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Officials: Coronavirus not spread in class

Why area schools are halting in-person learning

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COVID-19 cases are on the rise among students and teachers, but the coronavirus is not spreading within school walls.

Oakland County Health Division officials said results of investigations into hundreds of positively-identified coronavirus cases in staff and students in the county since the beginning of the school year revealed that as of Nov. 2, only four infections were contracted

from an exposure that occurred inside school buildings.

"The bottom line is, there is little to no transmission within schools and no evidence of ongoing transmission," Dr. Russell Faust, Oakland County medical director, said. "Schools are the safest place for our kids right now. ... The data refutes the notion that children are super spreaders in school. It is clear they

are not."

Faust added that several studies demonstrate that the prevalence of coronavirus infection in K-12 students, or children in general, is less than half of what is seen in the adult community. While the reason for that is unknown, he said safety mitigation measures

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Ideas to avoid spreading COVID-19 vary from self-quarantines and rapid testing to garage gatherings and virtual visits.

Families making new plans for Thanksgiving in pandemic

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Randy Webster tears up when asked what her holiday plans are.

The Lyon Township resident is 69, has a medical condition and suffered through the death of her husband last year. Webster has two daughters who are doing their best to keep their mother from being lonely.

"We're trying to work it out, or we might still get together and wear masks," Webster said. "It's so hard. It's

harder on my daughter; she feels so bad she can't be with me. We were getting together outside, but now it's getting colder..."

Webster has plenty of company in wondering how best to celebrate holidays and traditions in what has otherwise been a not-so-joyous year.

Ideas to spread cheer and not COVID-19 with cases on the rise vary from self-quarantines and rapid testing to garage gatherings and virtual visits.

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Dr. Russell Faust
Medical director, Oakland County

Wrestling shaped Northville's 2019 Officer of The Year

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Northville Police Officer Melissa Vernon once was a child on the go, moving from cheerleading to wrestling to softball practice.

All the skills gained from the sports linger, but wrestling may prove to be the longest-lasting influence on Vernon's career.

The sport may even be part of why she eventually became Northville's 2019 Police Officer of the Year.

"When I started wrestling, I never thought — I don't even think my parents thought of — how it would play into my career," Vernon said. "I teach rape aggression and self-defense to other women."

"Being able to take those skills I learned so young and being able to teach other women not just, like, the physical skills but also the mental skills...I would never have thought it would pay off in my career in the long run. It's a really nice feeling."

Growing up near Lake Orion, Vernon loved getting drenched in sweat while wrestling on the mat and preparing to be the best wrestler possible.

She loved the hard work and how the sport pushed her body's physical limits and her mind's commitment to success.

Vernon, 28, said skills gained as a wrestler pushed her to where she is today.

As an officer, she teaches women to defend themselves in threatening situations while also serving the department as a field training officer and Taser instructor.

Of course, that's not all. She's also one of the city's paid, on-call firefighters. She hopes to maintain those firefighting responsibilities while striving to become a detective or captain with the police department.

She loves Northville and wants to give back.

"What's that saying? Find what you love to do and it won't feel like a job," Vernon said. "For me, this isn't like a job. This is what I love to do."

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"This is what inspires me. This is what I live for is being able to help people. The more that I'm able to help, the better and more accomplished I feel."

Vernon was honored as Northville's 2019 Police Officer of the Year at a city council meeting. Vernon's family and colleagues were in the audience.

Chief Alan Maciag continues to emphasize that she was chosen by her peers.

"Every nomination that was received for the award was for Officer Vernon," Maciag said. "She is a hard worker and asset to the department. She truly cares about her job and the citizens that she serves. Her professionalism, integrity and hard work set her above the rest in 2019."

"She is an excellent police officer with a bright future at the Northville Police Department."

Vernon goes the extra distance standing 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighing 130 pounds. She wrestled for Lindenwood University in Missouri, where she received a criminal justice degree before teaching English in China and enrolling at the Detroit Police Academy.

She spent two years with the Detroit Police Department, responding to a variety of calls, before applying successfully with Northville and taking inspiration from Northville's police supervisors.

She's grateful to the department that developed and nurtured her skills so she could help others.

When teaching self-defense methods, she strives for her students to realize they are capable of defending themselves.

"If they're ever faced, they're going to come out and say, 'I'm going to win this. I'm not going to just walk away or cower down,'" she said. "That's the No. 1 goal



Melissa Vernon was Northville Police Department's Officer of the Year for 2019. COURTESY OF MELISSA VERNON

for them — just having that mindset of, 'I'm going to be OK. I'm going to survive. I'm going to fight if I need to.' "Each person is different. What I'm good at some-

one else might not be good at. I try to figure out what they're good at and build that confidence level." svela@hometownlife.com; 248-303-8432

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One of Webster's daughters effectively self-isolates with her husband, who works from home, as well as their two young children, so that Webster can still see her grandchildren, whom she calls "my joy."

Webster's other daughter, a Brighton teacher, is unable to quarantine as she currently instructs students face-to-face, but is considering a COVID-19 test for the "all-clear" once the holiday break begins.

Chris and Alexandra Melekian of Birmingham are weighing the risks of getting together with family for Thanksgiving.

"I am adamant that immediate family be in our own bubble and don't see others for two weeks beforehand," Alexandra said.

Michele Stump of Lyon Township is planning for a typical Thanksgiving get-together, made even better by with a day off work at Walmart, which will be closed this year for the holiday. She plans to go to her sister's home for a gathering of between 15-20 people, which varies depending on who has a boyfriend and who doesn't and whose children show up.

Over time, she said, her family's views on social distancing changed.

"We didn't see my parents until July; we wanted to keep them safe," Stump said. "They finally said, 'Come up to Clare, we want to see you and the kids.'"

What does Dr. Russell Faust, Oakland County medical director, advise about all these holiday plans? The risks of each vary.

Quarantine qualified

Quarantines aren't doable for most families who work outside the home or who have children attending in-person school, but if it can be managed, it will require at least 14 days of not seeing anyone outside your household.

Faust said that 14-day quarantine is based on the incubation period of the coronavirus as determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and chances are good you will be virus-free if you haven't had any exposures for a full

two weeks. But there are still a few cases of coronavirus that have developed outside of the 14-day period.

Tests aren't foolproof

Novi residents Dana and Karen Katinas said most of their family lives out of state and they usually celebrate Thanksgiving with their kids, two of whom are in college and one who is in high school, as well as some friends. They are considering getting a COVID-19 rapid test.

Rapid tests have issues with reliability, however, and even a more precise test for which results take longer has its downsides.

Not all COVID-19 tests are created equal. Families may rush for an antigen or "rapid" test which can return faulty results, but even the "gold-standard" PCR molecular test is not a guarantee, Faust said.

If it returns negative, it only means that person was not shedding virus at the time of the test. The virus could be laying dormant in the blood. It is not an indicator of exposure and the person who tests negative could still develop COVID-19 in the days following, he said.

"It doesn't matter that we test them, unless we test them every day," he said. "Negative today doesn't mean negative tomorrow."

Masks, distancing, gathering place

Gathering at a family member's home? Plan on wearing a mask. N95 are the greatest protection, but difficult to come by as they are rightfully reserved for hospital workers. KN95 is the next best thing, but airborne particles can still get through.

Sitting six feet apart is good, but 12 feet is better, and plenty of ventilation is best.

Outside is best, but

Michigan weather isn't expected to be a willing partner for comfortable conditions in November and December. If you can't be outside, a well-ventilated garage (with the door open) is a better option than a crowded living room.

Limited invites exclude COVID-19

Senior people having fun while celebrating Thanksgiving together at home over traditional dinner, taking a selfie using smart phone

Julie Rutkowski, a Lyon Township resident, is a nurse educator, and her mother and aunt are also nurses, all at St. Mary Mercy in Livonia. Their current plan is to celebrate the holidays with an exclusive "bubble."

"COVID-19 is starting to creep up again and that's what's scary," she said. "It stabilized (this summer) and people let their guard down. It's still really serious."

In a normal year, her extended family would have a gathering of 35 people with aunts, uncles and cousins. But this year, it will be a fraction of the size — contained to just the three nurse households — including Rutkowski's husband and two small children, her parents and her aunt.

"It's not the same, but you do what you have to do."

Faust said the guest list needs to be selective with a minimized number of households, thereby "reducing the diversity" and opportunities for COVID-19 to intrude on your celebration.

"It should be two households or less at a gathering," Faust said. "People from your house and one other, and limited to 10 people or fewer."

Who you invite, and who you are also matters. Susceptibility to a severe reaction to COVID-19 is affected by underlying

health conditions including heart and lung ailments, diabetes and obesity. It also increases with age.

"The older you are, the greater the risk," Faust said. "In the 60-70 age range, with COVID in general, it's a 10 percent mortality risk right there. If you're 70 to 80, the risk goes up. Above 80, the risk is significantly higher."

The risk is also compounded by the flu season. Faust is encouraging everyone, regardless of age, to get a flu shot and also to wash hands regularly, sanitize surfaces, and quit touching your face.

No one should be going anywhere, whether it's a holiday gathering, work, school or even the store for groceries, if they feel ill.

Virtual visits

The best recommendation he has for the 2020 holiday season is to celebrate virtually, perhaps via FaceTime or Zoom, a recommendation that may deflate some spirits now, but one that makes future gatherings with everyone present more likely.

"People will be frustrated and ignore much of this, and that is sad," Faust said. "We are losing our most loved and respected and wise generation by exposing them. This is a problem... We struggle because we are a social species. We want to get together with friends and family at the holidays, but this is a global pandemic."

Tami Lenoir, 60, of Novi, knows better than most what is at stake as a respiratory therapist in the intensive care unit at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. She has seen firsthand the devastation COVID-19 has wrought, working with those patients everyday and is scheduled to work with them again on Thanksgiving.

As for Christmas? She wants to avoid having her own family be among the hospital patients.

"Christmas is canceled," she says simply. "We'll revisit it in March to celebrate because of COVID."

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- Beautification Commission
- Board of Review
- Election Commission
- Historical Commission
- Housing, Community Development Advisory Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

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

The deadline for filing an application is Tuesday, December 1, 2020. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk's Office regarding the date and time of interviews.

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followed by schools, including masking, social distancing and sanitizing are helping keep the virus at bay in the academic setting, including reducing the spread to teachers and other adult staff in the buildings.

South Lyon officials emailed district families on Monday reporting 11 new positive COVID-19 cases in students and staff, with six identified as "school-associated." Superintendent Steve Archibald explained that definition means "a probable or confirmed COVID-19 among students, teachers, staff members, coaches, volunteers, or any other person who was present on school property or at a school function under circumstances that may result in the transmission or contraction of COVID-19 during their infectious period."

It does not mean they contracted the illness in the classroom. Despite this, in-person learning is suspended statewide for high school students as of Nov. 18 for at least three weeks, and some districts are going back to remote learning for all grades, possibly until next year.

Sports are super spreaders

While cases aren't spreading within the classroom, they appear to be spreading at school sporting events, both on the field and now increasingly in the gymnasium.

"The challenge schools are having is they are doing a great job controlling the risk in class, but they have little control over what happens with those students at sporting activities and spread that is primarily happening with kids sitting shoulder to shoulder on the bench with no masks on, or on the bus with no masks on, or at a post-event party for kids and they're not wearing masks," Faust said. "The schools don't have control."

"The parents do have control, but they're not doing a great job. It doesn't do any good to close schools if sports teams continue to expose those kids."

He noted club sports and travel teams and regular practices and competitions continue, along with the team-related exposures and transmission between teams.

Coronavirus is a respiratory disease spread by droplet transmission and Faust notes that athletes are "huffing and puffing." Health division officials have had discussions with the Michigan High School Athletic Association, the governing body of junior athletics, which has fined some coaches for non-compliance with health orders, including not wearing masks.

MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl contradicted the message that games and practices themselves are to blame for the spread of CO-



Erin Harbar, Novi High art teacher, assists Cameron Bloom while Riley MacDonald, left, and Devin Lacy watch during ceramics class Oct. 8. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

VID-19 in an Oct. 23 letter to member families.

"The latest research and data informs us all that COVID is not being spread during the school day, at athletic practices or during games between teammates and opponents," Uyl wrote.

He instead pointed to "activities loosely connected to schools and school sports," including team dinners, gatherings after games and other non-athletic social get-togethers without masks or distancing as the cause of increased COVID-19 cases in the state. Such activities, he noted, put the academic day and sports season, which "gives kids normalcy," at risk.

If mask-wearing is not adhered to at sporting events and related activities, they should not continue, Faust said, but closing schools is not the answer, either.

In Birmingham, secondary schools have been closed to in-person learning for eight months now, but sports continue, which Board of Education Trustee Adrienne Young said miscommunicates priorities to families who are wondering why they are driving by football practice when their children aren't in the classroom. That's a notion echoed by parents in most school districts with virtual learning models.

"We know sports are super spreaders, Oakland County knows that," Young said during a recent school board meeting. "It's our responsibility to make choices about school sports, even

though that puts more difficulties on our plates, we need to do that."

Her fellow Trustee Nicole McKinney disagreed.

"We need to minimize any damage this pandemic is causing," she said. "We need to give (students) an outlet. They will be home doing nothing, or in sports and class and getting socialization."

School staffing a problem

If schools are relatively safer than other environments, why the retreat to all virtual learning by some schools or delays in beginning in-person learning?

Huron Valley Superintendent Paul Salah said it's a complicated question.

"Over the last week-and-a-half, we have seen an exponential spike in the number of positive COVID cases in students, families, and staff," he said. "We are doing a great job with mitigation strategies, but every time there is a positive case and there have been other individuals within six feet for 15 minutes or more, we have to quarantine all of those individuals."

As an example, he pointed to a positive case that was identified in an Apollo Early Childhood Center staff member last week that resulted in 37 quarantines in the building. The initial intention was to bring the children back this week, but more than half the staff is quarantined.

"It's not just positive

cases, but the rules with quarantines and what it does to our operations," he said. "We can't run a building without any teachers. It's affecting staffing, but it's also an instructional challenge. If we have 100 kids quarantining at Milford High School, it's an incredible discontinuity in instructional delivery."

Archibald agreed.

"It's wonderful (OCHD) hasn't been able to trace transmission to our schools, but folks should not take that to mean that the cases increasing and the number of individuals quarantining doesn't have tremendous negative impact on our ability to operate schools," he said. "We have had a high number of absent students for an extended period of time. We're not talking a cold where they are out a couple of days. If staff members quarantine, we're trying to maintain instruction and find guest teachers and so forth. The impact on our schools is tremendous."

Dean Niforos, Birmingham assistant superintendent for human resources, said there are staffing challenges at the middle school level, even as students and teachers have not yet returned for face-to-face instruction.

While he said most staff was available to return, if teachers are quarantined, getting substi-

tutes will be a challenge.

"The substitute pool is significantly depleted," he said. "A lot of people are not subbing. They are in high-risk categories and a lot told us they are not coming back, including retirees in categories that are high-risk."

Private schools also have had similar problems. Detroit Catholic Central shut down in-person learning until Nov. 16 with Father Patrick Fulton noting in a communication to parents, "We understand that there will be some frustration, but it is important to understand that the majority of these cases seem to originate from activities outside of our Catholic Central community."

Novi Public Schools is staying the course with a hybrid plan of 2-days in-person learning, despite some pleas for an increase in the number of days.

"Because transmission in schools does not seem to be occurring I continue to believe that schools are safe places for our students and staff," Matthews recently wrote in an email to families.

Faust said the Oakland County Health Division continues to work with all districts in the county and understands the contradictory pressures they are facing. Some parents want the kids in school full-time and others want

the schools closed and to be virtual, as well as from high school juniors and seniors counting on college academic or athletic scholarships.

The pandemic is not going away, even with recent news of a vaccine coming from Pfizer, he said, and the health division will continue to guide districts and help make decisions based on case investigations at each school and contact tracing, helping them decide how to proceed, but ultimately, districts will make the decisions. He expects pauses in in-person learning to continue, but repeated that based on data, schools are a very safe place to be. He congratulated superintendents and teachers for doing such a remarkable job of mitigating risk.

"If only we could get people in the general community to be as responsible," Faust said. "I get it — there is COVID fatigue, we're burned out, angry, no one wants to wear masks all day, but we need to be vigilant. Over the weekend, on Saturday alone, we had 127,000 cases diagnosed in the U.S."

"This is not the time we want to be number one in the world."

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City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 7:00PM

This meeting will be held electronically as authorized under the open meetings act, mcl 15.261, et seq., as amended. Members of the public body and members of the public may participate electronically, as described at cityofnovi.org.

PZ20-0053 (Z. Joe Huang) West of Old Novi Road and South of Thirteen Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-10-228-018. The applicant is requesting variance from the Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a proposed lot coverage of 27% (25% required, variance of an increased 2%). Section 3.6.2M for a watercourse setback of 10 feet (25 feet minimum required, variance of 15 feet). This variance will accommodate the building of a new home. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ20-0054 (Coy Construction) 23403 Mystic Forest Drive, West of Novi Road and South of Ten Mile Road, Parcel #50-22-27-429-006. The applicant is requesting variance from the Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a proposed 30-foot rear yard setback (35 feet required, variance of 5 feet). This variance will accommodate the building of a new deck and sunroom. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ20-0055 (Cambridge of Novi, LLC) 49305 Villa Drive, West of Beck Road and North of Nine Mile Road, Parcel #50-22-29-326-040. The applicant is requesting variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(a) footnote 3, for a proposed 51 square foot, 8-foot-tall neighborhood entryway ground sign. The sign is oversized by 31.57 square feet and over height by 3 feet. This property is zoned Residential Acreage (RA).

PZ20-0057 (LaVnway Sign Company) 43043 Grand River Avenue, East of Novi Road and South of Grand River Avenue, Parcel # 50-22-23-104-010. The applicant is requesting variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(b)(1)a for a proposed 39.5 square foot wall sign, based on the setback from the centerline of Grand River Avenue the sign is oversized by 2 square feet. This property is zoned Town Center-1 (TC-1).

PZ20-0060 (J Collins Construction) 319 Elm Court, West of Old Novi Road and South of South Lake Drive, Parcel # 50-22-03-481-002. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a side yard setback of 7 feet (10 feet required, variance of 3 feet), an aggregate total side yard setback of 20 feet (25 feet required, variance of 5 feet). These variances would accommodate the building a new home. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

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Northville girl's idea raises big bucks for St. Jude's

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A 10-year-old Northville girl's modest Halloween-themed fundraiser has blown up (in a good way) and collected money from as far away as Scotland.

Ryann McEvilly, who lives in Northville but attends school at Farmington's Gill Elementary School, wanted to use her saved-up allowance money to start a fundraiser that would benefit kids battling cancer at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is based in Memphis, Tennessee.

"At first, I wanted to buy Halloween gifts with my allowance and then raffle those off to raise about \$100 for St. Jude's," McEvilly said. "I thought we could do it with my neighbors. I talked about it with my dad (Dan McEvilly) and he said he liked the idea, but he thought we could make it even bigger."

Dan McEvilly posted Ryann's idea on his Facebook page, igniting the fuse for a plan that raised close to \$2,000.

"When she first approached me with

the idea, I thought it was fantastic," Dan McEvilly said. "Once I posted it on Facebook, we received donations from as far away as Scotland and California."

"I wanted to share Ryann's idea in case other kids wanted to pick up on it and try something like it themselves."

The donation from Scotland was 10 pounds, or \$12.53 in U.S. currency, McEvilly said.

"I work for the Detroit City FC soccer club and a member of our sister club in Scotland saw my post and made a donation," McEvilly said. "The fundraiser has really resonated with people close to home and across the ocean."

Ryann said she couldn't have accomplished the fundraiser alone, giving big props to her dad, 7-year-old sister Sloane and "Aunt Beth" for their assistance.

"I'm proud of what I was able to accomplish and I hope other kids my age hear about this and try something like it," she said. "I'd like to do this every year."

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Ryann McEvilly raffles off Halloween-themed gifts to friends and neighbors. COURTESY OF THE MCEVILLY FAMILY

MDOT truck hits, kills Novi woman

Steve Zucker petoskeynews-review.com
USA TODAY NETWORK

A Michigan Department of Transportation truck was involved in a fatal crash Nov. 9 with a pedestrian in downtown Charlevoix.

City of Charlevoix Police Department Police Chief Gerard Doan identified the deceased as Katherine Wahlstrom, 74, of Novi.

Doan said the crash happened at 2:20 p.m. at the intersection of Bridge Street (U.S. 31) and Clinton Street.

Doan said the preliminary investigation shows that the Wahlstrom was crossing Bridge Street in the marked crosswalk traveling from east to west as the traffic signal at the intersection was green for traffic on Clinton Street. Doan said after the light turned green a Michigan Department of Transportation Ford F-450 work truck driven by a 52-year-

old Pottsville man entered the intersection from the east and hit the woman as he was making a left turn onto Bridge Street.

Wahlstrom, who sustained critical injuries in the crash, was transported to McLaren Northern Michigan hospital by Charlevoix Ambulance where she died a few hours later.

Doan said police interviewed the driver and several witnesses who all agreed the light was green for Clinton Street traffic at the time of the collision.

The Michigan Vehicle Code reads: "Vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians and bicyclists lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time the (green) signal is exhibited."

He said the driver of the truck reported that he simply didn't see the woman crossing the street.

Doan said there was no indication that drugs or alcohol were involved in the crash.

He said Wahlstrom was visiting the area with a friend and, thanks to information found in her purse, next of kin were identified and arrangements could be made to get her friend returned to her downstate home.

Doan said officers plan to re-interview several witnesses and then will turn the report over to the Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney's office for review.

Responding to an inquiry from the News-Review on Tuesday, Michigan Department of Transportation spokesman James Lake confirmed that an MDOT employee was involved in the incident, but said agency officials can't comment on the specifics of the incident while it is still under investigation.

Walled Lake Schools building childhood center in Novi

Walled Lake Schools broke ground last month on what it is calling a state-of-the-art 38,385-square-foot Early Childhood Center in Novi.

The new facility will go on the south side of 13 Mile Road near M-5 in Novi.

"At a time when so many are experiencing the challenges of the global pandemic, Walled Lake Schools is grateful to be able to look toward our future, and plan to serve our early learners in a state-of-the-art facility. We thank our community for overwhelmingly passing the May 2019 bond that paves a bright future for our children," Superintendent Kenneth Gutman said in a press release.

The Early Childhood Center will feature 16 classrooms, with a natural environment theme throughout its design.

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NEWSFLASH: COVID THREAT CONTINUES

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FIGHT BACK AGAINST COVID DISRUPTION

COVID has disrupted your life. Government may ban family Thanksgiving dinners. Government is aiming at Christmas, too. Second wave infections are filling hospitals. More shutdowns? At least we have gotten good at treating COVID. Deaths are a fraction of projections. Fear remains. Normal life is a fading memory. Fight back.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE NEGLECTED

If you fail to change the oil in your car, you cannot be surprised when the engine seizes up. Same as you. During COVID, preventive medical care has fallen by the wayside. Folks are not getting their checkups. Cancer, infection, disease... not detected early, not detected at all. Until it is too late.

Mammograms. Colonoscopies. Visits to the dermatologist. Do you think we will see more breast cancer, colon cancer, skin cancer? Bet on it!

Isolation makes it all worse. Drug abuse, suicide, depression. Gee, do you think folks with dementia are better off isolated from their friends and family? I don't either.

WHO ARE YOUR COVID CREW?

Ladies, remember having tea with your friends? Catching up on grandchildren, mutual support. Informal get-togethers (the "coffee klatsch" as my mom used to say) are not a thing of the past. You need your friends.

Older guys, remember how you got always got together for breakfast? Did you go to Anna's House, the local Coney Island, or New Beginnings? Mr. Burger maybe or the Omelet Shoppe? You could go to a different restaurant each day of the week. Meeting with your retiree group, veteran buddies, church friends. Solving all the world's problems over coffee and a muffin. Often wrong, never in doubt. Done before the check comes. What happened to that?

Well, there this global pandemic, you see... You adapt, make changes. Your circle of friends has gotten tighter. Some people talk about their "COVID crew", the people they still see regularly. Not as many as before. Only the tried and true. In good health and determined to stay that way.

LIFEPLAN™ WORKSHOPS, THEN AND NOW

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WAITING FOR THE PANDEMIC TO BE OVER: GOOD PLAN OR WISHFUL THINKING?

Today, like many doctors, we are busy. Not complaining. But there has been a huge change. In the past, we say lots of regular folks, planning for a secure future. Today, the emergency cases are flooding in. Rather than regular folks at the LifePlan™ Workshop, the few who come desperately need help now.

Who is looking out for you? Things are okay now, but... You know you need to plan. You know you do not want to wind up like your neighbor down the street who lost everything to long-term care at \$3500 to \$12,000 per month.

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1. The Wealthy have it made.
2. The Poor will always be with us; they get it for free.
3. The Middle Class (that is you) works and pays for it all.

If you reject or doubt these Truths, stop now. Go read the advertising inserts or something. Middle class Americans live these cornerstone realities every day. But if you have not... The following will be annoying and not make much sense. But, if your life experience confirms these Truths, you may wish to read on.



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MY PERSONAL STORY

Folks like us begin working by age 10. Spow shoveling. Grass mowing. Babysitting. Dishwashing. Me, I began delivering newspapers at 7.

I have an older sister, two younger sisters and four younger brothers (8 of us altogether). Dad, a WWII Navy veteran, taught school by day, then worked the local brewery's graveyard shift. Sixteen-hour days for sixteen years. Mom was an RN. She resumed practice when the youngest was 5. Both parents tracked our grades, chores and college savings. Cannot recall much concern for our self-esteem.

Paper route and dish-washing money paid for my first year at the University of Notre Dame. An Army scholarship and weekend pizza deliveries took care of the rest. Upon graduation, the Army kindly allowed me to get my first law degree from Boston University.

Law School. Like Dad, I worked third shift full time to pay the bills.

On active duty, the Army let me jump out of airplanes, argue murder cases, edit The Army Lawyer, and work at the Pentagon. The Army also paid for most of my Master of Law, Taxation degree from Georgetown University Law. Airborne wings, two Meritorious Service Medals and an Army Achievement Medal. Thank you for allowing me to serve!

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VETERANS HONORED DURING LOCAL CEREMONIES LAST WEEK



At the Birmingham Veterans Day ceremony were, from left, DAR Piety Hill Chapter Project Patriot chair Amy Zimmer, DAR Piety Hill Past Regent Barbara Suhay, Vietnam veteran Tom Stremka, past guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Iraq veteran Andre Beasley, Vietnam veteran Jim Suhay, and Iraq veteran Julie Schmitz. COURTESY OF DOUG ASHLEY



The color guard stands at ease during the Veterans of Foreign Wars 2020 Veterans Day ceremony in Northville. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



A small gathering attends the Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11 at VFW Post 4012 in Northville.



Past VFW Post 4012 Commander Steve Frazier speaks during the ceremony.

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Members of VFW Post 4012 in Northville give a 21-gun salute.



Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull addresses the 2020 Veterans Day ceremony.



Some of the many graves at Rural Hill Cemetery of U.S. Veterans in Northville.



A plaque honoring Veterans of Foreign Wars outside VFW Post 4012.

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Wayne County Parks Director Alicia Bradford talks about the upcoming Wayne County Lightfest on Nov. 2 along Hines Drive. Many lighted, animated displays like the one behind Bradford are already set up in preparation for the event.
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Wayne County Lightfest ready to mark 27th year

Shelby Tankersley HometownLife.com
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Fans of the Wayne County Lightfest can expect for this year's event to be quite similar to the one they know and love.

The festival opens the day before Thanksgiving and runs Wednesdays-Sundays through the end of the year. The event, which most people enjoy from their vehicles, practiced social distancing long before it was cool. Some of the event's people-heavy aspects will take a break this year, however.

"It's going to be a little different, but almost the same," Alicia Bradford, Wayne County's parks director, said. "We won't have the pre-events like we typically do with our run, walk and bike through the lights and our official lights on ceremony."

Though people will miss out on the pre-events and things like food service and Santa Shelter, they will see some new displays along the four-mile route along Edward Hines Drive, which starts at Merriman Hollow Park in Westland.

"Since light fest will be 27 years old this season, there are some older dis-

plays that have reached their life's end," Bradford said. "We try to cycle out and replace some displays at least every two years."

County parks staff usually spends six to eight weeks setting up the displays every year, and it looks a little different each holiday season. Bradford said the county aims to make the festival something anyone can enjoy.

During the coming holiday season, Bradford said the county is expecting big crowds to enjoy the event.

"We are actually expecting more people because you can safely stay in your car," she said. "People want to get out. You know, we were on stay at home early on and people are still managing staying at home, so something that will allow you to just have a nice, fun evening out, we're thinking, we'll have more attendance."

Starting Nov. 25, the Lightfest's hours will be 7-10 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 6-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets cost \$5 per vehicle and can be purchased at 7651 Merriman Road, the route's starting point. It is closed Christmas day.

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How will working remotely affect my taxes?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Dear Rick

I live in the suburbs, but my office is in downtown Detroit. Since I have been working in the city, I have been paying the City of Detroit non-resident tax. Since the pandemic hit in March, my office has been closed and I have been working from home.

My question is, since I am no longer working in the city, am I liable to the City of Detroit for income taxes, and if not, can I ask my employer not to withhold city taxes anymore?

My second question deals with my daughter. My daughter is considered self-employed and has always worked out of her home. My daughter lives in Florida but when the pandemic hit, she came back to Michigan. She was here through the summer and now is back in Florida. During the time she was here, she was able to continue her work without missing a beat.

I was told by a friend that since she worked in Michigan, she has to pay Michigan income taxes. That seems totally unfair to me. My question is, is my daughter liable for Michigan income taxes, and if she is, how would the state catch her?

Thank you, Jason

Dear Jason

I have some good news for you. No, you are not liable for the City of Detroit income tax for the time you worked at home. In fact, the Michigan Department of Treasury recently addressed this issue and made it clear that a non-resident is not subject to a city's income tax while working remotely outside the city. I also think it would be appropriate to have your employer stop your City of Detroit withholdings.

As a side note, you still are liable for the non-resident City of Detroit income tax for the time period this year that you did work within the city.

With regards to your daughter's sit-

uation, unfortunately, I believe that under current laws, she would be liable to the State of Michigan for the income she earned while she worked here remotely. Whether this is fair or not is, unfortunately, immaterial. Whether this is fair or not, I will leave that to others; however, in my opinion, you daughter is liable for State of Michigan income taxes.

Because of the pandemic, many people find themselves in the situation where they are working remotely from one state but live in another. Because every state's tax laws are somewhat unique, it could make filing taxes for this year a little more difficult for many people. As a result, legislation has been introduced that may resolve this issue for many taxpayers. However, legislation is far from law, and we'll have to wait and see where that legislation goes. However, if you find yourself working remotely in one state and living in another, you do have tax issues. In fact, if you may recall a few months ago, Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York said that even out-of-state healthcare workers who came to New York to help fight the pandemic would be liable for New York taxes.

With regards to whether the State of Michigan would catch your daughter - I have no clue. My general advice for people has always been to follow the law, because it makes life easier. Therefore, I would tell your daughter to bite the bullet and to file a non-resident Michigan income tax return.

For those of you working remotely and who traditionally work inside the City of Detroit, it's a good idea to keep a work log, keeping track of the dates that you were working remotely. In fact, it would also be a good idea to have a letter from your employer confirming the dates that you worked remotely. You're not required to file this information with your tax return; however, it could be invaluable if the city comes calling.

One last note. For City of Detroit residents, you are liable to City of Detroit income taxes no matter where you work.

Good luck.

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State issues '3-week pause' on HS sports

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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced Sunday evening that all high school athletics have been postponed due to the rising number of coronavirus cases in the state.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced, in a statement, that the high school football, volleyball, and girls swim and dive playoffs are currently on hold, along with the start of the traditional winter s

"We understand the need for action, and we will explore all options to com-

plete our Fall tournaments when restrictions are lifted," MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl said in a statement. "We will assess everything over the next three weeks relative to Fall and Winter sports and come up with a plan that keeps us connected to our goal, for months, of having three seasons that

are played to their conclusions."

Michigan high school football's season will be halted in the regional final round, the volleyball season has been stopped prior to the state quarterfinal, while the girls swim and dive season

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The Churchill Chargers, left, host the Franklin Patriots on Nov. 13. The state and the MHSAA announced Sunday that the football, volleyball, and girls swim and dive playoff tournaments would be postponed, along with all winter sports, for three weeks to combat the coronavirus pandemic. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

What's next for high school football?

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Livonia Churchill football remained alive another week, beating rival Livonia Franklin for its second-straight district title Friday night. So head coach Bill DeFillipo was in his office 9 a.m. Sunday to begin the process again: to start the installation of schemes for the regional final against Oak Park.

He knew the state of the world outside of his office — with positive COVID-19 cases on the rise throughout the state with the highest rate of the pandemic. But in the time of playoffs, DeFillipo rarely had time to think about anything else other than his teaching job and football, finding time to rest and relax once the season is officially over.

"You kind of hear it and you see it once in a while, but really, we were fired

up to play Oak Park this week," DeFillipo said. "Everybody was pretty energetic and ready to go."

As Sunday continued, a coach saw the message come across his phone that Gov. Gretchen Whitmer would hold a press conference that night regarding policies to respond to the heightened COVID-19 numbers. Soon after, the coaching staff saw the Michigan High School Athletic Association respond, saying it would release a statement when Whitmer's address was complete.

In other words, DeFillipo knew it was not good.

The state and the MHSAA announced Sunday that the football, volleyball, and girls swim and dive playoff tournaments would be postponed, along with all winter sports, during the

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Churchill players raise their district title trophy.

South Lyon football season canceled due to COVID-19

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The South Lyon athletic department announced Wednesday that its football season has been canceled due to the coronavirus.

The Lions were scheduled to host North Farmington in the district final

Friday.

"As with many other organizations across the state, our district continues to process cases of persons who tested positive or probable positive for the unprecedented COVID-19 virus," South Lyon Athletic Director Mike Teagan said in a statement. "Working with the Oakland County Health Department, the re-

sponse to these cases and associated contact tracing can have an unintended impact on students, staff, families, classes, programs and activities. Unfortunately, SLHS will not be playing in the football game this Friday."

North Farmington will advance to its first regional round since 1978, and will take on either Midland or Traverse City

Central.

South Lyon finishes the season with a record of 6-3, with a second-place finish in the Lakes Valley Conference, earning playoff wins against Milford and Walled Lake Western.

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Detroit Catholic Central continues win streak

Defeats Lakeland for district championship

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Heading into each season, Detroit Catholic Central football has a list of goals. First on the list: a Catholic League title, which the Shamrocks secured with a perfect regular season and a dominant win against Detroit Loyola in the Catholic High School League Prep Bowl.

Catholic Central (9-0) recorded its second goal Saturday afternoon against Lakeland (7-1), beating the Eagles, 45-17, and earning the team's first district title since 2017 — the team's 14th since 1999.

"It means a lot to us," Catholic Central head coach Dan Anderson said. "I mean, last year we didn't even make the play-offs last year. This year, it means a lot to us. It always does."

The Shamrocks will travel to Davison next weekend to take on the reigning Division 1 state champions in the regional final.

Lines help for Catholic Central

Compared to dominant 30-plus point performances in its past three games, the Catholic Central offense started off a bit slow against the Eagles.

Taking possession from their own 35 after an interception by senior defensive back Sam Dersa on the first drive of the game, the Shamrocks slowly moved down field, using a nine-play, 65-yard drive — which ended with a 3-yard touchdown run by junior running back Conner Bell — to get on the board first.

After keeping Lakeland to a 33-yard field goal after a 12-play drive, Catholic Central opened the second quarter with a bang, with senior quarterback Declan Byle finding junior wide receiver Owen Semp for the 33-yard score, but slowed down again, being hindered by an illegal forward pass penalty and a false start on its next drive.

The Eagles answered with a touchdown of their own, as junior quarter-

back Tate Farquhar found senior Mike Sherrill for a 27-yard score to bring the deficit to four.

But the Shamrocks made sure Lakeland did not come that close again.

Byle entered the end zone as the second quarter winded down for his second touchdown of the day. On the second drive in the third, Byle found senior tight end Michael Ramirez for a 30-yard gain, immediately answered with a 33-yard touchdown run by sophomore back Spencer Lyons.

Adding a 39-yard back shoulder fade touchdown from Byle to Semp — who finished with 90 receiving yards, taking in four receptions on five targets — and a 5-yard touchdown run by sophomore Brady Blakita, the Shamrocks ballooned their lead to 32 before the end of the third quarter.

Byle, who completed 15-of-22 passes for 283 yards and two touchdowns, credited the offensive line, which allowed one play of lost yardage the entire game.

"I think people had a lot of doubts about our offensive line to begin with," Byle said. "But Coach (Ryan) Bell and Coach (Terry) Sawchuk have worked so hard. I think the biggest thing is their chemistry. They communicate often and that really goes to their benefit."

As a former offensive lineman, Anderson said his focus is to make sure his players maintain the line of scrimmage both on offense and on defense. While the offensive line did its job, the defensive line stepped up too.

The Shamrocks limited the Lakeland offense to 4.1 yards per carry in the first three quarters, recording 16 plays of three yards or less on the ground.

Pressure led to a second turnover in the fourth quarter, as junior safety Jackson Ewald recovered a fumble off an errant pitch from junior quarterback Keny Hagle, which led to a 35-yard field goal from Shamrocks senior kicker Charlie Mentzer.



CC running back Conner Bell records one of two touchdowns against Lakeland.
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Lakeland junior running back Evan Percin added a 23-yard score late in the fourth quarter.

Looking ahead

Despite the coronavirus pandemic and the stop and start of the 2020 season, Lakeland head coach had high expectations for his team.

"Obviously to play for a district championship against a team like Catholic Central, I mean, you look at the teams left in Division 1 football, there's some pretty heady names there," Woodruff said. "We aspire to be in that group."

But throughout the season, with Lakeland recording its first perfect regular season since 1982, recording a seven-game win streak for the first time since that season and winning the Lakes Valley Conference for the first time, Woodruff saw his team show up, no matter what it had to face.

"It's very tough to do what these kids did this year," Woodruff said. "I don't think people understand how tough it is what we went through this year as a football program."

Catholic Central, on the other hand, knows what it is about to face: an undefeated Davison team that averages more than 36 points a game and has allowed only 66 points all season.

Anderson said the same mentality applies in the regional final as it did in each of the nine games prior.

"We don't even worry about who we are playing," Anderson said. "We prepare for who we are playing, but we have to worry about ourselves. We have to look at us, take care of ourselves first. Whoever they put in front of us, they put in front of us, we got to perform."

But Byle still has that list of goals on his mind. With two already checked off, he is eager to try and check off a few more.

"Our first goal of the season is to be Catholic League champs. We did that. The second is to be district champs," Byle said. "Two down, but we have our eyes on the big one."

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Livonia Churchill hosts cross-town rival Livonia Franklin on Nov. 13.
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Pause

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will not have its state meet as scheduled, Nov. 20 and 21.

The Michigan high school hockey season was set to begin Monday, while practices were underway for winter sports such as girls basketball and girls competitive cheer. The girls gymnastics season was already underway.

State finals were held and completed in boys soccer and boys and girls cross country.

According to the "three-week pause" order limits indoor gatherings of no more than 10 people is permitted, while outdoor gatherings will be limited to 25 people or less.

The guidelines have halted in-person

learning in high schools for the three-week period, while preschool through eighth grade learning remains to the school district's discretion.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced Sept. 3 that all fall sports — including football, boys soccer, volleyball, and girls swim and dive — were reinstated after a brief hiatus in the middle of August.

As of Saturday, Michigan has 251,813 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 7,994 confirmed deaths.

Oakland County has 29,363 confirmed cases and 1,193 deaths as of Saturday. Wayne County, excluding Detroit, has 30,031 confirmed cases and 1,390 deaths as of Sunday.

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state's "three-week pause" to combat the coronavirus pandemic, closing high schools for in-person learning from Nov. 18 to Dec. 8.

Four high school football teams from the area remain in the hunt for a state title: Detroit Catholic Central in Division 1, Churchill and North Farmington in Division 2 and Detroit Country Day in Division 4.

Prior to the start of the playoffs, DeFillipo was honest with his players about the rising case count, saying it could be a real question as to whether or not the state would make it to the finals.

But as the weeks continued, the focus turned inward, with the team focusing its attention on what could have been history.

"We're down to the final eight teams," DeFillipo said. "We have a great group of kids. And obviously you have to play and execute and not screw things up, but we felt if we played well, we had as good a shot as anyone to get to the finals and even win it."

"We said, as a staff, if somebody beat us, then it is what it is. But when you are alive and well, to get it removed when you are this close to the final, it is pretty tough to deal with."

Jon Herstein, the head football coach at North Farmington, had a similar approach to DeFillipo, saying the Raiders were focused on what they could control, preparing for what they could do in a stretch where the team had found a level of rhythm on the field.

"The guys are figuring things out and coming together as a team and just learning more and more about football," Herstein said. "You think about it, they missed a lot of 7-on-7, a lot of summer camp, starting and stopping. We really try and work a lot with our guys throughout the year, so they had missed so much that I think they were starting to find their stride and coming together."

But as soon as the announcement from the state and the MHSAA was released, DeFillipo quickly turned to his calendar.

If football is permitted to return Dec. 8, a Wednesday, the Churchill head coach said the regional final would likely not be played until Dec. 18 or 19, leaving the state semifinals to be played the weekends of Christmas and New Year's Day — the time when stu-

dents are off for a holiday break.

With that schedule coming out of the three-week hiatus, as scheduled currently, DeFillipo doubts that football will be played in December.

Instead, he said, his thoughts turned more toward what the MHSAA originally planned when the football season was initially canceled Aug. 14: using four weeks in the late winter and early spring months to get the final three games in.

Detroit Catholic Central head coach Dan Anderson did not respond to a request for comment.

But with a three-week period seemingly separating teams that remain alive for a state title and an answer as to whether it would be played, the uncertainty brings back familiar feelings from July and August.

"We don't know when they will move it back or if they will move it back," Herstein said. "It's, I guess, kind of go back to the part where you are just kind of like, 'All right, this is where we are at. We're going to focus on the things we can control right now and just take it in those steps as it comes.'"

Football teams will now turn toward virtual training and learning, resorting to Zoom meetings to allow players to treat injuries and remain physically and mentally sharp ahead of a possible return to the field.

The suddenness of the change sparked frustration from DeFillipo.

"I get the situation, I'm not complaining about the situation, I understand that," DeFillipo said. "But it would be really, really nice to be able to get our kids together and be able to take care of them and say 'OK, we don't have all the answers, but here's the deal. Here's what we are going to do from now on.'"

"Now we are just going to be looking at our kids in a little square of a computer screen."

Now the football teams that remain in contention are in a holding pattern. Both DeFillipo and Herstein remain confident that their teams will be ready to pick up where they left off in the post-season, regain that momentum and fire when the players touch the field again.

The waiting game has begun. But Herstein knows his players will be ready to go at a moment's notice to take on Traverse City Central in the regional final.

"For us, we will go from taking a coach bus to Traverse City to taking snowmobiles," Herstein said with a laugh.

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Marian upsets rival Mercy for regional title

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Coming off the court after the team's warm-up, Marian was collected, yet confident as the team of seven sophomores, four freshmen and four juniors gathered around a portable speaker and screamed along to "Shallow" from the film "A Star Is Born."

The Mustangs volleyball team held a one-game win streak against the No. 1-ranked team in the state, beating the Marlins in five sets in the Catholic High School League championship game Oct. 27 — Mercy's first loss in 2020.

When the first serve came, Marian knew it could do it again.

It took five sets, but the Mustangs (34-5) came off the Troy Athens volleyball court Thursday night regional champions, beating Mercy (34-2), 25-22, 19-25, 25-20, 20-25 and 15-11, and earning their first regional title since 2017.

Mayssa Cook, who took over as Marian's head coach after that 2017 season, said the message starting immediately after her team's five-set loss to Mercy in the 2019 regional semifinal was, "We will see them again."

"We knew three months ago, we knew this summer, we knew last year, at the end of last year, that we weren't going to come back here and lose in five like we did in regional finals," Cook said.

After Mercy senior Kaylin Collins gave the Marlins a quick 4-3 lead in the fifth set, Marian saw its chance to take over.

Starting with a kill from junior Sophia Treder, the Mustangs began a six-point swing, using kills from sophomore Ella Schomer and junior Ava Brizard, along with another from Treder, to take what proved to be an insurmountable five-point lead.

Mercy tried, using kills from junior Leah LaFontaine and junior Lizzie Kitchen to bring it back to within three, but Schomer secured the fifth set with an emphatic kill, set by sophomore Ava Sarafa, to advance the Mustangs to the state quarterfinals.

"We came into this match, I told the girls, 'Hey, we have to trust each other. We're all in this together. One point at a time,'" Brizard said. "And I think that



Marian volleyball won its first regional title since 2017 by handing Mercy its first loss of 2020. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

really calmed us down, especially when we were up, 14-11.

"We're such a tight-knit team. We trust each other and love each other so much, and that's what gets us through those tough moments."

Those tough moments came up for Marian throughout the back-and-forth battle against Mercy — the teams' fourth meeting of the season.

After the Mustangs took the first-set with the help of two separate four-point runs, Mercy, using starter Ellie Tisko sparingly due to a sprained ankle, answered in the second, using an early 7-1 run — helped by two aces from senior Charli Atiemo — and a 9-1 run late in the set to secure the six-point victory.

And when Marian took the third set,

proving a 4-1 run to start was enough to take the set, 25-20 — without a single run of more than two points for the remainder of the set — Mercy responded yet again, as Atiemo and senior setter Julia Bishop led the Marlins on a 8-2 run early, helping lead to a five-point fourth-set victory to tie the game at two.

"I felt that was the state finals," Mercy head volleyball coach Loretta Vogel said. "I'd bet on it. It went five, and it's just too bad everyone couldn't have watched that game."

But all season, Marian felt it had been counted out due to its age. Cook said her team had been hearing all season, "You don't have any seniors. You got next year."

But Brizard was reminded of 2019:

the same season Marian lost to Mercy in five sets in the regional semifinal. The junior said, with a lineup primarily of sophomores and freshmen, the Mustangs proved they were one of the best teams in the state.

In 2020, when they came out on top, ending Mercy's season as the only team to have beaten the Marlins all year, Brizard said Marian proved something to the rest of the state:

"You don't need seniors to win a match," Brizard said. "You just need some dedicated players."

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Churchill delays start of hockey season due to COVID-19 cases

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The Livonia Churchill athletic department announced Friday that its hockey season will be suspended until at least Nov. 27 after two players tested positive for COVID-19.

The Chargers will postpone each of its first games of the regular season — Nov. 18 vs. Brighton, Nov. 20 vs. Farmington and Nov. 25 against Livonia Franklin — with hopes to reschedule these games at a later date.

According to a letter sent to parents from Athletic Director Marc Hage, all games, practices and in-person activities for the hockey team has been suspended for the next 14 days. However, other than the two who tested positive, the letter states, "Unless your family has been notified, this is not a quarantine of individual student athletes."

"We apologize for this recent turn of events and the timing of it," Hage writes. "Every single coach and player in this program has worked diligently here at the start of the season. Not one of us

could have predicted this scenario and no one is at fault.

"However, the safety and health of our student athletes is the number one priority for us at this time. This will not be compromised or jeopardized for an athletic competition."

The Michigan high school hockey season is scheduled to begin around the state Monday.

Contact reporter Colin Gay at cgay@hometownlife.com or 248-330-6710. Send game results and stats to Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com.

South Lyon East withdraws from volleyball playoffs due to COVID-19

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The South Lyon East volleyball team was forced to withdraw from the Michigan High School Athletic Association postseason volleyball tournament on Nov. 10 due to "COVID-19 related circumstances," according to the school.

South Lyon East finished its season 19-2-2 and won eight of nine contests in Lakes Valley Conference play, coming into the playoffs as LVC co-champions and LVC tournament champions.

After earning straight-set victories against Brighton in the first round and against Pinckney in the district semifinal, South Lyon East earned the five-set win against rival South Lyon in the district final, the team's first in school history.

The Cougars' three wins in their 2020 playoff run were their first since the 2012 season.

"Starting the season with tryouts on a grass practice field, the team has overcome the challenges of the pandemic all season long," South Lyon East athletic director Greg Michaels said in a statement. "The East volleyball community will come together and take on this latest challenge."

"This team truly exemplifies the meaning of our mantra: Be East."



South Lyon East's Laney Czajkowski attempts a kill. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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KLAA HOCKEY PREVIEW



Northville goalie Dylan Elison. In the first two games of the playoffs, the Mustangs outscored opponents, 19-0. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Meet the teams of the KLAA West

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The Michigan high school hockey season was approaching.

However, the state and the Michigan High School Association announced Sunday that both fall and winter sports

would be postponed during the "three-week pause," instituting measures to halt the increasing spread of COVID-19.

Once the season does begin, here's a look at what teams in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association West division look like.

Brighton

Head coach: Kurt Kivisto — first year
2019-20 record: 16-9-2, first in KLAA West; Lost to Howell, 4-2, in the Division I regional final
Season opener: at Livonia Churchill; 6 p.m., Nov. 18

Key returners: Senior forward Lars Erkkila, senior forward Nate Przysiecki, senior goalkeeper Chris Wozniak
Season outlook: Kurt Kivisto has big shoes to fill.

The first-year head coach takes the

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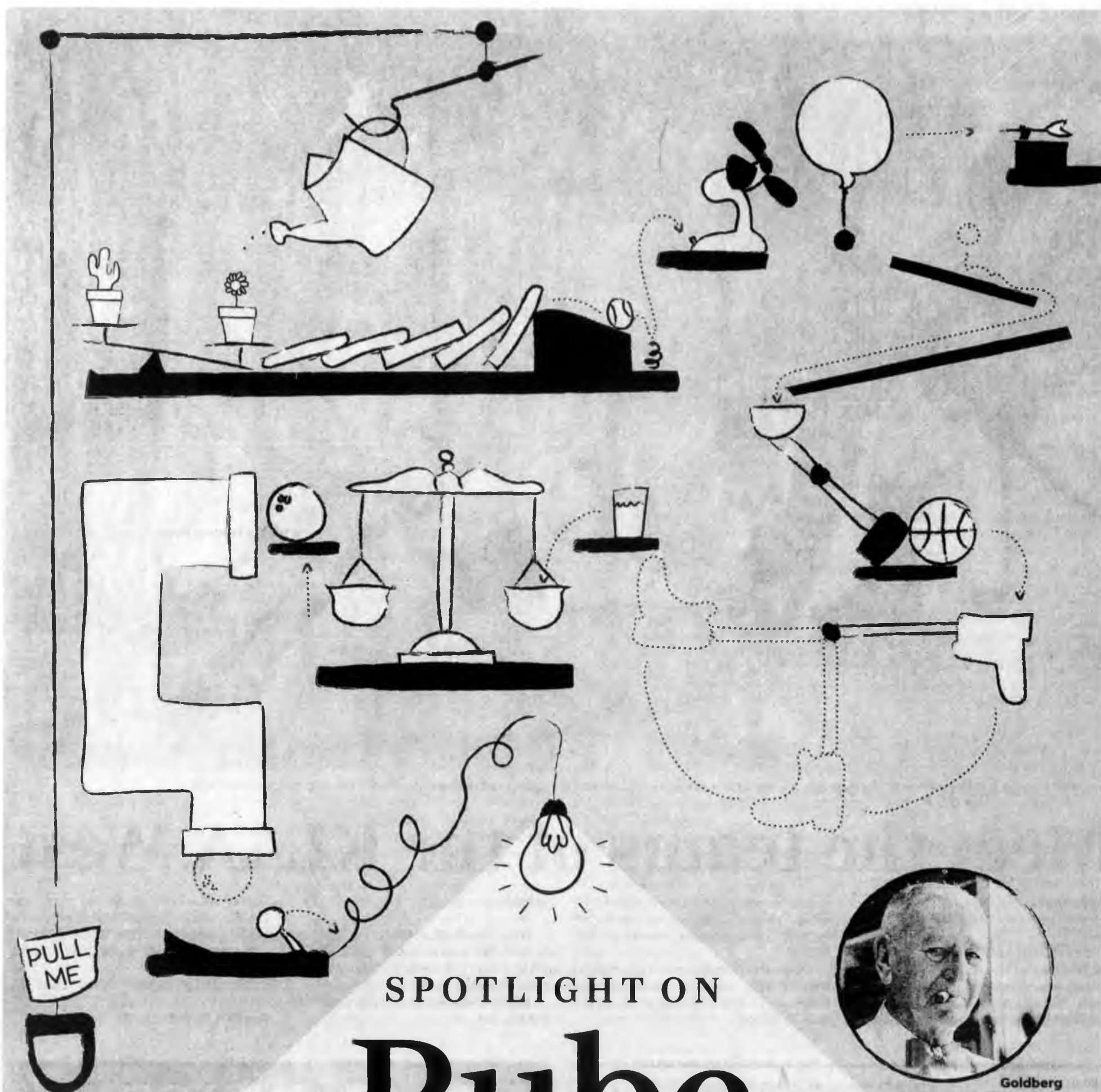
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SPOTLIGHT ON

Rube Goldberg

Crazy contraptions appeal to those stuck mainly at home with time to fill

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For a man whose name suggests convoluted machinery stretching across vast expanses to perform elaborate tasks, Rube Goldberg's gravestone is a bit understated. ● Goldberg was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Hawthorne, New York, 50 years ago in December, yet his name and his legacy are being bandied about like never before. ● The pandemic has seen numerous families, stuck at home and sick of Zoom meetings, construct wonderfully complicated Rube Goldberg machines – think of the board game “Mousetrap” with its swinging boot and cascading marble and diving man each playing a part in catching the mouse – and sharing their creations on YouTube.

Rube Goldberg enjoyed a 13% rise in online mentions from the pandemic's beginning to midsummer, according to Rube Goldberg Inc. Legacy Director Jennifer George, as measured by the organization's advertising agency.

“Everyone is at home, sequestered in little bubbles,” said George, who is Goldberg's granddaughter.

“To have an all-ages family project to get you away from screens, all you need is a pile of junk. It's a fun way to pass the time, do something educational and do something with your kids.”

Rube Goldberg Inc. defines a Goldberg machine as “a crazy contraption which accomplishes a simple task in the most complicated and funniest way possible.”

Crazy contests, video game partnership

Every year for the past 33 years, Rube Goldberg Inc. hosts the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest, laying out the purpose of the machine, be it putting toothpaste on a toothbrush or sliding money into a piggy bank, and challenging makers to come up with creative hardware to complete the task. The

winner is crowned in April.

But the 2020 contest, building a machine designed to turn off a light, was blown up due to the pandemic.

COVID-19 did spark a spontaneous online Rube Goldberg contest: fitting of the times, it involved crafting a machine that drops a bar of soap into a person's hands. Around 450 teams entered, representing 12 countries. A Toronto family, whose creation ventured into just about every room of their home, across multiple floors, won top prize.

“It was kind of a sensation,” said George of the soap-dropping derby. “It was more successful than we dreamed it could be/would be.”

The current Goldberg contest seeks out machines that shake and pour a box of Nerds candy. (Goldberg Inc., which has 501(c)(3) not-for-profit status, has sponsors such as Nerds to help cover its expenses.) George announced the Nerds contest in early October, and the winner will be crowned in April 2021.

For the first time, Rube Goldberg is venturing into the videogame space, partnering with Minecraft on a contest that involves building a Goldberg machine within the game. Goldberg Inc. offers free online Minecraft building tutorials every other Wednesday.

Goldberg was born in 1883 and grew up in San Francisco before moving to Manhattan. An inventor and a cartoonist, he received the Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning in 1948.

Goldberg died Dec. 7, 1970. Living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, he had picked out a spot at Westchester's Mount Pleasant Cemetery in which to be buried. “He said, this is nice, it has a tree,” said George. “It's a beautiful spot.”

George did not realize the 50th anniversary of her grandfather's death is approaching. “I think we have to do something to acknowledge the 50th,” she said.

Rube would be fascinated, she said, to see how most every human has a complicated machine buried inside their pockets, and would be disheartened to think about how none of us really know how the gadgetry within our mobile phones executes its mission.

He would probably be shocked to learn that Rube Goldberg remains a household name 50 years after his death. “He'd be so happy that people are talking about him,” said George. “He liked to be talked about.”

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Goldberg

Hockey

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reins from Paul Moggach, who helped Brighton to five state titles in 25 years as the program's head coach.

"(I'm) continuing to build on the culture that Paul built," Kivisto said. "He was there for about 30 or 40 years, so a lot of stuff stays the same, just trying to put our own little spin on it to continue to improve things."

Kivisto will have a roster filled with returning players — 11 seniors and four juniors — including senior forward Lars Erkkila, who scored six goals and 10 assists a season ago, and senior goalkeeper Chris Wozniak, who Kivisto says has the opportunity to be one of the top goalkeepers in the state.

Hartland

Head coach: Rick Gadwa — 10th season

2019-20 record: 19-6-2, second in KLA West; Scheduled to play Trenton in Division 2 state semifinal before season was canceled

Season opener: at Detroit Catholic Central; 8 p.m., Nov 16

Key returners: Senior forward Gabe Pietila, senior forward Adam Pietila, senior goalkeeper Ryan Piro, senior forward Andrew Larson

Season outlook: Ending the 2019-20 season in the Division 2 state semifinal against Trenton, Hartland did not get a chance to finish what it had started.

Heading into the winter, head coach Rick Gadwa will have a younger group, bringing in five juniors and seven sophomores with eight seniors, he said, the Eagles will "live and die by." But the expectations remain high.

"Expectations are always high for our squad and we expect to have the same expectations this year, and that is to compete every day and learn how to retain and get better as a hockey family daily," Gadwa said.

Hartland returns its leading scorer from last season in senior forward Adam Pietila who recorded a team-high 24 goals and 17 assists, along with starting goalkeeper Ryan Piro.

Howell

Head coach: Rocky Johnson — second year

2019-20 record: 19-10, third in KLA West; Scheduled to play Saginaw Heritage in Division 1 state semifinal before season was canceled

Season opener: at Novi; 7:15 p.m., Nov. 18

Key returners: Senior defenseman Steven Miller, goaltender Billy Bekkala, junior forward Everett Pietila

Season outlook: Rocky Johnson's

first season as the Howell head coach was a memorable one.

The Highlanders recorded its first regional title in the past 10 seasons, advancing all the way to the Division 1 state semifinal game before the season was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

And while Johnson is optimistic this season, he holds a realistic approach to his second year with the program.

"We had a few elite players last year. Let's just call it what it is: two first-team All Staters, a Dream Team member. That's kind of hard to come back and play with the same expectation," Johnson said. "I feel like there is a lot of energy and a lot of excitement in the community and I think there are a lot of high expectations."

Howell returns second-team All State member Everett Pietila, who was second on the team with 28 assists, and defenseman Steven Miller, who scored 19 goals last season.

Northville

Head coach: Gordie Brown — third season

2019-20 record: 8-19-1, fourth in KLA West; Lost to Salem, 2-0, in Division 1 regional final

Season opener: vs. Davison; 6:15 p.m., Nov. 19

Key returners: Junior forward Zach Holstad, Senior defenseman Chris Bogenhagen, senior forward Henry Chen, junior goalkeeper Dylan Eliason

Season outlook: Despite coming out of the 2019-20 season with a losing record, Northville seemed to be in every game it played last season.

Of the Mustangs' 19 losses a season ago, 17 of them were within three goals, while 10 were two-goal deficits, while scoring only 1.4 goals in those games.

Late in the season, Northville showed what it could do. In the first two games of the playoffs, the Mustangs outscored opponents, 19-0, coming up short in the regional final against Salem, 2-0.

"We're coming off a tough year for us," head coach Gordie Brown said. "We had the 11th toughest schedule in the state last year, and that's a combination of playing in the KLA West to begin with, and trying to come up with tougher games throughout the regular season to be prepared for playoffs."

Coming into the 2020-21 season, Brown says Northville's defense, which allowed 2.8 goals per game, will remain stout, headlined by the return of junior goalkeeper Dylan Eliason, who recorded a .922 save percentage in the regular season, along with senior Chris Bogenhagen.

"We spend a lot of times making sure our goalies are taken care of, both my blocking shots or keeping good angles," Brown said. "The goalies do their job."



Novi forward Isaac Gibbs returns as the team's leading scorer from a season ago. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

I'm a believer that the goalies are there to stop the first one, the players are there to clean up the mess.

"We've been very fortunate over the past eight years with the goaltending we have had and the commitment they take year round to improve their game, which gives us an opportunity to be in every game."

On the scoring front, the Mustangs, who scored 2.4 goals per game, will have junior Zach Holstad, who scored seven goals a year ago, back, along with senior Henry Chen, who missed much of his junior season with a broken collarbone.

Novi

Head coach: Mark Vellucci — ninth season

2019-20 record: 13-11-3, fifth in KLA West; Lost to Livonia Stevenson, 2-1 in triple overtime, in the Division 2 regional final

Season opener: vs. Howell; 7:15 p.m., Nov. 18

Key returners: Senior forward Isaac Gibbs, senior defender Max Rallis, junior goalkeeper Austin Muirhead

Season outlook: Novi head coach Mark Vellucci likes to front-load his schedule, allowing his team to play many of its league games early to see what his team's got.

In the 2019-20 season, the Wildcats struggled early, losing four of its first six games, and not earning a win against a

KLA West opponent until Jan. 27. But after ending the season 10-2-1, Vellucci sees the possibility of something different at the start of the 2020-21 season.

"One of my coaches said to me, 'Why do you schedule like that?' I said, 'Well, it's being battle-ready,'" Vellucci said.

"I want to win every game. I want to win every game this year, I want to compete in every game. I changed one of our core values from hard work to compete this year. I have been using it for many years and Coach Krieger, before me, used it. It's about competing, and the guys realize they need to compete. We're not as talented as maybe some of the other teams in the league, but we are going to compete, we are going to work."

This upcoming season, Vellucci will utilize a senior-heavy roster, with 12 returners including senior forward and leading scorer Isaac Gibbs and senior defender Max Rallis.

Rallis said the experience will play in Novi's favor, but the foundation will be in junior goalkeeper Austin Muirhead, who recorded four shutouts last season.

"I think our foundation is good defense and goal tending," Rallis said. "But if we can start to score, I think we'll be dangerous."

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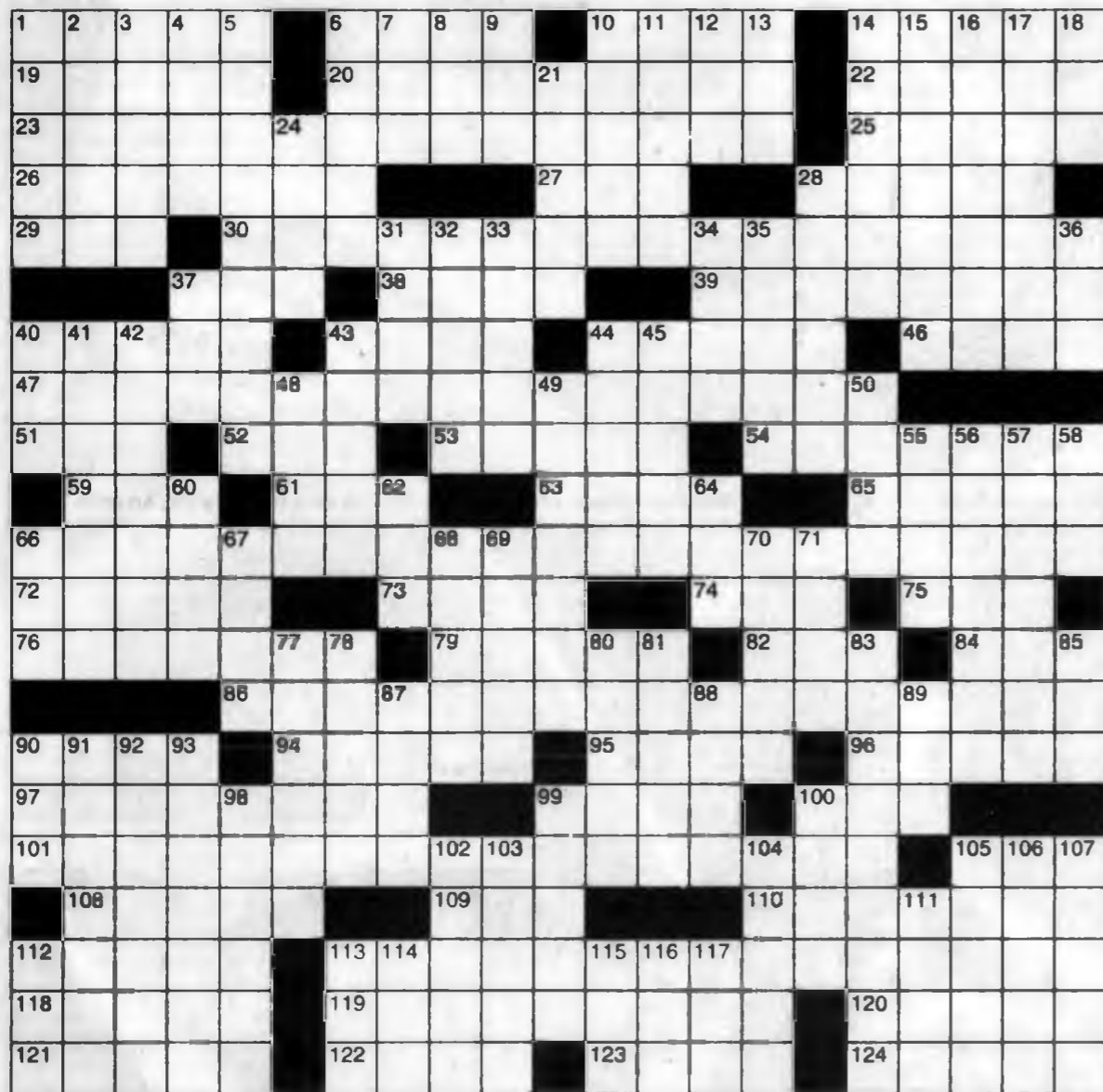


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THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Acquire a wintry glaze
 - 6 Ending for Rock
 - 10 Dollars and cents
 - 14 Woodard with four Emmys
 - 19 Many a Jamaican believer, informally
 - 20 Canine pain
 - 22 "Yes, —!" ("Definitely!")
 - 23 1936 film sequel with William Powell and Myrna Loy
 - 25 Utter words
 - 26 — Boys (hit rap trio)
 - 27 "Lenore" poet
 - 28 Suffered
 - 29 Abbr. on a naval vessel
 - 30 A wide physical variety
 - 37 Stretch (out)
 - 38 Oscar winner Jared
 - 39 Seattle baseball team
 - 40 Possible reply to "Who's there?"
 - 43 Debater's platform
 - 44 Model Klum
 - 46 While lead-in
 - 47 1997 James Bond film
 - 51 — trial basis
 - 52 Mess up morally
 - 53 Locale of Ali's "Rumble in the Jungle"
 - 54 Immune response trigger
 - 59 Mess up
 - 61 Canine coat
 - 63 Scarf site
 - 65 "Yay, me!"
 - 66 Question about a weak effort
 - 72 Woman on the throne
 - 73 Designer Cassini
 - 74 Father
 - 75 LA-to-IN dir.
 - 76 Apply via an aerosol
 - 79 Rockabilly singer Chris
 - 82 "Send help!"
 - 84 Epoch
 - 86 Influential Brian Eno album of 1975
 - 90 Peter of "Columbo"
 - 94 Dark beer
 - 95 Rock guitarist Lofgren
 - 96 No-brainer class
 - 97 Cut across
 - 99 "Le Roi d'Ys" composer
 - 100 Sun. church oration
 - 101 Fifteen minutes of fame
 - 105 Triceps' place
 - 108 Quick snacks
 - 109 Intense anger
 - 110 Electrical resistance measures
 - 112 Shrink back
 - 113 Novel and film whose last line is formed by six key words in this puzzle
 - 118 "— Is Born"
 - 119 Came to an end
 - 120 Finnish architect Alvar —
 - 121 Comes to an end
 - 122 Je ne — quoi
 - 123 Bullets, e.g.
 - 124 Hair lock
- DOWN**
- 1 Ex-Yankee
 - 2 Snug eateries
 - 3 "Cómo —?"
 - 4 Rugged trucks, briefly
 - 5 Ones sharing in meals, e.g.
 - 6 Jazz singer Waters
 - 7 "Little piggy"
 - 8 Young child
 - 9 Verb suffix in the Bible
 - 10 Olympic craft
 - 11 Top points
 - 12 "— Na Na"
 - 13 She cackles
 - 14 Home of St. Francis
 - 15 Contour of one's kisser
 - 16 Coldest refrigerator part
 - 17 Bookworms
 - 18 "Oh no, mice!"
 - 21 River giant, informally
 - 24 Floor square
 - 28 Actor Brody
 - 31 Deli side dish
 - 32 Ketchup brand
 - 33 Befuddled
 - 34 Surrounded by
 - 35 Gymnast Comaneci
 - 36 JFK jet, once
 - 37 Angry music genre
 - 40 Skater Midori
 - 41 Gets rid of some flab
 - 42 More brainy
 - 43 Dunkable treat
 - 44 "— mud in your eye!"
 - 45 Put up
 - 48 Rock fissure
 - 49 Pickling liquid
 - 50 Clic — (Bic brand)
 - 55 Persia, now
 - 56 Artillery unit members
 - 57 Aged
 - 58 Prefix with classical
 - 60 Actress Perlman
 - 62 Pi follower
 - 64 Early English dramatist Thomas
 - 66 Mental figs.
 - 67 Novelist Seton
 - 68 Peace Nobelist Root
 - 69 Surrounded (by)
 - 70 Springs in deserts
 - 71 Japanese wheat noodle
 - 77 Beginnings navig. aid
 - 78 Tally mark
 - 80 Strain at — (fuss over trivialities)
 - 81 Shrimplike crustacean
 - 83 Sugary delicacy, old-style
 - 85 Org. for periodontists
 - 87 Carry along
 - 88 Race in "The Time Machine"
 - 89 Rowing tool
 - 90 Bouquet-bringing co.
 - 91 Middle East studier
 - 92 Let have it
 - 93 Ski mask, e.g.
 - 98 Villains' looks
 - 99 Lerner's partner in musicals
 - 100 "Quiet down"
 - 102 Moses' mount
 - 103 Hunts quarry
 - 104 Reached
 - 105 Moving spryly
 - 106 Fees for flats
 - 107 Old PC platform
 - 111 Wage — of words
 - 112 Used to exist
 - 113 Motorist's navig. aid
 - 114 Ending for Rock
 - 115 Boise is its cap.
 - 116 Actor Hanks
 - 117 Fan sound



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com. Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

SUDOKU



Difficulty Level ★★★

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

GETTING WED

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.

S Q D H U S Y O B E G A P T T V C
B N O Q A I J E Z F S T S A O T I
U I M W X I K P I S T S E U G N S
F D H A N A R N N A M T S E B W U
F D T S C T E D O R G A N G O K M
E E J P D R P O O R E E B V N T S
T W U E Y I T T E F N O C M T I D
G S S E N T I W Y A A Y F E A R R
T R H C R U H C I T N D U L R A A
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R Z G I M E R E S O R C P V E V F
B L J I W E R S B S L A I T P U N
E S L H W E K U S H E R S L L E B
L Y U O C L K M N O I T P E C E R
E N L I F S D I A M S E D I R B R
C F M O T H E R I N L A W C A R S

- AISLE
- ALTAR
- BEER
- BELLS
- BEST MAN
- BOUQUET
- BRIDE
- BRIDESMAIDS
- BUFFET
- CAKE
- CARDS
- CARS
- CELEBRANT
- CEREMONY
- CHURCH
- CONFETTI
- DRESS
- FAMILY
- FINERY
- FLOWERS
- GOWN
- GROOM
- GUESTS
- HAIRDO
- MOTHER-IN-LAW
- MUSIC
- NUPTIALS
- ORGAN
- PAGE BOYS
- PARTY
- RECEPTION
- RICE
- RINGS
- SPEECH
- SUIT
- TAXI
- TOASTS
- USHERS
- VEIL
- VICAR
- VOWS
- WEDDING
- WINE
- WITNESS



GETTING WED

4	9	1	5	8	3	7	2	6	1
2	7	8	6	4	9	5	3	1	3
3	6	5	2	1	7	9	8	4	4
7	2	3	1	9	5	6	4	8	4
6	5	4	8	3	2	1	7	9	9
1	8	9	4	7	6	2	5	3	3
5	1	2	8	6	4	8	9	7	7
9	3	6	7	2	8	4	1	5	6
8	4	7	5	1	3	6	2	2	2



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