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Listening Tour on cops, race going virtual

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Mayors, police and other civic leaders stood outside Westland City Hall in June, telling people they were ready to listen to those marching and protesting because police didn't care enough about Blacks and residents at large.

Those same leaders, uniting through the Conference of Western Wayne and its 18 communities, then followed through with a promise. They held their first Listening Tour in Livonia, and further realized the differing opinions on local race relations.

COVID-19 killed plans for a second Listening Tour, which was supposed to

make a stop in Inkster in August. For now, indoor gathering restrictions continue to prevent another Town Hall environment.

However, those eager to share their stories with community leaders and hear what these power figures have to say can tune their ears for a virtual Listening Tour, planned for Nov. 5 and to be

live-streamed on YouTube and linked on both Facebook and Twitter

The online tour seems likely to involve Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Romulus, Garden City, and Dearborn Heights.

Gina Wilson Steward, president of the Western Wayne County branch of

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A vulture and part of a pumpkin "ribcage" were among creations submitted in the 27th annual Crystal Pumpkin Contest at Sheehy Animal Hospital in Livonia. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PCCS delays in-person plan's start for oldest students

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools middle and high school students will remain in a 100% virtual-learning setting until at least Jan. 25.

All six board members present (trustee Leonardo Savage was absent due to health reasons) following a virtual secondary plan workshop held Monday agreed, with a few reservations, that the administration's recommendation to keep the district's secondary students in a remote model until the end of the first semester was the right one.

Superintendent Monica Merritt said one of the key drivers to keep the remote plan in place is data from the Wayne County Health Department that shows a significant uptick in COVID-19 positive cases in southeastern Michigan over the past several days.

If positive coronavirus cases continue to rise, the health department could force the district to switch to a 100% virtual learning setting for all levels, Merritt added. Plymouth-Canton elementary students returned to a four-days-a-week, half-day hybrid learning model last week.

The official vote on maintaining the current secondary virtual learning plan until Jan. 25 took place at Tuesday's in-person school board meeting at Discovery Middle School on a 6-0 vote.

The recommendation included a pledge to "provide additional in-person support at the building level for secondary students with academic and social-emotional needs throughout the remainder of the semester."

Delaying the return to in-person learning until at least Jan. 25 will give administrators much-needed time to develop a viable plan that will help ensure a safe and effective return to face-to-face instruction, the recommendation said.

Prior to this week's decision, the district distributed an online survey to staff, students and families of students to gauge their thoughts on potential return-to-school hybrid models.

Only 23% of the district's 10,589 students returned the survey, a statistic that concerned several board members. Just over half of families (52%) responded to the survey while 67% of the district's 732 staff replied.

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Livonia animal hospital staff flex creative muscles

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Even in a pandemic, some things never change.

Sheehy Animal Hospital in Livonia held its 27th annual Crystal Pumpkin

Contest. The contest, started in 1994, is for staff of the animal hospital to showcase their pumpkin decorating skills. Entries in this year's contest include Pennywise from "It," the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and a variety of critter-themed pumpkins.

"We have had people drive for nearly two hours to come see the pumpkins... it's a holiday tradition for them," Dr. Brad Davis, who has won the competition three times, said in a release.

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How to keep up with Election Day coverage

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Election day is just about here.

While most of the focus has been on the presidential race between President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden, there are important races up and down the ballot, which will

help shape the local, county, state and nation for the next several years.

For example, it's the local board of education decides if, when and how students will attend in-person classes or learn in a virtual environment.

For in-person voters, polling places open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. If you're in line by 8 p.m., you're legally

still allowed to vote.

If you're interested in voting but have yet to register, you can do so up until 8 p.m. election day, but you must do it in person at your local municipal office.

But you'll need to be eligible to vote

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Oakland County vows to boost economy

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Despite its years of stunning growth as Michigan's richest county and key job generator, Oakland County's continued success is no sure thing in the COVID-19 era, officials said.

At a fully masked news conference held in a county conference center in Waterford, officials unveiled a plan Monday to revitalize Oakland County's economy, with a road map they said could well blaze a path for all of metro Detroit and even much of the rest of Michigan.

"We're still bullish on manufacturing" but not necessarily for traditional assembly line jobs performed by workers with little training, Oakland County Executive Dave Coulter said.

Instead, manufacturing must focus on the "fourth industrial revolution, which involves rapidly advancing technologies such as artificial intelligence, autonomous vehicles, big data, and the "Internet of Things" that are changing the way people live and work," according to the county's new 30-page Strategic Action Plan.

The goal is to continue Oakland County's track record of generating 30% of Michigan's new jobs each year, and its



Oakland County Executive Dave Coulter outlined an economic revitalization plan at a press conference Monday. The goal is to continue the county's track record of generating 30% of Michigan's new jobs each year. BILL LAITNER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

role as the engine of a fifth of the entire state's economy, while positioning the county as a global leader for high-tech change.

That certainly includes autonomous transportation, "both on the ground and

in the air," Coulter said.

At the same time, the county will take fresh steps to support small businesses and the county's 22 local chambers of commerce, many of which were at risk of closing their doors, he said.

Because the chambers of commerce are in a unique category of nonprofit groups, they failed to qualify for precious state and local aid programs, said Shelley Kemp, executive director of the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce.

The county's aid will keep open chamber doors across Oakland County, giving a boost to small businesses that benefit from programs that promote "our mantra — shop local, eat local, spend local," Kemp said, with Coulter sitting nearby, nodding approval.

Two features built into the plan bear Coulter's stamp: A vigorous support of proactive diversity, and a state-leading commitment to training a workforce beyond high school.

For the latter, Coulter already was on record as seeking, by 2030, an Oakland County workforce that would have 80% of its participants possessing post-high school training accompanied by "recognized credentials" — anything from a college diploma to a barber's license to an advanced welder's certificate or union apprenticeship completion card.

"Currently, 60% of our residents have something beyond high school," Coulter said, but to compete in the global marketplace, employers want more training "and our residents deserve more."

Review options during Medicare open enrollment



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

For those of you on Medicare, this is the season (also known as open enrollment) to make decisions regarding next year's coverage. Open enrollment time allows insurers to add or change coverage related to Medicare Part D, the prescription drug program, or Medicare Part C, also known as Medicare Advantage. During Oct. 15-Dec. 7, it is important to review your coverage and make a decision for next year.

Even if you've been happy with your current plan, you should take this opportunity to look at your situation.

In beginning to re-evaluate your op-

tions, it is important to make sure that you have a list of all your current medications and the frequency with which you take them. Once you have this information, the best place to begin your re-evaluation is through medicare.gov.

In selecting the plan, the key is to focus on those medications that you take more frequently and that cost more. Another factor should be convenience. Many providers will provide delivery services where others will not.

In shopping around for a Medicare prescription drug plan, many seniors make the false assumption that what is good for one spouse is automatically good for the other; this is not the case. Therefore, in doing your Medicare search, husbands and wives need to do their research independently.

Seniors also can switch into or from a Medicare Advantage Plan. A Medicare

Advantage Plan is offered by Medicare-approved private companies and is an alternative way of getting your Medicare A and B coverage. In addition, most Medicare Advantage Plans will include a prescription drug plan as part of their coverage. Medicare Advantage Plans typically will also cover things that Medicare A and B do not cover such as vision, hearing and dental. Medicare Advantage does have some downsides.

Under the traditional Medicare, you get nationwide coverage and can go to any doctor that accepts Medicare. Medicare Advantage is more restrictive in the fact that it generally works with a network of providers within your region and thus, may require you to change your doctors. Also, in some plans it is more difficult to see a specialist.

I recognize that it is not easy to re-evaluate your Medicare coverage and it

can be very frustrating.

The bottom line is that if you want to have the best coverage for yourself, a plan that is economically affordable and convenient for you, unfortunately there is no other option than to re-evaluate your situation, and now is the time to do it.

There is time before the Dec. 7 deadline to re-evaluate your situation and to make an informed decision. However, we all know how fast time goes and therefore, you do not want to delay. Whether you do the re-evaluation yourself or hire someone to help you; the time is now.

Good luck.

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the NAACP, said any virtual tour would have the same goals of sharing experiences, questioning police and elected officials and offering ideas for solutions and change.

"It's a learning process so we just got to figure out what way is going to work best so that we can continue to keep the conversation going even though we're amidst this COVID pandemic," Steward said.

She remains upset that the early summer protests happened during the pandemic. She noted that COVID-19 probably has taken more Black lives than police officers.

"It did shine a light on the problems that are happening not just in one city or state but throughout the country," she said of the summer unrest. "It also made people of other races see firsthand the things that we as African-Americans and people of color have been talking about for years. It didn't



Western Wayne County leaders introduced a listening tour in June because of protesters calling for police reforms. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

just start in 2020."

Both Steward and Jordyn Sellek, executive director for the Conference of Western Wayne, emphasized that efforts to open the channels of communication between police and residents have happened since the protests despite the cloud of COVID-19.

"We have just hit a bump in the road with community engagement due to the COVID orders," Sellek said in an email

exchange. "Some of the (police departments) have also implemented new transparency/data tracking websites. And there is more in the works on that front for the entire region.

"Everyone has really been working together to keep the momentum going despite the inability to have in person events."

Both Livonia and Westland police departments have started to post more online race-related data regarding arrests, citations, civilian complaints and more. Livonia's information can be found at <http://livoniapd.com/pact>. Westland's data appears in a new community dashboard.

Steward said she has been talking to police chiefs. She also visited a metro Detroit dispatching center and noticed a lack of minorities taking emergency calls.

She noted that Inkster police have been through bias awareness and sensitivity training.

For information on the virtual Listening Tour, visit www.c-w-w.org/events.

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Election Day

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— a U.S. citizen and Michigan resident who is at least 18 years old and not serving a jail or prison sentence — and complete an application. Registration requires bringing paperwork with you that verifies where you live. According to the Secretary of State, eligible documents include:

- Michigan driver's license or State ID card

- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck or government check
- Other government document

Absentee ballots can still be submitted, though election officials said any completed ballots should be turned in to the local clerk's office instead of sent through the U.S. Mail to ensure it is re-

ceived in time and counted.

If you already sent your ballot in, you can track its status.

Go to michigan.gov/vote and log in: You'll need to enter some personal information but if you're registered, you should be able to access information about your ballot.

If the website doesn't say your clerk has received your ballot, give your clerk a call.

If it is Election Day and the clerk hasn't received your ballot, you can still vote in person.

If you're looking for information on candidates and millages, visit HometownLife.com, where all of our election coverage can be found for local races, as well as election coverage from across the USA TODAY Network. Election results will appear online as they become available. Election results will come after this Thursday's edition of the Observer is sent to press.

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 20-04**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING ROOFTOP DINING

Approved Amendments to Sections: 78-21 Definitions; 78-102 B-2 Central Business Districts; 78-281 Special Uses; 78-297 Rooftop Dining; are Summarized Below. Complete Text Updates are available by visiting www.plymouthmi.gov.

Key differences between the current ordinance(s) and the amended ordinance(s):

- Operators are permitted to have rooftop dining and a sidewalk cafe
- Rooftop dining is only permitted within the B-2 (Central Business) Zoning district
- Rooftop dining operations are subject to a Special Land Use Permit issued by the City Commission
- The rooftop seating area must be an extension of the interior dining that exists on the same level, or a lower level or levels of the same building
- Rooftop dining hours and months of operations align with those of the Sidewalk Café Policy (April through October)
- Operators must provide 50% of the required number of parking spaces based on the square footage of the rooftop dining area
- Rooftop dining areas shall be no bigger than 50% of the gross floor area of the interior of the restaurant area

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Some Michigan teachers eligible for \$500 payout

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Teachers and school support staffers across the state are eligible for cash grants for the extra work they put in during the last school year because of the pandemic.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced that the state budget includes \$73 million to fund the grants, which are available to educators in public schools as well as nonpublic schools that are non-profit.

"Our teachers and support staff have made incredible sacrifices this year to ensure our kids can get a great education while Michigan fights the COVID-19 pandemic," Whitmer said in a statement. "They deserve all of the support we can give as we continue working around the clock to keep Michigan families safe."

Teachers who qualify for the grants are eligible for up to \$500 and support staffers, like paraprofessionals, aides and other non-instructional staff, are eligible for up to \$250.

Substitute teachers do not qualify. To qualify for the grants, the teachers or support personnel must have worked at least 75% of their time inside a K-12 school building prior to schools being closed because of the pandemic. For example, teachers in cyber schools that spent more than 25% of their time teaching online rather in a classroom would not be eligible.

The grants are an acknowledgment that teachers and other staffers did extra work transitioning to online learning, becoming fluent in new technology

and keeping education going after the schools were closed.

"Teachers and support staff have put in the extra hours and time to ensure our children receive an education during the COVID-19 pandemic," State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said in a statement. "We need to support our school employees as they continue to support our students and families during the pandemic. I thank them for all they are doing in these extraordinary times."

Security guard charged after run-in at Menards

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A security guard has been wrestling in Livonia's 16 District Court with two men claiming he assaulted them in separate instances over the summer at a local Menards store.

In one case, which was dismissed earlier this month, the 56-year-old Walled Lake man was not the one arrested.

In the other, he's facing a misdemeanor assault charge for allegedly attacking a customer who tried exiting through one of the store's Middlebelt Road entrances on Aug. 27.

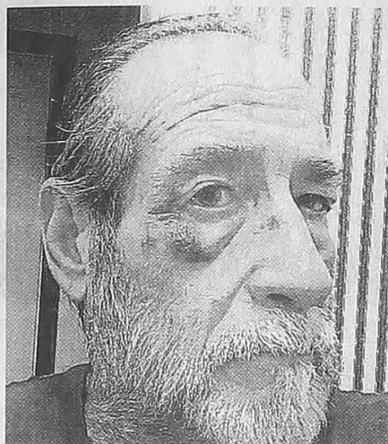
The Pinkerton security guard lost the Menards detail and his job. But two western Wayne County men say the guard needs to be checked further.

James Cullen, 69, of Livonia claims he was pushed, struck, knocked back a few feet and jumped upon when he tried to leave through an entrance.

"I've never noticed that type of aggression on the floor before," said Cullen, speaking Monday at his lawyer's office. "Let the judge decide what he wants to do. This guy needs a better looking at. Let's just put it that way."

The unnamed security guard is set for a Nov. 18 hearing involving Cullen's allegations. He did not respond to a request for comment. Hometown Life typically does not name defendants in misdemeanor cases.

His attorney Olga Yermalenka said he



James Cullen, 69, of Livonia, said he required medical care after an encounter with a Menards security guard. COURTESY OF ATTORNEYS

was the victim in an earlier misdemeanor assault case, which was dismissed against alleged assailant Steven Blake, 54, of Westland on Oct. 15.

Yermalenka is waiting to review surveillance video footage involving the security guard and Cullen. But she said her client was not the aggressor.

"He simply asked the other individual to use a different door to exit the store, and unfortunately that request was met with extreme aggression," she said in an email. "The other individual involved fled the scene and reported the

situation to the police several hours later.

"As I mentioned, we are still waiting on the video footage which, I believe, will show that (my client) is innocent of the alleged assault allegations."

Menards officials have declined to comment, saying the Livonia store employed the Pinkerton agency for security and the Walled Lake man was employed by Pinkerton at the time of the August incidents.

Pinkerton representatives confirmed that the guard lost employment with their company. They said he was dismissed from the Menards detail because he did not reflect the company's values.

"This individual will no longer provide security services on behalf of our firm and we are conducting a thorough internal investigation regarding the incident in question," a representative said by email. "We are hired to protect the health and safety of team members and shoppers in the retail environment and we take that responsibility very seriously."

Novi attorney Greg Rohl is providing legal counsel to both Cullen and Blake. He is hoping for a quick resolution.

In the police report provided by Rohl's office, Livonia police officers said Cullen walked out of Menards after the physical incident with the Menards security guard. Cullen returned to eventually speak with management and visit the police station to file a report.

He had been able to drive himself to the hospital and Rohl provided pictures of Cullen's injuries.

Police officers said in the report they reviewed security video. Cullen apparently walked up to the security guard "not in a way that appeared to be a charge or rush toward him. They both argued with each other. (An investigating officer) never observed Cullen lurch toward (him) in a fast manner that would typically be construed as a perceived assault."

Cullen said he was wearing an appropriate mask during the incident. That's unlike Blake, who had a confrontation with the guard because he wasn't wearing a mask upon trying to enter Menards..

Blake said the security guard confronted him Aug. 3 "kind of like a drill sergeant" and then physically attacked him and left him with a broken leg.

"He never punched me with his fist," Blake said. "At one point, he did strike me twice on the right side of my neck with his forearm when my back was to him. I turned my back to him and he kept going."

Blake said prosecutors dropped their case against him and video footage helped clear him of the misdemeanor charge.

Blake said he has a qualified medical reason for not wearing a mask in public.

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St. Joseph Mercy Health raises minimum wage to \$15

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More than 2,100 people working for Mercy Health and St. Joseph Mercy Health System are about to get a little more money in their pockets.

The two systems, both part of Trinity Health, announced they would raise all minimum wage jobs to \$15 an hour effective immediately in thanks of employee dedication. St. Joseph Mercy Health has locations in Livonia and Canton — St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center.

Affected jobs include non-union environmental services, medical assistants, patient companions, food and retail services, as well as transporters.

"Our dedicated and compassionate employees are at the heart of what

makes our health ministry remarkable," said Rob Casalou, the president and CEO of Trinity Health Michigan. "As we continue to face the COVID pandemic and work together to address economic challenges, we want to recognize our employees whose commitment and talent have enabled us to care for our communities during this challenging time."

The companies also announced employees already making between \$15 and \$19 hourly will see their pay adjusted to reflect the minimum wage hike. These raises will not impact the companies' annual wage increases.

Furthermore, all employees at both health systems will not see raised premiums for health care plans in 2021.

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A sign noting that "heroes work here" is displayed on the lawn at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in April. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Meet Westland's new K-9 pups

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Westland Police Department has been saying goodbye to retiring K-9s Hemi and Narco and hello to their canine replacements Odin and Rio.

City Council approved spending \$25,200 earlier this month for two German shepherds, essential equipment, training and certifications.

"K9s Hemi and Narco served the City of Westland well," Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said in a statement. "We are now ready to move into the next generation of Police K9 Service."

Officers Andrew Teschendorf and Derek Trospier will serve as the police pups' new K-9 handlers.

The K-9 teams are now engrossed in training.

Donations and drug forfeiture funds help sponsor the police department's K-9 program.



Westland K-9s Rio, left, and Odin. COURTESY OF WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Canton police investigating pedestrian's death

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Canton Township police are investigating a fatal pedestrian crash that happened Sunday morning near Michigan Avenue and Schooner Drive.

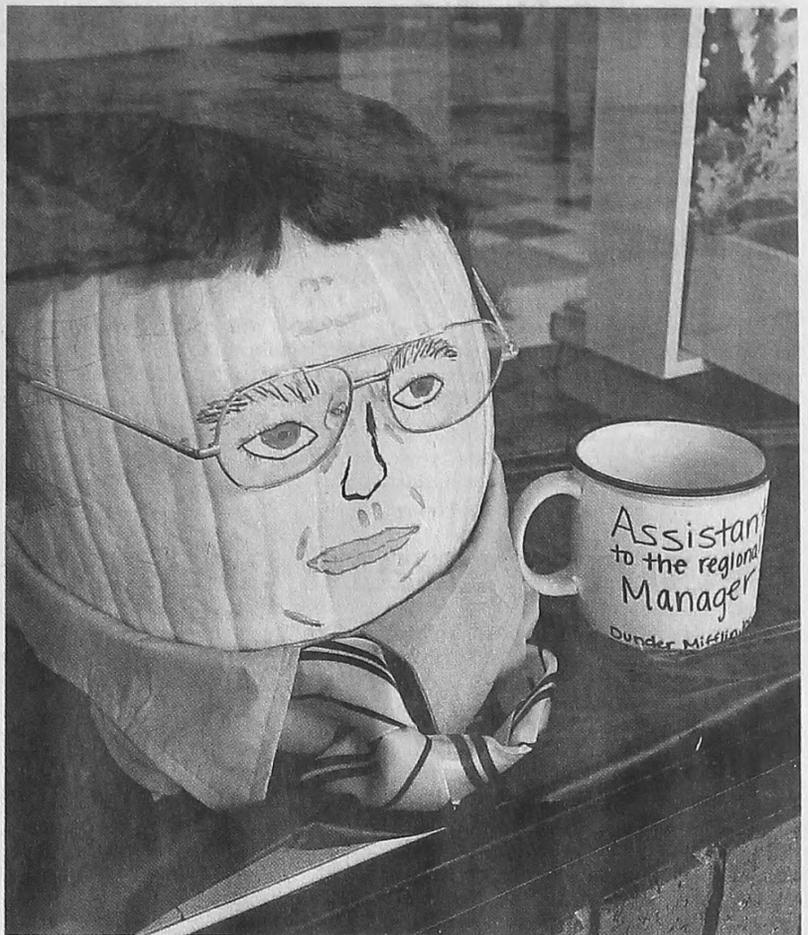
They said in a report an unidentified male was crossing Michigan Avenue's eastbound lanes, when he was struck by a vehicle at about 7:15 a.m.

The driver stopped to cooperate. The pedestrian was transported in critical condition to an Ypsilanti hospital, where he later died from his injuries.

The driver apparently was not speeding, drinking or committing distracted driving when the crash happened, police said

The crash remains under investigation.

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The pumpkin creations from staff at Sheehy Animal Hospital in Livonia varied from the fantastic to pop culture references. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

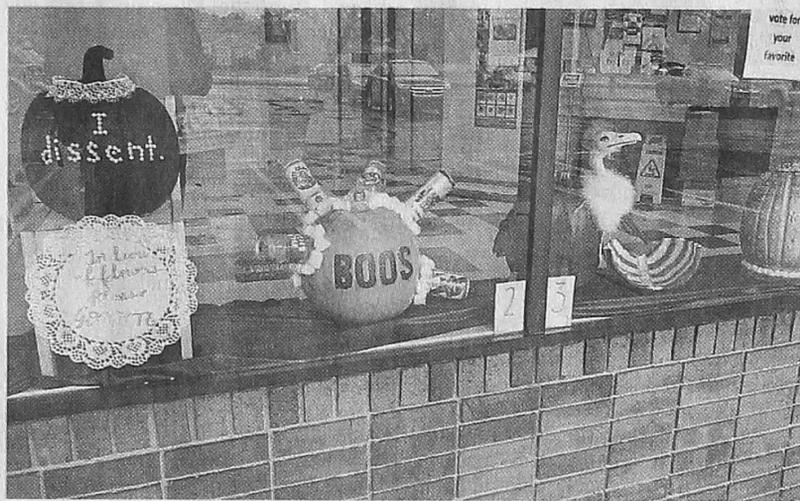
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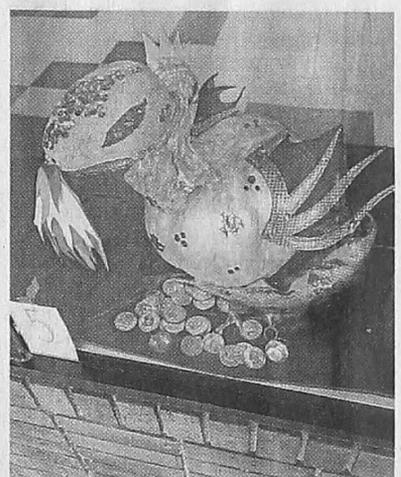
Clients and visitors could view all 18 entries from outside the building, located at 18790 Middlebelt Road, and vote for their favorite pumpkin via a drop box through the end of the day on Halloween, where the staff member with the most votes would receive a gift card and their name on the coveted Crystal Pumpkin trophy.

"It's always fun to see what everybody makes every year," receptionist Denise Toney said in a release. "I've won four times over the years, but really it's all about having fun."

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The animal hospital staff's creations are on display in the front window.



One creation was a pumpkin-squash combination dragon Jack-o-lantern.

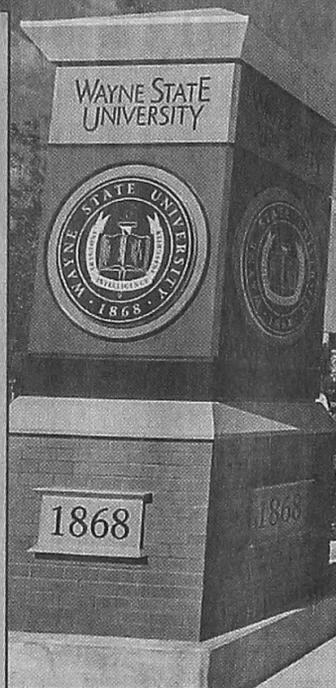
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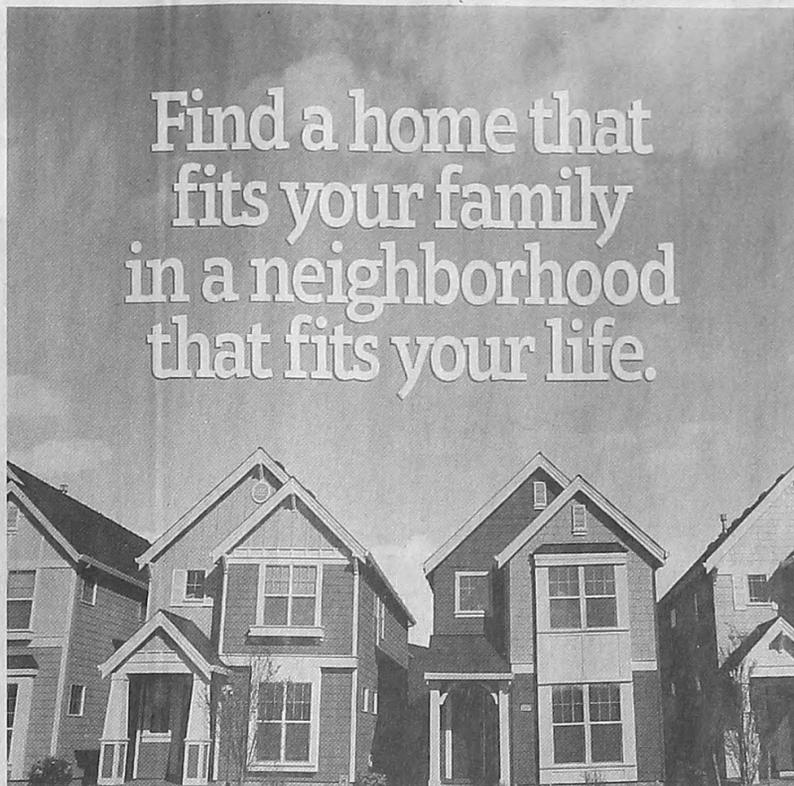
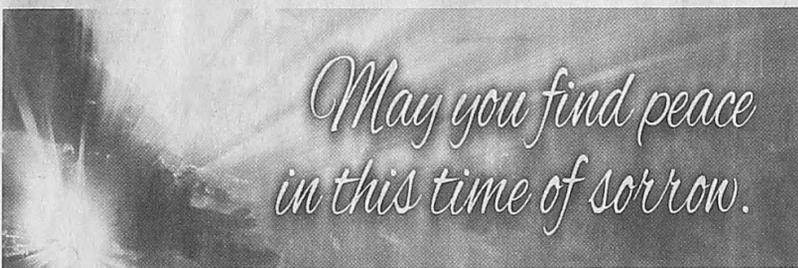
Obituaries

Charlotte Gaffield

Charlotte Gaffield, age 99, a long-time resident of Plymouth, MI, passed away peacefully on October 19, 2020 at Porter Hills Village in Grand Rapids, MI. Charlotte is preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, John Gaffield, a long-time photographer in Plymouth. Charlotte moved to the Grand Rapids area in 2008 after his passing two years earlier. Charlotte is survived by her children, Christopher (Mary) Gaffield of Ada, MI, Craig Gaffield of Washington, MI, Carol (Philip) Oppenheim of West Bloomfield, MI; her grandchildren, Kimberly (Timothy) Klaes of Lowell, MI, Ben Gaffield of Fort Worth, TX, Zachary (Jessi) Oppenheim of St. Petersburg, FL, Ariel Oppenheim of Royal Oak, MI; her great-grandchildren, Kallan Klaes, Camden Klaes, Eli Oppenheim; first cousins, Eleanor Connell, Carl (Isabelle) Schultz, Betty Ricketts; and many dear cousins and friends. Charlotte was born in Manistee and was raised in Detroit. After graduating from Mackenzie High School, she worked as a private secretary to the branch manager of Paramount Pictures. She married Lt. John Gaffield in 1943, and after his Army Air Force service in Burma, they moved to Plymouth, where they raised their family, and were partners in establishing and operating a successful photographic studio (Gaffield Studio) for over 47 years. Charlotte was a devoted mother and an active member in many Plymouth community service groups, including Plymouth Symphony, Women's Club, Theatre Guild, Study Group, Rotary Anns, PTA, and Friends of Miller Woods. She had a strong interest in nature, drawing pleasure and inspiration from all its aspects. Her favorite hobbies included reading, nature walks, flower gardening, bird watching, and fashioning vine wreaths and bouquet arrangements from dried vines, weeds and flowers she would gather while walking in her woods. Due to the pandemic, a celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to one of her favorite charities, including the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy of Michigan, or the Educational Excellence Foundation (based in Plymouth, MI), with your contribution designated for "Miller Woods Fund" or "Gaffield Photography Endowed Fund".



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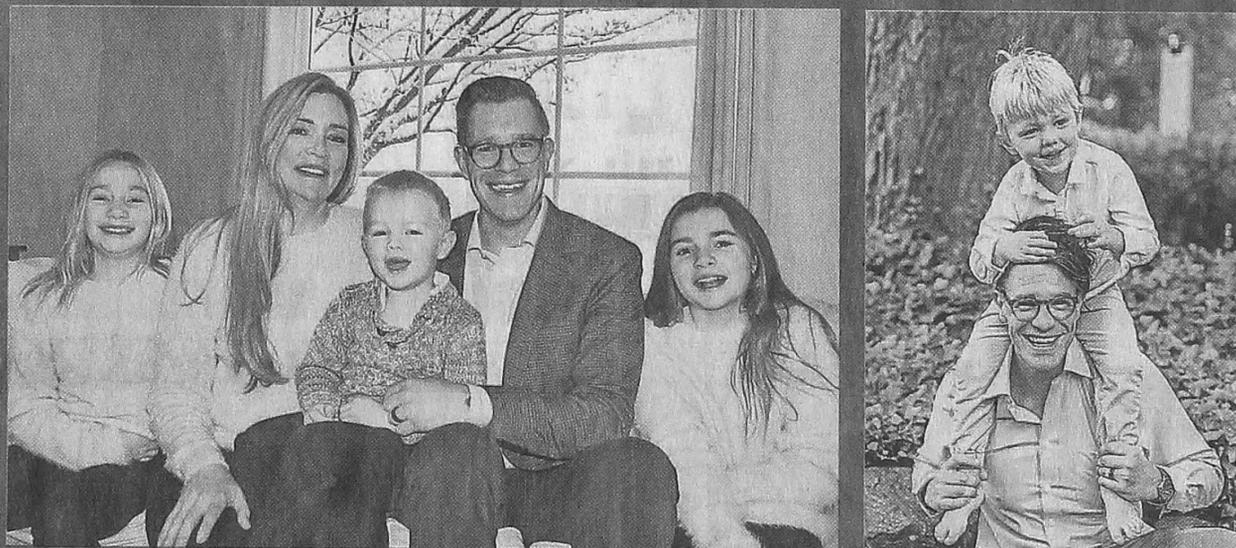
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SPORTS

MHSAA announces normal start to winter season

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The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced the 2020-21 winter sports season will begin on time, as the Representative Council approved guidelines teams must follow during the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services requirements, face coverings must be worn by athletes practicing and competing in basketball, competitive cheer, ice hockey and wrestling.

They are not required for athletes practicing and competing in bowling, gymnastics, skiing and swimming & diving, which all allow for some social distancing - but face coverings are required for those athletes when not involved in active participation.

Sport-specific guidelines for each sport will address competition limits, spectators and the wearing of face coverings. The guidelines will also address equipment and facilities unique to each sport.

"The Council believes it is safer to begin winter practices on time, and keep athletes in school programs where safety precautions are always in effect," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said in a statement. "With the vastly different circumstances faced by schools in different regions all over the state, an on-time start still allows schools to decide when they feel most comfortable beginning activity - and allows all of them to slowly ramp up their frequency of activity and numbers of spectators attending competitions.

"But let's be clear: Our statewide COVID-19 numbers have to get better. In order for our schools to continue playing sports this winter, and in order for fans to be there to cheer them on, we must continue working to slow down this virus."

The number of teams at regular-season competitions, like the fall, will be limited to four at competitive cheer, gymnastics, swimming & diving and wrestling events. Bowling and skiing competitions will be restricted to a maximum of 72 competitors at one event.

Girls gymnastics teams were permitted to start practices Oct. 26. Hockey teams will start practices Monday, while girls basketball and competitive cheer teams will start practicing Nov. 9. Boys basketball, bowling, skiing and wrestling teams are permitted to return Nov. 16, while boys swim and dive teams are permitted to practice starting Nov. 23.

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Hockey teams will start practices

Monday. JOHN HEIDER, FILE/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Salem senior Dante Perri, left, nearly ends the regional semifinal game Tuesday in the second overtime with a rush on Mattawan goalie Carson Foor. Mattawan won on a penalty shootout. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Salem falls in regional semifinal to Mattawan on penalty kicks

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As the regional semifinal between Salem and Mattawan was played, it was known quickly that goals would be hard to come by. A slight, cold drizzle covered the Dearborn field throughout the evening, as players tried to gain the upper hand.

Salem head coach Kyle Karns thought his team was organized. He saw the Rocks doing what he wanted them to do, creating chances, but failing to capitalize.

But as the night went on, as regulation turned into overtime, as overtime turned into penalty kicks, anticipation swept the stadium: One team was going to go home devastated.

After trading penalty kicks to start the run, Salem sophomore goalkeeper Dario Cela watched a ball sail past him by Mattawan senior Bryson Bolen. In their ensuing try, the Rocks were unable to capitalize, as Wildcats goalkeeper Carson Foor dove left, blocking senior Nolan Chaput's try.

Cela answered with a save of his own, taking possession to his right on a try from Mattawan senior Connor Bur-

kett, allowing Salem senior midfielder Andrew Schwartz to tie it at 4-4.

But when Mattawan senior Christian DeMott scored the team's sixth, Salem was not able to answer.

Salem senior forward Michael Krukowski lined up, taking inventory of the situation, and fired. All Foor had to do was make an educated guess.

He was right, diving to his right extending Mattawan's (13-1-1) season to the regional final, while ending Salem's (13-3-1), 1-0, beating the Rocks, 6-5, on a penalty shootout.

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Livonia Stevenson loses to Berkley in district final

Ben Szilagy

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Berkley's soccer program has been close to capturing a district title each of the past three seasons. The Bears secured one two years ago in 2018, before coming up short in 2019.

In 2020, they wanted to recapture that championship feeling and win its second title in the past three seasons.

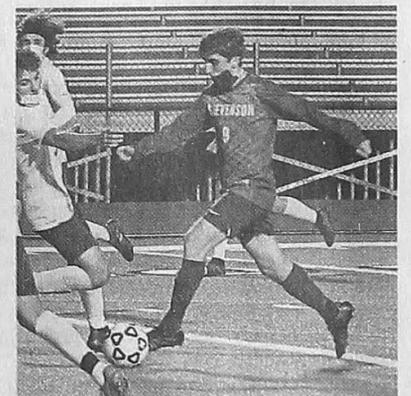
"We have expectations every year to do this. To not get one last year, or three

years ago, or four was frustrating. But to be able to come out tonight with the emotion and passion we had against a very good, very talented team, is special," Bears coach Steve Wloszek said.

"I give all the credit to my seniors. They did not want to lose tonight, and they left it all on the field. We've set a new bar at Berkley."

Berkley defeated Livonia Stevenson, 5-4, last week behind the leg of its senior captain and Mr. Soccer candidate Jacob

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Stevenson junior Adriano Troiani scored two goals in the district final loss to Berkley. JOHN HEIDER, FILE/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Churchill two-way junior Clegg wins honor

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Livonia Churchill junior Boston Clegg Jr. has done a bit of everything for the Chargers this season.

In Churchill's 24-20 win against Livonia Stevenson, Clegg rushed for 146 yards on 15 carries, scoring one of three Charger touchdowns, while also picking up a fumbled snap in the third quarter at linebacker.

This helped Clegg earn Hometown Life's Athlete of the Week award for the week of Oct. 19, receiving 18,605 of the 36,765 total votes cast (50.61%).

South Lyon East running back Ayden Oliver finished in second place with 16,094 votes (43.78%), while Milford equestrian's Jessica Stanek finished in third with 1,561 votes (4.25%).

Marian golfer Shannon Kennedy and North Farmington goalkeeper David Alam finished in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

We caught up with Clegg about what Churchill's mentality is heading into the 2020 postseason, and how important the running game has been for the Chargers offense this year.

How important has the running game been for Churchill?

"It's been huge because everything opens up. Teams never really know what we are going to do because everything looks the same and it comes out of so many different packages."

How have you seen your role expand and has there been more opportunities for you to shine in the running game because of that?

"Yes because teams are more worried about us passing the ball than us running the ball. So they are more heavy on that and it opens up really big holes for us and the running backs. ... It kind of varies from each game because each team kind of plays us different."

As a two-way player - playing both



Livonia Churchill Charger Boston Clegg Jr., left, heads upfield against Stevenson on Oct. 16. He amassed 146 rushing yards and a touchdown on offense and a fumble recovery on defense during the game. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

running back and linebacker - do you have a shift in mentality depending on which side of the field you are playing on?

"No, it goes both ways: On offense, it's go score. On defense, it's stop the run. I play both positions the same with going 100 percent full speed."

How does playing linebacker make you a better running back, and how does playing running back make you a better linebacker?

"With me playing linebacker, it helps me see where holes are going to develop and everything, where they might be. With playing running back, I know

where the holes are and how fast they close, so when I know a linebacker is going to fill it. ... I'll wind up or bounce out to the outside."

How has this season gone in terms of expectation?

"It met expectation and went above that because no one really thought we were going to do this good as we're doing. We're proving everybody wrong."

Heading into the season, what did you feel your role would be, and has that exceeded expectations?

"I knew my role was going to be bigger because our running back last year was a senior, so I knew I was going to have to

step up and play, really play both sides of the ball. I didn't know that I was going to do this good. I exceeded my own expectations."

What is the focus knowing that the mentality going forward is if you lose, you go home?

"I guess we just play every game with that mentality: If we lose, we go home. So we just put our all out on the field and hope that's our best. And if we come out on top, we come out on top and go onto next week and play our hardest then too."

What have you learned from such a senior-heavy group?

"Always keeping our head up when things don't go our way. They have been really big on that. When we came back when we were down against Franklin, we were down big then, they told us, 'Pick your heads up. We've been here before.' They just kept the leadership going and hyping us up and we came back to win the game."

Do you aspire to play football at the next level? Has that recruiting process started for you?

"Yes it has. I'm really trying to play at the next level and whoever offers me and wherever I go, I know I'm going to take my full effort and give 100% anywhere I go, whether it's academically or on the field."

What are some things that people may not know about you off the field?

"I'm really a home-body. I don't really go places. I really just stay home and hang out with family. But my friends will say I'm funny."

Is there one song or band or artist that you listen to before every game that kind of gets you hyped up?

"It's definitely between NBA YoungBoy and 42 Dugg."

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Salem

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"It felt like time slowed down," Foor said. "The 10 seconds, that dive, I laid on my back for a second after making the save. I couldn't believe it - I thought it had gone in. Then you get up and your whole team is rushing you. There's nothing you can do."

"It's just a moment of bliss."

Mattawan played the winner of Saline vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford in the Region 1 final Thursday.

Difficult to swallow

Karns could only tell his team so much after its penalty-kick loss in the regional semifinal. The Salem head coach knew the Rocks had its fair share of chances.

Early in the second half, junior forward Anthony Deruvo broke free from a Mattawan defender, tries an attempt in the top right corner of the goal, which was barely swatted away by Foor. Chapat later had a wide-open one-on-one try in the middle of the half that he shanked to the right side of goal. And as time expired, Schwartz tried a feather-touch feed that was slightly ahead of senior forward Dante Perri that was swatted away at the last minute.

Karns said he could see his offense getting more and more energy as the game continued.

"I think confidence was building as the game went on. We felt that one was coming," Karns said. "Again, credit to Mattawan: they played a great game. They were organized and held their own defensively. It was just hard to come by tonight."

Foor, facing a Salem offense that scored an average of 3.1 goals per game, knew an offensive onslaught was coming. After the second half and heading into overtime, his message to the defense was simple.

"When regulation ended, 0-0, our defense was like, 'We have to be rock solid. We have to make sure we clear balls, keep the clean sheet,'" Foor said. "Because I know me, compared to the other keeper, our coach has always said, 'I'll take C-four every day.'"

Salem failed to get many clean looks in the 20-minute overtime period, failing to convert on an early try from Chapat two minutes in, while continuing to hold the Wildcats' offense at bay, one that scored 4.2 goals per game.

Salem was organized. It did what it wanted to do. But each offensive try came up short.



Salem junior defender Jacob Grieb heads the ball. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"It's a great soccer game," Karns said. "You have two very good, organized, competitive soccer teams. Given the conditions outside, between the competitive nature and the conditions outside, goals were going to be hard to come by."

Karns encouraged his players after the game. He's confident those players who were coming back in 2021 would build off this loss. He was confident those seniors who were going on to play college soccer will build off this loss.

But for a team that was striving to return to the final four, a team that was striving to go over the hump for its first state finals appearance since 2002, possibly its first state title since 1995, Karns knew this one was going to sting for a while.

"To kind of set your bar at a final-four trip every year, it's a lot. That's what they came in to do this year," Karns said. "They had that taste in their mouth to get it. It was a great group. My seniors were incredible to work with. They have done a lot for the program, and I'm very grateful for that."

"Only one team wins their last game and it's very difficult to go all the way that way."

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Berkley handed Stevenson its only loss of the season in the district final. BEN SZILAGY/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Stevenson

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Schleicher.

"He's the best senior soccer player I've ever had at Berkley. He's easily the best player in the history of the program. He was the only junior in the program to get first team all-state. He's been a phenomenal leader for us. And he's a phenomenal playmaker for us," Wloszek said.

"For him to do what he did tonight, and I know this is cliché, but big time players in big time games make big time plays. He was beyond big time tonight."

Schleicher wasted little time putting the Bears (10-3-4) on the board with a goal off a free kick. With the ball placed 40 yards from the net, the senior launched it with a high arc towards the net. As the Spartan defense crowded the box for a clear, the ball caromed off the goalkeeper and into the net for a 1-0 lead 1:45 into the match.

After the Spartans (15-1-1) tied the score, 1-1, Schleicher extended the lead to complete his first half hat-trick.

The second goal came off the rebound from Owen Stone's shot that was initially saved, but Schleicher crashed and put in for a 2-1 lead, while the third came after he worked the ball brilliantly through the middle of the box before firing the shot to the far post for a 3-1 lead.

"Never in my life did I have a half like I did tonight. I came out with a killer instinct the whole time and it paid off," he said.

The Bears had a commanding 4-1 lead thanks to Schleicher finding fellow senior Eli Kreinbring, before the Spartan offense got going.

"We were down in the KLAA Championship game, and we're comfortable playing from behind," Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We know we can score goals. We've scored goals against the best teams in the state. So we weren't worried about putting the

ball in the goal."

Sophomore Nico Bunda, one of Stevenson's top weapons, and junior Adriano Troiani both had quick goals 30 seconds apart under five minutes to play in the half to cut the lead to 4-3, and regain some lost momentum.

"Bunda has about 23 goals on the season and is one of the top sophomores in the state. This is every game for him. He's our guy. I'm not surprised by his effort," Shingledecker said. "Adriano has been around the goal a lot the past couple of weeks. He was just getting better, and better."

"Those guys, both their efforts in front of the goal tonight was outstanding. We just shouldn't have to score five goals to tie the game. It's absurd."

Just before the close of the half, another long free kick by Schleicher provided him with an opportunity to add another goal, and clinch his night. But it was something he saw on film that led to his plan of attack.

"We noticed on film that Stevenson's didn't contest shots, and didn't come out (into the box)," he said. "So as long as I put it on target, it was going in."

He fired the ball into the box, and it ricocheted off the keeper and into the net for a 5-3 lead. Schleicher finished the game with four goals and an assist.

Troiani added a goal with 25:54 left in the game for his second of the night.

Even though the Spartans suffered its first defeat in an inopportune time, Shingledecker still calls the season a success because of his senior class.

"This class has been amazing," Shingledecker said. "They've done things Stevenson hasn't done in a long time. Winning the KLAA Championship is something they'll be very proud of."

Berkley is a self-proclaimed resilient bunch that doesn't want to stop playing soccer just yet.

"We love Berkley," Schleicher said. "We love the Bear Pack; they were all showing out. We're not done."

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MSU BASKETBALL

Loyer preparing to help fill void at point guard left by Winston

Chris Solari

Detroit Free Press
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Joshua Langford spent plenty of time on the Michigan State basketball bench the past two seasons next to Foster Loyer.

The Spartans' injured captain saw how Loyer went about his business, knowing his minutes would be limited behind All-American Cassius Winston. He watched Loyer counsel and comfort Winston as he coped with the death of a brother. And Langford discovered enough about Loyer's character to understand exactly why their teammates voted the junior point guard as one of his fellow captains.

"When you look at how he handled the whole situation with not necessarily playing as much, that's a sign of selflessness. And I think as a captain, you have to have it," Langford said on conference call Monday. "You have to be able to put the team first, you have to be able to put yourself second. In order to be a captain, you have to understand how to be a servant-leader. And I think that's something that Foster embodies."

Winston is gone, waiting to hear his name called Nov. 18 in the NBA draft. That leaves a huge void in the backcourt for Tom Izzo and the Spartans. And it is one the 6-foot, 175-pound Loyer hopes to fill, admittedly preparing to be himself rather than attempting to replace one of the best players in MSU history.

"I'm still not going to be that ball-dominant point guard. I'm not going to be Cassius," Loyer said on a video call before Langford. "But at the same time, it's just going out there and being a ball-mover, helping my teammates get better. And as I'll keep reiterating, doing whatever I can to help our team win, because that's the ultimate goal."

Loyer came out of high school a sharp-shooting, highly touted scoring guard despite his smallish frame. He averaged 27 points and won Mr. Basketball as a senior in leading Clarkston to the Class A title in 2017 and 2018. The Eagles were 97-6 during his four-year career, and Loyer finished 12th all-time in state history with 2,222 points, 10th in assists with 575 and top 10 in a number of other categories.

The adjustment to the college level, however, has been difficult due to Loyer's lack of height and defensive liabilities. The son of former Pistons assistant coach John Loyer, Foster averaged 7.5 minutes while playing in all 31 games for MSU last season with one start. In his 67 games the past two seasons, Loyer has averaged 2.2 points and 0.9 assists in just 6.6 minutes per game.

But to Langford, Loyer's production goes beyond numbers — though he expects Loyer to improve on those with more playing time.

"One thing about Foster is that he sees the floor really well, he's able to pick apart the game. I never really been around a point guard that can actually see the game as if he's on the outside looking in. Like, Foster can make a play,



MSU guard Foster Loyer "can make a play, and he sees it as if he's a coach on the bench watching the game. Not too many people can see the game in that way," said teammate Joshua Langford. KIRTHMON F. DOZIER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

and he sees it as if he's a coach on the bench watching the game. Not too many people can see the game in that way.

"And so I think as he continues to play, you will see how well of decision-maker he is, how well he can make plays and how well he can get other people involved. He has an unbelievable IQ."

MSU coach Tom Izzo has credited Loyer for a major assist with helping Winston handle the death of his younger brother, Zachary, last season. The two were roommates on the Spartans' road trips the past two seasons, and Loyer and Winston developed a strong bond that kept Winston as focused as possible and allowed him to earn his second straight All-Big Ten first team and sec-

ond-team All-America honors.

"I think we did a great job of helping each other and just being there for each other every day," Loyer said.

Loyer said Izzo told the team after a practice last month who the three captains would be. He felt the embrace of his teammates when his was one of the names along with Langford and junior guard Aaron Henry.

"There was a lot of smiles, a lot of congratulations," Loyer said. "But at the end of the day, it was about bringing it that next day and starting to be the leader of the team."

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Spartans' schedule remains in limbo

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Michigan State's expected start to the season continues to be in flux.

ESPN Events announced Monday it will cancel its planned early-season tournaments in Orlando, where the Spartans were expected to open the 2020-21 season. Reports were the Champions Classic game against Duke would be moved there, and MSU also was expected to play in a multiteam Orlando Invitational this season.

"ESPN Events set out to create a protected environment for teams to participate in early-season events in Orlando," the company that runs the tournament said in a release. "Based on certain challenges surrounding testing protocols, we opted to resume these tournaments during the 2021-22 season."

According to CBS Sports, that does not mean those events won't move forward elsewhere. Jon Rothstein reported Indianapolis has emerged as a possible host site for the Champions Classic and Jimmy V Classic.

MSU's schedule, which typically is released in August, has been left in limbo during the pandemic and remains unknown. The NCAA announced in mid-September that teams could begin competition Nov. 25. The Spartans were slated to tip off the season against Duke at the Champions Classic in Chicago on Nov. 10.

Those NCAA recommendations last month allowed MSU and other teams to begin practicing Oct. 14. Scrimmages and exhibition games will not be allowed this season, and the NCAA also planned for teams to play no fewer than four nonconference games and dropped the maximum number of games allowed by four to 27.

MSU could also host its own multi-team event on campus, something Rothstein said power conference programs are looking into so long as it is against teams which are undergoing similar testing protocols.

Charyl Stockwell's best soccer season ends in regional semis

Bill Khan

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LANSING — Traveling to Lansing Christian became a trip down memory lane for Charyl Stockwell Academy's soccer team, one which emphasized just how far the program has come.

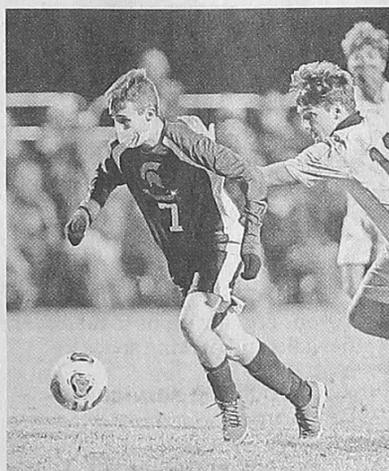
Coach Joe Mackle recalls the first time the Sentinels stepped foot onto that field with a varsity team that was badly outplayed by Lansing Christian.

Lansing Christian's junior varsity. "It's come full circle, because seven years ago, we're sitting here as a club team and getting mercied by Lansing Christian's JV team," Mackle said. "So, in seven years, we built something."

Senior goalie Dan Kehn got his first taste of state tournament experience on that field three years ago in a first-round district loss to the host Pilgrims.

"Our goalkeeper broke his ribs," Kehn recalled. "I came on as a substitute goalkeeper in our first round of districts against Lansing Christian. That ended in defeat as well. That makes it full circle."

The Sentinels experienced another difficult outcome on that field Tuesday night, losing 8-0 to Hillsdale Academy in a Division 4 regional semifinal, but they earned their way into that game by



Charyl Stockwell Academy's Matthew Neal, left, and Hillsdale Academy's Conner Welden race for the ball in a regional semifinal soccer game Tuesday at Lansing Christian School. GILLIS BENEDICT/USA TODAY NETWORK-MICH.

winning the school's first district championship by a boys team last Saturday.

Since joining the Michigan High School Athletic Association in 2015, Charyl Stockwell was 1-5 in district games before winning two one-goal decisions last week.

"My freshman year, we didn't play in a conference," Kehn said. "The games we played weren't competitive. You showed up, and the team only had eight guys and you won 8-0. Or you showed up, and you were the one on the receiving end of a very, very tough game."

"Getting into the MIAC conference, this is our third year in the conference. It's much more competitive. It's a lot of closer games. It's a lot of teams we love to play against. Winning it this year after finishing second our first two years is a really big move for us. It's something the whole team is proud of. It's really great to see this program grow. Something I love about being a CSPA student is everything we do is growing. We're growing a program, we're growing a school. It's just great to be along for the ride."

The Sentinels came into the game with a 13-1 record and an eight-game winning streak, allowing only one goal in their last five games.

But their first trip to regionals was an eye-opener against a Hillsdale Academy team that was 9-5 against a tough schedule. The Colts' five losses were against teams with a combined record of 62-15-4, three of whom won district championships.

The Sentinels were pretty much out of the game by halftime, trailing 6-0.

Freshman Jay Jenkins scored just 1 minute, 18 seconds into the game. Junior Bennett Fast scored three goals in the first half.

"It's definitely a big jump from who we play in the season," said sophomore Seth Campbell, who led Charyl Stockwell with 20 goals this season. "In the district, it was more competition. In the regionals, it just keeps elevating the further we go."

Stockwell played on even terms with Hillsdale Academy for much of the second half, generating a few scoring chances. Just when it appeared the Sentinels would avoid the eight-goal mercy rule and play a full 80-minute game, the Colts scored twice in a 31-second span, ending it on Luke Brady's second goal with 4:04 on the clock.

"We had a great team this year," Campbell said. "We strived for success. We worked hard at practice. We really built off each other. It's just a team experience to make it this far for the first time in school history. It's always 'we.' It's never an 'I' or 'me' or 'them.'"

Hillsdale Academy, a district champion in 2009 and 2017, reached the regional final for the first time. The Colts faced Adrian Lenawee Christian Friday at Lansing Christian.

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How businesses are adapting to the COVID ECONOMY

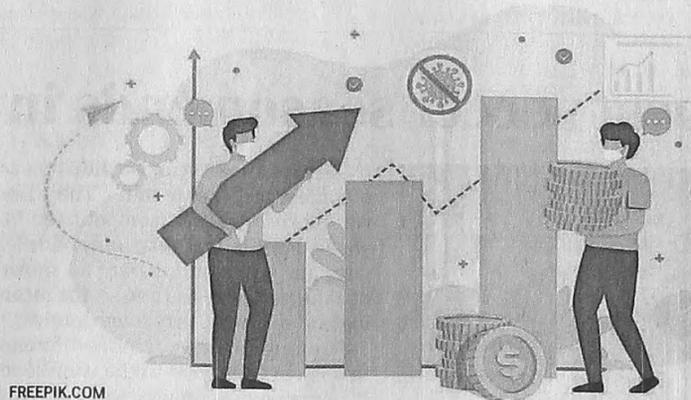
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The COVID-19 pandemic has roiled business, particularly in face-to-face service industries. But some companies are managing to rise above the disruption and adapt to the new normal. Here are some key ways businesses have transformed their operations.

Adopting omni-channel retail

The digital transformation does not mean the end of physical stores. Surveys find that most shoppers prefer some aspects of shopping in person. Indeed, several of the top hiring firms since the start of the pandemic — Lowe's, Home Depot, Walmart and Dick's Sporting Goods — have been retailers at the forefront of integrating physical and online stores.

Omni-channel shopping models allow customers to browse products, order and pay online; see whether local stores have inventory available and choose to pick up purchases in person; opt to have goods unpackaged and assembled by in-store technicians; and make in-store returns and exchanges. The acceleration



of integration across digital and physical channels spurred by COVID-19 could help retailers get the most out of each one, during the pandemic and after.

Providing services outdoors

In many cities, rules regulating outdoor dining have made it difficult for restaurants to set up tables outdoors. The pandemic has led city governments to relax those regulations substantially, cord off parking lanes and allow restaurants, stores, gyms and

religious organizations to take over sidewalks and parking spaces.

Providing services in homes

If you can't go to the gym, the salon or school, bring the trainer, stylist or teacher to your home. Before COVID-19, that would have seemed like a solution only for the very wealthy. But pandemic-related job losses and business closures have encouraged many Americans to offer in-home services more widely, whether to individuals or small

groups of neighbors, spreading the word via social media and freelancing platforms.

It is unclear how durable this trend will be. But there will likely be some Americans who become accustomed to the convenience of in-home services and are prepared to pay more for them after the pandemic is over.

Pivoting to new products and services

At the start of the pandemic, major automobile, aerospace and plasticware manufacturers converted their production lines to make ventilators, face shields, plexiglass screens and COVID-19 test kits. Clothing companies raced to produce surgical masks and hospital gowns. And beverage companies started producing hand sanitizer.

Since then, many businesses have found opportunity in the crisis by switching to manufacturing, selling or leasing goods for which demand has surged. Some examples include dumbbells, beard trimmers, exercise bikes, yoga pants and RVs. Other businesses have started offering in-demand services, like bicycle repair, tent rental, video game console refurbishment and tutoring.

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