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Livonia schools sell 2 elementary sites

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Two properties in Livonia that used to house elementary schools are about to get a new lease on life.

Old Webster Elementary, 37855 Lyndon, and Wilson Elementary, 28400 West Chicago, are both in residential

areas, and a Detroit developer wants transform the sites into new homes.

At their May 18 meeting, members of the Livonia school board directed Superintendent Andrea Oquist or a designee of her choice to sign a purchase agreement and related documents for the Old Webster and Wilson elementary schools, effectively selling the proper-

ties to Novi-based Infinity Homes & Co. Infinity Homes develops single-family homes as well as apartments and townhomes.

The district will make \$600,000 from the Wilson property, which encompasses about 8.74 acres, and \$1.1 million from the Old Webster space, which is about 9.34 acres. Both properties have

long been vacant; Wilson closed in 1978 and Old Webster closed in 2008 after a major fire.

Phil Francis, the district's director of operations, said the school board held onto the two properties for so long in case it ever needed to open additional

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Former police sgt. files lawsuit against Westland

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A former Westland police sergeant at the heart of one of the city's civil rights protests is accusing his former colleagues of unfair, malicious and conspiratorial discrimination.



Buckley

Former Westland Police Sgt. Ronald Buckley, 55, has filed a federal lawsuit against the city, Police Chief Jeff Jendrusik, other top brass

in the police department and some of the officers involved in the 2017 arrest and custody William Marshall.

Marshall died while in police custody.

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Parents of graduates debate party possibilities

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Planning a high school senior's graduation party was stressful enough back in the good ol' days (aka 2019).

Nerve-wracking decisions like picking the date, the number of tents, Coke or Pepsi, the amount of food and who to invite are now dwarfed by one of the biggest coronavirus era questions of all: Should we even have a party?

Stringent group-shrinking executive orders and the fear of the virus spreading while everyone feasts on catered fried chicken and homemade potato salad makes a "yes" decision dicey, at best.

After Jennifer and Dan Kubacki debated whether to carry on with a party for their son, Canton High School

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Ahveeayah Ibura holds a poster with photos of her son and of George Floyd as she and others protest at the Westland Police Department on June 1. The group was protesting Floyd's death at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer May 25.

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Demonstrators march at area police departments

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Protesters marched back and forth Monday outside the Westland Police Department, chanting and holding signs decrying police brutality and harassment.

They wanted their voices heard in this metro Detroit community, where they say serious issues of distrust and misunderstanding exist between police and residents.

"Black lives matter!" dozens shouted together.

They marched on both sides of Ford

Road, receiving, for the most part, smiles, horn blasts and other signs of support as they also chanted "I can't breathe!" and "No justice! No peace!"

"All we wanted was for our voice to be heard and for everybody to stay safe and

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Need short-term cash flow fix? Check out CARES Act rules



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

As Michigan and the rest of the country begin to reopen, unfortunately, many people's financial problems will not go away. Some will find they have permanently lost their jobs. Others may have more of a temporary cash flow problem and need a short-term fix.

For those in this category, the recently passed CARES Act and the new rule regarding forbearance on federally backed mortgages provides an option you may want to consider. The option is not perfect, but it can be a lifeline for those in financial need.

Let's start with the term "forbearance" and what it actually means. Forbearance on your mortgage is like hitting the pause button; your payments are temporarily suspended. Under the

CARES Act, the law provides for a 180-day initial forbearance and the possibility of an extension for another 180 days. It is important to understand that a forbearance is not forgiveness.

You will still need to repay the money; however, it does give you a temporary reprieve.

The ability to receive a forbearance on a mortgage has been with us for quite a while. However, it is not easy to get and generally requires a substantial amount of paperwork. What has changed under the CARES Act is the qualification requirements.

All you need to do is notify your mortgage service company that you are experiencing a pandemic-related financial hardship, and you will qualify.

The one caveat is that this form of forbearance only applies to federally backed mortgages. The most common federally backed mortgages are through federal agencies such as Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and the Depart-

ment of Veteran Affairs (VA).

If you have one of these types of mortgages, which most people do, you qualify for the new rules regarding forbearance.

If this program could be of help to you and your family, I recommend contacting your mortgage service provider to get the process going as soon as possible. You do not have to provide paperwork, and in many situations, the loan forbearance is approved immediately over the phone.

Before you accept the forbearance, ensure you have an agreement with your service provider regarding your repayment options. There are different ways to repay the forbearance amount and you don't want to be in the position where you have to make an unexpected balloon payment for all the missed payments.

There is nothing in the CARES Act that requires a borrower to repay the loan in a lump sum and therefore, you can negotiate repayment options. Be-

fore you accept the forbearance, make sure you fully understand the repayment terms. In fact, make sure your forbearance agreement is in writing.

Many of you may be asking, if you accept a forbearance agreement will it hurt your credit rating? The short answer is no. If your mortgage account was current at the time of your forbearance, it will remain current throughout the forbearance period. On the other hand, if for example you were 30 days delinquent on your mortgage prior to receiving the forbearance, you will remain 30 days delinquent during the period of the forbearance. That being said, even though a forbearance is not going to affect your credit scores, lenders will be able to see that you were in forbearance and that may or may not be a factor in deciding to give you a future loan.

Good luck!

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Ascension Michigan to return surgeries and elective services

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After battling the coronavirus pandemic for nearly three months, Ascension Michigan hospitals are returning to more normal operations.

Starting May 29, the health system's hospitals began a phased plan to bring back elective services and surgeries, eventually resuming business as usual. That plan includes Ascension Providence Hospital in Novi, located at 47601 Grand River Ave.

"Ascension Michigan looks forward to safely providing additional non-emergent surgical and medical procedures as appropriate across all of our facilities," said Dr. Ken Berkovitz, a senior vice president for Ascension Michigan. "Our approach for returning to scheduled surgeries is clinically-led,

working with our physicians, clinicians and facility experts on a strategy that will keep our patients, associates and physicians safe."

Ascension Michigan locations include those in Novi, Brighton, Southfield, Warren, Detroit, Rochester and Grand Blanc.

The plan will prioritize procedures considered time-sensitive or otherwise urgent.

Leading up to surgery, patients will be asked to self-quarantine for seven days and adhere to social distancing guidelines. Patients will also receive COVID-19 tests two days before procedures and be screened for symptoms the day of.

"As we look ahead, we ask not only our staff, but our community to remain vigilant in masking, practicing social distancing and continuing to follow lo-

cal orders to stop the spread of the virus," said Dr. Charles Husson, Ascension Michigan's chief medical officer.

While some patients will return to procedures and in-person care, Ascension will continue doing virtual office visits, requiring masks from everyone inside facilities, continue some visitor restrictions and will continually do COVID-19 symptom screening. Staff will also continually extensively clean all facilities.

"We know this is a fluid situation, and we are prepared to be flexible and responsive to rapidly evolving conditions in our community and our sites of care," Husson said. "Our collective efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are working, but the pandemic is not yet over."

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School districts announce plans for graduation

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Like the caps tossed skyward at the conclusion of traditional high school graduation ceremonies, plans for 2020 graduation events are up in the air, most school district decision-makers reveal.

Livonia Public Schools

Students at Livonia's Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson high schools can participate in several socially distanced or virtual ceremonies to celebrate the end of high school. If it's safe, the district hopes to have commencement at the USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth Aug. 8 and 9.

Before then, here's everything seniors can look forward to:

- May 30 and 31: Drive-through diploma reception
- June 2: Virtual senior honor night
- June 19: Virtual commencement and car parades for each high school

Right now, the district has no plans to host or recreate prom.

Wayne-Westland Community School District

In June, seniors at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial will have car parades to celebrate high school's end. The district will not hold commencement or prom but plans to give students diplomas, caps and gowns in a safe manner at some point.

On June 6, John Glenn will host a parade for the class of 2020. At noon, students will drive from the Westland Public Library to the school. School administration will also give students a special gift at the event.

On June 12, Wayne Memorial will host a "senior roll out" parade at 1 p.m. After traveling a route given to students by email, teachers and administrators will meet students at the school to congratulate them.

Clarenceville High School

Students and families have told district officials they hope to have some version of an in-person commencement ceremony. But the district is waiting on state and CDC guidance.

In the meantime, seniors have lawn signs and banners posted to recognize their achievement. A group of students is also recognizing seniors on social media.

On May 28, staff rode in decorated vehicles to deliver caps and gowns to the class of 2020.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

The results of a pending survey sent out to all families of seniors will determine how P-CCS celebrates its seniors.

The options being considered are a drive-through graduation, a virtual ceremony, and a face-to-face ceremony with a limited number of spectators.

The survey results will be discussed by P-CCS administrators to help them determine a final plan.

A final communication will be sent out to families once the graduation plans have been solidified.

Northville High School

Northville High School will follow a three-scenario process that will, depending on the circumstances, unfold Aug. 5, with a commencement ceremony for seniors.

The best-case scenario: a "full" graduation ceremony starting at 7 p.m. at Plymouth Township's USA Hockey Arena (with live stream broadcast).

"We are hopeful for this scenario, but being transparent, we certainly need to plan for other options that are special



A Plymouth Christian Academy senior waves during the school's special parade through Plymouth on May 19. COURTESY OF PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

and will celebrate our seniors," the district explained in a release.

The better-case scenario: a face-to-face graduation ceremony with social distancing either at USA Hockey Arena or Tom Holzer Field at 7 p.m., with limited spectators and a live-streamed option for other family members.

With this scenario, there is also the possibility of staggered graduation formats and adjusted times, the district said. A rain date if the site is Tom Holzer Field is Aug. 6.

The good-case scenario: a drive-in graduation celebration at USA Hockey Arena (times possible are 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.) and/or another virtual graduation option. Graduates and their families would also receive a commemorative video from the drive-in and/or virtual option.

One vehicle would be slotted for each graduate's family (extenuating circumstances would be considered by NHS administration) with parent presence in each vehicle if the scenario becomes some type of drive-in celebration at USA Hockey Arena.

The rain date for the drive-in graduation at USA Hockey Arena is Aug. 10.

"If we did have a best-case scenario" or better-case scenario, NHS 2020 graduates and families will still receive a commemorative video from the planned drive-in and/or virtual option.

The NHS 2020 prom is tentatively set for 6 p.m. July 30, at the Suburban Collection Showcase in Novi. This later date is set, but the event probably is doubtful, the district admitted.

More information will be shared through school email as the events draw closer.

Plymouth Christian Academy

In 2016, Plymouth Christian Academy began the tradition of a Senior Walk, which takes place approximately two weeks before graduation and allows the seniors to put on their caps and gowns and take one of their final walks through the hallways of their school.

The PCA campus is spread over two buildings, so along the way, students from preschool through 11th grade, parents, and family members line the hallways and sidewalks, cheering for the seniors.

Since the coronavirus pandemic kept PCA students from their Senior Walk this year, the school's decision-makers decided to turn it into a full-blown police-escorted parade through Plymouth on May 19. Following the parade, all guests were invited back to the campus for a reverse parade; this time, they

drove past the seniors' cars to congratulate them.

"The seniors were overwhelmed by both the number of people lining the streets of Plymouth and the line of cars that waited to drive through and congratulate them," said PCA representative Peggy Paulson.

Birmingham School District

Birmingham Groves held "Senior Goodbye Drive-Thru" to recognize the class of 2020. Seniors and their family members drove through the school parking lot on a loop route. The event took place May 31, the originally-planned graduation date.

Birmingham Seaholm plans to air a virtual celebration Sunday afternoon of the Class of 2020 in acknowledgment of this important day, put together by a committee of teachers and parents. Administrators said more events are possible, too.

The district has plans for in-person graduations, if feasible, for both schools the last week of July.

Farmington Public Schools

Seniors at Farmington, Farmington Central and North Farmington said goodbye to their schools with parades, and picked up their caps, gowns and yearbooks before taking a "victory lap" around their school's parking lot.

The district will also release senior honor and tribute videos this month.

If it's safe, students and their families will head to the USA Hockey Arena on Aug. 8 and 9 for commencement ceremonies.

South Lyon Community Schools

Graduation for South Lyon and South Lyon East has been delayed to July 25.

School officials said they hope to hold an in-person ceremony if social distancing guidelines allow; otherwise a virtual ceremony will replace in-person ceremonies, which would be held at the two schools' football stadiums.

Huron Valley Schools

For now, Huron Valley plans a drive-in style commencement for Milford, Lakeland and Harbor high schools, as well as International Academy West.

Students can arrive in their vehicles to receive their diploma from a school board member who, along with administrators and staff, will line the sidewalks.

Adult education graduation was June 3. Harbor High is June 4; IA West and Lakeland are June 6 and Milford High is June 7.

The schools also plan to release a video commencement featuring student photos and recorded speeches. Later this month, students can get a professional photo taken in cap and gown.

Novi High School

Novi High School holds out hope for an in-person graduation, moving its date back two months to 3 p.m. Aug. 2.

What that graduation looks like remains up in the air.

"It will hopefully be at Eastern Michigan University," said Superintendent Steve Matthews. "If we cannot gather as a community, we will instead have a virtual ceremony."

"Either way, we will celebrate our graduating seniors on Aug. 2."

He said the school is still holding out hope it can host prom this summer.

South Redford School District

The district's high school, Thurston, has an outdoor graduation stage. For this year's commencement, district officials will invite students to participate in a socially distanced ceremony there. A date hasn't been chosen.

Students will be welcome throughout the day to get their diploma and, if they were invited to, give a speech.

The district will film the day and edit it down to appear as if it all took place at one ceremony. Every student will get a digital copy as a memento.

The district hasn't solidified plans for other senior events, including prom.

Redford Union School District

While district officials remain uncertain about whether students will have an in-person or virtual commencement ceremony, students celebrated "under the lights" together May 29.

At 8 p.m., students gathered at the Hilbert Middle School football field to pick up or purchase caps and gowns. Participants were welcome to drive the track around the field.

On June 12, the school will release its commencement video on the district's website and Facebook page.

On June 13, it will distribute diplomas and senior gifts 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the circle drive at the high school.

Garden City Public Schools

If it's possible, the district will hold a ceremony Aug. 7. The district also hopes to hold prom in August.

But students will also get some socially distanced recognition. On June 5, students can pick up their caps and gowns at Garden City High School in a drive-through format. Later that day, the district will broadcast a virtual commencement ceremony.

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Charter Township of Plymouth,
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 9, 2020, at 7 o'clock p.m., at a virtual meeting, the Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2020-2021 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2020-2021 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2020-2021 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection by appointment at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing (MCL 141.412).

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Douglas Brooks
Secretary, Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

You can make an appointment to view the proposed budget by calling (734) 416-3048
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The district website will also have information on how you can participate in the virtual meeting as well as make citizen's comments

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‘Fed up’ protesters picket Livonia PD

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The national swell of protests against police brutality came Sunday to Livonia as dozens of protesters marched on the sidewalks around the city’s police station and city hall.

Carrying signs that read “Fire racist cops” and “Black lives matter,” protesters walked and sat in the area near the city’s civic center campus as they joined thousands across the country participating in similar acts.

Demonstrations across the country stemmed from the death of George Floyd, a black man who died in Minneapolis after a police officer there knelt on his neck for several minutes.

Protests have taken place in Detroit, Grand Rapids, and other cities, and some have descended into chaos. Protests were entering their third day in Detroit on Sunday night, with Mayor Mike Duggan issuing a curfew in the city.

One protester who came to Five Mile and Farmington on Sunday was Dale Bryant, a Livonia resident who believes the criminal justice system needs to change.

Bryant, who is black, said he has had a gun put to his head by a Livonia police officer in the past. He said he wants to see reform across the country to help hold police officers more accountable for their actions.

“I wanted to make sure that if we have people protesting, we have a message that is more about establishing the powers to stop doing this and less about violence,” he said. “Things need to change, for sure. It’s not that they need to change, it’s that they have to change.”

“People are fed up.”

Several other protesters sitting along Farmington Road, who were white, declined to speak about their reasoning for coming out, saying it “wasn’t their place.”

Police presence

The protest in Livonia appeared largely peaceful. Police Chief Curtis Caid said no arrests were made.

Livonia police were visibly present at the protest, with the parking lot to the police department taped off and officers standing at each entrance. Other officers could be seen on the roofs of the police department and city hall.

Caid said he spoke to some of the protesters about the department’s training protocols and incidents that involved use of force in the past, incidents which he said are rare.

He said he’s aware of the reputation Livonia has had over the years when it comes to the police force and its relationship with minorities, and he said it’s something he’s trying to improve on and show that that’s not the case in the city.

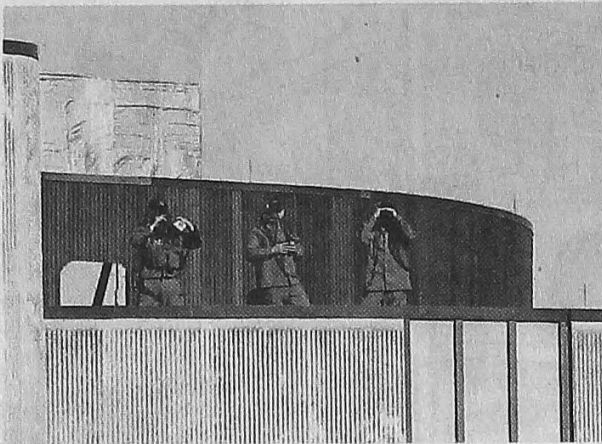
“I’ve been working very, very hard over my years as chief to change that reputation,” he said. “To establish a rapport and a dialogue and do what I can to get the truth out there and negate that.”

One of the biggest criticisms, he said, comes from having a non-diverse police force. He said recruitment efforts to bring more minorities on the force have been a challenge.

“One of the criticisms I hear frequently is that the makeup of the Livonia Police Department being predominately white and we don’t have African Americans. And that is difficult,” he said. “And that’s a challenge we’ve been working at, but when you look at the opportunity to hire people for this job ... back in my day, you were tested with 300 people. We’re testing with 20. And out of that, there are very few people of a minority background that are applying.”

‘This just has to change’

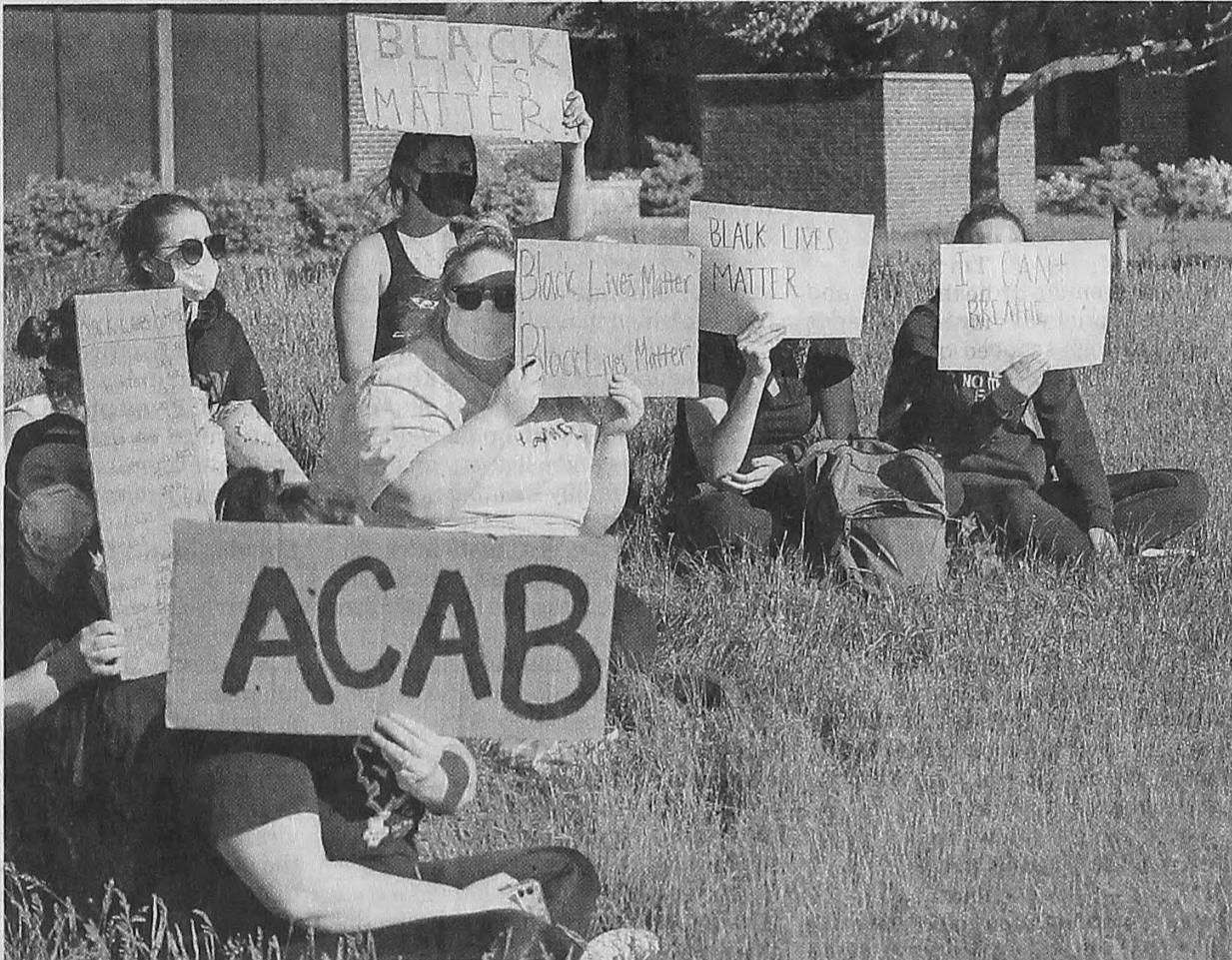
Some protesters said they came out to support the department. One was Livonia resident Rob Cortis, best known for being the owner of the “Trump Unity



Police officers stand on the roof of Livonia City Hall.



Livonia resident Rob Cortis, right, speaks to two protesters Sunday in a parking lot outside of Livonia City Hall. Cortis owns the “Trump Unity Bridge.”



A group of protesters sits outside the old 16th District Court building in Livonia early Sunday evening. Police Chief Curtis Caid said no arrests were made. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Bridge,” a float-sized display on a trailer that makes appearances at state and national events.

Cortis said those who do wrong should be investigated and punished, though he believes it can take time before that conclusion is reached. He said he made it a point to speak to individual protesters during the event, expressing his concern that he wants justice as well. How he believes that justice comes, he said, is different than how the protesters see it.

“What they’re fighting for is the same thing. But they want it to be instant,” he said. “They just say, ‘What we saw is enough.’ A lot of times, you jump to conclusions and you make the wrong choice. I’m sure the right answer will come out when the investigation’s complete.”

Bryant said the laws need to change to help protect more citizens across the country. He also decried police officers that observe bad behavior and don’t do anything to stop it.

“If there is somebody that does something wrong and you don’t step up, then you’re just as bad,” he said. “They never were giving us a fair shake.”

“This just has to change.”



A man walks near the Livonia Civic Center campus.

March

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be peaceful,” said Amber Wesley, one of the organizers. “This was something that we couldn’t wait on.”

Protesters across the nation have been taking a stand against police brutality since George Floyd, a black man, died May 25 in Minneapolis after a police officer knelt on his neck for several minutes.

Big cities like Detroit have been a draw for protesters, but now there’s some spillover into more suburban communities, including Westland. Livonia had a peaceful protest Sunday. Wesley said she’s considering a protest in Romulus later this week.

Supporters said Westland was a smart place for a protest because of the 2017 death of an African-American man in police custody. Critics have said William Marshall, 35, didn’t receive proper medical care and at-

tention at the jail before he died of cocaine toxicity.

They also emphasized that city police officers are known to harass residents by stopping them and demanding identification without explaining why.

Trevon Carswell marched Monday because he wanted to be with his peers when making a statement.

“It really just depends on your perspective,” said the 25-year-old Westland resident. “Me, personally? I try to do what I do, try to do it good, try to stay in my own lane. At the same time, it’s still hard. It’s really something that’s been ... passed on us. The more protests, the more people are going to hear.”

Olivia Junk, 24 of Westland, walked toward the front of the group. She chose to protest because it’s a cause that’s important to her. She also wanted to raise her voice for those who couldn’t attend because of COVID-19 concerns or work.

“It’s something that’s very important to me,” she said. “Honestly, I don’t think that it matters whether you’re at the front or you’re in the back or you’re in the middle. It’s just doing something that’s important.”

Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik talked to the protesters. He said in an email he supports positive protests that share an important message and do not hurt their cause by destroying the community.

“These situations are frustrating not only for the community but for police departments, too,” he said in a statement. “In Westland we have worked hard to build trust and transparency and work to bridge the gap between the minority communities and the police department.”

“Unfortunately, it only takes one bad situation to negatively affect all police officers. There’s nothing that a good cop hates worse than a bad cop.”

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A woman who referred to herself only as Sharda protests in Westland on June 1 about the killing of George Floyd. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



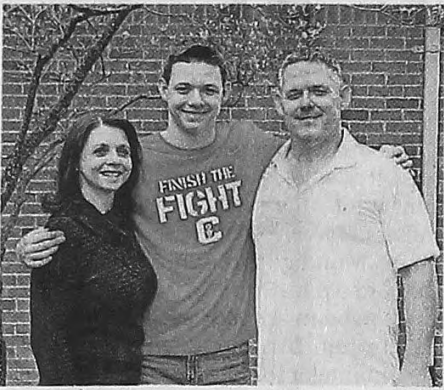
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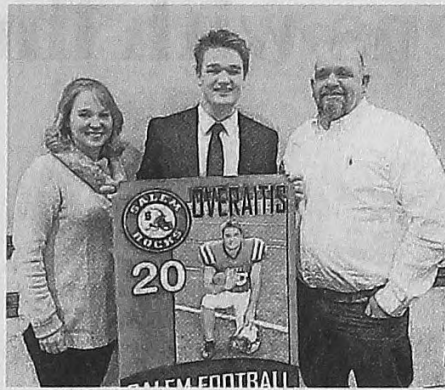
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Three-quarters of the Kubacki family: Jennifer, left, and Zach and Dan.
COURTESY OF THE KUBACKI FAMILY



Pictured, from left, are Michelle, Tyler and Craig Overaitis.
COURTESY OF THE OVERAITIS FAMILY



Step-father Scott Linsner, left, Allison Tanana, and her mother Sandy Linsner. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Parties

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senior Zach, they ultimately decided that, yes, their three-sport, honor roll student son was more than deserving of a congratulatory backyard send-off.

But their decision was attached to a huge asterisk.

"We sent out invitations to family and friends, and I have a second cousin who is in the tent, table and chairs renting business, so we made a handshake agreement that gives us some flexibility," Dan Kubacki said. "I'm from Ubly, a small farming town in the thumb area of Michigan, and most of my relatives and friends up there RSVPed quickly, saying, 'Heck yeah we're coming!' A lot of Jennifer's family and friends committed, too.

"I mean, Zach has worked really, really hard throughout his high school career. To not hold a party would be a shame. He doesn't talk a lot about it, but I'm sure deep down inside he wants a party."

The party is June 27, but the plans are set in sand, not stone, Kubacki said.

"What we decided to do was wait until June 1 and see where everything stood with the stay-home orders and the spread of the virus," he said. "If things are still bad at that point, we'll either let everyone know that it's canceled, or we can always move it back to the end of summer. But who knows if things are even going to be better then."

The Kubackis' decision rests partly on the rules set forth by one of Jennifer Kubacki's former schoolmates at

Forest Hills Central High School near Grand Rapids: Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

"We'll follow the state's orders," Jennifer Kubacki said.

Better safe ...

The absolute last person in the world Salem High School senior Tyler Overaitis wants people to feel sorry for is Tyler Overaitis.

The ultimate optimist's senior year held stratospheric promise. An excellent student and talented two-sport athlete – he accepted a scholarship to play baseball at Western Michigan University – Overaitis tore an ACL and meniscus in October while playing quarterback for the Rocks.

The injury and subsequent surgery forced him to miss Salem's homecoming festivities and his football senior night.

Then the pandemic arrived, wiping out Tyler's senior season of baseball, senior prom, and the graduation party his parents, Michelle and Craig, were looking forward to hosting.

"In March, before all this happened, we were looking into reserving the tents, tables ... everything for the party, which we had already scheduled for the Friday before graduation," Michelle Overaitis said. "I'm a party planner on the side, so I was keeping my eye out for availability of everything.

"But as the virus spread, we started thinking about it more. If we had a party and someone got sick, we'd be devastated. Our parents are in their 80s and we wanted them to be there."

During a normal spring, Overaitis said the contents of her family's mailbox would have included a steady string

of graduation-party invitations.

"This year, we've received just one," she said. "It appears a lot of people aren't having a party at all or maybe holding off until later in the summer to see how everything shakes out.

"Instead of holding a party, we're sending out invitation announcements with a self-addressed stamped envelope asking people to send Tyler a congratulatory note."

The Overaitises are also softening the blow for their son by organizing a mini-prom for Tyler and his girlfriend later this summer.

Fingers crossed

Canton residents Scott and Sandy Linsner are prepared to hold a graduation party for their seniors: Conner Linsner (Scott's son), a senior at Livonia Franklin; and Allison Tanana (Sandy's daughter), a senior at Canton High School.

They reserved the Sunflower Village clubhouse, arranged for food to be catered and ordered all of the other grad party essentials.

"Now, we're playing it by ear," said Sandy Linsner. "If we are able to go ahead with it ... we will use all of the social-distancing rules."

Linsner said a party would necessitate the use of masks and gloves.

"And we would seat four people to a table instead of ten," she said. "Whatever it takes to make this happen."

Several rental companies contacted by Hometown Life revealed they have COVID-19-related plans available, including seating diagrams and food-service ideas.

Farmington cancels summer concerts

The Farmington Downtown Development Authority has canceled its summer concert series Rhythms in Riley Park and LunchBeats.

"The pandemic has impacted our ability to gather at the density we're used to ... but we'll be back in 2021 to continue our tradition of great live music programming on Friday nights and Wednesdays at noon," said Kate Knight, DDA executive director.

Farmington has also canceled its Founders Festival, planned for July.

Downtown Farmington joins a number of peer Michigan downtowns looking for ways to support business.

"We're working with our downtown merchants and city administration to expand outdoor seating and retail outdoors wherever possible," Knight said.

Limited indoor capacity is anticipated for restaurant dining in the next phase of re-opening. Knight said the DDA is monitoring public health recommendations and legislature to allow for changes to liquor licensing and outdoor seating ordinances.

Most restaurants downtown have been open for carry-out during the stay-at-home order. For a complete list of restaurants, open merchants and events in downtown Farmington, visit downtownfarmington.org.

Schools

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schools. Now, the board feels comfortable selling the properties without creating problems for future boards.

"You wouldn't want, as a board, to be selling off everything immediately and then turn around six years later and have some type of boom and go, 'Wow, we need space,'" he said.

Both properties are currently zoned for public use, so Infinity Homes will have to work with city officials to re-zone and create site plans for the spaces. The district would only sell to home developers, so it's expected that the properties will become living space.

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Twelve Oaks Mall reopens with limited hours

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All Cathy Giuffre wanted was a cinnamon roll.

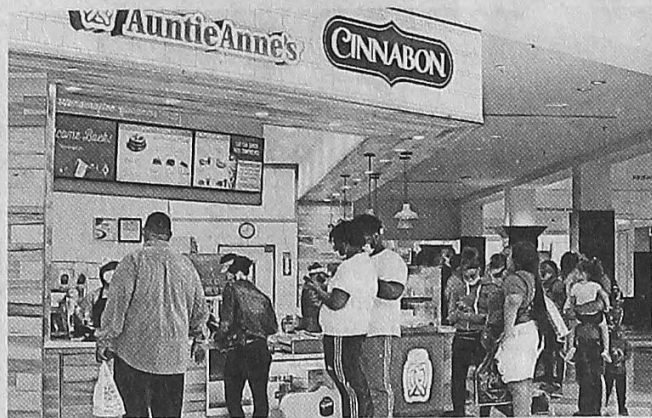
So the Westland resident made the drive May 28 to Novi to wait in line at the Cinnabon at Twelve Oaks Mall. She got what she wanted and couldn't have been happier.

"I tore it up," she said. "It was to die for."

Giuffre was one of hundreds of people who descended on the shopping mall at 27500 Novi Road for its reopening day. The mall reopened with limited hours and offerings after being closed for more than two months due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Many stores remained closed for business or are still only offering curbside pickup, but lines formed outside the others as shoppers waited patiently to get into XXI Forever/Forever 21 and more. Shopping is currently by appointment only and with limited numbers of guests allowed inside each store. The food court is devoid of chairs, though some benches remain in place for customers to enjoy some food. Only a handful of eateries are open.

A full list of shops that are open by appointment or for curbside pickup can be found at shoptwelveoaks.com.



The line at the Cinnabon/Auntie Anne's at Twelve Oaks Mall on its reopening day, May 28, is a testament to its popularity with shoppers who have been shut out of the Novi mall for two months.

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The opening of Twelve Oaks Mall marked perhaps the largest recent step toward normalcy in a span of more than two months.

Malls across the state closed down in March by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's order to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus, which has infected more than 56,000 people and killed more than 5,300 in the state.

Several other malls in the region announced plans to reopen, including Great Lakes Crossing Outlets in Auburn Hills, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, the Somerset Collection in Troy and Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor.

Twelve Oaks has put several safety

measures in place for its customers, including hand sanitizing stations set up around the mall, as well as signs reminding people to follow social-distancing guidelines.

Masks are encouraged by the mall, a measure most visitors complied with on reopening day.

Retailers were excited to be back in front of customers, as well. Bin Cheng, who works at the Relax and Wellness Center massage spa, said the shop had several clients swing by for massages.

Precautions taken at the shop include plenty of hand sanitizing and checking clients' temperatures.

"Customers are happy to come back,"

she said. "Today we served four people."

The mall announced earlier in the week it would reopen for some by-appointment-only shopping and for mall walkers. Twelve Oaks is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, with mall walkers allowed in an hour earlier.

Detroit's Deanna Savine, a showroom manager for Bath Planet, was happy to return to work. She built out a spring display for the bathroom remodeling showroom in the mall right before it closed down.

"It's absolutely wonderful. We've done everything we can do to hang on during the shutdown," she said. "We love talking to people, that's our job here. It's a great place to be and it's great that it's back open."

The reopening even brought out people who don't describe themselves as mall people. One such person was Lisa Roelfs, who came in family and friends just to catch up and reconnect with society.

They hoped to scope out the food court and see if anything was serving food, just to feel like they're eating at a restaurant again.

"I usually just avoid the mall, but actually I was pretty excited," the Commerce Township resident said. "I never thought I'd say that."

Canton man accused in fatal shooting

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
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A Canton man is accused of fatally shooting an apparent stranger at a Romulus gas station about a week ago.

According to Wayne County prosecutors, Diontay Reece McMillon, 31, has been arraigned on a charge of first-degree murder. He also faces firearms and fleeing charges.

Police arrived at the gas station near Eureka and Inkster roads at 8:35 p.m. May 19 to find Brian Eugene Davis, 40, of

Romulus, lying in the parking lot with an apparent gunshot wound.

Medics declared Davis dead at the scene. He apparently was not known to McMillon or his driver.

Prosecutors said Davis approached a vehicle operated by Gerald Stefan Nelson, 50, of Ypsilanti, and McMillon pulled a weapon and shot from the passenger seat.

Nelson drove away, ran a red light and crashed into another vehicle. Romulus police then arrested the two.

Lawsuit

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Buckley's U.S. District Court complaint said his colleagues chose him as a scapegoat rather than face any blame related to Marshall's death.

"Sgt. Buckley was wrongfully terminated after a 24-year career in civil service and maliciously prosecuted by his own department in order to provide defendants a necessary scapegoat and ease public pressure after a terrible tragedy at the Westland Jail," his attorneys say in the suit. "This misconduct was undertaken with malice, willfulness, and reckless indifference to Sgt. Buckley's rights."

"After Mr. Marshall's death, defendants reached an agreement amongst themselves to frame Sgt. Buckley for the death, to thereby deprive Sgt. Buckley of his constitutional rights."

Mayor Bill Wild declined to comment, citing city policy not to comment on pending or ongoing litigation.

Jedrusik said the Michigan State Police and Wayne Prosecutor's Office conducted an independent investigation after William Marshall, 35, died because of cocaine toxicity while in custody.

Marshall was arrested the morning of Dec. 10, 2017, on driving violation and drug possession charges. He complained of a possible medical problem and went into convulsions at the jail. He was eventually taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

His death prompted protests. Critics said Marshall's death was preventable and he did not receive the proper care.

The city settled a lawsuit with Marshall's estate for \$3.75 million in May 2018 and Buckley was terminated that October.

"The Westland Police Department conducted a separate internal investigation," Jedrusik said in an email responding to the lawsuit. "That investigation showed that Ron Buckley violated Westland Police Department policies and procedures."

"As a result of the Department's internal investigation, Ron Buckley's employment with the City of Westland Police Department was terminated."

Buckley's legal demands include a jury trial and compensation for his "medical expenses, loss of earnings, mental anguish, anxiety, humiliation and embarrassment."

The lawsuit says the former Westland police sergeant applied and inter-

viewed for at least 17 law enforcement and security positions. Despite being cleared of manslaughter and misconduct charges, he said he cannot find new employment in his chosen field.

Buckley's complaint detailed several disabilities including a work-related injury and a bout with cancer, which he claimed the defendants knew about. He was scheduled to undergo cervical fusion surgery early in December 2017 but apparently was denied time off work.

Buckley apparently was working a two-man shift alone the day Marshall was brought to the jail.

Officers James Compton and Derek Gomez made the arrest.

According to the complaint: "During the traffic stop, or immediately prior, Mr. Marshall swallowed a small plastic baggie of cocaine. Officers Compton and Gomez recovered some of the cocaine from Mr. Marshall's lips/mouth and placed it in an evidence bag."

City policy, the attorneys argue, demands that the officers contact EMTs or take arrestees to the hospital when arrestees seem in danger of an overdose. At the jail, the officers told others that Marshall may have ingested cocaine. But the suit contends they left Buckley unaware.

EMTs Matthew Dicosola and Leah Maynard arrived after jail staff entered Marshall's cell and saw him apparently convulsing at 7:52 a.m., nearly 90 minutes into his jail entry.

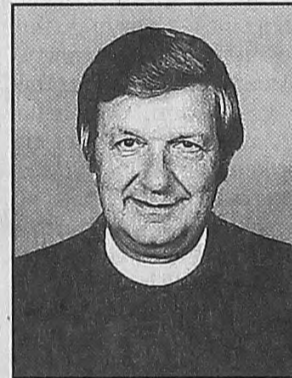
The lawsuit contends Marshall told paramedics he was having a seizure, but not that he had ingested cocaine, but the EMTs did not take his vitals. Dicosola told Buckley that he could take Marshall to the hospital, "but reiterated that Mr. Marshall was not having a seizure," according to the complaint.

Paramedics were called back to the jail because Marshall was unresponsive and did not have a pulse during a 9:29 a.m. check. An officer used a defibrillator on Marshall and started performing chest compressions. He was then transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Dicosola, 33, pleaded guilty to a charge of recklessly placing false information on a chart and was sentenced to a year of probation.

A mistrial on a misconduct charge was declared against Maynard, 38. She's awaiting another trial.

Obituaries



Pastor William Charles Lindholm

LIVONIA - Age 88. May 9, 2020. Beloved husband to the late Patricia Lindholm for 65 years. Loving father to William Jr., Jana (Carleton) Britt and the late Jonell Lindholm. Dear Grandfather of Rachel and Lauren Britt. Brother to John Lindholm, Mike Ivey and the late Mary (Lindholm) Goeth. He is also survived by his sister in law Jean Johnson and nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Harry Will Funeral Home, 37000 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48152 on Friday, June 5, from 3 to 8 p.m. Instate at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, on Saturday, June 6, at 11 a.m. with funeral at 12 p.m. Please share a memory at www.harrywillfuneralhome.com.

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Theodore J. Potok

Ted Potok passed away peacefully in his sleep on May 19, 2020, at the age of 96. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jane (Przekotta), their 4 children Felicia (Patrick), Michelle (Eric), Tim (Andrea) and Steve, sister Virginia, nine grandchildren, and many other family and friends.

Burial and celebration of life will be determined at a later date and coordinated through Modetz Funeral home in Rochester, MI. www.modetzfuneralhomes.com Donations can be made to the Livonia St. Aidan's choir or www.FightingBlindness.org

Louise Wetstein Simpson

Louise Wetstein Simpson age 93, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Louise was born March 1, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan the daughter of Edward and Sarah Wetstein.

Louise graduated from Denison University in 1949 and worked at Harper Hospital in Detroit as head lab technician. She married Dr. John R. Simpson in 1955. Louise was a coveted member of St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham MI, where she devoted endless time, spirit and energy. She was an active member of Kappa Alpha Theta, including past president of the Birmingham alumni chapter. Louise was a devoted member of the Village Club of Bloomfield Hills, MI, including president from 1992-1994 and was current club historian. She was also an active member of P.E.O. Womans Organization, BQ, including past president.

Louise spent many of her summers since 1927 at Point Nipigon resort on the Straits of Mackinaw in northern Michigan, a place where she found peace and endless beautiful sunsets.

Louise is survived by her loving daughter and son, Mary Lou Brown and Reid Simpson. Her grandson Ian Simpson and her great-grandson Nolan Simpson. She is predeceased by her former husband John R. Simpson, her parents, Edward and Sarah Wetstein and her sisters Suse Guttormsen, Mary Trimble and Sarah Arthur.

A memorial service and related celebration of life will be announced at a later date, given the current pandemic situation.

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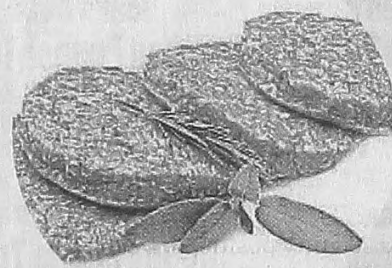
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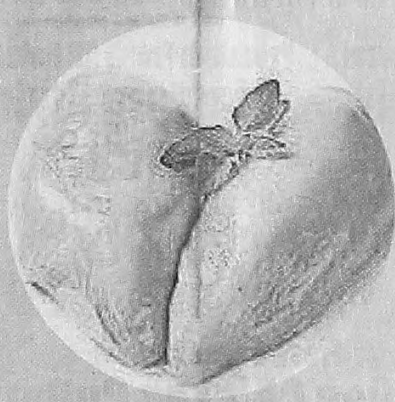
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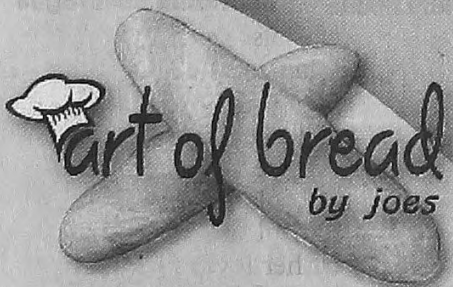
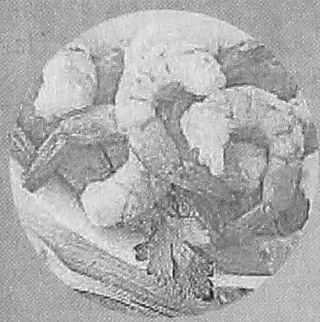
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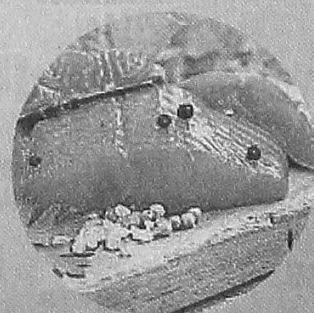


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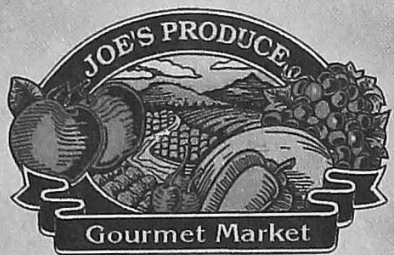
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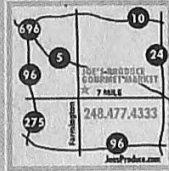
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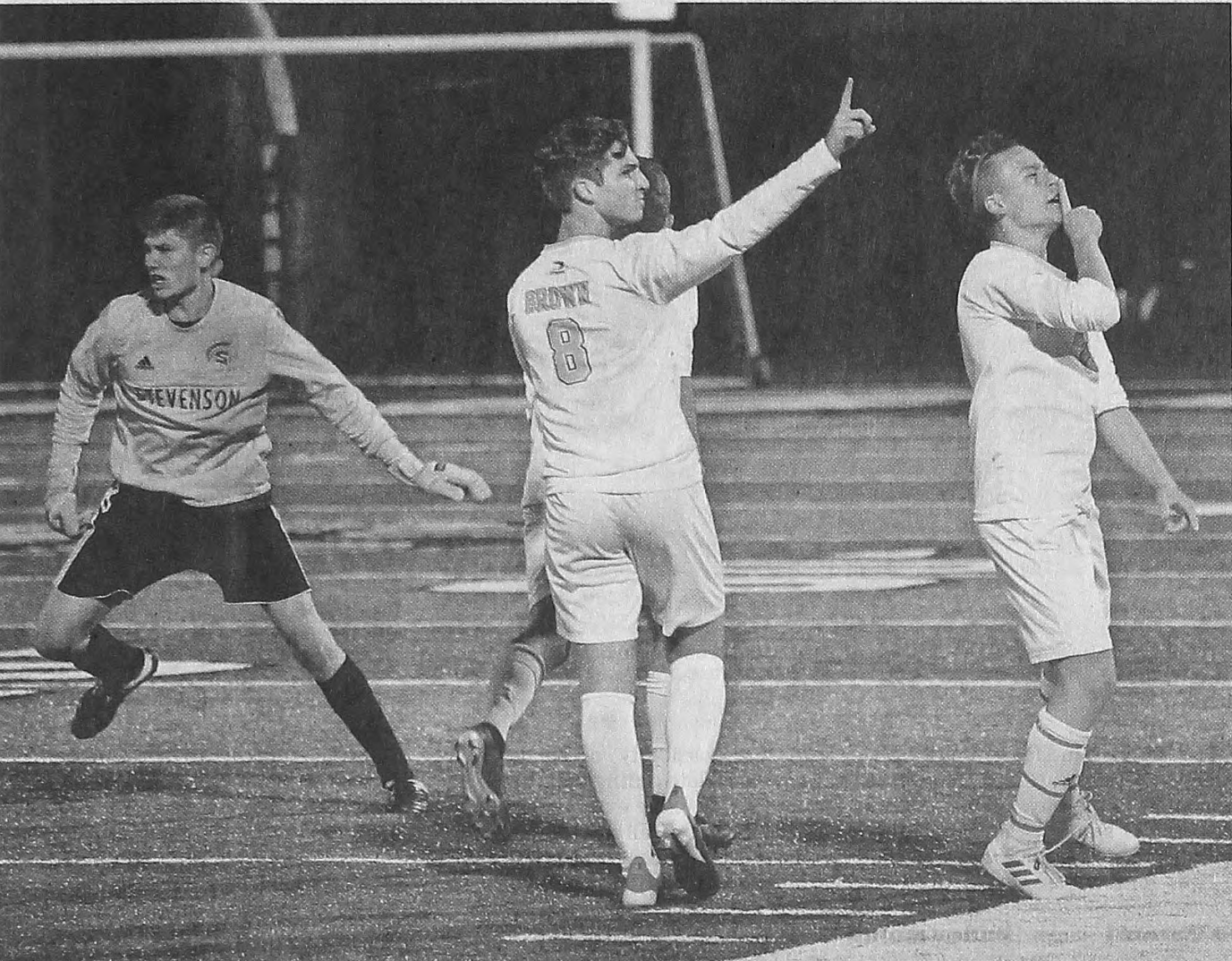
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ADs, coaches say MHSAA brings path to restart athletics

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After the suspension and the cancellation of Michigan high school sports April 3 due to the spread of the coronavirus, no one really knew when they would be back, and what they would look like.

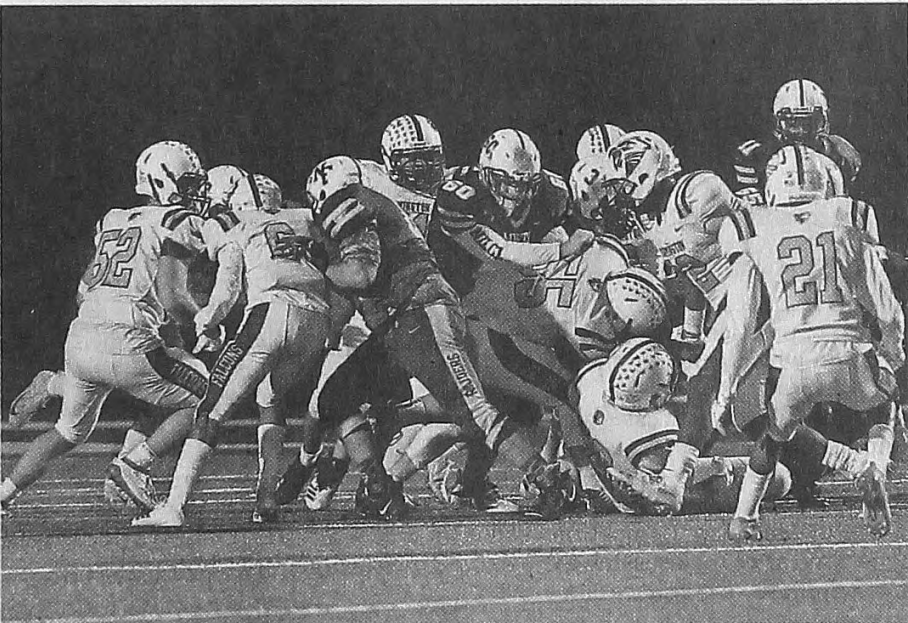
Friday, the Michigan High School Athletic Association gave member schools an idea of what a return would look like with a set of guidelines and rules that would bring athletics back safely.

Even without a distinct timetable — with executive director Mark Uyl pointing to the “Safer-at-Home” deadline of June 12 as a starting point — area coaches and athletic directors view the guidelines as a step in the right direction.

“What it means for us is, the same sense of hope we have been pushing this whole time now has some validity to it,” Detroit Catholic Central athletic director Aaron Babicz said.

The MHSAA, along with the National Federation of State High School Association, has released a three-step process to return to full athletic participation, taking actions in areas such as screen-

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The Raiders and Falcons meet at the scrimmage line.

“You are sitting on the couch for six weeks going, ‘This isn’t going to happen,’ and suddenly it happens. ... So stay ready I think has been a major message to all the kids.”

Ken Shingledecker Stevenson soccer head coach

Churchill football sees bright future after juniors’ college offers

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The 2019 football season was one that featured a lot of growth for the Livonia Churchill Chargers.

After starting the season with a 1-4 record with one of, if not the toughest schedule in the state (losses to Brighton, Belleville, Fordson and Franklin), the Chargers roared back and finished the regular season 5-4 and clinched a playoff berth. They continued their winning streak all the way to regionals, where they lost a close game to Walled Lake Western.

The 7-5 finish and six-game winning streak showed that the future is bright for the program, which returns a vast majority of its starters on both sides of the ball — including quarterback Gavin Brooks, who enjoyed a breakout junior season.

Livonia Franklin has been the dominate team in the city in recent seasons, earning a one-point triple overtime victory over Churchill last year, but Brooks is confident Churchill will take the top spot in Livonia this fall.

“Last year we were super young and we’re bringing back a ton of starters on both sides of the ball this year,” Brooks said. “It’s looking very bright for us this year and next year also with the amount of talent we have in these two classes.”

Brooks is one of four Churchill juniors that have already received college scholarship offers after a busy spring of recruiting. By the end of football season, that number will likely grow from four. Here are updates on each of those players who currently have offers:


Brooks earns seven offers

Brooks saw his recruitment pick up in the beginning of April, with offers rolling in from there throughout May. He now has seven offers from: Lawrence Tech, Ave Maria (Florida), Valparaiso, Trine, Olivet, Dordt (Iowa) and Kalamazoo.

“I’ve been dreaming of playing college football my whole life,” Brooks said. “I’ve been working my entire life to accomplish that goal and to be able to have that dream be able to come true really meant a lot to me.”

Last season, he threw for 1,855 yards and 19 touchdowns with just three interceptions. He also rushed for 363 yards and five scores. In 2020, he wants to improve his ability as a runner.

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MHSAA sets guidelines for return of sports

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The Michigan High School Athletic Association released updated timelines and recommendations Friday to guide the return of high school sports after it suspended the remainder of the sports year on April 3.

According to a release sent by the MHSAA, there will be no use or any organized on-site athletic activities at schools until the "Safer-at-Home" order is lifted by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. The order currently runs until June 12.

The MHSAA teamed up with the National Federation of State High School Associations' Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to come up with a three-step process to returning to full athletic participation, taking actions in five major areas: pre-workout/contest screening of athletes and coaches for sickness, limitations of the number of participants who may be involved in a gathering, proper cleaning for facilities and the use of equipment during activity and best practices for keeping participants safely hydrated.

Also, the plan designates sports into different categories based on risk for transmitting the coronavirus with adjusted steps based on the level of risk.

According to the guidelines, wrestling, football, boys lacrosse and girls competitive cheer are listed as having higher risk. Basketball, soccer and volleyball are listed as examples of moderate risks, while golf and cross country are lower risk.

"The MHSAA and its Representative Council believe restarting school sports is essential to the physical and mental well-being of students, and the guidelines outlined for schools today provide the 'How' for schools to return to athletics when they've received the go-ahead from state and county health officials," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said in a statement. "We are thankful for our state government, state education and health departments, our medical partners and the NFHS for their guidance these last few months, and we will continue to follow and pass on their recommendations as we prepare our schools to bring back this part of student life that's been sorely missed."

As for social distancing, individuals are grouped into tiers from essential to non-essential in terms of who is allowed at an event. Athletes, coaches, officials and other event staff are in the first tier, media is in the second tier, and spectators and vendors coming in the third tier.

School district administrators will be the ones to determine which steps in the MHSAA/NFHS plan their schools are operating under based on the number of people allowed to gather by state medical rules and regulations.



Churchill's girls basketball team circles up after its three-set loss to Ann Arbor Skyline in the state quarterfinal.

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The guidelines state the MHSAA will also prepare for periodic school closers

and the possibility of teams being forced to isolate during their respective seasons, due to the expecting recurrent outbreaks in the fall and winter.

With this, teams are expected to schedule contests that require less travel when possible.

Until the executive order is lifted, the only activity allowed by the MHSAA is individual outdoor activities like walking and running in groups of 10 or fewer people with social distancing involved. The activity cannot involve coaches, be school sponsored or be at any school facility until at least June 13.

"The concept is that students can continue to individually condition themselves (by walking, hiking, running), but there should be no organized,

group activity by any person until at least June 13. We must all continue do our part to flatten the curve in hopes of increased activity over the coming weeks," Uyl said. "Again, it is important to note that this document addresses 'How' schools can return to activity; the decision on 'When' schools can return to activity will be done under the direction of state government and health department officials. As government actions impact this timeline, the MHSAA will continue to update all involved."

Here is a link to the full document.

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ing athletes and coaches at practices and games for sickness and proper cleaning of equipment used.

Babicz said this is something the Shamrocks have been planning for, with him talking to fellow athletic directors around the country, getting safety measures and plans in place to best protect students and families when the process starts.

Despite purchasing cleaning equipment and setting contingency plans in place, Babicz said he really does not know when this plan will be put into motion, citing some key dates, such as the deadline for the "Safer-at-Home" order and the MHSAA's next meeting on June 15.

"As we get closer to those and get through those, I think we will have a clearer idea," Babicz said. "But do I think we can return to activity with fall sports? Yes. Do I think they will look the same? No, but I think with the proper regulations and paper trails and things like that to keep everyone safe, I think we can get back to that sense of normalcy."

While the MHSAA has started the process, Livonia Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye believes there is a lot more information that is needed that is not provided.

"Certainly going into this thing, we knew there would be a lot more prep going into practice and after practice," Hammye said. "But still, so many things remain vague: What are we going to do about spectators? When will we be able to start?"

"There are still more questions than answers in the document."

Higher risk means longer path

For North Farmington head football coach Jon Herstein, the plan given is what he expected it to be.

The MHSAA separated each of the high school athletics into three categories: lower, moderate and higher risk. The start of practices and competitions depend on which category the sport is in.

For football, the process still seems daunting. Higher risk practices, also including boys lacrosse and wrestling, may only begin in Step 3 of the association's three-step plan. Competition can only resume after "reassessing the epidemiology data, experiences in other states and government or health department directives."

Herstein has been realistic, saying that he does understand it will take time to get back to where the sport was before the pandemic.

"We don't want to see anybody get sick, from our players to the coaches to family members," Herstein said. "We want to make sure we are doing this the right way."

Herstein is focused on making preparations for a safe return, looking into team masks, and utilizing space to enforce proper social distancing measures during weight and physical training. The program has also purchased sanitizers and soaps to clean equipment after use.

However, his main focus during the time of uncertainty has been on the state of his players mentally, making sure each one is contacted and heard during the pandemic.

"This is an obstacle that we are all facing," Herstein said. "We can come together and come out of this even stronger, even more together, and we can take the opportunity to grow in different ways than we might have been growing



Detroit Catholic Central head coach Dan Anderson addresses his team after they defeated Brother Rice 7-3 on Sept. 29. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

when we were together."

A sense of hope

Stevenson soccer head coach Ken Shingledecker said he is more in a "wait and see" mentality, waiting for direction from Livonia Public Schools as to what to do based on the information given by the MHSAA.

According to Hammye, the district is putting together committees for discussion of every aspect of the start of high school athletics, including after school activities, such as athletics.

However, Shingledecker said, the release does provide a level of progress.

"I think today was an important day to get these guidelines out there so that everyone can start to head down the right path," Shingledecker said.

Right now, he is focused on preaching

to his players to "Stay ready," to do what they can to better prepare themselves for what could happen.

"If it does come back online, we want to make sure we are not behind the curve," Shingledecker said. "You are sitting on the couch for six weeks going, 'This isn't going to happen,' and suddenly it happens and you're not ready. So stay ready I think has been a major message to all the kids."

To coaches and athletic directors, this release showing the "how," even if it may not say the "when," is a message to their kids that says there is a level of hope for a return.

To them, these guidelines make high school athletics more tangible.

"If I'm a kid and I know that document came out, and I know there is going to be stuff all over the place, I'm so excited," Babicz said.

Salem baseball sends 3 seniors to college level

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Salem High School's baseball team entered this spring heavy on experience with a whopping 10 seniors, all ready to lead the Rocks to a successful season.

Unfortunately, just like the rest of the state's seniors, they already played their final games in a high school uniform. Three of those seniors, however, signed to continue playing baseball in college.

Leading the way is catcher Tyler Overaitis, who will attend Western Michigan.

Overaitis was a two-year captain of the baseball team and moved to catcher as a sophomore. The coaching staff thought he'd have a better chance at playing in college by switching from shortstop to catcher.

"Tyler is just a great leader," Salem baseball coach John Wright said. "That's why as a junior we made him a captain. He puts the work in. He's not afraid to tell somebody on the team when they're not doing what they should do on or off the field. He's a really good kid."

He is the school's third player to play Division 1 baseball in Wright's six years as coach.

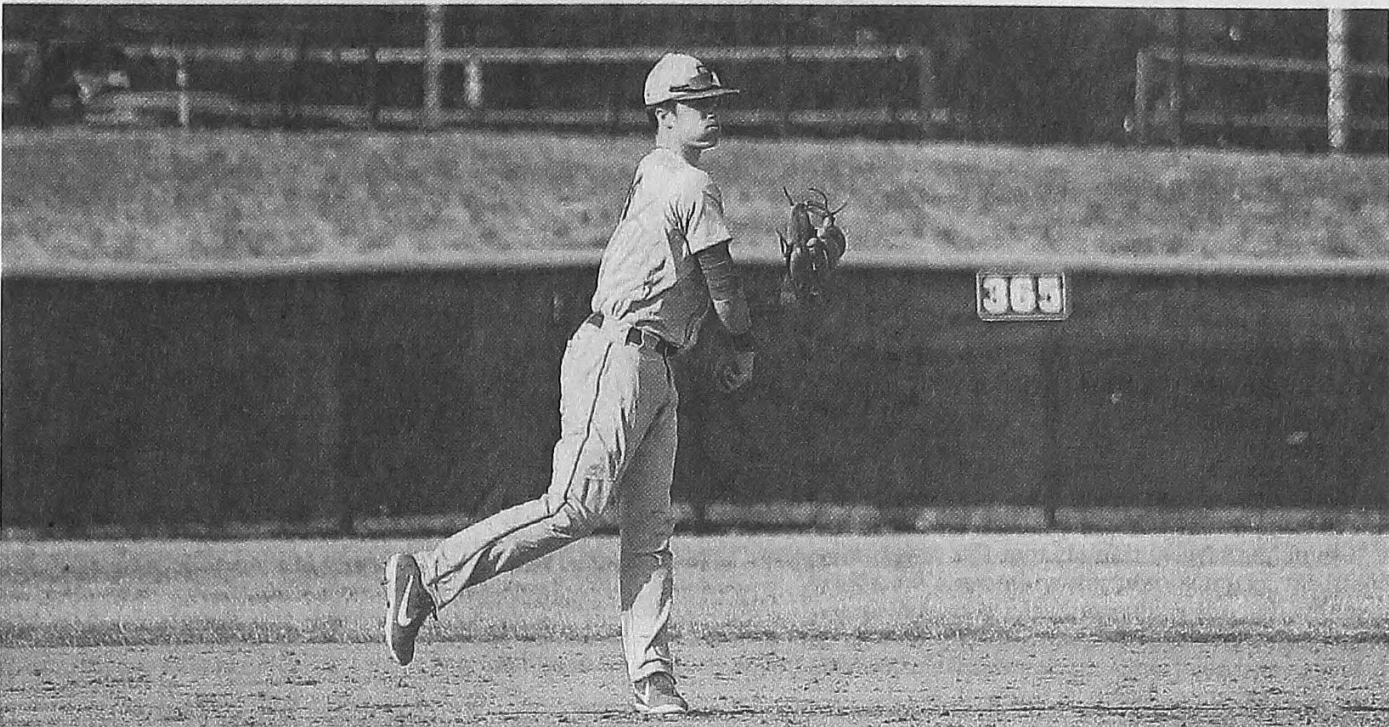
Pitcher Jacob Nastally is headed to Lourdes University in Ohio after his continued development in the Rocks' program.

"He's going to be strong," Wright said. "I don't know where he'll end up for them because I don't know what his upside velocity wise will be, but I would say that he's going to come in and contribute right away. He throws strikes, he works hard and he's got a really good slider out pitch."

Nastally hits 82-83 mph with his fastball and shines with his off-speed pitches.

"He's a competitor, he competes," Wright said. "What we worked on over the years with him is just keeping his cool because he doesn't even like to give up a hit. It's hard to tell a kid that people are going to get hits, but he doesn't want to give up one."

The third member of the Rocks playing in college is infielder Matt Claerhout, who will play ball at Northwood.



Salem senior Matthew Claerhout is headed to Northwood to play college baseball. COURTESY OF MATTHEW CLAERHOUT



Salem's Jacob Nastally is headed to Lourdes University for baseball.

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Salem High catcher Tyler Overaitis is headed to Western Michigan.

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his ACL playing football for Salem. Overaitis tore his this past fall and would have missed a good portion of the baseball season.

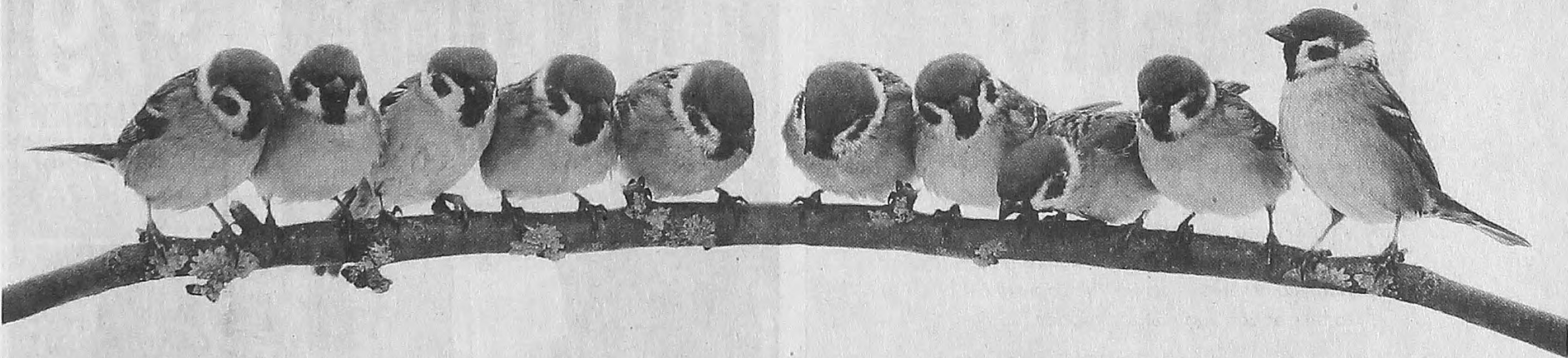
"(Overaitis) is one of the top 2-3 left-handed bats I've coached for sure at Salem, but in my career of coaching which has been about 18 years," Wright said. "I think his bat is going to play at the Division 1 level and in two years of catching he's come so far, he's going to get nothing but better."

Wright said all three players work extremely hard, which is what will separate them from their peers at the college level. He added that each player picked a school where they can be successful both on the field and in the classroom.

The 2020 senior class was Wright's third full class with the program under his leadership. The other seven seniors on this year's team were: Austin Daugherty, Sawyer Hindt, August Jostes, Connor Kelley, Owen Keyes, Matthew Kuechler and Zach Salinas.

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“A big thing for me is being more active in the run game,” Brooks said. “I have clips on my junior film that show spurts of me being able to run the ball, and I think a big emphasis this year is to show that I truly can be a dual-threat and take over the game not only in the air but on the ground too.”

In addition to the schools he has offers from, he’s been in contact with coaches at Hillsdale, Michigan Tech, Butler and Davidson. Michigan Tech, and playing in the GLIAC is highly appealing to Brooks.

He said he wants to attend a school where he can play early and that all of the schools recruiting him should provide that opportunity.

“I think my biggest thing is that I’m extremely accurate and I can do things mentally that other quarterbacks are unable to do,” Brooks said. “I can dissect coverages and see things quicker than other quarterbacks. When I throw, I usually don’t ever miss.”

Hattar overcomes injury, seeks MAC offer

2019 was a wild year for junior offensive lineman Lawrence Hattar.

The 6-foot-4, 295-pound guard played the entire season with a hairline fracture in his hip and a broken hand.

Now, he’s fully healthy and plans to show he belongs at the Division 1 FBS level.

“I just never really felt the pain,” Hattar said. “I was on crutches during the day and once practice hit I was on a time management schedule throughout the week. It just never really bothered me.”

He tried wearing a cast on his hand, but found it uncomfortable and played without it.

This spring, he’s earned offers from Urbana (Ohio), Lake Erie College, Ave Maria, Valparaiso and Davenport. He’s been talking to quite a number of schools that are excited about his future, including a number of MAC schools. Some of the interested schools include Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Kent State, Ohio, Buffalo, Grand Valley State, Saginaw Valley State, Ferris State, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech and



Livonia Churchill receiver Jordan Garcia, right, has picked up his first college offer from Olivet. COURTESY OF RM PADGET

Michigan Tech.

“Once I got my first offer, I was really excited,” Hattar said. “I was speechless. Then they just all started rolling through.”

He said Kent State and Ohio University are really impressing him at this time.

“I’m just taking it day by day and hoping more (offers) come because I’m talking to a bunch of schools, so we’ll see how it goes,” Hattar said. “I feel like I have the talent to play in the MAC.”

Education will also play a big role in his recruitment. He said he plans to study either nursing or engineering.

On the field, Hattar is looking forward to a healthy season where he can continue to show his improvement.

“I feel like I’m a big kid who is able to move better than other people, I’m stronger than most people and have a better core,” Hattar said. “I have good feet for an O-lineman.”

Targosz following football dreams over baseball

Junior Jimmy Targosz wasn’t sure if he’d ever have the chance to play football at the next level. A standout baseball player, it seemed that would be his

path forward in college athletics until a breakout season on the gridiron last fall.

“Until last year, I was a big baseball guy and really thought I was going to try to play baseball in college until I had an amazing season last year,” Targosz said. “I was so happy with how much I helped my team. It was an amazing feeling, I’ve always wanted to play football but baseball was my better sport I thought.”

The 6-foot-4, 195-pound safety already has good size, but plans to get his weight up to 210 before the season starts this year.

“I’m very big for my position,” Targosz said. “When I hit that 210, that’s like a Power Five type safety. I have some speed too, I run a 4.69 40-yard dash and I really do work hard. If I set my eyes on a prize, I need it, it’s mine.”

Targosz, who will play both ways this year, has earned offers from Urbana, Olivet, Trine, Valparaiso and Lake Erie College. He’s currently talking to several other teams as well, including Michigan Tech and Air Force.

There’s one school he is gunning for an offer from though that hasn’t come yet.

“Since I was in eight grade, I’ve always wanted to play football at Grand Valley State, so that’s what I’m trying to

work toward,” Targosz said.

He plans to use this fall to score his explosiveness both as a safety and a wide receiver and be an impact player for the Chargers defense. Last season he recorded 64 tackles, 10 pass breakups, four interceptions and one fumble recovery for a touchdown.

Targosz said he doesn’t know what he wants to study in college yet, but is hoping for a good all-around education.

“I want to go to a school that really wants me,” Targosz said. “One that works hard to try to get me into their program.”

Garcia earns first offer

Every quarterback needs a good slot receiver and that’s exactly what Brooks has in junior Jordan Garcia.

The 5-foot-10, 175-pound wideout picked up his first college offer from Olivet this spring.

“Honestly I was starstruck,” Garcia said. “I was in bed doing my homework when I got a text from the coach. I immediately ran to my mom because we pray every night and send out so many emails, it was a surreal moment.”

Garcia said he’s talking to a few other schools as well and is excited for what the fall can bring.

“Probably the most important thing for me is where I’d have to pay the least amount of money and what is the best fit,” Garcia said. “I don’t want to go somewhere and just sit and be on the roster. I want to play and show what I can do on the field. Also the education, because at the end of the day I need to graduate so I can have a successful career.”

Garcia said his strengths are his hands and speed and is someone that can be counted on to pick up first downs. He’s focused on his improvement and surrounding himself with others that are doing things the right way. His goal is to reach 185 pounds before the season begins.

Just last week, Garcia was running routes with Brooks optimistically preparing for the start of football.

“It’s great to be a part of a team that wants the same things as you,” Garcia said. “Obviously our goal is to win it all.”

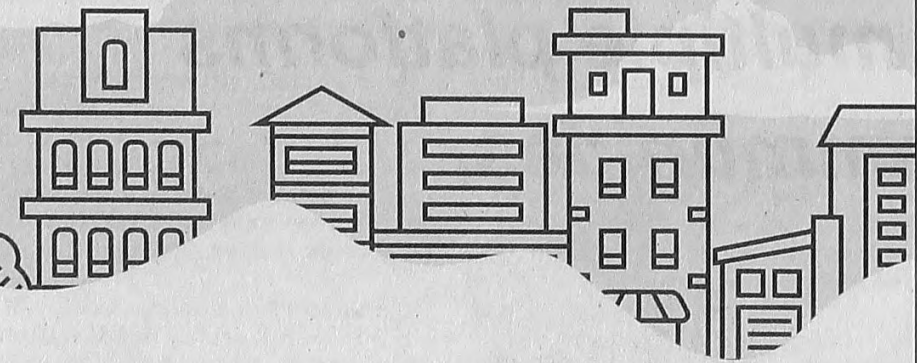
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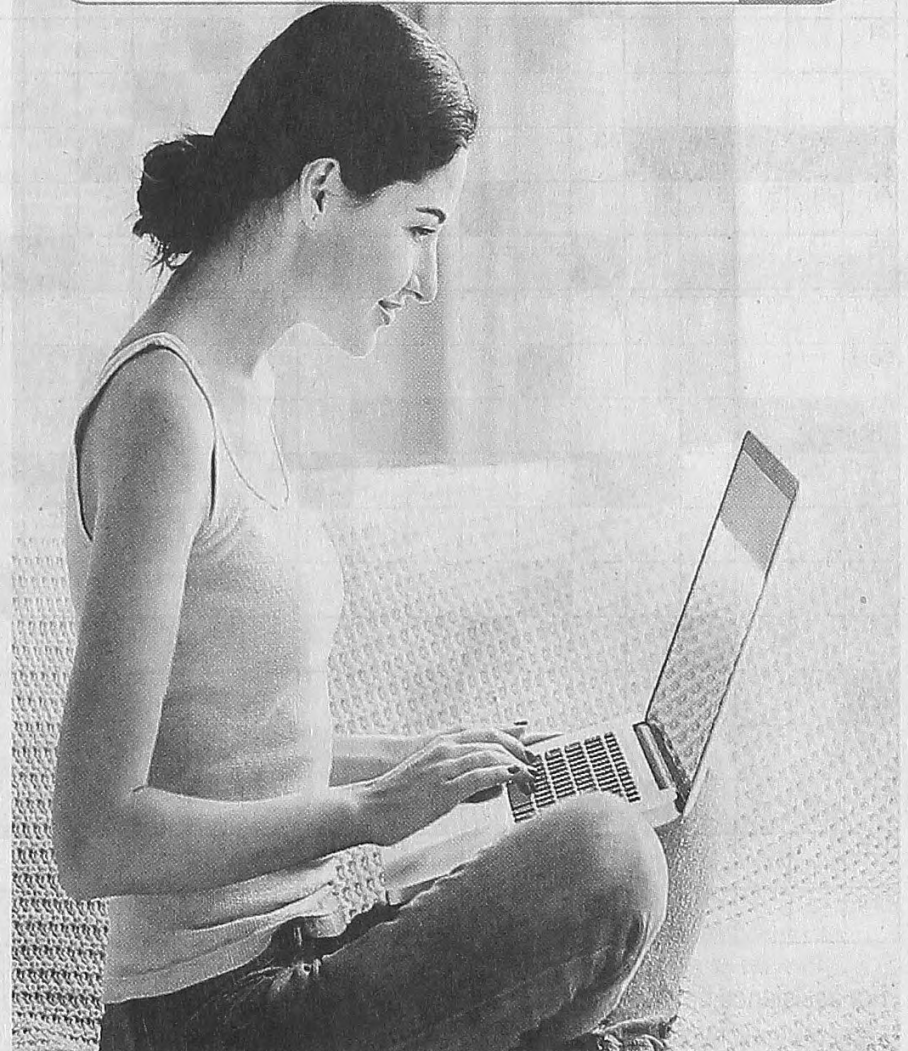
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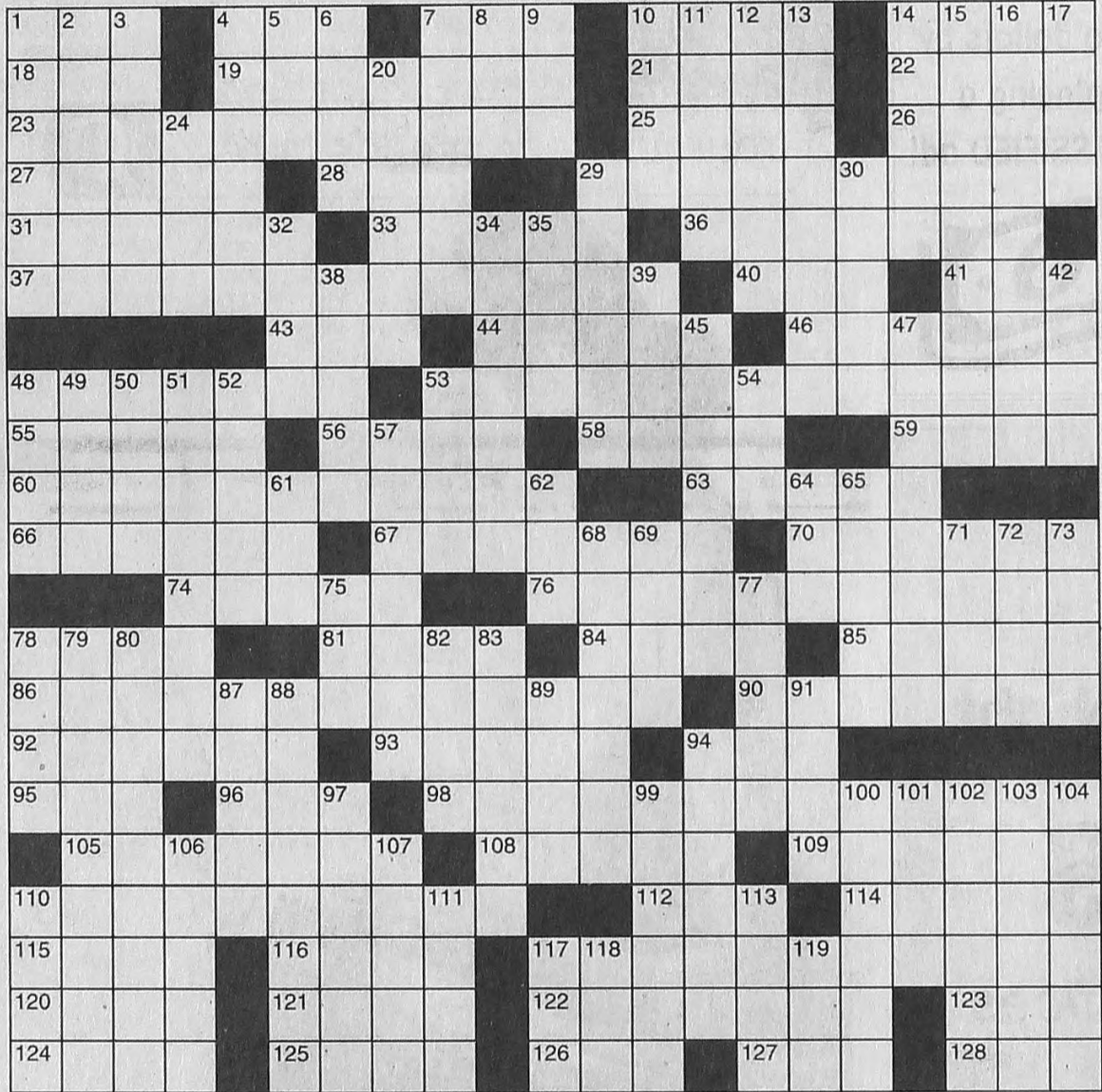
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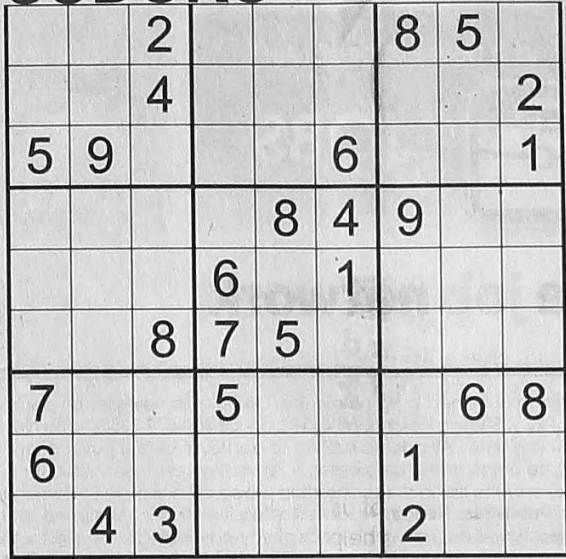
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- 1 Broadway's "Dear Evan —"
2 Debi Mazar's "Entourage" role
3 Beast breakers
4 Go back (on)
5 N. Afr. country
6 Surfer's ride
7 Attack verbally
8 "No fooling!"
9 Mag VIPs
10 Shout at sea
11 Breed of herding dog
12 Set up tents
13 Totally enclosed
14 Lion in "Narnia" tales
15 "Speaking," for a woman on the phone
16 Redpack container
17 GI on the run
20 "Do not —" (Monopoly directive)
24 Non-PC computer
29 Reckless
30 U.S.-Can.-Mex. pact
32 "Only Time" singer
34 Dawdles
35 Pant leg part
38 Singer Terrell
39 Fill totally
42 U2, for one
45 Medusa's killer
47 ABA member
48 Hr. fractions
49 Biology subj.
50 Vena —
51 Tony winners, e.g.
52 Probe (into)
53 Fitness sites
54 Stephen of "The Heavy"
57 Foodstuff
61 Griffey of baseball
62 Operated
64 Kin of "Inc."
65 "There it is!"
68 Best Picture of 1988
69 Cry of woe
71 Big heads
72 Nevada city
73 City in 5-Down
75 Not Rep. or Dem.
77 Clean a spill
78 Stately bird
79 Attack verbally
80 Not trued up
82 Violinist Hilary
83 Paragons
87 U.S. humane org.
88 TV ratings system
89 "— la Douce"
91 Old Italian coins
94 Climb, as a tree or rope (aqua fortis)
99 Seer's cards
100 Circular gaskets
101 — Raton
102 Likely (to)
103 Parrot, often
104 Guy's stylish carrier
106 As a friend, in France
107 Kind of bar
110 Sandbox toy
111 Coup d'—
113 Not "fer"
117 Operative
118 Crusty treat
119 Brian of rock



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SUDOKU



Difficulty Level ★★

Here's How It Works:

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

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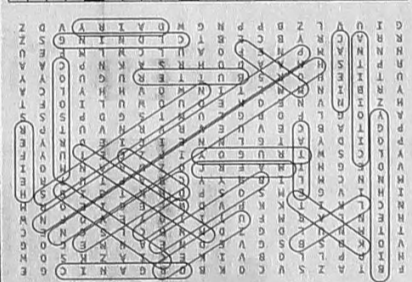
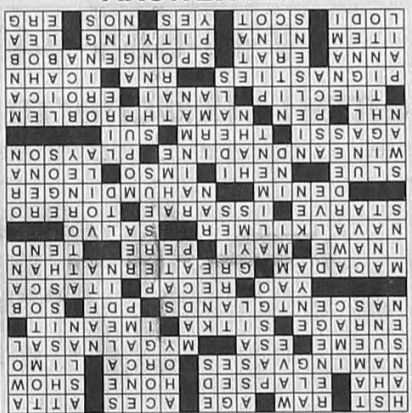
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- ANTIBIOTIC
BIOTECHNOLOGY
BOVINE
BULL
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CALVES
CASEIN
CATTLE
CHEESE
CLONING
COLOSTRUM
COW
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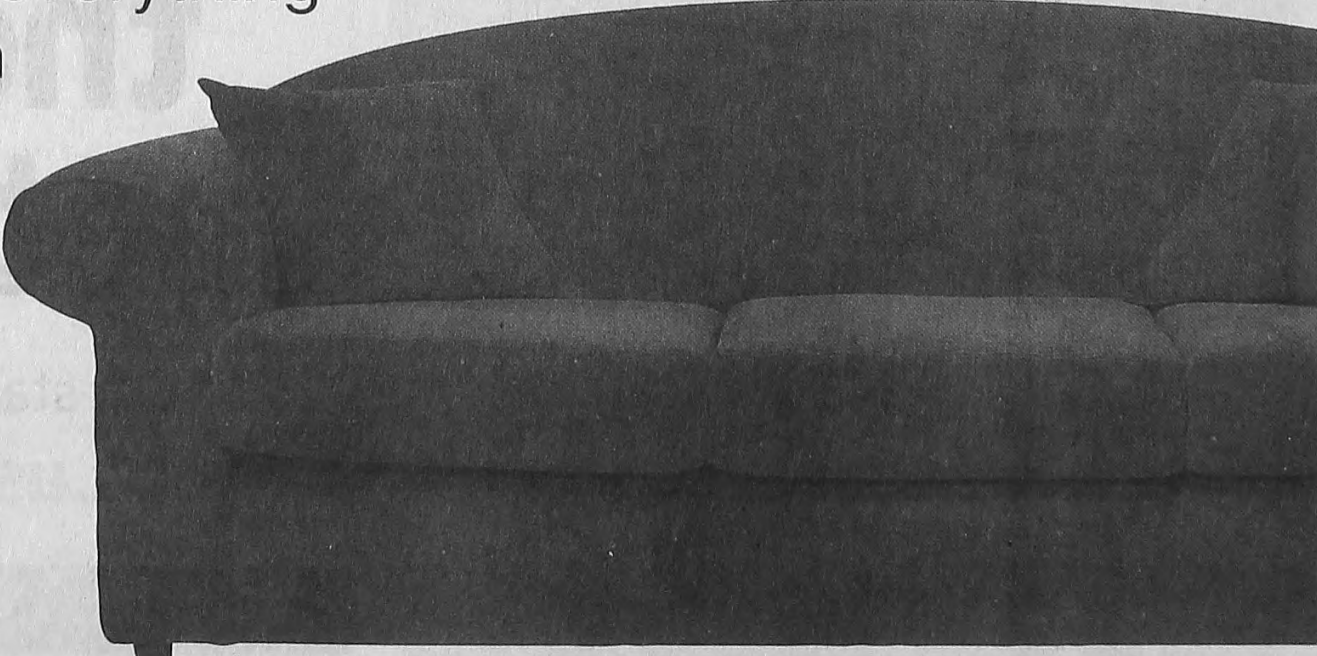
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3	2	9	6	5	7	8	1	4
4	8	5	1	3	9	6	7	2
7	1	6	4	8	2	9	5	3
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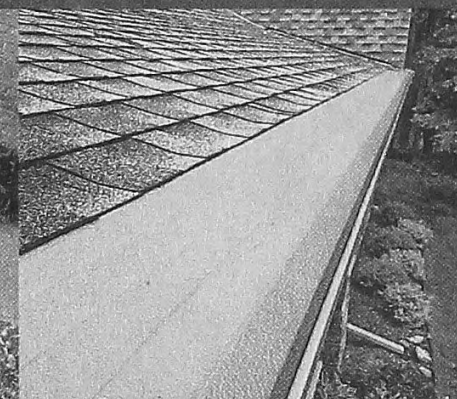
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Fresh Food Market

- 1 pound ribeye or sirloin steak
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/2 tablespoon canola oil
1 cup thinly sliced red onion
1/2 cup hoisin sauce
2 tablespoons sweet Thai chili sauce
8 napa cabbage leaves
1 cup cooked brown rice, warmed
1 green onion, thinly sliced
1 cup chopped cucumber
1/2 cup matchstick-cut carrots
1. Heat large cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat. Sprinkle steak with salt and pepper. Add oil to skillet. Cook steak 6 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 135° for medium-rare. Turning once, transfer to cutting board. Loosely cover with aluminum foil, let stand 10 minutes. Internal temperature will rise to 145° upon standing.
2. Add red onion to same skillet with chili sauce. Cook 3 minutes, stirring frequently. In small bowl, stir hoisin sauce, chili sauce and 2 1/2 tablespoons water.
3. Thinly slice steak across the grain. Evenly top cabbage leaves with rice, steak, red onion, green onion, cucumber and carrots. Serve with sauce.
- Approximate nutritional values per serving:
354 Calories, 11g fat (23% saturated), 67mg cholesterol,
24mg sodium, 32g carbohydrates, 19g fiber, 27g protein

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- Prep: 15 minutes • Serves: 4
- 3 tablespoons chunky plain flaked
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1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon honey
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
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1/2 cup chopped McIntosh apple
1/2 cup packed baby kale

- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red
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