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Doctors prep for winter as COVID-19 patient cases rise

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Winter is coming, and with it there are good and bad tidings from local doctors on the frontline of the pandemic.

The bad news: COVID-19 hospitalizations are on the rise at hospital systems

operating in metro Detroit.

The good news: As of now it isn't anywhere close to as bad as it was in early April, and there is reason to believe the numbers can be kept at a "manageable" level as people move indoors to escape the cold.

"It is drastically down from the

spring, but drastically up from June," Dr. Matthew Sims, infectious disease specialist at Beaumont, said. "I think it is going to go up, but throughout the state. It's not near what the hospitals were at in April, but it's going up in a

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Election results online

Tuesday was an important day for our country as voters across the nation cast ballots to decide elected leaders from U.S. President down to local school board. With local municipal clerks expecting record absentee ballot turnout, most election officials expected the counting process to take longer than normal. Results of Tuesday's election were not available before this print edition was sent to the printer. Visit [HometownLife.com](https://www.hometownlife.com) to find the latest election results in Oakland and Wayne counties.

Mexican restaurant opens in South Lyon

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After months of advertising their arrival with signs in the window, Cancun Mexican Grill opened its doors in late September at 25900 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon.

Business has increased throughout the last month as people share their experiences with others, said Juan Gonzalez, the manager of the restaurant.

"Day by day, it's picked up a little bit," he said. "The nights, we see dining and to-go orders. A lot."

Those not knowing what they want for lunch or dinner will have plenty of options. The menu is packed with plenty of tacos, chimichangas, fajitas, burritos and more to pick from. The restaurant also sports a full bar, serving beer, wine and cocktails, including the ever-popular margarita.

The menu is essentially identical to other Cancun Mexican Grill restaurants, which are mostly located in mid-Michigan. There are other restaurants in Okemos, Saint Johns, Lansing, Alma and Saline. The South Lyon location is the company's first in the metro Detroit area.

The restaurant appears to be in a class of its own in South Lyon: it's the only sit-down Mexican restaurant now in the city. It would have joined the Lyon Cantina, though that restaurant burned down late last year. Gonzalez said one of the owner's children plays soccer and came to South Lyon for a match. They discovered the space and thought it would be a perfect fit for their concept.

Gonzalez said the restaurant has been in the works for a while: they planned to open in early spring, but like many other new businesses were affected by the COVID-19 shutdown that limited construction.

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Cancun Mexican Grill waiter Leonardo Mendez brings out an enchilada for a lunchtime patron on Oct. 26. The South Lyon restaurant opened in late September at 25900 Pontiac Trail. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Westland man to be tried in skateboarding death

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Law enforcers have a list of the evidence collected the night a young Spartan and Northville Township skateboarder was fatally struck along Sheldon Road.

It's tragic: A cellphone, a skateboard, a beer can, a baseball cap, a pair of white Nikes, two blue paint chips, blood on a chunk of windshield wiper and a deceased Dominic Duhn, 20.

Northville Township Detective Jon Huerta was there that night, and he was the one who used technology to connect

the paint chips with the metallic blue 2012 Ford Escape that police allege Gustavo Godinez Jr., 20, of Westland was driving late Sept. 3, when he was leaving work and heading home.

Godinez's attorney questioned Duhn's judgment that night, but Judge Michael Gerou said there was enough

evidence to send Godinez to trial for a felony charge of failing to stop at the scene of an accident, resulting in death.

"This is a horrible tragedy," Gerou said, emphasizing testimony that Duhn and a friend had been skateboarding

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Navy pilot from Wixom killed in training flight

Frank Witsell Detroit Free Press
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An instructor pilot from Michigan and student aviator from North Carolina were killed Oct. 23 in a fiery crash when a training flight went down in an Alabama neighborhood, setting a home on fire, Navy officials confirmed.

U.S. Navy Lt. Rhiannon Ross, 30, of Wixom, and Coast Guard Ensign Morgan Garrett, 24, of Weddington, North Carolina, were flying a U.S. Navy T-6B Texan II trainer aircraft, which crashed at about 5 p.m. (CDT) Friday in Foley.

No civilians were injured. The Navy saluted the two women's "spirit, friendship and devotion to their country," adding it "will not be forgotten."

Ross and Garrett took off from the Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Milton, Florida, on what the Navy called "a routine training flight." The T-6B Texan II is a tandem-seat, turboprop trainer designed to train Navy and Marine Corps pilots.

Ross had been a member of the University of Michigan's Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps. She served three years with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 26 out of Norfolk, Virginia, before joining the Florida-based Training Squadron Two in 2018.

Oct. 26, her Facebook page had been switched to a memorial setting.

The plane went down near a Baldwin County public school when students were still on campus during an after-school program. Baldwin County Public Schools Superintendent Eddie Tyler called the crash "a little too close for comfort."

The crash also sent debris into a



Garrett



Ross

house, setting it ablaze, and damaged two vehicles, according to local and national news reports. Two people inside the home were able to escape and fire crews extinguished the blaze, preventing other homes on the street from burning.

A witness told The New York Times he watched the plane crash. It had been "flying really low." It dived nose-first into the ground and then exploded, shooting a "big ball of flame" toward the house that caught on fire.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Garrett had graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, in 2019.

She majored in marine and environmental sciences. She was a regimental activities officer at the academy, and competed as a middle-distance runner in track and field.

In a message posted to the academy Facebook page in 2019, she offered some thoughts on what she learned at the academy.

Among other things, she wrote: "Always look out for your shipmates" and "always seek out the next thing you can be doing to improve yourself."

On Facebook, Navy Cmdr. Wes Barnes, of the air station in Florida, and others offered their sympathies.

"It is with a heavy heart that I share the loss of two of our squadron members," Barnes wrote.

Huron Valley Schools cancels in-person classes

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Huron Valley Schools canceled face-to-face learning for at least this week in response to increasing risks in Oakland County related to the coronavirus pandemic.

In an Oct. 31 letter sent to all families in the district, Superintendent Paul Salah said Oakland County's risk category moving from a level C to level E in a one-week span, along with multiple positive COVID-19 cases in separate households at both Lakeland and Milford high schools, led to the decision.

District officials had expected the county's risk category to change levels for the worse, but not as significantly as it did, he said.

A county risk level E "means there are 150 or greater cases per million with a 20 of greater positivity rate," the letter stated. Positivity means the percentage of overall people tested who test positive for the virus.

Salah said in the letter that the "district will be fully online for an indefinite period of time" but gives administrators time to take precautions to get students back for face-to-face learning. He added that the virus appears to be spreading more in the community than in the schools themselves.

Salah said the district will work with the county health department in making decisions on student learning and getting back to an in-person setting.

"Please be flexible and understand that teachers are doing the best that they can to support your children, but may be making last-minute alterations to lessons based upon the change in format," Salah wrote.

The Oakland County Health Division's guidance to schools under level E don't require schools to shut down, but it does recommend it.

For schools where no cases have been present, the guidance under level E is to "Consider pausing for 14 days, in person instruction in entire district to discuss protection strategies including but not limited to testing."

Last week, the Wayne County Health Division alerted schools that it was reviewing its status level as well.

"If COVID-19 cases continue to increase, and the community spread risk level continues at its highest level, the Wayne County Public Health Division will issue stricter guidelines that could include suspension of in person classroom learning in communities with sustained high levels of COVID-19 cases," the Health Division wrote to educators.

School districts across the state have taken different approaches to learning during the pandemic. Some districts returned to in-person learning at the beginning of the school year while others phased it in beginning in October.

Michigan reported 11 deaths from COVID-19 and 3,168 new positive cases for the coronavirus, according to Friday's update from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

The state's totals are now 7,309 confirmed deaths and 174,388 confirmed cases.

The state had a rising positivity rate of 6.58% Thursday, reporting 4,084 out of 61,998 diagnostic test results returned were positive.

Michigan has a fatality rate of 4.2% among known cases.

Oakland County is reporting 127 current COVID-19 cases, which equated to 22.1 people per 10,000 residents.

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Review options during Medicare open enrollment



Money Matters

Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

It's that time of year. For those of you on Medicare, this is the season (also known as open enrollment) to make decisions regarding next year's coverage. Open enrollment time allows insurers to add or change coverage related to Medicare Part D, the prescription drug program, or Medicare Part C, also known as Medicare Advantage. During this time period running Oct. 15-Dec. 7, it is important to review your coverage and make a decision for next year.

Although you are not required to do anything, and generally if you don't your 2020 coverage will continue for 2021, it is important to remember that plans change. Your existing coverage may be the best option for you; however, that is not always the case. Therefore, you should take advantage of this



It's time to make sure your Medicare plan gives you the best possible coverage.

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open enrollment period to review your options.

Even if you've been happy with your current plan, you should take this opportunity to relook at your situation. Remember, just because a plan worked for you in 2020 that does not mean it will work for you in 2021.

When it comes to Medicare D, the prescription drug plan, insurance companies make changes to their plans every year that can have a significant impact not only on your monthly premium, but also your deductibles and out-of-pocket costs. Insurance companies also, on a yearly basis, can make changes to the list of drugs that are covered. When you couple that with the fact that our individual health situation can change from year to year, you can see the importance of re-evaluating your coverage, and now is the time to do it.

In beginning to re-evaluate your options, it is important to make sure that you have a list of all your current medications and the frequency that you take them. Once you have this information, the best place to begin your re-evaluation is through medicare.gov. Medicare.gov has a plan-finder tool that can help you select the best plan for you. In selecting the plan, particularly for those of you who take multiple medications, the key is to focus on those medications that you take more frequently and that cost more. In addition, particularly in this COVID-19 world that we live in, another factor should be convenience. In other words, the ease of filling your medications. Many providers will provide delivery services where others will not. In selecting your plan, make sure to take convenience into consideration.

In shopping around for a Medicare prescription drug plan, many seniors make the false assumption that what is good for one spouse is automatically good for the other; this is not the case. Every individual has unique health situations and takes different medications. As a result, it is not unusual to find that a plan that works for one spouse does not work for the other. Therefore, in doing your Medicare search, husbands and wives need to do their research independently. I recognize that this is a has-

sle, and it is inconvenient. However, if you want to assure yourself that you each are getting the best coverages, you must do your research independently.

Seniors also can switch into or from a Medicare Advantage Plan. A Medicare Advantage Plan is offered by Medicare-approved private companies and is an alternative way of getting your Medicare A and B coverage. In addition, most Medicare Advantage Plans will include a prescription drug plan as part of their coverage. Medicare Advantage Plans typically will also cover things that Medicare A and B do not cover such as vision, hearing and dental. Medicare Advantage does have some downsides.

Under the traditional Medicare, you basically get nationwide coverage and can go to any doctor that accepts Medicare. Medicare Advantage is more restrictive in the fact that it generally works with a network of providers within your region and thus, may require you to change your doctors. Also, in some plans it is more difficult to see a specialist.

There are certain situations where Medicare Advantage is a very good option, other times it is not. The key is to look at your own individual situation and make an informed decision. What works for a friend may not work for you.

I recognize that it is not easy to re-evaluate your Medicare coverage and it can be very frustrating. The bottom line is that if you want to have the best coverage for yourself, a plan that is economically affordable and convenient for you, unfortunately there is no other option than to re-evaluate your situation, and now is the time to do it.

There is time before the Dec. 7 deadline to re-evaluate your situation and to make an informed decision. However, we all know how fast time goes and therefore, you do not want to delay. Whether you do the re-evaluation yourself or hire someone to help you; the time is now.

Good luck.

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Schoolcraft College announces that the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, has been completed by Plante Moran PLLC, Southfield, Michigan. It has been presented to the College Board of Trustees and has been accepted by them.

Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection in the office of the Chief Financial Officer located in the Jeffress Center, Room 408, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, on weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. The financial statements are also available on our website at: <http://www.schoolcraft.edu/budget/budget-and-transparency>

Jon Lamb, CPA
Chief Financial Officer

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCE NO. 18.293

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, ORDINANCE 14-271, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED AT ARTICLE 5.0, "SITE STANDARDS," SECTION 5.5, "LANDSCAPE STANDARDS: OBSCURING EARTH BERMS AND WALLS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY BUFFERS, AND INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS" IN ORDER TO COMPREHENSIVELY REVISE THE LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS AND BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, OCTOBER 26, 2020 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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Superintendent: Off-site parties net COVID-19 cases, 75 quarantines

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Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher is pleading with the district's students to practice more away-from-school diligence when it comes to COVID-19 guidelines, otherwise in-person learning could come to an abrupt halt.

In a letter emailed to the district's families, Gallagher stated that "in the past several days alone, a few cases of probable or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Northville High School students have resulted in a large and growing number of student quarantines resulting from exposure outside of school."

Gallagher added that several homecoming parties,

including one that utilized a party bus, were reported during contract tracing, "with reportedly little evidence of mask-wearing or physical distancing."

Contract tracing, the letter continued, revealed that in some cases students who were supposed to be quarantined due to a family exposure still participated in out-of-school activities that have resulted in two positive cases of COVID-19 and 75 quarantined students.

Gallagher described the transition to in-person learning in September and October as "very successful overall ... The protocols in place in our classrooms and schools appear to be effective. We do not, thus far, have any evidence of positive cases of COVID-19 tracing back to exposure at school or during school hours."

Outside-of-school non-compliance is what is put-

ting in-person learning at risk, Gallagher concluded.

"We are all mightily tired of dealing with this virus, and the impact that it has had on our children, our families and each other," the letter continued. "We are seeing the impact of letting down our guard."

"As hard as it is, we urge everyone to give careful thought to working together as families, and as a community to avoid gatherings and other indoor activities that increase the spread of COVID-19, and to continue to seek ways in which we can safely navigate the coming months in a manner that protects everyone's health and well-being, and keeps our students in school."

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



This wild turkey is wreaking havoc for drivers on Beck Road in Plymouth. SHAHID SYED

Traffic-stopping turkey becomes social media star

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A few weeks before the most dreadful day imaginable for birds of its ilk, a cocky wild turkey is creating havoc for drivers in Canton and Plymouth townships — while at the same time becoming a social-media darling.

On several occasions since the beginning of October, the robust bird — one Facebook poster jokingly described it as bigger than her Honda CRV — has strutted boldly into the busy intersection of Beck and Joy roads and held up traffic for several minutes before eventually walking to safety on the side of the road.

While describing the bird's attitude as it fearlessly stands smack dab under the light at the intersection, a few Facebook posters have shared: "It looks at you as if you're the idiot."

Law enforcement has assisted in escorting the turkey out of the road on at least one occasion, according to a Facebook user Nikki Diatto.

"A police officer stopped to get it out of the road with its lights yesterday right by the high school on Beck," Diatto

wrote. "That turkey is a trip! lol. It was totally mesmerized by the police lights."

Mike Scott shared an experience that reflected the bird's bravado ... or stupidity.

"I had a run in with him yesterday on Beck near the Plymouth High School entrance," Scott posted. "Yup ... just looked at me like he wanted to challenge my F150!! lol."

Dwayne Kelly suggested the fowl may be looking for work.

"I think he is interviewing to be a crossing guard ... lol," Kelly joked.

Relatively speaking, turkeys have high IQs, according to onegreenplanet.org.

"Turkeys are actually quite intelligent," an article titled "10 Reasons to

Love Turkeys" said. "They exhibit problem-solving behavior and are curious and inquisitive animals."

"They are always checking out new sights and smells."

Shahid Syed, who has had multiple encounters with the bird, posted: "It doesn't care what you think, feel or believe."

Judging by photos posted on Facebook, although the turkey does not wear a mask, it appears to be following social-distancing guidelines — a status it can only hope to continue on Thanksgiving Day and beyond.

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



14 Mile Road detour beginning

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Expect a 14 Mile Road detour beginning Monday and potentially lasting through as Jan. 11, because of a water main installation.

Oakland County Road Commission offi-

cials announced they have issued a permit that will let the Great Lakes Water Authority close to through traffic 14 Mile Road, from M-5 to Decker and Novi roads. 14 Mile is a border between Novi and Commerce Township.

The water main installation is happening at the

intersection of Welch Drive and 14 Mile Road.

The detour will be Decker Road to Maple Road to M-5 and then a return to 14 Mile Road and vice versa.

Road commission representatives said about 11,610 vehicles travel that stretch of 14 Mile Road daily.

New sushi restaurant could come to Novi

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
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Another sushi restaurant plans to open on the southeast side of Novi.

The city's planning commission took up and approved during its meeting Wednesday several items related to a proposal to bring Anu Sushi to the Peachtree shopping center near 10 Mile and Meadowbrook. The restaurant would occupy a currently-vacant space in the plaza.

The restaurant would serve as a carryout-only place. Original plans called for a fryer, though

Sam Mathew, the petitioner for Anu Sushi, said they have decided to not have a fryer on site.

While the planning commission approved the plans for the restaurant, several people spoke out against its approval during the meeting, which was held online via Zoom. Sue Kang with O'Sushi, which is located in the nearby Novi Plaza shopping center, said having another sushi restaurant open so close to them was devastating news that could affect her business.

Stephanie McMullen, who lives behind the shopping center, told the planning commission she

did not want to see the restaurant in the center, saying she was worried about garbage and odors.

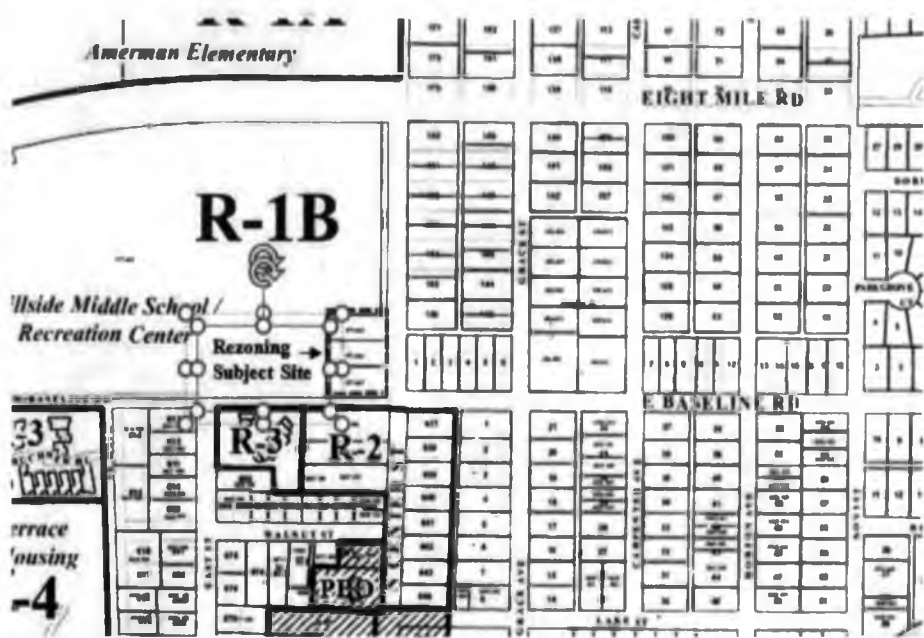
Commissioners said so long as the restaurant adheres to the city's rules, they could not deny the request simply because there was a similar restaurant nearby.

Commissioner Michael Lynch said he was sympathetic to those issues, but said the commission could not take competition into consideration when looking at the application.

"I do understand the concerns. I believe that those concerns, once again, are out of our purview," he said.

City of Northville Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Map

At its regular meeting on November 16, City Council will introduce for first reading, proposed amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance to change the zoning of parcel numbers 48-22-34-377-005, 48-22-34-377-006, 48-22-34-377-007, commonly known as three lots formed from 711 N. Center Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, from First Density Residential District (R-1B) to Second Density Residential District (R-2) under the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance, as illustrated on the partial Zoning Map below:



The meeting will be held via video conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic and 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/89433556333> US: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592, Webinar ID: 894 3355 6333. 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.

Written comments may also be submitted to the City Manager's Office, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, or by email to mmassel@ci.northville.mi.us. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time or on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us (from the Home page go to Services, Building and Planning, Planning Commission, Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments).

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DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

City of Northville Proposed Amendment to Code of Ordinances Chapter 42 Historic Preservation

At its regular meeting on November 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading a proposed amendment to Chapter 42 Historic Preservation. The proposed amendment reflects the new Historic District boundary as described in the Northville Historic District Study Report, Volume 1 Final Report, Dated May 23, 2019, and Revised October 26, 2020.

The meeting will be held via video conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic and 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/89433556333> US: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592, Webinar ID: 894 3355 6333. 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.

All of those wishing to participate in public comment will be given the opportunity during the public comment periods. Individuals requiring auxiliary aides or services should contact Michelle Massel, at mmassel@ci.northville.mi.us at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Written comments may also be submitted to the City Manager's Office, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, or by email to mmassel@ci.northville.mi.us. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time or on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us (from the Home page go to Governing Documents, Proposed Ordinance Amendments).

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

Milford's escaped alligator gets new home

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Puff, the alligator that notoriously escaped his Milford yard last year, has a new home.

James Kozub, Puff's adopted daddy of more than 20 years, rehomed his scaly buddy at the Wilderness Trails Zoo in Birch Run.

"I told my wife if I could find a good home, I'd give him up and there was a guy that was willing to take him," Kozub said.

That guy was Chris, the reptile keeper at the 56-acre zoo which opened in 1991 and cares for more than 200 animals representing more than 50 species.

Zoo employees declined comment, but Kozub said when he came across the zoo while on the way to Frankenmuth, he knew it would be a good home for his alligator.

Kozub grew up with a wild menagerie of pets including monitors, a skunk and a dog that was three-quarters wolf. He and his eight siblings were "allowed to have pretty much anything," and he bought Puff from a Dearborn Heights pet store when he was in high school.

The alligator has been with him for nearly two decades, legally permitted in the places in which they resided, including Milford Township for the past nine years.

Puff has enjoyed a steady diet of fish, chicken and beef and has grown to more



Carla Kozub with daughters Joslyn, 8, twins Ariel and Sophia, 6, and Jamie, 4, sit with Puff the alligator, who is now more than 20 years old. COURTESY OF JAMES KOZUB

than four feet in length over the years. When he was smaller, he took baths with Kozub. In recent years, has enjoyed the family's pool, as well as a small pond out front, near which he broke a metal chain to which he was tethered while his family was gone last summer and famously took a stroll. Puff kicked off a string of Milford animal escapes in the past year, which also included Rex, the

pug who went rogue in the Proving Grounds, and Darwin, an emu who defied a stay-at-home order.

He was a "mad gator" upon his recapture, but Kozub said it was the only real mischief Puff had ever gotten into in 20 years.

"He's like a plant, but one that eats meat," Kozub said. "He was like 'Little Shop of Horrors', but he didn't talk to me

or anything. You read all these stories where they say (alligators) make terrible pets, but I don't relate to that. He was like a plant in the corner. Did he do anything neat? No. What is memorable is having a pet alligator. There are more out there than people think."

Puff is no longer a pet. The Kozub family, which includes James' wife, Carla, and the couple's four daughters, Joslyn, 8, twins Ariel and Sophia, 6, and Jamie, 4, needed the second shower in the basement which Puff often occupies, and James said "it was just time."

He believes Puff will be happy at the zoo, where he will join about a dozen other alligators, including a potential mate.

"He's never had a female, he at least deserves that," Kozub said, adding that Puff will be treated good at the zoo where he will live out his days. The lifespan of an American alligator is between 30-50 years.

Kozub, who shed a few alligator tears when saying goodbye to Puff, said he plans to return for visits with his buddy including a possible Father's Day trip.

"He will be a lot happier, but he's missed," Kozub said. "I'm only 40 and I've had him more than half of my life. Its comforting that I can still see him."

You can too, but not until next year. The Wilderness Trails Zoo is open from May through October, with the reptile sanctuary open from mid-June through Labor Day.

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Some Michigan teachers eligible for \$500 payout

John Wisely [Detroit Free Press](http://DetroitFreePress.com)
USA TODAY NETWORK

Teachers and school support staffers across the state are eligible for cash grants for the extra work they put in during the last school year.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced that the state budget includes \$73 million to fund the grants, which are available to educators in public schools as well as nonpublic schools that are

nonprofit.

"Our teachers and support staff have made incredible sacrifices this year to ensure our kids can get a great education while Michigan fights the COVID-19 pandemic," Whitmer said in a statement. "They deserve all of the support we can give as we continue working around the clock to keep Michigan families safe."

Teachers who qualify for the grants are eligible for up to \$500 and support

staffers, like paraprofessionals, aides and other non-instructional staff, are eligible for up to \$250.

Substitute teachers do not qualify.

To qualify for the grants, the teachers or support personnel must have worked at least 75% of their time inside a K-12 school building prior to schools being closed because of the pandemic. For example, teachers in cyber schools that spent more than 25% of their time teaching online rather in a classroom

would not be eligible.

The grants are an acknowledgment that teachers and other staffers did extra work transitioning to online learning, becoming fluent in new technology and keeping education going after the schools were closed.

"Teachers and support staff have put in the extra hours and time to ensure our children receive an education during the COVID-19 pandemic," State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said in a statement.

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The bar at Lyon Township's Cancun Mexican Grill. The restaurant has been gaining popularity since it opened in September. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Restaurant

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The space is completely remodeled and has some Mexican touches, including a large Aztec calendar in the dining room. Gonzalez said the decor was created by contractors who specialize in designing Mexican-themed spaces.

The restaurant has plenty of protocols in place due to COVID-19, including a shield at the register near the front door to separate employees from guests when paying their check. The tables are bare as well, with only a handful of paper menus being offered to guests and cleaned after they're used.

Gonzalez said about 1-in-4 orders are for carryout, a popular option restaurants are utilizing in an era where some

don't feel comfortable dining out. One of those people picking up some carryout Monday was South Lyon resident Jeff Jendrusik, who said he's ordered food from the restaurant several times since it opened its doors in September.

He said the carne asada tacos have become a new favorite for him.

"This is the best new place in the area," Jendrusik said. "As soon as they started opening, I've been ordering a couple times a week."

The restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10:45 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. Those looking to view a menu or place an online order can visit the restaurant's website at cancunmxgrillsouthlyon.com.

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Juan Gonzalez talks about getting Cancun Mexican Grill up and running.



Lunchtime fare heads out to patrons' tables at the South Lyon restaurant.



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time where you will be indoors and people will try to find other ways to deal with life in a pandemic, but indoors you are limited with social distancing. And now flu and other respiratory viruses are in the mix."

Sims is urging everyone to get a flu vaccine.

From March 29 to April 5, Beaumont Health was treating 1,200-1,300 COVID-19 patients per day systemwide. That caseload continued until about April 10-12 before beginning to drop.

The number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients systemwide throughout Beaumont was about 200 on Oct. 25, including both confirmed and suspected cases.

According to statewide data, as of Oct. 27 1,313 adults were hospitalized throughout Michigan with confirmed COVID-19. Another 235 were hospitalized with suspected COVID-19.

Other hospital systems in the Home-town Life area tallied varying numbers of COVID-19 patients: Ascension has 182 confirmed COVID-19 patients, including 53 in ICU; Detroit Medical Center (which includes Huron Valley-Sinai), admitted 50 confirmed COVID-19 patients, 13 in ICU; and Trinity Health has 125 COVID-19 patients, 14 of which are intensive care.

Dr. Matthew Griffin, chief medical officer at St. Mary Mercy, part of Trinity Health, noted that across the nation, COVID-19 cases are increasing. At the Livonia hospital, there were 10 confirmed COVID-19 patients hospitalized on Oct. 27, and an additional seven under investigation.

"This is very good; we are very pleased," he said. "Our highest day ever with COVID was around 200, early in April... We've seen an uptick in the last two weeks, compared to a baseline that was staying between three to six. We have to work really hard to make sure this isn't the beginning of something bigger. This is manageable. Zero would make us very happy, but 200 is a crisis mode, a disaster mode."

Spring vs. fall in pandemic battle

Both Sims and Griffin cite some key advances that will help in the fight



Jillian Trueman, Dr. Matthew Sims and Leah Fontana discuss the results of validation testing on new testing equipment. COURTESY OF BEAUMONT HEALTH

against COVID-19. At the forefront, increasing knowledge that has led to more effective treatments and prevention.

Proning, in which COVID-19 patients are placed on their stomachs, rather than their back, is one practice that helps.

Remdesivir, an anti-viral medication, is shortening the duration of COVID-19 infections and emptying hospital beds quicker as a result, although Sims said it hasn't decreased the mortality rate. Steroid use has also proven beneficial as a treatment. Neither were used in the beginning of the crisis.

More commonly used in the spring were ventilators, but doctors are not as quick to put patients on ventilators now.

"We try to leave them off the ventilators now because we learned that people don't do well on the vent," Sims said. "There are various reasons, but it doesn't help the way we thought it would, so now you leave them off as long as you can."

According to state data, as of Oct 27, 146 hospitalized COVID-19 patients were on ventilators.

"There are a lot of things we have learned, but there is still no magic bullet," Sims noted. "We have better ideas of how to treat, but we still don't have a cure or a really good treatment."

Public plays key role

The biggest key to keeping COVID-19 cases and deaths at bay lies not inside

the hospital with medical professionals, but with the general public, who doctors are counting on to protect those most at risk by wearing masks, social distancing and frequently washing hands.

Griffin notes that there is fatigue surrounding the virus, right at the time when the danger of the pandemic is increasing as social gatherings more indoors and the holidays approach.

"People want it to be done," he said. "Most everyone predicts we will have an uptick because of those things, but there are also signs that we should see as hopeful. We understand the virus better; we know how it is transmitted."

Griffin urges everyone to avoid large indoor groups or inviting visitors into their homes and maintains hope that by next summer, "we will have (COVID-19) under better control, especially if an immunization comes along."

A safe, effective vaccine, when identified, he stressed, won't be a quick resolution. Another three to six months of strict adherence to masks and social distance will assist in keeping us from "a dark winter," perhaps even a mild flu season as seen in Australia in the southern hemisphere, which is about to exit winter. Still, he notes that country was much stricter on gatherings and mask-wearing.

School is brutal

Griffin and Sims both noted the difference in age groups that are currently

experiencing the spread of COVID-19. While the elderly and those with comorbidities including lung disease, heart disease, diabetes, and obesity are more at risk, it is currently spreading among the young, including students.

Griffin called school a "brutal, challenging scenario."

"School-aged kids spread all the viruses, they are sicker in their first five years of school than all the rest," he said. "We all value an in-person education, but not at the risk of causing illness to students, their teachers and their families... We see how nimble children are, one year (loss of in-person education) won't matter in the end. It will matter if a child gets ill and has harm, or parents get ill, or the grandparents get ill and die."

Sims, who has two children in the Troy School District and has addressed the school board, agreed and said "school has been a sore point."

"The concept of hybrid is reasonable if it can be done well," he said. "The problem is schools are basically ignoring social distancing, schools aren't built for a social distance of six feet. You don't get a bye just because you're a school, every business has limited capacity. I know kids don't get as sick, but teacher do and families do. It's not just about schools, but families."

Holidays on hold

Both doctors are planning to celebrate the upcoming holidays with just the family members who live in their homes and seeing extended family virtually only.

"We will talk about how much we disliked this year, but it won't be defining of our life," said Griffin, who has nine siblings. "This will be the year that was lousy and we didn't like, but one we will look back on as we got through it and took care of our people and not something worse that ruins all future Christmases and Thanksgivings."

Sims notes that we are living in an age with technology to help us through, unlike the flu pandemic of 1918.

"This is a once in a century pandemic," he said. "These are extraordinary times, we are in the middle of history, a part of it, and it's a scary place to be."

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Gustavo Godinez Jr., seated at right, appeared in 35th District Court on Oct. 30. His case was bound over for trial. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Death

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with their cell phone lights activated and the car connected to Godinez not pulling over after striking the skateboarder.

The case is now headed to Third Circuit Court, where Godinez faces the possibility of more than a decade behind bars if convicted.

"We don't have any information regarding any unlawful conduct of the vehicle. We just don't have it," his attorney Francisco Villarruel said during closing statements. "We don't have any evidence that Mr. Godinez triggered anything that led to this event."

He alleged Duhn was drinking and perhaps high on marijuana when he tried traveling along Sheldon Road.

With the courtroom adhering to pandemic regulations, Hometown Life had to access the morning hearing over the Internet.

Godinez was dressed neatly. He occasionally clasped his hands together at the defense table and occasionally sat back with his arms crossed.

He apparently complied with Huerta's investigation upon arrest more than a month after Duhn's death.

Godinez knew from media outlets about the skateboarder's death, and Huerta testified that he asked whether the younger man remembered hitting something that night.

"He thought it might have been a deer or a person," Huerta testified. "He said it occurred south of Six Mile Road on Sheldon. He said that his car was moving

slowly so he drove slowly home."

Godinez also told Huerta he called family to let them know that he may have hit a deer.

Duhn was a Northville High School graduate and third-year Michigan State University student known for having a strong character, academic smarts, and the passion and drive to lift the less fortunate.

He also had been an Eagle Scout with fellow troop member Paul Boran.

Boran testified Friday that, with some other friends, they were drinking and playing cards the night Duhn died. Boran had seen Duhn at least drinking a few beers before they and their friends went outdoors.

Boran and Duhn had longboards, which are designed for cruising. They were going to sail down a Sheldon Road hill that lasted about 100 feet.

They activated their cell phone flashlights. Boran saw the car coming behind them from the Six Mile Road intersection and said they turned their lights toward the vehicle. He went into the oncoming traffic lane to avoid getting hit. When the car passed, he turned and found Duhn lying on the ground about 30 to 40 feet back. He called 911.

"Like I said, our flashlights were on," Boran testified. "Besides shining our flashlights on the car, there wasn't much more we could do."

Boran told the judge that he doesn't remember everything clearly but there were no deer in sight.

Duhn died at the scene from multiple injuries including ones to his head, neck, torso and pelvis.

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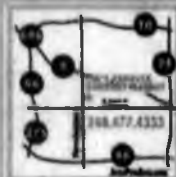
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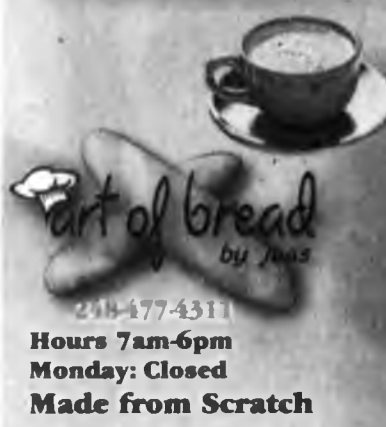
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Stevenson thumps John Glenn to open playoffs

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Livonia Stevenson will be playing November football.

It's a thought that dodged the Spartans for 11 years, but it was always a goal since coach Randy Micallef lay before his team.

"It's an exciting opportunity. These kids have grown up together, most of them playing little league or against each other in little league. They're a close group," he said. "They've heard of the opportunity (to play in November) since freshman year, what it means, and the expectations it takes to get there."

After Friday night's 49-13 victory over

Westland John Glenn, the goal became a reality for the first time since 2009.

Stevenson will face Canton, who beat Wayne Memorial, 42-8, in the district semifinals, on Nov. 6.

"Great accomplishment for our kids. They worked hard, and set goals in the off-season," Micallef added. "With everything that happened this summer,

and the ups and downs, having a season, not having a season, for them to get an opportunity to advance in the playoffs is the big thing.

"We have some traditions here, and that's one of them that they wanted to build upon."

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Novi quarterback Luke Aurilia hands off to Alexander Vargas at Brighton on Friday. The Wildcats won, 41-27. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

Novi defies record in win over Brighton

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

BRIGHTON — Records can be deceiving, especially in the year of COVID.

Technically, Novi entered the state football playoffs as a 2-4 team, but one of those losses was a forfeit to Brighton when the teams' Week 1 game was can-

celed because of coronavirus cases at Novi.

Another loss, this one on the field, was a three-point decision to unbeaten KLA West champion Canton.

So, given an opportunity to finally face Brighton, this time in a first-round Division 1 district game, Novi coach Jeff Burnside stressed that his team be-

longed on this stage.

The Wildcats certainly looked the part, coming away with a 41-27 victory Friday night over a Brighton team that played in the state championship game a year earlier while Novi went 2-7.

"As I told my kids this week, this is a playoff-caliber team in a normal year; I think this team earns its way in," Burn-

side said. "Our record says we're 2-4. One of the losses we never played, so I had a hard time accepting the fact we were 2-4. I wanted to make clear to our kids this was a playoff team. They played like a playoff team tonight. They deserved to be there."

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Northville too much for Salem, 37-14, in first round

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The season that nearly wasn't is turning out pretty sweet for Northville's football team.

On Friday night, in its first playoff game since 2016, the host Mustangs raced past Salem, 37-14, to improve to 5-2 and earn a berth in next week's Division 1 district semifinal clash against

Belleville, the No. 1-ranked team in the state.

The Michigan high school football season — like everything else in 2020 — was nearly pushed back to the spring of 2021 or canceled altogether until a late-ditch reprieve from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer allowed the game to return (with COVID-19 guidelines in place) on Sept. 18, three weeks after the originally-scheduled opening day.

Most teams in Michigan played a six-week schedule and all teams with at least four games played qualified for the playoffs.

Cayden Saunders, who registered the first three-touchdown game of his career, sparked a balanced offense for the winners, who pounced on the Rocks early, 16-0, on a frigid night before Halloween.

"After what we went through earlier

this year, not knowing if there'd be a season, it makes me appreciate every play, every practice, every game that much more," said Saunders, who finished with 71 yards rushing on 10 carries. "After the time off (due to the emergence of COVID-19), we came back ready to let loose. Our chemistry was great and we committed to each other."

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Howell wins over Hartland on late pass

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
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HARTLAND — It was a mistake that would have haunted Nolan Petru until next fall.

Instead, the regret he felt for fumbling near the goal line when Howell was on the verge of closing out Hartland was brief.

Given a shot at redemption after Howell recovered a fumble with 1:46 remaining, Petru threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Jackson Kovarik with 22.4 seconds left in the game to give the Highlanders a 21-16 victory over Hartland on Friday night in a first-round Division 1 playoff game.

"This is my dream," Petru said. "I've been dreaming of it every single day for my entire life. It came true. It's awesome."

The dream was nearly a nightmare. Howell was leading 13-9 and had second-and-goal on the 1-yard line midway through the fourth quarter. A touchdown would have almost certainly sealed the victory for the Highlanders in a tight defensive struggle, but Petru fumbled with 6:35 left in the game.

Howell wound up getting a safety on the next play when Hartland quarterback Holden D'Arcy was called for intentional grounding in the end zone while being wrapped up by linebacker Danny Honkala, the defensive star of the game.

But the Eagles were still down only six points and got the ball back after a three-and-out. It took Hartland only four plays to go 41 yards and take the lead on a 2-yard run by D'Arcy and Nathan Dibert's extra point with 3:40 left in the game.

When Hartland defensive back Isaac Elmore intercepted a pass with 2:13 left, the Eagles were in a great position to secure the victory. But on fourth-and-1 from Howell's 34-yard line, D'Arcy fumbled the ball and Honkala recovered it to give the Highlanders new life with 1:46 to go at their own 38.

"My defense was just going and ripping the ball," Honkala said. "I saw the ball on the ground, went and grabbed it and started running. I had faith in my

offense."

The game-winning touchdown doesn't happen if Honkala doesn't come through with a 20-yard catch on fourth-and-13 with 55.8 seconds left. Three plays later, Petru spotted a wide-open Kovarik heading to the end zone.

After focusing so much of their attention on containing Kovarik, who had two touchdown catches against Hartland in Howell's regular-season victory, the Eagles left him uncovered on the right side of the field on the winning touchdown.

After three incomplete passes by Hartland on the final possession, the Highlanders had their first postseason victory since reaching the third round in 2010. Howell (4-3) will travel to Lakeland (6-0) for a district semifinal game.

"It's about belief in this game," Howell coach Brian Lewis said. "It's about coming together, believing in each other, believing in the team. That's what our guys did tonight. That's what we really talked about this week was going back to having fun, going back to believing in each other, going back to being who we are."

Hartland struck first when sophomore running back Joey Mattord took a screen pass from D'Arcy and scored on a 46-yard play with 7:01 left in the first quarter.

While Howell's offense struggled, Honkala got the Highlanders on the board when he returned a fumble for a touchdown to tie it 6-6 with 11:35 left in the second quarter.

An interception by Marcus Chidester gave Howell the ball at Hartland's 38-yard line with 45.3 seconds left in the first half. As time expired in the half, Petru threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Ashton Hill to give Howell a 13-9 halftime lead.

Hartland coach Brian Savage summed up the game in one word. "Turnovers," he said.

"Our defense played great all night," he added. "We were three-and-out all night long. On offense, we couldn't get it going. We couldn't score points. If we could score points, it would've been a different game."



Pinckney quarterback Luke Lovell threw for 162 yards and two touchdowns in a 38-14 playoff loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's.
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Pinckney can't stop O.L. St. Mary's ground game

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PINCKNEY — Losing is never easy, especially when coming to grips with the finality of a loss in the state playoffs.

But things could have been worse for Pinckney and every other football team in Michigan this fall.

Just two months ago, it looked like there wouldn't be a fall football season at all.

So, even though the Pirates lost 38-14 to traditional power Orchard Lake St. Mary's in a first-round Division 3 playoff game Friday night, at least they got to compete.

That's the perspective Pinckney coach Rod Beaton took when assessing the end of a 4-3 season.

"I'm thinking back to March when everything hit, trying to keep our kids together, keeping everything going that we do," Beaton said. "To be in the spot we were, I think we did the best we could with the situation."

"For me, I'm just so happy our kids got to have a season. Obviously, it's not the way we wanted it to end. I couldn't ask for a better group of kids, better group of coaches, better school and community to be in."

"We had a wonderful time. I had an absolute blast with these kids. I'm happy that they got to have football; that's the No. 1 thing. For me, that's a win in and of itself."

St. Mary's came in with a 1-3 record, but the Eaglets play in the tough De-

troit Catholic League and were listed in the state rankings early in the season. They missed their last two games because of COVID-19 cases.

Pinckney hung tough for nearly a full half, trailing only 21-14 until giving up a field goal to end the first half.

Luke Lovell connected with Caleb Wardlow on passes of 40 and 30 yards for Pinckney's two touchdowns.

The Pirates allowed a 60-yard touchdown run 48 seconds into the second half and one more touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter.

"We caused a fumble and didn't recover it," Beaton said. "They put the ball on the turf on the first play after the half. It was like the next play they took it 60 yards to the house. Who knows what kind of swing that would've been? We would have had the ball at their 40 coming out of the half."

The Eaglets ran for 401 yards and passed only five times, completing one for 34 yards.

"We knew coming in this was not a 1-3 football team," Beaton said. "They were very big, very physical up front. Our kids were fighting tooth and nail, giving it every single thing we had. We just could not stop the run."

Wardlow caught four passes for 80 yards and two touchdowns. Lovell was 14-for-21 for 162 yards and two touchdowns. Bryce White ran 10 times for 45 yards.

Junior defensive end Charlie Lovell was in on 13 tackles, while senior safety Jack Trachet was in on 11.

Stevenson

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Quest for 2000

The night started with another quest: senior running back Caden Woodall's quest for 2000 yards. Entering the night, Woodall was at 1,581 on the season, but was humble about the opportunity.

"Maybe a little. My main goal every week is to come out with a win," he said. "If the numbers come with it, that's good. I just want to come out and lay it all on the line every game for my team."

Woodall started the night with a 73-yard touchdown run on the very first play from scrimmage when he burst through the right side of his line, and outran three Rocket players for a 7-0 score 37 seconds into the game.

Woodall dominated the game with five touchdowns on 20 carries, and amassed 342 yards in the process. He had three touchdowns in the first quarter, including a 53-yard and 20-yard score. He added two more in the third quarter of 3 yards and 55 yards.

"Nothing surprises me. His football IQ is tremendous," Micallef said of his star running back. "He'll notice things on the field and say if we do this or this, I might have a better opportunity."

"That's the type of kid he is. That's why his teammates try so hard for him,

because he does the same for them."

Woodall finished the game with 1,923 yards and 30 touchdowns in only seven games played for the Spartans on the season.

Even with the game in hand, his offensive line politicked for the opportunity to have Woodall stay in the game and block for the record achievement.

"They take a lot of pride in it. They were politicking on the sidelines to have him get the mark tonight," Micallef said. "Our linemen have worked hard for this. They're not the biggest or the fastest or the strongest, but they understand what they have to do to give him enough room to run."

Stevenson also got scores from senior Laim Nolan on a 17-yard run in the second quarter, and 75-yard touchdown run from junior Matt Gazzarato late in the fourth quarter.

Grounded Rockets

John Glenn (2-5) couldn't muster much on offense.

The Spartan made it hard to sustain a drive, and forced two turnovers with interceptions by senior Jake Mars and junior Quincy Salter. The defense also forced multiple three-and-outs, and even had a goal line stand to keep Glenn scoreless in the first quarter.

The Rockets began to move the ball when it lost its starting quarterback in Aaron Rieskamp to an injury. Nick Wetmore provided a spark on offense



John Glenn senior Jaylon Fulwood avoids a tackle from Patrick Coughlin.
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through the air including a 54-yard pass that helped set up a 12-yard touchdown run by Troy White that cut into the lead, 28-6, with 1:24 left in the half.

He also threw a 13-yard touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter to Patrick Bowie on the final Rocket drive of the game.

Novi

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In our league, there are no weeks off. Good teams come out of our league. Our league is a top-three league in the state overall."

With the game scoreless in the first quarter, the teams combined for three touchdowns in a 33-second span.

Novi's Maurice Langford scored on a 5-yard run, Brighton's Nick Nemecek responded with a 70-yard run and Novi quarterback Luke Aurilia countered with a 39-yard run to give the Wildcats a 13-6 lead.

Novi built its lead to 27-6 by halftime

on a 5-yard run by Alexander Vargas and a 1-yard run by Aurilia in the second quarter.

"They gave us fits in the first half," Brighton coach Brian Lemons said. "We just couldn't execute on defense at all. A couple bad bounces here and there on offense kept us out of the end zone. We came out and made some good adjustments defensively at halftime. We made it a lot tougher on those guys on offense."

Brighton charged back to make a game of it in the second half.

After a scoreless third quarter, a 10-yard run by Nemecek with 9:32 left and a 48-yard touchdown pass from John Aurandt to Owen Ehman with 8:37 remaining got the Bulldogs within 27-20.

The Bulldogs forced Novi to punt on its next possession, but Cameron Bloom nailed a punt out of bounds at the 2-yard line to put Brighton in the shadow of its own end zone. The backbreaking play for the Bulldogs came two plays later on a fumble in the end zone that was recovered by Tyler Patrick with 5:28 left in the game.

"That's tough to come back from mistakes like that," Lemons said. "But we kept fighting down to the last couple minutes."

Novi expanded its lead to 41-20 on a 3-yard run by Langford with 2:51 left. Brighton completed the scoring on a 35-yard pass from Aurandt to Mason McGuire with 2:44 remaining.

The Wildcats gained 461 yards and

scored five touchdowns on 46 carries. Aurilia threw only four times, completing one pass for 29 yards. Langford had 215 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries, Aurilia had 168 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries, and Isaiah Washington had 68 yards on four carries.

"The opponents we face in our league, there's not a big gap between the teams," Lemons said. "You're facing some tough players every week. Novi did a great job."

Nemecek had 144 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries to lead Brighton (4-3). Tegan Kogler had 10 tackles for the Bulldogs.

Novi's Niko Krall had 11 tackles, including 5.5 for losses and two sacks.

Novi, Northville, Farmington boys lead cross country regionals

The regional competition saw a lot of strong times among the competitors.

Tenth-ranked Novi won the boys meet with 46 points. Ninth-ranked Northville was close behind with 49 points, followed by Farmington with 93.

By finishing in third place or better, Novi, Northville, and Farmington all advanced to next Friday's MHSAA Division 1 State Final meet at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

All seven boys on the Northville cross country team ran season best times Friday in the MHSAA Division 1 Region 8 race at Detroit's Chandler Park Golf Course.

"When you look at the finishing times and see that each guy on our team ran a season best, as a coach there's not a whole lot more you can ask for," Northville coach Tim Dalton said.

Peter Baracco of Farmington was the 5,000-meter individual champion in a time of 15 minutes, 32 seconds.

Northville's Jacob Meek battled with Miles Brown of Novi throughout the race before Brown pulled away in the final mile to finish in third place with a time of 15:45.

Meek took fourth in 15:54.

"We went out quick and we had a really good second mile," Meek said of his race. "I knew he (Brown) was a good finisher, so for me it was just about stay-

ing as close as I could to stay ahead of Novi's second guy."

Jake Bulat continued his impressive season for the Mustangs finishing the race in 10th place in 16:15. Matthew Krahe (12th, 16:23), Nathan Hayes (13th, 16:24), Brandon Latta (15th, 16:26), Max Uphaus (16th, 16:30), and Brady Heron (22nd, 16:35), completed the Northville lineup.

Six of the Northville boys finished the race in career-best times, but the final results left an unfulfilled feeling throughout the team.

"We lost by three points," Bulat said. "It just came down to a few shirts and that happens sometimes but I think we all did pretty well, a lot of PRs (personal records)."

The day was a mixed bag for Meek, who was proud of his team's performance but was hoping for a different outcome.

"We came here to win. We got close," said Meek. "Novi had a really good race. We all put everything out there and that was the biggest goal. We knew that at the end of the day we can't control what the other teams do, but we can control what we do and I think we did a good job with that today. We've competed with some of the best in the state and we feel like we can compete with anybody."

Churchill volleyball withdraws from postseason after COVID-19 case

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Livonia Churchill's volleyball postseason ended before it even got started.

Churchill Athletic Administrator Marc Hage said one of the players on the varsity roster tested positive for COVID-19. Other athletes in the program are required to quarantine.

The Chargers were scheduled to take on Garden City High at Divine Child High School on Monday in the MHSAA volleyball district opener.

Hage said he was contacting sports officials about "our unfortunate intent to withdraw from the MHSAA District Volleyball tournament effective immediately," he wrote.

As of Monday morning, Livonia Public Schools said on its website 14 students have tested positive for the coronavirus since Oct. 12. That includes three students at Churchill High.

"I respect and admire the entire team and how well they have handled this situation," Hage wrote. "Nobody could have envisioned the season turning out this way, especially the timing of it."

PLAYOFFS ROUND 2 SCHEDULE

(All games are 7 p.m. Friday unless noted.)

Division 1

Region 2
Howell (4-3) at White Lake Lakeland (6-0).
Novi (3-4) at Novi Detroit Catholic Central (7-0).
Region 3
Livonia Stevenson (4-3) at Canton (7-0).
Northville (5-2) at Belleville (7-0).

Division 2

Region 2
North Farmington (4-3) at Fenton (7-0).
Walled Lake Western (5-2) at South Lyon (5-2).
Region 3
Dexter (5-2) at Livonia Churchill (4-2).
Ypsilanti (4-3) at Livonia Franklin (4-3).

Region 4
Birmingham Groves (4-3) at Birmingham Seaholm (5-2).

Division 3

Region 3
Orchard Lake St. Mary's (2-3) at Birmingham Brother Rice (6-1).

Division 4

Region 3
Livonia Clarenceville (5-2) at Redford Union (6-1).
3, Saturday.
Region 4
Detroit Country Day (4-2) at Notre Dame Prep (6-1).

SCOREBOARD

Division 1

Region 2, District 2
Detroit Catholic Central (7-0) 41, Walled Lake Northern (2-5) 3
Novi (3-4) 41, Brighton (4-3) 27
Region 3, District 5
Canton (7-0) 42, Wayne Memorial (0-7) 8
Belleville (6-0) 47, Plymouth (1-6) 3. Plymouth's lone score came off a 34-yard field goal by Jackson Vacca.
Northville (5-2) 37, Salem (1-6) 14
Livonia Stevenson (4-3) 49, John Glenn (2-5) 13
Region 4, District 7
Sterling Heights Stevenson (6-1, 64,367) 41, Farmington (0-7) 15
Bloomfield Hills (4-3) 29, Troy (3-4) 16

Division 2

Region 6, District 12
South Lyon (6-2) 15, Milford (1-6) 0. South Lyon scored two touchdowns on the ground: Jordan Singleton off a 10-yard run and Dawson Skupin from three yards out. William Stoyanovich connected on a 24-yard field goal to round out the Lions scoring.
North Farmington (4-3) 44, Waterford Kettering (2-5) 7
Region 7, District 13
Livonia Franklin (4-3) 35, Temperance Bedford, (3-4) 14. Franklin opened scoring early with a 98-yard kickoff return by Connor Hatfield. Hatfield scored again after connecting on a 45-yard pass from Zac Olesuk. Cordell Mabins tallied the third touchdown of the day with a 36-yard run. Olesuk connected with Tyler Whisman for his second touchdown pass, this one for 56 yards. Mabins wrapped up the touchdowns for the evening with his second touchdown run, this one for 51 yards.
Region 8, District 15

Seaholm (5-2) 42, Sterling Heights (0-6) 6
Groves (4-3) 36, Auburn Hills Avondale (3-4) 0.
Groves tallied 302 yards of offense led by senior Kaleb Garner, who connected on 50% of his passes for 87 while throwing one touchdown. He rushed for a second score. Junior Jaden Mangham caught three passes for 64 yards with touchdown. Senior Johnny Rex rushed 11 times for 89 yards, and junior Stavi Panos scored while tallying 46 yards on the day.

Division 3

Region 11, District 22
Chelsea (7-0) 40, Redford Thurston (1-5) 0
Brother Rice (6-1) 29, Dearborn Divine Child, (2-5) 7
South Lyon East (5-2) 41, Garden City (3-4) 0.
Ayden Oliver had 11 carries for 79 yards and three touchdowns on the day: two on the ground and one receiving. Dorian Armstrong scored twice with a 48-yard touchdown run and a 65-yard punt return for a score. Drake Willenborg had a 47-yard touch-

down reception for the Cougars. Quarterback Zander Desentz finished the day 10-for-13 for 182 yards and three touchdowns. On defense, Braeden Tillman Jones had an interception, and the East defense held Garden City to 94 total yards.

Division 4

Region 15, District 30
Redford Union (6-1) 52, Dearborn Heights Annapolis (1-6) 7
Livonia Clarenceville (5-2) 39, Tecumseh (1-5, 25, 2) 35
Region 16, District 31
Madison Heights Lamphere (7-0) 43, Cranbrook Kingswood (0-5) 0
Detroit Country Day (4-2) 41, Detroit Henry Ford (4-3) 12

Division 6

Region 27, District 47
Blissfield (7-0) 63, Lutheran Westland (2-3) 0



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CC soccer advances to state semifinals

When Detroit Catholic Central coach Gene Pulice took over the soccer program at Catholic Central, he wanted to get people talking. He wanted to get them talking, and put his soccer program on a trajectory of winning championships that the school is accustomed to with its other sports.

"My goal was to change the culture and make Catholic Central not just a football school anymore. I wanted to change the culture and put Catholic Central on the map as a school that people wanted to come to for soccer and academics," he said.

"What we've done in the last eight years is remarkable. From a program standpoint, our athletic director (Aaron Babicz) and the school itself has supported our program more than I could thank them for," Pulice continued. "We've been fortunate enough to win five Catholic League titles. We've been fortunate enough to win six district championships, and make another trip to the semifinals because of their support."

On Thursday, Catholic Central added to its championship mantle with its fourth regional championship in program history with a 3-1 win over Berkley. It's the third under Pulice.

"The past couple of years, me and the team fell short of getting the regional championship. Tonight we came through. I'm really proud of the boys," senior forward Clay Moscovic said.

The win didn't come easy. Just like Tuesday night, Catholic Central (11-0-3) found itself down in the contest, and had to find a way back in order to win.

The Bears (11-4-4) struck first with 13:10 into the first half on a throw in.

Sophomore Henry Robertson threw the ball deep into the goal box, where CC's goalkeeper tried to settle and collect the ball. During the action, senior Mico Rubio gathered the ball and offered a quick strike for a 1-0 lead.

"I think the game against De La Salle (on Tuesday)



Catholic Central advanced to the state semifinals after winning the regional title against Berkley. BEN SZILAGY/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

really emphasized how much of a family we are, and how much trust we put into each other. When we trust each other, we can do anything. We weren't panicked at all when they scored the first goal. We knew we could come back and win the game," Moscovic said.

CC answered six minutes later.

Senior Chad Ewing fought hard to work the ball deep into the offensive zone as he battled two Bear defenders. As he approached the goal box, he found Moscovic to his left. The forward collected the pass and fired the ball on net from just inside the top left corner where the ball bounced off the Berkley goaltender's hands and in for a 1-1 score 19:20 into the half.

Moscovic has a strong, accurate leg. The two-year captain's first goal was from 63 feet out, and he added another from more than 65 feet in the second half.

"I look at the goal for a second, then I look down. The rest of the movement is muscle memory on the ball. The main goal when I'm striking from that far out is just to get good contact on it and pray the ball does the rest for me," he said.

The senior offered another hail mary like shot midway through the second half after he stole the ball at midfield, after a goal kick, and launched it to the top right corner of the net for a 2-1 lead.

"When we're nearing the end (of the game), I wanted to push for another goal. I know I have a hard shot. I had some open space so I decided to take it," Moscovic added.

The Shamrocks added an insurance goal with 5:14 left in the contest when senior Ruddle Harris offered a lofted, crossing pass to the box where sophomore Ali Jaffer dove and connected with a header for the third unanswered goal, and a 3-1 lead.

"Everyone at this level is good. You can't take teams and match-ups for granted and you can't take teams lightly. Berkley is a good team. They put us under pressure the entire game. They didn't stop fighting till the end," Pulice said.

"For us, as exciting as we may be at times, we're pretty grounded. If we play our game, we're a good, quality team. We didn't have to make many adjustments to counter. We just got back on our game."

The Shamrocks are poised at an opportunity for its second state championship in program history. A fact that isn't lost on Pulice, and one that he's grateful for. But he credits the families and the culture that helped make it possible.

According to him, those things are the cornerstone of making Catholic Central a "football" school, and not just the one they play with pads.



South Lyon East runners celebrate advancing to the state meet. COURTESY OF MARY ADAMS

South Lyon East runners advance to state meet

The South Lyon East girls cross country team qualified for the state meet for the first time in school history on Saturday at DeWitt High School.

The team finished in third with 97 points. Lili Aitama led the way in all-regional 8th place in 19:11 followed by Ella Showerman in 17th in 19:43, Amly Eberhart in 20th in 19:57, Alaina Rider in 32nd in 20:23, Reganne Koskela in 35th in 20:39, Jess Link in 54th in 21:30 and Morgan Engberg in 56th in 21:33.



The Northville girls cross country team won the regional title last week. COURTESY OF NANCY SMITH

Northville girls cross country wins regional title

After many years of running their Regional at Willow MetroPark, the Northville girls cross country team traveled to a new location at the 9-1 Regional at Chandler Park Golf Course to bring home the program's ninth regional title.

They again did so in a dominating fashion. They had a low score of 23 points and secured their spot in the state finals.

Northville placed six of its runners in the top 14 with five finishing in the top eight.

Leading the team was Junior Jennie Line who finished as regional runner-up in 18:23 to Novi's talented Senior Lizzie Babcock who took first place in 17:58.

Next in for Northville was their pack of four led by

Junior Gina Couyoujman in fourth with a season personal record of 19:21, Senior Keira Courtney in sixth with an great finish in a season personal record of 19:31, Senior Janie DeGroot in seventh in 19:35, freshman Ella Christensen in eighth in 19:37 and Senior Emily Gordon in 14th in 20:13.

Plymouth wins 6-1 regionals

Meanwhile, the 6-1 Regionals took place at Willow Metropark. Plymouth won the meet with 38 points. Canton (64 points) and Salem (70 points) followed next to advance to the state finals. Livonia Churchill placed fifth (130 points) and Livonia Franklin finished seventh with 174 points.

Obituaries

Barbara Hamsher

MILFORD - Barbara Hamsher, a former resident of Milford and Indian River, died at her home in Rose Township on October 31, 2020 at the age of 79.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Hamsher, in 2018, a grandson, Kevin Whipple, brother, Arthur Grisom, and sister, Madeline Dagenais.

She is survived by her daughters, Mickey (Jon) Whipple and Stacy Croft; step-children, Jeffery (Carol) Hamsher and Pam (Rob) Robinson; grandchildren, Joe Whipple, Mike (Jessica) Whipple, Heather (Dustin) Alchin, J.P. (Tina) Robinson, Crystal (Jon) Ricewick; great grandchildren, Tristan, Nissa, Bailie, Bentley, Brianna, Kylie, Braden, and many extended family members and dear friends.

Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 East Liberty St., Milford on Thursday, November 5, from 2:30 - 8 PM. A Funeral Service will be held at Highland Cemetery (Milford Road @ M-59) in Highland on Friday, November 6, at 11AM with Rev. Randy Greene officiating.

Memorials may be made in her name to McLaren Homecare & Hospice.

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South Lyon East diver qualifies for regionals



Kate Benjamin took first place in the dive competition for South Lyon East on Oct. 27. COURTESY OF JOANNE SCHELOSKE

Milford High wrapped up the Lakes Valley Conference girls swim and dive season with a victory against South Lyon East, 101-85.

A highlight for South Lyon East (4-3 LVC, 5-3 overall) was Kate Benjamin taking first in the dive portion and qualifying to compete at Regionals Nov. 12 in Fenton.

"The girls have had a couple of really good weeks of practice and it is showing in their competitions," Dive Coach Ferguson said in an email. "I am really looking forward to seeing what they can do in the championship meet portion of our season."

The following girls had personal best times at last week's meet: Natalia Katcherian (100 Free), Kayla Andruszkiewicz (100 Fly and 200 IM), Ashley Hardesty (50 Free, 50 Breast, 100 Breast), Cara Sharpe (200 Free), Shirley Visnyak (100 Back), Maddie Cook (50 Free, 100 Fly, 100 Free), Claire Loveland (50 Breast, 100 Breast)

Next up is conferences. East will host the dive LVC Conferences on Friday. Swim conferences will be held Saturday at Waterford Kettering.



Northville's Kam Kuban, left, takes on Salem's Trenton Griffith in the first-round playoff game Friday. The Mustangs won, 37-14. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Northville

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Salem, whose season ended with a 1-6 mark, displayed long stretches of moxie, especially in the first half when it cut its early deficit to 16-6 on a 9-yard touchdown scamper by Jermari Thomas with 1:35 remaining in the first half.

An inability to sustain momentum proved to be the Rocks' undoing, however, as Northville countered with a touchdown seconds before the intermission when Jack Holland and Angelo Rodriguez connected on a 22-yard scoring strike to up its lead to 23-6 (following Anna Kasapis's extra point).

"Our offense did a tremendous job of answering their touchdown with that two-minute offense drive," said Northville head coach Matt Ladach. "I was really happy for Angelo. He played on JV most of this season, so for him to be able to score a touchdown in a big situation for us was outstanding."

The Mustangs put the game out of reach with touchdowns on its first two second-half possessions: the first coming on a 6-yard run by Saunders followed by a 10-yard strike from Holland to Grady Zoroya, who went horizontal in the corner of the end zone to secure the winners' final TD.

Salem's final points came on a 13-yard TD from Ty Wagner, who churned into the end zone for the ensuing two-

point conversion.

The Rocks' final touchdown drive was highlighted by a 28-yard pass play from quarterback Garrett Cygan to John Delaney and a 33-yard connection from Cygan to Thomas.

Holland went 15-for-21 for 204 yards while Cygan completed 5-of-11 passes for 88 yards.

Northville's defense was spearheaded by junior Kam Kuban, who recorded five solo tackles, four assists and three sacks in his first start of the season. Parker Ladach and Tyler Ross also played well for the Mustangs' defense.

Zoroya and Jack Bugar combined for nine receptions for the Mustangs, five of whom hauled in at least one pass.

Salem's defense was led by junior Ga-

vin Bobby and senior Zach Rowland. Junior JaMarcus Rowland's interception was the game's lone turnover. Rock defensive back Nolan Chaput near-interception late in the second quarter had pick-six written all over it as the senior had nothing but green turf in front of him.

The Mustangs respect, but do not fear, unbeaten Belleville, which pummeled Plymouth 47-3 Friday night.

"Honestly, I think we have a good shot," Saunders said. "We can beat them. Our team is a different team than what it was early in the season. I think we can play with anybody right now."

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Great careers for veterans

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Military experience can lay a solid foundation for a career in your civilian life. With your teamwork, dedication and the ability to follow directions, you're a desirable candidate for many employers.

Here are some jobs that are best for veterans looking to transfer their military skills into a new career.

1. Security guard

Because so many veterans have been trained in everything from conflict resolution to self-defense, they're often a first choice for roles as security guards. Of course, many veterans also pursue careers in law enforcement. However, that route will require more formal training and education.

2. Emergency medical technician

From the fast-paced environment to the ability to help people, this sort of role checks many of the boxes that veterans — particularly those with combat medic training — might be looking to fill in a civilian career. A career as an EMT will require some additional certifications; the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (nremt.org/rwd/public) is a good place to start, and be sure to check



licensing requirements by state.

3. Computer support technician

For those who found an interest in cybersecurity and solving complex technical problems, a career as a computer support technician or an IT specialist might be a perfect fit. Veterans with solid experience could qualify for entry-level roles without any additional education or certifications.

4. Truck driver

As a military veteran, you're used to working long and often odd hours. You possess great mental stamina, and you have better situational awareness than the vast majority of people out

there. Whether you drive a semi across the country or work more normal hours driving and protecting an armored truck, a career in this field is an understandably popular choice among many veterans who choose to get their commercial driver's license.

5. Supply chain manager

Even those who may not have direct experience with logistics while in the military will still bring some knowledge to the table in regards to inventorying, managing, distributing and warehousing assets.

6. Project manager

You're organized, detail-oriented and know how to lead a team.

Those are all excellent qualities to have as a project manager. There are voluntary certifications to become a project manager, but many employers would be willing to consider your military history as solid enough background to get your start in this career.

7. Sales representative

As a military member, you need to know how to form relationships, establish trust, and provide necessary guidance and recommendations. While it might not be the first career path to come to mind, many veterans find a role in sales to be a natural segue from their experience in the military. Many entry-level positions likely won't involve any requirements beyond your military experience.

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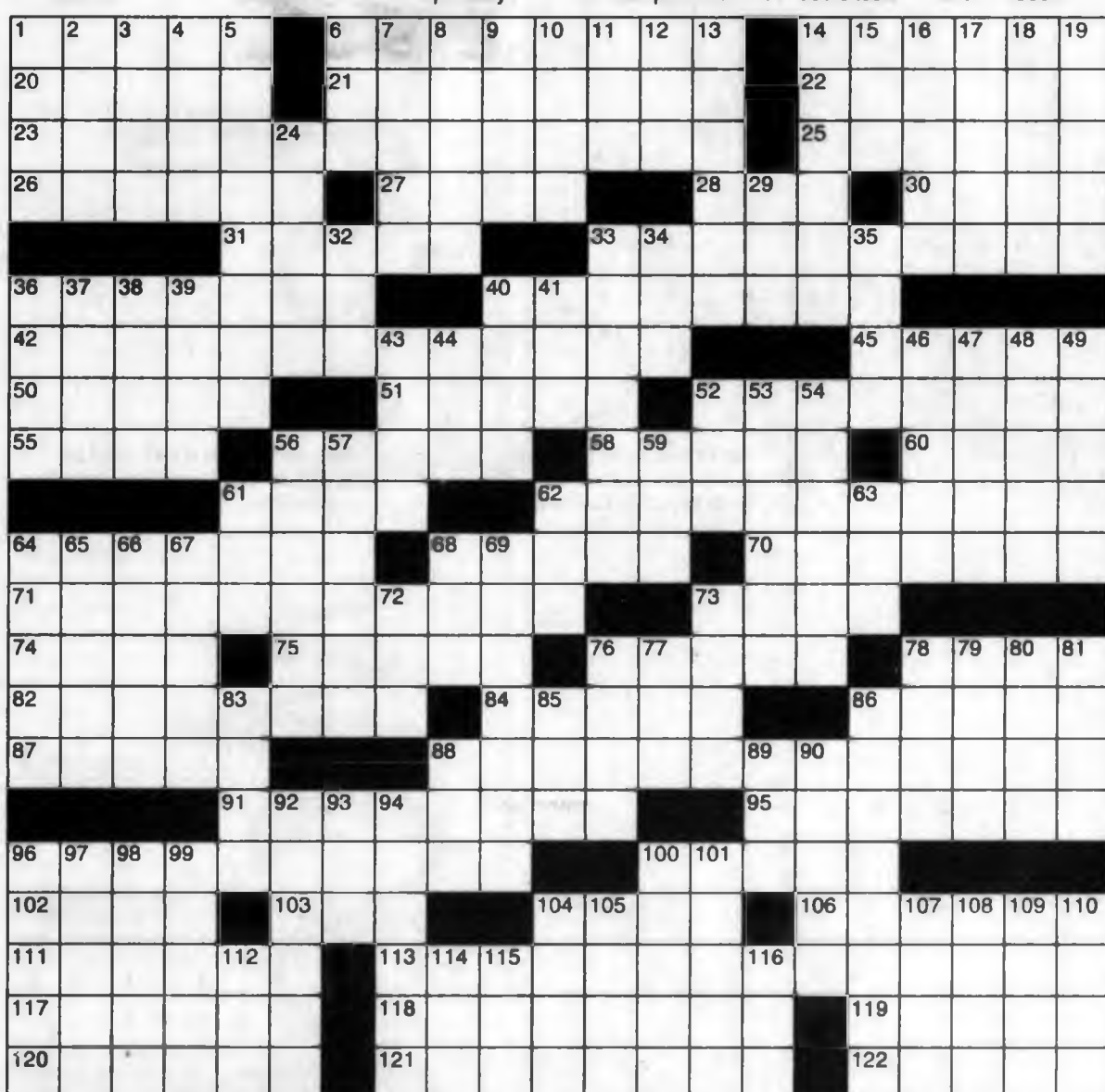
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73 Iris' layer
74 Is in debt
75 Fallback strategy
76 Singer Mariah
78 UPS deliveries: Abbr.
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84 Willy Wonka creator Dahl
86 Capital of Egypt
87 Kagan of the Supreme Court
88 At a snail's pace
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96 PC program tool for automating batches of invitations, say
100 Actress Irene
102 Streamlined, in brief
103 Africa's Amin
104 "Canvas" for a tattoo
106 Artificial cave
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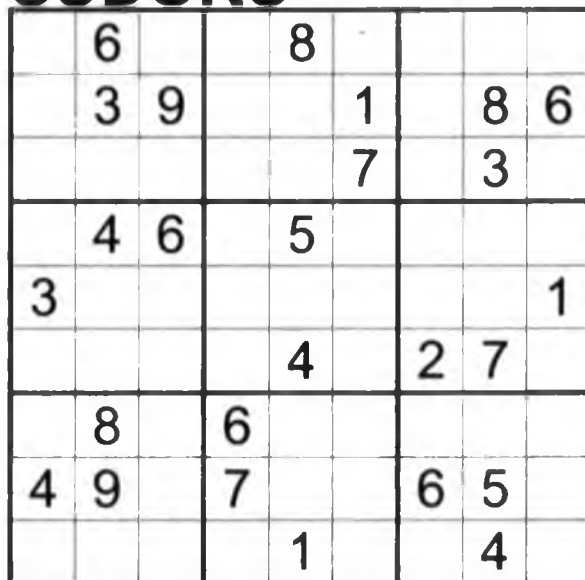
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14 First coat of paint
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47 Hitter Hank
48 Negative
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53 Salad green
54 Biggest city in Australia
56 Nudniks
57 Turtle in a Dr. Seuss title
59 Belfry dweller
61 Small bill
62 Hiatus
63 Homer's H
64 Win a point
65 Sauna wrap
66 Tylenol rival
67 "Peer Gynt" dramatist
68 Sloppy Joe holder
69 Hug
72 Defective
73 Pakistani language
76 Walking stick
77 '80s sitcom
78 "Qué —?"
79 Brick-baking oven
80 Totally understand, informally
81 Plants seeds
83 Absorbed
85 OPEC liquid
86 Big hack attack
88 Sty dweller
89 Mystery writer Deighton
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94 Clan-related
96 Sticky stuff
97 Reimburse
98 Hopping mad
99 Like ultra-lite food
100 Failed to
101 Remove, as a 105-Down
104 Medium, e.g.
105 Shoelace problem
107 "How awful!"
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109 Office fill-in
110 Corrida calls
112 Sooner than
114 Big bush bird
115 Flying Solo
116 — -been



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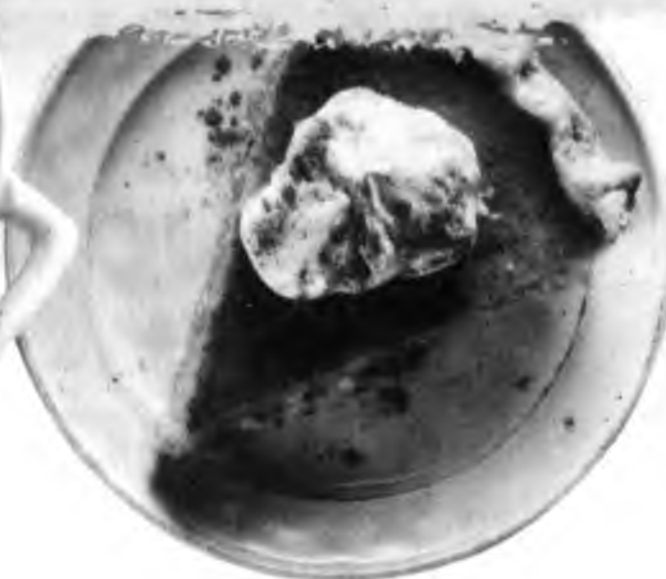
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