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South Lyon's roads need millions in repairs

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South Lyon's roads are falling. The city is embarking on a 10-year plan to remedy the situation. The first step, a recently-conducted PASER study of the roughly 25 miles of roads in the city, found that 97% of them are in poor or very poor condition.

"It's not an easy topic to talk about. Aging infrastructure is something all communities face," Roland Alix, vice-president of engineering firm Hubbell, Roth and Clark, said during the city council's Aug. 24 meeting. "As roads age, they become more and more expensive to repair. Although the governor ran on a platform of 'fix the damn roads,' the city shouldn't expect funds to be

coming in the near future." The coronavirus pandemic has wreaked havoc on everyday business, with revenue shortfalls predicted as a result. The city funds repairs to the roads from gas taxes and vehicle registration fees collected and shared by the state. City Manager Paul Zelenak has been reviewing the city's infrastructure, in-

cluding the segments of roads that are in the worst condition, and solutions for improving them, which can vary from full replacement to crack sealing. "We need to do over \$2 million of road repairs per year, so we can inch up every year," he said. "It's based on the average condition of the road, will take a long

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Jill McGillis, of New Hudson, enjoys lunch with her daughter, Katie Love, of Pinckney, and grandsons, Declan, 5, and Liam, 2, on Aug. 27 at McHattie Park in South Lyon. PHOTOS BY SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Families reflect on 'boring, beautiful' pandemic summer

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Summer is essentially over, for better or worse in this pandemic year. Hometown Life met families enjoying a warm sunny day last week at McHattie Park in South Lyon and Central Park in Milford asked how they spent this odd summer, and how they are coping with the coronavirus pandemic.

From camping to video games, to a broken arm and a brain tumor, the families reflected on a summer that was boring and stifling, while at the same time beautiful and freeing.

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Cortney Maser takes senior photos of Abby Walker at Central Park in Milford.

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Daughter takes lead at Orin Jewelers in Northville

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Octavia's outlook was bright as the sunshine that won out over dark clouds passing by that day at the park. She said spent time with her grandparents this summer, and got her favorite ice cream flavor, "Superman."

Her return to the classroom will be delayed, but she is looking forward to fall and "everything" about school, including her favorite subjects, reading and art.

Things are also looking up from her dad's point of view.

While the summer has not gone as planned, Hawley said he has much to be grateful for during a season when the world is suffering a public health crisis and his family has suffered their own.

"2020 is not entirely bad, we are getting it taken care of," Hawley said. "It's going to be OK."



Jewelers

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Northville shop staying open

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



The Garden City location of Orin Jewelers was pretty busy Aug. 11 as customers checked out the store's closing sale. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

sweet to see the iconic business begin to close its doors.

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

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

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

The connection to Garden City runs deep for Mazzoni, who has helped with scholarships for students at Garden City

High School and been involved with the DDA and other organizations, as well as the Michigan Retailers Association.

"We want to make sure we thank the people in Garden City and customers that made us successful," he said. "We

hope we're going to be able to take care of them and the generations to come in Northville."

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WALLED LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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\$1 million per lane mile, he added. The total estimate is \$41,461,860.

"It's a tale of two cities," Mayor Pro-Tem Glenn Kivell said. "Half the city is newer roads from new subdivisions, and the other half has old, antiquated roads and that adds a great deal of cost, as evidenced on Hagadorn."

Kivell suggested special assessment districts, supplemented with a portion of funding from the city, as a means of paying for repairs to individual streets, saying it would be relatively easy for newer subdivisions to pay than for residents of older homes that don't have the same value or road frontage.

Council member Maggie Kurtzweil said subdivisions would have tremendous opposition to special assessment districts as a way of funding because

their taxes are the highest in the city.

"Rather than alienate communities from old and new, I think it is a shared cost to live in the city and it should be financed through a bond," she said.

Voters in nearby Milford and Northville passed tax requests to help fund road improvements there.

Mayor Dan Pelchat said the city needed to act with a sense of urgency and involve the community in a massive project that "will be here longer than all of us."

"We need to get people on it," he said. "When socializing pre-COVID, this is something people want to talk to me all about. Saying we don't have money falls on deaf ears. We need to get together a group in the community and work on some sort of game plan."

Zelenak said residents are constantly moving in and out and those moving in don't want a high millage on new subdivision roads that don't need repairs. He added that special assessment district projects take more than a year from start to finish, and people also need to understand that roads won't be paved right away.

The next steps, he said, are to group paving projects together in a 10-year timeline based on the conditions of the roads and funding availability.

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Hawley was "playing teacher" to his kids this spring after schools closed, when he noticed Octavia was having seizure-like episodes during which she stared off into space for 15 seconds or longer.

Hawley and his wife, a medical assistant in a neurologist's office, soon learned that their daughter had a benign brain tumor. She was scheduled for two separate surgeries at Children's Hospital in Detroit to remove the tumor.

Octavia's outlook was bright as the sunshine that won out over dark clouds passing by that day at the park. She said spent time with her grandparents this summer, and got her favorite ice cream flavor, "Superman."

Her return to the classroom will be delayed, but she is looking forward to fall and "everything" about school, including her favorite subjects, reading and art.

Things are also looking up from her dad's point of view.

While the summer has not gone as planned, Hawley said he has much to be grateful for during a season when the world is suffering a public health crisis and his family has suffered their own.

"2020 is not entirely bad, we are getting it taken care of," Hawley said. "It's going to be OK."



Jewelers

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Northville shop staying open

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'I'm so happy for him'

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



The Garden City location of Orin Jewelers was pretty busy Aug. 11 as customers checked out the store's closing sale. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

sweet to see the iconic business begin to close its doors.

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

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

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

The connection to Garden City runs deep for Mazzoni, who has helped with scholarships for students at Garden City

High School and been involved with the DDA and other organizations, as well as the Michigan Retailers Association.

"We want to make sure we thank the people in Garden City and customers that made us successful," he said. "We

hope we're going to be able to take care of them and the generations to come in Northville."

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WALLED LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL PROPERTIES ABUTTING AND/OR WITH DEEDED ACCESS TO WALLED LAKE, LOCATED WITHIN THE CITIES OF NOVI AND WALLED LAKE, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

Notice is hereby given that the Walled Lake Improvement Board, Cities of Novi and Walled Lake, County of Oakland, will meet on the **Zoom Video Conference electronic meeting platform on September 9, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**, to review, to hear any objections to, and to consider confirming a five-year Special Assessment Roll for the purpose of implementing a Lake Improvement Program for the years 2021 through 2025. Residential riparian parcels with up to 95 feet of lake frontage are proposed to be assessed at one unit of benefit, or **\$196.34** for each year of the Project. Residential riparian parcels with more than 95 feet of lake frontage are proposed to be assessed at one and one-half unit of benefit, or **\$294.51** for each year of the Project. Commercial riparian parcels are proposed to be assessed at three units of benefit, or **\$589.02** for each year of the Project. Lake access parcels are proposed to be assessed at 0.2 unit of benefit, or **\$39.27** for each year of the Project. Waterfront condominium properties are proposed to be assessed at 0.75 unit of benefit, or **\$147.26** for each year of the Project. Condominium parcels with lake access are proposed to be assessed at 0.1 unit of benefit, or **\$19.63** for each year of the Project. The Special Assessment Roll will be on file at the City of Novi Clerk's Office, City of Walled Lake Clerk's Office and available on the internet at www.cityofnovi.org/lakeboard for public examination.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY AS AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-164 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR WHITMER ON JULY 17, 2020, IN ORDER TO MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, AND PROVIDE ESSENTIAL PROTECTIONS TO VULNERABLE MICHIGANDERS BY LIMITING IN-PERSON CONTACT AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INTERACTING AT PUBLIC GATHERINGS. MEMBERS OF THE LAKE BOARD AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE BY ELECTRONIC MEANS, AS DESCRIBED BELOW.

The Board will be utilizing the video/audio conferencing platform Zoom. Members of the public body will be able to hear and speak to each other for the entire meeting. Except for any closed session portions of the meeting, members of the public will be able to hear (and possibly see) members of the public body during the entire meeting, but will only be able to speak during a public comment period.

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Procedures by which persons may contact members of the public body prior to a meeting.

The e-mail addresses of the members of all public bodies utilizing this means of meeting are available on the Lake Board's webpage at: www.cityofnovi.org/lakeboard

Procedures for participation by persons with disabilities.

The Board will be following its normal procedures for accommodation of persons with disabilities. Those individuals needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at (248) 347-0456 at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt will be made to make reasonable accommodations.

Any person may appeal and be heard at the said Hearing, which is called pursuant to the provisions of Section 30913 of Part 309 of Public Acts No. 451 of 1994, as amended, which provides that the special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any special assessment dispute. Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the time and place of review is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, must appear in person to protest the Special Assessment or must protest the special assessment by letter filed with **Megan Mikus, Walled Lake Improvement Board Secretary, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375-3024**, prior to the time of review, in which case personal appearance is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll has been published in a newspaper of general circulation.

Megan Mikus,
Walled Lake Improvement Board Secretary

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Roads

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time and we need to start."

The PASER study evaluates roads on a variety of factors on a 10-point scale, with 10 representing a brand-new road with no repairs needed, and 1 meaning a road is essentially "rubble."

The average road in South Lyon rates 2.6, Alix said. The estimated cost to repair or reconstruct them is "scary," nearly \$1 million per lane mile, he added. The total estimate is \$41,461,860.

"It's a tale of two cities," Mayor Pro-Tem Glenn Kivell said. "Half the city is newer roads from new subdivisions, and the other half has old, antiquated roads and that adds a great deal of cost, as evidenced on Hagadorn."

Kivell suggested special assessment districts, supplemented with a portion of funding from the city, as a means of paying for repairs to individual streets, saying it would be relatively easy for newer subdivisions to pay than for residents of older homes that don't have the same value or road frontage.

Council member Maggie Kurtzweil said subdivisions would have tremendous opposition to special assessment districts as a way of funding because

their taxes are the highest in the city.

"Rather than alienate communities from old and new, I think it is a shared cost to live in the city and it should be financed through a bond," she said.

Voters in nearby Milford and Northville passed tax requests to help fund road improvements there.

Mayor Dan Pelchat said the city needed to act with a sense of urgency and involve the community in a massive project that "will be here longer than all of us."

"We need to get people on it," he said. "When socializing pre-COVID, this is something people want to talk to me all about. Saying we don't have money falls on deaf ears. We need to get together a group in the community and work on some sort of game plan."

Zelenak said residents are constantly moving in and out and those moving in don't want a high millage on new subdivision roads that don't need repairs. He added that special assessment district projects take more than a year from start to finish, and people also need to understand that roads won't be paved right away.

The next steps, he said, are to group paving projects together in a 10-year timeline based on the conditions of the roads and funding availability.

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

The Hotline will be open for the next 48 hours. After that, the phone number will be shut down to allow them to restock. Call 1-800-759-7193 to secure your limited supply of *Primal Max Red* and free bottles of *Primal Max Black*. You don't need a prescription, and those who call in the first 24 hours qualify for a significant discount. Use Promo Code NP0820PMAX721 when you call in. Lines are frequently busy, but all calls will be answered.

More accuse teacher facing CSC charges

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Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper says a metro Detroit teacher's tactics with female students he hoped to intimately engage continued after alleged incidents at a school near Clarkston in 2010.

Cooper recently filed an Oakland County Circuit Court brief with more evidence from Jason William Dean's former students at Wayne Memorial and Northville high schools. She said their stories will help prove Dean's character and methodologies, plus rebut claims that his original accuser fabricated incidents with her former teacher.

Most recently teaching math to Northville students, Dean, of Livonia, faces five counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct. He was arraigned on the counts in January, after one of his former students from Cedar Crest Academy, a private K-8 school in Springfield Township, said he sexually assaulted her in 2010.

At the time she was a 14-year-old eighth-grader and he was her teacher and soccer and basketball coach who had spent a few years taking a special interest in her.

Cooper said the former student began receiving online messages and emails from Dean. There also were extracurricular interactions sometimes involving just the two of them.

Dean was then in his late 20s, and their sexual relationship took place in his student's home in White Lake Township, inside a van parked outside of a Springfield Township dance, in his classroom, at a hotel, on an airplane, and, for months, at the teacher's secret apartment in the Rivers Edge complex in Waterford Township.

According to Cooper's brief, Dean then continued his career at Wayne Memorial, where he flirted with a student in 2011. They exchanged notes and emails in which Cooper alleges the teacher contemplated a sexual relationship with the student and complimented her body.

In 2013, Dean returned his attentions to his former Cedar Crest student who was then 17 and at another school, Cooper said. Emails from his personal



Jason William Dean appeared by video for his arraignment on criminal sexual conduct charges in January. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

account included images of a shirtless Dean wearing a University of Michigan baseball hat and one of him naked while covering his genitals.

Cooper said there's also evidence of Dean inappropriately and sexually touching Northville High School girls ages 14 to 18. They were interviewed in February, after Dean's arrest and arraignment. She said the Northville students, who occasionally admitted to close relationships with Dean, described inappropriate touching and improper comments, such as promises of a free tardy pass if a "nice outfit" was worn.

"The defendant took advantage of his position as teacher to the victim and the witnesses, utilizing a system of gaining their trust as his students and exploiting their desire for his affection and interest in order to prepare and perpetrate his goal of sexual contact with them," Cooper's brief states. "The jury must be permitted to consider the totality of defendant's behavior and have the ability to put these events in context when judging the victim's credibility."

No decision has been made. Dean's attorney, Nicole Blank Becker, declined to comment.

Dean is also a former Livonia-based Michigan Hawks soccer coach.

His next court hearing is scheduled for September.

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Novi police posted themselves throughout the Country Cousin mobile home park Aug. 27 as negotiators tried to communicate with a man who had been resisting arrest in a mobile home. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Novi police take gunman into custody after standoff

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Novi police took a gunman into custody Aug. 27 following several hours of attempted negotiations in the Country Cousin mobile home park.

Police Chief David Molloy said the unnamed man, 43, was arrested peacefully and without injury after the man surrendered at about 12:30 p.m. He had been resisting arrest inside a mobile home.

Officers visited the 26000 block of Gornada Street, near Haggerty Road and M-5, around 5 a.m. that day for a welfare check on the man.

His mother had called for assistance. She wanted to get her son into a reha-

ilitation program, she said, because of his drinking problem.

Molloy said police were approaching the home when the mother came running out. Her son had fired one round from a weapon, she told police.

She was not injured, and she said her son did not shoot himself.

The department's special response and crisis negotiations teams were dispatched to try to communicate with the gunman.

Molloy said detectives used a search warrant to search the home after the man surrendered. They gathered several weapons and other evidence.

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California Pizza Kitchen closes 2 area restaurants

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There are now two fewer locations to pick up The Original BBQ Chicken Pizza in Detroit's western suburbs.

The California Pizza Kitchen restaurants in Livonia and Farmington Hills have closed their doors, with the company citing the coronavirus pandemic and issues over property leases as the reasons.

The closures include the restaurant at 37546 W. Six Mile in Laurel Park Place in Livonia, as well as at 31005 Orchard Lake in the Hunters Square shopping center near 14 Mile in Farmington Hills.

"Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and related lease challenges with our landlords, we regret to inform you that we have closed this CPK restaurant," reads a message on the restaurant's website for both locations. "We look forward to welcoming you at our



Curbside pickup signs are still zip-tied to parking posts outside the California Pizza Kitchen at Laurel Park Place.

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other locations and invite you to continue checking CPK.com for updates."

The closures leave a handful of California Pizza Kitchen restaurants open in the area, including one at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and another at Somerset Collection in Troy.

California Pizza Kitchen filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy earlier this

summer.

The move was made to allow the company to close unprofitable locations and reduce its long-term debt.

"As part of its Chapter 11 filing, CPK has been in extensive lease negotiations over the last 2-3 weeks. The net outcome has been positive," said Heather Wilson, a spokeswoman for the compa-

ny, in a statement to Hometown Life. "However, a few locations, including the Livonia and Hunters Square (Farmington Hills) locations did close related to this post-filing lease negotiation."

In a news release, the company said it hopes to emerge out of bankruptcy within three months.

"Today's announcement is a step towards a stronger future for California Pizza Kitchen," Jim Hyatt, the company's CEO, said in a statement announcing the bankruptcy from July 30. "The unprecedented impact of COVID-19 on our operations certainly created additional challenges, but this agreement from our lenders demonstrates their commitment to CPK's viability as an ongoing business."

"Throughout this process we will continue to deliver the same innovative, California-inspired cuisine that we have been serving for over 35 years."

It was unclear exactly when the restaurants closed their doors.

CC staffer tests positive for COVID-19

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Less than a week into the new school year, a faculty member at Detroit Catholic Central in Novi has tested positive for COVID-19.

High school Principal Fr. Patrick Fulton notified families in a letter Aug. 24 about "a faculty member in our building."

"The individual adhered to social distancing guidelines and our PPE requirements laid out in our return to school plan," Fulton wrote. "We have also completed the emergency cleaning protocol laid out by our maintenance department on Sunday evening."

Jake Marmul, admissions and public relations director for the school, said the faculty member was tested for COVID-19 on Saturday and the school took preemptive cleaning measures before the result was confirmed Monday.

The first day of school was Aug. 17. It

is unknown where the faculty member contracted the virus. The faculty member has not had any close contact, defined as within six feet for 15 minutes or longer, with any student or other staff member.

"We continue to do the best we can," Marmul said. "Our PPE and procedures are working, we haven't had to send any kids to quarantine."

Families are being asked to monitor their sons for symptoms until Sept. 4. Anyone feeling ill should remain at home. The all-boys school, which employs two nurses and has 940 enrolled students, began offering on-site COVID-19 testing for all students and faculty Monday.

"We are leading the way in a lot of things, we are one of the first (schools in the county) back in the building, and the first to offer on-site testing," Marmul said. "When you're the first trying to do something, all eyes are on you. Our protocols have worked. ... We know it won't

be easy and there will be challenges that present themselves, but we're built for that."

Fulton urged students with symptoms to get tested, but added in his letter, "If your son tests positive for COVID-19 or is symptomatic and you do not wish to pursue testing, please keep him at home until he has been fever free for at least 24 hours and it has been more than ten days since the initial onset of symptoms."

Catholic Central is taking guidance from the Oakland County Health Division and has been told that due to mandatory masking and social distance protocols in classrooms, "there is no need for quarantine."

Marmul said that a survey about the first week of school, returned by more than 500 families as of Aug. 24, had 93 percent positive feedback.

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Teen dies after boating accident in White Lake Twp.

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A Davisburg teen died Aug. 24 after she was struck by a spinning boat propeller in Mandon Lake in White Lake Township.

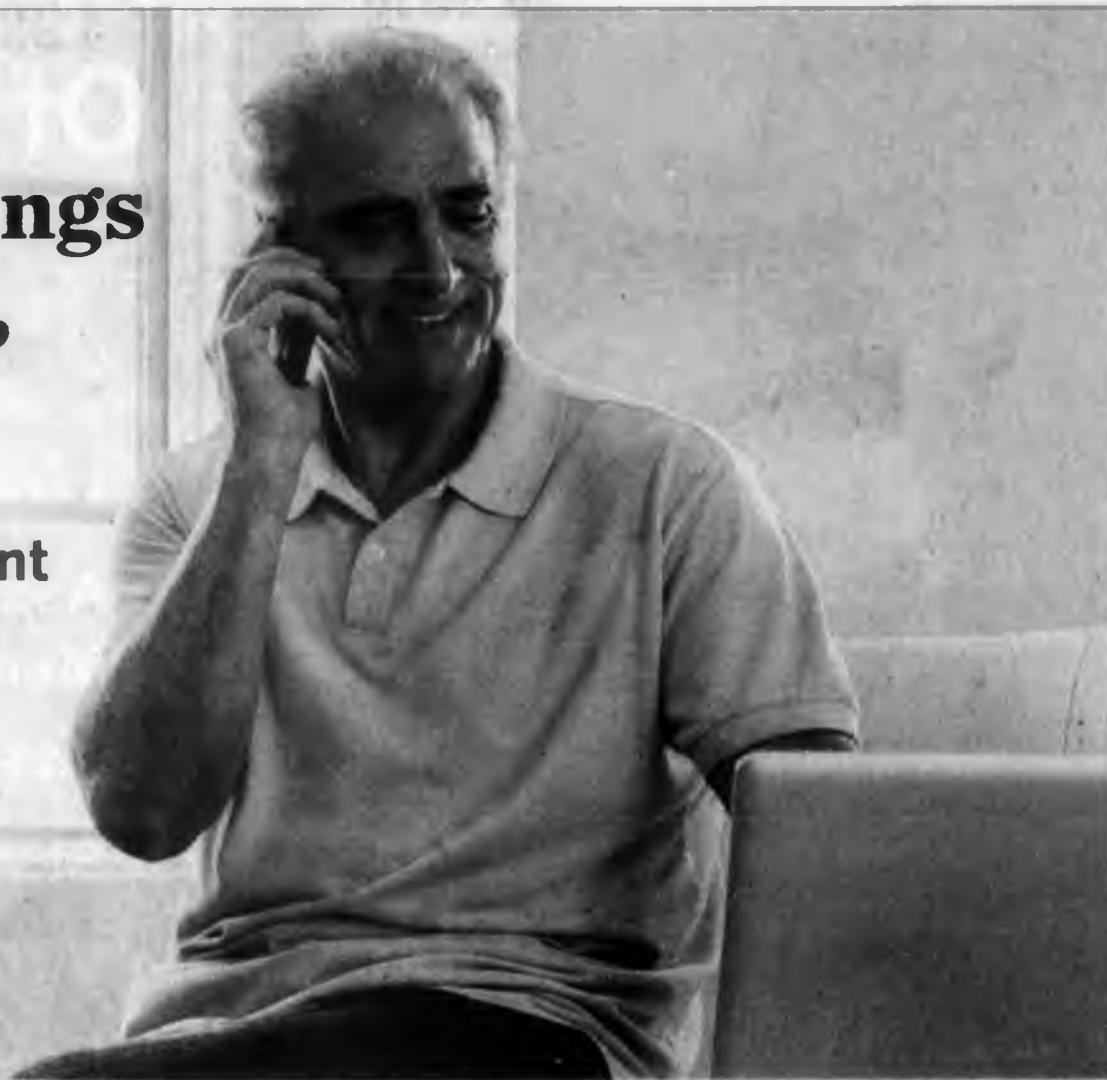
The girl, 16, was with her boyfriend on a pontoon at 6:30 p.m. and he was operating the boat when White Lake Township police say the girl either fell or jumped into the water.

Her legs were severely injured by the boat's propeller. Her boyfriend was able to pull her back onto the boat and take her to shore. Emergency responders transported her to McLaren Oakland Hospital in Pontiac. She later died from her injuries.

While the death remains under investigation, township police said alcohol and drugs were not apparent factors.

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BOYS SOCCER

Plymouth Christian travels to Ohio to play

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While the Michigan High School Athletic Association continues to wait for guidance from the state government regarding fall seasons for boys soccer, volleyball, and girls swim and dive, Plymouth Christian Academy created a chance to play.

The Eagles boys soccer team traveled to Rossford, Ohio, just south of Toledo, Saturday to open its season against Riverview Gabriel Richard.

Plymouth Christian Academy drew in its first match against the Pioneers, 2-2.

"It was nice to get a game in while we are still in uncertain times," Baker said. "It was nice to know that we got at least

one under our belt for the 13 seniors we have this year."

Watching players practice in the midst of uncertainty from the state and the MHSAA, Plymouth Christian athletic director Matt Windle did not want to wait any longer to get his players on the field.

"Just seeing that Gov. Whitmer wasn't making any comments on the

athletic schedule and the MHSAA coming out with all the guidelines for the upper part of the state and the U.P.," Windle said. "It was time for us to get creative, I guess."

With the school open five days per week, unlike many schools in the surrounding areas, Windle said he was

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Potter's confidence brings South Lyon golf state title hopes

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The 2019 season was a confidence booster for Katie Potter.

The South Lyon golfer finished the season as the fifth-place finisher at the Division 1 state finals, helping the Lions to a second-place finish behind Forest Hills Northern.

Last year, she said, Potter knew she could post respectable scores. She felt she was pretty good. However, there was still that voice in the back of her head.

"I always had that thought of, 'I'm still a bit inconsistent,'" Potter said. "I don't know if I'm that great."

In the OrangeTheory golf tournament at Hudson Mills Golf Course in Dexter Aug. 20, Potter shot a 68, breaking the South Lyon 18-hole school record.

In a time where most sports have been halted due to the coronavirus, Potter found her stroke and her confidence coming into 2020, her senior season, believing she can help lead South Lyon to a Division 2 state title.

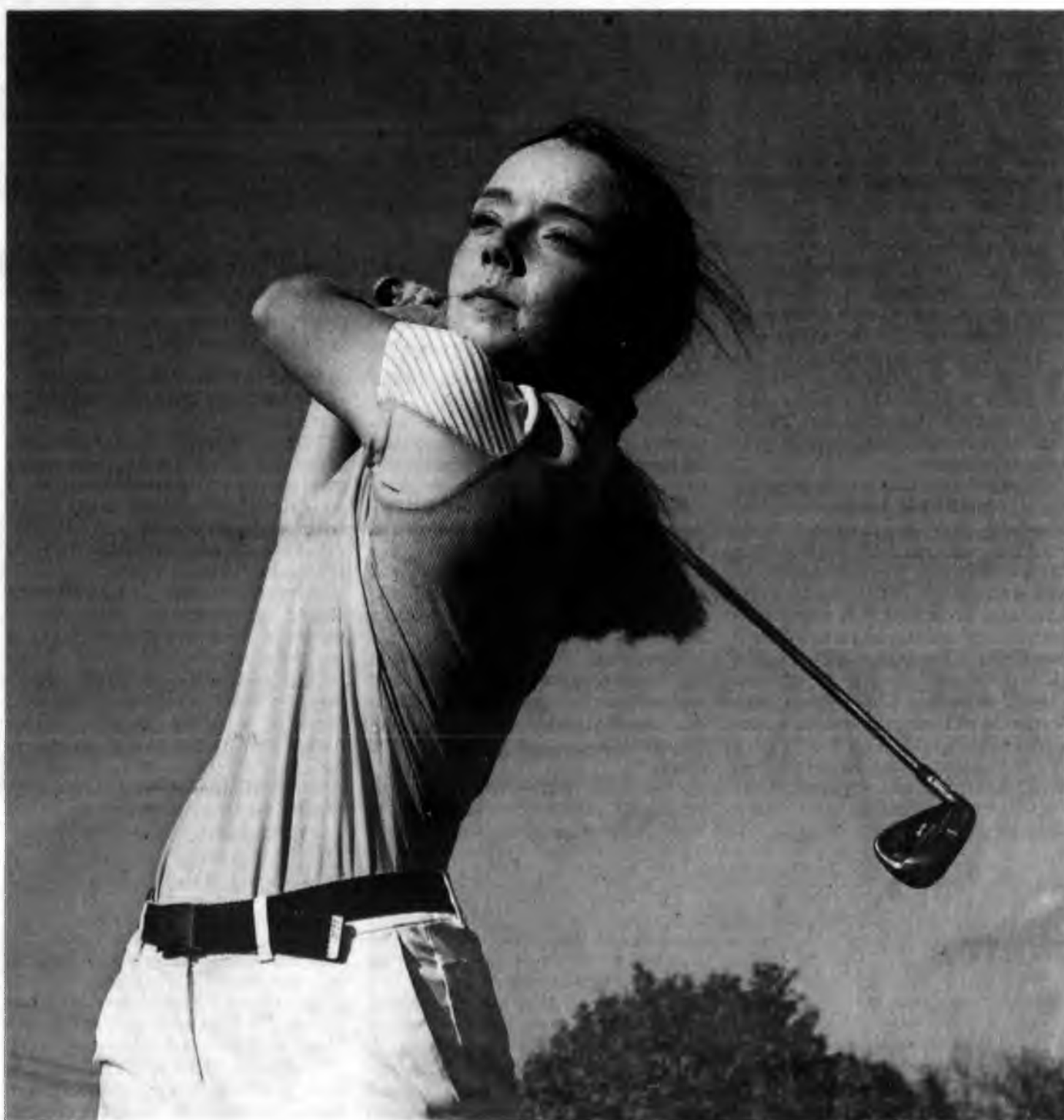
"I have just been practicing super hard," Potter said. "I've changed my mindset and I guess I am just looking forward to the rest of the season because I think it's going to be a good one."

Potter first started to play golf as a freshman and had a path of what progress she wanted to make each year of high school: jumping from 100s as a freshman to 70s as a senior.

Heading into her senior year, Potter was already scoring in the 70s and 80s consistently and was ready to showcase her skills around the state and the country.

In the early months of the pandemic when golf courses were shut down, Potter felt discouraged. No matter how many times she hit into her golf net, she could not do what she wanted to do.

However, when courses opened back up, her mindset was secured not only by determination, but by boredom.



South Lyon's Katie Potter shot a 68 in the OrangeTheory golf tournament at Hudson Mills Golf Course in Dexter on Aug. 20, breaking the South Lyon 18-hole school record. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Northville volleyball hopes for strong season amid uncertainty

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Northville volleyball head coach Rick VanDerVeer gathered those vying for a spot on the varsity team together before the second-to-last day of tryouts late last week.

"I have a suspicion that we will have another chance," VanDerVeer encour-

aged.

But like all other volleyball, boys soccer, and girls swim and dive teams in the state, wondering if their fall season would happen in 2020 due to the coronavirus, VanDerVeer did not know the answer.

He remained in the dark.

"I just wish somebody would let me know what to do," VanDerVeer said. "I

got a lot of girls that are either wishing for a season or want to know if they can relax about things until spring."

The Michigan High School Athletic Association set an Aug. 20 deadline to announce a decision. But the Mustangs remained in the same boat they were in at the start of practice that day.

The MHSAA ruled that schools in regions 1-5 and 7 of the state were permit-

ted to continue practices, but that the start of competition was reliant on status of multiple executive orders made by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, closing indoor athletic facilities and maintaining social distancing measures. She has not announced a decision on when that may be.

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Miles for Smiles race goes virtual

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This year's "Miles for Smiles" 5K and 10K run participants are going virtual.

The race, created by Mark Ward and Beth Brown after the death of their daughter in 2018, serves as a way to honor other families who have lost children.

Julianna Ward-Brown, 16, and her friend, Darian Locklear, 16, were on their way to hockey practice in Lansing on

Feb. 6, 2018 when the car they were in lost control and crashed. Ward-Brown attended Howell High School; Locklear attended Brighton High School.

Last year Ward and Brown raised thousands of dollars through the race for Julianna's Wishes, a foundation that provides support to local community organizations, school and community sports teams and individuals who may be in need of assistance.

"It was hard at first, but the race has been wonderful," Brown said. "We are

able to honor and celebrate a bunch of kids.

"We usually put their pictures up along the course making it a positive environment, more of a celebration."

This year they hope to raise enough money to complete a Celebration of Life Memorial Garden at the Howell Carnegie Library.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the 2020 event will be strictly virtual with participants completing the run between Sept. 19 and Oct. 19.

It's good for the families that have had these tragedies to be around others that have experienced the same thing, Ward said.

Participants can register online at RunSignUp and those registered by Sept. 5 will receive a T-shirt. Because the event lasts a month, participants are able to register after the Sept. 19 start date.

Ward and Brown have set up a Facebook page for participants to upload pictures of the runs.

Northville runners want to continue tradition

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For members of the Northville girls cross country team, training has been a normal aspect of an overall unusual 2020.

Six months after losing the track season to the coronavirus, the Mustangs shifted their focus to the fall with head coach Nancy Smith and assistant coach Erin Baker sending out individual workout plans and routes for their team.

As the team returned to the school over the summer, much of the training and the practices themselves remained the same, running routes all over the city of Northville, attempting to continue the same tradition the Mustangs have cultivated.

But COVID-19 comes back to mind each time the runners are on their routes: finding alternate paths and avoiding highly populated areas to protect themselves and others.

"We are still getting in the same kinds of runs and workouts," senior Yasmine Mansi said. "We're doing our best to normalize everything, but wearing masks, staying apart... we can't be as together as we normally want to be."

However, running remains an escape for Northville cross country. And while the goal is to make it back to the state meet, whatever that may look like in 2020, most teammates are just happy to be back together.

"It's good to be able to be back with a group of people being able to socialize, especially with people that I share things in common with," junior Gina Couyoumjian said. "It's really nice to be back with the girls and spend time with them and go through this together. It really brings us closer and it's a different experience that I think is very good for us."

Even in a season unlike any other, Northville still has a reputation to uphold.

The Mustangs won the state title in 2013, finishing as the state runner-up in 2017. In 2019, Northville finished in sixth place at the state meet, with then-juniors Yasmine Mansi, Emily Gordon and Keira Courtney finishing in the top 100.



The Northville girls cross country team works on strength training and distance running drills ahead of the 2020 season.
COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Smith said, generally, female cross country runners are faster when they are younger, but that Northville consistently improves when runners get older.

In 2020, she said, the Mustangs will have a mixture of returning leaders and very young, but very good talent.

With a level of uncertainty with how regional and state-level meets will look, Baker said both young and older players have a role to play.

Their youth, you know, is... they don't know what they are getting into, so they are just gung ho," Baker said. "Our seniors have the confidence of, 'Hey, we've been here before. We know what the deal is.'"

This season, there will be no large invitations and no guarantee as to whether a state meet will happen Nov. 7

at Michigan International Speedway.

Seniors in the lineup feel that level of pressure.

"There's definitely some pressure because we might not have too many races and I want to do the best that we can at all of them," senior Janie Degroot said. "Just knowing it's the last year, it's definitely hard. I just want to help the team accomplish all that we can."

But to Smith, this is what Northville should be training for, what runners should be fixing their eyes on instead of the "what could be."

"Our goal is the state finals," Smith said. "Will it be different? We don't know. We're hoping it's similar, but we have to train for that goal like we always do."

But in 2020, Northville is not solely focused on a state title run.

Instead, much of the focus for runners and coaches alike is to bring back a level of normalcy to the campus. Even though classes may not be happening, even though the practice routes may have changed, runners are still training, still running.

That remains the same.

"As a senior, I feel like we have already started to miss out on important senior things," Kate Baker said. "I definitely think being a part of this team, as opposed to not, has helped me cope with everything I've already missed as a senior."

"If I didn't have this, I don't know what I would do with myself."

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Potter

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"I was out there every single day," Potter said. "I feel like I was so bored, so it's like why wouldn't I go outside and go golf for five hours a day? I have nothing better to do."

While finishing fifth in the state finals reassured her that she was on the right track, Potter felt she had a turning

point in June. She felt that each time she took the course or a specific hole, scoring in the 70s was effortless.

"I started to step up to each hole and be like, 'Oh my gosh, this is easy. I've done this before,'" Potter said.

The confidence exuded each time she swung the golf club also put Potter on a path to a college scholarship, something she believed in from the moment she first joined the team.

Even though it took some time before the coaching staff could see that level of

potential, Potter credits head coach Dan Skatzka for believing in her, pushing her into opportunities for success.

To colleges, Potter is viewed as a "late bloomer," but many are in talks for her to join their team in fall 2021.

Right now, Potter is relaxed, ready to show what she can do with her teammates, including Division 2 individual state champion Gabriella Tapp.

The confidence Potter exudes each time she touches the green has spread to the entire team in 2020.

"I think we can do it. I think we can pull off a state championship," Potter said. "Forest Hills Northern, they will be tough to beat, but I think Gabby and I coming back, we're comparable with their top two. So it's really just a matter of our three, four and five. We have talent. They can shoot scores, they can post scores that can get us a state championship."

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Soccer

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"comfortable and prepared" to begin competition safely and that both students and families were ready to return to play.

Baker said while the team remained cautiously optimistic for a season, he saw the toll the uncertainty was taking on his players.

"It seems like, without a definitive game on the schedule, energy has been a little bit lower than it usually would be," Baker said. "It seems like we are waiting another week and another week and another week until we find out what's going to happen."

In 2019, the Eagles finished with a record of 8-6-5, ending their season in the Division 4 regional semifinal.

Windle feels Plymouth Christian is not proving anything by going to Ohio to start the season before most teams in the state.



In 2019, the Eagles finished with a record of 8-6-5, ending their season in the Division 4 regional semifinal. COURTESY OF COLLAN BAKER

Instead, the athletic director is attempting to ease the sense of defeat he said his players feel every time a decision is pushed back.

The Eagles are confident a season can happen. However, in the long run, it

is not up to them.

"The tough thing is the confidence isn't coming from our ability as schools, players, coaches to be able to accomplish this," Windle said. "It's confidence in our governor to be able to see those

things happening."

However, Plymouth Christian boys soccer got at least one game to show what it could do in 2020.

While encouraging his players to build off the supposed first game of the season, he knew what this game could be for his team. So he tried to create an late-season atmosphere in Rossford, which he said succeeded.

However, that was not his main message to his team after the game.

"I try not to make too big of a deal of it potentially being the only game for the fall, potentially, who knows, the only game of the year," Baker said. "I kind of just tried to treat it like it was their first game."

"I would rather just be optimistic and hope for the best, that way we can get the best out of them in practice, expecting to have more games this season."

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Building team spirit from a distance

Videoconferencing can add special challenges

Terry Collins
Special to USA TODAY

Janice Lin has a unique role. She supervises a team that's she hasn't met in person yet.

A manager of Strategic Account Management at WalkMe Inc., a San Francisco-based enterprise software company, Lin's main interaction is through videoconferencing. Lots of videoconferencing.

In addition to making sure her account managers meet their goals, Lin also has to make sure she's doing her share of team building and fostering collaboration — mostly across a screen.

"What's important for me is to create a very focused and engaging environment," Lin said. "It's definitely challenging."

As working from home continues, that shifting environment also brings with it some new realities. A recent study found that the workday was longer, there were more meetings and, yes, more emails. But when you've never met your team in person, these work-from-home tools are a lifeline to building connections.

Lin may have an advantage in her leadership position with her team. She previously spent three years at WalkMe before leaving the startup and coming back in May. However, that wasn't the case for her colleague, Andrew Casey, who joined the company two months prior.

Bonding without meeting face-to-face

As WalkMe's first chief financial officer, Casey said he came on board shortly before the company decided that all of its employees would be working remotely from home for the foreseeable future. That move also coincided with WalkMe's clients concerned about a shaky stock market, an economic downturn, and plans for WalkMe's potential initial public offering.

Initially concerned that he didn't have the benefit of building strong relationships more traditionally, including face-



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to-face interactions, Casey said he had to pivot quickly. His introductions with WalkMe's investors, auditors, and key players were through videoconferencing. He had to introduce himself virtually to the 85 people who report to him in finance, legal, information technology and operations departments.

A challenge that Casey, who has served in finance leadership positions for nearly 30 years, said he was ready to meet. Casey said he wanted to make sure his personality came out during his presentation via videoconferencing.

As he discussed his priorities for WalkMe, including meeting the needs for its 2,000-plus corporate clients, a refocus on cross-functional capabilities between departments such as finance and IT, and its quest to go public, Casey shared his personal side. He told them he's a family man who is proud of his son going to college.

"I want to show that I'm not just a figurehead," Casey said. He noted that continues to make that a point during the half-dozen scheduled videoconference

meetings he averages daily. And, he's noticing that having the virtual cross-team meetings is fostering good communication.

"If you have a group that's engaged and passionate, it's not hard at all," said Casey about the increased participation during team meetings.

Casey recalls that bonding occurred during a recent video conference meeting between the finance, IT, accounting, and legal teams about pricing.

"You need all of those constituencies working together to make sure the client understands," Casey said. "We avoided any breakdowns in the process by having the interaction. If you give them that level of trust, they show it back."

Casey also believes in having those "unstructured conversations" with his colleagues to find out how they are doing to draw a level of trust.

Creating a space for brainstorming

Lin shares a similar sentiment. While

she also misses the face-to-face interaction, and her account management team is pretty independent workers, they are forming a bond through videoconferencing.

In addition to having hourlong weekly team meetings, they also meet every two weeks for brainstorming that Lin calls "our Creative Corner" sessions.

Lin, who averages about five videoconference meetings a day, said she's also made sure to exercise good screen time without exhausting her team. She said during meetings, members on the team take turns giving presentations to break the monotony.

There are also team-building activities, including asking, "What's one thing you bought in the last three months under \$100?" Lin said she brought a mini-trampoline that she uses outside in between her meetings.

Lin also thinks that her team appreciates working from home and being productive. She said having that autonomy will likely make them "happier, and do their jobs better."

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Schoolcraft, Madonna prepare for uncertain year

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Like most things, college won't be the same in 2020. The pandemic has pushed many colleges, including Schoolcraft College and Madonna University in Livonia, to offer more online classes and limit in-person instruction.

The two colleges have spent the summer deciding how they can best serve their thousands of students. As college students head back to school en masse this fall, many of them will be heading back to a computer screen.

More online learning, social distancing

Schoolcraft, a community college in Livonia, is known for its many hands-on programs. Leading up to the fall, the college decided how much hands-on it could afford in a pandemic.

"Our goal in all of the planning was to limit the amount of foot traffic on campus," said Stacy Whiddon, the school's dean of distance learning and faculty development. "So as we looked at our fall schedule, we were able to identify classes that we felt could be taught remotely of off campus."

"But, there were still a handful, about 85, of traditional classes that are classes that are very tactile, very hands-on. It would be almost impossible to teach them in a remote setting."

Whiddon said project-heavy classes, like manufacturing, will mostly be held in-person with smaller class sizes, and some courses like chemistry might meet in-person for labs. The college is also offering real-time instruction or schedule-flexible online courses to students.

Madonna, while offering similar online options, is planning for about two-thirds of its classes to have some in-person component this fall.

Both colleges direct students to wear masks, practice good hygiene, track their symptoms on an app and social distance.

"(We have) taken a firm proactive approach by requiring students to agree to the Madonna Cares Pledge which includes a requirement to wear a mask on campus," said Ian Day, Madonna's vice president of finance and operations, in an email. "For a handful of students who refused to sign the pledge, accommodations were made for them to study remotely. Students who are not wearing masks correctly will be asked politely to do so."

Creating campus life

Madonna, a four-year university, has about 400 students who live on campus every year. Jim O'Neill, Madonna's provost and vice president of academic administration, said the residence halls are at capacity this year.

The school is also anticipating its largest-ever freshman class.

With students living on-site, the college plans to keep some elements of traditional campus life.

"We will open our fall semester with a Welcome



Students move on to campus Aug. 27 at Madonna University. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The campus of Madonna University in Livonia in May. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Weekend that will include on-campus meals, virtual meetings, and outdoor games and movies," said Connie Tingson-Gatuz, Madonna's vice president of student affairs and mission integration, in an email. "Throughout this year, student activities and services

will convene in both virtual and in-person formats."

Schoolcraft, on the other hand, is planning for many of its student groups to meet virtually this fall.

Confidence in the online format

Administrators at Schoolcraft and Madonna, both of which have offered online courses for years, said they're confident their online offerings be just as beneficial as face-to-face classes are.

"Feedback from students who've taken our online courses is very positive, which I think is due largely to the rigorous training provided to the faculty, the many quality standards in place for online course delivery and support services," O'Neill said in an email.

Whiddon, who has overseen Schoolcraft's distance learning for three years, said online courses are different but serve students just as well.

The school has seen an uptick in online enrollment this year.

"We have always been really conscious of making sure our online courses meet a high standard of quality ... It is different than a traditional experience, but I think that we will meet the needs of our students," she said.

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Obituaries

David Brian Kirbach

FENTON - David Brian Kirbach of Fenton, MI passed away suddenly on August 22, 2020. He was 63 years old. Born on April 25, 1957 in Flint, MI, he spent many years in his hometown of Milford, MI.

Dave was a graduate of Milford High School, an Air Force veteran, an avid hiker and a student and lover of nature. One of his favorite places to hike was Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, but he found joy in every path he took. He also enjoyed photography, making furniture and making his famous buttermilk pancakes for his family on Sunday mornings.

Dave spent his entire 36-year career in a place that he held dear, the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. He loved and respected the people he worked with and the various responsibilities that were entrusted to him over the years. He was a graduate of the NCSU Parks and Recreation Maintenance Management School and the Michigan Public Service Institute Leadership program. Dave held various other positions with the parks throughout his career, including Golf Course Superintendent, Maintenance Supervisor, District Maintenance Supervisor and Western District Park Superintendent, until he was appointed Deputy Director.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Barbara (2005) and Fredrick (1977) Kirbach. He is survived and mourned by his adoring wife, Elizabeth Kirbach; his beloved daughters, Lauren and John Underwood of Fenton, and Anna and Josh Marzolf of Grand Rapids; and his three grandchildren whom he adored: Lily and John (IV) Underwood and Esther Marzolf. He is also survived by his siblings Mark (Edna) Kirbach of Fairfield, Iowa; Mary (Wes) Holloway of Niskayuna, NY; James (Jennifer) Kirbach of Boulder, CO; Lisa (Stephen) Tam of Brighton, MI and Cathy (Herb) Kirbach-Ferry of Brighton, MI. Likewise, Dave's step-father, nephews, nieces, uncle, cousins and loyal friends who join in the overwhelming grief and helplessness of his sudden death.

Tell the stories. Carry with you and in you his amazing capacity for life, his compassion and kindness, his humor and humility. Take time to notice the beauty in nature, however big or small. Dave was a beacon of hope for so many and will forever remain so in spirit.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Dave's name can be made to the Dave B. Kirbach Memorial Fund at the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. The fund will be used to create a space that will honor Dave's legacy and allow others to enjoy the parks as much as he did. Checks may be made payable to the Metroparks Foundation and mailed to Metroparks Foundation, Attn: Dave B. Kirbach Memorial Fund, 13000 High Ridge Drive, Brighton, MI 48114 or online at the website shown below.

A memorial gathering to celebrate Dave's life will be held at a later date.



Keith Andrew Zemke

Zemke, Keith Andrew age 57. August 23, 2020. Loving son of George and the late Dorothy "Lynn" Zemke. Dear brother of Kristin Fuller and Julie Durkin. Also survived by a niece and four nephews. Keith was born on May 17, 1963 in Detroit, MI. He graduated from Novi High School and loved animals. He has spent 30+ years as a Veterinarian Tech and most recently at Animal Emergency Hospital in Novi. Keith enjoyed traveling to Europe many times. Interment will be in a niche in Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare, Michigan.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



John Weted, of Detroit, uses a snow blower on the sidewalk in front of his house. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

No surprises in Almanac: Michigan gets snow and cold

Frank Witsell Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

The Farmers' Almanac is out for this year and it's predicting — wait for it — "cold and snow."

It warns that a swath of America — from the Great Lakes and Midwest, westward through the Northern and Central Plains and Rockies — is "in for a cold winter, with normal to below-normal temperatures." If so, you might want to start setting aside some extra money for the heating bill.

"Preparing people for the unexpected is more important than ever," Peter Geiger, the almanac's editor said. "Our job as editors of the Farmers' Almanac is to pass down valuable tips and advice to help our readers thrive, no matter the obstacles, including the weather."

If you like to ski out West, the almanac has good news: It predicts "snow will be abundant, possibly above-normal amounts for parts of the western Dakotas, northern portions of Colorado and Utah, as well as Wyoming."

In the drought-facing Southwest, however, the almanac has bad news. It predicts winter will be "mild but dry."

But the editors hope you'll consider that there's more to the book than weather forecasts.

They add it offers "two centuries' worth of useful advice on ways to grow your own food, raise chickens, save money, boost your immunity, go fishing, and plant a prolific garden..."

Volleyball

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VanDerVeer and the rest of Northville volleyball continues to wait, continues to be patient to see if the 2020 season, one with high expectations of eclipsing the district final the Mustangs lost to Novi in during the 2019 season, could actually happen.

Much to accomplish

Northville was determined to have a season in 2020.

A year after finishing third in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association West division, neck and neck with Novi and Brighton, suffering a 3-1 loss to the Wildcats in the district final, the Mustangs are confident and expectant to make it past that point.

"A lot of high school teams see a really talented group and then, all of a sudden, once one or two people, key people, leave, they are stuck with whoever they have," senior middle and outside hitter Laryssa Imbuzelro said. "We've been lucky to have a consistently talented program."

"This year, I have a lot of high hopes, just because we have a lot of girls that want it. We're blessed to have tons of talent. I'm really looking forward to see what we can do."

Livvy Setla, a senior defensive specialist and libero, feels like the Mustangs have a leg up on other teams across the state. With the amount of experience the team holds, chemistry becomes a major advantage, creating relationships and bonds that impact players on and off the court.

The Mustangs know what it takes to get to the state competitions, having last competed in the state semifinal in 2018.

To VanDerVeer, this is the year to return, using motivation and drive from the loss to Novi in 2019 to catapult Northville back into the state conversation.

Looking at Northville heading into 2020, it seems to be the school's time to shine. But to Setla, that mentality hurt the team last year.

"When we think of expectations, a lot of people are like, 'Do you think you will make it to states?' Setla said. "That's such a fun idea to think of, but I think it's something that came to our downfall last year because we thought of it so much instead of taking ourselves in the moment."

The waiting game

Preparing for the 2020 season, the Mustangs tried to remain in the moment.

As they practiced outside, VanDerVeer said the players were relaxed and



The Northville volleyball team hopes for a chance to get past the district final in 2020 with seven seniors on the roster.

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Head coach Rick VanDerVeer addresses his team before a tryout session.

having a lot of fun, taking the focus off of the world around them.

"The girls just want to play," VanDerVeer said. "They want to compete. They want to go out and be athletic. They are sick of sitting behind a screen. There's

only so much class you can do and volleyball you can watch on TV."

But to the players, the season means more than just winning a state title.

To Imbuzelro, 2020 provides her with a final opportunity to play with her sis-

ter, Juliana, a junior, who took the same path to the Northville varsity team as she did — playing junior-varsity as a freshman, and moving up to the varsity team for the past two seasons.

To Setla, 2020 provides her with a final opportunity to represent her high school before moving across the country to play college volleyball at University of Nevada Las Vegas.

"This is my last chance to finally show my last year at my school, finally make my mark, make my lasting impact," Setla said.

Aspirations remain. But uncertainty has not been squashed.

The practice nets behind the track on Northville's campus will remain up. The varsity team, including seven seniors, will continue to practice, to prepare.

Setla knows she will work hard for what could be. But until the MHSAA or the state provides an answer for her fall season, a question will continue to remain at the back of her mind.

"Every day we come in, I know we all want to work hard and, 'Hey, let's just play for today,'" Setla said. "But at the same time, 'Well, will this be even worth anything?'"

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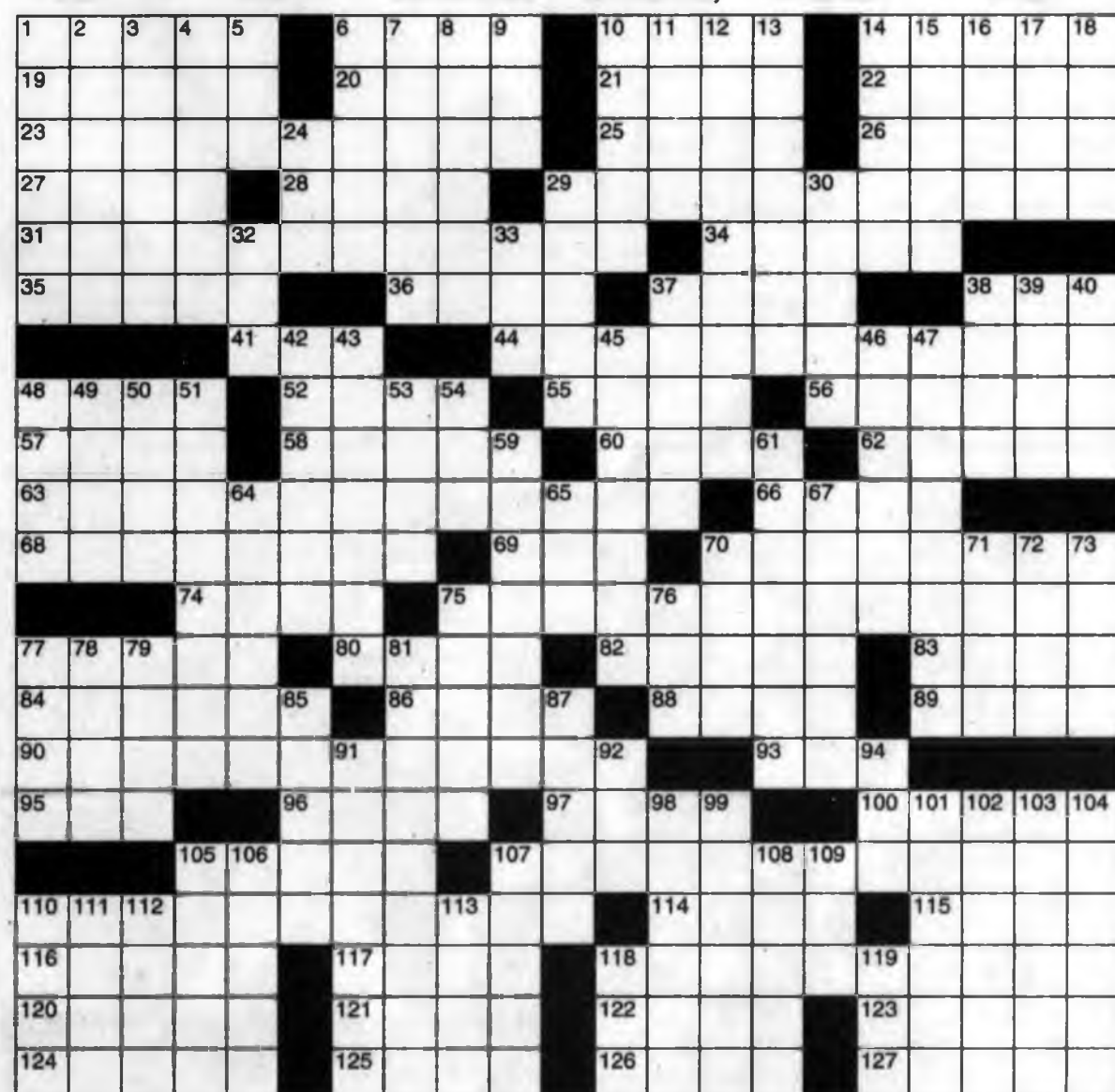
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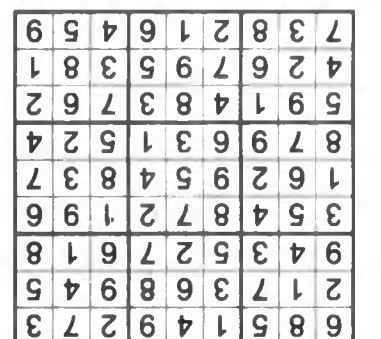
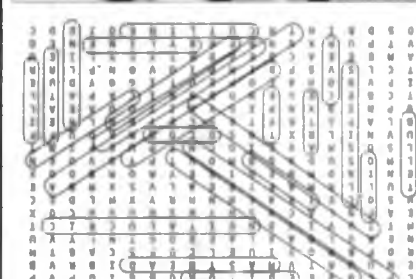
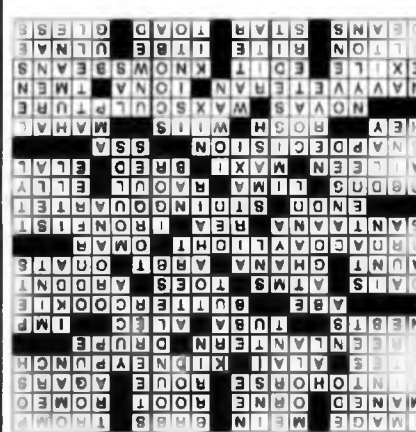
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