order to provide the best options for customers.

"The first thing they do when they pick the leaves is they dry it. They never wash it because water is one of the enemies of tea. Any residual pesticides get on it," Tom Fraser said. "That's why we decided to go all organic. The first time it's washed is in your tea cup."

Buisson said the popularity of which teas sell well varies by cafe. His shop in southwest Livonia has seen plenty of



John Fraser holds a glass jar of their own Earl Grey blend of tea. Fraser Tea blends their own tea recipes at their Livonia location.

Fraser Tea sold in the last year, including a cinnamon variety. He said when he speaks to customers and informs them of where it comes from, it's usually a surprise it that come from Livonia.

"It blows everyone's minds," he said.

While it's been a tricky year for many businesses, John Fraser said the COVID-19 crisis has not affected the company as much as it could have. They were still able to obtain supplies to craft their tea and shifted employees around

to better accommodate social distancing requirements.

"It's been a challenge with internal stuff," John Fraser said. "We're used to wearing masks and hats anyway in the back."

Online orders have increased dramatically in recent months, with some being placed as far away as Australia.

Tea serves as a great conversation starter, something the family's believed for years. They hope plenty of people

keep those conversations going over a hot or cold cup of Fraser Tea for years to come.

"It crosses all things," Tom Fraser said. "You can talk to people about the tea and you don't have to worry about anything else."

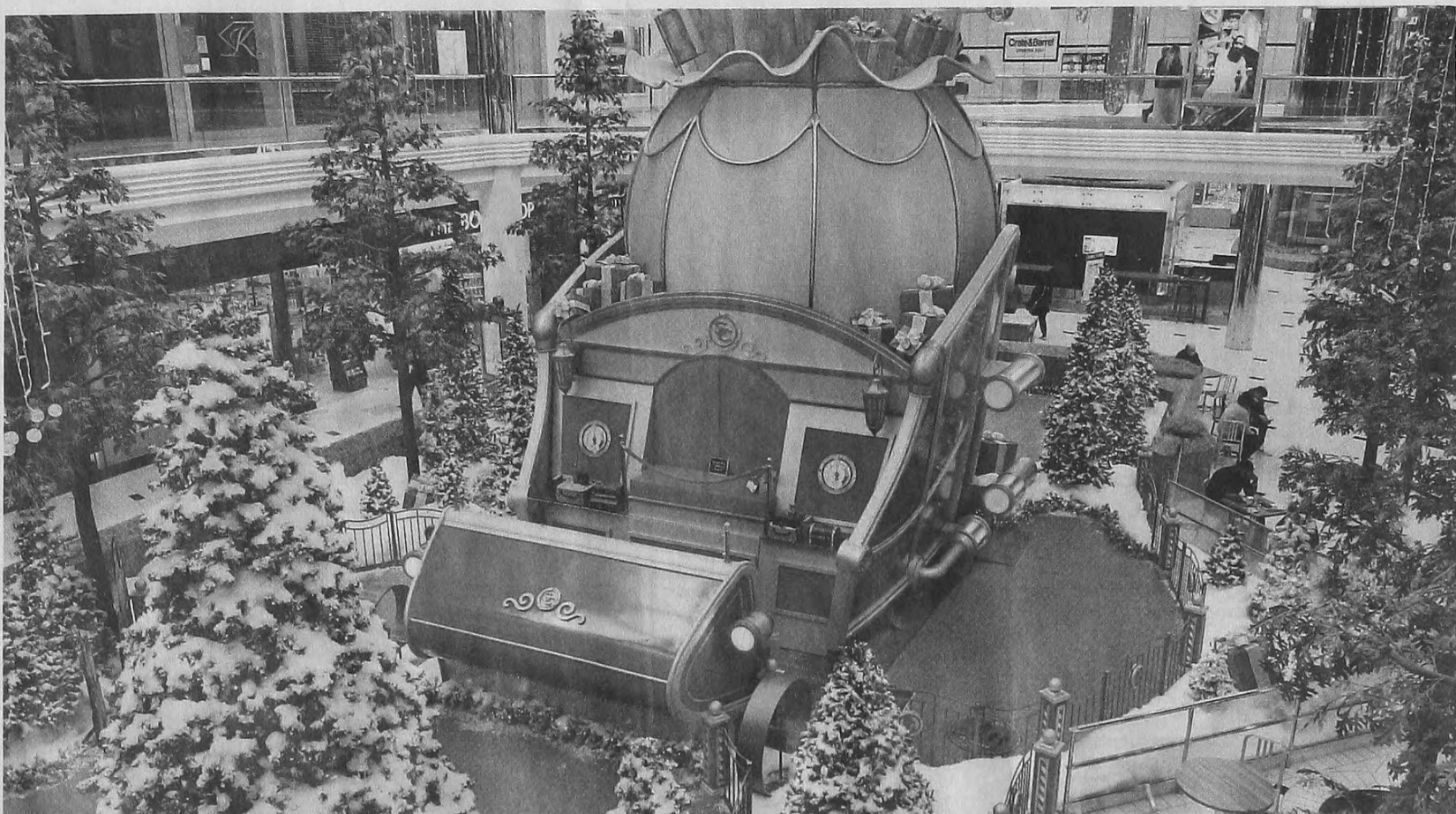
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Santa's sleigh awaits guests at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. The mall will open at 7 a.m. Black Friday and remain open until 9 p.m. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Malls

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Newburgh: shops there will manage the number of visitors allowed in their space, she said.

"Most of the stores do have their own requirements. There might be longer wait times," Circelli said. "It varies according to the store based on how big they are."

Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren in Westland, will also remain closed for Thanksgiving and be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Black Friday.

For those heading over to the Somerset Collection at 2800 W. Big Beaver in Troy for the holiday weekend, the mall will open at 9 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. The mall has expanded some of its ser-

vices to assist with more contactless shopping, including adding more parking spots at the north and south entrances of the mall for curbside pickup, as well as a new home delivery service for those who live in a 60-mile radius from the mall. More information on these programs can be found at thesomersetcollection.com.

Twelve Oaks will launch a few initiatives for the shopping season, including a campaign called "#BuyNearby." That program will surprise random shoppers at the mall with gift cards and sweepstakes entries. The mall is also donating to various charities and organizations on behalf of tenants and employees. The mall is also expanding its hours starting Black Friday, going back to essentially what they were before the COVID-19 pandemic was discovered in the state back in March.

Anchor store hours vary

Department stores at the malls have varying hours depending on store. Here's a list of most stores at several area malls and when they'll be open for the holiday weekend kickoff. Some stores could not be reached for hours when called.

Laurel Park Place: Von Maur will remain closed for Thanksgiving and be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. Dunham's Sporting Goods will also be closed Thanksgiving and be open from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Black Friday.

Westland Shopping Center: Kohl's will remain closed on Thanksgiving and then open for business at 7 a.m. Friday. It will remain open until 10 p.m. that night. J.C. Penney will also be closed Thanksgiving and reopen at 5 a.m. Friday. It will stay open until either 9 p.m.

or 10 p.m.

Twelve Oaks Mall: All department stores at Twelve Oaks are closed for Thanksgiving. Nordstrom is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Black Friday. Lord and Taylor, which is set to close later this year, will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday. Macy's will open its doors to customers at 5 a.m. Friday and close at midnight. J.C. Penney will open at 10 a.m. Friday and close at 10 p.m.

Somerset Collection: Neiman Marcus will be closed Thanksgiving and open its doors from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Black Friday. Nordstrom will close for Thanksgiving and be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. Saks Fifth Avenue will close Thursday and be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday.

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Dad of Oakland County Child Killer victim dies

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Barry King, father of the Oakland County Child Killer's fourth and final victim, died Nov. 19 after decades spent valiantly waging war with police, judges and prosecutors to glean the truth of what happened to his boy.

The Birmingham resident and retired attorney died at the age of 89 "in his own bed, on his own terms," his daughter Catherine Broad wrote in a blog post.

Broad approved the use of the blog post for this story. In that post, she said King was diagnosed with a motor neuron disease in August. Soon after, he lost the ability to speak and swallow.

King stayed as active as possible, continuing to walk outside with his walker into early fall. He communicated by writing notes and offering thumbs-up and thumbs-down gestures.

Of course, he never forgot the son he lost on March 16, 1977. Tim, 11, never returned home from buying candy at a nearby drugstore. His body was found about a week later in Livonia, lying in a ditch off Gill Road.

"My Dad's spirit left his body late this afternoon. He crossed over and joined my mother and my brother Tim," Broad blogged. "My dad wrote a note a week or so ago that said 'I've had a good life, except for what happened to Tim.'"

Broad called her father "a warrior for justice for his son."

Over the years, King had jostled with criminal justice professionals, including Oakland County prosecutors, whom he claimed weren't sharing enough information with the families who lost loved ones to the Oakland County Child Killer.

His plight was not easy.

"Plaintiff filed FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) actions against the various agencies involved, presumably to attempt to obtain answers to questions surrounding his child's death," reads a 2014 Michigan Court of Appeals opinion regarding King's complaint against the Oakland County prosecutor.

"At one point, he appears to be arguing that the trial court should have granted him discovery. However, as noted, defendant sufficiently established that no such information existed regarding these items and plaintiff has not sufficiently countered defendant's facts as presented."

Earlier this year, King was rooting for recently-elected Oakland County Prosecutor Karen McDonald to defeat Jessica Cooper, who served as prosecutor for about a decade.

"We are supporting former Judge Karen McDonald in our March 10, 2020 primary election," he said in a February email to Hometown Life. "She has agreed to talk to us after she reviews the file."

"He conducted himself with dignity and just want-



Barry King, father of Timothy King, tried for decades to find who killed his son in 1977. Barry died Nov. 19. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ed the truth," Broad blogged. "He wanted someone in law enforcement to look him in the eyes and tell him the truth.

"He did not back down but the obvious failures by these people and agencies were a deep wound on his soul. Thank you to those who tried to help advance his quest for justice for his son Tim.

"Thank you to those who supported him, even if just in spirit."

Broad is asking supporters to perform random acts of kindness to recognize her father's quest for truth.

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Closure not only threat to movie theaters

Fewer releases, lack of stimulus put cinemas in 'life and death' situation

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In 2019, movie theaters served up a feast of crowd-pleasing new releases to families gathered for the Thanksgiving weekend.

"A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" had Tom Hanks in another plum dramatic role as children's TV icon Mr. Rogers. "Knives Out" was a fun, twisty whodunit with the bonus of Chris Evans wearing that fisherman sweater. "Frozen II" brought joy to young kids and a couple of hours of precious calm to parents.

This Thanksgiving, cinemas are among the places in Michigan that will be shut down for three weeks by the state's effort to bring the skyrocketing COVID-19 surge under control.

"We are in the worst moment of this pandemic to date," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer during a Nov. 15 news conference. "The situation has never been more dire."

At the news conference with Whitmer and state health officials, one of the most shocking facts was that a leading model predicts an increase to a thousand deaths per week in the months ahead if precautions aren't taken.

Already, more than 8,000 people in Michigan have lost their lives to the deadly airborne virus.

With the surge happening across the nation, it is clear that things only will get worse if Americans decide to ignore safety measures and turn the holiday into their own personal superspreader.

As the Atlantic's James Hamblin stated in a piece titled "Cancel Thanksgiving": "If this were an outbreak movie, and the characters were congregating in multigenerational units indoors to have boisterous conversations over lengthy meals, you'd probably be yelling at your screen."

For Michigan movie theaters, losing three weeks of business is another blow in their 2020 fight for survival. But here and in other states, their outlook is uncertain for reasons that go beyond any governmental restrictions.

The head of the National Association of Theatre Owners, John Fithian, recently told Variety that his members are facing a desperate situation. Unless the lame-duck Congress provides some financial relief — NATO and others are lobbying for a \$15 billion grants package for movie theaters, concert venues and theatrical stages — the future looks bleak, or as Fithian put it, "It's life or death for many, many, many theater companies."

Right now, the passage of a stimulus relief bill seems dead in the water. For much of the movie theater world, simply breaking even is starting to seem like a dream.

But that's not because of any new restrictions like the one in Michigan. This year, the major studios have launched a mass migration of 2020 release dates to next year. Movies that haven't been bumped to 2021 are often choosing a different release model. For instance, Dis-



This Thanksgiving, cinemas such as the Emagine theater in Royal Oak are among the places in Michigan that will be shut down for three weeks in compliance with the state's effort to bring skyrocketing COVID-19 case numbers under control.

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ney's hot animated film "Soul" will arrive Christmas Day on the Disney+ site, not at cineplexes.

This past weekend, the Top 10 films in movie theaters domestically grossed a little over \$10 million and that's including rereleases of old favorites "Elf," "Toy Story" and "Guardians of the Galaxy." Compare that to the same period in 2019, when the Top 10 films grossed nearly \$90 million and boasted fresh titles with box office staying power like "Ford v Ferrari" and "Joker."

Only one big film, the family-aimed "The Croods: A New Age," is set to open in theaters Thanksgiving week. After that, the schedule is a desert of major studio releases until "Wonder Woman 1984." However, Warner Bros. has announced that the film will also stream on HBO Max the same day. "The time has come," the film's director Patty Jenkins wrote on Twitter Wednesday.

Michigan is lucky to have a wide variety of large and small venues for moviegoers to choose from. The list covers chains deeply rooted in metro De-

troit like MJR, Emagine and Phoenix to unique sites like the Detroit Film Theatre and Cinema Detroit.

In metro Detroit, cinema owners spent the summer and early fall arguing that their physical model is safer than that of large arenas or even indoor restaurants. Some felt singled out by having to stay closed until Oct. 9 when restaurants were able to reopen in June (under the new restrictions, restaurants must halt dine-in service and stick to carry-out, delivery and approved methods of outdoor dining).

Nationally, one of the arguments from trade groups for opening movie theaters has been that no COVID-19 virus transmissions have been traced to a cinema. But that claim raises its own questions on how effective contact tracing really is in the United States. Each state's efforts are dictated by how far its leadership is willing to go — and by its own people's willingness to cooperate and not turn the process into a political issue.

During their previous seven months

of shutdown, metro Detroit theaters turned to options for staying afloat like holding online or "virtual" screenings, selling concessions like popcorn and candy, and organizing outdoor drive-in screenings. Those strategies are still available, but they're more a sign of commitment to the community than a real financial solution.

Michigan's theaters are up against bigger hurdles than a three-week break. So are multiplexes and art houses from coast to coast. The crucial question is this: How will they evolve to face what's becoming an existential crisis? Or, to be blunt, can they?

The future of cinemas isn't high on the list of immediate issues to deal with during what CNN's Dr. Sanjay Gupta is calling a humanitarian disaster. Still, for those who love movies and the movie theater experience, it is something worth saving.

On the other side of this nightmare, it's very likely that Americans will want to be together as they watch magic in the dark.

How to handle large donations for tax purposes



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Dear Rick:

I'm hoping you can help. I am 62 and divorced. As part of the divorce settlement, I received a portion of my ex-husband's pension which I will begin to receive next year.

I am currently working and plan to retire in three years. My portion of the pension will cover all my needs and more. Because I won't need the money, I plan to take Social Security when I am 70 and I won't touch my IRA and 401(k) until I'm 72. I have nearly \$750,000 between my 401(k) and IRA. Outside of the IRA, I have about \$50,000 between my savings and checking account.

I would like to make a \$200,000 contribution from my IRA to a charity that I've been associated with that has been hurt by the COVID crisis. The woman who does my taxes told me it would cost me a lot in taxes. She recommends that I stagger the distributions over a seven-

year period. What do you think? I'm hoping you can give me a better alternative.

L. H.

Dear L. H.:

I do believe I have a better alternative for you. Normally, your tax preparer would be correct. The \$200,000 withdrawal from your IRA would be fully taxed to you, which would put you in a higher tax bracket. In addition, the amount you can deduct in cash contributions is limited.

At the beginning of 2020, the amount you could deduct for cash contributions was limited to 60 percent of your adjusted gross income. In other words, you would not be allowed to deduct your full contribution this year. The excess deduction would be carried forward for future years. However, one thing we all know is that nothing is normal in 2020.

Back in March, Congress passed legislation known as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES). The bill contained a variety of measures to combat the effects of the COVID-19 virus.

One of the provisions of the legislation was designed to encourage individ-

uals and corporations to increase their charitable giving during the crisis. As a result, for 2020 you can now take a charitable contribution up to 100 percent of your adjusted gross income. Therefore, for this year and this year only, you can take cash distribution from your IRA and then you can donate that cash to a charity and have it fully deductible. As a result, you will be able to offset any taxes from the IRA withdrawal.

There was another provision of the CARES Act that also affects charitable contributions. Under the legislation, a new universal deduction for charitable contributions was created. This deduction is for taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions, which is about 70 percent of Americans. Under this provision, you can now deduct up to \$300 in cash charitable contributions. Unfortunately, donations like old clothing and furniture do not qualify. This deduction is considered an above the line deduction which means it reduces your adjusted gross income.

Just as a reminder, for cash contributions under \$250, any documentation is generally acceptable to the IRS if you are

audited. However, for cash contributions above \$250 you need a receipt from the charity to pass IRS scrutiny.

Americans are the most generous people on earth. Unfortunately, scam artists know this. Particularly, as we enter the holiday season, scammers are out in force trying to separate you from your hard-earned money. Therefore, never give to a charity before you've done your research on the organization. One website I use in doing my research is www.charitynavigator.org.

Scam artists create charities that sound legit, but they're not. Be careful, and don't let emotions dictate your actions. Whenever we receive an email that pulls on our heartstrings, we want to help. After all, that's what Americans do. However, our initial instinct should be to research the charity, so you can make an informed decision, not one based on your emotions. It's up to you and me to make sure they are not successful.

Good luck!

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With COVID-19, a different kind of Black Friday

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How are retailers planning to whip shoppers into a holiday frenzy this weekend?

Well, they aren't.

Instead, in an effort to control crowds in this time of a worsening coronavirus pandemic, big-box retailers have done two things: They've closed brick-and-mortar stores on Thanksgiving Day and they've taking the emphasis off Black Friday.

"There's a lot less promotion out there," said Ken Nisch, president of JGA, a Southfield-based retail design and branding firm. Instead of "this sort of wild bacchanal of Black Friday ... I think it's going to be a kinder, gentler kind of Christmas.

"I think we've kind of rewired ourselves. It's not the line in front on Thanksgiving where people kill each other and trample the poor greeter; it's a different kind of line."

And it starts online.

Interest in Black Friday as an in-store event has been waning in recent years. Fewer shoppers line up outside stores as early as they once did and those who have continued the tradition don't get there nearly as early. Shopping in the comfort of one's home has become the new norm.

This year, there's less urgency than ever to shop in stores.

One reason is the coronavirus pandemic. Even with social distancing and masks and sanitizer, many are wary of going into a store.

But also, there's less urgency to shop on any platform on Black Friday. People are still buying; holiday spending is expected to be similar to last year's, according to a forecast by PwC, the accounting firm.

But the idea of Black Friday creating the enormous blip in revenue it once did is, according to Nisch, not something that's going to happen this year.

Retailers have been holding Black Friday sales for weeks, trotting out specials slowly and steadily. A benefit to this for those shopping online: Spreading shopping specials over several weeks rather than touting them on a few high-impact dates means shoppers space out their buying, which puts less



Businesses are making changes for Black Friday, a traditionally popular shopping day, in response to the pandemic.

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strain on mail and shipping services.

Most of what's going to be on sale on Black Friday — inexpensive TVs, vacuum cleaners and, in perhaps a sign of the times, anxiety-reducing weighted blankets, also called tranquility blankets — has already been on sale for days.

Even items that aren't going on sale in stores until Black Friday, will be available online on Thanksgiving Day. Which translates into little incentive to stand in a socially distanced line outside a store to wait for a doorbuster.

And with the emphasis on improved curbside pickup options, doorstep delivery and shipping (free, if you're lucky), there's actually little incentive to be inside a store at all.

And so, this is the year of curbside pickup, doorstep delivery and UPS.

So what to expect?

Here's what some of the big-box stores are doing:

Target. Brick-and-mortar stores will be closed Thanksgiving Day and reopen at 7 a.m. Black Friday; target.com is always open.

While the bulk of Target's deals have been available in stores and online since Nov. 22, the retailer is holding a few of

its deals until Thanksgiving Day. Among those deals: \$70 off on an Asus Chromebook, bringing it down to \$229.99; a Google Nest mini for \$18.99, regularly \$49; \$10 off a Polaroid Hi-Print printer, reg. \$99.99. (Insider tip: if getting first crack at one of these deals is important to you, try logging on at 3 a.m. EST on Thanksgiving Day. Historically, Target starts its sales at 3 a.m. EST.)

Meanwhile, for contactless shopping, Target has doubled the number of parking spots available for curbside pickup. It has also expanded the options for self-checkout.

In an effort to avoid lines, Target is positioning staff members around the store who can ring up purchases anywhere, preventing people from having to wait in checkout lanes. And because Target is limiting the number of people inside its stores, it has rolled out a new system that tells you whether there's a line and allows you to reserve a spot in line. Once you're notified that the store is ready for you, you have an hour to arrive and check in. To check on lines: target.com/line.

Kohl's: Brick-and-mortar stores are closed Thanksgiving Day and reopening

5 a.m. Black Friday; kohls.com is always open.

Special deals will be available at kohls.com starting 3:01 a.m. EST on Thanksgiving Day and in stores on Black Friday. Among those deals: Google Nest Mini, \$18.99 (reg. \$49); 50% off board games and puzzles; Beats Solo Pro headphones for \$229.99 (reg. \$299.99).

Kohl's has also doubled the number of drive-up spaces for curbside pickup.

Another new effort by Kohl's: The store is allowing shoppers to return eligible items from Amazon without a box or label. Kohl's will package and send the returns to Amazon. It's a free service.

Walmart: Stores are closed Thanksgiving; walmart.com is always open.

The nation's largest retailer will roll out a bunch of online-only deals at 7 p.m. Nov. 25. (Among them: Series 3 Apple Watch, \$119 (reg. \$179); 70-inch Vizio 4K TV for \$478)

Then at midnight on Black Friday at walmart.com and 5 a.m. ET in stores, a new set of deals will roll out. Included: Google Nest Hub for \$49.98 (reg. \$89.98) and kids' bikes for \$29.

PlayStations and puppies top this holiday's scam list

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Monster growth in online sales this holiday season will trigger an explosion of duplicitous deals, fake web sites, phony emails and outright shopping scams.

More than ever, online buyers better beware.

Instead of standing in line to snag deals on Black Friday, many consumers will be hitting their laptops and iPhones to spend \$10.3 billion online, up 39% from a year ago, according to forecasts from Adobe Analytics.

And on the Monday after Thanksgiving weekend, dubbed Cyber Monday, sales online could surge to \$12.7 billion.

Overall, online holiday spending is expected to hit \$189 billion from Nov. 1 through Dec. 31, up a projected 33%, according to Adobe, which estimates that two holiday seasons of growth could happen in one.

Millions of dollars, though, could be lost along the way as scammers gear up for what could be their best holiday season yet.

What's troubling is that these scams might not be simple to spot, as fraudsters increasingly figure out ways to target potential victims, copy enough logos and images to look legitimate and use social media to tempt shoppers.

Already consumer watchdogs are hearing from consumers who spotted an ad on social media for what looks like a great gift but doesn't measure up to expectations.

Amy Nofziger, director of victim support for the AARP Fraud Watch Network, said one consumer complained in the fall about spotting a collectible doll on Facebook that was reportedly advertised as 23 inches tall.

"And when he got it, it was a 7-inch piece of junk," Nofziger said.

In some cases, she said consumers are complaining they're facing difficulty getting credit card companies to allow them to dispute the charges because the consumer did receive an item, even if it's far short of what was expected.

Sophisticated algorithms drive spe-

cific types of ads to your Facebook or Instagram accounts. But some of those offers are being made by less-than-reputable vendors. The best bet is to not click on those ads or any links in an email. Instead, go to the website directly. And research the name of the company, along with complaints or reviews.

The pandemic is likely to change the way people shop this holiday season and the shift could give cyber crooks an edge. Only 21% of consumers said they plan on shopping in person for Black Friday events and deals, according to TransUnion's 2020 Consumer Holiday Shopping Report.

About 76% of consumers — or three in four — plan on conducting more than half of their holiday shopping online this year. That's up from 57% last year, according to the TransUnion survey.

Naturally, many people are worried about being victimized by fraud. Some typically shop in stores but may end up going online this holiday during the pandemic. Really old scams might look OK to someone who never shopped online in the past.

A great deal on a PlayStation

We're seeing an uptick in suspicious offers and websites promising deals on the latest PlayStation 5, which retails for about \$500. Some scams even involve supposed bargains on the older PS4.

Last month, a consumer spotted a deal on OfferUp, an online marketplace, for a PS4 for \$115 plus \$45 for shipping. The consumer paid the separate transactions via CashApp, according to AARP's Nofziger, but the gaming systems never arrived and the potential buyer no longer was able to get a hold of the seller.

Her tip: Never pay with a prepaid gift card, CashApp or Venmo or wire someone money when you're trying to buy online. Use your credit card, not a debit card, for better consumer protections.

She notes that companies like CashApp and Venmo are peer-to-peer payment systems, meaning you're able to transfer money from friend to friend, family member to family member, not stranger to stranger.

The cute pet scams

Puppy scams bounced up in popularity during the pandemic, as people stayed home and wanted company. Going into the holiday season, scammers are once again going to the dogs — or cats.

Recently, a consumer complained that she sent \$6,000 via CashApp for two incredibly cute kittens which never showed up, Nofziger said. On top of it, the consumer lost another \$250 for shipping.

The impostor websites

The online website can look like the real deal, but cyber criminals are engineering "identical and perfect brand forgery sites," according to Dave Baggett, CEO of INKY, an antiphishing vendor based in Maryland.

Going to such bad sites could leave you with malicious software downloaded onto your computer.

Take time to look for odd clues that can suggest a phony site. Having an "https://" in the URL isn't a guarantee of a legitimate site. Consumers need to be suspicious of unusually long domain names.

Some scams start off on Facebook by offering a special coupon, bonus bucks or gift card for a popular retailer. Consumers should treat too-good-to-be-true prizes or deals as a huge red flag.

The phishing email

Scammers are sending out some pretty official looking emails that claim to be an order confirmation from Amazon but sometimes it's for an item that you didn't buy.

Amazon suggests that you first go to your orders to check out what you've bought and "see if there is an order that matches the details in the correspondence."

You want to be wary of something that looks like it could be sent to a wide group of people, such as an email that begins with "Hello Amazon Customer."

"We observed a significant increase in phishing emails and look-alike domains for Amazon, Best Buy, Costco,

eBay, PayPal, and Walmart," Baggett said in a statement.

"We also saw an increase in brand forgery emails that impersonate DHL, FedEx, UPS and USPS with delivery and package notifications as phishing lures."

The fine print

Holiday shoppers can be thrown for a loop by tricky return policies that can be buried in the fine print. Will you be able to receive a full refund for gifts bought online? Or will you be hit by high-priced restocking fees if you need to send something back?

Some items cannot be returned, so it's important that you read the fine print before you buy, according to a Better Business Bureau alert.

Also pay careful attention to any promises relating to item delivery.

How do you protect yourself?

Do not use the same password over and over again — you want to create unique passwords for credit card accounts, PayPal accounts and other financial connections, according to Bill Hardekopf, CEO of LowCards.com.

Report any fraudulent or questionable charges as soon as you notice them. It's also a good idea to set up email or text alerts with your credit card company. If scammers are using your card, Hardekopf said, you'd be alerted quickly to odd purchases that you can report to your issuer.

The BBB notes: Install the latest updates and run virus scans regularly on your computer, tablet and smartphone.

Watch out for really bad customer service

Do not simply search the Internet to find a phone number for customer service. Scammers can post fake customer-support phone numbers online for a variety of big companies, including Amazon, and consumers have been duped.

"Scammers create fake customer service numbers and bump them to the top of search results, often by paying for ads," the BBB warned.

Apple's iPhone offerings run the gamut



Talking Tech
Jefferson Graham
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With two new iPhones going on sale Friday, Apple now offers seven of them, from the entry-level \$399 SE to the top of the line \$1,099 iPhone 12 Pro Max.

In-between are the iPhone 12, 12 Pro, 12 Mini and two older models, 2019's iPhone 11 and 2018's iPhone XR.

The Mini (\$699) and Max are the new offerings on sale today after a week of pre-sales saw the Max back-ordered for online orders through as early as Dec. 7, and the Mini backordered to as early as Nov. 24.

What's the difference between the phones? In a nutshell:

Size

The SE and Mini are both compact iPhones, the way Apple used to make them before they started growing up with the iPhone 6. The SE has a 4.7-inch screen to the Mini's 5.4 inch. But both seem identical in size, because the Mini removed the Bezels so there's more screen in a small body.

Cameras

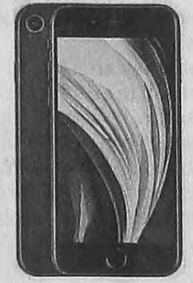
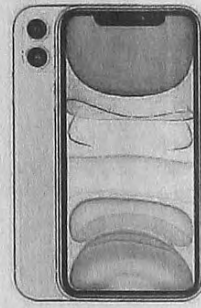
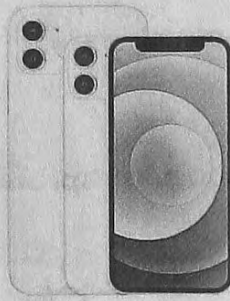
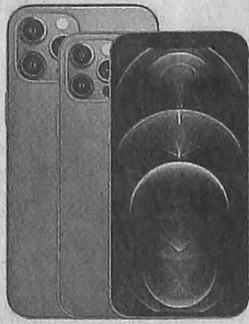
The Max is touted as the state of the art, ultimate iPhone, with bigger pixels for low light performance. However, in our back to back tests with the 12 Pro and the Max, it was hard to see much of a difference. Where the Max does trump all the other iPhone cameras is with its zoom lens, which comes in tighter, thanks to its 65mm focal length, an increase over the 52mm on the 12 Pro.

Screen strength

This year Apple is using stronger glass that it says is "4X" less likely to crack on the Mini, 12, 12 Pro and Max.

Performance

Apple loves to tout the speed of its



Apple now offers seven iPhones. APPLE

processing chip that it makes for the phone, which most people wouldn't notice, unless they were hard core gamers or fans of augmented reality. The 12 series has the A14 chip, the latest, while the SE and 11 have last year's A13, and the XR goes back to the A12.

5G

The 12 series of iPhones all connect to what is touted as the faster new wireless 5G standard. As consumers have already discovered, however, current 5G isn't much faster, if at all, than current 4G. But that's supposed to change in 2021. So don't make immediate access to 5G one of your decision points.

Another determining factor is what your budget is. There's an iPhone for a variety of price ranges.

\$400

The iPhone SE is still Apple's most economical phone, starting at \$399 and is a classic, compact iPhone that harkens to another era. You can still use Touch ID instead of Face ID, and there's a Home button for navigation. But if you have the extra \$300, you get a lot more phone with the Mini. The Mini has two camera lenses – a wide and ultra-wide – compared to just one for the SE, the faster A14 Apple processor, higher-resolution screen (2340x1080 vs. 1334x750) and more importantly, that new and improved glass. A consideration: How often do you crack your screen?

\$500

The XR was first introduced in 2018 as a sequel to the X, which ushered in a new design era for Apple that saw the Home button go away. You get a 6.1-inch screen, which is the same size as the new 12 and 12 Pro phones, the older A12 chip, 64 GB of storage and way more resolution than the SE, 1792 x 828. It only has two cameras, the wide and ultra-wide, unlike the \$999 12. At \$500, it's economical but worth remembering that Apple sunsets older models yearly when it updates the iOS mobile operating system, so you might be better off buying something newer.

\$600

The 11 is just a year old, with a generous 6.1-inch screen, the A13 chip, the same resolution as the XR and it's less likely to be expired by Apple for the latest iOS for several years.

\$700

But why buy last year's technology when an extra \$100 would get you the Mini? It's a little smaller, sure, but has the stronger glass, faster chip and latest cameras.

\$800

The iPhone 12 is larger than the Mini, with a 6.1-inch screen, the newer glass that's less likely to break, and it has way higher resolution than the lower end

models, at 2532x1170.

\$1,000

So what do you get for a grand with the iPhone 12 Pro? Besides the faster chip and tougher glass, you get the same resolution and screen size (6.1 inches) as the regular 12. But you do get three camera lenses instead of two – with an ultra-wide, wide and portrait lens that will get you a little closer to the action – plus, a more generous amount of storage, 128 GB versus 64GB on the standard iPhone 12.

\$1,099

The 12 Pro Max is the biggest iPhone ever, with a hefty 6.7-inch screen that will take some getting used to. It's hard to fit in one hand, but once you do get master it, it's a joy to look at, like carrying an iPad Mini in your pocket and actually having it fit. With the best resolution of any iPhone (2778x1284) and the best cameras (love that bigger zoom lens) the Max is for the person who lusts for the ultimate iPhone. But your decision on this should really factor on the screen size (do you crave it?) and whether it's worth it spring for the extra zoom focal length.

And like all iPhones, throwing in the extras will cost you, big time. Added storage (a must with all those high-resolution photos and videos) will cost you \$1,199 with 256 GB or \$1,399 with 512 GB. Throw in Apple Care and the new MagSafe case and charger, and you're at \$1,119 before tax, with everything.

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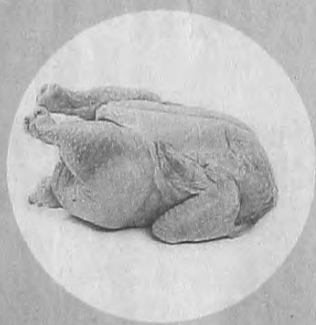
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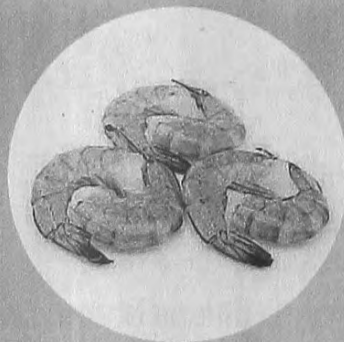


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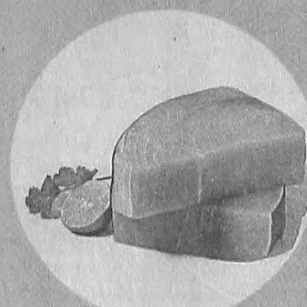
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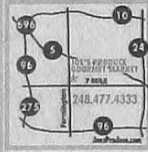
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SPORTS

Mercy senior Bishop wins Miss Volleyball

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Loretta Vogel remembers when she first saw Julia Bishop.

The Mercy head volleyball coach watched a St. Sebastian eighth grader with soft hands and a presence as an athlete.

By the time Bishop joined the Marlins as a freshman, Vogel saw something special, inserting her into the starting lineup as the starting setter to run the offense.

"From the very beginning, she knew she had something special with me," Bishop said. "I was 14. I was like, 'I don't know what you are talking about.'

"She put her trust in me right away, which is something you don't see as a freshman running that much. She just let me run the offense."

Four years, 192 wins, 5,575 assists — third most in Michigan High School Athletic Association history — 233 aces, 600 kills, 967 digs and a Division 1 state title later, Bishop finished her Mercy

volleyball career as Miss Volleyball, winning the award from the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association.

Bishop received 227 votes, 35 votes ahead of second-place finisher Jenna Reitsma from Lowell. Mercy outside

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Haupt perseveres to earn All-State honors

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As a kid, Abbie Haupt wanted to run cross country at Livonia Churchill before she even knew what the sport was.

She grew up less than a mile from the school, driving past runners on a daily basis in the fall. She saw the work they put in, day in and day out, no matter what the weather was like outside.

She knew she wanted to be one of them.

So when Haupt joined the varsity cross country team as a freshman, she knew how much work was required of herself. She knew the sport wasn't one-dimensional: an argument Haupt hates having because she knows she's right.

"There's just so much behind the scenes other than just showing up one day out of the week and running as fast as you can," Haupt said. "Really and truly, it's a very complicated sport when you start to kind of pick out the layers of it. That's what I like about it."

To her, it's 90% preparation for 10% output.

This is the path that Haupt took to earn back-to-back All-State honors her junior and senior seasons. It was becoming a true student of the game, with a bit of perseverance, that led her to meet the expectations of her coach and former next-door neighbor Sara Kröll.

Learning process

Haupt remembers the day she and Kröll became sisters.

Returning home to live with her parents for a short time, Kröll, a Churchill alumni and former Michigan State runner, became an assistant coach during Haupt's freshman year. With the prox-



Churchill senior Abbie Haupt, right, poses with her head coach Sara Kröll after her All-State run. COURTESY OF SARA KRÖLL

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Bishop

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hitter Charli Atiemo finished in ninth place with 49 votes.

Mercy is the only program with two candidates in the top-10.

One season after teammate Jess Mruzik won the Miss Volleyball award, Bishop, who said she idolized the former Mercy hitter, playing against her in middle school and setting her up for three years, said this award represents much more than an individual trophy with her name on it. It shows what she helped the team accomplish.

"It really shows this isn't an individual sport," Bishop said. "It really shows that I can't do anything without everyone else. So it's a lot relying on other people as a setter. But it's obvious that relying means trust and everyone puts their trust in me to make decisions with the ball. And I put my trust in them."

Atiemo, who has known Bishop since she was 11, describes Bishop as selfless and as an encourager, genuinely caring about the player next to her.

"I think she's the glue," Atiemo said. "I think she keeps everyone together. She keeps everyone calm. She holds us, she supports us as a team."

Over the course of her four years with the team, Bishop said the success came from the team's chemistry, something that she said is very rare.

Vogel put Bishop right in the middle of that, describing her as a natural leader and one who stepped up in the tough moments throughout her four years with the team.

But as a setter, Vogel said Bishop shined when her outside hitters shined, making them look incredibly good.

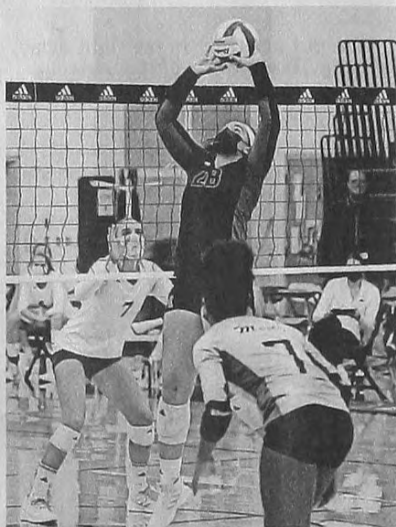
"For us, having someone like Jules, she was able to help us develop hitters, even younger hitters, even sooner and understanding to speed up the offense," Vogel said. "I think that really changed everything for us here, for our program and what we can run, knowing what it going to open everything up. I think it totally changed everything."

Bishop will play volleyball at Michigan State next season, reaching a goal she has had since her mother took her to East Lansing to watch games when she was a child.



Mercy volleyball senior setter Julia Bishop was the recipient of 2020's Miss Volleyball award from the MIVCA.

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Bishop sets up a teammate during a game against Marian. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

But she said she won't forget Mercy. She won't forget what allowed her to become Miss Volleyball. She won't forget



Bishop poses for a photo with her Mercy volleyball teammates.

her teammates and what allowed her to set them up for success.

"I wouldn't be anything without the

pass," Bishop said. "It's crazy to say, but if the pass isn't there, the setter can't do anything."

Haupt

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imity, Kroll became Haupt's ride to and from practice.

They were friends before, sure. But during one car ride in particular, while Haupt doesn't remember what was said, she remembers the pair starting to have real conversations.

That shift in dynamic was all it took for Kroll to lead the Haupt to heights she never thought were reachable.

"Sara physically pushes me to new levels that I never had envisioned were possible," Haupt said.

Kroll, who took over the head coaching role at Churchill in 2018, said Haupt became a student of the sport, learning and developing purpose for each run, each workout; determining how fast she wanted to go and how to rest in between trials.

From middle school to high school, Kroll said, it can take time to adapt to how demanding high school cross country can be. But Kroll saw quickly an instinctive drive in her runner that can't be taught.

"The thing about Abbie is that she works very, very hard and she's super competitive, and I think sometimes it can be very hard to teach people how to be competitive," Kroll said. "I sometimes believe that it's a bit innate. She's got that."

But success did not come right away.

After failing to break 20 minutes in a race her freshman year, Haupt stepped up to a personal season-record 19:34.7 in the KLAA Conference race her sophomore year, but came up short at the regional meet.

Heading into her junior season, Haupt had not accomplished a fragment of what she wanted to achieve in her high school career.

"I just wanted it so bad," Haupt said. "I was just kind of willing to go in and work. That's what I expected myself to do. I wanted to follow in Sara's footsteps."

"I didn't just want to be another runner."

So she began to take more risks, upping her base runs over the summer to 6:50, seven-minute paces. The rough patches still came, with a four-race streak of times over 20 minutes, which Haupt said, was nowhere near where she wanted.

But starting at the Wayne County In-

vitational and for the rest of the season, something clicked for Haupt.

Kroll said the junior runner got out of her own way.

Haupt began with a 18:52.8 finish at the invitational, nearly three minutes faster than her previous race five days before, eventually advancing all the way to the state meet and receiving All-State honors with a 29th place finish.

To Haupt, that jump, that level of success, was a shock considering the other times she ran up to that final race. She went into the state meet with the mindset of just going for it: If it crashes and burns, at least she tried, she thought.

But Kroll knew what Haupt had inside her. She knew her runner's potential.

"When she came out of the race All State as a junior, I was like, 'OK, there we go,'" Kroll said. "I see it every day in practice. I'm not surprised you made this jump so quickly."

Finishing strong

After her All-State performance as a junior, Haupt immediately set sights on going out with a bang her senior year. She wanted to place in the top-15, 14 spots higher than she did in her first time at state. It was a jump, but Haupt believed it was something she could work toward.

After a canceled track season due to the coronavirus pandemic and underwhelming time trials through the spring and into summer, the determination was still there.

But Haupt's left leg began to hurt.

In early-to-mid September, Haupt felt a nagging pain on the right side of her left leg near the fibula head. With the injury having more to do with muscular issues, the pain dictated the senior's early-season struggles, not recording a time under 20 minutes in her first six races.

The realization soon hit Haupt that her preseason goal could be in jeopardy.

"Waking up and feeling the pain is very, very discouraging, especially when you want to go somewhere and perform so well, just waking up with this ache," Haupt said. "Getting to the line, it was just constantly there. It was nagging as I'd warm up. It would be shooting down my leg."

"When I got to the line, I was tired and miserable. I still wanted to perform well when I got to the line, but mentally, I was just setting myself up for failure at

that point in the season."

Kroll knew Haupt was not confident in how she was racing. She sat down with the senior before the regional race and asked her, simply, what did she want to get out of it?

Haupt knew what she wanted to do. She knew the goal was within reach. She did not want the season to end with the times she had started with, no matter how she was feeling.

"We just kind of hit the end game and we were like 'We really don't have time to mope about it or try and fix it anymore,'" Haupt said.

"We hit regionals and were like, 'We just have to hurt.'"

Haupt finished eighth at her regional, earning a second-straight state meet bid.

And when she arrived at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn for the second-straight season, she had something to prove, something to show her teammates being the only representative from Churchill:

"Just because you have a couple of bad races doesn't mean your season's over," Haupt said. "It doesn't mean that your hard work hasn't come into play. Your body is just waiting to perform. I just kind of wanted to show off what we built and did as a team."

With 20 meters left in the state meet, another runner passed Haupt, putting the Churchill senior in 10th place. Standing near the finish line, Kroll remembers seeing Haupt shift into another gear, passing her right before the finish line.

Watching her senior, her childhood friend, her sister cross the finish line, Kroll began to cry.

"Just with the way the season had been going, I hadn't seen that extra little bit of fire in Abbie since last year," Kroll said.

"A few people have asked me, 'Where did that come from?' It sounds cliché, but it's been there all along. I think she needed to let herself have it."

When Haupt crossed the finish line, her focus was not on if she did enough to earn All-State honors, running in the first of two heats. She was calm. She was confident. She was proud of what she had accomplished.

"I wanted to make my teammates proud, especially because they saw a lot of the failure throughout the season," Haupt said. "It wasn't what I wanted to show off. I wanted to take the opportunity to kind of make them proud and everything that we had done over the sea-

son."

Haupt finished 15th, meeting her pre-season goal, and earned All-State honors for the second straight season.

Enjoying the work

Aidan Haupt knows Abbie Haupt better than anyone.

The Churchill senior football player and Abbie's twin brother describes his sister as motivated and determined, staying on schedule and going the extra mile in and outside of practice, recollecting weekends, post-practice and Christmas-morning runs.

"We kind of use each other as motivation," Aidan Haupt said. "Not saying that we always wanted to be better than each other, but it was always something that we could use to motivate each other. Her being there wanted to make me better. Me being there wanted to make her better."

Abbie's example showed Aidan that through hard work, anything can be accomplished.

To Kroll, this is the legacy Abbie Haupt will leave when she leaves the Churchill cross country program. She was a leader and an example who earned the validation of All-State honors through perseverance.

"I know the type of character we like to see from our athletes that come from Churchill," Kroll said. "She has a relentless pursuit of excellence, she's an excellent student in the classroom too. That doesn't stop at practice either."

"She enjoys the work. She really does enjoy running. She loves everything running and this sport has brought her."

Haupt will try and bring that same mentality into college, following Kroll's footsteps in being able to run at the next level. The Churchill senior hopes to decide soon where that will be.

But while Haupt will remember those highs, those races in which she shined, she said what she will remember the 90% preparation, especially with her teammates; a group, she said, that formed a sisterhood, similar to what she and Kroll developed her freshman year on the way home from practice.

"You have people from different groups, coming from all over the school to run," Haupt said. "That's what makes cross country so unique: no one really cares about where you come from."

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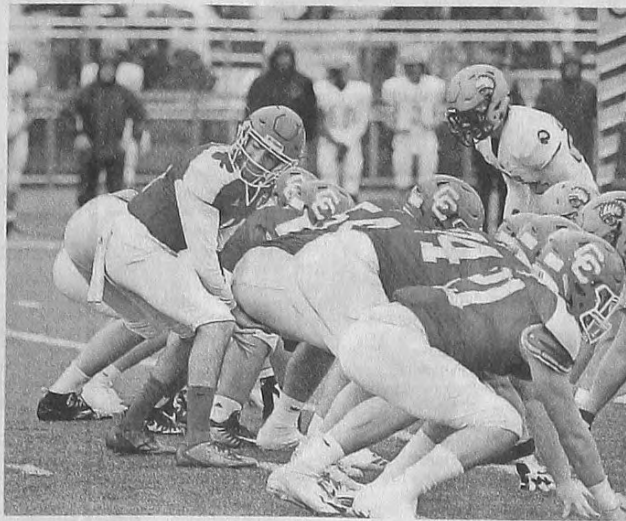
CHSL announces 2020 football honor teams

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While the high school football season remains halted at the regional final during the three-week "pause," increasing guidelines to try and lower rising positive coronavirus numbers, postseason awards are starting to be released.

In the Catholic High School League, Detroit Catholic Central remains in the hunt for a Division 1 state title, and is scheduled to take on Davison in the regional final.

Here is a look at the CHSL football honorees in the Hometown Life area for the 2020 season.



All-Catholic

Brother Rice senior defensive tackle Matt Andoni

Brother Rice junior wide receiver Cole Lacanaria

Brother Rice senior offensive lineman Drew Lees

Brother Rice senior linebacker Oscar McWood

Brother Rice senior free safety Rocco Milia

Brother Rice senior linebacker Zac Potestivo

Cranbrook Kingswood senior defensive end Bryce Hall

Cranbrook Kingswood senior kicker/punter Chase Paulus

Cranbrook Kingswood sophomore defensive back Alex Yolles

Detroit Catholic Central junior quarterback Declan Byle

Detroit Catholic Central senior wide receiver Sam Dersa

Detroit Catholic Central senior tight end Connor Dewan

Detroit Catholic Central senior defensive lineman Bruno Guberinich

Detroit Catholic Central junior running back Mohamed Jaffer

Detroit Catholic Central senior de-

fensive lineman Gavin Nafso

Detroit Catholic Central senior wide receiver Gavin Willard

All-League

Brother Rice junior quarterback Jake Coulter

Brother Rice junior defensive lineman Matthew Hendi

Brother Rice junior linebacker Jackson Minelli

Brother Rice sophomore offensive

lineman Christian Peters

Brother Rice junior defensive lineman Luke Sands

Brother Rice senior defensive back Luke Williams

Cranbrook Kingswood junior offensive lineman Victor Berger

Cranbrook Kingswood senior linebacker Drew Lauer

Cranbrook Kingswood senior offensive lineman Max Spradlin

Detroit Catholic Central junior defensive tackle Michael Beydoun

Detroit Catholic Central sophomore linebacker Brayden Courser

Detroit Catholic Central junior wide receiver Kamron Davenport

Detroit Catholic Central junior defensive back Jackson Ewald

Detroit Catholic Central junior defensive end Sean Field

Detroit Catholic Central senior tight end Michael Ramirez

Detroit Catholic Central senior center Danny Turek

All-Academic

Brother Rice senior wide receiver Gianni Dalimonte

Cranbrook Kingswood senior linebacker Jonathan Uwase

Detroit Catholic Central senior punter Charlie Mentzer

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Three area golfers named to Oakland County 'Dream Team'

Oakland County golf coaches announced their six-player Dream Team, including South Lyon golfers Katie Potter and Gabriella Tapp, along with Marian's Shannon Kennedy.

Kennedy, who helped Marian to its second-straight Division 3 state title and earned her third-straight individual state title, was named as the Oakland County Player of the Year.

The Marian senior brought home her third individual state title in four years, tying Grand Rapids Christian's Ryann Breslin in regulation at 70 before securing the victory on the first playoff hole.

Troy Athens' Olivia Hemmila and Laura Liu and Grace Wang of Rochester Adams were also named to the six-member Dream Team, composing of the six best golfers in Oakland County from this past season.

Potter, a senior at South Lyon, and Tapp, a sophomore, helped South Lyon earn its first Division 2 state title in school history, eclipsing Forest Hills Northern by three points Oct. 16.

Potter will continue her golf career at Marshall University, while Kennedy will play at Michigan State.

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The South Lyon girls golf team recently captured the program's first-ever state title after 12 consecutive state final appearances. COURTESY OF DAN SKATZKA

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Across

1. "Pay attention!" (2 wds.)
9. ___ Victor ("His Master's Voice" company)
12. ___ chi chuan (Chinese exercises)
15. Maker of Perfect Sleeper mattresses
20. Implement for landing fish
24. Menzel who was the voice of Elsa in "Frozen"
29. Nike's logo
35. Not even a little off
40. Citizens of Zagreb
46. Lacking compassion
47. Pneumatic passenger-protection devices (2 wds.)
49. Company VIP's
50. Hershey's caramel-and-chocolate candy
51. Mah-jongg pieces
52. Kitt who sang "Santa Baby"
53. Nigeria's most populous city
54. Pictionary maker
55. Creator of eye-bending designs (2 wds.)
56. "Just say 'no'" sayers (Hyph.)
57. Superior school grade (Hyph.)
58. "How could ___ this happen?" (2 wds.)
59. Basketball Hall of Famer Thomas
60. The way things currently stand (3 wds.)
61. Formation of words like "buzz" or "hiss"
63. Longtime Georgia senator Sam
64. Like a pre-birth position
66. Mork's birthplace on "Mork & Mindy"
67. Union that merged with SAG in 2012
69. Young ___ (tykes, in dialect)
71. "___ have to spell it out for you?" (2 wds.)
73. Like politics, by nature
75. Violent outburst
77. Form-1040.org
78. Hosp. aide's superior
79. A Fitbit counts them
81. "The Tortoise and the Hare" storyteller
83. Moray fisherman
85. Eliminate waste
88. Burns with smoke and no flame
90. Paid attention (2 wds.)
92. Chocolate craving, e.g.
94. Prone to getting sunburned on the scalp
95. "We've been over this before..." (3 wds.)
97. Unsure of what to do (3 wds.)
99. Writer Melville
101. Before, before a word
102. ___ Lingus (Irish carrier)
103. Perform on the stage
104. Unbleached muslin shade
105. Uses strong-arm tactics on
107. Add, as an extra charge (2 wds.)
110. Sports channel that shows college games
112. S, M, L, and XL
113. Give counsel to
114. Shrunken Asian body of water (2 wds.)
116. Bath sponges
118. Perp's patterns, briefly
119. Put an ___ (stop) (2 wds.)
120. Couch potato's condition
123. Larger-than-life stories
125. Message from a pulpit
127. Privileged groups
129. Heavy imbiber
130. "___ Beso" (Paul Anka hit)
132. ___-kiri
133. Writer Fleming who created Bond
134. Straight and limp, like hair
136. Letters on a Nittany Lion
137. Onetime immigration center ___ Island
139. Protected wading bird
141. Shade of meaning
143. Clark's partner in exploring
144. Sight enhancer
147. Dec. 24th VIP (2 wds.)
149. Rebuked officially
153. Make a decision (to)
154. Distributed, as cards
155. Title in "Macbeth"
156. "U guys agree?"
158. Oktoberfest vessels
160. Vehemently condemns (2 wds.)
162. Comment often after "Hmm..." (2 wds.)
163. Overstuffed footstools
164. Wet/dry ___ (multi-purpose cleaners)
166. Teenagers rooms, to parents
168. Bridge money makers
170. Ogles offensively (2 wds.)
172. Sports org. with a five-ring logo
173. Santa ___ Park (horseracing venue)
174. Law that incited a 1773 Boston revolt (2 wds.)
177. Like the mood in a losing locker room
179. Mavs on the board
180. Reverberations in a concert hall
182. Pungent salad ingredient
185. Repeat the question
187. Male duck
188. Underwater sound detectors
190. Aussie bird that can't fly
192. Titles for attorneys (Abbr.)
193. Obstructed, like a river
194. Household rival, often
195. Packages of copier paper
196. 2004 "Survivor" island
198. "Good buddies" on the hwy.
200. Song of mourning
202. Corrects a mistake
205. Latin for "where it originally was" (2 wds.)
207. Photocopy precursor
208. Bluish-green shades
210. Take a playful poke at
212. K. T. of country music
213. Word form for "bone"
214. Like a region with sparse rainfall
216. Two-door Mazda convertible
218. Patty Hearst's SLA alias
219. Endorses digitally
221. Take in, as a dress
222. Signs of surprise
224. Concerning (2 wds.)
226. Modern video transmission
228. Mensa-eligible
230. Like Cheerios cereal
231. Respectable, like a citizen
233. E. Sicilian volcano (2 wds.)
235. Long-term occupations
237. Going-nowhere states
239. Lead-in to "di" or "da" in a Beatles song
241. Source of "The Lord is my shepherd..."
243. Certain salt source
245. Where Big Ben bongs
247. Underground passages
248. Reacts to, as fireworks (2 wds.)
249. Great Lake with the longest shoreline
250. Hold the same opinion
252. Grab forcibly
254. Leaves speechless
256. First tribe encountered by Lewis and Clark
258. Two-___ (old kind of movie)
260. Smartphone predecessors (Abbr.)
261. Homes for eagles
262. Undermined by stealth
266. Coco of perfume
268. Suffix with "auto" or "bureau"
269. Accept flattery eagerly (3 wds.)
271. Results of some peacekeeping efforts
273. Puts the kibosh on
275. Open with a paper knife
277. Google co-founder Sergey
278. Half of an octet
280. For, in a debate
281. In a lascivious way
282. Used a keyboard
284. Sporting a new decor
285. Generous prime rib serving
286. Series starters (2 wds.)
288. Shaped like a plum tomato
290. "Goodness gracious!" of yore
291. Sort of, but not quite
293. Exxon in Canada
294. Department head (Abbr.)
296. B'way success signs
298. Voices an objection
300. "R U 4 real?"
303. December ocean phenomenon (2 wds.)
304. Coeur ___ Idaho
305. Experience of riding a roller coaster (Hyph.)
307. Oddsmaker's nightmare
308. "Piece of cake!" (2 wds.)
311. NYC bus and train group
313. Football's Broadway Joe
315. Weapons for some fencers
317. Uses a rifle scope
318. Topper for Bogart or Sinatra
319. When repeated, classic song with the lyric "Me gotta go"
320. It's about a month after Turkey Day
322. Former Russian state (Abbr.)
325. Hourly clock sound
326. Painter Henri de Toulouse-___
328. Show disapproval
330. Ribs-eater's need
332. Tempt. as customers (2 wds.)
334. DIY moving options (Hyph.)
336. Some Nintendo consoles
337. Give ___ rest (shut up) (2 wds.)
340. Pectoral muscle's place
342. Rum concoction often served with a pineapple garnish (2 wds.)
344. "Fiddlesticks!"
345. Sign of an angel
346. Billionaire Buffett
347. Narrowing toward one end
348. Half of a hot dog vendor's tool
349. Hospital diagnostic device (2 wds.)
352. Track-and-field activity
353. Encourages to misbehave (2 wds.)
354. Tummy muscles
355. Arranged in thin plates
357. Without moisture, as land
358. Squeamish people
359. ___ snap (type of cookie)
361. Morticia Addams' cousin
362. Former ABC executive ___ Arledge
363. Actress Maria Conchita ___
366. Tennis-court divider
367. Peacekeeping org. since 1949
369. Proctor-___ (small appliance maker)
370. Opus ___ (group depicted in "The Da Vinci Code")
372. Male hormone
374. Lawn sport that requires balls
375. One or the other
378. Look through hastily
379. Characters of novel, play, etc.
381. Enjoy a newspaper
383. After-wedding offerings
385. Elaborate pretense
387. Kutcher of "Two and a Half Men"
389. Eye protector
390. Bulb-brightness measure
391. Cornhusker's state (Abbr.)
393. Thurman of the "Kill Bill" films
394. Mojave, Kalahari or Gobi
395. ___ as a wet hen (2 wds.)
397. Day's opposite in commercials
398. Letters before iotas
399. Highway speed postings
401. Geisha sashes
403. Gas leak warnings
405. Move with a mouse wheel
407. Cul-de-___ (dead end)
409. LAPD dispatch
410. Domed church structure
411. ___ example (for instance) (2 wds.)
413. Talk about again and again
415. Brillo alternatives (2 wds.)
417. Moves stealthily
419. Nibble between meals
420. Miner's or caver's light generator
423. What doctors are sworn not to do
425. Champagne-and-orange-juice drink
427. Like a burned-out bulb
428. Ridicule
430. "___ to Billie Joe" (Bobbie Gentry hit)
431. Winning the race
432. Wearing something
434. "Don't Bring Me Down" band, briefly
436. Not so messy
437. Feature of just-baked cookies
439. Contents of a La Brea pit
440. Arafat of the PLO
442. Estevez who is a brother of Charlie Sheen
444. Windy City newspaper
446. What MapQuest requests
448. Big name in outdoor and fitness gear
449. Pelicans' relatives
452. Wet spongy earth
453. Attempts to gain control, say (2 wds.)
456. First pope with the title "the Great" (2 wds.)
457. Troop division
458. Fur shoulder scarves
460. Destinations on the www
461. Square dance partner
462. Really must (2 wds.)
463. Relatives of "Gee whiz" and "Shucks!"
464. Period's place in a sentence
465. Photocopier tray filler
466. In the ___ (soon to happen)
468. Longtime talk show host Dick
469. Product-launch pronouncement (2 wds.)
470. Handyman's gadget
471. Subdue by force of personality
473. Female officer on the Enterprise
475. Whirlpool alternatives
476. Trivial Pursuit category (Abbr.)
477. The "S" of SUV
478. Obeyed the sentry
480. Rubik, the cube inventor
482. Tending to ooze
484. Rockies roamer otherwise known as an elk
487. Historical time frame
488. First woman to be Speaker of the House
490. Walk-in clinics don't require them (Abbr.)
493. Game usually played with 32 cards
495. Confer holy orders on
496. LeVar, on "Star Trek: The Next Generation"
498. ___ out (win a mind game)
500. Went by paddle boat
502. McDonald's logo part
505. Org. that awards merit badges
506. Place to get coffee and free WiFi
510. Where a hurricane makes landfall
511. First Secretary of State under Reagan, Alexander ___
512. With hands on hips and elbows out
513. Hare's opponent of fable
515. Bubble and churn
517. Attic dust collector
519. Certain church officer
521. Inner skin layer
523. ___ Skywalker (nickname in the "Star Wars" movies)
524. One way of fitting (3 wds.)
526. ___ charmed life (escaped hardship) (2 wds.)
527. Movie dom's Long and Vardalos
529. Sense much used in a bakery
530. Rock containing crystals
531. Prepared to be knighted
533. Pierre's gal pal
534. Infomercial staples
535. Know-nothing
538. Inessential internal organ
540. Cup-filling limit
542. Submits tax returns paperlessly (Hyph.)
544. Birthmark, e.g.
546. Gloomy, to a poet
547. Sound with flashing lights
549. Hard-to-reach nest
550. Not immune to bribes
551. What 101 courses give
552. Fill the tank, maybe (2 wds.)
555. Season ___ (first game)
557. Fly-trapping sticky stuff
559. Precious violins
561. Memorable opera star Pinza
563. Gorilla researcher Fossey
564. Turn the dog loose
567. "They'll never suspect me!" (2 wds.)
568. Starts being effective (3 wds.)
570. Delight (in)
572. Patronize (a restaurant) (2 wds.)
574. Sidle through a doorway, say (2 wds.)
576. Prima donnas have big ones
578. Cavs on the board
579. Keep way too much stuff
580. "Fancy" singer Iggy
582. Newly-hatched hooter
584. Worker with circus lions
585. Range between Spain and France
587. How diamonds appear on playing cards (2 wds.)
589. Dairy section spreads
591. Great ruckus (Hyph.)
593. Pours to the brim
594. Relative, but not by blood (Hyph.)
595. Dipped water out of a boat
597. Hedy of "Samson and Delilah"
599. Flying biters
600. Policy shared by PBS and Wikipedia (2 wds.)
601. Part of a restaurant's warning sign (2 wds.)
603. Kirsten of the "Spider-Man" movies
606. "Here's an idea..."
607. Out of America, for an American
609. "Sharknado" star Tara
610. Character that rhymes with Pooh
612. Friend of Snow White
614. Was in a funk
617. Eat between meals
619. Etched in (permanent)
620. Boxing's "Marvelous" Marvin
621. Place for recyclables
622. Lake ___ (site of the 1980 Olympics)
623. Voiced a complaint
625. Sen. Marco of Florida
628. Regulator of OTC drugs
629. Prepares Mexican beans
631. Negative campaign tactic
633. Pagan nature religion
635. "___, meeny, miney, moe..."
636. Treat kindly (3 wds.)
638. Spotted fish of the Atlantic
640. Henhouse big shot
642. Reply to "That ain't true!" (3 wds.)
644. Part of a Genesis-inspired costume (2 wds.)
646. Salt-___ (hip-hop group) (Hyph.)
649. Battleship barrage
651. Car that became a 1964 hit song
652. Fellow members of a congregation
653. "Easy to clean" ad catchphrase (2 wds.)
656. Giving rise to
658. Wild guesses
660. From that point on
661. Home to a famous geodesic sphere
662. Early computer that weighed 30 tons
663. Unofficial promissory note
664. Wimbledon match sections
665. Shoo-___ (sure winners)
666. Gillette Mach3 predecessor
668. Brother of Peyton Manning
669. Country singer Jo ___ Messina
670. Lottery winner's choice
672. Violent weather, informally (Hyph.)
674. Mother's sisters
676. Grows weary (2 wds.)
678. Search stealthily, as for prey
681. ___ whim (for no real reason) (2 wds.)
682. "Yeah, like that'll ever happen" (2 wds.)
684. Give, as a free meal (2 wds.)
687. Low-altitude clouds
689. Surgical holding area (Hyph.)
691. Bring back from injury
693. Contaminates
694. Summarizing, as a ball game
697. Zap with a beam
698. Walk-___ (nonspeaking roles)
699. How-___ (instructional videos)
700. Small-sized batteries
701. Move with stealth
702. Ring-shaped
704. Changing for the better
707. "Rated ___ everyone" (video game words) (2 wds.)
708. To ___ (precisely) (2 wds.)
709. "Ready when you are!" (3 wds.)
711. Acted as a bodyguard
714. Term applied to distinctive collector car
716. Twenty fins equivalent (Hyph.)
717. Luggage lugger
718. Quick scissor cuts
722. Something that ends a wrestling match
723. Serena Williams' org. (Abbr.)
724. Spy aircraft's attribute
726. City north of Tijuana (2 wds.)
728. Old-school laundry detergent
730. Start of some aircraft carriers
731. ___ shooting (sport using clay targets)
733. Medical staffers (Abbr.)
735. Pester with barks (2 wds.)
737. Smell ___ (have suspicions) (2 wds.)
738. Utterly defeating
741. Stream erosion result
743. Finally arrive at (2 wds.)
745. Comedian's offerings
747. Delta rival, as it used to be called (2 wds.)
749. Target of fongs, frequently (2 wds.)
752. "What a Girl Wants" singer Christina
754. Start up again, as a business
755. Ice hockey game interruption
756. Distinct feature
757. It might be picked up by a hound
758. High schooler's facial concern
759. Liam of One Direction
760. Glasses part (2 wds.)
761. Person giving ear
762. Typo list
763. Revs in neutral
764. Overtakes on the road
765. Works behind the bar
766. Beginning of a conclusion
767. Unexpected problems
768. Caught the meaning of
769. EMTs' destinations
770. Innate
74. Hebrew Bible figure
76. Auto shop employees
80. Pelted with rocks
82. Kukla or Lamb Chop
84. "Viva ___ Vegas!"
86. More of a gamble
87. Posing the least challenge
89. Hall of Fame hockey defenseman Bobby
91. "Then again," in tweets
93. Monopoly acquisitions (Abbr.)
94. Hooley
96. Almost equal to, with "than" (2 wds.)
98. It's obtained by centrifuging blood
100. Meas. of the cereal without the box (Abbr., 2 wds.)
106. Security system component
107. Suffer a canoe mishap (2 wds.)
108. Revenue source for magazines (2 wds.)
109. Consider any chance, no matter how slight (3 wds.)
111. Very close, in poems
115. Myrna who starred in "The Thin Man"
117. Mi's scale followers
118. Cleans up financially (3 wds.)
121. Chair-back piece
122. Mineral used in glassmaking
124. Gentleman from Madrid
126. "No right ___" (traffic sign) (2 wds.)
128. "Old MacDonald" sequence
131. Antipasto staple
133. "The rocks," in bars
134. Stop bothering (2 wds.)
135. Kicked in the pot, as chips
138. Caterer's food warmer
140. Worked wearing pajamas, maybe
142. Brokerage with an asterisk in its name
145. Moo goo ___ pan (Chinese dish)
146. Got lucky on the subway
148. Suff with final or fatal
149. Run-of-the-mill
150. Spread, as sunshine
151. One who makes things possible
152. Hi-speed internet connection
157. Alaskan Native American
159. State south of Va. (2 wds.)
161. Getting ready to golf
165. More than a little
167. "Green Eggs and Ham" writer
169. Features of biology classes
171. Like most Google Earth views
173. Come to the rescue
175. ___ spumante (sparkling Italian wine)
176. Blue-green gem
178. Alpha to ___
181. Actor Morales of "NYPD Blue"
183. Gunpowder ingredient
184. Removes lumps from batter
186. Krispy ___ (doughnut place)
188. Tranquil
189. Wheelchair-friendly feature
191. To the time when
193. Repugnant
194. "Lose You to Love Me" singer Gomez
196. Noun followers, often
197. Apprehension
199. "Telenovela," north of the border (2 wds.)
201. Relatives of crocs
203. Enjoy with enthusiasm (2 wds.)
204. ___ reason (makes sense) (2 wds.)
206. Without, in Paris
207. A Reagan Attorney General
208. ___ cards (fortunetelling tool)
209. Fourth-year college students (2 wds.)
211. ___ Caps (movie theater candy)
214. Displays bad posture
215. Set back from a margin
217. Chronological records
220. Underwater breathing apparatus
222. One who knows the future
223. Aviator and movie producer Howard
225. It's formed by winding a coil of wire round soft iron and passing a current through it
227. Conclusion of a bridal path
229. Q-U separators
231. Not describable
232. Arnaz of '50s television
234. "I haven't a ___ to wear!"
236. Yankee nickname beginning in 2004
238. Forward, as email (2 wds.)
240. Having good circulation
242. Snob's attribute
244. The "M" in M.R.E.
246. Martini garnish, perhaps
248. The science of making or flying airplanes
249. It begins "cube," but not "circle" (2 wds.)
251. Certain wiggly electric fish
253. Fast-forwards past the commercials
255. Have no ___ for (dislike)
257. Fun house worker, maybe
259. Curb, as spending (2 wds.)

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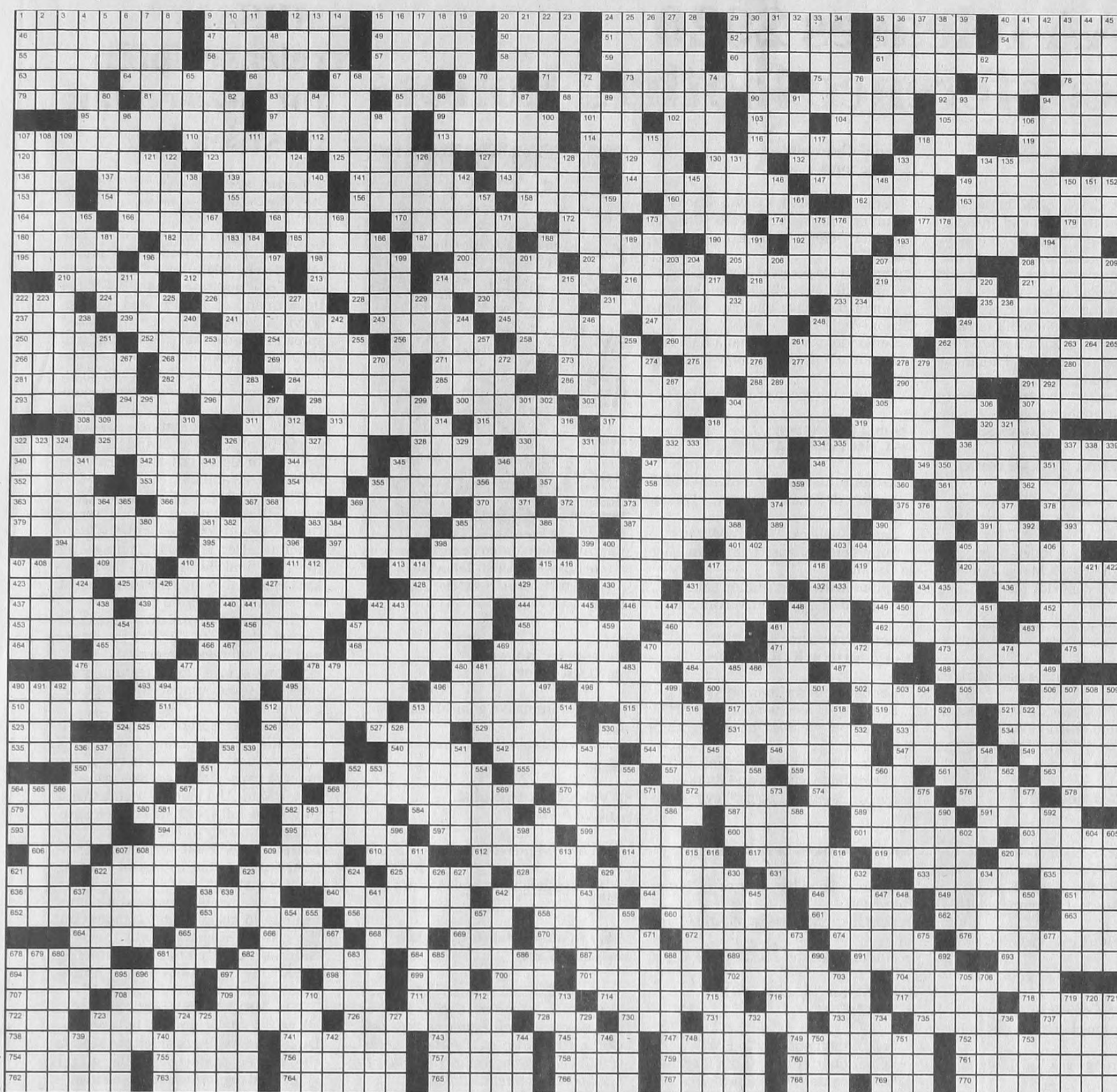
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- 261. More proficient
- 262. Prolonged lock
- 263. Stats. that supplement your SATs
- 264. Traditional language of the Irish
- 265. ___-yourself kit (Hyph.)
- 267. Word with node or gland
- 270. E Pluribus ___
- 272. Amt. equal to 1/16 of a cup
- 274. Remote, as a probability
- 275. Brown-nosers
- 279. Excessive concern for self
- 283. ebay.com, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 287. Hard-to-handle rushes
- 289. Like a stereotypical Nord
- 291. Luminous object in outer space
- 292. "What can Brown do for you?" company
- 295. Tough laundry problem
- 297. Disco ___ (cartoon resident of Springfield)
- 299. First orange property on a Monopoly board (2 wds.)
- 301. Headed by HBO's "Game of Thrones"
- 302. Decade components
- 304. American farm machinery industrialist
- 305. Overcharge excessively
- 306. Quality of an entity
- 309. Trick-or-treat mo.
- 310. Khaki-like color
- 312. Standing by the plate (2 wds.)
- 314. Shape of a DNA strand
- 316. Elaborate food layout
- 318. City south of Yosemite National Park
- 319. "Tootsie" Oscar-winner Jessica
- 321. Prop on a karaoke stage
- 322. Junkyard material
- 323. Mineral layer involved in fracking
- 324. Best turnout ever (2 wds.)
- 326. Language spoken in Vientiane
- 327. Bomb-defusing worker
- 329. What a waiting time may seem
- 331. Popcorn bowl remains
- 333. Underdogs' victories
- 335. Head ___ (big boss)
- 336. Words ___ Friends (Facebook game)
- 337. Protecting, as from a virus
- 338. Leisurely time to arrive at work (2 wds.)
- 339. Common concert venue
- 341. Smell, taste or touch
- 343. Some women's shoe fasteners (Hyph.)
- 345. Back-baring top
- 346. Some door decorations
- 347. Like arguments or coins
- (Hyph.)
- 350. "Norma Rae" director Martin
- 351. Toddlers hear a lot of them
- 355. Supermarket shopper's need
- 356. The act of sticking together
- 359. "Don't just wait for someone to help you!" (2 wds.)
- 360. Opposite of fronts
- 364. Former Cubs slugger Sammy
- 365. Common lunch hr. end (2 wds.)
- 368. Dentist's grp.
- 369. Holy one with a halo
- 371. Lyric-writing Gershwin
- 373. Shelters on the beach
- 374. Duck hunter's hiding place
- 376. Shout when an anticipated letter finally arrives (2 wds.)
- 377. Telecasted over
- 380. Market manipulation method
- 382. Part of a college application
- 384. Warning to a studio audience (2 wds.)
- 385. What a certain constellation represents
- 386. Arranges and classifies
- 388. ___ than (at the minimum) (2 wds.)
- 390. Some salad accessories
- 392. Portend, as ill
- 396. Ted of "The Good Place"
- 398. Every bit of it (2 wds.)
- 400. Subj. of a Wall Street Journal story
- 402. Unfair, unbalanced viewpoint
- 404. It may be used against you in a court of law
- 405. Chatted (3 wds.)
- 406. Woolly Peruvian animal
- 407. In good ___ (physically fit)
- 408. Boy's name that's almost always first alphabetically
- 410. Choice between two things (3 wds.)
- 412. Jingly February outings (2 wds.)
- 414. Removed typos from, say
- 416. Veggies sometimes served in rings
- 417. Varnish used in finishing
- 418. One of many in a movie
- 421. Two-lanes-into-one highway sign
- 422. ___ release (message targeted to the media)
- 424. Mrs. from Montreal
- 426. Sir's counterpart
- 427. "___ or lose..." (part of a fitness motto) (2 wds.)
- 429. "I've gotta have one!" (4 wds.)
- 431. "This way" sign symbol
- 433. Petrol unit in the U.K.
- 435. Paved the way (to) (2 wds.)
- 438. Take into custody
- 441. "Star Trek: First Contact" actress Woodard
- 442. Walking-on-air feeling
- 443. Acknowledged expert
- 445. Censor something said on TV
- 447. Small singing group
- 448. Certain critics
- 450. "___ whiz!"
- 451. Spiritual selves
- 454. Prizm manufacturer
- 455. Oscar-winning role for Meryl Streep
- 457. Students' high-tech workplace (Abbr., 2 wds.)
- 459. Lambs' moms
- 461. Mother's evening command (3 wds.)
- 463. Word before "Kapital" or "Boot"
- 467. Keeps going despite obstacles (2 wds.)
- 469. Where to do what others do (2 wds.)
- 470. Business magnate
- 472. Parseghian of the Fighting Irish
- 474. MapQuest lines
- 476. Sporty coupes, for short
- 477. Sings like Ella Fitzgerald
- 479. Super Bowl space seller (2 wds.)
- 481. Seriously deteriorates
- 483. Flammable structure at some funerals
- 485. Finishes for the day (3 wds.)
- 486. Listen ___ (hear via eavesdropping) (2 wds.)
- 489. Weepy 1954 Patti Page hit (2 wds.)
- 490. Trendy berry for health nuts
- 491. Word with "ping" or "beer"
- 492. ___ in the neck (annoyance)
- 494. Company supplying vans and cardboard boxes (Hyph.)
- 495. Largest lake in Florida
- 496. Green at a traffic light, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 497. Long Island town with a weather station
- 499. Seeker's target in a kid's game
- 501. Common DVD extra (2 wds.)
- 503. Most elegant
- 504. ___ cable (computer/TV connector)
- 507. Veterans' organization (2 wds.)
- 508. Pertaining to a son or daughter
- 509. Preserver of the Dead Sea Scrolls
- 512. "Kate & ___" of 1980's TV
- 513. Sticky mammoth trapper (2 wds.)
- 514. Queen who wrote popular novels
- 516. Flood-control embankments
- 518. Clean-shaven man's lack
- 520. Land of the leprechauns
- 522. Clean Water Act org.
- 524. Bronzes at the beach
- 525. Nebraska city with the motto "Gateway to the West"
- 528. PCs made by Big Blue
- 530. Powerful economic coalition, before Russia joined (Hyph.)
- 532. Fire-breathing fairytale beast
- 536. To an excessive degree
- 537. Uses a Kindle, e.g.
- 539. "Don't give me that!" old-style
- 541. Lava below the surface
- 543. The "E" in E=mc2
- 545. Uncle Sam's land
- 548. Dusk-to-dawn period
- 551. Deadly nightshade (2 wds.)
- 552. Respond to sunburn, a couple days later
- 553. Say out loud
- 554. Appear to be that way (2 wds.)
- 556. Label again, as a computer file
- 558. iPod products introduced in 2005
- 560. Legendary birthplace of Apollo
- 562. Alternative win to XXX
- 564. Former TV band for Channels 14+
- 565. More irritating to the ear
- 566. Granddaddy of fitness gurus Jack
- 567. Ho Chi Minh Museum city
- 568. Light aircraft
- 569. Asian sea with a much-receded shoreline
- 571. Excuse from punishment (2 wds.)
- 573. Redirection of feelings, as to an analyst
- 575. Opposite of "in any way" (2 wds.)
- 577. Happy Meal component, often
- 581. One of December's birthstones
- 583. Little Orphan Annie or Oliver Twist, e.g.
- 585. Made susceptible to
- 586. ___ de corps (morale)
- 588. Cheese named after a town in Holland
- 590. Gary of "Forrest Gump" and "CSI: NY"
- 592. Extremely large
- 596. Like some fins near the tail
- 598. Taken by force, old-style
- 602. Admit you goofed
- 604. Issued, as an invitation (2 wds.)
- 605. Pre-Broadway performances
- 607. Yell "Heads up!" to
- 608. ___ Motel ("Psycho" setting)
- 609. Wedding run-through
- 611. Defeated a schemer
- 613. Ravioli or rigatoni
- 615. Reagan's decade
- 616. Takes out, editorially
- 618. Greek letter before lambda
- 620. Pale yellow Danish cheese
- 621. Agcy. that warns about scam operations
- 622. Geek Squad offering, informally (2 wds.)
- 623. Exclamation from Emeril
- 624. Operating system before Windows
- 626. Revolutionary statesman Franklin
- 627. Rainbowl-like display
- 629. Like some high-tech factory machines
- 630. Dismissed disgracefully (2 wds.)
- 632. Repeated event
- 634. Caesar's 152
- 637. Fighting words (2 wds.)
- 639. Opposite of neg.
- 641. Golfer's position (2 wds.)
- 642. Beach Boys #1 hit of 1964 (3 wds.)
- 643. Utters, to Shakespeare
- 645. Something squirreled away
- 647. Cornmeal concoction
- 648. "Well, wouldja look ___!" (2 wds.)
- 650. Atlantic and Pacific
- 654. Symbol for a sharp mind (2 wds.)
- 655. Mrs. below the border
- 657. Common Core org.
- 659. Public-budget rarities
- 665. Took, as food
- 667. Cookie maker Famous ___
- 671. Parting words at Gatwick (Hyph.)
- 673. Getting on, as a horse
- 675. Siberian sled dogs
- 677. One giving a cue
- 678. Whip up, as a meal
- 679. Crude processor
- 680. Supreme Sandra Day
- 681. ___-upmanship
- 682. Subject of some jury deliberations
- 683. Single-piece body garments for babies
- 685. Like the best outlook
- 686. Piece of body art, for short
- 688. 50-50 chances (Hyph.)
- 690. Grp. founded by the Arab League in 1964
- 692. Pre-release software version
- 695. The green on old bronze
- 696. Words that are slanted (Abbr.)
- 697. One whose property is claimed legally
- 703. Sitting around relaxing (2 wds.)
- 705. Language for a Sherpa
- 706. Bring home, as a cat with its prey (2 wds.)
- 710. City in Tibet for which a toy dog is named
- 712. Nash who wrote humorous verse
- 713. Tried to unearth (2 wds.)
- 715. "___ Little Prayer" (Dionne Warwick hit) (3 wds.)
- 719. Dunne of the Golden Age of Hollywood
- 720.) or (
- 721. Test giver's announcement
- 723. ___ one's appetite
- 725. Cultivate land, in a way
- 727. Earns after taxes
- 729. Actor Braff or Galifianakis
- 732. Mocedades hit "___ Tu"
- 734. Condo building overseer, for short
- 736. ZZ Top hit
- 739. Type of beer orig. brewed in England
- 740. "Where ___?" (dazed query) (2 wds.)
- 742. What some running mates become, briefly
- 744. NBA scoreboard item
- 746. Roamer of the Serengeti
- 748. ___ Francisco, CA
- 750. Dove's call
- 751. Form for candy
- 753. Ending meaning "native of"

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KLAA releases 2020 all-conference football honors

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While the high school football season remains halted at the regional final during the three-week "pause," increasing guidelines to try and lower rising positive coronavirus numbers, postseason awards are starting to be released.

In the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, Livonia Churchill remains in the hunt for a Division 2 state title, and is scheduled to host Oak Park in the regional final 6 p.m., Dec. 15.

Here is a look at the all-conference KLAA football honorees in the Hometown Life area for the 2020 season.

Canton (8-1, first in KLAA West)

Senior linebacker Aran Patrick
Senior offensive lineman Josh Martin

Senior quarterback Kaleb Burg
Senior running back Marco Johnson
Senior linebacker/wide receiver John Levine

Junior running back Zack Badger
Senior defensive back Jack Vespaziani

Senior tight end/linebacker Michael Renzi

Senior defensive tackle Jacob Davis
Senior athlete Brayden Webb
Junior offensive line/defensive line Giulian Bodiu

Northville (5-3, second in KLAA West)

Senior wide receiver Jack Bugar
Senior defensive back James Bubar
Junior quarterback Jack Holland
Senior defensive lineman Josh Kredor

Senior outside linebacker Patrick Lach

Senior running back Nick Lauderback

Senior wide receiver Brett Rankin
Senior running back Cayden Saunders

Junior running back Kai Saunders

Livonia Churchill (6-2, second in KLAA East)

Senior quarterback Gavin Brooks
Junior running back Boston Clegg Jr.
Senior defensive back Jimmy Tar-gosz

Senior wide receiver Jordan Garcia
Junior defensive back Josh Brown
Junior defensive lineman Demarius Gibson-Wells

Senior defensive lineman Khalil Ford
Senior offensive lineman Lawrence Hattar

Junior wide receiver Bailey Brooks

Livonia Stevenson (4-4, fifth in KLAA East)

Senior running back Caden Woodall
Senior defensive lineman Landan Macek

Senior linebacker Teddy Mazaris
Sophomore offensive lineman Charlie Davidek

Junior linebacker Quincy Salter
Senior defensive end Maxim Smith

Livonia Franklin (5-4, fourth in KLAA East)

Senior offensive lineman Kyle Fugedi
Senior wide receiver Connor Hatfield
Senior defensive lineman Aaron Mass

Junior quarterback Zac Olesuk
Senior linebacker Evan Pittenger
Senior defensive back Trevor Whisman

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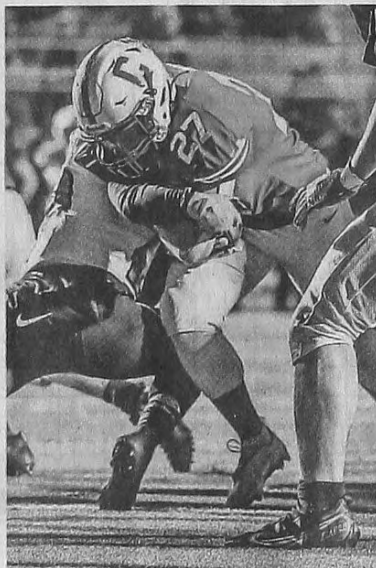
Junior offensive lineman Tommy Phimister

Senior running back Maurice Langford

Junior defensive back Tyler Patrick

John Glenn (2-5, seventh in KLAA East)

Senior tight end Justin Hart
Senior quarterback Aaron Rieskamp
Senior center Tyler Kendrick



Canton senior Marco Johnson records a touchdown against Belleville in the district final. MICHAEL VASILNEK/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWN LIFE.COM

Salem (1-6, seventh in KLAA West)

Senior offensive guard Nolan Matthew

Senior running back Jermari Thomas

Plymouth (1-6, eighth in KLAA West)

Senior offensive lineman Cenzi DeFelice

Senior defensive end Andrew Uhlian

Wayne Memorial (0-7, eighth in KLAA East)

Junior linebacker Amarus Callaway
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MHSAA releases plan for revised fall postseason

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The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced Wednesday a revised schedule after a "three-week pause" was instituted by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to combat the increased spread of the coronavirus, halting high school athletics until Dec. 9.

If allowed by the MDHHS, the high school football playoffs would continue with the regional finals starting Dec. 15 and 16. The state semifinals would be played Dec. 21 and 22, while the state finals would be hosted at Ford Field Dec. 28 and 29.

The high school volleyball postseason, with the state quarterfinal round Dec. 15, would continue with the state semifinals Dec. 17 and 18, ending with the state final Dec. 19. Both the semifinal and final rounds are to be held at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

The girls swim and dive state meet are scheduled for Dec. 22 for divers and Dec. 23 for swimmers.

Winter sports would resume practices Dec. 9 and competition would begin Jan. 4.

"We understand where COVID numbers were trending, and that's why we have been supportive of the order to pause," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said in a statement. "But these fall sports deserve closure, and this strategy provides the best opportunities without further interruptions to a normal course of training and competition."

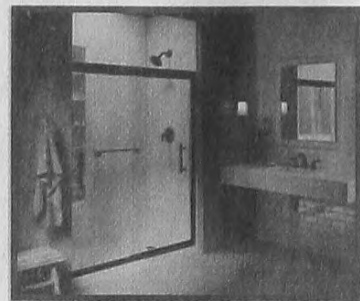
"... Meanwhile, by waiting until January to begin winter competition, the council is allowing our teams to continue activity but also restricting the mixing of communities to further promote reducing COVID spread."

The MHSAA Representative Council will hold its annual fall meeting Dec. 4, and will consider changes to the winter postseason due to the shortened regular-season schedule.

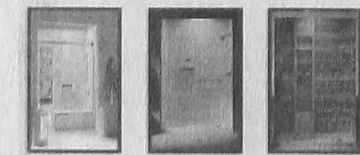
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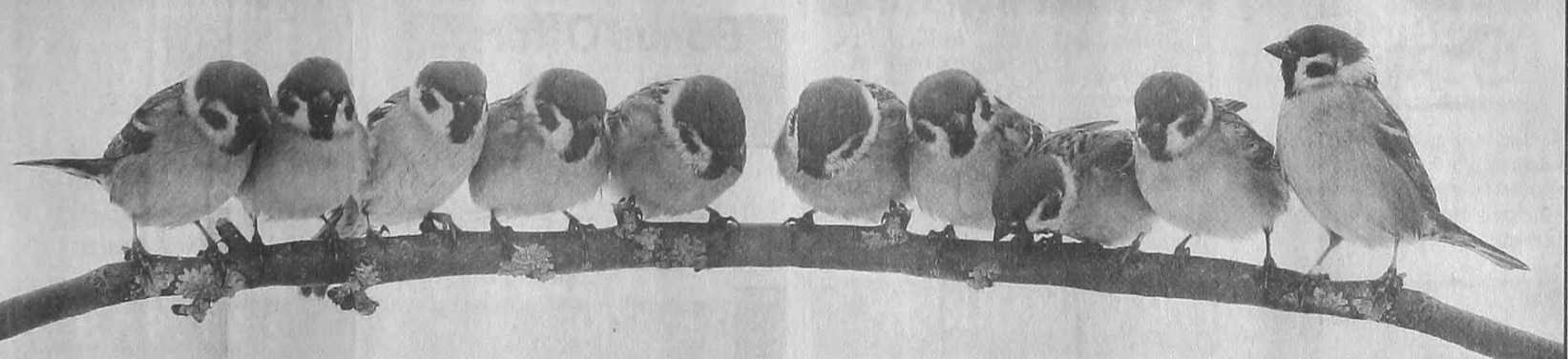
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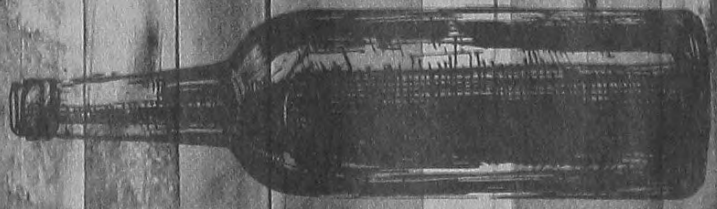
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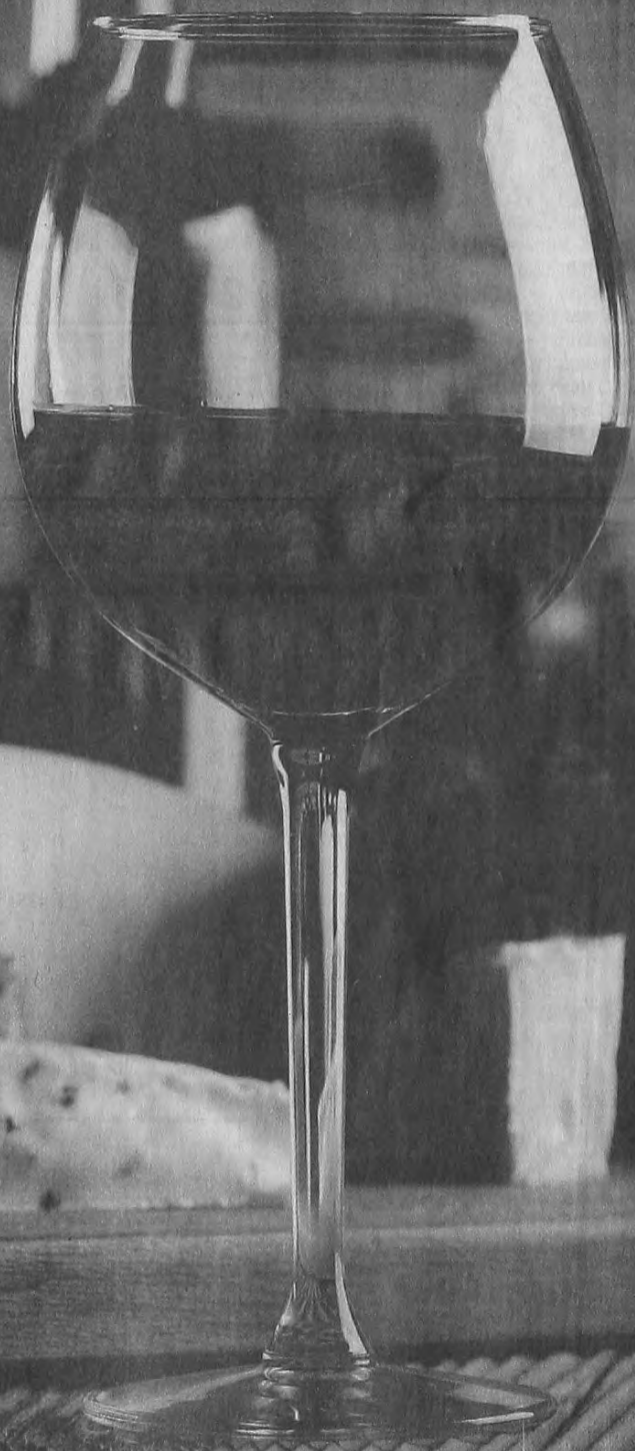


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