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Redford COVID-19 survivor shares her story

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Not long ago, Chilah Harper was wondering whether her life was about to end.

"There were nights where I was afraid to go to sleep," said Harper, who lives in Redford Township. "I thought I

was going to die in my sleep."

Harper, 43, works as a nurse technician at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center. Though she has no underlying health conditions, she said coronavirus is the hardest illness she's faced.

"It was the most horrific illness I've ever had," she said. "It's been very traumatizing for me. Even as a nurse, I can't

understand the thought of being around someone who has on a face mask or a face shield right now, because it was very scary."

The state does not release recovery numbers, but Harper said her story is proof that recovery is possible.

On March 16, Harper came down with flu-like symptoms. The next day, she

was screened at Beaumont Hospital Dearborn for flu and coronavirus. When she tested negative for flu, she started getting nervous.

"I started with basically just having regular flu symptoms, but they were wildly and severely worse than a regular

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Pandemic subdues Ford Road

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Canton Township's usually chaotic Ford Road was so empty at 5:15 p.m. March 26 that if a tumbleweed had blown across its five lanes, few likely would have been surprised.

There wasn't a trace of the bumper-to-bumper traffic that normally consumes the stretch of pavement at rush hour.

The desolation was encouraging news on one hand: People were staying home, obeying Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's order to only travel in cases of necessity.

However, the sharp side of the silence's double-edged sword was that many of the businesses that flank Ford Road were as empty as the five lanes that normally funnel patrons into their establishments.

Mark Younes, the owner of Genova Pizzeria, 42911 Ford Road, managed to maintain a smile even while describing the dwindling cash flow his company has experienced over the past two weeks.

"Last Monday (March 23) it started getting really slow after Gov. Whitmer announced the lockdown," Younes said. "Now, it just bad."

Younes added he's grateful for the business his loyal customers continue to provide.

"They're what's keeping us afloat right now," Younes said.

Younes said he has not been forced to lay off any of his employees.

"We've cut back employees' hours, but, thankfully, no layoffs yet," he said. "All of our guys are a little worried, though."

"Hopefully this virus goes away soon and we can get back to normal. I'm hoping some new customers try us out because we have the best pizza in town."

Younes said his staff has always gone above and beyond when it comes to cleanliness.

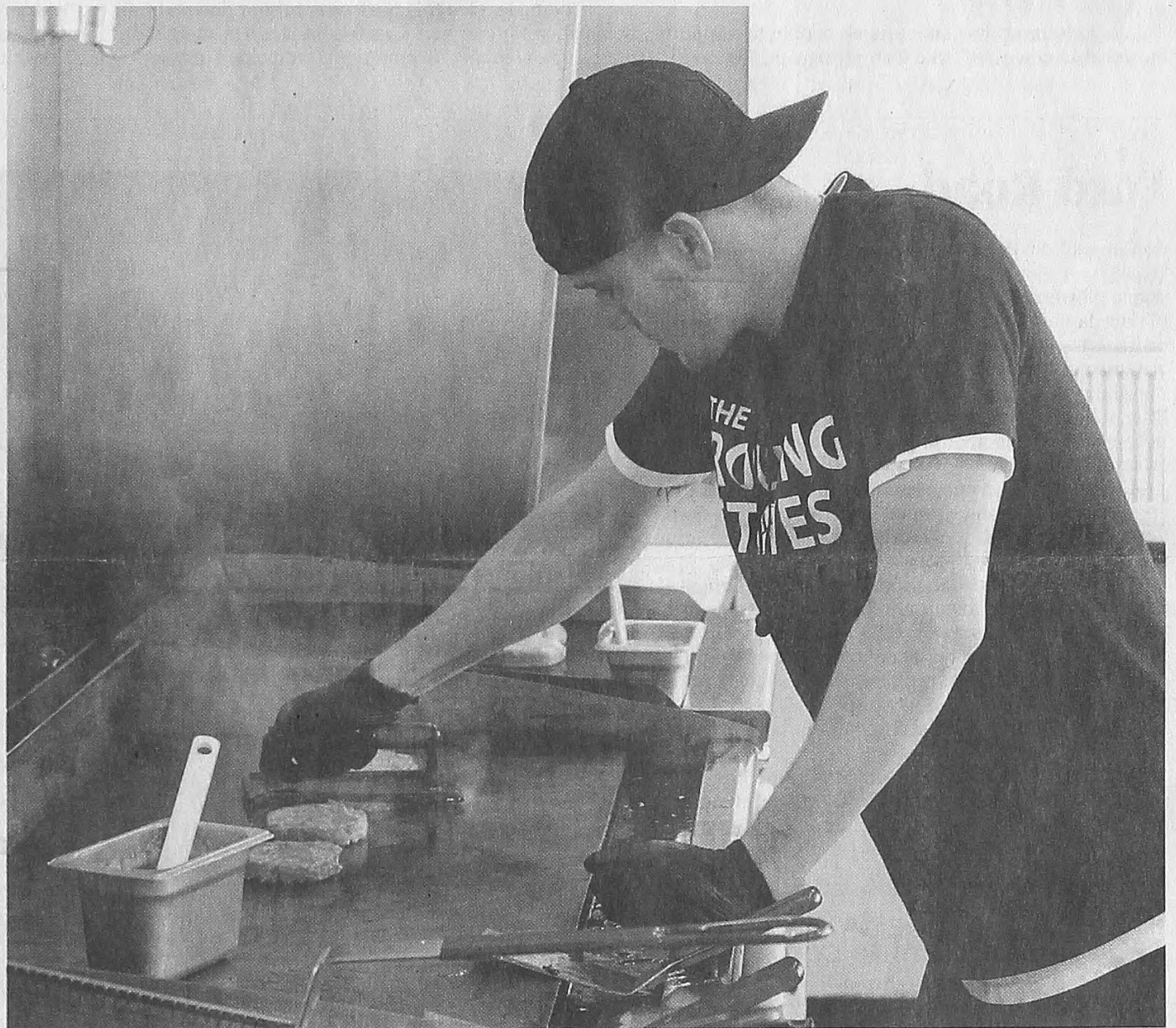
"That said, we're washing our hands more and setting out hand sanitizer on the counters more often," he said.

Genova is open for carry-out, and for delivery orders through Door Dash, Younes said.

Billy, an attendant at the BP gas station on the northwest corner of the Sheldon-Ford roads intersection, wore gloves and a weary look March 26.

Talking behind bullet-proof plastic separating him from the small area where customers can pick up a pop or

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Rolling Stoves co-owner Josh Mansfield smashes some burgers down on the Farmington eatery's grill. The restaurant has received a \$1,500 donation to feed first responders during the coronavirus pandemic. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

First responders eat free at Farmington restaurant

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Hungry first responders looking for a burger and fries on the house just need to head to the intersection of Eight Mile and Farmington roads.

That's because a pair of anonymous donors bought \$1,500 worth of gift cards at The Rolling Stoves in Farmington to provide free meals to police officers, firefighters, health care workers and others currently helping in the battle against the coronavirus pandemic.

Carli Mansfield, one of the owners of the restaurant with her husband, Josh, said they've always offered discounts to public safety officials, but the generous donation takes that to another step.

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Livonia among best in state in census response

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With everything going on in the world, it can be hard to remember there's an important facet of American life currently happening: the census.

For two area municipalities, though, it hasn't been forgotten.

Figures released by the Michigan "Be Counted" campaign show two communities in the Hometown Life area in the top 10 for response rates: As of April 5, Beverly Hills was sixth across the state with a 66.9% response rate, and Livonia was seventh with a 66.4% response rate.

Letters with digital codes for resi-

dents to complete the census online were sent out in March. The U.S. Census Bureau continues to accept responses through the end of the month.

Conducting a census is enshrined in the United States Constitution, which calls for a count of everyone in the U.S.

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Some restaurants make tough choice to shut down

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It's been a month since life changed completely for everyone across metro Detroit with the coronavirus pandemic. Some of the most affected businesses include the area's restaurants, which were forced to transition to a carryout-only model just weeks ago when Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ordered dining rooms to close for several weeks to help stop the virus' spread.

Now, many restaurants are facing a tough decision as the economy feels the pinch: stay open, or close until a semblance of normalcy returns?

Coach's Corner, 36000 W. Seven Mile in Livonia, began serving customers via carryout after the order to close dining areas. After several weeks operating on a takeout basis and with reduced hours, owner Mike George decided to close for April.

"I can't control who's walking in," George said. "There's no value you can put on someone's life."

The bar, which relocated to its current space near the Fox Creek Golf Course last spring, was holding its own financially when the order to close the dining room came in. Coach's Corner had ordered hundreds of pounds of corned beef for St. Patrick's Day and George was worried about selling it. They ended up selling out.

Recent reports regarding the outlook of Michigan restaurants don't show pretty numbers: as many of 33% of restaurants may not survive the closures, according to the Michigan Lodging & Restaurant Association.

Downtowns are doing what they can to promote their local eateries. The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority has launched a contest encouraging people to carry out food; those who spend at least \$50 at Plymouth restaurants can submit their receipts to the DDA at dda@plymouthmi.gov to be entered into a drawing to win a \$25 gift card to use at a local restaurant.

"We're hoping that encourages people to support our local businesses," said Tony Bruscatto, Plymouth

DDA executive director. "You have a chance of winning half your money back."

Bruscatto said there have been plenty of changes happening across downtown Plymouth, which the DDA posts about on a regular basis on its website. As the pandemic continues, restaurants are making tough decisions, he said.

"Most of the ones that are now closed tried to do it in the beginning and just couldn't make it go, make it work for them," he said. "... You don't want to expose your employees ... but you want to stay open."

Others close after being open

Several others have attempted to stay open, but have since opted to close for the foreseeable future. One such location is Proving Grounds Coffee and Ice Cream, which has locations at 369 N. Main in downtown Milford and a new location at 417 S. Washington in downtown Royal Oak. Both coffee shops closed last weekend after several weeks of trying to stay open.

James Courtney, who owns the shop with his wife, Jodie, said the decision to close factored in the health of the community: While the shops' walk-up windows were the main point-of-sale for the weeks they were open, Courtney said they worried about customers getting too close together as the weather improves.

"If our core value is community, we need to start doing our part," he said. "It was a very tough decision."

While the shops are closed, the company said it would provide free delivery twice a week in Milford and once a week in Royal Oak for those with a hankering for brewing their own Proving Grounds coffee at home. Orders can be placed by emailing provinggroundscffee@gmail.com. Courtney said delivery is just one way for the shop to stay connected.

"I'm doing it because it keeps me busy. It keeps me in front of the customer," he said. "It's a win-win."

Similarly, A Good Day Cafe, 399 S. Lafayette in South Lyon, decided this past week to shut down after being open for carryout for a few weeks. The shop did not return a request for comment, but posted on Face-

book it felt closing was the best decision.

"I am very concerned for everyone's health and safety and I think that it is best if we all just stay home and let this pass sooner than later," the post read. "The support and continued business throughout this week have been tremendous and has made this decision even more difficult. I want to thank every single one of you and wish nothing but good health your way."

'We certainly miss everybody'

In Plymouth, just one of two restaurants that go by the name "Stella" has decided to close its doors. Stella's Trackside, 885 Starkweather, was open briefly after restaurant dining rooms were ordered closed but closed in mid-March. Still open is Stella's Black Dog Tavern, 860 Fralick, which continues to offer curbside pickup of family meals.

Some adjustments have taken place, including only taking credit cards as payment and a reduction of staff.

"The venue that we're running seems to be working," said Bob Ostendorf, owner of the tavern. "We're doing an OK job. We're going to stay there. We want to make sure people know we care about them."

The pandemic has also gotten restaurant owners serving some important clients: health care workers battling the coronavirus head on. George said he took dozens of meals to St. Mary Mercy Hospital to help feed employees right after Coach's Corner closed, and Ostendorf said he's planning on taking 100 meals to the Livonia hospital later this month.

When it becomes safe again, expect some big-time events at local bars and restaurants. George said perhaps a belated St. Patrick's Day party is in the cards.

Dorothy Twinney, marketing manager for the Stella's restaurants, said seeing regulars is what everyone looks forward to. But she said she knows everyone will be better by the time this pandemic ends.

"We certainly miss everybody," she said. "If anything, at the end of the day, I truly believe we're all going to come out of this stronger."

Ford Road

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chips, Billy embraced the reality of the day, regardless of how damaging it is to the business his father-in-law owns.

"Business was picking up when the news first came out about the (pandemic)," Billy said. "Then, little by little, it began slowing down, slowing down. ... There's nothing we can do about it besides hope it goes away as soon as possible."

Although dine-in customers are not allowed at the one-year-old Famous Hamburger restaurant on Ford Road, the interior of the eatery is inviting, clean and ready for normalcy to return.

Owner/franchisor Moe Hider brought high hopes to the opening of his restaurant last spring, given the high-traffic flow on the now quiet thoroughfare.

And then the coronavirus pandemic arrived, and it didn't matter whether a business was on Ford Road or on a dead-end cul-de-sac.

Famous Hamburger is still providing take-out and delivery orders.

The Tropical Smoothie Cafe at 44995 Ford Road appears ready for opening as soon as the pandemic is over. The restaurant sits at the former site of Pizza Hut.



The interior of Famous Hamburger on Ford Road, currently empty, is inviting, clean and ready for normalcy to return. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Census

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every 10 years. Agencies use that data to help determine representation in Congress and in the state legislature, as well as funding for various programs and services.

That includes funding for first responders, an area the nation is seeing is incredibly important during the coronavirus pandemic.

Filling out the form, which takes minutes online, is also critical in many other regards, said Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan.

"The fact that we go do it all online this year makes it easier," she said. "We have obviously seen where we need to get our fair share of funding."

Brosnan said she's not surprised by Livonia's high response rate: during the 2010 census, the city in western Wayne County had the highest rate of response for large cities across the country, with 87% of residents responding.

But Brosnan said she is hoping for higher numbers throughout April.

Reaching those who haven't filled out the census yet is a task Livonia hopes to tackle despite the pandemic.

The city has reached out to several community groups, asking members to fill out their form, as well as using some paid advertising and a social media campaign.

Social media is a key component for communities to encourage their residents to respond. Beverly Hills Village Manager Chris Wilson said that's one way the village has reached out to residents. He said he's not surprised to see the community being so civically engaged.

"We're very happy, but it's not totally shocking we have a high response rate," he said. "We have a very high election turnout rate. I think it's reflective of the community we have."

The cities with the highest rates of response as of April 5 are: Huntington Woods (76.4%), Pleasant Ridge (72.6%) and East Grand Rapids (68.8%). The counties with the highest rate of returns are: Livingston (61.9%), Macomb (60.7%) and Midland (59.1%). Oakland County is fourth at 58.4%.

The census is continuing to accept online responses done using the code mailed to every household.

After the end of April, Brosnan said, it's expected census workers will begin making trips to homes that had not responded to collect data in person.

The 2010 census indicated 10,267 people lived in Beverly Hills, a number Wilson said he expects to increase slightly. Most of the village, he said, had been built out by the time the census was done a decade ago.

Estimates for Livonia show the city's population declining since the census counted 96,942 people living in the city a decade ago. But Brosnan said she's not so sure those models will remain accurate.

She believes the city's population could increase after this year's count, pointing to the hot real estate market for millennials and the increased senior living facilities that have popped up in the city.

With the census affecting funding for such services like roads, schools and public safety, Brosnan said she expects residents to do their duty and take the time to fill out their form.

"It really is supporting those things that Livonia residents really value," she said. "All the more reason to make sure everybody's counted."

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Family alleges negligence at senior home

Says Northville center did not notify them relative was tested for COVID-19

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When Alice Chavdarian's family gathered March 25 at Cedarbrook Senior Living Center in Northville Township to say goodbye to their mother and grandmother, they didn't know she was potentially infected with coronavirus.

They say they didn't find out until days later that Chavdarian, who was receiving hospice care, had been tested for COVID-19 that day after exhibiting symptoms of the disease.

The 92-year-old died March 28 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia because of complications from the coronavirus, one day after test results came back positive.

The family wants answers as to why Cedarbrook failed to notify them Chavdarian had been tested for the virus, thus exposing others, including Chavdarian's 71-year-old son and a priest from Holy Family Church, to possible infection.

"They had a simple duty to warn us and they did not," said Juliette Daniels, Chavdarian's granddaughter. "They had a simple obligation to keep my father informed of my grandmother's medical status, and they did not. They exposed us, and their community."

When contacted, an attorney for the facility said Cedarbrook was not commenting at the time.

It subsequently released a statement, which said the family had been notified of the COVID-19 test:

"First and most importantly, we extend our condolences to the family on the loss of their mother and grandmother. We have been in very close contact with the family for a number of days working to verify, clarify and share facts about the care provided.

"We know that once medical staff recommended that a COVID-19 test be administered, a test was ordered. A Cedarbrook nurse witnessed the hospice nurse, who was caring for the resident that day, notify the family's representative that a COVID-19 test had been ordered.

"This fact has been confirmed in writing by the hospice nurse. During the hospice nurse's conversation with the family representative it was recommended that visiting family members should wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

"These are incredibly challenging times for everyone, and we will be working with the family to make sure they have this updated information. While the family is understandably hurting, we are confident Cedarbrook Senior Living took all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of our residents and their families."

Following Chavdarian's death, Daniels said a Cedarbrook manager called her "bawling her eyes out, admitting there was a mistake, that everyone involved at the senior center thought someone else had told us about the symptoms and the test. She asked us to extend them grace."

Chavdarian's primary physician at Cedarbrook, Dr. Subburaman Sivakumar, is an internist affiliated with St. Mary Mercy Hospital, according to the hospital's website. Sivakumar is the doctor who administered the test to Chavdarian, Daniels said.

During her final days at Cedarbrook, Chavdarian



Alice Chavdarian is pictured with five of her six great-grandchildren in this 2015 photo. Chavdarian, 92, died March 28 because of complications from coronavirus. COURTESY OF JULIETTE DANIELS

was receiving hospice care from Angela Hospice, whose protocol, Daniels said, does not include the authorization of COVID-19 tests.

"Angela Hospice did not order it. It was ordered and administered by Dr. Sivakumar," Daniels said. "In addition, Angela Hospice CEO (Mart) Coplai stated she was under the impression Dr. Sivakumar had informed us of the COVID-19 test and potential for infection before we visited my grandma."

Coplai declined to comment. Chavdarian was restricted from having visitors beginning March 12, Daniels said.

"Cedarbrook called our family on March 24 and stated that my grandmother was 'actively dying' and we should visit her to say goodbye," Daniels said. "We were never informed that she was a suspected COVID-19 case. Dr. Sivakumar never told us he authorized a COVID-19 test and eight individuals in our family were exposed due to their omission of fact.

"Moreover, upon receiving the positive COVID-19 test, they finally informed us and immediately removed her from hospice (against Angela Hospice protocol) and sent her to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia to die."

Chavdarian died one day after being transferred to St. Mary's.

"This is upsetting enough. However, the avoidable exposure to COVID-19 is what I believe warrants explanation," Daniels said. "This is unconscionable."

Daniels said she and her family have not been able to secure prescriptions for COVID-19 tests from their primary-care physicians, so they asked Cedarbrook to provide them with tests.

Citing that the family members are not residents of the Cedarbrook community or patients of Dr. Sivakumar, their request was declined.

"However, as an accommodation to you and your family, should your primary care physician agree to write a prescription, we will reimburse you for the reasonable cost of such test," Cedarbrook Vice President of Operations Erin Ottenbreit wrote Daniels in an email.

Chavdarian lived an extraordinary life, Daniels said. At age 50, when most people are eyeing retirement, Chavdarian attended the University of Michigan to become a teacher. She taught at Plymouth's Bird Elementary, where her students affectionately called her "Mrs. Chav."

"This is a horrific and unfitting end for a woman who lived her nearly 93 years with strength, passion, excitement and joy," Daniels said. "I always called her Gram. Gram loved her family deeply and desired nothing more than to bring spunk, wit and charm to life's ups and downs.

"Gram was always there for all of us, and I pray she will continue to be."

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Group works to nourish medical staff

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Two professions hit hardest by the coronavirus pandemic - small business owners and medical professionals - are the primary focus of the volunteer organization Feeding the Frontlines.

Organized by Canton Township residents Nancy Williams, Tammy Haggerty and Jennifer Brock, the aid organization collects food from local restaurants and delivers it twice a week to nurses and doctors, who often don't have time to secure proper nourishment as they fight the coronavirus pandemic.

"Jennifer Brock, who owns Szechuan Restaurant in Canton, sent me a text about a Feeding the Front Lines program down south," Williams said of the organization's origins. "She asked if we could do something like that up here. I contacted Tammy, who owns Jacob Michael Jewelers in Canton, and she said, 'Let's go for it.'"

The trio orchestrated the details two weeks ago via Zoom meetings, reaching out to residents and restaurants.

"We have been overwhelmed by donations," said Williams. "We have received donations ranging from \$5 to \$400. A lot of restaurants are donating food, which is not easy during these times."

Canton resident Richie Constantino, owner of Rose's restaurant, said he didn't hesitate to get involved.

"The medical professionals are so vital these days," said Constantino, whose daughter Kara is two weeks away from earning a nursing degree. "I feed people, but what they do is so important. Without them, we wouldn't make it through this."

Constantino said the looks on the faces of the nurses and doctors enjoying his food makes everything worthwhile.

"I saw a photo ... of three nurses eating some of the food we donated and it made my day," said Constantino. "Another photo showed some nurses and doctors eating while standing up because they were too busy to sit down.

"Anything we can do to add some sunshine to their day is great."

Learn more on the organization's Facebook page. Contact reporter Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com or 517-375-1113.



Nurses at the University of Michigan's Mott Hospital enjoy meals prepared by Rose's restaurant in Canton Township. Meal delivery was orchestrated by Feeding the Front Lines. COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



Feeding the Frontlines collects food from local restaurants and delivers it twice a week to nurses and doctors. COURTESY OF FEEDING THE FRONTLINES

Canton man faces felony assault charges

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A Canton Township man accused of hurting his wife and child was arraigned April 2 on four felony charges including assault with the intent to murder and to do great bodily harm.

Oswald Tallent, 46, also was arraigned on torture and third-degree child abuse charges.

His bond was set at \$500,000.

Police said there were multiple 911 calls March 30 concerning the man's assault on his family before they visited his Stonebrook Drive home.

They arrived to find the man's wife in the driveway with lacerations to her face and body. Police said a saw inflicted the wounds.

Police said Tallent also slammed his daughter, 8, onto the pavement before dragging her by the hair up the driveway. The child had a bump on her head and scrapes on her body.

The wife and daughter were taken to the hospital for treatment.

Tallent is scheduled for more court proceedings later this month.

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influenza bout," Harper said. "My fever was 103, I had terrible body aches and pains. The body aches were to the point that my fingers hurt and the soles of my feet hurt. I had lost my appetite almost instantly. I felt paralyzed."

By March 22, Harper had lost 12 pounds and was struggling to breathe, so she drove herself to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. There, she began a nine-day hospital stay.

In the hospital, she faced respiratory failure, sepsis, pneumonia and dehydration, all related to COVID-19. The floor she was on, Nine South, usually functions as an orthopedic floor. She said the staff gave everyone "superb" care.

"They basically saved my life," she said.

Though she's home now, Harper still doesn't feel 100 percent. Her doctors think it will be weeks before she feels truly healthy again.

For now, she's just happy to be home with her two daughters, though they mourn the loss of her youngest child's grandmother to COVID-19.

As she continues to recover from COVID-19, Harper said the public needs to take the pandemic seriously.

"It is very serious," she said. "I would say everyone right now should treat the next person as though they may have the virus. ... You don't know who your neighbor has been around or who your neighbor's neighbor has been around."

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Chilah Harper, who spent nine days in the hospital because she contracted COVID-19, is now recovering from the aftereffects at her home in Redford Township, where she lives with her two daughters. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

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"To be able to give it to them for free this time around is just wonderful," she said. "They're so appreciative."

There have been several people taking the restaurant at 20780 Farmington up on the offer, including first responders from Farmington, Farmington Hills and Livonia.

Mansfield said there's still plenty of

money left on the gift cards for others.

The restaurant – which opened its brick-and-mortar location about six months ago after several years as a food truck operation – has transitioned to a carryout-only model as all other eateries have since their dining rooms were closed by order of the state March 16.

Mansfield said business has picked up and been busier than they expected: they've had to call people in to help prep and package orders, and customers have been buying gift cards loaded up with large amounts of money.

"We didn't think it would be that busy," she said. "Literally every day, we had to call extra people in because it got so out of hand."

"To have the opposite of what I was preparing for happen, it was more of a shock value."

The eatery continues to be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, maintaining its regular hours for carryout orders of hamburgers, French fries and salads.

Even with the restaurant holding its own, Mansfield said she missed the

atmosphere when customers stay and eat in the dining area. It provides a feeling, she said, that she can't wait to get back to after the coronavirus pandemic is over.

"We really miss serving people in the restaurant. It actually is kind of tough to look out at the dining room," she said. "We really really love when people are in the restaurant and the energy it brings."

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Mail service in Farmington Hills slows

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Residents in Farmington Hills won't get mail every day for the foreseeable future.

Due to an apparent lack of mail carriers, the United States Postal Service is aiming to deliver mail every other day in the Oakland County city.

"Some Farmington customers are receiving mail every other day as compared to the normal daily delivery as we match the workload created by the impacts of the ongoing coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic," a spokesperson for USPS said in an email. "We appreciate the patience of our customers and the efforts of employees as conditions change on a day-to-day basis."

The postal service did not comment on the reason for the slowdown or if other nearby communities are affected.

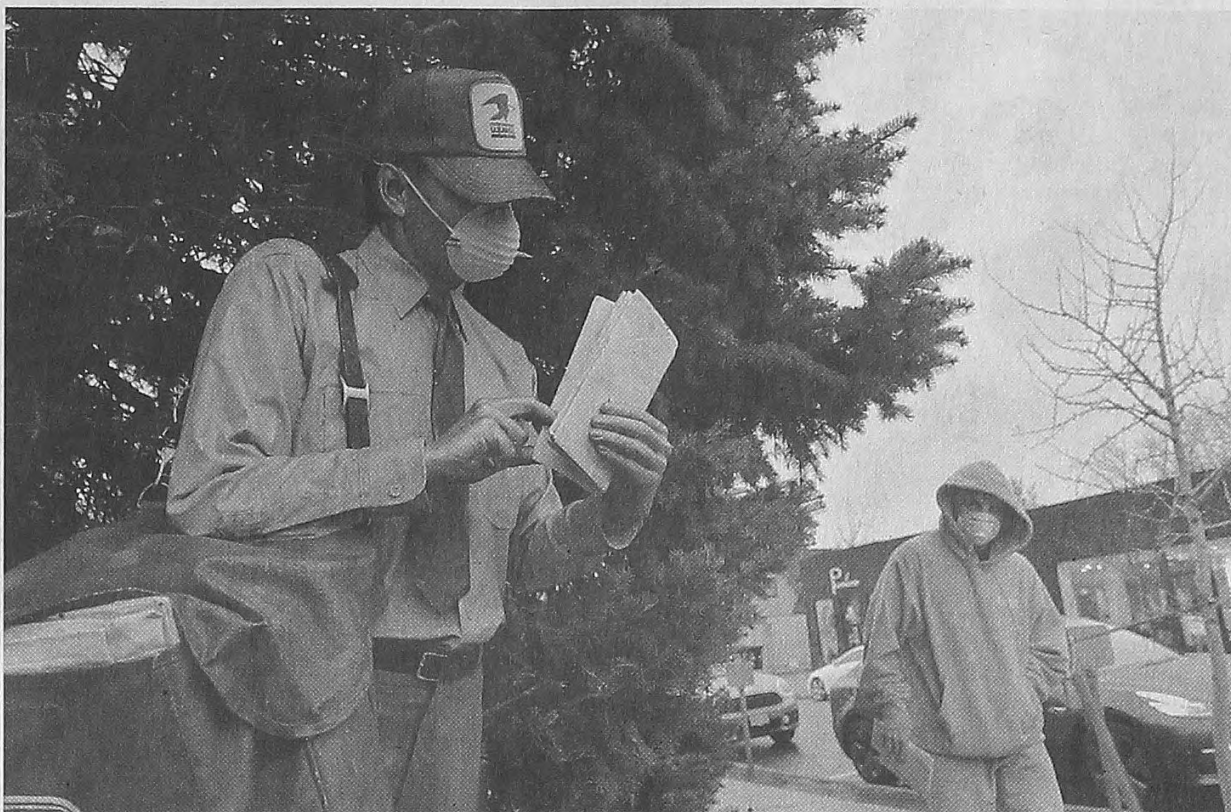
Farmington Hills City Manager Dave Boyer said it's his understanding the issue stems from staffing.

"That's strictly up to the post office," Boyer said. "What we're hearing is that they're having staffing issues there."

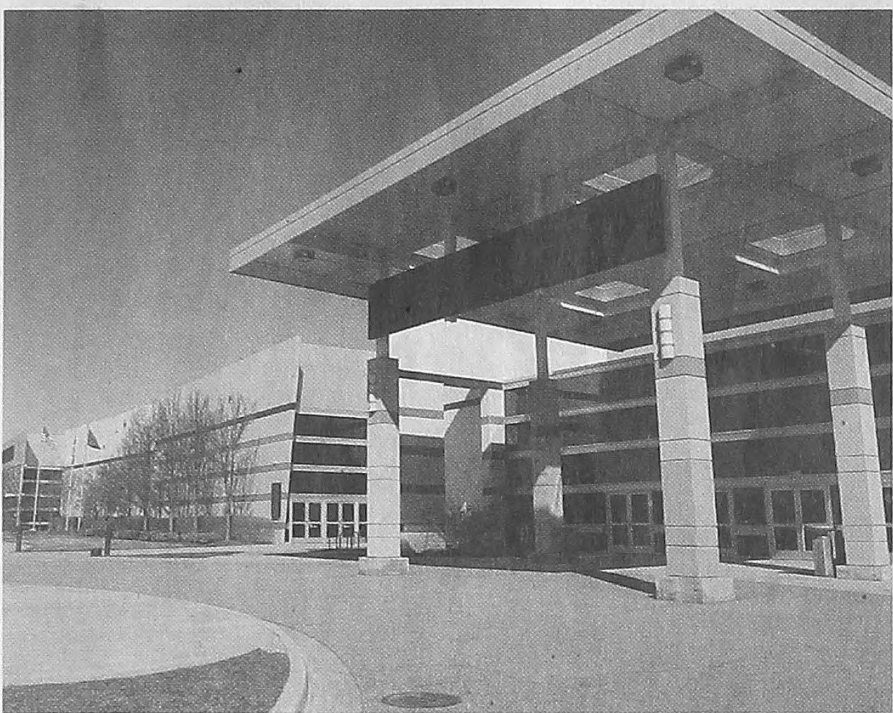
Boyer noted city hall, where some essential employees are still coming into work, is not getting mail every day, either.

"If you don't have the manpower, that's it," he said.

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Mail service in Farmington Hills will slow down for the foreseeable future. USA TODAY NETWORK FILE



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer may call on Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace off Grand River Avenue to become a field hospital for coronavirus patients, according to a news release from the state. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Suburban Collection Showplace set to be pandemic field hospital

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The Suburban Collection Showplace will become the newest place battling the coronavirus pandemic in southeast Michigan.

The convention center will become the second alternative care facility selected by the State of Michigan to treat patients who have contracted the coronavirus.

The center will provide 250,000 square feet of space and can house up to 1,000 patients.

"We are uniquely positioned to be able to support this effort and the fight against COVID-19," said Blair Bowman, owner of the Suburban Collection Showplace, in a statement. "We feel it is important to serve as a resource to the state and the community in these times of need."

Ascension Michigan, which operates a hospital up Grand River from the convention center, will provide support for treating patients, the state announced.

"The health and safety of our patients, associates, providers and communities is Ascension Michigan's top priority," said Dr. Kenneth Berkovitz, senior vice president, Ascension, and ministry market executive, Ascension Michigan, in a news release.

"We are uniquely positioned to be able to support this effort and the fight against COVID-19. We feel it is important to serve as a resource to the state and the community in these times of need."

Blair Bowman Owner, Suburban Collection Showplace

"We look forward to collaborating on this critically important initiative as we help to expand capacity for care during this global pandemic. We will get through this by working together to care for all those in need."

Gone off the calendar for the convention center is Motor City Comic Con, which was canceled late last month. The center's website shows the next event scheduled, the Women's Show, taking place June 25-28, though it's uncertain how long the field hospital will be in place. There's no word on when work would begin to transform the center into a treatment facility, or when it would begin accepting patients.

Figures from the state indicate more than 17,000 people have contracted the virus across Michigan, and more than 700 people have died as a result of it.

The TCF Center in downtown Detroit was named a field hospital last month and began its

transformation shortly after. It's expected to begin accepting patients this week.

In addition to the two centers, 15 other locations across the state are being looked at as potential treatment facilities if the need for them arises.

"This is more good news for Michiganders in our fight against COVID-19," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in a news release. "Having access to more medical facilities and more space for health care professionals to perform their life-saving work means we are more able to slow the spread of COVID-19. Fighting this virus is going to take all of us working together as Michiganders, and I want to thank everyone who has stepped up to volunteer at a health care facility or donate blood, money, or medical supplies. We will get through this."

Obituaries

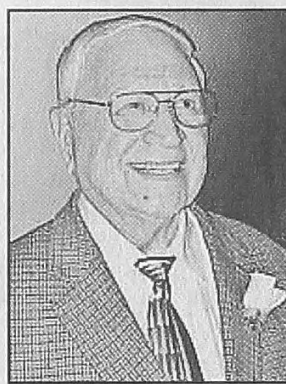
Dr. Leslie E. Bowers

Dr. Leslie E. Bowers, born in Hamilton, Canada on March 23, 1929, passed away at home at the age of 91, surrounded by his loving family on April 4th, 2020.

Beloved husband of the late Shirley Bowers for 60 years. Cherished father of his children Mark Bowers (Mary Ann), Marilyn Melvin (Greg), Derek Bowers, Dean Bowers (Lisa), Lesley Francis (Grant), Holly Burr (Tom), and Tina Graziotti (Tim), predeceased by the late Dale Bowers and Darlene Houdek (Tom). Predeceased by brothers Jack, Raymond, Willie, and sister Evelyn. Proud and loving Grandfather of 27 and Great Grandfather of 17 children.

Leslie graduated from Palmer Chiropractic College in 1963 and practiced in Livonia for 55 years. He was passionate about caring for patients through Chiropractic and helped many people. He loved playing card games and spending time with family. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Private burial will be held for family. A memorial service will be held at a future date.



Marion E. Johnese

Marion E. Johnese passed away April 1, 2020 at the age of 98. She was the loving wife of the late James for 60 years; devoted mother of Jim (Gayle), Bill (Pat), Mary (Rick) Glitz, and Pat (late Ron) Kowalski; cherished grandmother of 15; caring great grandmother of 16; dear sister of the late Helen, late Robert (late Lorraine), and sister-in-law to the late Everett (Mary Jayne). Marion was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. A Celebration of her Life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Vincent DePaul - St. Fabian in her name. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

Mary Jo "Dolly" Collins

LIVONIA - Mary Jo "Dolly" Collins, 88, of Livonia, MI, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2020. Born on November 20, 1931 in Brockway, PA. Daughter of Italian immigrants Joseph and Maria Jiamachello, and the youngest, with her twin brother, of 8, all previously deceased.

Beloved wife of the late Dr. Colton Collins. Cherished mother of Denise (Dave) Collins-Robison; Greg (Zita) Collins; Jan (John) Shamraj; Sue (Bob) Kalweit; and Pam (Glenn) Pieschke. Adored Nana of Emily (Kalweit, Joel) Poremba, Max Pieschke, Jacob Robison, Nick Kalweit, Rachel Pieschke, Colton Robison and Maria Shamraj. Delighted Nonna of great-grandson James Poremba. She is also survived by a sister-in-law and 17 nieces and nephews.

Mary Jo graduated from HFH Nursing School in Detroit, and worked as a Psychiatric Nurse at Northville State Hospital in the early 1950s, where she met her husband Colton, the resident dentist; then at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia for 16 years, retiring in 1989. She was a long-time member of St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia, where she sang in the funeral choir for 21 years, and was an early and 26 year member and an event coordinator of the New Dawn widow's group. She loved spending time with her family and friends, cooking and celebrating holidays, attending operas and Senior's group events, and traveling to the family UP cottage and around the world. She was deeply devoted to her faith, family and friends, and will be dearly missed by all, as we were blessed by her long life, strong spirit, and loving, generous nature.

Visitation at Harry J Will Funeral Home and Mass at St. Edith Church to be announced at a future date.



Regina Varrero

Regina Varrero passed away peacefully on April 1, 2020 at the age of 110. Beloved mother of Rodney Fagan, Sandra Jahner, and the late Judith Deering. Loving grandmother of 9 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, 5 great great grandchildren. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be scheduled in the near future. Please visit the online guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com

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Sports

Livonia native commits to play Big Ten football

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Detroit Country Day junior Caleb Tiernan had plenty of schools to choose from.

The 6-foot-8, 280-pound Livonia native narrowed down his college options to four schools in mid March before making his final decision: Michigan, Ohio State, Penn State and Northwestern. The four star offensive lineman (according to Rivals) ended his recruitment at the end of March by verbally committing to Northwestern.

A dual-sport athlete at Country Day, Tiernan had time to focus on his football future after the basketball playoffs were postponed. Country Day was set to take on Cranbrook in the district finals.

Northwestern received his first official visit in March, with Michigan, Penn State and Ohio State up next (in that order). Then the coronavirus outbreak hit, shutting down his travel plans.

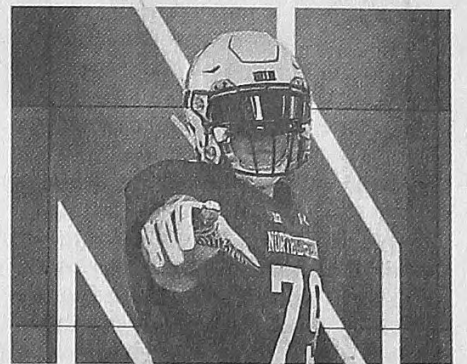
Unable to visit the other three schools, he talked with his family and decided to go ahead with his commitment to the Wildcats. It was the school he'd been leaning toward for a while, and his visit only cemented the choice

in his mind. The ability to earn a top-notch education at one of the best universities in the world and play in the Big Ten was too good to pass up.

"One of the main reasons is that I think it's one of the best schools that has a balance between athletics and academics," Tiernan said. "I think a lot of people know that Northwestern is one of the top universities in the country academic-wise. You get all that and get to play Big Ten football, it's tough to beat."

Turning down football powerhouses like Michigan, Ohio State and Penn

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Country Day's Caleb Tiernan has committed to play football at Northwestern. COURTESY OF CALEB TIERNAN

Brother Rice lacrosse player loses comeback to pandemic

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Competition is what makes Jay Frye tick.

He wants to play you in table tennis. He wants to run a race. He wants to be on the lacrosse field or in skates on an ice rink.

He wants to make a name for himself, just like he has tried to do in his four years at Brother Rice.

But in the spring before his freshman year, a new challenge emerged: a race against time.

On May 28, 2017, spending time with his friends in Charlevoix, Frye was pinned by a Polaris ATV, shattering his right leg. When seeing the severity of the injury, doctors told him that he would likely never play sports again.

It was something that Frye could not imagine. He knew his body. He knew what it would take to return to the field.

He pushed himself, using that message to fuel him.

"I didn't let that stop me," Frye said. "I didn't believe it."

And Frye completed his goal, playing for the Brother Rice lacrosse team last year that won a state title and playing for the Warriors varsity hockey team this winter, which came within two games of a state title.

But Frye faces an new roadblock, one that is not only stopping him and the Brother Rice lacrosse team as a whole, but every athlete in Michigan: the coronavirus.

"This was my year. Finally, I was 100 percent, it was back, I was playing," Frye said. "I was ready."

Frye will not get the chance to showcase what he can do on the lacrosse field for the Warriors in his senior season, the season he was waiting for.

But that's not how he wants to be remembered.

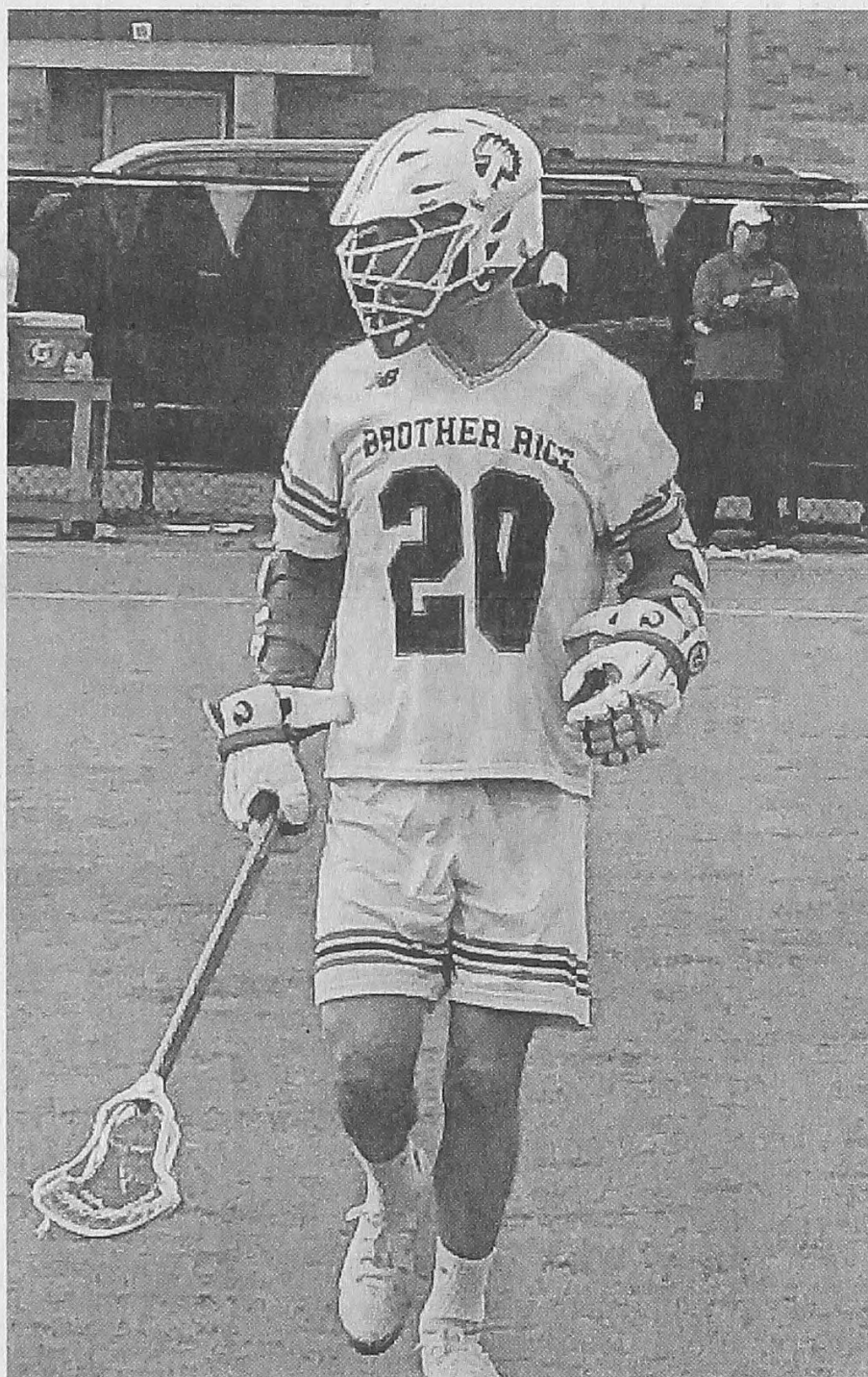
Frye wants to be remembered by his resiliency, that he worked to be in a position to shine his senior year.

Race against time

Frye does not remember much about the initial accident. To him, it's kind of a blur.

He said he tipped the ATV over after drifting, pinning his right leg. Once two of his friends picked the ATV up, allowing him to slide out from under it, Frye tried to stand up. He fell right away, looking at a bloodied leg with a bone

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Brother Rice's Jay Frye was 100 percent healthy heading into his junior season after a long recovery from injuring his leg in 2017 when he tipped over an ATV he was riding. Frye was ready for a lacrosse comeback when the pandemic hit. COURTESY OF KIM FRYE

"It was hard, but you had to keep a positive attitude through it all. It's hard emotionally, but I think I did a good job with it. I knew I could do it the whole time."

Jay Frye On recovering from a serious leg injury and returning to sports

CC esports team emerges despite sports cancellations

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Detroit Catholic Central saw what esports was doing around the world: the amount of money and notoriety streamers and gamers were making, the amount of influence it had on those at the high school age.

Catholic Central saw its own success story: watching as Nick "Nickmercs" Kolcheff exploded as a pronounced streamer who has accumulated 2.01 million YouTube subscribers and 3.3 million Twitch followers.

Athletic director Aaron Babicz saw an opportunity to continue the legacy of the Shamrocks virtually, something he said he should have started years ago.

"The time was right four years ago," Babicz said.

But with the emergence of coronavirus closing the school building for the remainder of the academic year and with the Michigan High School Athletics Association ending the winter sports postseason and the spring sports season, the expectation for the Catholic Central esports team was raised to a new level.

Instead of only trying to establish itself as a nationally-recognized esports team, this team is now the sole representation of the Shamrocks during this unprecedented season.

"I'm like, 'Guys, in a matter of two months, you went from being a new program to carrying the flag for Detroit Catholic Central athletics,'" Babicz said.

Carrying the flag

That was something head coach Stephen Juncaj was ready to tackle.

A graduate of Catholic Central, the current junior at University of Michigan Dearborn has made an impact of his own in the gaming community. Juncaj was an esports semi-pro team owner, leading 60 team members as it competed in games such as Fortnite, Rocket League and Super Smash Bros.

Juncaj saw a chance for Catholic Central to participate in an exploding global phenomenon, taking advantage of the six-figure scholarships colleges around the country were giving out to gamers and streamers.

With already 20 students interested

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sticking out of it.

Kim and John Frye, Jay's parents, drove as fast as they could to Charlevoix. Kim rode with her son in the ambulance back to the hospital, quickly transporting him to Beaumont for emergency surgery.

"He literally almost lost his leg," Kim Frye said.

After surgeons used a plate to put his shattered leg back together, Jay Frye went through therapy, learning how to walk on his leg again.

Even while he was wheelchair bound, Jay's teammates would come over and pass around the ball.

Jay Frye did not know completely how it was all going to turn out. But he said it would all be all right. That he would return sooner rather than later.

"I would always have a stick in my hand even if I couldn't walk," Frye said.

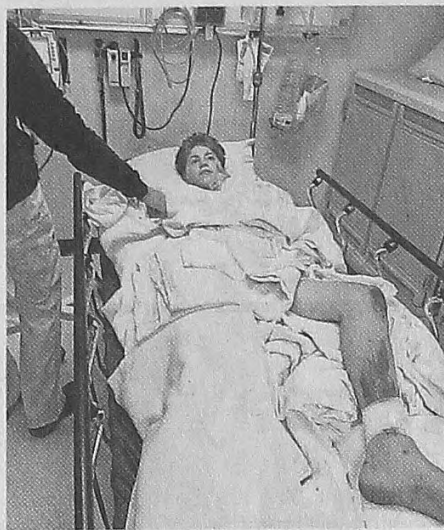
Frye returned to the ice for the winter hockey season, but after a season in skates, he had to go through a second surgery: one to re-anchor the tendon in his big toe back a knuckle.

While the Frye family thought the second surgery would be a quick recovery, it proved to be more costly for Jay, who was forced to the sideline for his sophomore lacrosse season.

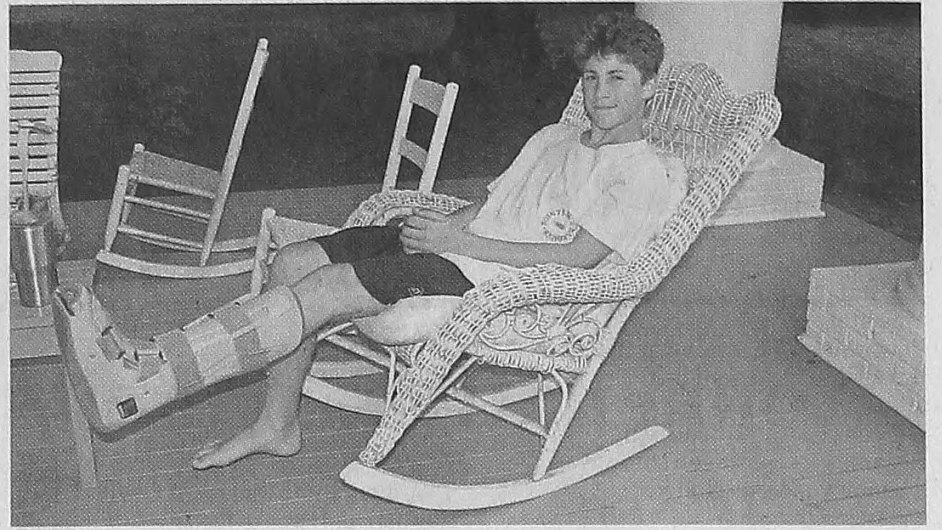
While her son did not totally grasp what was happening emotionally, both Kim and John knew the valuable time Jay was losing.

"He started to get depressed," Kim Frye said. "He stood in his cast watching the season on the sideline. He said 'I can't do two seasons. I can't do this. This world's going on without me. All I want to do is compete. All I want to do is play.'"

Jay tried to keep his mind occupied. He would do his own workouts — focusing on his upper body. He would play



Above at left, Brother Rice's Jay Frye lies in a hospital bed after he was pinned by a 1,600-pound Polaris ATV, which shattered his leg, in 2017. Above at right, Frye wears a medical boot during his recovery. PHOTOS BY COURTESY OF KIM FRYE



video games and hang out with friends, anything to keep his mind off his recovery.

Throughout the process, no matter how dark things got, Jay Frye never questioned whether or not he would take the lacrosse field again. He knew the work it took, but he was not going to lose another chance.

To his parents, Jay Frye was a survivor. He was mentally stronger than they ever knew.

"He just kept going," John Frye said. "He was not going to be denied."

'He gave his heart and soul'

Heading into his junior hockey season at Brother Rice, Jay Frye was 100 percent healthy.

He took the field in the spring, sitting behind Division 1-caliber seniors who taught him lessons such as treating every practice as a tryout, not letting up and giving more and more each day.

The 2020 spring season was going to be his opportunities to teach the les-

sons.

"I saw I have accomplished a lot in not a lot of time," Frye said. "It was hard, but you had to keep a positive attitude through it all. It's hard emotionally, but I think I did a good job with it. I knew I could do it the whole time."

But as the lacrosse season was about to get underway, the sports world stopped. The Michigan High School Sports Association put the winter post-season and spring sports seasons on hold, leading to an eventual cancellation.

Instead of going to his teammate's house after the announcement, Jay Frye went to the fields.

"Jay ran to the lacrosse field," Kim Frye said. "He did the tryout with the team because he didn't know what to do with himself. He needed to."

Jay Frye will never get the chance to show what he could do as a starter on the Brother Rice lacrosse team. He will never get the chance to earn back-to-back state championships in back-to-back sports seasons — playing for both

Brother Rice hockey and lacrosse.

This was the year that Jay Frye would show what he could do.

He will get the chance to play lacrosse again, signing to play for Roanoke College for the next four years. Jay Frye said he will use that time to show people what could have happened at the high school level.

What Jay Frye has gained over the past four years at Brother Rice is life experience, skills that he will carry on for the rest of his life.

"He never gave up. He overcame so much and remained positive," Kim Frye said. "He never sulked, he never complained."

"He gave his heart and soul."

However, with all of the work put in, John Frye wishes his son had the chance to reap some of the benefit.

"It's kind of the reward from all the work that you don't want to see him not get."

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Esports

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before Juncaj took the head coaching job, the team grew exponentially, expanding to as many as 90 players interested before the official tryout.

While his team is the only team left at Catholic Central competing, he does not feel a level of pressure to win.

"Instead of pressure, it is more like this is our time to shine," Juncaj said. "I don't think any of the kids feel too pressured. I think most of them are excited to showcase what they can do."

Catholic Central is trying its best to put players in the best position to succeed, buying equipment for 10 game stations for the school's library, including custom-built gaming PC's and brand new monitors.

When CC sophomore Tristan Toma arrived for the first practice, seeing what was at everyone's disposal, he knew this team was more than just a club.

"I was like, 'Wow, this is really it. We're doing this,'" Toma said.

However, the game stations have yet to be used, with the school closing shortly after they were installed.

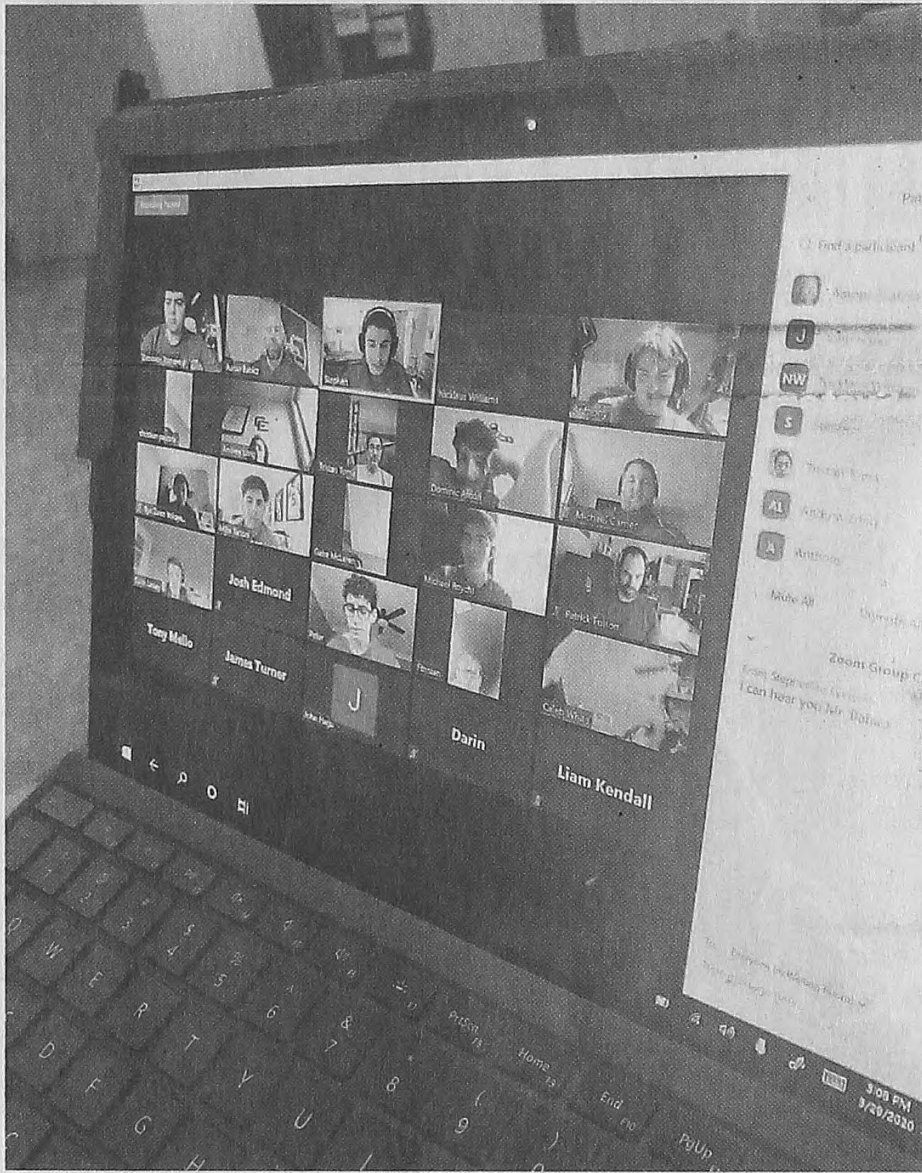
But that has not stopped the Shamrocks from competing.

Catholic Central has participated in a number of competitions, with Toma placing ninth in a Super Smash Bros. tournament on April 2, and later first in a small 10-man tournament.

Darin Koz also took third place in the Northwood 1v1 Rocket League tournament on April 3.

The Shamrocks have played different teams from New Jersey and Arizona, and were originally scheduled to participate in the Michigan High School Esports Federation Rocket League and Super Smash Bros. playoffs before they were both canceled.

For now, Juncaj's message is simple. "The goals that we set out is to play, play, play," Juncaj said. "That was the



The Catholic Central esports team meets via Zoom during the school shutdown. COURTESY OF STEPHEN JUNCAJ

message that we sent home to everyone was like, 'Listen guys: we understand that this is CC and we're trying to win everything. But the No. 1 thing we have to do is go out and compete this year.'

"Let's get our name out there, let's keep playing. This is the time to showcase what you got."

Playing together, apart

The Catholic Central connection. The brotherhood.

These are things that Fulton has seen struggle since the closing of the school. As the students remain at home, his goal is to keep students engaged, to

keep their heads up even though, as he said, they are "bummed out" right now.

"It's a part of our spiritual DNA as a school that when things get tough, we have to lean in on each other," Fulton said.

While the esports team has goals to meet, its purpose, during the school shutdown, has been to foster community.

In the gaming world, it's known as playing together, apart.

"I do think it's kind of been an outlet for people to make new friends and to find new people to play with," Juncaj said.

After the school closed during the week of the esports team's tryouts, Juncaj has not turned anyone away, grouping teams in terms of skill level. He has been communicating with his team via Zoom and Discord, a Zoom-like program for the gaming community.

"I've gotten to know a lot more kids and I know a lot of kids that go on computers who aren't in physical sports, like myself, aren't as vocal and wouldn't be out there as much," Catholic Central junior Dylan Boer said. "Not the entire time is behind a screen, but maybe for some kids it makes it easier to talk to some other kids behind a screen and develop a friendship."

While the long-term goal may be to become a nationally-recognized team, Babicz said, looking back, he would receive emails from students, saying they did not truly have a fit at the school.

For a time in which the world has stopped and the Catholic Central community has been separated physically, this esports team has brought the community back to the school.

"When I got this in an email, with kids saying, 'I finally found my fit. Thank you guys so much for starting this,' I'm like, 'That's it. I'm all in, 1,000 percent,'" Babicz said.

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Big Ten

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State was certainly tough, but ultimately, Tiernan decided he wanted to attend a smaller school and have the opportunity to get more early playing time.

"You always dream of playing in front of thousands and thousands," Tiernan said. "I grew up a Michigan fan and it was weird because I had a lot of people at school telling me to go to the bigger school because it'll be more fun, but to me it's a lot more."

The Wolverines were his runner-up.

"From what I've experienced, it seems like all the bigger schools are less connected with each other," Tiernan said. "When I went to Northwestern, they actually had all the offensive linemen go out to dinner with me and my family. That in itself, that you can round up all the linemen for dinner was sweet."

Tiernan plays both offensive line and defensive end at Country Day, where he has started since he was a sophomore. He helped lift his team to the state championship game in the fall.

He projects to be a left tackle in college.

His lead recruiters from Northwestern were special teams coordinator Jeff

Genyk and offensive line coach Kurt Anderson.

"They do a great job of getting young players experience," Tiernan said. "They had nine out of 14 true freshmen get game experience last year. When I was there, they were telling me I'd be great anywhere I go, but the only way to get to where you want to be is to get experience on the field."

Before he heads off to college, Tiernan has one more season of high school football, where he plans to continue growing as a player.

"I am tall, but I'm not the biggest guy, I'm not the strongest guy, but I definitely feel like I'm one of the quickest and have

better technique than most," Tiernan said.

He says he plans to spend plenty of time in the weight room and has hopes of finding his way back to the state championship.

"I would love to get my strength up and improve my overall knowledge of the game," Tiernan said. "I feel like that's going to be important at the next level when there's going to be a lot more than just a high school defense."

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Gay's Top 10 games of the school year

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Coming into the 2019-20 school year, I was unfamiliar with Michigan high school sports, a Houston native and an Ohio State graduate that had never lived in the state before.

Looking back at a year cut short — from all the time spent on the sideline of soccer and football games to talking with coaches after hockey and basketball games — I have seen some memorable moments in my first year as an official Michigander.

Hometown Life sports reporter Andrew Vaillencourt and I have each compiled a list of the 10 best games we have covered this school year. As we wait for high school sports to return to the metro Detroit area, here is a look at what I think are this best games I covered this year.

Honorable Mentions

North Farmington secures first victory despite late Groves surge

Coming into the season opener coming off a 2-17 last-place finish, the North Farmington girls basketball team showed progress from the start, holding onto a lead despite a late surge from Birmingham Groves in the fourth quarter.

Groves basketball's collapse against Southfield A&T ends season

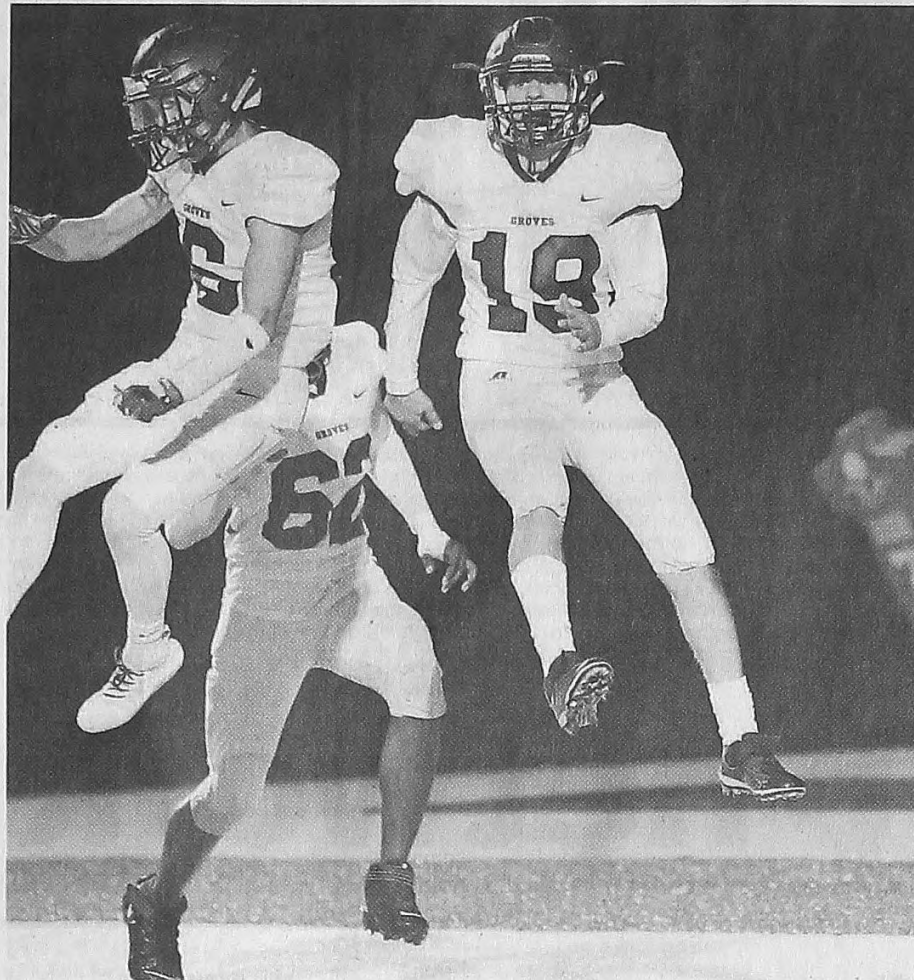
In a game most Groves fans would like to forget, Southfield A&T stormed back, outscoring the Falcons 38-18 in the final 5:33. Southfield A&T forward Caleb secured the collapse with a four-point swing in the final 10 seconds, prompting a rowdy crowd to storm the Farmington gym at the buzzer.

South Lyon football defeats Lakeland in fourth quarter comeback win

Facing a 17-6 deficit late in the fourth quarter, South Lyon peaked at the right time, as quarterback Connor Fracassi found wide receiver Brenden Lach twice for two touchdowns in the comeback win against Lakes Valley Conference rival Lakeland on the road.

Gay's Top 10

10. Seaholm football surges past Groves in district final



Groves wide receiver Eli Turner celebrates after scoring the winning touchdown against West Bloomfield this past season. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

After losing to Groves during the regular season, Seaholm stepped up and beat its district rival in a dominant 42-7 road win in the district final of the playoffs. In terms of shock value, this game was unexpected to say the least.

9. John Glenn basketball collapses, survives Livonia Stevenson

Coming off an eight-point loss to Belleville, John Glenn looked like it had returned to its normal self. However, a 17-4 Stevenson run in the fourth quarter led to one of the most memorable and even dogfights of the year on the basketball court that the Rockets came out on top of.

8. Brother Rice hockey earns revenge against Hartland

One of my first experiences with

Michigan high school hockey was a chance at revenge for Brother Rice. Two goals against Hartland in the final 5:19 gave the Warriors revenge after falling to the Eagles in the 2019 state semifinal.

7. Livonia Churchill football secures first-round playoff win late against Dexter

Livonia Churchill, one of the best stories from the 2019 football season, came back from a 20-6 second-quarter deficit, as quarterback Gavin Brooks and wide receivers Brendan Lowry and Shane Morelli led the Chargers to a first-round playoff win on the road against Dexter.

6. Mercy volleyball downs Marian in five-set thriller

Marian gave Mercy volleyball, the

eventual Division 1 state champions, a scare in the regional semifinal. After Mercy amounted to a two-set lead, Marian won the next two, including a 30-28 fourth-set thriller. But the Marlins came back, winning the fifth set and earning enough momentum to earn their first state title.

5. Catholic Central wrestling rolls to first-place finish at CC Invitational

I had heard about Detroit Catholic Central wrestling and the dominance the Shamrocks showed each meet. From Josh Edmond's quick first move to Manny Rojas' performance, it was a good representation of what was to come for Catholic Central.

4. North Farmington football wins 'The Jug,' defeats Farmington for league title

With all of the preseason hype surrounding the rivalry, the first meeting between North Farmington and Farmington did not disappoint. The Raiders came out on top of a low-scoring, yet highly emotional contest to remain undefeated.

3. Bloomfield Hills boys basketball upsets North Farmington in overtime thriller

In what may be the biggest upset I witnessed this year, Bloomfield Hills boys basketball, a team that ended the season with three conference wins, ended a nine-game losing streak with an overtime win against North Farmington.

2. Franklin football secures city championship in triple-overtime win at Churchill

Tied at 28 at the end of regulation, the offenses for both Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin came to life in overtime, as both teams traded scores until the Patriots took advantage of a missed Chargers extra point in triple overtime to secure the city title.

1. Groves football wins stunner against West Bloomfield

This game was cinematic. Colby Taylor fumbled the ball in the endzone, allowing West Bloomfield, the favorite, to tie the game in the fourth quarter. Instead of going to overtime, quarterback Markis Alexander found Eli Turner on a back-shoulder ball to record the upset.

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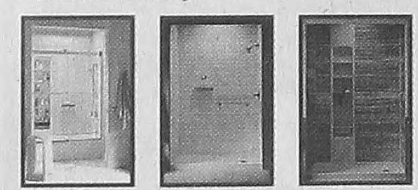
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Jobs for Baby Boomers who want to stay in workforce

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In the U.S., the average retirement age for workers is 65 for men, and 63 for women. Many assume that workers who are 60+ are lining up at the retirement door. However, with financial uncertainties and other motivations at play, millions of Baby Boomers continue to stay in the workforce. And in fact, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, nearly 40 percent of adults age 55 or older are either working or looking for work.

Still, that doesn't mean that the work landscape stays the same for older workers. Many want to have a "bridge" job that eases the transition from working life to retirement. Others are interested in a second career to learn new skills, stay active, or maintain financial security. Whatever the reasons you might have for hunting for a job instead of retiring, there are a number of great jobs out there that work for people in their 60s or older.

Bookkeeper/accounting clerk

For those with accounting experience or strong math and financial skills, bookkeeping can be a good job opportunity. Bookkeepers and accounting clerks produce financial documents for companies or organizations and audit financial records for accuracy. It's something that can be done on a part-time or freelance basis if you're looking for a job with a flexible schedule.

What you'll need: Basic math and bookkeeping skills, and potentially a certificate or some college education in the field. Strong computer skills (especially with spreadsheets and accounting software) are also a major compo-



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nent of this job.

What it pays: According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, bookkeepers earn a median salary of \$40,240 per year or \$19.35 per hour.

Project-based consultant

Becoming a consultant in your field is a common "bridge" job for those who have years of seniority or experience but no longer want to be a full-time employ-

ee. Consultants often work on a contract or project-by-project basis, providing services and management.

What you'll need: Industry-specific expertise and experience, particularly in business or technical areas.

What it pays: This can vary widely by industry, level of experience, and contract. Payscale.com estimates that business consultants make an average salary of \$73,512 per year.

Adjunct professor

Even if you don't have a Ph.D., many online schools or community colleges are seeking people with subject matter expertise to teach lower-level courses. Many retirees or other workers seeking part-time jobs find this to be a good fit — you can often teach as many or as few classes as you want.

What you'll need: Teaching experience and expertise in the subject you're teaching are key. Good people skills and organizational skills are also helpful.

What it pays: According to PayScale, full-time adjunct professors earn an average salary of \$34,319. Part-time adjunct professors typically earn a few thousand dollars per class, per semester.

Crossing guard

If you love the idea of working in your community and don't mind being out in the elements occasionally, you might want to consider becoming a crossing guard. These part-time professionals work in high-traffic areas like school zones, downtown streets, or other places where traffic and pedestrian safety are a concern. They manage traffic flow while ensuring that pedestrians are able to cross safely.

What you'll need: There are typically no formal educational requirements, but you'd receive on-the-job training. This job also requires some physical stamina, as well as standing for extended periods of time.

What it pays: According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, crossing guards earn a median salary of \$31,970 per year or \$15.37 per hour.

Real estate agent

If you have a sales background and want to stay in the game, real estate can be a great, flexible option for older workers. Real estate agents connect potential renters and buyers with sellers and landlords, show sites to clients, assist with financial preparation, and negotiate contracts for buyers and sellers.

What you'll need: Most states require real estate agents and brokers to be certified, so you should check your own state's requirements. Real estate agents also need strong sales skills and financial literacy, as well as knowledge of local, state, and federal real estate regulations.

What it pays: According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, real estate agents earn a median salary of \$61,720 per year or \$29.67 per hour.

Whether you're seeking a second act for your career or a way to stay active and engaged in the work world as you create your own retirement, there are some great job options out there that will let you keep working on your own terms.

Kate Lopaze is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com where this article was originally published. She investigates and writes about current strategies, tips, and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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- 6 Explorer — Polo
- 11 Milne's bear
- 15 Hospital VIPs
- 19 Spanish man
- 20 It's made of milk, flour and butter
- 22 Sharing the secret of
- 23 "The Matrix" star Reeves
- 24 Unit equal to 0.338 fluid ounce
- 25 Knock off
- 26 Stage muggers
- 28 Beating the former best
- 30 4x4, briefly
- 32 Lousy
- 34 Ian Fleming's alma mater
- 35 Jaded
- 36 Online comparison shopping site
- 42 More nasty
- 43 Dance in Rio
- 44 Has a bawl
- 45 Prenatal chambers
- 47 Locker, e.g.
- 54 U.S. enlistees
- 57 Arrest, as a perp
- 58 Tiddlywink or Frisbee
- 59 How- — (DIYers' books)
- 60 Jurist Scalia
- 63 Novelist Graham
- 66 Camphor or fructose
- 69 Need-for-speed adage adapted from the Bible
- 72 Road salt
- 73 "It's about time!"
- 74 Separates after a multiplayer tackle
- 75 Edifice extension
- 76 Debate side
- 77 — Khan (Islamic imam)
- 78 Wide shoe spec
- 79 Building up to the loudest point
- 88 Parliament's House of —
- 89 "With a Little — Luck"
- 90 Piece-of-cake class

DOWN

- 1 Inquire

- 2 Itsy-bitsy
- 3 Disneyland's city
- 4 Barrett of gossip
- 5 Snare sound
- 6 DC doubled
- 7 Warlike deity
- 8 Thinker
- 9 Carrie Chapman —
- 10 Drop
- 11 Latex, e.g.
- 12 Money spent
- 13 Sailor's site
- 14 German man
- 15 Deny
- 16 Borrowed
- 17 Not smooth
- 18 — of Berlin (snack brand)
- 21 More crafty
- 27 Get less taut
- 29 Late film critic Roger
- 30 Happy times
- 31 — la-la
- 33 Sitcom psychiatrist
- 37 "2 Broke Girls" aier
- 38 Steed breed
- 39 Sizable
- 40 Comb insect
- 41 Key near F1
- 42 Sea, to Gigi
- 45 Flustered
- 46 Tic-toe link
- 48 Chilling, as champagne
- 49 Playwright Clifford
- 50 City in North Dakota
- 51 Star, in Nice
- 52 Having no service charge
- 53 — fly (African pest)
- 54 Congregate
- 55 Gobble down
- 56 — Artois
- 61 "... — will!" (threat ender)
- 62 — Geo Wild
- 63 Must, slangily
- 64 Holy artifact
- 65 José's "that"
- 66 "— & Kel" (teen show)
- 67 Psychic skill
- 68 Prefix with light
- 70 Turf groups
- 71 Real aficionado
- 76 So-so link
- 77 Slip — (mess up)
- 80 Made a racket
- 81 Hulk of a wrestler?
- 82 Furiousness
- 83 Slugging stat
- 84 Essen "a"
- 85 Enhaloed Fr. lady
- 86 Deteriorating
- 87 Paddled tool
- 91 Girl told not to cry in song
- 92 "Uh-huh"
- 93 "I'm — loss for words"
- 94 Ran quickly
- 95 Carotid, e.g.
- 96 A pep talk may boost it
- 97 Outspoken
- 98 Receiving a pension: Abbr.
- 100 Golf's Palmer, to pals
- 101 High-IQ crew
- 102 The — & the Papas
- 106 Like venison
- 107 Quick haircut
- 108 Punker Pop
- 109 Alençon's department
- 110 At no time, in verse
- 112 Mimic a tiger
- 115 Saints' stats
- 117 Yellow pages abbr.
- 118 Favorable vote

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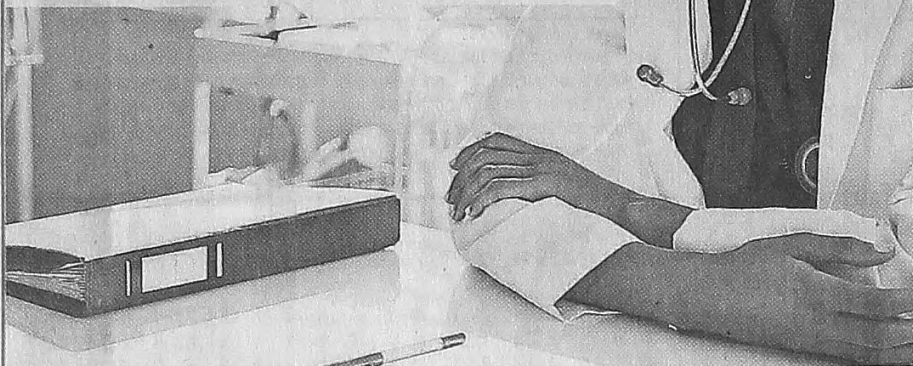
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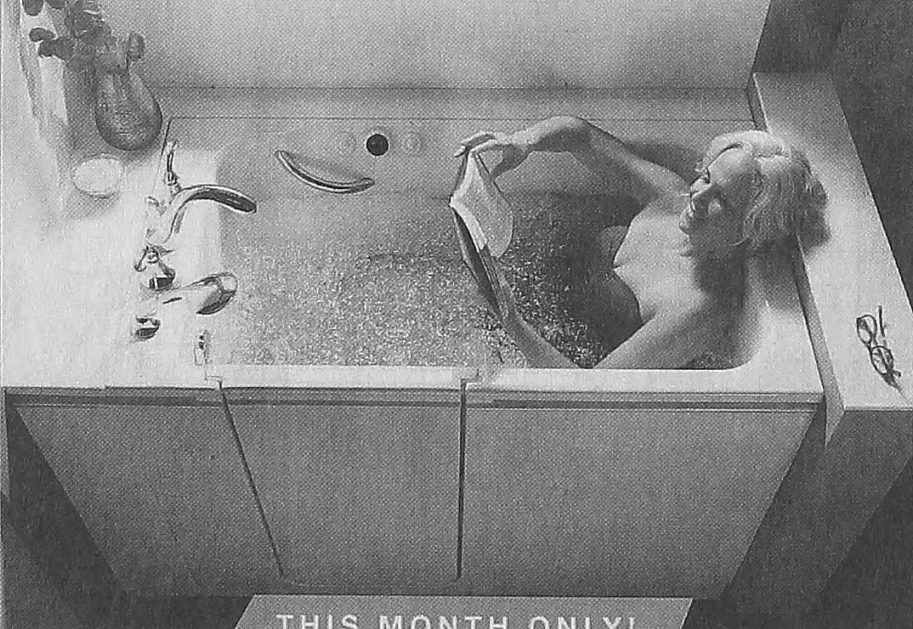


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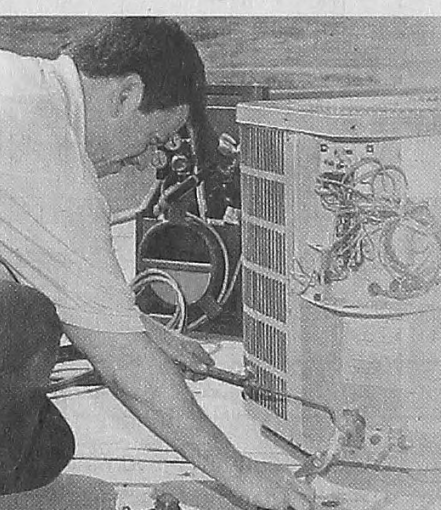
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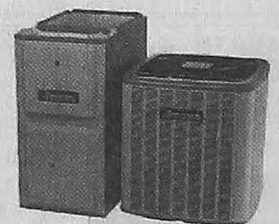


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