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Homeless dealing with COVID-19 differently

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Through at least April 30, Michiganders will be under "stay home, stay safe" orders from state government.

But what does "stay home" mean when you don't have a home to go to?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates that 8,575 Michigan residents are homeless

on any given day. In Westland, the Samaritas Family Center, 30600 Michigan Avenue, tries to help families without a home.

The center helps feed and clothe people, provides shelter, gives childcare and even has a clinic. But that's changed quite a bit as the community battles coronavirus.

"The rooms have always been meant to be a safe haven for families and it's a blessing," said DeeDee McVety, Samar-

itas' director of major and planned gifts. "Now with COVID-19 and social distancing, we're primarily asking families to shelter in place in their rooms."

McVety said families can't meet in the dining hall or use the center's clinic right now. The center also finds itself spending more money on food because people stay at the shelter all day, every day.

"You and I feel terribly constrained and confined in our homes, with several

rooms and spaces to use," said Tamiaka Andrews, the center's director. "Imagine what it's like for our 40 children, who range from 3 months to 17 years old, and their families who share one room."

At the same time, McVety said donors have been generous enough to donate things like WiFi and televisions to families so staying in a room all day isn't so boring.

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Wes Miller, in the middle front, poses with the North Farmington student section at a football game.

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Something missing

Seniors find lack of closure with COVID-19 school shutdown

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While Wes Miller, much like his classmates and teachers at North Farmington High School, did not see the suspension of the rest of the school year coming, he had a teacher who did.

Kristina Pittman, a senior AP literature teacher at North Farmington, addressed Miller's class. He could see tears in her eyes. Pittman's message was different than any other teacher he had: the school year was over. They were not coming back.

"It was the only class that, for me, I was like, 'could this really happen,'" Miller said. "I still at the time didn't believe it."

But the unthinkable soon became a reality for area seniors when Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ended in-person K-12 instruction for the remainder of the school year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Miller, driving past his high school,

said he still sees classrooms full of books, waiting to be opened again when students and faculty return.

"It looks like people just walked out for the weekend and that's it," Miller said.

For the senior class at local high schools, the culmination of years of school, the time that was supposed to end with a diploma in hand, came sooner than expected.

'I'll see you soon'

To Kelsie O'Connor, a senior at South Lyon High School, her last Friday was not a normal one.

Each class period she was asking teachers for updates on the district's response to COVID-19. She was asking what was going on, the day after the governor's initial announcement.

O'Connor's teachers were uninformed, not knowing whether to teach their classes new material without knowing when their students would be back. A system, a response to some-

thing of this magnitude has not been implemented.

"We were all in the dark," O'Connor said. "We truly had no idea."

While there was a sense of frustration inside the school building, O'Connor left South Lyon that Friday not feeling tense, telling her friends, "I'll see you soon," and, "This will blow over."

The South Lyon senior said she severely underestimated the potential of what the coronavirus could lead to.

And with that, the frustration returned.

"The first two weeks were horrible," O'Connor said. "It was not fun to sit through because I think, for me at least, every day I was just sick to my stomach wondering whether or not I would be able to go back."

O'Connor does not really know what her next steps are. She said it's hard to think about in a time like this, but that she will likely attend a community college and work, aspiring to move out

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Missing woman told mom about odd conversation

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A potentially pivotal conversation between mother and daughter could be allowed in the trial of Floyd Galloway Jr., a prison inmate accused of killing a Farmington Hills woman missing for more than three years.

According to court documents, Danielle Stislicki confided to her mother two months before she disappeared that she'd experienced an odd interchange with Galloway, a security guard where both women

worked.

Galloway apparently said he could make a body disappear, which an Oakland County judge has ruled admissible for trial.

How the criminal court case proceeds is now up to the Michigan Court of Appeals, where Galloway's case is under review. But, the conversation stands out in murder trial without a corpse.

Danielle was visiting her mother, Ann Stislicki, and they were sitting in the living room when Ann said she had seen her daughter walking with the married security guard outside their workplace — the MetLife offices in Southfield.

"Danielle told Ann that Galloway had

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Garden City declares lawn care essential service

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Add Garden City to the list of communities declaring lawn care services essential during the state's stay-at-home order.

The city council voted unanimously during its meeting held virtually April 20 to declare lawn care workers as essential businesses, which aims to allow them to work through the state's stay-at-home order that runs through April 30.

"Over the past several weeks, there

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Canton-based Yazaki lays off 723 workers

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Yazaki North America, Inc. announced it would be laying off 723 workers at three separate locations in Canton due to the coronavirus outbreak starting on April 13.

Yazaki North America, an independent automotive component maker, laid off 622 employees from its company's headquarters at 6801 Haggerty Road, as well as 101 employees from other offices along Haggerty Road in Canton.

"The company is taking this action due to the sudden, unanticipated and unprecedented negative impact on our business arising out of the coronavirus outbreak, and the resulting government restrictions on operation of businesses, including ours and those of our customers," Michael Dersken, the director and lead counsel for litigation for Yazaki North America, said in an email to employees on April 10.

In a statement released to employ-

ees, Dersken said the company expects for the layoffs to be temporary, but could last longer than six months. He also stated some separations may become necessary and will be determined by the operational impacts of the pandemic, associated governmental restrictions and consumer demand.

Dersken could not be reached for comment at the time of publication.

Due to the pandemic, many companies have been forced to conduct layoffs and furloughs. If a company is planning to lay off more than 50 employees, it is required to inform the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity through the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act, which is made public.

As of April 16, other companies in the area have announced layoffs.

Maxwell's International, which operates Benihana in Northville, is closing restaurants in Dearborn, Northville and Troy, affecting 189 people.

Spire Hospitality, which owns the

**Yazaki North America, Inc. in Canton has announced layoffs of 723 employees starting April 13.** COLIN GAY | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Embassy Suites by Hilton Detroit in Livonia, has temporarily laid off employees, affecting 65 people.

Eagle Industries, Inc., which molds high volume polyurethane foam products for the automotive and industrial industries, closed in Wixom, affecting 225 employees.

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Seniors

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west to Colorado.

Wanting to get out of the state of Michigan sooner rather than later, the South Lyon senior made it clear that school was not her favorite place to be.

But now, there is no place she would rather be.

"I don't like going to school that much," O'Connor said. "But, honestly, I have never wanted to go back to school more in my life."

'Closure would have been nice'

Emma Lenning, a senior at Plymouth High School, a part of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, knows she will not get to experience the same senior year as most get to.

She likely will not get a spring break trip, a prom, an in-person graduation where she walks across the stage to get handed a diploma, signifying the end of a life chapter.

Lenning remembers watching senior classes of old leave the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park early on their last day from inside of a classroom, longing to leave with them.

It was a sense of finalization that leaves Lenning longing for that experience.

"Most people are still really upset about it," Lenning said. "Everyone is still talking about how senior year is pretty much ruined. Most people want to redo it, almost — only the second semester,

**"I don't want the virus to define my time at Franklin because I think that overshadows the great things that did happen over the last four years," Livonia Franklin High student Jacob Cox said. He is headed to Central Michigan in the fall, where he's hoping to be a force on its hockey team.** JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

though, just to get the whole prom, spring break, graduation type thing."

Looking back, Lenning is grateful. She is thankful for the untraditional experience of going to high school at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — having to travel building to building for different classes throughout

the day, describing it as a "big family."

She said the school, the years spent there, the friends she has made and the things she has done mean so much to her.

Lenning's next steps are set in stone: she will play soccer and study business at Tiffin University.

But with the school

shut down cutting Lenning's senior year short, she leaves wanting one thing.

"Closure would have been nice."

Remembrance

While Jacob Cox is going through much of the same issues as his high school senior counterparts around the area, that's not what he wants to remember his time at Franklin High School by.

"I don't want the virus to define my time at Franklin because I think that overshadows the great things that did happen over the last four years," Cox said.

Instead of COVID-19, Cox looks back to Feb. 12.

A senior on the Franklin hockey team, a team that had three coaches in four years, a team that won only four games in his junior season, Cox looks back to a game he says represents the love of high school athletics perfectly.

Inside a packed Eddie Edgar Ice Arena, filled with faculty and students, Franklin beat its rival — Livonia Churchill — 2-0, one of nine wins this season for the Patriots.

"To play that game in front of what I felt was our entire school there

supporting us, staff members, I look at that and think that's what high school is about.

Cox will remain in that sports realm in college, hoping to play hockey while studying broadcasting and journalism at Central Michigan.

Cox said he is prepared for the next step, but it's not something he would like to be doing at this point. Instead, he wanted two more months of high school before he said he had to worry about anything else.

"Everyone talks about when you graduate high school, the real world starts now," Cox said. "Since high school is over, the real world is kind of starting now."

But looking back, it's not the COVID-19 he will remember. It's being on the ice at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena Feb. 12.

Next step

Miller, a senior at North Farmington feels like the transition to online classes for his final months of high school is helping him prepare for college.

"Everything is on your terms," Miller said. "If you don't want to go to class, you don't have to go to class. It's all a self-discipline thing, and that's all

that college is."

Miller said he is planning to attend Michigan State to be a part of the residential business community. He said it's good to know what is coming next, but that he's worried about the next steps of college: whether or not orientation will happen or if he would have to take first-semester classes online.

But he feels he will fit right in to whatever comes his way his freshman year at Michigan State.

"At this point, you are just jumping in with the sharks," Miller said. "Just the way that I am as a person, I think I'll be ready."

But driving past North Farmington again, the emotions struck him again. Even though he may be prepared for college, it's not something he wanted to shift his mindset to yet.

"I knew I was going to have to move on in two months," Miller said. "But was just not my time."

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Moms turn to midwives for birthing babies

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Missie Pattipati, pregnant and due in July, planned to deliver her fourth child at an Ann Arbor hospital.

"Then coronavirus happened."

Now Pattipati plans to give birth in the master bedroom of her South Lyon home, with the help of a midwife.

Celeste Groenberg is a midwife currently fielding "tons of inquiries" each day about home births from anxious expectant mothers.

The increase is about three times as much as what she normally receives as owner of Gentle Mama Holistic Midwifery. In a normal year, she attends about 24 home births, but 2020 is anything but normal. In the next three months alone, she is now booked to attend at least 30 births within a 60-mile radius of her Chelsea home, driving to women who live in Washtenaw County, as well as many who live in Oakland, Wayne, and Livingston counties.

"It's a sad situation pregnant moms are in, they are sad and panicking," Groenberg said. "I have a cap, but with this COVID, I have opened my schedule and will be attending triple the amount (of births)."

Groenberg, who works without an assistant most of the time, is praying the women don't go into labor on the same days. She is in contact with a network of about 50 midwives in Michigan, including Wendy Pinter, who may be able to offer backup.

Pinter is also deluged with calls these days as owner of Nine Short Months Birth and Community Wellness Center in Southfield.

"You can tell, the hospitals are starting to release the numbers of staff who are sick, and (pregnant women) need to protect themselves from people who have sickness," Pinter said. "We went from no one due right now to 20 women due any day."

Sarah Loftus is one of those women, due April 18 with her third child, a boy to be named Andrew.

The Livonia native, 32, who now lives in Grosse Ile, gave birth to her first child, Nathan, 4, at Royal Oak Beaumont's natural birthing center, and second



Missie Pattipati will give birth to her fourth child in her South Lyon home, assisted by a midwife. COURTESY OF MISSIE PATTIPATI

child, Hannah, 2, in the labor and delivery unit at the hospital after she had to be induced due to a pregnancy condition involving her liver and gall bladder.

Loftus has always wanted a tub birth and expects to finally get her wish, although it won't be at the Providence birthing center as she had planned prior to three weeks ago when coronavirus really started ramping up in Michigan.

As both Beaumont and Providence began filling with COVID-19 patients, her alarm grew, particularly as Loftus heard stories coming out of New York and elsewhere of women giving birth alone due to visitor restrictions imposed to stop spread of the virus.

"The biggest thing to me was the support," she said. "I always have a doula for birth and all the hospitals, very quickly after they started receiving COVID patients, they started restricting doulas. I consider my doula my epidural. They

are your support person, like a really nice husband."

Loftus said doulas must now be allowed to attend births, but she is sticking to the plan to have Pinter deliver her baby in a tub at the birthing center, avoiding hospitals altogether and reducing her risk of herself and her newborn contracting COVID-19 from other patients or hospital staff.

Weighing the risks

Dr. Leonard Johnson, program director and chief, division of infectious diseases, Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit, said there does not seem to be a reduction in the number of women coming in to Ascension hospitals for routine deliveries.

The hospital system is administering COVID-19 tests to pregnant women who have symptoms of the disease when

they arrive for delivery or who have been hospitalized, and some have tested positive, but none with serious complications.

"There does not seem to be an increased risk of worsened disease in pregnant women with COVID-19, as opposed to influenza, which may have more serious complications in a pregnant woman, versus a woman of the same age who is not pregnant," Johnson said. "However, there have been reports of women developing severe pneumonia, due to COVID, with occasional infections transmitted to the infant. That is really uncommon."

These women who are diagnosed with COVID-19, he continued, are generally a young, healthy population who may have gone undiagnosed had they not been coming to the hospital to give

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birth, as “most people at home with COVID-19 aren’t getting tested.”

He said some infants have been tested, but he is unaware of positive results.

While there are a large number of COVID-19 patients in hospitals currently, Johnson said extensive precautions are taken to avoid transmission of the coronavirus to health care workers and other patients, with screening for symptoms of all who enter the hospital and limits on the number of visitors.

Additionally, health care workers are wearing masks in all patient care areas in case they are asymptomatic, to reduce the risk of transmission; there is an increased emphasis on early recognition of signs and symptoms so patients receive a rapid test and are placed in isolation; and lastly, he noted, obstetric units are in a separate area of the hospital, with labor and delivery having private rooms, “thus, there is no risk of patient-to-patient transmission of the virus.”

“The low potential risk of acquiring COVID-19 from a hospital stay must be balanced with the potential benefits of having close monitoring for unexpected events during the delivery that can be quickly addressed in a hospital setting and cannot be always addressed as well at a home birth,” Johnson said.

Pinter, who has been a practicing midwife since 2007, said she has encountered doubts for years about the safety of births outside of a hospital setting and attended by licensed professional certified midwives like herself.

“I think in the past, a lot of people were like, ‘Sure, you want a good experience, but what about safety, why put that out the window just for a good experience?’” she said. “I don’t think what we are doing is unsafe. We are really good at taking care of and recognizing normal and handling things when they go outside that in an appropriate facility with appropriate care providers and taking care of them. A normal birth does not require a full medical team.”

‘Beautiful, empowering experience’

The midwives do not offer drugs for labor pain management and are “low-

tech,” able to monitor vitals of mother and baby and stitch tears that occur, but without the equipment or expertise to handle C-sections or other medical intervention.

“Moms deliver and we are just there to assist and catch, we’re just there to make sure everybody is safe,” Groenenberg, who has attended 240 home births, said. “We assess normalcy, make sure everything is going well and normal... We want them to have a beautiful, empowering experience.”

She and Groenenberg stress that in this time of increased interest and short-notice requests for their services, they are carefully screening clients and only accepting low-risk candidates — typically women who have previously given birth naturally without any complications.

Such natural births without complications typically are cheaper than a hospital birth. Groenenberg charges about \$3,000-\$3,500, which also includes all prenatal and postnatal care. Pinter charges more, about \$6,000 on average.

A stumbling block for many mothers is that midwife deliveries aren’t usually covered by insurance.

Pinter said that may be changing. Twice in the past week, she was told by a medical biller that insurance would cover deliveries.

“They are starting to make exceptions when they normally wouldn’t, apparently because of COVID,” she said. “I’m not sure what alternate universe we are in that suddenly they are willing to pay for something that costs half of what it would in a hospital.”

Pattipati has been told her insurance won’t cover a home birth delivery attended by Groenenberg. She plans to use an appeals process and is moving forward regardless, motivated to protect her family’s health, including her 4-year-old daughter Ayana who has asthma.

“Before we made this decision, I was really stressed out and worried, thinking everyday, ‘What if I jeopardize my older daughter, giving birth to the younger one?’” she recalls. “A lot more women are considering home birth, but it’s only available to those who can afford it out of pocket, up front. Once we managed that piece, we decided, we will just do it.”

Pattipati said she was asked why she didn’t just wait, with the baby not due



Shelby Eicher delivers Haven with the assistance of midwife Celeste Groenenberg, right, while Eicher’s husband, Quinn looks on. Haven was born in April 2018 at the Eicher home in Manitou Beach. Groenenberg says she has seen an increase in requests for home births amidst the coronavirus pandemic.

COURTESY OF THE EICHER FAMILY

until July 1, but she notes the midwives are already being booked up.

Now that she has Groenenberg’s services secured, she is more relaxed, and her entire family is anticipating the birth with mixed levels of excitement. Daughter Ayana wants to cut the baby’s cord, while her sons want “nothing to do with it” and plan to turn up the volume on electronics to avoid hearing anything coming from the birthing room.

Isha’s baby book will have an interesting entry under “current events” Pattipati noted. She thought she would be writing about elections, but instead it will say, “Coronavirus!”

“I feel so bad for everybody, they should be celebrating,” Groenenberg said. “Try to encourage to stay in house, in little happy space. Be safe with baby, that’s all you can do...Stay healthy and try to enjoy these moments and try to enjoy your baby, this season will pass too.”

Loftus is also feeling relieved with a

birth plan in place and a baby that should be in her arms any day.

“I would be worried if we had to call an ambulance or go to the hospital, that is who is falling sick with it: ambulance drivers and police officers and medical staff,” she said. “There is no option that makes you feel the best; you can still come in contact. But at the birthing center, you give birth and once you feel up to it, you go home in about four to six hours.”

Loftus said this will be her last baby as it is too hard on her body as she gets older, but even with the current challenges, she is grateful.

“I can add this to my superhero powers, having a baby during a pandemic,” she laughs. “Our bodies are capable of a lot of things. We will get through this and have a cute little baby at the end.”

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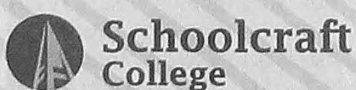
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Homeless

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But it's difficult for the shelter's tenants to lose community with others who are in the same boat.

"Generally what is so wonderful about this is the community you build with others who are kind of in the same boat... When you're in a tough situation,

sometimes having someone who's there, too, can be helpful to you," McVety said. "All of those connections, we're trying to say, have to happen now six feet apart."

But the shelter hopes isolation will help, as homeless can be especially susceptible to the virus.

"One of the things that we know is so many of those who have perished from the virus died as a result of underlying conditions," McVety said. "Those are

things like hypertension, diabetes, heart disease and those kind of things. We also know those chronic illnesses are disproportionately represented in homeless people."

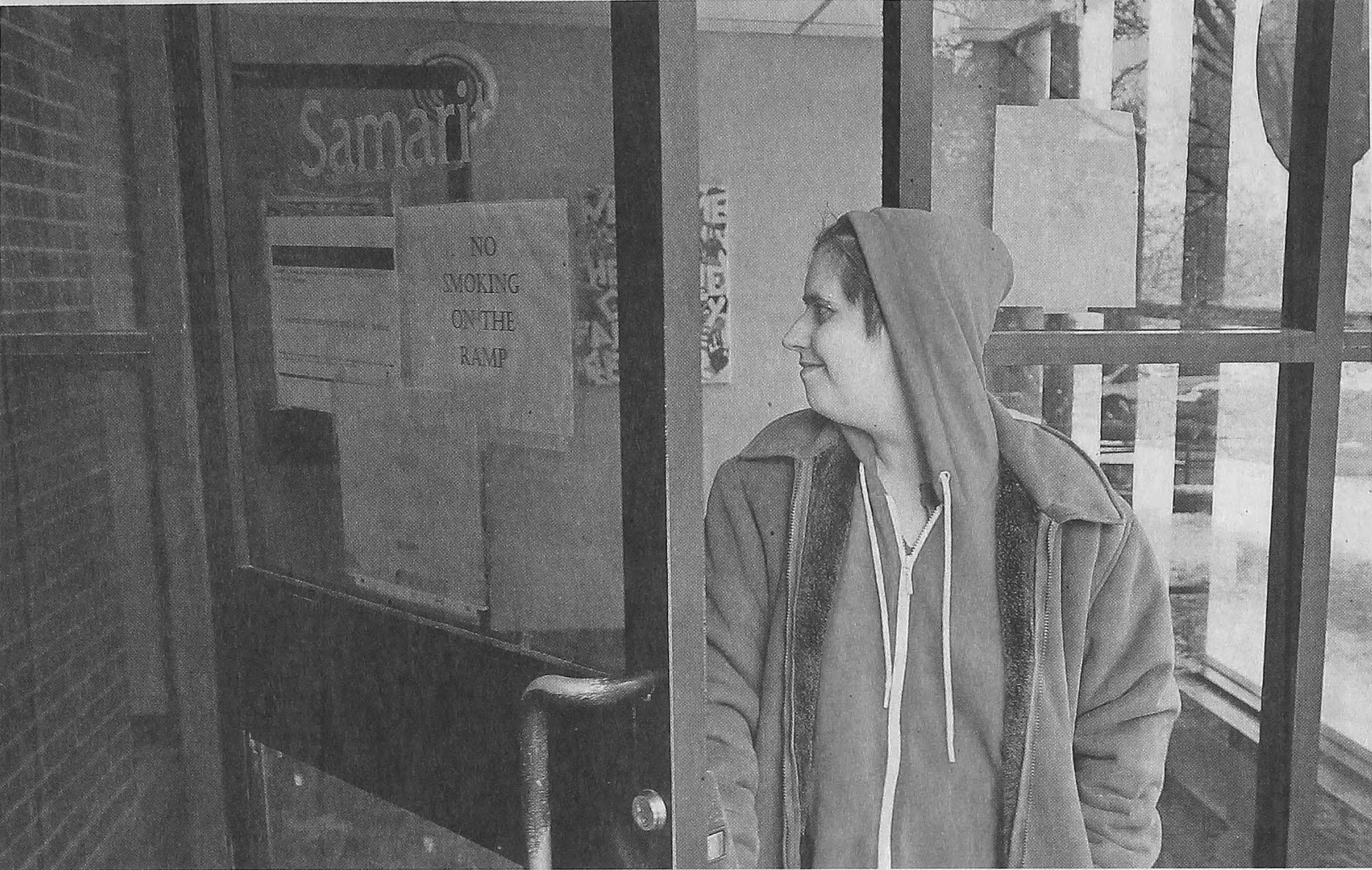
As coronavirus cases continue to climb in Michigan, McVety said Samaritas are trying to cope with a growing need they're sure is coming.

"We know that the need is just stacking up because as more people lose jobs, as more people have to deal with ill-

nesses, it's going to increase," she said. "We know it's going to increase."

McVety noted people who want to donate can go to samaritas.org to learn how to donate online or by mail. The center is also accepting donations for food, household supplies and games or activities families can enjoy.

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Samaritas shelter resident Virginia Blythe exits the Westland complex on April 17, 2020. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Missing

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said he could make a body disappear without a trace and that it was strange," Judge Phyllis McMillen wrote in a transcript of her February ruling. "Ann asked what that meant, and Danielle replied she didn't know."

McMillen ruled in February that the mother-daughter conversation should be allowed as testimony when Galloway's murder trial takes place.

The judge's decision was supposed to be sealed. However, Hometown Life ordered several online documents related to Galloway's case, including a transcript of the judge's ruling. The request and payment were made April 14 and the documents were delivered the following day.

On April 16, McMillen ordered the Oakland County Clerk's Office to seal transcripts regarding the motion that prompted her ruling and the ruling itself.

Her order stated that 47th District Court Judge James Brady in Farmington Hills sealed all motions May 22, 2019, "and that order was recognized, continued and followed by Judge Phyllis McMillen on December 20, 2019 and February 11, 2020 and such Order is still in effect."

"We are deeply concerned about the terrible mistake that resulted in the re-

lease of transcripts in a case that was ordered by the Court to stay under seal," Kelly Rossman-McKinney, the Attorney General's communications director, said in a statement. "This clerical error has the potential to harm and further delay justice for the family of Danielle Stislicki."

Relevance in murder trial

The mother-daughter conversation could be used at trial to substantiate the contention by Special Assistant Attorney General Jaimie Powell Horowitz that Galloway murdered Danielle, 28, on Dec. 2, 2016, and then figured out a way to make her body disappear.

There have been searches, banners and social media campaigns to #Find-Dani. Danielle grew up in Redford and graduated from Redford Union High School. Known for a friendly, trusting personality, she was close to family and friends.

Galloway became a prime suspect as the searches continued.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel filed a first-degree premeditated murder charge against Galloway in March 2019 and is pursuing the case in Oakland County Circuit Court. The murder scene is alleged to be Galloway's former Oakland County home.

Ellen K. Michaels became Galloway's defense attorney soon after McMillen issued her ruling on Danielle's comments to her mother.

Michaels said she would not comment on issues still under the Michigan Court of Appeals review.

What is allowed

In the transcript regarding the conversation between the Stislicki women, McMillen noted that MetLife employees said Galloway was known to flirt with Danielle. She had told her mother that she knew he had a crush on her but she didn't reciprocate the interest.

Danielle received flowers from a secret admirer in April 2016. During preliminary examination testimony in open court, an expert said Galloway had written the note attached to the gift.

Also during the prelim, a MetLife co-worker said she saw Danielle talking to Galloway in the parking lot. He seemed to be having car troubles. Another testified he saw Galloway and Danielle leave the MetLife parking lot together in Danielle's Jeep the day she went missing.

Experts have said cellphones belonging to Galloway and Danielle were near Galloway's Berkley home in the hours after their departure from the parking lot.

But should Danielle's chat with her mom regarding Galloway's odd statements about making a body disappear be allowed at trial?

"There is no dispute that Danielle's statement to Ann is hearsay and is inadmissible unless an exception applies," said Judge McMillen, before elaborating

on the hearsay exception of trustworthiness. "There are numerous other circumstances to indicate trustworthiness."

"Danielle made the statement to her mother, with whom she was close. The statement was unprompted and spontaneous."

"Danielle told her mother it was strange and that she didn't know why he said that. Her tone of voice was concerned. Danielle's statement to Ann was made just two months before Danielle disappeared. Viewed in totality, these circumstances indicate the statement is trustworthy."

McMillen also ruled that prosecutors could not use Galloway's past history with certain women to establish suspicious patterns.

Galloway, 33, is currently serving prison time for a Hines Park sexual assault in September 2016, a few months before Danielle's disappearance. He pleaded guilty.

"Here, there is virtually nothing in common between the incidents," McMillen said of Galloway's relationship with his sexual assault victim when compared to his relationship with Danielle.

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Lawn care

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has been discussion over whether grass-cutting companies should be considered essential. I believe we need to allow the grass in our city to be mowed, as well as other normal services," said Mayor Randy Walker as he introduced the added item to the council's agenda Monday night. "While we have been hesitant to give out code enforcement tickets for high grass in compliance with our grass and weed ordinance, we need to keep the city from being overrun with blight."

"For the sake of the public health and safety, we need clean and well-kept properties in our city that are free from rodents, insects, mosquitoes and debris."

The approval of the ordinance declaring lawn care services as essential

appears to run against Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive order, which declares nonessential businesses shut down to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

In a Q&A on the state's website, there is a question inquiring if landscaping work is considered essential and allowed under the executive order.

"No, except if the service is necessary to maintain and improve the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of a residence," the answer reads. "Therefore, cosmetic and non-emergency maintenance and improvements to the outdoor areas of residences and businesses are not permissible under this order."

Figures released Tuesday by Wayne County show Garden City has had 92 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Eight people from Garden City have died from the virus, according to the county. Across Wayne County (excluding Detroit), there have been 6,389 confirmed

cases of the virus and 557 deaths.

Not the first

Garden City isn't the first western Wayne County community to allow landscapers to operate. Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heiserecently deemed landscaping work essential under the township's grass & weed ordinance.

Councilman Brian Earle said he supported the move to allow landscapers to operate again, but said he was thankful for city residents helping out other residents who needed assistance working on their lawns as the spring began.

"I do appreciate the citizens who have been going out and cutting grass for the citizens that couldn't," he said. "I think it kind of (epitomizes) what this city is all about. It's great of them to do it. I'm glad to see we're going to allow this to happen."

Walker said while lawn care compa-

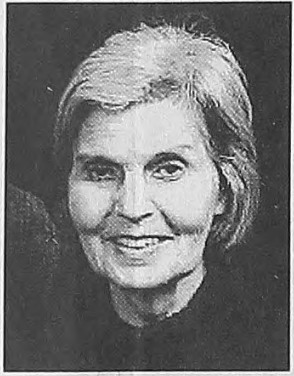
nies have been deemed essential by the local government, they should still adhere to public safety standards to prevent the potential spread of the coronavirus. That includes keeping 6 feet away from each other at work sites, wearing masks, limiting the number of people traveling together in a vehicle. He said contractors should also limit contact with residents by leaving the bill in the home's mailbox.

"While the country is discussing how to open back up for business because of public health and safety of our residents, I believe we need to allow professional contractors to maintain properties throughout Garden City," Walker said. "Being smart will keep down any new instances of the COVID-19 virus."

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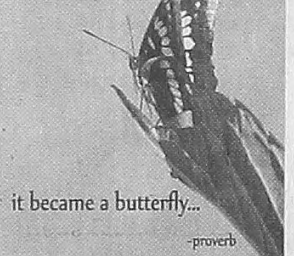


**Sally Louise
Chenevert Barnds**

BIRMINGHAM - Sally Louise Chenevert Barnds, age 82, of Birmingham, Michigan, passed away on Good Friday, April 10, 2020. Beloved wife of Jack Barnds, loving mother of James Barnds (Cheryl), Patrick Barnds (Kirsten), Thomas Barnds (Deborah) and Mary Beth Barnds Grabel (Todd), and their 11 grandchildren who live in Michigan, Maryland, California. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date. Memorials appreciated to Christ Child Society or Angels' Place.

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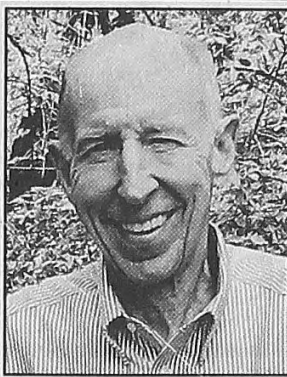
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**Evelyn V. "Lennie"
Bowser**

CANTON - April 16, 2020 age 90. Loving mother of Charlene (Robert) Briggs, James (Dita) Bowser & Lori (Gordon) Nader. Proud grandmother of Matthew Briggs, Christopher & Cassandra Bowser and Mitchell & Mason Nader. Dear sister of Edward Searles, Barbara Searles and the late Vivian Pringle and Marilyn Sackett. Lennie was the author of the Plymouth Heritage Cook Book and was an entrepreneur owning several businesses. She was the past secretary of the Plymouth Kiwanis Breakfast Club. Arrangements were entrusted to the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Ann Arbor Rd. W., and (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to MI Kiwanis Foundation. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com

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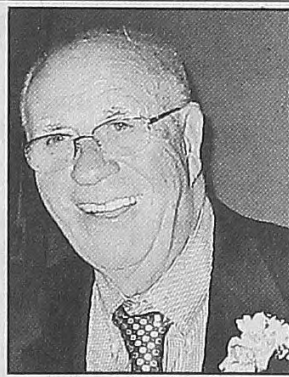
BEVERLY HILLS, MI - John Bradford (Brad) Hubert of Beverly Hills, MI, passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at the age of 83 after a brief battle with COVID-19 and pneumonia.

Brad is survived by his wife Pat of 61 years, of Beverly Hills; their children Linda Denecke of Cincinnati, OH, Jennie (Vince) Notarantonio of Royal Oak, MI, Dan (Heather) Hubert of Dexter, MI, and 7 grandchildren.

Please leave a message of comfort for Brad's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign his guest book at www.borekjenning.com.

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NORTHVILLE - 88, formerly of Farmington, April 19, 2020. Detroit Public School Teacher for 14 years, Professor of Economics at Oakland Community College for 42 years, and Farmington Public School Board for 28 years. Surviving are his beloved wife of 61 years, Sandra; devoted children, Terry (Tami), Amy, Chris (Anna) and Pat; his sister, Sharon (Ray) Smith; and cherished grandchildren, Matthew (Courtney) Inch, Michael (Sydney) Inch, Kyle Inch, Elise Caruso, Ryan Caruso, Abby Inch and Emma Inch. There will be a celebration of life ceremony for Jack at a later date. In lieu of flowers, tributes suggested to Autism Speaks. Arrangements entrusted to Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). heeney-sundquist.com

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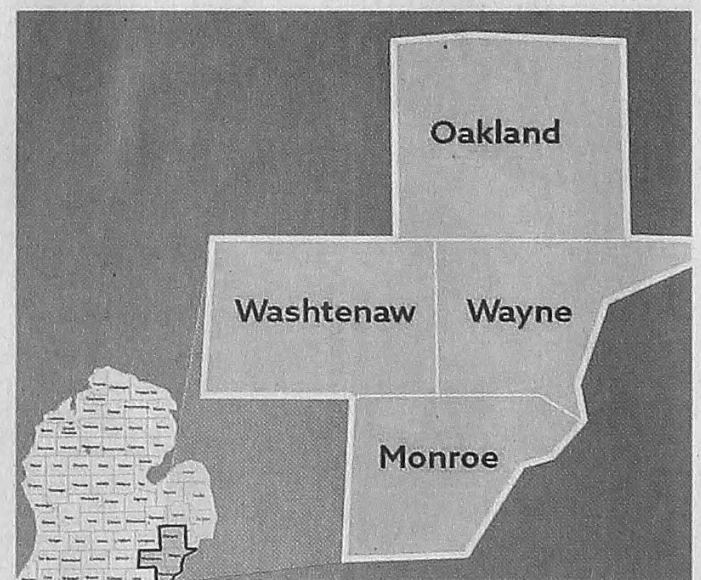


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Sports

HIGH SCHOOLS

Classifications released for 2020-21 year

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Classifications for Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) elections and postseason tournaments for the 2020-21 school year have been announced – including football divisions determined preseason for the first time since 1998.

According to a press release, classifications for the upcoming school year are based on a second semester count date, which for MHSAA purposes was Feb. 12. The enrollment figure submitted for athletic classification purposes may be different from the count submitted for school aid purposes.

All sports tournaments are conducted with schools assigned to equal or nearly equal divisions, with lines dependent on how many schools participate in those respective sports.

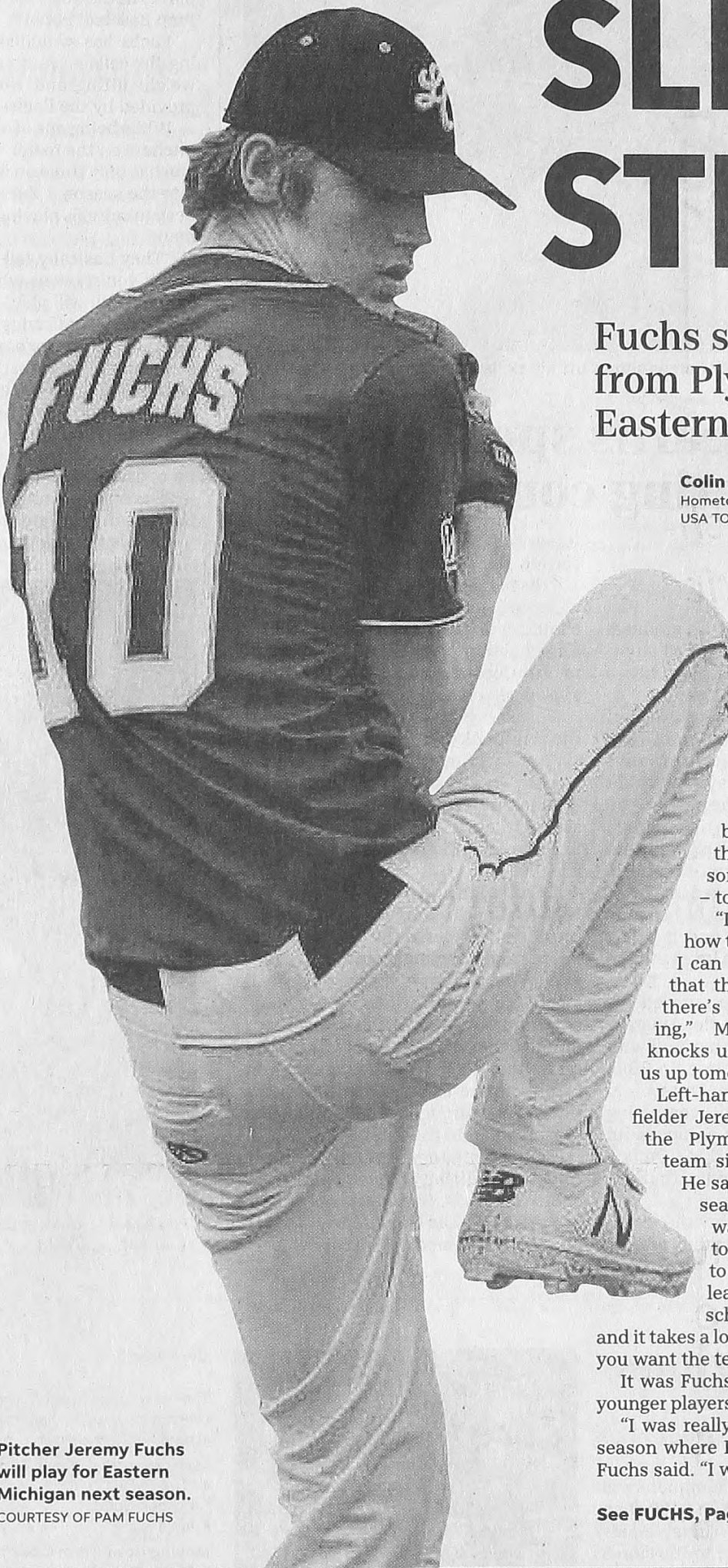
For 2020-21, there are 752 tournament-qualified member schools. MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said schools may not subsequently lower their enrollment figure. However, if revised enrollment figures are higher and indicate that a school should be playing in a higher division, that school would be moved up.

Football will undergo a significant classification change for the 2020 season, with teams in both 11- and eight-player assigned their divisions before the season for the first time since 1998; from 1999-2019, divisions for the 256-team 11-player field (and later the eight-player tournament) were determined after the regular season. A hard enrollment limit also will take effect this fall for teams to be eligible for the eight-player tournament – all schools with 215 or fewer students are eligible for the eight-player playoffs if they play that format during the regular

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The Canton football team runs out before a game against Brighton. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Pitcher Jeremy Fuchs will play for Eastern Michigan next season. COURTESY OF PAM FUCHS

SLIDE STEP

Fuchs shifts focus from Plymouth to Eastern Michigan

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When Scott McGregor found out about the canceled high school baseball season due to the coronavirus pandemic, his first thought was about his players.

Even though the first-year Plymouth head coach had never seen them play on a baseball field, he knows the work they had put in – some, for the past 3½ years – to get to this point.

“I thought of them, and how they would feel and how I can make them understand that there’s still a future and there’s still other things coming,” McGregor said. “What knocks us down today will bring us up tomorrow.”

Left-handed pitcher and outfielder Jeremy Fuchs has been on the Plymouth varsity baseball team since his freshman year. He said he spent most of that season on the bench, watching how much it took for the Wildcats to get to the regional semifinal, learning that the high school season is a grind and it takes a lot of effort to get to where you want the team to get.

It was Fuchs’ turn to do that for the younger players on the Plymouth roster. “I was really looking forward to the season where I was finally the senior,” Fuchs said. “I was with the guys I grew,

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RUNNING

Plymouth-Canton Super Jess 5K race goes virtual

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This May, the Super Jess 5K race (SJ5K) will return for its 10th year of supporting families undergoing crises in the Plymouth-Canton Community. Due to the social distancing restraints from COVID-19, the race will be held virtually with participants to run, walk or bike the virtual SJ5K anytime and anywhere May 3-10.

The Super Jess 5K race began in 2011 when Canton High School sophomore Jesse Lindlbauer, suffered a sinus infection that turned into an infected brain abscess. The Plymouth-Canton community rallied behind the Lindlbauer family by creating the Super Jess 5K race with all proceeds going towards Jesse’s medical recovery.

The community and financial support around the family was contagious, leading the race to become an

annual event benefiting families in medical crisis. Throughout the nine years of the race, the SJ5K has helped over 40 families, while raising over \$500,000 to help the families.

The SJ5K race is coordinated every year by students in the SJ5K Club at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. SJ5K Foundation’s board of directors handles the finances and overarching goals for the organization.

This year, the SJ5K will benefit five families in the Plymouth-Canton Community: Layana Szmansky, Jonathan Suszkiewicz, Greg Gorski, Mikey Rosowski and Greg Milleville. To learn more about the families, visit <http://www.sj5k.org/2020-families> or watch the student-created video here.

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Participants stop for a photo during the 2018 SJ5K run. MAX KORFF

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Catholic Central grad Nick Parros shows off his skills. COURTESY OF NICK PARROS

CC grad earns sponsorship from boating company

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Detroit Catholic Central graduate Nick Parros has made waves as a professional wakesurfer and now has a new sponsor backing his career.

The Centurion Boats pro wakesurf team announced the addition of Nick Parros this spring. The Michigan native has been involved in watersports for most of his life and over the past several years Parros has become a rising star in the pro wakesurf scene. His family got their first wake boat when he was 10 and he was instantly hooked on wakeboarding. After a few years he began to see people wakesurfing and it didn't take long before he fell in love with the sport.

In 2017, Parros had an unprecedented undefeated season in the Amateur Men's Skim division capping it off with a first-place finish at Worlds. In 2018, he made the move from Amateur to Outlaw as he started competing against semi-pros. After a successful 2018 season competing in Outlaw Men's Skim he took home third at Worlds.

Last season, he made another competitive jump and started riding pro, ul-

timately finishing the season with a second place finish at worlds.

"His meteoric rise in the competitive wakesurf scene and his exceptional character displayed along the way have forged him into a perfect new addition to the Centurion team," a Centurion spokesperson said.

Parros says loves both the sport and the community.

"My favorite trick changes almost weekly," Parros said. "I love the feeling of landing new tricks. Through wake-surfing I have met many people and families that have become my best friends."

"We couldn't be more excited to add Nick to our pro team," Amy Mauzy, vice president of marketing at Centurion Boats said. "Obviously he's an incredible talent, but more than that he's an incredible person. Nick's strong character and values make him a perfect addition to the Centurion Boats family, we know that this new partnership will help continue to build on Centurion's reputation throughout the following season and into the future."

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Fuchs

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basically, into a man with. I was looking forward to playing with them."

Even though Fuchs may never touch the Plymouth baseball field again, his baseball career is set to continue. He signed to pitch for Eastern Michigan in college, coming in ranked as the No. 3 left-handed pitcher and the No. 22 player in the 2020 class in the state by Prep Baseball Report.

Fuchs has switched over to preparing for college, ramping up offseason weight lifting and workout programs provided by the Eagles baseball team.

While being one of a few left-handed pitchers on the roster – Eastern Michigan has only three on its roster heading into the season – Fuchs knows he will have to earn his playing time as a freshman.

"They basically tell you, 'We expect that if you show us what you can do is enough, you will play,'" Fuchs said.

While never playing college baseball himself, McGregor's message to his senior pitcher was just this: that he will go from being one of the better pitchers in the area to low on the totem pole, fighting for innings.

But McGregor saw drive from what he considered to be one of his senior leaders heading into the season that he thinks will translate well.

"He was working hard, making sure

he was developing himself physically and mentally for the season and beyond," McGregor said. "He was real ready and ready to get out there and play his senior year."

Part of that comes from the bulldog mentality Fuchs learned from playing football for his first three years at Plymouth, playing for the varsity team as a junior at defensive back and wide receiver.

But part of that comes from in-game experience, playing in stressful situations.

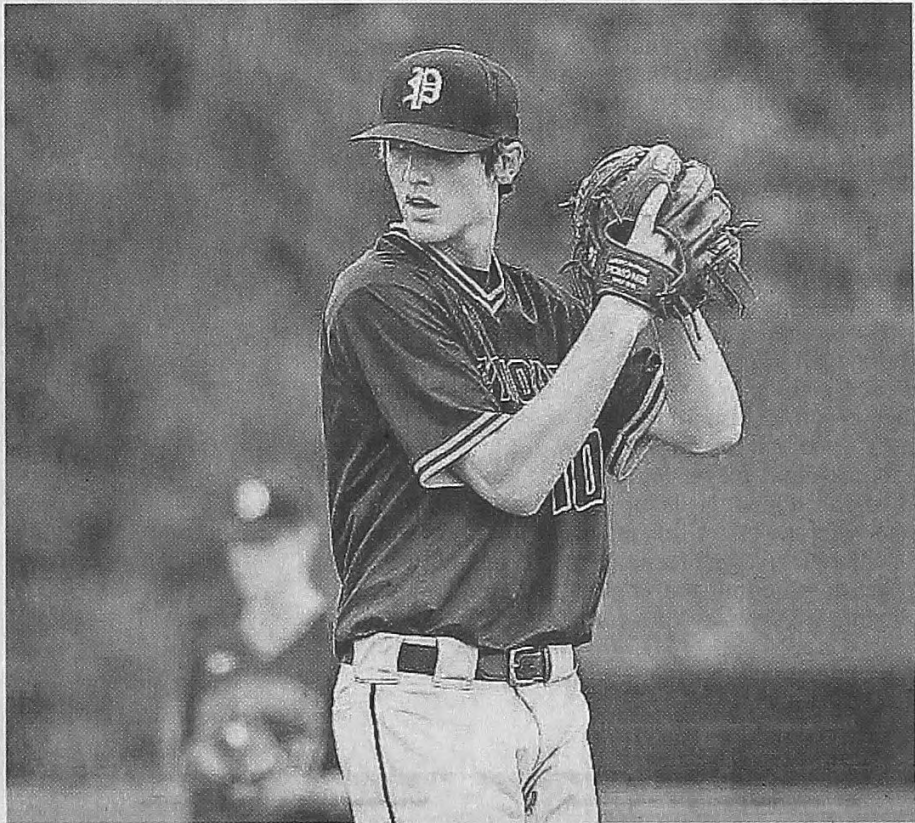
"The more you did it, the more you learned how to stay calm, the more you matured as a player, especially when you got to start playing in the playoff games and everything like that," Fuchs said. "The more older you are, the more you get put in positions to be the man, to handle stressful situations, and people rely on you."

Fuchs was going to be relied on as one of the main contributors for the Wildcats in the 2020 season.

Now, as he leaves for Ypsilanti, he feels his younger teammates are lucky. They get to play in the black and silver next season.

"Have fun, honestly," Fuchs said. "It's the best time of your life, and you are never going to get it back. Just enjoy it and live it up."

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"I was really looking forward to the season where I was finally the senior," Jeremy Fuchs said. COURTESY OF PAM FUCHS

Classifications

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season.

Two 11-player football champions will play in different divisions in 2020 than those they won a year ago. Grand Rapids Catholic Central will move to Division 5 after winning the Division 4 championship last season, while reigning Division 6 champion Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central will play in Division 7 this upcoming season. Also, 2019 Division 2 runner-up Detroit Martin Luther King will play in Division 3 this fall. In eight-player football, the reigning champions will trade divisions – 2019 Division 1 winner Colon moving into Division 2, and Division 2 champ Pickford moving into Division 1 for this fall.

A number of 2019-20 champions will be playing in different divisions in 2020-21. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern's boys soccer team will move into Division 1 after winning the Division 2 title in 2019. The East Grand Rapids girls swimming & diving team will move back into Lower Peninsula Division 2 – which it won in 2017 – after earning the last two championships in Division 3. Bridgman's girls cross country team will move into Lower Peninsula Division 3 after winning Division 4 last fall, and Grass Lake's boys bowling team will move into Division 3 after winning the Division 4 title this winter. The Allegan boys tennis team will move into Lower Peninsula Division 3 after sharing the Division 4 title in the fall, while the Ishpeming Westwood girls tennis team will move into Upper Peninsula Division 1 after winning the Division 2 title the last four seasons.

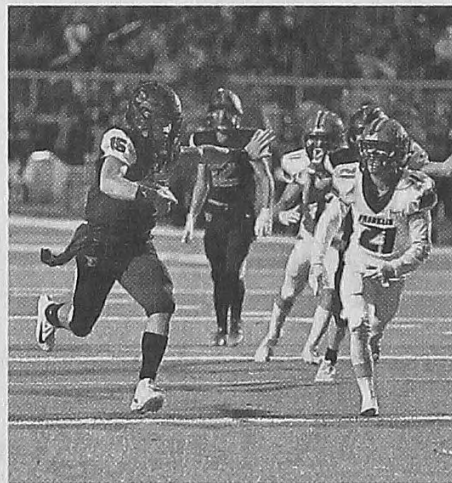
The only two schools in the Hometown Life region that are changing classes are Canton Prep and Birmingham Roeper. All other schools will be in the same class as the 2019-20 school year.

Visit the respective sport pages on the MHSAA Website at <https://www-mhsaa.com/sports> to review the divisional alignments for all MHSAA-sponsored tournament sports.

Traditional classes (A, B, C, D) – formerly used to establish tournament classifications – are used only for MHSAA elections. To determine traditional classifications, after all counts are submitted, tournament-qualified member schools are ranked according to enrollment and then split as closely into quarters as possible. For 2020-21, there are 188 member schools in each class.

Effective with the 2020-21 school year, schools with 831 or more students are in Class A. The enrollment limits for Class B are 392-830, Class C is 182-391, and schools with enrollments of 181 and fewer are Class D. The break between Classes A and B decreased 32 students from 2019-20, the break between Classes B and C decreased three students, and the break between Classes C and D is seven students fewer than the 2019-20 school year.

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Livonia Churchill QB Gavin Brooks, left, heads to the end zone. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

CHANGES

The new classification breaks will see 18 schools move up in Class for 2020-21 while 15 schools will move down:

Moving up from Class B to Class A

- Fowlerville
- Harper Woods
- Ionia

Moving down from Class A to Class B

- Battle Creek Harper Creek
- Eastpointe

Moving up from Class C to Class B

- Blissfield
- Canton Prep
- Dearborn Riverside Academy West
- Detroit Pershing
- Detroit Edison
- Ecorse

Moving down from Class B to Class C

- Adrian Madison
- Detroit Jalen Rose Leadership Academy
- Grand Rapids Wellspring Prep
- Menominee
- Otisville-Lakeville Memorial
- Perry
- Pinconning

Moving up from Class D to Class C

- Birmingham Roeper
- Detroit Academy of the Americas
- Detroit Southeastern
- Detroit The School at Marygrove
- Eau Claire
- Genesee
- New Buffalo
- Painesdale Jeffers

Moving up from Class D to Class B

- Detroit Cornerstone Lincoln King Academy

Moving down from Class C to Class D

- Benton Harbor Countryside Academy
- Deckerville
- Detroit Douglass
- Detroit Public Safety Academy
- Indian River Inland Lakes
- Mayville

New postseason eligible tournament schools in 2020-21

- Bay City Academy
- Boyne City Concord Academy
- Detroit Cornerstone Lincoln King Academy
- Lansing Martin Luther
- Detroit Collegiate
- Redford Westfield Prep

Enrollment breaks by classes, 2020-21

Number of schools in parentheses

Class A: 831 and above (188 schools)
Class B: 392 – 830 (188)
Class C: 182 – 391 (188)
Class D: 181 and below (188)

HOMETOWN LIFE AREA TEAMS BY CLASS

School population in parentheses

KLAA (FOOTBALL)

Division 1

- Belleville (1,703)
- Brighton (2,117)
- Plymouth (2,232)
- Salem (2,269)
- Canton (2,189)
- Dearborn Fordson (2,782)
- Dearborn (2,125)
- Hartland (1,991)
- Howell (2,288)
- Livonia Stevenson (1,782)
- Northville (2,543)
- Novi (2,026)
- Wayne Memorial (1,631)
- Westland John Glenn (1,608)

Division 2

- Livonia Churchill (1,342)
- Livonia Franklin (1,406)

OAA

Division 1

- Bloomfield Hills (1,822)
- Farmington (1,586)

Division 2

- Birmingham Groves (1,266)
- Birmingham Seaholm (1,416)
- North Farmington (1,376)

LVC

Division 1

- Lakeland (1,649)

Division 2

- Milford (1,442)
- South Lyon (1,282)
- Walled Lake Western (1,210)

Division 3

- South Lyon East (1,109)

CATHOLIC LEAGUE

Division 1

- Detroit Catholic Central (1,950)

Division 3

- Birmingham Brother Rice (1,062)

INDEPENDENT

Division 4

- Detroit Country Day (654)

HOCKEY

Patience pays off for former Hartland star

Pietila earns Michigan Tech scholarship

Bill Khan
Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Time seemed to be running out on Jed Pietila's hockey dreams.

The Hartland High School graduate finished his third and final year of junior hockey without the security of a college scholarship in hand.

His season with the Austin (Minnesota) Bruins of the North American Hockey League ended prematurely, like so many others, because of the COVID-19 outbreak.

It's common for college hockey freshmen to arrive on campus at the age of 20, two years after graduating from high school. But the odds were beginning to stack up against Pietila, who turned 21 in January and was three years removed from high school.

"I've always been told, 'Just be patient, something will come,'" Pietila said. "Obviously, when everything went on and everything was shutting down, it made me a little anxious, a little nervous, but it was nice to get a call and be able to figure everything out."

That call came from Michigan Tech, which has been the dream school for Pietila, who has four cousins on the team and family in the Houghton area. He committed to the Huskies, who are an NCAA Division I program, without hesitation once an offer was made.

A Michigan Tech connection in Austin helped Pietila wind up with the Huskies. One of his teammates, Barrett Brooks, is the son of Michigan Tech assistant coach Chris Brooks.

"He was able to watch every game, so he liked my game," Pietila said. "It was basically the head coach being able to

watch a couple more games and make his decision."

Michigan Tech is 500 miles from Hartland, but will feel like home for Pietila. He will join cousins Blake and Logan Pietila, Brian Halonen and David Raisanen on the team.

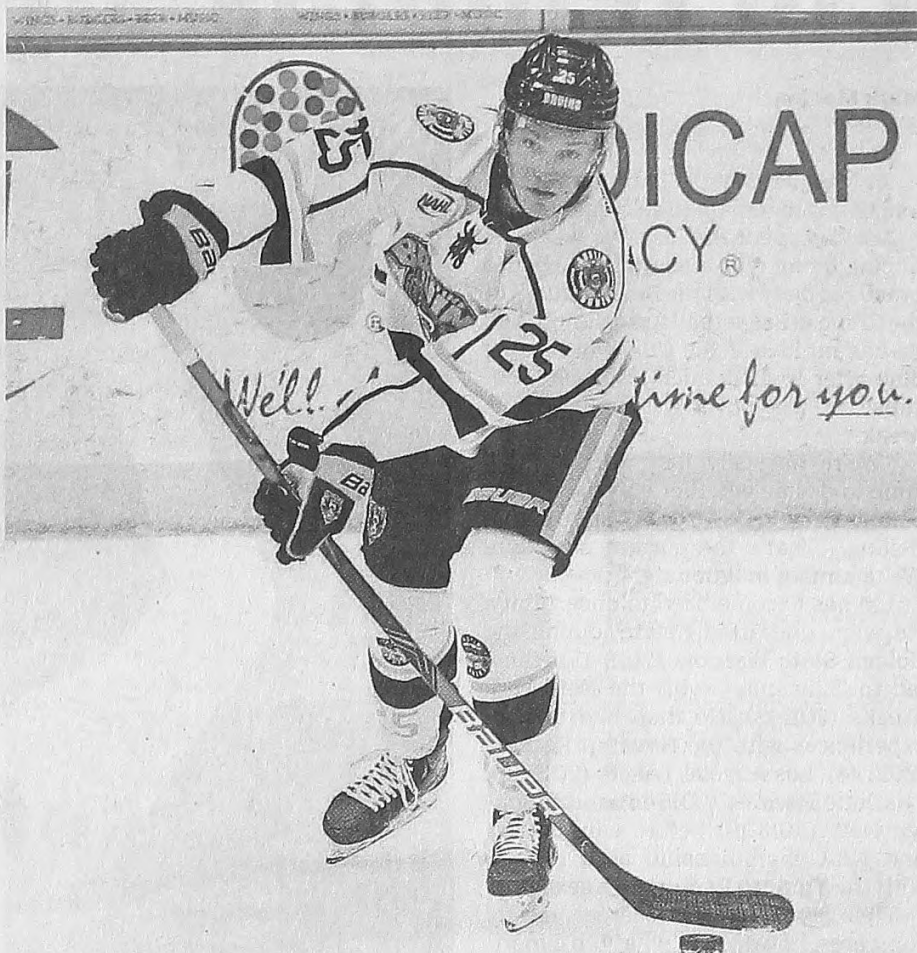
"I've always wanted to go up there, just because my dad and older sister went there," he said. "I have been going to a cottage up there my whole life. ... My dad grew up there, all his family is living up there, I have a lot of aunts and uncles and a grampa who live up there. It will be fun to play in front of them for a change."

After playing Triple-A hockey for HoneyBaked, Compuware and Victory Honda his first three years of high school, Pietila played his senior season for Hartland. He had 20 goals and 36 assists in 22 games, earning first-team all-state and helping the Eagles reach the Division 2 semifinals.

"My senior year at Hartland was awesome," Pietila said. "The coaches there are awesome. My brother played there my freshman year. I was almost going to play, but I ended up going back and playing UI6. I wouldn't change that for anything, because I was able to go play for a national championship."

"Rick (Gadwa, Hartland's coach) convinced me to go play high school. I told him I'm gonna go play junior and I have a goal to play college hockey. He said, 'Hey, I think we can get to that here.' I saw it as being on the ice every day can't hurt me. With all the positive things he told me, it was a no-brainer for me. It worked out perfectly for me to get a lot more ice time."

After brief stints the following season with Aberdeen and Minot of the



Jed Pietila, a 2017 Hartland High School graduate, moved to defense from forward during his first season in the North American Hockey League. SUBMITTED

NAHL, Pietila went to Austin late in the season. He played two more seasons for the Bruins, scoring eight goals and 23 assists in 57 games in 2018-19 and eight goals and 21 assists in 44 games this season. Austin's season ended with nine regular-season games remaining.

It was in the middle of his first year in the NAHL that Pietila switched from forward to defense, a position he played in 2014-15 for Compuware. He ran the power play from the point during his final two seasons in Austin.

"I've always been told I'm a smart, playmaking player," Pietila said. "I was always a defensive forward. Making the switch was pretty easy. There were injuries my first year. It opened up a spot for defensemen. I played there a couple practices. Then my coach was like, 'You look good back there.'"

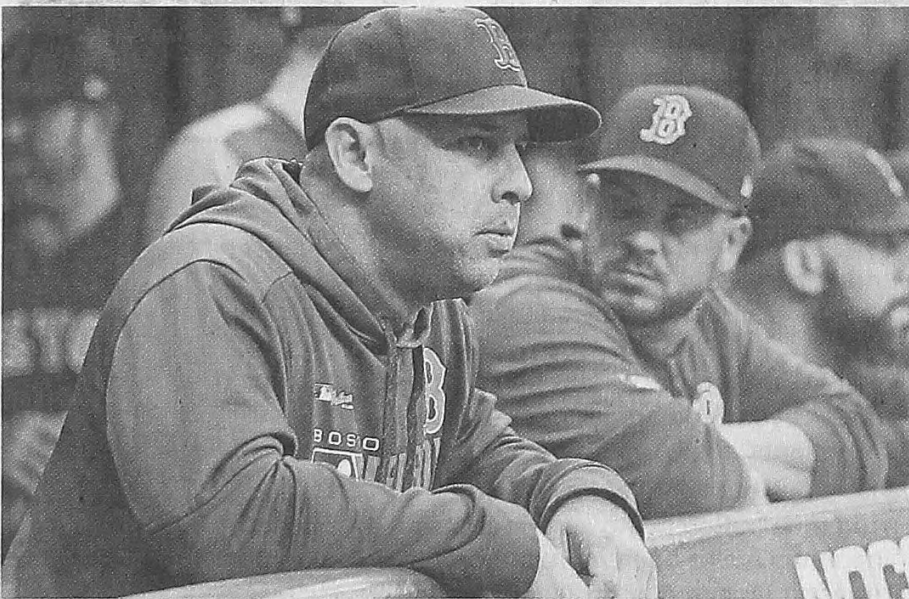
"Honestly, it fits my game a lot more. I

have a little bit more time. You see the ice a lot better. The only adjustment was going back and getting pucks, looking up and making a quick play. Other than that, all my strengths worked toward being an offensive defenseman."

Pietila played in the NAHL Top Prospects Tournament in 2020 and was the winner of Austin's Bruins Award, which exemplifies a positive attitude and leadership.

"It was an absolute pleasure to watch Jed grow into the player that he is now," Austin coach Steve Howard said in a team news release. "We took a chance on him three years ago and he ran with it. He transitioned from forward to a top-end defenseman. He was a great leader for us this year and will do great at Michigan Tech next season."

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Former Red Sox manager Alex Cora has been suspended through the 2020 postseason for his actions as Astros bench coach. REINHOLD MATAY/USA TODAY SPORTS

Red Sox punished for sign-stealing violations

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Major League Baseball, terming the Boston Red Sox's 2018 sign-stealing violations "far more limited in scope and impact" than the Houston Astros' malfeasance, suspended a video replay monitor for the 2020 season and barred him from serving in that role in 2021 and docked the club a 2020 second-round draft pick.

In his report released Wednesday, Commissioner Rob Manfred also suspended Alex Cora through the 2020 postseason, but only for his actions as Astros bench coach and not Red Sox manager. The Red Sox fired Cora in January, two days after Manfred imposed similar one-year bans on Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow and manager A.J. Hinch, who were subsequently fired by the Astros. The Astros won the World Series title in 2017, and Manfred's report indicated their sign-stealing system – involving the banned use of a camera, video monitor and trash cans to signal pitches to their batters – continued through the postseason.

In 2018, the Red Sox won 108 games and eventually the World Series, but

MLB's report indicated the rules-breaking ceased after the regular season.

And so, as many anticipated, the far less elaborate Red Sox rules-flouting resulted in much lighter punishment.

The target: J.T. Watkins, who according to MLB's investigations used his perch in the replay room to update teammates on opposing teams' sign sequences in real time.

Watkins, also a member of the club's advance scouting staff, provided players with pregame sign sequences based on video scouting, which is permissible under the rules, but the in-game updates run afoul of strongly worded memos and rules changed imparted by Manfred in 2017 and 2018.

In another significant break from the Astros scandal, Manfred ruled that Red Sox management – in this case, then-president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski – consistently communicated to on-field staff Manfred's directives against using electronics for stealing signs.

"No other member of the 2018 Red Sox staff will be disciplined," Manfred wrote, "because I do not find that anyone was aware of or should have been aware of Watkins's conduct."

Stadium naming rights could help a reeling world



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The mere idea of selling naming rights to places like Lambeau Field, Fenway Park or Madison Square Garden would normally be considered sacrilege. An abomination.

Now, however, allowing a corporation or billionaire to slap their names on these famous stadiums and arenas would be a public service. An easy way to help a reeling world.

FC Barcelona, the famed European soccer club, announced Tuesday that it is selling naming rights to its stadium, Camp Nou, for a year, with the money from the deal going to COVID-19 relief efforts. This is no small gesture. Camp Nou is one of the most iconic stadiums in European soccer, and the privilege of being the first to attach one's name to it – even if it is for a very limited time – will fetch tens of millions of dollars.

That kind of money will make a real difference in a country ravaged by the virus. Spain has almost 205,000 reported cases of COVID-19, second only to the United States, and only Italy has had more deaths.

"We think that we have to have a very quick response, putting our crown jewel at the service of (the fight)," Barcelona's vice president, Jordi Cardoner, who was among those who had the virus, told The Associated Press.

So what say you, Green Bay Packers, Boston Red Sox, New York Knicks and all you other teams and schools with arenas and stadiums that are some of our country's most prized shrines? How about selling out for the greater good?

These stadiums are not and never have been corporate rent-a-palaces. Their allure is in the tradition of their simplicity. Which is also what would make these one-time deals so lucrative

– and beneficial.

The United States has almost 800,000 reported cases of COVID-19, according to Johns Hopkins, and more than 42,000 people have died. The federal response has been as devastating as the virus itself, and states and municipalities are pleading for help.

Imagine how many testing kits could be produced in exchange for say, Liberty Mutual, putting its name on Fenway Park. How much laboratory capacity could be expanded to ramp up for production of an eventual vaccine by allowing golf course and plumbing product magnate Herb Kohler to add his moniker to Lambeau Field.

Even when games resume, likely without fans at first, there will still be great need. Think of how many food banks could be supported and small businesses kept afloat if music mogul David Geffen put his name on Dodger Stadium. How much more research could be done if Clayton Mathile wrote a check to Ohio State for the privilege of putting his name – or better yet, since it was his alma mater, that of old business partner Paul Iams – on The Horseshoe.

There are potentially hundreds of millions of dollars that could be put toward desperately needed science and social services, and all it takes is a temporary name change and some new signage.

Now, I know some traditionalists will howl at this idea, seeing it as a slippery slope toward blatant commercialism. But it doesn't have to be. Barcelona is limiting the naming rights deal to a year, and Camp Nou will remain part of the name.

And if sacrificing tradition for the equivalent of a very large vanity plate means saving lives and keeping the most vulnerable in our population fed and sheltered, well, that seems like a worthy trade-off. We all know there's money to be had in naming rights. In this case, there's good to be done, too.

Lin remains 'in limbo' in China

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At least Jeremy Lin can train. He no longer has to remain in self-quarantine. Lin has spent the last two weeks in Beijing living with uncertainty. He has practiced daily with the Beijing Ducks of the Chinese Basketball Association. Yet, he has no idea if the CBA will resume play after it suspended its season because of the novel coronavirus outbreak.

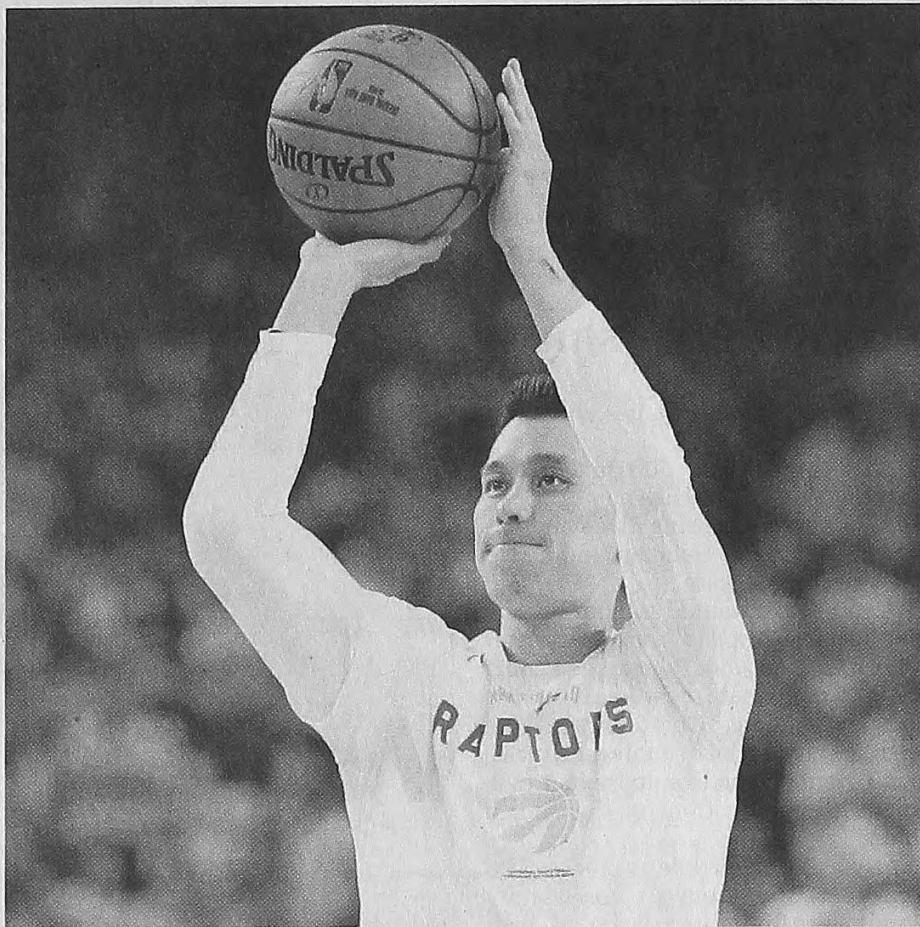
"We're basically just waiting until June to decide whether we play in July or not," Lin told USA TODAY Sports from Beijing. "That's the current situation. We're kind of in limbo right now."

Lin has become used to uncertainty. He went undrafted before joining the Golden State Warriors (2010-11), which led to "Linsanity" with the New York Knicks (2011-12). He then had uneven experiences with the Houston Rockets (2012-14), Los Angeles Lakers (2015-16), Charlotte Hornets (2015-16) and Brooklyn Nets (2018-19) before winning his first NBA championship as a reserve with the Toronto Raptors last season.

That nomadic NBA career hardly compares, however, to what Lin experienced in the last four months. He played his last game with the Beijing Ducks on Jan. 21 before the CBA took a scheduled break for the Chinese New Year (Jan. 25). So Lin vacationed at an undisclosed area. He heard from CBA officials that the vacation would be extended, so Lin then went to his home in Palo Alto, Calif. A day later, Lin learned that former teammate Kobe Bryant and his 13-year-old daughter Gianna were among nine people killed in a helicopter crash.

While grieving, Lin remained on call in case he needed to return to China. That moment did not happen until March 18, a week after the NBA suspended its own season after Utah Jazz center Rudy Gobert tested positive for COVID-19. Lin then spent the two weeks in self-quarantine.

"A lot of the distractions and the false sense of securities that everyone used to have, a lot of that has been stripped away and taken away," Lin said. "The whole world has been humbled. We're starting to really understand how hu-



Former Raptors guard Jeremy Lin, seen in June 2019, has practiced daily with the Beijing Ducks of the Chinese Basketball Association. Yet, he has no idea if the CBA will resume play. KYLE TERADA/USA TODAY SPORTS

man we are and how small we are and how little control we have. That's how I would describe 2020."

A day before leaving the U.S., Lin expressed his displeasure on Twitter with President Donald Trump referring to COVID-19 as "the Chinese virus" since it originated in Wuhan. The Players Tribune then published Lin's first-person account last week that described how Trump's words influenced various attacks against Asian-Americans.

"I don't want any ethnic group or people group to be attacked or to have to deal with the racism," Lin said. "If there is something that is aiding that, that would compel me to speak out. At that moment in time, I felt like a lot of Asian-Americans were being attacked and are

still being attacked."

The Chinese government has also sparked criticism for how it handled the COVID-19 outbreak, including shielding information about infections and deaths as well as detaining medical workers. Lin declined to address those criticisms, saying, "I'm not the most politically savvy and I'm not super engaged in politics."

"I'm careful that when I speak on something, I try to speak out if I'm knowledgeable or a quote-unquote expert on it," Lin said. "But at this point, I don't really have anything that I would consider to be (an expert). I can't confidently speak out on this because I don't feel like I'm an expert."

Instead, Lin has channeled his efforts

elsewhere. He has pledged \$500,000 to support those impacted by COVID-19 through Feeding America (a U.S.-based food bank network) and Direct Relief (which provides protective equipment to healthcare workers around the world). He said he will also match all donations up to \$500,000. According to his foundation's website, the initiative has raised \$137,072 as of Tuesday night. Lin said he plans to give those matched donations to another charity that both parties want to help.

Otherwise, Lin has spent the rest of his time on the basketball court and in the weight room.

"Everyone is trying to train hard and prepare themselves for the future," Lin said. "Everyone also understands we have a chance to play basketball and we have a lot of places where people can't really leave their houses and can't really get on a court. So for us to be able to have that, we should be really grateful for it."

Lin also expressed gratitude that his family remains healthy. His parents and younger brother are in Taipei, Taiwan, while his older brother and sister-in-law are in Brooklyn. While they have mostly stayed home other than trips to the grocery store, Lin said that Beijing "is returning back to normal" with malls and restaurants reopening their business.

It has not become normal enough though for the CBA to know when or if it will have a season. In a conference call last week, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said that deputy commissioner Mark Tatum has had "direct contact" with CBA officials, including former Houston Rockets star and league chairman Yao Ming.

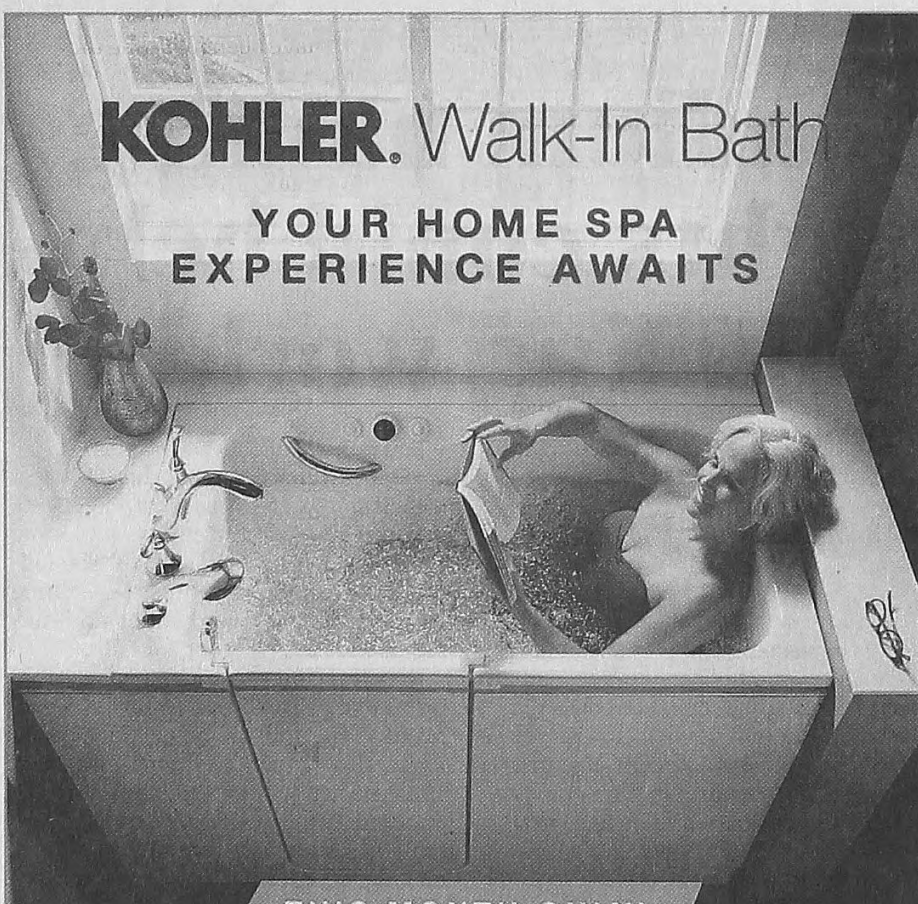
"There are discussions, active discussions in China about a return to play protocol," Silver said. "We are attempting to learn from them. It sounds like, the best my information is, it's not quite there yet in terms of the precise conditions they would need in playing with-out fans."

Lin would much rather play games without fans than not play at all.

"I don't mind it. I love the game," Lin said. "I want to play. Fans or no fans, that's not going to impact how I play. It's not going to affect me. I want to compete and I love the game. I miss it."

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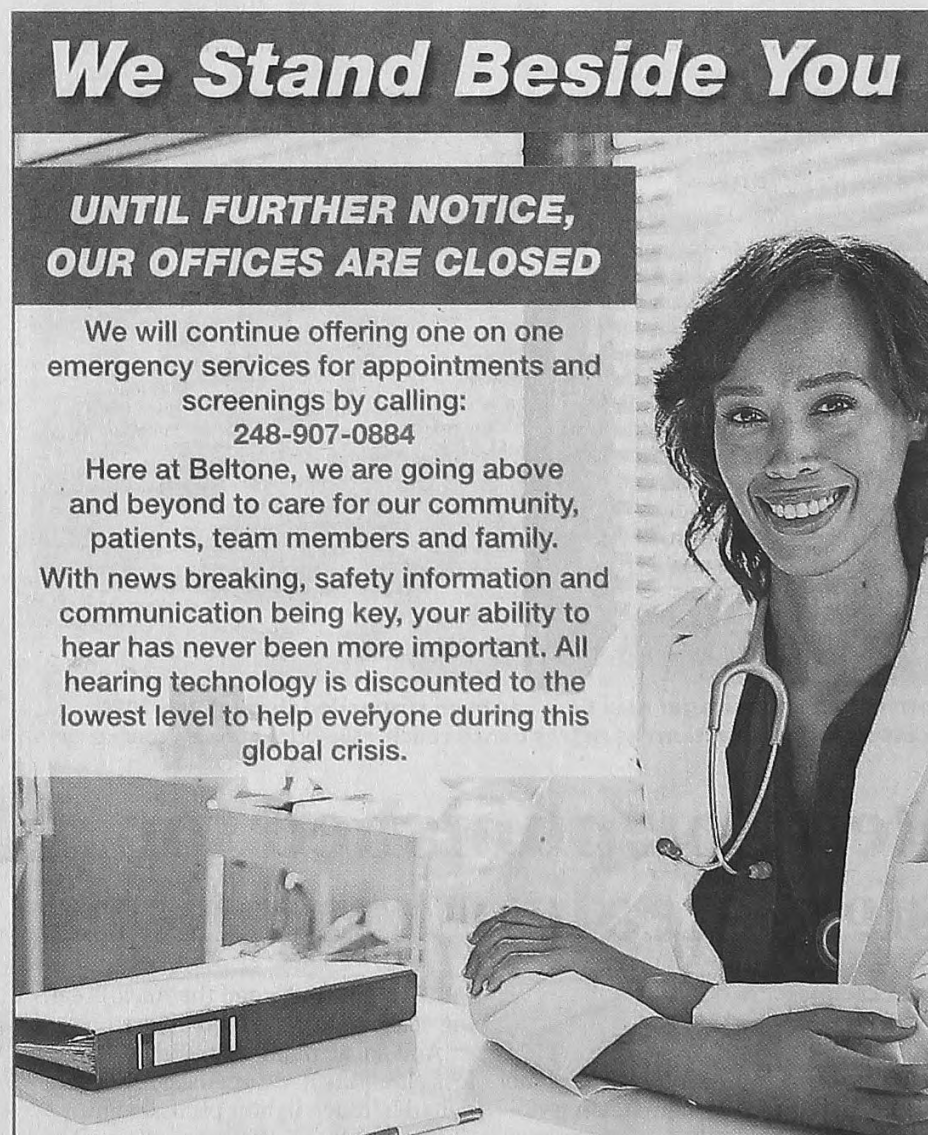
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6 questions recruiters ask – and how to answer them

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While you can't anticipate which exact questions, you're going to be asked in a job interview situation, recruiters can actually be pretty predictable and consistent when it comes to their interview content. Recruiters are trying to figure out whether you'll be a good fit for their openings, so the baseline questions are often very similar. With a little prep, you can be ready for the universe of most common questions.

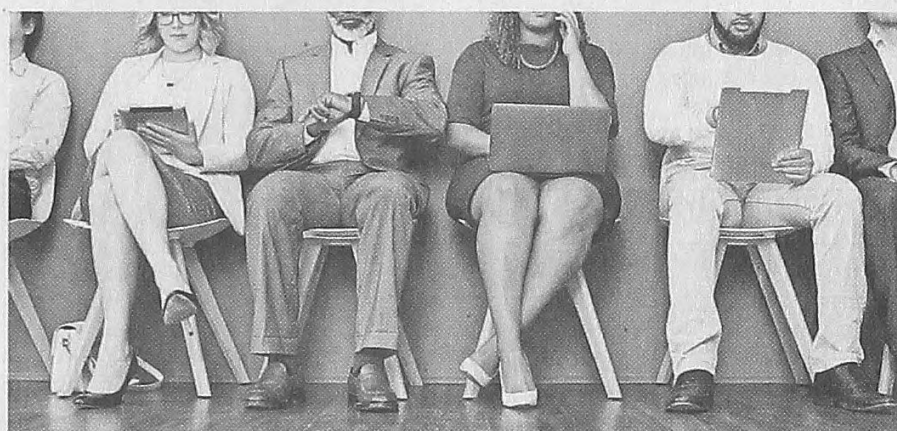
1. Tell me about yourself

This is a common icebreaker in just about any "getting to know" you setting, not just interviews. It's always smart to have your elevator pitch ready to go. Don't worry about providing a comprehensive autobiography for this question...that is definitely not what the recruiter is after. The question is meant to assess how you present yourself, not necessarily the information you present (though that's certainly important too).

The best way to approach this one is to have a two-minute or so spiel that summarizes your professional career so far, your biggest accomplishments, and your goals. Be brief; your resume will speak for itself, and you'll be getting other questions as well. Think of it as your opening statement.

2. Tell me about your current (or most recent) job

Again, this is ground that will be covered in your resume, so you don't need to go into every daily detail of your current work life. It's best to give a quick overview of what you're doing now—your main areas of responsibility, your



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biggest accomplishments or achievements in your current role, and even what you like and dislike about the job itself. This isn't a sounding board for your gripes about your current employer, but you can talk about what works for you overall—and what doesn't.

3. What's your biggest achievement?

This is an opening for you to humble-brag about what you do well and what you've accomplished. But it also tells the recruiter something about your professional values and how you present yourself. Before you interview, come up with three or four specific accomplishments that you can point to as examples. Before your meeting with the recruiter, review the job description to decide which of your accomplishments can be tailored to that specific company.

4. What's your biggest weakness?

One of the recruiter's challenges is

finding people who will fit in well with job openings they're working to fill, or for potential future openings. They're sensitive to company cultures and values, and when they talk to you, they want to know that you're able to present well.

So, when you're asked about weaknesses or failures in your past, it's not about getting you to admit to something. It's about seeing how you've tackled challenges in your career, how you've gotten past them, and what you've learned. Recruiters also have very strong BS detectors, so if you answer "what's your biggest weakness?" with "I work too hard" or "I love my job too much," you're likely to get an eye roll (even if they don't let you see it).

The key here is to identify what you're continuing to work on in your career. We all have those spots where there's room for improvement. So, this could be something like, "I tend to take on too much by myself, so I'm continually looking for ways to help create space for my team members to work together

on projects." The important thing is focusing on what you know is an ongoing challenge for you, and what you're doing to work on it.

5. What is your next step?

This is a question that isn't necessarily about specific opportunities or job openings, but rather to find out what you might be looking for. It's a chance to let the recruiter know your immediate (and future) career goals so that they can help you find a good fit, wherever that may be.

6. Are you working with other recruiters?

This is a question of self-interest for any recruiter, but it also tells them a lot about what kind of job searcher you are. If you are actively working with any other recruiters, you don't have to hide that fact. But if you're working with a lot of recruiters and have been for a long time, it tells the recruiter that you might be a constant candidate, which can be problematic. It's better to be honest here, but before you even get to that point consider working with fewer recruiters of better quality.

The key to answering any question from a recruiter is preparing. Always have specific points about yourself and your career, and don't forget to rehearse them! The recruiter interview is all about how you present yourself, so you want to make sure it's as smooth and knowledgeable as possible.

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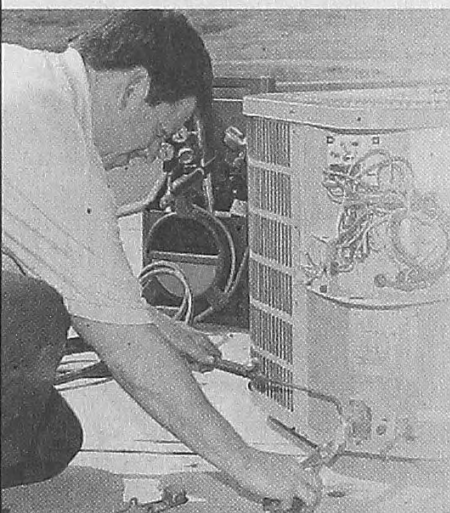
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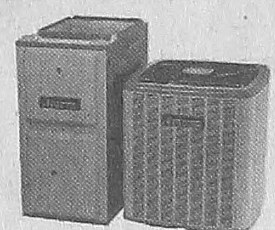


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