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LIVONIA VISION 21

## Plan leaves room for micro downtowns

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The Livonia Vision 21 plan is officially ready to roll.

At a meeting Monday, Livonia City Council members approved zoning changes that will, among other things,

allow for more mixed-use developments in the city.

"This is a step to really clean up our zoning," Councilman Brandon McCullough said. "This really clears the way to redevelop a lot of these vacant areas."

Aside from making the city's zoning laws more user-friendly via consolida-

tion, the law allows a major goal of the Livonia Vision 21 plan to roll out. The plan calls for three mixed-use micro downtowns at Civic Center Park at Five Mile and Farmington roads, the old Livonia Mall property at Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads and the Plymouth Road corridor.

Those areas would, officials hope, combine things like housing, retail, restaurants and public services like a park or library.

Council members stressed that any future developments anywhere in the

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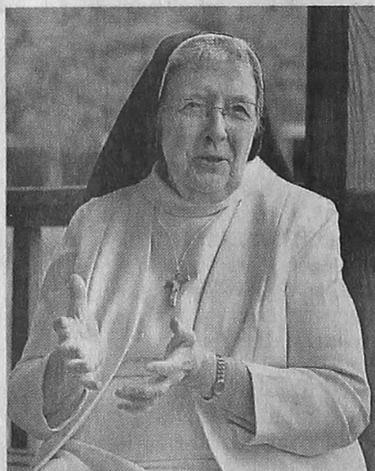
Sister Mary Francis Lewandowski says hello to one of the order's service dogs at Felician Publications' offices on Aug. 12.  
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## A day in the lives of Felician Sisters

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The life they live isn't for everyone. • Being a sister means choosing to not have a traditional family of their own, and it means dedicating their lives to the service of God and others. Sisters generally live more ministry-centered lives, while nuns usually have more solitary existences. • According to a few of Livonia's Felician Sisters, giving their time and talents to their neighbors is exactly what makes their lives gratifying.

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Sister Rose Marie Kujawa talks about her nearly 60 years in the Sisterhood on July 22 at Madonna University.

## Plymouth brothers face off in Madonna football's first game

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When Luke Florence first made Plymouth's varsity football team, he went to the equipment room on the school's campus to pick out a number.

When he walked in, an assistant coach looked up and said, "I assume you want 66," carrying the tradition of his brother Robert, a two-way lineman, who was three years older.

Luke Florence really hadn't thought about what number he wanted. But as he thought, he viewed 66 as an opportunity.

"It was one of the best decisions I ever made because it's a part of my brother I get to carry with me on the field," he said.

It's a number neither Robert nor Luke has given up. And as Madonna University opens its inaugural football season on the road against Lawrence Tech, both 66s will be assigned to the Florence brothers, facing off against each other for the first time and likely the final time.

It's an experience Emily Florence, their mother, has been waiting for.

"When your child goes to that next level, you just feel so proud that they did that for them, that they are out there, they accomplished their goal."

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# Bloomfield Twp. woman receives \$2M vaccine prize

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An Oakland County woman won the \$2 million grand prize in the final round of drawings of the MI Shot to Win COVID-19 vaccine sweepstakes.

Christine Duval of Bloomfield Township is \$2 million richer, the Protect Michigan Commission announced Monday, while also naming the nine young Michiganders who were awarded college scholarships and the last round of \$50,000 daily winners.

Duval, who moved to Michigan 13 years ago with her husband and three children from Montreal, got her COVID-19 vaccines in April. She said she plans to use the money to pay for college for her kids and to renovate their home and will donate some of it, too.

"We are really lucky," Duval said, "and we want to give back to those in need. The pandemic was tough on everyone and we believe the need for providing services that promote positive mental health care is more important now than ever. It's why we'll be donating some of our grand prize to improve mental health services in our communi-



Christine Duval of Bloomfield Township, right, is the \$2 million winner of the MI Shot to Win COVID-19 vaccine sweepstakes. She is joined by Protect Michigan Commission Director Kerry Ebersole Singh. COURTESY

ty. It's a cause very close to my heart."

The lottery-style sweepstakes began July 1 to entice more state residents to take COVID-19 vaccines and included giveaways of nearly \$5 million in cash and scholarships. More than 2.4 million adults registered to win cash prizes and about 106,000 students ages 12-17 signed up for the scholarship drawings.

"Thanks to the efforts of so many, and every Michigander who got their shot, the MI Shot to Win Sweepstakes has been a success," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer during a Monday morning news conference. "Every public health expert will tell you the middle of the summer always shows lower vaccination rates than any other time of year —

whether it's for chickenpox, measles or COVID-19.

"In June, for example, we saw our vaccinations declined week over week for that whole month. But the sweepstakes helped Michigan reverse that trend."

The sweepstakes featured a single drawing for \$50,000 each day for 30 days for adults who got a first dose of a coronavirus vaccine between July 1 and July 30. They also had a chance to win a \$1 million drawing if they got a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine between Dec. 1 and July 10. The \$2 million drawing was open to any adult resident who got a first dose of a vaccine between Dec. 1 and July 30.

For vaccinated 12-to-17-year-olds, there were nine chances to win a four-year Michigan Education Trust (MET) Charitable Tuition Program contract valued at \$55,000 each. To be eligible, teens and tweens must have gotten a first dose between Dec. 1 and July 30.

LaTonda Anderson, of Grand Blanc, won the \$1 million prize in the sweepstakes.

Meijer operated the contest, and the state of Michigan provided a grant for the program, funded by federal COVID-19 relief dollars.



In February, hundreds of COVID-19 vaccinations were administered at the Novi Fire Station on 10 Mile. On Aug. 27, immunocompromised individuals can get a third dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines as a booster at the station.

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## COVID-19 vaccine booster available in Novi

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COVID-19 vaccines were the hottest ticket in town in late winter and spring with those hoping to avoid serious illness and move past the pandemic clamoring for the shots.

Months have passed since those most at-risk received their shots. With fall quickly approaching and cases on

the rise again, it's time for a booster.

The Oakland County Health Division will administer third doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine to immunocompromised individuals at a series of drive-thru clinics, including one planned for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 27, at the Novi Fire Station at 49375 W. 10 Mile Road. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ups are welcome. Wear a mask, bring your vaccine record and valid photo identification, and leave your dog at home.

"If you are moderately to severely immunocompromised due to a medical condition or you are on immunosuppressive medications or treatments, you may receive a third dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 28 days after your second dose," Oakland County Health Division Medical Director Dr. Russell Faust said. "The additional vaccine dose should be the same as the first two doses you received, but you do not have to visit the same provider. Individuals should not receive more than three vaccine doses."

Individuals who should consider a third dose include those who have:

- Received an organ or stem cell transplant
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

People with chronic health conditions should talk to their healthcare provider about their medical condition to determine if getting an additional dose is appropriate.

The announcement follows closely

on the heels of one made by federal health officials stating that booster shots will be available to anyone eight months after they have received their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

At this time, there is no booster shot for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

The health division will roll out the Pfizer and Moderna boosters to all county residents in late September or early October with guidance from the CDC.

Oakland County's seven-day case average stands at 164 cases per day or 1,148 new cases per week as of Aug. 17.

Of the 1,960 new COVID-19 cases in Oakland County from July 28 to Aug. 10, 17 percent were 18 years old or younger and 23 percent were 19-29 years old. The data, according to the health department, underscores the importance of mitigating the spread of the virus among school-age and college-age students, particularly as they head back to classrooms.

The Oakland County Health Division is holding daily vaccine clinics from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at both its North Oakland Health Center in Pontiac and South Oakland Health Center in Southfield in addition to pop-up clinics in the community.

As of Aug. 13, 70.4% of all eligible (12 and older) Oakland County residents have been vaccinated against COVID-19, according to the county.

Visit [www.oaklandcountyvaccine.com](http://www.oaklandcountyvaccine.com) to locate the nearest Health Division vaccine reporter.

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## Wayne County COVID-19 cases continue to rise

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New coronavirus cases leaped in Michigan in the week ending Sunday, rising 20.1% as 12,043 cases were reported. The previous week had 10,029 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked 47th among the states where coronavirus was spreading the fastest on a per-person basis, a USA TODAY Network analysis of Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the latest week coronavirus cases in the United States increased 12.7% from the week before, with 1,031,057 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 1.17% of the country's cases in the last week. Across the country, 44 states had more cases in the latest week than they did in the week before.

Wayne County reported 1,863 cases and 21 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 1,626 cases and 21 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 172,919 cases and 5,250 deaths.

Oakland County reported 1,506 cases and 11 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 1,363 cases and 11 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 124,280 cases and 2,496 deaths.

Within Michigan, the worst weekly outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Ontonagon, Branch and Delta counties. Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 1,863 cases; Oakland County, with 1,506 cases; and Macomb County, with 947. Weekly case counts rose in 66 counties from the previous week. The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in Wayne, Kent and Oakland counties.

Michigan ranked 32nd among states in share of people receiving at least one shot, with 54.7% of its residents at least partially vaccinated. The national rate is 60.7%, a USA TODAY analysis of CDC data shows. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which are the most used in the United States, require two doses administered a few weeks apart.

In the week ending Sunday, Michigan reported administering another 93,792 vaccine doses, including 45,889 first doses. In the previous week, the state administered 78,696 vaccine doses, including 48,830 first doses. In all, Michigan reported it has administered 10,065,791 total doses.

Across Michigan, cases fell in 15 counties, with the best declines in Iosco, Ingham and Allegan counties.

In Michigan, 109 people were reported dead of COVID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 63 people were reported dead.

A total of 1,040,673 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and 21,393 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the United States 37,709,810 people have tested positive and 628,503 people have died.

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# Produce, artisans abound at farmers market



**Walt Gajewski**  
Guest columnist

I have been writing this column, "Fresh at the Market," for 11 years. That's as long as I have been manager of the farmers market. I would have to dig deep (and maybe still not find it) to come across a piece that tells of the "& Artisans" aspect of the Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market.

Let's face it, and this I hold to be true: Without our farmers – and we have a whole lot of them – the market here would wither on the vine. I've seen it and I see it.

To be the kind of market that we are, a destination market, you have to bring a wide selection of produce from all compass points as the weather is, well, the weather. If it's raining north, it's dry to the south. Somebody is picking somewhere.

That's how we get our bounty, through lots of farmers, growers, producers and foragers. And I won't stray from this way of presenting the market to the community. Access to locally grown, farm-fresh produce is so fundamental and abundantly essential to a successful farmers market.

## A market of finds

The artisans of our market could be specialty food vendors, home and garden artisans, potters, photographers, wood turners or metal smiths. These vendors bring "finds" to the market. From Market Place Street to the bricks of Sundquist Pavilion or under its rafters, there is a market within a market.

One thing we do with our new volunteers is to ask them to go off and stroll the market. See what's out there. Get a feel for the appeal, so to speak. As one volunteer newbie told me recently: "I was amazed at how much this market has to offer. Here it is 90 degrees in the shade, and I'm thinking about Christmas presents."

Our artisans harken back to the old world, back when farming allowed people to settle in place. Handiwork was currency. The blacksmith came forward to trade his fire-forged gates, railings, furniture, farm tools and horseshoes for a winter's worth of wheat.

And so it goes – this is how a community was formed. This is how a community flourished. And it still happens today at the Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market.

Next time you have to run out or log in to find a table gift or an expression of thanks, consider the artisans at the Farmers Market. Imagine the good feeling exchanged when someone reaches into a bag or unwraps a box as you say: "I hope you like it. I found it at the farmers market..."



Among the Farmington Farmers Market's artisans is Wright by Design of Brighton, which specializes in photos of Michigan locales, especially Farmington. Suzette Wright and her husband, Ron, have been part of the market for more than 15 years. COURTESY OF WALT GAJEWSKI

## Your market this week

August is true to itself, bringing the dog days of summer as southeast Michigan experiences high heat and humidity. Some people like it. Some people have boats and pools.

I love the market this time of year. Tempered by irrigation, the warm soil brings the spoils of Michigan farm produce, which ranks second in the country in agricultural diversity, next to California. I'm eating corn, green beans, nectarines, field tomatoes, peaches, triple-washed lettuce, summer squash, new potatoes, sweet onions and all colors of peppers.

Now that you know to stroll the whole market for "finds," bend an ear for early morning music this Saturday as we welcome the Hanabi Ensemble, a cultural experience not to be missed that features students from this West Bloomfield non-profit filling the air with the magical sounds of marimbas. It's quite incredible.

At 10 a.m. let's welcome Farmington local Jeff D'Angelo, a well-traveled troubadour of classic rock making his debut at the market, playing in Riley Park.

From Mugs, Coffee & Grub to the fresh-made thick smoothies and a summer-pressed lemonade, the mar-

ket oozes of the stuff that can only be found by strolling around on a summer's day in a small town tucked away in southeast Michigan. As I say quite often these days, "Live your best life."

Until next time, then and as always, here's saying, "See you at the market."

The Farmington Farmers Market runs Saturdays in downtown Farmington. For more information, visit [www.farmingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.farmingtonfarmersmarket.com).



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# Sisters

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"If you're called to the life, it is a very happy life," said Sister Rose Marie Kujawa. "It's worth the sacrifices."

According to institutions like the Pew Research Center, the number of women choosing to become sisters and nuns has steadily fallen since the 1960s. Statistics also show Christian church membership in general has steadily fallen the last 20 years.

But Livonia's nuns in particular have had a massive impact on the community. Madonna University, Angela Hospice Home Care, St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the now-closed Ladywood High School are just some examples of Felician-sponsored services in the city.

The Felician Sisters in Livonia are aging — the pandemic has highlighted that in terrible ways as many older sisters have died from COVID-19 — and are trying to recruit younger women while simultaneously preparing for a day when there might not be enough sisters around to keep their ministries going.

"Religious communities are getting smaller," Kujawa, 78, said. "So with all this joy, there is a sense of sadness that we have not been able to convey the joy that is in this life. We don't have as many entering."

It's a struggle familiar nationwide as the number of Catholic sisters is in dramatic decline. There were about 180,000 in the mid-1960s and only about 30,000 today. In Michigan, where communities of Catholic sisters were pioneers in education and health care across the state, the decline is similar.

In the Archdiocese of Detroit alone, there were nearly 6,000 Catholic sisters, the majority teachers from a variety of congregations during 1962-63, according to annual Catholic directories. The number dwindled to just 26 sisters serving in 84 Catholic schools across the entire six-county archdiocese this spring.

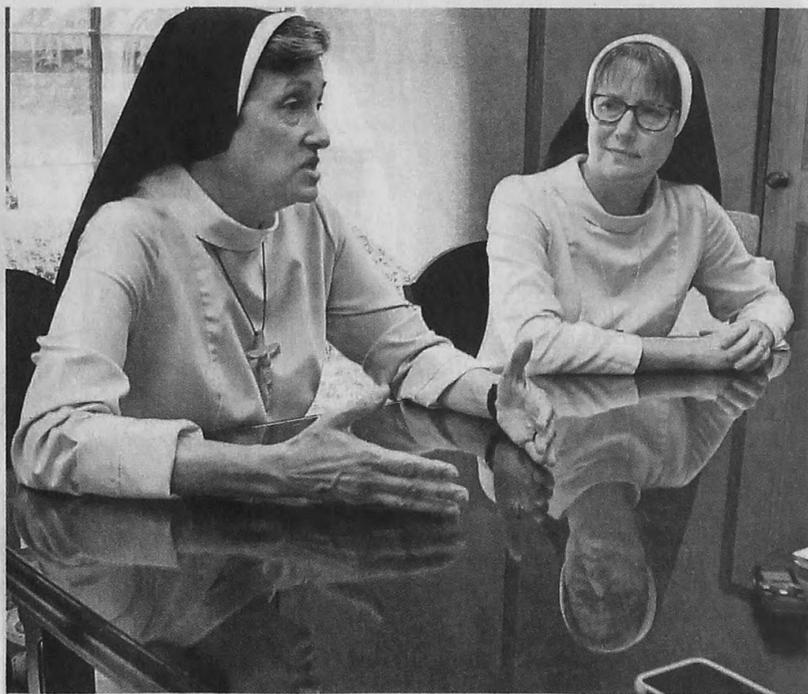
## A call to sisterhood

Unlike Kujawa and Sister Mary Francis Lewandowski, who joined the Felicians out of high school, Sister Felicity Marie Madigan was in her 20s when she became a nun. She'd lived life as an adult, she'd dated. At 46, she's been a



Above, Sister Felicity Marie Madigan heads inside the Felician Publications and Studio Arts building Aug. 12. At right, Sisters Mary Francis Lewandowski, left, and Felicity Marie Madigan talk about their service to the Felician Sisters order.

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nun for 19 years and says she felt comfortable choosing religious life in part because she knew exactly what she'd be "missing," so to speak.

But, they all said giving their lives to serve God and other people was what made the idea of being a nun attractive to them.

"My interest was to be bread for others, to serve God and to serve His people," Madigan said.

Kujawa said wanting a family and children is, in her experience, something that stops young women from considering religious life, even if they are passionate about serving the church. She's known plenty of women who've left the Felician Sisters over the years.

"A girl at age 16 might say, 'Oh, I just love your life. But I've always wanted to be a mother,'" Kujawa said. "Guess what wins out? It's having her own home and a family ... Just because you enter a religious community, it doesn't mean that yearning goes away. That's something you have to deal with at different stages in your life."

But they say there's a family-like atmosphere that comes with being a sister, too.

"We have the same religious beliefs,

and our thrust is to be about mission," Madigan said. "We're united together in that, and that's where our sisterhood is bonded."

"It's family."

Most nuns have roommates or housemates. Lewandowski, 55, said, aside from the sweet friendship that comes with those living arrangements, it allows for spiritual growth, too.

"It's a daily journey," she said. "How do we live together and keep a common focus? A lot of that has to do with prayer, and a lot of that has to do with the coffee we share in the morning. It's meeting each other where we are and accepting our differences for the greater glory of God."

## Changing to meet the moment

Though Lewandowski and Madigan have both lived and worked in Livonia at some point, they now live in southwest Detroit with another sister. They all have day jobs, Lewandowski runs internal communications for the Felicians in Livonia and Madigan co-directs a non-profit in Detroit, but praying for and serving their neighborhood is a huge part of their lives.

Lewandowski said their living situa-

tion, while somewhat uncommon, is becoming more popular. They find it serves people effectively — after all, living life alongside people is part of how Jesus did ministry — and is more attractive to women considering religious life.

"Young women entering religious life are very much looking to be active in service to the poor," Lewandowski said. "I think that our being out there really gives people a fresh look at what religious life is about, especially young women."

They have a free food box in front of their house that Lewandowski says is almost always empty. Neighbors help them fill the box and routinely stop them asking for prayer.

"People who drive by us know that the sisters are there and the sisters are praying," Lewandowski said. "We're kind of like a beacon of light in the neighborhood. We really are walking the love of Jesus through the community."

They said doing ministry the same way forever won't be effective, and they need to change some things to meet the moment they live in.

"Part of our service is to be open to the changes that are going on around

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Sister Mary Francis Lewandowski volunteers for Deo Gracias Ministries. PHOTOS COURTESY OF DEO GRACIAS MINISTRIES

## Sisters

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us," Madigan said. "As sisters, that's what we do. We step in where there's a need."

### Preparing for a smaller footprint

During her career, Kujawa worked at Madonna University for roughly 40 years. She spent 17 years as the vice president of academics and 14 years as the president. She's part of a long line of religious people who've led the school.

Now, the university is run by what Kujawa calls a "layperson," meaning someone who's primary vocation isn't ministry. She said more of that transition may lie down the road and, if a sister can't run things, they'll work to make sure everyone's values are on the same page.

"We have worked very diligently that when we transfer leadership to a layperson, they are required to really learn the values we promote," she said. "It's our responsibility to make sure leadership is in place who will carry on these values. These are ministries to us - education is

a ministry for us."

Kujawa said the Livonia convent gets between one and three candidates for sisterhood annually. The convent has traditionally accepted women from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. From candidacy, becoming a sister takes several years, a process during which some change their minds and leave.

"We've been aware that the number of religious people has been diminishing for 30, 40 years," Kujawa said. "That's pretty apparent. We've done our studies, and we've already started merging provinces."

But their many ministries, when done right, aren't about the sisters at all. They said they feel they're exactly where they should be, serving those around them the way they're called to do so.

"We have pledged ourselves to accept people where they are," Lewandowski said. "It's not our jobs to pass judgement on you. That's what's within your heart and that's between you and God ... We firmly believe that our acceptance and being welcoming to everyone is what leads to a conversion of heart."

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Sister Felicity Madigan works on a garden box used by Deo Gracias Ministries.

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# Livonia woman celebrates 105th birthday

Shelby Tankersley [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Lois McGarvey, born in Niles, Michigan, in 1916, turned 105 years old Aug. 22.

She's lived through two pandemics, two world wars, the Great Depression and so much more.

But all she talks about is her children. "I gave them everything I could to make them happy," McGarvey said. "I wanted what was best for them and I wanted them to do what was right."

McGarvey had four children - David, Kenneth, Kathleen and Marilyn - and fostered three more kids: Lillian, Helen and Patricia.

Her family now includes 18 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and 21, soon to be 23, great-great-grandchildren.

"I never knew which one I was talking to," she joked. "But I loved them. We got along fine."

McGarvey married her late husband Hazen McGarvey in August 1934 and they raised their family in Dearborn. The two were together for 65 years.

McGarvey spent her days as a homemaker and said the children kept her more than busy.

"I loved kids and I got along with them," she said. "We knew a lot of children who needed help."

"I just liked kids and it came naturally to me."

McGarvey now lives in Manoogian Manor on Middlebelt Road in Livonia and says she has few worries.

Her daughter, Kathleen Perkins, works at Manoogian and enjoys being able to see her mom a few times a week.

"I've been here through the whole pandemic," Perkins said. "It's been so great; I'm so blessed."

"... She doesn't like to call attention to herself, but she is really witty and fun to



Lois McGarvey prepares to blow out the candles on her birthday cake Aug. 18 at Manoogian Manor in Livonia. McGarvey turned 105 on Aug. 22.

JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

be around."

McGarvey celebrated her birthday a little early on Aug. 18 with other Manoogian residents. As the oldest person there, she was generous enough to divulge her secret to such a long life:

"I just kept hanging in and had things to do," she said.

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# US again curbs travel from Mexico and Canada

Minnah Arshad [Detroit Free Press](http://DetroitFreePress.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK

The Department of Homeland Security announced it is extending restrictions on nonessential travel for Canada and Mexico until Sept. 21.

The extension comes less than two weeks after Canada opened its land and ferry borders to the United States.

The restriction won't prevent U.S. citizens and permanent residents from returning home, and it applies only to land and ferry travel.

As of Friday, Michigan had 925,377 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 20,076 deaths. According to John Hopkins University, the U.S. accounts for about one-fifth of the world's new cases.

## Plan

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city still have to come before council. City officials have previously said they will continue to seek public input on the Vision 21 plan as it rolls out.

Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan has previously said redevelopment of certain areas in town will create more bikeable, walkable communities and make the city more attractive to young families.

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## Brothers

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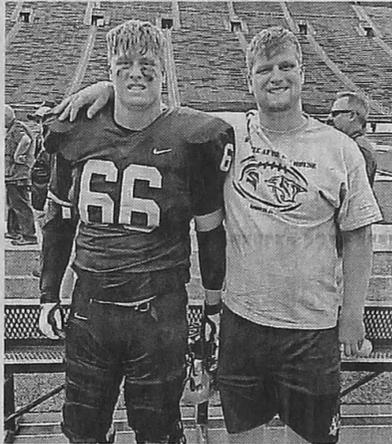
she said. "Both of my boys set that goal that they wanted to play college football, and once that was accomplished and once they take that field, it (will be) a little overwhelming."

It was initially something both Robert and Luke didn't think they would have to do.

Robert Florence started both ways for Plymouth on the offensive and defensive line, going through the recruiting process and eventually picking Lawrence Tech, where he's about to play in his redshirt senior season on the offensive line.

Lawrence Tech was the school the entire Florence family saw Luke following his brother to. But after a Blue Devils coaching change and a last-minute pitch by the Crusaders, the younger brother found his home on the offensive line at Madonna.

"It was bittersweet," Luke Florence, an offensive lineman heading into his



Luke and Robert Florence will take the field together for the first time when Madonna University football takes on Lawrence Tech on Aug. 28.

COURTESY OF EMILY FLORENCE

second year with Madonna, said. "I knew we would be on the field and I thought we would have more games together."

"I knew that while I wouldn't be playing with him, I knew, for once, I'd go and make my own name for myself too and not just have them like me just because they liked my brother."

But with the age gap between the two brothers, competition was never really a factor. Instead, it was more of Robert trying to guide Luke in what he learned going through the same experiences earlier.

"Robert just wanted him to be successful," Emily Florence said. "And Luke wanted to show him that he could be successful in the same way."

Robert Florence saw the potential from his brother immediately when he took his baton at Plymouth.

The elder Florence saw Luke's motivation and drive in the weight room and the field, knowing that combination would take him to the college level, helped by his now 6-foot-6, 310-pound stature.

"I knew he was going to go somewhere with it," Robert Florence said. "I didn't expect him to go to a team that was going to play me on the opener of my last season."

As the game inches closer, the trash talk has picked up. The secrecy of the game of football has been taken to a new level.

"I came home one day and he hid his playbook from me in the basement because he knew I was going to look for it when I came in," Robert Florence said with a laugh, admitting he didn't know his brother had the playbook until his mother told him.

But to the pair, the season opener between Mid-States Football Association opponents will just be another game until the end, when the two go and shake hands.

No matter the score, that's when the brothers expect the emotions to come: when the two 66s meet together for the final time.

"It's my last opportunity to play my brother, it's my only opportunity to play him in football," Robert Florence said. "It's going to be something that hits me afterwards and I think it's going to be a bittersweet feeling."

"I won't get that opportunity again." Contact reporter Colin Gay at [cgay@hometownlife.com](mailto:cgay@hometownlife.com).

# Obituaries

## Judith ("Judy") Anne Hale

**PETOSKEY** - We pray in thanksgiving for the life of Judith ("Judy") Anne Hale who passed away in Petoskey, Michigan on August 9, 2021, following a brief illness.

Judy is predeceased by her twin sister Jeanne Marie (Cameron) Woodin (2014), and her daughter, Heather Hale Wilson (2013). She lives on through her husband of 56 years, Ken Hale, and her surviving children Michael Hale (Melissa Hirn), Julie Buttler (Kevin), Kristi Ashton (Brian), Daniel Hale (Tricia), and Kathleen Hale, as well as 15 grandchildren who were her pride and joy: Alexander, Adam, Brendan, Ava, Jackson, Olivia, Carson, Waverly, Casey, Landon, Madelyn, Keira, Camden, Beckham, and Harper Jude. She is also survived by her siblings Gail Bieschke (Ron), Gordon Cameron, Christopher Cameron (Marilia), and Mary Kay Cameron, and countless nieces and nephews who adored her.

Judy was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 18, 1940. The eldest child of Lillian and Gordon Cameron, Judy was carried home in an Awry Bakery basket with her twin sister Jeanne. She spent her childhood in Detroit with her 5 siblings, attending Saint Edwards Elementary School and Annunciation High School where her Catholic faith in God began and strengthened. Some might remember Judy from her early days working at Awry Bakery in Detroit and Sanders Ice Cream Shop. She met the love of her life, Ken, while working at Employers' Insurance Company in 1959. After their marriage in 1964, Judy played a vital role in starting and continuing to grow the company that she co-owned with Ken, Cambridge Underwriters Ltd., in Livonia, Michigan.

While raising their 6 children in Livonia, Judy opened her home to the countless neighborhood children who still remember her as the mother



who could fix anything. She was admired for her giving nature, kindness, humility, grace, and contagious wit.

Judy Hale set the standard for both generosity and ferocity of spirit. While she had the grace, dignity, and DNA of royalty, she had the soul of a saint. It has been said that the two most important days of a person's life are the day they were born and the day they discovered why. Judy learned early on in life that her "why" was to serve others. It would be hard to identify a time when her empathy did not shine through when she learned of anyone in need, and this was unconditional. She was the definition of selfless. A mother figure to all, both young and old, Judy dedicated her life to serving God and others before herself.

It seemed that Judy's energy for helping others never tired. She organized countless fundraisers for her church, Hospice of Michigan, Karmanos Cancer Institute, to name a few, as well as contributing to religious organizations such as Forgotten Harvest and the MidWest Jesuits. While she preferred to work behind the scenes, Judy was commended for her dedication to the community in 1992 when she received the First Citizen of Livonia award.

Judy knew she was on this earth to not just call herself a Christian but to consistently live out and aspire to those ideals. A long-time member and active parishioner of St. Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia, she served in many capacities over the years. Her faith in God spoke volumes to so many people and touched countless lives. Truth be told, Judy's legacy is that she lived her faith in all that she did on this earth, and despite life's challenges, she never lost that faith.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any special memories of Judy be sent to [memoriesofjudyhale@gmail.com](mailto:memoriesofjudyhale@gmail.com). These memories will be shared later at a celebration of Judy's life when all who loved her can safely gather together in one place.



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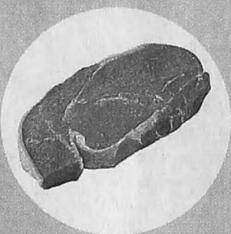
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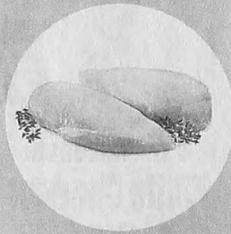
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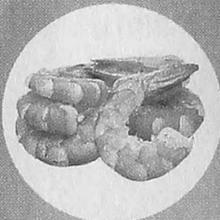
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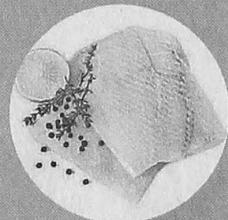


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# SPORTS



Runners compete in the Lamplighter meet under the lights of Ford Field in Livonia. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Novi, Northville begin quest for state meet at Lamplighter Invite

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Mihir Gupta broadened his view of where running can take him before he started preparing for the fall.

Before officially starting his senior cross country season at Novi, Gupta traveled to Eugene, Oregon, with a group of his Wildcats teammates — including junior co-captain Griffin Conway and graduated senior Miles Brown — to run in the 4x800-meter championship relay and the 1600-meter sprint medley relay at The Outdoor Nationals.

Finishing in the top 10 in each of those races, Gupta remembers feeling the weight of the preparation, the nerves he had to deal with in his first introduction to the national stage, a stage he felt he should be on.

Sitting in Novi's tent, warming up for the Lamplighter Invite at Ford Field in Livonia — his first cross country race of his senior season — Gupta viewed the team as his. It's his turn to lead his teammates to do what leaders like Brown and Matthew Gustitus helped him accomplish in the past.

"There's no cushion to fall back on anymore," Gupta said. "All the decisions are either going to fall on me or Griffin in



The first flight of varsity boys runners pass by a light on Ford Field in Livonia.

terms of our team success. We're just going to have to fill bigger shoes than we already filled before."

The shoes are pretty large. In 2020, the Wildcats finished their season with a fourth-place finish at the Division 1 cross country state meet, placing three runners in the top 50, in-

cluding Gupta, who ran a 15:46.63. Novi head boys cross country coach Brad Moore knows the talent Novi lost heading into 2021. But he also sees a group, led by captains Gupta, Conway, Jimmy Schafer and Seth Wood, that

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### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## Five questions ahead of Week 1

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com  
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As the Michigan high school football season begins Thursday, there are many storylines to watch from Hometown Life-area teams in 2021.

Here are five questions that Week 1 of the football season could start to solve.

### Will South Lyon win the Lakes Valley Conference?

This isn't a question that will be finalized in Week 1. But South Lyon feels like if it beats Walled Lake Western in the first game of the 2021 season, it will be in the driver's seat for a Lakes Valley Conference title.

Since the league's inception in 2017, the Lions, the Warriors and Lakeland have been the top-tier teams, consistently finishing in the top four of the league all but once: a last-place finish by South Lyon in 2017.

Even before the season begins, South Lyon seems to be in the driver's seat, bringing back eight starters on each side of the ball, including senior wide receiver and defensive back Quinn Fracassi — a ball-catcher head coach Jeff Henson feels can go up

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## How area teams will do this season

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The high school football season is upon us.

Before season officially kicks off Aug. 26, here's a look at how Hometown Life's area teams should finish over the course of the 2021 season (predicted records in parenthesis).

### KLAA East

Livonia Churchill (7-2, 5-2 in conference play)

Livonia Franklin (6-3, 4-3 in conference play)

Livonia Stevenson (4-5, 3-4 in conference play)

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# Hometown Life's top 10 high school football teams

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Week 1 is finally upon us. Teams across the area are preparing for the first game of the 2021 season, setting their sights on a playoff run starting at the end of October. Here's a look at where Hometown Life's teams stack up before the first snaps of the season.

## 1. Detroit Catholic Central

A roster filled with juniors in 2020 came within 14 points of the Shamrocks' first regional title since 2017. Now with a roster filled with senior returners, including the starting quarterback and the front seven of a defense that allowed 101 points all season, expectations are for CC to not only make the regional final, but possibly exceed it.

## 2. Livonia Churchill

This is the season the Chargers have been waiting for. With five returners on offense and six returners on defense — many of which are heading into their third season starting on varsity — Churchill has the experience of playing big games late in the postseason. Add senior quarterback Taj Williams, who transferred back to the Chargers after playing his junior season in Georgia, to the mix and you have a contender in the KLA East.

## 3. South Lyon

The only thing seemingly stopping South Lyon's momentum in 2020 was the COVID-19 pandemic, forcing a forfeit in the district final against North Farmington. Now with eight starters back on both sides of the ball, expectations are high for the Lions. Watch out for a Week 1 matchup against Walled Lake Western that could decide the Lakes Valley Conference.

## 4. North Farmington

North Farmington continued to make strides in 2020, finishing with seven wins and its deepest playoff run in 1978. Losing offensive weapons like quarterback Jacob Bousamra and running back Justin Whitehorn, the Raiders have a team to build around returning skill players like senior Aaron Rice and defensive back Jasper Beeler, facing what could be an extremely difficult OAA White schedule.

## 5. Canton

In 2020, Canton recorded its first undefeated regular season in 10 years, earned playoff wins against Wayne Me-

morial and Livonia Stevenson, before being stopped in its tracks by KLA East foe Belleville. Returning six players on each side of the ball, including senior running back Zack Badger and senior lineman Giulian Bodiu, Canton looks to lead the West for the second-straight season.

## 6. Lakeland

The Eagles continued their string of success in 2020, earning their fourth-straight seven-win season, while earning their third trip to the district final in that timespan. With a new head coach in James Calhoun, Lakeland will look to compete for a Lakes Valley Conference title in 2021 with returning quarterback Tate Farquhar and right guard and defensive lineman Dillon Gacki.

## 7. Livonia Franklin

One season after finishing fourth in the KLA East with experienced linemen and inexperienced skill players, Franklin's flipping the script in 2021. The Patriots' experience comes from its skill guys: quarterback Zac Olesuk, wide receiver Brandon Reiten, running back Cordel Mabins and safety Gary Morris. If it develops an offensive and defensive line, Franklin will be a team to watch in the KLA East.

## 8. Brother Rice

Brother Rice has been extremely consistent over the past five seasons, never losing more than four games, but losing in each of its four district finals appearances. While the Warriors have talent returning, including senior linebacker Jackson Minelli, junior running back Nolan Ray and senior wide receiver Cole Lacanaria, their schedule could prove to be too much for them in 2021.

## 9. Farmington

After a forgettable 2020 season, the Falcons are looking to turn its trajectory around. With a new coach in Jason Albrecht — the team's offensive coordinator under former head coach Kory Cioroch — Farmington looks to take advantage of the OAA Blue with quarterback Dominic Pesci and running back Jacob Sanders.

## 10. Northville

In 2020, the Mustangs started their turnaround, recording their first winning season since 2016 and averaging 24 points per game. Northville, under head coach Matt Ladach, will return five players on each side of the ball, looking to continue that positive trajectory into 2021.



Canton junior Zack Badger finds a hole during his three-touchdown night against Hartland. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Westland John Glenn (3-6, 2-5 in conference play)  
Wayne Memorial (1-8, 0-7 in conference play)

**Analysis:** While Belleville is slated to rule at the top of the KLA East, expect Livonia Churchill to be near the top, especially with the experience the Chargers have coming back.

Franklin's success depends on its development on the offensive and defensive lines, while Stevenson's success depends on the development of a young offense without running back Caden Woodall.

Expect strides from John Glenn, heading into the second year of head coach Calvin Griggs' passing attack, and Wayne Memorial, but not enough to get to a winning record.

## KLA West

Canton (6-3, 6-1 in conference play)  
Northville (5-4, 4-3 in conference play)

Novi (4-5, 2-5 in conference play)  
Plymouth (3-6, 2-5 in conference play)

Salem (0-9, 0-7 in conference play)  
**Analysis:** Despite losing most of its leaders from the 2020 team, Canton is in a prime position to repeat as KLA West champions, returning enough to set the team up for success as the group develops.

Northville, with five returners on each side of the ball, will continue its winning ways with the return of its quarterback and some key skill positions on each side of the ball. Novi will show signs of life in its first year under Jim Sparks, but will have a bit of an adjustment period.

Despite a large amount of returners, Plymouth and Salem will finish at the

## WEEK 1 FOOTBALL PICKS

Sports reporter Colin Gay, sports contributor Ben Szilagy and editor Phil Allmen make their weekly picks, battling against the mighty coin flip to see who finishes with the best record.

Games (home team listed first):	Colin Gay	Ben Szilagy	Phil Allmen	Coin Flip
Salem vs. Livonia Churchill	Livonia Churchill	Livonia Churchill	Livonia Churchill	Salem
Hartland vs. Livonia Franklin	Livonia Franklin	Livonia Franklin	Livonia Franklin	Livonia Franklin
Northville vs. Livonia Stevenson	Northville	Northville	Northville	Livonia Stevenson
Novi vs. Wayne Memorial	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi
Howell vs. John Glenn	Howell	Howell	Howell	Howell
Canton vs. Dearborn Fordson	Dearborn Fordson	Canton	Dearborn Fordson	Dearborn Fordson
Plymouth vs. Belleville	Belleville	Belleville	Belleville	Belleville
Macomb Dakota vs. Brother Rice	Macomb Dakota	Macomb Dakota	Macomb Dakota	Macomb Dakota
Detroit Catholic Central vs. Chippewa Valley	Detroit Catholic Central	Detroit Catholic Central	Detroit Catholic Central	Chippewa Valley
Milford vs. New Boston Huron	New Boston Huron	New Boston Huron	Milford	Milford
Walled Lake Western vs. South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	Walled Lake Western	Walled Lake Western
South Lyon East vs. Walled Lake Northern	South Lyon East	Walled Lake Northern	South Lyon East	South Lyon East
Lakeland vs. Waterford Kettering	Lakeland	Lakeland	Lakeland	Lakeland
Dexter vs. Groves	Dexter	Dexter	Groves	Dexter
North Farmington vs. Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington
Seaholm vs. Byron Center	Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm
Bloomfield Hills vs. Berkley	Berkley	Bloomfield Hills	Bloomfield Hills	Bloomfield Hills
Detroit Country Day vs. Garden City	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day	Detroit Country Day

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

### Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Canton vs. Dearborn Fordson; 4 p.m., Aug. 26 at Wayne State University  
Livonia Churchill at Salem; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
Livonia Franklin at Hartland; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
Wayne Memorial at Novi; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
Westland John Glenn at Howell; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
Livonia Stevenson at Northville; 7 p.m., Aug. 27  
Plymouth vs. Belleville; 7 p.m., Aug. 27

### Catholic High School League

Cranbrook Kingswood vs. Livonia Clarenceville; 5 p.m., Aug. 26  
Brother Rice at Macomb Dakota; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
Detroit Catholic Central vs. Chippewa Valley; 7 p.m., Aug. 26 at Wayne State University

### Lakes Valley Conference

Lakeland vs. Waterford Kettering; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
Milford vs. New Boston Huron; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

South Lyon at Walled Lake Western; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
South Lyon East vs. Walled Lake Northern; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

### Oakland Activities Association

Seaholm vs. Byron Center; 7 p.m., Aug. 26  
Groves at Dexter; 4 p.m., Aug. 27 at Wayne State University  
North Farmington vs. Farmington; 7 p.m., Aug. 27  
Bloomfield Hills vs. Berkley; 7 p.m., Aug. 27

### Independent

Detroit Country Day vs. Garden City; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

### Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Redford Thurston at North Branch; 7 p.m., Aug. 27  
Redford Union vs. Pewamo-Westphalia; 7 p.m., Aug. 27

### Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Lutheran Westland vs. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes; 7 p.m., Aug. 27

bottom of the division for the second-straight season.

### Catholic High School League

Detroit Catholic Central (8-1, 4-0 in conference play)

Brother Rice (2-6, 1-3 in conference play)

**Analysis:** Both rivals are on opposite sides of the spectrum. Returning most of its key pieces from its 2020 regional final run, Detroit Catholic Central is favored to win its second-straight Catholic League title.

Brother Rice, while having pieces back, such as linebacker Jackson Minelli, running back Nolan Ray and wide receiver Cole Lacanaria, will fall victim to its extremely difficult schedule.

### Lakes Valley Conference

South Lyon (9-0, 8-0 in conference)  
Lakeland (7-2, 6-2 in conference)

South Lyon East (5-4, 5-3 in conference)

Milford (2-6, 2-5 in conference play)

**Analysis:** You heard it here first: South Lyon's going to rule. Despite road matchups against Walled Lake Western and Lakeland, the Lions are in a prime position to finish the regular season undefeated for the second time in four years and win the LVC.

Lakeland will battle with South Lyon at the top of the conference, along with the Warriors, with none of those teams finishing the season with more than two losses. South Lyon East is set to remain consistent from its 2020 season, but will fail to make that jump to the top tier, while Milford continues to struggle near the bottom of the LVC.

### Oakland Activities Association

North Farmington (6-3, 4-1 in the

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against anybody — senior quarterback Dawson Skupin and senior defensive back Dakota Blackwell, along with junior Tommy Donovan, who the Lions are very high on after only a few games on varsity a year ago.

The Lions know they can learn a lot from their Week 1 date, facing a Walled Lake Western team that's last losing season was in 2009, and combines a new coach — former Farmington head coach Kory Cioroch — and quarterback Drew Viotto, who holds offers from Syracuse, Bowling Green, Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan.

In 2020, South Lyon and Walled Lake Western split the season series, with the Lions ending the Warriors' year in the second round of the playoffs. In 2021, look for this season opener to send a ripple into the outcome of the entire conference at year's end.

South Lyon will face Walled Lake Western on the road at 7 p.m., Aug. 26.

## Is Detroit Catholic Central legit?

Expectations for Detroit Catholic Central are high in 2021. The Shamrocks bring back their entire front seven on defense, their starting quarterback and a slew of offensive playmakers.

Eyes are set on a Division 1 state final appearance, what would be the Shamrocks' first since 2016. But with a Week 1 matchup against Chippewa Valley at the Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic, Catholic Central will find out quickly what it needs to do to get to that top level.

Before last season's 3-4 finish, the Big Reds had a streak of eight straight winning seasons, winning a Division 1

state title against Clarkston in 2018, capping off an undefeated campaign.

The X-factor for the Shamrocks will be on the offensive line. The talent is there, including freshman Kaden Strayhorn — a tackle who already holds offers from Michigan State, Michigan and Alabama — but the question is simple: will a wide-eyed, inexperienced line be able to protect quarterback Declan Byle when the lights turn on?

If so, the Shamrocks, including Kam Davenport and Owen Semp on the outside at receiver, Mohamed Jaffer at running back, Sean Field at linebacker leading a defense that allowed 101 points in 10 games in 2020, could start a run that leads them deep into November.

Catholic Central will face Chippewa Valley in the Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic 7 p.m., Aug. 26.

## What does an experienced Livonia Churchill look like?

Livonia Churchill has been building for 2021, ever since a large group of sophomores joined the team in 2019 for an unexpected playoff surge.

After a 1-4 start in 2019, the Chargers roared back, losing in the regional final to Walled Lake Western by one touchdown. The success continued with a 4-2 regular season in 2020, before the Chargers lost to Oak Park in the regional final by one touchdown.

See a pattern?

Now with a roster filled with third-year varsity starters including wide receiver Bailey Brooks, running back and linebacker Boston Clegg Jr. — both honorable mention All-State team members — wide receiver and defensive back Joshua Brown and defensive tackle Demarius Gibson-Wells, the Chargers are looking to make that next leap into the state quarterfinals.

Week 1 should not be an issue for Churchill, facing a Salem team that has one win in its past two seasons. But it's a good chance for experienced offensive skill players to get back in sync with senior quarterback Taj Williams after spending his junior season in Georgia.

This season-opening matchup against the Rocks could be a confidence booster for a Chargers team that has as high of expectations as the program has ever had.

Churchill will take on Salem on the road 7 p.m., Aug. 26.

## Can Farmington start its resurgence against rival North Farmington?

Farmington's 2020 season didn't go well.

After a 42-31 loss to Groves to open the season, the Falcons failed to score more than 15 points in the remainder of their games, allowing 40 or more points in four games. Farmington finished with its first winless season since 2007.

That winless season seems to be an outlier. Since 2009, the Falcons have recorded eight winning seasons, including back-to-back eight-win seasons in 2018-19.

Heading into 2021, with a new head coach in Jason Albrecht — a former offensive coordinator for the Falcons — Farmington has an opportunity to re-route its trajectory, especially with returning starting running back Jacob Sanders and quarterback Dominic Pesci, who started for the Falcons at the end of the year in 2020.

However, Farmington faces a tall task Week 1: taking on rival North Farmington, a team that ended its season in the regional final in 2020. Since head coach Jon Herstein took over the Raiders in 2019 after moving from Harrison, Far-

mington has never beaten North Farmington.

Farmington will take on rival North Farmington on the road 7 p.m., Aug. 27.

## What will Livonia Stevenson's offense look like without Caden Woodall?

Stevenson's offense was a machine in 2020. Despite a 4-4 record — losing its four games by a combined 15 points — the Spartans averaged 37.5 points per game, scoring 40 or more points in five games including each of their four wins.

Much of that had to do with the success of running back Caden Woodall, who broke the school's single-season rushing record with 2,238 yards on 185 carries, scoring 34 touchdowns on the ground, while also throwing a touchdown.

Woodall graduated, leaving to play football at Harvard and left a big hole in the Spartans offense.

As practice began, Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said he expects more of a balanced look, utilizing returning quarterback Kyle Brown and linebacker-turned-running back Quincy Salter more in equal fashion instead of "just one running back," helped by two offensive line starters in senior two-year starter Shaun Shahu and junior Charles Davidek.

The Spartans will get a look at what their offense can do against a Northville defense that allowed 25.6 points per game a season ago, allowing more than 30 points to Canton, Hartland and Belleville.

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## OAA White)

Groves (3-6, 3-2 in the OAA White)  
Seaholm (2-7, 1-4 in the OAA White)  
Farmington (6-3, 6-2 in the OAA

## Blue)

Bloomfield Hills (4-5, 3-5 in the OAA Blue)

**Analysis:** While it is set to face a brutal non-conference schedule — Farmington, Lake Orion, West Bloomfield and Traverse City Central — North Farmington should not have any trouble finishing near the top of the OAA White

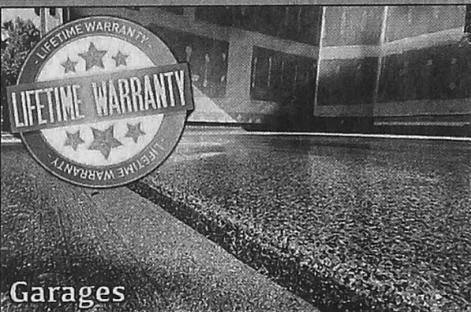
with its experience at both offensive and defensive skill positions like Navy commit Aaron Rice and cornerback Jasper Beeler.

An offensive resurgence should help Farmington, too, in the OAA White, led by a second year with running back Jacob Sanders and a full season of quarterback Dominic Pesci. Seaholm lost a

lot from its 2020 team, which could prove troublesome, as does Groves. Look for Bloomfield Hills to take a step up and earn its first winning regular season since 2017.

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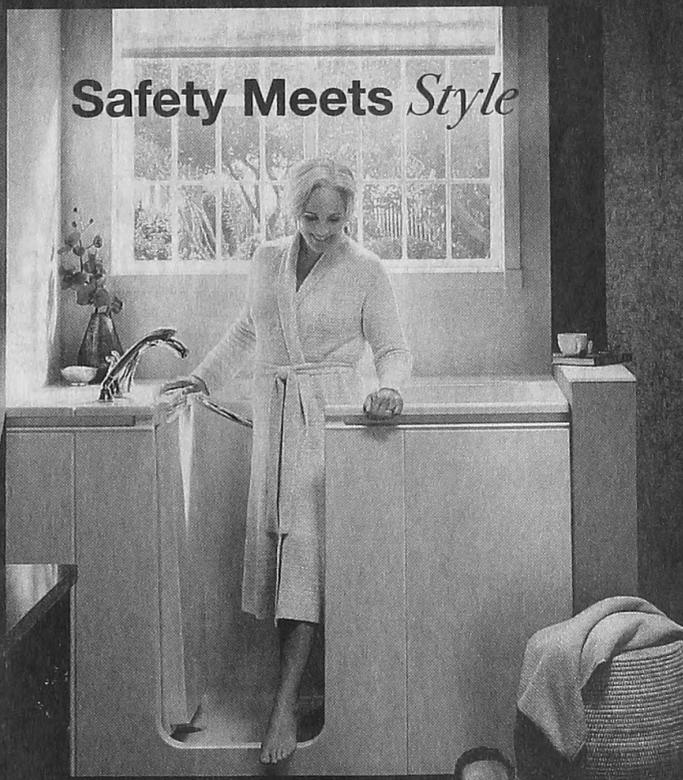
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can hang with the best of them.

"We're not as deep as we used to be, but we'll be pretty good," Moore said. "The guys are excited. They think they can do pretty well out there."

Ten practices into the season, Moore doesn't have many performance expectations for his team's first meet. He wants to see the group build its foundation, setting the tone for what's to come later on.

Gupta and Conway did just that to start Novi's season.

Gupta finished first overall, recording a 16:50.2 — a 5.25 mile pace — while Conway finished a step behind in second, finishing with a 16:51.3, while the team finished third overall.

As he begins his junior season, Conway wants to be consistent, following in the footsteps of Brown and perfecting every small thing: from workouts to recovery, from his personal mindset to making cross country a team sport.

"I feel more responsible," Conway said. "It's a different change because I felt really young with a bunch of seniors and stuff. Now, I'm like up there. I'm older, so I care what they taught me to the rest of the team. I feel I have a lot of responsibility, which is a good feeling."

Conway and Gupta both want to lead Novi back to the state finals in 2021, feeding off the momentum from 2020. But their path became a bit more difficult, returning to Region 6 after a year in Region 8, leading to a matchup against teams like Northville, Plymouth and Salem at Willow Metro Park in New Boston.

But Conway isn't bombarded with expectations left by Brown, Gustitus and Gupta. He's excited to see what this team can do when given the chance to do the same thing.

"It's a challenge, but it's a good challenge," Conway said. "Not making it big like, 'Oh, we're going to win the state meet.' Have fun with it, stay consistent and see what we can do."

## Northville focuses on accountability

Northville has a reputation to uphold.

The Mustangs come into 2021 having finished top 10 in the state meet in 12 of the past 13 seasons, last winning a state title in 2013 and finishing runner-up in 2017. In 2020, Northville finished seventh in the Division 1 state meet, led by Jennie Line, who finished the race in 18:31.65.

Year after year, head coach Nancy Smith isn't looking to rebuild, but rekindle that legacy no matter how many newcomers she has on her roster.

"Our team is young. We're young, but we have a good path right now," Smith said. "I think it's one of the hardest-working groups we've had in years. They are all encouraging, motivating."

Assistant coach Erin Baker feels it all stemmed from

a classroom talk the team had about goal setting, rallying around the idea of accountability at all times; in practice, in races, everywhere.

"You hold each other accountable and the other goals fall into place," Baker said.

Northville showed that potential in the very first race of the season.

At the Lamplighter Invite — without Line, who was sidelined — the Mustangs finished second to Brighton, placing four in the top 11 of the second heat: sophomore Ella Christensen, who finished 80th at the state meet as a freshman, in sixth with a 20:23.9; freshman Cassie Garcia opening her high school career with an eighth-place finish in 20:26.3; senior Gina Couyoumjian in 10th with a 20:34.1; and sophomore Lily Connors in 11th with a 20:36.8.

In Northville's top-seven at the invite, three — Garcia, Maya Labonte and Rose Gregory — are freshmen. "Our underclassmen have set the tone," Baker said.

"They want to compete every practice, they want to be in that top seven."

"We groom them during the summer, ability wise, and they are all fighting to get in that top group. It's a big deal to them, and that's what you want. You want that friendly competition with your team. We just hope that shows up on race day, what we see in practice."

Line's season didn't begin at the Lamplighter Invite. But she knows the legacy Baker and Smith expect.

No matter the members of the team, the goal for her senior season remains the same.

"Our biggest goal as a team is to get back up there," Line said.

## Northville boys finish first at invite

Northville's boys team finished first in the Lamp-

lighter Invite, scoring 41 points with four top-10 finishers, including a third-place finish by sophomore Brendan Herger.

Junior Brady Herron (17:08.12) and junior Brandon Latta (17:16.6) — both state scorers for the Mustangs last year — finished sixth and 10th, respectively, while freshman Ethan Powell finished eighth with a 17:10.6.

Salem's boys cross country team finished third with three top-15 finishes, including a fifth-place finish by senior Luke Nelson (17:07.9).

Salem junior Isabell Kulick finished first in the varsity girls race, starting the season with a 19:19.8, a 6:13 mile pace.

As a sophomore, Kulick finished as the third scorer when the Rocks finished third at the 2020 Division 1 state meet, finishing her race in 20:17.75.

South Lyon East sophomore Liliane Aittama finished second behind Kulick with a 19:44.8.

Coming off a season in which four of South Lyon East's returning five scorers from the state meet were underclassmen, girls cross country head coach David Testa, who's team finished sixth in the second heat, said practices have taken a step up as a byproduct of what the team accomplished last year.

"We don't go into practice saying 'If you want to break 20, here's the stuff that you need to be doing,'" Testa said. "It's just like, 'We know what we want to do. Are we going to train and practice that way?' And I think our training is elevated and we have taken some big steps forward from this summer than we did a summer ago."

Canton finished third in the second heat, led by sophomore Cara Newman (20:30.3) in ninth. Salem finished fourth and Novi finished seventh in the eight-team heat.

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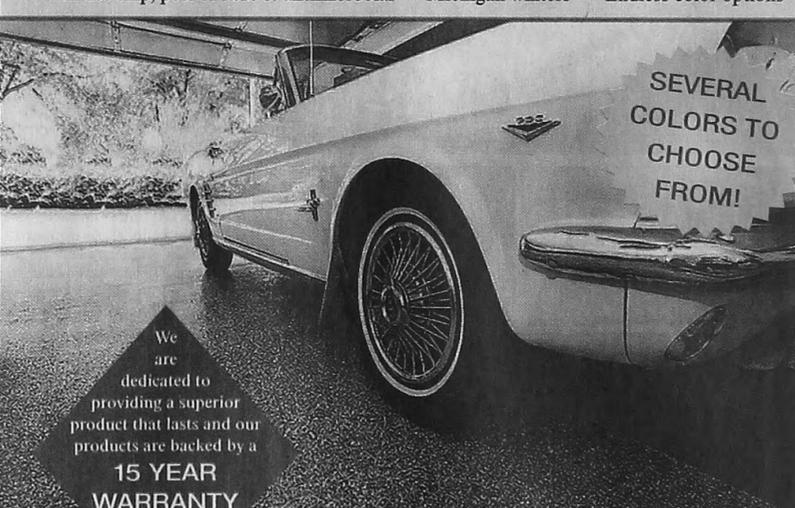
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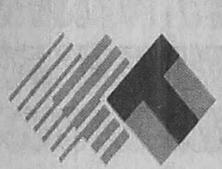


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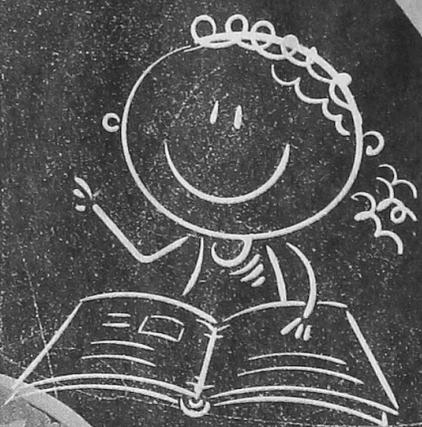
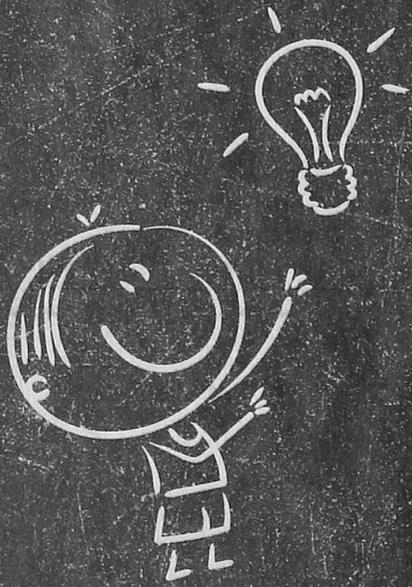




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