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South Lyon keeps 10 Mile Road speed limit

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The 35 mph speed limit on W. Lake Street, aka 10 Mile Road, is appropriate, as determined by a South Lyon Police speed study.

However, some changes are being implemented that could reduce speeds

on the stretch of 10 Mile Road west of Pontiac Trail between Washington Street and Dixboro.

Police Chief Chris Sovik said a pedestrian crosswalk sign had already been placed at the 10 Mile and Warren intersection, just days after the city council accepted the recommendation in lieu of pursuing a lowering of the speed limit,

which could have backfired.

"I don't have a dog in this fight, whether it goes down to 25, goes up to 40 or stays at 35," Sovik said at the Aug. 23 meeting. "We will enforce whatever we see."

He noted that more than a decade ago, when the speed limit on the road was 25 mph, the police were accused of

using it as a speed trap, and indeed, it could have been a "fishing hole," with motorists regularly exceeding the limit.

A speed study around 2010 was used to set the 35 mph limit. However, after Sovik recently received "a few concerns" about speeding on the road, he

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Frog Force hops to top with global robotics recognition

Susan Bromley [Hometownlife.com](#)
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Novi has leaped into rarified robotics air.

Frog Force Team 503, the Novi High School robotics team, won the 2021 Chairman's Award, the most prestigious award in FIRST Robotics Competition and one that has made them only the 33rd member of FIRST's Hall of Fame in its 28-year history.

"It's the highest award you can win, the pinnacle of FIRST, it's like Olympic gold," Janelle Moore, mentor for the Novi High School Robotics Team, said. "This is the top. It's a big deal, I don't know how to equate it. It's like the Super Bowl or Stanley Cup."

The award is recognition for teams who have shown sustained excellence and impact that extends beyond one year and beyond their own community, effecting long-lasting change in the world of robotics.

In the case of Novi's Frog Force, FIRST is honoring the team's outreach in bringing robotics to students in Detroit, establishing 14 FIRST teams in the city's public schools with the help of various organizations.

Besides mentoring those teams, Novi students traveled even further: across the world to rural China in 2019 where they also worked to spread a love of robotics and its founding principles of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Frog Force has also used its skills in

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Incoming Northville High senior Lillian Gregory plays a baritone horn while practicing with the school's marching band.
JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Northville marching band students prepare for season

John Heider [Hometownlife.com](#)
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Playing in a band can be tough enough, especially where you've got a lot of members. Everyone's got to hit the right notes, stay on the right tempo, and keep an eye on the director.

But add in marching in formation at night in confining uniforms and carry-

ing your instruments at all times — regardless of the weather? Brother you've got a whole other level of commitment. It's a dedication the Northville High marching band knows and begins to sharpen in their parking lot under the hot August sun.

Northville began its camp, different this year as they're trying to keep everyone safe under evolving COVID-19

guidelines, in mid-August. The band meets up early mornings at the school on Six Mile and, depending on weather, either hits the school's east parking lot to work on formations or heads indoors to sharpen their command of band director Mike Rumbell's A Brave New World program.

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Milford native turns memories into YA novel

Ellen Pilligan [Special to Hometownlife.com](#)
USA TODAY NETWORK

Dave McVeigh sees poetic justice in the fact that a script he spent decades on never came to be.

Not as a film at least.

"The Dockporter," a coming-of-age story inspired by summers the Milford

native spent on Mackinac Island in his youth, had everything going for it.

It was a great story, plus McVeigh was a veritable Hollywood insider. He spent 17 years in Los Angeles as a writer-director-producer on television and film projects for the likes of HBO. He had contacts, an agent and investors.

But by the late 2000s, he was recent-

ly married with a baby, and after waiting and waiting for the film to finally happen, he quietly shelved it.

"Even with everything in place, it's really difficult for independent films," McVeigh says. "We didn't have a big budget, so it kind of just faded."

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Parking lot of Northville CVS site of armed robbery reports

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Northville police are searching for a gunman they said recently robbed the CVS on East Dunlap Street.

According to their report, officers were dispatched to the store at 1:43 p.m. Aug. 27 because of the crime.

Victims reported they were robbed in the parking lot at gunpoint by an unknown Black man wearing dark clothing.

In his mid-40s, he wore a long-sleeved black shirt and pants, along with a surgical face mask and a black "driving" hat.

He fled on foot, and no arrests have been made.

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Father pulls son, 7, from Novi pond

Susan Vela hometownlife.com
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A father pulled his unresponsive 7-year-old son from a Novi pond and followed instructions for CPR, but Novi police are terming the emergency a "potential drowning."

They said in a report that police and firefighters were dispatched to the pond in the 50000 block of Nine Mile Road on Aug. 26.

Upon arrival, they immediately began lifesaving measures.

They transported the boy to Ascension Providence Hospital for medical

treatment and evaluation, before the child was airlifted to the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor for further treatment.

Novi police are investigating the incident.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com.

Mute swans: Beloved birds or invasive species?

Sara Kellner LivingstonDaily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Genoa Township residents Steve and Laura Wildman love watching the birds in their backyard. The couple lives on Lake Chemung and is visited by many creatures, including a breeding pair of mute swans that often brings their offspring.

So when they heard Genoa Township officials passed a resolution to allow people to get permits to kill mute swans, Laura Wildman said she burst into tears.

"They're like our babies," she said. "I would be devastated if someone hurt them."

Many Michiganders admire the mute swans that live on lakes and in wetlands, but biologists believe mute swans are a detriment to the environment.

So, why is mute swan removal necessary and why did the township get involved? Here is what you need to know.

Mute swans are invasive

Mute swans are one of several swan species in Michigan. The easiest way to identify them is by their orange bill and their S-shaped neck curve.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources considers mute swans an invasive species. Waterfowl and wetlands specialist Barbara Avers said mute swans were brought from Europe to North America in the 19th and early 20th centuries as ornamental birds. They quickly adapted to the environment and began breeding in the wild.

These large birds have created a

large problem, Avers said. They eat a lot of underwater vegetation, which can't always grow back; they drive away other birds; and they have begun to show aggression toward humans and other animals.

Avers said Michigan has the largest population of mute swans in North America. In 2010, when the DNR implemented its swan control program, there were over 15,000 mute swans in the state.

And while Avers said it is necessary to reduce the mute swan population, the DNR doesn't want to wipe out the species. The goal is to reduce the population to 2,000 birds by 2030.

"We specifically didn't pick zero because we don't want to eradicate them," Avers said. "There are a lot of citizens in Michigan that like mute swans."

"So we looked back at the data we had, and when they were at the 2,000 mark, we didn't have the conflicts that we're seeing now."

Mute swan control

So what exactly does mute swan control entail?

Avers said homeowners can apply for a permit to kill mute swans on their property or to destroy the swans' nests and eggs.

To obtain a permit, the DNR requires homeowners to contact a local DNR wildlife field office and submit a petition from 70% of landowners on a body of water or a resolution approved by a local municipality.

Genoa Township Supervisor Bill Rogers said the board passed the resolution after nearly 30 residents on or near Crooked Lake complained about mute swans attacking people on boats and jet

skis. The township got involved because a resolution meant residents on any lake in the township could apply for a permit, whereas gathering signatures for a petition would only apply to one body of water.

The resolution lasts for five years, and when it expires, the township would have to pass another one if officials choose. The only way to end it early is for the township to rescind it.

Now it is up to individual property owners to decide whether they want to remove the swans. But they can only do so after getting a permit and consulting with a wildlife biologist.

"We don't have anything to do with the management of these swans," Rogers said. "All we did was assist lake owners who have a situation. Now it's up to them to request help from the DNR."

After getting a permit, landowners can consult with a wildlife biologist about shooting the swans themselves, or they can request a team from the U.S. Department of Agriculture come out and do it. Avers recommends the latter, as teams from the USDA are highly trained, have better equipment and are discreet during removal.

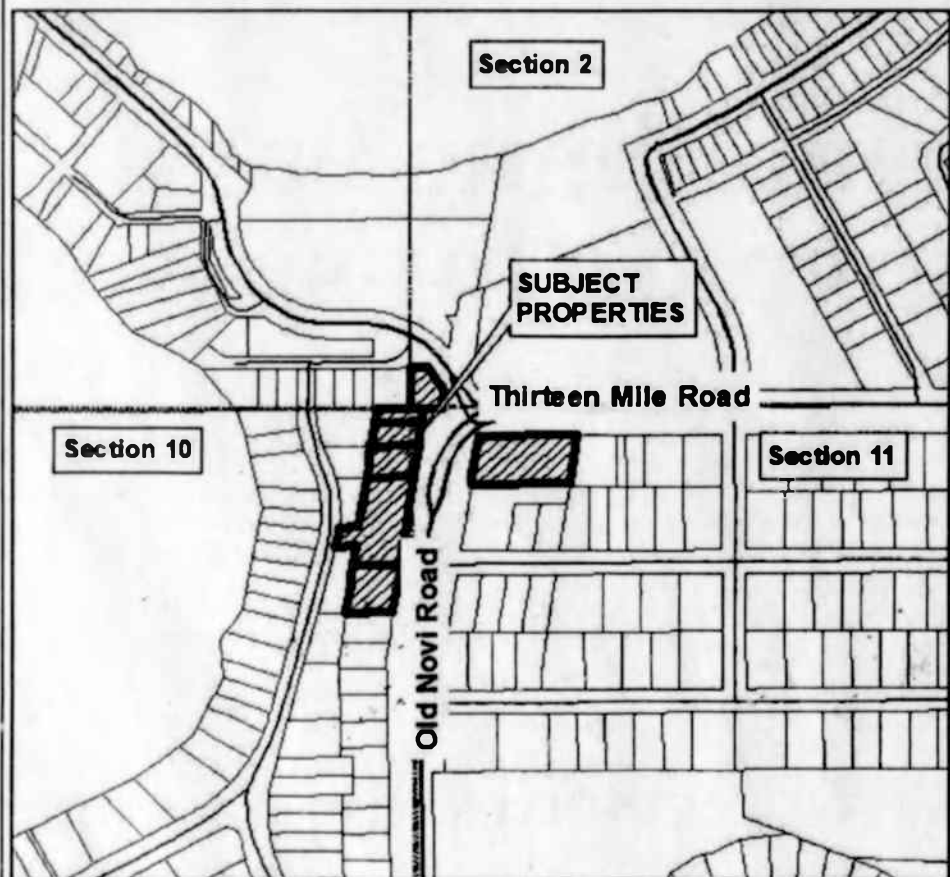
The activity is not secret, however; anyone who obtains a permit for removal is required to inform their neighbors ahead of time.

Nest and egg destruction is another option for landowners, but Avers said that doesn't work as well to control the population.

"Nest destruction just isn't as effective," Avers said. "When you remove an animal from the population, it can't reproduce again. We'd have to remove tens of thousands of eggs to have the same impact as removing a small fraction of adult animals."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.291 AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.735 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: ARTICLE 3.0 ZONING DISTRICTS, ADD SECTION 3.1.29 TO ESTABLISH THE PSV - PAVILION SHORE VILLAGE DISTRICT, AND SECTION 3.32 PAVILION SHORE VILLAGE REQUIRED CONDITIONS. RENUMBERING GENERAL EXCEPTIONS TO SECTION 3.33, AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 4.0 USE STANDARDS, SECTION 4.31 VETERINARY HOSPITALS AND CLINICS AND SECTION 4.71 LIVE/WORK UNITS. ALL BEING DONE TO ADD REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PSV, PAVILION SHORE VILLAGE DISTRICT, AND TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH OF THIRTEEN MILE AND EAST AND WEST OF OLD NOVI ROAD IN SECTIONS 2, 10 AND 11 FROM B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS TO PSV PAVILION SHORE VILLAGE.**



Proposed Ordinance language is available for review by contacting the Community Development Department at the following email address: bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org

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All interested persons are invited to attend this in-person meeting. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

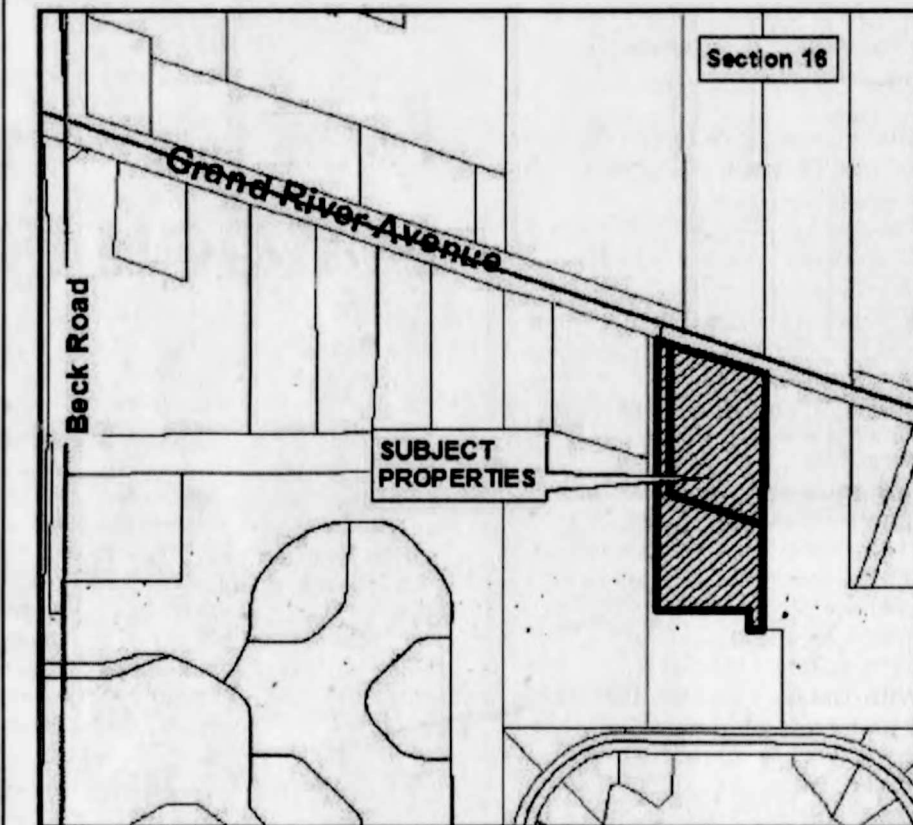
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Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

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Fifty-seven percent of Oakland County residents have received COVID-19 vaccine

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Some 57% of people living in Oakland County are fully vaccinated as of Aug. 17, according to data from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers someone fully vaccinated two weeks after they've been given a single-dose shot (Johnson & Johnson) or a second shot (either Pfizer or Moderna).

Michigan reported 1,032,520 total cases of coronavirus, an increase of 1% from the week before.

Oakland County has one of the five highest percentages of their population fully vaccinated in Michigan

as of Aug. 17.

The others in the top five are Leelanau County (67%), Grand Traverse County (59%), Washtenaw County (58%) and Emmet County (58%).

Here are the latest numbers on COVID-19 vaccinations in Oakland County as of Aug. 17:

How many people in Oakland County have received a COVID-19 vaccine?

- 61% of people in Oakland County have received at least one dose of the vaccine, for a total of 768,061 people

- 57% of people in Oakland County are fully vaccinated, for a total of 709,986 people

For a county-by-county look at the vaccination roll-out, see our COVID-19 vaccine tracker, which is updated daily.

How many people in Michigan have been vaccinated so far?

- 54% of people in Michigan have received at least one dose of the vaccine, for a total of 5,423,670 people
- 50% of people in Michigan are fully vaccinated, for a total of 4,955,984 people

We pull data on local vaccine distribution on a weekly basis. Check back for our next weekly update mid-week for the latest numbers.

Survey: Americans more intent on getting a flu shot

Frank Witsell Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Some scientists are worried that the upcoming flu season could be very bad — after a year when it seemed to virtually disappear — and are urging people to get their flu vaccine by late October, ahead of the winter season.

But there's some good news.

One health survey, commissioned by CVS, found that 71% of Americans intend to get their flu shot this year, a 5-percentage point increase from last year. And, according to a study, getting both COVID-19 and flu vaccines appears safe and effective.

Worries about the flu come as the state's top doctor said she had advised Gov. Gretchen Whitmer that a mask mandate is needed for K-12 schools to keep children safe when they return to classrooms soon; the governor has yet to take action on that recommendation.

"Getting your flu shot is a great way to be proactive about your health and the health of your community," said Angela Patterson, chief nurse practitioner officer of MinuteClinic. "It's an easy way to protect yourself and those around you."

How a new vaccine might interact with other vaccines usually is looked at before it is approved for use, but that didn't happen with the COVID-19 vaccines, which were authorized because of the pandemic.

A study published in June, however, suggested it was safe to take both vaccines.

Last year, the CDC reported a significant decline in flu cases, likely because of masking, social distancing and other precautions taken to prevent coronavirus spread.

Moreover, Michiganders were urged to get the flu vaccine because officials said it would help improve the health and safety of everyone, especially as the coronavirus ravaged the United States and overwhelmed many hospitals.

This season, however, could be much worse for the flu.

The CDC recommends a flu vaccine before flu viruses begin spreading in the community, since it takes



Scientists urge people to get the flu vaccine by late October, ahead of the winter season.

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about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide adequate protection.

About 45% of the people who participated in the CVS-commissioned survey said they would get a flu shot at a retail pharmacy, followed by 25% at a doctor's office.

Patients with either the seasonal flu, certain respiratory illnesses or COVID-19 can present similar symptoms: fever, cough and body aches.

Wayne County mandates mask use in schools and day cares

Lily Altavenna Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Wayne County's Public Health Department instituted a mask mandate Friday for all county school districts, schools and day care providers.

The order applies to public and private schools in Wayne County.

The mandate, which requires masks indoors to be worn by students, staff members and visitors, follows a similar mandate in Oakland County, along with other counties across the state. More than 260,000 students attend public schools in Wayne County, which includes the largest district in the state, Detroit Public Schools Community District.

Detroit, which kicks off its school year Sept. 7, already planned to require masks, as did Dearborn, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and Livonia Public Schools.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's Office issued a news release shortly after Wayne County's announcement. According to the governor's office, 179 districts serving 675,000 students are now covered by mask mandates.

A little more than 500 school districts operate in Michigan serving 1.4 million students.

The state in recent weeks has drawn criticism for its failure to take statewide action on a mandate, but Whitmer has stood by leaving the decision to local health departments and districts.

"Districts and local public health leaders should keep working together to implement mask guidelines and create buy-in at the community level, which leads to better outcomes and better adherence to policies that keep kids, teachers, staff, and parents safe," she said in Friday's statement.

School leaders are trying to make decisions on masks while on the receiving end of fiery pressure from parents who feel strongly on both sides. Hundreds of people showed up at Oakland County's Health Division building the morning after the county ordered schools to require masks.

The protesters loudly circled the building, pledging in anger to disrupt the work of the department for hours, claiming masks amounted to child abuse.

Other parents, however, have pleaded for mask mandates in counties without them.

Parents of medically vulnerable children in particular say they feel scared sending their children to school without a mask requirement.

Melissa Daub, a Wayne County commissioner, cheered the move in a statement on Friday.

"I applaud the Wayne County Health Department for following the science, and leading by example to keep our children safe," she said.

Oakland County mandates school masks

Lily Altavenna Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Students and staff in schools across all of Oakland County will be required to wear masks as the school year begins.

Oakland County's Health Division issued an indoor mask mandate last week, citing increasing COVID-19 hospitalizations among children nationwide. Oakland County is the second biggest county by population in Michigan, with 200,000 students who will be impacted by the order.

"Our top priority is keeping students in school for in-person learning," said Dave Coulter, Oakland County executive. "Masking is one of the best defenses against increased transmission of COVID and higher hospitalization rates among kids."

The order follows other counties in Michigan, including Genesee and Kent counties. While other states have broadly mandated masks, Michigan state leaders, led by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, left mandates up to individual counties.

With Oakland's order, 152 Michigan districts are now under a mask policy, representing 624,000 kids, or about 43.4% of all students in the state, according to Whitmer's office.

The uncertainty on the state level has left some school administrators in difficult positions, pulled in two different directions by community members vehemently opposed to and ardently supportive of masks.

Debates over masks reached peak levels in recent weeks, with school board meetings growing chaotic, punctuated by yelling. In Birmingham, one man was thrown out of a meeting for giving a Nazi salute.

And time is running out for many Michigan schools, which typically begin in the weeks before or after Labor Day. Many districts will start school next week, on Aug. 30.

The order also cites studies involving masks and schools, which found that proper masking cuts down on COVID-19 transmission in schools, particularly when vaccines aren't available to every age group. The

COVID-19 vaccine is available for children ages 12 and up, but still not authorized for children younger than 12.

State Rep. Kelly Breen, D-Novi, said she was relieved upon hearing news of the order, as a parent of two young children.

"We see that school districts are shutting down and the last thing we want is for our kids to have to return to virtual learning," she said.

"Some schools are not even set up for that right now. ... This is quite simply the right thing to do."

While some Oakland County school districts had mandated masks on their own, others, such as Clarkston, made masks an optional accessory for back-to-school.

The news for parents in Oakland County was cheered by some and vilified by others. Families flooded the comment section on the county's Facebook post announcing the mandate, leaving "thank you" and "I hate you" notes.

"I know it's not a popular decision but thank you on behalf of all of the parents whose children cannot be vaccinated," wrote one commenter.

Jason Wantuck, a parent in the Avondale School District, said his two children started school this week. He supports the mandate, he said.

"Whatever we have to do to get that to happen so that we don't have further shutdowns, we don't have further quarantines, we don't have anything that really interrupts the educational process as much as possible," he said.

Christopher Peace, a parent with two sons in Lake Orion's school district, said his 5-year-old son is entering kindergarten and has serious health issues. Peace desperately wants his son to experience in-person learning, but the lack of a mask mandate worried him, especially when vaccines aren't available for young children.

"I've been fighting for it for quite a while," he said. "For many years, we've sort of been treated as second class citizens. ... When your choice of trying to avoid a mere inconvenience can hurt my child, it becomes a major issue for me."



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State's campgrounds have become offices

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Marti Martin packs her camper and leaves for weeks sometimes — taking advantage of being able to work from anywhere.

She started camping during the pandemic with a tent that fit over the back of her SUV then upgraded to a small pop-up camper equipped with an air conditioner, furnace, refrigerator and bed this year.

"People were surprised that I brought a camper so quickly," said Martin, 58 of Novi. "I like being outside. I like being in nature. I like to see new things. For me, it was the next logical thing in the process."

New campers combined with people working remotely from campgrounds are contributing to an explosion in camping across Michigan.

The state keeps camping data back to 1980. This fiscal year, camping at state parks and recreation areas is expected to reach the highest level on record, said Ron Olson, chief of parks and recreation for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The data tracks the number of nights booked each year.

Campers have spent or reserved more than 1.3 million nights at campsites and lodges — like cabins and yurts — in state parks and recreation areas this fiscal year, Olson said. The number could rise with additional reservations through Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year.

This year's number is expected to eclipse the high set in 1999 when the total hit nearly 1.2 million nights, according to the DNR.

Changing behavior during the pandemic spurred more camping.

"People that may not have gone out as much, or at all, have decided to go out and give things a try and get outdoors," Olson said. "I also think that with more people working remotely... it's provided more flexibility in their ability to still do their work but to go places and perhaps stay longer."

Private campgrounds and municipal campgrounds — like those run by counties — have also seen a surge.

Oakland County's campgrounds, Addison Oaks and Groveland Oaks, have



Haleigh Kassab, center, of Haslett, stands up with a marshmallow on fire while making s'mores with her mother, Bridget, left, as her father, Jeremy, foreground, plays guitar and sister Braedyn gathers walkie talkies while camping at Sleepy Hollow Campground in Laingsburg on Aug. 18. The family had been camping three times in the last two months. "It's a place where you're dependent on yourself. You're not dependent on all the amenities and luxuries that make you lazy at home," said Jeremy Kassab. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

sold out nearly every weekend since they opened this year.

Earlier this month, Martin, who works for a health care technology company, set off for her next adventure: a trip spanning more than three weeks. She plans camping stops at her brother's property at Higgins Lake as well as Keith J. Charters Traverse City State Park, Young State Park, Leelanau State Park and another place yet to be determined when she heads back to metro Detroit.

Unlike many people who plan their trips at least six months out, Martin is more spontaneous. She watches for cancellations, travels midweek and stays flexible about camping where there are openings.

Booking in advance

Veteran campers know booking early

helps ensure reservations for the most sought-after spots. Campsites in state parks can be reserved six months in advance.

That's how far out Amber Anthony, 29, and her mother Patricia Anthony, 56, both of Westland, booked their annual camping trip, snagging multiple sites together. They stayed at Lakeport State Park on Lake Huron earlier this month.

"We couldn't go last year because of COVID," Amber Anthony said. "So we were looking forward to it this year."

This year, the campsite looked busier midweek than in years past, she said.

Dan Blair, 66, and his wife, Lorie Blair, 65, are also longtime campers. The couple from Hastings stayed at Algonac State Park and spent time with their grandchildren earlier this month.

There were plenty of empty spots in the campground during the week, but they couldn't stay at their favorite site. Lorie Blair said when they booked about five months out, it was already reserved for the weekend.

"We usually try six months in advance," she said.

'More glampers than campers'

The Robertson family camps at private campgrounds and don't plan so far in advance.

Chad Robertson, 42, of Goodrich, said he used to be able to go camping with his wife, Christine, and three children with a day's notice. Those days are gone, and he now books at least three weeks in advance.

While it's not as easy to go last-minute, the family is able to extend their stays during the workweek. Robertson no longer has to go to the office every day, allowing him to work remotely and camp with his family.

"Since I'm in IT, I can do 90% of my job from anywhere in the world," Robertson said.

Unlike working from home or the office, internet connections can be unreliable when camping. Some find themselves without a signal and end up at coffee shops or restaurants to get their work done.

Robertson takes hot spots with him, but they're not guaranteed to work.

While camping, he said he can roll out of bed and get to work, saving hours that he spent commuting before the pandemic and improving his work-life balance.

Last year, his family bought a new 38-foot trailer. It has four TVs and two refrigerators.

"We're more glampers than campers," Robertson said.

He said they paid full price — \$38,000 — because of demand, but also sold their used trailer at a premium given the camping craze.

Increased sales

This year, new registrations of trailer coaches, like pop-up campers and travel trailers, have already surpassed new registrations in 2019 and in 2020, according to Michigan Secretary of State data.

There have been 19,179 new registrations this year, according to state data through Aug. 18. That's up about 45% from all of last year and up 21% from all of 2019.

There's also been an increase in inquiries from people interested in starting a campground this year, said Sarah Rottiers, campground program administrator for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

EGLE licenses private and municipal campgrounds as well as state park and state forest campgrounds, she said.

There are about 1,300 of them considered active in the state, including more than 70 state park campgrounds, about 230 municipal campgrounds and 865 private campgrounds, Rottiers said.

"The overall number of campgrounds has slowly risen over the past decade, mostly within the last few years," she said.

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds represents recreation vehicle and campground industries. Director Darren Ing said there has been an uptick in people wanting to get into the lifestyle along with increased RV sales.

Michigan could use more campgrounds and RV sites to meet demand, he said.

"We're selling more RVs than there are campsites," Ing said.

Additionally, technology and advancements in the RV industry are outpacing the infrastructure of some older campgrounds, he said.

'Great family time'

Teresa Weyer, 55, of Caledonia, south of Grand Rapids, camps often, submersing herself in nature and enjoying the views.

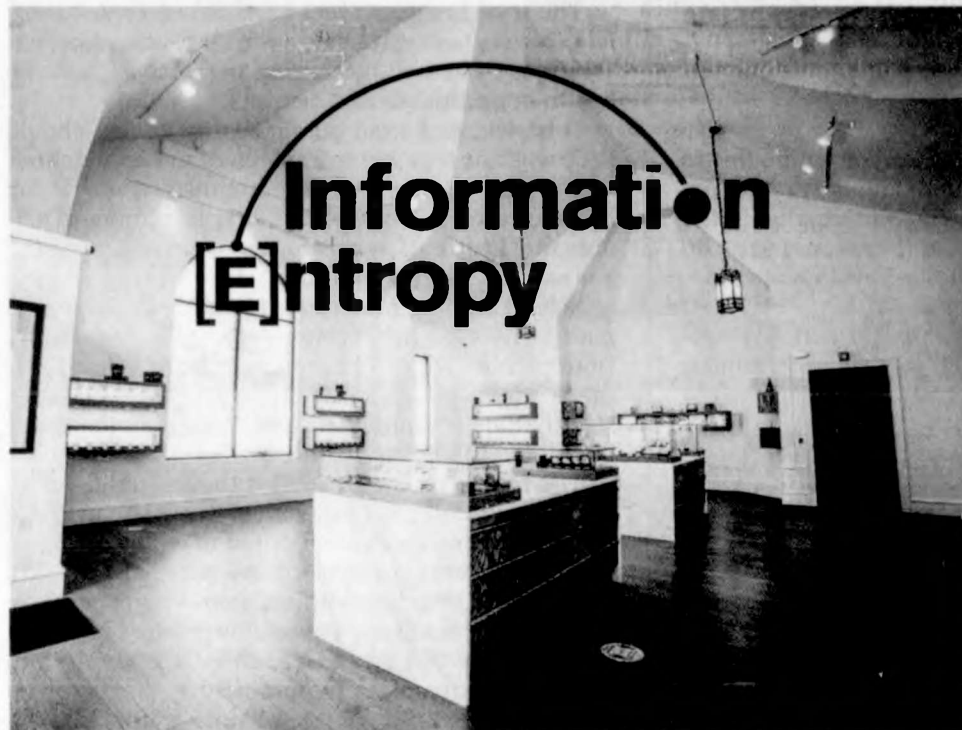
Since May, her family has camped at four state parks. They enjoy going on nature hikes, seeing lighthouses, making new recipes and meeting other campers.

She has combined camping and working for about eight years now, long before many others started.

Weyer works for an international exchange program and her family often hosts exchanges students. This month, her family welcomed a 16-year-old from Turkey — their 15th exchange student.

They plan to show her all over Michigan while camping and have three trips scheduled to state parks in September and October.

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NEW LESSONS TO LEARN.

THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

It's that time of year again. You have been here before. New school year beginning. First day of kindergarten. First grade. High school. Going off to college. New shoes, new clothes. Very familiar. Totally strange. Will your child or grandchild be heading to the classroom or to the bedroom? Kitchen table? Teaching with live instructors surrounded by friends and other students? Or



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alone through a computer screen?

Hasn't the first day of school always been a challenge? Parents concerned about how their kids will do in new situations. Kids worried about friends, classes, sports, fitting in. And now COVID-19. Masks all day long. How is that going to work? You expect that getting the younger kids to wear masks would be tough. What about the teenagers? Especially when they discover that continuous masking irritates the skin. And that means? The most dreaded teenager plague of all: acne. Has anyone thought this through?

Normal things you don't do anymore:
baseball, weddings, cook outs.

Hasn't it been a strange summer? Normal things you don't do anymore: baseball games, weddings, cook-outs. Weird things you now do all the time: wear a surgical mask, quarantine, obsessive handwashing. Fall football? Maybe in the spring, they say.

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FOUNDED ON THE ROCK OR BUILDING ON SAND?

Doctors finding remedies for deadly diseases are ignored. Are you okay with that? Rioters stop firefighters from fighting fires. Nodding in approval? Police officers are overrun with riots and looting. Feeling good? Courts and judges release accused criminals to commit more crime. Smiling yet?

Maybe we all need to go back to school. To relearn what we have always known.

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The simple fact is that America
is getting older.

is the strongest foundation for the future.

MIDDLE CLASS MUST SUCCEED

Who works harder than middle class folks? Who saves more? Who pays more taxes? Who volunteers more? When the going gets tough, who do they expect to help?

But if you're like me, you're not here to complain, but make things better. What should regular, middle class Americans, workers and retirees, do in times like these? Same thing as ever. Dig deeper. Try harder. And that starts at home. With you. Single or married. Kids or no kids.

The simple fact is that America is getting older: every day another 12,000 Baby Boomers turn 60, 65, 70. The "Greatest Generation" is in its 70s, 80s, and 90s. Poisonous rhetoric and slanted commentary about the "Me Generation" and the supposed self-centeredness of the Boomers are poisonously wrong. The truth is that 75% of Baby Boomers are right now caring for parents, have already done so, or expect to.

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LEARNING THE WRONG LESSON

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SEE THE SIGNS.

How It BEGINS

TAKE ACTION.

It begins. Maybe with your husband. Your wife. Could be Mom. Or Dad. Sister. Brother. Best friend. You, yourself. Little things. No big deal. But you wonder. It goes on. Stranger things. You notice. Routine changes. You adapt. You do more. It gets worse. You think. It becomes obvious to others. It becomes apparent to you. You must name it. Could it be Parkinson's? Alzheimer's? Lewy Body Dementia? Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS)? Vascular Dementia?



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Like most Americans, you know the devastation of dementia from family or friends. Many of us feel at a loss to provide help or comfort. Look for the following stages. Help your loved one and yourself.

DENIAL: THIS IS NOT HAPPENING!

Everyone at this age has some memory trouble. Strong as ever, except for the years. Absolutely nothing wrong! Anyone could have mislaid their keys, left the water running, put the laundry in the pantry. Those people do not know what they are talking about. Fit as a fiddle! Just shut up about it, will you...

ANGER: HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN TO ME? SO UNFAIR!

This is the worst. How dare they say such

things? About their very own father/mother! About me! All I/we have done for them! And this is our reward? Rotten ingrates. How could God let this happen?! Simply, blindly furious. Rage against the dying of the light.

BARGAINING: EXERCISE, PRAYER, DIET

Follow doctor's orders. Eat more fish. Exercise more. Go to church every day. Be nicer. Pray. Pray more. Do everything you are supposed to do. Then do more. It will go away if we are/I am worthy. Please. Only say the word and I shall be healed. Let's make a deal!

DEPRESSION: NOTHING IS GOING AWAY; IT IS JUST GETTING WORSE.

No way out. Overwhelming grief. Powerless. So sad. Life comes to this? No solution. Cannot fix it. Blank wall. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

ACCEPTANCE: THIS IS REALITY; NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT, BUT OKAY.

No, it is not getting better. This is it. Not what anyone wanted, expected, hoped. It is what it is. Terrible beauty in sacrifice. Praiseworthy endurance. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. No fault. No regrets. Satisfaction. Content.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO LIKE IT, BUT YOU MUST DEAL WITH IT

So many folks get stuck on the first stage, Denial. Baffling behaviors, confusion in common-

place activities, mood swings. After a diagnosis, nothing is more common than for family and friends to realize that "this" had been going on for months, years. It becomes clear as all the explanations and excuses fall away. Why didn't we act sooner?

Dementia is insidious and destructive. Nothing is easy. We must be on guard, but sensitive. Vigilant, but not insulting. Concerned, but not condescending. It is a difficult, narrow path to tread. But we do it for love. Love of parent, spouse, sibling, friend. We do it for the best.

TEN WARNING SIGNS OF DEMENTIA

Here is some advice from the Alzheimer's Association, people just like you. Ten Warning Signs:

If you notice any of these signs,
take action

If you notice any of these signs, take action. Note your concerns so you can address them with a friend, family member or doctor.

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life
2. Challenges in planning or solving problems.
3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks.
4. Confusion with time or place.
5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
6. New problems with words in speaking or writing.

7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps.
8. Decreased or poor judgment.
9. Withdrawal from work or social activities.
10. Changes in mood and personality.

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No list is comprehensive. Nothing substitutes for professional evaluation and judgment. But, guided by your genuine care and concern, these ten signs point the way to early detection and effective care.

WHAT'S ANY OF THIS GOT TO DO WITH ELDER LAW?

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A day in the lives of Felician Sisters

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The life they live isn't for everyone. Being a sister means choosing to not have a traditional family of their own, and it means dedicating their lives to the service of God and others. Sisters generally live more ministry-centered lives, while nuns usually have more solitary existences.

According to a few of Livonia's Felician Sisters, giving their time and talents to their neighbors is exactly what makes their lives gratifying.

"If you're called to the life, it is a very happy life," said Sister Rose Marie Kujawa. "It's worth the sacrifices."

According to institutions like the Pew Research Center, the number of women choosing to become sisters and nuns has steadily fallen since the 1960s. Statistics also show Christian church membership in general has steadily fallen the last 20 years.

But Livonia's nuns in particular have had a massive impact on the community. Madonna University, Angela Hospice Home Care, St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the now-closed Ladywood High School are just some examples of Felician-sponsored services in the city.

The Felician Sisters in Livonia are aging — the pandemic has highlighted that in terrible ways as many older sisters have died from COVID-19 — and are trying to recruit younger women while simultaneously preparing for a day when there might not be enough sisters around to keep their ministries going.

"Religious communities are getting smaller," Kujawa, 78, said. "So with all this joy, there is a sense of sadness that we have not been able to convey the joy that is in this life. We don't have as many entering."

It's a struggle familiar nationwide as the number of Catholic sisters is in dramatic decline. There were about 180,000 in the mid-1960s and only about 30,000 today. In Michigan, where communities of Catholic sisters were pioneers in education and health care across the state, the decline is similar.

In the Archdiocese of Detroit alone, there were nearly 6,000 Catholic sisters, the majority teachers from a varie-



Sister Mary Francis Lewandowski says hello to one of the order's service dogs at Felician Publications' offices on Aug. 12.
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ty of congregations during 1962-63, according to annual Catholic directories. The number dwindled to just 26 sisters serving in 84 Catholic schools across the entire six-county archdiocese this spring.

A call to sisterhood

Unlike Kujawa and Sister Mary Francis Lewandowski, who joined the Felicians out of high school, Sister Felicity Marie Madigan was in her 20s when she became a nun. She'd lived life as an adult, she'd dated. At 46, she's been a nun for 19 years and says she felt comfortable choosing religious life in part because she knew exactly what she'd be "missing," so to speak.

But, they all said giving their lives to serve God and other people was what made the idea of being a nun attractive to them.

"My interest was to be bread for others, to serve God and to serve His people," Madigan said.

Kujawa said wanting a family and children is, in her experience, something that stops young women from considering religious life, even if they are passionate about serving the church. She's known plenty of women who've left the Felician Sisters over the years.

"A girl at age 16 might say, 'Oh, I just love your life. But I've always wanted to be a mother,'" Kujawa said. "Guess what wins out? It's having her own home and

a family ... Just because you enter a religious community, it doesn't mean that yearning goes away. That's something you have to deal with at different stages in your life."

But they say there's a family-like atmosphere that comes with being a sister, too.

"We have the same religious beliefs, and our thrust is to be about mission," Madigan said. "We're united together in that, and that's where our sisterhood is bonded."

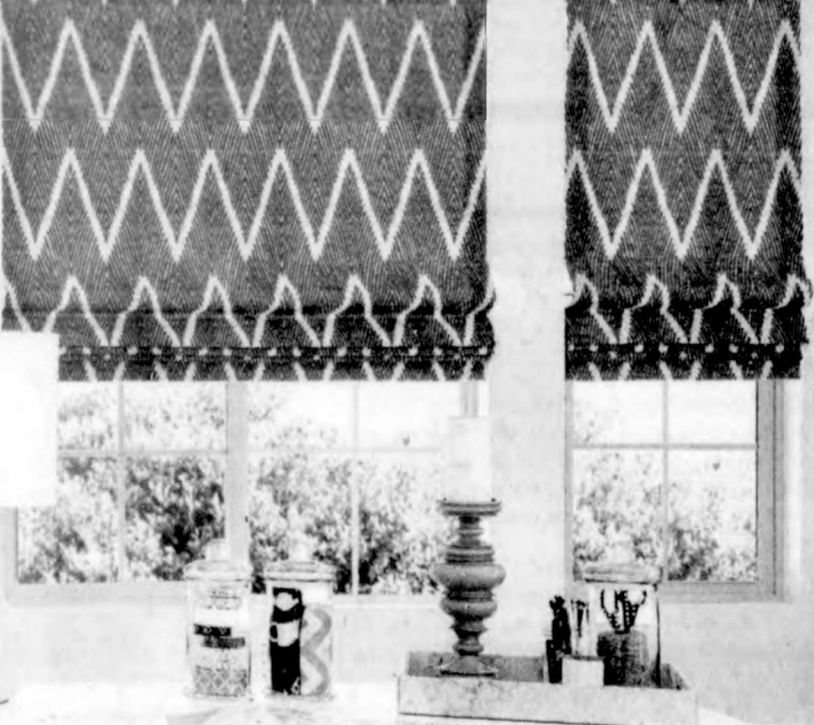
"It's family."

Most nuns have roommates or housemates. Lewandowski, 55, said, aside from the sweet friendship that

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Sisters Mary Francis Lewandowski, left, and Felicity Marie Madigan talk about their service to the Felician Sisters order. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Sister Rose Marie Kujawa talks about her nearly 60 years in the Sisterhood on July 22 at Madonna University.



Sister Felicity Madigan works on a garden box for Deo Gracias Ministries. COURTESY OF DEO GRACIAS MINISTRIES

Sisters

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comes with those living arrangements, it allows for spiritual growth, too.

"It's a daily journey," she said. "How do we live together and keep a common focus? A lot of that has to do with prayer, and a lot of that has to do with the coffee we share in the morning. It's meeting each other where we are and accepting our differences for the greater glory of God."

Changing to meet the moment

Though Lewandowski and Madigan have both lived and worked in Livonia at some point, they now live in southwest Detroit with another sister. They all have day jobs, Lewandowski runs internal communications for the Felicians in Livonia and Madigan co-directs a non-profit in Detroit, but praying for and serving their neighborhood is a huge part of their lives.

Lewandowski said their living situa-

tion, while somewhat uncommon, is becoming more popular. They find it serves people effectively — after all, living life alongside people is part of how Jesus did ministry — and is more attractive to women considering religious life.

"Young women entering religious life are very much looking to be active in service to the poor," Lewandowski said. "I think that our being out there really gives people a fresh look at what religious life is about, especially young women."

They have a free food box in front of their house that Lewandowski says is almost always empty. Neighbors help them fill the box and routinely stop them asking for prayer.

"People who drive by us know that the sisters are there and the sisters are praying," Lewandowski said. "We're kind of like a beacon of light in the neighborhood. We really are walking the love of Jesus through the community."

They said doing ministry the same way forever won't be effective, and they need to change some things to meet the moment they live in.

"Part of our service is to be open to

the changes that are going on around us," Madigan said. "As sisters, that's what we do. We step in where there's a need."

Preparing for a smaller footprint

During her career, Kujawa worked at Madonna University for roughly 40 years. She spent 17 years as the vice president of academics and 14 years as the president. She's part of a long line of religious people who've led the school.

Now, the university is run by what Kujawa calls a "layperson," meaning someone whose primary vocation isn't ministry. She said more of that transition may lie down the road and, if a sister can't run things, they'll work to make sure everyone's values are on the same page.

"We have worked very diligently that when we transfer leadership to a layperson, they are required to really learn the values we promote," she said. "It's our responsibility to make sure leadership is in place who will carry on these values. These are ministries to us — education is a ministry for us."

Kujawa said the Livonia convent gets between one and three candidates for sisterhood annually. The convent has traditionally accepted women from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. From candidacy, becoming a sister takes several years, a process during which some change their minds and leave.

"We've been aware that the number of religious people has been diminishing for 30, 40 years," Kujawa said. "That's pretty apparent. We've done our studies, and we've already started merging provinces."

But their many ministries, when done right, aren't about the sisters at all. They said they feel they're exactly where they should be, serving those around them the way they're called to do so.

"We have pledged ourselves to accept people where they are," Lewandowski said. "It's not our jobs to pass judgement on you. That's what's within your heart and that's between you and God ... We firmly believe that our acceptance and being welcoming to everyone is what leads to a conversion of heart."

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Novel

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Not that he saw it as a tragedy, says McVeigh, 54, who in 2011 moved to the Philippines, where his physician wife's family is from.

"Some things have to go away to get other things," he says philosophically. "But I always had the project in my head."

Cut to 2020 when COVID-19 hit and everything shut down. McVeigh, who has a motion graphics business and is creative director for a Portland, Oregon, company that produces video campaigns for clients like Ford, had extra time on his hands. He decided to open the script.

"I still liked it, and I thought it was a great world to explore," he says. After first considering remaking the story into an audiobook, he decided to novelize it.

The task proved to be difficult, however. McVeigh, who majored in English at the University of Michigan, had never tried to write a book, and he missed collaborating, having a partner to bounce ideas off.

Just then, Jim Bolone, a friend and former dockporter who had supported the film project, wrote to him. "Out of the blue, he said: 'We should work together on something,'" recalls McVeigh. Bolone, a native Detroit who has published several short stories, teaches creative writing to middle school students in Toledo.

"I thought, there is no way that's an accident," says McVeigh, who asked Bolone to be his co-author.

Roughly six months later, after collaborating via Google Docs and video chats a couple of hours each day, the men self-published "The Dockporter: A Mackinac Island Novel" through Amazon. It's the first book in a series they're

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calling the Mackinac Island Stories. The book arrived April 1, and the first signing is Saturday at the Island Bookstore on Mackinac Island.

'Something a guy can read'

The story takes place in 1999 when 30-something Jack McGuinn, disenchanted with his work as an automotive photographer, gets an invitation to attend an island reunion. Most of the story is told in flashback to 1989 as Jack, a former dockporter, tells a biker he meets on the ferry about his island past, including a girl who got away.

The book, a fun and at times touching read with a PG-13 vibe, is filled with youthful hopes and dreams and plenty of antics. It had 4.7 stars and more than 200 ratings on Amazon at press time and has hit No. 1 a few times, say the authors.

Mary Jane Barnwell, owner of the Island Bookstore, says she has already sold a couple of hundred copies. "I knew I could sell a ton," she says. "That's a lot for our little bookstore. We have another 200 coming for their signing."

Barnwell, whose husband is a former dockporter, has been following "The Dockporter" on Facebook since it was a script. "You can't help but like these guys," she says, adding that customers so far love the book. "There are so many fiction books set on Mackinac Island, but a lot are romance or historical fiction. This is contemporary. Something a guy can read. We really needed some-

thing like this."

Though Jack is loosely based on McVeigh and 1989 was the last summer Bolone and McVeigh were dockporters, the authors say their story is pure fiction aside from its references to the island's history and places like the Grand Hotel.

Dockporters were always a special breed to McVeigh. "Skeptics would say these guys are acting like they're jet pilots and they're bellman on bikes," he says. There's a line in the book about that as well as a reference to a contest involving how many bags dockporters could manage without tipping over their bikes. "We lived like we were characters in movies," says McVeigh.

For Bolone, 60, whose first summer as a dockporter was 1982 when he was an English major at Wayne State University, it was like being in a big sandbox where everyone working was 20 to 30 years old. "We shared our college dreams and life dreams, failures and conflicts," he says. "My last summer, I met my wife. She was working the ticket booth for Arnold Transit."

Bolone was also a kind of a mentor, recalls McVeigh. "He inspired a sense of wonder about what we were doing. I was trying to figure out who I was in the world. To start looking at the world as an adventure," he says. "So full circle to be working with him. ... He was an influential person to all of us."

Surprise success

The first-time novelists say response to the book has exceeded their expectations. "It's been incredible," McVeigh says. "It's taking on a life of its own because of Michigan and the island and the story behind it — that it was a script and then two old dockporters did it."

McVeigh attributes much of the success to the goodwill they engendered through their Facebook groups: the Mackinac Island Dockporters Associa-

tion, with nearly 6,000 members, and the Dockporter book group, with more than 1,300 members.

"We had a built-in audience," he says. Early on, they posted passages of the book for people to read when the book group was smaller. "I felt safe and I trusted them. We even had people vote on the cover."

Moreover, McVeigh thinks the book's timing was right. "Not that it was planned, but the world has gotten more and more complicated. This is a pre-tech story, and I think that makes people feel positive. It's kind of uncomplicated and funny and almost quaint — all those corny things that are good for people."

Adds Bolone: "We thought: Let's make people happy for a while. Let's give them a vacation."

Though it's listed as Young Adult fiction, Bolone says the book is hitting all generations. "I had a guy in his late 70s who said: 'You brought us back. We're going to go visit.'"

McVeigh says they had to pick from Amazon's categories, which are more limited than those of major booksellers. He and Bolone selected those that made the most sense, including adult romance fiction. Though he says Young Adult is not inappropriate, he doesn't think the label is very meaningful. "When I was a young adult, I was reading 'All The President's Men.'"

At the moment, he and Bolone are already writing the second book in the series, which they expect to release April 1, 2022. The idea to do a series was almost immediate, says Bolone. "We're not getting younger."

The second book is a prequel set in the summer of 1979, when the film "Somewhere in Time" was shot on the island with Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour. With Jack as the main character, the story features more of the island's history and is a bit of a whodunit.

Band

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Heading off the lot for a quick break after a three hour morning practice Aug. 23, Northville High marching band member and senior Sanjana Vadrevas weighed in on the camp.

"This is my fourth year and it's a little different," Vadrevas said. "There's more movement in the numbers, which I actually really love."

And after 2020 pandemic-era marching band numbers where the Northville students took the field but didn't march, only played instruments — often with protective covers over their openings — she admitted "I love seeing a full band."

Four senior drum majors man risers to the front and back to help keep musical tempo and band director Mike Rumbell, perched 12 feet up a tower and exposed to a merciless sun, stops the band often to make sure the sousaphones are louder in this section or that the drummers are hitting their triplets correctly.

While toting his sousaphone across the school lot during a break in the rehearsals Jack Armstrong, an incoming freshman, talks about the camp.

"I like it a lot. Band's one of my favorite things and because my grandpa did it too it sort of runs in the family," he said. And after a year of virtual reality, learning and interacting through screens, "I



The Northville marching band drum line practices. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

like being outside here with other students rather than inside."

This year's Mustang marchers will be playing tunes from the Mandalorian, John Williams' Star Wars and Gustav Holst's The Planets. And even given the concerns of keeping the kids safe during an evolving pandemic its longtime director Mike Rumbell notes "we're trying to make it as normal as possible."

Rumbell, who will turn 71 in the coming year, has been with the school district for 49 years and shoulders the responsibilities as director of the school's

marching, classic and jazz bands. It may be a fairly large understatement when he says why he's been at it for nearly 50 years: "I still have fun."

Find the Northville High marching band perform at the varsity football games before kickoff, during breaks in the play and at halftime (when the real show is) at Tom Holzer Ford Field on Eight Mile near Hillside. Games begin at 7 p.m. on Sept. 3, Sept. 17, Oct. 1, and Oct. 8.

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Speed limit

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conducted a speed study in conjunction with the Traffic Improvement Association.

They recorded more than 100,000 vehicle speeds, both eastbound and westbound for 20 days apiece, and found that the average speed eastbound was exactly the speed limit while the westbound speeds averaged 39 mph.

If the Michigan State Police conducted a speed study, an appropriate speed limit would be determined by the speed 85% of motorists are driving at or below on that road. City Manager Paul Zelenak noted that could mean an increase in speed limit to 40 mph.

Instead, he cited as possible solutions the recommendations from Sovik's report, which besides the pedestrian crosswalk sign include marking at least 10 designated spaces on both the north and south side of 10 Mile from downtown west to Hagadorn.

"Most people drive at speeds based on their surroundings and what they see," he said. "If you put parking and cars on the street, people slow down. Wide open roads — people drive faster."

Zelenak and Sovik said the city will also request the Road Commission for Oakland County remove the pass with care and no passing signs and instead stripe double solid yellow lines from downtown to Hagadorn.

As part of the speed study, Sovik examined records from the past 10 years and found 28 reported accidents on the stretch of 10 Mile being evaluated. None of these accidents resulted in personal injuries. The majority of the accidents were reported at Warren (12), McMunn (7) and Hagadorn (6) intersections with 10 Mile, while there were 2 accidents at Calkins and 1 at Washington.

Of the total accidents, 15 were due to motorists pulling off side streets and failing to yield to drivers traveling on 10 Mile; four were attributed to motorists rear-ending the driver in front of them; three were vehicle hit as motorists backed out of their driveways; three were car-deer accidents; in one, a driver swerved to miss an animal and hit a parked car; another hit a parked car when their attention was on the radio; and the last occurred during an attempted U-turn on 10 Mile.

"That's about 3 accidents per year, and a lot of the time they're not speeding," Sovik said. "We won't catch all the speeders, but the 85th percentile is what they recommend, and we are right in the ballpark."

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Robotics

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3D printing to create prosthetic limbs for children overseas.

The team's work has also, of course, made a lasting impact right here in the past year, as they made personal protective equipment for local frontline and essential workers.

Moore finds it ironic that the team had its most successful year in its 20-year history during a pandemic, being creative together virtually while unable to collaborate in a conventional manner.

In pre-pandemic years, the robotics honors ceremony would have taken place at Ford Field, striving toward FIRST founder Dean Kamen's vision of changing popular culture to celebrate science and technology in the way entertainment and sports heroes are celebrated, Moore said. The end goal being kids who are inspired to be problem solvers and inventors and to change the world.

While that kind of fanfare was not in the cards this year, the Frog Force team, family and friends gathered at the Novi High School football field to celebrate a

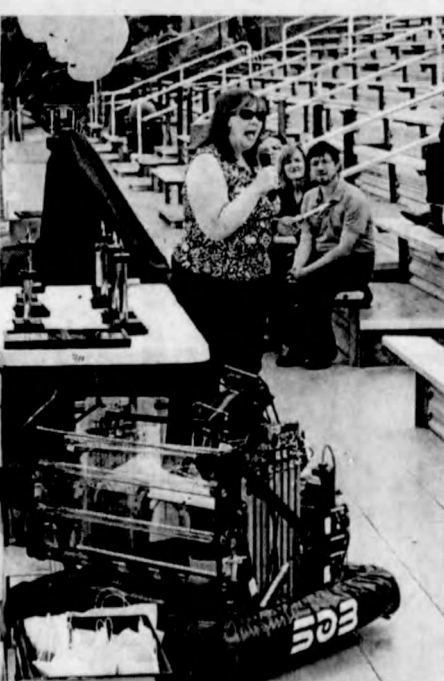
lifetime achievement. They also recognized some individuals as well, including team president Arseniy Ilinich, one of 10 students in the world to be awarded Dean's List at the championship level. Megan Douglas and Joshua Huang, 2021 NHS graduates, were honored with the Allaire Medal for exemplary leadership.

The medal comes with a \$5,000 scholarship which Douglas will use as she studies business at the University of Michigan this fall.

She and Huang, who had invited her to join robotics when she was a seventh grader, were both surprised with the scholarship. It is the culmination of a venture she began as a cool opportunity, and one she ultimately enjoyed through her middle school and high school years, particularly her work with students in Detroit and China.

"Personally, I'm really grateful for all the recognition we are receiving and that we are able to do these great things for these students and other teams that can follow in our footsteps," she said. "I think they will be grateful they've had these opportunities as well."

For more information on Frog Force and becoming involved in robotics in Novi, visit frogforce503.org.



Janelle Moore addresses an Aug. 16 gathering to commemorate the success of Novi High School's robotics team, Frog Force. The team has earned the 2021 Championship Chairman's Award, a worldwide honor that puts them into the FIRST robotics Hall of Fame. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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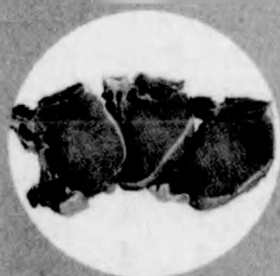
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Stevenson sneaks out win over Northville

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Last season, Northville and Livonia Stevenson both returned to the playoffs after a multiple year layover, and Spartan head coach Randy Micallef believes the previous year can carry over to season openers.

"A lot of it is on the kids," Micallef said. "The way we ended last year carries over, definitely. We have really good, competitive kids. A lot of them are dual-sport athletes. They come into the spring and summer just motivated to get better and be successful."

It took a strong running game and a little bit of luck to be successful Friday

for Stevenson to come away with a 34-33 overtime win against Northville.

"Those last three minutes and that overtime was enough to wear me out, and take a couple years off your life, for sure," Micallef joked.

Stevenson (1-0) was up 27-16 late in the third quarter but gave up 11 unanswered points that sent the game into

overtime.

The Mustangs (0-1) clawed back with a 31-yard field goal by junior Sam Wiest with 6:09 to play in the fourth quarter to draw within eight, and a six-play drive ending with a 15-yard touchdown pass from Jack Holland to Nolan Thompson,

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North Farmington's Jasper Beeler heads in for one of his touchdowns against Farmington on Aug. 27. North Farmington won, 49-6. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

North Farmington offense blasts past Farmington in season opener

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Taking the ball with mere seconds to go, North Farmington wasn't planning on phoning it in until halftime. Not when it could get another touchdown against its rival. Not when quarterback

Ryan Shelby could find a wide open Jasper Beeler down the sideline.

As the clock winded down, Shelby took advantage of a mismatch the Raiders offense had exploited all night, watching the senior wide receiver and running back beat a Farmington defensive back one-on-one down the side-

line. The sophomore reared back and found Beeler in stride for, scoring North Farmington's sixth touchdown in the first 24 minutes.

For North Farmington, this was the story in the latest iteration of its rivalry with Farmington: the Raiders (1-0) could not be stopped, beating the Falcons

(0-1), 49-6, at home to open the 2021 season.

"I think it gives them a good air of confidence," North Farmington head coach Jon Herstein said, leading his team to its third-straight win against its

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Novi volleyball reloads with plans for state tournament run

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Novi volleyball played in some big games during its 2020-21 season.

The Wildcats faced three five-set matches during the playoffs a season ago, beating Northville in the first round of districts and Ann Arbor Skyline in the state quarterfinal before losing to Lowell

in the state semifinals.

This was at the forefront of Novi volleyball head coach Kacy Byron as she led her first official practice of the year.

"I think in those matches you just have to allow the girls to stay excited and not let the game get bigger than it actually is," she said. "I think that's the lesson that the coaching staff and the girls learned from last year: stay in the

moment and not be worried by one mistake or one play. It's not going to win or lose a game."

For Byron and the Wildcat athletes, expectations are high. The target is there, despite losing an important group of seniors from last year's roster - including libero Rachel Jennings.

But the head coach feels the target's been there. It's been growing, and it's

something the Wildcats are going to have to learn to respond to.

The target started before Byron's tenure as head coach. The Wildcats took home three-straight Class A state titles 2015-17 under Jennifer Cottrill. Since then, it's been a gradual process: losing in the district final to Northville in 2018

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Changes at the top headline Hometown Life's Week 2 top 10

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Week 1 is complete and the grind for the remaining eight weeks of the regular season starts now.

Here's a look at where each of Hometown Life's top high school football teams stand after their season openers.

There are some changes after the opening week of the season, when compared to the preseason Hometown Life high school football rankings.

1. Livonia Churchill (1-0, Last Week: No. 2)

The Chargers set the tone for their 2021 season in a big way Week 1, using its senior quarterback in the ground game — 102 yards rushing — and through the air — 210 yards passing — while scoring three touchdowns.

Third-year varsity seniors Joshua Brown, Bailey Brooks and Boston Clegg Jr. showed their experience in the opener, something that will be helpful as the schedule gets tougher.

2. South Lyon (1-0, Last Week: No. 3)

The Lions started the 2021 season on a dominant note, beating Lakes Valley Conference rival Walled Lake Western on the road by 20 points.

From quarterback Dawson Skupin's level of confidence in the pocket, throwing up the ball and trusting his experienced receiving corps, to a defensive backfield trusting its cornerbacks and safeties to do the heavy lifting in coverage to allow the linebackers to bring pressure along with the line, the Lions looked confident in Week 1, something that looks like it can be replicated week to week.

3. North Farmington (1-0, Last Week: No. 4)

This Raiders offense is electric. Even with only a sophomore behind center in Noah Shelby, North Farmington's two main offensive weapons — Aaron Rice and Jasper Beeler — are players who can either jump over opposing defensive backs or fly past them.

As Shelby grows and becomes more comfortable, look for this team to grow even as it turns into OAA White play.

4. Lakeland (1-0, Last Week: No. 6)

A mix of a balanced offense led by senior quarterback Tate Farquhar and a defense that allowed only 21 rushing yards gave Lakeland its first win of the season, stomping Waterford Kettering in the season opener.

As the Lakes Valley Conference seems to be taking shape early in the season, watch for Lakeland to continue its consistency, especially with matchups against Walled Lake Western and South Lyon in the first half of the regular season.

5. Brother Rice (1-0, Last Week: No. 8)

Brother Rice shocked a lot of people in Week 1.

The Warriors beat Macomb Dakota,

the largest school in the state, primarily with their running game, as running back Nolan Ray recorded three touchdowns and 167 yards rushing.

Even with the difficult schedule Brother Rice has, it seems to be rising to the occasion early on in 2021.

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

In what was supposed to be a coming out party for a Division 1 state title contender turned into a long night for the Shamrocks.

A defense that allowed 101 points all of last season gave up 45 points in the opener — the most points the unit has allowed since their 2016 D1 state final loss to Cass Tech — along with 440 yards of offense to Chippewa Valley.

Along with two interceptions by Declan Byle and an offense that only could muster 68 yards on 17 carries, Catholic Central needs to turn it around quick.

7. Detroit Country Day (1-0, Last Week: NR)

Detroit Country Day's season opener was a prime example of what it does best.

The Yellowjackets scored five of its seven touchdowns on the ground, as backs averaged 10.2 yards per carry.

A defense that allowed 90 points in 11 games a season ago recorded its ninth shutout since 2019, allowing one single Garden City passing yard.

8. Livonia Stevenson (1-0, Last Week: NR)

Livonia Stevenson had a memorable first game without the graduated Caden Woodall. Led by running back Matthew Gazzarato, who recorded 187 yards and four touchdowns on 19 carries, the Spartans squeaked out a road win against Northville, winning by a point on a failed 2-point conversion in overtime. With a promising offensive look, we'll see how the Spartans respond as their schedule gets more and more difficult.

9. Canton (0-1, Last Week: No. 5)

Canton's season did not start as planned.

The Chiefs could not find a way to stop Dearborn Fordson's Antonio Gates Jr., who took in two touchdowns and recorded two interceptions.

Despite a promising performance by running back Wesley Faulkner and Josiah West, Canton's going to need to regroup if there's any hopes for a play-off run after a seemingly pretty easy KLA West schedule.

10. Northville (0-1, Last Week: No. 10)

Despite leaving with its first loss of the season, Northville saw some potential from its season opener, whether it was from a two-touchdown performance by quarterback Jack Holland or a key interception by Ray Shukeireh in the fourth quarter to complete the Mustangs' 11-point comeback.

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WEEK 2 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.

Game	Pick	Pick	Pick	Pick
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Dearborn Fordson vs. Livonia Stevenson	Dearborn Fordson	Dearborn Fordson	Dearborn Fordson	Dearborn Fordson
Howell vs. Canton	Canton	Howell	Howell	Canton
Hartland vs. Novi	Hartland	Hartland	Novi	Hartland
Salem vs. Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton
Livonia Franklin vs. Wayne Memorial	Livonia Franklin	Livonia Franklin	Livonia Franklin	Wayne Memorial
Northville vs. Plymouth	Northville	Northville	Plymouth	Plymouth
Brother Rice vs. East Kentwood	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	East Kentwood	East Kentwood
Detroit Catholic Central vs. Davison	Davison	Davison	Detroit Catholic Central	Detroit Catholic Central
Milford vs. South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	Milford
Waterford Kettering vs. South Lyon East	South Lyon East	South Lyon East	South Lyon East	South Lyon East
Walled Lake Western vs. Livonia Churchill	Livonia Churchill	Livonia Churchill	Livonia Churchill	Walled Lake Western
Seaholm vs. Clarkston	Clarkston	Clarkston	Clarkston	Clarkston
North Farmington vs. Lake Orion	North Farmington	North Farmington	Lake Orion	Lake Orion
Berkley vs. Farmington	Berkley	Farmington	Farmington	Berkley
Ys. Detroit Memorial vs. Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day
Last Week's Record:	10-8	10-8	10-8	12-6
Season Record:	10-8	10-8	10-8	12-6

WEEK 1 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Keweenaw Lakes Athletic Association Dearborn Fordson (1-0) 38, Canton (0-1) 23; Wesley Faulkner led Canton with 103 yards on nine carries, but the Chiefs could not overcome two touchdowns and two interceptions by Fordson senior Antonio Gates Jr. Livonia Churchill (1-0) 38, Salem (0-1) 21; Taj Williams led the Chargers to its first win of the season, recording 210 yards through the air with three touchdowns and 102 yards on the ground. Boston Clegg Jr. added two touchdowns on the ground and one through the air, while Josh Brown — two receiving touchdowns — and Dionte Good each scored for Churchill. Hartland (1-0) 21, Livonia Franklin (0-1) 0 Novi (1-0) 28, Wayne Memorial (0-1) 12; Jim Sparks earned his first win as Novi's head coach, while quarterback Luke Aurilia scored once through the air and once on the ground to help the Wildcats to a 16-point victory at home. Blake Ellison added a touchdown reception and a touchdown run for Novi. Julian Shelby scored both of the Zebras' touchdowns. Howell (1-0) 38, Westland John Glenn (0-1) 0 Livonia Stevenson (1-0) 34, Northville (0-1) 33 OT Belle Isle (1-0) 62, Plymouth (0-1) 7; Plymouth allows 615 yards of offense and nine touchdowns — including five through the air from freshman quarterback Bryce Underwood — in its season opener against Belle Isle, scoring once on a 7-yard run by Spencer Vos. Catholic High School League Livonia Clarenceville (1-0) 34, Cranbrook Kingswood (0-1) 6; Sean Brian Clegg led Clarenceville with 253 yards and three touchdowns, while the Cranes' only score came from a four-yard touchdown run by Ethan Peruski.	Brother Rice (1-0) 35, Macomb Dakota (0-1) 21; Nolan Ray led the way, recording 167 yards on 13 carries, including 80, 68 and five-yard touchdown runs. Ethan Swider also added a 88-yard pick-six. Chippewa Valley (1-0) 45, Detroit Catholic Central (0-1) 20 Lakes Valley Conference Lakeland (1-0) 41, Waterford Kettering (0-1) 20 Milford (1-0) 21, New Boston Huron (0-1) 20; Milford quarterback Billy Sternberg threw two touchdowns, while linebacker Wyatt Lesnew added 12 tackles and a fumble recovery in the Mavericks' come-from-behind victory. South Lyon (1-0) 48, Walled Lake Western (0-1) 28 Walled Lake Northern (1-0) 14, South Lyon East (0-1) 13 Oakland Activities Association Byron Center (1-0) 42, Seaholm (0-1) 28 Dexter (1-0) 40, Groves (0-1) 8 North Farmington (1-0) 49, Farmington (0-1) 6 Bloomfield Hills (1-0) 13, Berkley (0-1) 10 Independent Detroit Country Day (1-0) 46, Garden City (0-1) 0; Parker Yeargo led the Yellowjackets with three touchdowns at running back, while Gabe Winowich added two touchdowns. Brandon Mann added a passing touchdown and a rushing touchdown for Country Day. Western Wayne Athletic Conference North Branch (1-0) 42, Redford Thurston (0-1) 0 Pewamo-Westphalia (1-0) 33, Redford Union (0-1) 6 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Lutheran Westland (1-0) 35, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (0-1) 13
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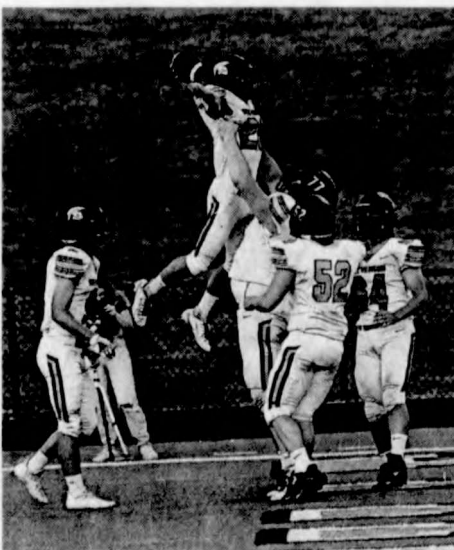
capped off by a two-point conversion to tie the game at 27 with 1:31 left.

On the first play of overtime, Stevenson senior running back Matthew Gazzarato scored on a 10-yard touchdown run, answered by a 10-yard run by Northville, which elected to go for the win.

Northville quarterback Jack Holland rolled out to his left, and had a man open in the end zone, but the pass was dropped that sealed the win for Stevenson.

"It's heartbreaking. No doubt about that," Northville head coach Matt Ladach said. "I'm very proud of the resilience our kids showed down the wire being down two scores. We came back, and tied it against a very good team. We answered their quick touchdown with a touchdown of our own. I just feel terrible for our kids because they played their hearts out and came up a point short."

"People can second guess the deci-



Stevenson's Matthew Gazzarato celebrates after scoring a touchdown. COURTESY OF TOM BEAUDOIN

sion all they want... I told my players before the game that I believe in them. I told them when we were down at half-time that I believe in them. I told them before that two point play that I believe

in them. Even though we didn't make that play, I still believe in them."

Life after Woodall

It's no secret that Livonia Stevenson likes to run the ball, and they did so very successfully with now-graduated running back Caden Woodall. It cast a big shadow and shoes to fill, filling the void of losing the single-season rushing record holder, but Gazzarato doesn't want to be known as a Woodall replacement.

He wanted to make a name for himself.

"Caden is a whole other person. I respect him a lot. But I'm me," Gazzarato said. "We're two separate people, and I want to be known for me and my play and not just a guy who is stepping in his role."

Filling Woodall's shoes didn't inspire him though, something else did.

"Hometown Life gave a list of people to look at this week, and I wasn't on it," he said. "There were a couple of other players, and I took that personally. I looked at that right before this game, and wanted people to know who I am."

If you didn't know who he was, you might after his performance on Friday. The senior ran for 187 yards on 19 carries and had four touchdowns on the night for the Spartans.

Building on turnovers

Northville trailed most of the game, but its defense helped keep the Mustangs in the game when it counted.

In the first quarter, a fumble recovery by Nate Cotter helped Northville set up a 37-yard field goal for a 9-7 lead, and the drive before that, a muffed punt recovered by sophomore Colin Prior helped set up the team's only touchdown in the first half.

"We have a great group of leaders on this team. The defense played their hearts out and stepped up when we needed them too," Ladach said.

Senior Ray Shukeireh also made his presence known, making a clutch interception that stopped Stevenson from building onto its lead in the fourth quarter and sparked the 11-point comeback.

"We want to make sure teams feel us," Shukeireh said.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Livonia Churchill at Westland John Glenn; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
Livonia Stevenson at Dearborn Fordson; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
Canton at Howell; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
Novi at Hartland; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
Salem vs. Brighton; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
Livonia Franklin vs. Wayne Memorial; 7 p.m., Sept. 3
Northville vs. Plymouth; 7 p.m., Sept. 3

Catholic High School League

Cranbrook Kingswood at Detroit Loyola; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
Brother Rice vs. East Kentwood; 6 p.m., Sept. 3
Detroit Catholic Central vs. Davison; 7 p.m., Sept. 3

Lakes Valley Conference

Milford vs. South Lyon; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
South Lyon East at Waterford Kettering; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
Lakeland at Walled Lake Central; 7 p.m., Sept. 2

Oakland Activities Association

Seaholm vs. Clarkston; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
Groves vs. Southfield Arts and Technology; 7 p.m., Sept. 3
North Farmington vs. Lake Orion; 7 p.m., Sept. 3
Bloomfield Hills at Pontiac; 7 p.m., Sept. 3
Farmington at Berkley; 7 p.m., Sept. 3

Independent

Detroit Country Day vs. Detroit Mumford; 7 p.m., Sept. 2
Livonia Clarenceville vs. Dundee; 7 p.m.,

Sept. 2

Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Garden City at Redford Thurston; 7 p.m., Sept. 3
Redford Union at Dearborn Heights Annapolis; 7 p.m., Sept. 2

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Lutheran Westland vs. Manistee; 7 p.m., Sept. 2

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district rival. "It makes them feel they can do some stuff. We have a pretty tough schedule, so it's going to be tough in and out and we have to make sure we rise to the challenge each week."

Beeler shines, leads Raider offense

Already holding onto a 42-0 lead at halftime, North Farmington senior Jasper Beeler just wanted to add one more, continuing the momentum from that last-second touchdown reception to end the first half.

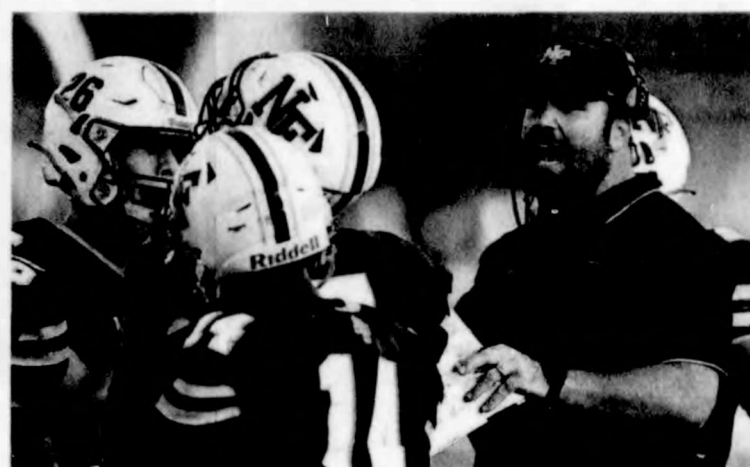
As the Raiders marched downfield to a running clock, Beeler took the handoff from Shelby and weaved his way through the offensive line for a touchdown. As a celebration, he approached a sideline cameraman, counting on his fingers his touchdown total: five.

Beeler simply could not be stopped, recording two touchdown receptions — the 77-yard bomb along with a 14-yard screen from Shelby — and three rushing touchdowns, recording 166 total yards: 75 on the ground and 91 through the air.

"I just kept going, kept my motor going, believing in the work that I put in this offseason," Beeler said. "It just paid off."

To Herstein, the 6-foot senior defensive back and athlete's performance was nothing new.

"He's been a heck of a player for us



North Farmington High head coach Jon Herstein talks to his team during a timeout in the season opener against Farmington. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the last few years," Herstein said. "We're really happy with him. He's a leader on the team and that guy that does a little bit of everything himself."

North Farmington's offensive success stemmed from big plays. Of the Raiders six offensive touchdowns — adding another on a blocked punt by David Dooley recovered in the end zone by Wyland Hall — three were for more than 25 yards.

It was an offense that the Falcons could not keep up with, recording only 46 yards of offense and 0 points in the first half, limited by injury, including an ankle injury sidelining senior running back and captain Jacob Sanders after the first series for the rest of the game.

"We had a couple plays here and there, we missed some tackles early on and then they hit big plays. And big plays kill defenses," Farmington head coach Jason Albrecht said. "We had a

couple of injuries here and there but at the end of the day, I think we learned that we can't take some things lightly and we have to go some things full force."

Farmington scored its only touchdown of the day on a 7-yard slant route from quarterback Dominic Pesci to Gideon Loewen.

North Farmington finds its quarterback

North Farmington's quarterback situation didn't seem to be set in stone.

As the Raiders warmed up, Shelby and senior wide receiver and Navy commit Aaron Rice, who backed up Jacob Bousamra last season, threw next to one another.

But the senior wide receiver knows whose offense this is. The spot behind center is Shelby's.

In his first taste of varsity action with the Raiders, transferring from West Bloomfield after his freshman season, Shelby showed what he could do, completing seven of his 11 pass attempts for 198 yards and two touchdowns.

"He did really good. I was very proud of him," Rice, who recorded two receptions for 74 yards along with a touchdown pass himself to Rayshon Matthews in the first quarter, said. "He's a young'un, only 14. He really came out, balled out. His confidence, ever since he got to North, knowing the playbook and stuff. It's really been growing."

"It's his spot, his role. He did a good job with it."

Herstein said the offense is still evolving, continuing to learn what players can do and who can step up where.

"I'm pretty happy with where Ryan's at and definitely having Aaron out there at receiver gives him a dynamic opportunity, along with Beeler," Herstein said.

North Farmington's 49 points were the most points from a Raider offense since a Sept. 27, 2019, meeting against Avondale when it scored 56.

With Shelby at the helm flanked by weapons like Rice and Beeler, those running the plays feel this group has the potential to do something special.

"The sky's the limit for us," Beeler said. "We just ready for everybody to stop sleeping on us. This was a game to let everyone know we're here."

North Farmington will take on Lake Orion in an attempt for its second win of the season while Farmington tries to rebound on the road against Berkley. Both games are scheduled for 7 p.m., Sept. 3.

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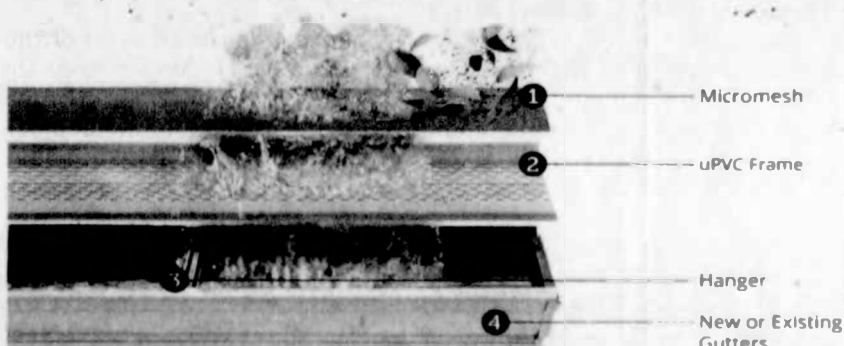
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Dearborn Fordson rolls over Canton in season opener

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USA TODAY NETWORK

Dearborn Fordson senior Antonio Gates Jr. proved to be as good as advertised in Thursday's hot and steamy Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic at Wayne State.

The Michigan State commit proved to be a multi-purpose threat with a pair of receiving touchdowns, two interceptions and a fumble recovery as Fordson opened the season with a 38-23 victory over Canton in the battle of highly touted Kensington Lakes Activities Association teams.

"Antonio is a special player and he's so humble," Fordson coach Walker Zaban said. "He did what he does. He can play offense, he can play defense. He can get in on special teams, so we've got to find him some breaks there."

Gates, who got some early single coverage, finished with four catches for 91 yards as the Tractors pulled away in the second half after leading 13-9 at half-time.

In a surprise, Canton quarterback Alex Trevino started the first drive in the pistol formation as the Chiefs deviated from their traditional Wing-T attack (in which the QB takes the snap directly under center).

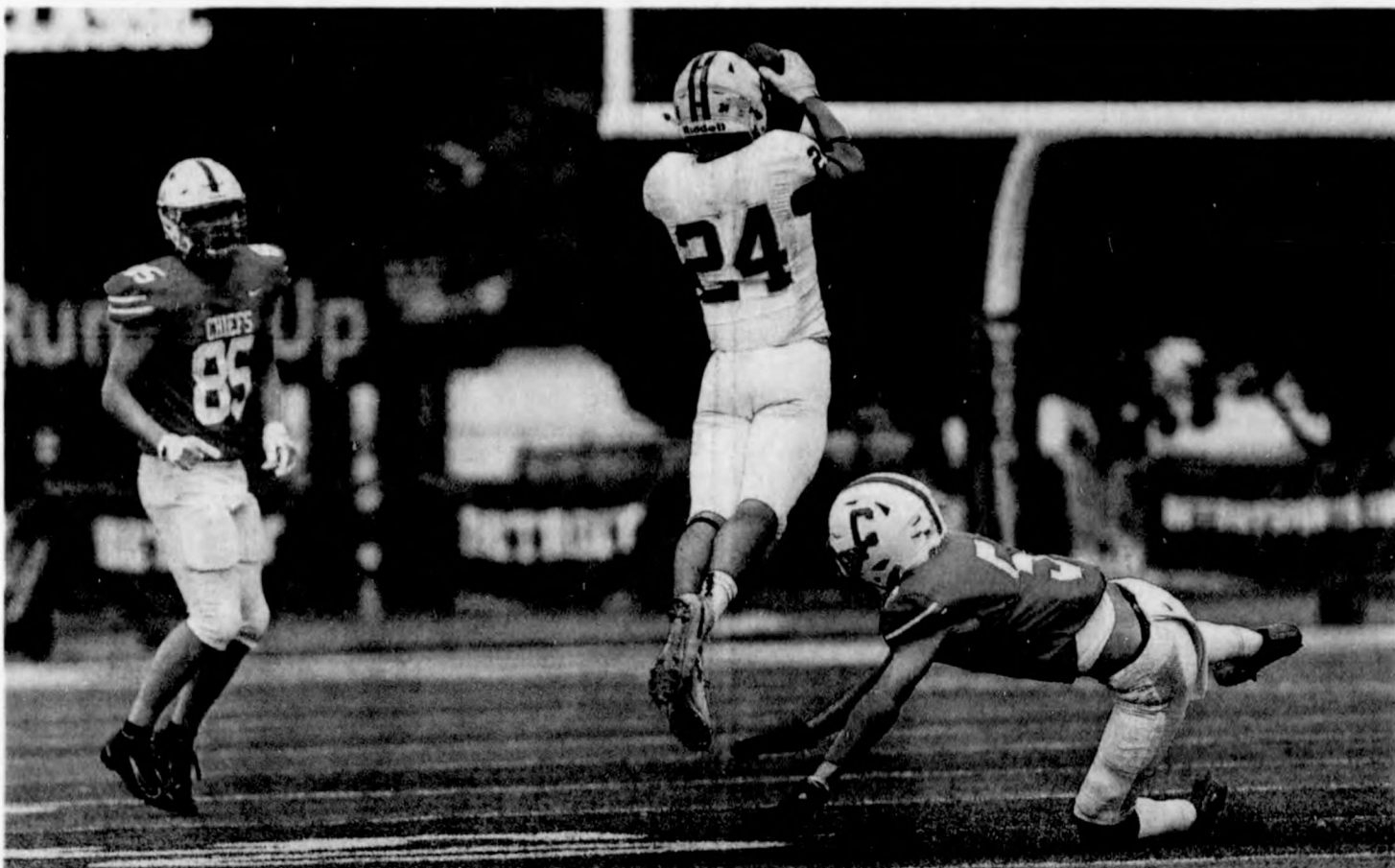
Fordson's Mohammed Sayed, however, picked off a Canton pass at mid-field with 9:09 left in the first to set up a 37-yard touchdown pass from Alex Osman to Gates for a 6-0 lead with 8:14 left in the opening quarter.

Osman and Gates hooked up again for another 37-yard TD strike to make it 13-0 with 32 seconds left in the quarter.

The Chiefs lost 2020 leading rusher Zack Badger to an apparent shoulder injury in the opening quarter and Trevino had to exit the game — succumbing to the extreme heat — in the second; he was replaced by Barrett Barker.

"He (Badger) took a shot, somewhere on his arm the first quarter, a stinger, it was getting numb and we'll have to check that tomorrow," Canton coach Andrew LaFata said. "We like to build around our fullback trap based off of it, but our guys stepped in there and they battled, but definitely it hindered us."

That came on the heels of Canton's best offensive drive of the half, which ended when Gates intercepted Barker's



Dearborn Fordson defensive back Mohammed Sayed intercepts a pass intended for Canton's Caleb Williams in the first half of the Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic on Thursday. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

pass at the Fordson 5 with 4:30 left in the second.

"We had a few different flavors we were ready for, but a lot of the guys we had for it didn't quite make it through the game," LaFata said. "So, we had to get back to who we were, what we did and what was successful. We've got some pretty good athletes out there. We just have to figure out somewhere to put them."

With 2:46 left in the half, Canton picked up safety when Sayed's knee touched the turf in the end zone on a punt after a low snap from center.

Trevino re-entered the game on Canton's final drive of the half, engineering a drive ending in a 4-yard TD pass to tight end Corbin Janes with 12 seconds remaining.

Despite running 31 plays to Fordson's 13 in the first half, Canton trailed by four at the half.

"We had the ball three times and we

scored twice, and the third one we had an interception on 4-yard line and we kind of screwed that up," Zaban said. "Our offense wasn't on the field. They (Canton) did a great job of taking away the run in the beginning and then they doubled Antonio as the game went on, so it opened up the run game."

Fordson, which rushed for just 13 yards in the first half while Osman went 4-for-5 passing for 97 yards, scored on its opening drive of the second half. The Tractors rolled 74 yards in five plays, ending with a Lenard Covington dash for a 32-yard TD.

Gates then came up with his second interception of the game. He took it 95 yards to the end zone, only to have it called back because of a pair of penalties with 6:16 left.

"He's everything and more," LaFata said of Gates. "Those two plays he caught on us really impressed me. Even on defense back there, a ballhawk for

sure. Everything he has, he deserves."

Starting from its 1, Fordson moved 99 yards — helped by a fourth-down pass interference call — and upped its lead to 26-9 when Osman connected with Sayed for 11 yards and a touchdown with 10:47 to go in the fourth.

The 6-foot-2, 185-pound Gates then picked up a Canton fumble at his own 20 and returned it 34 yards. That set up an Ahmed Harb 47-yard touchdown run — aided by a big block from Michigan State target Ka'Marii Landers — to put an exclamation point on the Fordson win with 9:36 left.

Canton tallied its only points of the second half on a 24-yard touchdown run from Wesley Faulkner (who had 11 carries for 105 yards) and a 50-yard touchdown run by Josiah Weist.

Between those scores, though, Fordson added a touchdown on a 71-yard burst up the middle by Hussein Beydoun.

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Four HS football questions ahead of Week 2

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Now that Week 1 is complete, the 2021 high school football season is in full swing.

The Hometown Life slate of season openers brought a slew of interesting performances from South Lyon's dominance against Walled Lake Western to Livonia Stevenson's last-second miracle win against Northville.

But as teams approach Week 2, there are still questions to be answered. Here are four key questions heading into the second week of the season.

Can Detroit Catholic Central bounce back?

Detroit Catholic Central's season opener was not pretty.

Hyped up for having loads of experience on both sides of the ball, seemingly in a prime position to go on a run that rivals state championship appearances in 2012, 2013 and 2016, the Shamrocks collapsed, allowing 45 points and more than 400 yards of offense and three turnovers on offense: two interceptions and a fumble.

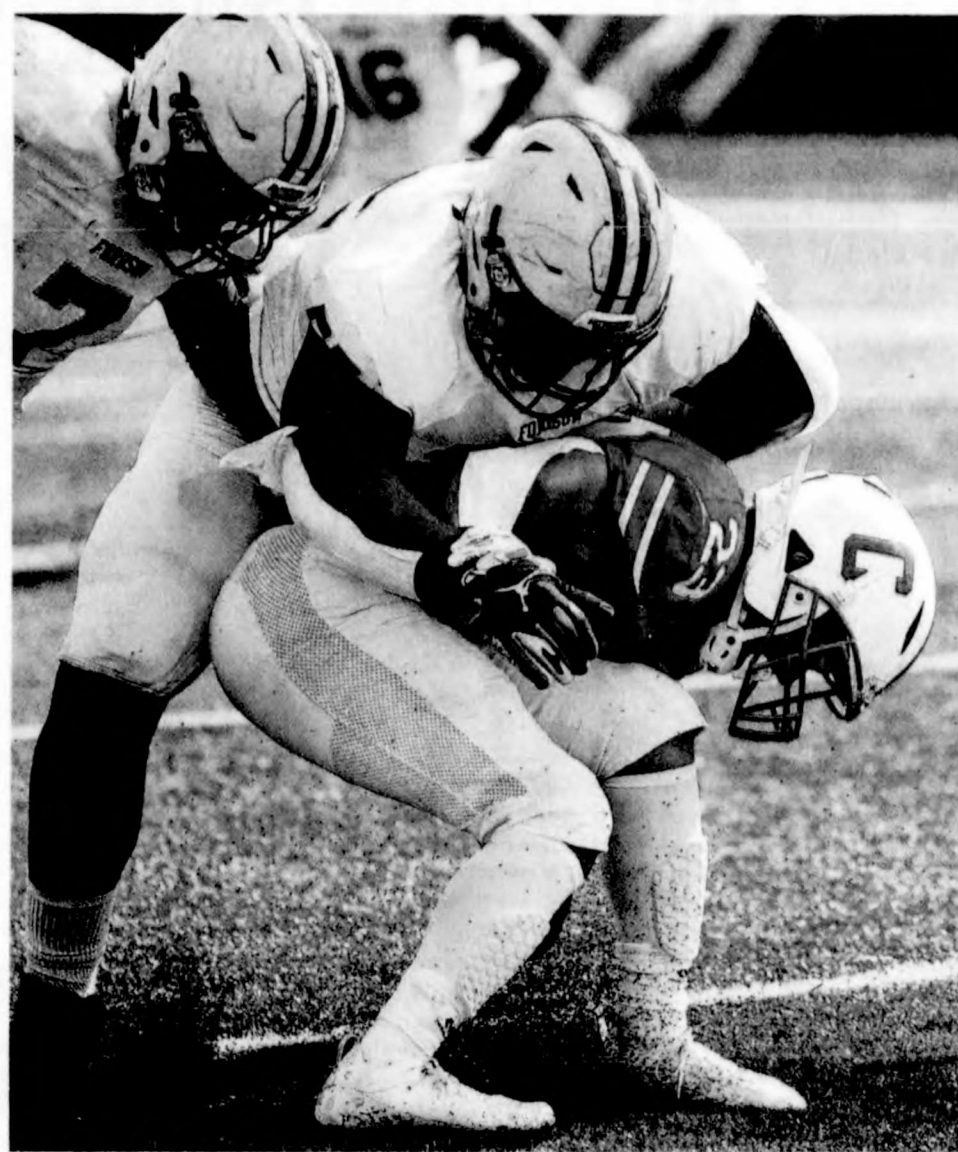
Things don't get much easier for Catholic Central in Week 2 facing Davison: the team the Shamrocks lost to in the 2020 regional final by 14 points: their only loss of the season. However, the Cardinals are not the same team in 2021 either, falling to Clarkston in the season opener, 29-26.

No matter if Catholic Central wins or loses its home opener against Davison, the season's not over. But it could still leave big impressions on what kind of run they can make after the regular season.

Can North Farmington consistently dominate?

Opening up the 2021 season against rival Farmington, North Farmington made a statement that it plans to be a force in the Oakland Activities Association.

The Raiders scored 49 points — the most they have scored in a game in two years — using weapons Aaron Rice and Jasper Beeler to help along sophomore



Dearborn Fordson defensive lineman Armon Parker (55) tackles Canton running back Wesley Faulkner (23) during the first half of the Prep Kickoff Classic at Tom Adams Field in Detroit on Aug. 26. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

quarterback Ryan Shelby in his first taste of varsity football action. The defense allowed six points, never allowing Farmington quarterback Dominic Pesci any room to work within the defensive backfield, resorting to the short flats on the outside for minimal yardage.

Now with momentum seemingly on the Raiders side, the schedule gets a bit harder. North Farmington has another non-conference game against Lake Orion before opening its OAA White schedule Sept. 10. The Dragons are no slouch either, earning the season-open-

ing win against Eisenhower, 33-7.

Ahead of matchups against Rochester Adams, West Bloomfield and Traverse City Central later in 2021, North Farmington has to see if its dominance can be consistent week to week.

Can Brother Rice overcome its regular-season schedule?

All Brother Rice could focus on before its season started was its schedule: facing two of the largest schools in the state to start the season before games against

Division 2 state quarterfinalists and semifinalists and, possibly, a Division 4 state champion.

But even with that ahead, the Warriors still found a way to dominate in Week 1 against Macomb Dakota with an offense led by running back Nolan Ray, who scored three of the team's five touchdowns, and a defense that allowed three rushing touchdowns and 247 yards on the ground, but kept the passing game at bay with a pick-six by Ethan Swider.

Despite the size of the school, East Kentwood proved in Week 1 that it is beatable, losing to Muskegon, 47-7.

Brother Rice has an opportunity to continue to develop its offense with Ray and quarterback Hunter Polonkey and its defense with linebacker Jackson Minelli before the start of Catholic League play.

Can Canton win the KLA West?

Canton's season opener showed that it still has some work to do.

Without quarterback Arturo Trevino and running back Zack Badger for the entire contest, Canton fell victim to the explosiveness of Dearborn Fordson wide receiver and defensive back Antonio Gates Jr., who brought home two touchdowns and two interceptions.

Despite over 300 yards on the ground and averaging 6.8 yards per carry, Canton was unable to keep up with the Fordson offense, which recorded five touchdowns of 30 yards or more.

It doesn't matter how long Canton holds the ball for offensively. The defense will have to limit these big plays if it wants to make some noise and win its second-straight KLA West title. It's something that Howell will try and take advantage of with offensive weapons like running back August Johanningsmeir, who ran for 117 yards and three touchdowns against John Glenn in Week 1.

The Howell defense also allowed 16 yards on 14 carries against the Rockets, something that the Canton offense must take into account.

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South Lyon, East soccer learn lessons from season-opening tie

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Neither South Lyon nor South Lyon East knew what it had in store for its first game of the season.

Scheduling a rivalry game on the first day Michigan high school boys soccer teams were permitted to compete, the Lions and the Cougars used the contest to work out their kinks from limited practice time, leading to a 1-1 tie to start the campaign.

While both teams remain in seemingly opposite positions — one aiming for a conference title while the other looks for its first winning season in school history — both South Lyon and South Lyon East laid their foundations, giving an idea of what could be in store moving forward.

'A good starting point'

South Lyon didn't have a chance for a scrimmage or a preseason tournament. It's starting point was against its city rival.

"This was it for us," head coach Brian Elliott said. "I think it was a good baseline to build from. We only had two practices before today, so I'm very happy with what we showed today. It looks promising looking forward to the future."

It's a future with high expectations, with Elliott leading a Lions team that has won two-straight LVC titles and 26 games in the past three seasons.

But it was a group inexperienced playing together. Without much practice time, Elliott saw a team unable to finish countless opportunities on goal.

The Lions' only goal in their first game of the year was on a penalty kick: a finish by South Lyon senior forward and captain Cade White nine minutes in.

Elliott's goal for South Lyon is simple: he wants to lead a team that's defensively stingy that creates and finishes opportunities offensively.

It's something the Lions did last year, limiting opponents to just over one goal per game, while recording three shutouts. It's something the Lions saw in spurts against the Cougars, limiting their chances dramatically on goal.

But South Lyon East's one goal — a wide-open look from the middle of the field — shows Elliott there's still work to be done.

"Looking at the play and where most of the game took place and the amount of opportunities that we had, it's a little disheartening that we tied 1-1," Elliott said. "We talked about our mentality moving forward of championship teams don't give up goals."

That's where the head coach sees this team heading: the top of the LVC. He has his player to build around — senior center back Josh Mason, who played for most of the contest as Elliott tried different lineups around him to see what would work.

The foundation is there. Now Elliott knows what he has to work with.

"I think it was a good starting point for us."

'They have a lot of heart'

Pete Stoyanovich didn't know what to expect from



South Lyon head coach Brian Elliott views senior defender Josh Mason as the team's main piece to build around in 2021. COURTESY OF TOM BEAUDOIN

South Lyon East in its first game.

He knew he lost most of his roster a season ago, bringing in four seniors to lead a relatively inexperienced group in 2021. But without much practice time, he didn't know how they would gel together.

The Cougars' first game gave the head coach a better idea of what he had to work with.

"We're a young team. Tonight, they proved to me they have a lot of heart," Stoyanovich said. "They have been practicing hard, and I have been really pleased with our practices and the way things have developed over the past few days."

To the head coach, it started with the defensive backline and junior goalkeeper Aaron Walenciak, squashing each of South Lyon's relentless offensive chances, following up a 2020 campaign in which the Cougars recorded shutouts in five of their six wins.

Sophomore Manaki Watanabe, who played goalkeeper for South Lyon East last year, took advantage of one of the Cougars few offensive chances, spinning around a defender after taking a pass from junior Dylan Ruschak for the only goal of the game.

South Lyon East has never had a winning season, coming close with a .500 season in 2019 and following up with a 6-8 season in 2020. Stoyanovich doesn't know if this will be the team to break that streak, but he sees a group that will try and get there.

"We might be undersized in a lot of positions and we're a younger team, but it's tough to overcome a team when they are playing with a lot of heart," Stoyanovich said.

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Northville soccer team continues hot streak with win over Salem

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As the clock ticked down in Northville's second game of the 2021 season, head coach Henry Klimes called out to one of his players to make sure he was OK.

It was hot — hitting a heat index of 97 on Northville's turf field — and players were sweating, beat down by the lack of clouds above.

The player called back as the Mustangs prepared for a corner kick in the final three minutes, saying that he was fine until the next stoppage. Klimes answered, correcting his player without a hitch: "Until our next goal."

He spoke it into existence, watching junior midfielder Anthony Canelopoulos take the ball off the corner, using a header to score Northville's (2-0) third goal of the game, beating reigning KLAA West champion Salem (2-2), 3-0: the Mustangs' first win against the Rocks since Sept. 27, 2018.

It wasn't prophecy that led to the nail in the coffin. It was just pure confidence in a group that had scrimmaged reigning Division I state champion Detroit Catholic Central before the season and beat the two KLAA division champions in its first two games: Salem and Livonia Stevenson.

"We have lots of confidence right now," Klimes said. "We're definitely more than 10 deep. We're very strong, so no matter who we are putting in, the machine keeps going. It may look a little different mechanically, but everybody seems to be on the same page right now."

None of this is a shock to Klimes, though.

He's just begun his 31st season as the head coach of the Mustangs, watching as this team formed out of an undefeated JV team in 2019 and a nine-win team in 2020, falling just short to North Farmington in the district semifinal on two set-pieces.

What separates the Mustangs, Klimes says, is their attention to detail, their soccer IQ, molding into the brand of soccer each opponent called for, from quick transitions to slow possessions.

"They all believe in it and they all play the same thing instead of three guys playing long ball and the other three playing possession so they look scrambled," Klimes said. "So right now, they are all believing in themselves and playing the same game."

While three seniors initially set the tone for the Mustangs against Salem — using a header from Kyle Stoner in the first half and a combination between Jonathan Lima De Paula and Jack Kresnak to create a two-goal deficit — Northville's defense kept the pace, rushing Salem in each of its chances, while junior goalkeeper Andrew Swancutt made stops when he needed to.

It was a defense Salem could not adapt to, with head coach Kyle Karns saying his group needs to learn how to respond to adversity after allowing a score.

But in Northville, Klimes sees a group that's not only comfortable playing its own brand of soccer, but one that has the intelligence to adapt when it needs to. It sees a team that can take the same path the Shamrocks took, leaving District 5 on the path to their second state title in school history.

He doesn't know what would have happened if the Mustangs had a chance to play Catholic Central in the district final. He just knows his team deserved and should have been in the game. His job now is to encourage the seven returners and the rest of the team to play for that moment again.

"Our biggest goal each game is to get ready for that three-game tournament," Klimes said.

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Northville's two wins in 2021 were against reigning KLAA East champion Livonia Stevenson and reigning KLAA West champion Salem. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Kathy Lynne Cronk

MILFORD - Cronk, Kathy Lynne - Age 67, of Milford, died August 23, 2021. Funeral services will be held 3:30 PM Friday August 27, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 6063 Fenton Rd., Grand Blanc. Visitation will be held 1 PM Friday until the time of the service Friday August 27. Kathy was born November 23, 1953 in Pontiac. She married her high school sweetheart, Lawrence Cronk, he preceded her in death on July 3, 2009. Kathy was a devoted wife, mother, daughter and sister. She was a mother to anyone who needed her. Kathy was a very strong and adaptable woman. She was also a dedicated librarian and lover of knowledge. She enjoyed baking and was a wonderful cook. Kathy was the oldest of 6 siblings. Kathy is survived by her 4 children, Angela (Brett) Beugin of Milford, Beth (Kirk) Thompson of Swartz Creek, Ben Cronk of Hazel Park, Kirsten (Benjamin) Lowman of Swartz Creek; 8 grandchildren, Adam, Jack, Aubrey, Zoe, Lacey, Melissa, Michael, Aurora; 3 great-grandchildren, Everett, Ellie, and Kylee; siblings, Steve Kulesza, Karen (Clyde) Day, Craig (Deb) Kulesza, Cheryl (Bob) Lewis, Kim Vallido; mother-in-law, Bessie Cronk. She was preceded in death by her mother Lois Moran and husband Lawrence. The family is requesting donations to Habitat For Humanity or The American Red Cross in lieu of flowers. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Donna Lucille Caswell

MILFORD - Donna Lucille Caswell, of Milford, and more formerly of Hillman, and Tecumseh, passed away peacefully on August 23rd, 2021. She was 85 years old.

Beloved wife of the late Louis Caswell, Donna is survived by her children, Susan (Gordon) Brooks and Christopher (Leslie) Caswell; grandchildren, Logan (Bryan) Carter, Alex, Taylor Brooks, Matthew (Emily), Michelle, Nicholas, and Zachary Caswell; great-grandchildren, Raevyn, Jenna, and Colin Gorny, Lincoln and Scarlett Carter, Gemma and Tatum Brooks, Samuel and Charlotte Peplinski; sister, Delynne (Larry) Ledbetter; also many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

Donna is preceded in death by her grandson, Hunter Gordon Brooks; sisters, Dorothy Miller, and Doris Bauer.

Services were held at Milford United Methodist Church.

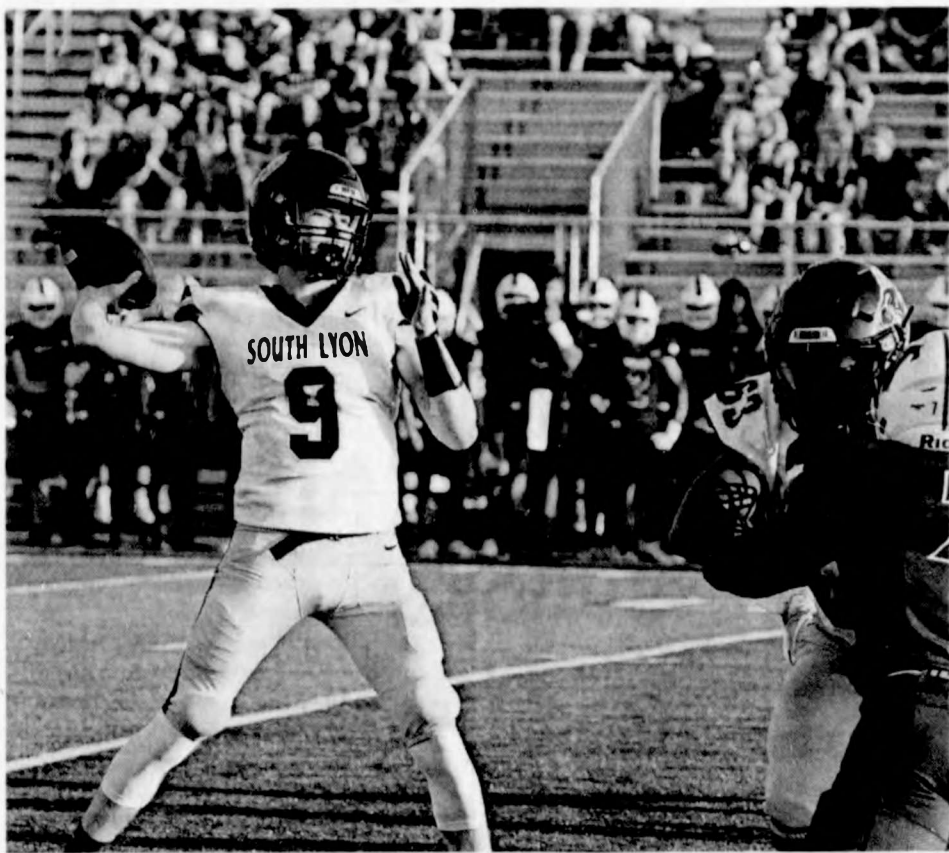
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South Lyon quarterback Dawson Skupin prepares to let a pass fly.
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South Lyon blasts Walled Lake Western in LVC season opener

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South Lyon rushed down the football field with 41 seconds left, trying to capitalize on the chance it was given.

But as the clock ticked down, momentum didn't seem on the Lions' side. Senior quarterback Dawson Skupin found wide receiver Zack Ford open in the end zone, but the play was called back, sending South Lyon back to the 26-yard line with three seconds to go.

Instead of a 43-yard field goal, Skupin threw up a prayer as time expired, watching as two receivers warred against two Walled Lake Western defensive backs in the end zone.

Gavin Limotte knew what this opening game could mean for South Lyon. Playing in what could be viewed as a battle for the Lakes Valley Conference title, the South Lyon senior receiver knew that this touchdown could swing the game, and possibly the season, for the Lions.

In his initial catch of Skupin's pass, Limotte remembers him and the Warriors' defensive back each having a firm grip on the football, "50/50."

It just came down to who wanted it more.

Limotte ripped the ball out of the defensive back's hands, showcasing a swagger that South Lyon (1-0) exuded all game, switching the momentum for good and leading to a 48-28 statement win against Lakes Valley Conference rival Walled Lake Western (0-1) on the road.

But as head coach Jeff Henson watched his team roll over a Warriors team that many viewed as a team contending for a league title, he saw longevity, pieces on both sides of the ball that have the potential to be something great, even if he's only focused on the week-to-week.

To him, this was what he felt even before the Lions took the field for the first time. Thursday night was the first chance to see it in action.

"We felt pretty good about who we were and what we were able to do," Henson said. "I think we showed that right from the get go on both sides of the ball."

From the first offensive drive of the game, South Lyon was clicking.

Taking the ball after a three-and-out by the Walled Lake Western offense, the Lions began to impose their will, using two short pass plays to senior wide receiver Quinn Fracassi and junior running back Tommy Donovan, to set up a 19-yard run by Donovan, capping off the drive with a 22-yard back-shoulder fade to Limotte for the first score.

That was Skupin's job: to put his skill players in the best position to succeed, even if the Walled Lake Western defense took away his top guy in Fracassi.

Limotte stepped up when he needed to, recording two touchdown grabs in the first half for 48 yards. Donovan found space when he needed to, adding 65 yards on six carries and 90 yards through the air, scoring a 65-yard touchdown on a short slant in the first quarter.

Henson saw an offense with an ability to be much more than its top receiver, who made his fair share of an impact: scoring on a 98-yard kickoff return in the first quarter and a 6-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

"We have other athletes," Henson

said. "That's one of the things about us this year. We have a lot of weapons, which I feel really good about."

It's a deep offense, showing versatility when it needed to, especially in the second half.

When Skupin left the game with cramps — a similar result for many players on a turf field that exceeded 95 degrees — junior quarterback Braden Fracassi ignited the run game, scoring on his first touch of the football with a 37-yard touchdown run.

Altogether, it was a group that used its versatility to score 48 points and record 405 yards of offense in three quarters of play.

"We all trust each other, which results in us playing better together," Limotte said. "We don't get on each other at all when mistakes happen. We pick each other up instead of putting each other down."

Instead of worried about who specifically Walled Lake Western would use to try and beat his defense, Henson took the attention off his opponent, focusing solely on their scheme and not on who was implementing it, taking away the power of name and notoriety.

"We didn't talk about any of their players during the week. We just ran their plays," Henson said. "We didn't bump up anybody they had; the kids all know them anyway."

With Drew Viotto at quarterback, a junior starting in his first game for the Warriors, but already holding offers from Syracuse and Central Michigan, the Lions' experienced secondary was motivated to put him and the rest of the opposing offense in its place.

South Lyon succeeded, utilizing different pressure schemes to keep Viotto and the rest of the offense rushed. The Warriors quarterback completed 11-of-27 pass attempts for 166 yards with a touchdown, an interception — deflected into the hands of Blackwell by Donovan — and five sacks, including two by Christian Iaconis, who also forced a fumble.

"We didn't help him, our defense sure as hell didn't help him. Had to force some plays," Walled Lake Western head coach Kory Cioroch said. "They bring pressure, and they bring it well. They have a lot of ways to bring pressure and they got to them at times."

"Ultimately, we didn't put him in a good position. This isn't on him. This is on everybody."

Even with both sides of the ball clicking, Henson doesn't want to get too ahead of himself.

It was just one game, he said with a smile, seemingly noticing the potential of what this team can do in LVC play.

He doesn't know what could happen next week. But he seems to have a feeling that it could be a start to something special.

"I leave here thinking we had a great win tonight against one of our rivals," Henson said. "I leave here thinking 'Great job' and I'm going to enjoy tonight."

South Lyon will take on Milford 7 p.m., Sept. 2.

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Volleyball

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and dropping to Ann Arbor Skyline in the regional final in 2019 before falling to Lowell in the state semifinal in 2020.

But that progress is not something Byron's team is focused on in the early days of practice. She fears that if it gets too far ahead, missteps happen, leading to lost sets and lost matches.

Missteps happened in 2020, and it's something returners pondered over their school offseason: "What could we have done better?"

Getting together before the season, the players agreed it was not something to dwell on.

"We all came together and, ultimately, were like we just need to play our game this year and really focus on playing as a team and getting back to that point," junior outside hitter Sarah Vellucci said.

Despite losing seven seniors from last year's team, Novi still doesn't feel like it has to rebuild.

For Byron, it starts with roster construction: cutting the number of players on the varsity team to 12, allowing each member of the bench to contribute; something she's wanted to implement for a while.

Much of Novi's experience comes in the back with players and coaches alike feeling that the defense is going to be the strong suit for the Wildcats at the start of the season.

Connections on offense will continue to form, blooming from the tandem of Vellucci and senior setter Rachel Karr outward to the rest of the roster.

"It's important for me to have a connection with everybody and to try and make sure I keep everybody together and everybody up and high energy," Karr said, heading into her fourth year with the varsity team.

Novi will also have junior Kaitlyn Hoffman, a Clarkston transfer, on its roster at libero, who joins the team after playing club volleyball with Vellucci.

Byron said Hoffman's been welcomed into the family atmosphere, something she attributes to the success the Wildcats have had over the past seven seasons.

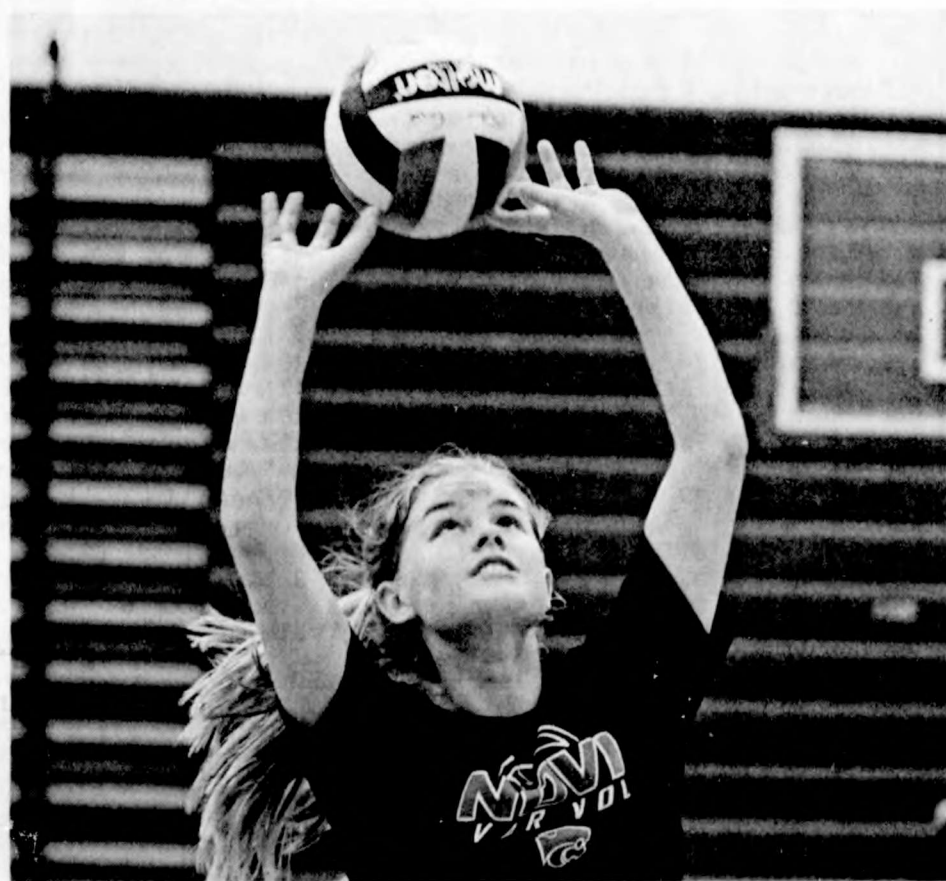
"I don't feel there's anyone who's bigger than Novi volleyball, I think that makes a big difference," Byron said. "I think overall, the girls have been super welcoming and I think they know it's another added piece that's going to help us be successful."

Success is not going to come easy for Novi in 2021. But the Wildcats know what they are up against, realizing there is no guarantee for a trip back to Battle Creek in November.

All the players can do now is replicate that same energy and enthusiasm that took them far a season ago, something Karr sees as possible.

"There is a little bit of pressure on us, but I think if we work together and keep the energy up and momentum from last year, we can do pretty well," Karr said.

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Novi varsity volleyball player Rachel Karr sets a ball during an Aug. 16 practice.
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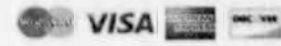


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ACROSS

- 1 Crux
9 Denver
gridders
16 Butte relative
20 "Later!"
21 1990s
Oldsmobile
22 "Downhill"
star Novello
23 Going just
the way one
begged for it
to go? [Curry]
25 Medieval
peon
26 Scrawny
27 Former
Common
Market abbr.
28 35mm
camera abbr.
29 Uruguay's —
del Este
30 Tarzan actor
Ron
31 Palme —
(prize at
Cannes)
33 "You could
hear — drop"
37 Property
appraiser
39 Rabbit action
40 Reputation
as a great
pilot?
[Salonga]
42 "You're on!"
46 Be a snitch
47 Fleecable
females

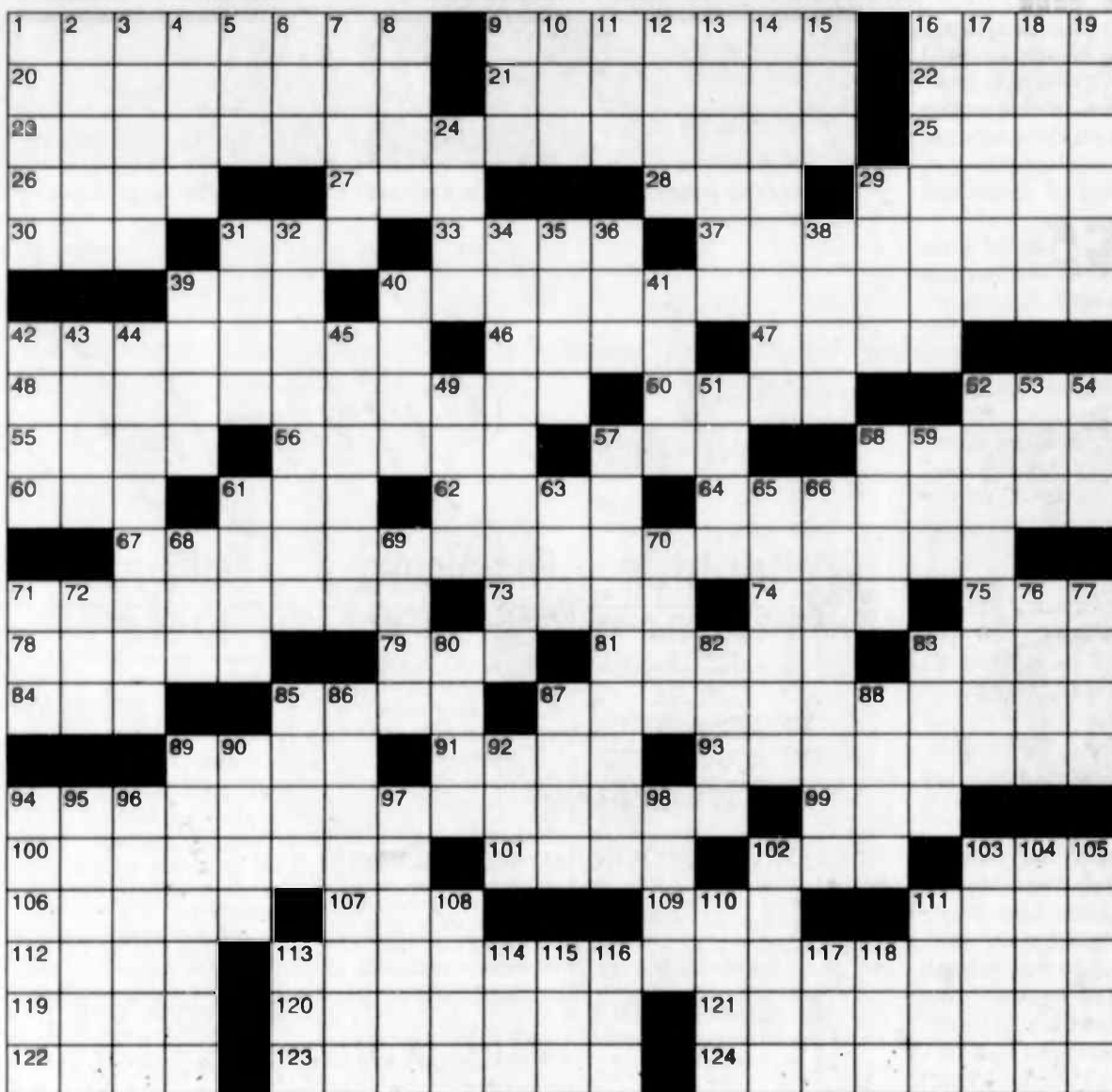
- 48 Late-night
host Jimmy's
collection
of TVs?
[Zadora]
50 Kissing
target
52 Martini liquor
55 Tire trouble
56 Leafy recess
57 Proscribe
58 Hot-air bath
60 Tokyo cash
61 Family guy
62 "Happy Days"
actor Scott
64 Luggage-
screening
official, for
short
67 Headline
after a
Harley stalls?
[Meyers]
71 Waits on
hand and
foot
73 Not yet final,
legally
74 Family guy
75 Lincoln-to-
Topeka dir.
78 Surrounded
by
79 '16 Olympics
site
81 Group of sub-
sub-athletes
[Tarbell]
83 Retort to
"You
weren't!"
84 Tear

- 85 Bit of change
87 Comparably
dense to the
one here?
[Arden]
89 Bamboozle
91 "Later!"
93 Guaranteed-
to-succeed
excavating
fossil fuel?
[Ortiz]
99 Ballplayer
Ripken
100 It's turned
to go in and
out
101 Designer
Saarinen
102 Buddhist sect
103 Rep.'s rival
106 Tools with
teeth
107 "Angie" actor
Stephen
109 "No more
seats" abbr.
111 Mrs., in
Madrid
112 Take — view
of (frown on)
113 Cook another
egg after
cooking
a dozen?
[Tarbell]
119 French film
theater
120 Demigods
121 Traditional
Chinese drink

- 122 Saloon asks
123 Not too soft,
as pasta
124 2014 Ben
Affleck thriller
that would
make a good
alternate title
for this puzzle
DOWN
1 Cabinet wood
2 Ear-relevant
3 Twisted wit
4 Nape's place
5 "— found it!"
6 Female rabbit
7 Marine duck
8 R&B singer
India.—
9 Valise, e.g.
10 Rival of LG
11 "Ex's & —"
(Elle King hit)
12 Light bites
13 Bottom level
14 Exceed, as a
proper limit
15 Bummed out
16 Treats badly
17 Nevertheless
18 In a sense
19 Kennel noise
24 Raleigh loc.
29 Certain toy
dog, for short
31 Knucklehead
32 Sign of total
acceptance
34 Longtime
New Yorker
cartoonist

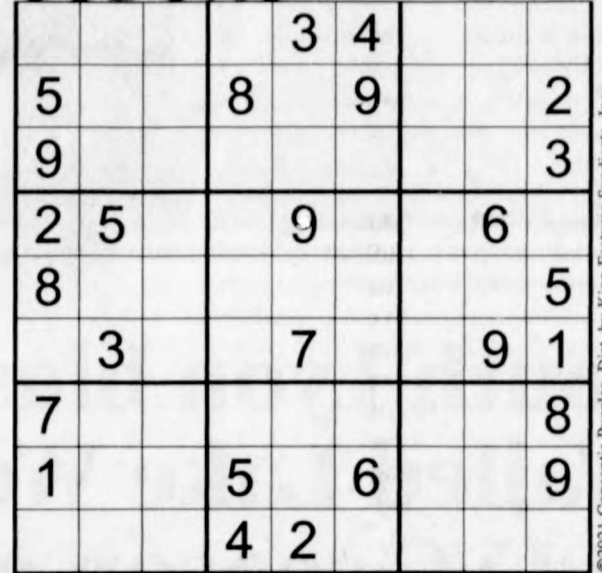
- 35 March day to
"beware"
36 Packers' org.
38 Tools with
teeth
39 Go no further
40 League
41 Pueblo pot
42 Uncertain
43 Narrative
44 Like desks
with sloping
covers
45 Intrinsically
49 1930s-'40s
pitcher
Newsom
51 The "I" of
ILO: Abbr.
52 Question
asked while
covering
someone's
eyes
53 Hotel cousin
54 "King" Cole
57 Singing group
for lads
58 Verbalized
59 Get riper
61 Arctic floater
63 French "here"
65 Crooner Neil
66 Unwillingness
to yield
68 Cackling bird
69 Singer Amos
70 — Field
(Mets' home)
71 Uber arrival
72 Pal, in Paris
76 Je ne — quoi

- 77 "To be," to
Augustus
80 Cuzco native
82 "Behold," to
Augustus
83 "— never fly!"
85 Tribal bunch
86 Holiday-Earp
gunfight site
87 Docile
88 Lee of Marvel
89 Some ancient
warships
90 Pen fillers
92 Dot in la mer
94 Dated music
display case
95 Band golfer
96 Joining, as
oxen
97 Fell in line
98 Light bite
102 Mark-leaving
swordsman
103 "— know it!"
104 Set foot in
105 Taj —
108 "Look — now!"
110 Diana of
"The
Avengers"
111 China's —
Xiaoping
113 Rx org.
114 Sweetums
115 Suffix with
exist or differ
116 Philosopher
Lao —
117 Half of twenty
118 Wide shoe
width



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SUDOKU



Difficulty Level ★★★

9/02

Here's How It Works:

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

TASTE IT

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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D O N R U O I F E U A A I P Y R O D
J R O P U B L L R U N V E C O H T
B G T R L A I C Y T T P I V A H C E
I J O E V C S A L T Y P A D T T N E
T S U O I C S U L H S S Z A L O U W
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How the ZipRecruiter Tech Team Overcomes the Challenges of Working Remotely

By ZipRecruiter.com

When the pandemic hit, most of us became remote workers, whether we liked it or not. There are some great things about working remotely. One example is flexibility. For example, I'm currently writing this article on a train speeding down the coast of Spain. Another obvious benefit: more time with our dogs.

Challenge 1: Relationships

One of the most difficult parts of working remotely is maintaining the feeling of connection to our coworkers. We have found that teams with trusted relationships are more productive, and these relationships of trust can be a bit more difficult to build when we're not located near one another.

"I've felt disconnected from my own team and other teams, as we are no longer able to meet others in passing," Senior Project Manager Victoria notes about her struggle since working from home due to the pandemic. "I've found that things which used to help us connect do not translate well to the virtual world, such as happy hour, team lunches, couch work sessions, etc. Many people get 'zoom fatigue,' which makes doing these things virtually even more tiring, and can even make these things feel like work."

Fortunately, there are lots of different ways to maintain relationships when working separately from our coworkers.

Larger social meetings are also an excellent way to maintain relationships.



Angus. JAMES, SENIOR ENGINEER/ANGUS OWNER

At ZipRecruiter, we sometimes call these meetings "watercoolers." While it is true that we should be cautious about too many meetings, having a timeslot that's set aside to meet with coworkers and talk about anything but work has been a fantastic way to build and maintain relationships when spending time in person is not an option.

Jeremy, a Senior Engineer, solves this by putting extra emphasis on chat use. "I spend a fair amount of time in Slack, mostly work-related but also some non-work discussions about hobbies, entertainment, and current events." One of my favorite ZipRecruiter chat rooms, or "channels," is #petplx, where we share pictures of our pets. Another favorite is #fridaysongs, where we have a weekly contest in which employees submit and vote on songs based on a new weekly theme.

Challenge 2: Communication

Communication can also be very difficult when no one is together in an office. A huge percentage of communication for remote workers happens over text chatting, and we lose a lot in our communication when we don't have body language or eye contact.

Worse yet, it can be very difficult to figure out who to talk to, or even if the person we need to speak with is available. "I can't just walk down the hallway, tap somebody on the shoulder, and ask a question - I have to know who to reach out to," says Peter, a Senior Engineer. "Plus, I can't tell if they're busy or not, so I have to send a message and wait. In person, it's easier to see if somebody is heads down or in a meeting."

Be it Slack or email, unless a lot of time and care is taken to craft the message, text communication is very lossy. Something I like to keep in mind is the Robustness Principle (RFC 1122), which says, "Be liberal in what you accept, and conservative in what you send." While this was written to apply to computer behavior, I think it is also an excellent way for humans to communicate over text, when we can't effectively convey emotion or intention.

When listening to others, make no assumption about the intention. When talking to others, make no assumptions about how the receiver will interpret what is said.

Challenge 3: Productivity

Finally, it can be difficult to remain

productive as a remote employee. While it is true that some folks find it easier, employees who are used to working from an office may find it challenging. Having a flexible schedule is nice, but sometimes getting the laundry done or doing dishes can be a distraction.

Being alone makes it easy for me to flip browser tabs over to the news, social media, or something else non-work related, especially when I'm working on a task that is not particularly enjoyable.

Victoria, our Senior Project Manager, has found some useful ways to manage this challenge. "I create a to-do list each evening to put into place the following day, organized by priority. Priorities are typically based on business value and unblocking others, but may also be based on what I can achieve that day given my meetings schedule. I set time on my calendar to tackle each thing, even if it is a task for myself."

Life After Covid

We all hope that soon the pandemic will be a thing of the past. With more people getting vaccinated and increased ability to care for the sick, it looks like our normal way of life will be back eventually, including at least a partial return to in-office work. That said, work as we know it has changed forever and, whether it is us or our coworkers, working from a distance will become much more commonplace.

No matter how we feel about remote work, one thing is absolutely true: Our dogs are much happier.

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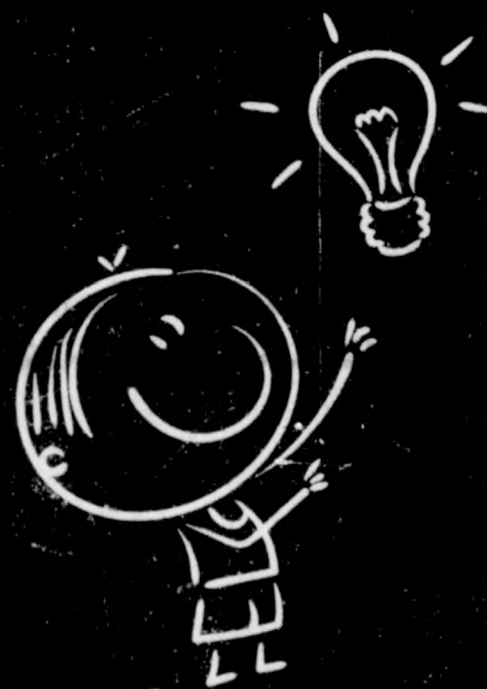
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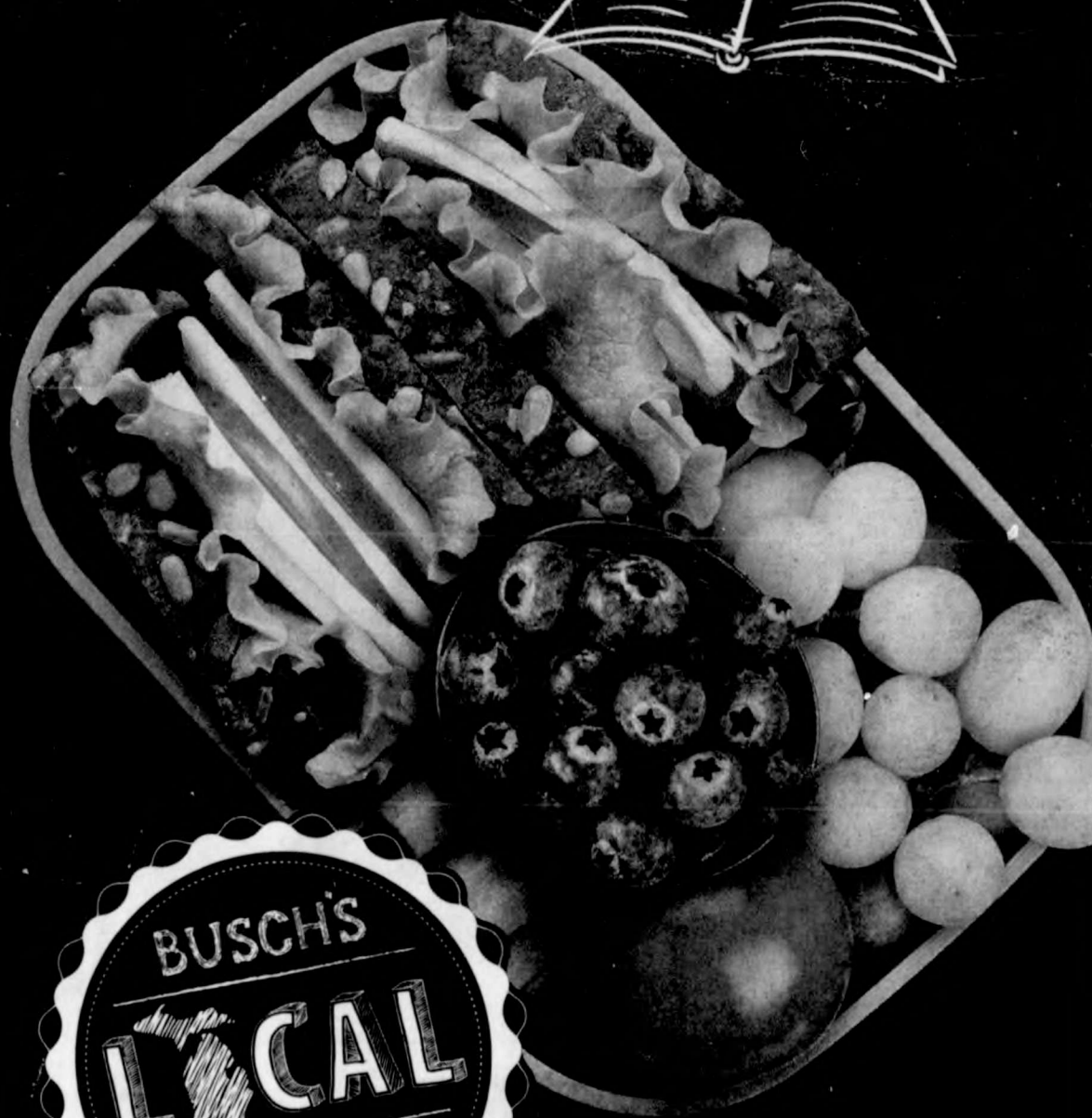
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