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## Northville Downs development plans renewed

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Smiling people walk through a sun-drenched park adorned with statues depicting larger-than-life horses — tributes, it appears, to the animals that raced on the Northville property back in the day — as tents in the background hint at the presence of a festival.

The scene is depicted in one of several eye-popping renderings submitted by Hunter Pasteur Homes and its co-applicants — Forbes Company, Toll Brothers and Oboran — for an Aug. 30 conceptual presentation before the Northville Planning Commission.

The Aug. 30 planning commission meeting — delivered virtually via Zoom — was moved up from its originally-

scheduled date of Sept. 7 so that more people could participate, according to Mayor Brian Turnbull.

"Beginning Sept. 1, all city meetings are required to be in-person, which would have limited the number of people who could participate in the planning commission discussion," Turnbull said. "By moving it to Aug. 30, it can be delivered virtually, allowing more peo-

ple to watch and offer opinions."

An effort by Hunter Pasteur to purchase the prime downtown Northville property currently used by the Northville Downs harness horse-racing facility and its surrounding parking lots has regained traction following a two-year hiatus that was created, in part, by

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## Huron Valley, South Lyon schools won't require masks

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The buck stops at the health department for another pandemic school year as far as two western Oakland County school boards are concerned.

In Huron Valley and South Lyon, district officials are washing their hands of refereeing between mask and non-mask champions, the vaccinated and the unvaccinated. Instead, they say they are following orders, but not recommendations, from public health officials. The result is masking will be optional for students, not required, except on buses.

Reaction from parents is mixed.

During the Aug. 16 Huron Valley board of education meeting, about two dozen parents and a few students spoke out on COVID-19 protocols for the 2021-22 school year, mostly regarding masks in school. Some questioned the effectiveness of masks in stopping the virus. A few cried as they recounted the difficulties, including headaches, vomiting and emotional distress, they said their children had suffered last year as a result of wearing masks.

Shayna Levin pleaded with the district to give families the freedom of choice so they wouldn't make the choice to take their children, and money, from the district.

"Please don't force my kids to wear a mask," she said. "Leave the choice to mask kids up to their parents."

Mother Heather Remtema said while she supported those who wanted their children to wear masks in school and hoped that measures



Artist Kevin Burdick leans over a scissor lift to paint his mural at Lake and Lafayette in downtown South Lyon on Aug. 5.  
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## Meet Kevin Burdick, the man behind the South Lyon mural

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Kevin Burdick's natural art talent first showed up on the disposable placemats his mother gave him to draw on in restaurants when he was little.

More than three decades later, he's gone a bit bigger and more enduring-

painting a 16-foot high by 48 feet wide mural on the brick side of the Grande Trunke Home store in South Lyon.

Burdick, 36, worked about six hours a day over the course of the past week, starting with a grid and ultimately using about 100 cans of Kobra spray paint to create a masterpiece that flora, fauna and area landmarks while passing mo-

torists honked and waved, and pedestrians stopped to talk to the man who makes the murals.

"Some murals are a statement, some aren't that deep, but some are really satisfying to the soul," Burdick said. "This one is up there for hitting all the marks

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## COVID-19 vaccine booster shots available in Novi

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COVID-19 vaccines were the hottest ticket in town in late winter and spring with those hoping to avoid serious illness and move past the pandemic clamoring for the shots.

Months have passed since those most at-risk received their shots. With fall quickly approaching and cases on the rise again, it's time for a booster.

The Oakland County Health Division will administer booster shots of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine to immunocompromised individuals at a series of drive-thru clinics, including one planned for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 27, at the Novi Fire Station at 49375 W. 10 Mile Road. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ups are welcome. Wear a mask, bring your vaccine record and valid photo identification, and leave your dog at home.

"If you are moderately to severely immunocompromised due to a medical condition or you are on immunosuppressive medications or treatments, you may receive a third dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 28 days after your second dose," Oakland County Health Division Medical Director Dr. Russell Faust said. "The additional vaccine dose should be the same as the first two doses you received, but you do not have to visit the same provider. Individuals should not receive more than three vaccine doses."

Individuals who should consider a third dose include those who have:

- Received an organ or stem cell transplant
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

People with chronic health conditions should talk to their healthcare provider about their medical condition to determine if getting an additional dose is appropriate.

The announcement follows closely on the heels of one made by federal health officials stating that booster shots will be available to anyone eight months after they have received their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

At this time, there is no booster shot for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

The health division will roll out the Pfizer and Moderna boosters to all county residents in late September or early October with guidance from the CDC.

Oakland County's seven-day case average stands at 164 cases per day or 1,148 new cases per week as of Aug. 17.

Of the 1,960 new COVID-19 cases in Oakland County from July 28 to Aug. 10, 17 percent were 18 years old or younger and 23 percent were 19-29 years old. The data, according to the health department, underscores the importance of mitigating the spread of the virus among school-age and college-age students, particularly as they head back to classrooms.

The Oakland County Health Division is holding daily vaccine clinics from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at both its North Oakland Health Center in Pontiac and South Oakland Health Center in Southfield in addition to pop-up clinics in the community.

As of Aug. 13, 70.4% of all eligible (12 and older) Oakland County residents have been vaccinated against COVID-19, according to the county.

Visit [www.oaklandcountyvaccine.com](http://www.oaklandcountyvaccine.com) to locate the nearest Health Division vaccine clinic.

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Maria Scholtens, 15, gets a COVID-19 vaccination from Oakland County Health Division nurse Lynnna Bendali-Amor at the walk-in clinic at Milford Memories on Aug. 13. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Wayne County COVID-19 cases continue to increase

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New coronavirus cases leaped in Michigan in the week ending Sunday, rising 20.1% as 12,043 cases were reported. The previous week had 10,029 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked 47th among the states where coronavirus was spreading the fastest on a per-person basis, a USA TODAY Network analysis of Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the latest week coronavirus cases in the United States increased 12.7% from the week before, with 1,031,057 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 117% of the country's cases in the last week. Across the country, 44 states had more cases in the latest week than they did in the week before.

Wayne County reported 1,863 cases and 21 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 1,626 cases and 21 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 172,919 cases and 5,250 deaths.

Oakland County reported 1,506 cases and 11 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 1,363 cases and 11 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 124,280 cases and 2,496 deaths.

Within Michigan, the worst weekly outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Ontonagon, Branch and Delta counties. Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 1,863 cases; Oakland County, with 1,506 cases; and Macomb County, with 947. Weekly case counts rose in 66 counties from the previous week. The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in Wayne, Kent and Oakland counties.

Michigan ranked 32nd among states in share of people receiving at least one shot, with 54.7% of its residents at least partially vaccinated. The national rate is 60.7%, a USA TODAY analysis of CDC data shows. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which are

the most used in the United States, require two doses administered a few weeks apart.

In the week ending Sunday, Michigan reported administering another 93,792 vaccine doses, including 45,889 first doses. In the previous week, the state administered 78,696 vaccine doses, including 48,830 first doses. In all, Michigan reported it has administered 10,065,791 total doses.

Across Michigan, cases fell in 15 counties, with the best declines in Iosco, Ingham and Allegan counties.

In Michigan, 109 people were reported dead of COVID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 63 people were reported dead.

A total of 1,040,673 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and 21,393 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the United States 37,709,810 people have tested positive and 628,503 people have died.

Note: In the Johns Hopkins University coronavirus data, cases and deaths for the Michigan Department of Corrections and the Federal Correctional Institution separately from Michigan counties.

USA TODAY analyzed federal hospital data as of Sunday, Aug. 22.

Likely COVID patients admitted in the state:

- Last week: 1,149
- The week before that: 1,058
- Four weeks ago: 467

Likely COVID patients admitted in the nation:

- Last week: 127,810
- The week before that: 119,267
- Four weeks ago: 65,419

The USA TODAY Network is publishing localized versions of this story on its news sites across the country, generated with data from Johns Hopkins University and the Centers for Disease Control. If you have questions about the data or the story, contact Mike Stucka at [mstucka@gannett.com](mailto:mstucka@gannett.com).

## Hearts for Heroes offers lifeline to first responders

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Firefighter George Baker's family has a history of heart problems. So, when the Farmington Hills Fire Department offered him a free coronary screening in December, he took it. By April, 61-year-old Baker was on the operating table for open-heart surgery.

"I've been under the care of a cardiologist for three decades, and they never identified this (issue)," Baker said. "And after one test, I knew everything I need to know. And when I got the numbers, I was scared."

Baker's screening showed he had more blockage and buildup than 98% of people his age. Now, he can continue to stay active and hike. But, most important said Baker: He is alive.

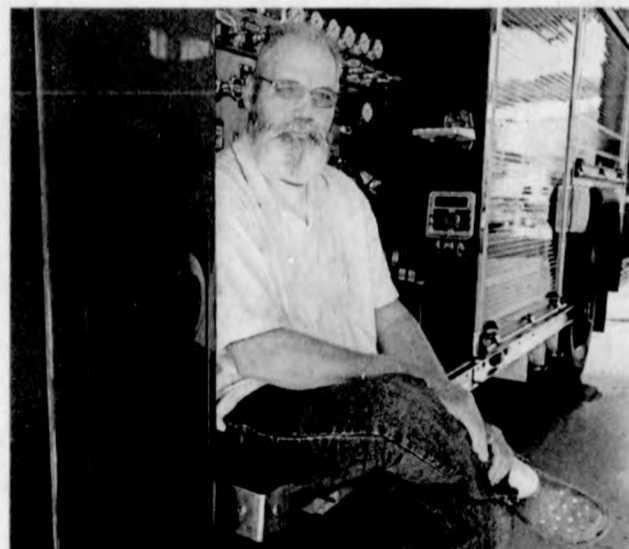
The free coronary artery calcium scoring screenings, offered to the Farmington Hills fire and police departments by Dr. Justin Trivax, are the result of a partnership with Beaumont Health.

The screening, which often costs about \$100 and is not usually covered by insurance, finds a lot of abnormalities that require follow-ups, even in young and otherwise healthy individuals, Trivax said.

"It's interesting, we find that the people who you least expect it do have coronary artery calcification," Trivax said. "We're finding incidental things as well, such as pulmonary nodules. We're finding fatty liver disease in a lot of police and fireman. This is just a test that isn't typical, but it should be."

The idea to offer free screenings to first responders came from Trivax's two teenage daughters.

"We started this program with my sister and my dad, who is obviously a cardiologist," said 16-year-old



Firefighter George Baker, 61, of Milford, has the Hearts for Heroes initiative to thank for a screening that may have saved his life. ERIC SEALS/DFP

Tessa Trivax. "And we just wanted to make sure that all the first responders and people who help save lives have the opportunity to get screened and make sure that they don't have a heart attack while they're on the job saving everyone in all our lives."

The Hearts for Heroes initiative began in December with three Saturdays where first responders could schedule their free screenings. The second round began Aug. 14 and will continue through the next two weekends.

Trivax conducts the screenings while Tessa and her younger sister Sienna are working to raise money to expand the program to other cities. They're even in the process of designing merch.

Farmington Hills Fire Chief John Unruh said about 40% of the department has gotten a screening, and that Baker's story really inspired others to get checked too, even if they think they're healthy.

## U.S. CENSUS

# Lyon, Novi lead population boom in southwestern Oakland County data

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Lyon Township deserves a star on local census maps highlighting notable population surges.

The Oakland County community totaled 23,271 residents in the 2020 decennial count, which was 60% more than the township count in 2010.

"All you need to do is drive around and you can see the building boom," said Sheri Rogge, a township resident for about 20 years.

If she had any concerns to air, they would include the number of dirt roads and the need for a bigger Lyon Township Public Library, where she serves as a board trustee.

Otherwise, she loves being close to the highway and recreational facilities like Kensington Metropark.

Proximity to the highway seemed tied to other big population spurts in western Wayne and Oakland counties.

According to U.S. Census Bureau figures, Novi grew by 20%; Farmington, by 12%; and Birmingham and Canton and Milford townships, by 9%.

"Growth, over the last couple decades, has concentrated around expressways — particularly the 696/96 corridor," said Kurt Metzger, a demographer, business consultant and Pleasant Ridge mayor. "The location allows for easier commuting."

"Western townships also offer larger homes and lots with lower property taxes. This works well for larger families — and they also have the choice of very good school districts."

Detroit's loss of at least 10% was more than Metzger expected, but he liked seeing the growth in the "inner ring suburbs" and "usual exurban winners."

Novi's 20% increase surpassed City Manager Peter Auger's expectations.

While attaching many positives to the growth rate, "one that makes me most proud — and obviously the increase in population demonstrates others feel it, too — is Novi's openness and acceptance toward people of various backgrounds and cultures that work to assimilate and be a part of Novi," he said.

Farmington Mayor Sara Bowman called the city's 12% population hike a fantastic representation of the city's encouragement of growth.

"It's very sustainable, the rate that we're at," she said, emphasizing that her city doesn't have the room to grow that Brighton and Howell have. "It's our diverse and affordable housing stock that I think has always been something that's just so beneficial to folks in terms of looking for new places to live but also retention."

"We've done a lot of work over the last 10 years to relax some of our zoning requirements for housing so that folks can move into a house and then be able to build onto it so you don't have to go anywhere else to get that



Construction underway of the Lockwood senior residence facility continues on Pontiac Trail near Eight Mile Road in Lyon Township.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

second floor, to get that additional bathroom."

Livonia and Highland Township were the only Hometown Life communities that lost people in the 10-year, 2010 to 2020 span.

Metzger said Livonia is governed by its demographics — with a noticeable segment being white and older. He advised community leaders to focus on ways to attract younger families, particularly non-white households.

"We expected that we were going to lose residents," Livonia City Council President Kathleen McIntyre said. "You can see it in the demographics of our school-aged children. We have a lot of empty nesters in Livonia, and we don't have a lot of new housing stock."

"We're always, always looking to add residents. We're always looking for places where we can add additional residential, where it makes sense and where it's attractive for a developer to do so. We are never, ever resting on our laurels."

Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan focused on population gains made in recent years.

The U.S. Census Bureau counted about 1,900 more people in 2020 than it did in 2010.

"So there is growth," Brosnan stressed. "We expect this trend to continue. As we begin imple-

menting our community-inspired, resident-driven Livonia Vision 21, I know Livonia will be the place our children want to come home to."

Canton, with 9 percent growth in the decade, passed Livonia, making it the third largest municipality in the county behind Detroit and Dearborn.

Metzger commended metro Detroit for following a national trend, with people wanting to live in metro areas, as opposed to rural. His research shows more counties growing in the tri-county region rather than shrinking.

To sum up, he said growing populations lead to vital communities able to attract new businesses and build tax bases that allow communities to invest in parks and other amenities.

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## Metro Detroit communities growing

	2020 Population	Growth
Lyon Township	23,271	60%
Salem Township	7,018	25%
Novi	66,243	20%
Farmington	11,597	12%
Green Oak Township	19,539	12%
Northville Township	31,758	11%
Canton	98,659	9%
Milford Township	17,090	9%
Birmingham	21,813	9%
Bloomfield Township	44,253	8%
Milford	6,520	6%
Farmington Hills	83,986	5%
South Lyon	11,746	4%
White Lake Township	30,950	3%
Beverly Hills	10,584	3%
Plymouth	9,370	3%
Northville	6,119	2%
Redford	49,504	2%
Westland	85,420	2%
Plymouth Township	27,938	2%
Wayne	17,713	1%
Highland Township	19,172	Loss of less than 1%
Livonia	95,535	-1%
Oakland County	1,274,395	6%
Wayne County	1,793,561	-1%

"All you need to do is drive around and you can see the building boom."

Sheri Rogge, Lyon Township resident



A row of homes along Pontiac Trail near New Hudson in Lyon Township.

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# Stone Temple Pilots will headline Arts, Beats & Eats

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DETROIT — Arts, Beats & Eats has landed the biggest music act in its 23-year-history, booking Stone Temple Pilots to headline the 2021 festival's opening night.

The veteran rock band is one of 200-plus national and local performers announced for the Labor Day weekend fest in Royal Oak, officially named Soaring Eagle Arts, Beats & Eats Presented by Flagstar Bank.

STP will top a Sept. 3 national stage lineup that also features Canadian classic rock band The Guess Who and Detroit soul-blues mainstay Thornetta Davis.

Other main stage performers for the weekend include pop-rock quartet Neon Trees and Starship Sept. 4, with R&B singer Bobby Brown and '90s hitmaker

the Gin Blossoms to close the fest Sept. 6. The fest's Sunday headliner hasn't been set, but the day will include appearances by country acts Justin Moore and Frank Ray.

Stone Temple Pilots' latest lineup features Michigan-bred Jeff Gutt on vocals, alongside founding members Dean DeLeo, Robert DeLeo and Eric Kretz.

Gutt — a Marine City native and "X Factor" alum who performed solo at the 2014 Arts, Beats & Eats — was named STP lead singer in 2017, following the deaths of Scott Weiland and Chester Bennington.

On the local front, AB&E will feature its typical genre-spanning array of metro Detroit bands and solo acts playing on seven stages, along with a stage devoted to children's entertainment.

A "Performance Pit" area hosted by new cannabis sponsor House of Dank will include an assortment of local acts,

including nighttime DJs presented by the Movement festival.

At a Wednesday news media event revealing festivals details, officials said they have increased payments to local musicians by 10% — one year after many performed for free as part of AB&E's virtual event during the pandemic.

Arts, Beats & Eat also revealed its 2021 food details, including the 50-plus restaurants participating in the event. Newcomers include Mexican cantina Tequila Blue and fine-dining establishment ImaginATE. Additional eateries are expected to be named.

The festival previously announced it is eliminating its longtime ticketing system for food and beverages, moving to pay-as-you-go for concessions.

Beaumont Health has signed as sponsor of AB&E's juried arts show, which will feature more than 100 artists

and craftsmen working in a variety of media.

Arts, Beats & Eats admission prices will jump to \$10 and \$5 for most of the weekend — up from \$3-\$7 in 2019.

Fest-goers can get in free before 5 p.m. on Sept. 3's opening day, which means early arrivers can catch Stone Temple Pilots for free that night. Admission is \$10 after 5 p.m. that day.

For the rest of the weekend, admission is \$5 before 3 p.m. and \$10 after that.

Patrons who donate three or more canned goods at participating Flagstar Bank locations can receive a coupon for \$5 off admission. The effort is part of AB&E's annual food drive in coordination with Gleaners Community Food Bank.

For details, including participating restaurants, art-show booths and family activities, go to artsbeatseats.com.

## Travel across the ocean to Europe at Northville's newest restaurant

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Flowers? Check. Candy? Check. A nice restaurant for a date? Check.

Northville residents Alicia and Ryan Racine can now say they have everything couples need for a nice night out on the town. The owners of both Adorn flower shop and Sugar Lu's candy shop in downtown Northville recently opened their newest venture: Toria, a European-style café serving up brunch and dinner.

The restaurant, located at 115 E. Main St., opened its doors Aug. 17. It sports an intimate feel inside, with seating for just a few dozen. Dishes have a European feel to them, with small and large plates having influences from countries such as England, Scotland, Ireland and Greece. Dishes include small plates such as boxty, crudo and grilled halloumi. Larger plates currently being served include dishes such as steak and potatoes and roast chicken.

"The idea was more of that European-style café, where it's more the café isn't just a coffee shop," Ryan Racine said. "As the menu ideas grew, so did our needs for what we had in the kitchen."

It occupies the storefront that formerly held Edward's Café & Caterer. The restaurant's name, for seasoned Anglophiles, has an indirect homage to the former restaurant. Toria was the nickname given to Princess Victoria Alexandra Olga Mary, one of King Edward VII's daughters. Edward VII reigned over England from 1901 to 1910.

Using a name with a connection to the former Edward's, Alicia Racine said, was intentional.

"We really wanted to play off Northville's heritage and history as a Victorian town. So that was the first concept," she said. "From there, we wanted to pay



**Toria bartender Scott Mullen prepares a Victoria cocktail at the Northville bar and restaurant on Aug. 17. The drink includes pea-flour gin, egg white, lemon simple syrup and a garnish of lavender.**  
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homage to Edward's. So we started there."

The space has been in the works since late last year. It took several months of renovations to prepare the restaurant, which also included redoing the kitchen entirely, Alicia Racine said.

"We have a brand-new nice kitchen, all-new equipment," she said. "So it's kind of nice."

The walls are adorned with Victorian-style paintings, which give the space a very cozy feel. Add the ambience of the potted plants outside along a closed Main Street and Toria feels like a cozy space in London.

Having Main Street closed as a way to help local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic has been a blessing for the Racine's current shops and kept them alive.

"Our retail has picked up so much across the street," she said. "It's a no-

brainer for us. Our business has gone up."

The restaurant is currently open for dinner all week and brunch on weekends. The hope is to eventually expand Toria's hours to offer lunch in the future as well.

"We do want to be open for lunches and have that daytime café feel as well," Ryan Racine said.

Once they have some more staff and experience after being open, they hope to offer a traditional Sunday roast dinner as well, a British tradition.

The opening marks the Racine family's most-recent connection with the downtown area, a place they love deeply.

"We're really committed to being down here and being a part of the community," Alicia Racine said.

For more information, including a menu, visit torianorthville.com.

## Rabid bat found in Green Oak backyard

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A rabid bat was recently collected from a Green Oak Township backyard, according to the Livingston County Health Department.

The health department announced Thursday it is the first identified case of rabies in a Livingston County animal this year. The last time an animal tested positive for rabies in the county was September 2020.

"Stay away from wildlife," Lindsay Gestro, county emergency preparedness coordinator, said. "People want to help them and you see them injured in your yard or on the side of the road and you have good intentions, but the risk of exposure is great."

Wild animals are more active at this time of year, increasing the possibility of human exposure to rabies, a viral disease of mammals transmitted through the bite, saliva or scratch of an infected animal.

The county said the bat was found at a residence with a South Lyon mailing address, but officials declined to provide any more specifics. Eastern Green Oak Township is the only Livingston County area within South Lyon's 48178 zip code.

Gestro said a rabid animal does not show symptoms of the disease until it is too far gone. Humans must get treatment immediately if they have been exposed to a possibly rabid animal.

"Exposures can take place in a variety of settings, including when bats are found in the bedroom of a sleeping person or a child comes into contact with an infected animal," Gestro said. "It is important to seek medical care to determine the need for post-exposure treatment. Rabies is fatal to humans if proper treatment is not received before symptoms begin."

Preventive treatment is given to people who are exposed to a potentially rabid animal, she continued.

If an animal can be tested and the results are negative for rabies, human treatment can be avoided.

To protect your family from rabies follow these tips:

- Leave wild and stray animals alone, including baby animals. Animals could be carrying rabies and not appear sick. Do not try to nurse sick wildlife or stray animals to health. Report ill wildlife to the Department of Natural Resources. Contact your local animal control agency with concerns about stray animals.

- If you are bitten or scratched by an animal, promptly seek medical care and notify the county health department about the bite.

- If a person may have been asleep in the same room as a bat, or a young child or person with an impairment may have been alone with a bat, safely confine or collect the bat if possible and contact the county health department to determine if it should be tested for rabies. If the bat escapes or is released, contact the county health department to discuss the situation and determine if treatment of people potentially exposed to the bat is necessary.

More information about rabies can be found at michigan.gov/rabies.

## Police offer security tips after break-in report

**Susan Vela** Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Milford police are offering helpful advice because of a disturbing attempted burglary report involving an elderly woman and a strange man who knocked on her door.

Still at large, the man went from wanting to exchange money with the Commerce Street resident to claiming he had turned off the power in her home before entering and apparently rustled through her belongings.

"First and foremost, I would advocate each and every citizen, not only seniors, to keep their doors and windows locked. Locks are an effective deterrent," said Lt. Scott Tarasiewicz, recommending deadbolt locks over chain locks since the latter can be forced open and provide a false sense of security.

Other advice included installing video doorbells or peepholes, not opening doors to strangers or hinting that you're alone and asking service people for identification. If the resident did not request service, they should call the service provider and verify the call for service.

"Never let a stranger into your home," Tarasiewicz said. "If someone asks to use your phone, offer to make the call for them. If they truly need help or assistance, they should be fine with you making the call."

"Finally, call 911. Do not hesitate. If you feel uncomfortable with a person on your property or find a situation suspicious, call 911. A 911 call will be sent directly to the dispatch center. This is the most efficient way to get officers to your location."

His advice comes following a harrowing July 9 report that could have had a much worse outcome.

According to the police report, a Commerce Street resident past her 100th birthday heard pounding on her door.

She opened the door to find a large man wearing a neon yellow jacket and asking if she could provide change for a \$100 bill.

He continued to ask for smaller amounts of money, including 50 cents, for the \$100 bill while she kept repeating that she does not keep money in the home.

When speaking to police, she told them the man, wearing a mask, then placed his foot in the door frame, preventing her from closing the door.

He wanted to know if she received the note he left for her that morning and she said no. He then said he needed to shut off her home's power.

She led him into the house because she felt intimidated. He turned off the power to her living room TV and cable box before going toward the basement. He apparently was in the basement

for a small while. Without doing anything there, he then returned upstairs and walked toward the bedrooms.

He left after asking her to sign a paper and telling her he had to call his boss.

The woman's caretaker arrived to find the man leaving in a silver truck. There was a "Jesus fish" sticker on the tailgate.

The caretaker called police when she noticed the house had been disturbed.

Providing a description of a blond man with a grey-peppered, scruffy beard, and a peach-hued face with flushed cheeks; she showed police the bedrooms where she noticed a table flipped over and a chair thrown to the side.

Cabinet doors were open. Boxes of checks had been pulled out and examined.

The man who drove her to the house said the man in neon yellow entered the passenger side of the vehicle — perhaps a 2017 GMC Sierra — that drove away.

Police called the homeowner's son, who had placed a hold on his mother's account.

Anyone with information is asked to call Milford Police Department, 248-684-1815.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com.

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**My mother is in a nursing home, she is now almost out of money and we will be applying for medicaid soon. while we are working to get medicaid, and while the cash is gone, can the nursing home kick mom out for non payment? second question, medicaid is looking at moms money from present to 5 years back, about 6 or 8 years ago an account was open in my nieces name. my mom is the second name on this account, can they also take this money?**

**Concerned Kid**

Dear Concerned: Question #1: Once the Medicaid application is complete, with all 300 pages of attachments, Medicaid still has 45 days to respond. And it is often much longer. No surprise to the nursing home. No big deal. They will wait. A skilled nursing facility is much like a hospital when it comes to pay and refusing services. Government requires that the hospital and the home MUST provide services. Even if they do not get paid. Sure, there is a "kick mom out" procedure if she does not pay. But "involuntary separation" is complex and difficult for the home. And they always lose. So the nursing homes hardly ever bother. The Result: HUGE bad debts that will never be paid. HERE'S A THOUGHT: Ever wonder why nursing homes and hospitals are so expensive for us middle class folks? Gee... Maybe all the "free" services have something to do with why nursing homes cost \$400 per day and a hospital aspirin is \$12? [Who's up for "free" college?]

Question #2: If mom's name is on an account, caseworkers figure mom must own the money. Not true, of course, but that is how they think. If you can prove that the money came from the niece (or other person on the account)... hurrah! If not, too bad, so sad.

The absolute worst is when mom, dad, son, daughter, niece, nephew, butcher, baker, candlestick maker all put their social security, pension, IRA distribution, paycheck and everything else into the same account. And then pay the bills. Good luck, Chuck! Now Medicaid counts the same money against different folks. Nightmare! Do not put all the money together. Keep it separate.

**Can I stop the sale of a house?  
Rough situation: Grandmother is dead.  
Grandfather has pretty far along  
Alzheimer's disease.  
Aunt, who has power of attorney is trying to sell the house to a neighbor, and wants to tell the neighbor if any of us are interested so that they "know they have competition" something that will likely drive the price unreasonably high. Is there any legal mechanism to injunct the sale of the house to allow those of us, including myself in the family who are interested in purchasing it for fair market value to do so before it goes to the market?**

**Sale Stopper**

Dear Stopper: Medicaid absolutely requires that Aunt sell the house for fair market value. If she fails, Medicaid will hit Grandfather with a penalty period. "So what the heck is 'fair market value'?" I hear you say. Well, there are many definitions.

My favorite says: Fair Market Value is the price that would be paid by a willing Buyer and a willing Seller with knowledge of all relevant facts.

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**ANSWER TO THE QUESTION YOU DID NOT ASK:** Should we sell the homestead, when Grandfather is likely to need Medicaid? No! What Einstein came up with THAT idea? Oh... It was in a video on the Internet... Please tell me you are not falling for that! Er, uh, I mean... Selling the homestead is more than likely an ill-advised course of action. Harumph.

Sell homestead. Spend money for services Medicaid would pay for. Huh? It is possible, however unlikely, that this is a great idea, a brilliant strategy. But I doubt it. Consider that the homestead is a store of value. Leverage it to provide additional services to Grandfather while he is on Medicaid. Call me and I will happily explain in more detail.

**What are the tax consequences of caring for my parents (both in hospice) and accepting funds from them from their ssi and savings**

**My brother and his wife now care for our parents in there home. They have health care poa. I have financial poa. I have agreed to pay them from my parents ssi and savings \$10000 per month for the services. They are not trained care givers. I am concerned about tax consequences both employment as payee and as income for my brother.**

**Care Medicaid Taxes**

Dear CMT:

Tax Question You Asked: Any money you pay to brother or his wife to provide services for mom and dad will be taxable income. Brother and Wife will have to pay federal, state, local income taxes. Plus federal self-employment tax. Did I mention Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Taxes? And now that we have COVID, there's a whole new raft of requirements. See IRS Publication 926, Household Employer's Tax Guide. Enjoy! <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p926.pdf>

Depending on how you set it up, these burdens will descend on your brother and sister-in-law and/or on your mom and dad. Yes. It is a nightmare.

Medicaid Question You Did Not Ask: Congratulations! You jumped through

all the tax hoops necessary to hire family members! Paid all the additional costs. Filed all the paperwork. Now you are an expert! But what about Medicaid?

Unfortunately, even though you already complied with a telephone book's worth of rules and regulations, you are not done yet. You must submit to Medicaid. If you do not, every nickel legitimately paid for services will be treated as a Medicaid gift. You read that right. Does not matter that you paid taxes, insurance, etc. All those dollars are a gift in the eyes of Medicaid.

Funny thing about the Medicaid rules for paying family members. I do not believe it is possible to comply with them. At least I have never seen anyone comply with these rules. And I believe that is on purpose. Medicaid does not like folks paying family members for care. That was a policy decision made years ago. And we are living with it today.

P.S. There is a Medicaid program of limited scope that will pay family members to be caregivers. But family members cannot pay family members without creating a penalty period. Generally speaking



**Can a person make you sell your primary residence that was left in a will to 2 unrelated people?**

**My mom's husband died and left the home equally to her and to his grandson. This has been her primary residence for 25 years. The grandson is trying to make her sell it and move. But she wants to refinance buy him out. But he doesn't want to do that.**

**How Sharper Than A Serpent's Tooth,  
An Ungrateful Grandchild!**

Dear Sharper:

Can Greedy Grandchild evict Sainted Spouse? Maybe (Don't you hate that word?) Depends. (Another hateful word!) But in every legal matter, the actual words matter.

Maybe the Will is painfully simple. Let's say the Will only states that the remaining property is divided between Surviving Sainted Spouse and Grasping Greedy Grandchild. Nice and simple, right? Thank goodness those lawyers did not make it all confusing and hard to understand.

Well, the simple truth is that now GGGrandchild can get the Probate Court to evict SSSpouse. And then sell the property. And then divide the money. Whoops! Where is SSSpouse supposed to live now? Did Old Granddad intend to throw his beloved to the wolves? Kick her to the corner?

Maybe the Will is a little more complex. What if the Will states that SSSpouse

and GGGrandchild are joint tenants with rights of survivorship. Whoops Again! GGGrandchild cannot evict his step-grandmother (if there is such a thing), but he can now move into the homestead. With his Great Dane. And all his biker-gang friends. Old Granddad has a lot to answer for!

Perhaps the Will excludes Grasping Greedy Grandchild by giving Surviving Sainted Spouse an exclusive life estate. She alone can live in the homestead. Until she dies. But then she goes to a long-term care facility. And for the next 10 years, until she passes, no one lives in or uses the homestead. Except a few lonely raccoons. And a bat or two. Whoops yet Again! Because no-one is paying the taxes, the city takes the house. Because no one is living there, it becomes a crack house. Because no one is paying the insurance, it burns to the ground.

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## Renewed

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Northville residents' resistance to the increased population and traffic density original plans would have created, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Representatives of Hunter Pasteur hosted a series of feedback-gathering forums with Northville residents during the past several months in an effort to harvest their thoughts on features they would like to see (and not see) if the property is ultimately developed, Northville officials revealed.

"I'm very enthused about what I'm hearing occurred during the meetings and forums," said Turnbull. "And I'm excited about the Aug. 30 conceptual design presentation, as I'm sure many Northville residents are."

A planning commission meeting in 2018 that focused on The Downs project attracted hundreds of people to an auditorium inside Hillside Middle School.

The Aug. 30 meeting is a conceptual presentation only. Hunter Pasteur has not made a formal submission to the planning commission and is not requesting that action be taken at this time, a notice on the city's website announced.

Northville City Council member and planning commissioner Andrew Krenz said Planning Commission members were prohibited from attending the forums and meetings hosted by Hunter Pasteur until a formal submission is made to the planning commission.

"It is a due process matter that prohibits us from reviewing details of the plan before they are formally submitted," Krenz said.

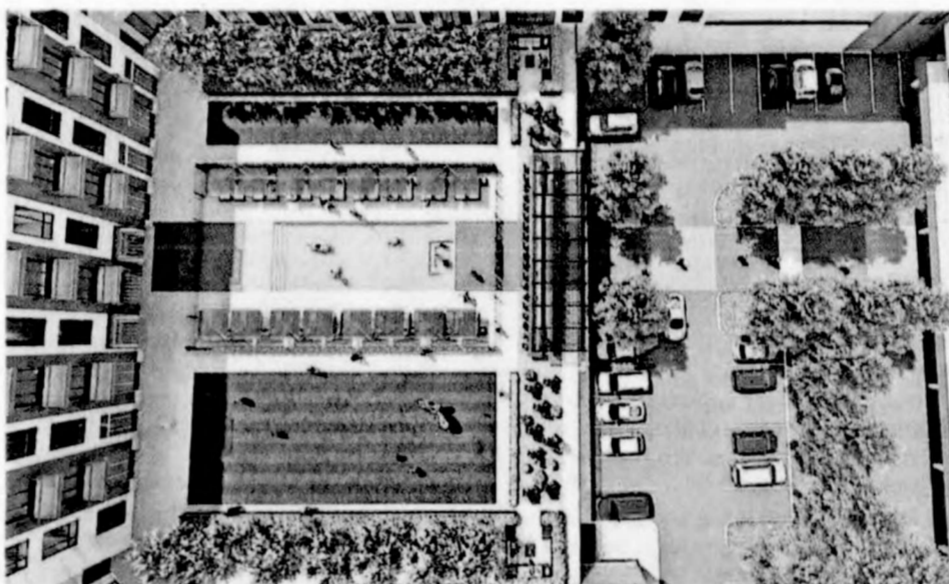
Hunter Pasteur's original plan, named The Downs, was a mixed-use project that as presented would have featured approximately 50 single-family homes, 180 townhomes, 300 multi-family apartments and more than 18,000 square feet of commercial space. It was deemed PUD-eligible at the planning commission's April 16, 2019 meeting — despite marked opposition from residents.

The project was tabled by the planning commission in June 2019.

"Essentially, the commissioners weren't satisfied with (Hunter Pasteur's) plan," said then-Northville City Planner Sally Elmiger. "They were con-



A rendering of The Downs Development. IMAGES COURTESY OF HUNTER PASTEUR HOMES



An overhead rendering of the preliminary plans for the apartment complex.

cerned that the plan wasn't unique to Northville's distinct character. There is also concern about traffic and the proposed density of the plan, among other things."

After enduring pandemic-related delays and reaching out to Northville citizens for more palatable features, Hunter

Pasteur is bringing a revised back before the decision-makers.

From what Krenz has heard from attendees at feedback forums, the developer's second set of plans for the property are more in line with what residents would prefer.

"Although I won't know for sure until

I actually see a formal presentation," Krenz said.

A couple of encouraging signs for people who want to see some form of development unfold at the decades-old horse racing venue are that there is still a desire on the part of the developer to purchase the property and the owner of the track and surrounding property still want to sell.

"Whatever happens, there won't be shovels digging into dirt for at least a few more years," Krenz predicted. "This is a very deliberate process, which it should be, because it will have such a huge impact on downtown Northville for decades to come."

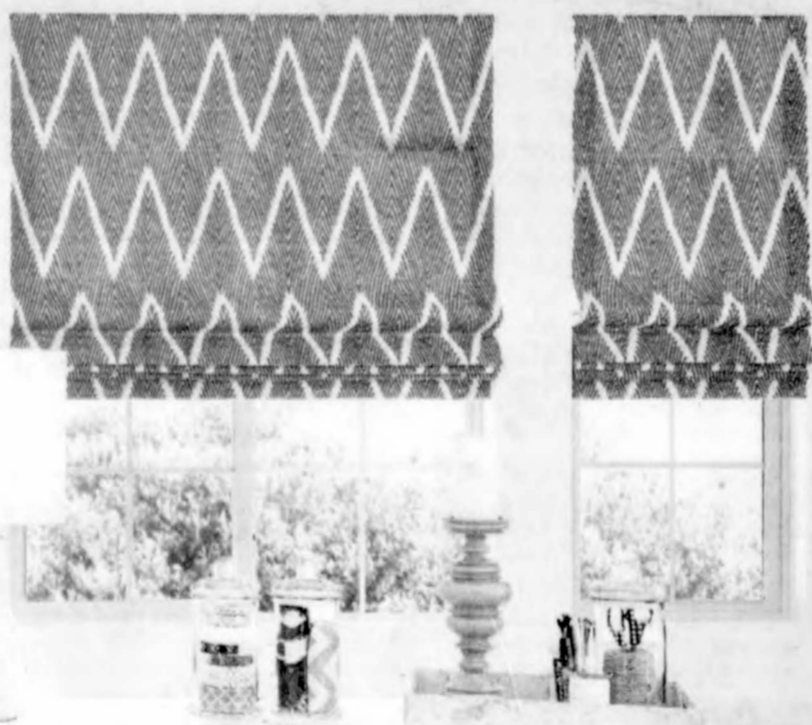
"We have all seen exciting, large-scale development plans — for example, the land that was formerly the home of the Northville Township psychiatric hospital — that still haven't been realized several years later."

The Aug. 30 virtual planning commission meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. People can watch and ask questions by visiting at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us). From the home page they can click on the business tab and then the Proposed Redevelopment Projects for further instructions.



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## Mural

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— it's fun, I'm getting paid and people are liking it."

The mural was completed Tuesday night with an owl, cardinal and daisies on one side, a bat, pumpkins, apple trees and the old South Lyon Hotel on the other, and in the center, an elaborate compass featuring the lion and cougar mascots from both high schools, the Witches Hat Depot Museum, and Michigan Seamless Tube.

A welcome banner is flawlessly integrated into the mural and the overall effect of the work is stunning and the talk of the town, drawing rave reviews from city council members who have called it beautiful and iconic, Police Chief Chris Sovik who said he was "amazed at the talent this guy can do with a spray can" and Grande Trunke Owner Susan Stowe, who commissioned the work to begin with.

"I love it," she said. "I am just so honored he could do the mural for us and so excited for the community and the downtown. I am elated and couldn't be happier."

The birds are her favorite part of the work and have special significance—with the owl representing a visitor from heaven; the owl wisdom and inspiration; and the bat rebirth and transition.

Ironically, Stowe was unaware that she had picked the perfect artist for a feathered friend obsession when she started thinking about a mural two years ago.

With a combination of his name and his specialization, Burdick said he is known as "the Bird man." His largest artwork is a 70-foot sandhill crane he painted on a downtown Flint building two years ago.

"That was scary," he laughed as he took a break from painting in sweltering temperatures last week to talk about his work. "I love heights, but it was a little risky."

The crane was also the artwork that really started attracting attention to Burdick and advancing the career of the 2003 Flint Powers grad who had often heard that art was a side job, not a way to make a living, and he needed to go to school for something else.

He worked in a pizza shop in Howell and took art classes at Mott Community



Artist Kevin Burdick spray paints a mural on the southern side of the Grande Trunk building in South Lyon on Aug. 5.

JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

College before studying animation at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh in 2008, but found it was too much computer and not enough fine art. Around 2010, he started his own business, Scrapsdesigns, and for the next six years, gleaned most of his business from airbrushing vehicles.

He also was doing live art at music festivals and other outdoor events and began dabbling in murals.

"I've always loved spray painting and graffiti, a forbidden fruit," he said. "It always intrigued me and society and the universe came together and now it's so much more accepted than in the 90s and early 2000s when it was associated with vandalism. Now people are accepting it as an art form and doing it with spray paint gives it a more hip vibe."

His murals really started to take off, their own form of billboard advertising.

During the past four years, he has painted more than 200 murals and is particularly proud of the work he has done with the Flint Public Art Project, in which murals are painted on abandoned buildings to fight blight and bring color to the city. Some of his more recent murals are themed around the Civil Rights movement, with images of historic figures including Martin Luther King, Jr. and Barack Obama figuring prominently in his work.

In commissioned work, Burdick acknowledges it can be a fine balance with his own creative instincts as an artist.

With municipal murals, such as South Lyon's, he draws a rough sketch in pencil before drawing it on an iPad. Once approved by city officials, he adds color to the drawing and gets more approvals for designs.

The painting process itself is short—

usually only a week, maybe two-- and Burdick makes it sound simple, saying he uses a grid method for scale—going from 1-inch squares on his original drawing to 2-foot by 2-foot squares on the actual building, "then I just copy what's in the box."

He never touches a brush, just goes to town on a wall with cans of spray paint, about 200 total colors.

But looking at the finished masterpiece, in all its brilliant, stunning, awe-inspiring perfection, nothing seems simple.

Burdick now moves on to his next assignments, more art in Flint, including a Sept. 11 memorial mural, one in Grand Blanc, and this winter Miami and a mural festival in Mexico in January. But he may return to South Lyon for an encore.

To see more of Burdick's work, follow him on Instagram @kevscraps14.

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## Masks

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would be taken to avert bullying, she also supported those who did not want their children to be masked and wondered when the time would be to return to "normalcy," if not now.

"What is the goalpost?" she asked. "Do we wait until we get to the Omega variant? Do we wait until we have booster shots for the whole Greek alphabet?"

By far the minority in the speaking audience were those advocating for masks with only three speaking out during the meeting in favor of masks being required.

Ryan Dolley, father of an incoming kindergartener, said while he didn't wish for his daughter to start school masked, it is the mitigation measure needed to ensure she has consistent in-person learning and doesn't have to be educated via Zoom, an even less appealing scenario for him.

He also said Oakland County's overall vaccination rate of 70% had likely given the district more confidence than it should, as it was more a result of extremely high vaccination acceptance, 90% or more, in wealthy suburbs including Novi, Royal Oak, Birmingham and West Bloomfield, while communities in Huron Valley are between 46% to less than 60%.

"These (Huron Valley rates) are not Birmingham numbers, these are Florida numbers," Dolley said. "I'm asking you to be proactive again, to promote the one thing we can agree on: that is the vital necessity of in-person learning. In-person learning for the entire fall can only be secured by reinstating the mitigation measures from last year, like mandatory masking."

But School Board President Sean Carlson and Superintendent Paul Salah made it clear that a mask requirement is not their intention unless the Oakland County Health Division requires them to do so, even as they acknowledged that emails from parents indicate there are just as many families who favor mandatory masking as there are opposed.

"We are not ignoring the expertise of public health officials," Carlson said. "Our lane is public education, theirs is public health. We are mirroring their



Kindergarten students at Kent Lake Elementary in South Lyon before the pandemic. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

language."

Carlson added that the health department has the authority to require face masks and the district had followed those orders before and would again if mandated, but he maintained that districts should not be asked to require something that health officers aren't willing to order themselves.

"We depend on their consistency," he said. "Inconsistency jeopardizes credibility. They do not need to pass these to us when we don't have the legal authority to enforce it."

"We have been consistent from the beginning, this is not a cop out."

Salah agreed and added the district is bound to follow the law and will follow any orders from the health department, and in the meantime, the district is making their best efforts on social distancing and air purification systems and will continue to monitor local conditions and work with health officials moving forward. He noted the HVS summer school program this summer ran for 8 weeks without masking and had "no issues."

"If the health department feels masks are essential, they should mandate it in schools, and in all environments they think are pertinent and important," he said. "We aren't public health officials, they are."

### South Lyon COVID-19 approach

South Lyon is taking a similar ap-

proach despite some pushback from some in the community after Superintendent Steven Archibald emailed a letter with back to school plans that included masks as optional (except for buses, where they are required).

Dan Wreschnig's response was to enroll his children in a private Montessori school this fall where all children will be wearing masks, instead of South Lyon Schools.

"It's important that kids have a stable environment," he said. "If the public schools aren't masking or doing these other recommendations by the CDC, I don't think that is a good way to be educating the kids."

Wreschnig said he and his children's pediatrician recommended face-to-face instruction. He just wants it done safely for both his kids and the community as a whole.

He also called it "incredibly irresponsible" of the district to remain mute on the subject of vaccination rather than actively promoting it.

In an emailed response, Archibald thanked Wreschnig and his neighbor who sent identical concerns regarding the district's plans, noting that the district would continue to recommend and encourage mask wearing. He disagreed with the assertion that it was the district's responsibility to promote vaccinations.

"Personally, I am vaccinated and believe in its effectiveness," Archibald wrote. "However, there is ample information available for parents to review and make a decision for their eligible children which is their choice. Last school year, the district took considerable effort to promote the vaccine with our staff and worked with multiple sources to make sure that any staff member who wanted to be vaccinated could get it... Thankfully, vaccines are now readily available."

During the Tuesday board of education meeting, some audience members even expressed astonishment that the entire board was wearing masks. Board President Craig Dashner explained that the CDC is recommending masking in areas with high transmission of COVID-19, which currently includes Oakland County.

"We are emulating behavior that we want to see our students do," Dashner said, but made clear that it is still a recommendation, not a mandate and "it makes sense to allow choice."

He also warned that while the district is keeping masks optional to start the school year, that could very well change, based on guidance and conditions and he expects the situation to remain "fluid."

### County plans COVID-19 guidance

Oakland County Communications Director Bill Mullan said the health division continues to work on its guidance for schools, expected to be completed soon, but "as of this time, our health officer is not issuing any pandemic health orders with regard to the beginning of the school year."

As of now, quarantines this year will only be required of students who have tested positive, not of students who were within 3 feet of social distance for more than 15 minutes but are not showing symptoms.

In Novi, Superintendent Steve Matthews will recommend keeping masks optional. The board of education will vote on his recommendations on Aug. 25.

The Northville Board of Education will also meet next week to vote on protocols for the school year.

"We have received quite a mixed response on both sides, across the spectrum," District Communications Specialist Sarah Jacobs said. "We have heard from families that they would like to see masking and some want no masking. And on top of that we have heard about cohorting. Across the board, it's pretty evenly mixed... It's definitely an interesting time."

Wreschnig acknowledged the difficulty South Lyon and other districts find themselves in.

"It's very clear the buck has been passed and no one is eager to take responsibility for this, but there is a clear right choice and a clear wrong choice," Wreschnig said. "A lot of parents like me have always assumed in the end, people would do the right thing, to keep their students, families, communities safe. But school starts in a few weeks and based on the response, I don't see the right thing happening."

The first day of school in South Lyon, Novi and Northville is Sept. 7. The first day in Huron Valley is Sept. 8.

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Runners compete in the Lamplighter meet under the lights of Ford Field in Livonia. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Novi, Northville begin quest for state meet at Lamplighter Invite

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 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Mihir Gupta broadened his view of where running can take him before he started preparing for the fall.

Before officially starting his senior cross country season at Novi, Gupta traveled to Eugene, Oregon, with a group of his Wildcats teammates — including junior co-captain Griffin Conway and graduated senior Miles Brown — to run in the 4x800-meter championship relay and the 1600-meter sprint medley relay at The Outdoor Nationals.

Finishing in the top 10 in each of those races, Gupta remembers feeling the weight of the preparation, the nerves he had to deal with in his first introduction to the national stage, a stage he felt he should be on.

Sitting in Novi's tent, warming up for the Lamplighter Invite at Ford Field in Livonia — his first cross country race of his senior season — Gupta viewed the team as his. It's his turn to lead his teammates to do what leaders like Brown and Matthew Gustitus helped him accomplish in the past.

"There's no cushion to fall back on anymore," Gupta said. "All the decisions are either going to fall on me or Griffin in



The first flight of varsity boys runners pass by a light on Ford Field in Livonia.

terms of our team success. We're just going to have to fill bigger shoes than we already filled before."

The shoes are pretty large.

In 2020, the Wildcats finished their season with a fourth-place finish at the Division 1 cross country state meet, placing three runners in the top 50, in-

cluding Gupta, who ran a 15:46.63.

Novi head boys cross country coach Brad Moore knows the talent Novi lost heading into 2021. But he also sees a group, led by captains Gupta, Conway, Jimmy Schafer and Seth Wood, that

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## Five questions ahead of Week 1

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As the Michigan high school football season begins Thursday, there are many storylines to watch from Hometown Life-area teams in 2021.

Here are five questions that Week 1 of the football season could start to solve.

### Will South Lyon win the Lakes Valley Conference?

This isn't a question that will be finalized in Week 1. But South Lyon feels like if it beats Walled Lake Western in the first game of the 2021 season, it will be in the driver's seat for a Lakes Valley Conference title.

Since the league's inception in 2017, the Lions, the Warriors and Lakeland have been the top-tier teams, consistently finishing in the top four of the league all but once: a last-place finish by South Lyon in 2017.

Even before the season begins, South Lyon seems to be in the driver's seat, bringing back eight starters on each side of the ball, including senior wide receiver and defensive back Quinn Fracassi — a ball-catcher head coach Jeff Henson feels can go up

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## How area teams will do this season

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The high school football season is upon us.

Before season officially kicks off Aug. 26, here's a look at how Hometown Life's area teams should finish over the course of the 2021 season (predicted records in parenthesis).

### KLAA East

Livonia Churchill (7-2, 5-2 in conference play)

Livonia Franklin (6-3, 4-3 in conference play)

Livonia Stevenson (4-5, 3-4 in conference play)

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## New-look Novi football unites over changes in playbook

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Jim Sparks entered his first fall camp as Novi football's head coach as the new guy, the one trying to fit in.

But he's also the one completely changing everything, throwing a new offensive and defensive playbook at the

players after spending 19 years as the head coach at Clawson. While the outcome remains the same — the simple goal of scoring more points than an opponent — Sparks chooses a different way to do it.

In his first practices at Novi, that change hasn't been stressful. It's actually been refreshing.

"For 20 years, we ran the same offense where I was at. The kids would show up each year with the same bad habit they ended with the year before," Sparks said. "Here, everybody started with a clean slate."

"The first time I teach Tommy Phimister, the first time I teach Noah Fitzgerald, even if they are on different ends

of the spectrum in terms of size and the position they play, they both start from ground zero. Neither one of them knew the terminology, neither one of them knew the footwork. It's been great to start with a whole new group ... with no knowledge of what we are doing."

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# Hometown Life's top 10 high school football teams

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Week 1 is finally upon us. Teams across the area are preparing for the first game of the 2021 season, setting their sights on a playoff run starting at the end of October. Here's a look at where Hometown Life's teams stack up before the first snaps of the season.

## 1. Detroit Catholic Central

A roster filled with juniors in 2020 came within 14 points of the Shamrocks' first regional title since 2017. Now with a roster filled with senior returners, including the starting quarterback and the front seven of a defense that allowed 101 points all season, expectations are for CC to not only make the regional final, but possibly exceed it.

## 2. Livonia Churchill

This is the season the Chargers have been waiting for. With five returners on offense and six returners on defense — many of which are heading into their third season starting on varsity — Churchill has the experience of playing big games late in the postseason. Add senior quarterback Taj Williams, who transferred back to the Chargers after playing his junior season in Georgia, to the mix and you have a contender in the KLAA East.

## 3. South Lyon

The only thing seemingly stopping South Lyon's momentum in 2020 was the COVID-19 pandemic, forcing a forfeit in the district final against North Farmington. Now with eight starters back on both sides of the ball, expectations are high for the Lions. Watch out for a Week 1 matchup against Walled Lake Western that could decide the Lakes Valley Conference.

## 4. North Farmington

North Farmington continued to make strides in 2020, finishing with seven wins and its deepest playoff run in 1978. Losing offensive weapons like quarterback Jacob Bousamra and running back Justin Whitehorn, the Raiders have a team to build around returning skill players like senior Aaron Rice and defensive back Jasper Beeler, facing what could be an extremely difficult OAA White schedule.

## 5. Canton

In 2020, Canton recorded its first undefeated regular season in 10 years, earned playoff wins against Wayne Me-

morial and Livonia Stevenson, before being stopped in its tracks by KLAA East foe Belleville. Returning six players on each side of the ball, including senior running back Zack Badger and senior lineman Giulian Bodiu, Canton looks to lead the West for the second-straight season.

## 6. Lakeland

The Eagles continued their string of success in 2020, earning their fourth-straight seven-win season, while earning their third trip to the district final in that timespan. With a new head coach in James Calhoun, Lakeland will look to compete for a Lakes Valley Conference title in 2021 with returning quarterback Tate Farquhar and right guard and defensive lineman Dillon Gacki.

## 7. Livonia Franklin

One season after finishing fourth in the KLAA East with experienced linemen and inexperienced skill players, Franklin's flipping the script in 2021. The Patriots' experience comes from its skill guys: quarterback Zac Olesuk, wide receiver Brandon Reiten, running back Cordel Mabins and safety Gary Morris. If it develops an offensive and defensive line, Franklin will be a team to watch in the KLAA East.

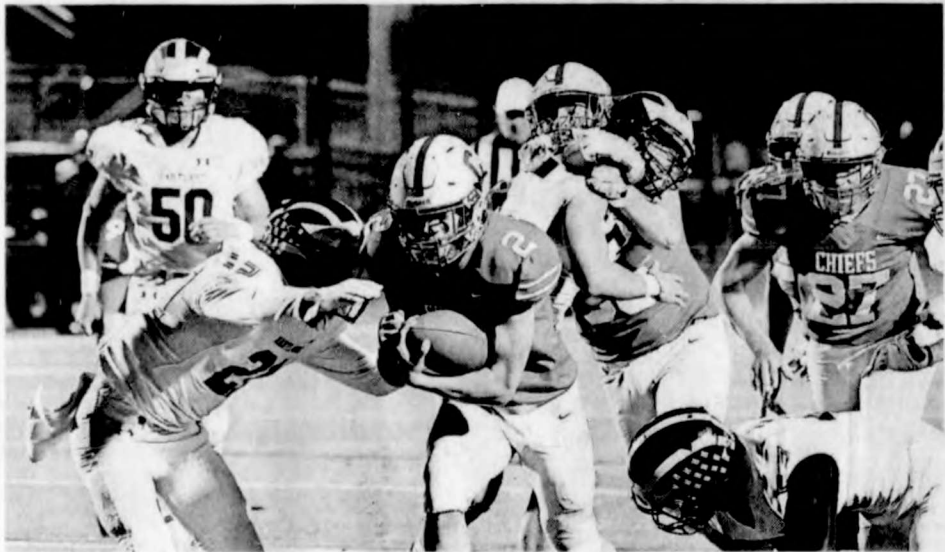
## 8. Brother Rice

Brother Rice has been extremely consistent over the past five seasons, never losing more than four games, but losing in each of its four district finals appearances. While the Warriors have talent returning, including senior linebacker Jackson Minelli, junior running back Nolan Ray and senior wide receiver Cole Lacanaria, their schedule could prove to be too much for them in 2021.

9. Farmington  
After a forgettable 2020 season, the Falcons are looking to turn its trajectory around. With a new coach in Jason Albrecht — the team's offensive coordinator under former head coach Kory Cioroch — Farmington looks to take advantage of the OAA Blue with quarterback Dominic Pesci and running back Jacob Sanders.

## 10. Northville

In 2020, the Mustangs started their turnaround, recording their first winning season since 2016 and averaging 24 points per game. Northville, under head coach Matt Ladach, will return five players on each side of the ball, looking to continue that positive trajectory into 2021.



Canton junior Zack Badger finds a hole during his three-touchdown night against Hartland. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Teams

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Westland John Glenn (3-6, 2-5 in conference play)  
Wayne Memorial (1-8, 0-7 in conference play)

**Analysis:** While Belleville is slated to rule at the top of the KLAA East, expect Livonia Churchill to be near the top, especially with the experience the Chargers have coming back.

Franklin's success depends on its development on the offensive and defensive lines, while Stevenson's success depends on the development of a young offense without running back Caden Woodall.

Expect strides from John Glenn, heading into the second year of head coach Calvin Griggs' passing attack, and Wayne Memorial, but not enough to get to a winning record.

## KLAA West

Canton (6-3, 6-1 in conference play)  
Northville (5-4, 4-3 in conference play)  
Novi (4-5, 2-5 in conference play)  
Plymouth (3-6, 2-5 in conference play)  
Salem (0-9, 0-7 in conference play)

**Analysis:** Despite losing most of its leaders from the 2020 team, Canton is in a prime position to repeat as KLAA West champions, returning enough to set the team up for success as the group develops.

Northville, with five returners on each side of the ball, will continue its winning ways with the return of its quarterback and some key skill positions on each side of the ball. Novi will show signs of life in its first year under Jim Sparks, but will have a bit of an adjustment period.

Despite a large amount of returners, Plymouth and Salem will finish at the

## WEEK 1 FOOTBALL PICKS

Sports reporter Colin Gay, sports contributor Ben Szilagyi and editor Phil Allmen make their weekly picks, battling against the mighty coin flip to see who finishes with the best record.

Games (home team listed first):	Colin Gay	Ben Szilagyi	Phil Allmen	Coin Flip
Salem vs. Livonia Churchill	Livonia Churchill	Livonia Churchill	Livonia Churchill	Salem
Hartland vs. Livonia Franklin	Livonia Franklin	Livonia Franklin	Livonia Franklin	Livonia Franklin
Northville vs. Livonia Stevenson	Northville	Northville	Northville	Livonia Stevenson
Novi vs. Wayne Memorial	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi
Howell vs. John Glenn	Howell	Howell	Howell	Howell
Canton vs. Dearborn Fordson	Dearborn Fordson	Canton	Dearborn Fordson	Dearborn Fordson
Plymouth vs. Belleville	Belleville	Belleville	Belleville	Belleville
Macomb Dakota vs. Brother Rice	Macomb Dakota	Macomb Dakota	Macomb Dakota	Macomb Dakota
Detroit Catholic Central vs. Chippewa Valley	Detroit Catholic Central	Detroit Catholic Central	Detroit Catholic Central	Chippewa Valley
Milford vs. New Boston Huron	New Boston Huron	New Boston Huron	Milford	Milford
Walled Lake Western vs. South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	Walled Lake Western	Walled Lake Western
South Lyon East vs. Walled Lake Northern	South Lyon East	Walled Lake Northern	South Lyon East	South Lyon East
Lakeland vs. Waterford Kettering	Lakeland	Lakeland	Lakeland	Lakeland
Dexter vs. Groves	Dexter	Dexter	Groves	Dexter
North Farmington vs. Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington
Seaholm vs. Byron Center	Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm
Bloomfield Hills vs. Berkley	Berkley	Bloomfield Hills	Bloomfield Hills	Bloomfield Hills
Detroit Country Day vs. Garden City	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

### Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Canton vs. Dearborn Fordson; 4 p.m., Aug. 26 at Wayne State University  
Livonia Churchill at Salem; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
Livonia Franklin at Hartland; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
Wayne Memorial at Novi; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
Westland John Glenn at Howell; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
Livonia Stevenson at Northville; 7 p.m., Aug. 27  
Plymouth vs. Belleville; 7 p.m., Aug. 27

### Catholic High School League

Cranbrook Kingswood vs. Livonia Clarenceville; 5 p.m., Aug. 26  
Brother Rice at Macomb Dakota; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
Detroit Catholic Central vs. Chippewa Valley; 7 p.m., Aug. 26 at Wayne State University

### Lakes Valley Conference

Lakeland vs. Waterford Kettering; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
Milford vs. New Boston Huron; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

South Lyon at Walled Lake Western; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
South Lyon East vs. Walled Lake Northern; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

### Oakland Activities Association

Seaholm vs. Byron Center; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
Groves at Dexter; 4 p.m., Aug. 27 at Wayne State University  
North Farmington vs. Farmington; 7 p.m., Aug. 27  
Bloomfield Hills vs. Berkley; 7 p.m., Aug. 27

### Independent

Detroit Country Day vs. Garden City; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

### Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Redford Thurston at North Branch; 7 p.m., Aug. 27  
Redford Union vs. Pewamo-Westphalia; 7 p.m., Aug. 27

### Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Lutheran Westland vs. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes; 7 p.m., Aug. 27

bottom of the division for the second-straight season.

### Catholic High School League

Detroit Catholic Central (8-1, 4-0 in conference play)  
Brother Rice (2-6, 1-3 in conference play)

**Analysis:** Both rivals are on opposite sides of the spectrum. Returning most of its key pieces from its 2020 regional final run, Detroit Catholic Central is favored to win its second-straight Catholic League title.

Brother Rice, while having pieces back, such as linebacker Jackson Minelli, running back Nolan Ray and wide receiver Cole Lacanaria, will fall victim to its extremely difficult schedule.

### Lakes Valley Conference

South Lyon (9-0, 8-0 in conference)  
Lakeland (7-2, 6-2 in conference)

South Lyon East (5-4, 5-3 in conference)

Milford (2-6, 2-5 in conference play)

**Analysis:** You heard it here first: South Lyon's going to rule. Despite road matchups against Walled Lake Western and Lakeland, the Lions are in a prime position to finish the regular season undefeated for the second time in four years and win the LVC.

Lakeland will battle with South Lyon at the top of the conference, along with the Warriors, with none of those teams finishing the season with more than two losses. South Lyon East is set to remain consistent from its 2020 season, but will fail to make that jump to the top tier, while Milford continues to struggle near the bottom of the LVC.

### Oakland Activities Association

North Farmington (6-3, 4-1 in the

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against anybody — senior quarterback Dawson Skupin and senior defensive back Dakota Blackwell, along with junior Tommy Donovan, who the Lions are very high on after only a few games on varsity a year ago.

The Lions know they can learn a lot from their Week 1 date, facing a Walled Lake Western team that's last losing season was in 2009, and combines a new coach — former Farmington head coach Kory Cioroch — and quarterback Drew Viotto, who holds offers from Syracuse, Bowling Green, Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan.

In 2020, South Lyon and Walled Lake Western split the season series, with the Lions ending the Warriors' year in the second round of the playoffs. In 2021, look for this season opener to send a ripple into the outcome of the entire conference at year's end.

South Lyon will face Walled Lake Western on the road at 7 p.m., Aug. 26.

### Is Detroit Catholic Central legit?

Expectations for Detroit Catholic Central are high in 2021. The Shamrocks bring back their entire front seven on defense, their starting quarterback and a slew of offensive playmakers.

Eyes are set on a Division 1 state final appearance, what would be the Shamrocks' first since 2016. But with a Week 1 matchup against Chippewa Valley at the Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic, Catholic Central will find out quickly what it needs to do to get to that top level.

Before last season's 3-4 finish, the Big Reds had a streak of eight straight winning seasons, winning a Division 1

state title against Clarkston in 2018, capping off an undefeated campaign.

The X-factor for the Shamrocks will be on the offensive line. The talent is there, including freshman Kaden Strayhorn — a tackle who already holds offers from Michigan State, Michigan and Alabama — but the question is simple: will a wide-eyed, inexperienced line be able to protect quarterback Declan Byle when the lights turn on?

If so, the Shamrocks, including Kam Davenport and Owen Semp on the outside at receiver, Mohamed Jaffer at running back, Sean Field at linebacker leading a defense that allowed 101 points in 10 games in 2020, could start a run that leads them deep into November.

Catholic Central will face Chippewa Valley in the Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic 7 p.m., Aug. 26.

### What does an experienced Livonia Churchill look like?

Livonia Churchill has been building for 2021, ever since a large group of sophomores joined the team in 2019 for an unexpected playoff surge.

After a 1-4 start in 2019, the Chargers roared back, losing in the regional final to Walled Lake Western by one touchdown. The success continued with a 4-2 regular season in 2020, before the Chargers lost to Oak Park in the regional final by one touchdown.

See a pattern? Now with a roster filled with third-year varsity starters including wide receiver Bailey Brooks, running back and linebacker Boston Clegg Jr. — both honorable mention All-State team members — wide receiver and defensive back Joshua Brown and defensive tackle Demarius Gibson-Wells, the Chargers are looking to make that next leap into the state quarterfinals.

Week 1 should not be an issue for Churchill, facing a Salem team that has one win in its past two seasons. But it's a good chance for experienced offensive skill players to get back in sync with senior quarterback Taj Williams after spending his junior season in Georgia.

This season-opening matchup against the Rocks could be a confidence booster for a Chargers team that has as high of expectations as the program has ever had.

Churchill will take on Salem on the road 7 p.m., Aug. 26.

### Can Farmington start its resurgence against rival North Farmington?

Farmington's 2020 season didn't go well.

After a 42-31 loss to Groves to open the season, the Falcons failed to score more than 15 points in the remainder of their games, allowing 40 or more points in four games. Farmington finished with its first winless season since 2007.

That winless season seems to be an outlier. Since 2009, the Falcons have recorded eight winning seasons, including back-to-back eight-win seasons in 2018-19.

Heading into 2021, with a new head coach in Jason Albrecht — a former offensive coordinator for the Falcons — Farmington has an opportunity to re-route its trajectory, especially with returning starting running back Jacob Sanders and quarterback Dominic Pesci, who started for the Falcons at the end of the year in 2020.

However, Farmington faces a tall task Week 1: taking on rival North Farmington, a team that ended its season in the regional final in 2020. Since head coach Jon Herstein took over the Raiders in 2019 after moving from Harrison, Far-

mington has never beaten North Farmington.

Farmington will take on rival North Farmington on the road 7 p.m., Aug. 27.

### What will Livonia Stevenson's offense look like without Caden Woodall?

Stevenson's offense was a machine in 2020. Despite a 4-4 record — losing its four games by a combined 15 points — the Spartans averaged 37.5 points per game, scoring 40 or more points in five games including each of their four wins.

Much of that had to do with the success of running back Caden Woodall, who broke the school's single-season rushing record with 2,238 yards on 185 carries, scoring 34 touchdowns on the ground, while also throwing a touchdown.

Woodall graduated, leaving to play football at Harvard and left a big hole in the Spartans offense.

As practice began, Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said he expects more of a balanced look, utilizing returning quarterback Kyle Brown and linebacker-turned-running back Quincy Salter more in equal fashion instead of "just one running back," helped by two offensive line starters in senior two-year starter Shaun Shahu and junior Charles Davidek.

The Spartans will get a look at what their offense can do against a Northville defense that allowed 25.6 points per game a season ago, allowing more than 30 points to Canton, Hartland and Belleville.

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### OAA White)

Groves (3-6, 3-2 in the OAA White)  
Seaholm (2-7, 1-4 in the OAA White)  
Farmington (6-3, 6-2 in the OAA

### Blue)

Bloomfield Hills (4-5, 3-5 in the OAA Blue)

**Analysis:** While it is set to face a brutal non-conference schedule — Farmington, Lake Orion, West Bloomfield and Traverse City Central — North Farmington should not have any trouble finishing near the top of the OAA White

with its experience at both offensive and defensive skill positions like Navy commit Aaron Rice and cornerback Jasper Beeler.

An offensive resurgence should help Farmington, too, in the OAA White, led by a second year with running back Jacob Sanders and a full season of quarterback Dominic Pesci. Seaholm lost a

lot from its 2020 team, which could prove troublesome, as does Groves. Look for Bloomfield Hills to take a step up and earn its first winning regular season since 2017.

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can hang with the best of them.

"We're not as deep as we used to be, but we'll be pretty good," Moore said. "The guys are excited. They think they can do pretty well out there."

Ten practices into the season, Moore doesn't have many performance expectations for his team's first meet. He wants to see the group build its foundation, setting the tone for what's to come later on.

Gupta and Conway did just that to start Novi's season.

Gupta finished first overall, recording a 16:50.2 — a 5.25 mile pace — while Conway finished a step behind in second, finishing with a 16:51.3, while the team finished third overall.

As he begins his junior season, Conway wants to be consistent, following in the footsteps of Brown and perfecting every small thing: from workouts to recovery, from his personal mindset to making cross country a team sport.

"I feel more responsible," Conway said. "It's a different change because I felt really young with a bunch of seniors and stuff. Now, I'm like up there. I'm older, so I care what they taught me to the rest of the team. I feel I have a lot of responsibility, which is a good feeling."

Conway and Gupta both want to lead Novi back to the state finals in 2021, feeding off the momentum from 2020. But their path became a bit more difficult, returning to Region 6 after a year in Region 8, leading to a matchup against teams like Northville, Plymouth and Salem at Willow Metro Park in New Boston.

But Conway isn't bombarded with expectations left by Brown, Gustitus and Gupta. He's excited to see what this team can do when given the chance to do the same thing.

"It's a challenge, but it's a good challenge," Conway said. "Not making it big like, 'Oh, we're going to win the state meet.' Have fun with it, stay consistent and see what we can do."

### Northville focuses on accountability

Northville has a reputation to uphold. The Mustangs come into 2021 having finished top 10 in the state meet in 12 of



Novi varsity cross country runners Griffin Conway, above at left, and Mohir Gupta, above at right. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the past 13 seasons, last winning a state title in 2013 and finishing runner-up in 2017. In 2020, Northville finished seventh in the Division 1 state meet, led by Jennie Line, who finished the race in 18:31.65.

Year after year, head coach Nancy Smith isn't looking to rebuild, but rekindle that legacy no matter how many newcomers she has on her roster.

"Our team is young. We're young, but we have a good path right now," Smith said. "I think it's one of the hardest-working groups we've had in years. They are all encouraging, motivating."

Assistant coach Erin Baker feels it all stemmed from a classroom talk the team had about goal setting, rallying around the idea of accountability at all times; in practice, in races, everywhere. "You hold each other accountable and the other goals fall into place," Baker said.

Northville showed that potential in the very first race of the season.

At the Lamplighter Invite — without

Line, who was sidelined — the Mustangs finished second to Brighton, placing four in the top 11 of the second heat: sophomore Ella Christensen, who finished 80th at the state meet as a freshman, in sixth with a 20:23.9; freshman Cassie Garcia opening her high school career with an eighth-place finish in 20:26.3; senior Gina Couyoumjian in 10th with a 20:34.1; and sophomore Lily Connors in 11th with a 20:36.8.

In Northville's top-seven at the invite, three — Garcia, Maya Labonte and Rose Gregory — are freshmen.

"Our underclassmen have set the tone," Baker said. "They want to compete every practice, they want to be in that top seven."

"We groom them during the summer, ability wise, and they are all fighting to get in that top group. It's a big deal to them, and that's what you want. You want that friendly competition with your team. We just hope that shows up on race day, what we see in practice."

Line's season didn't begin at the

Lamplighter Invite. But she knows the legacy Baker and Smith expect.

No matter the members of the team, the goal for her senior season remains the same.

"Our biggest goal as a team is to get back up there," Line said.

### Northville boys finish first at invite

Northville's boys team finished first in the Lamplighter Invite, scoring 41 points with four top-10 finishers, including a third-place finish by sophomore Brendan Herger.

Junior Brady Herron (17:08.12) and junior Brandon Latta (17:16.6) — both state scorers for the Mustangs last year — finished sixth and 10th, respectively, while freshman Ethan Powell finished eighth with a 17:10.6.

Salem's boys cross country team finished third with three top-15 finishes, including a fifth-place finish by senior Luke Nelson (17:07.9).

Salem junior Isabell Kulick finished first in the varsity girls race, starting the season with a 19:19.8, a 6:13 mile pace.

As a sophomore, Kulick finished as the third scorer when the Rocks finished third at the 2020 Division 1 state meet, finishing her race in 20:17.75.

South Lyon East sophomore Liliane Aittama finished second behind Kulick with a 19:44.8.

Coming off a season in which four of South Lyon East's returning five scorers from the state meet were underclassmen, girls cross country head coach David Testa, who's team finished sixth in the second heat, said practices have taken a step up as a byproduct of what the team accomplished last year.

"We don't go into practice saying 'If you want to break 20, here's the stuff that you need to be doing,'" Testa said. "It's just like, 'We know what we want to do. Are we going to train and practice that way?' And I think our training is elevated and we have taken some big steps forward from this summer than we did a summer ago."

Canton finished third in the second heat, led by sophomore Cara Newman (20:30.3) in ninth. Salem finished fourth and Novi finished seventh in the eight-team heat.

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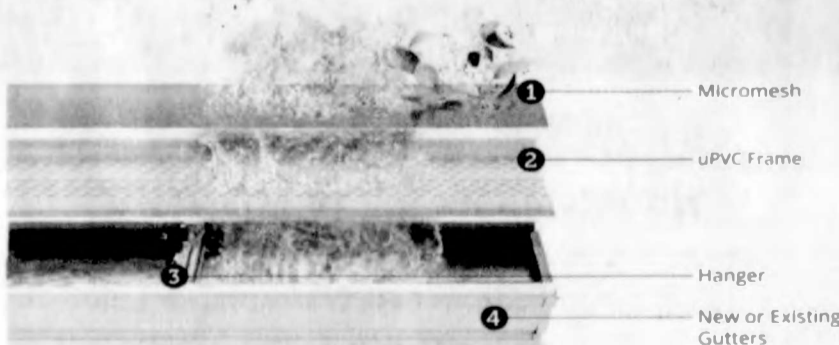
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A high school football season is not defined by one win or one loss. But one game can tell you a lot about a group and what it will do for the rest of the season.

As practices rage on and the regular season schedule comes closer, here's a look at a few definitive games ahead for Hometown Life area teams in 2021.

## Detroit Catholic Central vs. Davison

Detroit Catholic Central's last meeting with Davison is one of the Shamrocks' driving forces heading into the 2021 season.

Coming into the 2020 regional final undefeated, Catholic Central could not find a way to move the ball against a Cardinals defense that allowed three touchdowns only once before the Division I state finals. The overall view among the Shamrocks is that only a few correctable mistakes separated them and a regional title.

In the second game of the 2021 season, Catholic Central will have a chance at revenge, bringing back many of its offensive skill players along with the majority of its defensive front seven to face the Cardinals, which have made the state finals in each of the past two seasons.

Catholic Central will host Davison 7 p.m., Sept. 3.

## Seaholm vs. Groves

Over the past two seasons, this rivalry between Birmingham's two public schools has really heated up.

It was a rivalry Groves once dominated, beating Seaholm all six times between 2014-18. But after the Falcons won their seventh straight against the Maples in 2019, Seaholm woke up, blasting Groves, 42-7 in the district final.

The two schools split its matchups again in 2020 with Groves taking the nine-point victory in the second round of the postseason.

As Groves looks to continue the consistency it's had over the past eight seasons - other than an ineligibility issue prematurely ending the Falcons season and leading to forfeited games in 2020 - and Seaholm continues its rise to being competitive in the OAA over the past three seasons, this rivalry game usually shows where each team is at overall.

Seaholm will host Groves 7 p.m., Sept. 17.

## Livonia Franklin vs. Westland John Glenn

John Glenn showed up against Livonia Franklin in 2020.

Holding onto a 31-13 third-quarter lead, the Rockets' offense came alive, scoring three touchdowns in the final quarter-and-a-half to earn its first win of the season. With a pass-first head coach Calvin Griggs at the helm, John Glenn threw for 248 yards with four touchdown passes against the Patriots offense.

Franklin will know what to expect Sept. 24. The Patriots are bringing

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# Obituaries

## Barry Bertrand Danks

Mr. Barry Bertrand Danks, 72 of Atlanta, Michigan died suddenly at his home on August 11, 2021. He was born in Alpena, Michigan on May 4, 1949 to the late, John "Bert" Danks and Lois (Klein) Weborg. He married his wife, Connie (O'Neil) Danks on June 21, 1969 and together the couple celebrated 52 years of marriage before his passing. Barry lived in Highland for 35 years before moving back to Atlanta after his retirement from General Motors where he worked as an engineer technician for 30 years. He coached football in the late 1980's and soccer in the early 1990's at Milford High School. He was also president of Jaycees and president of the Highland Fire Department where he worked as a volunteer. While living in Atlanta, Barry was a member of the Masons and served on the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners in the late 2000's. He was a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Comins. Barry enjoyed a variety of hobbies including mechanics, woodworking, traveling in his RV, trips to the casino, sailing, hunting at the Spring blind, and assisting with the family's maple syrup operation. What he most enjoyed was the time he spent with his family. He will be deeply missed.

Barry is survived by his loving wife, Connie Danks of Atlanta; daughter, Kristen (Darren) Ambrosiewicz of Milford; Brandon (Kim) Danks of Rockford; grandchildren, Nathan, Sophia, Emily, and Zachary; brother, Robin (Jane) Danks of Chesterfield Township; sister, Julie Gow of Atlanta; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held in celebration of Barry's life at 11:00 AM on Friday, August 27, 2021 at Green Funeral Home, Atlanta. Visitation will take place from 10:00 AM until time of service. In lieu of flowers donations are suggested to the Masons. There will be luncheon following funeral services. Arrangements were entrusted to Green Funeral Home. Condolence messages may be sent via our website at [www.greenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.greenfuneralhomes.com)

## Marjorie Louise Lyon

LAKE ORION - Marjorie Louise Lyon, of Lake Orion, passed away on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at the age of 83. She was predeceased by her parents, Lucius and Gladys Lyon, longtime residents of Highland and Milford, MI. Marjorie is survived by her two sisters, Janet (Roger) Holm of Clarkston, MI and Phyllis (Roger) Wiechmann of Florence, SC, as well as three nephews and three nieces.

Marjorie was born on June 14 (Flag Day), 1938. She grew up in Highland, MI and was a member of Milford United Methodist Church during her younger years and Waterford Trinity United Methodist Church at the time of her death. She attended Milford High School and was first-chair trombonist in the school band. Marjorie was also an avid bowler and ardent fan of the Detroit Tigers.

Marjorie enjoyed music and often sang and played hymns throughout her life. Her sisters suggest that friends, who wish to honor her, sing or play one of their own favorite hymns and dedicate it to her memory. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The Arc of Oakland County, 1641 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084.

A Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 11 AM at West Highland Cemetery, 977 S. Hickory Ridge Road, Highland, Michigan. The Rev. Michael Perez, Jr. to officiate.



## Frank H. Yuhas

LYONS, CO - On August 13, 2021, Frank H. Yuhas peacefully passed away in Lyons, Colorado at his loving daughter Susie's home. Frank was born on August 13, 1932 in Ida, Michigan to John G. and Anna (née Suich) Yuhas. He was stationed on the USS Baltimore (CA-68) during his proud service in the United States Navy from 1951-1955. On March 12, 1968, he married the love of his life, Masako Uema, and remained dedicated to her for 52 years until her passing on September 2, 2020.

Frank was very hard working and spent his life making the best of every situation he was given. Emphasizing the importance he placed on education, he received a Veterans Diploma from Western High School in Detroit. Throughout his life, he was a wonderful husband and father who raised his family in Taylor. After embracing a variety of career opportunities, he eventually retired as a purchasing agent for Oakwood Hospital and later established residency in Northville with his wife.

Outside of work, Frank liked to keep busy with a wide variety of hobbies while still always finding the time to be a supportive member of his family. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, putzing in the garage, going to the casino, and watching nature programs on television. He was a great pinochle player who never let his competitiveness outweigh his good sportsmanship and genuine love of the game. In his younger years he also took part in several bowling leagues and continued to play even as the games became virtual over Wii, something his wife coined "invisible bowling". Frank was full of unconditional love for his family. He could always be counted on by his daughters to drive them to the mall or the movies when they were young, and when they got older, he was just as happy to drive them home from college over the weekends. Not a day went by where Frank was not committed to being an incredibly loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend.

Frank is survived by his daughters Kiki (John) Kargilis and Susie (Herbert) Els; his brother Steve Yuhas; and his grandchildren, Samantha, Daniel, Chloé, and Emi. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and his siblings, John, Joe, Mary, Ann, Betty, Helen, Grace, Andy, Louie, and his twin brother Jim.

A funeral service was held Sunday, August 22, 2021 at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville, Mr. Yuhas was laid to rest with his beloved wife at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Blue Star Families, PO Box 230637, Encinitas, CA 92023.



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Detroit Catholic Central players listen to head coach Dan Anderson after falling to Davison in the playoffs. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Games

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back an experienced secondary, hoping to improve the overall defense after allowing 30.7 points per game a season ago: the worst in program history.

John Glenn will also know what to expect. Despite losing senior quarterback Aaron Rieskamp, sophomore quarterback Nick Wetmore stepped up against Stevenson in the playoffs, throwing a pair of touchdowns and an interception with 153 yards. But whoever is at quarterback against the Patriots is expected to be the go-to guy, especially in Griggs' offense.

Like in 2020, this matchup will be a prime opportunity for John Glenn and Franklin to see where their strengths are and how they adapt to game planning against their weaknesses.

Livonia Franklin will take on John Glenn at home 7 p.m., Sept. 24.

### South Lyon East vs. Lakeland

Both Lakeland and South Lyon East are on a quest to get over the hump, but in different ways.

For Lakeland, that goal doesn't come until the playoffs where the team has advanced to the district finals in three of



Seaholm's Jack Trinch tries to pass Groves' Jayson Smith.

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the last four years. The Eagles, however, have not won a district championship since 2008.

For South Lyon East, it's competing with the big dogs in the Lakes Valley Conference, finishing third a season ago

but posting a combined record of 1-24 against Lakeland, South Lyon and Walled Lake Western since the football program was established.

Both LVC programs are in new eras with Jacob Topp taking over the Cou-

gars and James Calhoun taking over the Eagles. This Week 7 matchup could give people a clear picture at where each of these teams are going heading into the playoffs.

South Lyon East will take on Lakeland at home 7 p.m., Oct. 8.

### Livonia Stevenson vs. Livonia Churchill

Last year, the Livonia city title was as close as close can be. Each of the games were decided by 11 or less points, with Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson finishing second, fourth and fifth, respectively, in the KLAA East.

In the final game prior to the KLAA Crossover to end the regular season, Churchill's matchup with Stevenson could very well decide who gets the city trophy.

Stevenson brings three starters from each side of the ball back for 2021, but the Spartans will have an idea of what it can do with the talent it has by the time it faces Churchill: a roster filled with third-year starters, who are hoping to get past the regional final for the first time in school history.

Since 2010, 10 of Stevenson and Churchill's matchups have been decided by two touchdowns or less.

Livonia Stevenson will host Livonia Churchill 7 p.m., Oct. 15.

## Novi

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Sparks plans for the offense to be a clear shift in 2021, moving from the midline, triple option look – focusing the run-based offensive look between the quarterback, full back and running back – to more of a traditional spread offense. It's an offense that's in need of a spark, having averaged 25 points or less in each of its past four seasons.

It's an offense senior offensive and defensive lineman Tommy Phimister said quarterback Luke Aurelia is responding well to, saying that his understanding is vital for the whole unit clicking on all cylinders.

But it's been more of an individual process.

Junior running back and outside linebacker Cole Shires said the shift has taken a lot of time, spending time with individual position groups, learning routes, blocking schemes and footwork, later seeing how it all fits together.

These are the intricate details Sparks feasts on: focusing on stance and where to place your hands, to the angle of your spine.

"You never master it, and that's what's so great about this game," Sparks said.

Even with six returners on a defense that allowed just over 24 points per game in 2020, Sparks said the difficulty is getting players comfortable with his terminology and philosophy.

"There's some techniques that are different that are taught. That's difficult for them and difficult for us too because we're trying to un-coach them to re-coach them," Sparks said. "It's not what they were doing before was wrong. It was just different."

"The outcome is what we all want. We just choose a different way to do it." This is something Phimister's had to



Novi quarterback Luke Aurelia winds up for a pass during practice.

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do before.

The senior offensive and defensive lineman remembers joining the Wildcats three years ago and learn the triple option under former head coach Jeff Burnside. This time, as one of the seniors on a roster that has not seen a winning season since 2016, he's seen his teammates respond well to the change.

"I think everybody comes out here with the work ethic of just trying to get better every day, and I think it's paying off," Phimister said. "Compared to the first day to where we are at now, I think it's a whole world's difference."

Sparks knows it's not perfect. He also won't have an idea of where his team is at until its first scrimmage one week before the season officially starts Aug. 26.

But it's something challenging that's uniting the team.

"It's inspiring because every guy's coming out working, trying their best, trying to get a starting spot, working their hardest, making everyone else better," Novi junior offensive tackle and defensive end Preston Phimister said. "We're coming out here united, making a little community."

Novi opens the 2021 season at home against Wayne Memorial. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m., Aug. 26.

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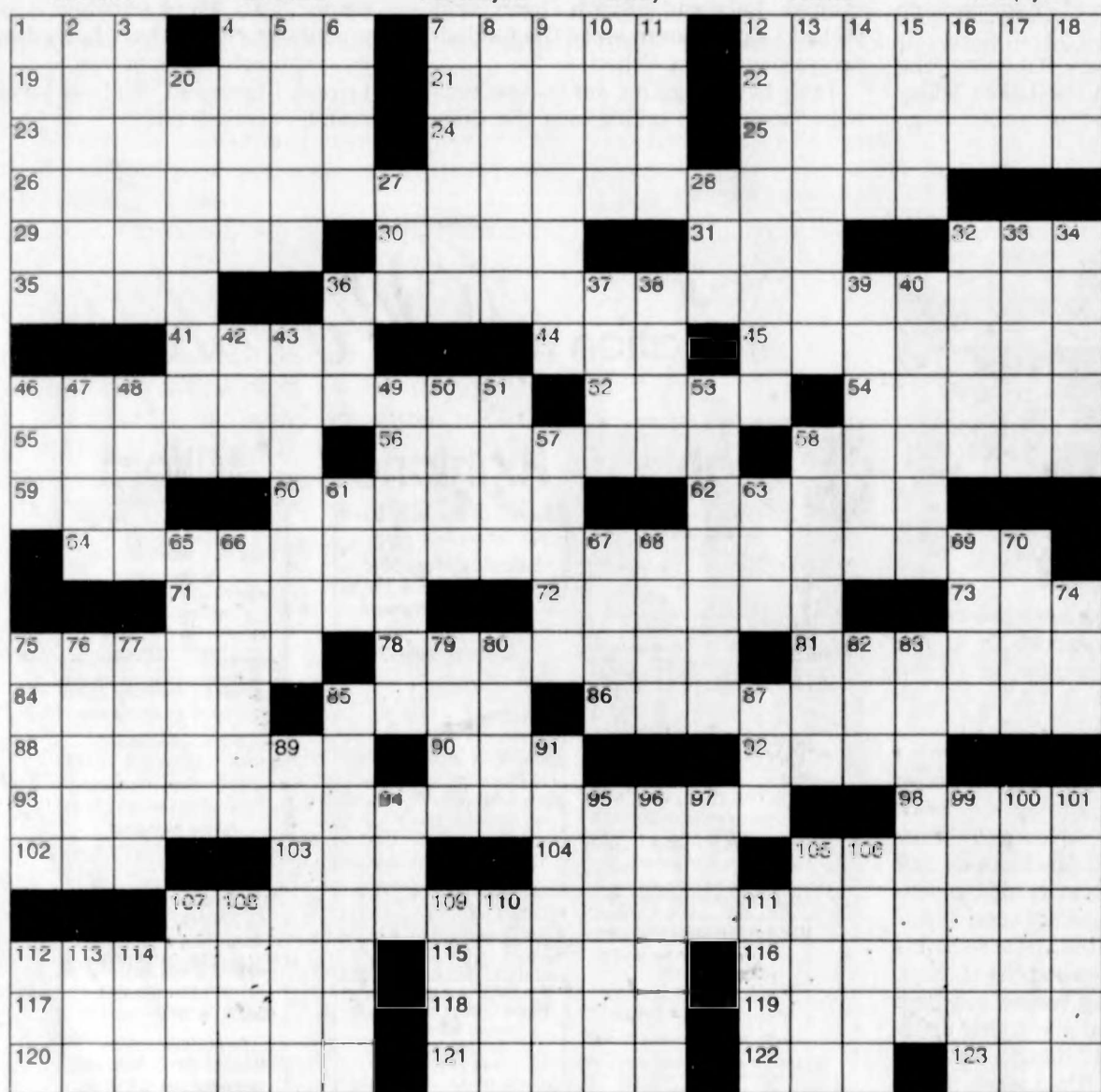
## THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**PREMIER CROSSWORD/** By Frank A. Longo

**STOPPING STITCHING**

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Still open," on a sched.
  - 4 Poppa
  - 7 Some swords
  - 12 Nero's great-grandfather
  - 19 Wasn't too rushed to do something
  - 21 Dance with people in a line
  - 22 One-dollar Canadian coins
  - 23 Of morals
  - 24 In the vicinity
  - 25 One of Capt. Kirk's officers
  - 26 Start of a riddle
  - 29 Like much folk medicine
  - 30 Lubricates
  - 31 Italian "a"
  - 32 Winter hours in Minn.
  - 35 Ancient recital halls
  - 36 Riddle, part 2
  - 41 Boxer Oscar — Hoya
  - 44 — -mo replay
  - 45 Kiev's country
  - 46 Riddle, part 3
  - 52 X Games
  - 54 Playwright Chekhov
  - 55 Cartoon canary
  - 56 Burn with no flame
  - 58 — Little (mouse of kiddie lit)
  - 59 Biden's party: Abbr.
  - 60 Los Angeles district
  - 62 Part of OTOH
  - 64 Riddle, part 4
  - 71 Dress in fine duds
  - 72 Pedro's shawl
  - 73 Caged bird, often
  - 75 "Blue Ribbon" beers
  - 78 Barely makes, as a living
  - 81 Andes beasts
  - 84 Nudge rudely
  - 85 "Meh" grades
  - 86 Riddle, part 5
  - 88 1960s art movement
  - 90 — chi
  - 92 Peak in the "Odyssey"
  - 93 End of the riddle
  - 98 Letters after upsilons
  - 102 Sci-fi visitors
  - 103 Prefix with plunk
  - 104 Presque Isle's lake
  - 105 Celebrity chef Mano
  - 107 Riddle's answer
  - 112 Not forsaking
  - 115 Elliptical
  - 116 Fragrant Chinese flower
  - 117 Word-of-mouth precepts
  - 118 Dig deep
  - 119 Grappler, rural-style
  - 120 Gloucester's peninsula
  - 121 Birch-family tree
  - 122 Ordinal number suffix
  - 123 — Plaines
- DOWN**
- 1 "I Can See for Miles" band
  - 2 Scrubbed in a tub
  - 3 Get stuck (to)
  - 4 Formal rulings
  - 5 — and the Night Visitors
  - 6 "Take this out" mark
  - 7 Custard-filled pastry
  - 8 Dog named Fifi, maybe
  - 9 Forms a bladderlike sac around
  - 10 "My stars!"
  - 11 Bargain event
  - 12 Just for laughs
  - 13 Gradually lost light
  - 14 Libertine guy
  - 15 Very pixel-dense, as a TV picture
  - 16 More, to musicians
  - 17 — capita
  - 18 Simile center
  - 20 Old-style sheriff's emblem
  - 27 Lay in a pub
  - 28 Pool hall stick
  - 32 Tony winner Rivera
  - 33 Sir of Seville
  - 34 Former senator
  - 36 Roadwork goop
  - 37 — "3 Lives" (1952 memoir)
  - 38 Ascended
  - 39 Declaimed
  - 40 Organic fertilizer
  - 42 Prefix for "outer"
  - 43 Fill a nest, in a way
  - 46 Inc., to a Brit
  - 47 Was behind financially
  - 48 Pixar's lost clown fish
  - 49 Con at large
  - 50 Kuwaiti VIP
  - 51 Actor
  - 53 Moss who co-starred on "The Bold and the Beautiful" for 25 years
  - 55 In proportion
  - 57 Wind-deposited loam
  - 58 Armor pieces
  - 61 Sch. in Manhattan
  - 63 With 101-Down, rubber-soled canvas shoes
  - 65 "How curious"
  - 66 Words after "Make love"
  - 67 Cat call
  - 68 Dude, slangily
  - 69 Engine speed stats
  - 70 "You betcha!"
  - 74 Mao — -tung
  - 75 British coins
  - 76 Forewarn
  - 77 Hip-hop devotees, in old slang
  - 79 Etta of old comics
  - 80 Morales of "La Linea"
  - 82 Fleur-de- —
  - 83 Power cord attachments
  - 85 Declined in status
  - 87 Lap dog
  - 89 Bismarck or Pierre native
  - 91 Freezing
  - 94 Wall St. manipulator
  - 95 Show up
  - 96 German art songs
  - 97 Actor Ayres
  - 99 "Over the Rainbow" composer Arlen
  - 100 "Maybe ... ask me later"
  - 101 See
  - 63-Down
  - 105 Sheep call
  - 106 Flooded (in)
  - 107 Windy blast
  - 109 Jedi guru
  - 110 Daredevil
  - 111 French "to be"
  - 112 Tone — ("Wild Thing" rapper)
  - 113 Man-mouse linkup
  - 114 Bark sharply



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or [smcclellan@michigan.com](mailto:smcclellan@michigan.com).

### SUDOKU

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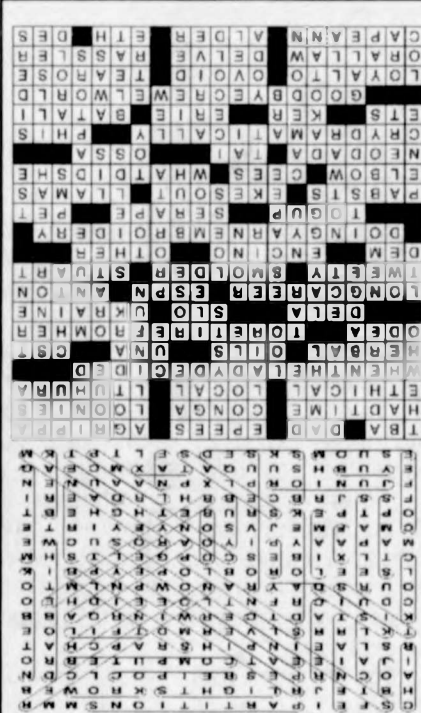
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### AT THE OFFICE

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

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R S L A E I N P I H S R A P C H A T  
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WHITEBOARD  
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### AT THE OFFICE

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3	1	7	9	8	2	6	4
9	8	6	9	1	4	3	2
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## Back to School: Good Part Time Jobs for College Students

### These 8 jobs can help you earn money while you study

By ZipRecruiter.com

Being a college student is hard work. It involves balancing the needs of attending classes, studying for tests, writing papers, working on group projects, and more. When you add extra-curricular activities and socializing (yes, it's an important part of the college experience), there isn't much time left over to work. Whether you see it as a pro or a con, the reality is that close to half of undergraduate students have part-time jobs.

#### What are the best part-time jobs for college students?

*Opportunities that offer flexible schedules and a chance to learn applicable real-world skills can be beneficial to students while in school and set them up for success after graduation.*

There is no such thing as a one-size-fits-all answer when it comes to the best part-time jobs for college students. Many prefer positions that allow them to have flexible schedules that can change as their time requirements shift each semester or to allow them to go home on weekends or holiday breaks. For some, good part-time jobs for college students are those where they can gain skills and experience working in a field they intend to pursue after school. Others are most interested in making the most money they can with the limited time they have. Whatever your reason, there are jobs to be found. Here are some of the best part-time jobs for students:

#### 1. Tutor

Help students improve their under-

standing of class material, assist with homework, and work to develop positive study habits. Depending on the role, tutors can work with a group of students or provide private sessions for one-on-one assistance. A tutor can work with students of any age and may address several subjects or only focus on one. Some tutors travel to students' homes, offer services from a tutoring center, or work virtually through an online platform. Tutors may be expected to provide reports and communicate with parents on their student's progress.

*Average pay: \$14-\$21 per hour*

#### 2. Receptionist

Work in an office performing clerical and administrative functions, greeting guests, answering phones, managing appointment calendars, and performing data entry. Qualifications for a receptionist could include good organization and communication skills, the ability to multitask, attention to detail, customer service skills, and basic computer skills.

*Average pay: \$11-\$15 per hour*

#### 3. Nanny

Assist parents with the day-to-day work of caring and raising children. Nannies are responsible for children's well-being and must be supportive of their emotional needs as well as preparing meals, dressing and bathing, arranging playdates, accompanying children to activities, and helping with schoolwork. Depending on the role, hours could be



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during the day, early in the morning, or into the evening until children go to bed. Many nanny job listings have safety requirements, such as completing a basic CPR and first aid course, and may ask you to pass a background check or be fingerprinted.

*Average pay: \$11-\$17 per hour*

#### 4. Driver

Responsible for transporting passengers or cargo from one location to another. Qualifications include a driver's license and clean driving record. For operating large vehicles, drivers may need a commercial drivers license (CDL).

*Average pay: \$9-\$15 per hour*

#### 5. Administrator

Conduct day-to-day administrative needs of a company or department within a business. Duties vary by organization but can range from answering phone calls and greeting guests to allocating assignments and training new employees. Roles may also require skills in note-taking, bookkeeping, data management, and

various other computer skills.

*Average pay: \$10-\$14 per hour*

#### 6. Caregiver

Provide in-home support such as being a companion, housekeeping, providing assistance with basic needs, cooking, driving clients to appointments, and providing mobility assistance. Qualifications and skills for a caregiver could include a drivers license, access to a car, empathy, people skills, time management expertise, and the ability to lift 50+ pounds.

*Average pay: \$10-\$14 per hour*

#### 7. Front Desk

Complete administrative duties in a company's front office. This could include greeting guests, checking emails, and answering phones. The role requires frequent interaction with people, so strong customer service and interpersonal skills are necessary. Time management skills are also key since front desk jobs require multitasking. These jobs may also require the ability to use front office equipment, such as a computer, multi-line phone, and copy machine.

*Average pay: \$10-\$15 per hour*

#### 8. Food Server

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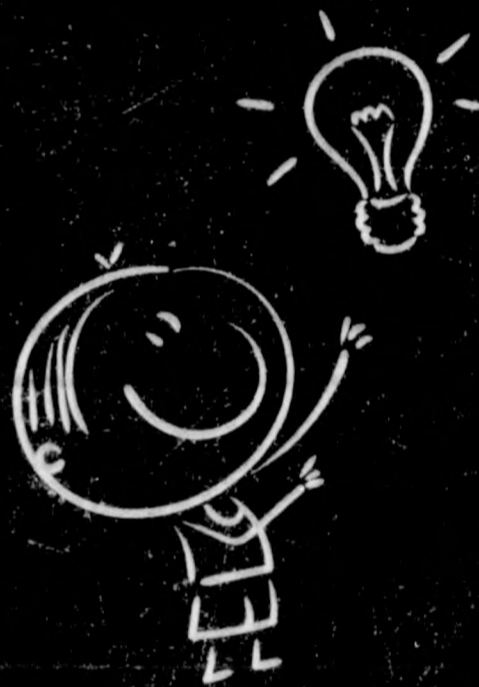
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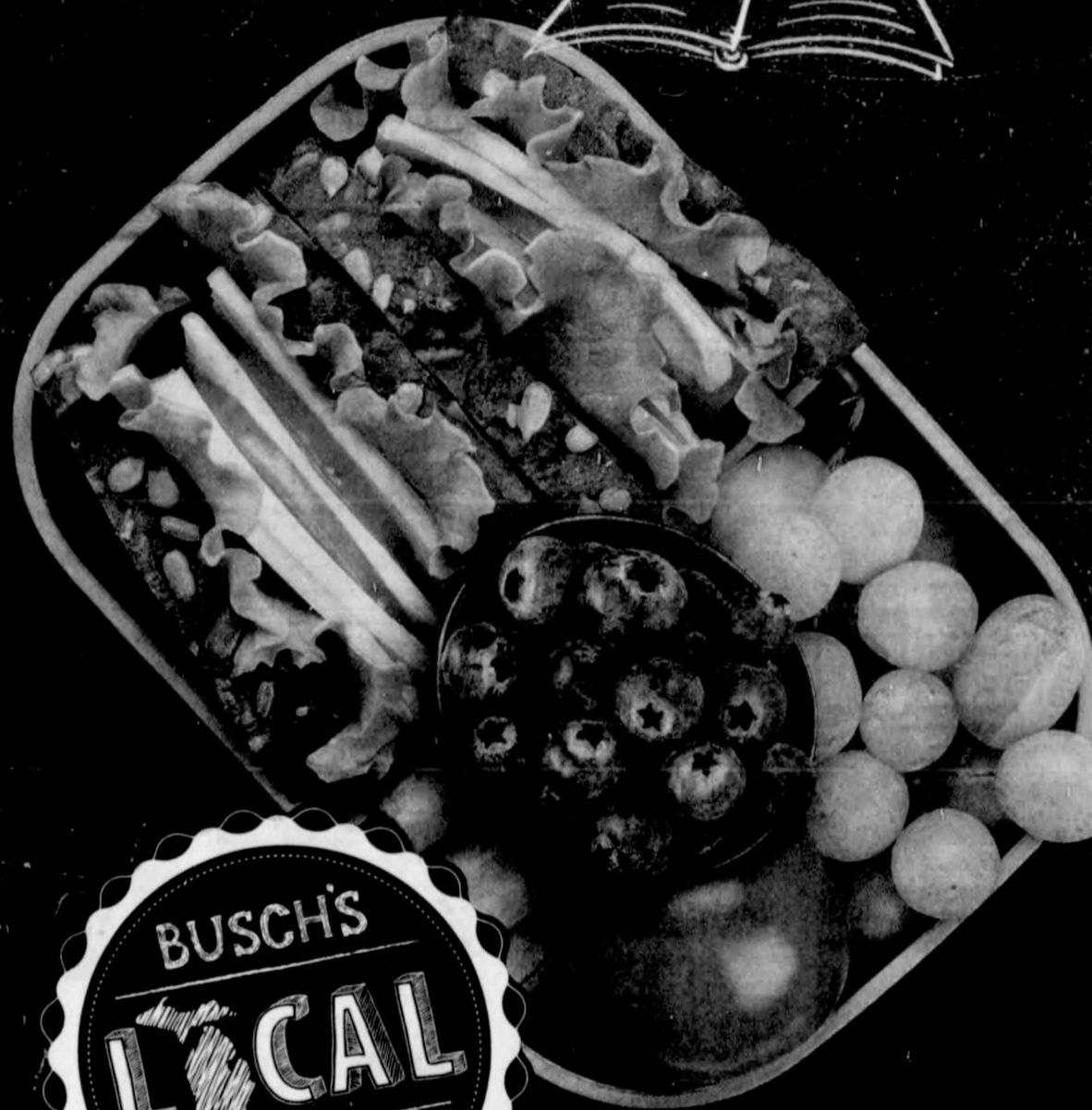
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