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Carvana vending machine specialist David Coulter shows where customers who have purchased a vehicle can place a special Carvana coin to begin the process of bringing down their vehicle from the eight-story vending machine. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK | STAFF WRITER

## Take a look inside the new Carvana in Novi

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN** 

It's hard to miss Novi's newest used car business.

open in the Adell Center off of Novi Road and Interstate 96, joining Texas Roadhouse. Carvana, which sells used vehicles completely online, has recently stocked up its eight-story tower with more than two dozen vehicles just waiting to be claimed by their buyers.

The facility serves as a "vending machine" for used vehicles of all makes and models: no purchases are made at the site. Customers simply pick up the vehicle they ordered through the company's website. From there, customers have seven days to try out the vehicle and return it if they're not satisfied.



Looking up inside the tower of Carvana in Novi.

"You get a week to live with your vehicle," said Amy O'Hara, associate di-

rector of communications for Carvana. There are plenty of vehicles to pick from when shoppers log on: Arizonabased Carvana listed more than 21,000 vehicles for sale nationwide as of Thursday afternoon. All the vehicles in the vending machine in Novi are sold and are waiting for customers to come and drop their Carvana coin into the slot to bring their vehicle down the elevator and get it ready to drive. From there, buyers have very little paperwork to sign before they head out on the road with their new vehicle. Carvana provides financing options for those interested, which can also be done on-

Customers have a wealth of knowledge about the vehicle at their fingertips before buying. In addition to the make, model, year number and mileage, the company provides a 360-degree look inside the used car and high-

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## **Crossings** plan would reshape Milford's south border

**Susan Bromley** Hometownlife.com

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The Crossings of Milford, a housing and commercial development, is being proposed on 35 acres at the northeast corner of Milford Road and Pontiac

The development, as pitched, would feature 195 apartment units, a clubhouse and a commercial structure with five units which eventually could include fast food restaurants with and without drive-thru windows, bank and gas station.

The Milford Township Planning Commission hosted a virtual public hearing on both the site plan and rezoning of the property Sept. 24, which prompted protests about the development from residents concerned with traffic in the area as well as deviation from the master plan.

"I am nowhere near in support of this rezoning and adding housing when you can't even deal with the amount of traffic now," Sharon Barnes said, noting traffic was already bumper-to-bumper through South Hill Road.

She also questioned why another gas station was needed with two already down the road in Lyon Township, adding "the traffic has gotten ridiculous and is only going to get worse.

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#### As election nears, we test postal service

**David Veselenak** 

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Few times has the mail service been questioned and probed as much as it has the last several months.

The U.S. Postal Service has had plenty of eyeballs on it, beginning earlier this summer when concerns over the removal of mailboxes and sorting machines became a national story and numerous reports of mail not arriving in a timely manner. Rhetoric over mail-in voting has become a political issue, with President Donald Trump repeatedly question the legitimacy of mailed ballots.

Plenty of reports came through earlier this summer of mail taking longer than usual to get to its final destination, including in the suburbs of Detroit. So in the name of journalism, I performed a small test: I drove across the Hometown Life coverage area Aug. 20 and mailed

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#### **Halloween haunted by COVID** as some events are canceled

**Susan Bromley** 

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Rest in peace, Boo Bash 2020.

Downtown trick or treating events in Milford, Northville and South Lyon have been canceled due to the CO-VID-19 pandemic.

"It's disappointing to have to cancel the event, but given the state of how things are, we had to stay in compliance with the governor's order and protect the health and safety of the resi-

dents of South Lyon," Nate Mack, DDA director, said.

Downtown trick-or-treating in South Lyon draws close to a thousand people yearly, he added.

The Boo Bash in downtown Milford and Streets of Treats in Northville similarly draw hundreds of costumed children and parents to businesses that pass out candy.

Gina Salaski, president of the Milford Business Association and owner

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Nicholas Hebert, 8, found it a little scary to wear a Pennywise mask over his face mask while shopping with mom Melanie at Spirit Halloween in Novi on Sept. 23.

SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE COM

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## Sandbags hurled into I-96 traffic, badly injuring one

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A Brighton resident apparently crashed his truck along Interstate 96 Sunday night, before heaving several 40-pound sandbags from an overpass and seriously injuring another highway

The other driver was hospitalized while the driver who crashed his truck is now facing possible charges that include felonious assault, according to Michigan State Police.

The suspect's shoes were seized as evidence and he was arrested and lodged at Oakland County Jail. He faces possible charges of felonious assault causing great bodily harm and/or impairment, damage to private property, and throwing objects at a motor vehicle, causing injury.

Troopers said on Twitter, the Brighton resident crashed his truck near Old Plank Road in Lyon Township at about 11 p.m. No other cars were involved.

He then walked up onto the Old Plank Road overpass, which is under construction.

One of the sandbags troopers said he hurled onto the highway struck a female driver, smashing through her wind-

Troopers said he then departed from the overpass area and was picked up by a passing driver who drove him to his home in Brighton.

The passenger told his driver what had happened earlier.

The driver soon called state troopers and provided the suspect's location.

Troopers determined that the suspect's shoes had footprints matching the ones in the area from where the sandbags were thrown.

The shoes were seized as evidence and the suspect was arrested and lodged at Oakland County Jail. He faces possible charges of felonious assault causing great bodily harm and/or impairment, damage to private property, and throwing objects at a motor vehicle, causing injury.

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

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#### Abbo won't run unopposed for Northville Twp. supervisor

**Ed Wright** 

CITY OF NOVI

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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PWD20-0008 FOR A WOODLAND PERMIT APPROVAL. The subject property totals

approximately 0.52 acres and is located at 1585 Paramount Street, north of Thirteen Mile Road,

west of Novi Road (Section 2). The subject property is zoned R-4 (One-Family Residential). The

applicant is requesting to remove 33 regulated woodland trees, located both on-site and off-

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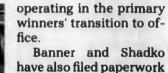
Mark Abbo's second stint as Northville Township supervisor is not as sure a thing as was expected as just after the defeated incumbent Robert Nix in the Aug. 4 Republican primary election.

Nix, who lost to Abbo - the township's supervisor 2000 to 2012 - by 39 votes in the August primary, has registered with the Wayne County Clerk's Office as a write-in candidate for township supervisor in the Nov. 3 general elec-

Nix said one of the factors that led to his write-in candidacy was his relatively small margin of defeat in the primary.

The revelation of Nix's write-in candidacy came days after Abbo distributed a press release to local media, accusing the township's full-time administrators (Nix, Clerk Marjorie Banner and Treasurer Fred Shadko) of not co-

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to run as write-in candidates in November, after losing in the August pri-

mary to Roger Lundberg and Jason Rhines, respectively.

On Sept. 1, John Werth, Abbo's transition manager, hand delivered a twopage letter and attached flow chart to township Manager Todd Mutchler, requesting a review in the form of a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) of all township depart-

'Upon completion (of the reviews)," the letter stated, "we would like to conduct interviews with appropriate township personnel to discuss the matters included in the analysis."

The letter stated that the interviews would be conducted by Werth and transition team members Julie Garavaglia (economic development), Mike Cox (legal), Phil McGuire (public services), Werth (public safety), Steve McGuirk (park & rec), Kevin Kelley (senior services), Dale Yagalia (youth services), Alan Helmkamp (landfill), Rhines and Lundberg, whose names were listed on the flow chart

McGuirk was unsuccessful in August in his bid for a township trustee posi-

The letter also requested outstanding contracts, details of township personnel (including wage detail and longevpending or threatened litigation and all union agreements.

The letter, signed by Werth, stated 'we are hoping analysis can be completed by mid-September."

New township board members officially would begin their jobs on Nov. 20.

'My focus was to make sure the transition happens in a dignified and respectful manner, without waiting until Nov. 20 to start the process," Abbo said. "If myself and the other new board members were able to review township documents and be able to interview department heads - strictly for operational purposes, not because we're looking to replace anyone — it would save time opposed to having to wait until



Nov. 20." Abbo said that several days after Werth delivered the letter, Mutchler said that the requested documents and meeting requests would not be honored as the township's elected leadership had rejected

his request. Abbo subsequently filed a Freedom of Information Act request and received some, but not all, of the information he

had requested. Nix insisted that Abbo's request for detailed and, in some cases, sensitive township information was "simply inappropriate before the Nov. 3 general

election." "Interviewing township employees weeks before the general election is not appropriate," said Nix. "I was not about to hand over confidential contracts, litigation and employee information. If he's the next supervisor, he can wait and do all that like everybody else, on

Nov. 4." Abbo said his request was a benign effort to make the expected transition of power as smooth as possible.

"Our team was hoping to meet and get to know the department heads and employees before we take office," he said. "We weren't doing it for hiring and

"However, the Nix administration has made it clear that they are not interested in helping facilitate those meetings. With that said, we hope that the opportunity arises for us to meet with township personnel, sooner rathei than later.

"It is in the best interests of the township to move forward with a smooth transition. The election is behind us and we must begin the process of working to repeal the 1% administrative fee on collecting taxes, fully funding public safety, eliminating the odor coming from the landfill, along with the rest of our agenda that we campaigned on."

While one election is behind the candidates, as Abbo stated, it's apparent now that another one is looming on Nov. 3 - and it's going to matter, which certainly wasn't expected on the morning



Signs for the August 2020 primary stand at the intersection of Sheldon and Six Mile in Northville Township. JOHN HEIDER I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

#### **CITY OF NORTHVILLE** PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville Election Commission will meet on October 19, 2020 at 8:15 a.m., to conduct business related to the November 3, 2020 General Election. The Public Accuracy Test for the November 3, 2020 General Election will be conducted as program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Election law.

This meeting will be held at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, (248) 349-1300. Interested persons are invited to attend.

> DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK **ELECTION COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON**

#### CITY OF NOVI **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON** PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the Planning Commission

If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at cityofnovi.org or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (248)347-0456.

The deadline for filing an application is Friday, October 16, 2020. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk's Office regarding the date and time of interviews.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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Novi Planning Commission

Michael Lynch, Secretary

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## Novi considers 4 days a week in-person school

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Novi Schools is considering an increase in face-to-face instruction for students currently in its hybrid plan.

A decision is expected at the Oct. 15 board of education meeting, made with the assistance of parents who respond to surveys being emailed this week.

Possibilities on the table include four days a week in-person instruction for K-6 students and leaving 7-12th grade hybrid students in the current 2-days per week schedule, or bringing back all hybrid students.

District Superintendent Steve Matthews noted that the recommended social distancing of 6 feet will not be possible once students return four days per week, which may affect how parents who originally agreed to send their kids for the current hybrid schedule of two days per week feel as some chose it because distancing was important, while other prioritized it for the social interac-

"There is a real push and pull, give and take, depending on what they decided in August," Matthews said. "It's a dilemma we are trying to figure out. At the middle school and high school it's much more complicated. If we bring students back, do they have the same teacher and same schedule? Making all these changes is very complicated."

One of the changes Matthews does not expect to make is allowing students currently enrolled in all virtual to opt into face-to-face instruction prior to January, something that was previously anticipated.

During the school board's Oct. 1 virtual meeting, 53 public comments were received, with many of them from parents wanting additional face-to-face instruction days for their children. But Matthews and the board have also received support for the current approach which allows for the recommended social distancing.

He noted that South Lyon Schools

has a plan to bring back elementary students to full classrooms on Oct. 12.

"My question is, is social distancing not important anymore?" he asked. "I thought social distancing worked in combination with masks to make safe spaces... There are a lot of mixed messages about what is really important."

The Oakland County Health Division conducted an investigation in the Novi School District last month that shut down in-person instruction for two days after eight students tested positive for COVID-19. However, Matthews said the investigation determined that the infections were not spread at school, but were a result of students who visited siblings at college or gathered after

The health department was "complimentary" of the district's safety proto-

cols, Matthews said. Matthews said families were notified last week of a Village Oaks Elementary student that tested positive for CO-VID-19, but no classrooms were closed, as that case was determined to be "a family situation.

In addition to the parent surveys this week, Matthews said teachers are also being surveyed to determined what they believe is going well, what needs improvement, and how they would feel with having classes of 20-plus students again in a typical 900-square-foot classroom

"Most people are not in a room like that for six hours per day," Matthews noted. "For people to argue it is safe, they don't understand the experience teachers have... My responsibility is to make a recommendation that focuses on safety and second is to make sure there is as robust a learning experience as possible. Students have had their education disrupted since March 16. My responsibility is to make sure we make an environment that meets their needs and keeps them safe.

Contact reporter Susan Bromley at sbromley@hometownlife.com or 517-

## Tuscan Cafe relocating, expanding in Northville

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A longtime Northville meetup spot is about to relocate around the corner.

The Tuscan Cafe at 150 N. Center St., plans to move to the heart of downtown, opening up later this year in the space formerly occupied by My Little Paris Cafe and Bookstore at 141 E. Main. Moving will expand the seating area of the cafe and will allow for more space to create new dishes. Several factors led to the move, one that owner William Hundley said made sense for the future of the cafe, which has been around since 1996.

"It became a little more clear that a move was going to be necessary and this location opening up in the heart of downtown, it pairs well with what Tuscan Cafe is," he said. "To me, it's the heart of a town where you have a gathering area where people can meet for cof-

The new shop will have at least triple the floor space on the main floor, Hundley said, and will also include the basement that will have space for events and a commercial kitchen.

Hundley, who's owned the cafe the last 16 years, said the move stemmed from plans happening around the current cafe. A new, three-story building is expected to be built just north of the current cafe, and an additional story was planned to go atop the building that currently houses the cafe, as well.

Hundley said the cafe would have had good kitchen space had they stayed in the current location, but added they also wanted additional floor seating.

#### More offerings planned

The new space will allow the cafe to bring in an executive chef to create more dishes, including some designed for carryout. They'll continue to offer products from other well-known brands, including Zingerman's Deli in Ann Arbor.

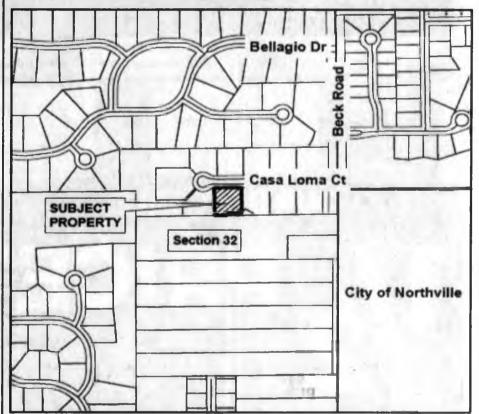
"We're going to focus a lot more on our carryout foods, including side items like pasta salads and side salads that are going to be complementary to the menu we've been known for," Hundley said.

The cafe also offers a new line of tea, Metolius, that it serves, Hundley said. They'll be able to expand those offerings as well. A specific opening date has not yet been determined in the new space, though Hundley said he expects it to happen by the end of the year. The cafe will remain open at its current location during the transition, Hundley said.

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



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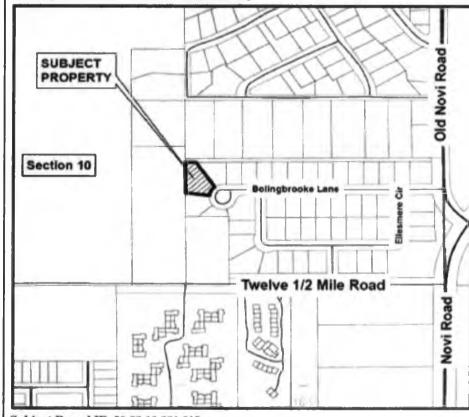
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#### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE **ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020** CITY OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE, please take notice that any qualified elector of the City of Northville who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the Wayne or Oakland County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at michigan gov/vote and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, October 19, 2020.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the City of Northville Clerk's office, located at 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167 at the following times:

Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Saturday, October 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

• Election Day, Tuesday, November 3 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The election will be conducted in all voting precincts in the City of Northville for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

Presidential: Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States Congressional: US Senator, Representative in Congress Legislative: Representative in State Legislature

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Justice of Supreme Court, Judge of Court of Appeals, Judge of Circuit Court, Judge of Probate, Judge of District Court Judicial: Comm College: Board of Trustees Member Schoolcraft Community College Local School: Board Member Northville Public Schools

Library District: Board Member Northville District Library

and voting on the following ballot proposals as presented and listed below:

Proposal 20-1: A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent Proposal 20-2: A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications.

County (Pct 2 only): Millage Replacement and Increase to Improve, Operate, and Maintain Parks Open Space Areas, Trails, and Recreational Activities in Oakland County

**Intermediate School District:** Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal Proposal. Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local constituent public school districts including eligible public school academies within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300 or on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's Office.

Dianne Massa, CMC City Clerk

State Board:

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Members of the public participating in the public comment via ZOOM will wait in a virtual queue until called during the public comment period

When public comment is permitted, members of the public will be called one at a time, as would happen during an in-person meeting. A meeting coordinator will determine the order of public speakers. If you want to speak, you must use the "Raise Hand" feature in order for our moderator to know they need to be unmuted. When you are un-muted you will have three (3) minutes to share your comments to the public body. At the conclusion of your comments or your three (3) minutes, you will be re-muted and then removed from the queue.

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cityofnovi.org/pccomment In compliance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-154, 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



The Airbnb comes with an outdoor fire pit and movie screen. AIRBNB

## Spend a night in Hell at this ghoulish Airbnb

Sione Terranella **Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK** 

Michigan residents can spend the night in Hell and even serve as the town's mayor for three nights in Octo-

The pandemic has undoubtedly put a damper on holiday activities. But the self-proclaimed mayor of Hell, John Colone, is listing the city on Airbnb and allowing people to serve as temporary

Starting Oct. 14 at noon, Michigan residents can sign up to be the mayor of Hell through an Airbnb reservation. This opportunity is available only on Oct. 18, 21 and 24. Each reservation is for a one-night stay and will cost \$31 plus taxes and other service fees.

Guests will stay at the "mayor's lair," which is the Airbnb. The room comes with an outdoor fire pit and movie

Along with serving as mayor - and getting a skeleton key to the city guests can enjoy local hiking trails, eat at the Hell Hole Diner, play mini-golf and enjoy traditional Halloween activities like carving pumpkins.

"I am the biggest Halloween fan in Twitter @SloneTerranella

the world (and the underworld), so I hope that our little slice of paradise can fill fellow Halloween lovers with all of the frightful chills and spooky sensations of the season," Colone said. "And to our guests and soon-to-be Mayors, I trust you'll find that there is no place more welcoming than Hell on Earth we can't wait to show you a helluva good

The Airbnb room will be cleaned in accordance with the company's cleaning protocols. Colone also took the Pure Michigan Pledge to maintain health guidelines to stop the spread of CO-

For those interested in spending a night in Hell, officials are asking visitors to come from the same household to minimize the risk of COVID-19. Michigan residency is required.

To celebrate Michigan's very own Hell, Airbnb is donating money to North Star Reach, a barrier-free, fully accessible medical camp in Pinckney that serves children with significant health challenges.

Requests for bookings will start on Oct. 14 at noon on Airbnb's website.

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#### Halloween

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of Gina's Bridal Boutique, said the decision was made by the village council that there wasn't a safe way for the kids to trick-or-treat at an event in which kids line up and down Main Street.

"I know people look forward to it and the kids are sad, but we will be back at it as long as everything is well (next year)," she said.

In the meantime, the mother of three sons is considering options for her own family, and is not sure if it will include trick-or-treating in another area.

While trick-or-treating is not regulated by government entities, the CDC recently issued a recommendation against it as a risky activity during the pandemic. Some local shoppers at Spirit Halloween in Novi last

week were still planning on festive Halloween celebrations, with and without trick-or-treating.

Employee Cydni Gray said customers were buying

Employee Cydni Gray said customers were buying "a lot" of outdoor decorations although costume purchases hadn't really picked up yet.

"Some people think Halloween won't change much, while others think it's canceled," she said. As for herself, she said she would go all out on decorations since she wouldn't be taking her young nephew out trick-ortreating and instead would have him go door-to-door inside her home.

"I'm nervous you'll have a family that has COVID and pass out candy along with COVID, too," Gray said. "I am definitely staying inside this year... I'll buy everything myself and make the most of a bad situation."

Melanie Hebert found some Halloween fencing for her yard at the Novi store while shopping with son, Nicholas, 8, and looking forward to a favorite holiday for her family, which also includes son Michael, 12.

"We hope we can go trick-or-treating," Hebert said.
"We might buy a bunch of candy and let them get what
they want and hang out and watch movies. We gotta
make the best of it."

The Hebert family went trick-or-treating for years in Livonia before moving to South Lyon last November. Last year, Nicholas was Pennywise the clown and while at the store he was trying on another Pennywise mask, although combined with the surgical mask he was wearing, he quickly removed it, saying he can't breathe.

He maintains a positive attitude.

"If I don't trick or treat, I still get candy," he said.

Patty Drew is still planning on having trick-or-treaters come to her house in downtown Milford, although not the 300-400 she normally gets even when it rains. Now, as she shops for a costume, she is also considering alternate ways to celebrate Halloween and taking precautions. She will decorate her house and may place candy in treat bags at the curb for kids to pick up, or arrange a candy graveyard, but this time, she will only get enough for about 100 trick-or-treaters to pick from the yard themselves and "when it's gone, it's gone."



Dangerous dinosaurs and brothers Emett, 1, left, and Beckett Jackson, 3, are safely transported into the Oct. 24 Tricks or Trucks at Highland Township's Apollo Center on North Milford Road. Kids and parents got to go around the center and enjoy a bunch of Halloween activities then head outside where trucks from local merchants and first responders were handing out treats.

JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I have an immune-compromised daughter and I am extreme (in precautions)," she said. "My immediate family thinks it's a farce, but when your daughter's had surgery twice, you gotta follow protocols."

Jayme Stark, a Milford resident, is planning on passing out candy at her boyfriend's parents' home in Hartland, where she said they go "all out" and last year got 100-150 trick-or-treaters.

"This year, there's COVID, but we'll be separated by a big table and we'll all be wearing masks and costumes," she said. "I feel it will be fine, I hope they come out. With the kids wearing masks, I can't imagine it will be too different this year."

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Her sister, Lorin Stark of Novi, has no plans to see trick-or-treaters on Oct. 31. Instead, she will be among 150 wedding guests in Grand Haven as her friends get married outdoors at a local bar. She said they have been asked to "try to be smart and self-quarantine" prior to the nuptials.

She will wear a costume to the reception and is shopping for cosmetics to perhaps make herself into a broken doll and was looking forward to a good time.

"I will social distance and if people have masks, I'm good," she said. "If they don't I don't have a problem telling them to back up."

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#### Carvana

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lights any small imperfections and why they remain.

"We could fix it, but we don't want to pass that cost onto the customer," said David Coulter, a vending machine specialist for the company. "You can look all the way around the car. You can even look inside of it."

The company also can deliver to customers' homes: O'Hara said Carvana has done that in the metro Detroit market since 2017.

The tower is Carvana's first vehicle vending machine in Michigan and 26th nationwide. Others are located outside Indianapolis, Chicago and Cleveland, O'Hara said. She declined to discuss if any other vending machines could come to Michigan in the future.

#### Latest business to open at Adell Center

The development is one of two open at the new Adell Center complex built at the site of the former Novi Expo Center. Texas Roadhouse opened several weeks ago and there are several other businesses in the works: Planet Fitness is also under construction, as is an iFLY indoor skydiving facility. A pair of hotels are also expected to come to the site as well.

Opening the facility in Novi, O'Hara said, was a decision the company made to fit into its image of an experience. Many customers, she said, will make traveling to pick their car up an experience for posting on social media and staying in town for a while. Having other things to do in the area goes along with what the company is trying to accomplish.

She mentioned the story of one customer who traveled from California to Arizona to purchase a vehicle and then planned to head out on a vacation from there.

"He really made an experience out of it," O'Hara said. "It depends on the customer."

Those interested in purchasing a vehicle can begin the process at carvana.com.







#### **Crossings**

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Other callers echoed the concerns over traffic and also about altering the rural feel of the community.

Commission Chair George Magro said it was "very, very early on," but after township Attorney Jennifer Elowsky clarified that the planning commission was past the pre-application phase, Magro admitted he was confused.

"This is the first time we have seen this application, there have been no discussions with the planning commission," he said.

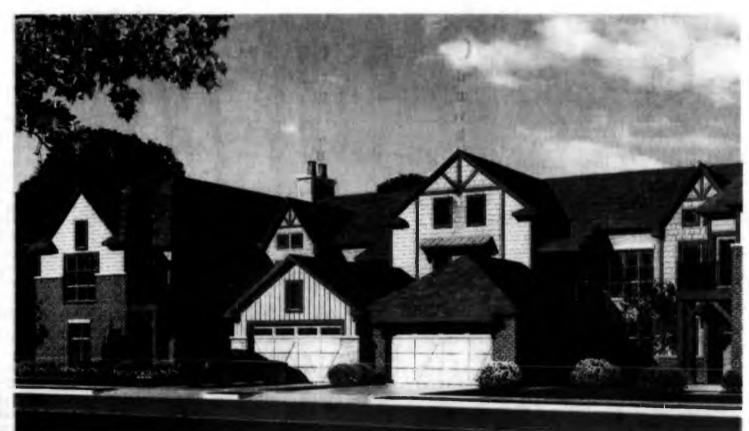
Planning Consultant Sri Ravali Komaragiri with Griffels-Webster said she believed the confusion occurred "because this happened when the (pandemic) lockdown happened."

Adriano Paciocco of Triumph Building Company said the preliminary application meeting occurred in 2019 with higher density multi-family housing previously planned. The plan is now "tightened up with reduced density" but is otherwise very similar, he said.

Because the end users for the commercial development is unknown, he said the intention would be that those businesses would come back for township approval.

Whether the residential units will be constructed all at once or phased in is also unclear, Komaragiri noted and the commercial development may not occur at the same time.

She recommended the planning commission not approve the site plan and rezone the property first from a



The Crossings at Milford is a proposed development at Milford and Pontiac Trail that would include 195 apartment units such as these. COURTESY OF PEA GROUP

planned shopping center to a planned unit development.

Elowsky recommended postponing the rezoning until the planning commission's October meeting and said a revisit of the site plan would likely not come until at least January.

"This process started at beginning of the COVID nightmare," she said. "Because of COVID and quarantine some of this just got lost in translation... I know you don't want a delay, but honestly, the delay is COVID. We need to talk about this."

Commissioner Vaughn Koshkarian called the residential density of the development "the elephant in the middle of the park" and said there were complications with traffic and "what might happen across the road."

The planning commission is expected to consider at an upcoming meeting an 887-unit Pulte condominium development known as Kensington Ridge, proposed on the northwest corner of Milford and Pontiac Trail.

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#### **Ballots**

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first-class envelopes to myself to see how long it would take to get back to me. I went to mailboxes in each of the communities we cover, going from Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Milford, High-

land Township, Canton, Westland, Livonia and plenty more. The envelopes were addressed to my home in northern Livonia and had the exact same return address on them. I bought a book of 20 stamps (which, if you haven't bought stamps recently, they've got some beautiful ones to pick from) and drove nearly 200 miles that day to drop them off and see how long it would take for them to return, factoring in pickup posted on each mailbox. I targeted mailboxes in residential neighborhoods or in front of businesses.

The results were consistent: 19 of the 20 envelopes I mailed came back two days after they were picked up from the mailboxes they were dropped in. Just one — an envelope I dropped in a mailbox near Lone Pine and Goodhue in Bloomfield Hills — took an additional day to come home, returning in three days.

While this experiment is certainly non-scientific, it provided a simple example of how the local mail service was operating as questions were raised nationally.

#### Post office statement

The USPS declined to comment to comment; USPS spokeswoman Elizabeth Najduch said the agency was "respectfully declining interviews at this time." She instead sent a lengthy statement detailing measures the postal service is taking this election season:

"The United States Postal Service is committed to fulfilling our role in the electoral process when public policy makers choose to utilize us as a part of their election system. We provide election officials with a secure, efficient and effective means to enable citizens to participate in elections.

"The Postal Service's number one priority between now and Election Day is the secure, on-time delivery of the nation's election mail. We employ a robust process to ensure proper handling of all election mail, including ballots. This includes close coordination and partnerships with election officials at the local and state levels. As we anticipate that many voters may choose to use the mail to participate in the upcoming elections due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are conducting and will continue to proactively conduct outreach with state and local election officials so that they can make informed decisions and educate the public about what they can expect when using the mail to vote. As part of these outreach efforts, we will discuss our delivery processes and will consult with election officials about how they can design their mailings in a manner that comports with postal regulations, improves mailpiece visibility, and ensures efficient processing and



Hometown Life staff writer David Veselenak drops a first-class envelope into a mail box at Cranbrook and Village Wood in Novi. It took two days for that envelope to return to his home in Livonia. DAVID VESELENAK | STAFF WRITER

delivery.

"Beginning Oct. 1, the Postal Service has authorized and instructed the use of additional resources, which include but are not limited to, expanded processing procedures, extra transportation, extra delivery and collection trips and overtime to ensure that Election Mail, including ballots, reaches its intended destination in a timely manner. The Postal Service has also made clear that, as it has done in previous election cycles, the Postal Service will be taking additional extraordinary measures to accelerate the delivery of ballots starting the week before Election Day.

"Voters are responsible for understanding their local jurisdiction's rules and requirements for participating in an election. In jurisdictions that require eligible voters to request a ballot in order to receive one through the mail, we recommend that domestic, nonmilitary voters request their ballot as early as their jurisdiction allows. For domestic, non-military voters who choose to use the mail to return their completed ballot, the Postal Service recommends that, as a common-sense measure, such voters mail their completed ballots before Election Day and at least one week prior to their state's deadline. Some states may recommend allowing even more time for mailing completed ballots. The Postal Service also recommends that voters explore the resources available from their local election officials for information about deadlines. rules, policies, and other requirements in their locality."

#### Returning ballots

The biggest concern the mail service could have in the coming weeks is returning ballots to area clerks' offices. It's expected the COVID-19 pandemic will break records for the number of absentee ballots cast in a Michigan election this year, a record previously set in the August primary earlier this year.

When it comes mailing ballots, one of the area's largest cities is doing everything it can to keep the integrity of the election. Livonia City Clerk Susan Nash said the city mailed more than 31,000 ballots Sept. 22 to voters who requested them. Ballots began reaching voters within the city as quickly as two days later, with the majority of them coming by that weekend. Several thousand already were returned by Sept. 30.

She said Livonia isn't alone with massive increases of absentee ballots going out to registered voters. That can cause some small delays, especially since they head to Detroit for sorting.

"If we're doing a record, everyone else is doing a record, and they're all going to the same place," Nash said. "Very few people were calling

few people were calling us on Monday to say they didn't receive it."

didn't receive it."

Despite that, Nash is encouraging people to give their ballot enough

time in the mail system to

Nash the municipal offices before Nov. 3. This is a point echoed by several entities: a flyer was mailed earlier this fall by the USPS providing a checklist for voters planning on casting their ballot by mail. That checklist includes requesting a mail-in ballot at least 15 days before Election Day and recommending mailing the ballot back

Day.

The Secretary of State's office has sent multiple mailings, including absentee ballot applications to every registered voter earlier this year, as well as a postcard reminding voters they can vote absentee without a reason.

by Oct. 27, a full week before Election

#### Just drop it off

Despite the mail service being the simplest way to return ballots, clerks across the country are saying the best way to make sure your absentee ballot returns in time to be counted (whenever that is, at this point) is to drop it off yourself.

Boxes are typically located near the municipal building of a community. Bir-

mingham has recently added a new drive-up box for returning ballots, a first for the Oakland County community. The box can be found off Henrietta near city hall and voters don't need to leave their car. It's the first such box for the city, said Marianne Gamboa, the city's communications director. The city has had a longtime drop box for ballots and city bills that still remains behind city hall, though that requires people to park and walk to it.

Novi has four locations at the Civic Center building on 10 Mile for voters to drop their ballots: two inside and two outside. The city has added two additional boxes this year, said Nathan Mueller, a communications specialist for the city. Additional signage was added, including a flag at one of the outdoor drop boxes, to make sure voters know where to drop their ballots.

"The two additional boxes were added to provide convenience for our residents as well as to try to keep the in-person contact to a minimum as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic," he said.

He said those looking to hand it to a clerk's office employee can also do that.

When it comes to dropping off ballots vs. mailing them, it appears voters are taking heed: Nash said the drop box outside Livonia City Hall has been utilusedzed all day, every day since voters began receiving their ballots. City officials are emptying the box multiple times a day to keep up with the flow of returned ballots.

From there, they're brought into city hall, always within the sight of a clerk's official, before they're sorted and taken to a secure room. Nash said only a small handful of people have keys to those rooms, ensuring the ballots stay safe. As of the morning of Oct. 1, Nash said about 14% of ballots issued had already been returned.

Those looking to check the status of their ballot can do so by visiting the Michigan Voter Information Center online on the Secretary of State's website. There, voters can enter their information and see the status of their absentee ballot, including whether the city clerk received it. Nash said her staff records ballots returned in that database on a regular basis.

She's cognizant of the rhetoric surrounding this election, so much so that some procedures have had to change: she said for 15 years, clerk's office employees have driven a city vehicle to the red box, emptied the red drop-off box and driven back into the underground garage at city hall to bring in ballots. After someone saw an employee do this recently and questioned the process, Nash said she now has an employee wearing an "election lanyard with city identification walk out to the box and bring them back in on foot.

It's a small step, Nash said, but one she's willing to take to calm everyone about the security of the election in a heightened polarizing environment.

"I'm willing to do whatever I have to do. I want everybody to feel at ease," she said. "I want the voter to feel comfortable and confident. That's what it's about."



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# Churchill avenges loss to rival Franklin

Colin Gay **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN** 

Livonia Churchill's pregame message was simple: "49-48. Enough said."

Coming into the 2020 season, many returning members from the 2019 team had the game against Livonia Franklin circled on the calendar - suffering through a one-point, triple-overtime loss to the Patriots a year ago.

But heading into the fourth quarter, Churchill faced a deficit, one bigger than the one from a year ago.

Senior quarterback Gavin Brooks was cool and confident on the sideline. encouraging his team.

'We've been here," Brooks told them. "'We've been here before. Don't worry about it.'

The Chargers offense brought it to within three, as Brooks found senior wide receiver Jordan Garcia on a wide-

open post route. The Churchill defense held firm, giving the offense the ball back with just over three minutes to go in the game with a chance at the win.

But when Brooks got the ball, he wanted to end it.

On the first play from scrimmage, the senior quarterback found Garcia again, wide open for a 55-yard score. And after a fourth-down conversion snuffed from the Charger defense and a 60-yard touchdown run by junior running back Boston Clegg Jr. - the dagger - Churchill (3-0) earned its revenge, beating Franklin (1-2), 47-36, on the road.

"You knew how young they were last year. Now you don't have to worry about that," Churchill head coach Bill DeFillipo said. "They went through the fires last year, so when you get into a situation like that, a lot of teams would have been, 'Hey, we are down 10. It's

"They just kept playing through."

#### Trading scores

Both offenses took a while to heat up. But after Brooks' first touchdown pass of the day - an 11-yard pass to Clegg — both were up and running.

Franklin junior quarterback Zac Olesuk, on the Patriots first play of the quarter, found 65 yards of daylight, tying the game at 7.

Brooks answered five plays later with a 41-yard scamper touchdown, but missed the extra-point try with a Patriot block. Franklin — with the help of a 47-yard completion to tight end Evan Pittenger — took advantage on a 15-yard sweep by senior running back Trevoe Perczak.

The Patriots scored 14 points on three plays.

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## **South Lyon East roars** back from first loss

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN** 

Coming off a five-set loss to Walled Lake Northern, its first of the season, South Lyon East hoped its road game against Lakes Valley Conference opponent Milford would be the return to dominance.

That was head coach Kelsey Masserant's focus in their only practice between the two games: to put the loss behind them and focus on what was ahead.

The Cougars (3-1) refocused Thursday, sweeping the Mavericks (3-1) in three sets: 25-10, 25-13 and 25-20.

Milford left with its first loss of the season after winning its first three matches against Waterford Mott, Walled Lake Western and Waterford

Masserant said she saw her team bounce back from its first loss, asserting themselves with a dominant offensive approach that focused on the size in front, including senior Samantha Deinek and junior Lanna Lewis.

"We were looking to be aggressive and attack," Masserant said. "Coming off of Tuesday (Sept. 29), that was our focus. We were focused on effort and making sure we were attacking the ball."

The Cougars seemed to have that approach from the start of the first set, ex-

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South Lyon East junior Lanna Lewis asserts her dominance at the net for the Cougars. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Catholic Central celebrates senior night with win

Colin Gay USA TODAY, NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The 2020 senior class for the Detroit Catholic Central soccer team has seen it

As freshmen, the Shamrocks finished with 21 wins, earning the program's first state title with a win against **Walled Lake Central** 

Three years later, as seniors, after two regional final losses the past two years, the expectation is there to cap off their four years the same way they starta Division 1 state title.

On senior night against rival Brother Rice (4-6), Catholic Central (5-0-2) inched one step closer, beating the Warriors, 3-1, Sept. 29 at home.

The Shamrocks started fast. Just un-

der two minutes into the contest, senior ton. midfielder Chad Ewing found the back of the net, scoring a goal on his senior

ed their career at Catholic Central: with . . Detroit Catholic Central added two goals early in the second half: a tip-in by junior Vincent Stockton after beating Brother Rice goalkeeper Angelo Yono to the ball he was trying to trap, and an open-space goal from sophomore forward Ali Jaffer off the assist by Stock-

"Our general discipline, our tactical ability and our technical ability is better than average," Catholic Central head coach Gene Pulice said. "So going forward, we have to have the mentality. I'm not sure that once we gain that mentality, I don't think there's anybody who will be able to stay with us."

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## More spectators to be allowed at high school games, per MHSAA

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Michigan High School Athletic Association executive director Mark Uyl announced that Michigan high schools will follow the state's Executive Order 183, allowing an increase of spectators at games starting Oct. 9.

The order states that indoor events must be no larger than 500 spectators, with venues operating at 20-percent capacity. Outdoor events will be no larger than 1,000 spectators with venues operating at 30-percent capacity.

Uyl said on the Huge Radio Show that this executive order allows for schools to have student groups, such as marching bands and dance teams, attend and participate in sporting events.

He said it also allows for student sections to return, but stated that schools should remain vigilant of mask-wearing and social distancing with those in at-

Uyl said he hopes that as the regular season continues and turns into the playoffs, more and more people may be able to attend games.

In terms of face coverings, high school athletes must continue to follow Executive Order 180 that states football, soccer and volleyball players must wear a face covering while participating.

For non-active participants — coaches, officials, spectators, etc. — Executive

High school athletes must continue to follow Executive Order 180 that states football, soccer and volleyball players must wear a face covering while participating.

Order 153 states that masks must be worn inside at all times, and should be worn outside, but that it's not required with proper social distancing.

According to Uyl, face shields count as face coverings.

The MHSAA executive director said changes will happen when new information and data is released.

Also, according to Uyl, winter sports are scheduled to start on time in November. He said preseason meetings for the winter sports — boys and girls basketball, boys and girls bowling, competitive cheer, gymnastics, skiing, boys swim and dive, hockey and wrestling are getting underway.

Uyl said the MHSAA is waiting on specific measures for specific winter sports from the state.

It was not immediately clear how Friday's state Supreme Court ruling will affect the various MHSAA decisions already announced.

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## High school football scoreboard: Week 3

Colin Gay

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The 2020 season continues on. Here's a look at how Hometown Life area teams fared in Week 3.

Oct. 2

Independent

Detroit Country Day (2-0) 10 Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (2-1) 0 Kensington Lakes Activities As-

Canton (3-0) 21, Brighton (1-2) 20 Dearborn Fordson (1-2) 43, John

Glenn (1-2) 7 Livonia Churchill (3-0) 47, Livonia

Franklin (1-2) 36 Livonia Stevenson (2-1) 42, Dearborn (1-2) 28: Caden Woodall recorded 327 yards on the ground and three touchdowns, handing Dearborn its

second loss of the season. Novi (1-2) 14, Plymouth (1-2) 12: Novi recorded 240 yards rushing — including 96 from Maurice Langford - and allowed only nine yards rushing for the Wildcats, earning the team's first win of the season.

Northville (2-1) 13, Salem (0-3) 7 Belleville (3-0) 69, Wayne Memorial (0-3)0

**Lakes Valley Conference** Lakeland (3-0) 24, Dearborn Divine

Child (0-3) 21 OT

South Lyon East (2-1) 20, Milford (1-2) 6: Zander Desentz threw three touchdown passes — to Dorian Arm-

strong, Nick O'Donohue and Drake Willenborg - while Ayden Oliver addd 123 yards on the ground for the Cougars' second win of the season.

Waterford Mott (1-2) 39, South Lyon

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Livonia Clarenceville (1-2) 32, Dearborn Advanced Tech Academy (2-1) 14 **Oakland Activities Association** 

Rochester (3-0) 42, Bloomfield Hills

Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (3-0) 55, Farmington (0-3) 0

Groves (2-1) 36, North Farmington

Seaholm (2-1) 20, Rochester Adams

Western Wayne Athletic Confer-

Garden City (3-0) 42, Dearborn

Heights Annapolis (0-3) 0 Redford Union (2-1) 52, Redford Thurston (1-2) 0

Oct. 3

Catholic High School League Detroit Catholic Central (3-0) 14, De La Salle (1-2) 10

Brother Rice (2-1) 10 Orchard Lake St. Mary's (1-2) 7

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## Week 4 high school football games to watch

Colin Gav

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The 2020 Michigan high school football regular season is at its halfway point, as area teams have three more games before the playoffs.

Here are five Hometown Life-area games to follow in Week 4.

#### Groves vs. Seaholm

After a season-opening loss to Stoney Creek, Seaholm seemingly has righted the ship. The Maples have won two straight — last beating Adams, 20-17, after having not beaten the Highlanders since 1996.

But coming up in Week 4 comes a rivalry game and a chance for revenge for the team on the other sideline.

After Groves beat Seaholm in the 2019 regular season, the Birmingham schools met again in the regional final. The Maples blew the doors off the Falcons, beating them, 42-7, on the road. Groves, with senior Jack Woods at

quarterback and Johnny Rex at running back, has shown up offensively, averaging 39 points in each of its two wins this season. The Falcons scored 21 points to Adams in its only loss this season. Seaholm leads the historical series

against Groves, winning 41-of-62 games against the Falcons. Since 2010, Groves has won eight-of-12 games against Sea-

Groves will host Seaholm 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 9.

#### Franklin vs. Stevenson

After two-straight losses, including an II-point loss to Livonia Churchill last weekend, Livonia Franklin wants a chance to rewrite its script on the 2020

With junior quarterback Zac Olesuk leading the offense to average 31.7 points per game, the Patriots offense has allowed more than 35 points in each of its past two games. Franklin allowed 548 yards of offense — 295 passing and 253



Wide receiver Jaden Mangham will try and help Groves get some revenge against Seaholm Friday night. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

rushing — to the Chargers in Week 3. Heading into Week 4, the Franklin defense will have to try and stop Livonia Stevenson's Caden Woodall. Over the past two weeks, the senior running back, committed to Harvard, has recorded 538 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns himself.

In the game against the Chargers, Franklin allowed opposing rushers to average 8.2 yards per carry.

Opening the season with a threepoint loss to KLAA powerhouse Belleville, the Spartans have won two straight, outscoring opponents, 92-34.

Franklin will host Stevenson 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 9.

#### Farmington vs. North Farmington

The 2020 season is not off to the best

start for both Farmington and North Farmington.

The Falcons have started the season with three losses and, after a 42-31 loss to Groves in the season opener, have been outscored, 96-2, in their past two

For the Raiders, after winning the season opener to Rochester Adams by one point, it has all been downhill. North Farmington has allowed an average of 39 points to each of its last two opponents, scoring 50 points in its past

North Farmington leads the historical series against Farmington, 34-19-1, but the Raiders have lost three of the past four meetings with the Falcons.

Farmington will take on rival North Farmington 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 9 at home.

#### **Bloomfield Hills vs. Brother Rice**

Tied at 7 against Catholic High School League rival Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Brother Rice erased its loss to Detroit Catholic Central in Week 2 with a single field goal kick.

The Warriors secured the three-point win with one second left on the clock, earning the win against the Eaglets to keep them in second place in the GHSL heading into the fourth game of the sea-

In Week 4, Brother Rice steps out of Catholic League play and takes on Bloomfield Hills, an Oakland Activities Association Blue team that the Warriors

have never faced. Led by senior quarterback Tanner Slazinski, the Black Hawks went off to a fast start, winning each of their first two games, but lost in Week 3 to Rochester. recording only five total rushing yards.

Bloomfield Hills will take on Brother Rice at home Friday, Oct. 9. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

#### Churchill vs. Dearborn Fordson

The 2020 schedule has gone as planned for Livonia Churchill.

With an experienced group returning from 2019's regional final run, the Chargers have won its first three games of the season, outscoring opponents, 112-56.

However, in Week 4, Churchill has the chance to do something its has never done: beat Dearborn Fordson.

Since 1976, the Tractors have won each of the seven meetings between the two schools, including a 42-28 win against Churchill in 2019. In those games, Churchill has not scored more than four touchdowns.

In 2020, Fordson has struggled. The Tractors are 1-2, losing to both Livonia Franklin and Belleville.

Gavin Brooks, Jimmy Targosz and the rest of Churchill will host Dearborn Fordson 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9.

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## Former MLB player suspected of killing ex found dead

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Former Detroit Catholic Central baseball star Charles Haeger, 37, was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound on a Grand Canyon trail Saturday evening. He is suspected of shooting and killing his ex-girlfriend, Danielle Breed, 34.

Haeger's abandoned grey 2020



Haeger

Chrysler Voyager was found near Flagstaff on Saturday, according to a report published by the

Arizona Republic. Haeger, who is the younger brother of former Madonna head base-

ball coach Greg Haeger, graduated from Catholic Central in 2001. The pitcher earned post-season accolades after posting a 7-2 with a 1.88 ERA and 101

strikeouts his senior season. He was the Hayden Road and East McCormick winning pitcher in the Class A state championship game his sophomore

Using a knuckleball as his primary pitch, Haeger pitched for Boston, San Diego, Los Angeles and Seattle in a Major League Baseball career that ended in

Scottsdale police responded to a call about the sound of gunfire on Friday and arrived at a residence near North

Parkway around 6:50 p.m., the Republic reported.

Breed's roommate reportedly returned to his home and heard shots coming from her room, police said. Moments later, he saw Haeger come out of the room holding a handgun.

Haeger then pointed the gun on the roommate, according to police, but the roommate was able to get away and call

#### East

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ploding to a 9-1 lead with the help of kills by junior Madelynne Patton, sophomore Kate Loch and Deinek, who added

After two points by Milford, including a kill by junior Alexis Webber off the set by senior Noelle Fitzgerald, South Lyon East returned with five-straight points, eventually winning the set by 15.

That dominance continued in the second set, winning nine of the first 12 points. Milford could not string a run of

more than two points, leading to a 12point set win for the Cougars.

"I was hoping we would play cleaner," Milford first-year head coach Annie Malburg said. "We didn't adapt to the things we needed to adapt to against them. They've got a big offense, and we have to make changes on the fly. We didn't make those changes as fast as we needed to."

Milford made a run in the third set, taking an 11-9 lead after a block from sophomore Makaila Rutz. But South Lyon East answered back with a threepoint run, capped off by a set from junior Olivia Jurkiewicz to her sister Gabrielle Jurkiewicz; one of six combina-

tions in the set.

Milford tied the set at 19 with a Barber kill, but the Cougars pulled away with the help of Patton, a junior captain. She recorded a kill and a set, leading South Lyon East on a 6-1 run to secure the twopoint set victory and the match.

"She's got great energy," Masserant said of Patton. "She is one of the leaders - she is one of the captains. She definitely brings the energy and communicates very well and helps the team refocus. She's a key player."

South Lyon East has high expectations for the 2020 season. No matter how "awkward" the season has been, according to the head coach, the Cou-

gars have an opportunity to build off their LVC championship from 2019, hoping to go further in the playoffs after a first-round three-set sweep by Howell.

However, Masserant wants the Walled Lake Northern game to be South Lyon East's only hiccup of the season, and that this Milford win can create some juice moving forward.

"We're definitely hoping this is the turning point and setting the momentum for the future," Masserant said.

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### **Senior night**

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Describing the three goals scored by the Shamrocks as Brother Rice "switching off" for a short amount of time, head coach Daniel Price was confident with his players' performance, winning two of six games to start Catholic League

"I told the boys at halftime, 'It was the only mistake we really made in the first half. We dominated possession after that," Price said. "But we didn't create any clear-cut chances... We switched off the first 10 minutes of the second half. And it was difficult after that."

**Brother Rice senior Mohamed Nasry** ended the Catholic Central shutout late in the second half with a score.

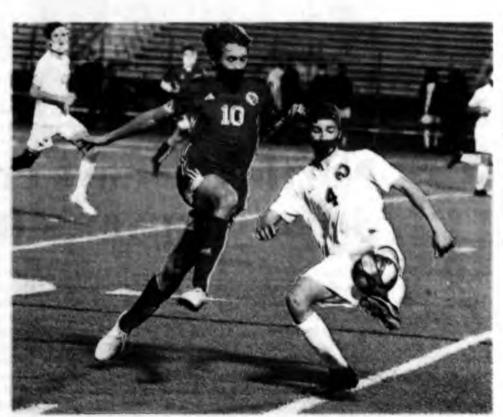
#### Senior night secures expectation

When Ewing stood in the middle of the Catholic Central soccer field at halftime during the senior night ceremony, it felt surreal.

He remembered all of the practices he went through, the drives to games, everything he did to get to that moment.

A month ago, he was not even sure this moment would come. He was not sure that he would have a season, let alone a senior night.

Through his time with the Shamrocks, Ewing, a senior captain, said he grew to know what it meant to be a part of the brotherhood he always heard



CC senior Chad Ewing faces Brother Rice sophomore defender Enzo Bordogna. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"Just to look over and know that I can trust that guy over there who is going to win that tackle or pass me the ball. To criticize each other as well. I think that's a big part of it," Ewing said. "No one's perfect on our team, and I think we all lift each other up, and I think that's the biggest part of my CC soccer experi-

Pulice said there are many senior

leaders that understand what it means to be a leader, that have earned the respect of the program, including Jack Leuker, Clay Moscovic and Andrew

With 12 seniors on the roster and how well, he said, they gel together, Pulice holds the same expectations the players

"There's always that drive to achieve



CC junior Vincent Stockton taps in the goal in front of Brother Rice goalkeeper Angelo Yono.

the next state championship," Pulice said. "The expectation is there for them, and they kind of come in feeling it's going to go their way."

This is something that Ewing has wanted for his senior season, something that he had always pictured. Despite losing that level of certainty during the quarantine period, Ewing said he now can see that expectation, that drive for a state title, again.

"I lost sight of that picture during the pandemic because I didn't know whether or not we would have a season," Ewing said. "But now that I think we are three or four games into the Catholic League, now that we haven't lost vet. I think it boosts our adrenaline and expectation to win a state title."



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#### **Mustangs follow** upset with second win

**Bill Khan** Livingston Daily **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN** 

Brighton was the victim of one of the first big upsets of the 2020 high school football season.

The Bulldogs, whose last game was in the Division 1 state final at Ford Field, lost their season opener Sept. 25 to Northville, 24-14.

Northville has gone 3-6 each of the past three seasons. The Mustangs lost 34-0 to Brighton last season.

"They played really well," Brighton coach Brian Lemons said. "We made some plays out there. We just couldn't put it together for a full game. It was tough. Northville did a heck of a job."

It was the second game of the season for Northville, which lost 54-27 to Canton on Sept. 18. Brighton's scheduled opener with Novi was canceled because of COVID-19 cases at Novi High School.

The game was tied 14-14 entering the third quarter when Northville scored on a 5-yard run and added a 24-vard field goal in the fourth.

Brighton never led, tying the game 7-7 on a 9-yard run by Nick Nemecek and 14-14 on a 2-yard run by quarterback John Aurandt, both in the third quarter. "They were able to control the ball in the first half," Lemons said. "We couldn't get our defense off the field

in the first half. That limited how many plays we were able to run on offense. A couple of mistakes here and there kept drives alive for them. Offensively, we just didn't really have the ball much in the first half to put anything together."

On Friday, Northville beat Salem High, 13-7, at Salem to improve the team record to 2-1. Northville travels to Hartland this Friday for more KLAA action. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

#### South Lyon girls win fourth LVC title

The 2020 girls swim and dive season is anything but normal. However, for South Lyon, the goal is to "just keep swimming" and win their fourth consecutive Lakes Valley Conference title.

The Lions are off to a great start with a 3-0 lead in the LVC Conference thus far.

The Lions defeated Waterford United, South Lyon East and Lakeland in their first three dual meets.

Leading the way for the Lions are seniors Meghan Bandy, Kendra Ebel, Melanie Hesterman and Sabrina Oliveira. Despite losing several top seniors last year, the Lions continue to exhibit strength with sophomores Emma Cusumano, Sierra Newton and others who are working hard to maintain the depth of the team

The Lions are heading into a dual meet against Walled Lake Western Thursday and will be represented by the above six swimmers at the Oakland County Meet being held at Novi High School Saturday, where they hope to obtain several relay and individual state

Additionally, South Lyon's divers have come out strong with great performances by juniors Anna Lang, McKenzie Valencia and Molly Younkin. The trio has finished first-through-third at each meet and all have qualified for the diving portion of the Oakland County

They will next be diving Friday at Lake Orion High School.

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Senior Zach Helner (front), sophomore Brandon Latta, (left), senior Matthew Krahe and senior Max Uphaus compete at the Hanson's Invitational. COURTESY OF MARK MCCASLIN

## Northville boys cross country 3rd at Hanson's Invitational

Northville boys cross country coach Tim Dalton end of the season." knew all summer he would have a competitive team this year, and he finally was able to put them up against some of the best teams Michigan has to offer Saturday at the Hanson's Invitational

Hosted at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights, the meet was divided into separate sections and waves due to Michigan High School Athletic Association restrictions on the number of competitors in a race.

Running in the most competitive race of the day, the Mustangs finished third overall in the 27-team meet. Romeo, who has been ranked No. 1 in the MHSAA's Division 1 the past two weeks, won the meet handedly with 39 points, followed by No. 6 Stoney Creek, who scored 74. Northville, No. 13, had a total of 79.

Riley Hough of Hartland won the five-kilometer race in 15 minutes, 13 seconds.

Jacob Meek was the top finisher for Northville. crossing the finish line in seventh place in a time of 16:27. Nathan Hayes was the next Northville finisher in 16:43, good for 13th place, followed by Zach Helner (16th, 16:52), Chris Martin (21st, 17:02), Brandon Latta (25th, 17:13), Matt Krahe (26th, 17:15) and Max Uphaus (28th, 17:22).

"Zach ran a personal-best (time) today by a few seconds, but I think this was easily the most complete race he's had," Dalton said. "He's someone who is important to our team in so many ways."

In the second wave of Northville runners, Jake Bulat continued his impressive rise this season, running away from the field to win the race in a careerbest 16:57.

Brady Heron (2nd, 17:10), Noah Eckenroth (3rd, 17:20), Brock Mailakal (4th, 17:23), Peyton McCaslin (6th, 17:36), Jack Brady (9th, 17:46) and Nick Yaquinto (12th, 18:09) rounded out the Northville lineup.

"We ran well today," Dalton said. "This was the biggest meet we've been in this season, and with the MHSAA releasing the other day a new format for the regional and state final meets, this was a step in the right direction to prepare us as we move towards the

The meet also doubled for Northville as their dual meet with KLAA West rival Hartland. Dalton and Hartland coach Matt Gutteridge agreed to use the finishing times from the invitational as the results to score their dual meet contest.

The Mustangs came out on top against the Eagles in a close 27-30 final.

"Matt and I both agreed that using this invitational as our dual meet would benefit both of our teams," Dalton said. "I'm glad we were able to work it out and I think our boys feel the same."

Northville improved to 4-1 in the KLAA heading into next Saturday's race against defending state champions Brighton, a matchup of teams who are tied for second place in the KLAA West.

#### Mustangs win at University Liggett School

The Mustangs also fielded a team on Saturday in the Knights Classic at University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Northville easily outpaced the other eight teams, as they scored 20 points to win. Marine City (49) was second, and Madison Heights Lamphere (120) took third.

Marine City's Conner Uppleger led from the start and crossed the finish line in 16:06.

Sam Craig led the way for the Mustangs, finishing runner-up in 16:50. He was followed closely by teammates Mason Niu (3rd, 16:52), Brian McCallum (4th, 16:56), Ethan Marafino (5th, 17:08), and Max Potrzeba

"Really happy for Sam," Dalton said. "He finished his sophomore season strong, but then last year was frustrating for him. Today he finished with a personal-best, and he ran a smart and patient race."

Raunak Chattopadhyay (9th, 17:33), Jack Gattoni (11th, 17:48), Luke Schwartz (15th, 17:52) and David Whitaker (17th, 18:04) rounded out the Northville

## **Obituaries**

#### Ruth K. Whitmyer

Ruth K. Whitmyer, (98), passed away on September 21, 2020 in Grand Rapids Michigan. Ruth was born July 17, 1922 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, to George and Mary Ellen Kemp and immigrated with her family to the United States as a child. She is survived by her brother



George Kemp, her children, Alan (Ann) Whitmyer, Joan (Jim) Darnell and Jan (Chris) Otto, 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband (Frank) of 75 years, 2 sisters and 1 brother.

Ruth was very active in many different organizations including the Weaver's Guild, Spinning Guild, Photography Club, 55 years in the Northville Garden Club, and a life member of the Northville Woman's Club. She was a talented weaver and spinner and enjoyed working on her

Ruth lived in Northville, MI from 1961 until 2015 when she moved with her husband (Frank) to live with her daughter Jan and son-in-law Chris in the Grand Rapids area. She loved living in Northville and was very fond of the Northville Historical Society and Mill Race Village. Burial will be held a later date; donations can be made to http://www.millracenorthville.org/



Northville celebrated its senior night Tuesday prior to its loss to Plymouth. COURTESY OF NANCY SMITH

## Northville girls cross country falls short to Plymouth at senior night

The Northville girls cross country team fell up short in its final home meet of the season, falling to Plymouth, 27-30, in its final home meet of the sea-

While it was senior night with the Mustangs honoring 11 seniors — including eight who have been on the team for all four years — junior Jennie Line led the team with a second-place finish of 18:46. Senior Yasmine Mansi finished in fourth place with a 19:15 time.

The Mustangs had five runners finish within 15 seconds: senior Janie DeGroot (20:13, seventh place), junior Gina Couyoumjian (20:15), freshman Ella Christensen (20:19) and senior Emily Gordon (20:24).

Senior Keira Courtney rounded out the top seven placers for Northville with 20:28.

"We had five career bests achieved tonight and seven season bests amongst the team as we continue to show progress each week," Northville head coach Nancy Smith said. "We continue to improve as a whole team, this becomes more and more important the deeper into the season we go. The KLAA is extremely competitive this year, every meet is a battle. This is excellent preparation for the postseason.

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#### Revenge

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With Churchill answering a 50-yard Olesuk touchdown run with a 58-yard touchdown pass from Gavin Brooks to his brother Bailey Brooks, Franklin tried to change the wavering momentum for

Olesuk ran for another 50-yard touchdown and handed the ball off to sophomore running back Cordel Mabins for a 21-yard touchdown with seven minutes left in the game.

But Brooks and his experienced offense fought back with three touchdowns in the final six minutes of the game. The senior completed 17-of-21 pass attempts for 295 yards and five touchdowns.

Churchill ended the game with 548 yards of offense, including 253 on the ground.

"Our guys answered the bell," DeFillipo said. "They are such an experienced group. They are used to battling through all that stuff."

#### Looking back

As Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert addressed his team after the team's second loss of the season, he pointed out the last time the Patriots lost to Churchill: the 2017 regular season. Franklin lost 24-10, falling to 2-2 on the season.

However, the Patriots beat the Chargers when it counted: a 21-19 win in the district final, advancing all the way to the state title game against De La Salle.

Kelbert encouraged his team, saying, despite the loss, it was the best game Franklin had played all year, coming off the best week of practice they had all year.

Olesuk, who finished with 177 yards and three touchdowns on the ground, while adding 90 through the air, knows what this team can do. And despite the loss, as much as it hurts, the junior quarterback is confident in what his team can do.

"Our team, we have a hell of a team," Olesuk said. "We just keep coming up short at the end. I know that we can beat everybody else that we play for the rest of the season. We just have to come out and prepare."

#### **Looking forward**

Churchill already held the four-point lead with less than three minutes left in the game. The Chargers defense had already stopped the Franklin offense in its tracks, stopping them one yard short of the first down.

But Clegg wanted there to be no doubt in Churchill's ability.

After being handed the ball on first down of the ensuing drive, he was a hole and thought, "Go."



Churchill junior running back Boston Clegg Jr. jumps over the Franklin defense.

The junior running back took it 60 yards for the dagger score.

"We know how to fight back when we are down," Clegg said. "And that's what we did."

Heading into the 2020 season, expectations were sky high for Churchill: returning an experienced group of players coming off a deep playoff run in which they nearly beat Walled Lake Western in the regional semifinal.

Brooks, as the leader of the offense, knew the potential. He said he had this game circled on his calendar for a year. He said, after this win, he knows what this team can do now.

"We can only go up from here," Brooks said. "We know this team has huge potential, and I think little by little. we are just showing it and showing it. I think we are very dangerous, and I'm excited to see where we can go."

Churchill will try and continue its win streak Oct, 9 against Fordson, while Franklin will try and regroup against Livonia Stevenson.



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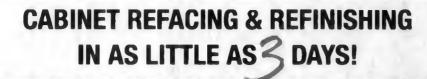
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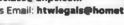
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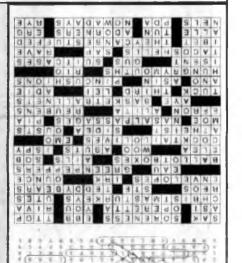
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