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Original Kmart store building demolished

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The original Kmart building site is no more.

The iconic Garden City store was demolished March 12, less than two weeks after preparations for the razing began. Replacing the former department store on the western side of downtown Garden City will be an LA Fitness, which has acquired the property and plans to construct a gym on the site, Kim Dold, the city's Downtown Development Authority director, said.

LA Fitness had informed the city it

would take about eight months before the gym could open.

Once built, the gym would join several other LA Fitness facilities in the area, including two in Livonia, one in Plymouth Township and one in Allen Park.

Dold said the gym would most likely look similar to the LA Fitness on Seven

Mile west of Middlebelt in Livonia, which opened on the site of a former Farmer Jack grocery store back in 2018.

The building opened as the first Kmart back in 1962.

The company spent several decades

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CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC



Royal Oak's Beaumont Hospital personnel in yellow gowns conduct drive-through screenings for coronavirus March 16. People waited in line in their vehicles in a nearby parking lot until they could be screened. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Beaumont virus screener says 'It's been really busy'

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
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Physician Assistant Jessica Hamilton was able to take a break Monday from her role in Beaumont Health's limited curbside COVID-19 screening in Royal Oak.

She kept her positive spirit, demonstrating for members of the media how a typical screening is conducted and sharing some warm words about the patients she's seen so far.

"It's been really busy," Hamilton said.
"We've seen quite a few patients. We're really happy with the way that we're

working. We've kind of developed a pretty good system to get people moving through as quick as possible."

Nearby, vehicles formed a curving line outside the hospital's 13 Mile Road north entrance. Medical staff have

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Police: Reckless driver had child passenger

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A Brighton man known for fleeing in his vehicle recently was arrested by Livonia police.

They took the 41-year-old man into custody a few days after he fled from an

officer while a child sat in the backseat earlier this month, they said in a report.

On March 1, a police officer spotted the man's black Pontiac Grand Prix. He recognized the driver as someone who had a suspended license and was wanted on three Livonia arrest warrants.

The officer attempted a traffic stop

along Interstate 96. They pulled into the Prime Grill Restaurant & Coney at Schoolcraft and Merriman Road.

However, the driver squealed his tires and sped off as the police officer stepped out of his patrol vehicle.

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Work on Plymouth fountain to start in July

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The centerpiece of downtown Plymouth is on the verge of being injected with a \$1 million jewel.

Following almost five years of debate, planning and back-to-the-drawing-board financing, Plymouth's City Commission on March 2 approved the construction of a new fountain for the city's Kellogg Park.

The Wilcox Foundation will donate \$1,021,409 toward the project. The City of Plymouth will pitch in \$30,000 and the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority has committed \$20,000.

"The city will be responsible for all costs above the grant level, and if there is a surplus of funds, it will be used for enhancements to the fountain or to Kellogg Park," Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said.

Among three possible locations in Kellogg Park for the new fountain, a spot just west of the current location was selected.

Plymouth Mayor Oliver Wolcott said the details of the project were crafted following "a lot of conversation and a tremendous amount of public input."

"To get the kind of commitment we did – financial and in terms of time – that we did from the Wilcox Foundation after many years of highs and lows is a huge testament to that group," said Wolcott. "After everyone sees it once it's done, they will be proud we chose the route we did."

Plymouth was the hometown of Jack Wilcox – the foundation's namesake. In 1980 he established a charitable trust to benefit the community. In addition to his home – the white Wilcox House – at the edge of Kellogg Park, Wilcox was all about Plymouth and was involved in just about all facets of the community.

Livonia-based Shaw Construction has been selected as the project's contractor.

Construction is set to start in mid-July, a short time after the conclusion of the 2020 Art in the Park festival.

Plymouth resident Mark Oppat liked the idea of a new fountain, but thought the \$1 million could have better served other city needs.

"A new fountain is a nice idea," Oppat said. "The fountain we have now

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Cities prepared to work together in response to virus

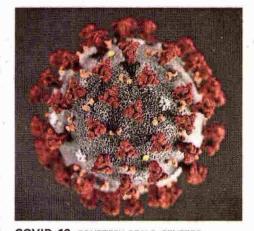
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COVID-19 doesn't scare local governments. Most larger municipalities have staffers dedicated year-round to preparing for responding to emergencies, whether it's a disease or a tornado.

"We create plans," said Brian Kahn, the director of emergency preparedness and homeland security for the City of Livonia. "These plans are very broad plans and they're all based on the national response framework and the national management system. Those plans kind of spell out, 'Hey, here's how we're going to do it.'

"It's all really based on everybody kind of working off the same page of music."

It's not uncommon for larger cities like Livonia or Farmington Hills to have water reserves, cots, generators and an open line of communication with the



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state. These emergency departments are guided by Act 390 of 1976, which was created to provide a system for emergency planning and management within Michigan.

"We can all work together to get through this emergency or disaster or whatever it is as timely and efficiently and as safely as we possibly can," Kahn said. "That extends out to the county, the state and the federal government. We're all on the same page."

Many local communities have been preparing for COVID-19's arrival in Michigan for weeks or months.

"I have assigned an operations staff lieutenant to nothing but this project right now, the coronavirus project," said Jon Unruh, Farmington Hills fire chief. "I assigned him back in the third week of January.

"At that time we went ahead and we ordered stockpiles of our personal protective equipment that we needed: masks, gowns, gloves, sanitizers."

While these cities have their own plans and are in constant contact with local school districts, they're also taking leads from their counties and the state. "We work very closely with them and hand in hand with the health department to plan and exercise for these events," said William Hayes, the emergency management coordinator for Canton Public Safety, said of Wayne County. "We work with them, but they are the lead in a pandemic."

Among everyone, it's a "we're all in this together" mindset.

"Everybody is kind of working together to have each other's backs," Kahn said.

Officials suggested watching information coming from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) above all else.

"Take a deep breath," Kahn said.
"Take a logical, pragmatic look at all of the information and simply don't panic.

"We can't panic because panic creates nothing more nothing than chaos and causes more problems than not."

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Beaumont

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been averaging as many as four screenings simultaneously.

Each takes about 10-15 minutes with questions about symptoms, travel and other matters. Vital signs are taken before hospital employees determine whether to go ahead with a nasopharyngeal swab.

Curbside screening is being offered at Beaumont locations in Farmington Hills, Wayne and other metro Detroit locations. Only those with COVID-19 symptoms – fever, cough and shortness of breath – are welcomed.

Swabs are sent to labs for testing. Beaumont officials said the health system can't process results onsite.

Nevertheless, those screened have appreciated being able to get their screenings done curbside instead of having to enter the hospital.

"So many people in our community have reached out to us and said, 'Thank you. We're thinking of you.



A Beaumont Health employee conducts a curbside COVID-19 screening March 16 in Royal Oak.
SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

We're praying for you. What can we do for you?' " Hamilton said. "That's just

been a tremendous encouragement for

Hundreds of higher-risk individuals have been tested. At least four have tested positive across the Beaumont Health system, said Dr. Nicholas Gilpin, Beaumont Health's medical director of Infec-

tion Prevention and Epidemiology.

Those interested are asked to call
Beaumont's COVID-19 hot line, 800-

592-4784, or their physician's office before attempting to get screened.

The hot line is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. People experiencing life-threatening symptoms should call 911.

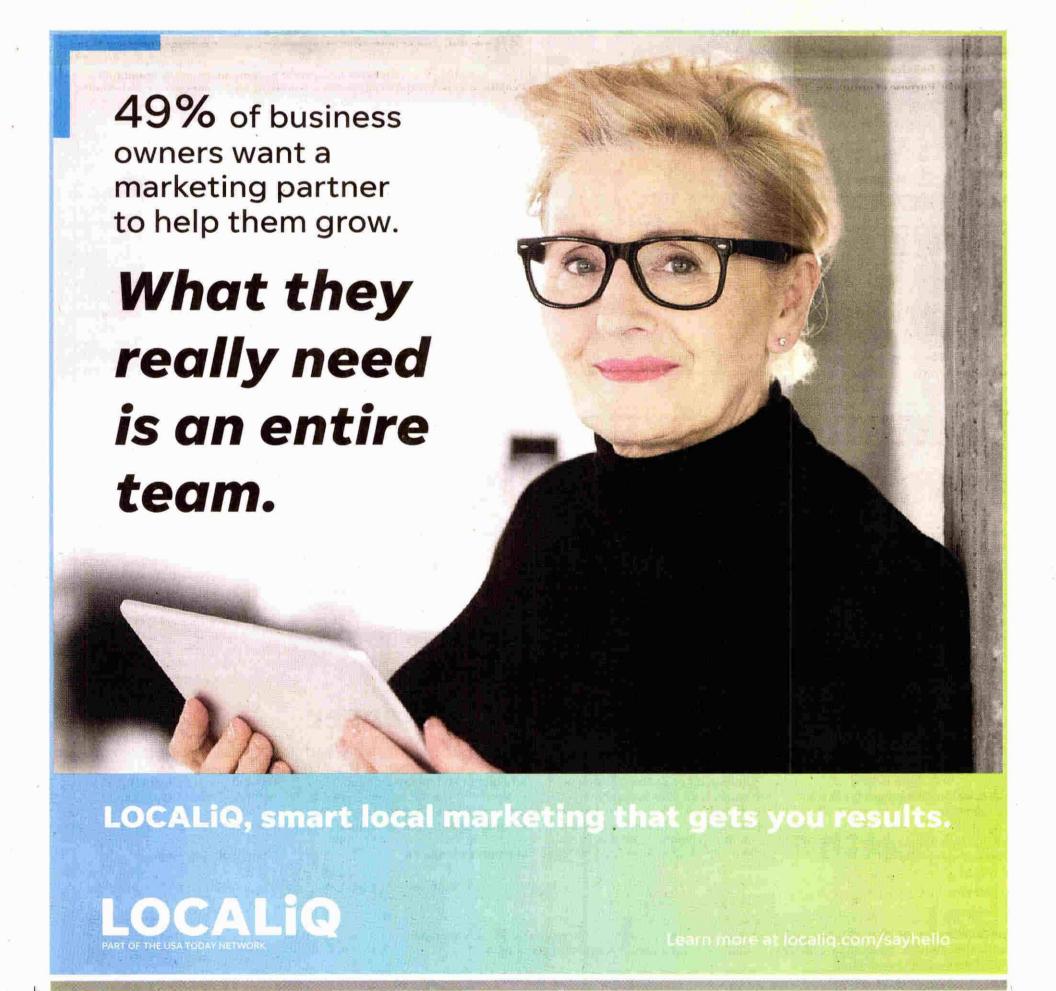
Other coronavirus hot lines available include State of Michigan, 888-535-6136; Oakland County: 248-858-1000; and Centers for Disease Control: 800-232-4636.

"We're dealing with an unprecedented situation right now. I've been really pleased with the response from Beaumont Health," Gilpin said during Monday's demonstration. "We've really risen up to make sure that we're taking care of the people in our community.

"I want to get the message out that screening is not necessary for everyone. Screening is really intended for people after they've contacted us or contacted their physician.

"We're hoping to really keep the flow of patients coming through our doors as under control as we can."

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you've caught COVID-19

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With more and more cases of coronavirus being confirmed in the state, it's important to monitor your health, for your sake and for those around you.

Here's a guide on what to do if you suspect you've caught COVID-19:

What if I think I'm sick?

Don't run off to the doctor or emergency room. The symptoms of COVID-19 may show up anywhere from 2-14 days after exposure, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Those symptoms are:

■ fever (generally 100.4 Fahrenheit or above)

dry cough

fatigue

shortness of breath

Other flu-like symptoms of COVID-19 include chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and runny nose.

Wet, productive coughs, low-grade fever or a runny nose generally are not associated with COVID-19.

Unsure? Start by immediately isolating yourself from others, then call your doctor, who will help figure out if you need to be tested. Many appointments are best handled by telemedicine or web visits. You can also call your local health department:

Wayne: 734-727-7100

■ Macomb: 586-469-5235

Oakland: 248-858-1280

Michigan also has set up a COVID-19 hot line to field questions. It is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1-888-535-6136.

Get tested if and when one is available. There still are too few test kits to do the blanket coverage of the population that would allow researchers to track how coronavirus is spread-

Many hospital systems are beginning to offer curbside testing. For example, Beaumont hospitals in Royal Oak, Dearborn, Farmington Hills and Troy are offering limited screening for patients who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

Note: If medical staff determine a patient needs to be tested, a specimen will be collected and sent to a lab for

Call ahead to Beaumont's COVID-19 hot line at (248) 551-7000 or your physician's office before attempting to get screened.

Older adults with underlying health concerns or those with a compromised immune system who suspect they might be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should contact their physi-

Tell your doctor everything. Report any travel to an area with widespread or community contagion on COVID-19. Report any contacts with anyone who later tested positive for coronavirus.

Take part in public health. The local health department will follow up with people who are tested for coronavirus or develop COVID-19.

Keep your pets safe. The CDC recommends limiting contact with animals while you are sick with COVID-19.

What to do if you think | Several local COVID-19 patient cases confirmed

From staff reports Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Wayne County's first confirmed CO-VID-19 coronavirus patient is a Livonia resident, Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan announced last week.

The patient had been previously described by the state as a middleaged man with a recent history of domestic travel. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced the Wayne case along with an Oakland County case March 10. Brosnan also said the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor confirmed to city officials that the man is being treated there.

"We want you to be assured that we are going to continue to provide clear and concise and consistent information," the mayor said in a video statement posted to Facebook Thursday night. "As much as we know we're going to try and bring information to you on a regular basis.

The numbers have since grown. As of early Tuesday there were 65 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Michigan.

A student at Salem Elementary School in the South Lyon school district also tested positive for COVID-19.

Interim Superintendent George Heitsch notified families in a letter Monday of the student's status.

The student and his or her family is currently in self-quarantine and will not return to school until the quarantine period expires, or the school reopens, "whichever is later," according to the letter.

Heitsch asked that the community respect the student and family's privacy "during this difficult time."

The exposure risk to the general staff and student population is low," Heitsch wrote. "Health officials are interviewing, reaching out and providing assistance directly to individuals with an elevated risk of exposure who may have been in recent close contact with the student's family. All families directly impacted by this news have been contacted."

Hillel Day School, a private Jewish school that provides child care and K-8 education, said a teacher in its grades 1-2 learning community tested positive for the coronavirus. Students and staff in the school's 1-2 learning community are in self-quarantine through March 23, the school said in a statement.

Oakland County Medical Director Russel Faust on Friday said that a teacher who works in Oakland County is infected with COVID-19 and attended school Monday, exposing students and

He said the teacher has a travel history and is self-isolating in his Washtenaw County home. Faust declined to name the school, but Hillel Day School said the infected teacher is a Washtenaw County resident.

The Oakland County Health Department learned about the teacher case around midnight Friday and is conducting a joint investigation with Washtenaw County.

NO. 3111 AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 01 (OPEN

MEETINGS ACT COMPLIANCE) TO TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Chapter 01 is hereby added to Title 2 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as Section 1. amended, which Chapter shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 2.01

OPEN MEETINGS ACT COMPLIANCE

Sections:

2.01.010 Definitions

2.01.020 Purpose of ordinance

2.01.030 Notice of meetings

2.01.040 Conduct of meetings 2.01.050 Effective date

2.01.010 Definitions. A. "Public body." For purposes of these ordinances, the term "public body" means all legislative or governing bodies, including all boards, commissions, committees, subcommittees, or councils, that are empowered by City Charter, City ordinances, resolutions, or rules to exercise governmental or proprietary authority, or perform a governmental or proprietary function.

- B. "Meeting" means the convening of a public body at which a quorum is present for the purpose of deliberating toward or rendering a decision on a public policy, or any meeting of the board of a nonprofit corporation formed by the City under Section 40 of the Home Rule City Act, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.40.
- C. "Closed session" means a meeting or part of a meeting of a public body that is closed to the public.
- D. "Decision" means a determination, action, vote, or disposition upon a motion, proposal, recommendation, resolution, order, ordinance, bill, or measure on which a vote by members of a public body is required and by which a public body effectuates or formulates public policy.

2.01.020 Purpose of ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure that the business of all public bodies within the City of Livonia are conducted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267 (MCL 15.261 to 15.275).

2.01.030 Notice of meetings. Public notice as to the date, time, and place of all public body meetings shall be given in the manner required by the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267 (MCL 15.261 to 15.275). If a regular meeting is rescheduled or if the public body calls for a special meeting, notice of the meeting shall be posted at least 18 hours before the meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

2.01.040 Conduct of meetings. A. All meetings of a public body shall be held in a place open and available to the general public. All persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting except as otherwise provided in the Open Meetings Act.

- B. All meetings shall be conducted in compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act. Closed meetings may be held when authorized by Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.268).
- C. All deliberations and decisions of a public body shall be made at a meeting open to the public.
- D. In accordance with Section 3 of the Open Meetings Act (MCLA 15.263), the public body shall establish procedures so that any member who is absent due to military duty may, to the extent feasible and permitted under military law, participate in any meeting and vote on any business before the public body. This shall include:
 - 1. Procedures that ensure 2-way communication between the absent member and the present members; and
 - 2. Procedures by which the public is provided no less than 18 hours advance notice of the absence of the member, and information about how to contact that member sufficiently in advance of a meeting, in order to provide input on any business that will come before the public body.

2.01.050 Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect when published and recorded according to law.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, February 24, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 25th day of February, 2020. Maureen Miller Brosnan, Mayor

Approved as to form: Paul A. Bernier, City Attorney Dated: February 25, 2020

Publish: March 19, 2020

NO. 3109

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 88 (SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER AGE 21) OF TITLE 9 OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Chapter 88 of Title 9 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9.88

SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER AGE 21

Sections:

Sale of tobacco products to persons under age 21 prohibited-9.88.010 Penalty.

9.88.020 Written policy against sale of tobacco products to persons under age 21— Affirmative defense—Rebuttal.

Use or possession of tobacco products by persons under age 21 in public-Penalty-Health promotion and risk assessment program.

Sale of tobacco products to persons under age 21 prohibited-Penalty. A. It is unlawful for any person to sell, give or furnish any cigarette, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette or nicotine inhalant, cigar, chewing tobacco, tobacco snuff or tobacco in any other form, nicotine, or nicotine product to a person under twenty-one

B. A person who violates the provisions of subsection A of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each

9.88.020 - Written policy against sale of tobacco products to persons under age 21—Affirmative defense—Rebuttal. A. It is an affirmative defense to a charge pursuant to Section 9.88.010 that the defendant had in force at the time of the arrest and to have in force a written policy to prevent the sale of cigarettes, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette or nicotine inhalant, cigars, chewing tobacco, tobacco snuff and other tobacco products, nicotine, or nicotine product to persons under twenty-one (21) years of age, and that the defendant enforced and continues to enforce the policy. A defendant who proposes to offer evidence of the affirmative defense described in this subsection shall file and serve notice of the defense, in writing, upon the court and the city attorney. The notice shall be served not less than fourteen (14) days before the date set for trial.

B. A city attorney who proposes to offer testimony to rebut the affirmative defense described in subsection A of this section shall file and serve a notice of rebuttal, in writing, upon the court and the defendant. The notice shall be served not less than seven (7) days before the date set for trial, and shall contain the name and address of each rebuttal witness

9.88.030 - Use or possession of tobacco products by persons under age 21 in public-Penalty-Health promotion and risk assessment program. A person under twenty-one (21) years of age shall not possess or smoke cigarettes, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette or nicotine inhalant, or cigars; or possess or chew, suck or inhale chewing tobacco or tobacco snuff; or possess or use tobacco in any other form, nicotine, or nicotine product on a public highway, street, alley, park or other lands used for public purposes, or in a public place of business or amusement. A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. Pursuant to a probation order, the court may require a person who violates this section to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program, if available. A probationer who is ordered to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program under this section is responsible for the costs of participating in the program. In addition, a person who violates this section is subject to the

A. For the first violation, the court may order the person to do one (1) of the following:

- 1. Perform not more than sixteen (16) hours of community service in a hospice, nursing home or long-term care facility;
- Participate in a health promotion and risk reduction program, as described in
- B. For a second violation, in addition to participation in a health promotion and risk reduction program, the court may order the person to perform not more than thirty-two (32) hours of community service in a hospice, nursing home or long-term care facility.

For a third or subsequent violation, in addition to participation in a health promotion and risk reduction program, the court may order the person to perform not more than forty-eight (48) hours of community service in a hospice, nursing home or long-term

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this

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Six things to do while stuck at home

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Let's get real: this is going to be a challenging few weeks.

With virtually everything shut down across the area because of coronavirus, the streets are a little quieter and everyone's holed up at home. That means there's plenty of time to catch up on things perhaps you've meant to do.

With restaurants, gyms, movie theaters and most other fun things closed by order of the governor to help combat the spread of COVID-19, there's not much to do – except go get supplies at the grocery store, which, if you do, be respectful. Those employees are doing all of us a huge service.

To better arm you with something to do in all the spare time you may have over the next few weeks, here's a list of suggestions of things to do while you're stuck at home in quarantine or just being proactive with this whole "social distancing" thing.

Clean your house

The term "spring cleaning" takes on a whole new meaning this year.

While cleaning surfaces to eliminate the spread of disease remains a priority right now, take some of this time to do the cleaning you said you were going to do in 2018.

Is your back room still covered in papers and clothes? Can you dig out that box of junk from your move two years ago and finally go through it?

Sort through the items you want to get rid of or donate and get some boxes together. It's unclear whether you'll be able to donate them right now, as the Salvation Army has closed its stores in response to coronavirus, but get them together so you can get them out of the house later.

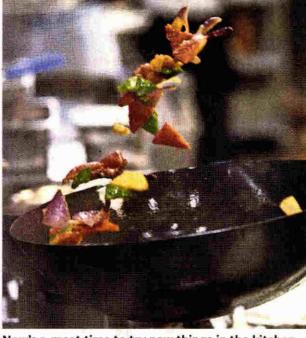
Now's the perfect time to get a jump start on getting the house or apartment clean. Doing it now will make it easier for when the time comes to begin being social again.

Find something to stream

Never has there ever been the plethora of options for watching television and movies at home like now: with new services popping up all the time, there's plenty to catch up on and stream to forget about what's going on outside.

Streaming services realize more people than usual are spending more time at home and at least one big release has dropped because of it: Disney+ has released "Frozen 2" early.

If you're looking for recommendations, may I offer some of my more-recent favorites: those include "The World According to Jeff Goldblum," on Disney+, where every-one's favorite wonky actor takes a deep dive into everyday topics such as gaming and sneakers in the only way he can.



Now's a great time to try new things in the kitchen, since we'll all be cooking at home a little more often.

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If you subscribe to Amazon Prime, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" is a great period comedy set in the 1950s and '60s and follows a young woman trying to make it as a comic.

If you want to subscribe to HBO for something other than the back catalog of "Game of Thrones," the two seasons of "Barry" alone are worth the price for a month. Starring Bill Hader and Henry Winkler, it's a dark comedy that won me over quickly and is easily one of the best shows on television right now (season 3 coming later this year, hopefully).

And for those with Netflix (which, I assume, is most people), there's plenty to pick from: if you haven't tried "Ozark," a third season drops later this month and you have plenty of time to catch up.

If you need something lighter, comedy series such as "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" and "Parks and Recreation" will keep you laughing.

Of course, if you're like me, you're probably on your fourth or fifth viewing of "The Office," and this whole section is useless to you.

Carry on (just don't take Dwight's advice when combating disease).

Get in the kitchen

With restaurants closed, it's the perfect time to get in front of the range and begin trying your hand at culinary arts.

Get creative with your meals, especially if stores

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continue to be flooded with crowds. Learn to use your leftovers and halfcut veggies to craft unique dishes.

Case in point: our house used some green onion and orange bell pepper. We added some ground beef, ginger, garlic and rice to them for dinner Sunday night, using soy sauce to make a unique dish that used fresh ingredients but wasn't something we'd typically make.

Bust out one of those cookbooks you know you don't use and search for a recipe you wouldn't normally make. Try your hand at baking from scratch, so long as you have the ingredients.

Now's a great time to season that cast iron skillet you've been meaning to use. Learn how to better use that pressure cooker your mom got you for Christmas. Considering restaurants are shuttered, it may finally be time to become the chef you've always wanted to be.

Take a walk

Just because we've been advised to not go out doesn't mean we can't leave the house. With the weather starting to improve across the region, getting out and getting some fresh air isn't a bad idea.

There have been plenty of people walking past my home this past weekend. I've seen children and families riding their bicycles, which is still OK to keep doing, especially with our Hometown Life

communities being more suburban.

Those in more densely-populated areas will probably want to be aware of their surroundings to keep others six feet away to better follow social distancing.

My family took a walk
Sunday afternoon
through our neighborhood in Livonia and past
a few people out enjoying
the day, and we'll probably continue this trend on
days where the weather
cooperates.

Of course, this doesn't apply to anyone feeling sick or in self-quarantine.

Those not feeling well need to stay home.

Dust off those old board games

Admit it: you probably haven't gotten that Scrabble board out for years.

Reach into that game closet and spend some quality time with your kids/significant other/parents/roommates by gaming the way they did before the Xbox came out (not that there's anything wrong with video games at a time like this).

Some suggestions:
Uno is a classic game, and
now's the perfect time to
learn the actual rules. The
Game of Life doesn't have
a section dedicated to
surviving a worldwide
pandemic, so it's a great
escape with everything
going on.

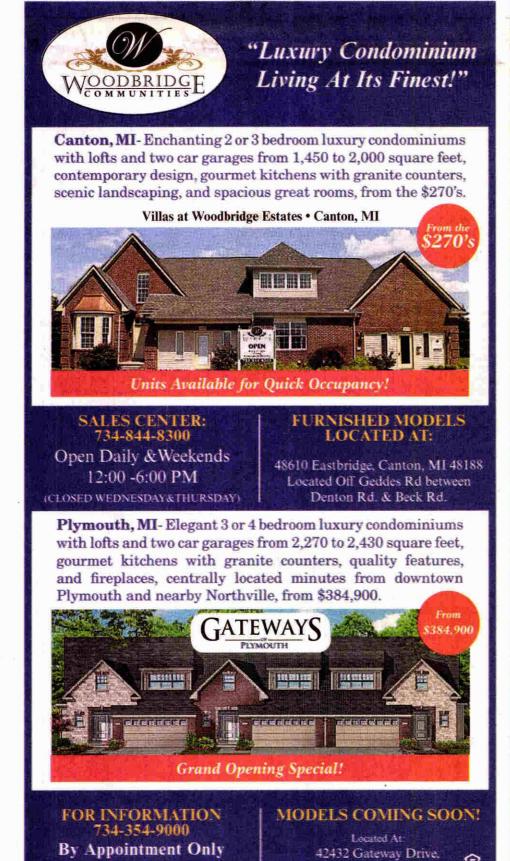
Or, become a master of the chess board and learn one of the oldest board games still played today.

What probably not to play: Monopoly. You'll be seeing your family a lot over the next few weeks. Probably best to not bring out the game that causes bitter arguments over landing on Boardwalk with a hotel on it.

Wash your hands

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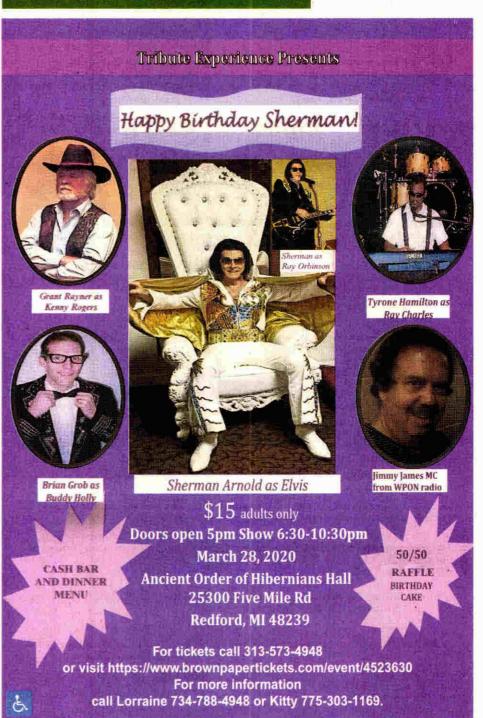
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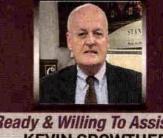
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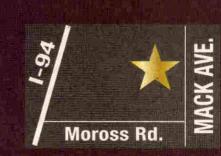
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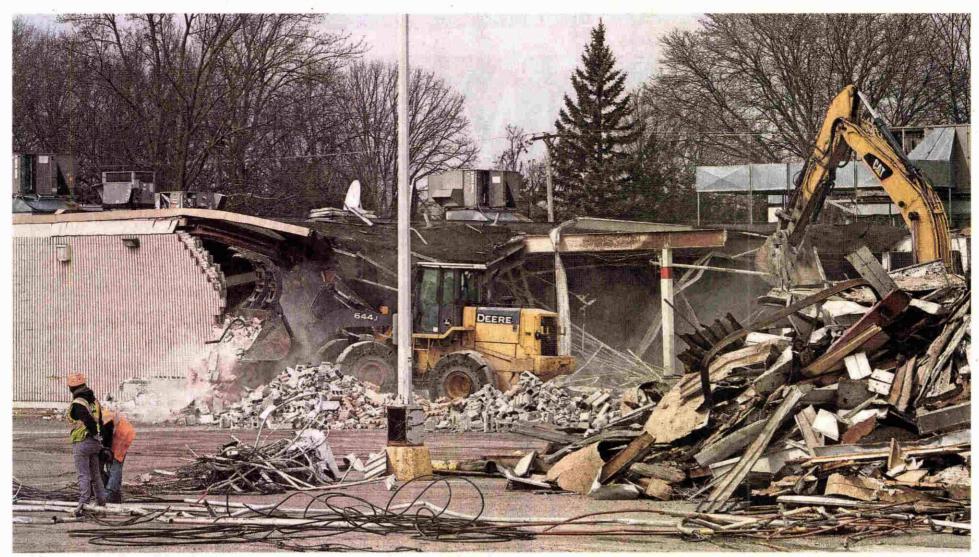
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As a backhoe grabs pieces of steel beam, a bulldozer punches a dusty hole in the wall of the former Garden City Kmart. The building at Ford and Middlebelt roads, home of the first Kmart store, opened in 1962. LA Fitness bought the property and plans to build a gym there in the coming months. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Kmart

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growing, with thousands of stores located across the country, but has shrunk considerably in the past few

years. Michigan currently has just one Kmart, located in Marshall, still operating.

The the site is just the latest former Kmart to see new life in western Wayne County. The former store at Wayne and Cherry Hill in Westland contains a UHaul facility, and the former store on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township has been flattened and will become a new Henry Ford medical center.

The former Kmart at Seven Mile and Farmington in Livonia, which closed nearly three years ago, remains empty.

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Fountain

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happens to be pretty well-used and is a fountain everyone seems to like.

"It happens to be ex-

actly the right height because it keeps out very small kids ... and it's in a perfect location so that it's not in the way of the special events that take place at Kellogg Park.

"To me, it's too bad the money can't be directed toward things people really want. There's been no groundswell of residents saying, 'Boy, we really need a new fountain'"

Oppat said he has observed parks in suburban Detroit that have suffered due to "improvements."

"The most notable

would be Chene Park in Birmingham," he said. "They put a new fountain in the middle of the park and now there are barely any special events held there anymore as a re-

Oppat added that more worthy projects for

the money would be safer and smoother connectors from Plymouth to Hines Park, and the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Center located two blocks from Kellogg Park.

Plymouth resident Ellen Elliott clarified to Oppat that the city did not have an option when it came to how to spend the Wilcox Foundation grant money.

"The grant was presented by the Wilcox Foundation specifically for the fountain," Elliott said. "It's not like the city decided that this is what they wanted to do with the money.

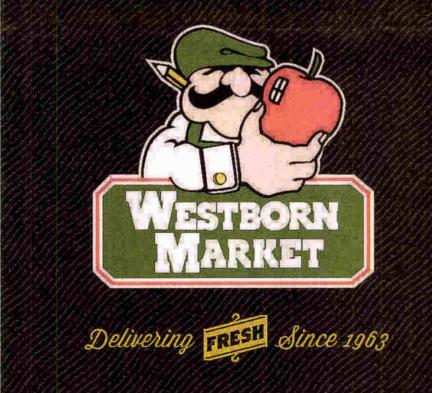
"Jack Wilcox had (a new fountain) in his mind before he died. The money is not available if it isn't used for a new fountain.

"The past four years, there has been a lot of public input and this project is really citizendriven."

The more than 50year-old fountain has required an increased rate of repair the older it's gotten, officials stressed.

"If you liken it to a car, if you have a '72 Pinto, you can certainly keep that car going," Plymouth DDA Operations Director Tony Bruscato said previously. "It all depends on how much you want to pay to keep it going."

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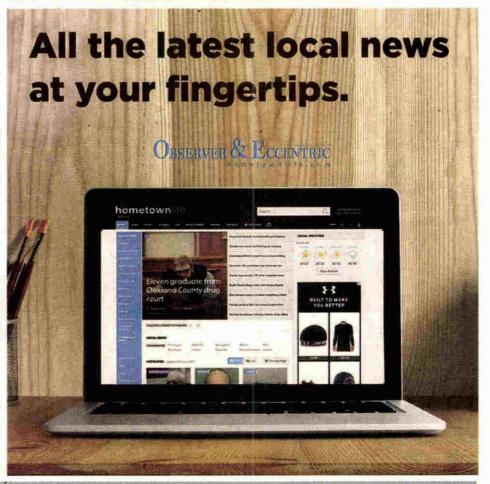
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Plymouth-Canton security chief faces unique challenges

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Home to just over 6,100 students, the three-high school, 304-acre Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is, if not the mother of all pre-college campuses in the United States, at least one of the aunts.

When the end-of-class bell hums toward the end of each hour on school days, students flood onto the walkways that connect Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools, trekking diligently toward their next class, weather be damned.

First-time observers would probably mistake the sight as that of a medium-sized college campus.

From above, the class-changing ritual resembles an example of uncommon synergy, like thousands of ants carrying out their orders in efficient fashion.

For grounded PCEP security leaders, however, the five-times-a-day routine is a challenge like none other.

"First and foremost, from a security standpoint, it presents a unique challenge because of the park's sheer size," said Shawn Rowley, who started in the position of director of school and student safety earlier this year. "Most schools have one building, so it's fairly easy to contain the people coming in and going out.

"One of the biggest challenges here, with the students moving among the three schools every hour, it can be very hard to keep track and contain every-body"

Rowley said law enforcement officials like himself who oversee high schools must research school shootings in the United States over the past two decades in an effort to glean potential life-saving information.

"Unfortunately, every incident that happens gives us an opportunity to learn how to do things differently or better," said Rowley. "For instance, we can learn how to react if there is an active assailant on campus.

"We are currently putting our administrators, teachers and staff through AL-ICE training, which teaches them how to react if there is an assailant on campus. And our goal is to roll it out to the students soon, too."

nts soon, too."
ALICE is an acronym for:

■ Alert - The first notification of danger. Maintain good situational awareness to overcome normalcy bias and ensure the best response to a critical incident or violent intruder.

■ Lockdown - Barricade the room.
■ Inform - Communicate the violent

■ Inform - Communicate the violent intruder's location and direction in realtime. To do this, pass on real-time information using any means necessary. Examples are video surveillance, 911 calls and PA announcements.

■ Counter - Not to be confused with fighting, this step involves creating noise, movement, distance and distraction. Its intent is to reduce the shooter's ability to shoot accurately.

■ Evacuate - Safe and strategic evacuation techniques get people out of harm's way. Understand how your current environment impacts your ability to evacuate and discover the safest ways to do so.

Owner of a security-centered resume that spans nearly 40 years, Rowley is up to the challenge of maintaining the school district's exemplary safety record.

Rowley spent 26 years with the Southfield Public Safety Department, the last few as its deputy chief, before recently ending a near-decade run as the security chief for Baker College, which has campuses in Allen Park and Auburn Hills.

"Baker's Allen Park campus actually has approximately 4,000 students, which is considerably less than the number we have at the park," Rowley noted, comparing his previous job site with his current one. "And with Baker, all 4,000 aren't on the campus at the same time like at the three high schools here.

"The important thing is to educate our staff and the students about what things to look for and signs of potential danger so that we can hopefully prevent things before they get bigger," Rowley said.

Each of the three high schools is staffed by at least one security guard who reports to Rowley.

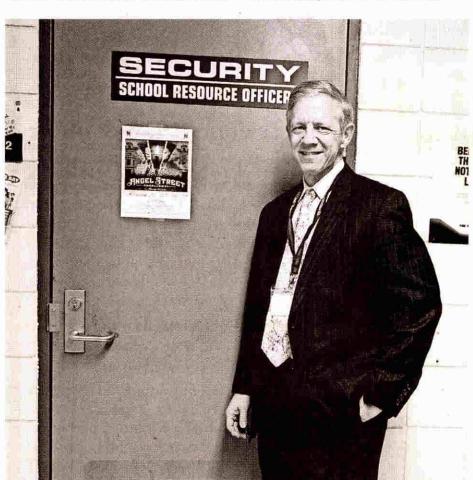
"The elementary and middle schools don't have dedicated security staff, but I am in constant communication with those schools' administration," he said.

Rowley said custody issues between divorced parents can be problematic at times at the pre-high school levels, but "hopefully, these are few and far between."

A longtime resident of Canton, Rowley said he is excited about his new position, especially since his three children all thrived in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools system.

"I look at it as a wonderful opportunity to continue the great work that has been done before me," Rowley

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Shawn Rowley is the new Director of School Safety and Security for the Plymouth-Canton School District. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Driver

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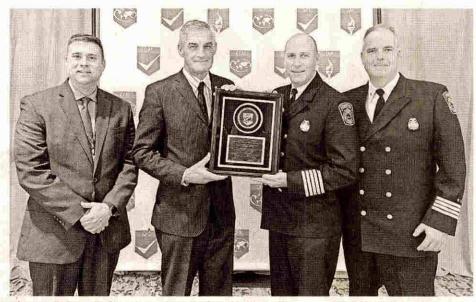
The man continued westbound in the eastbound lanes of Schoolcraft to escape. The police officer, knowing the driver had a child passenger, did not pursue the getaway vehicle.

Police took the driver into custody

March 5.

The Brighton man has been arraigned in Livonia's 16th District Court on a felony charge of third-offense fleeing and two misdemeanors – reckless driving and a second offense of driving with a revoked license.

His bond has been set at \$50,000. Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Twitter: @susanvela.



Pictured, from left, are Joshua Meier, Canton director of Public Safety; Steve Dongworth, CFAI Commission chairperson; Chris Stoecklein, Canton deputy director of Fire; and Jamie Strassner, Canton deputy fire chief.

COURTESY OF CANTON TOWNSHIP

Canton Fire Dept. receives international accreditation

Earlier this month, the Canton Fire Department was awarded full accreditation from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

CFAI accreditation is an international recognition of achievement, demonstrating to the community that the department is performing to industry best practices and is holding itself accountable through an external peer review.

Canton Fire Department became a CFAI registered agency in 2013, beginning the task of fulfilling the rigorous requirements and self-assessment needed to comply with the 242 standards required for full accreditation.

Last December, a four-person assessment team from CFAI was on site for one week, conducting a comprehensive review of the department.

In addition, the team interviewed department leaders and spoke with various department personnel, as well as executives in the township.

The panel also reviewed and evalu-

ated fire department facilities and emergency equipment, as well as service levels provided to the community.

A report was prepared outlining successes as well as items of concern, with an overall recommendation for approval by the CFAI panel.

CFAI Assessment Team Leader Gerard Kay described Canton as having an "exceptional fire department," citing the quality of its facilities and equipment, as well as its high caliber of personnel.

"CFAI accreditation is highly regarded by firefighting agencies internationally," Public Safety Director Joshua Meier stated. "... The Canton Fire Department is now one of only four agencies in Michigan to have received this prestigious award."

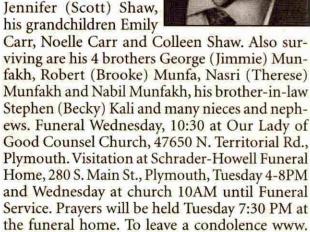
Maintaining accreditation will require the department to continue being community-focused, data driven, outcome-focused, strategic-minded, well organized, properly equipped, and properly staffed and trained – all of which are components of CFAI.

Obituaries

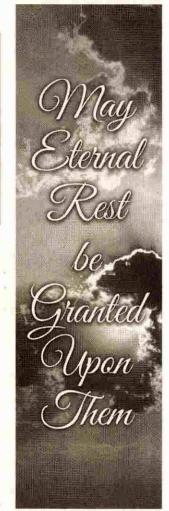
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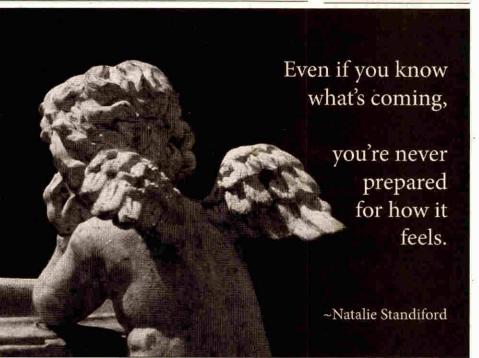
Abe A. Munfakh

Abe A. Munfakh passed away March 13, 2020 at the age of 79. He was born in Syria February 8, 1941 to Antoine and Antoinette Munfakh. He is deeply loved and survived by his wife Darlene, his daughters Laila (Michael) Carr and Jennifer (Scott) Shaw, his grandchildren Emily









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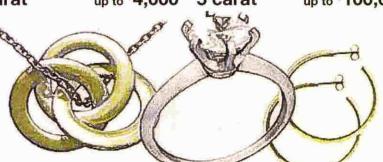
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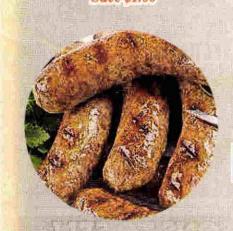
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Sports

Key runs lead Glenn to semifinal win

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Facing Livonia Stevenson twice in the regular season, John Glenn basketball earned two wins: both by a singledigit margin.

After a dominant 68-26 first-round win against Garden City on Monday, round three was upon the Rockets. And in the matchup with the most meaning, the Rockets came out on top again.

John Glenn (15-7) defeated Stevenson (12-8), 63-51, in the district semifinal at Garden City March 11.

Here are three takeaways from the game.

Johnson helps Glenn take off

Holding a 43-36 lead after three quarters, it did not take long for the Spartans to come back.

After forward Ethan Young opened the final eight minutes with a layup, forward Evan Bradford hit a jumper and hit a 3 on the next two possessions, tying the game at 43.

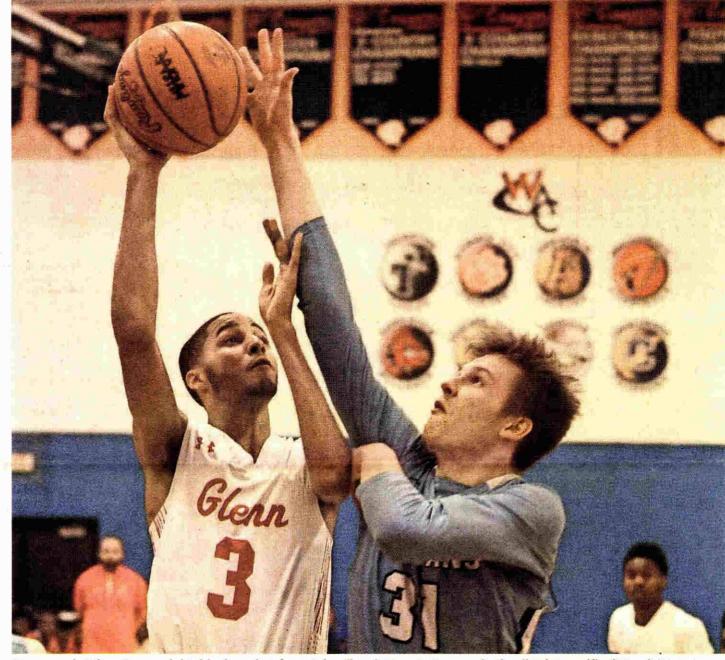
Then, John Glenn senior guard Jalen Johnson got started.

Coming into the final quarter with five points, Johnson recorded a layup, helping start a 9-0 run, capped off by a corner 3 by the senior guard.

When the game got out of reach, Johnson scored the last of his 12 points on an emphatic dunk, ending the Spartans' season in style.

"We was really slept on last year,"
Johnson said. "It felt like a lot to be able
to come back and put our name on the
map this year, show our doubters that
we can really do it. Just make sure that
their runs were not better than our

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Stevenson's Ethan Young, right, blocks a shot from John Glenn's Deonte Pearson in the district semifinal March 11 at Garden City. John Glenn (15-7) defeated Stevenson (12-8), 63-51. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

MHSAA suspends all sports activities

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

All member schools of the Michigan High School Athletic Association will suspend all activities in all sports through at least April 5, according to a statement released Friday.

This mandate matches Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's order that all school be closed March 16 to April 5 to deter the spread of coronavirus or CO-VID-19. All athletic activities will be stopped including practices, scrimmages and games, along with strength training, conditioning and any organized activity for winter sports in the midst of their playoff tournament, for spring sports that were scheduled to begin practices and for fall sports coaches who are working with a limited number of athletes during the off season.

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Coaches react to halt of winter postseason

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

North Farmington head basketball coach Todd Negoshian had a practice scheduled for Thursday afternoon last week after school was out. His players took to the court like any normal day.

But high school gyms across the state of Michigan, like the rest of the country, were not normal that Thursday afternoon.

The Michigan High School Athletics Association announced that day all winter sports tournaments were suspended immediately and indefinitely due to the rapid spreading of coronavirus, or COVID-19.

This halted area hockey, girls basketball, boys basketball, boys swim and dive, and girls gymnastics teams' quests for a state title.

With the virus seemingly placing a halt on the sports world at all levels — from high school to college to the professional leagues — it is something area

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South Lyon East stifles rival South Lyon in OT

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The Region 17 district semifinal was a tale of two halves.

The first was dominated by fastpaced offense and a plethora of threepointers; the second was focused on defense and missed shots.

In the end, South Lyon East got past rival South Lyon 51-48 in overtime at Brighton High School. The Cougars advanced to the district final against Ann Arbor Skyline, but suspension of the high school sports season has that on hold indefinitely.

East improved to 15-7 with the win, while South Lyon finished 10-11.

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Second half defense makes the difference

After starting behind 8-0, South Lyon roared back to take a 35-31 lead into halftime.

The second half saw a total change in the style of play for both teams. East limited South Lyon to just five third quarter points, nine fourth quarter points and zero points in overtime.



East's Nick Branton scored 8 points against South Lyon in the district semifinal. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"We talked about defense (at halftime)," South Lyon East coach Ron Levin said. "We knew going in that we could score against them."

South Lyon didn't make any triples in the entire second half.

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"We really got up on them around the three-point line and made sure they couldn't hit those easy threes like they were in the first half," East senior Nick Branton said. "We forced them to drive where me or Drake (Willenborg) could come in and get in the way."

South Lyon was led on offense by sophomore Quinn Fracassi, who scored 12 points and senior Joe Carano, who scored 10 points. Sophomore Max Peters and sophmore Logan Doty each scored seven points.

"Their press kind of slowed us down and we didn't have the discipline or the will to move the ball as much," South Lyon coach Troy Weidman said.

Big man blocks

One of the reasons South Lyon had so much trouble in the lane during the second half was the defensive presence of Branton, who stands 6-foot-8. He had eight points, including a dunk, but also had several key blocks. One of those came in the final minute of overtime to help keep East in the lead.

"Even when he doesn't score a lot of points, he changes the game because other teams game plan for him," Levin said.

Both teams had chances to take a commanding lead late, but neither team was able. It certainly made the final moments more stressful for both coaches.

East was led in scoring by junior Bryce Bird and junior Christian Dimitriou, who each had 10 points. Five players had at least seven points.

Backyard brawl

East and South Lyon played three times this season, with each program winning once in the regular season.

"Our bench has been incredible," Levin said. "The guys on our bench have been so supportive."

Branton echoed his coaches thoughts and gave credit to the crosstown rival, saying he felt both programs were evenly matched.

East only has four seniors on the roster, while South Lyon has five, so it's safe to say that next year's contests should continue to be highly competitive.

"The potential with this team is great, I like our guys," Weidman said. "We're young. When you start the season with young guys you can typically expect to have some ups and downs. I'm really positive about our guys, we have some guys that really know how to play basketball. I'm proud of them and of their fight. This game was an example of that, we got down early and fought back, same thing in the second half."

Thurston blasts Churchill in district semifinal

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Livonia Churchill and Redford Thurston were on opposite trajectories coming into their district semifinal matchup.

After winning their season opener against Garden City, the Chargers lost 19 straight games, not coming within 10 points of an opponent all season. The Eagles, on the other hand, were dominant, winning 17-of-19 games during the regular season with only two games in which they scored less than 50 points.

Thurston opened the game with a quick steal and layup by senior forward Ricky Davis, quickly answered with a 3-point make by Churchill junior guard Chase Loving.

But Thurston quickly cemented its domination, using a 22-3 first-quarter run and a 26-7 second quarter to beat Churchill, 74-34, in the district semifinal March 12 at Garden City.

"I think I thought the kids played hard," Thurston head coach Brian Bates said. "We press and we play hard and we run. We came out and we did some things that we needed to do, and that's what we have done all year long, whether it's tonight or any other night."

It was the fourth time Churchill had scored less than 35 points in a game this season, and the 14th time the Chargers have allowed more than 70 points.

Holding on to an 8-6 first-quarter lead, Thurston began to take over.



Churchill's Jackson A'Mareon gets his shot blocked by Thurston's Ricky Davis, left, in the district semifinal. Thurston won, 74-34. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Senior guard Khali Freeman recorded a basket and the Eagles were off, recording a 16-0 run, helped by 3-point makes by Freeman and junior DeShawn

Graves.

A 3-point make by Churchill's Ryan Hutchison at the end of the first quarter brought the Chargers to within 14, but

the Eagles recovered quickly in the second.

Senior guard Jordan Buxton began a 26-point second quarter for the Eagles, allowing only three field goals by Churchill

Despite allowing a five-point run by the Chargers to begin the second half, Thurston continued its domination, allowing only four field goals for the rest of the game.

Thurston senior guard Isaiah Turner led the Eagles with 16 points, while Buxton added 14 and Freeman added 10.

Loving led Churchill with 21 points. With a matchup against either Stevenson or John Glenn ahead of Thurston, that is just the start for whichever team comes out of District 20.

The district champion will meet the champion of District 18 in the regional semifinal: teams like Belleville, who finished undefeated in KLAA East regular season play, or Ypsilanti Lincoln.

Bates acknowledged that if the Eagles get past the district round that the road is incredibly tough.

However, Bates is focused solely on the district final, a place he feels Thurston deserves to be.

"The kids are confident," Bates said.
"They are playing with a lot of confidence on both offense and defense.
They feel really good about themselves, but I don't think we are over confident."

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Semifinal

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Stevenson head coach Kareem Smart said every time his team came back, it started reverting back to the one-on-one style instead of the team play that got them back into the fray.

Small mistakes — such as two turnovers in the middle of Glenn's run or even two technical shots by Kyle Holt in the second quarter — defined Stevenson's outcome.

"We lost our composure," Smart said.

A game of runs

The fourth quarter run was not Glenn's only chance at a win. Stevenson held a eight-point lead

Stevenson held a eight-point lead halfway through the second quarter, allowing the Rockets to storm back, using a 15-2 run at the end of the quarter to take a 31-24 halftime lead.

And after the Spartans came back and tied the game at 35 in the third quarter, the Rockets responded again with an eight-point run.

"We could never play a full game of 32 minutes," Smart said. "We always have two or three minutes where we get into lapses, and that's how teams come back and get into games with us."

Those lapses were just John Glenn head coach Jerret Smith's team making

The John Glenn head coach said that when his team began to hit shots consistently in the second half, it extended the defense out of the zone and into man, allowing the Rockets to get out and run in the style that suits this team.

"Once we got them playing our game, got them playing man, the gaps opened up," Smith said. "I thought we got them kind of tired, I thought we got them sitting on their heels. Once we started driving, they kind of couldn't recover."

Holt proved to be a major factor in this shift. The senior hit three 3-point makes in the second quarter, helping Glenn through its initial offensive run and leading the team with 20 points.

Deonta Pearson added 11 points for the Rockets.

Playing for worth

The KLAA Tournament proved to be difficult for John Glenn.

The Rockets lost to Howell, falling to Belleville in the consolation bracket to end their regular season.

Smith said his team was tired after that stretch, using the time between the regular season and the playoffs to rest and rejuvenate.

In the playoffs, John Glenn had that second wind.

"These kids are just battling. They are really battling," Smith said. "They are buying in and outworking teams, and when you have those three formulas, it puts you in a good position to win any kind of game."

The first-year John Glenn head coach describes it as "playing for worth," showing that his team is worthy of being in the position reached.

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John Glenn's Trey Smith looses control of a rebound during the district semifinal against Stevenson on March 11 at Garden City. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Novi's Muirhead wins Athlete of the Week

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Not many gave the Novi Wildcats a chance in the D2 hockey playoffs when they took on powerhouse Livonia Stevenson.

Novi sophomore goalie Austin Muirhead had other plans, and very nearly led his team to an upset victory over the Spartans after making 54 saves on 56 shots in the triple overtime game. Stevenson came out on top, but the talk in the arena was about Muirhead's standout performance.

That performance earned Muirhead Athlete of the Week honors, winning our poll with 13,236 votes (64.98 percent).

He beat out Detroit Catholic Central hockey player Collin Scheuher, who received 5,892 votes (28.93 percent). Brother Rice's Nick Marone placed third with 1,008 votes while Mercy's Julia Bishop finished fourth and CC's Derek Gilcher placed fifth.

We caught up with Muirhead and asked him a few questions:

You played an outstanding game against Livonia Stevenson in the state playoffs, do you feel like you're becoming one of the goalies people should have an eye on for next year as one of the best in the state?

"I feel like my performance, and the entire Novi hockey team's performance, surprised a lot of people. Next season, other teams will know what I, and Novi can do, and should consider Novi as serious contenders to go far in the playoffs."

Who is your favorite athlete and why?

"Some of the hockey athletes that I have always looked up to are Henrik Lundqvist and Marc-Andre Fleury."

What's your favorite TV show or movie and why?

"I do not watch a lot of television, but one of my favorite TV shows is Impractical Jokers. Also, I do not have a favorite movie, but I love Action, Horror, and Comedy movies."

What are some of your hobbies outside of hockey?

"Other than hockey, I like basketball, and lacrosse. Some hobbies I have are hanging out with friends, and listening



Novi's Austin Muirhead nearly led his team to an upset win over Stevenson after making 54 saves on 56 shots in triple OT. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

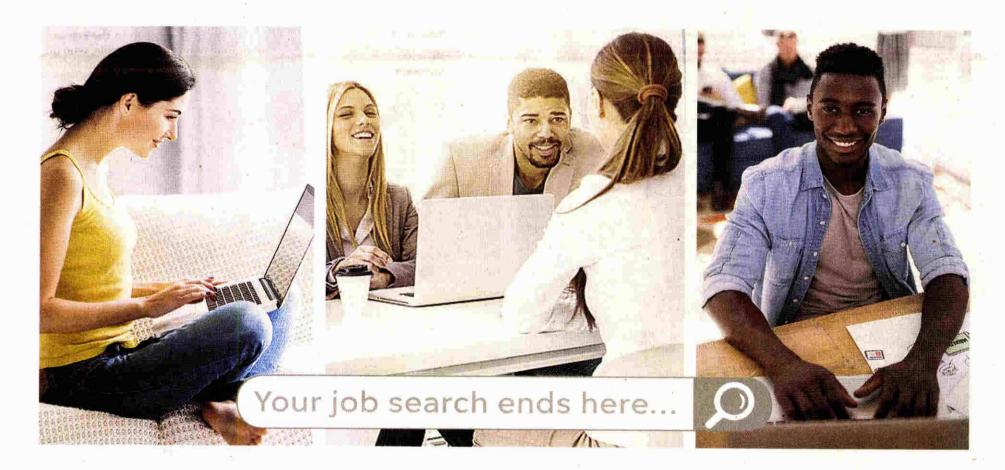
to tons of music."

What year in school are you and what are your future plans? Do you plan to continue playing hockey after high school?

"I am a sophomore and I am still not sure what I want to do after high school, but playing hockey after high school would be pretty cool."

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coaches have had to adjust to on the fly.

Overall, though, the response for teams in the hunt for a state title is one of grief.

"It's a very serious matter and for it to come to this, again, everybody is just devastated," Detroit Catholic Central head hockey coach Brandon Kaleniecki said.

"(For) the person who has potentially played their last game and didn't really know it, that's the tough part that I think we all struggle with."

Northville head basketball coach Todd Sander, who was preparing to take on Canton in the district final on Friday, echoed the same sentiment.

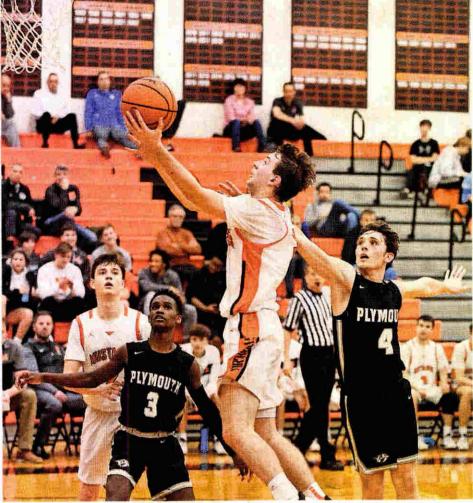
"It's really disappointing," Sander said. "For our entire team, looking at it from our own narrow lens, we've got 13 guys who have been all in for months, since the middle of November."

Sander said, as coaches, most of their competitiveness comes from striving to see their players succeed, something that they will not be able to do for the time being.

"You really feel worse for our six seniors, who all play significant minutes, who all have played in our program for all four year," Sander said. "We were playing our best basketball right now, peaking at the right time."

Negoshian said he saw a stoppage of play coming, saying he was shocked when the MHSAA said Thursday morning it was allowing teams to play in front of a limited crowd: parents, legal guardians and essential administrators.

As the students came into practice with knowledge of the situation from social media, Negoshian explained to them that play had been suspended, not canceled, and that preparation was key



Northville's Grant Mathiesen goes up for a layup in front of Plymouth defenders.

TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

for if North Farmington were to finish the season it had started.

However, the North Farmington head coach realizes this suspension larger than the Raiders' district final against rival Farmington that was scheduled for Friday.

"This is bigger than a MHSAA district championship against a cross-town rival," Negoshian said. "This is a world health problem right now that's causing major, major unsettling in our country. We need to get that in order before we even think about sports right now."

While John Glenn head basketball coach Jerret Smith realizes that his team has a lot to prove in the postseason, saying that many counted his team out in his first season, he said there are more important things in life than just

performances on the court.

"For us, it was tough news, but at the end of the day, by the grace of God, it's all about health and this thing going around that is getting a lot of people sick," Smith said. "Our health is a lot more important. There are many things more important in life than just basketball and I think our kids understand that. But until they tell us it's over, we aren't going to stop working."

For a team that many deemed the favorite to win the Division 1 hockey state title, Catholic Central was preparing to play this weekend at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

His message to the Shamrocks was one of hope, but one of realism as well.

"I think we are all very much aware of the growing concern with the virus and how quickly it has been spreading," Kaleniecki said. "I also had to urge them that that doesn't mean it's going to be resumed. We just don't know."

"We obviously hope that it's the case because you want the seniors to see the end and experience what that is like, whether it's win or lose, right. Win or lose, you know it's over."

With the suspension, there are championships to be had without a champion, and ahead of his attempt at a Division 2 state title, Brother Rice hockey head coach Kenny CHaput wanted a chance to hang the banner.

"It's coming to that point where, it's been a great experience for them, but this is a way to sort of put that top on there, that topper, and hang that banner and put yourself into that pretty select group of teams that have played at Brother Rice that have gotten a state championship," Chaput said. "That's what you think about and it's not the best of days around."

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level playing field for our schools and teams during this time of uncertainty," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said in the statement. "A number of schools across the state already were making this decision, and setting this as the standard across our membership is appropriate especially given the quick pace with which this situation is con-

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"Given the rapid, fast-moving and unprecedented events of this week, the MHSAA will use the time during this all-sport suspension of activities to evaluate all options and next steps which will be shared with schools in a timely manner"

MHSAA winter postseason events

were suspended indefinitely Thursday afternoon. There is no timetable for a possible rescheduling of these tournaments.

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The Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider one request:

1. 36597 Annapolis, Patrick Morski

Request for a Variance. Definitions – Section 1282 (h) of the Planning and Zoning Ordinance – "The entire parking area, storage area and non landscaped portion of the lot, including parking spaces and maneuvering lanes, shall be provided with asphaltic or concrete surfacing."

The text and any maps may be examined or written comments may be submitted at the City Clerk's Office during business hours (10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-Th, and 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fri.) Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. At the conclusion of the Pubic Hearing, the Zoning Board will consider, and may act upon, this matter.

Tina M. Stanke, CMC City Clerk

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 3110

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 010 OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 16 (PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

This ordinance amends the Code of Ordinances to establish Washington Park on City-owned land in the Southwest ¼ of Section 31 and to accept property in Section 34, adjoining Rudolf R. Kleinert Park.

A true copy of Ordinance No. 3110 may be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

Ordinance No. 3097 was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, February 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Susan Nash, City Clerk

Ordinance No. 3110 was authenticated by me on the 25th day of February, 2020.

Maureen Miller Brosnan, Mayor

Approved as to form: Paul A. Bernier, City Attorney Dated: February 25, 2020

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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

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

WORDS

ABSTAINING ACCESSIBLE **AEROBICS ANEMIA** ANTIOXIDANTS BALANCED BASAL CALORIE CALORIES CARBOHYDRATES CHOLESTEROL COMPLEX CONSUMPTION DEHYDRATION DIET DIGESTION ELECTROLYTES FAT FATS FIBER F00D FRUCTOSE GLUCOSE

HEART RATE

METABOLISM

MINERALS

NUTRITION

OBESITY

ORGANIC

PROBIOTIC

PROTEIN

SUPPLEMENT

VITAMINS

WATER

ANSWER KEY

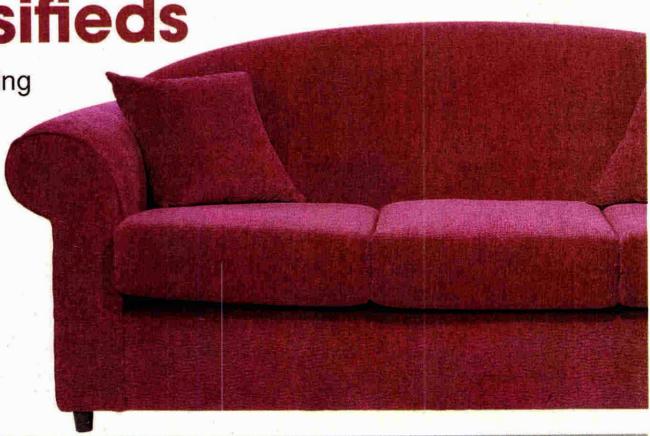
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