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Hope, gloom at site of old psych hospital

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From nature-accented hiking and biking trails carved strategically through wooded terrain, to decades-old asbestos-contaminated buildings, the Northville Township property that formerly housed a state psychiatric hospital south of Seven Mile Road offers a contrasting landscape.

A significant step toward turning the sprawling property into a multi-dimen-

sional park - the blueprint was unveiled in 2012 as the Twenty21 7 Mile Master Plan - unfolded in June with the opening of a series of beginner-friendly, wooded biking trails on the southeast section of the property.

A second series of trails - designed more for experienced bikers and hikers - is expected to open this fall, pending the completion of a connector trail that will merge the two sets of trails, and the

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One of the 11 outbuildings still standing at the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital, now known as Legacy Park.
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Rich Kern greets goats Tapas and Taco, who lost their mother soon after their birth and had to be bottle-raised.
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Couple trades corporate life for one on the farm

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
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Cindy and Rich Kern left the corporate world for greener pastures.

They spend their days outside, caring for a flock of animals and tending vegetables as owners of Cardinal Farms in Salem Township.

Farm living suits them just fine.

On a recent warm, sunny afternoon, the couple strolled their 10-acre property and discussed how they decided farm

living was the life for them, leaving behind the office and taking a turn into the natural world.

"Either this ages us prematurely or keeps us young," Cindy joked. "It's very physical, and keeps your mind sharp, too. This feels like the integration of mind, body and spirit."

The previous night, she was up trying to give a sow, previously lethargic, an antibiotic for a suspected infection. After seeing signs of liveliness from the pig, she concluded it wasn't as ill as she

previously thought.

It's all part of a learning curve and the Kerns feel fortunate they've had good mentors in their new venture.

Rich said there is always something to build and always something to fix on the farm by 8 Mile and Pontiac Trail.

"Luckily, I like building and fixing things," he said.

The couple never saw this in their future when they married 11 years ago.

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Milford Twp. company fined for COVID-19 violations

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
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A Milford Township business has joined 18 others across the state as the most recent to receive fines related to safety issues surrounding COVID-19.

GVC Commercial and Industrial Painting, 54530 Pontiac Trail Building A, was recently cited for workplace violations related to the pandemic. The company was fined \$2,100 by the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration after an inspection done at a job site for the company in Ann Arbor.

The violations included failing to require face coverings where social distance could not be maintained, failing to maintain social distance where possible, having a lack of a preparedness and response plan and failing to train employees on COVID-19 guidelines, according to a news release.

"The MIOSHA investigations determined that these employers were not taking precautions to protect employees and their communities from the spread of COVID-19," MIOSHA Director Bart Pickelman said in the release. "Failure to follow guidelines puts everyone at risk and these citations are meant to reiterate the employer's responsibility to protect their employees."

GVC Commercial and Industrial Painting has been in business since 1985, according to its website. It also has offices in Waterford and Roseville. A message was sent Friday morning to the company seeking comment on the violations.

The state announced 18 other businesses would see fines related to workplace COVID-19 violations.

Companies found in violation have 15 working days from receipt of the MIOSHA citations to contest the violations. Employers must provide proof to MIOSHA that abatement has been completed.

The announcement of fines was the second such group. The state announced earlier this summer several other companies were fined for violations related to COVID-19 issues.

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Novi man charged for alleged child porn collection

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
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A Novi man faces 10 felony charges for allegedly possessing more than 50,000 computer files concerning child

pornography.

Michigan State Police said in report that troopers and Novi police took Andrew Joseph Keith, 27, into custody on Sept. 10.

Keith was arraigned on five counts of

aggravated possession of child sexually-abusive material and five counts for computer use to commit a crime. State troopers said their investigation began earlier this year.

They executed a search warrant at

his home. That led to the arrest, lodging at the Oakland County Jail and the issuance of a \$25,000 cash bond.

Keith was scheduled to appear Sept. 23 in 52-1 District Court for a probable cause conference.

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Poker player's cell phone pinned to murder site

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
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A Clarkston judge sent a homeless man's homicide case to trial Monday, when cellphone evidence placed Jeffery Morris and Susie Zhao at a motel the night before her burned remains were found on the edge of a state park.

Morris, 60, of Pontiac, is accused of sexually violating and killing Zhao, a 33-year-old professional poker player found around 8 a.m. July 13 in White Lake Township apparently immolated, with zip ties around her wrists and a pool of blood between her legs.

"I know that the evidence that has been presented today is all circumstantial, but the court feels it is strong circumstantial evidence," Judge Kelley Kostin said. "The strongest evidence is the telephone report ... that actually puts the defendant and the victim together in the location of the motel as well as the area where the death occurred."

She spent the day listening to testimony from several people including

White Lake Township Police Detective Tom Sarasin and FBI Agent George Riemer.

They said cell phones belonging to Morris and Zhao first connected July 10 and then were tracked in the same vicinity at the same time near the Waterford Township home of Zhao's family, outside the residence of someone Morris borrowed \$60 from, a party store and the Sherwood Motel in Waterford.

The law enforcers also presented evidence that the phones were tracked after 5 a.m. going toward a secluded, wooded parking lot at Maceday Lake and Cross roads, less than 10 miles from the motel.

White Lake residents Ronald Groeneveld and Dan Knoblock live near the intersection, which is part of the Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area, and saw Zhao's remains on their way to a job site.

"It was hard to tell if it was, you know, some kind of Halloween prank mannequin," Groeneveld said.

Morris is a registered sex offender. Zhao attended Cranbrook Schools and

was known for being bubbly, playful and tough. She returned this summer to Waterford Township after years of living out west.

The Sherwood Motel owner testified that both Morris and Zhao were known to rent rooms from him. Morris paid for a room for two at about 9:30 p.m. the night before Zhao's remains were found.

There also was surveillance camera footage from a nearby Meijer store showing Morris walking the aisles hours after his motel check-in, just before midnight.

Keith Hawkes, who handles the store's asset protection, shared images that showed Morris apparently stealing a package alleged to be zip ties from an electrical hardware aisle and a jar of petroleum jelly.

Police took Morris into custody weeks later on July 31.

Sarasin, in his role as township detective, discovered Morris deleted phone records of contact with Zhao. Also, Morris' phone had stored images and Internet searches of a pornographic, sexual and violent nature.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE ELECTRONIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. either on the Zoom Video Conference electronic meeting platform or in-person to consider **JSP20-35, ANU SUSHEL SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST**. The subject property totals approximately 2.68 acres and is located at 24025 Meadowbrook Road, south of Ten Mile Road, west of Meadowbrook Road (Section 26). The subject property is zoned B-1 (Local Business). The applicant is requesting to move into a 1,100 square foot tenant space in the Peach Tree Shopping Center as a carry-out restaurant. Restaurants within a Planned Commercial Center of at least 15,000 square feet of gross floor area require special land use approval.

Plans are available for review by contacting the Community Development Department at the following email address: bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org



Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-26-228-028

If the meeting is held in-person, the meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at the City of Novi Civic Center, which is located at 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

Please follow the instructions below if the meeting is held over the ZOOM video/audio conferencing platform.

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Participants may also choose to submit comments that can be read into the record. Comments can be submitted via an electronic form on www.cityofnovi.org. Comments shall be done prior to 7 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The electronic form can be found at: www.cityofnovi.org/pccomment

In compliance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-154, which is currently set to expire on October 1st, and as of the date of this notice, Planning Commission members are expected to log in to ZOOM. There may also be some City personnel at City Hall overseeing this meeting.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Plans are available for review by contacting the Community Development Department at the following email address: bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org



Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-12-351-053

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Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Cooke School in Northville said Sept. 16 it has a positive COVID-19 case in its ranks. NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School for special-needs kids confirms COVID-19 case

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com
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A student or staff member at Northville's Cooke School has been positively diagnosed with COVID-19, Northville Public Schools announced in an email Sept. 16 to parents and staff.

"We are working closely with the Wayne County Health Department and have identified possible exposures so as to prevent further cases," the email stated. "No further action is required for (students or staff members) at this time."

People who were in close contact with the infected individual have been notified by NPS, in coordination with the local health department, and were required to self-quarantine.

The district announced the school will be disinfected in applicable areas of the school.

The disinfecting procedure may include spraying classrooms, hallways and common areas as needed with a sanitizer, along with other methods of disinfection.

Cooke School is a special education center program that services students from 12 local school districts in western Wayne County. Its student population includes students between the ages of 3- through 26-years-old, who are se-

verely cognitively impaired, severely multiply impaired, and students dual-diagnosed with a cognitive and emotional impairment.

The special education center program is funded by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and operated by Northville Public Schools.

Contact reporter Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com or 517-375-1113.



CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.733

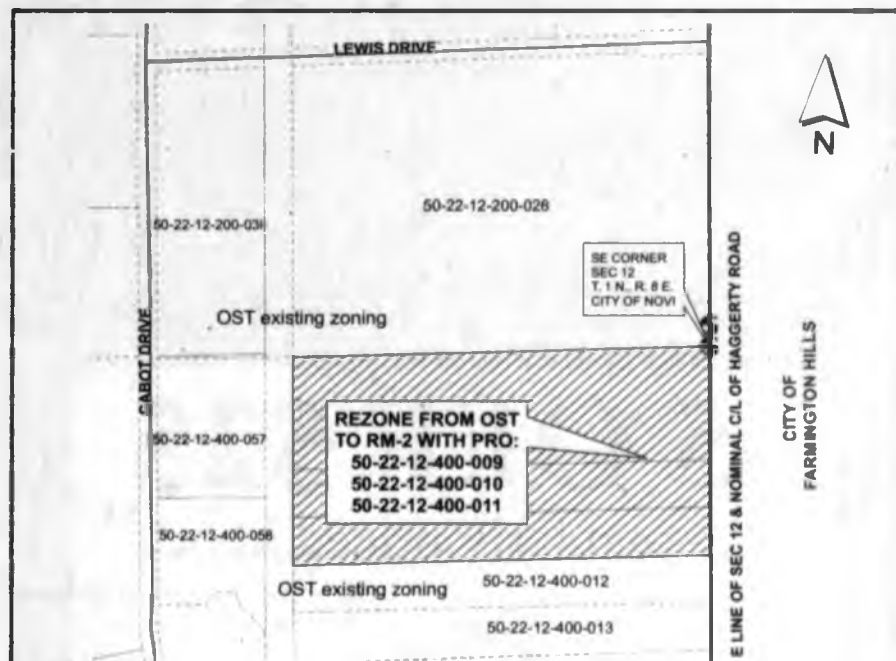
THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.733 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect only upon recording of the PRO Agreement pursuant to Section 7.13 of the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan the 31st day of August, 2020. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



To rezone a part of the southeast 1/4 of Section 12, T.01N., R.08E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being parcels 22-12-400-009, 22-12-400-010, and 22-12-400-011.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Land situated in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, described as: The North 22 acres of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 1 North, Range 8 East, Township of Novi, Oakland County Michigan, being more particularly described as: Beginning at the east 1/4 corner of said Section 12; thence South, 697.70 feet along the East line of Section 12; thence S88°11'20"W, 1373.45 feet; thence N0°04'21"W, 697.69 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said section; thence along said line N89°11'20"E, 1374.33 feet to the east line of said Section 12 and the Point of Beginning. Containing 22.003 acres, more or less, and subject to the rights of the public over the easterly 33 feet known as Haggerty Road.

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Novi cancels in-person classes after student coronavirus cases

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Novi Community School District announced Sept. 16 that in-person classes at Novi High School were canceled for the rest of the week at the recommendation of the Oakland County Health Department after five students tested positive for

COVID-19.

According to the memo posted on Novi High School's website, the Oakland County Health Department has not completed its investigation and contact tracing, and would be fully virtual for the next two days out of caution.

Elementary and middle school stayed open.

With the closing of the high school for Thursday

and Friday, all athletic contests and practices were postponed until Sept. 20.

Students were not permitted to use athletic facilities at Novi High School or Novi Middle School during that time, but Novi Middle School athletic events will run as scheduled.

Novi was scheduled to open its football season Friday at Brighton.

LEGAL NOTICE Walled Lake Improvement Board, Cities of Novi and Walled Lake, Oakland County, Michigan

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that at a Public Hearing held on September 9, 2020, the **Walled Lake Improvement Board**, by resolution, confirmed a five (5) year special assessment roll over years 2020 to 2024 for the purpose of weed control and lake maintenance programs in the total amount of \$496,003.93 (\$99,200.78 annually).

This Notice of Confirmation is published pursuant to the provisions of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, Part 309.

WALLED LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU20-0004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for **Feldman Chevrolet of Novi** is requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary **parking** for parcel **50-22-14-376-009**, North of Eleven Mile Road and East of Novi Road from **September 14, 2020 through September 14, 2021**. The property is zoned TC (Town Center) and the use is contrary to 3.27 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-154, this meeting will tentatively be held remotely over ZOOM at 10:00 a.m. on **October 8th**.

Special Instructions for Remote Meeting Procedure:

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak the City will be utilizing the video/audio conferencing platform ZOOM to conduct the October 8, 2020 PTSLU20-0004 meeting.

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In compliance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-154, as of the date of this notice, City employees are expected to log in to Zoom. However, depending upon whether new or revised Executive Order(s) are issued, there may be members present at City Hall for the meeting.

All written comments should be directed to Katherine Oppermann and must be received prior to **October 7th**.

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City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Zoning Board of Appeals** for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **October 13, 2020 at 7:00PM** to consider:

PZ20-0036 (Vinyl Sash of Michigan) 45224 Bartlett Drive, West of Novi Road and North of Twelve Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-10-301-229. The applicant is requesting variance from the Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.1 for a proposed rear yard setback of 28.57 feet (30 feet required by code, variance of 1 foot 5 inches). This variance would accommodate the building of a three season's room. This property is zoned Residential Acreage (R-A).

PZ20-0039 (Brian Gabel) 1250 E Lake Drive, West of Novi Road and South of Fourteen Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-02-161-016. The applicant is requesting variances from The City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a 2 foot front yard setback (30 feet required, variance of 28 feet); a 3 foot rear yard setback (35 feet required, variance of 32 feet); a side yard setback of 1.67 feet (10 feet required, variance of 8.33 feet); an aggregate total side yard setback of 6.4 feet (25 feet required, variance of 18.66 feet); and a proposed lot coverage of 34% (25% required, variance of 9%). These variances would accommodate the building a new home addition. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ20-0040 (Cedar Works) 50760 Applebrooke Drive, East of Napier Road and North of Eight Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-31-253-001. The applicant is requesting variance from the Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.1 for a proposed rear yard setback of 45 feet (50 feet required by code, variance of 5 feet). This variance would accommodate the building of a three season's room. This property is zoned Residential Acreage (R-A).

PZ20-0041 (Compo Builders Inc) 22652 Montebello Court, West of Novi Road and North of Nine Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-27-453-021. The applicant is requesting variance from the Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 4.19.1.E.i for a proposed 1,002 square foot garage (850 square feet permitted by code, variance of 152 square feet). This variance would accommodate the building the garage for a proposed new residential home. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-3).

PZ20-0042 (Living & Learning Enrichment Center) 801 Griswold, East of Novi Road and South of Eight Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-35-351-002. The applicant is requesting a variance from the Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.6.2.B for a proposed front yard parking setback of 16 feet (75 feet required by code, a variance of 59 feet). Variances are also requested from Section 4.19.1 to add an alpaca shed (196 square feet), which will result in a total of 6,592 square feet and 8 accessory structures on the site (2,500 square feet permitted by code, a variance of 4,092 square feet; and 2 accessory structures permitted by code, a variance of 6 structures). The existing accessory structures contain 6,400 square feet in 7 structures. These variances would accommodate repurposing the existing buildings and grounds for use as a non-profit educational and enrichment center for teens and young adults with autism. Per Section 4.19.1.K, the applicant also seeks ZBA review and approval of the use of the proposed shed to shelter alpacas. This property is zoned Residential Acreage (R-A).

In compliance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-154, as of the date of this notice, Zoning Board of Appeals members are expected to log in Zoom and conduct the meeting remotely.

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Farm

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Cindy had been an insurance broker and worked in ministry after earning her master's degree in biblical studies. Rich was on the cusp of retirement after three decades in banking.

Starting at Maybury

In 2016, Cindy began working at Maybury Farm in Northville, parting ways in 2019 as director. She cites Maybury, where Rich also volunteered, as giving her the passion for farming and the incentive to start her own business, providing food to consumers at the South Lyon Farmers Market or through their cooperative and subscription service.

Interest in local food markets has been increasing over the last decade, Cindy said, as people develop a desire to be more informed about nutritional value and veer away from processed food.

"COVID has only served to increase interest. People want to know what is going in their bodies and the bodies of their family," she said. "There's a tension because they want that (locally, humanely grown, organic food), but boy, it's expensive. If you want food grown or raised or processed a certain way, there's a cost to that so it's sustainable."

Last year, she completed a nine-month course in organic farming through Michigan State University. But nothing substitutes for her on-the-job training.

The Kerns took a diversified approach to farming. They knew they wanted to raise and breed livestock. They now have almost 90 animals: 11 sheep, 13 goats, 23 pigs, 38 chickens and one rooster named Eduardo.

Cindy recognizes that not everyone eats meat, but she looks upon her farm as an opportunity to demonstrate to people that if you raise animals for food, there is a proper way to do it: with affection and humanity.

Some of the pigs and sheep will be sold for meat. The Kerns intended to sell goats for meat, as well, but when a pregnant goat they purchased last fall died shortly after giving birth to triplets, the couple brought the kids in the house, hand-raising them.

Now Salsa, Taco and Tapas are dairy goats, along with all the goats on the



The Kerns are raising a variety of dairy goats – 13 in total – at Cardinal Farms. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

farm. Rich takes them on walks.

The chickens are strictly for laying eggs and are being trained to lay them in their nesting boxes where the Kerns can find them.

"It was like an Easter egg hunt here initially," Cindy joked.

No typical day on the farm

In addition to the livestock, the Kerns tend a half-acre of diverse crops: peppers, tomatoes, lettuce, herbs, beans, carrots, turnips, radishes, garlic, spinach, zucchini, squash and onions. They have a 100-foot hoop house that extends the growing season and use organic gardening practices, although they are not certified organic.

"I can grow an incredible quantity of food in a half-acre because I have 100-foot beds, 30 inches wide, and grow the crops close together," Cindy said. "When I am done, I flip that bed and grow something else."

Every day, she gets up to check on

vegetable transplants growing in their basement and then does a field walk, looking for pests or diseases and checking what needs to be harvested, setting the agenda for the day.

Meanwhile, Rich's priority is feeding the animals twice a day, giving them water, checking their hay and seeing if there are any medical issues.

"We just had a ton of new fencing put on. The ram was bent on escaping to go see the ladies, over and over and over," Cindy said. "Or if an animal is sick or there is a disease with a crop, you have to stop what you are doing."

"It's an incredible amount of arduous work."

Mostly, they are bearing all of the workload, with no staff except an occasional part-time helper.

A humbling profession

The biggest challenge of the farm is a lack of control; Cindy cited the weather and the animals under her care. Farm-



Cindy Kern holds a 2-day-old Idaho pasture piglet on the farm Sept. 4.



Cindy Kern holds a couple of eggs. They sell the eggs at farmers markets.

ing is humbling, and she knows she is a steward of the land and a small part of a much larger process. But her role also gives her joy – she gets to watch animals give birth and put seeds in the ground and watch both grow.

"It is rewarding to watch the way nature is ordered," she said. "The next level is to be caretaker for those things and offer them to other people and see the connections it makes for them to their food and even just flowers."

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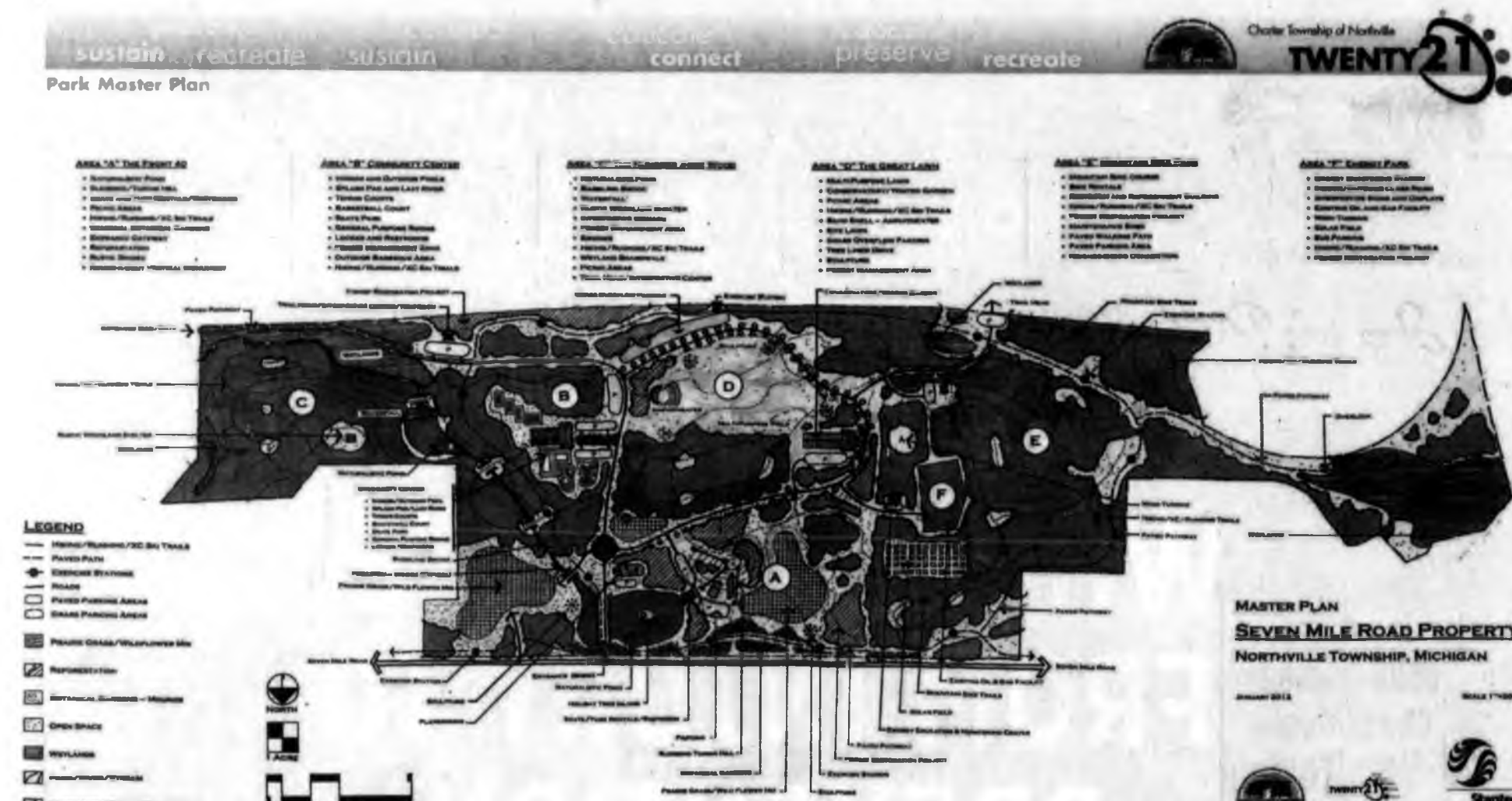
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Hospital

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addition of signage, township Clerk Marjorie Banner said.

Following a township-wide naming contest, the area was tagged Legacy Park "because Northville Township voters approved a 2009 millage to buy property to preserve and protect the area," the township's website declares.

"It is a legacy for future township residents, a legacy for our children," Banner said. "We have received a number of positive comments from people who have used the new trails. We can't wait for the western-end trails to open, hopefully sometime in October."

Along with development of the trails comes the remains of 11 of the 22 buildings – most contaminated with health-

endangering asbestos – that housed patients at the hospital complex, which closed in 2003.

With no funding source on the horizon to clear the grounds of the remaining structures, the complete renovation of the area seems several years away from fruition.

"The buildings that still remain on the property are fenced off so that they cannot be accessed by the public," Banner said. "There is asbestos in those buildings, so they are not safe."

Incoming supervisor Mark Abbo, who defeated incumbent Bob Nix in the Aug. 4 primary, said the future development of the property will be near the forefront of his to-do list after he officially takes office Nov. 20.

"I am planning on conducting a thorough evaluation of the property and updating the master plan if necessary," Abbo said. "I plan on engaging with the

community to get their thoughts on taking care of the issues that site still has, including finding funding sources to clear the existing buildings.

"Ultimately, we want to make that site as operational as possible as soon as possible, with the No. 1 priority, of course, the safety of our residents."

Abbo was the township supervisor in 2012 when the master plan was approved.

The hospital's main structure was demolished in 2018 at a cost of approximately \$9 million – funding that was secured in part by money the township acquired from the sale of property near Beck and Five Mile roads that formerly served as the site of the Scott Correctional Facility.

The demolition of the eight-story main hospital was initially set to cost \$5.8 million; however, the discovery – and the delicate removal process – of

asbestos in the building raised that price tag.

Banner said she expects the newly-opened trails system to be available throughout the winter months as they offer prime territory for cross-country skiing and cold-weather hiking.

The property's master plan was adopted by the Northville Township Board of Trustees on Jan. 26, 2012, as a road map for a potential 30- to 50-year phased development.

"The journey could be as modest as constructing trails for a walk in the woods or as complex as constructing recreational, educational and environmental facilities," language in the master plan states. "The plan does not prescribe an exact process that must be followed in moving ahead; instead it provides placeholders for facilities when the desire and resources become available."

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Canton's Zack Badger, center, celebrates a score against Northville in the season opener. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Canton's T-offense shines, rolls Northville in opener

Collin Gay Hometownlife.com
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After its first snap, the Canton offense seemed out of sorts.

Senior quarterback Kaleb Burg fumbled the snap, immediately handing possession to KLA West rival Northville after the first play of the game.

But when the Mustangs had an opportunity to build off Canton's mistake, Northville handed the ball right back, as junior quarterback Jack Holland threw an interception to Canton freshman defensive back Caleb Williams.

After a three-yard rush by senior running back Zack Badger, Marco Johnson set the offense back on pace, taking the ball 71 yards for a touchdown, starting

an offensive showcase.

Canton (1-0) shined in its season opener against Northville (0-1), earning the 54-21 victory Friday night at Canton High School.

"We're encouraged, we feel good, especially after that big win," Johnson said. "We just come back next week — week by week — and hope to do the same thing every week."

Explosive offense

After the fumble to start the game, Canton scored four touchdowns in the first half — three by Johnson, who recorded 132 yards on the ground in the

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"That's what's going to be really unique about this year: you don't have to win X number of games to get into the playoffs. ... We still have the opportunity to get better every day. ... We still have the opportunity to reach all the goals that we want to reach."

Matt Ladach Head football coach, Northville

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Churchill wins season opener vs. Wayne Memorial

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There have been few certain things surrounding sports this past month.

High school programs didn't know if there would be games in the fall or in the spring, let alone being able to play at all. Things took a step back in the right direction, back to some semblance of normalcy as Livonia Churchill faced Wayne Memorial on the gridiron on Friday night.

"It was great. I'm just happy for the kids that they got the opportunity to play again," Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo said. "We were excited to play."

That excitement turned into near perfect execution as Churchill (1-0) cruised past Memorial (0-1) 44-6.

Powerful 1-2 punch

Leading the way for Churchill was its backfield of senior quarterback Gavin Brooks and junior running back Boston Clegg Jr that executed the Chargers' game plan as crisply as the cool autumn air.

After a blocked punt on the opening drive, Brooks was in trouble on third down as he escaped a crashing Zebra defense. Calmly rolling to his left, Clegg Jr slipped into the flat and caught a touch pass near the sideline, and burst ahead for 24-yards for the opening score and a 6-0 lead.

"My vision allows me to see the holes my line open up, and then I just burst through," Brooks said. "If there's someone there to fill, I'm going to lower my shoulder to get those tough yards."

Clegg Jr. had limited carries in the first half, but carried the ball four times for 17 yards with three touchdowns, completing his four touchdown night.

Brooks, on the other hand, used his feet when he had to, as well as his arm. The senior kept the ball three times for 52 yards. He threw the ball seven times for 88 yards and three touchdowns.

"I spent a lot of time leading up to this week watching film, and making sure I knew exactly what we were getting ourselves into," Brooks said. "We got exactly what we thought we'd get and we executed very well."

Two of Brooks' touchdown passes came on a seam route to junior Bailey Brooks on a 34-yard pass and to senior Jimmy Targosz on a 30-yard pass in the first half.

"Gavin is just a gym rat with a high IQ," DeFillippo said. "He's got a good, accurate arm and he knows our of-

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High school football season in 2020 remains unusual

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Riding on a school bus over to Farmington to open the season Sept. 17, Brendan Flaherty thought about his team's journey in 2020.

As he rode to begin his 19th season as Birmingham Groves head coach, he thought about how he, how his team,

how the collective "we" got to this point.

On Aug. 14, the Michigan High School Athletic Association announced it would cancel the 2020 fall football season and move the schedule to spring 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Less than two weeks later, the MHSAA reversed its decision, saying that football would go on as scheduled, three weeks after the initial scheduled

start date.

To Flaherty, the bus ride itself felt surreal. But he realized something else about himself, about his team:

They were worn out.

"I was riding over here and I felt ... exhausted, and I think our guys felt really tired," Flaherty said.

Flaherty knows what his players have been through. He knows the roller

coaster of emotions balanced with on-line schooling and the reality of a pandemic.

And while football proved to be a continued respite from the world surrounding players and coaches, the unprecedented circumstance in which the 2020 season is occurring continued to

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Hometown Life top 10 football teams: Week 2

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With Week 2 almost here, the Hometown Life top 10 football teams ranking has changed.

Here is a look at who the top 10 teams are in the area moving into the second week of a six-game regular season.

1. Churchill (1-0, Last Week: No. 1)

The Chargers looked as advertised in their season opener against Wayne Memorial, as Gavin Brooks and the Churchill offense put up 44 points on the Zebras defense, and allowed six points. Churchill will try for its second win of the season at home against Dearborn.

2. North Farmington (1-0, Last Week: No. 3)

North Farmington quarterback Jacob Bousamra threw four touchdowns in his 2020 debut, as the Raiders came out on top in a battle with Rochester Adams, a seven-win team from a season ago. North Farmington will take on another playoff team from 2019 in Week 2: Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.

3. Lakeland (1-0, Last Week: No. 4)

In a game extremely similar to their matchup in 2019, Lakeland came out on top against Walled Lake Northern, allowing 148 yards of total offense and one passing touchdown in the fourth quarter to come out on top. The Eagles will try and continue their defensive success Friday against South Lyon East.

4. Groves (1-0, Last Week: No. 6)

After scoring 35 points in its final two games of the 2019 season combined, the Groves offense exploded in its season opener against Farmington. Senior

quarterback Jack Woods – recording 192 passing yards – led the Falcons offense to 42 points. The 2019 offense scored more than 40 points in a game only twice. The Falcons will match up against Rochester Adams on Friday.

5. Plymouth (1-0, Last Week: No. 5)

The Plymouth defense stepped up in its season opener against Howell, keeping the Highlanders from scoring an offensive touchdown – recording scores on a kickoff return and a fumble recovery in the end zone. Offensively, Justin McNeal shined at running back, recording 113 yards rushing. Plymouth will take on Hartland Week 2.

6. Detroit Catholic Central (1-0, Last Week: No. 7)

Led by quarterback Declan Byle, the Shamrocks opened with a 21-12 win against Harper Woods. The Detroit Catholic Central offense recorded 217 passing yards and two touchdowns in Week 1. The Shamrocks will take on Brother Rice Saturday.

7. Franklin (1-0, Last Week: No. 9)

Franklin came out with a vengeance Friday night against Fordson, earning the one-point victory for its first win against the Tractors since 2008. Senior quarterback Zac Olesuk and linebacker Evan Pittenger will try and continue that momentum against John Glenn Friday.

8. Canton (1-0, Last Week: Unranked)

The Canton offense passed the eye test Friday night. With senior running backs Marco Johnson and Zack Badger running the T-formation look, Canton shined against Northville, scoring 54

points. Canton will look for its second win of the season against Novi Friday.

9. Brother Rice (1-0, Last Week: Unranked)

Brother Rice stepped up when it counted Week 1. Quarterback Jake Coulter found Cole Lacanaria to tie the game in double-overtime, while senior captain Rocco Milia gave the Warriors the win with a two-point conversion. The Warriors will try to end its win drought against Detroit Catholic Central Saturday night in Pontiac.

10. Stevenson (0-1, Last Week: No. 10)

Stevenson showed up in Week 1. Holding a 26-21 lead against Belleville in the fourth quarter, the Tigers came back, recording an interception in the final minute. However, Caden Woodall scored two touchdowns, recording 133 yards rushing in his 2020 debut, showing that Stevenson has some fight.

The Hometown Life sports (HTL sports) area consists of 28 teams representing Catholic League (Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood), Independent (Detroit Country Day), the Oakland Activities Association (Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Farmington, North Farmington), the Western Wayne Athletic Conference (Garden City, Redford Thurston, Redford Union), the MIAC (Livonia Clarenceville, Lutheran Westland), the Kensington Lakes Activities Association (Canton, Livonia Stevenson, Salem, Novi, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Northville, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial) and the Lakes Valley Conference (White Lake Lakeland, South Lyon East, South Lyon, Milford).

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Sept. 17

Lakes Valley Conference
Lakeland (1-0) 14, Walled Lake Northern (0-1) 7
South Lyon East (1-0) 35, Walled Lake Central (0-1) 3: Senior quarterback Zander Desenz, with 206 passing yards and five touchdowns, led the Cougars to their first win of the season against Walled Lake Central. Dorian Armstrong caught two touchdowns, while Tyler Zischerk, James Patrick, Drake Willenborg and Dom Bland shined on defense.
Oakland Activities Association
Bloomfield Hills 21 (1-0), Troy Athens (0-1) 13
Groves 42 (1-0), Farmington (0-1) 31
North Farmington 34 (1-0), Rochester Adams (0-1) 33 OT
Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 37 (1-0), Seaholm (0-1) 13

Sept. 18

Catholic High School League
Detroit Catholic Central 21 (1-0), Harper Woods (0-1) 10
Independent
Detroit Country Day at Macomb L'Anse Creuse North; postponed
Kensington Lakes Activities Association
Livonia Franklin (1-0) 28, Dearborn Fordson 27 (0-1)
Canton (1-0) 54, Northville (0-1) 27
Dearborn (1-0) 42, John Glenn (0-1) 13
Belleville (1-0) 29, Livonia Stevenson (0-1) 26
Novi at Brighton; postponed
Plymouth (1-0) 24, Howell (0-1) 17: Plymouth senior Justin McNeal recorded 113 yards rushing and two touchdowns, while quarterback Nate Cain added a touchdown on the ground in the Wildcats' first win of the season.
Hartland (1-0) 38, Salem (0-1) 0
Livonia Churchill (1-0) 44, Wayne Memorial (0-1) 6
Lakes Valley Conference
Milford (1-0) 19, Waterford Mott (0-1) 12
South Lyon (1-0) 22, Waterford Kettering (0-1) 21
Michigan Independent Athletic Conference
Grass Lake (1-0) 41, Livonia Clarenceville (0-1) 24
Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (1-0) 35, Lutheran Westland (0-1) 0
Western Wayne Athletic Conference
Garden City (1-0) 14, Melvindale (0-1) 7
Dearborn Heights Robichaud (1-0) 37, Redford Thurston (0-1) 14
Dearborn Heights Crestwood (1-0) 1, Redford Union (0-1) 0; forfeit

Sept. 19

Catholic High School League
Brother Rice (1-0) 16, De La Salle (0-1) 14

Churchill

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fense inside and out, and this is what we expect from him, and a lot of our guys. He's what you'd want in a leader of our team. He works tirelessly to get better."

As good as the offense was, the defense also put points on the board as well.

Right before the half, Memorial had the ball on its own 25-yard line. The Zebras ran the ball to the right side, but fumbled it right after contact. Senior defensive back Aiden Haupt scooped the ball and scored to extend the lead 44-0 with 22 seconds left in the 2nd quarter.

Still finding its way

Things didn't come easy for Memorial.

There were a lot of offensive miscues the entire game, which gave Churchill very short fields most of the first half.

Coach Jari Brown is still building his program, and the uncertainty of a season didn't help.

"For us, it was a very tough situation. Mostly for our kids, it was hard for them



Churchill's Boston Glegg Jr. stiff-arms Wayne Memorial defender Devin Harris for a touchdown in the season opener. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

to deal with because there was so much uncertainty," he said.

"I remember the day when they told us we weren't playing. I saw the life come out of our team. And what we

were working on is picking up the pieces. We've been working hard this off-season to build the program, and we felt like we were moving in the right direction.

"We had a lot of players and kids interested in the football until (the pandemic) happened. We had a lot of people that had to deal with outside pressures or family saying 'you're not playing this year', or guys being lost in general. We were still figuring things out and getting ourselves ready and playing catch-up."

Last season, Memorial didn't score a single point until the final game of its season. But a turnover late in the fourth quarter changed that.

The Zebras had the ball on its own 8-yard line after a bad Charger snap. Three plays later, senior E Shun Johnson finished the drive with a QB sneak from the one yard line to prevent the shutout, 44-6 with 3:02 in the fourth quarter.

"As the game went along things got better. I thought back to last year to where we are now, and we're a lot further ahead when it comes to building trust and execution and building our team," Brown said. "We came out and stayed together in the second half, and things got better with those live reps. Things will get better from here."

Churchill will host Dearborn Sept. 25, while Wayne Memorial travels to Livonia to take on Stevenson.

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Canton

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first 24 minutes.

Johnson finished with 187 yards on the ground, averaging 14.4 yards per rush.

When the ball was not handed to Johnson in the T-formation the Canton offense is known for, Badger took advantage. The senior recorded a 10-yard score for Canton in the second quarter, adding 121 rushing yards.

Canton head coach Andrew LaFata said both Badger and Johnson are both key representatives of what this offense should look like.

"To have two guys returning, two leaders out there to kind of right the ship when we need it, who just know their job and know how to play Canton football, and they showed that," LaFata said.

Kaleb Burg, the senior quarterback in the center of the trickeration of the Canton offense, finished with 85 rushing yards, completing his only recorded pass attempt for 22 yards to junior running back William Faulkner.

Northville head coach Matt Ladach knew what was coming from the Canton offense, but said it is still extremely hard to plan for.

"Everything that they do is so hard to prepare for, even with two weeks of prep, right," Ladach said. "Quite honestly, we have always struggled against these guys. They are very good at what they do, they are very well coaches, and have a bunch of very good football players."

"It's hard to beat teams like that. We made some mistakes tonight. They also did a very good job. They beat us up."

The Northville offense found some signs of life, with Holland ending a 19-play drive in the first quarter with a 16-yard scamper for a touchdown, and later adding a 30-yard touchdown pass in the second.

Holland found junior wide receiver Kai Saunders early in the fourth quarter for a 32-yard score, while adding a 51-yard rushing touchdown of his own with five minutes left in the game.

Holland finished with 70 yards on the ground, 185 yards through the air and all four touchdowns.

Change in perspective

All LaFata could feel was joy for his players.

Coming off a 2019 season in which Canton proved to be inconsistent — finishing 5-5 with a 49-14 loss to West Bloomfield in the first round of the playoffs — the message heading into the 2020 season, primarily was that a season was not going to happen.

Instead of giving into that mentality, LaFata encouraged his players to work, to not let the distractions get in the way and to remain focused on Canton football.

"Just for those seniors who were told, 'You can't do it, you can't do it,' and they stayed optimistic," LaFata said. "We always talked about that: Optimism wins in the world. There's a lot of pessimism going around. Optimism wins, and those guys proved it tonight."

However, with the coronavirus pandemic changing the structure of the entire football season, Ladach's perspective from the loss changes.

While it still hurts, it still stings after falling to Canton for the seventh-straight matchup, the Mustangs' season

is not over.

With only a six-game schedule, all teams will have a chance at a postseason run. And with that, Ladach will continue to preach to his players the importance of getting better despite what happened in the season opener.

"That's what's going to be really unique about this year: you don't have to win X number of games to get into the playoffs," Ladach said. "There is no 'Oh crap, we just lost a game. Now our season's over, our dreams are over.' We still have the opportunity to get better every day and improve every day. We still have the opportunity to reach all the goals that we want to reach."

On the other side, LaFata knows there are things to build on, saying that, in reality, Canton is in "Week 2:" the week of their usual scrimmage.

But a win in the season opener created confidence.

"It's six games, so it's huge," LaFata said. "You don't have much room for error."

Canton will try for its second win of the season Friday on the road against Novi, while Northville hosts Brighton.

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In-person ALS run planned for October

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In a year in which road races have been canceled or gone virtual because of COVID-19, a Brighton man is offering an in-person race to funds for those diagnosed with ALS.

The Bull Run, organized by Ken VanBlaricum, was created in honor of VanBlaricum's father, Kenneth "The Bull" VanBlaricum, Sr., who passed away from ALS in 2010.

Last year the race raised more than \$11,000, with 114 participants in its inaugural event at Kensington Metropark.

With the 5K race being the sole fundraiser for ALS of Michigan this fall due to the pandemic, VanBlaricum said he wants to raise even more.

"I put a \$12,000 goal for this year. I'm the only physical, live event happening for ALS this fall," he said.

Planning a race during a pandemic has presented new challenges, he said.

"It's just a different hurdle," VanBlaricum said. "It comes down to figuring out new approaches, things might be helpful in years to come that you wouldn't have thought of otherwise."

To comply with social distancing guidelines runners will be released in waves and registration will close Oct. 2, two days prior to the race on Oct. 4.

Runners will be electronically timed from the moment they cross the start mat until they reach the finish line.

In-person packet pickup will begin at 7:30 a.m. Sunday with the first wave, maxing out at 80 participants, beginning at 8 a.m. A second wave will start at 9 a.m.

VanBlaricum said the run will have a third wave, starting at 10 a.m. if there is demand for it.

Like last year, the race will begin between first and second base, in honor of Lou Gehrig, who played first base for the New York Yankees. Participants finish the race by crossing home plate.

"We leave out, in honor of Lou Gehrig, by running over first base. When we run over home base, we score a home run," VanBlaricum said.

Three Novi teams postpone games due to COVID-19 cases

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Novi High School announced Monday that the games for three sports — field hockey, volleyball and boys soccer — have been postponed until Sept. 29.

According to outbreak reporting from the state, eight positive coronavirus cases were found at Novi High School, closing school Sept. 17 and 18, and forcing the football team to forfeit its first game of the season against Brighton.

Novi boys soccer's games against Hartland and Northville have been postponed. The team is scheduled to return against Salem Sept. 29.

According to the school's athletic calendar, the Novi volleyball team currently has games against Brighton and Livonia Franklin that have been postponed, with a return scheduled for Sept. 29 against Howell.

The Novi field hockey team has games against Hartland, Dexter, Ann Arbor Skyline and Grosse Pointe South postponed with a return scheduled for Sept. 30 against Detroit Country Day.

All other sports will run as scheduled, including football. Novi will play its first game of the season against Canton Friday.

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Lakeland junior defensive lineman Charles Prater tackles South Lyon junior running back Evan DeFrank. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Week 2 high school football games to watch

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Week 1 is complete.

High school football teams across the state returned to the football field last weekend, officially ending the uncertainty of the 2020 season in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

With the shortened six-game season schedule, the big conference games continue, including one of the biggest rivalries in the state.

Here's a look at what to expect from Week 2.

Lakeland vs. South Lyon East

Facing a Walled Lake Northern team that recorded only three wins in 2019, Lakeland, a seven-win team a year ago, squeaked out a 14-7 win in the season opener.

South Lyon East, on the other hand, came ready to play to start 2020, opening the season with a 35-3 victory against the struggling Walled Lake Central Vikings.

With senior quarterback Zander Desentz and senior running back Ayden Oliver at the helm of the Cougars offense, South Lyon East has the opportunity to do something it has never done before: beat Lakeland.

The Eagles are 6-0 against the Cougars, outscoring them 198-89 in those six games.

Averaging 27.1 points per game in 2019, Lakeland quarterback Tate Farquhar and company will try to stick closer to that average, scoring 24 points against South Lyon East in three of six matchups.

Lakeland will host South Lyon East 7 p.m. Friday.

Novi vs. Canton

Canton's offense came out blazing hot in its season opener, beginning the season with a dominating 54-27 victory against Northville to begin the season.

Novi, however, did not get a chance to show what it could do in Week 1.

The Wildcats were forced to forfeit its first game against Brighton after Novi High School closed Sept. 17-18 due to positive COVID-19 cases in the school.

In the team's history, Canton has found success against Novi, winning six of seven matchups against the Wildcats, including their past five.

The Wildcats will have to contend with Canton's T-offense, run to near perfection against Northville with seniors Marco Johnson and Zack Badger at the helm.

Last season, the Wildcats allowed an average of 21.7 points per game, but has allowed an average of 39.7 points per game to Canton in the past three years.

Canton will travel to Novi to take on the Wildcats 7 p.m. Friday.

Seaholm vs. Farmington

Both Seaholm and Farmington had disappoint-

ing starts to the 2020 season.

The Maples, facing Stoney Creek, fell, 37-13, to open a season in which they were trying to build back momentum from a 2019 season, in which they made it all the way to the state semifinal.

Farmington, with many new faces after losing a senior-heavy 2019 squad, nearly came back in its season opener against Groves, but allowed 42 points, the most the Falcons have allowed since Oct. 18, 2018.

However, on offense, both quarterback Jaden Silver and running back Jacob Sanders shined for the Falcons, showing a level of potential for the Farmington offense.

Seaholm has won its past two games against Farmington, in 2018 and 2016, respectively, but the Falcons hold the 5-4 series lead.

Seaholm will take on Farmington at home 7 p.m. Friday.

John Glenn vs. Livonia Franklin

Franklin made a statement to start its season.

The Patriots came out with a new look on offense, and beat Dearborn Fordson, a team that won nine games in 2019, 28-27, having not beaten the Tractors since 2008.

Quarterback Zac Olesuk shined, recording 155 yards through the air, 103 yards on the ground and two touchdowns.

Franklin will have a chance to build off its success from Week 1 against John Glenn.

A season ago, other than a 34-0 win against Wayne Memorial, the Rockets scored a total of 36 points in their eight losses, including four shutouts.

John Glenn lost to Franklin, 42-7, in 2019, and the Patriots hold a 26-11 series lead over the Rockets.

The Rockets will host the Patriots 7 p.m. Friday.

Brother Rice vs. Detroit Catholic Central

The rivalry is back.

Detroit Catholic Central and Brother Rice are set to face off for the 65th time, with the Shamrocks holding the 33-30-1 series lead against the Warriors.

As of late, the matchup has been ruled by Detroit Catholic Central. The Shamrocks have won the past five matchups with Brother Rice, outscoring the Warriors, 118-54 in those games.

However, the Warriors are coming off some early-season success.

The Warriors started 2020 with a two-point victory against De La Salle — the second straight season they had beaten the Pilots by two points — to open Catholic High School League Central play after quarterback Jake Coulter found Cole Lacanaria for the score in double-overtime, with senior Rocco Millia putting the Warriors over the top with a two-point conversion.

With quarterback Declan Byle at the helm, Detroit Catholic Central got off to a good start as well, beating Harper Woods in the first ever meeting between the two teams, 21-12, with the help of 217 passing yards and two passing touchdowns for the Shamrock offense.

Brother Rice will take on Detroit Catholic Central 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Winser Stadium in Pontiac.

Obituaries

Dorothy Imogene (Jean) O'Brien

August 25, 1928 - September 17, 2020

Jean was born in Canal Fulton, OH to Howard and Maude Ely. She was predeceased by her parents, her sister, three brothers and three step-brothers.

Jean wed Frank O'Brien July 31, 1948, a marriage that lasted until Frank's death in 2017. They remained completely devoted to one another throughout their 69 years together. After living in Barberton, OH the first four years of marriage, Jean and her husband resettled in Detroit, Michigan where they had four children. In 1970 they made their home in Milford, MI where they finished raising their children. Jean was diligent in her role as a wife, mother and homemaker while also being devoted to volunteering with her church, her children's schools, and various charitable causes. Always one to fight for the underdog, Jean worked to support non-profits, was a foster parent and advocated for youths. Additionally, she took an active part in supporting local political candidates/causes.

In 1972 Jean began her 23-year career with Huron Valley Schools as a media technician, a role she very much enjoyed and where she touched the lives of a multitude of students and faculty. Throughout her employment and her homemaking tasks, Jean worked tirelessly to support her husband's business, often laboring into the late evening to help him prepare for the following days work. This dedication and emphasis on family values was among her many virtues. Acceptance and understanding for all are what was taught through her example. Jean's courage, faith, love and compassion never withered. She was affectionately referred to as "mom" not only by her children, but by numerous others.

Jean is survived by her children, Jim (Fran) O'Brien of Holly, MI; Maureen (Rex) Hall of North Richland Hills, TX; Kevin (Debra) O'Brien of Hurst, TX, and Joe (Kathy) O'Brien of Watauga, TX. She is also survived by a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she treasured.

Jean will be fondly remembered by all who knew her. The family will not hold a memorial service. Her ashes will be spread according to her wishes.





Birmingham Groves players, left, line up for an extra point against Farmington at Farmington High School on Sept. 17. Groves won, 42-31.

Football

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rear its head on opening night.

Adjusting to differences

As both teams filed into the stadium for the season opener, three weeks later than normal, coaches attempted to create an atmosphere that was familiar to the players.

Music piped into Falcon Field at Farmington High School, filling the players' ears with messages of determination, of adrenaline.

But as each song faded, silence ensued, highlighting a sparse crowd of mostly mask-wearing parents, with the MHSAA allowing each game participant only two tickets for each game.

As the game began, instead of stands filled to the brim and overflowing with student sections and pep bands, sideline cheerleaders attempted to rouse together a level of energy remembered from games past to a countable crowd of spectators.

On the field, without any time to



Groves fans applaud the first touchdown. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

practice and prepare against another opponent, Flaherty described the first half as "kind of a scrimmage," likening it to the preseason scrimmage Groves has held with Saline in recent years.

In the second half, Flaherty said the mentality switched to "first game of the season" mode, trying to figure out how this offense, this defense, this team can work together and actually win games.

Flaherty felt, over the past two weeks, he had jammed everything in,

adding to the level of exhaustion between players and coaches alike.

"It was like, 'Let's go see what we got,'" he said.

Players from both teams took the field, ready to show what they could do.

However, the reality of the pandemic continued to cloud the normalcy of a high school football season, with many players following Michigan state executive order 180, which states that players training, practicing or competing in an

organized sport — other than swimming — must wear a facial covering.

For Groves senior running back Johnny Rex, he had trouble breathing in his first practices with it on. But it was something he got used to on the field after three practices with it on.

But once the whistle blew, football became that escape.

Holes on the line were either made or plugged up. Passes were thrown. Catches were made.

As the buzzer sounded at the end of 48 minutes, a winner and a loser left Falcon Field, just like any game.

It was football: the game. It was not football: the event — the thing that could shut down a town each Friday night, the thing that residents would be talking about until the next kickoff the next weekend.

Football: the event is normal. Football: the event will return eventually.

But it's not here yet.

Until then, we have to settle with football: the game. And that's all players and coaches wanted.

"It's so awesome that we can play," Flaherty said. "I'm just so happy about that: that these guys get to play football."

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Job openings are still well below pre-pandemic levels, but they rose steadily in July and August — particularly in industries that have received an unexpected boost due to the crisis.

E-commerce sales growth has accelerated for several years. And home improvement supplies stores are benefiting from the stay-at-home economy. Video game retailer GameStop made a debut on ZipRecruiter's "Who's Hiring" list in August buoyed by record sales of video game consoles and consumer electronics.

These 20 companies had the most job postings in the ZipRecruiter Marketplace in August.

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Examples of job titles: Project leader, business consultant, recovery specialist, pharmacy technician

6. Home Depot

Examples of job titles: Cashier, delivery driver, store support, merchandising associate

7. Walmart

Examples of job titles: Merchandiser, cashier

8. Humana

Examples of job titles: Engineer, analyst

9. GameStop

Examples of job titles: Retail staff, retail manager

10. Starbucks

Examples of job titles: Barista, shift supervisor, store manager

11. IBM

Examples of job titles: Mobile application developer, systems administrator, data center technician, project manager, software engineer, designer, technical support representative, security analyst, help desk agent

12. Domino's

Examples of job titles: Manager, delivery driver, customer service

13. FedEx Ground

Examples of job titles: Operations Manager, Package Handler, Courier, Technician

14. Walgreens

Examples of job titles: Pharmacy technician, pharmacist, pharmacy

typist, customer service, greeter

15. CVS Health

Examples of job titles: Pharmacist, pharmacy technician, registered nurse, warehouse associate, delivery driver

16. McDonald's Restaurants

Examples of job titles: Crew team member, manager, human resources assistant

17. UnitedHealth Group

Examples of job titles: Analyst, medical coder, consultant

18. Wells Fargo

Examples of job titles: Mortgage consultant, customer success specialist

19. Deloitte

Examples of job titles: Consultant, engineer

20. TJX Companies

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1 Like ludicrous comedies
9 Ballpark stat
12 Yak it up
15 Dad
19 For all time to come
20 One, in Bonn
21 "Jumbo shrimp," e.g.
23 Classic morning combo
25 Trial software phase
26 Donned
27 1969 film featuring two hippies
29 Downed
30 — mignons (beef tidbits)
33 "Fighting" NCAA team
34 Beatie buddy Sutcliffe
36 "If you ask me," in texts
37 Rough — (unrefined)
39 Group of 20
42 Irritated states
46 Things often dyed and hidden
50 Word often ending in "ly": Abbr.
52 Food carton abbr.

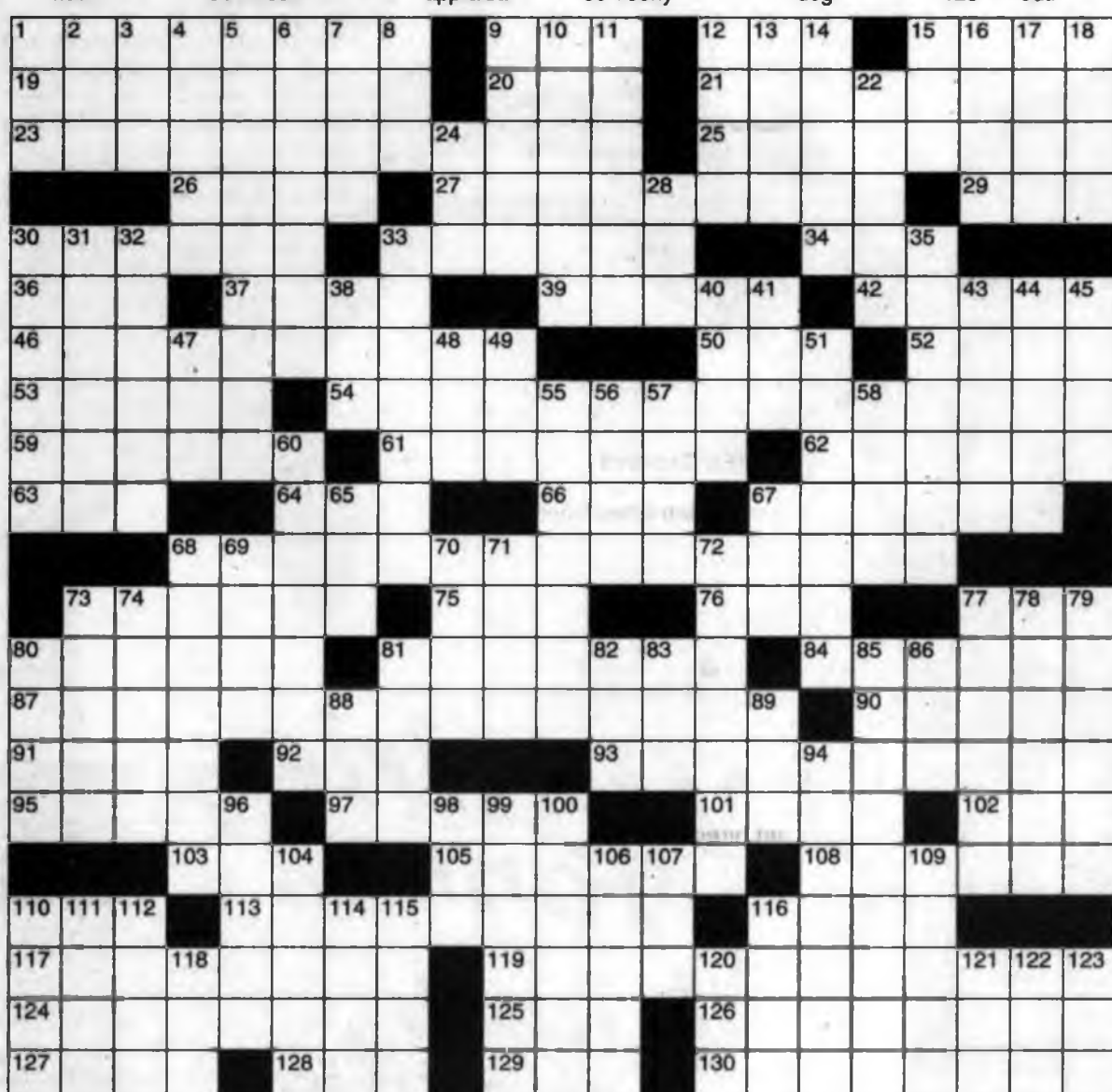
53 Mascara mistake
54 "I don't find it that simple!"
58 Republic of China's capital
61 Southern Wyoming city
62 Actress Kazan of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
63 Charade
64 Roman Cath., e.g.
66 Summer Games gp.
67 Incites
68 Pulls off a difficult feat effortlessly
73 Tick away
75 Main character in "Despicable Me"
76 Bank acct. buildup
77 — jongg
80 Recording room
81 Be exultant about
84 Madrid's land, in Madrid
87 They're boiled for 180 seconds
90 Zesty flavors
91 Afresh

92 That, in 84-Across
93 Sitting duck
95 Parks and Ponselle
97 Patrol for prey
101 Army division
102 Jai alai cheer
103 Genetic inits.
105 Henchman of Daddy Warbucks
108 Goes aboard
110 Large antelope
113 Dish topped with hollandaise sauce, informally
116 Funny Johnson
117 Be worry-free
119 Food that's literally represented five times in this puzzle
124 Strengthen from below
125 Bit of mail: Abbr.
126 Be similar to
127 Chili tidbit
128 Common PC file extension
129 Demure
130 One doing property appraisal

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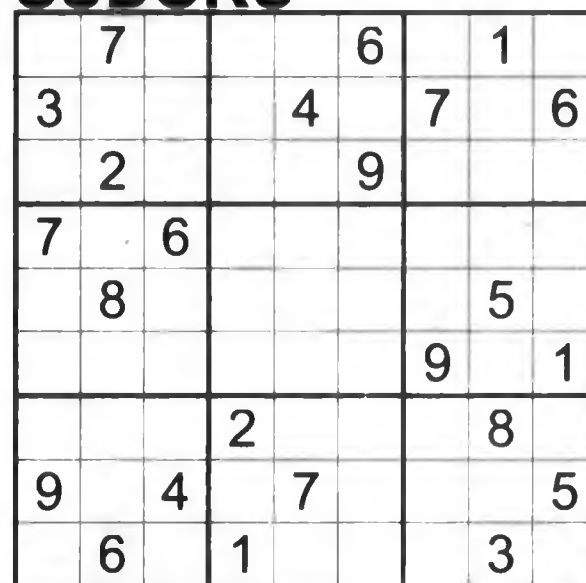
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2 Actress Gardner
3 Fun, for short
4 Actor Russell
5 Answering machine notification
6 Less civilized
7 Duncan of Obama's cabinet
8 Steered
9 Queenly
10 Older female sib
11 Working harmoniously
12 Mongolian desert
13 Fired
14 Gig
15 Poker take
16 Locale
17 Mile marker
18 Poker stake
22 Shops
24 Moray, e.g.
28 — Grande
30 Baja party
31 Greeting in Apple ads
32 Go nuts
33 "Little House on the Prairie" surname
35 Quiet
38 Teeny

40 Funny Martha
41 Old Tokyo
43 "— big deal"
44 Mark who created Huck Finn
45 Eyelid woe
47 Strike lightly
48 Govt. office supplier
49 Isr. neighbor
51 Latin Bible
55 Lack of success
56 Melville novel
57 Puerto —
58 Gift add-ons
60 Irritating
65 Wide shoe spec
67 Poetic dusk
68 Began a big battle
69 "... blackbirds baked in —"
70 Ice house: Var.
71 Brisk gait
72 Good two-pair hand, in poker lingo
73 Prefix with biology
74 Tempts
77 Chutney fruits
78 San —, Texas
79 Expedite
80 Polaris, e.g.
81 Growl like a dog
82 "— haw!"
83 Grocery chain inits.
85 Douglas fir, for Oregon
86 Birdie + 1
88 MSN, e.g.
89 Wd. in a thesaurus
94 Striped female stalker
96 Smile evilly
98 Gambling parlor, for short
99 Tricycle parts
100 Duration
104 Slack-jawed
106 Mad
107 — admin
109 Abounds
110 Chow
111 Maui goose
112 Meat-stamping org.
114 E.U. body comprising half a dozen nations
115 "Auld Lang —"
116 Birds' class
118 Decade count
120 Man-mouse link
121 Sit-ups work them
122 — Poke (candy)
123 "— out!"



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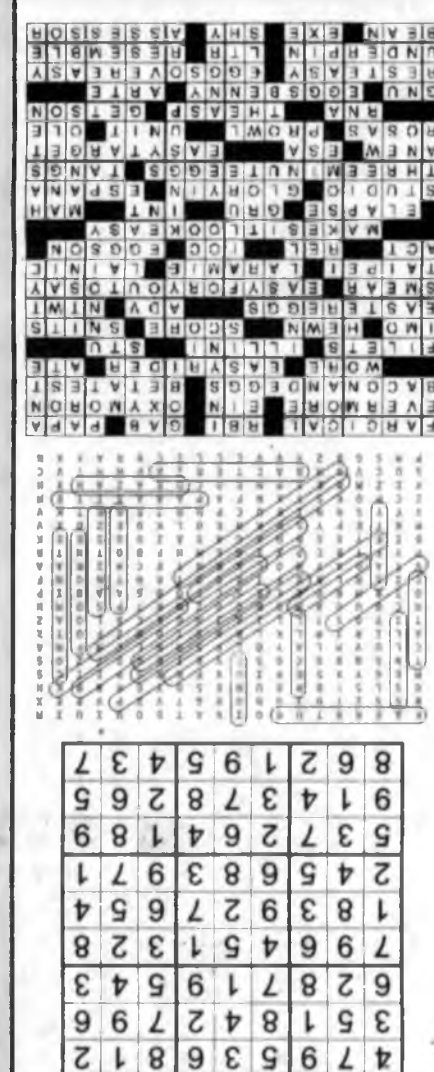
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