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Project underway at former Northville school

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Lumber shortages, COVID-related shutdowns and, yes, boredom-fueled home-renovation projects have all played a role in the slower-than-desired progress of the construction of three

landscape-altering homes on Northville's Main Street.

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

"I'll take several calls a day from people who offer a mixture of input on the project," said Mike Miller, owner of Mike Miller Building Company. "Ninety percent of the calls I receive are positive. A lot of residents like how the homes blend in well with the existing buildings. Others say they're too large. A

small percentage don't want to see anything built there."

Miller said building through the COVID-19 crisis has been a struggle at times, but nothing that a little resilience can't overcome.

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Soak up some color



A collection of colorful leaves lay on a sidewalk as Michigan approaches its fall foliage peak. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Take a peek at Michigan's fall foliage peak

Nisa Khan Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

After an unusual summer, Michiganders may still be itching for the opportunity to get out more and see what the state's natural beauty has to offer.

Luckily, SmokyMountains.com has recently released its annual fall foliage predictions, estimating where the best autumn colors and sights will be across the country, including Michigan.

Here's a week-by-week breakdown of all of the state's upcoming peaks:

Week of Sept. 21

Foliage in the Upper Peninsula and the tip of northern Lower Peninsula is at near-peak conditions during this

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Work on Milford Skatepark to begin next week

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

While many will remember 2020 as the year of the pandemic, a dedicated group of people in Milford will also know it as the year the Milford Skatepark was finally built.

On Sept. 21, Spohn Ranch, a California skatepark construction firm, expects to begin work on the long-awaited Milford park.

"It's full steam ahead," said Vince Onel, co-owner of Spohn Ranch and vice president of skatepark development. "We were worried COVID-19 would slow us down, but most cities are cool with us continuing projects. Everything is moving forward."

The Milford Skatepark has been a long time coming, but after more than a few obstacles, and in a pandemic that has presented its own challenges, Project S-Park reached a Patronicity fundraising goal with the help of donors and businesses that also offered in-kind services.

"At the beginning of March, when everything went into quarantine and lockdown, something bigger was going on than the skatepark, and people still managed to step up in the community and get the donations we needed," Eric Carlsen, member of Project S-Park, said. "It was definitely a surprise, at least to me, that we were able to meet that in a pandemic. ... If you look at 2020, you wouldn't expect that this would be the year that Milford would get a skatepark."

Carlsen said he was grateful for Village Manager Christian Wuerth, who he called an awesome advocate for the skatepark.

"This would not have happened without him backing this so strongly," he said. "It was the right time, the right place and the right people to rally together and make this happen."

Construction is beginning late in the season due to some difficulties in securing some final in-kind donations, Onel said, but cleaning of the site near the Milford Senior Center will take place ahead of the Spohn Ranch crew's arrival.

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Northville's virtual learning gets solid reviews

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Collages stuffed with smiling students sitting in virtual classrooms were shared during Tuesday night's Northville Public School's Zoom Webinar meeting, hours after the first day of school 2020 had ended.

Were the images a mirage, or did they reflect a smoother-than-expected start?

Judging by a small sample size of community and school board members' feedback during the virtual meeting, the first day was a solid foundation-builder.

"For the vast majority of our students, it was a great first day of school," said Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. "I would like to thank the parents and students for their patience and perseverance and give a huge shout out to our crew who worked throughout Labor Day weekend."

Gallagher said 91% of students who registered in Northville were online Tuesday. The number raised concerns for board member Matthew Wilk, who referenced the Novi school district's hybrid opening on Tuesday.

"I hope we don't find out that a substantial number of our students have moved on (to other districts)," said Wilk, who was a relentless advocate for starting school with students in classrooms. "With the glowing



Northville students on the first day of school.
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report our neighbor to the north (Novi) got ... I sure would have loved it if that would have been us."

Student count in Northville compared to 2019 at this time was down 238, 167 of them elementary students.

"Overall, though, as a parent, I thought it was a solid day. I'd give the district a solid B grade and the teachers an A-plus," Wilk said.

Board member Sarah Prescott reminded Wilk that Novi's start was a 50-50 return.

"At best, 50% glowed; the rest were sitting at home (learning virtually)," Prescott said.

Prescott praised the first-day opening of Cooke School, which is a special education center program that services students from 12 local school districts in western Wayne County.

Board member Angela Jaafar shared a positive review of the first day but would like to see the district "dive in" to adding more content for elementary students.

Both parents who spoke during the comment session of Tuesday's meeting were positive about their children's first-day experience.

"I'd like to thank the task force, school board and staff," said Sherrie Winfield. "You all did a great job. It was difficult to pull all this together because it's not a one size fits all situation. Every child is different. There was a lot of consternation heading into the year, but you did a great job."

Parent Tamika Latang said she was "very impressed" with the Schoology technology the district chose to use for its virtual learning.

"My son, A.J., loved it," Latang said. "We found it much easier than Google Classrooms."

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A vehicle struck a goose crossing a street in South Lyon on Sept. 2. COURTESY OF HOWELL NATURE CENTER

Rescued goose dies from road crossing injuries

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A South Lyon goose recently rescued by firefighters perished the day after being struck while crossing Lafayette Street near the Waters Edge Apartments.

"It is likely he had internal injuries that we just couldn't see in addition to the leg fracture and road rash," said Laura Butler, Howell Nature Center's wildlife and education director. "We are hopeful that the pain medication and supportive care provided some comfort, and we are grateful he was brought to us rather than left to suffer in the wild."

The goose was struck the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 2. The waterfowl managed to swim to the middle of the Waters Edge pond, and firefighters had to wait until about 12:30 p.m. to return, find the waterfowl on the shore and put it into a cage.

They immediately transported the goose, appearing weak and lethargic, to Howell Nature Center.

The center's staff realigned the leg and immobilized the broken bone with a splint. The goose continued to appear weak and died on Thursday, Butler said.

Brighton couple delivers baby on side of Interstate 96

Frank Witsall
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Someday, when Nolan Kent Rodgers is old enough, he will be able to tell people how, as a baby, he was so eager to enter the world that his poor mom had to give birth to him on Labor Day weekend on the side of the interstate.

It's a story that explains where his middle name came from — and has a happy ending for his parents and the Lyon Township firefighters who were dispatched to help.

"It's one to remember, that's for sure!" said

Alan Hamilton, an EMT who was there, as he recounted the "labor in progress" call just before 2 p.m. Sunday. "On the way to the call, they said the baby had been born."

When Hamilton and his EMT partner Jonathan Ruszala arrived, they found a gray, Lincoln SUV on the shoulder of I-96 near Kent Lake Road. The mother was in the passenger seat, holding a crying baby boy.

"Mom and dad were on the way from their home in Brighton, realized they were out of time and child was on its way," Hamilton said. "So, dad pulled off the side of the road. They called 911."

It was the mother's third child, Hamilton said.

The EMTs cut the umbilical cord, wrapped the 6-pound, 9-ounce baby Nolan in a foil blanket to keep him warm and put a little cap on him that the parents had brought with them.

Then an ambulance took mom and the baby to Providence Hospital in Novi.

Later, Hamilton said, the parents called him to report that the baby was doing well, and that they decided to make his middle name Kent, after one of the roads near where he was born.

"It's not often that we

get to talk to our patients afterward," he added. "Usually, you just do the job and go home. So, when you finally get a chance to have a conversation with people, it's nice, because you get to see a different side of the job."

Hamilton — who was Lyon Township's first baby of the year in 1994 — said it's a memory he'll cherish for a lifetime, especially eight months after his wife, Nicole, just gave birth to their son, Ryder, and the next day, he learned Nicole is expecting a second child.

Hamilton said he plans to make sure that baby is born in a hospital.

A look at census response as deadline approaches

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

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

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

South Lyon, North-

ville, Milford, Garden City and Plymouth had rates of 80-85%.

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

The decennial census is important because population numbers can determine federal funds for community endeavors

like schools and roads. In other words, your tax dollars coming back into the community. Businesses also use the data to determine where to build and locate.

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

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY Counties of Wayne and Oakland, Michigan

ON THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Northville District Library, County of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, the 24th day of September, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the Northville District Library for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

The meeting will be held electronically as authorized by executive order 2020-154 signed by Governor Whitmer on April 14, 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. Opportunities for the public to comment will be available during the meeting.

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The Novi Township Board will hold a public mini-budget hearing for the 2019-20 fiscal year on September 22, 2020, 7:30 p.m. at 44425 Chedworth Drive. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection. Individuals with disabilities requiring assistance may contact the clerk at (248) 231-6210.

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Teal ribbons raise awareness of ovarian cancer

Social distancing couldn't stop a dedicated crew to turn downtown Northville a bit more teal Aug. 31 as volunteers raised awareness for ovarian cancer.

Taking part in the Turn the Towns Teal campaign (visit www.turnthetownsteal.org to learn more) volunteers affixed ribbons to lamp posts draw attention to the cause. It's been an annual tradition in Northville since 2012, marking September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, said organizer Terrie Karebian. There is no conclusive early detection test for ovarian cancer which is why this awareness campaign is so critical.

Potential symptoms of ovarian cancer can include: bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, vague but persistent gastrointestinal upsets such as gas, nausea, or indigestion, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, urinary symptoms (urgency or frequency), unexplained changes in bowel habits, unexplained weight gain/loss, ongoing unusual fatigue, back pain, menstrual changes, and pain during intimacy.

It's recommended to see a doctor, preferably a gynecologist, if any of these symptoms are new and occur more than 12 times in one month. More information can be found at mioca.org.



Turn the Towns Teal volunteers pause for a photo after tying ribbons to lamp posts in downtown Northville. COURTESY OF TERRIE KAREBIANZ



Terrie Karebian ties a teal ribbon around a lamp post in Northville on Aug. 31 to raise awareness of ovarian cancer. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Eerie and emotional school year starts in Novi

Susan Bromley

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Thunderstorms ushered in the first day of school Tuesday, but it didn't appear to dampen spirits at Novi High School.

Samantha Burrell, a sophomore and member of student council, spent the start of her day passing out maps to incoming freshmen to assist in finding their classrooms.

School looks a lot different than a year ago when Burrell was a freshman, but she was excited to return to the building for the first time since March when schools across the state went to virtual learning due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"I wanted to do in-person (learning). I struggled with virtual," Burrell said of her choice to do the hybrid learning plan that Novi offers rather than enrolling in the virtual academy. "Though it will be different, I'm excited for all of us."

The biggest difference, she said, was the splitting of the student body into two groups. Students with last names beginning with letters A to M attend in-person as one cohort two days a week while letters M to Z are another cohort attending on the other two days. Students in the hybrid plan learn virtually the other three days.

Principal Nicole Carter, along with other staff and administrators, put in 14- and 15-hour days leading up to the first day in preparation for this unprecedented school year.

As it finally arrived, she felt ready and was waiting to greet students, but was unprepared for the wave of emotions.

"When I set eyes on the first two students, it was emotional for me," she said, adding that despite their face masks, she could see the excitement in the kids, too. "You can see the glint and glimmer in their eyes."

Still, the relative emptiness of the building is a little unsettling. As Carter said, "It's a little eerie."

She expected 440 students in the high school on day 1, and 500-520 others the second day. Additionally, a large number of students chose to enroll in the virtual academy. In a normal year, there would be 2,000 students in the building, but things are not normal.



Novi High School students walk through the hallway Sept. 8 on the first day back to school since March. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

However, some kids' feelings about school are unchanged.

Junior Anna Fonda was glad to be back in school, but also not glad, and her reasons had nothing to do with the coronavirus pandemic.

"I don't like school," she said. "Starting today, I will be stressed for nine months."

But in-person learning is better than virtual learning, particularly because she is a procrastinator, she said, and she has missed the social aspect of school.

Sophomore Pulkit Chaudhary said he felt pretty good on the first day and has high hopes for the year ahead.

"There are a lot less people, so hopefully everyone respects the guidelines so the pandemic can pass over," he said. "I'm excited to be back to school and teachers. ... I focus better in person than at home where I get distracted."

Junior Anjani Koneru was also nervous and excited.

"I don't know what's to come," she said, and explained that part of the anticipation, for good or ill, was knowing she has multiple advanced placement classes.

George Elengikal, a sophomore, said the start of the year, like much that



Anna Fonda talks about her first day back to school.

had gone before, felt "confusing."

"We're not used to this, it will be very different," he said. "Usually, you just have to figure out where your classes are."

Now, two days a week, he can sleep in, but when he is learning at home, not having anyone there to monitor him may be a problem, he said.

He said he doesn't like virtual learning "at all."

"I'm excited to see my teachers and friends," he said. "It's awkward to know how to interact, but after the first two weeks, it will come back. We'll figure it out."

What to know about flu shots in pandemic

Megan Banta Lansing State Journal

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State officials are making a big push for Michiganders to get flu shots as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

They've set a goal of more than 4.2 million Michigan residents getting a flu vaccine this year, which would be a 33% increase over 2019.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Tuesday it is "more important than ever" for Michiganders to get a flu shot as the state continues dealing with the still-raging pandemic.

Dr. Paul Entler, who serves as vice president of quality for Sparrow Health, agreed it's particularly critical this year for people to get a flu vaccine.

Here's more on why it's so important, when to get the vaccine and what people can expect.

How much more important is it to get a flu shot this year?

"I think it's critical that [people] do get the vaccine," Entler said. "When you do get the flu shot, you may still get the flu, but it will be significantly less serious."

That reduces hospitalizations, he said, which is important because hospitals want to make sure there are enough resources this fall as the pandemic continues.

Whitmer also stressed that point during her press briefing on Tuesday. She got her flu shot from an Ingham County Health Department nurse during the briefing.

Who should get a flu shot?

Typically, nearly everyone age 6 months and older should get a flu shot, Entler said.

Health professionals are trying to cast a wider net this year and "do a blanket of six months and older even outside your high-risk groups," he said.

Are there enough available for everyone in Michigan?

Pharmacies, health departments, hospitals and others are trying to stockpile vaccines, Entler said.

There have been enough in past years, he said, and that should also be the case this year.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on October 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm to receive public input on a variance request in regard to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance, on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District on property located at 464 Butler St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48 001 03 0734 000. The applicant is seeking a variance to construct a new front porch in the front yard setback. The variance needed is 6.0 feet from the requirements in Section 15.01.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE in compliance with Executive Order 2020-154, issued by Michigan Governor Whitmer, temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the public body and members of the public participating electronically will be considered present at the meeting and may participate as if physically present at the meeting. The following is a link to attend and participate in the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83842169804>. US: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656, Webinar ID: 838 4216 9804.

Log in Instructions, Meeting Rules and Tips are available on the City's website at this link: <https://www.ci.northville.mi.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=11895963&pageId=13505469#zoning>. OR from the main Home page, click on the Government tab, then Agendas and Minutes, scroll to the Board of Zoning Appeals section of the webpage, and scroll down to the link for this meeting. "Zoom Webinar User Guide for City of Northville Public" is also available on this website page.

All wishing to participate in public comment will be given the opportunity during the public comment periods. Individuals requiring auxiliary aides or services should contact Dianne Massa, the City of Northville Clerk, at dmassa@ci.northville.mi.us at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Application Review and Written Comments

The variance applications are available for review at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167 and on the City's website at this link <https://www.ci.northville.mi.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=11895963&pageId=13642897>. OR from the main Home page, click on the Services tab, then Building and Planning, then Board of Zoning Appeals.

Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request must be submitted by 4:30pm October 2, 2020 to City of Northville Municipal Building, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, or use the City Hall drop box, or email to dmassa@ci.northville.mi.us

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Will condo association documents expire after 40 years?



Robert Meisner
Guest columnist

Q: I've heard that there may be some issue with community associations' recorded governing documents expiring next March if they are over 40 years old, is that right?

A: At the end of 2018, our Michigan government experienced a "lame duck" session because many of the representatives and senators, as well as the governor, would not return to office the following year.

During these times, there tends to be a flurry of legislative activity as certain individuals may no longer be concerned about being held accountable for their votes.

Unfortunately, the 2018 lame duck session included Public Act 572, which

represents a threat to Michigan community associations. While not entirely clear, the legislation could be interpreted in such a way as to allow sellers of property in community associations with governing documents recorded over 40 years ago to remove their property from the association by omitting complete reference to recorded governing documents in the grant deed.

However, the association could guard against that by recording a claim of interest before the 40 years expire, thereby preserving the applicability of the governing documents to all units/homes. And the bill allowed for an extra period of time until March 29, 2021, for claims of interest to be recorded. However, there will be many associations unaware of this situation, and they may be in for a rude awakening if no further legislative action is taken.

HB 5260 has been introduced in the legislature, which is a good start toward fixing this problem. It would clarify that

"This act must not be applied to ... bar the enforcement of any provision contained in or referred to in a recorded master deed for a condominium and its recorded amendments."

Obviously, this should be expanded to address homeowners associations and their recorded declarations of restrictions.

Since there is no guarantee that HB 5260 or an amended version will be signed into law (as of this writing, it has not yet been given a hearing by a House committee), Michigan associations operating with recorded documents that are close to 40 years old or more should consult with their legal counsel to ensure that appropriate action is taken.

Robert M. Meisner, Esq. is the principal attorney of The Meisner Law Group. His book, "Condo Living 2: The Authoritative Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium" is available at momentumbooks.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Looking for help from someone like you

As I sit here writing this, the news is on, talking about children going back to school. Parents are scared to send them back because of COVID-19.

My thoughts are also with some other children and parents. These parents are scared because their child is battling cancer.

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council of Milford had to cancel its golf outing in August that benefits the children at St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. We are taking donations until the end of September.

If you would like to make a donation, please send it to John Rogers, 3101 Sand Court, Milford, MI 48380. Make the check payable to Knights of Columbus # 7444 and earmark it for Saint Jude.

*John Rogers
Milford*

Investing during coronavirus pandemic still makes sense



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

It is hard to believe that we have been dealing with the coronavirus pandemic for the last six months. Although the crisis caused by the coronavirus started out as a healthcare crisis, it has grown into a financial crisis that has affected just about everyone in America and around the world.

For investors, it was painful to watch as the markets fell at a record pace. At the time, my advice was to stay the course. Not because I knew what direction the virus would take, but because my experience had taught me that crashes and market downturns are common and that for investors, the worst time to make a decision is when they are gripped with fear.

That being said, I am happy to report that as I write this column, the Dow

Jones Industrial Average, the S&P 500 and the NASDAQ are all in positive territory year to date.

It's not that I want a pat on the back for telling investors to stay the course, but I think we can learn some lessons about investing. The first lesson for all of us to recognize is how resilient our markets truly are.

Throughout the history of the stock market, it seems we go from one crisis to another. Whether it was Black Monday in 1987, the dot-com bubble in 2000, or even the financial crisis in 2008, we have seen our fair share of crises. However, in every crisis, we hear news commentators preaching that this is the "big downturn" and that markets will never recover. I am pleased to say that they have been consistently wrong.

The lesson to learn is: Don't listen to the media commentators or social media influencers. Your portfolio and your investments are too important to let fear enter into the decision-making process. Just as adults know not to make serious decisions when angry or

emotional, investors shouldn't make decisions when they're fearful.

Another lesson investors should learn is to never sell when they do not want to. Just think if you had to sell some of your investments back in March when the Dow was in the 18,000s. You would have taken a significant hit.

The reason people are forced to sell is because they need the money. However, in the majority of those situations, if the individual had an emergency fund of money, they would not have been forced to sell at the wrong time. That is why I want to reiterate the importance of maintaining an emergency fund.

My general recommendation for most people is at least three to six months of living expenses. This money should not be invested in the stock market; rather, it should be invested either in CDs or bank accounts. The return on the investment is not what's important, but rather, the accessibility. If the person who was forced to sell back in March could have waited, they could

have seen a 50 percent return on their money in a six-month period. That is why it is so critical that we all maintain an emergency fund of money.

Unfortunately, I do not believe we are out of this crisis and I still believe the markets are volatile.

However, with the recent upturn, investors are provided with an opportunity to look again at their portfolios and make sure their portfolios match their goals, objectives and risk tolerance levels.

As a financial advisor with over 30 years of experience, I can assure you that investors with portfolios that match their goals, objectives and risk tolerance levels are more successful in the long run. Remember, when it comes to your portfolio, you're running a marathon, not a 100-yard dash.

Good luck!

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Homes

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

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

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

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

The second of the trio should be done by spring of 2021, with the third ready to be lived in by the end of 2021.

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

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

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

"When we reconfigured the parcels, we added a pocket park, an area with



Three homes are being built along West Main Street in Northville on the property of the former Main Street School.
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trees, brick paver and benches where people can sit back and relax," Miller said. "We're very mindful of what residents in the area are going to have to look at every day from now on."

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

"For the most part, residents seem to like the fact that the builders are putting

in extra effort to make the homes blend into the existing landscape," Turnbull said. "Not surprisingly, there are other residents who are a little upset."

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

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

on Cady Street.

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

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

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Skatepark

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Spohn has prefabricated the steel grind rails and other steel components

that protect the concrete that workers will install upon reaching Milford. In total, they expect it to take about six weeks to construct the 6,000-square-foot, \$250,000 park, with a target end date in early November.

Onel said his fingers are crossed for

good weather.

"If snow or very cold weather arrives early, we might have to shut it down for the spring," he said. "But we're flexible and creative and optimistic that we'll get it done... Our goal is to get something in the ground and get these kids a place

to skate...The kids won't believe their eyes that it's real, it's been talked about for so long. I think they will be very excited."

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Foliage

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week. The rest of Michigan will still be patchy or have partial coverage.

Week of Sept. 28

If you wanted a scenic road trip, Michigan's U.P. and the northern counties of the Lower Peninsula would be your destination. Both areas will be seeing peak foliage colors at this time. Some parts in the middle, like Isabella County, where Mount Pleasant is, will be at near-peak conditions. The rest of the state, however, is still predicted to have partial colors.

Week of Oct. 5

The rest of the state is catching up to peak colors. The U.P. and the tip of the Lower Peninsula are now past peak, while mid-Michigan and upward are at peak fall colors.

Week of Oct. 12

If you live in the lower half of the state and want a shorter drive, head to places in the middle of the state, like Saginaw Bay or Grand Rapids, for peak fall colors. Areas like southeast Michigan are still at near-peak colors.

Week of Oct. 19

With almost the entire state past peak, the best places to check out would be at the bottom of the Lower Peninsula, including metro Detroit and cities or towns near the Indiana border.

The planning guide should not be considered as the exact prediction, said company founder and statistical expert David Angotti.

"While the refinement of our algorithmic model over the past eight years has helped us achieve reliable results, accurate meteorology predictions are sometimes elusive and never 100% accurate," Angotti wrote in an email. "However, the good news is that the combination of nearly a decade of experience combined with great meteorological data sources ensures we achieve a higher accuracy over time."

Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, Angotti suspects there will be more visitors than usual trekking to see the fall colors this year.

"Our travel brands have experienced a trend of increased visitation in vacation markets that visitors can drive to and decreased visitation where flights are required," he said. "Since many of the top fall foliage destinations are within an easy drive of major cities, we are expecting larger leaf-peeping crowds in many of the popular fall foliage destinations."



Fall colors begin to show on a maple tree at Shiawassee Park in Farmington in 2019.



Trees in vivid color near the Porcupine Mountains in the U.P. during a past fall. COURTESY OF GARY JACKSON



Maybury State Park in Northville has some nice fall colors for visitors. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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Canton teen signs contract with Nashville label

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There is a 14-year-old home video on Instagram of 2-year-old Grace Rembinski strumming joyfully on a miniature guitar while proudly singing the lyrics to a song that she wrote herself.

Earlier this month, that same energetic girl – now a 16-year-old incoming senior at Plymouth High School – sat at a table in a Nashville publishing company's headquarters, signing a contract that will pay her to do what she loves: write songs, sing songs and make people happy.

Once Rembinski, a lifelong resident of Canton, graduates from Plymouth in the spring of 2021, she will move to Nashville to continue to produce her special brand of magic – an accomplishment almost unimaginable, Nashville insiders say, for a teenager who doesn't reside in Music City.

"It's crazy and exciting at the same time," Rembinski said. "Ever since I can remember, all I ever wanted to do was sing for people. I never shut my mouth. I'd make my family sit down and listen to me."

Before securing the commitment of Nashville-based Mucho Love Music's executives, Rembinski entertained church congregations, sang the national anthem at Detroit Tigers and Toledo Mudhens baseball games (among others), and won a music competition called "Canton Idol" before she was a teenager.

"As it turned out, an acquaintance of mine took a video of Grace singing at 'Canton Idol' and she sent it to her step-brother, Ray Horton, who had been in the music industry in Nashville for several years," said Jill Rembinski, Grace's mom. "She told him, 'You have to see this young lady! She's amazing!'"

"Ray said, 'Well, she's young, but we'll keep watching her, so keep sending me stuff.' About a year later, Grace was invited down to Nashville to record in their studio, learn to write, everything. We've been going down there two or three times a year since then."

Horton, a writer/administrator/general manager for Mucho Love Music, is a 1997 graduate of Canton High School.

In a lot of ways, Horton's story is as



Grace Rembinski, 16, sits with her grandfather's guitar at her Canton home Aug. 20. The Plymouth High student plans to move to Nashville after she graduates in 2021 to pursue a career in the music industry. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

compelling as Rembinski's.

After completing four years of active duty for the U.S. Navy, Horton was a drummer for Miss USO, a band that entertained troops and performed fundraisers for troop-support groups, according to the Mucho Love Music label website.

Following a successful stint as a drummer with the John Wilde Group, he followed his passion for the business side of music and moved to Nashville to study copyright law at Belmont University.

"Once I moved to Nashville and saw how amazing the session drummers there were, I figured I'd better look into the business side of it," Horton joked. "Ending up at Mucho Love has been a blessing. It's like a family, which is one

thing, I feel, that made Grace's family comfortable with us."

Horton, who will serve as Rembinski's manager, emphasized that Mucho Love's love for Rembinski may have started with her talent, but quickly expanded to include her personality and upbringing.

"Grace is mature beyond her years and she's not afraid of hard work, that's for sure," Horton said. "Music-wise and when it comes to songwriting, she's only gotten better since she first came down to Nashville. Along with having an amazing voice, she gets music."

Horton said Rembinski's humility is a rare commodity in a performer of her talent. When asked what percentage of her high school peers even know she's an accomplished musician, she said,

"probably most of them," a reflection of her non-boastful persona.

Rembinski's life may have followed an entirely different path if not for the encouragement of her grandfather, Skip Kouba, whose guitar she still uses.

"He was my first musical inspiration," she said. "I still remember sitting on his lap while he played his guitar ... that's what got me started."

"Like all of us, my dad is so proud of Grace. He makes sure we keep him updated on everything that's going on with her career," said Jill Rembinski.

Among Grace Rembinski's singing inspirations are Ella Fitzgerald and Rachael Price, whose paths to super-stardom are separated by several decades.

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Week 1 high school football games to watch

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

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

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

Farmington vs. Groves

The OAA White looks a bit different heading into 2020. Farmington rejoins the division after spending three seasons in the OAA

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

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

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

South Lyon East prepares for season without Trevon Tyler

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The start of each summer practice looked the same for South Lyon East football.

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

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

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

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

Trevon Tyler.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Novi, Canton soccer open season with scoreless draw

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When Canton and Novi soccer took the field for the 2020 season opener Sept. 8, both teams had to come with something they are not used to: masks.

Per Michigan state Executive Order 176, players in all organized sports — swim and dive excluded — are mandat-

ed to wear masks during competition, something neither team had prepared for previously.

But while it was a new experience, testing a level of endurance and forcing players and coaches to think about something other than what was happening on the field in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, soccer was played for the first time this season.

Canton and Novi earned the 0-0 draw Tuesday in each team's first taste of Kensington Lakes Activities Association West play.

"I'm just happy they get to play," Novi head coach Todd Pfeiffer said. "Since Aug. 12, we have not known if we were doing tryouts or training, or if we would get to play. The fact that we even get to play, I'm just happy for the boys."

Canton found multiple offensive opportunities in the first half, ruling the possession game for the first 30 minutes.

But the Novi defense thwarted any opportunity Canton had with senior goalkeeper Issac Gibbs stopping a free kick chance from senior Nick

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Tyler

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

Tyler became larger than life.

A physical anomaly

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A selfless 'Hombre'

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



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



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

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

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

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

He was always ready to love on his mother.

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

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

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

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

back of a classroom right before Thanksgiving break.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Each practice, they reminded them-

selves of their missing link.

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

A victory

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

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

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

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

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

"That's one of the biggest driving forces for our kids right now, for our seniors, to be able to honor him and to play the way that Tre would play," South Lyon East head coach Joe Pesci said.

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

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

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

To Lewis, this hit home.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Games

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

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

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

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

South Lyon East at Walled Lake Central

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

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

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

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

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

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

Plymouth at Howell

Howell has not beaten Plymouth

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

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

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

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

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

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

Canton vs. Northville

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

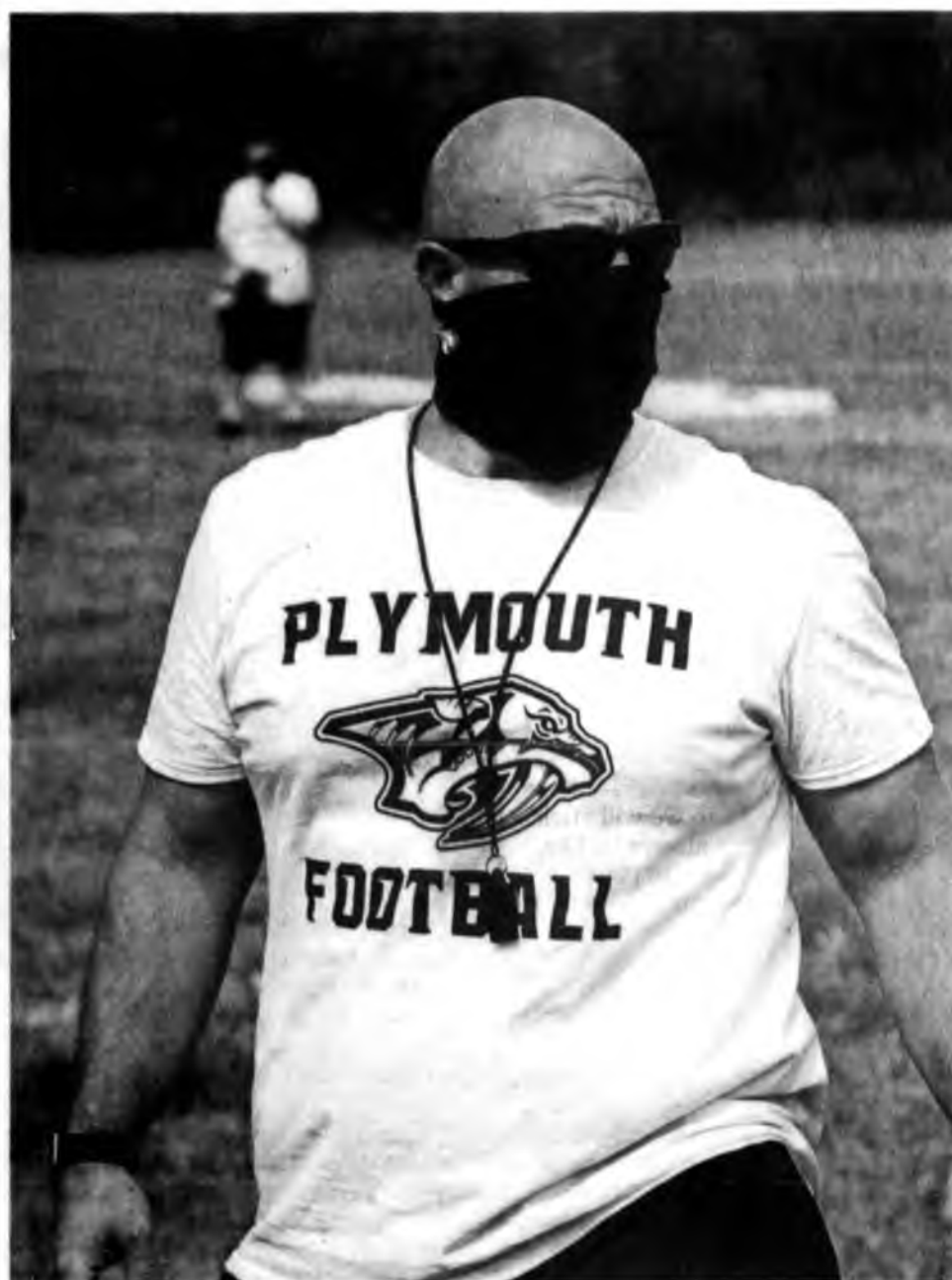
Northville, coming off three consecutive three-win seasons, found confidence with its defense in 2019, allowing an average of 23.4 points per game — its lowest since 2015.

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

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

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

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



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

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

Wayne Memorial vs. Churchill

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

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

losing to Walled Lake Western by a touchdown.

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

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

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

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Hometown Life preseason top-10 football teams

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

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

1. Churchill (7-5)

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

2. Seaholm (9-4)

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

3. North Farmington (9-1)

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



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

4. Lakeland (7-3)

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

5. Plymouth (9-2)

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

6. Groves (8-3)

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

7. Detroit Catholic Central (4-5)

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

8. Farmington (8-2)

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

9. Franklin (8-3)

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

10. Stevenson (4-5)

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

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Fight defines Stevenson's opening win against Wayne

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

After exchanging words, pent-up emotions boiled over.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Stevenson starts hot

Stevenson started its 2020 season extremely hot offensively.

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

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

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

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



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

on a goal early in the second period.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Brighton High School graduate Blake Barribeau qualified for the Michigan Open by shooting 73 in a qualifier in Onaway. GREG JOHNSON/GOLF ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

Former Brighton soccer star tries for golf career

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Blake Barribeau knew a soccer career wasn't something he could come back to in his mid-20s, but that golf would always be an option.

So, Barribeau went all-in on soccer when he entered Brighton High School in 2011, rarely touching his golf clubs as he pursued success on the pitch.

The decision paid off, so much so that his buddies on the high school golf team knew it was futile to keep trying to recruit him.

He was Livingston County's soccer Player of the Year as a senior in 2014, earning third-team all-state honors after scoring 14 goals that season. He earned a scholarship to Division I Oakland University before transferring to Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida for his final three seasons.

He even received some professional offers last winter after his college career ended Dec. 5 with a loss in the Round of 16 in the NCAA Division II tournament.

By then, however, his passion was beginning to shift. Living in Florida, he started taking golf more seriously, so

much so that he inquired about playing both sports at Palm Beach Atlantic. The golf coach rebuffed his request, preferring to give scholarship money to someone who could compete for the entire schedule.

On the verge of realizing a dream of playing pro soccer, the 23-year-old Barribeau gave up the sport to see how far he could go as a golfer.

"I was just more or less content with the career I had, with the memories," he said. "The fact I was getting offers proved to me I was good enough to play professional. I didn't need to. I was happy with where everything ended up, the friendships and relationships I had through it. I always wanted to experience life past it. I felt like that was the right time to move away from the game."

Despite a limited golf background, Barribeau accomplished something that has eluded more-seasoned players when he qualified for the Michigan Open. Barribeau stamped his ticket to the tournament by placing second with a 1-over-par 73 in the qualifier Aug. 7 at Black Lake Golf Club in Onaway.

"I kind of rerouted my wheels toward golf in January," he said. "I was always

around a 2 to 5 handicap throughout college. I think I'm sitting around plus-1 right now. Once I started putting more time into it, the numbers kept dropping; it started to go my way. I figured I might as well try to qualify. I missed the cutoff for the Michigan Amateur. My older brother (Derek) played at Grand Valley. After caddying for him, he made me sign up to qualify for the Michigan Open."

Barribeau wasn't as competitive as he hoped to be in the Michigan Open, which was played last Monday through Thursday at Grand Traverse Resort. He shot 79 in the first round and 88 in the second, missing the cut at 23-over par.

"I played just OK on day one," Barribeau said. "It was not the result I was looking for on day two at all. I had to make a number to try to make the cut. I pressed too hard early, and the course bit back at me. It was definitely a good learning experience. Playing in the Michigan Open struck my interest to keep competing. I'm close to the level I want to be. I never had a swing coach, never had anyone touch my swing. That's the next step to make more leaps and bounds in the game."

Playing high school golf wasn't an op-

tion for Barribeau because of the year-round aspect to playing soccer at a high level. When he didn't play for Brighton, he played for a team in Grand Rapids that won back-to-back state championships.

"I just dabbled around with some mini-tour stuff when I was very young, some club championship stuff at Lakeland (Golf & Country Club)," he said. "Ultimately, I had to make a decision going into high school whether I wanted to play soccer or golf. My dad told me golf would always be there the rest of my life, to try to focus on a soccer career."

Barribeau worked as a caddy at PGA National Golf Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., before moving back to Michigan. He now caddies at Kingsley Club in Kingsley, located south of Traverse City. His soccer career behind him, Barribeau looks forward to a new chapter.

"My heart just wasn't in it," he said of his decision to bypass pro soccer. "I always wanted to know what I could do with golf. I wanted to know who Blake is after soccer. I felt it was a good time to make that transition. I'm happy with the soccer career I had; I wanted to explore other avenues."

Whitmer details plan offering essential workers free college

David Jesse Detroit Free Press
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About 625,000 essential workers in Michigan who put in time during the height of the COVID-19 lockdown and don't have a degree are eligible for free college under a plan detailed Thursday by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Futures for Frontliners, inspired by the G.I. Bill that provided college education to those serving their country in WWII, was initially announced by Whitmer in April. The governor provided more detail Thursday. The free college is currently limited to community colleges.

The plan isn't limited to those in medical fields. It also covers people who worked in places such as manufacturing, nursing homes, grocery stores, sanitation, delivery, retail and more.

"This initiative is Michigan's way of expressing gratitude to essential workers for protecting public health and keeping our state running," Whitmer said in a statement prior to a news conference. "Whether it was stocking shelves, delivering supplies, picking up trash, manufacturing PPE or providing medical care, you were there for us. Now this is your chance to pursue the degree or training you've been dreaming about to help you and your own family succeed."

To be eligible for the program, an applicant must:

- Be a Michigan resident
- Have worked in an essential indus-



Many grocery store workers like Johnny All, a supervisor at Busch's in Canton, remain busy amid the pandemic. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

try at least part-time for 11 of the 13 weeks between April 1 — June 30

- Have been required to work outside the home at least some of the time between April 1 — June 30
- Not have previously earned an associate or bachelor's degree
- Not be in default on a federal student loan
- Complete a Futures for Frontliners scholarship application by 11:59 p.m. Dec. 31

Front-line workers can visit www.michigan.gov/Frontliners to explore career opportunities, a list of local community colleges and to get started on their application.

The site notes that "if you enroll and

attend your local, in-district community college, you'll be able to get your degree tuition-free. That means you won't pay any tuition, contact hours, or mandatory fees out of pocket."

The program is a \$24 million investment funded by Governor's Education Emergency Relief Fund — part of the federal CARES Act.

"The vast majority of good-paying jobs continue to require at least some education beyond high school," said Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Director Jeff Donofrio. "Futures for Frontliners gives those who helped save lives and kept our communities operating during the height of COVID an opportunity to increase their skills and income and helps us close the state's skills gap. For Michigan's economy to recover and grow, it's critical we continue to provide expanded opportunities to all."

He compared the program to the G.I. Bill, noting that 75 years ago, those coming home from the war were given free college by the federal government. He said Michigan was doing the same.

Several industries said the program is a welcome boost.

"Michigan manufacturers have been on the front lines in defense against the COVID-19 threat, creating essential products necessary for daily life, from food and pharmaceuticals, to transportation and even toilet paper," said John Walsh, president and CEO of the Michigan Manufacturers Association, in a statement. "The Futures for Frontliners

program will recognize these truly deserving heroes, investing in their personal future as well as the economic future of our state."

Walsh said Michigan faces a shortage of skilled workers and this program will help counter that shortage.

Those sentiments were echoed by others.

"As an employer of nearly 20,000 frontline associates here in Michigan and beyond, we are proud and thankful for each of our employees who stepped up to feed our customers and our communities during the pandemic," Rachel Hurst, corporate affairs manager for the Kroger Co. of Michigan, said in a statement. "We're excited for them to have this hard-earned opportunity to continue their education with support from the Futures for Frontliners program, which pairs well with our Feed Your Future program."

Colleges also welcomed the program.

"Henry Ford College and I, personally, are proud to support the Futures for Frontliners program, and to partner with the State of Michigan and other public and private partners to help frontline workers create a better future," said Russ Kavalhuna, Henry Ford College president, in a statement. "We believe this program represents a unique, first-of-its-kind opportunity for people who have earned a college education. They put themselves at risk to serve Michigan residents during a pandemic. We will put their futures at the forefront now."

Soccer

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Rockafellow, and Novi senior Ben Prisby stopping a fast-break chance from Canton's Kaelen Flowers near the goal.

Novi took over the possession game in the second half, but Canton prevailed with key stops by junior Zain Alzayadi and senior Ethan Gross, as well as senior goalkeeper Justus Heers running up midway through the second half to the 20-yard line to stop a fast-break attempt himself.

Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said there is still work to be done, but that his team showed drive when it took the field.

"I think the boys are really excited to play," Zemanski said. "We were all excited, we have been training for awhile. It looked to me kind of like it was a first game for both teams."

In a normal season, Pheiffer said Novi usually has at least one scrimmage to get its feet wet ahead of an upcoming season.

In 2020, instead, the Wildcats faced a KLAA West matchup, playing in masks for the first time, either in a practice or game setting.

For both teams, it was an adjustment.

As players ran up and down the field, trying to find some daylight for an offensive play, players' masks slid and fell below their chins, or remained on their necks.

Pheiffer knew that it would be a different experience for a team heading into the 2020 season having lost 15 seniors from a year ago.

"Some people just get so focused into the soccer, they don't really think about it," Pheiffer said. "Other kids' endurance probably wasn't what it would have been if we did have the masks. We adjusted to that: Some kids got more playing time tonight that they might not have had in the situation."

"We are just happy to play."

The Michigan High School Athletic Association, according to executive director Mark Uyl, is still waiting on clarification from the state on perceived contradictions between Executive Orders 176 and 153, which states masks are not permitted when people, "are exercising when wearing a face covering would interfere with the activity."

Zemanski waited for that clarification from the MHSAA, but did not get one by game time, admitting that mask-wearing was not the most comfortable thing for him and his players.

"They knew that everybody had to wear them," Zemanski said. "It's not the most pleasant thing, honestly. You and I just having these masks on is unpleasant, let alone running around full speed."

However, for both teams, the focus after the 0-0 tie was what they can do to



Canton senior Nick Rockafellow runs on a fast-break attempt against Novi senior Odin Lim.
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Novi senior captain Ben Prisby tries to mass around Canton captain Kaelen Flowers.



Novi freshman Yuto Shiwa passes two Canton defenders.

get better the next time out, rejoicing in the fact that there will be a next game to play.

"At least they are playing, and that's all we can ask for," Zemanski said.

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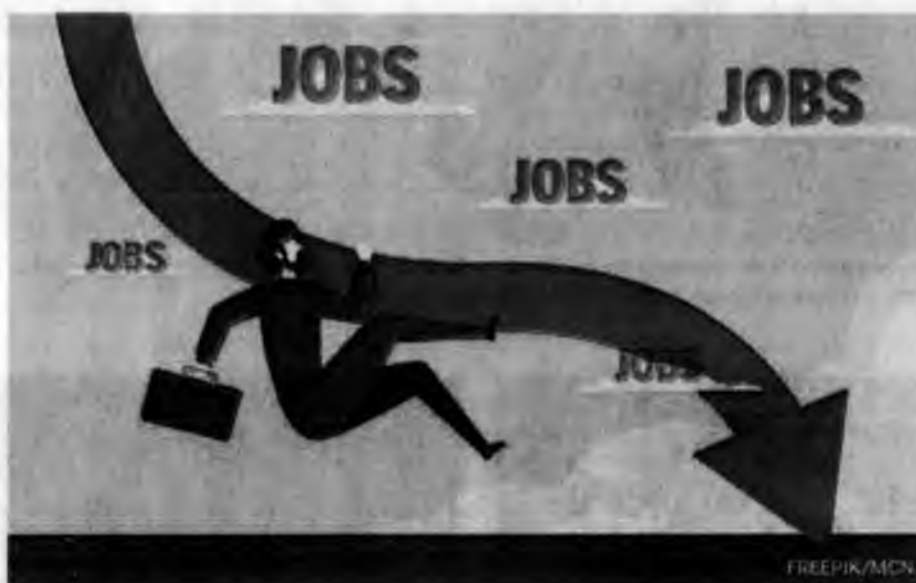
1. Create a computer-proof resume

There is a strong chance your resume will be screened by a computer. So avoid fancy formatting, columns and tables, and ensure that your resume can be read by a bot.

2. List the right skills

Think carefully about the soft skills and hard skills you bring to a job. As a helpful exercise, you may want to list them all and explain why they are important. If you worked at a restaurant before COVID-19, you might think your skill is food preparation. But chances are your job skills also include face-to-face communication, customer service, problem solving, time management and teamwork.

Clearly list your job skills in your resume, using the same language used in the job postings for which you are applying, where appropriate. A strong match between the skills on your resume and the skills in the job description will help you rise to the top of computer ranking algorithms.



3. Focus on growing industries

Nobody knows exactly what the future holds, but projections by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics have a strong track record of success. For example, the Bureau's 2008-18 projections correctly guessed which industries would grow and which would shrink 91% of the time.

Find the BLS's most recent projections for the 2018-28 period at bls.gov/ooh.

4. Develop in-demand skills

When employers receive 100 applications for a single vacancy,

objective criteria — like certifications and credentials — can help them decide. Especially now that in-person recruitment efforts are limited due to the pandemic, employers have to evaluate you on paper. Being able to list a recently earned Microsoft Excel certificate is far more compelling than merely listing "Excel skills," for example. The same goes for any software program or platform.

5. Stay positive

If at first you don't succeed, try a different approach. Come up with a daily goal — say, a target number of job applications to submit — and

reward yourself for meeting your goal.

Try a new search strategy every few days. Doing so can help keep things interesting and expand your search. Here are some to consider:

- **Search for employers with the greatest need.** Using a keyword search, look for job postings where the employer reports an "urgent need" for candidates. Employers who need to fill vacancies urgently are more likely to respond quickly and agree to an immediate start date.

- **Search for the best companies.** Search for job postings where the hiring company describes itself as being one of the "fastest-growing" or "top-rated" organizations in its industry.

- **Search for household names.** Spend a few days exploring vacancies at large companies with household names that are always hiring across a wide range of roles.

- **Search for well-funded startups.** Keywords like "venture capital-backed," "VC-backed" or "Y Combinator-backed" can find innovative, exciting companies that investors think may be the next big thing.

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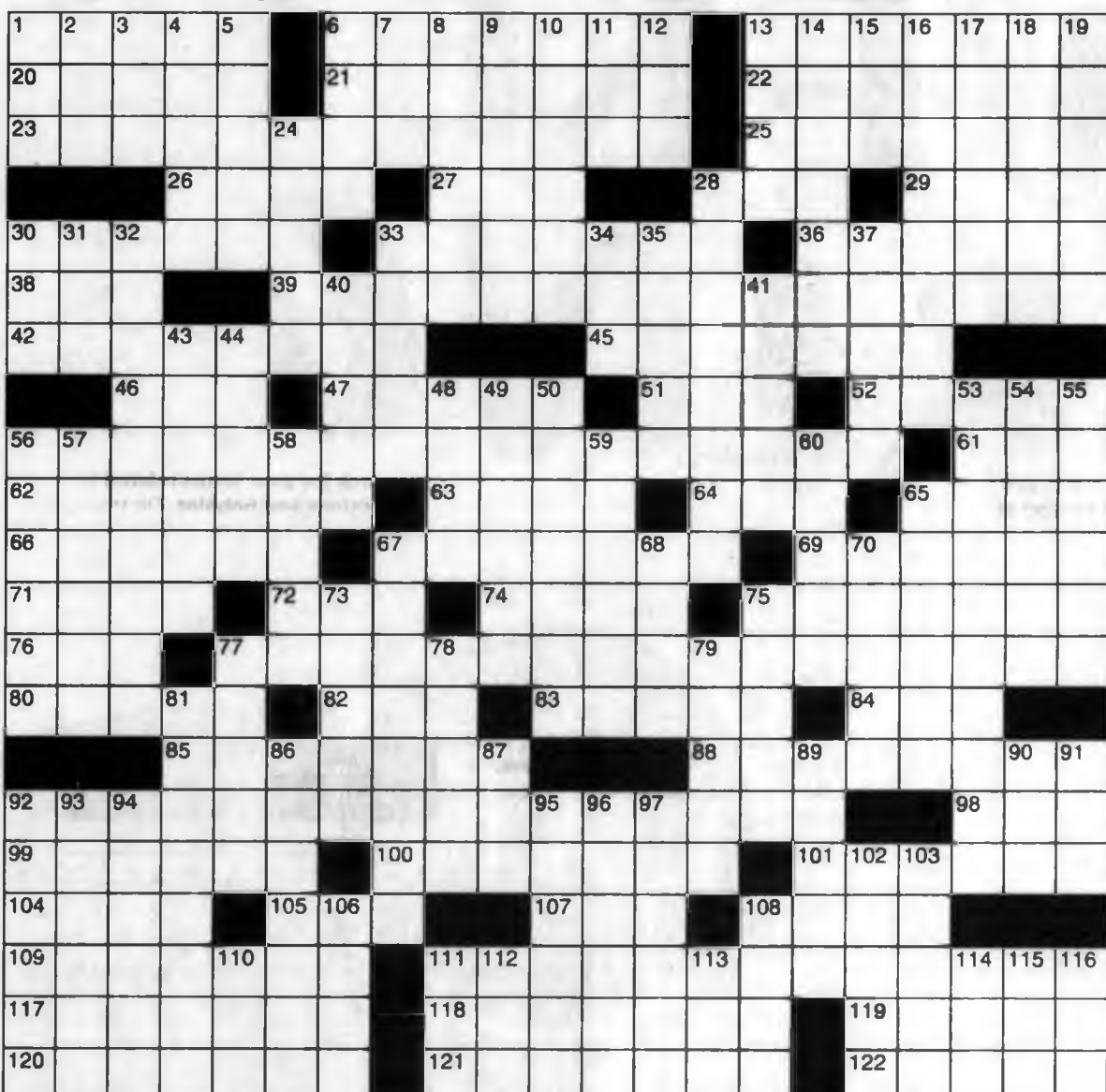
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16 One drafted for service
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19 Win the affection of
24 Pound fraction
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30 Capone and Pacino
31 Pudgy
32 Big black-and-white mammal
33 "Yuck!"
34 Football's Cowboys, on scoreboards
35 Big 1940s computer
37 Crooning cowboy
40 Set — (start wedding plans)
41 R&B singer — Marie

- 43 Operate wrongly
44 Ratchet wheel
48 When doubled, tot's train
49 Versatile stoves
50 Peaceful, simple place
53 "Goodbye, Columbus" author
54 Divide into different districts
55 Some daisies
56 Activist
57 "No more for me, thanks" apart
58 NBA Hall of Famer
59 Stoops (to)
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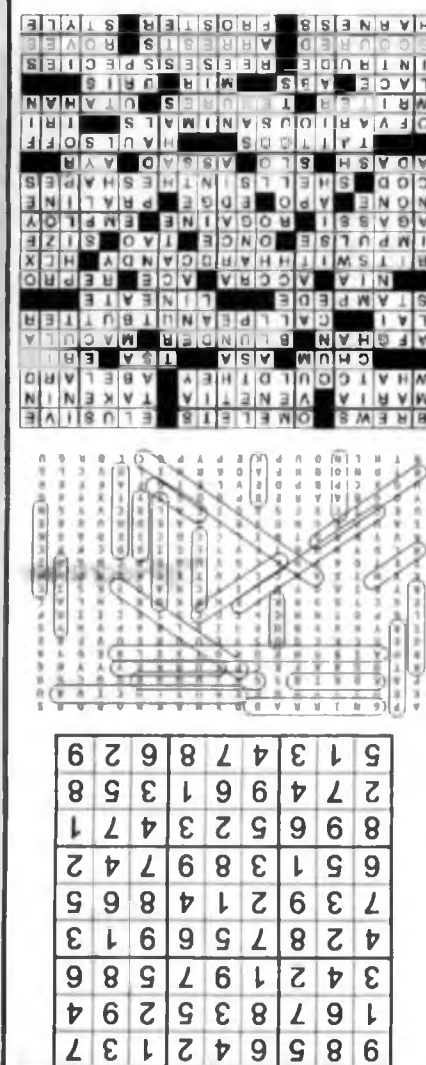
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