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Two Milford projects to get public hearings

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Two developments proposed on opposite sides of Milford Road, between Pontiac Trail and Maple Road, would bring housing and commerce to Milford Township.

They would also bring traffic. The township planning commission

heard separate conceptual plans proposals for projects called the Crossings of Milford and Kensington Ridge on Tuesday and approved each for public hearings — one in January and one in February.

Commission Chair George Magro kicked off comments, saying the applicant for The Crossings of Milford had done "a heck of a job" in responding to

questions about the project previously brought to the commission in September by Adriano Paciocco of Triumph Building Company.

The Crossings of Milford would feature five commercial buildings totaling 33,000 square feet, as well as 18 apartment buildings containing 175 units, spread over 35 acres at the northeast corner of Milford Road and Pontiac

Trail. The project has decreased in size by 20 apartment units since the September meeting.

Sri Komaragiri, planning consultant for the township, said the residential portion of the project was "pretty straightforward," and the luxury units would be built in phases, based on

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Claire Domanico places photos of her late son, Eric, outside her Salem Township home. Claire and her husband, Frank, have started the Eric Domanico Foundation to honor him. Eric, a 2019 South Lyon East graduate, died by suicide in July.

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Family fighting to raise mental health awareness

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Eric Domanico had a promising future.

"He was destined for greatness," Matt Smith, band director at South Lyon East High School, said of his former student who graduated in 2019. "Eric was such a brilliant student ... there was no stopping him and what he wanted to talk about and how he wanted to create community around him."

But Domanico, who earned a full-ride scholarship to West Virginia University, where he played saxophone this past year, will never meet that destiny.

The talented musician, who had depression and anxiety, ended his own life

July 11. He was 19.

But it is another date — Dec. 14, Domanico's birthday — that his family will focus on. Their launch of the Eric Domanico Foundation will celebrate what would have been his 20th birthday with musicians from around the world performing a special composition.

"He was a talent that could have been egotistical, but he never let his talent get bigger than him," Smith said. "He was grounded, down to earth. But his talent, he could have played anywhere, he was a big-league player. ...

"He was always asking for me to help, but he had more talent in the tip of his pinky than I have in my entire body."

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Join the conversation and learn more about how to #playwithEric online at ericdomanicofoundation.com. Contributions are also accepted for the foundation through a GoFundMe fundraiser linked to the foundation website.

Novi police giving gift cards instead of citations

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It's been happening more frequently in Novi than Santa sightings.

Instead of traffic citations, Novi police are handing over \$30 gift cards during another Kindness Is Contagious holiday campaign.

Drivers, beware: It won't always happen if you see those flashing lights behind you, especially if police consider you've been driving recklessly.

But police may recognize your relatively small infraction, along with your need or misfortune, and decide you deserve some extra cheer during these trying times.

Police are appreciating the opportunity to spread good cheer considering this year's somber bout with COVID-19.

"Most people are shocked to start," Officer Samantha Grockau said. "It kind of shifts the mood right away. These aren't the best circumstances, so this is just a nice little switch-up to something more positive."

Officer Adam McGee was able to help a family whose work situation was drastically affected by the novel coronavirus.

"That extra help ... It felt good to do a little bit when it seems like everything is kind of not going that great with COVID right now," McGee said.

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Novi Police Officer Christopher Clark recently handed over a \$30 gift card to a driver instead of a citation.

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Accused killer works to prove innocence

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Accused killer Floyd Galloway Jr. apparently deserves compliments for helping his attorney prepare the best defense against state prosecutors.

Prosecutors have alleged Galloway killed Danielle Stislicki, 28, of Farmington Hills on Dec. 2, 2016, and managed to dispose of her body so that it remains missing.

Defense attorney Ellen Michaels said she and her client view their situation as a missing person's case where Galloway has been wrongly accused.

"He and I work together," Michaels said. "He's intelligent and articulate and respectful."

"He's very engaged in being part of the process of proving that he didn't do what he's accused of. He's passionate and engaged in proving his innocence, honestly."

Michaels began defending Galloway, 33, after Farmington Hills' 47th District Judge James Brady said there was enough evidence to send the first-degree premeditated murder case to the higher Oakland County Circuit Court.

The attorney was scheduled for oral arguments on Wednesday over Zoom with a three-judge Michigan Court of Appeals panel regarding, according to Michaels, evidence she does not want presented at trial.

While the case has been under seal, court administrators said at this point, the plan is to upload the oral arguments to YouTube.

Michaels would prefer to see the case unsealed afterward.

"I do not want anything sealed. I



Floyd Galloway Jr. and defense attorney Ellen Michaels view Danielle Stislicki's case as a missing person case in which Galloway has been wrongly accused of homicide. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

want transparency with the case and the investigation," she said. "I don't want things done in the shadows. I don't think that's ever good."

Jack Walrad, a district commissioner for the state appellate court, said he's not aware of future unsealing.

"At this time no order has been issued unsealing this case," he said in an email earlier this week. "We have no information on whether the case will be unsealed in the future."

Galloway's murder case was sealed soon after he was arraigned on the charge in March 2019.

The seal, requested by prosecutors with the state Attorney General's office and agreed to by Galloway's former attorneys, remained in place as the case moved to Oakland Circuit Court and now the Michigan Court of Appeals.

A search for the appeal soon to be argued returns this statement on the appellate court's website: "This case file in this matter is fully or partially sealed under a Court of Appeals order that directed that access to the case docket should be blocked on the Court's website."

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel charged Galloway in March 2019, saying that Stislicki's family deserved

justice.

Nessel's staff declined to comment for this story.

Michaels expects she'll be locked in legal combat with the AG's office for some time.

She plans to file "numerous more" motions related to evidentiary issues and various parts of the investigation that led to Galloway's fending off a murder charge.

"We're not even close to being ready for trial," Michaels said. "There's a lot to be explored still."

"Everything that happens between now and the trial is all as important as the trial if we continue to protect the rights of Floyd and to make sure he gets a fair and an excellent defense from now until the end."

Media reports indicate Galloway once played sports for Shrine Catholic High School in Royal Oak. He was known for being quiet and not causing any problems.

He was a security guard at the MetLife offices where Stislicki and her mom worked in Southfield before he changed work locations and Stislicki went missing.

A Berkley resident, Galloway was married at the time. His wife was in the hospital.

Galloway was a person of interest in Stislicki's disappearance when he was arraigned in June 2017 on felony charges tied to the Sept. 4, 2016, sexual assault of a Hines Park runner in Livonia.

Police said he approached a female runner along Edward N. Hines Drive, near Levan Road, grabbed her, strangled her, tried to take her clothes off and told her he wanted to have sex with her.

He was sentenced to up to 35 years in prison after pleading guilty to kidnapping, criminal sexual conduct-assault with intent to commit sexual penetration and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder by strangulation.

For Stislicki, Galloway is accused of waiting for her outside the MetLife building and convincing her to drive him home the day she vanished. A witness testified Galloway was in the parking lot, apparently dealing with car problems.

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Cities of Novi and Walled Lake,
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Notice is hereby given that at a Business Meeting held on November 19, 2020, the **Walled Lake Improvement Board** amended the five (5) year special assessment roll over years 2020 to 2024 for the purpose of weed control and lake maintenance programs in the total amount of \$496,003.93 (\$99,200.78 annually), previously confirmed on September 9, 2020, to remove 37 properties erroneously included. The amendment reduced the total assessment amount to \$492,469.81 (\$98,493.96 annually) but did not change the assessment of any other property included in the September 9, 2020 assessment roll.

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Non-Mandatory Prebid Walk-Through A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Walkthrough is scheduled for 3:00 pm local time on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at Northville High School starting at the Front Doors.

Bid Due Date: Noon local time, Tuesday December 22, 2020. Sealed bids should be submitted through Buildingconnected.com with the following link: <https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5cc9d7f637c1a90018cb55dc> No physical bids will be accepted in person or via delivery service. The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission.

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Holiday cheer in metro Detroit

The Christmas season is looking a bit different this year as the COVID-19 pandemic has put a damper on many community celebrations.

While some popular events have been canceled, others have seen only adjustments and others are bringing the same Christmas cheer as always.

Send event information to oenewstip@hometownlife.com.

Dated events

Stuff a Squad Car in Novi to help provide gifts for kids in the region. The City of Novi is looking for help to stuff a Novi police vehicle with toys. All donations will be given to the Southwest Oakland County Toys for Tots. (New, unwrapped toys only). Donations can be made noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 12-13 at the Novi Target, 27100 Wixom Road.

The Virtual Live Nativity hosted by Madonna University will be free for people to enjoy at home. Starting 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, people can jump on Facebook to watch the scene at facebook.com/MadonnaUniversity.

Holiday Pops with the Michigan Philharmonic was scheduled for Dec. 11 in Plymouth. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the in-person concert was canceled, but season passport members can get a recording of the concert. www.michiganphil.org/seasonpassport.

Christmas in the Village will take place both Dec. 11 and 12 in Mill Race Village in Northville. Hosted by the Northville Historical Society, visitors will stroll through the decorated village at 215 Griswold and visit a Christmas Market and the event's first Festival of Trees. Tickets are timed and are good for a half-hour visit. Purchase tickets for the event at millracenorthville.org.

Holiday Lights at the Farm will allow families to see Tollgate Farms in Novi all dressed up for the holidays from Dec. 17 to Dec. 21. The farm, located at 28115 Meadowbrook, will bring its event back for those who sign up to cruise the farm to view festive displays created by volunteers. To sign up for a time slot from between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m., visit canr.msu.edu/tollgate/events/holiday-lights. Cost is \$10/vehicle.

Ongoing events

Wayne County Lightfest, magical four-mile stretch of Hines Park displaying nearly 50 animated themed displays and more than 100,000 lights, runs through Dec. 31 (7-10 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 6-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday). The entrance to the Lightfest is 7651 N. Merriman Road, between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren Avenue in Westland. \$5 per car.

Night of Lights at Livonia's Greenmead Historical park will take place throughout December and is free of charge. Beginning Saturday, Dec. 5, the park's Christmas light display will be lit in the evenings. On Dec. 5, 12, 13, 19 and 20, families will be welcome to visit the park in the evening for free.

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Schoolcraft levies tax on winter tax bills

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Residents who live within the Schoolcraft College taxing district will find an unusual line item on their property taxes this winter.

The college levied a 0.0177 mill tax on winter tax bills this year, a one-time levy the college says was done to make up for a mistake made in 2019.

Jon Lamb, the college's chief financial officer, said there were issues in 2019 dealing with adding the tax to the rolls across the three counties within the taxing district. That issue — which essentially applied a Headlee Amendment rollback to the Headlee override — led to Schoolcraft College only levying 2.2516 mills on the summer 2019 tax bills, slightly less than the 2.27 mills approved by voters in 2018.

After discussions and meetings, it was determined the rollback was not applicable, so the college added the small, one-time tax levy to the tax bill this winter to make up for it, Lamb said.

"This is so we can effectively have collected the 2.27 (mills) from last year," he said. "We're just trying to make up that deficiency."

Lamb said the decision to add the tax to the winter bills this year instead of the summer — when Schoolcraft College typically levies its tax — was done to be transparent and not make it look like the college was trying to collect more than the amount it advertised during the millage campaign.

"We didn't want to lump it into the summer one, because it would then be above 2.27," Lamb said.

The Schoolcraft College taxing district includes those who live within the boundaries of the following school districts: Clarenceville School District, Livonia Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Northville Public Schools and Garden City Schools.

The Headlee override approved by voters will run through 2028, allowing the college — which operates facilities in Livonia and Garden City — to levy 2.27 mills until then.

The Headlee Amendment, approved by voters in 1978, limits how much taxes can increase annually because of increases to property values, as well as re-



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quiring voter approval on local tax increases.

While tax bills are posted online and beginning to arrive in the mail across the region, area municipalities are prepared for any questions eagle-eye taxpayers may have in regards to the millage.

Wendy Hillman, the finance director for Northville Township, said they were provided information by Schoolcraft College to pass along to taxpayers who may contact them questioning the charge.

As of Wednesday afternoon, she said they had not received any calls asking about the levy.

"If we did get phone calls, we would have a reference. We have not received any phone calls yet," Hillman said. "It's definitely out of the normal."

While the move will make up the difference the college did not receive last year, Lamb said the full millage rate that could have applied was not levied: had the college wanted to make up the difference completely, it would have levied 0.0184 mills, not 0.0177 mills. That calculation factored in rising property values from 2019 to 2020, Lamb said. Factoring those in allowed the college to collect what it would have collected last year and not any more.

"We're not trying to collect a single penny more than we should have," he said. "We had to effectively decrease the differential."

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Two join sexual abuse suit against former teacher

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Two more women have added their names to a federal lawsuit against their former Clarenceville choir and theater arts teacher.

An amended complaint filed last month stated that they both were "sexually assaulted, abused, molested and/or harassed" by Jason Debandt while they attended Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

Debandt, who could not be reached for comment, is supposed to respond to the complaint later this month. His attorneys declined to comment.

Debandt was last known to be on paid administrative leave from Farmington schools pending an investigation regarding accusations made against him.

The additional plaintiffs could mean a total of 10 former students versus their former teacher. A former Troy Athens High School student whose allegations go back to 2005 does not appear in the Nov. 12 amended complaint list of plaintiffs. Troy School District does not appear as a defendant.

Lisa Esser-Weidenfeller, an attorney representing the women, said they've been removed from the case because of the state's statute of limitations.

"What happened to her and the sexual assaults per-

petrated upon her are still facts in the case and certainly help to paint the picture of Mr. Debandt's longstanding pattern of sexual predatory behavior," the attorney said in an email. "There are bills that have been introduced in the Michigan House to expand the statute of limitations in civil actions for sexual assault survivors."

"If and when those bills get passed and open up the window for (the former student), we would bring her claim against Mr. Debandt and the Troy School District."

A line from the original Oct. 7 complaint — "Upon information and belief, Defendant Debandt started grooming female students at North Farmington High School in 2019-2020" — does not appear in the amended complaint either.

The women alleged in the amended complaint that Debandt's abuse happened while he taught at Troy, Madison Heights, and Clarenceville schools.

They said he groomed them as vulnerable students, and his extra attention led to sexual misconduct beginning about 15 years ago.

The women are demanding compensatory and punitive damages, along with attorney fees and other costs and relief.

Debandt's co-defenders in the amended complaint

are Clarenceville School District, along with some of the district's top administrators, because of the mental, physical and emotional distress the women say they suffered.

They allege that school administrators should have known about Debandt's misconduct and prevented what they said happened.

Superintendent Paul Shepich did not respond to a request for comment.

District officials released a statement over the summer after the women began a social media campaign against Debandt.

"Understandably, some members of our school community have inquired about the post, eager to understand how the district responded when the concerns were initially raised some years ago," the statement said. "The district wants to make it clear that it followed its established policies, worked with the appropriate authorities and sought to respond both compassionately and in a fashion that reflected due process for everyone concerned when the concerns were originally raised and fully investigated."

They also invited school community members to contact law enforcement or the district to share concerns about the teacher.

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COVID-19 pandemic reveals need for family disaster plan



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

With the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic many of us now believe that anything is possible. It is important that we all prepare for the unexpected. If you were told that you had to immediately vacate your home because of a winter storm, would you be prepared?

Whether it is a major storm or another type of disaster, it is important to have a plan. A plan should include not only family heirlooms and other precious items but also critical financial information.

It is critical to consider what financial information is needed in case of a disaster where home access is either limited or prohibited. Think about how difficult it might be if you didn't have access to your online accounts to manage your financial affairs?

In developing a disaster plan, first decide what information you would need if you were evacuated from your home. Here are some things that I think should be in most people's disaster plan.

First off, you should organize all insurance-related information. This includes the name, account number and phone number of your homeowner and automobile insurance company as well as contact information for your agent. After all, if for some reason you were evacuated from your home, there are benefits you are entitled to; however, as we all know with insurance companies, the burden is on you to put a claim in.

Secondly, your disaster plan should also have all the

account information including passwords and login information for your bank accounts and other financial institutions. This would also include your investment accounts. Next, I would include copies of your important documents, such as medical and durable powers of attorney, driver's license and passports.

Finally, you should also make copies of your health insurance information, including account numbers and contact information.

The key is to ask yourself if you did not have access to your home, what financial and legal information will you need to manage your affairs.

The next question is where you should keep this information. In today's world there are more options than ever before. You can keep this information off location such as in your office or even store it online. Just be sure that in the unlikely event that a disaster does occur you will have immediate access to your information.

Disasters happen unexpectedly and can be very destructive and damaging. However, you can take some steps such as setting up a disaster plan that will make handling the crisis much easier.

One last note, once you do set up a disaster plan it is important that you periodically review and update it. After all, in today's world we all know how fast things change and our disaster plan is not something to do once and forget about; rather, it's something needs ongoing attention.

Good luck.

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Northville Township police try to ID vandal

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Northville Township police are trying to identify the unknown suspect — or suspects — who damaged property at the Northville Woods apartment complex several times this year.

They said on Facebook that the guilty party has broken windows at the complex's laundry facilities and fitness center on five separate occasions since late October.

The incidents caused thousands of dollars in damage to the Innsbrook Drive complex.

Police shared some photos from a recent incident. Those with information are asked to call 248-349-9400.

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Oakland County readies restaurant relief

Mark Kuriyandchik Detroit Free Press
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Oakland County restaurateurs are applauding the announcement of \$10 million in pandemic-related support to struggling restaurants in the county.

At an outdoor news conference in front of the Royal Oak Brewery, Oakland County Executive Dave Coulter announced the Oakland Together Restaurant Relief Program, which will utilize remaining federal CARES Act funds as well as money from the county's general fund to support restaurants reeling from a second statewide dining room ban.

"This current wave of coronavirus cases in the county and across the state is really challenging our businesses and especially with the holiday season upon us," Coulter said Thursday. "And it's not lost on any of us that our restaurants and bars have been among the hardest hit, especially during the recent restrictions that came out of the state. So many are struggling right now to keep their operations going."

Restaurants comprise about 10% of all businesses in Oakland County, he



Oakland County Executive Dave Coulter on Thursday announced a program that will provide \$10 million in relief to restaurants to help them survive the pandemic.
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said, "so it really matters to me and my administration that we get them help at this critical time."

Royal Oak Brewery owner Drew Ciora thanked the county and its leaders for their support, noting that the 25-year-old business was just barely surviving through summer.

"Every little bit helps," Ciora said. "It allows us to pay the rent, pay our staff, and keep the lights on."

The coronavirus pandemic has hit

the state's hospitality sector especially hard, with an estimated 2,000 restaurants already closed since the start of the pandemic, according to the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association.

The majority of the funding for the new program, \$7 million, will be divvied up among the approximately 1,000 businesses that had already received stabilization funds in the spring and have relationships with the county, Coulter said.

"Because of that we'll be able to turn

that money around really quickly," he said.

That allotment will come from CARES Act funds the county has until Dec. 30 to spend. Another \$2 million of general fund dollars will be earmarked specifically to support outdoor dining setups, and the final \$1 million is aimed at helping businesses reopen when the time comes.

Coulter noted that the program received unanimous support in committee and he expects broad support when the measure goes before the full Oakland County Board of Commissioners for a vote Monday.

Coulter likened the program to a "bridge" while Congress continues its stalled negotiations over another potential federal stimulus package.

"\$10 million is a nice amount of money," he said. "It's not a permanent solution. What we really need is Congress to get a stimulus package passed, because we're going to be fighting this virus for a while."

According to Deputy County Executive Sean Carlson, the first of the \$10 million will begin going out via FedEx as early as next week.

COVID-19 Q&A

Is a deep nasal swab or rapid test better?

Craig Lyons Lansing State Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

LANSING — When it comes to detecting the coronavirus, not all tests are created equally.

Two tests are widely available to see if someone has the virus: a polymerase chain reaction swab, or PCR test, and a less invasive antigen test. While both methods have the same goal, Jon Baker, Sparrow Health System's administrative director of laboratory services, said the rapid antigen tests fall short of the PCR test.

"The main difference is that there's a much greater possibility of a false negative with an antigen test," Baker said.

"Particularly if you don't have symptoms."

The PCR tests, in which a sample is collected with a deep nasal swab, have a higher sensitivity to detect the coronavirus. Many rapid tests, which involve either a shallow nasal swab or throat swab, don't have the same capability, Baker said.

"PCR is by a long shot the most sensitive method," he said.

But that doesn't mean the rapid tests don't have their uses, Baker said.

Why is the PCR test better?

The PCR test has become the "gold standard" because it is sensitive enough

to detect the smallest traces of the virus, Baker said.

If you've been exposed to the virus, were in contact with someone who tested positive or are only showing mild symptoms, the PCR test is the best method, Baker said.

The limitations of the PCR test are that it takes longer to process and not all medical facilities can perform the tests, Baker said. The antigen tests can fill that gap but it should be used in concert with a confirmatory PCR test if one is available, he said.

What are rapid tests good for?

The antigen tests are best for people

who already show symptoms of the virus and are within a five- to 12-day window since symptoms started, Baker said.

While the antigen tests are less sensitive, they will most likely generate a positive result for someone with a large viral load, Baker said. If people are asymptomatic or only in the early stages of contracting the virus, an antigen test might not catch its presence, he said.

The antigen tests are a useful tool to test in congregate settings, like nursing homes and jails, Baker said. If people need to get tested regularly, the rapid test is the best method because of the time required to process a PCR sample.

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Novi students fight period poverty with campaign

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Menstrual periods are normal, yet there is a stigma around talking about them and the financial stress they may cause.

Medha Maraju, a Novi High School junior, hopes to help end period poverty with the Carefree Campaign, which she launched this fall with classmates Vaishnavi Jagalur and Varnika Chandra.

Among their goals: make pads and tampons free and accessible in schools and add their voices to an increasingly louder call for removal of the tax on menstrual hygiene products.

"I think the biggest thing is educating people on it, because a lot of people don't understand the severity of period poverty," Maraju said. "They just expect it in major cities where there are a lot of poor people, but it can also exist in suburbs. We're trying to increase access to period products for everybody, regardless of income."

Maraju began researching the topic in September as part of a Future Health Professionals competition to bring community awareness to a health issue.

They soon learned some startling facts, including that 20% of menstruating teens in the U.S. have missed school because they didn't have access to hygiene products, and 61% have worn a pad or tampon for more than four hours because they didn't have sufficient access to these items, subjecting themselves to a higher risk of infection and toxic shock syndrome.

Maraju and her fellow campaigners surveyed students and community members in Novi on the stigmatizing subject and found the majority of re-



Novi High School juniors Vaishnavi Jagalur, left, Medha Maraju, and Varnika Chandra have begun a Carefree campaign to end period poverty. The trio wear shirts from the Health Occupation Students of America, a group they're part of. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

spondents are uncomfortable talking about it and also learned some have experienced not having products available to them in school.

They then reached out to legislators, connecting with Kelly Stec, legislative director for Rep. Kevin Hertel. Stec is also an advocacy director for the Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health and is working with the Carefree Campaign on the same issue.

"The young women of the Carefree Campaign are incredible and working on broader things like getting rid of the tax on menstrual hygiene products and treating those like the medical necessities they are," Stec said. "One of the things we see is that youth in school don't have access to the healthcare things they need and period products are one part of a much larger problem in that regard."

Stec supports a removal of the tax on period products and free access to these products in school. While offering a disclaimer that her views don't necessarily reflect the legislator's office for whom she works, Stec said Hertel does support bringing attention to the issue.

She said there are current bills being considered in the state legislature regarding sales tax on menstrual hygiene

products, adding that this is an issue that has been discussed by state legislators for at least the last four years.

There are at least 10 states that do not have a "pink tax," as the levy on menstrual hygiene products is often called.

Providing free and readily accessible pads and tampons in schools is a separate issue that needs funding and will also likely be a long time coming, as Stec notes Lansing is a "slow-moving ship" and the problem is exacerbated by a legislature that is mostly older males who have neither dealt with poverty in general nor period poverty specifically.

The scope of the problem is also unknown and could be helped, she suggested, by a pilot program in some schools in order to see where adjustments need to be made.

"Discussions about education funding are always going to be a battle, but schools aren't succeeding if our students aren't healthy and safe," she said.

Maraju noted that Scotland recently made period products free for its citizens, something she would like to see happen here, as well as in other countries. For now, she hopes the tax on such products can at least be abolished here, as they are basic necessities, not a luxury item. She plans to continue with the Carefree Campaign well past the end of the competition, too, including a collection drive for menstrual hygiene products to distribute to those in need.

The campaign can be found on Instagram @carefree.campaign.

To learn more on how you can help, email carefreecampaign@gmail.com.

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Police

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Novi police have been conducting a Kindness Is Contagious holiday campaign for about five years. Officers are handed the gift cards typically because of donations generated by a Moe's on

Ten Thanksgiving event.

When the pandemic got in the way of this year's event, Diversified Members Credit Union stepped in, donating about \$1,500 to the police department.

Molloy has seen the Twitter pictures of Novi officers and their gift card recipients smiling. Besides not handing out citations, officers have driven people home, jump started their dead car bat-

teries and performed other kind acts during the holidays.

The chief said the campaign is building trust between officers and community members.

"We know these cards are certainly making a difference," Molloy said. "It's truly heartwarming."

Officer Christopher Clark's likes the opportunity to have positive interac-

tions with community members.

"It's hard enough out here during the COVID-19 pandemic," Clark said. "It definitely gives me more motivation to just spend some time and listen to people, right? It's a great opportunity."

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SOME STORIES CANNOT BE BELIEVED

Most folks have kids. Most folks without kids have nieces and nephews. Most folks without kids, nieces or nephews should count their blessings.

Little kids lie. Poorly. A fun thing about little kids' lies is that reasonable people cannot attempt to take them seriously.

Crumb-covered kid with frosting-smeared face: "I didn't take the pink cupcake with sprinkles. Little Tommy (6 months old) did it. After the green aliens turned him into a blue panda bear. That highchair was already next to the counter. That vase was broken when I woke up today. But maybe it was the burglars... I don't know."

You know the kid's lying if:

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2. Wealth of possible but improbable detail
3. Story makes the kid look good and/or a victim.
4. Everything just a little too "perfect".

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I don't expect to be treated like a fool no more
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Some people say a lie's a lie's a lie
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Why deny the obvious child?
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PAUL SIMON, THE OBVIOUS CHILD

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Now this celebrity injures himself. Rather than admit the spill, he lies. Invents and embellishes story about rough play with dog. By name. Couple of days later. Dribbles out a river of details. Hurt foot... sprained ankle... broken bones... Where does it end? Head bump... minor concussion...?

Refusing to admit weakness? Not unusual or wrong. A guy thing. Especially guys of a certain age. My beloved 95-year-old Dad falls from time to time. He always bounces back. But the explanations. Holy cow! MEDIA LIES TO US-NO PROBLEM!

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AND NOW A WORD FROM PAUL BURGE

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Family

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A promising life cut short

What Domanico needed help with most was not his music, but his mental health, Smith said. They had long conversations and communicated frequently.

But this summer, Domanico left family and friends grieving in the wake of his death by suicide.

The next day, dozens of Domanico's friends came to see his parents, Frank and Claire Domanico at their home to pay their respects.

For the funeral, St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon was full for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began, Frank said, and the service was televised to friends across the world.

Frank believes the pandemic, and resulting quarantine and isolation, exacerbated Eric's depression, although he doesn't blame it for his son's death.

Now, he and his family are focusing on celebrating Eric's life, making sure his musical legacy lives on, and working to help other musicians through their own mental health battles.

Eric was the youngest of five children and took part in the magnet program for gifted students during his years in South Lyon Schools.

He was reading by the time he was 4 and spoke multiple languages, including French, his mother's native language. He played soccer as a child and took up saxophone in sixth grade. He made friends with ease.

Willem Swartzinski was one of those friends, connecting with Eric on the playground in kindergarten for a friendship that would evolve from tag and hide and seek constant conversation on a variety of topics through high school.

"We talked about the stupidest, goofiest things," Swartzinski said. "He was fascinated by everything."

"If you got him on the right topic, he would not stop talking. He was a very sweet guy and we always had a special bond."

Struggles with mental health

Swartzinski said the friends didn't always see eye to eye, but Eric was always the same — a genuine person, and the same person, regardless of his mood.

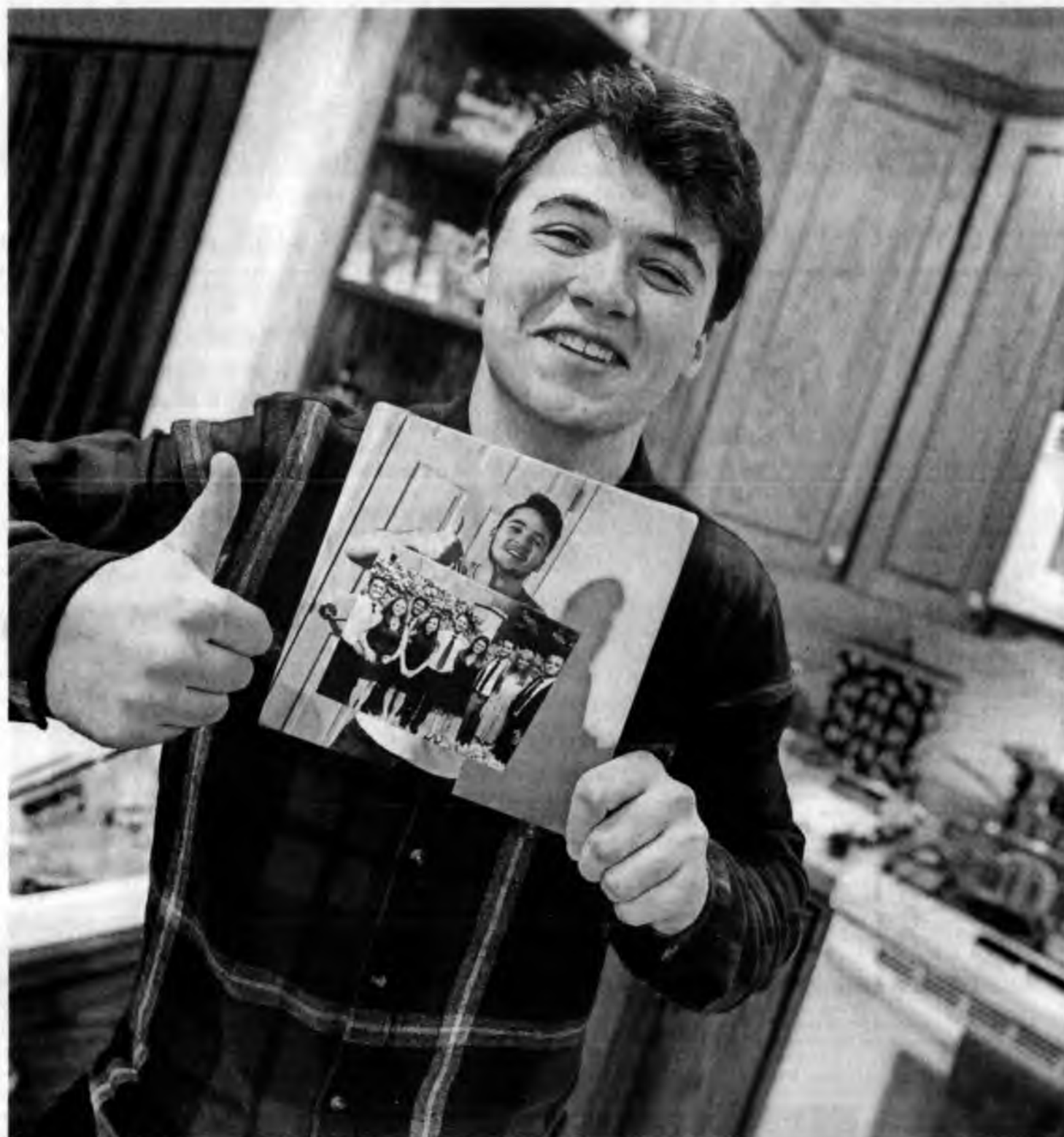
Changes in Eric's mood became more evident by his freshman year of high school. Swartzinski said by their senior year, his friend seemed to have an awful week or so at least once a month.

He recalled a particularly frightening conversation with Eric, after which he reached out to Smith for help.

Eric's parents also were notified. Frank and Claire had started noticing the stress and anxiety in their youngest child when he was about 16, which seemed to manifest from a need to be perfect at everything he did.

Frank said one of his frustrations is that parents are kept in the dark too often regarding their children's mental health.

"It was hard to manage, he wanted to



Eric Domanico, who died by suicide in July, recreates a previous photo of himself holding a photo of his family. Eric's parents have set up a foundation to help musicians who have depression and anxiety. COURTESY OF THE DOMANICO FAMILY

take control of his own health and didn't want to share with us," Frank said. "We don't teach (kids) enough how to manage anxiety and stress, and parents are not allowed to know what they talk about with therapists. ...

"We hide these things, we send kids to doctors and they tell us the mental health system is messed up and we prescribe to treat symptoms. We don't have enough to manage the stress."

Since losing his son, Frank said other parents have come to him to talk about mental health issues their children have struggled with.

He said he wants to keep that conversation going "so not one more child is lost."

Keep the conversation going

The Eric Domanico Foundation has a goal of supporting young musicians and artists by providing resources to treat the underlying causes of depression

and anxiety, with a focus on prevention. The foundation aims to provide grants and scholarships and provide for physical, socio-emotional and educational needs.

To raise awareness for the cause, the foundation is hosting a technological feat Dec. 14, in which dozens of saxophonists from around the world will #playwithEric.

Future collaborators are invited to join the ongoing video project, in which the foundation hopes that "Someday, Eric may perform with a choir of a thousand strong to continue providing inspiration and hope."

"The reason why you follow your passion is ultimately to give you happiness," Swartzinski said. "Through the money we raise and mental health awareness, we show young musicians that they should keep going for their aspirations and nothing is too big to accomplish."

"I think Eric would be fascinated by

the foundation and blown back by us really showing how people care about him."

Smith said mental health is among the biggest struggles for anyone in the arts with a constant struggle for perfection that is never attained and seeking approval.

"Eric was destined for greatness," Smith said. "Music came so natural to him."

Eric never reached his destiny and the journey for his listeners might have ended as well without the foundation, but with it, it can continue, as well as the conversation, which Smith hopes people will be ready to hear.

"Listen to the hard conversations," he advises. "It's not easy, but an open ear is the best thing we can do for someone who is struggling."

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Projects

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demand. What was up for discussion was the commercial portion of the project: tenants for the commercial buildings remain unknown, and the layout is subject to change.

Potential occupants for the commercial buildings could include restaurants, a bank and a convenience store/gas station, with the possibility of two drive-thrus.

"A traffic study was revised for the worst case, and this mixed-use project has a lesser traffic impact than the fully commercial development that could be built here, and which was previously approved," applicant Jonathan Curry said.

Commissioner Myles Davis said he liked the changes the applicants had made, but "the thing that scares me most is traffic."

Commissioner Dave Latka agreed, adding that the commercial portion of the property "seems like an afterthought" with commercial thrown in to facilitate "giant residential" space.

Jim Mallon agreed, saying it appeared a way to get residential space into a commercial area and noted the possibility of as many as seven traffic lights in the area.

The project was zoned for up to 100,000 square feet of commercial space.

Commissioner Vaughn Koshkarian suggested perhaps the developer should have gone with that, but Paciocco said

he never had intentions of using that much.

"The big boxes of the world are pretty much gone with the advent of Amazon," he said. "We feel very confident those five little commercial pads will lease out real quickly and will be an asset to the community and to the multi-family (residential users)."

Commissioner Neill DeVries brought up water and sewer plans for The Crossings, which appeared to be dependent on a tie-in to the Kensington Ridge project.

Both developers have interest in tying in to public water from Lyon Township, but the applicants said they would go ahead with private wells if that plan fell through.

Kensington Ridge, a Pulte condominium development project proposed on the west side of Milford Road stretching south from Maple Road to nearly I-96, is far larger.

The applicant has requested rezoning 335 acres at the site to accommodate 895 units of mixed housing types in a "resort-style" community geared toward empty nesters.

The development comes with its own challenges besides traffic. It hinges on the township board approving alterations to a consent judgement dating back at least 15 years with Milford Sand and Gravel, a mining operation formerly located on the property.

Mike Noles, project engineer for Kensington Ridge, plunged ahead in describing a resort community for older adults, a population whose needs, he said, are not being met in the current real estate market.



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

Kensington Ridge, he said, would offer security and luxury: ranch-style homes with access to pocket parks, 17,000-square-foot clubhouse, indoor pool, outdoor fire pit, dog park, courts for tennis, pickleball and bocce ball, a trail network and a connection to Kensington Metropark leading to Martindale Beach.

"Creating a community of empty nesters is smart planning," he said. "This is not assisted living, it's age-restricted homes, you've got to be 55 to move in. It's less traffic generated than allowed in zoning."

DeVries and Koshkarian voiced support for the vision, calling it "a great addition" and "exciting."

But Latka said, like The Crossings, the issue was "traffic, traffic, traffic."

He proposed a possible solution to

assist with traffic flow.

"With these two big projects going in at one time, they might want to have a roundabout at Pontiac Trail and Milford Road," Latka said. "This is the time to talk about setting aside land for that. If those developments gave space for a roundabout, that could be put in at a later time."

The commission approved a public hearing for The Crossings of Milford for the Jan. 28 planning commission meeting.

Further discussion of Kensington Ridge will also occur at that meeting, although a public hearing for that development will not be held until February.

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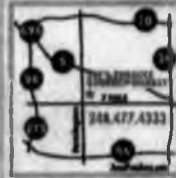
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Senior RB Justin Whitehorn made his presence known in the backfield in his first season with North Farmington.

Whitehorn finds stride in North Farmington's offense

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Justin Whitehorn has always been a running back.

Ever since he was a part of the Macomb Mustangs Pop Warner team as a kid, Whitehorn was taking handoffs from the backfield, finding holes through the line and finding his way to the end zone.

It was the position he found himself in joining the Detroit Renaissance varsity football team freshman year. He found a comfort and a knack for the position.

"I feel like ever since I scored my first varsity touchdown, I felt like it was going to be... not super easy, but it would be something that I could do with no problems if I put in the extra work for it," Whitehorn said.

Moving to Farmington Hills prior to the start of his senior year, after three years with the Phoenix, Whitehorn found himself in a place to show what he could do again for a new team: North Farmington.

And once he became comfortable the senior shined, recording 1,020 yards and 12 touchdowns in nine games for the Raiders. In the Raiders' two playoff games — not including a forfeit win against South Lyon in the district final

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In two playoff games Whitehorn has rushed for 470 yards and scored six touchdowns. PHOTOS COURTESY OF JUSTIN WHITEHORN

Mercy lacrosse star aims to continue success at Michigan

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

When Jill Smith first took the lacrosse field in fifth grade, she was a natural.

She played every sport under the sun — softball, soccer and basketball — when she was younger. And with her athleticism and physicality in those sports, she was seen as a perfect fit for the newly-formed Triumph Lacrosse club team.

Smith arrived at her first practice, never having touched a lacrosse stick before, but showed off that same physicality and athleticism she put into the other sports. Club manager Chris Merucci was impressed, pitting her against competitors in eighth grade and even in high school.

"He was asking where I played before and I was telling him I never played," Smith said. "Apparently I just had natural talent, raw talent at the beginning."

In her years with the team Merucci placed Smith higher and higher in terms of talent that had come through the club, realizing what set her apart.

"She is not accustomed to losing, not OK with losing," Merucci said. "She's a fierce competitor from the day I met her."

"Yes she's fast, yes she's strong. Is she the fastest or the strongest on every field? No, but what separates her is an intense tenacity, a drive and passion to win and be the best."

Playing lacrosse — an East Coast dominated sport — in a midwestern state at both the club and in three years high school level at Mercy, Smith, a senior, focused her determination on making a name for herself in a way that not many Michigan lacrosse players have in the past. That drive led to a commitment to play at the University of Michigan.

When playing for Triumph, along with the Lakeshore Lacrosse club in Chicago, Smith was named to the Under Armour All-American Midwest team along with a National Lacrosse Classic All-American and All-Star team selection.

Smith also dominated for the Marlins, setting 16 state records as a freshman and 12 as a sophomore, including the most points in a single game — 15 on 12 goals and three assists. She

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Can wrestling season happen safely during pandemic?

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
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Is high school wrestling safe in a pandemic?

South Lyon head wrestling coach Zak Makowski tried his best to inform parents and athletes the best he could, passing along information from the Michigan High School Athletic Association regarding guidelines to play during COVID-19.

Makowski had conversations with wrestlers on his roster, saying there is no pressure to join the team if they are uncomfortable with the surrounding climate.

But as he waits to see if the MHSAA allows practices to resume Dec. 9, Makowski does not have a definitive answer to the question everyone seems to be asking.

"Without knowing the data, I don't want to say that it's safe because I don't

know," he said.

As preparation continues for the upcoming wrestling season with teams following the guidelines the MHSAA released to try and make the sport as safe as possible, there is still hope for a season, even though it will look different than a typical year.

John Glenn head coach Bill Polk has been pushing this message to his team throughout the summer, telling them to be prepared to adapt and adjust to the

changes coming — whether it's wearing a mask while competing or preparing for a condensed schedule.

Wrestling is one of the only winter sports able to finish the 2019-20 season. John Glenn, like teams from around the state, is taking the flexible approach this year, waiting to see what wrestling in 2021 could look like, if it happens at all.

"I think they were ready, like 'OK, at

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Milford swim standouts find Division 1 homes

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Ella Glaspie and Rylie Kennedy first met each other swimming for the Huron Valley Penguins Swim Club.

Both raced the same speed when they were younger — swimming from the same lane — and were in the same classes in elementary school. They separated in middle school, going off to separate clubs, separate paths for the same goal: swim at the college level.

But their paths converged again in their senior years at Milford High School. Glaspie, a full-time club swimmer at Kingfish Aquatics, decided to join the Mavericks swim team, which Kennedy had been on for three years.

And while both helped lead Milford to a second-place finish in the Lakes Valley conference, both had their goals secured, earning Division 1 college scholarships: Glaspie will race at Illinois State, while Kennedy will swim at Bowling Green.

Milford's erasers

Prior to the start of his first season at Milford, head coach James Schuler did his homework.

The former Rochester swim and dive coach knew coming in what Kennedy had done in her three years at Milford: an All-State placer as a junior and three-time letterman for the Mavericks who had previously earned LVC All-Conference honors. Glaspie, he saw, was of the same build, already having committed to the Redbirds before joining the team.

But Schuler still had to see it for himself.

"Times on paper don't exactly paint the entire picture of what someone is capable of or not," Schuler said. "You can read a time and be like, 'All right, is this person just as fast as they ever are going to be, or is there a lot we can clean up and we can get faster?'"

"Being able to see them in practice, it's like, 'Yeah, it's real.'"

Glaspie joined the Mavericks longing for something different, using different perspectives from a new coach to help her swim faster.

And with her history with Kennedy and both being at a high level, Glaspie found a teammate who could push her, as well.

"When we worked together, I realized that if we raced each other and pushed each other we would get better at both distance and sprinting," Glaspie said. "We helped each other improve over the course of this season."

Glaspie and Kennedy each earned their state qualifying times relatively early in the 2020 season. While teaming up in the 400-free relay, Glaspie specialized in distance, qualifying in the 200 IM, 100 fly, 200 free, 500 free and the 100 back, while Kennedy was more of a sprinter, earning a qualifying time in the 200 free.

To Schuler, both Kennedy and Glaspie were "erasers" on his roster.

"When you have your normal varsity athlete or better-end varsity athlete on a team, on any team, and then you have someone who is All State, college-



Milford High swimmers Ella Glaspie, left, (Illinois State) and Rylie Kennedy (Bowling Green) have accepted scholarships to pool their talents elsewhere when they move on from their senior year as Mavericks. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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James Schuler Head coach, Milford swimming

bound competitor on your team, that person helps everyone around them because, to a certain extent, there's a little bit of a safety net," Schuler said.

The first-year head coach also said just having Kennedy and Glaspie at practices raised the level for the rest of the team, allowing them to get a taste of what had become normal for the state-qualifying pair.

That ability brought both Kennedy and Glaspie college aspirations early on in their swim careers.

Finding a home

Kennedy grew up in a competitive family, always looking for the next goal, the next challenge.

When collegiate swimming came on her radar, she knew she had found it.

"When my dad brought up swimming in college, I was like, 'Yes, this is going to be my new goal,'" Kennedy said. "I want to see if I can get fast enough and train hard enough to get into a program I want to go to."

Kennedy visited Bowling Green before even talking with the swim program

and fell in love with the campus. After the coaching staff reached out and said that she would be a good fit for the team, the Milford swimmer knew it was meant to be.

She knew it would be a challenge. She knew the caliber of swimmers the Falcons had on the roster. Kennedy was just excited to be a part of it.

"They are still climbing, so me coming in as a new freshman will put me in a position to be able to push myself and try and help contribute to the teams over the years," she said.

Glaspie's recruitment ended a lot earlier.

After visiting over 30 schools, the Milford senior committed to Illinois State in 2019, seeing the team that she would best fit into.

With making her decision prior to the start of her senior season, Glaspie said Illinois State has been able to walk through her final year with her every step of the way: contacting coaches about what happened each meet, getting tips on what she had to work on and building a relationship with one program instead of multiple.

While what's next has been determined for two of Milford's eight senior swimmers on the 2020 roster, both Glaspie and Kennedy still want a state meet.

For Kennedy, she wants a chance to build off that eighth-place appearance from 2019, taking advantage of another year of strength, along with a new coach and style of practice.

When the announcement was first made that the meet had been postponed, the four-year member of the Mavericks was devastated.

"I was very frustrated, I was mad," Kennedy said. "I tried to not let it get to me. I tried to push it out of my head because Coach James kept saying, 'Don't worry about it. We might still have it. We might still have it.'"

Glaspie was in the same boat. She said this, along with the quarantine period starting in March, was the longest break period in her swimming career.

"For swimming, you have to be consistent," Glaspie said. "You have to practice to get better, and it's really hard to do that when you only have an hour a day to swim even if you can."

"I'm a little nervous because I don't know if I will do as great as I hoped, but if I just keep my mind in place then maybe I'll have a chance."

But both still want the chance to show themselves and show their future schools why they are joining a Division 1 swim team in the fall.

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— Whitehorn scored six touchdowns and rushed for 470 yards.

As North Farmington waits for its regional final matchup against Traverse City Central, Whitehorn is hoping for another opportunity to show his comfortability, to show what he can do when he is handed the football.

Growing confidence

North Farmington running backs coach Doug Lemberg remembers seeing Whitehorn on film in 2019, preparing for an upcoming opponent. He remembers being impressed with the Renaissance back's vision, the way he ran downhill and his cutting ability, but it was no more than a passing observation to his fellow coaches.

"I think all of us made the comment that the kid was pretty good," Lemberg said. "I didn't put one-and-one together probably until this summer."

When Whitehorn got into the weight room, Lemberg saw an athlete who knew what he was doing. He saw strength and good form.

When Whitehorn took the practice field, Lemberg saw what he saw on film: the vision, the downhill ability, the strength, the cuts.

It did not take long for the senior to get noticed. Watching the newcomer for

the first time in practice drills, John Herrington, the former Harrison head coach who won 13 state titles in his 48 years, turned to Lemberg and said, "He's a running back."

"He saw what needed to be seen," Lemberg recalls. "You could tell right away."

But it still took a bit for Whitehorn to become comfortable in the offense.

He said North Farmington was more intense, more serious and more organized than Renaissance: coming into each practice, game and season with a specific plan and goal for the team.

On offense, he knew he was joining a program clicking at a high level for a long time, dating back to Herrington's time at Harrison. Along with different schemes up front, Whitehorn had to get used to running with a full back, something he had not seen in his high school career.

Due to the lack of 7-on-7 leagues and summer workouts because of COVID-19, North Farmington head coach Jon Herstein said it took awhile for the offensive line and Whitehorn to gel.

"Over the course of the season, he's understood how the linemen are going to block stuff and where the hole might open," Herstein said. "I think his anticipation has grown. He's had good vision and that probably carried him early in the year."

"His anticipation of what's going to happen plus his vision and just natural abilities have really catapulted him to another level."

But Lemberg said Whitehorn never wavered.

As the offensive line figured out what it needed to do to give the running back room to work with, Whitehorn's confidence only grew as the season continued.

"Justin, he has great ability, but if he doesn't have much of a hole, he didn't have much of a hole," Lemberg said. "But when he has a little hole, he makes the most of it."

Goals still within reach

Prior to his arrival at North Farmington, Whitehorn had never made the playoffs.

While every team in the 2020 season had at least one playoff game, the senior running back knew he was going to get one chance. But he knew he would have to put in the work to make a run.

"I always wanted to make the playoffs and probably make a good run, get a state championship," Whitehorn said. "I already knew that I was going to do good for myself because I was going to put in the work for it, so I just wanted us to win and have fun while doing it."

But his football goals do not stop there.

Whitehorn wants to play college football, holding offers from schools including Quincy University, Lake Erie College and Davenport.

But COVID-19 has definitely affected his recruiting, not being able to go on visits and see schools in person. White-

horn said he's still waiting on a few schools before he makes a decision of what's next.

"It's very stressful, waiting on schools and all that," Whitehorn said. "I want to have this done by at least by the end of December or the beginning of January."

While many describe the senior running back as quiet, he says he likes to bring a spark with his play on the football team, that he is a leading factor in what North Farmington does on offense.

Lemberg said there are things that Whitehorn does on a football field that really can't be taught. But it's what the senior does off the field that separates him.

"He's a great person," Lemberg said. "That's the biggest thing. If I'm a college coach, in a perfect world you want great people. You would just be a better program. So he fits that bill."

Whitehorn has the chance to play three more games in a North Farmington uniform if the team makes it to the state finals. His goal is to do what he has done since he was 8 years old: take the handoff from the backfield, find a hole through the offensive line and make his way into the end zone.

"I just want to keep showing that I can play, that I can play ball at an elite level and keep showing them that what I did, it wasn't a fluke," Whitehorn said.

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Lacrosse

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earned All-Americans in each of her two full seasons at Mercy, but had her junior season cut short due to COVID-19.

No matter what she did, Smith was told from Day 1 that East Coast lacrosse players would have better stick skills, come into colleges much more developed based on the level of the game in the area.

This forced her to use her determination, to work harder than those other girls, something Merucci saw her prove each time she took the field.

"We have to put them out there on the stage and say 'Yes. It's not a zip code thing. It's an athlete thing and a DNA thing and a training thing,'" Merucci said. "This girl can play."

On the 2021 roster, the Wolverines have one Michigan resident on their roster: Maggie Kane, a senior who graduated from Grand Rapids Catholic Central in 2017. To Smith, Kane was the underdog, having to prove herself to become one of the top players on the roster.

Merucci sees deems Smith as "The next Maggie Kane" with the position she is in, having worked and trained with her over the summer. But it's a position the Mercy senior never thought she would be in.

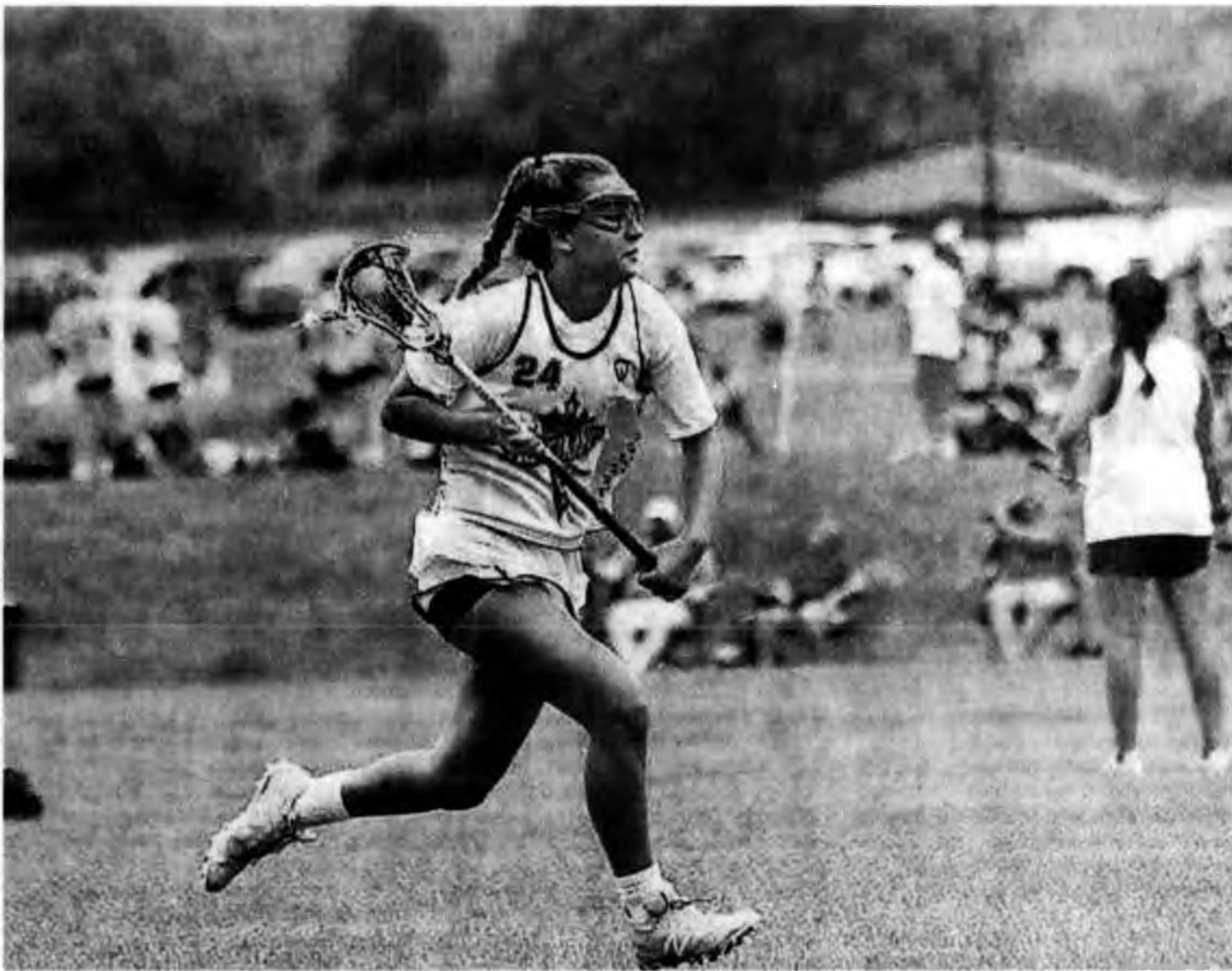
"If you asked me when I was in fifth grade if I would ever play lacrosse at one of the top lacrosse schools in the country and academic schools, I would laugh because lacrosse, all the east coast players are the ones who play in college," Smith said.

"D1 schools usually overlook you because you are from the Midwest, so that's why you really have to show you can play against the east coast teams and beat them out."

After coming into high school with aspirations of playing collegiate lacrosse on the East Coast, Smith turned her focus more on her home state, watching as head coach Hannah Nielson and the Michigan women's lacrosse team made it to the second round of the 2019 NCAA Tournament.

Attending camps in Ann Arbor before she was in high school, Michigan proved to be a perfect fit for Smith, with hopes to continue what Kane had done in the program in her four years.

With one more season at Mercy



Jillian Smith was a finalist for Lacrosse Player of the Year as a sophomore, earning team MVP honors in her two seasons with the Marlins. COURTESY OF JILLIAN SMITH

ahead of her, Smith doesn't have to worry about recruiting or picking a college. But she is still determined.

She may be from the Midwest, but Smith aims to be taken seriously in the lacrosse world.

"I just want to prove to them that Michigan players can do just as well as East Coast," Smith said. "No matter where you are from, there is so much potential and so many different people."

"I kind of just want to show them what Michigan lacrosse is about, what we can do."

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Smith signed to continue her lacrosse career at Michigan. COURTESY OF BRIAN SMITH

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this point what's next? What's the plan?" Polk said.

Masks on the mat

This season, wrestlers will have to bring something with them to the mat: a mask.

Every participant is required to wear a face covering that completely covers the mouth and nose during competitions and practices.

According to guidelines released by the MHSAA, wrestlers should have separate masks while they are competing and when they are not, but are required to wear one at all times.

Max Honiss, a senior on the South Lyon wrestling team, said mask-wearing has been one of the only differences he sees in preparing for this season, calling it a bit of a hurdle, but nothing the team can't get past.

"It's a little bit harder to breathe, but... I think wrestlers deal with adversity all the time and a mask is no different than any other thing we have had to deal with like skin conditions, distancing ourselves from harmful light stuff," Honiss said. "It's a normal thing to have protect yourself and your safety for your team and your family."

Prior to the three-week halting of high school athletics, Makowski said players and coaches would have outdoor conditioning sessions with masks on, having players run around the track to get acclimated to it. At John Glenn, Polk said it's been hard for his players to adjust to masks when conditioning, saying he constantly has to remind them to put it above their nose.

Detroit Catholic Central head coach Mitch Hancock was clear that his team will do whatever guidelines the MHSAA releases, but is worried about the effect of masks in the middle of combat.

"I do worry about not being able to breathe, the mask coming off. Suffocating with sweat, or possibly blood could be an issue too," Hancock said. "We are going to do whatever we have to do to be able to tow the line and compete. If they tell us we have to wear a mask or if they tell us we have to do something different, we will."

In what he said might as well be his



South Lyon senior wrestler Max Honiss, right, hopes for a chance to show what he can do in 2020-21 despite the coronavirus pandemic. COURTESY OF MAX HONISS

first year of coaching — nothing seems the same from past years as the head wrestling coach at Livonia Franklin — Dave Chiola watched as his players worked, ran and drilled with masks on.

Waiting for the majority of his roster to return to the wrestling room after the Patriots football season, Chiola thinks masks do more harm than good.

"I can't begrudge them, because I think it's stupid," Chiola said. "You got physical contact, body-to-body. The mask isn't really going to do anything. It's not even going to stay on."

Contact tracing could save sport

Chiola knows the perception wrestling gets from the outside.

"People who don't understand it think it's barbaric anyway with them sweating and bleeding on each other," he said.

But compared to sports that have been played this year, such as football, and other sports in the winter season, coaches and the MHSAA are encouraged that wrestling can be done, solely because of the sport's ability to easily contact trace.

In their guidelines, the MHSAA announced it would limit teams to one competition per week with a maximum of four teams competing at one school. This would limit competitors to a maximum of three matches per week.

"If we are limited to one person who you can wrestle or two people you can wrestle, if someone comes down with symptoms, it's easier to contact trace possibly than any other sport," Hancock

said.

In practice sessions, many area teams will schedule practices with pods of wrestlers, pitting athletes against the same athletes all year to limit the amount of contact made throughout the room.

Hancock said he's looking to minimize numbers in his wrestling room, spreading his varsity starters throughout different pods so the Shamrocks would still be able to compete even if a group of starters test positive or are symptomatic.

Prior to competitions and practices, teams are required to screen athletes — take temperatures and answer questions regarding possible symptoms — before they take the mat.

Hancock knows the risks of the sport he coaches, but he sees similar risks to other sports offered in the same season. "It is a hand-to-hand contact sport," Hancock said. "However, basketball, there's a lot of physicality in basketball. The same thing can be said about hockey. There's just more of it in wrestling."

"I think the two things we have to look at is the ability to screen athletes and the ability to contact trace, which could save our sport for the year."

Future troubles

With all of the changes to the sport ahead of the 2021 season, players and coaches are worried. It's not only about the current season, but this season's effects in finding future athletes or in building a winning culture in the locker room.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools has not returned to in-person learning during the pandemic, so the John Glenn head coach has not been able to navigate the hallways, trying to find athletes who may shine as wrestlers as he usually does.

"It's still those kids that maybe didn't wrestle in junior high that want to try it in high school that, again, are usually pretty hard-working athletes that we can latch onto in the beginning," Polk said. "It's been really difficult to get those kids."

"Just like everyone else, we are all kind of in the same boat, it makes me a little nervous, maybe not for this year but for the upcoming years, maybe two or three years down the road."

Chiola is nervous for the future too, more focused on the amount of experience, or lack thereof, that his varsity wrestlers would get.

"It's going to hurt future seasons too because of the lack of experience these kids are going to get," Chiola said. "You might show up on a Saturday and get two two first-period pins and a void and that's your week. That's all you have to show for a week of practice."

To Hancock, wrestling is an intimate and personal sport, and he has had trouble initiating the familial atmosphere that has brought Catholic Central success since he became head coach.

Makowski understands the hurdles. He understands the perception. He understands if people may decide not to participate.

But he eagerly wants to lead a team in 2021. He wants to do it for his seniors. Seniors like Honiss.

The South Lyon four-year wrestler has not changed his goals for his final season in the program: He still wants to win the state title at 135, earning the school's overall win record, dual-win record and pin record along the way.

But the senior wants to make sure the culture he helped build over his four years will continue when he is gone.

"I want to ingrain the deep culture before I leave South Lyon High School," Honiss said. "When I entered, there was a coaching shift. When I leave, I want the team to be in a good place culturally. We went from nine kids to 20."

"This team has been a huge part of my life for the past four years, and I want to leave it open for new leadership to come and leave a solid foundation for kids to grow on it."

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'Kind of nuts'

Howell woman, 63, completes 100-mile run

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What possessed Connie Nunham of Howell to run 100 miles at the age of 63, despite undergoing five foot surgeries and having screws in her hip because of a stress fracture? • "I'm kind of nuts, but intensely driven," she said. "I'm stubborn." • In a year in which nearly all races are virtual, Nunham ran 5.25-mile loops of Settlers Park in Hartland in early November until she'd completed 100 miles. It took 40 hours to complete the distance, running day and night. • Trying to eat after hours of running was the most difficult part. • "You can't put food in you," she said. "You have to take so much nutrition in. It was horrid. That part was horrid. I couldn't walk for a day afterward. My feet were swollen."

"Probably 20 miles in, I got a side ache; it was a muscle. It plagued me through the whole event. At times, I was bent over sideways. I had to stop and do cat-and-cows (a yoga stretch) in front of the fire department. I couldn't get rid of it. The waves of nausea, yeah, it wasn't pretty. People were force-feeding me. 'If you want to finish, eat it!'"

Remember, this is what she does for fun.

Nunham attempted a 100-miler last year, but dropped out after 56 miles because of an injury.

"I quit, but that dream is still there," said Nunham, who began running 10 years ago. "I'm not a quitter. I had to try again."

This year she signed up to do the virtual Hennepin Hundred, which typically takes place in early October in Illinois, because of its generous time limit. The race was run as a virtual race this year.

To ensure a more successful attempt this time around, Nunham enlisted the help of a coach, accomplished ultrarunner Loretta Tobolske-Horn of Brighton. Tobolske-Horn not only came up with a training plan and offered tips in the three months leading up to the run but also turned Nunham's race from a solo venture into a community event.

Anticipating it would take Nunham 36 hours to complete the race, Tobolske-Horn put out a request on social media to have runners accompany her in one-hour blocks throughout the run. Within an hour, there were more volunteers on board than were needed for the 36 slots.

When it appeared Nunham's run would take longer, Tobolske-Horn sent out another message for pacers to accompany her over the final four hours.

When Nunham finished at 1 a.m., about 15 people cheered for her at a makeshift finish line. She was presented with a belt buckle, the customary award for 100-mile finishers.

"It was incredible to see all the people come out," Tobolske-Horn said. "People from her church, people from Running Lab, people from the Hope Water running group. It was just a neat day. Especially during this pandemic, things have not always been fun. It was great to see the community come together and be able to be outside."

"Our running community is absolutely amazing. It's just so neat to see it all come together. A lot of us hadn't seen each other for months. Because of COVID, running groups have been canceled. That probably made it more special."



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Wrestling

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this point what's next? What's the plan?" Polk said.

Masks on the mat

This season, wrestlers will have to bring something with them to the mat: a mask.

Every participant is required to wear a face covering that completely covers the mouth and nose during competitions and practices.

According to guidelines released by the MHSAA, wrestlers should have separate masks while they are competing and when they are not, but are required to wear one at all times.

Max Honiss, a senior on the South Lyon wrestling team, said mask-wearing has been one of the only differences he sees in preparing for this season, calling it a bit of a hurdle, but nothing the team can't get past.

"It's a little bit harder to breathe, but... I think wrestlers deal with adversity all the time and a mask is no different than any other thing we have had to deal with like skin conditions, distancing ourselves from harmful light stuff," Honiss said. "It's a normal thing to have protect yourself and your safety for your team and your family."

Prior to the three-week halting of high school athletics, Makowski said players and coaches would have outdoor conditioning sessions with masks on, having players run around the track to get acclimated to it. At John Glenn, Polk said it's been hard for his players to adjust to masks when conditioning, saying he constantly has to remind them to put it above their nose.

Detroit Catholic Central head coach Mitch Hancock was clear that his team will do whatever guidelines the MHSAA releases, but is worried about the effect of masks in the middle of combat.

"I do worry about not being able to breathe, the mask coming off. Suffocating with sweat, or possibly blood could be an issue too," Hancock said. "We are going to do whatever we have to do to be able to tow the line and compete. If they tell us we have to wear a mask or if they tell us we have to do something different, we will."

In what he said might as well be his



South Lyon senior wrestler Max Honiss, right, hopes for a chance to show what he can do in 2020-21 despite the coronavirus pandemic. COURTESY OF MAX HONISS

first year of coaching — nothing seems the same from past years as the head wrestling coach at Livonia Franklin — Dave Chiola watched as his players worked, ran and drilled with masks on.

Waiting for the majority of his roster to return to the wrestling room after the Patriots football season, Chiola thinks masks do more harm than good.

"I can't begrudge them, because I think it's stupid," Chiola said. "You got physical contact, body-to-body. The mask isn't really going to do anything. It's not even going to stay on."

Contact tracing could save sport

Chiola knows the perception wrestling gets from the outside.

"People who don't understand it think it's barbaric anyway with them sweating and bleeding on each other," he said.

But compared to sports that have been played this year, such as football, and other sports in the winter season, coaches and the MHSAA are encouraged that wrestling can be done, solely because of the sport's ability to easily contact trace.

In their guidelines, the MHSAA announced it would limit teams to one competition per week with a maximum of four teams competing at one school.

This would limit competitors to a maximum of three matches per week.

"If we are limited to one person who you can wrestle or two people you can wrestle, if someone comes down with symptoms, it's easier to contact trace possibly than any other sport," Hancock

said.

In practice sessions, many area teams will schedule practices with pods of wrestlers, pitting athletes against the same athletes all year to limit the amount of contact made throughout the room.

Hancock said he's looking to minimize numbers in his wrestling room, spreading his varsity starters throughout different pods so the Shamrocks would still be able to compete even if a group of starters test positive or are symptomatic.

Prior to competitions and practices, teams are required to screen athletes — take temperatures and answer questions regarding possible symptoms — before they take the mat.

Hancock knows the risks of the sport he coaches, but he sees similar risks to other sports offered in the same season.

"It is a hand-to-hand contact sport," Hancock said. "However, basketball, there's a lot of physicality in basketball. The same thing can be said about hockey. There's just more of it in wrestling."

"I think the two things we have to look at is the ability to screen athletes and the ability to contact trace, which could save our sport for the year."

Future troubles

With all of the changes to the sport ahead of the 2021 season, players and coaches are worried. It's not only about the current season, but this season's effects in finding future athletes or in building a winning culture in the locker room.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools has not returned to in-person learning during the pandemic, so the John Glenn head coach has not been able to navigate the hallways, trying to find athletes who may shine as wrestlers as he usually does.

"It's still those kids that maybe didn't wrestle in junior high that want to try it in high school that, again, are usually pretty hard-working athletes that we can latch onto in the beginning," Polk said. "It's been really difficult to get those kids."

"Just like everyone else, we are all kind of in the same boat, it makes me a little nervous, maybe not for this year but for the upcoming years, maybe two or three years down the road."

Chiola is nervous for the future too, more focused on the amount of experience, or lack thereof, that his varsity wrestlers would get.

"It's going to hurt future seasons too because of the lack of experience these kids are going to get," Chiola said. "You might show up on a Saturday and get two two first-period pins and a void and that's your week. That's all you have to show for a week of practice."

To Hancock, wrestling is an intimate and personal sport, and he has had trouble initiating the familial atmosphere that has brought Catholic Central success since he became head coach.

Makowski understands the hurdles. He understands the perception. He understands if people may decide not to participate.

But he eagerly wants to lead a team in 2021. He wants to do it for his seniors. Seniors like Honiss.

The South Lyon four-year wrestler has not changed his goals for his final season in the program: He still wants to win the state title at 135, earning the school's overall win record, dual-win record and pin record along the way.

But the senior wants to make sure the culture he helped build over his four years will continue when he is gone.

"I want to ingrain the deep culture before I leave South Lyon High School," Honiss said. "When I entered, there was a coaching shift. When I leave, I want the team to be in a good place culturally. We went from nine kids to 20."

"This team has been a huge part of my life for the past four years, and I want to leave it open for new leadership to come and leave a solid foundation for kids to grow on it."

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'Kind of nuts'

Howell woman, 63, completes 100-mile run

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What possessed Connie Nunham of Howell to run 100 miles at the age of 63, despite undergoing five foot surgeries and having screws in her hip because of a stress fracture? • "I'm kind of nuts, but intensely driven," she said. "I'm stubborn." • In a year in which nearly all races are virtual, Nunham ran 5.25-mile loops of Settlers Park in Hartland in early November until she'd completed 100 miles. It took 40 hours to complete the distance, running day and night. • Trying to eat after hours of running was the most difficult part. • "You can't put food in you," she said. "You have to take so much nutrition in. It was horrid. That part was horrid. I couldn't walk for a day afterward. My feet were swollen."

"Probably 20 miles in, I got a side ache; it was a muscle. It plagued me through the whole event. At times, I was bent over sideways. I had to stop and do cat-and-cows (a yoga stretch) in front of the fire department. I couldn't get rid of it. The waves of nausea, yeah, it wasn't pretty. People were force-feeding me. 'If you want to finish, eat it!'"

Remember, this is what she does for fun.

Nunham attempted a 100-miler last year, but dropped out after 56 miles because of an injury.

"I quit, but that dream is still there," said Nunham, who began running 10 years ago. "I'm not a quitter. I had to try again."

This year she signed up to do the virtual Hennepin Hundred, which typically takes place in early October in Illinois, because of its generous time limit. The race was run as a virtual race this year.

To ensure a more successful attempt this time around, Nunham enlisted the help of a coach, accomplished ultrarunner Loretta Tobolske-Horn of Brighton. Tobolske-Horn not only came up with a training plan and offered tips in the three months leading up to the run but also turned Nunham's race from a solo venture into a community event.

Anticipating it would take Nunham 36 hours to complete the race, Tobolske-Horn put out a request on social media to have runners accompany her in one-hour blocks throughout the run. Within an hour, there were more volunteers on board than were needed for the 36 slots.

When it appeared Nunham's run would take longer, Tobolske-Horn sent out another message for pacers to accompany her over the final four hours.

When Nunham finished at 1 a.m., about 15 people cheered for her at a makeshift finish line. She was presented with a belt buckle, the customary award for 100-mile finishers.

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Trailblazing Detroit journalist who wrote on gay rights dies at 62

Georgea Kovanis
Detroit Free Press
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Deb Price — the trailblazing lesbian journalist at the Detroit News who became the first person in the nation to write a syndicated column for mainstream newspapers from a gay perspective — has died. She was 62.

Price came onto the scene as a columnist in 1992, when 56% of Americans, according to a CBS News poll, said they didn't know anyone who was gay and Ellen DeGeneres wouldn't come out on her sitcom for five more years.

"It's hard to overestimate how significant this was," tweeted Joshua Benton, of the Neiman Foundation at Harvard, who knew Price during her fellowship there in 2010-11. "Suddenly there was Deb, on the breakfast table next to the sports

section.

"She wasn't just running in NYC and SF, either — she was reaching people in red states, too."

Price was working in the Washington bureau of the Detroit News when she sold the newspaper on the column that opened the eyes of an often homophobic nation and provided hope for gay people looking for acceptance.

She wrote on topics such as same sex marriage, religion and gay rights, as well as her relationship with her partner, Joyce Murdoch, whom she married, said Richard Burr, a Detroit News editor who edited Price for the paper's opinion page.

"Deb Price swam against the currents of conventional wisdom and some opinions on a conservative-leaning op-ed page," he said. "She did so with good humor and a willingness to show the

personal side of gay policy issues that readers couldn't find anywhere else in mainstream newspapers but in her column."

Not everyone was a fan of her work.

"Her column was groundbreaking, and she faced a fair amount of grief — from reader backlash to even the cold shoulder among some colleagues," said Maryann Struman, a Detroit Free Press editor who worked with Price when both were at the Detroit News. "But Deb handled it with such poise and grace. ... She was just an all-around great human being."

Susan Tompor, the Free Press personal finance columnist who worked at the Detroit News from 1989 to 1996, also remembers that some fellow journalists didn't take kindly to Price's column. But, she



Journalist Deb Price died at age 62. NIEMAN FOUNDATION FOR JOURNALISM AT HARVARD

added, "Deb's work ultimately spoke for itself. ..."

(She) had a delightful way of engaging readers

and shining a light on troubling issues faced by the gay community.

"She used her words carefully to build bridges, not slam doors. ... She inspired many women, including me, to write with their own voice."

Price's award-winning column was invaluable to gay people longing for acceptance and, perhaps, reassurance that things would get better.

Tweeted Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel: "R.I.P. Deb Price. I was one of your regular readers. Thank you for making me feel less alone and hopeful for a world that might one day embrace LGBTQ people instead of loathing us. Your brave work impacted many in ways you might never have imagined. A life well-lived."

Price left the Detroit News and her column in 2010 to pursue a Neiman fellowship at Harvard. She later worked as the Wall Street Journal's southeast Asia editor and most recently at the Hong Kong South China Post, according to Benton's tweets.

She died Nov. 20 in Hong Kong, according to the Bay Area Reporter, a San Francisco-area LGBTQ publication that reached Murdoch. Price's wife said she died of interstitial pneumonitis, the result of an autoimmune disease.

In an email to the Bay Area Reporter, Murdoch wrote that, despite her diminishing lung capacity, Price "remained energetic and optimistic" and "lived fully."

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Obituaries

Shaleen Atchinson

LINCOLN - Shaleen Atchinson, 68, of Lincoln, passed away Saturday, November 28, 2020 at her home.

She was born September 13, 1952 to Mack and Lauretta (Schuler) Henry in Honolulu, HI. After a career in corporate event planning in California, she pursued her passion of retail boutique fashion consulting in both Chicago and Northville. She married Roger Atchinson on December 27, 1993 in Barrington IL. Shay was a caring soul who loved to entertain. An excellent cook, she loved to entertain and decorate for the season. She was a member of Lost Lake Woods Club since 1999, and owned a home there since 2014.

Shay is survived by her husband, Roger, four stepchildren, Amy, Adam (Teri), Angela (Jeff), and Ali (Cody) Atchinson, seven grandchildren, Jaxon, Thomas, Megan, Jake, Sam, Regan, and Cameron, and one sister, Marty (Danny) Collins. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Dick Henry.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

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Helen Perttunen

SOUTH LYON - HELEN M. PERTTUNEN of South Lyon died November 29, 2020 at the age of 83.

Helen was born on May 25, 1937 in Mass City in Michigan's upper peninsula. She was a graduate of Mass City High School, Class of 1955. After graduation she moved to California. Helen married Ralph Perttunen on June 9, 1956 in California. They returned to Michigan, moving to Livonia in 1973 and later residing in Milford and most recently South Lyon. Helen recently retired from the South Lyon School District where she worked for over 20 years.

Helen was the loving mother of Bruce (Bernadette) Perttunen, Karen (Jeff) McCutcheon, Cindy (Kirk) Poma and Lori (Steve) Rowe, devoted grandmother of Tara (Phil) Sutsko, Paul (Candace) McCutcheon, Amy Poma, Adam (Kylie) Poma, Kurt (Taylor) Rowe, Brandon (Yaritza) Rowe and Ireland Perttunen, and great grandmother of Paisley McCutcheon, Grey McCutcheon, Arian Poma, Kaydence Poma, Liam Poma and Max Poma. Her beloved husband, Ralph Perttunen, preceded her in death on December 25, 1995, after 39 years of marriage.

Funeral services were held at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington with Pastor Terry Nelson of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, South Lyon officiating. Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.



Timothy R. Dickinson

Timothy R. Dickinson, age 73, a lifelong resident of Northville, passed away November 29, 2020. He was born on November 26, 1947 at Sessions Hospital in Northville, Michigan. Tim was the devoted son of Wendell and Ruth (Barker) Dickinson. He enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served during Vietnam in the 101st Airborne Division. He was a dedicated life member of the Northville VFW post 4012. Tim was united in marriage to Fay A. Kaiser on March 7, 1970; they celebrated 50 wonderful years of marriage this last March. He is survived by his wife, Fay Dickinson and his children, Jon Dickinson and Jennifer Dickinson. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Tim graduated from Northville High School; Class of 1966. He continued his education at Schoolcraft College and completed his undergraduate at Eastern Michigan University where he earned a bachelor's degree in History with a minor in Art. Tim was a mail carrier at the Northville Post Office for 33 years; he retired in 2002.

He was a Master Mason and a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and was continually active at all levels with the Northville Masonic Lodge. He was an enthusiastic member of several living history groups helping to preserve American history and promote patriotism. Including French and Indian War, Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWII, and medieval reenactment with the Society for Creative Anachronism.

Tim was involved with the Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of citizen volunteers serving America. He was promoted to Lt. Colonel and exhibited the core values of integrity, excellence, and respect throughout his life. Tim was highly creative and enjoyed painting with acrylics. He also liked woodworking and photography. Tim was an enthusiastic historian who appreciated the thrill of research and educating others. He recently researched his genealogy and discovered his birth family.

A memorial service will be held at a time when family can celebrate his life with everyone who knew and loved Tim. During this difficult time, please make sure to reach out to the family by leaving your thoughts online, with a card, or with a phone call.

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KLAA names boys soccer all-conference teams

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With the boys soccer season complete and a state champion already crowned, the Kensington Lakes Activities Association announced its all-league team.

Livonia Stevenson finished the season as KLAA champions, winning the East division and beating Salem in the conference title game. Brighton and Salem finished at the top of the West division.

Here's a look at the members of the 2020 KLAA all-conference team from the Hometown Life coverage area.

Defenders

Livonia Stevenson senior Anthony Polzin
Livonia Stevenson senior Colin McGlinch
Livonia Stevenson senior Bennett Ackman
Canton senior Logan Hammond
John Glenn junior Irfan Scheikhmeeri
Livonia Churchill senior Benjamin Johns
Salem junior Jacob Grieb
Salem senior Tanner Locke
Novi junior Saurav Setti
Novi senior Ben Prisby
Livonia Franklin senior Lefter Cule
Northville senior Javier Del Bosque
Northville senior Jacob Lynett
Northville senior Levi Miller

Midfielders

Livonia Stevenson senior Drake Van Dike
Canton senior Nick Rockafellow
Canton junior Gavin Nesbitt
Plymouth senior Eyad Ali
Plymouth senior Peter Boyer
Plymouth junior Cameron Li
Livonia Churchill junior Daniel Jakubowski
Livonia Churchill junior Tomas Peralta
Livonia Churchill sophomore Orfan Adil
Salem senior Andrew Schwartz
Salem senior John Soltis
Salem junior Grant Israel
Novi senior Odin Lim
Novi senior Tristan Whalen
Wayne Memorial senior Aiden Herdon
Livonia Franklin freshman Nino Schembri
Livonia Franklin senior Kellen Clegg
Northville senior Harrison Neal
Northville junior Kyle Stoner
Northville senior Yianni Canelopoulos
Northville sophomore Alexander Nevelos

Forwards

Livonia Stevenson senior Nick Lema
Livonia Stevenson senior Alec Alaoui
Livonia Stevenson sophomore Nico Bunda
Canton senior Kaelan Flowers
Canton junior Christian Austin
Livonia Churchill senior Ryan Richards
Salem junior Anthony Deruvo
Salem senior Dante Perri
Salem senior Nolan Chaput



Stevenson senior Nick Lema, right, was named to the KLAA all-conference team as a forward.

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Novi senior Matthew Pacas-McCarthy
Livonia Franklin junior Dante Davidson

Goalkeepers

Livonia Stevenson senior Brenden Ware
Canton senior Justus Heers
John Glenn sophomore Dashmir Krasniqi
Livonia Churchill senior Ryan Kruger
Novi senior Issac Gibbs

Honorable mentions

Livonia Churchill — Aleksander Belishta, Kip Dobar, Ethan VanLandingham
Canton — Ethan Gross, Christian Lopez, Carson Genthe
Plymouth — Ashton Terrick, Davi Jazxhi, Gary Davison
Livonia Franklin — Eric Polzin, Alex David, Nate Wygonik
Wayne Memorial — Luis Martinez, Hugo Olmos, Scotty Powers
John Glenn — Casey Kolb, Luis Cruz, Ceriyon Sims
Northville — Michael Chimienti, Jack Kresnak, CJ Castiglione
Novi — Shoi Taguchi, Ryan Zotkovich, Boris Turner
Salem — Joseph Kobylas, Vincent Chaput, Mohamad Abdallah
Livonia Stevenson — Josh Tragge, Carter Mroz, Drake Graham
Contact reporter Colin Gay at cgay@hometownlife.com or 248-330-6710. Follow him on Twitter @ColinGay17. Send game results and stats to LivSports@hometownlife.com.

High school sports remain paused with state order extension

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

With the state's three-week "pause" coming to a close Dec. 9, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced Monday that the order will continue until Dec. 20 during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

On Nov. 19, the pause halted all Michigan High School Athletic Association-sanctioned sports, including the remaining fall sports: high school football, volleyball, and girls swim and dive.

In November, Uyl said if the three-week pause would be extended, he would sit down with the MHSAA Board of Directors and "go ahead with Plan B and Plan C," tweaking and changing plans if need be.

The high school football season will remain halted in the regional round for the next 12 days, the volleyball season will remain at the state semifinals and the girls swim and dive season will remain at the state meet.

Prior to this announcement, the MHSAA announced its initial schedule to complete the 2020 fall season.

The football season was scheduled to continue with the regional round, Dec. 15 and 16, the state semifinal round Dec. 21 and 22 and the state finals Dec. 28 and 29 at Ford Field.

The volleyball state semifinals and finals were scheduled to be played at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek Dec. 17-19, while the girls swim and dive state finals will be held at multiple venues across the state Dec. 22 and 23.



Boston Clegg Jr., right, gets a way-to-go pat on the head by a Franklin Patriot coach after the game.

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What to know before you freelance

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You've decided to strike out on your own as a freelancer. But not so fast.

There's quite a bit of groundwork that needs to happen before you ever see so much as a dime roll in from your first client. And it's better to get that foundation laid sooner rather than later.

Here are four basic things to consider as you plan your freelancing career:

1 Figure out your accounting system

Ideally, you'll have your accounting system set up before you accept a single paid project. Starting right from the get-go makes it that much easier to track your income and expenses, which will be important data to have when it comes time to pay your taxes each quarter.

It's also worth taking some time to think through other financial basics of your new-found freelance life. What does your payment structure look like — will you bill per project, per hour or by some other factor? What sorts of payments do you accept? How often do you invoice and in what timeframe do you accept payment?

2 Enlist a team

This doesn't deal with a team in a traditional sense. Instead, think of it as a roster of professionals who can help you with the aspects of your freelance business

that you might not be so skilled with.

Perhaps you plan to work with an accountant who can take the stress out of tax time. Or, maybe it's a lawyer to help you draw up your initial contracts, or a web developer to get your website up and running. You may also need to show that you have the requisite insurance in place depending on what type of services you provide and/or whether you employ other people.

You may only work with those people once every year. But, they're still an essential part of keeping your freelance business up and running.

3 Establish your workspace

It's worth analyzing where you think you'll be more productive. Will you struggle to focus on your work at home? Would you get more done in an area located away from your house? How safe is that option during a pandemic?

There's also the financial aspect to consider.

Office or co-working spaces involve a fee (which is tax deductible in most cases), whereas working in a home office is free — and provides an opportunity to write off a portion of your living costs for business.

If you're feeling uncertain, it's worth having a conversation with your accountant.

4 Handle the fundamentals

Becoming a freelancer isn't quite as simple as slapping a new title on your LinkedIn profile and getting started. From establishing a business entity (such as an LLC) to ordering business cards and opening up a business checking account, there are plenty of fundamentals that go into getting your business off the ground.

The bad news? None of them involve billable time — meaning you'll be sinking hours into tasks that don't directly earn you a paycheck.

This is why it's smarter to do these things early on, before you have a schedule packed with client work.

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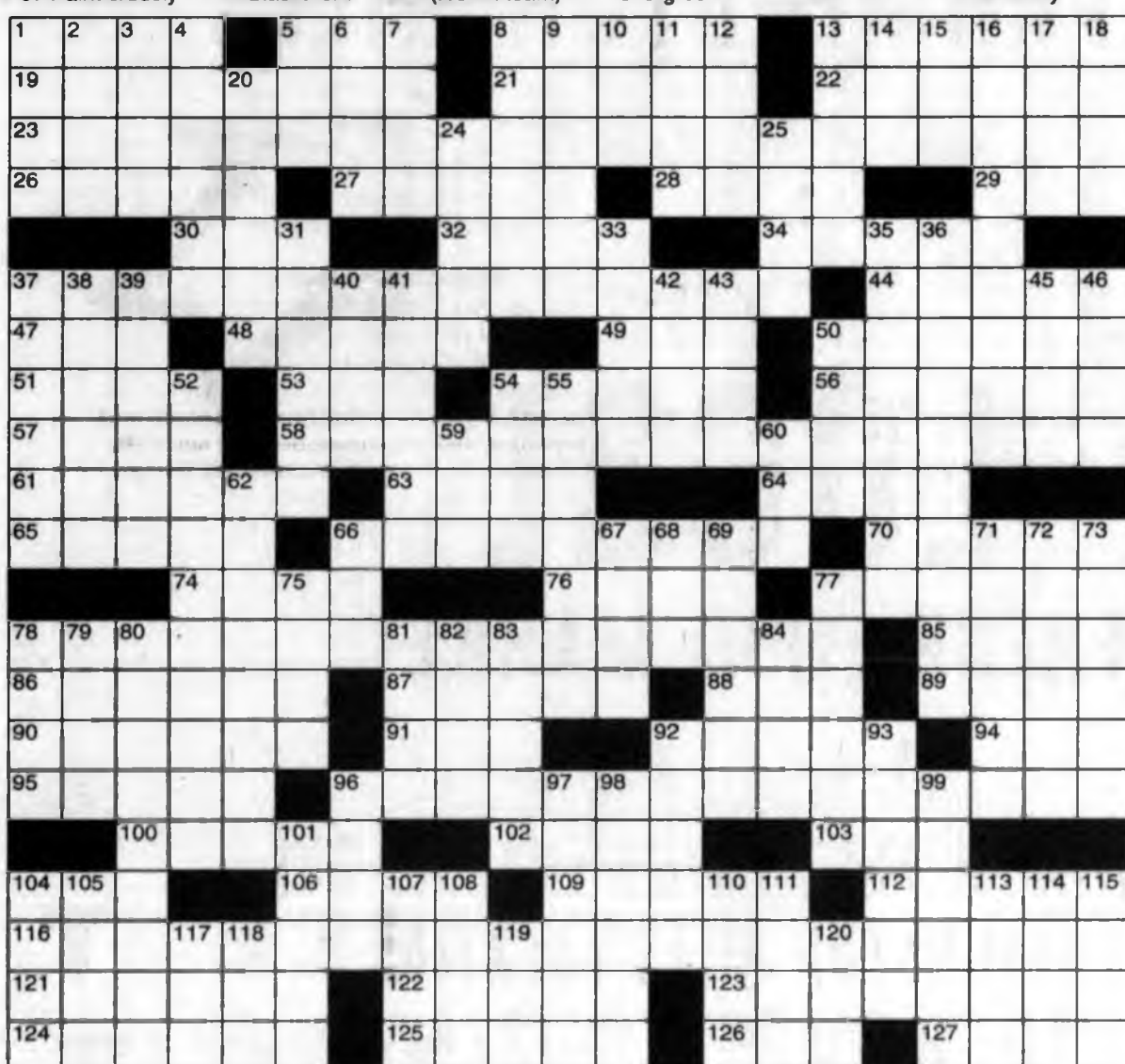
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- ACROSS**
- 1 James of "Alien Nation"
5 Lead-in to hazard
8 "My opinion is..."
13 Tried very hard
19 Tumblers, e.g.
21 Actress Hunt
22 Fatal
23 Start of a riddle
26 Strong metal
27 Vertical line on a graph
28 Attack like an alligator
29 Land north of Mex.
30 — country (music genre)
32 Peruvian of yore
34 Toronto Maple —
37 Riddle, part 2
44 Wild party
47 Battle (for)
48 See 60-Down
49 Triumphed
50 "Right now!"
51 First class for painters
53 City law: Abbr.
54 Sea predator
56 Actor Mickey
57 Paint crudely
- 58 Riddle, part 3
61 Borgnine of Hollywood
63 Gulf country
64 Sandler of "Spanglish"
65 Refine, as metal
66 What a hot rod may race on
70 Words on an apartment rental sign
74 Strong metal
76 City near Provo
77 Purple Hearts, e.g.
78 Riddle, part 4
85 Composer Satie
86 Apple app for importing video
87 "I suffer so!"
88 Pan coverer
89 Gave for a while
90 Sole servings
91 Buddhism branch
92 Just kills time
94 Two, in Spain
95 Occupied
96 End of the riddle
100 For the — (temporarily)
102 Blow a horn
103 Stephen of "Blackthorn"
- 104 Flower holder
106 Kailua Bay locale
109 Creator of Tom Sawyer
112 Gave a monetary penalty
116 Riddle's answer
121 Nogales nap
122 How figure skaters skate
123 Of financial matters
124 Rich, eggy cakes
125 Entertained lavishly
126 Boxing ref's ruling
127 Court dividers
- DOWN**
- 1 Cornfield cries
2 Eight, in Berlin
3 Actor Gross of "Ellen"
4 "The negotiation is off!"
5 Severe
6 — -bitty
7 Org. that inspects factories
8 Fighting — (NCAA team)
9 Utter failure
10 Sever
11 Competitor of Ben & Jerry's
12 Yard feature
13 Place to ski
14 Vietnamese holiday
15 Road sign no.
16 "Banjo on my knee" song
17 Winery tubs
18 "Frozen" snow queen
20 — Hollywood Screen Kiss" (1998 film)
24 Be alive
25 Fifty percent
31 Talk show emcee, e.g.
33 Egypt's Sadat
35 Formally abolish
36 Displayed example of a product
37 Gives the slip to
38 Aviation military branch
39 Fix the pitch of again
40 Architect Saarinen
41 Sierra Nevada evergreen
42 Blister, e.g.
43 Like GIs peeling potatoes
45 Flower holder
46 Santa's bagful
50 Egg on
52 "Yes, if memory serves"
54 Benefit bagful
55 Chewbacca's companion
59 — -la-la
60 With
67 Venifiable
68 No longer practicing: Abbr.
69 Marcos of the Philippines
71 Texas city
72 Poet Wylie or novelist Glyn
73 Double cluck of reproach
75 Some till bills
77 Sweetie
78 LP player of old
79 Uganda's Idi
80 Donator of services
81 Old TV clown
82 "Far —!" ("Like, totally!")
83 Take responsibility for something
84 Easter flower
92 Spot's jingler
93 Tennis player Edberg
96 Fava —
97 Catch sight of
98 Dressed for a ball
99 Serve, as at a restaurant
101 Concluding musical parts
104 "You, over there..."
105 Dayton locale
107 Horse foot
108 — Reader (eclectic quarterly)
110 "Oh, sure!"
111 Part of a vase
113 Alaska city
114 Revise text
115 "ER" folks
117 Marshall Plan prez
118 Swallowed
119 Big success
120 Overly



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12 10

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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!

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

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R R E I I U T E T R R G P I Y S C
E F A N W B H A R S A R F Y L A I
T R E K T A I V G I E G L A T I N
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VINEGAR
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1	2	4	6	5	3	4	9
9	6	3	1	4	2	5	8
2	5	4	7	8	9	6	1
3	1	2	7	1	8	1	5
8	2	5	4	6	7	3	9
6	9	1	2	2	3	9	7
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