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Nishit Akkulugari, center, and other students work on a quiz at Novi High School on July 23 during summer school. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Part-time school only this fall in Novi

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Students in the the Novi Community School District will be learning at least part-time at home this fall.

In a 4-3 decision made during a board meeting Aug. 6, the school board approved two routes for families to choose from — either all virtual, or a hybrid in which

students can attend school in-person a few days a week and learn remotely the other days.

Full details on the hybrid schedule will be released after a meeting with teachers on Monday, Superintendent Steve Matthews said. The in-person hybrid option will be in place at least through Nov. 6, the end of the first card marking period.

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'Prom, graduation parties' source of COVID-19 spike

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An unofficial prom and various high school graduation parties have been cited as the sources of a spike in South Lyon COVID-19 cases.

The health departments for Oakland, Livingston and Genesee counties all reported "a steep increase in COVID-19 cases in the South Lyon and Fenton areas since mid-July among individuals 15-19-years-old. Some of the cases reported attending large indoor and outdoor gatherings, including graduation parties and prom like events, during July," according to a Tuesday news release.

"We need parents and young people in our community to recognize the risk they take to their own health and that of their family and friends when attending gatherings without taking precautions," Oakland County Health Officer Leigh-Anne Stafford said in a release. "We can work together across our communities to contain the spread, and I urge parents to be aware of activities your kids attend."

Preliminary information indicates a significant increase in cases among high school age students and those numbers could change as case investigation

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Police investigate how accused killer, poker player met

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Police are piecing together what brought two transient people together before one burned the other beyond immediate recognition and left her at a state park in White Lake Township.

Jeffery Bernard Morris, 60, of Pontiac was known to be living as a homeless person on July 13, when he allegedly killed Susie Zhao, 33, a professional poker player who left California to move back to her parents' Waterford Township home in June.

She apparently was known to stay at the nearby Sherwood Motel and White Lake Township police say Morris and Zhao spent time there the night before Zhao's burnt remains were

Zhao

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Gardens growing at Thayer's Corner Park



Ann and Rick Klein work at their Thayer's Corner plot on July 24. The couple has been gardening there for the last three seasons. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Sheltered by woods, gardeners at Thayer's Corner Park continue to test nature's delicate hypotheses with their shares of sun, water and fertilized brown space.

COVID-19 has slowed down their real worlds and the pace is even slower here, along Napier Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Northville Township.

Flowers and vegetables grow incrementally. Birds occasionally chirp. A few butterflies and dragonflies take flight as gardeners find some respite from 2020 health concerns.

Gardeners, with plenty of room for social distancing, check on plants and yank out weeds on roughly 100 plots.

"I love these gardens," said Roxanne Polehna, a Novi resident who has been planting here for five years.

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One ripe and other green tomatoes grow at Thayer's Corner.



Yellow squash grows in a garden plot at Thayer's Corner.

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Patty Closer and daughter Alexandra, right, stroll along Main Street in Milford on Aug. 6.



Milford's Sidewalk Sales took place Aug. 6-8 along Main Street.

Sidewalk sales take place in Milford

Summer's the best time for a sidewalk sale. Downtown Milford held its sidewalk sale this past weekend, attracting shoppers to enjoy the beautiful weather outside and support local shops in a time where business is challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The sale was delayed a bit because of the pandemic, but still began last Thursday in the village. Plenty came downtown and walked the closed Main Street to shop from local stores, as well as vendors typically at the weekly farmer's market.



Thomas Chambers bags up a sale of sweet corn.



Milford combined its usual Thursday afternoon farmers market with sidewalk sales on Aug. 6.

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Huron Valley delays in-person school for 8th-12th grades

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The first day of school for Huron Valley Schools is Aug. 31, but amid all the things still up in the air

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along with COVID-19, one thing is now certain.

All 8th through 12th graders in the district will be learning virtually for at least the first two weeks of school.

"All students would start Aug. 31, but 8th through 12th starts virtual and they will stay that way for two weeks," Superintendent Paul Salah said. "Until Sept. 14 is what we're looking at, and that gives us time to send additional custodial staff to the elementary and repurpose staff. It's all hands on deck and gives us a clear idea of what coming back to school looks like in this context."

Salah and the board of education continue to contemplate the back-to-school plan. A virtual academy option for K-12 students now has an enrollment of more than 1,100 students. However, the board is considering full in-person school following state requirements and strong recommendations as much as possible, a fully remote start for all students, as well as a hybrid option where students would at-

The district continues to prepare with plans to hire 25 permanent substitute teachers. Additional custodial staff will also be contracted.

tend in-person school two full days a week and do remote learning the remainder of the week.

Final plans were to be voted on during the board's virtual meeting this past Monday after print deadline.

During a board meeting Aug. 3, Salah announced new plans including hiring of permanent substitute teachers, additional custodians, and that all students in the district would be required to wear masks, a change in course from only requiring mask-wearing of those in 6th-12th as mandated by the state.

School board reactions

Salah sought to get an idea of how board members were leaning with the options, noting it was a "big ask."

Some of the board seemed torn between options, while others had strong opinions.

"Being a history guy, I'm fearful that loading our classrooms with kids and staff is a lot like putting soldiers on our troops ships in 1918 (during the flu pandemic), a lot of people will get sick and we know some people will die and that's my concern," Trustee Jim Pearson said. "How many are we willing to lose?"

Still, he noted that about eight out of every nine parents want their children back in school buildings.

"I would be most comfortable with a very strong virtual academy and a strong warning that if you choose to start face-to-face it won't even last through September," he said.

Trustee Lindsay Cotter said it wasn't safe to put kids back in buildings with standard class sizes, but noted the difficulties also with the hybrid model.

"I don't have an answer," she said. "If we can truly keep the kids masked, it creates a much

safer environment. I need to listen to the teachers there spearheading this effort with our students, they are the ones on the frontline."

Salah said there is "polarity" among teachers, with staff who don't think face-to-face instruction should resume at this time and an almost equal number that do.

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Board Treasurer Denise Pistana said she was "in the middle" along with Cotter and was unsure about kids filling a classroom, along with all the cleaning, masking and washing of hands that would need to be done.

Board Secretary Denise Forrest expressed frustration with a global pandemic and a situation in which the school board can't win regardless of their decision, particularly without a countywide school plan.

"I'm darned if I do, and darned if I don't," she said, noting the education system is set up in a way that if they lose students, they lose money and another district gains. "I taught art for 20 years, I taught thousands of kids and knew all their names, and we want contact and to learn, but we're dealing with a massive contagious virus. I don't see how we are going to get five days a week in person JK-12...We have until the 15th to get it figured out."

Aug. 15 is the date by which all districts must submit a return to school plan to the state.

"I truly believe we are heading in the right direction," Board President Tom Wiseman said. "Ultimately, we will be back in school. We start with JK-7, and then the high school...The heavy lifting is at the high school."

For more information on how to tune in to the virtual HVS Board of Education meeting and the latest on return to school plans, visit the district website at hvs.org.

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The ordinance was introduced for first reading on July 20, 2020, and was adopted by the City Council on August 3, 2020. The ordinance shall become effective on August 21, 2020. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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ELECTION RESULTS

Northville, Bloomfield voters oust supervisors in primary

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Primary election voters effectively decided on Tuesday many of the local township board races and in others, narrowed the choices on the November ballot.

All vote totals are unofficial until certified by the county Board of Canvassers.

Northville Township

Mark Abbo narrowly unseated Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, 2,447-2,408, in Tuesday's primary election. Both candidates are Republicans. There is no Democratic candidate on November's general election ballot.

Abbo garnered 875 votes during Tuesday's election and 1,572 absentee votes.

The 73-year-old Nix had been supervisor since 2012.

Challenger Roger Lundberg knocked off incumbent clerk Marjorie Banner, 2,326-2,292, in another down-to-the-wire Republican race. Lundberg, a 71-year-old automobile industry professional with 35 years of experience in director level positions, will run unopposed in the November election.

In the township treasurer race featuring two Republicans, challenger Jason Rhines defeated incumbent Fred Shadko, 2,377-2,093. Rhines, who earned 53.1% of the votes, will run unopposed in November's general election.

Northville trustee candidates Mindy Herrman (3,123), Chris Roosen (2,863), Cynthia Jankowski (2,719) and Scott Frush (2,689) advanced to November's general election. The lone Democrat joining the quartet in the November election is M. Aslam.

The top four vote-getters for trustee in November will earn a spot at the board of trustees.

Plymouth Township

In the race for Plymouth Township trustee, the following Republicans will move on to the general election: Charles Curmi with 2,844 votes, Bob Doroshe-witz with 2,910, Audrey Monaghan, 2,655, and John Stewart, 2,443. The four will likely fill the four available seats on the board, with no Democratic challengers. Daniel Callahan, 1,926 votes, and Don Schnettler, 1,509 votes, missed the cut.

In the race for Plymouth Township clerk, Republican Jerry Vorva received 3,250 votes, defeating Sandra Groth, who received 1,131 votes. Vorva will face off against Democrat Nancy Conzelman, the sole Democrat seeking the seat, who had 3,642 votes in the primary.

Republican Kurt Heise, the only can-



Voters make their selections at Northville High on Aug. 4. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

didate for supervisor, received 3,881 votes. Republican Mark Clinton, the sole candidate for treasurer, received 3,641 votes.

Bloomfield Township

In the race for Bloomfield Township supervisor, Republican challenger Dan Devine received 4,895 votes, defeating incumbent Leo Savoie, who received 3,033 votes.

Devine will now face off in November against Dani Walsh, who received 5,692 votes, winning the Democratic nomination over Scott Nadeau, with 1,161 votes. Nadeau had announced prior to the primary he was no longer seeking the supervisor position, but did not drop out in time to have his name taken off the primary ballot.

In the Bloomfield Township treasurer race, incumbent Brian Kepes received 3,915 votes, overcoming Republican challenger Mark Antakli, who received 3,765 votes.

Kepes has no Democratic challenger on the November ballot.

Winning the Republican nomination for Bloomfield Township clerk was Tom Smyly with 2,884 votes. He defeated David Thomas with 2,567 votes and Malissa Bossardet with 1,970 votes.

Smyly will now face off in November against Democratic challenger Martin Brook, who was uncontested in the pri-

mary and received 6,579 votes.

The primary narrowed down slightly the candidates vying for four Bloomfield Township trustee spots in November. The top four Democrats were Stephanie Fakih with 5,407 votes, Mitsuki Murashige with 4,848 votes, Valerie Sayles Murray with 5,373 votes, and Linda P. Ulrey with 5,102 votes. Scott D. Nadeau, who ran as a write-in candidate, finished fifth and out of the running. The total number of unassigned write-in votes was 82.

The top four Republican finishers were Neal Barnett with 4,209 votes, Timothy Robert Meyer with 3,598 votes, Michael Schostak with 4,533 votes, and Don Valente with 4,472 votes. Eric L. Pernie with 3,525 votes, finished fifth and didn't make the cut.

Milford Township

With no Democrats seeking a seat on the Milford Township Board, Republicans won the day on Tuesday.

In the supervisor race, with 1,707 votes, Incumbent Don Green defeated challenger Brien Worrell, who received 1,293 votes.

In the quest for clerk, Incumbent Holly Brandt won easily with 2,400 votes over challenger Jennifer Frankford, who had 536 votes.

Treasurer Cynthia Dagenhardt, unchallenged, received 2,589 votes.

The top four vote-getters for the trustee spots on the board were Randal Busick with 1,656 votes, William Mazzara with 1,601 votes, Dale Wiltse with 1,809 votes and Toni Vulaj with 1,519 votes.

Richard Georgemissed the cut with 1,495 votes.

Lyon Township

In Lyon Township, four trustee seats were the only positions contested on Tuesday, all with Republican candidates.

Incumbents Lise Blades, with 1,835 votes, Kristofer Enlow with 1,592 votes, and Sean O'Neill with 2,122 votes will be joined on the November ballot by newcomer Robert Swain with 1,373 votes.

Missing the cut were Mark Venus with 1,080 votes and Andy Fletcher with 1,200 votes.

Lyon Township Supervisor John Dolan with 2,729 votes, Clerk Michele Cash with 2,760 votes, and Treasurer Patricia Carcone with 2,730 votes, were all unchallenged in the primary.

No Democratic candidates appeared on the ballot, so it appears all the primary election winners will be unchallenged in the November general election.

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Oakland, Wayne primaries set stage for November

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The stage for November is set.

Voters across Oakland and Wayne Counties voted in primaries Tuesday. The primaries narrowed the field down to one Republican candidate and one Democratic candidate per race who will try to win voters' favor in November.

Below are results of who won each federal and state race across the Hometown Life footprint. Winner's names will appear in bold.

All results are unofficial until certified by the county board of canvassers.

Michigan Legislature: District 16

Two Republicans ran with the hopes of facing incumbent Democrat Kevin Coleman in November. Emily Bauman finished on top with 3,512 votes against Josephine Brown's 1,156 votes.

Bauman and Coleman will compete in the fall to represent the district, which includes Westland and Wayne.

Coleman, who ran unopposed, received 12,455 votes.

Michigan Legislature: District 19

Livonia's legislative district was



Campaign signs and a where-to-vote billboard greet visitors to Bloomfield Township's Marian High on Aug. 4 for the primary election.

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competitive in 2018 and will likely be so again this fall. Of the three Republicans who hoped to flip the seat, Martha Ptashnik won with 5,870 votes.

Her challengers, Penny Crider and Regina Gargus, received 4,856 and 651 votes, respectively.

Ptashnik will face incumbent Democrat Laurie Pohutsky in November. Pohutsky ran unopposed and received

14,654 votes.

Michigan Legislature: District 37

As Christine Greig, a Democrat, termed out, four hopefuls have their eyes on the 37th district seat, which represents Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Republican Mitch Swoboda ran unopposed and received 6,664 votes.

Of the three Democrats, Samantha Steckloff won the race with 8,991 votes. Her challengers, Michael Bridges and Randy Bruce, finished with 5,634 and 3,814 votes respectively. All three candidates had previously served together on the Farmington Hills City Council.

Michigan Legislature: District 38

Several newcomers hoped to fill the seat left open by Kathy Crawford, a Republican, who termed out of the role. The district includes Novi, Novi Township, Lyon Township, South Lyon, Walled Lake and part of Northville.

Of the two Democratic hopefuls, Kelly Breen appears to have narrowly won and received 7,051 votes. Her challenger, Megan McAllister, garnered 6,907 votes.

Chase Turner emerged as the winner among three Republican candidates

with 7,300 votes. His opponents, Sreenivas Cherukuri and Krista Spencer, received 2,730 and 1,771 votes, respectively.

Michigan Legislature: District 40

Democrat Mari Manoogian and Republican Kendra Cleary both ran unopposed races and will face each other in November to represent the 40th district. Manoogian, the incumbent, finished with 18,817 votes and Cleary finished with 10,653 votes.

The 40th district includes Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills and part of West Bloomfield Township.

Michigan Legislature: District 44

Republican Matt Maddock and Democrat Denise Forrest both ran unopposed in their paths to the November election. Maddock, the incumbent, received 14,530 votes and Forrest received 9,207 votes.

The 44th district includes Milford, Springfield, Highland, White Lake and part of Waterford.

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School

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The district had previously considered a full five days in-person option, but reversed course due to safety concerns in preventing the spread of COVID-19 with fully occupied buildings.

"Administratively, we didn't feel we could adhere to all the safety practices, the main one being social distance," Matthews said. "With all students in school full time, we couldn't create spaces with appropriate distance. Hybrid allows us to have small class sizes."

The hybrid option will apply to all grades, K-12. Families that choose the hybrid option will be divided into two groups, with group A students attending in-person on Mondays and Thursdays and group B in-person on Tuesdays and Fridays, lessening the number of students at school on in-person days and enabling the recommended six feet of distance between students in classrooms. Smaller class sizes are also achieved through a number of families who are going with the fully-virtual option.

Families split on virtual learning

As of Aug. 10, Novi had received 1,200 back-to-school survey responses, nearly split with 49% of families indicating they would enroll their children in the all-virtual school Novi is offering, with 51% opting for the hybrid.

With about 3,000 families in the district, administrators are still waiting to hear from more than half on what their choice will be.

"By the end of this week, we are hoping to have all the responses, and staffing for the virtual school and hybrid," Matthews said.

Districts across the state must submit their back to school plan to the state by Aug. 15. Novi is one of several districts in the Hometown Life area that are offering an all virtual option. Some districts, including the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, have recently announced they will only offer virtual for the first semester.

Teachers will not be the same for fully virtual school and the hybrid option, although there may be exceptions at the high school, particularly with

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advanced placement and international baccalaureate classes.

Matthews said teacher feedback on the options has been generally positive, with expressions of concern, but he has assured them safety protocols including mandatory masking at all grade levels, social distancing and sanitation will be in place.

The district has had a "trial run" of sorts with 300 students in summer school at 10-15 kids per class, as well as a community education program this summer with 50-75 kids per day.

"We had a month of summer school and no incidents in the program, no COVID-positive tests or sickness," Matthews said. "We are very happy, it was a little bit of a trial run and we felt positive about that with no flare-ups of coronavirus."

Matthews said the board was split in the vote for the hybrid option due to one board member who wanted all students in the district to start virtually, and two board members who wanted an option of five full days in-person.

Matthews ultimately recommended the hybrid in-person option because of the importance of face-to-face instruction for all children, but particularly for kindergarteners and first graders learning to read and write, as well as ESL and special education students, and those who need interventions. He also cited the need to build relationships between teachers and students.

"Last year, teachers had seven months to build a relationship with students, they knew their students," Matthews noted. "If you start all virtual, you won't have those relationships built up with students."

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Initial reports have determined that 15- to 19-year-olds from three counties attended at least six large gatherings. GETTY IMAGES

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continues in the three counties.

COVID-19 cases among South Lyon individuals ages 15-19 increased from three cases during late-June to mid-July to 42 from mid-July to early August. Similar trends were observed countywide in Livingston, where cases increased from 3 to 19 and in Genesee from 19 to 94.

The three health departments are conducting case investigations to identify individuals who have potentially been exposed. Initial information has determined that 15- to 19-year-olds from the three counties attended at least six large gatherings.

If you attended a large gathering in the South Lyon and/or the Fenton area during mid to late July and you think you are developing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 described below, call your physician or local health department.

People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms from mild to severe. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea.

If you are considering attending an indoor or outdoor event, take precautions by:

- Maintaining six feet social distance from those outside your household;
- wearing a face covering when you cannot stay six feet from others;
- washing your hands regularly for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol; and

- staying home when sick.

There currently is no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced with cloth face coverings, social distancing, and staying home when sick except to get medical care.

For more information on COVID-19 visit www.oakgov.com/covid.

According to the Oakland County Health Division, as of Aug. 3, 75 individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 30 days in the South Lyon area. This includes 59 residing in the 48178 zip code and another 16 in the 48165 zip code. In the last day alone, 11 new cases were reported.

Last week, South Lyon Schools administrators canceled high school activities after athletes and staff member tested positive for the coronavirus.

As of Aug 3:

- In total since the beginning of the pandemic, 185 South Lyon area residents have tested positive for COVID-19, and 11 have died.

- Across Oakland County, 11,539 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed since March, with 8,195 recoveries, and 1,083 deaths.

- Statewide, there have been 83,386 COVID-19 cases confirmed and 6,212 deaths.

- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, on Aug. 3, the United States has 4,649,102 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with 154,471 American deaths attributed to the illness.

- The United States accounts for roughly a quarter of the entire globe's number of confirmed COVID cases and deaths from the disease. On Aug. 3, the World Health Organization reported 17,918,582 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 686,703 deaths worldwide.

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A rendering of how the proposed three-story building at North Center Street and Dunlap would look. COURTESY OF THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE



Downtown Northville building plan OK'd by planning commission

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A new building coming to the corner of Dunlap and North Center Street in downtown Northville has taken a big step in becoming a reality.

The city's planning commission approved a final site plan for the proposed new building at 150 and 156 N. Center during its meeting held virtually Aug. 4. The plans call for a new, three-story building on the site and an additional story to the building next door that houses the Tuscan Cafe.

The commission unanimously approved the final site plan for the building, which would showcase some architectural elements of the former opera house that stood on the site.

The commission approved the plan with some modifications, including changes to accent lighting proposed on the new building. The city does not allow for such lighting for a decorative purpose.

"The ordinance does not allow lighting to accent a building," said Sally Elmiger, a principal at Carlisle Wortman and Associates who consults with the city for planning. "It only allows for lighting for security purposes."

Commissioner Jeff Gaines said he was confused by the ordinance that did not allow for such lighting, given it's used elsewhere.

"I'm a little perplexed over our ordi-

nance that we actually are disallowing accent lighting," he said. "Not that I'm opposed to it, I'm just curious: is that for environmental reasons?"

"I wonder if we're making too much of the lighting issue."

Elmiger said the ordinance comes as a way to keep skies dark at night, as well limit the amount of light coming from the downtown area.

Having such lighting on the building would be allowed if the lighting pointed toward the ground to provide additional lighting for security around the building.

"We can put those on dimmers to bring that light level down," said Robert Miller, a Northville-based architect working on the project.

An additional variance would be needed to allow for such accent lighting. The project was first discussed when brought before the planning commission in early June. Once built, it would contain a yet-to-be-named restaurant on the first floor and several residential units on the upper levels of the new building and above the Tuscan Cafe.

The approval comes with conditions, such as obtaining approval from the city council to allow the pedestrian ramp on city-owned property, locating the loading area off Dunlap to the east of the parking lot driveway, having streetscape plantings meet specifications for the Downtown Development Authority and other conditions.

Michigan opioid overdoses spike during pandemic

Georgea Kovanis Detroit Free Press | USA TODAY NETWORK

The number of opioid overdoses during the COVID-19 pandemic has increased dramatically across the state, according to new data from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Emergency medical services responses for opioid overdoses from April through June were up 26% over the same period in 2019.

Between April and May of this year, as the coronavirus decimated Michigan and the nation, EMS responses for opioid overdoses rose 33%.

The increase in overdoses were consistent throughout the state and in most demographic groups, except for those ages 65 and older, the MDHHS said.

For months, experts have predicted that overdoses would increase during the pandemic due to isolation, boredom, job loss and other financial crisis. Those factors are compounded by fewer spots being available in rehab facilities because social distancing reduces the number of patients that can be admitted and there has been reduced access to in-person support groups because of restrictions on large gatherings.

The new numbers reveal that opioid overdose patients were more likely to refuse EMS transport to a hospital. Between April and June 2019, 7.7% of overdose patients declined transport to an emergency room, compared with 14.3% between April and June of this year.

"Opioid overdoses kill far too many Michiganders, and it's a double tragedy that the pandemic has exacerbated this crisis," Dr. Joneigh S. Khaldun, chief deputy director for health and chief medical executive for the state health department, said.

She urged people with opioid use issues to seek treatment. If they are not



Opioid abuse has reached epidemic proportion in many areas of the U.S. LIZ O. BAYLEN/TNS

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ready to seek treatment, she urged them to work on ways to reduce the likelihood of dying of an overdose by practicing harm reduction.

"If you or someone you love has an opioid use disorder, please take steps to prevent overdose deaths — like carrying naloxone and never using alone," she said. (Naloxone, known by the brand name, Narcan, reverses opioid overdoses.)

People who use opioids alone are more likely to die because there is no one around to call for help or revive them in case of an overdose. The state provided information on neverusealone.com, a national helpline with workers who will stay on the phone with someone who is getting high. More info: 800-484-3731. If no answer: 931-304-9452.

In 2018, the most recent year for which numbers are available, 2,036 people — or five a day — died of opioid overdoses in Michigan.

For info: <https://www.michigan.gov/opioids/>

Death

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found on the edge of the Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area in White Lake.

White Lake police used fingertip analysis to identify Zhao and have relied on assistance from the FBI. They're saying little about evidence found at the motel and the state park.

"This is not the end," said White Lake Township Police Det. Lt. Christopher Hild during a Wednesday press conference outside the department's headquarters. "It's rather the beginning in the pursuit of justice for Susie and her family."

"We're trying to determine whether Susie knew this individual prior to the date of her death and how long that interaction took place."

Hild would not share the hours that Morris and Zhao were at the motel. He said a preliminary investigation did not indicate Zhao's poker playing had anything to do with the crime.



Morris

On Tuesday, 52-2 District Court Judge Kelley Kostin denied Morris bond because of a criminal history that includes appearance in the Michigan Sex Offender Registry because of a 1989 conviction of third-degree criminal sexual conduct.

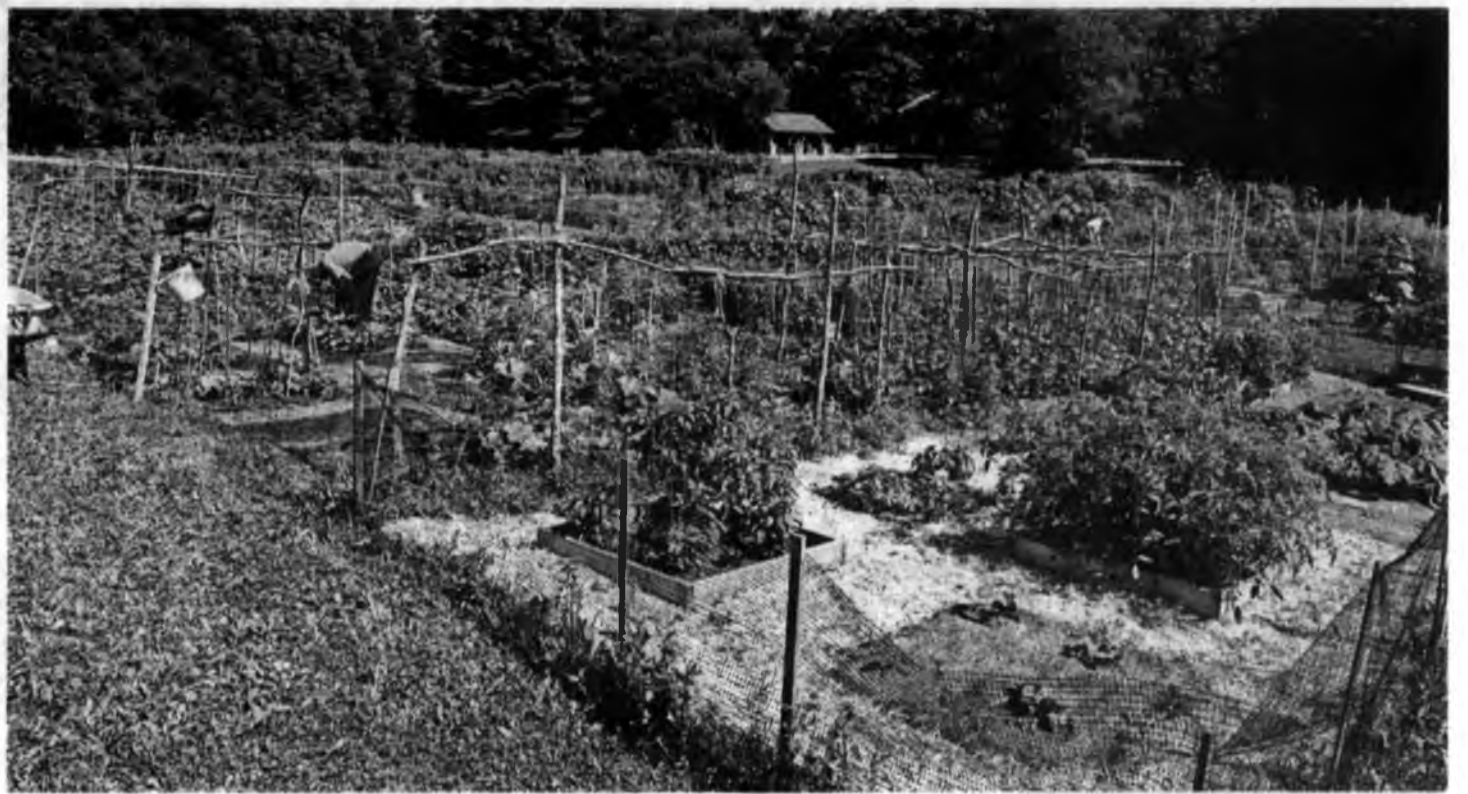
Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office has not yet released a cause of death.

"This is really the beginning of it," Hild said. "There's a lot of follow-up that is involved in this case."

"It is a relief and I think it's a relief for the citizens of White Lake and the general area to know that we have somebody who we believe committed a heinous crime and he's currently incarcerated."

Morris was arraigned while in a hospital room for a medical issue. He remains in the custody of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and is scheduled to appear in court later this month.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Follow her on Twitter @susanvela.



Thayer's Corner rents out about 100 plots in their Northville Township location and even maintains a honeybee hive to help with pollination of the growers' vegetables, herbs and fruits. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Gardens

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"This place is just really beautiful."

She is surrounded by splashes of color set against healthy greenery. Plots show their owners' creativity with accents like sunflowers, art work, trellises and plainly personal stuff.

Polehna visits the gardens whenever she can, whether it's to share the sights with her grandchildren, walk her dog or tend to garden business.

She never has to buy vegetables because of the bounty in her 1.5 gardens. She recently cooked a Chinese meal with the carrots, cabbage and snap peas she grew. And she's already started freezing vegetables for the colder months.

"I have carrots, green beans, yellow beans, purple beans," Polehna said.

The "community" aspect of the Thayer's Corner community gardens also comes into play with gardeners sharing everything from smiles and salutations to plants and vegetables to watering cans and fertilizer.



John Condor works on harvesting some basil on July 24. Condor has been farming at Thayer's for nine years now and is growing peppers, tomatoes, beets, onions, lettuce, zucchini and melons.

Mari Morris, a Northville resident and veteran Thayer's gardener, likes to share her pickings with Northville Civic Concern, a non-profit group feeding the needy.

In her seven or eight years at Thayer's Corner, Morris has learned that zucchini thrives in the plots, her

watermelons take a long time and her cauliflower is never going to grow as big as the ones in grocery stores.

It's a place where her husband Dan helps with rototilling, and their dogs Willy and Huckleberry can enjoy sniffing and strolling.

This haven probably convinced Morris to ease up on quarantining and made her appreciate her garden more than usual.

"Probably more so than most, absolutely," she said. "I was home almost entirely for three or four months."

Thayer's Corner is a 58-acre site that also offers trails, picnic facilities and a restored 1850s barn.

Township Clerk Marjorie Banner manages and maintains the property with volunteer help.

The gardens have been around for more than a decade and gardeners come from throughout metro Detroit.

"It's our sanity place," Banner said. "It's just a good place to get away from cell phones."

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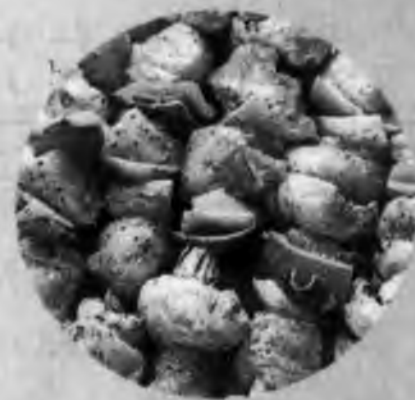
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Eoghann Stephens moves from assistant to head coach for the Livonia Stevenson boys basketball team. COURTESY OF EOGHAN STEPHENS

Smartt, Stephens aim to bring Stevenson together

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Kareem Smartt and Eoghann Stephens met each other coaching basketball at Livonia Stevenson.

A love of basketball brought them both to Stevenson, turning a head coach/assistant coach relationship into a friendship. But it also made them both separate, with Smartt taking over the Spartans girls basketball team in 2020 and Stephens stepping up into the head coaching role with the boys team.

With this, each of the head coaches wants to make Stevenson a united program, one that is bigger and better than when they first arrived.



Smartt

"We're trying to do it now where the program is one big unified program," Smartt said. "You know how you have the girls and the guys, they do everything separate of each other. Now we are trying to get it to where we're doing everything together."

With Stephens taking over the boys team and Smartt running the girls team, both will try and use their basketball upbringing to make the program, as a whole, closer together.

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Novi and Farmington could be key sources for streaming

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Jeremy Jenkins never thought he would get into the sports broadcasting business.

After graduating from Livonia Franklin in 2012, Jenkins went from Henry Ford to University of Michigan Dearborn to study filmmaking. Sports was just a hobby.

However, after an internship with Garden City Television, he was hooked, finding his way to Novi and serving as their main broadcaster for the high school's radio station and the NFHS Network through its partnership with the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Jenkins is one of only a few high school sports broadcasters in the metro Detroit area, working for the school to give its students, teachers and community information about their own student-athletes.

With the coronavirus pandemic and the uncertainty regarding the 2020-21 sports season, Jenkins thinks his job could be that much more important, even if the schedules remain the same.

The MHSAA has said that spectators, if allowed at all, will be limited at each sporting event this season, and that decisions will be based on guidance from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office.

"We would kind of be the middleman, expressing to everyone how the teams are doing, keeping them updated," Jenkins said.

Even before COVID-19, this was on the mind of Novi Athletic Director Brian Gordon.

The Wildcats had already two cameras on site — one at the football field and one in the basketball gym. Novi had purchased one to add to the soccer stadium and planned on covering Novi girls soccer in the spring prior to the shut down.

Now, accessibility is prevalent in Gordon's mind ahead of the 2020-21

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEW



Canton finished third in the KLAA West in 2019. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

What to watch for in the KLAA West

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Football season is here... maybe. Teams around the state of Michigan returned to the field Aug. 10 for helmet-only practices, preparing for what could be a normal, delayed or possibly canceled fall season due to the coronavirus. As teams in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association wait for guidance from the Michigan High School Athletic Association — which is supposed to make a decision regarding the season by Aug. 20 — here is a look at what Hometown Life teams in the West look like this season.

Canton

Head coach: Andrew LaFata, third season
2019 record: 5-5, third in KLAA West

Season opener: Aug. 27 vs. Dearborn Fordson

Season outlook: Heading into his third season as the head coach at Canton, Andrew LaFata is looking for more consistency.

"I think our kids fought and battled hard. I don't think there were many games where they didn't compete," LaFata said. "We competed, our kids played tough. It was just one of those things: When things go wrong, it was just hard to keep it going."

Known for its "T" offensive look, the Canton head coach said the offense had a lack of consistency in 2019, averaging 26.2 points per game — the lowest since 2007.

Even though Canton is losing 16 seniors, including 10 starters, LaFata is confident with the players returning. He said offensive linemen Josh Martin and Ben Larson, along with tight end Mi-

chael Renzi, will solidify the run game up front with returning backs Marco Johnson and Zack Badger being forces in the run game.

LaFata said he will look to defensive tackle Jacob Davis and quarterback Kaleb Burg to also make a major impact in 2020.

No matter what happened last year or the uncertainty heading into this year, LaFata expects his team to compete in each game they play.

"It's a long season. We don't know if it starts on time, if it gets delayed or what," LaFata said. "But every game we expect to walk in and compete for four quarters."

Northville

Head coach: Matt Ladach, 13th season

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How East Lansing football star Andrei Anthony became a Michigan recruit

Brian Calloway Lansing State Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

EAST LANSING – Countless times over the years, Andrei Anthony Jr. has observed his father's die-hard passion for Michigan football.

The East Lansing three-star wide receiver has noticed the cheers when his father has watched games on the television. And he's also seen him yell at the TV.

But the future yells and excitement for Andrei Anthony Sr. will revolve around seeing his son on the field at the Big House sporting the maize and blue.

Anthony determined that with his verbal commitment to the Michigan football program Friday evening. As he sported a black shirt with the words, "Dreams come true," Anthony made a pledge to Michigan over Michigan State, Notre Dame and Penn State.

A Sunday visit to Ann Arbor with family helped Anthony - who is rated the state's top receiver in the 2021 class - finalize that decision. He gave Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh the news on FaceTime after arriving home.

"When we drove up and we saw the stadium, my mom was like, 'That's a smile I haven't seen in a while,'" Anthony said. "That's when we all knew that I definitely want to go here."

(Harbaugh) was so happy (when I told him). He started jumping around the room. He hugged his dad. That was pretty cool. It was a cool experience to see."

While growing up a Michigan fan, Anthony didn't initially envision having the opportunity that's now in front of him at one of college football's winningest programs.

Basketball is big for the Anthony family and he had been active on the AAU circuit since his elementary days. One of East Lansing football coach Bill Feraco's early encounters with Anthony came when he found him in the gym as a freshman playing basketball just before he was supposed to be attending a playoff practice after being promoted to the varsity team.

But as Anthony discovered what could be ahead for him on the football field, he made the tough decision to give up AAU basketball as a sophomore. And then he went to work proving his skills at a number of camps.

"It was a hard one," Anthony Sr. said. "I'm a basketball guy and we enjoyed watching him play basketball. It was one of those deals where it was like don't pick and choose - just do both."

"When he came to us and was like I want to pursue it in football, we talked about it and he went full head of steam with it. It worked out for him. As a family, we'd love to see him play basketball. That's our favorite sport. It's whatever he wants to do. I didn't want to push him toward either way."

Anthony's recruitment soared after giving up AAU basketball with Michigan, MSU, Penn State and Notre Dame being among the nearly 30 offers he accumulated over the last year and a half.

And it was the early interest shown by Michigan that prevailed.

"That really played a big impact," Anthony said. "They wanted me when I didn't even think that I was really that good and I was just fast. Before sophomore year they had been talking to me."

"It was pretty interesting because as the time went on, the love grew and the support grew. They started coming here to basketball games and to my school just popping up. They really showed and put a lot of effort into their recruitment of me."

Feraco, whose East Lansing program has groomed several Division I receivers in the last decade, has noticed Anthony's hunger to learn and growing passion for football over the last few years. And he sees good things ahead for Anthony at Michigan.

"(They're getting) a very good player," Feraco said. "Very good player. A kid that still has an extremely high ceiling. When they get a hold of him and start to strengthen him up more, he'll deport himself extremely well."

"He's a smart kid. His skills and his speed and his explosiveness - all of that stuff has been documented. I think the intangible things that are important as I mentioned are he's a great teammate, he holds himself accountable and he is not afraid to work. I think those are the important things. He takes coaching very, very well and he wants to get better."

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Andrei Anthony began focusing on football during his sophomore year.

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Cooper Marody (65) of Brighton is on the Edmonton Oilers' roster for the Stanley Cup playoffs. JONATHAN HAYWARD/ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL player from Brighton writes, records tribute song for fallen teammate

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

*Yeah, heaven gained an angel 'cause I'm here,
But I know earth still has one 'cause you're not.
You wanna see me and I wanna see you,
But you still have some loving left to do.
So live it out and make me proud.
Be everything I know you are.*

Cooper Marody wants to be known as more than a hockey player.

The 23-year-old from Brighton has dreams of a long National Hockey League career, but those aspirations aren't all-consuming.

"I'm really passionate about being more than just one dimensional, not putting all of your worth into one thing," he said. "If it's hockey, if it's your job, if it's your relationships, if it's money, it's not healthy to do that. I've primarily tried to put my worth in my faith; that's something that's important to me."



Marody

So is music, which has provided balance in Marody's life as he's climbed the hockey ladder.

Marody, the musician, has come to the forefront this summer, even as he's earned a spot on the Edmonton Oilers' playoff roster.

He wrote, produced and performed a tribute song in memory of Edmonton forward Colby Cave, who died at the age of 25 on April 11 after suffering a brain bleed. Cave, who played 11 games with the Oilers in 2019-20, was a teammate of Marody's with the Bakersfield Condors of the American Hockey League.

The song, entitled "Agape," is available on Apple Music and Spotify. Proceeds will go to the Colby Cave Memorial Fund, which benefits mental health programs and provides access to sports for underprivileged children.

Marody wrote the song, along with two friends in the music business in Nashville, at the request of Cave's widow, Emily Cave. He said there have been 100,000 streams of the song so far.

"It was one of the fastest songs we've ever done," Marody said. "We all just thought some higher power was helping us write it. We all thought it was Colby's message to Emily. It has really given her a lot of peace and comfort; that was the primary goal of it. It wasn't making it intending on releasing it necessarily. Whatever Emily wanted to do, I was fine with. She was really passionate about releasing it."

*The Lord's still with you now.
He's all around.*

*I can't be close, but He is never far.
Far away.*

Agape.

"Agape" is a Greco-Christian term referring to sacrificial, unconditional love. It was a word the Caves said to one another instead of "I love you." It was the last word Colby spoke during his vows at the couple's wedding in July 2019, vows which were woven into the song from video of the wedding.

"I can't remember who came up with the idea," Marody said. "I don't want to take credit if it wasn't me. Definitely we said, 'It would be awesome to put some audio of the wedding vows in it.'"

Before writing the song, Marody was in contact with Emily Cave, learning little things about her relationship with her husband, like how they would squeeze one another's hands three times as a sign of love. Unable to be in the hospital with her husband, she asked a nurse via FaceTime to squeeze his hand three times to feel his wife's presence.

*I'll take your hand in mine.
I'll squeeze it three more times.
But, Em, until that day,
Agape.*

"Agape" is the third song Marody has recorded, and certainly the most impactful. He said going into music full-time is something he's considered for a career once he's done playing hockey.

"All that really matters right now is I was able to make a song that made an impact for my teammate's wife and teammate's family that passed," Marody said. "That makes it worth it right there. Who knows if that's all I'm meant to be doing in music? That's a positive."

"If I didn't have the courage to pursue music or do whatever, I might not have been able to provide that for her. I challenge kids and people in society, if you love something and have a passion for something, don't be afraid of what people think. You can make an impact in so many different ways, so pursue that."

Cave made an impression on Marody in: the one season the two were teammates in Bakersfield. It was a difficult season for Marody, who was limited to 30 games because of an injury. Marody played in his first six NHL games the previous season, but didn't get a call-up during 2019-20 until rosters were expanded to 31 players for the playoffs.

"Coming to the rink, he had a big smile on his face, a positive outlook on the day, on life," Marody said. "He was always there to inspire his teammates. If somebody was going through an injury or struggling, whatever, he was always there to talk with him. I was injured most of the year. He was there supporting me and said I'll be back stronger than ever, to keep working hard."

"He was an amazing man. He made an impact on everybody he came in contact with. For me, personally, not a day goes by that I don't think of him and Emily. It is very tough."

A tribute to Cave was played on the video board before the Oilers' exhibition game against the Calgary Flames July 28. Marody didn't dress for the game, but was in the arena.

"There's a pin drop," he said. "You could tell everybody, myself for sure, was tearing up. It's all emotional. Everybody's playing with a little extra motivation and playing for Colby and Emily and their family. It really affected all of us greatly."

Marody has been in Edmonton since June when players could return to the ice for the first time since March 12 in six-man groups. He hasn't had to travel far, as Edmonton was picked along with Toronto as the two hub cities to stage the Stanley Cup playoffs.

He didn't pack a guitar for a trip that could last four months, so he purchased one in Edmonton.

NHL players will be sequestered throughout the playoffs in what has been termed a "bubble," so they need to find ways to pass their time when not at the rink. Marody doesn't have a home in Edmonton, so he was in a hotel for six weeks during the Oilers' pre-playoff preparations.

"I'm watching YouTube videos, reading, doing music," Marody said. "I really enjoy reading books and playing guitar, hanging out with the guys. They have a little outdoor area set up with basketball and other random games. You definitely spend a lot of time with your team, which is great."

NHL teams usually travel with two to a room, but players have their own rooms under these most unique of circumstances. They can't wander downtown to shop or have a meal like they typically would on a road trip.

"Once the games get going and you're into it, guys don't really do much during the playoffs anyway in terms of going to places," Marody said. "I don't think it'll be anything crazy. It's definitely different. You have to wear a mask always, you can't leave the perimeter of the hotel and the rink. It's a time like no other, for sure. It's phenomenal to be a part of it. If anything, this year will be the hardest year to ever win the Cup."

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For more information, reach out to sports reporter Colin Gay at @ColinGay17 on Twitter or at 248-330-6710. Send writing samples to Editor Phil Allmen and Gay at pallmen@hometownlife.com and cgay@hometownlife.com.

Livonia vintage vehicle owners show them off on 'Collector's Call'

Duo went from building models to collecting full-sized Hollywood cars

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The Monkeemobile.
The Scooby Doo Mystery Machine.
The Batmobile.

These are some of the most iconic cars in pop culture — and are available for rent thanks to two Livonia men who are ecstatic about collecting.

Sunday, they showed off these and a hoard of other finds on the debut of "Collector's Call," a new show on the cable network MeTV. The episode featured many of their cars' history and an appraisal.

Mel Guthrie and Michael Knight have been scouring America for classic cars and auto memorabilia for years.

"This is a disease," Knight joked. "Run while you can. Don't start. Once you go down that rabbit hole, you're done, man."

Added Guthrie: "We've had to be very creative, because every time we buy a car, we've got to figure out how to shoehorn it in and rearrange everything."

The pair started small — building model vehicles and later collecting full-sized Hollywood cars.

"I was on a weird kick for a long time, for about two years, where I was trying to build every Hollywood car — movie or TV — in model car form," said Knight. "Whether it was an actual release kit or whether I had to customize it, it didn't matter."

Soon, Knight and Guthrie decided to share storage space and the collection began to grow because they were requested to do many collector shows but didn't have enough cars to talk about.

"You can only do so much with a couple of cars, so we decided to do more," said Knight.

Knight has built over 130 model vehicles, both from release kits and customization, and they can be seen on the show.

"I actually had to stop because I ran out of places in the showcases to put them," he said. "So I either had to buy another showcase and keep building or just stop."

Guthrie began to collect hot rods in 2000. He was able to retrieve one of the two original Monkeemobiles from the 1960s TV show "The Monkees." The vehicle has autographs from the cast, the vehicle's creator and many others.

"It was my favorite car as a kid," said Guthrie. "I would come home from school and watch reruns of 'The Monkees.' I was watching the 4th of July parade and I saw a Batmobile go by."

He said even though there were many replicas of the Batmobile, it made him think about scoring one of the Monkeemobiles. He found his dream car in an Arizona auction catalog and he won by bidding \$360,000. The car was appraised in the show for being worth about \$500,000.

Today, Knight and Guthrie have a Facebook account called Motor City Reel Rides where page viewers can see the vehicles and even rent them out for events.

The Knight and Guthrie Sunday episode is titled "Collector's Call." More episodes featuring other collectors will continue to air at 10 p.m. Sundays on MeTV.



Car appraiser John Jendza, left, watches as "Collector's Call" host Lisa Wheelchel, second from left, interviews metro Detroit car collectors Michael Knight, middle, and Mel Guthrie in their garage for her show. On Sunday, they'll be showing off these and a hoard of other finds on the debut of a new show on the cable network MeTV. The episode will feature many of their cars' histories and an appraisal.

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This is the famous Batmobile which is a part of their collection. They have been scouring America for classic cars and auto memorabilia for years. PHOTOS BY MIKE SCHMIEDELER/WEIGEL PRODUCTIONS

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For some Michigan voters, the cost of postage can be the difference between casting a ballot and exclusion from civic duty.

That's an especially problematic predicament this year, as people weigh the risks of voting in person during a pandemic.

But in Oakland County this fall, anyone who requests an absentee ballot will also receive a prepaid return envelope, the county board of commissioners announced Monday.

"By covering the postage cost to send back voters' ballots, we've removed a final barrier to make it easier for everyone to choose and vote by mail," Board Chairman David Woodward, D-Royal Oak, said in a news release.

The county set aside up to \$575,000 in federal aid provided to combat the coronavirus, which causes the disease COVID-19.

The move by Oakland County could prompt similar decisions across the state, argue voting access advocates. Sterling Heights has made the same decision.

"If our second largest county — with nearly one million registered voters — can agree to provide prepaid return postage on mailed ballots, other jurisdictions in Michigan must do the same. Voting by mail should not be a privilege for only those who can afford it, particularly amid a pandemic," Aghogho Edevbie, state director for advocacy for the organization All Voting is Local, said in a news release.

As of last week, more than 300,000 Oakland County voters had requested absentee ballots. While voters may use drop boxes, go to a clerk's office or eventually decide to vote in person, roughly 80,000 people have

Oakland County will prepay postage for ballot returns



Elections volunteers count absentee elections ballots at Livonia City Hall on March 10. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

already mailed back their primary ballots.

In 2018, Michigan approved a measure that allows anyone who's registered to vote to request an absentee ballot for any reason. This move, coupled with coronavirus fears, has resulted in more than 1.8 million people asking for absentee ballots ahead of the Aug. 4 primary, according to data from by Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson.

Benson's office already mailed absentee ballot applications to all 7.7 million registered voters in the state. While this package included a prepaid return envelope for the application, one is not included with the actual absentee ballot.

Oakland commissioners noted many people end up using two stamps on a ballot, at a cost of \$1.10, to ensure their vote is counted.

The news release stated Oakland is the first county in the state to offer prepaid return envelopes for absentee ballots in the general election, slated for Nov. 3.

KLAA West

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2019 record: 3-6, sixth in KLAA West
Season opener: Aug. 28 vs. Livonia Stevenson

Season outlook: When Northville head coach Matt Ladach thinks about 2019, his first thought is the defense. The Mustangs allowed an average of 23.4 points per game, their lowest total since their 10-win season in 2015.

However, to Ladach, the defense was on the field way too much. Northville scored only 89 total points last season, its worst output since 1986.

Ladach said the Mustangs had good skill players on the outside, but struggled mightily up front.

However, Northville has two things it did not have last year: 11 returning starters — eight on offense and three on defense — and confidence.

"There's no doubt that last year's team lacked confidence heading into the season," Ladach said. "You just hear the buzz around the community this year compared to a year ago and our guys know what to expect."

The optimism starts with Cayden Saunders. Ladach said the senior tailback has been rock solid throughout summer conditioning, leading by example and encouraging teammates.

While there is a level of excitement regarding the Mustangs, Ladach feels Northville, with the KLAA East's powerhouse and new-look football programs, will not have an easy game.

"There's no room for error in our division," Ladach said. "When you ask me what do I expect, I expect us to be extremely competitive, and I expect us to have an opportunity to win every game we play. Doesn't mean that we will, but our players will give themselves and our staff will give our players an opportunity to win every single game."

Novi

Head coach: Jeff Burnside, eighth season

2019 record: 2-7, seventh in KLAA West

Season opener: Aug. 28 vs. Wayne Memorial

Season outlook: In 2019, Novi head coach Jeff Burnside thought his team was close to changing the trajectory of the 2017 and 2018 teams. But the losing seasons continued, he said, due to one statistic: turnover margin.

The Wildcats recorded six takeaways a season ago, while the offense coughed up the ball 21 times in nine games, leading to a seven-loss season — five of which were within two scores.

But heading into 2020, Novi is older, returning 18 players with a lot of experience, but has to replace eight seniors,



Northville running back Cayden Saunders has stepped up over the summer and will be looked at as one of the team's main targets in 2020.

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Patrick Ignagni has been hired as the new Salem football coach.

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including starters at quarterback, middle linebacker and safety.

"The senior class is really looking to bust out this year," Burnside said. "During their workouts, they've really done a great job of really working hard, setting the tone."

Burnside pointed to the work of seniors like defensive back/running back Alex Vargas, defensive back/running back Isaiah Washington and running back/outside linebacker Malik McGhee as the best examples of the expectations he holds in summer workouts.

Burnside also said Tommy Phimister, a junior offensive lineman, who is a three-year varsity starter, has stepped up and become more of a vocal leader.

While the mentality of Novi football is "We above me," the expectation for the Wildcats is to bring that selflessness into the playoffs.

"You got to be selfless to run this offense. Same thing on defense: We are kind of a 3-4 attack defense, but you've got to do your job so the guys in front of you and behind you can do their jobs," Burnside said. "We're a very unselfish football team, very helpful kids all the way through. They are competitive."

"When you ask me what do I envision, as long as we stay healthy — because we are not real deep; we are never deep. As long as we stay healthy, I like our chances this year."

Plymouth

Head coach: Greg Souldourian, first year

2019 record: 9-2, first in KLAA West

Season opener: Aug. 27 vs. Belleville

Season outlook: Having been a part of the program since 2005, first-year Plymouth head coach Greg Souldourian thinks last year's team compares to some of the better teams in school history.

The Wildcats finished the season with 321 points scored, the fourth time in school history an offense has scored more than 300 points in a season, and allowed 157 points defensively, the lowest since 2011.

"Each team has their own dynamics, you know," Souldourian said. "I would say that group of kids, you are not replacing them. I mean, you get Mike Mathias. He's something you don't see very often: someone with that kind of speed and power."

"It's going to be tough. You can never replace a team like that. You can build off of it."

While losing more than 20 seniors, Plymouth is returning a few important skill players. Souldourian said defensive lineman and tight end Andrew Uhlian — who he calls a "Swiss army knife" on defense — and offensive lineman DJ Robinson will be vital, along with Justin McNeal and Preston Long, two seniors who will return to their starting spots at corner.

On the offense, the Wildcats will have a quarterback battle between Nate Cain, a senior who played h-back, wide receiver and linebacker for Plymouth last season, and Connor Sherman, a junior Souldourian said has built up muscle and arm strength to become part of the quarterback conversation in the offseason.

But no matter who sets up behind center, no matter how many seniors the

team lost, Plymouth's goal remains to win their side of the KLAA and to win a conference title.

"Last year's last year. This year's this year, and it's your team and it's what you guys want to do," Souldourian tells his team.

Salem

Head coach: Patrick Ignagni (First year)

2019 record: 0-9, eighth in KLAA West

Season opener: Aug. 28 vs. Livonia Churchill

Season outlook: Heading into his first season as the head coach at Salem, Patrick Ignagni's goal is to change the culture of the program.

The Rocks hit a low point in 2019, scoring only 53 points offensively — their lowest total since 1965 — while allowing 384 points on defense, which is the most in school history.

In an off-season defined by the coronavirus, Ignagni said the athletes have been doing everything they can to put the 2019 season behind them.

However, with safety guidelines limiting what teams can do, Ignagni said the team is behind the curve on installing offenses and defenses.

The Rocks head coach said he has been able to see the athleticism of some of his players, including running backs Jermari Thomas and Jaelin Burge, along with Owen Lundh, a lineman the coaching staff was blown away by this summer.

However, Ignagni admitted he does not really know how it will translate.

"Until you put the pads on, you never really know, as a football coach, what you have until you start hitting each other a little bit," Ignagni said.

Ignagni knows that talking will not change people's minds about Salem football.

He can tell people that the Rocks will run the football with the goal to keep possession as long as possible. He can tell people how his defense will have to adapt to the offenses they see in the KLAA West: from the veer at Novi to the "T" at Canton.

But Salem is going to have to step up and show what it can do instead of talking about it to change the conversation.

"Over the next couple of years, we will do everything we can to say whatever we need to say in how we play and how the players carry themselves around the community," Ignagni said. "We will do the best we can to change the culture, but I'm not sure anything I say is going to convince anybody of that."

"Salem football has a proud tradition, but it is increasingly a distant tradition. To convince people that we are waking up those echoes, we need to prove it on the field."

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THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

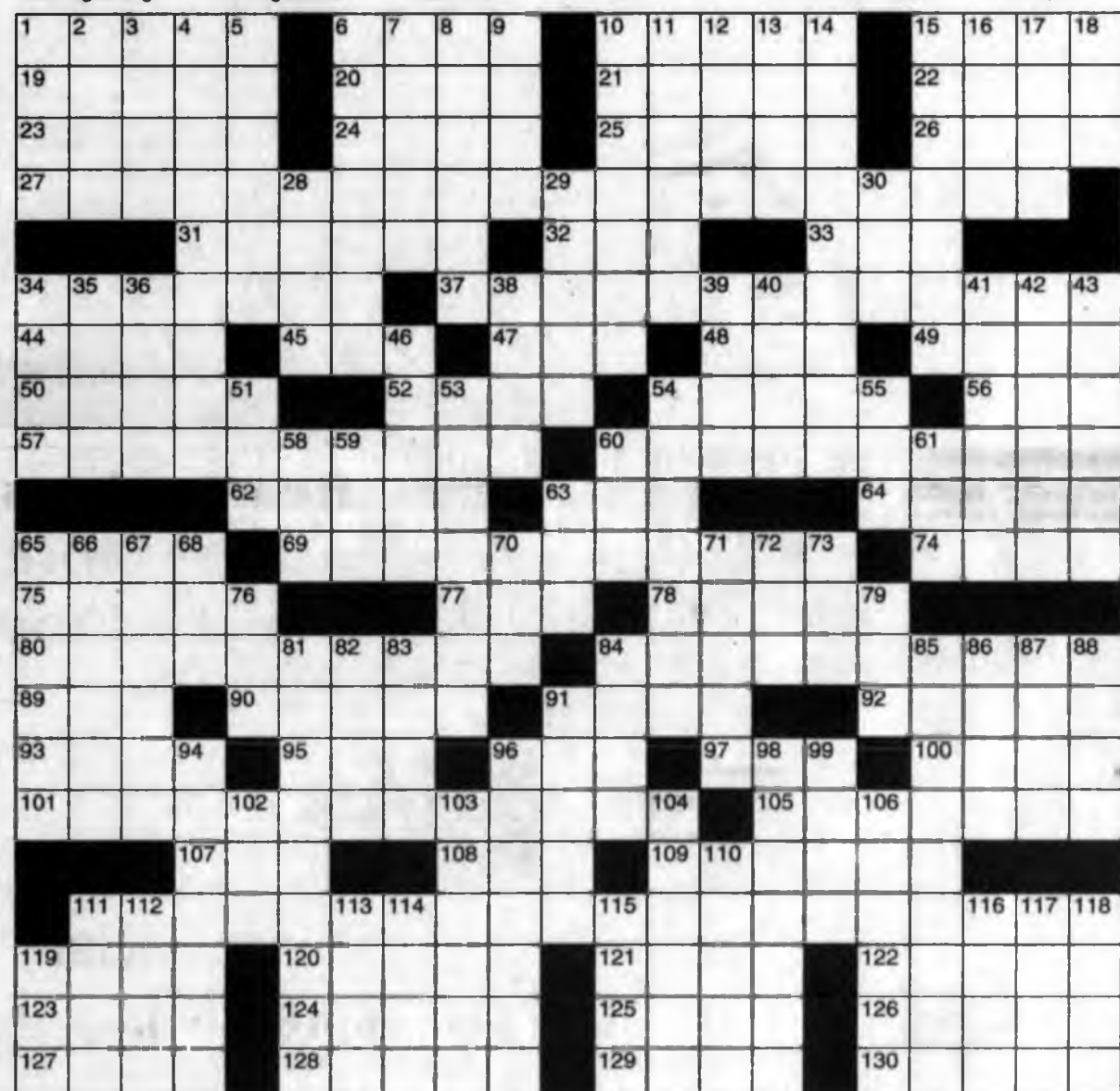
CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Singer Reddy
6 "Preach it!"
10 Italian Riviera city
15 At the home of, French-style
19 Muscat citizen
20 Display model
21 In the midst of
22 Plastic brick brand
23 Certain bolt
24 Spanish for "bears"
25 Ravi Shankar played it
26 As a result
27 2008 Lucasfilm sci-fi flick [TV personality]
31 — Mae (government lender)
32 Mai —
33 Part of ENT
34 Hiker's carrying bag
37 College academics overseer [actor]
44 Very busy
45 Screw up
47 Blvds., e.g.
48 Legal deg.
- 49 Funeral pile
50 Tangent, e.g.
52 Actor Omar of "House"
54 Singer Cole or Abdul
56 Actress Long
57 Ranch food provider [animator]
60 Teen girl, in old lingo [golfer]
62 Flavorful
63 Sch. in Manhattan
64 Harsh
65 Magic spell
69 Creditor's time of forgiveness [singer]
74 Bacon sizzle sound
75 Cost — and a leg
77 Part of ETA
78 "— bleu!" (French "Egad!")
80 "Monterey" food [singer]
84 Male gobblers [singer]
89 Western Amerind
90 Jumped
91 Illegalizes
- 92 "I want that now!"
93 Leaf veins
95 Pro
96 Animator's sheet
97 Tolkien fiend
100 They may bedevil dogs
101 Lace a party drink [bandleader]
105 Fourth-place finisher, say
107 Envoy's bldg.
108 Oval portion
109 Very dense element
111 What you do when you solve this puzzle?
119 Tiny fly
120 Tiger sounds
121 Went by bike, e.g.
122 Unmoving
123 Part of ENT
124 Binge
125 At the drop of —
126 Strange
127 Lyft
128 Baby's bear
129 Downsides
130 Tire pattern
- 3 Volcano stuff
4 Full of pep
5 Dummy
6 Ornament hanger, e.g.
7 Barcelona soccer great
8 Overplayed the part
9 Have a snack
10 Fuel holders
11 Estevez of film
12 "Just say — drugs"
13 — even keel
14 In a pleasant way
15 Get resolved
16 Mr., in Munich
17 Custard components
18 Noted Bronx attraction
28 Stud money
29 States, to Macron
30 Female WWII enlistee
34 Playwright Connelly
35 Bryce Canyon locale
36 In — (as found)
38 X Games ailer
39 "Spare tire" fat
- 40 Screw up
41 Forest cats
42 Ones making an effort
43 Aches (for)
46 Aqua — (highly corrosive liquid)
51 Approves of
53 Show that you can download
54 Gives out in abundance, as flattery
55 Stubbom equine
58 Witty sort
59 Car financing abbr.
60 "So long!"
61 NBA nail-biters, in brief
63 It aired "Car Talk"
65 College focuses
66 How police may get info
67 Actor Derek
68 Mork's planet
70 Lead-in to "now"
71 "You are not!" reply
72 Lead-in to Nov.
73 Joanne of "My Pal Gus"
76 Roman 1,150
- 79 Work unit
81 Sudden temperature increase
82 Apiece
83 Fencing sword
84 After-bath application
85 6214 mile
86 Kuwait chief
87 Community rec center
88 Not veiled
91 Piano seat
94 Pesky insect, informally
96 Bow of respect
98 Some aircraft engines
99 Ad award
102 Realm: Abbr.
103 In groups of two
104 Santa's laugh
106 Sight at dusk
110 Roomy car
111 Radio dial
112 Relieve
113 Vatican head
114 Fend (off)
115 — II (Gillette brand)
116 Colt's father
117 Director Kazan
118 Arctic vehicle
119 African antelope

DOWN

- 1 — d'oeuvres
2 Send off



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SUDOKU



Difficulty Level ★★★

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

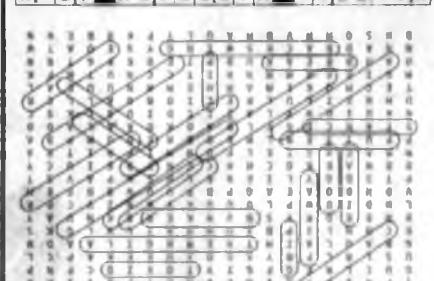
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Y F R I P Y K V R L V M C T F B V I K W
G U C L R F G F G I Y T O V I D C F N P
U S L R L F R Y S D D T D E E K A P C L
G B A G L A I M T N E M N G I L A A D N
K C H N L I P B I D M O A T L W L G K Y
B N E E D R Y S B U N K E R S K N U A Y
L H D I B W P L O U U K Y B N I V C P R
V D H D O A E A G P B F U M B B F E M
P T S D G Y L I E H E L M S W P A V S T
O B N A E K G C H H C C N T B E I U C Y
M B A C Y S I E L F D W M I F R I T P A
P P U T T E R L M E O B R E D O M P B A
S T A N C E G E L D A D K D A A L A O O
N A D I D N Y L A I C D I U G L K S C
U H N S I L U L R E C I O B O A L L C R
T E C M U K I M A M H E M H N U U E A L
M G I S S R M M H H I T C C H U T N F K
O A H B R E A K U B P T E B K F G T R N
M N A D B A C K S W I N G Y V E U A T W
B H S O M M V B M A U L T F K H R E H N

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

AIMING
ALIGNMENT
BACKSWING
BALANCE
BIRDIE
BOGEY
BREAK
BUNKER
CADDIE
CARRY
CHIP
CHUNK
CLUBS
DIVOT
DOWNSWING
DRIVER
EAGLE
FAIRWAY
GRIP
LOFT
PUTTER
RANGE
SKULLED
STANCE



7	9	8	4	6	3	5
1	6	1	3	2	7	8
9	6	1	9	6	7	2
8	4	8	2	4	8	7
9	6	4	2	2	4	8
2	6	7	5	4	9	3
3	6	8	1	7	5	3
4	9	6	3	8	7	2
1	2	7	1	6	7	8
6	3	3	7	2	3	8
7	1	8	5	2	4	9

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