



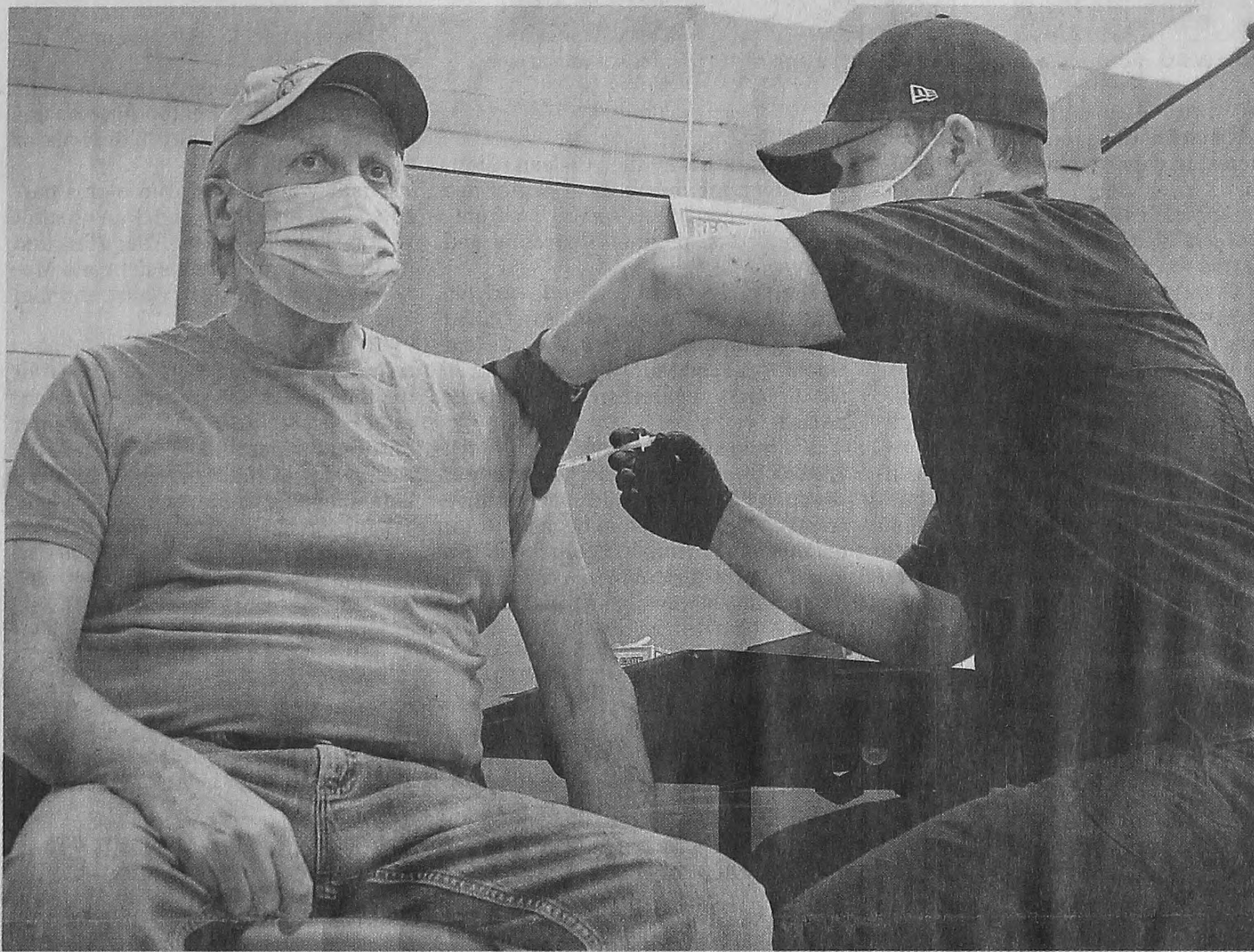
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Livonia Fire Department paramedic Joey Merrell, right, administers a COVID-19 vaccine to Charles Stimac at the City Park Senior Center on Feb. 25. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## 28-home development for seniors proposed for Farmington Hills area

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A neighborhood geared toward senior citizens is one step closer to being built in Farmington Hills.

The 28-home proposal, called Chasewood Villas, would be built at 38500 Nine Mile, just east of Nine Mile's intersection with Haggerty Road. The property is just under 10 acres and was formerly Piemontese Social Club. Pulte Homes, the developer, wants to target the ranch-style homes toward older residents.

Mike Noles, a representative with Pulte Homes, said housing made with seniors in mind is in demand, but hard to find.

"This kind of housing targeted at our seniors is just not out there," he said.

At a meeting Feb. 18, Farmington Hills' planning commission voted 6-2 to recommend city council approve the development. If given the green light by council, the property will take about two years to develop.

Residents of the nearby Heritage Village neighborhood have been persistently opposed to the development, saying 28 homes is too many for the space.

"I'm not opposed to development of this as a residential property," resident James Giovanni said. "I'm just opposed to the design. I would be in full support of a plan that would mirror the house and lot sizes of the six surrounding neighborhoods."

Some commission members shared that sentiment.

"I'm still not happy with the density," Commission Chairman Steve Stimson said before casting one of the two dissenting votes. "I haven't been since day one."

Commission member Dale Countegan, however, said putting a neighborhood in the space could keep something less desirable from being built there. The property is surrounded by residential areas.

If built, homes are expected to cost between \$375,000 and \$450,000. Pulte would also plan to handle lawn and snow maintenance for Chasewood residents.

## Residents find more options for COVID-19 vaccinations

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For the 65 and older crowd, COVID-19 vaccine appointments are available through a number of avenues.

The trick is finding an open appointment.

The state recommends seniors set up an appointment through their local health department. People can also get a COVID-19 vaccines at pharmacies or their healthcare provider as appointments become available.

In the last week, Wayne County made attempts to give its seniors greater ac-

cess to vaccines.

That's come with hurdles. In Canton, where the county is hosting a clinic, phone lines were overwhelmed with a high volume of calls. The city said seniors without a computer made

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## Canton girl accused of killing grandma

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A 14-year-old girl's competency to stand trial will be determined before she officially is charged with fatally stabbing her grandmother — Cynthia Mosby, 65, of Canton.

The teen was in court Saturday when court officials scheduled a competency

review for April 15. Arraignment on first- and second-degree murder charges also could happen that day.

For now, the teen is housed at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility in Detroit.

Prosecutors have alleged that she planned the killing of her grandmother.

According to Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's statement, Canton of-

ficers were dispatched to Mosby's home in the 4100 block of Kimberly Drive on Monday morning.

Mosby's son, who is the accused girl's father, had found his injured mother. Police discovered the woman's lifeless body lying face down on a bedroom floor suffering from a kitchen

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## New self-storage business planned in Livonia

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Need a place to store all that stuff you've acquired during the pandemic? It appears there is yet another option for self-storage on its way to Livonia.

The city's planning commission reviewed plans during its meeting Feb. 23

to renovate the former AT&T office building at 31100 Plymouth Road into a climate-controlled self-storage facility. If approved by the city, the concept would take the western portion of the property located east of Merriman and transform it into a facility with several hundred self-storage lockers for those looking to empty their house but not

ready to part with things just yet.

With renovating the site, about 700 storage units would be built into the structure, all of which would be accessed indoors. Those using the space would pull around to the rear of the building to load or unload their vehicles. That would leave the site's parking lot used essentially just for visitors or those

signing up for a unit for the first time, reducing the need for a large parking lot.

"There's good demand for this kind of product in the market," said Jason Linscott of Atlanta-based Stein Investment Group, which is proposing the work.

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# Plymouth teenager was epitome of kindness

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Dan Waitz vividly remembers the time a few years ago when he gave his oldest son Grant and his other children each a quarter at a restaurant so they could get a piece of candy out of a gumball machine.

"A few minutes later, I looked over at the kids and everybody was chewing gum except Grant," Waitz recounted. "When I asked Grant why he didn't get a gumball, he said he put the quarter in the container on the counter they were using to raise money for kids with leukemia."

"That's the kind of person Grant was: the most caring, compassionate, kind kid you'd ever want to meet."

Grant Waitz died unexpectedly Monday, Feb. 22, at the age of 16.

His death shook the Plymouth and Canton communities to their core.

A GoFundMe.com page started Wednesday to help support Grant's family had already raised more than \$51,000 by Thursday afternoon.

"The last time I checked, over 1,200 people had donated and most of them are people we have never met," Waitz said. "Everyone who knew Grant loved him. He was just a nice, kind kid."

Plymouth-Canton Schools held a moment of silence in Grant's memory before its Feb. 23 board of education meeting, which was abbreviated in the aftermath of the tragedy.

Grant's family said they want everyone to know that Grant did not tell anyone he wanted to end his life and that it was a tragic, unpredictable event.

"Just the day before his death, he laughed from sunrise to sunset with his mom and two brothers," the family said. "They spent four hours playing outdoor ice hockey and enjoyed family dinner and prayer together."

Waitz said his son was a lover of outdoor sports, especially snowboarding



Grant Waitz died unexpectedly Feb. 22 at the age of 16. COURTESY OF WAITZ FAMILY

and skateboarding, and he took a keen interest in cars, volunteering and fashion.

"He took his skateboard with him on all of our trips," Waitz said. "And wherever we went, he'd meet a new friend."

"Grant also liked to design clothes. For instance, he'd rip a part a pair of jeans then put them back together with his own stamp on them."

Grant's ability to connect with people — even strangers he met moments earlier — was amazing, his dad said.

"For instance, when he was at a convenience store and he'd get change back from the cashier, he'd look them straight in the eye and say, 'Thank you.' He wouldn't say it as he was walking away," Waitz said. "He had a genuine kindness

about him."

Grant and his mother, Colleen Elliott, were longtime members of Northridge Church, where they served as front-door greeters, program deliverers and ushers.

His family said he volunteered his time raking leaves for the elderly, United Way community service events, the Open Door Food Ministry, making cards for firemen, policemen and nursing homes.

Not long after he turned 16 on March 7, 2020, Grant developed a new hobby of researching cars and automotive trends. The week before he died, Grant and his father drove 10 hours round trip to pick up his current dream car: a manual transmission Volkswagen GTI.

Waitz said Grant never had a shortage of friends, which was reflected in the number of his peers who left comments on remembrance websites.

Grant was loved by peers and adults alike.

"Grant contributed positively to the West Middle School community during his time in middle school," West Middle School Principal Clint Smiley noted. "He had good friends and a positive presence. He is gone too soon but will be remembered by the WMS staff and all those fortunate enough to have known him."

Waitz said Grant struggled with the isolation that accompanied remote learning, which Plymouth-Canton Schools 10th-, 11th- and 12th-grade students have been doing since Michigan schools first were shut down for in-person learning on March 13, 2020.

"I think the part about school he liked the best was between classes when he could see his friends," Waitz said. "I wish I would have known how much he was struggling with everything."

"The way his life ended is not who he was as a person."

Waitz said his family has been genuinely touched by the outpouring of support from the community in the wake of Grant's death.

Grant Waitz is survived by his parents, Colleen Elliott and Dan (Laura) Waitz; siblings Sophie, Aria, Clint and Porter; and grandparents Kent and Mary Elliott, Jon and Pat Waitz; and Jim and Joyce Krohl.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307; New Hope Center for Grief Support, 133 W. Main St., #113, Northville, MI 48167; or American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 199 Water St., 11th Floor, New York, NY 10038.

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## Girl

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knife's multiple stab wounds.

Mosby's granddaughter was not in the home. Police would learn that the teen had checked into a Southgate motel. They visited the motel Monday afternoon and took her into custody.

If officially charged, the teen will be considered a juvenile defendant but carry the weight of the "adult-designated" classification.

That means, if convicted, the judge can sentence her as a juvenile, an adult or some blended version that would take possible rehabilitation into account.

Worthy offered comments about the fatal stabbing that she found "very sad and disturbing."

"Ms. Mosby was a nurse who was raising her granddaughter," Worthy said. "Our prayers go out to her son and family."

Canton Police Services Director Chad Baugh said detectives worked tirelessly when reviewing the tragic circumstances of Mosby's death.

"We extend our deepest condolences to Cynthia Mosby's family," he said. "Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's analysis and charging decisions were invaluable following this challenging set of facts."

# Recalled Wayne council member to consider plea deal

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Former Wayne City Councilman Christopher Sanders said in court Wednesday that he's ready to consider a plea deal regarding allegations that, while in office, he made sure to plant suspicious materials inside a Wayne employee's vehicle.

Over Zoom, a Third Circuit Court judge already had quashed his hopes for a case dismissal and warned that, if he went ahead and scheduled a trial, a plea would no longer be possible.

"I'm open for discussion," Sanders said. "I'm never going to say I'm not open for discussion. That's not been a serious discussion that we've had at this point. I'm never opposed to discussion."

A prosecutor is supposed to extend an official plea deal in the next week. Sanders, 52, would have at least a week to consider the proposed arrangement before his March 10 appearance before Judge Donald Knapp.

Sanders is charged with filing a false report of a felony, conspiracy to commit false report of a felony and attempted false report of a felony be-



Sanders

cause of a 911 call concerning a road rage incident.

"That's a smart move," Knapp said about Sanders' willingness to consider an agreement that could mean probation if there's a guilty plea. "It doesn't mean you have to accept any offer. It just provides you with some opportunities to consider."

Prosecutors have said Sanders, before he was recalled, paid Jimmie Lee Chandler to break into a female city employee's car on Oct. 16, 2017, to place a starter pistol and fake drugs inside.

Chandler allegedly called 911 to report a false road rage incident and identified the vehicle in the process. However, the employee discovered the suspicious items in her glovebox and called Wayne police. A Michigan State Police investigation looped back to Sanders and Chandler.

Chandler, 29, of Van Buren Township already pleaded guilty to attempting to conspire in the filing a false felony report. He has been sentenced to at least \$1,000 in fees, 18 months of probation and, in lieu of fees, 40 hours of commu-

nity service.

Before discussions about a plea, Knapp rejected Sanders' request for a case dismissal.

His attorney John Cahalan said that the 911 road rage call involved accusations of someone brandishing a firearm, which he emphasized is a misdemeanor.

"Everything kind of stems from this 911 call," Cahalan said "There was no report of a felony. If anything, it was a report of a misdemeanor. I would ask the court to dismiss the charges."

Knapp said, based on his interpretation of law, he had no choice but to deny the motion for dismissal since Sanders waived his preliminary exam and there is no courtroom record to object to.

"What jurisdiction do I have to grant a motion to dismiss understanding that the preliminary exam was waived, which effectively means that there was an agreement that there was probable cause to bind over to the Third Circuit Court," he said.

Knapp said Sanders could always return to his dismissal requests if his case goes to trial.

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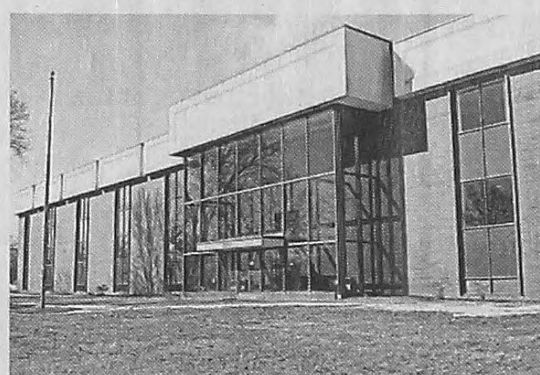
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"There's great opportunity in repurposing a building like this that formerly needed a lot of parking. So we're able to repurpose this building."

With that reduced need for parking, the plan is to split the site into two, with the self-storage facility occupying the building on the western portion of the land, and leaving the easterly portion open for potential future development.

Stein Investment Group has worked on several self-storage facilities in the eastern United States, Linscott said, many of them created from former big box stores, movie theaters and similar buildings. With an increase in e-commerce and more retail shops closing, the market demand has changed.

"Brick and mortar retail and other types of real estate is changing dramatically with the internet, and things



This former office building at 31100 Plymouth in Livonia is may become a self-storage business in the future.

JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

kind of keep accelerating," Linscott said.

Self-storage facilities have seen massive growth in the region, especially in Livonia. Several such facilities have either been constructed in recent years — the National Storage Center on Eight Mile west of Grand River was approved by the city in 2015 — or are under construction such as the one that's been

worked on for years on the site of the torn-down Cloverlanes bowling alley along Schoolcraft Road.

Most recently, plans were approved last year by the city to renovate the former Toys R Us building on Seven Mile east of Middlebelt into a self-storage facility as well.

The space would be staffed during regular business hours, with customers having access via a keypad 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Commissioner seemed overall pleased with the project proposal, with one commissioner, Carol Smiley, asking to keep the tall flagpole out in front of the building, as was agreed to during previous approvals at the structure.

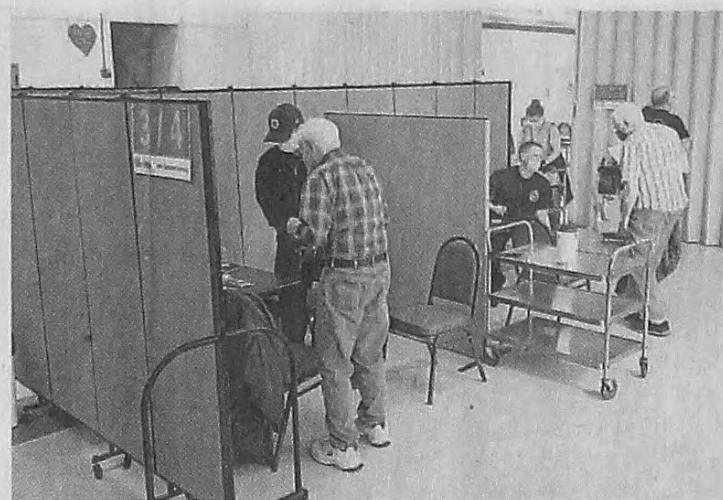
"I would really like the flagpole to remain in good for the U.S. flag out front," Smiley said. "They agreed to that back then."

The planning commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the waiver use for the project. It now goes to the city council for its review and final determination.

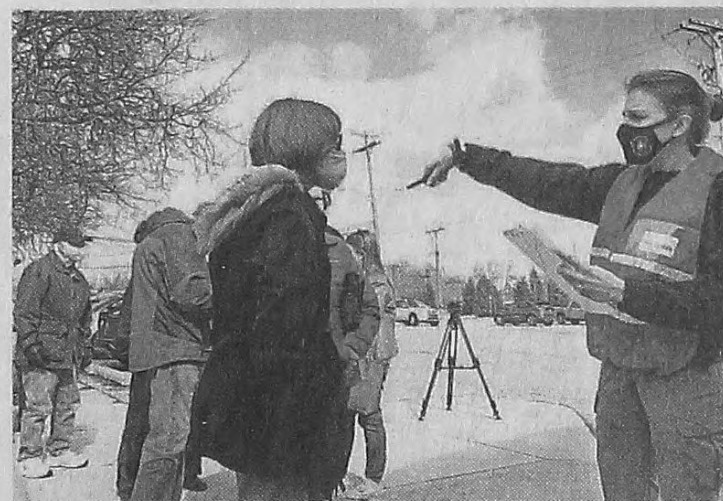




Seniors wait in line to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations at the Livonia City Park Senior Center on Feb. 25. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The city set up four main bays to vaccinate seniors.



As a line forms to the left, Livonia Police Department reserve officer Cheryl Nadratowski, right, helps to organize its COVID-19 vaccine effort on Feb. 25

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the bulk of the calls. Plymouth and Wayne held similar clinics with the county and Westland was vaccinating seniors this week.

In Livonia, the city has avoided some issues by handling everything in-house. While Wayne County supplies vaccine doses, Livonia handles the rest. Last week, the city had 2,500 appointments available for residents 65 and older. People can register at [vaccinatelivonia.org](http://vaccinatelivonia.org), or via a hotline is available to seniors who don't have internet at 734-466-2019. The city expected to vaccinate about 2,500 of its seniors last week. The city was accepting more appointments this week.

"From the very beginning, way back when we were distributing PPE, way back when we were doing testing, we have contended all along that as a local unit of government we are most and best equipped to administer these programs," Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan said.

Seniors, many of whom are still sitting on waitlists elsewhere, have been relieved to get the vaccine locally.

"I've been looking with the hospital, different drug-stores and whatnot — nobody's been calling us," said Margie Mugarditchian, 84, said before her appointment Thursday. "Some of them won't even take your name. I'm happy to have it. I know it can prevent us from dying or prevent us from going to the hospital."

The city's fire department administered the vaccines at the Livonia Senior Center, and housing and parks employees are also helping with distribution.

"It's a great feeling," said Cheryl Nadratowski, a reserve police officer with the city. "You're making them happy. Several seniors have come up to me saying how happy they are with how this happening. They're getting their shots and they're getting them quicker than they would somewhere else."

Though the city is confident in its distribution abilities, any more Livonia vaccinations completely depend on Wayne County's ability to secure vaccines. Brosnan said she'd like the city to help vaccinate even more residents as the vaccine becomes widely available.

"Our operation stands to vaccinate all of them," Brosnan said. "The only thing that stands in our way of that is whether or not we actually get the vaccine. I know, at the county level, they're working really hard to get more vaccine. We're relying on them for that."

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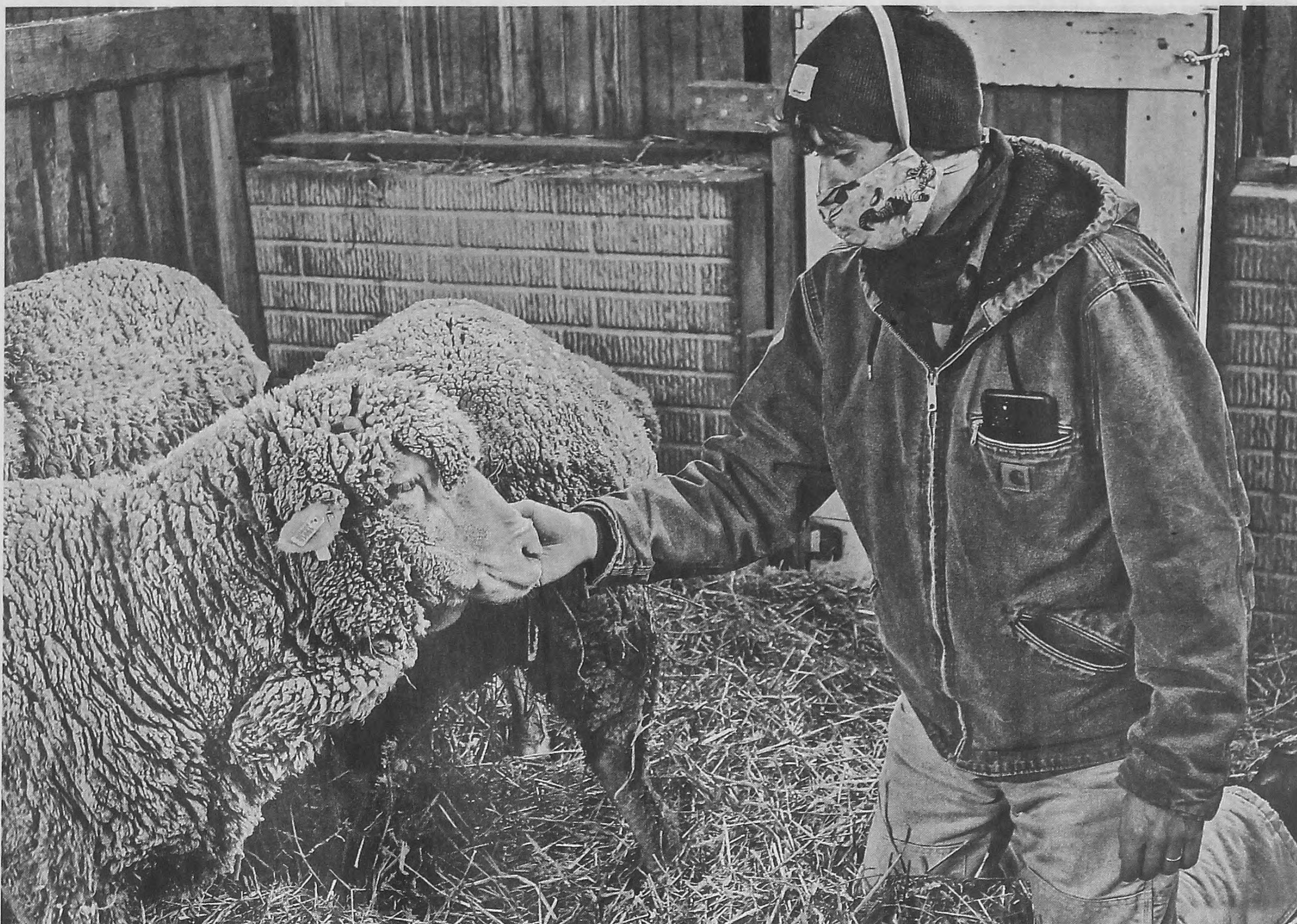
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Maybury Farm barn animal care supervisor Scott Markwart checks on a trio of merino sheep Feb. 22. All three ewes at the farm are pregnant and expected to each deliver twins by early April. The farm is expecting about 20 animal births this season. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Maybury Farm expecting 20 animal births

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Based on the number of animal births expected this spring at Northville's Maybury Farm, social-distancing has not been a high-priority protocol inside the barns.

Northville Community Foundation and Maybury Farm Executive Director Diana Wallace explained that the expected births of 20 four-legged animals in the coming weeks is about average for the farm and not the byproduct of pandemic boredom among the sheep and goats.

And as far as the animals contracting or transmitting COVID-19, that's not happening, at least as far as most scientific research reports, Wallace confirmed.

"We had about 20 new births in 2020, so we're pretty much right on that number for this spring," Wallace said. "While we're expecting 19 to 21 births, that doesn't mean we have 21 pregnancies. A lot of the animals have twins and triplets. We come up with the number after ultrasounds are done on the animals."

Science shows that social-distancing is not necessary among farm animals, Wallace said.

"From everything we've learned and read, animals cannot catch COVID," she said. "However, we really emphasize social-distancing among our guests and staff. Once we reopened last year after being shut down by the state mandates, we regulated the wearing of masks at all times. We also require all of our guests to social distance at least six feet."

One pandemic-induced rule dictates that all traffic through the farm's popular general store is one way. No more than two separate families are allowed inside a barn at one time, Wallace added.

"Our guests were fantastic about keeping their masks on and distancing last year," Wallace said. "There were times a child's mask would fall off while playing on the playground, but they'd put it right back on."

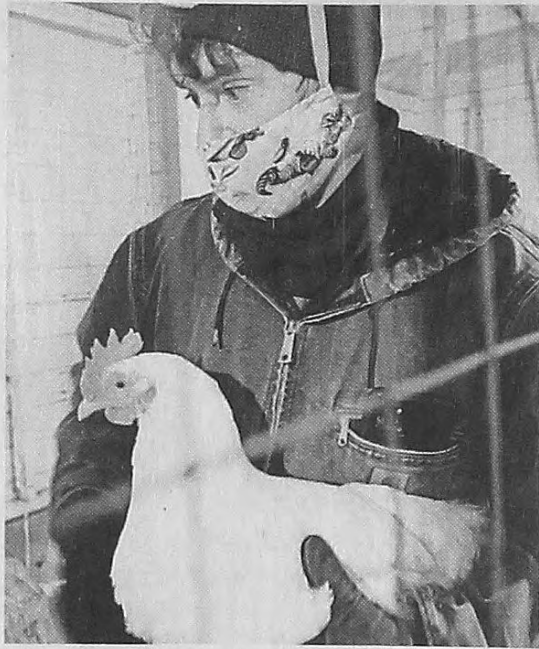
In an effort to increase safety for its animals, visitors should note that a new fencing system was installed. The white wire on the inside of the animal paddocks has an intermittent, low-voltage current running through it to discourage the animals from destroying the fences, the farm's website explains, encouraging visitors to interact with the animals at the black gates.

Farm attendance was significantly reduced during 2020 due to the pandemic — a scenario that hurt the 501(c)3 non-profit's bottom line.

"If someone wanted to visit, they had to make a reservation," Wallace said. "Attendance actually picked up in the fall for our corn maze because it was easier to social-distance people out there."



Markwart greets one of Maybury Farm's Scottish Highland cattle on Feb. 22.



Markwart checks in with one of Maybury Farm's chickens in the coop.



Maybury Farm's Diana Wallace greets a couple of the farm's ponies Feb. 22.

"The decrease in revenue last year really took a toll on what we've been able to do as far as repairs and upkeep. We don't receive any money from the federal or state government; we rely totally on donations and the money we receive from admissions.

The farm's annual Eggstravaganza is

canceled in accordance with recent guidance by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services on outdoor gathering at events at non-residential venues

Maybury Farm will be open on weekends starting March 6 from noon to 5 p.m.. Beginning April 13, the farm will be

open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets for 2021 events must be purchased in advance by visiting the farm's website at [www.mayburyfarm.org](http://www.mayburyfarm.org).

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# Kensington deer cull canceled because of threats of violence

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A Royal Oak man who allegedly threatened violence against metroparks employees was issued a misdemeanor warrant this week to turn himself in.

The 71-year-old man made what were deemed as "credible threats" in a phone call to a Huron-Clinton Metroparks receptionist on Feb. 3, the day before a planned deer cull at Kensington Metropark. The cull is part of a deer management program with the goal was for sharpshooters to reduce the herd by about 50 animals.

The cull was canceled.

Huron-Clinton Metroparks Police Chief Michael Reese said the Royal Oak man was "generally upset about the deer management program, specifically the cull itself. He made threats to shoot police officers taking part in the deer cull."

An investigation subsequently led to identification of the Royal Oak man, and the Livingston County Prosecutor's Office authorized a misdemeanor warrant out of the 53rd District Court in Howell.

The warrant issued Feb. 23 against the man is for malicious use of a telecommunications service, a misdemeanor punishable by 6 months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

"I've been police chief here for five years and never experienced direct threats toward officers as a result of the deer management program," Reese said. "We've gotten letters in the mail from individuals not agreeing and they have never taken it to this extent."

Metroparks Director Amy McMillan noted in a press release the park system is committed to both transparency and respectful dialogue, but violent threats cross a key line.

"We respect that some have strong feelings about this wildlife management decision and always encourage feedback and two-way dialogue, but we can't stand by when threats of violence endanger park staff, visitors or community," she said. "An in-depth investigation was why we could not share a more specific and transparent update until now. We thank the Royal Oak Police Department and Livingston County Prosecutor's Office for their diligent work on this matter."

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks, which includes 13 parks, started the deer management program in 1999. An-



A whitetail deer bounds through the forest of Kensington Metropark in Milford before sunrise on Feb. 11. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

nual aerial surveys determine need for deer culls in order to keep herds healthy.

Third party wildlife biologists completed health studies on the park deer populations and concluded that, "data indicates herd stress due to lack of nutrition," according to the press release.

To maintain a healthy balance between herbivores and native plants the Michigan Department of Natural Resources recommends a deer population density of 15-20 deer per square mile.

"We want to regularly assess and continually ensure the metroparks is doing everything possible to humanely address overpopulation and ensure a healthy, thriving deer population that also sustains our diverse flora and fauna that play a role in sustaining the entire ecosystem," McMillan said.

In January, parks administrators announced a cull would take place this month at Kensington, as well as at the Oakwoods/Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Two culls at the latter adjacent parks continued as planned, with the second completed last night, Feb. 25. Between

the two culls, the herd of about 210 was reduced by 51 deer.

The Kensington cull could not be rescheduled due to time constraints, according to a press release, which also stated the Huron-Clinton Metroparks plans to reevaluate the deer management program this year, with a review of "best practices and alternative methods across the state and country."

The additional study will be completed by the end of 2021 and made publicly available, and additional similar reviews are anticipated about every three years hereafter.

"The metroparks team understands and appreciates the wide range of passionate viewpoints this issue evokes," McMillan said. "The science will always guide and drive our decisions on the most effective, most humane way to protect the long-term health and welfare of the deer population as well as the ecosystem which sustains them."

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# Teacher declines plea deal in sexual assault case

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Jason Dean, accused of sexually assaulting students while a teacher and coach, may have to spend a decade in prison if he chooses to plead guilty to charges against him.

Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney Shannon O'Brien said during a Friday Zoom hearing that, by her interpretation of sentencing guidelines, he should spend 10 years in prison.

To which Dean's attorney Nicole Blank Becker quickly said there would be no plea deal coming that day, leaving Judge Yasmine Poles to schedule a March 18 hearing for one last pleading opportunity.

The judge set May 20 as a trial date in case Dean and his attorney again reject a plea deal.

Dean already has turned down a Cobbs plea — where admission to responsibility grants some certainty of the sentence — that would have meant nine years behind bars.

Poles, the new judge on the case, said revisiting nine years would not happen on her watch.

"Due to the seriousness of the charges (and) the fact that it involves a minor, the court will not Cobbs to nine years," the judge said. "In fact, I don't even know if it's going to be a Cobbs, but I will agree to at least do it within the guidelines."

The prosecutor had put the possible sentence at a minimum of 10.5 years. Her calculations were different than the 108 months — or nine years — that Dean's attorney had calculated.

Dean, who has taught for Northville and Wayne-Westland school districts, originally was arraigned with five first-degree criminal sexual conduct charges more than a year ago stemming from allegations while he worked in northern Oakland County.

Prosecutors say he had an illicit affair in 2010 with a 14-year-old student while he was teaching and coaching at Cedar Crest Academy, a private K-8 school in Springfield Township.

They've also filed documents claiming evidence of grooming techniques experienced by Dean's former students at Wayne Memorial and Northville high schools.

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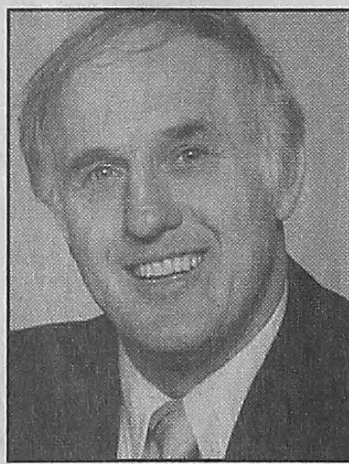
### Raymond John Wiacek

WIACEK, Raymond John passed peacefully in his sleep on February 22, 2021, at the age of 90. Mr. Wiacek was preceded in death by his high school sweetheart and wife of over 70 years Winifred (McLeod) and son Michael. Loving father to his six children Raymond, Jr. (Nancy), Diane, David (Sylvia), Joe (Kathy), Nancy White (John) and Patty Martin and cherished grandfather of Katie, John (Meredith), Billy and Michael Wiacek; Elizabeth, Mary, and Jennifer Drabik; John and Jackie White, Jessica Livingstone (Kyle), and Eileen Martin. He is survived by his brother Ronald; four step grandchildren; nine step great grandchildren; two step great, great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ray was born on October 13, 1930, the fourth child of John and Mary Wiacek. Raised in Dearborn, he attended and graduated from Fordson High School. An outstanding student athlete, Ray was an all-state basketball player and a tremendous baseball talent. Signed out of high school by the Detroit Tigers, Ray and his new bride Winnie traveled the south as a minor league ballplayer in the Tiger organization. After a few years Ray recognized that pro ball was not in the cards and returned to the Detroit area to start a new career and a family. However, he would use his love of sports throughout his adult life.

Settling in the Village of Inkster, Ray began a new career as a member of the Inkster Police Department. He was a dedicated officer. During his time as a member of the Police Department, he and several other officers sponsored and coached little league baseball teams in the Inkster Rec League. He rose to the rank of Sergeant before leaving the force in the late 1960s. To support his growing family, Ray began a career as a sports official. He umpired youth baseball and adult softball and refereed CYO and high school basketball. He was so proficient at his craft as an umpire that he officiated many World Championship slow and fast pitch softball tournaments.

After leaving Inkster, Ray began a new career in the up and coming field of Parks and Recreation Administration. Hired by the City of Garden City to head their Recreation Department, he began a long career in the city. He dramatically improved the recreational services provided by the City to its citizens including the enclosure of the ice arena, expanding and improving park facilities including Moeller Field, more children's programs, a senior community center and new playground equipment throughout the city just to name a few. He was a member of the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association professional group and was widely respected and honored by



his peers for his outstanding and positive contributions to his community and field. During his tenure as Director, he attended Central Michigan University and acquired continuing education credits through the Recreation Administration program at CMU.

He retired after over 25 years in the Recreation Department but his service to his community was not over. He entered the field of politics and was elected to serve as a member of the City Council. After leaving elected office, he continued his community involvement by attending council meetings on a regular basis speaking to important local issues on behalf of the citizens of Garden City.

Ray was a devout Roman Catholic and served his faith community at St. Norbert Parish in Inkster and St. Raphael Parish in Garden City. Until recently he was a fixture as an usher at the noon mass at St. Raphael. He was also a longtime member of the Garden City Rotary Club.

In retirement Ray enjoyed puttzing around the house, spending time with his family playing pinochle and watching sporting events live or on television. He was an avid reader particularly of the local newspapers and the New York Times. He enjoyed travel especially to his son's vacation home in the Chesapeake Bay area where he could spend quality time with his children and grandchildren.

Ray loved his family and was proud of the accomplishments of his wife, children and grandchildren. He was a caring, compassionate and kind man but also strong willed and opinionated. He used these traits wisely to support his family and serve his community.

Raymond John Wiacek was a dedicated family man who accomplished a lot in his ninety years on this earth; an outstanding high school student athlete, a professional baseball player with the Detroit Tigers, a good police officer, a coach and mentor to young kids, a world class sports official, a top notch bowler, an innovator in the field of Recreation Administration, a dedicated public servant, and a community activist and leader. However, his crowning achievement in those 90 years was being the best, most devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather he could be. And he was. May he be at peace in heaven with Winnie and Mike.

A memorial service in celebration of Ray's life will be held at a later date. No flowers please. Charitable contributions in his memory to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd. Livonia, 48154. Interment will be at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights, in the family plot with his beloved wife Winifred and next to his dearly departed Mike.

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Farmington public safety officers have released photos of persons of interest associated gunfire outside Zap Zone on Feb. 24. PHOTOS COURTESY OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

# Police try to ID six in Zap Zone shots fired case

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The Farmington Public Safety Department would like to speak to the above-pictured individuals regarding Feb. 24 gunfire outside Zap Zone.

Officers were dispatched to the indoor amusement center near Grand River Avenue and Orchard Lake Road at about 8:20 p.m. in response to numerous 911 calls and found numerous shell casings, albeit no evidence of injured victims.

"Although the investigation is ongoing, it is clear after reviewing the sur-

veillance video at the business that the intended victim of the shooting was targeted," Director Ted Warthman said at the time. "Detectives are continuing to work with the business reviewing additional surveillance video and collecting evidence."

Six males fled the scene driving east on Grand River Avenue in a black Ram pickup.

Tipsters can call the department at 248-474-4700.

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# Why Livonia schools chose to add propane buses to fleet

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Last September, Livonia Public Schools added 22 propane-powered school buses to its fleet. Not only are propane buses greener than the average school bus, the district hopes the move will save money as well.

"Propane is inherently a clean burning fuel without the need of any expensive exhaust aftertreatment to clean it," Rick Martin, the district's fleet garage supervisor, said in an email. "This provides a huge savings to the district along with the added benefit of being environmentally friendly in its operation."

The purchase is part of a move toward greener transportation in the district. The Blue Bird buses, manufactured by Roush CleanTech in Livonia, allowed the district to get rid of 22 diesel buses. According to Roush, propane significantly reduces emissions, including emitting up to 60% less carbon monoxide than a diesel bus.

But, Martin said it's unlikely the district will exclusively use propane buses in the future.

"LPS has always had more than one fuel option for its fleet of buses and trucks ... This provides not only a di-

verse fuel option, but also gives the district flexibility and dependability for its transportation needs when a certain fuel supply becomes interrupted or limited," he said. "Propane will be part of that option for the future."

The district received \$844,386 through a grant from the Volkswagen State Mitigation Trust to pay about 40% of the costs, with Livonia paying \$1,266,580 of the cost. Nearby, Wayne-Westland Community Schools used the same grant program to help buy 19 propane buses.

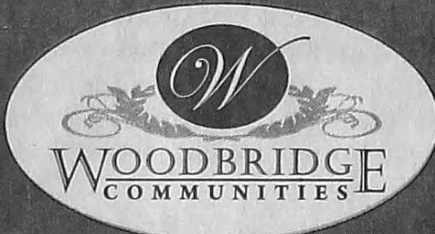
As the years go by, Martin said propane buses require less maintenance than diesel buses, which the district expects to save money from. Propane fuel, at \$1.21 per gallon, is also cheaper than the \$2.08 Livonia pays for diesel presently.

"Replacement and service parts cost thousands of dollars for regular maintenance with diesel," Martin said. "That's coupled with increased service labor and downtimes keep diesel buses off the road for extended time periods. This is where propane really excels in keeping vehicle maintenance costs down."

Contact reporter Shelby Tankersley at tankersle@hometownlife.com or 248-305-0448. Follow her on Twitter @shelby\_tankk.




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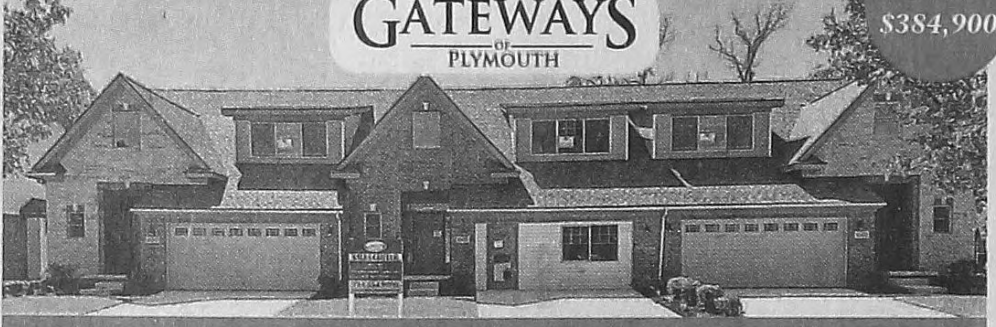
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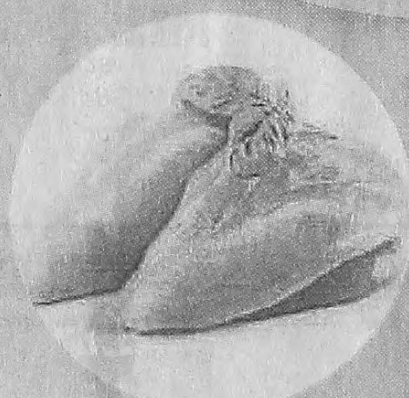
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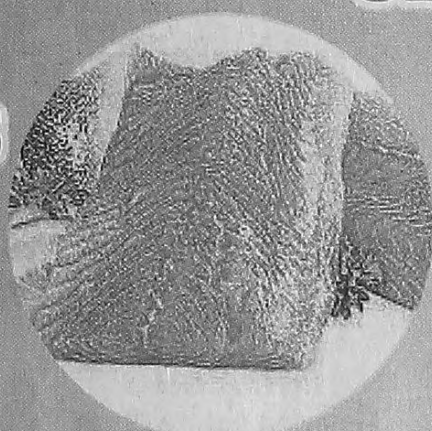
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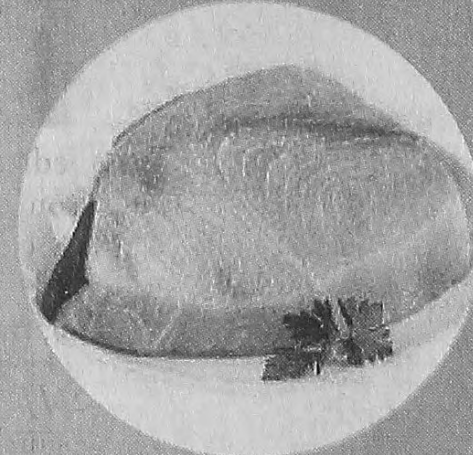
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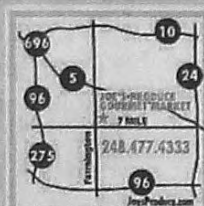
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# SPORTS

## Madonna opens first-ever football season

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Madonna University football has been waiting a long time to take the field for the first time.

Establishing the program in August 2018, the Crusaders hired their first head coach in January 2019 with sights set on starting its first season in fall 2020. But the COVID-19 pandemic

pushed that start date back even further with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics establishing a spring football season to start in February 2021.

Now, with a new head coach, and another pushed-back start date, Madonna football is on the clock. The Crusaders will open its inaugural season at home Saturday, facing Lawrence Tech at Churchill High School.



Haygood

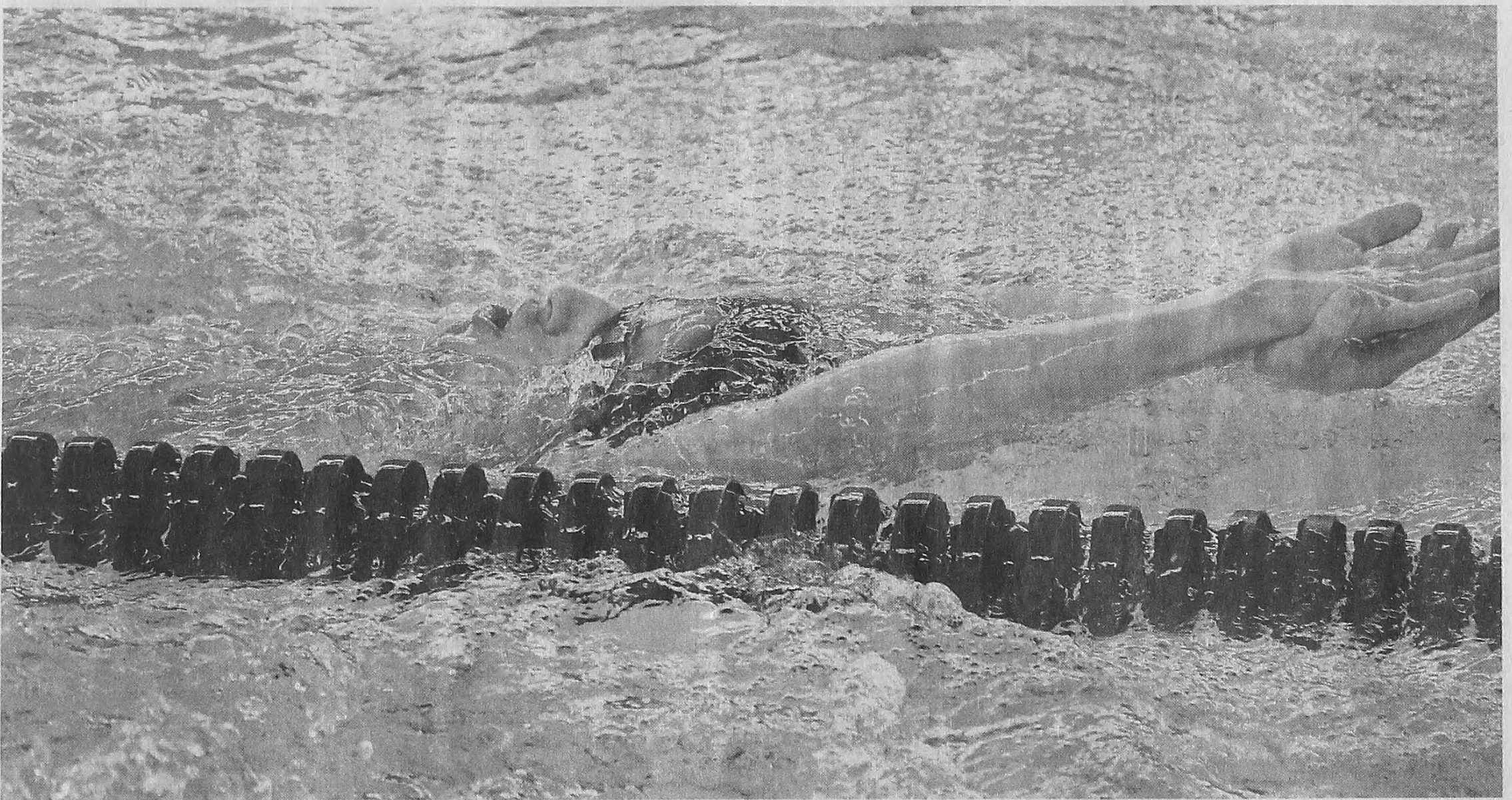
two years now. They are just ready to get out there and show what they came to Madonna for."

"I think all the guys are excited and ready to play," head coach Herb Haygood, who replaced former head coach Brian Foss Dec. 9, said. "We've had guys who have been on campus for almost

Heading into its first season, Madonna has 82 Michigan players on its roster along with freshman kicker/punter Moritz Preuss, who is from Berlin, but played for Groves High School in Birmingham.

The Crusaders also have 11 players from Ohio, two from Nevada, two from Florida and representatives from South

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Detroit Catholic Central's Matthew Kozma practices in the pool at Marian High School on Feb. 4. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## CC swim team remains unbreakable

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Entering the Mercy High School locker room from the pool deck, there's a bell hanging right in front of the door, printed with the word "Navy" in block letters.

In an homage to the Navy Seals, the bell is to be rung when swimmers have had enough or have finished their final race.

When Detroit Catholic Central found that its 2020 season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Shamrocks' nine seniors rang the bell, exiting the pool for the final time. But it didn't mean as much. To some, it sounded hollow. The race was incomplete, no fault of their own.

Approaching the winter season, sitting in the same spot as she did when she found out the 2020 state meet was

canceled, Shamrocks head swim coach Jessica Stoddard remembers the significance of the bell. It's more than just something to ring in celebration.

Navigating the 2021 season with only the state meet on the head coach's mind, she anticipates the ring being validation for the work put in, but also a sweet song cutting through the loss and the fights that will not be erased even if they hoist a Division 1 state championship trophy.

Stoddard hopes to use this fuel, this drive in 2021 to push her swimmers past the breaking point.

"You reach that point of pain. When you keep pushing, it actually does go away," Stoddard said. "When you touch the wall, you are going to feel it, and it's going to be awful, but you can get to the

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Catholic Central's Christian Dunaitis during a practice session.

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# Canton beats Salem for PCEP hockey title

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Heading into the 2021 season, Canton had one goal in mind: win the Park. The hockey balance at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park had been heavily skewed toward Salem, a program coming off a regional title and a state quarterfinal loss to Detroit Catholic Central.

Canton has not had success against Salem as of late, not beating the Rocks since tying them Jan. 16, 2016. Since then, the Rocks have outscored the Chiefs, 24-4, in six meetings.

But Canton head coach Justin Maedel thought it was his team's turn, firing his team up and telling them to take its first Park title in nine seasons. And Canton rose to the occasion, beating Salem (4-3), 4-1, Friday night at Arctic Edge Arena.

"Since my freshman year, all we have wanted to do is win the Park (championship) and beat these teams," Canton senior goalkeeper Michael Renzi said. "We are ecstatic for this win."

The success started with Renzi and the Canton defense.

Facing a Salem offense that was prone to fast starts — scoring 11 goals in six games in the first 17 minutes — Canton shut them down as Renzi recorded 14



As play gets pretty busy near his net, Canton goalie Michael Renzi tries to keep an eye on the puck to his left. Canton beat Salem, 4-1, Friday night at Arctic Edge Arena. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

saves in the first period of play.

For Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher, the Rocks offense did not have a lack of chances, saying there was no doubt his team "out-chanced" Canton. But it was finishing that proved to be the difference.

"There are times where we just don't engage," Ossenmacher said. "We line up for a face off and we are not necessarily ready when the puck drops."

"At this point, I feel like we're on a treadmill where we feel like we're moving, but we're not actually accomplishing a lot. You can look at the distance and say, 'Hey we went two miles,' but

you are standing in the same spot."

And while Renzi and the rest of the Canton defense stood stout, the team was rewarded.

Thirty-five seconds into the second period, Canton junior forward and assistant captain Tyler Husted took a feed from senior James Monteith and put the puck past Salem goalkeeper Andre Genereux, opening the floodgates for three goals within 17 minutes.

Canton senior captain Declan O'Hare took a rebound off Genereux's leg and tucked it past him on the left side of the goal for the second goal of the day, while Husted found an opening from junior

forward Joel Fonovic for his second of the day, his team-leading eighth of the season.

Canton senior defender Kunal Kale added an empty net goal late, handing Salem the three-goal loss after Rocks sophomore Logan Marshall recorded his second goal of the year in the third period.

"We have worked really hard in practice, really hard in the gym and we have worked really hard in games," Maedel said. "We have lost some games, but they are games that the score doesn't reflect what the game is."

"I think the boys have seen it, and I think they have a look at if we can play with what we have... we're right there. We're right there to turn it."

Husted remembers what this team looked like when he first joined.

Joining the team with Maedel prior to the start of the 2019-20 season, the now-senior remembers the team being perceived as struggling, but full of upside. With the talent and the dedication on the roster in 2021, Husted says now that upside is coming to fruition.

"When we put everything together, it shows on the ice, and it shows things are starting to get moving," Husted said.

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## Swim team

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next level.

"Being able to train at that next level takes something really special. You are either born with that special or you get it from the people you are around or the experiences you have gone through."

### .06 seconds

Matthew Kozma will always remember the 400-yard relay.

It's what gave him the chance to burst onto the scene as a freshman, racing third in the Shamrocks' All-State finishing relay team in 2018. But it also represents what could have been as a sophomore.

Kozma, who earned two individual All-State times in the 2019 state meet, led off Catholic Central's 400-yard medley relay, losing West Ottawa by .06 seconds and falling short in losing the Division 1 state title to the Panthers by eight points.

"When we lost that relay his sophomore year, I saw his heart shatter," Stoddard said. "It took awhile for him to shake that off. He definitely wasn't the same person for a while."

To Kozma, that experience made his team better. It made his team closer. It made his team of one mind, united on the fact that would not happen again in 2020.

Stoddard saw a swimmer in Kozma who was preparing to be a state champion as a junior. Twelve hours before the meet, Kozma found that he would not get a chance at redemption, as the Michigan High School Athletic Association canceled the state meet due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It wasn't just last year that we didn't get to swim. It was all the 10 years before that, building up," Kozma said. "To be honest, we had a better chance to win last year than we do this year, but we still have a chance this year. But that was the year to do it."

Stoddard knows that Catholic Central would have been the 2020 Division 1 state champion. She knows the talent she had on last year's roster.

"There's nobody in this world that can convince anyone of us who was a part of that team last year that anyone was going to beat us," Stoddard said. "There is absolutely no way."

As she led Catholic Central through



Catholic Central swim coach Jessica Stoddard watches her team practice Feb. 4. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

practices early on in the 2021 season, Stoddard says the state meet is the only meet that she's focused on. Until that point, she said, it's about staying healthy and enjoying the journey, waiting for a chance in the grand finale.

To Kozma, now a senior, he feels the shared experience in the pool has bonded them at a level more than just teammates or classmates.

"To get more united, you need to be broken down beforehand and pick up the pieces," he said.

But as Catholic Central prepared for the 2021 season, with its eyes on the prize of a Division 1 state title trophy, that sense of being broken down was seen outside the pool as well.

### Connection through grief

Catholic Central junior Kevin Schwab enjoyed the pool so much he never really wanted to get out.

Swimming was something his family did. He grew up swimming with his sister Katie, starting the sport competitively in middle school.

But it was something that connected Kevin and his father Mark, who took him to each practice, giving advice before he left the car.

"He was like, 'You may not be good at this stroke, but try this event, do this, try this, seek other swimmers' advice,'" Kevin Schwab said.

Mark Schwab died Sept. 28 of cancer at age 60, leaving Kevin not only without a ride to practice or meets, but missing a father.

"He was there for me day in and day out, did everything with me," Kevin Schwab said. "He took me to practice every day and just... my rock. My whole

world."

Kevin said the entire Catholic Central swim team was there for the funeral to support him in his grief, and that support changed the athletes' relationships with each other moving forward.

Instead of just the surface level conversations, the basic "How's it going?" approach, Kevin Schwab felt like he had a sounding board in his teammates, grouping together with the same people each and every day.

"It wasn't just a one-day thing, I'm in, I'm out," Schwab said. "They didn't just do what they had to do. They texted me, made sure I was OK, they checked up on me. It wasn't just a moral obligation. They went above and beyond."

The connection between Schwab and his teammates grew after his loss. Through the hardships, through the things taken away, the Shamrocks have been united.

"We experienced the same thing, we went through the same thing, so it's not that no one can relate to it," Schwab said.

"We get through it together, we pull through."

### Fighting together

Each transition in the swimming world proved tough for Sean Egan. From semi-competitive leagues to club, from club to high school, the mental battle became more prominent: "I need to make myself better every day."

But there was one moment in high school where Egan found out he "made it."

"It was actually this one practice that year when we were doing a 75-set," he said. "I was keeping up with all the top swimmers on the team, just for that one set. Everyone was so shocked and like 'where did this guy come from?'"

Egan found himself transitioning from swimming as a hobby to becoming a legitimate member of the team, stepping up when he needed to. He was fired up for the 2020 state meet after the previous Division 1 final loss, he ended the season heartbroken.

With both the winter season and his spring baseball season canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Egan felt debilitating pain in his left knee during an April training run around the neighborhood. For months, the knee kept him sidelined and unable to join the Shamrocks baseball team in summer tournaments despite multiple doctors saying they saw nothing structurally wrong.

But an MRI on his entire leg revealed a blotch of black an inch or two above his knee: osteosarcoma in his left femur.

"It was kind of blunt how (the doctors) said it," Egan recalled. "Well, it's not good. We're working on limb salvage and I'm sure we'll do good at it, but that's our main goal."

"I'm like, 'What?' I just thought I had a fracture or a torn something. I wasn't expecting my whole leg to be gone."

Egan had surgery Oct. 5, taking out the section of his femur and replacing it with a cadaver bone, plate and 18 screws, moving his fibula to replace his femur. He said he's hoping to be up and walking in February 2022, admitting the recovery process, including chemotherapy, has been frustrating, but progressing at the same time.

As an athlete, it was devastating, not able to do what he loved to do, including the simple things: taking a walk, a swim in the pool, playing basketball outside.

Egan says his family plays a major role in his recovery — supporting him each step of the way, playing games with him or watching HGTV or Food Network shows with his mother — along with the Catholic Central community as a whole: many holding a prayer vigil for him during his surgery.

But to Egan, the swim team has been at the forefront of his support, going from a couple of guys that come together to swim to a close-knit family. Brothers for life.

Egan had the opportunity to watch the Shamrocks race against U-D Jesuit and Brother Rice in what he viewed the biggest meet of the year except for states. It was a different view for them, but Egan said he had a chance to see in person what the Shamrocks were fighting for both in and outside of the pool.

With this, he remembers the bell, the one hanging just inside the Mercy locker room right off the pool. Last season, it was a very empty ring, he said, a sad moment for the seniors.

But this year, with all that's in front of Catholic Central, uniting together after being broken down, win or loss, that ring will sound different.

"It'll be more full," Egan said. "It's like we finished a really hard practice and you're done, you're like, 'Wow, I'm super tired, I'm worn out, I don't think I can do anything else, but I feel very accomplished.'"

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## Football

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Carolina, Montana, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee on its roster.

Since taking over as head coach in December, Haygood said he has established a competitive culture all around the program: from the weight room and practice field to the classroom. Now, with only days until the first game, the head coach is excited to see what they will be able to do together, especially in front of the home crowd.

"I think it's only right for us to be starting at home," Haygood said. Even

though we can't have more than 250 fans, it still gives the community a chance to participate, whether it's streaming — around campus, it's going to be... lively based on that."

But Madonna is still determining who will take the first snaps this Saturday.

Haygood said he has three quarterbacks — freshman Josh DePaulis, freshman Brady Gleason and sophomore Luke Pfohm — competing for the starting job, something the head coach hopes to have set in stone by Thursday or Friday.

Madonna had another week to figure out which direction it was going at quarterback. The Crusaders' first game

scheduled Feb. 13 against Missouri Baptist, was canceled, and its game against University of Saint Francis Feb. 27 was declared a no-contest due to COVID-19.

Haygood said the game plan has changed slightly, shifting his focus to Lawrence Tech, who the head coach believes will be one of the program's biggest rivals moving forward.

But the overall message for players remains.

"My goal and plan is to have a team that's having fun, that's playing for each other and competing on every down," Haygood said. "It's really that simple."

While he and the rest of the team have been waiting for close for more than two years to take the field for the

first time, Haygood said this first game will just be a continuation of what the program's been doing since he took over as head coach in December.

"Yes, there's a game to be played, but I have visualized this moment from the day I started coaching," Haygood said. "You'll see me: I won't get too high, too low. Our staff, same way, and our players will be the same way. We will prepare our guys to do their best and go from there."

Madonna takes on Lawrence Tech 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road in Livonia.

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# Goaltending buddies perfect in rare 0-0 tie

Bill Khan Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

HARTLAND — Nobody can appreciate a perfect night between the pipes quite like another goaltender.

Separated throughout the game by about 200 feet of ice in a rare 0-0 hockey tie Friday at Hartland Sports Center, Brighton senior Chris Wozniak and Hartland senior Ryan Piros sought out each other after the final horn.

"We've been buddies for a while," Piros said. "We just told each other we played a good game and good luck with our seasons."

Wozniak and Piros each earned a shutout in a game that remained scoreless even after an eight-minute overtime period, but their experiences couldn't have been more different.

At one end of the ice, Wozniak was under siege at times, particularly in the first period when he almost single-handedly kept the Bulldogs in the game.

At the other end, Piros went long stretches without seeing the puck which, as any goaltender will attest, can be a more difficult scenario.

Finishing with 27 saves and having to remain alert as 21 other shots were blocked, Wozniak didn't mind the heavy workload.

"Honestly, it kind of gets me into a rhythm," he said. "I started seeing the pucks, tracking them, looking through the screens."

"The nerves are definitely going to be there. But you've got to bottle those up and turn them into just playing good. It was honestly a blast; I loved every minute of it."

Piros, meanwhile, made 10 saves. Several were quality chances that came suddenly after several minutes of inactivity.

"Those games are the toughest, but staying locked in and just knowing it's a big game really helped with that," Piros said. "You don't want to lose to Brighton ever."

Hartland hasn't lost to Brighton since falling 1-0 in another goaltending duel on Feb. 21, 2015. Since then, the Eagles have gone 7-0-2 against the Bulldogs, with the last two games ending in ties.

"It's Brighton-Hartland," Hartland coach Rick Gadwa said. "Everyone who



Brighton's Chris Wozniak makes one of his 27 saves in a 0-0 tie against Hartland on Friday at Hartland Sports Center.

TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

was able to watch it and the players who were able to play in it, that's what it's all about. It's fun. They're tight games that you want to experience for your playoff run that's coming right around the corner. It's a good experience for the group."

Brighton tightened up defensively as the game went on, killing three power plays in the second period and limiting high-danger chances by an explosive Hartland offense.

It was a highly encouraging performance for the Bulldogs after their 5-0 loss to Detroit Catholic Central two nights earlier. Brighton is 4-4-1, having allowed at least four goals five times.

"We talked a lot about defending and we went over a lot of clips about defending after that Catholic Central game," Kivisto said. "I don't think we were far off in some of the games, and a couple mistakes ended up in the back of our net. We were able to do a good job keeping it out tonight."

The best scoring chance in overtime came when a Hartland shot laid in the crease and was backhanded out by Brighton defenseman Jack Sexsmith. The puck came out to Hartland defenseman Brady Balagna, who was looking at a half-open net. Wozniak dove back to stop the shot, which appeared to be go-

ing wide with four minutes left in the game.

"Jack had my back there," Wozniak said. "I was thanking him after it."

Kivisto can't recall ever being involved in a 0-0 game. The Bulldogs and Howell played scoreless hockey for three periods in a game two seasons ago, but Brighton won in overtime.

"There's too many mistakes at this level," Kivisto said. "Very rarely do you have a 0-0 hockey game with both teams not scoring a goal. It was a real good commitment by both teams to defend. I thought we did a heck of a job blocking shots tonight."

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Lions tight end T.J. Hockenson carries the football as wide receiver Marvin Jones, left, blocks Titans cornerback Malcolm Butler during a game in 2020. GETTY IMAGES

## Lions TE Hockenson has admirer in new OC Lynn

**Dave Birkett** Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

A breakout second season may be just the beginning for Lions tight end T.J. Hockenson, whose role should only increase this fall after the team's offseason of change.

"T.J. did some nice things last year, and I think his ceiling is even higher," new Lions offensive coordinator Anthony Lynn said earlier this month. "I know he made the Pro Bowl and all that, but he can play even better and that was the encouraging part."

"But I like what I saw on tape. He's a good football player."

Hockenson, who finished second on

the team with 67 catches, 723 yards and six receiving touchdowns in 2020, likely will be the Lions' leading returning receiver in 2021.

Marvin Jones and his 76 catches are expected to depart in free agency for a chance to play with a Super Bowl contender, and the futures of Kenny Golladay (a potential recipient of the franchise tag) and Danny Amendola (who hinted at retirement after the season) are uncertain.

Regardless of whether Golladay and/or Amendola return, Hockenson promises to be a major cog in Lynn's offense.

Both Lynn and head coach Dan Campbell have an affinity for a strong rushing attack, and Campbell has said

the Lions' offense will be built on the ability to create mismatches with personnel.

Hockenson, who was fourth in the NFL in receptions by a tight end last season, should help in both regards. He played more offensive snaps than every returning Lion but offensive linemen Taylor Decker, Frank Ragnow and Jonah Jackson last season, is a willing blocker in the run game and was selected for his first Pro Bowl largely because of his acumen as a pass-catcher.

"(A good tight end) creates a very unique matchup because you have linebackers and safeties covering that guy, and if he's a stud it's going to be a long day for you," Lynn said. "And so if I force

you to put a DB on that guy then obviously you have a lighter box and you want to run the football... So not only does he create matchups for you in the passing game, but it also helps you in the run game."

Lynn has made tight ends a feature part of his offense in the past.

Tight end Charles Clay led the Buffalo Bills with 57 catches in 2016, Lynn's one season as a play-caller. And Hunter Henry had back-to-back 50-plus-catch seasons with the Chargers in 2019-20, where Lynn was head coach.

As for Hockenson, who turns 24 this summer, Lynn said he expects the No. 8 pick of the 2019 draft to be a similar multipurpose weapon in Detroit.

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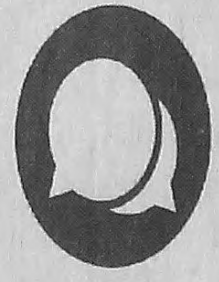
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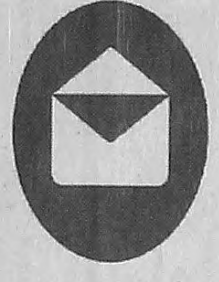
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## SUDOKU

	1			2				9
9		5	6		8	7		3
	3							6
2		6	3		7	9		4
	8			9				2
1		2	4		3	5		7

Difficulty Level ★★★

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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!

## IN AND OUT

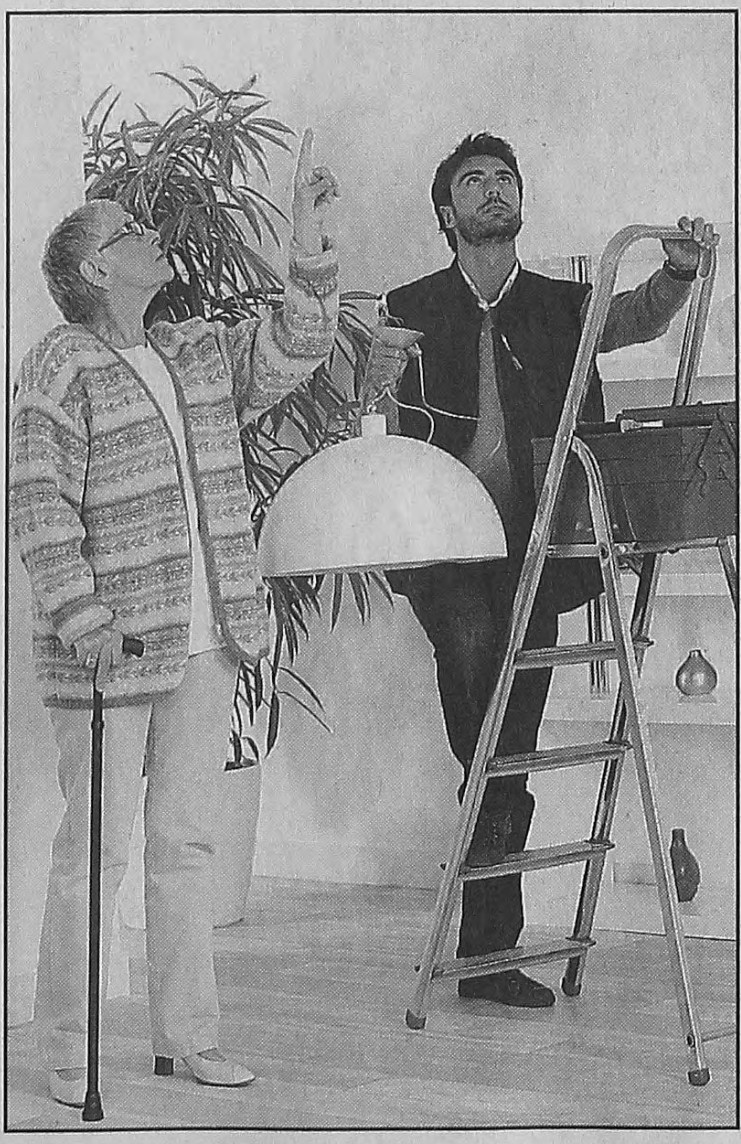
Can you find all the words with IN and OUT? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

Q O U T L A W W E C F V Z K N O E  
 T G O U T T Q M I D I E W I I N U  
 H G N I T U O P E N L F A L I N S  
 M O U T H C N T Y P H M Q D N I F  
 X X B I T I U L I C E H E T U O R  
 D N S U L O C C N B O U T I Q U E  
 E I O O R T N I W D V N B R A I N  
 T M I G E I P I H N E N I H C A M  
 U V T I R N T Q Y O U T H B S X L  
 O H N P G H I E G A R T U O A A O  
 R K Q N O C N T D G N C U O Y C C  
 P P I U B I H O U I N T X A L L T  
 S C T L W A L I A O H I B Q I C U  
 I C I T J P M T N E R O T N I B O  
 Y N N I H X R I R I U T G U I M C  
 D T N I W U Q N N T W C M F O O S  
 P M N S C V D U G O U T H V W T C

- AMINO
- BIN
- BLIND
- BOUTIQUE
- BRAIN
- CABIN
- CHIN
- CLING
- CLOUTED
- COIN
- CURTAIN
- DINE
- DOLPHIN
- DUGOUT
- FIND
- GOUT
- GROUTED
- ICING
- INK
- KIN
- LAYABOUT
- MACHINE
- MAIN
- MINX
- MOUTH
- OUTCOME
- OUTLAW
- OUTRAGE
- PINCH
- POUTING
- PRINCIPLE
- ROUTE
- ROUTINE
- SCOUT
- SOUTH
- SOUTHERN
- SPROUTED
- TOUTING
- TROUT
- TWIN
- VINYL
- VIOLIN
- WITHOUT
- YOUTH

IN AND OUT

1	9	2	4	6	3	5	8	7
3	8	7	5	9	1	4	2	6
5	4	8	7	2	1	3	9	
2	5	6	3	8	7	9	1	4
7	3	1	2	4	9	8	6	5
8	4	9	1	5	6	3	7	2
9	2	5	6	1	8	7	4	3
4	1	3	7	2	5	6	9	8
6	7	8	9	3	4	2	5	1



**SELL YOUR CAR**  
**ADOPT A PET**  
**GET A JOB**  
**FIND A HOUSE**  
**BUY A BOAT**  
**FIND A TREASURE**  
**GET A MASSAGE**  
**HIRE A HANDYMAN**

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