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## State sues Arbor Hills landfill owners

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With the hulking profile of Salem Township's Arbor Hills landfill looming over her shoulder, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced during

a Frid  
litigation against Advanced Disposal Services, the owner of the landfill, alleging approximately 30 odor-related violations over the past five years.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of the Michigan Department of Environment,

shutting down the landfill, she added.  
"The violations have contributed to nuisance odors that have plagued nearby residents for far too long," Nessel said. "People in this area have had to endure the stench emanating from the

landfill for years, leaving them to suffer from nausea, headaches and sore throats. This problem must stop."

Water released from the landfill potentially can leak into Johnson's Creek, which runs adjacent to the property, ultimately leading to contaminated groundwater, Nessel said.

"Liners along the bottom of the landfill should prevent contamination of the

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The ladies from Main Street Dance Centre perform in a previous Milford Christmas parade. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE PHOTOS

## Christmas parade canceled, replaced with Twinkle Tour

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COVID-19 concerns canceled the Christmas Parade in Milford, a more than 50-year-old tradition, but it can't kill the holiday spirit.

The Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce is replacing this year's parade with a "Twinkle Tour" featuring decorated homes and businesses in not only Milford, but also Highland and White Lake, and all areas in the Huron Valley School District boundaries.

Jennifer Hill hopes the event, co-sponsored by the Milford Business Association, will light up faces and bring hope in what has been a sometimes dark year.

"The more we hype it, the more people will get involved," Hill, the special events communications manager for the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, said. "It's kind of old-fashioned



Special presents take part in a past parade. This year's parade is canceled.

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## Novi extends timeline for Sakura plan

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Novi has granted a 6-month lifeline to a major development rather than ditch plans that have been in the works for years.

The extension equals a fifth amendment to the conditional purchase agreement with Sakura Novi, who initially proposed buying the 11 acre property that borders 11 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue east of Town Center Drive for \$3 million from the city more than 2 years ago, with plans to put an Asian-themed development on the land.

"This is a project that those of us who have been here have worked on for several years," Mayor Bob Gatt said. "The developer put in a lot of money and the clients have spent a lot of money. I don't want to see this project go away."

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## South Lyon fires school therapist charged with felonies

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com  
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A South Lyon Schools occupational therapist who is facing felony charges related to poisoning a family member and planning to burn down his home has been fired by the district.

In a special meeting Oct. 19, the board of education unanimously voted to terminate Bradley Crainer, citing his failure to disclose felony charges against him within three days.

Crainer, 35, was arrested Sept. 8 after a Livingston County Sheriff's Office investigation indicated that he placed an "injurious substance" into food that

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# Busing canceled Monday for Northville students

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Northville Public Schools was forced to cancel all non-special education busing Monday due to a positive COVID-19 case within the district's transportation operations office, the district reported.

The positive COVID-19 case required the district to quarantine its non-driving staff.

"In consultation with Durham Transportation, a plan was developed to ensure continuity of operations during this time," the district's website reported. "Unfortunately, Durham Transportation Services notified the district late (Sunday) evening that additional drivers have called in their absence from work (Monday),

resulting in a shortage of drivers, in addition to the staff members quarantined as a result of a COVID-19 exposure.

"This shortage of staff has compromised the district's ability to safely and timely transport all eligible bus riders to school on Monday, October 26."

The only transportation services available for NPS students was for students scheduled for door-to-door special education transportation.

"Northville Public Schools will continue to work closely with Durham Transportation to resume K12 transportation as soon as possible," the statement said. "We appreciate your patience and understanding in light of this unexpected development resulting from Durham staff quarantines, and additional absences."

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Busing of non-special education students in the Northville Public Schools district was canceled Monday due to a positive COVID-19 case in its transportation office.

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## First-time candidates seek 21st District state House seat

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Canton Township residents Laurel Hess and Ranjeev Puri have a lot in common.

Both are engaging, well-educated, successful professionals who are friends on Facebook.

They each have two sons who they adore, impressive support systems led by their respective spouses, and they are both first-time political candidates.

Their most profound dissimilarity: Hess is a Republican, Puri a Democrat.

Oh, one more commonality: They both want your vote in the race for state representative in Michigan's 21st District, which is being vacated by three-term Democrat Kristy Pagan.

The state representative candidates' paths to politics are contrasting, to put it mildly. In 2008 and 2012, Puri, currently a business development manager at Chrysler, worked on the financial side of Barack Obama's Presidential campaigns.

He joked that while most businesses focus on their bottom line, he was required in 2012 to spend the \$1 billion raised for the re-election campaign, "or I wasn't doing my job. With campaign financing, you don't want \$1 left once election day arrives."

If Puri wins the election, he will become the first person of color to represent the district that covers most of Canton, all of Belleville and most of Van Buren Township.

Hess, a small-business owner/school teacher/former broadcaster, was inspired to run for office due to her displeasure (to put it mildly) with the government's speed at which it distributed Paycheck Protection Program funds to small businesses — Hess and her husband, Eric, own Canton's Jungle Java — in the wake of the early stages of the coronavirus pandemic.

Getting involved in politics wasn't on Hess's "things I'd like to tackle in life" radar until COVID-19 emerged, threatening her family's livelihood.

"I also want to try to help bring our leaders in Lansing together," Hess said. "Now, it's like living with divorced parents. They don't talk, they don't agree on much. We need more communication and more transparency."

Both candidates' political journeys are paved with emotion.

The day after Obama defeated Mitt Romney in the 2012 Presidential election, he made a rare appearance at his Chicago campaign head-



Laurel Hess and Ranjeev Puri are running for Michigan's 21st District state representative seat. SUBMITTED

quarters to thank his staff.

"The President came into my office, looked me right in the eye, smiled that million-dollar smile, kind of pointed at me and essentially told me, 'It's your turn. This is as far as I can go. It's your turn to go out into your community and give them what they need, be their voice of change,'" Puri recounted.

"I'm not an emotional guy, but he started to cry, I started to cry. That night I went home and told my wife that I was ready to get more involved."

Hess has encountered

a few tear-shedding political moments herself, the most memorable unfolding during a conversation with a woman she had never met at a non-political charity event this past summer.

"She looked at me and asked, 'Are you the owner of Jungle Java?'" Hess recalled. "She had heard about my story on social media or from a friend of a friend. When I told her I was, she started crying and told me she would give me all the support she could for my campaign. It was such a touching moment, one I'll never forget."



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the following topics:

1. Correcting ordinance language that requires Front Open Space on single-family residential lots (Footnote 26 of Sec. 15.02).
2. Revising ordinance language so that assigned parking credits in the Central Business District are consistent with the parking requirements (Sec. 17.01.13).
3. Revising ordinance language regarding fences and walls for residential and non-residential uses (Sec. 18.08, Sec. 18.09, and Sec. 26.01). In residential districts, these changes limit 6.5-foot tall fences/walls in side yards to 10-feet behind the front face of the house, allow 48-inch fences/walls in side yards up to the front face of the house, clarify the fence/wall permit requirement, and require fences/walls be maintained among other changes. In non-residential districts, regulations for fences and walls for outdoor storage (where permitted), and for outdoor dining on private property have also been added.
4. Revising ordinance language to reduce the minimum residential unit sizes in the Central Business District to allow smaller units that are coordinated with the existing historic structures in the downtown (Footnote 15 of Sec. 15.02).

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on November 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held via video conference in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Members of the public body and members of the public participating electronically will be considered present at the meeting and may participate as if physically present at the meeting.

The following is a link to attend the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87315549876>. US: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592, Webinar ID: 873 1554 9876. Anyone needing assistance or accommodations should contact the City Manager's office at 248-449-9905. Information about electronic meetings and a user guide can be found at: [https://www.ci.northville.mi.us/government/agendas\\_and\\_minutes](https://www.ci.northville.mi.us/government/agendas_and_minutes)

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments can be reviewed at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902, Monday - Friday, 8am to 4:30pm or on the City's website [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us) (from the Home page go to Services, Building and Planning, Planning Commission, Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments).

Written comments pertaining to the proposed text amendments must be submitted by 4:30pm November 13, 2020 to City of Northville Municipal Building, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, or use the City Hall drop box, or email to [dmasse@ci.northville.mi.us](mailto:dmasse@ci.northville.mi.us).

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### NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2019 BOND SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Novi Community School District, 2019 Bond, Bid Package #3, consisting of: Bid Package #3 - Novi Middle School Secure Entry & Music Wing Addition will be received through Building Connected until 1:00 PM on November 17, 2020.

1. All proposals shall be submitted electronically through Building Connected: <https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5ae227ade043950006d24541> (McCarthy and Smith Plan Room)
2. For instructions on how to submit a bid please go to the following link: <https://buildingconnected.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360010222793-How-to-submit-your-bid-through-BuildingConnected>.

Proposals submitted after this time and date will not be considered or accepted. Proposals delivered to the Novi Community School District will not be considered or accepted. Faxed and/or E-mail proposals will not be considered or accepted.

Proposals will be publicly opened, read aloud and tabulated, beginning at approx. 1:00 PM on November 17, 2020. Bid Opening will be publicly conducted via a Zoom meeting.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/6607750675>

This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

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| 102: Asphalt Paving / Site Concrete | 115: Metal Studs / GPDW / EIFS                         |
| 103: Selective Demolition           | 116: Hard Tile   |
| 104: Concrete Footing & Foundations | 118: Carpet / Resilient Flooring                       |
| 105: Interior Concrete Flatwork     | 120: Painting  |
| 106: Masonry                        | 128: Casework  |
| 107: Steel                          | 140: Plumbing  |
| 108: General Trades / Carpentry     | 142: HVAC  |
| 109: Roofing / Sheetmetal           | 143: Electrical  |

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Builder's Exchange, Lansing.

Bidding Documents will be available beginning at 10:00 AM, on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 via Building Connected.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting on Wednesday, November 11, at 1:00 PM, at Novi Middle School, located at 49000 W 11 Mile Rd, Novi, MI 48374. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project bid documents & schedule, and to answer any questions bidders may have. Following the meeting, the bidders will have the opportunity to visit the project site. The pre-bid meeting is not a mandatory meeting however, bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. **A FACE MASK WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE WORN INSIDE OF THE BUILDING DURING THE PRE-BID MEETING.**

All bids must include the Familial Disclosure Affidavit (Section 004205), the Iran Linked Business Affidavit (Section 004210), and the Criminal Background Check Affidavit (Section 004220).

All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the Bid, payable to Novi Community School District, as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the School District is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the Bid or failure of the Bidder to enter a Contract for performance. Further, the Bidder will execute the Contract, provide the required insurance certificate(s) and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract but prior to Work commencing.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price.

Novi Community School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

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# Huron Valley shifts to 4-day in-person learning

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Huron Valley Schools will increase face-to-face instruction to four days per week starting Nov. 9.

The board approved the move, a recommendation from Superintendent Paul Salah, in a 6-1 vote just before midnight Oct. 19 and after dozens of objections from teachers. Trustee Jim Pearson voted no.

The meeting was held in person at Milford High School's Center for the Performing Arts, but also streamed online for those preferring to take part in the meeting virtually.

Teacher after teacher called in, several with their voices shaking or breaking, as they expressed concerns over their health, the health of their students, and the health of their families and students' families. They requested staying with the current hybrid model, which has students in school two days per week, and remote three days.

"(The hybrid plan) has been a success, while not perfect, it's a feasible solution during the pandemic," Kristen Blanchard, Muir Middle School band director, said. "We have figured out how to teach and we have adapted, and the students have, too... We all want to go back to face-to-face, but how can this be the decision made when infections are going up?"

In making the recommendation to increase face-to-face learning, Salah said he had weighed health considerations and all the data, citing a COVID-19 positivity rate in Oakland County that is currently 3.6%, below the 5% positivity rate that Johns Hopkins University and the World Health Organization say cases should be beneath for at least two weeks before reopening.

He also noted that in the Huron Valley School district boundaries, there are currently 29 active COVID-19 cases out of 57,400 residents.

Danielle Vivio, an elementary school art teacher and mother of two, walked school board members through an ex-

ample of her school day efforts to keep kids safe, telling about the extensive procedures she goes through with shared art supplies, including putting them in "germ jail" and spraying with disinfectant. She told them too about her constant reminders to children to pull their masks over their noses, while still giving hugs and letting them sit on her lap for a story, because she loves her students and her job.

"We have changed procedures to accommodate a global pandemic," she said. "I take them outside as often as I can and it's getting colder.... I religiously practice these new routines to protect myself, my students and my family... For the safety of students and staff, what has changed (from August)? Help me understand how higher (case) numbers have led to the decision to weaken the protective bubble? What are my options to keep my family safe?"

They were followed by many more teachers who had the same concerns, and also by parents who supported an increase in face-to-face instruction.

Stacy Moore, a mother of two children in Huron Valley, thanked the board.

"As many people have invited you into their classrooms, I would welcome you into my home, where there are tears and frustration," she said of the virtual learning days. She added that when she told her children about the possibility of them going to school more, they "were so excited; they need this."

Salah and board members shared concerns over the detrimental social-emotional impact of children not being in school with teachers and peers, as well as the loss of learning that has occurred and continues to accrue.

These were themes raised consistently in a survey the district conducted about education in the pandemic, in which the majority of parents expressed a desire for more face-to-face time.

But the surveys, in which teachers also took part, revealed that at least two-thirds, 66%, of the educators who are executing the hybrid plan want to stay at 2 days per week in-person, a de-

cision Novi recently made.

One teacher, Maria LaGrasso, who works in another district but called in support of her education colleagues, said she saw the Huron Valley surveys and that the number was even higher at the high school level with 75% of teachers wanting to remain at two days.

Six feet of social distancing will be impossible to maintain at all grade levels with an increase in face-to-face, but a bigger at the secondary level. While passing time in the halls was cited as not as much of an issue as "congregating" by students, what school board members and teachers did agree upon is that large class sizes, including at least 17 classes at Milford High School which have 35 students or more, are a problem.

"This plan has serious weakness in regards to social distancing," Pearson said. "We are giving up a lot. The low number of cases (in the district) is a reflection of our success. We have a dangerous combination coming up in the weeks ahead. Most are suffering from pandemic fatigue. We're spending more time indoors because of the weather and it's difficult at this time for the second wave to hit."

Board Vice President Sean Carlson said he didn't make the motion to go to 4-days in person lightly and referenced the district's mission of "inspiring and building futures, one student at a time."

"It is all of our duty, but we can't live this mission if there isn't a belief by teachers that we need social well-being," he said. "Me as a student, I would have had a difficult time in math or science studying on my own. There was a lot of time and thought in this and we didn't just start with this plan. I wish this were it, but this is not it. The next conversation around the bend is vaccinations. This thing is not around the bend to being over."

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## Over 100 quarantined in Huron Valley Schools in past week

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More than 100 students and/or staff members were quarantined in Huron Valley this past week, more than doubling from the previous week.

On the school's COVID-19 dashboard, 111 were listed in quarantine for the week of Oct. 18-24.

Additionally, the district added two more confirmed positive COVID-19 cases on Sunday to its running total: a staff member at Oxbow Elementary which resulted in two additional close contact quarantines; and a Lakeland High School girls swim team member, which resulted in the quarantine of 23 close contacts, identified on the dashboard as either a classroom or team.

District officials could not be immediately reached for comment.

The two recent cases increased the district total to 8 confirmed COVID-19 cases identified as contracted during in-person school or a school-sponsored activity (such as a sporting event) since school began Aug. 31.

School districts across the state are mandated to report COVID-19 cases on their websites as of Oct. 11, in an effort to be more transparent. Local districts are offering varying levels of information.

Huron Valley established a COVID-19 dashboard, and in the first week of reporting, Oct. 4-10, had 63 students or staff members quarantined. For the week of Oct. 11-17, the number of total quarantines was under 50.

In addition to the Oct. 25 positive COVID-19 cases in the Oxbow staff member and the Lakeland High athlete, cases were recently identified in two Country Oaks Elementary students on Oct. 22 (with no close contacts quarantined) and in a Lakeland High student on Oct. 20 from which 6 close contacts were quarantined.

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# Wayne RESA enhancement millage up for renewal

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Keeping the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agencies enhancement millage is crucial to the budget for Monica Merritt.

The superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools said having those additional funds, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, are critical to keep students learning at a high level.

Merritt, along with several others, recently spoke to reporters regarding the Wayne RESA enhancement millage that voters will decide on Nov. 3. The proposal would renew the current 2 mills being levied on homes residing in districts within Wayne RESA. The enhancement was first approved by voters in 2016 and will expire at the end of 2021.

Randy Liepa, Wayne RESA superintendent, said the enhancement millage brings in roughly \$350 per student.

"Every penny of it gets divvied out to local school districts within 10 days as it's collected as property tax," said Liepa, the former superintendent of Livonia Public Schools. "It has been a game-changer for our local school districts."

Merritt said with Plymouth-Canton schools receiving the lowest foundation allowance possible from the state, the additional funding has helped reduce class sizes, no small feat in a district with more than 17,000 students.

"With this enhancement millage, we were able to reduce class size in our district by one student, kindergarten through 12th grade," she said. "With us being such a large district, that cost us \$1.5 million annually."

"We would not have been able to do that without the enhancement millage."

The millage would support and be levied in households across several dozen school districts, including Livonia Public Schools, the Wayne-Westland

Community School District, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the Redford Union School District, the South Redford School District and Garden City Public Schools.

If approved, the enhancement millage is estimated to bring in more than \$90 million in its first year. The renewal is a six-year renewal and would run through the end of 2027. The average taxpayer in Wayne County would continue to spend about \$96 a year, or \$8 a month, on the enhancement millage.

Liepa said plenty will be done to reach voters about the proposal, especially since it appears at the bottom of a lengthy ballot dominated by national races at the top. Mailings will go out to homes, as well as grassroots educational efforts from local districts. Other traditional outreach methods, including signs, are also expected, Liepa said.

While the current millage does not

expire until the end of 2021, restrictions stemming from Proposal A passed by voters in 1994 have brought the millage onto the crowded ballot this year, Liepa said. He said the way the proposal was written and passed by voters more than 25 years ago restricts how Wayne RESA can approach voters to ask for a millage such as the enhancement millage.

"The largest county in the state could only go every two years for this particular kind of proposal," he said. "We wanted to get it on the ballot early enough to where school boards wouldn't have to be planning for either not having this money and then knowing they'd have it 3-4 months into the school year."

Terry Dangerfield, superintendent of Lincoln Park Public Schools, said his Downriver district has seen improvements because of this enhancement millage, with additional security features and improvements for the career and technical programs for students.

## Tips for protecting yourself from cybercrimes



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

Since October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, I thought it would be important to review some of the procedures that are necessary to protect yourself from cybercrime.

Cybercrime is growing and with more of us working from home and kids attending school online, cybercriminals are having a field day. The first thing that is important to recognize is that we are all targets for cybercriminals. Whether you're rich or poor, old or young, male or female, we are all targets and need to protect ourselves.

Although, there is nothing that you can do that will make you 100 percent safe, by implementing certain precautions you are making it more difficult for cybercriminals to be successful.

As I'm sure you've heard before, it is critical to regularly change your passwords and not reuse the same passwords on various accounts. People tend to use the same passwords on multiple sites because they do not want to try to remember dozens of passwords. This is a mistake. Your passwords need to be unique for each platform you use. Changing one or two characters in your password is not sufficient.

If you are given the option, you should always take advantage of two-factor authentication. Two-factor authentication usually involves the website sending you a text with an authentication code before you can access the site. This relatively simple procedure makes it more difficult for crooks to get your information. Although it may be a little hassle, it is an effective security layer.

Whenever you go into a restaurant or a bar these days, complimentary Wi-Fi is the norm. Unfortunately, this type of Wi-Fi connection is unsecured and can

easily be used to access your private data and hack your device.

Therefore, before you use a public Wi-Fi, you should establish a virtual private network (VPN). A VPN basically creates a private network from a public internet connection. Using a VPN hides your internet address and makes your activity virtually untraceable.

I don't know about you, but since the coronavirus, the number of junk emails that I have received has increased dramatically. In fact, over the last few months I've also received numerous texts that are suspicious. Almost all these emails or texts encourage you to click on a link to get some sort of information.

As a reminder, do not click on any link unless you know exactly who the sender is. If you are curious about something, type the address into your browser as opposed to clicking on the hyperlink. In many of these cases, when you click on the link, you're allowing the crook to access sensitive information.

It is important that you also teach your children not to click on links or on file attachments sent to them by strangers. Many of these bogus emails sent to children contain links that advertise free prizes and other great offers. Just like we teach our children not to get into a car with strangers, we also must teach them to protect themselves online.

October may be Cybersecurity Month; however, for you and me, cybersecurity is not something we can think about once a year; but rather, we have to think about it 24/7, 365 days a year. Whenever we are online, we must be aware of cybersecurity and never let our guard down. Again, there is nothing that you can do that will 100 percent eliminate the risks. However, by following some of the aforementioned strategies, it will reduce your risk considerably.

Good luck.

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## ELECTION 2020

# Record numbers of absentee ballots expected

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Election Day is almost here, and voters across the country have been busy filling out ballots in advance of the Nov. 3 presidential election.

Most expect record-breaking absentee ballots cast this election, in large part due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That, coupled with a sharply-divided electorate focused on the presidential election and changes to Michigan voting laws making it easier for adults to vote, have local election clerks scrambling to make sure everything is ready for what is expected to be a hectic day.

As of Friday, 3,013 of 5,280 Northville city residents registered to vote, 3,013 had requested absentee ballots with 1,886 returned.

Northville Clerk Dianne Massa reported that 1,662 were returned and counted for the August 2020 primary election, up from the 1,437 absentee ballots that were counted in the 2016 general election.

"We encourage voters that are voting by absentee ballot to submit their ballot early," Massa cautioned. "This helps the clerk's office complete the work it needs to do so your ballot is ready for counting on election day."

Northville Township Clerk Marjorie Banner said her office had distributed 14,785 absentee ballots as of Oct. 23, more than half the total of registered

voters (25,648) in the municipality. The number of absentee ballots returned as of Oct. 23 was 9,563, more than a 1,000 more than the 8,284 absentee votes counted for the August primary election.

Less than half the votes cast (17,799) during the 2016 general election were absentee (7,345).

In 2016, Lyon Township had 13,311 registered voters and only 2,662 absentee ballots cast in the November general election.

Those numbers are obsolete now to Clerk Michele Cash.

"This is not relevant to us because we have grown so much since 2016, plus we had to have a reason to vote absentee," she wrote in an email. "Now there is no reason absentee voting due to proposition 18-3 passing in 2018."

Lyon Township now has 15,189 active voters three more voting precincts. In the August primary, 4,633 absentee ballots were returned. As of Oct. 25, 8,248 absentee ballots were issued for the general election, and 5,304 had been returned.

On Oct. 22, City Clerk Cortney Hanson said 24,065 absentee ballots had been requested for the general election, a number she said was "changing by the minute." Of those, 15,940 had already been returned.

Novi has 45,514 registered voters. In the August primary election, Hanson and her staff tabulated 11,903 absentee ballots out of nearly 16,000 issued.

In the 2016 general election, 9,936



**A drop box outside Northville City Hall on West Main Street awaits absentee ballots.** JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

voters in Novi cast absentee ballots. The clerk's office issued 10,259 in that election, under half of what has already been requested for this election.

The City of South Lyon has 9,700 registered voters and Clerk Lisa Deaton has already issued absentee ballots to 4,503, with 2,284 returned as of Oct. 22.

In the August primary election, 2,824 absentee ballots were returned out of 4,503 issued. In the November 2016 election, 1,631 absentee ballots were issued, with 1,583 returned.

Four years ago, 3,094 absentee ballots were issued to Milford Township voters with 3,021 returned on time. Milford Township Clerk Holly Brandt has already issued more than double that for this election: 6,891 as of Oct. 22, with 4,498 returned. Milford Township has 14,553 registered voters.

In August, 4,789 absentee ballots were issued for the primary, with 3,894 returned on time. Brandt said she and her staff are pleased with voters "returning their ballots earlier, rather than waiting until the last days."

"It's easier for us if we can receive them in at a steady pace each day," she said, adding she is receiving about 200-400 per day and as of Oct. 22, 65.27% had been returned.

Several Oakland County communities, including Farmington, Birmingham and South Lyon, have joined a county coalition creating a mass counting board. Mullison said the coalition will save Farmington money and help keep its election workers safe.

"We did that as a way to keep our absent voter counting board inspectors safe - our current facilities would not support appropriate social distancing," she said in an email. "Also, Oakland County offered to support this coalition at no cost to the city, which will reduce our election budget significantly."

South Lyon's Deaton agreed.

"That is a tremendous help to all the communities, especially because we are a small community and we normally do not have enough manpower to maintain the polls and an absentee counting board," Deaton said. "That is going to save many hours for our Inspectors on Election Day. We have a couple of our own Inspectors that have volunteered to work on the Oakland County Absentee County Board, they worked in August and they really enjoyed it."

## Parade

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and reminds me of 'A Christmas Story.' People will go and drive around and look at all the lights."

Everyone who lives or has a business in the Huron Valley district boundaries is invited to participate in the event, which officially takes place 6-8 p.m., Nov. 28, the Saturday after Thanksgiving when the Milford Christmas Parade is normally held.

Those who register on the Chamber website by Nov. 13 will have their home or business put on a map for the Twinkle Tour and will also be eligible for prizes for best decorated house, best decorated business, and best participating group.

Hill said the Chamber was forced to cancel the parade which normally has about 70 groups marching down Main Street from Commerce to General Motors Road and packs the sidewalks with people watching.

"There was no way to keep people on the street safe, you can't social distance,

no way, and you can't enforce wearing masks," Hill said.

But she believes the Twinkle Tour is a great alternative and notes that Santa Claus is still coming to town to the La-Fontaine lot, although kids won't be able to sit on his lap.

"We are working on ways for the kids to communicate with Santa," Hill said.

She added that a school band performance is also planned, although the location is not yet pinpointed and "it has to be a drive-by thing to keep everyone safe in their own cars."

The move to the Twinkle Tour has

also changed the "Citizen of the Year" award, normally an honor recognized in part during the Christmas Parade, to a "Rise to the Occasion" award this year.

The award will be granted to a business, organization, or individual who has overcome challenges in this exceptionally challenging year.

Nomination applications for the Rise to the Occasion award are due by Dec. 1.

Visit the Huron Valley Chamber website, [www.huronvcc.com](http://www.huronvcc.com), for more information.

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## Landfill

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groundwater, but if too much leachate is allowed to accumulate on the liners, they fail and can lead to groundwater contamination," Nessel explained. "This lawsuit seeks to fix the problems once and for all and ensure that we have a comprehensive solution that protects the public and the environment. We will hold Advanced Disposal accountable with significant civil fines, as well."

When asked about the timing of the lawsuit coming less than two weeks before the November election, Nessel said "we've been working on this for a long time. We've been looking for additional data from EGLE about the perpetual violations ... and that data came in last week."

Nessel said she is acutely aware of the landfill's violation-littered past in part because she lives five minutes from the Northville Township park where the news conference unfolded.

"To be fair, I live nearby and Sen. (Dayna) Polehanki and Rep. (Matt) Koleszar represent me and have done a great job of keeping me updated on the situation. The entire state is my district, so if my office sees similar violations



**Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announces the lawsuit against Advanced Disposal Services.** ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

anywhere in the state, my office is ready to act."

Monya Ibrahim, who lives less than a mile from the landfill and has a child who attends nearby Ridgewood Elementary School, said she is grateful for the township's leaders whose persistence has resulted in the installation of an air-monitoring system next to the school.

"Living as close to the landfill as we do, we want to know what's in the air we're breathing in," she said. "There are days we can't even open our windows the odors are so strong."

Ibrahim was adamant when asked if

her family would consider moving out of Northville Township because of the odors emanating from the landfill.

"No, we will not move," she said. "We came to Northville for its diversity, safety and for what it stands for, and it does not stand for being a landfill township. We came here because it's a safe place for our children to be raised and we will continue to live here."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said that while the odors can be smelled in his township, depending on the direction and strength of the wind, the bigger issue for his constituents is debris falling off trash-hauling trucks and the truck traffic that creates multiple issues.

"Northville gets the smell, we get the truck traffic," Heise said. "They're getting off at M-14 and Beck Road, jamming up traffic, breaking down all the time, tearing up Five Mile Road, creating a lot of congestion at Five and Beck and, most importantly at Beck and M-14. The truck traffic is a real pain for us."

Ralph Lassel, president of a Northville Township group that collects data on the landfill's violations, paraphrased Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's pledge to fix Michigan's roads while thanking Nessel.

## Therapist

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was consumed by a family member who subsequently became ill. He had also opened a natural gas line inside his vacant Brighton Township house in an attempt to destroy the residence.

The family member did not seek medical attention and made a full recovery. There was no damage to the residence. On Sept. 11, Crainer was arraigned on charges of preparation to burn and adulterated food. If convicted, he faces up to 15 years in prison on the charges. According to court records, he was referred to the Center for Forensic Psychiatry on Sept. 24 for an evaluation.

Superintendent Steve Archibald said Crainer had been with the district since the 2016-17 school year, assigned to Hardy Elementary School and South Lyon High School as an occupational therapist.

The felony charges Crainer is facing are completely unrelated to anything involving a student or staff member. Under Michigan law, he was obligated to inform the district of the charges pending against him within three days and failed to do so.

Archibald said district officials learned of the alleged offenses by reading them in the newspaper. Crainer has not been at work in the district since Sept. 8 and had no known previous criminal history before his hiring, which would have been disclosed in his background check, Archibald said.

"I think it is important to stress the incident is completely unrelated to the district and obviously anytime we would learn of concerning circumstances, we would take appropriate and necessary steps to ensure the safety of our students and staff," Archibald added. "It's a very sad circumstance."

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## Timeline

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"Through nobody's fault, COVID has struck upon the land and there are so many casualties of this disease it's not funny, it's tragic actually."

The initial agreement in June 2018 called for a closing sale to occur within 18 months at most.

Multiple extensions have left the council exasperated and when developer Scott Aikens requested a six-month extension last month, the council instead offered 30 days for a plan.

What he came back with on Monday was a proposal for a land contract that would allow him to pay half the purchase price at closing and the remaining half over the course of five years, as well

as a phased in approach to development to "reflect new market conditions."

"We agree to expeditiously develop to completion during Phase 1 the new prototype One World Market, the pond and Asian-style walking path, the 50 units of townhome apartments and a meadow abutting Grand River Avenue," Aikens wrote in his proposal to council. "The 68 units of apartments will follow shortly, and the restaurant and retail collection in building C on Grand River Avenue will be undertaken as soon as qualified tenants are under contract and construction is financeable."

Further commercial construction would be planned "as the marketplace allowed."

The council rejected the idea of a land contract and instead granted a six-month extension to Aikens for closing on the property in March 2021. Council

Member Justin Fischer voted no in the 6-1 decision.

"I would like to see the development move forward, but we are spinning our wheels on this contract and conditional sale," he said. "We're back to the vote a month ago. It's an exercise in futility."

Aikens stressed the importance of the location and One World Market, the retailer who "has made clear they want to be here."

"We need to get that deal done," he said. "We need an extension to work out the final details... a high quality Asian-themed restaurant and retail collection need a bridge for time. I am not interested in Battery Plus or things like that. You have a great piece of property on Grand River and we want the collection that is right for you."

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## Catholic Central wins Catholic League title

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Despite heading into the Catholic League Bishop Division championship game undefeated, Detroit Catholic Central had failed to put together a complete game on both sides of the ball.

While the defense was stopping opposing offenses seemingly at will and the new-look pass offense was slinging the ball all over the field, the Shamrocks had not found that signature, dominant Catholic League win that would cement their place in postseason contention. Then came Detroit Loyola.

Facing a defense that had allowed 41 points combined all season, Detroit Catholic Central (6-0) exploded, taking a 38-0 first-half lead, and earning the 45-14 win against the Bulldogs (5-1) to give the Shamrocks their first Catholic League title since 2016: the program's last undefeated regular season.

The Shamrocks scored their most points in a game since Oct. 26, 2018 in a pre-district game against Canton, while their 31-point margin of victory was the program's largest since its Sept. 14, 2018 win against U-D Jesuit.

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Milford's Connor Heltman sacks Lakeland quarterback Tate Farquhar. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Lakeland beats rival Milford, secures perfect regular season

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Six years ago, Joe Woodruff sat in a meeting with then-Lakeland Athletic Director Greg Michaels and then-Principal Paul Gmelin where Woodruff was of-

fered the job of leading the Eagles foot- ball team. Woodruff knew then that this day would come: a day where Lakeland would be a league champion at the end of the regular season; a day that the Eagles have seen before, but haven't lived

in 38 years. A day where Lakeland would have an unblemished regular season. That day came Friday night as Lake- land secured its first undefeated regular season since 1982 with a 38-0 win over Milford.

"This isn't the first program that I've been a head coach of, and built a pro- gram at," Woodruff said. "We came in with a process however many years ago. The first thing I needed to do was turn

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## South Lyon continues dominance against South Lyon East

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Standing on the sideline trailing 7-0 with six seconds left on the clock at the South Lyon East 16-yard line, Jeff Hen- son took note of the situation. The South Lyon head coach felt the blustering wind that his field goal kick-

ers would kick into, he knew the incon- sistencies that group had brought the Lions all season, despite better show- ings in recent weeks. Henson took a chance on his offense. Facing a 4th-and-3, junior quarter- back Dawson Skupin found wide receiv- er Quinn Fracassi past the first-down marker but well short of the goal line,

and South Lyon went into the locker room without a point to its name. Henson knew the youth of the roster — losing 28 seniors from the 2019 team. His message to them at halftime was how to mentally tough, balancing the ebbs and flows of a rivalry game, one that many on the team had never expe- rienced.

"You got to really believe in what we do, and not only what we do, but believe in yourself," he told them. After a scoreless third quarter, South Lyon ended a 17-play drive, including three fourth-down conversions, with a seven-yard touchdown pass from

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# District first round HS football games to watch

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The 2020 Michigan high school football postseason is here, with all teams eligible for the first round of district play after only six regular-season games.

Teams were separated into eight-team districts and ranked by the Michigan High School Athletic Association's playoff points formula.

Here is a look at five games to watch heading into the first round of playoffs.

## Livonia Stevenson vs. John Glenn

Livonia Stevenson will open against John Glenn, the team it faced in the final week of the regular season.

In each of their three losses, the Spartans have lost by a combined eight points, carrying a plus-71 point differential into the postseason.

John Glenn has allowed 40 or more points in four games this season and has only averaged 10.25 points in each of its losses.

Livonia Stevenson will host John Glenn in the District 5 first-round game 7 p.m. Friday.

## Northville vs. Salem

Heading into the first round of playoffs, the Rocks have continued to struggle. Other than a 19-3 win against Plymouth, Salem scored 20 points the rest of the season, and is coming off a 46-0 shutout against Novi.

Led by senior running back Cayden Saunders, Northville has a minus-three point differential, winning its four games by an average of 10.25 points and scoring more than 30 points in a game once.

Northville will take on Salem at home in the District 5 first-round matchup 7 p.m. Friday.

## Groves at Auburn Hills Avondale

Heading into the playoffs, Groves will try and upset No. 4 Auburn Hills Avondale.

Other than a 41-16 loss to Rochester in Week 2, the Yellow Jackets have not al-

lowed more than 22 points in a game this season, winning their past three games.

Groves will travel to Auburn Hills to take on No. 4 Avondale in the District 15 matchup 7 p.m. Friday.

## Detroit Catholic Central vs. Walled Lake Northern

In the first round of the playoffs, Catholic Central will take on Walled Lake Northern. Other than their 33-9 loss to Romeo in Week 6, the Knights had lost its three other games by 14 points combined.

The Shamrocks, on the other hand, have allowed 61 points all season, not allowing more than two touchdowns in a single game this season.

Catholic Central will host Walled Lake Northern in the District 3 first-round contest 7 p.m. Friday.

## North Farmington vs. Waterford Kettering

North Farmington has had a roller coaster of a 2020 season.

After forfeiting its Week 6 game against Seaholm due to a power outage, the Raiders finished the season .500. But before the forfeit, they were on a roll, beating Farmington and Oxford 52-17, combined in the fourth and fifth weeks of the season.

In the first game of the playoffs the No. 4 Raiders will take on the team it was scheduled to make its season debut against before the coronavirus halted the first three games of the year: Waterford Kettering.

The No. 5 Captains have struggled, averaging 16.2 points per game and scoring more than 30 points in a game once in 2020: a 34-26 win against rival Mott in Week 6.

North Farmington holds an 8-0-1 record against Kettering, and the team has earned three wins against the Captains since 2010.

North Farmington will take on Waterford Kettering at home in the District 12 first-round contest 7 p.m. Friday.

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# Hometown Life top 10 high school football teams: District first round

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The Michigan high school football playoffs are set to begin with the district first round starting Oct. 30.

Here is a look at the Top 10 Hometown Life-area teams heading into the postseason.

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

The Shamrocks will try and replicate each of the past two seasons in which they have won the Catholic League: 2011 and 2016, both seasons in which the Shamrocks ended their season in the state final.

## 2. Lakeland (6-0, Last Week: No. 2)

Lakeland secured its first undefeated regular season since 1982 in Week 6. The Eagles have not allowed more than three touchdowns in a game this season and have outscored teams, 73-6, in their past two games.

## 3. Canton (6-0, Last Week: No. 3)

Canton secured its first undefeated regular season since 2010. The Chiefs are averaging 39.3 points per game — their highest total since 2017 — and are allowing 18.7 points per game.

## 4. Brother Rice (5-1, Last Week: No. 5)

Brother Rice beat reigning Division 4 state runner-up Detroit Country Day, 23-13, in Week 6, continuing its streak of allowing less than 20 points in each of its games since the season opener against De La Salle. The offense is averaging 26.2 points per game, its highest total since 2014.

## 5. Livonia Churchill (4-2, Last Week: No. 4)

The Chargers continue to be one of the top teams in the KLAA East, with a defense that has allowed 23 points per game.

## 6. South Lyon (4-2, Last Week: No. 10)

The Lions have allowed 14 points combined in its past two weeks, beating rival South Lyon East by a touchdown to finish the regular season. The Lions will start their third-straight playoff run Friday.

## 7. Livonia Stevenson (3-3, Last Week: No. 9)

Stevenson has lost its three games by a combined eight points this season, while outscoring teams, 134-55, in its three wins this season. The Spartans have a chance to make an impact in their first playoff run since 2017.

## 8. Seaholm (4-2, Last Week: No. 7)

Seaholm did not get a chance to play in Week 6 and comes into the postseason after a rocky regular season. Two of the Maples' three full wins were within a touchdown, while they were beaten by Stoney Creek and Clarkston by an average of 26 points.

## 9. South Lyon East (4-2, Last Week: No. 6)

Despite losing to South Lyon in Week 6, a lot has gone right for South Lyon East this season. The Cougars have allowed 82 points all season, allowing more than 21 points in a game only once.

## 10. Northville (4-2, Last Week: N/A)

Northville emerges into the top 10 after recording its first winning record since 2016. The Mustangs prep for its first playoff run since that season.

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).

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

**Oct. 23**  
**Catholic High School League**  
Brother Rice (5-1) 23, Detroit Country Day (3-2) 13  
**Huntington Lakes Activities Association**  
Belleville (6-0) 35, Livonia Churchill (4-2) 14  
Livonia Franklin (3-3) 28, Dearborn (2-4) 10  
Livonia Stevenson (3-3) 42, John Glenn

(2-4) 21  
Northville (4-2) 41, Howell (3-3) 26  
Novi (2-4) 46, Salem (1-5) 0; Novi recorded 310 rushing yards and six rushing touchdowns — including a 143-yard and two-touchdown performance by Maurice Langford — to earn its second win of the season.  
Canton (6-0) 41, Plymouth (1-5) 6; Canton scores three fourth-quarter touchdowns

and rushes for 373 yards — including 195 yards and three touchdowns from junior Zack Badger — to finish the 2020 regular season undefeated.  
Dearborn Fordson (4-2) 28, Wayne Memorial (0-6) 7  
**Lakes Valley Conference**  
Lakeland (6-0) 38, Milford (1-5) 0  
South Lyon (4-2) 14, South Lyon East (4-2) 7

**Michigan Independent Athletic Conference**  
Livonia Clarenceville (4-2) 49, Whitmore Lake (3-3) 14  
Lutheran Westland (2-2) 42, Mount Clemens (1-3) 20  
**Oakland Activities Association**  
Auburn Hills Avondale (3-3) 37, Bloomfield Hills (3-3) 9  
Rochester Adams (2-4) 20, Farmington (0-6) 6

Seaholm (4-2) 1, North Farmington (3-3) 0  
Forfeit: A power outage canceled the game Friday night, and North Farmington decided not to play Saturday.  
Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (6-0) 40, Groves (3-3) 14; Groves failed to stop Stoney Creek's running game, allowing 340 yards on the ground to earn the Falcons' third loss of the season.  
**Western Wayne Athletic Conference**

Clawson (2-4) 20, Garden City (3-3) 12  
Riverview (6-0) 1, Redford Thurston (1-4) 0  
Forfeit  
**Oct. 24**  
**Catholic High School League**  
Detroit Catholic Central (6-0) 45, Detroit Loyola (5-1) 14  
Redford Union (5-1) 16, Cranbrook Kingswood (0-4) 8  
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"Earlier in the season, we were grinding out wins and our defense played a huge role in that," Byle said. "It's just taken time for the offense to pick up steam, and I don't think we have ever really put together a full game."

"It's really nice to put it all together."

## Feeding off field position

Coming out of the locker room before the game, senior tight end and defensive end Michael Ramirez encouraged his teammates to "come out with some fire."

Last week, Ramirez didn't see it, despite Catholic Central earning the 21-3 win against U-D Jesuit. But the senior needed more. He said he needed to see execution.

"They preach here attitude and effort. That's all it takes," Ramirez said. "We have the talent. It's what we think up here and it's what we do out there."

Ramirez did his part to get that fire ignited.

After forcing a three-and-out to start the game, the senior broke across the line of scrimmage on fourth down, blocking the punt attempt and giving the Shamrocks possession at the Loyola 12-yard line. Three plays later, Byle gave Catholic Central the lead with an 11-yard pass to junior wide receiver Owen Semp.

Catholic Central junior safety continued that momentum later in the first quarter, intercepting a pass from Loyola junior quarterback Anthony Garrett. Taking the ball from the 15-yard line, the offense answered three plays later with a one-yard touchdown run by junior back Connor Bell.

And when the defense forced another Loyola punt, Ramirez broke through the line again, blocking the attempt, giving the Shamrocks the ball at the Bulldogs 14, leading to a four-yard touchdown run by Bell four plays later.

On six scoring drives in the first half — later adding a five-yard touchdown pass from Byle to Ramirez and a one-yard run by senior back Danny Scott along with a 26-yard field goal by Charlie Mentzer — Catholic Central, each time, started in Loyola territory, three times inside the 15-yard line.

Byle said the offense was just feeding off the energy of the defensive and special teams plays that brought them such good field position.

"We just had to do our job once they got us there," Byle said. "It was huge. I don't know how many points we would have scored without that."

Byle, who Ramirez described as "the greatest quarterback ever at reading the defense," finished with 127 yards and two touchdown passes, capping off his day with a 32-yard find to Ramirez in the end zone.

And while the offense took advantage, the defense remained stout.

Facing an offense that had scored 74 points against Romulus in its last time out, the Shamrocks limited the Bulldogs to 107 yards of offense in the first half — most of which came from three passes for more than 20 yards from Garrett to junior wide receiver Jason Hardy and junior Shenard Foster in the first quarter.

Catholic Central head coach Dan Anderson credited the defensive line for stepping up like it had all season, limiting the Bulldogs to -3 yards on the ground in the first half, forcing them to become one-dimensional and taking advantage of mistakes.

"Our defense all year has been our strength," Anderson said. "Especially



**Detroit Catholic Central running back Mohamed Jaffer runs against Detroit Loyola in the first half of the Catholic High School League Prep Bowl at Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi on Oct. 24.** JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

our defensive line has done a great job up front, especially with people's run games. We're able to kind of force teams to run the ball. Not everybody is comfortable throwing the ball all the time.

"We put pressure on him. We were in his face when he was throwing."

## Climbing the hill

Since 2010, Catholic Central has only won the Catholic League title twice: in 2011 and 2016. In each of those seasons, the Shamrocks advanced all the way to the state title game, losing twice to Cass Tech.

Anderson, who earned his first Catholic League title as the Catholic Central head coach, did not jump to that conclusion.

Instead, he is still focused on the

process.

"It's just a great group of kids," Anderson said. "They are working their butts off and are getting better each week. We're young at a lot of spots, but they are starting to grow up quick."

But heading into the playoffs, Anderson led Catholic Central in its most complete game of the 2020 season, maybe even in the past two years.

He said this was just another step in the process.

"Going into playoffs, you want to be starting to climb," Anderson said. "I think we are. I think we are on our path to climb. We're not there yet — we have a lot of work to do — but I think we're heading in the right direction for sure."

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# Catholic Central earns fourth-straight district title

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Three years ago, Detroit Catholic Central soccer opened its playoff run against North Farmington.

After coming out with a 3-0 win in the first round against the Raiders, the Shamrocks won six straight games, earning the Division 1 state title.

Three years later, North Farmington stood in the way of Catholic Central again, this time, for a district title.

Twenty-five seconds into the game, though, the Shamrocks initiated its control.

Junior captain Vincent Stockton took the feed from Ali Jaffer, kicking across his body past North Farmington goalkeeper David Alam to take a one-goal lead.

Senior captain Clay Moscovic answered minutes later, taking an overhead pass from Jaffer and tucking it in the back of the net to increase the Shamrocks lead to two goals.

And while North Farmington's (6-4) defense shut down any other scor-

ing try for the remainder of the contest, Catholic Central (8-0-3) stood strong, earning the 2-0 victory for the team's fourth district title in four years.

"It's just one of those things where things worked out. We were fortunate," Catholic Central head coach Gene Pulice said.

North Farmington head coach Erika Rust felt both goals were miscues, examples — especially on Stockton's goal — of the Raiders getting flat-footed in the open field, pitting one defender against two Shamrocks on a fast break.

But she said the Raiders settled down, stepped up and played the level of soccer that brought them to the district final.

"Once they settled in and realized, 'Yeah, we belong here,' I think it just changed the whole tone and feel of the rest of the game," Rust said.

North Farmington had its fair share of chance, but the Catholic Central defense squashed every chance, whether it was a cross from junior Jacob Marchionda to senior Josh Edelman that was just off or an attempt on a one-on-

one by senior Daniel Hanus against Catholic Central goalkeeper John Browning that was too strong.

In the first 40 minutes, North Farmington recorded no shots on goal compared to the Shamrocks' six, something Browning equates to the defensive communication Catholic Central brings out each game.

Catholic Central recorded its fifth shutout of the season, and have not allowed a goal since Oct. 1.

Pulice said he saw the Raider defense step up as well, watching as his opponent's back line intercepted balls, seemingly knowing what the Shamrock offense was going to look like.

Catholic Central failed to convert on its attacking chances early in the second half, including a deep try by senior defender Jack Leuker that was sent back off a diving stop from Alam.

Rust believes this game is representative of the run North Farmington has been on. She said the seniors laid the foundation for the younger players on the roster, setting the tone of belief not only for a playoff run, but in Oakland

Activities Association Red play in 2021.

"Part of this foundation is believing, 'You know what, we do belong here,'" Rust said. "This isn't a one-off."

"We need to keep going and believe that we can compete in the district every year, we can compete in the Red every year. And it isn't just 'pat on the back, we made it here.' No, let's keep going, let's keep moving forward."

Heading into the regional semifinal against De La Salle, Pulice is feeling good.

He said the Shamrocks are under control, with leadership from its top players. He sees a high spirit and high resolve with eyes on the senior class' second state title in four years.

Facing a familiar Catholic League opponent the Shamrocks drew once and beat once, outsourcing the Pilots 4-1 in two games, Browning said the focus needs to stay on the team.

"We just need to stay focused," Browning said. "We need to do what we did this whole game here: we need to play as a team. It's not one player alone. It's a whole team together."

## Lakeland

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this thing into a 'we' thing. When we've built this thing, our coaching staff has stayed together. Our community has stayed together.

"It's worked so many times before, I knew this was going to work here. We always will try to reach higher with every game, every year. I knew this was going to happen."

The game didn't start off with any glitz or glamour. The rivalry bled through from the start of the first whistle as both Lakeland (6-0) and Milford (1-5) had a hard time moving the ball through misting rain and hard driving winds.

Midway through the first quarter on a short field, the steady influence of junior quarterback Tate Farquhar and junior Evan Percin took hold with runs up the middle of the Maverick defense.

On third down, junior Reed Jabiro opened the scoring with a four-yard jet sweep to the left side for a 7-0 lead.

A fumble recovery on the ensuing drive by senior Lucas Hopkins set up another short field for the Eagle offense. The drive stalled and senior Mark Tingle hit a 22-yard field goal for a 10-0 lead that held for the rest of the first quarter.

"We just play with a passion and toughness," Farquhar said. "We wanted to honor the guys that went through this program that established that mindset from my freshman year on. We just wanted to keep playing as a group."

The Eagle offense continued to impose its will the entire night as the game wore on. Farquhar threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to fellow senior Mike Sherrill for a 17-0 lead that would hold into the half.

Percin tacked on two touchdowns in the third quarter on hard runs up the middle through the Milford defense of eight and 17 yards for a 31-0 lead. And, Percin capped the scoring with another

14-yard jet sweep for a commanding 38-0 lead with four minutes to play in the fourth quarter.

But just as impressive as the offense was, the defense also played stout forcing eight three-and-outs on the night. Junior Jack Kettler and junior Derek Johnson both secured interceptions in the second half as well to help preserve the shutout.

"Our defense flew around and we were hitting tonight. It was fun to watch them play. I'm incredibly proud of them," Woodruff said.

Just like how Woodruff knew this day would come, Farquhar had a similar premonition that he and his teammates would do something special at Lakeland.

"We knew, as we were coming up through our youth league, that this group was special. We formed special bonds that continued to grow. We have fast receivers. Our line blocks well, and our backs run with good vision," he said.

Woodruff had another inkling this

past off season, when the kids passion bled through a computer screen.

"Our kids just work so hard together in the off season, and in the weight room. Even during the pandemic, I remember doing zoom workouts with each kid doing things in their own box on the screen. It was crazy," Woodruff said.

"But just being able to play, that was the only thing we wanted. I look at kids like Mike Sherrill, and I get his passion. I know how hard we work and how his teammates work. I just wanted them to get an opportunity to play. I'm not even sure if it hit me, yet. Even when we were 5-0, there was so much going on with schedules, and what not, that it's dawned on me. Some mornings I wake up and don't even know that we get to play football."

"There will come a time this week, maybe during next week where I'll relax, take a breath and reflect on what we've done. But, it's special to get out here and end the season 6-0."



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## MHSAA announces normal start to 2020-21 winter sports season

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The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced the 2020-21 winter sports season will begin on time, as the Representative Council approved guidelines teams must follow during the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services requirements, face coverings must be worn by athletes practicing and competing in basketball, competitive cheer, ice hockey and wrestling.

They are not required for athletes practicing and competing in bowling, gymnastics, skiing and swimming & diving, which all allow for some social distancing – but face coverings are required for those athletes when not involved in active participation.

Sport-specific guidelines for each sport will address competition limits, spectators and the wearing of face coverings.

The guidelines will also address equipment and facilities unique to each sport.

"The Council believes it is safer to begin winter practices on time, and keep athletes in school programs where safety precautions are always in effect," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said in a statement. "With the vastly different circumstances faced by schools in different regions all over the state, an on-time start still allows schools to decide when they feel most comfortable beginning activity – and allows all of them to slowly ramp up their frequency of activity and numbers of spectators attending competitions."

"But let's be clear: Our statewide COVID-19 numbers have to get better. In order for our schools to continue playing sports this winter, and in order for fans to be there to cheer them on, we must continue working to slow down this virus."

The number of teams at regular-season competitions, like the fall, will be limited to four at competitive cheer, gymnastics, swimming & diving and wrestling events.

Bowling and skiing competitions will be restricted to a maximum of 72 competitors at one event.

Girls gymnastics teams were permitted to start practices Monday.

Hockey teams will start practices Nov. 2, while girls basketball and competitive cheer teams will start practicing Nov. 9.

Boys basketball, bowling, skiing and wrestling teams are permitted to return Nov. 16, while boys swim and dive teams are permitted to practice starting Nov. 23.

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## Obituaries

### Dorothy V Mortenson

**NORTHVILLE** - Age 91, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully on October 23, 2020. She was born on January 13, 1929 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada on the coldest day of the year; daughter of William and Elizabeth (nee Orr) Moxon. Dorothy was united in marriage to Louis Mortenson on September 7, 1957; spending 43 years together as husband and wife until his death in 2000.

Dorothy graduated from Nursing School at Grace Hospital in Windsor. She was a Registered Nurse at University of Michigan Hospital. Dorothy enjoyed working and never wanted to retire. She had many careers including tennis teaching pro, BBQ pit master, and short order cook. She loved walking her dogs with her friend Courtney, spending time on her boat and drinking a strong Kamikaze. She lived her life exactly the way she wanted.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth (Daniel) Moore and Jennifer Mortenson; her grandchildren, Christopher (Katie) Moore and Laura (Ryan) Foley; and her great grandchildren, Louis and Lila Moore. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brothers Jack (Kay) Moxon, Stan (Sophie) Moxon, and her favorite wombmate/twin Donald (Jan) Moxon.

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South Lyon's Quinn Fracassi leaps over South Lyon East's Drew Moyer. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## MHSAA announces 2020 football playoff pairings

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After a shortened six-week regular season, the Michigan high school football postseason is here.

According to Michigan High School Athletic Association regulations set specifically for the 2020 football season, each eligible team was ranked by playoff points, 1-8, in prearranged districts, so that each team, no matter what record, is guaranteed a seventh game.

The teams with the highest averages will host games in three district rounds and the regional round.

First-round games begin Oct. 30.

Here is a look at how Hometown Life-area teams stacked up in its district rankings, and who they will be paired with in the first round of the 2020 playoffs.

### Division 1

#### Region 2, District 3

No. 1 Lakeland (6-0, 64.167) — first-round bye.  
No. 2 Detroit Catholic Central (6-0, 61.917) vs. No. 7 Walled Lake Northern (2-4, 33.833)  
No. 3 Brighton (4-2, 57) vs. No. 6 Novi (2-4, 35)  
No. 4 Hartland (3-3, 46) vs. No. 5 Howell (3-3, 42)

#### Region 3, District 5

No. 1 Canton (6-0, 75) vs. No. 8 Wayne Memorial (0-6, 15)  
No. 2 Belleville (6-0, 74.333) vs. No. 7 Plymouth (1-5, 24)  
No. 3 Northville (4-2, 57) vs. No. 6 Salem (1-5, 24)  
No. 4 Livonia Stevenson (3-3, 44) vs. No. 5 John Glenn (2-4, 33.167)

#### Region 4, District 7

No. 1 Sterling Heights Stevenson (5-1, 64.367) vs. No. 8 Farmington (0-6, 15.4)  
No. 2 West Bloomfield (5-1, 64.167) vs. No. 7 Utica Ford (1-5, 25.5)  
No. 3 Bloomfield Hills (3-3, 46.067) vs. No. 6 Troy (3-3, 34.867)  
No. 4 Southfield Arts and Technology (2-3, 39) vs. No. 5 Troy Athens (2-3, 37)

### Division 2

#### Region 6, District 12

No. 1 Fenton (6-0, 67.667) vs. No. 8 Walled Lake Central (0-6, 14.7)  
No. 2 South Lyon (4-2, 49.2) vs. No. 7 Milford (1-5, 26.4)  
No. 3 Walled Lake Western (4-2, 46.067) vs. No. 6

Waterford Mott (2-3, 30)

No. 4 North Farmington (3-3, 44) vs. No. 5 Waterford Kettering (2-4, 35.233)

#### Region 7, District 13

No. 1 Livonia Churchill (4-2, 55.167) — first-round bye

No. 2 Dearborn Heights Crestwood (5-1, 54.167) vs. No. 7 Ypsilanti Community (3-3, 35.167)

No. 3 Livonia Franklin (3-3, 48) vs. No. 6 Temperance Bedford, (3-3, 39.033)

No. 4 Dexter (4-2, 47.333) vs. No. 5 Ypsilanti Lincoln (3-3, 40.533)

#### Region 8, District 15

No. 1 Seaholm (4-2, 56.333) vs. No. 8 Sterling Heights (0-5, 12.2)

No. 2 Warren Mott (5-1, 56) vs. No. 7 Warren Cousino (1-5, 21.567)

No. 3 Berkley (4-2, 50.9) vs. No. 6 Royal Oak (1-5, 22.333)

No. 4 Auburn Hills Avondale (3-3, 40.7) vs. No. 5 Groves (3-3, 40.333)

### Division 3

#### Region 11, District 22

No. 1 Chelsea (6-0, 67) vs. No. 8 Redford Thurston (1-4, 22)

No. 2 Brother Rice (5-1, 62.25) vs. No. 7 Dearborn Divine Child, (2-4, 25.5)

No. 3 Pinckney (4-2, 50.833) vs. No. 6 Orchard Lake St. Mary's (1-3, 27.083)

No. 4 South Lyon East (4-2, 50.5) vs. No. 5 Garden City (3-3, 35.833)

### Division 4

#### Region 15, District 30

No. 1 Redford Union (5-1, 49.667) vs. No. 8 Dearborn Heights Annapolis (1-5, 8.833)

No. 2 Milan (5-1, 49.167) vs. No. 7 Adrian (0-5, 11)

No. 3 Carleton Airport (3-3, 34.833) vs. No. 6 Romulus (2-3, 23.667)

No. 4 Livonia Clarenceville (4-2, 31.333) vs. No. 5 Tecumseh (1-4, 25.2)

#### Region 16, District 31

No. 1 Madison Heights Lamphere (6-0, 48.6) vs. No. 8 Cranbrook Kingswood (0-4, 8.167)

No. 2 Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (5-1, 48) vs. No. 7 Hazel Park (1-5, 18.167)

No. 3 Detroit Country Day (3-2, 43.5) vs. No. 6 Detroit Henry Ford (3-3, 24.5)

No. 4 Harper Woods Chandler Park (3-3, 26.5) vs. No. 5 Center Line (2-4, 24.667)

## South Lyon East beats Walled Lake Western, honors seniors



Abby Seybert is one of five seniors on South Lyon East's swim roster. COURTESY OF JO-ANNE SCHELOSKE

The South Lyon East girls swim and dive team came out on top on senior night, beating Walled Lake Western, 94-90, Oct. 22.

The Cougars are now 4-2 in Lakes Valley Conference play, and 5-2 overall.

"This was a great win to get on senior night," South Lyon East head coach John Burch said. "We knew the meet was going to be close and we were able to pull it out. It was great seeing all these seniors able to celebrate a win on the night we recognized them on a great swim career."

South Lyon East honored its five seniors Thursday night: Jordan Dashner, Olivia Lowry, Maria Mayorga, Abby Seybert and Halle Snyder.

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## South Lyon

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Skupin to junior Nathan Grooters. And after forcing a three-and-out, the Lions came back again, capitalizing on a nine-play drive with a 15-yard back-shoulder fade from Skupin to Fracassi.

And when South Lyon East quarterback Zander Desentz tried for one last drive, South Lyon (4-2) capitalized again, as junior defensive back Dakota Blackwell recorded an interception, solidifying the 14-7 victory against the Cougars (4-2).

South Lyon has beaten South Lyon East 12 times in 13 seasons.

"Give East a lot of credit: They came out in the first half. They played with some purpose, and took it to us a little bit," Henson said. "We were fortunate just to get out 7-0 in the first half."

"Our kids really rallied together in the second half and some things went our way. They played with a lot of conviction. Here we are: damn happy."

### Tides shift

South Lyon East came into its regular season finale as something it was not used to: the likely favorites against its rival South Lyon.

And in the first half, the Cougars showed it.

In the first drive of the second quarter, Desentz broke free with a 29-yard scamper, answered a play later with a 1-yard touchdown run by running back Ayden Oliver.

In the first half, the Cougars recorded 139 yards of offense, limiting South Lyon to 93 with no scores.

But South Lyon East was playing into South Lyon's game. The Lions have not lost a game this season in which they have allowed less than or equal to three touchdowns.

From the start of the third quarter, with senior defensive lineman Gus Taylor sacking Desentz — one of three for the defense in the second half — momentum shifted. The Cougars recorded 28 yards of offense in the third quarter, while South Lyon ended the quarter driving, leading toward its first touchdown of the game early in the fourth.

And when Skupin needed a score with just over two minutes to go in the game, picking up a defense that shut the Cougars down, he turned to Fracassi.

"Me and Dawson, we have a great relationship," Fracassi said. "We work in practice, we get those throws in and we just feel confident in each other and it pays off in the end."

Fracassi finished the game with 10 catches for 89 yards, describing that final 15-yard touchdown reception as just a simple practice rep — knowing he could get the defensive back inside and move outside for the score.



Dakota Blackwell, left in foreground, and his teammates begin to celebrate his game-sealing interception in South Lyon's 14-7 victory against South Lyon East on Oct. 23. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Skupin completed 10-of-11 pass attempts in the second half for 91 yards and two touchdowns, including a two-point conversion to give the Lions a one-touchdown lead.

For Henson, he knows that tandem is automatic.

"Quinn's a great receiver and we're lucky that we have him back for another year," Henson said. "In Dawson, he's a first-time quarterback for us. He didn't start the season for us, the first couple games."

"But you throw it up, (Fracassi will) get it. It's pretty simple."

### South Lyon stands strong

After South Lyon had scored its go-ahead touchdown and two-point conversion, South Lyon East head coach Joe Pesci was calm. He knew what Desentz and the rest of the offense had to do.

"We've been pretty successful throwing the football all year. We didn't really

panic," Pesci said. "We're a no-huddle team to begin with, but we were trying to put the pedal down a little bit more in that set, that drive."

The senior quarterback quickly found wide receiver Drake Willenborg twice for eight yards each, jumping 15 yards after a pass interference call against South Lyon.

Desentz continued to move, finding Willenborg for eight yards, answering a sack with a nine-yard gain to Dorian Armstrong, later throwing a five-yard completion to Armstrong on a 4th-and-5 to bring the Cougars to the Lions' 25-yard line.

With 38 seconds left in the game, Desentz tried to continue that momentum, but it turned out to be Blackwell's time to shine, fighting for the jump ball and securing the interception for the South Lyon victory.

"Oh my God, relief man," Blackwell said when asked what he felt after sealing the win for South Lyon. "It was crazy. I love my teammates."

For Pesci, it was a miscue for a quarterback who had gotten it right many times this season, ending the last drive with six completions on nine pass attempts.

"I thought we were executing what we wanted to do: just get down the field, take what they were giving us," Pesci said. "We had a shot. The other kid made a play and we didn't."

And while South Lyon East had showed up in LVC play, coming in with four wins in five games, Fracassi said South Lyon had a chance to play free without any pressure.

South Lyon played like the underdog, yet continued its dominance against its city rival.

"We're not letting this city go black and white," Fracassi said. "We're staying gold and blue."

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## How businesses are adapting to the COVID ECONOMY

By Julia Pollak  
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The COVID-19 pandemic has rolled business, particularly in face-to-face service industries. But some companies are managing to rise above the disruption and adapt to the new normal. Here are some key ways businesses have transformed their operations.

### Adopting omni-channel retail

The digital transformation does not mean the end of physical stores. Surveys find that most shoppers prefer some aspects of shopping in person. Indeed, several of the top hiring firms since the start of the pandemic — Lowe's, Home Depot, Walmart and Dick's Sporting Goods — have been retailers at the forefront of integrating physical and online stores.

Omni-channel shopping models allow customers to browse products, order and pay online; see whether local stores have inventory available and choose to pick up purchases in person; opt to have goods unpackaged and assembled by in-store technicians; and make in-store returns and exchanges. The acceleration



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of integration across digital and physical channels spurred by COVID-19 could help retailers get the most out of each one, during the pandemic and after.

### Providing services outdoors

In many cities, rules regulating outdoor dining have made it difficult for restaurants to set up tables outdoors. The pandemic has led city governments to relax those regulations substantially, cordon off parking lanes and allow restaurants, stores, gyms and

religious organizations to take over sidewalks and parking spaces.

### Providing services in homes

If you can't go to the gym, the salon or school, bring the trainer, stylist or teacher to your home. Before COVID-19, that would have seemed like a solution only for the very wealthy. But pandemic-related job losses and business closures have encouraged many Americans to offer in-home services more widely, whether to individuals or small

groups of neighbors, spreading the word via social media and freelancing platforms.

It is unclear how durable this trend will be. But there will likely be some Americans who become accustomed to the convenience of in-home services and are prepared to pay more for them after the pandemic is over.

### Pivoting to new products and services

At the start of the pandemic, major automobile, aerospace and plasticware manufacturers converted their production lines to make ventilators, face shields, plexiglass screens and COVID-19 test kits. Clothing companies raced to produce surgical masks and hospital gowns. And beverage companies started producing hand sanitizer.

Since then, many businesses have found opportunity in the crisis by switching to manufacturing, selling or leasing goods for which demand has surged. Some examples include dumbbells, beard trimmers, exercise bikes, yoga pants and RVs. Other businesses have started offering in-demand services, like bicycle repair, tent rental, video game console refurbishment and tutoring.

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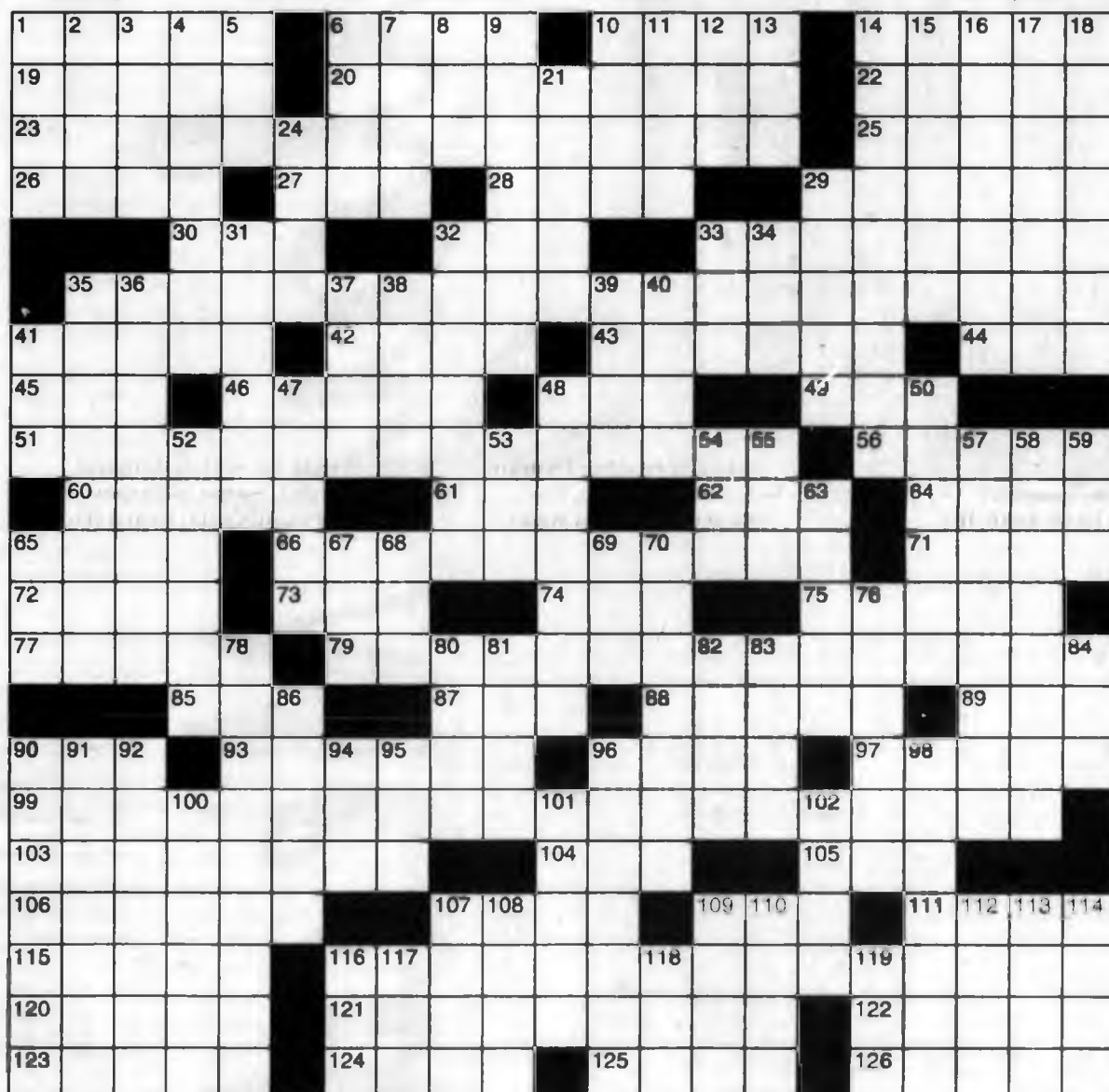


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6 Duo plus one  
10 Orangutans, e.g.  
14 Plot out, as an equation  
19 Desert refuge  
20 In an obliging manner  
22 Evoking an earlier style  
23 Start of a riddle  
25 Rob of "Melrose Place"  
26 Enticement  
27 "— longa, vita brevis"  
28 March Madness org.  
29 — mama (rum cocktail)  
30 Tamish  
32 Rd. with a number  
33 Hormone released during childbirth  
35 Riddle, part 2  
41 Signified  
42 Valentine's Day feeling  
43 Angle measure  
44 History unit  
45 Pretend  
46 Particular printing
- 48 Lock go-with  
49 Marina del —  
51 Riddle, part 3  
56 Considers to be  
60 Like unripe bananas  
61 Always, in poetry  
62 Hugs, in letters  
64 Airline of Israel  
65 Pod fillers  
66 Riddle, part 4  
71 Delilah player  
72 Hotel furniture  
73 History unit  
74 Suffix with strict  
75 Inedible type of orange  
77 Coiled length of yam  
79 Riddle, part 5  
85 Fleeced male  
87 "The Walking Dead" airer  
88 "Royals" singer  
89 Anti votes  
90 —Kosh B'gosh (kids' clothing brand)  
93 1998-2008 Toyota model  
96 Former Nintendo rival
- 97 Orlando theme park  
99 End of the riddle  
103 Lack of vigor  
104 Suffix with beat  
105 "— was saying ..."  
106 "See ya!", British-style  
107 Ernie's pal  
109 Pierre's pal  
111 Lariat part  
115 Covered with vines  
122 "The Magic Flute," e.g.  
123 Provided with a border  
124 Small equine  
125 Film lioness  
126 Dot in the sea
- 9 Like most sandals  
10 Saintly glow  
11 Court declaration  
12 Yale Daily News staffer  
13 Similarly defined wd.  
14 Enlarged  
15 Broadcast again  
16 Briefcase variety  
17 First-ever  
18 Christian cry of praise  
21 Stood up to  
24 Wyatt at the O.K. Corral  
29 To a large degree  
31 Apparel  
32 Totally absorbed  
33 Outdated  
34 VI doubled  
35 PC support whiz, perhaps  
36 "Drink" for a constantly critical sort  
37 Alternatively  
38 Fat-and-flour mixture  
39 Utah city  
40 Oscar winner  
41 See 82-Down  
47 Have a hunch
- 48 "On the Road" novelist Jack  
50 Cowboy cry  
52 "Absolutely, sarge!"  
53 Big retailer of outdoor gear  
54 Hawaii's Mauna —  
55 Hither's partner  
57 Posh quality  
58 Scooped over, perhaps  
59 Devious  
63 "Get Shorty" star Chris  
65 "Masterpiece" network  
67 Set — (brawls)  
68 Game akin to crazy eights  
69 Dot-com address  
70 "Magnum, P.I." star Tom  
76 Trapshooting targets, informally  
78 Stereotypical working-class family man  
80 Ace or deuce  
81 "If — be so bold ..."  
82 With 41-Down, lotus sitters' cushion  
83 Asia's — Sea  
84 "Spring ahead" hrs.  
86 Ties down, as a boat  
90 Resembling a hooting bird  
91 Bundled, as wheat  
92 High — (snubbing)  
94 Pull along  
95 Khan who married Rita Hayworth  
96 "I'm OK with it"  
98 Comedian Emo  
100 It might be given by a flirter  
101 Way to serve ham or pastrami  
102 Café au —  
107 Wheat husk  
108 Water whirl  
109 City in Iowa  
110 Plateau's kin  
112 Law school newbie  
113 Folklore giant  
114 Exam for H.S. juniors  
116 Brief snooze  
117 — friendly  
118 Fossil fuel  
119 — polloi



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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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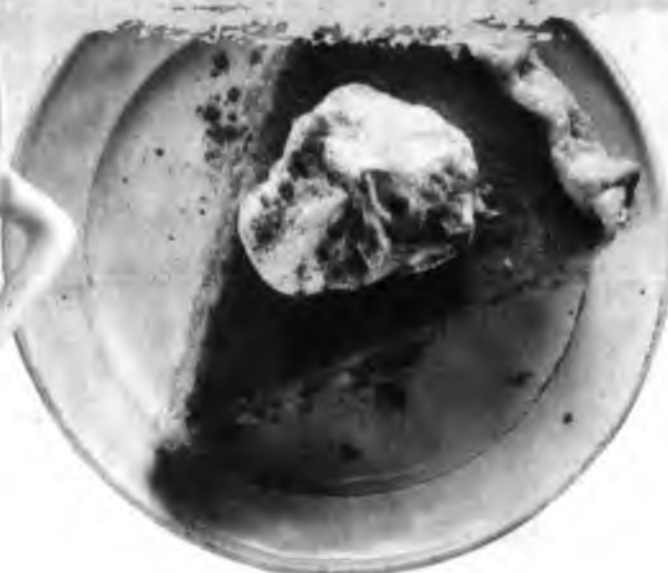
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