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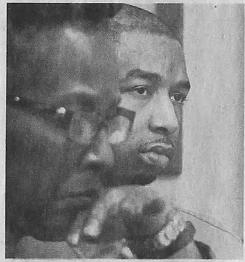
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As Canton Township's much-anticipated and equally dreaded Ford Road boulevard project inches closer to reality, details regarding the multimilliondollar game-changer are starting to emerge.

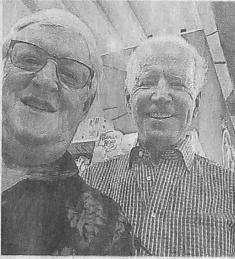
Asked what important news came out of last week's meeting between township officials and representatives from the Michigan Department of Transportation, Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams said a time line for the 2.5-mile project is taking shape and plans are being formulated with an emphasis on reducing inconveniences for motorists and the businesses that will be affected.

"The design of the project is expected See DETAILS, Page 2A

to be completed in 2020 with actual construction starting in late 2021 or early 2022," Williams said. "Everything is being done to minimize the negative impact the construction will have.



Floyd Galloway Jr. looks at a witness testifying in his Sept. 9 preliminary exam in Farmington Hills 47th District Court. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE PHOTOS



Tedd Wallace, former mayor of South Lyon, met former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden while grocery shopping in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, on March 6. COURTESY OF TEDD WALLACE



Maureen Brosnan defeated Laura Toy by 164 votes out of about 24,000 ballots cast to become the first woman elected mayor of Livonia.

Westland man will appear on **Wheel of Fortune**²

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A metro Detroit face will try to win it big on "Wheel of Fortune" on Dec. 31.

Westland resident Leon Wilborn has watched the show since 1985 and said it was surreal to be on a show he's such a fan of.

"I've been wanting to be on since I was a little kid," he said. "I mean, I started playing the 'Wheel of Fortune' video games when I was real young and I was watching the show with my family from the time I was little. It was very much larger than life."



The 200,000-pound compressor is hauled along Haggerty Road in October. COURTESY OF ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY

Hometown Life in 2019: **Top stories of the year**

Philip Allmen Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

What a year. It seems like a blur.

This past year has seen a lot of change in our communities. The November election ushered in new leaders to several communities, including Livonia, Northville, Birmingham and Westland.

There have been ups and downs. We've celebrated the opening of new

restaurants, the newest graduating class and community-based projects coming to fruition. We've shared the tragic, whether it's the loss of life, the closing of local businesses or the problems that follow suburban sprawl.

At Hometown Life, there have been changes, as well. An early retirement offer in late 2018 was popular, with 11 of our 14-member newsroom accepting the offer.

So our first task was to rebuild the See TOP STORIES, Page 4A

newsroom in this ever-changing media world. It took longer than hoped, but the wait was worth it. We have a great staff and more people visiting HometownLife.com - the digital presence of our 10 Observer & Eccentric and Hometown print publications - than ever, giving us better insight to the types of stories people actually want to read.

Wilborn is appearing on the second night of the show's "America's Game"themed week. He played alongside two other others in the hangman-style game where people can win cash, vacations and cars.

"It's a bit surreal when you're actually on the board, playing the game versus just watching it at home," he said. "The experience was definitely a huge highlight of my life."

He said the show's longtime host, Pat Sajak, was cool to meet.

"He had a lot of dad jokes ... and Vanna White is one of the sweetest ladies I've ever met in my life," Wilborn said.

Wilborn, a Wayne State University graduate who works in administrative support, got his chance to be on the show after auditioning at a Wheelmobile event held in Detroit.

'Wheel of Fortune" airs locally on WDIV Local 4 at 7 p.m. weeknights.

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Westland resident Leon Wilborn will try to win big on "Wheel of Fortune" on Dec. 31. COURTESY OF CAROL KAELSON

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"Ford Road from I-275 to Canton Center has long been one of the most dangerous roads in southeastern Michigan and the boulevard project will go a long way toward making it safer."

In August 2018, Canton Township residents approved a ballot proposal that will raise an estimated \$5,506,872 each year over a 20-year stretch that will go toward road maintenance and repair projects.

The successful millage set the groundwork for the 2.5-mile boulevard project which, once completed, is expected to significantly reduce accidents on the treacherous stretch of roadway.

The boulevards will separate eastbound and westbound Ford Road traffic and eliminate the center turn lane currently in use.

Boulevards will also be installed on Haggerty near the Haggerty-Ford Road intersection, because of the high volume of traffic in that area. "Ford Road from I-275 to Canton Center has long been one of the most dangerous roads in southeastern Michigan and the boulevard project will go a long way toward making it safer."

Pat Williams Supervisor, Canton Township

Once a design is accepted by MDOT, the next step in the project involves purchasing property from businesses along the stretch of Ford Road so that the roadway can be widened on both sides.

"Like any project of this size, there is going to be some inconvenience for drivers ... there's no getting around it," Williams said. "But something has to be done to increase the safety on Ford Road."

Williams said that comments on social media sites claiming that Ford Road will be reduced to one lane of traffic going east and west during the project are not true.

"Those plans have not been finalized yet," he said.

The boulevards will end near the Mc-Donald's on Ford Road and will not stretch all the way to Canton Center Road because of "funding and environmental clearing," MDOT stated.

MDOT plans to work closely with business owners by holding several public meetings throughout the process, seeking input from business owners and residents.

MDOT said it will use flyers, email blasts, social media, websites and work closely with the Canton Township Downtown Development Authority to communicate updates about the project with the general public. MDOT said it will do its best to maintain access to the businesses at all times.

The timing of the lights along Ford

Road will be improved, MDOT assured, saying that "all signals will be retimed. They will also be timed to accommodate traffic during construction.

"Signals will be updated to automated technology within the cabinets."

While a final decision hasn't been made, MDOT told Canton officials that bike lanes will not be an option along the boulevards due to the amount of rightof-way space needed.

MDOT assured DDA representatives that it will do its best to limit the impact to aesthetic features along Ford Road, including public art and the permanent piece of art at the Ford and Lilley roads intersection.

MDOT would not commit to a pedestrian bridge being constructed, stating "there are many requirements for ADA accessibility and would require a lot of right of way to make it compliant.

"Any bridge would require ramps that would take up a lot of space. The size and cost of the project is a huge deterrent in not moving forward."

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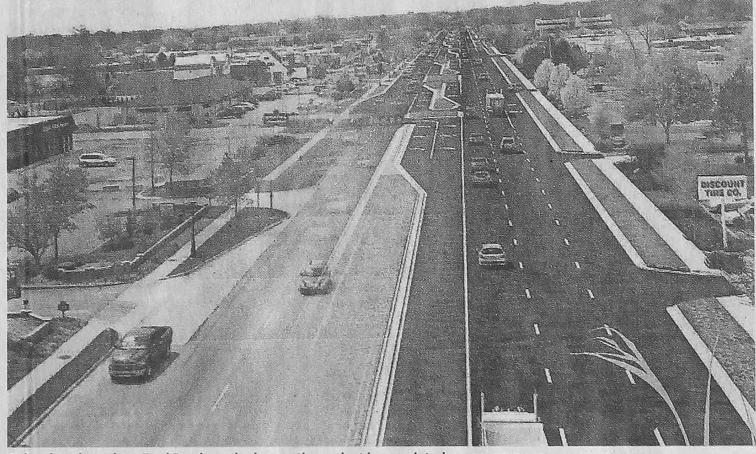
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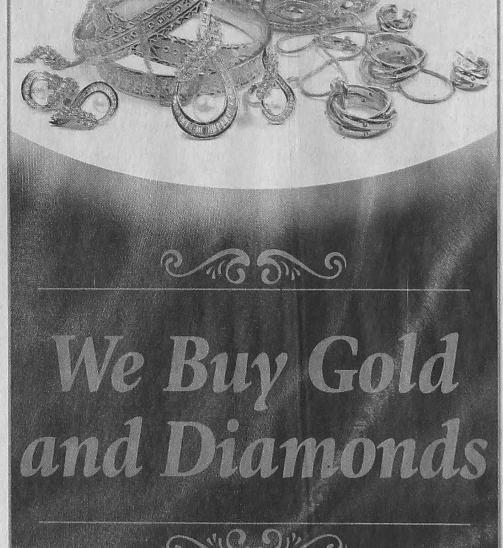
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A drawing shows how Ford Road may look once the project is completed. CANTON TOWNSHIP



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Diversity in Christianity panel shares beliefs

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Louise Ott is ready to broach tough subjects at the dinner table, regardless of whether she is sitting across from a relative who shares her views.

She got started on the often "off-limits" topic - religion - during a "Diversity in Christianity" panel discussion at Birmingham Covington School

"We have to agree that love and acceptance and agreeing to disagree has to be OK, and that doesn't mean the other person is evil because they don't believe as you believe," said Ott, a pastor at Birmingham United Church of Christ.

That attitude is one the Birmingham Covington School Diversity Committee has been embracing much of theyear with a series of panel discussions meant to educate and inform, dispelling misconceptions and stereotypes about different people and their beliefs, and fostering understanding and kindness.

Attending these panel discussions have been members of the African-American, LGBTQ, Muslim and Jewish communities.

The most recent discussion was perhaps the most controversial, said Rick Joseph, a Covington teacher and member of the diversity committee.

"We had many discussions about whether or not this panel should take place at all," Joseph said. "This of course was due to the pain, hurt, and exclusion that many people, particularly people in the LGBTQ community, have felt in their church communities over the years.

Despite concerns over possible legitimization or even glorification of what he said has been very "unchristian treatment of people," the committee went ahead in the belief that all political and cultural viewpoints should be represented in diversity work and people must come together to find solutions to challenges while simultaneously promoting mutual understanding.

While the 12-member panel, which included two other pastors in addition to Ott, as well as parents, students, and Covington staff members, are all Christians, they were from varying denominations and showed that even within a single religion, there are vast differences.

Joseph, a Catholic, was eager to learn, as was the moderator of the panel, Covington Spanish teacher Joe Leibson, who is Jewish.

"There are some who have wondered why a Christianity panel is part of the diversity series," Leibson said during the panel's introduction. "After all, Christians represent a large majority of the U.S. population and have power and influence in every sphere of our society. Every U.S. president has identified as a Christian and we often hear that our founding principles are based on Judeo-Christian values.

"Those things are all true, but they don't mean that there is no room for Christian voices in the context of diversity work. Diversity is for everyone."

Leibson continued by noting that religious participation in general is "dramatically slipping." He cited FiveThirtyEight, a statistical analysis website, saying, "Millennials are leaving religion in droves and aren't coming back," with people ages 23-38 almost as likely to say they have no religion as to identify as Christians. Less than half of this age group subscribe to the idea that a belief in God is necessary to be moral, and millennials are much less likely than baby boomers to believe it is necessary to raise children with religion so they learn values.



Members of the Diversity in Christianity panel discuss their various beliefs at Birmingham Covington School. COURTESY OF RICK JOSEPH



Rev. Bethany Peerbolte, associate pastor of **Birmingham First Presbyterian Church, participated** in the Diversity in Christianity panel at the Birmingham Covington School. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

tered to all kinds of people, no matter their walk of life."

While she said "all sin is sin," God is the one to do changing of hearts. Love doesn't mean agreement or acceptance for her, but means that she can be in a room with someone with a different lifestyle or beliefs and be friends.

"I have a friend who is an atheist, and I love her," Jones said. "We can sit and talk and be friends. We do not have to agree."

Bethany Peerbolte, a panelist and associate pastor at Birmingham First Presbyterian, said she grew up in a church in which attitudes toward LGBTQ people she knew and loved nearly drove her away from the church.

She views the Bible as "a living, breathing text," and one through which the words have been translated a hundred million times from texts and languages which aren't understood completely.

"It says women are not supposed to speak in churches, and here I am a pastor," Peerbolte said. "We have to go back to what Scriptures are teaching us in 2020. What is it saying right now? We talk about sin like we know what it is. ...

surprised by how consistently humble all of the panelists were.

"I kept waiting for someone to sound self-righteous, perhaps, because therein lies the problem that so many people have with organized Christianity, and perhaps religion in general throughout the world - that is, the dichotomy between the sacred Scriptures and their interpretation by people," Joseph said. "Furthermore, the extent to which people have interpreted sacred texts and used them to justify ways that have excluded, marginalized, and hurt people."

Joseph also was impressed with the panelists' comments in regard to the importance of doing the will of God, which he believes ultimately means "developing a realization that humans are not in control."

The BCS Diversity Committee plans to continue its panel discussions into 2020. Joseph said there will be a repeat of a panel on issues related to the LGBTQ community, and a panel on mental health awareness and suicide prevention due to an increase in teen suicides as well as the stigma surrounding these issues. Other possible subjects include atheism/agnosticism, military veterans, women's history and Native Americans.

'We certainly will continue to have these panels because they have clearly met and identified need for many people in our community," he said. "I believe that people are hungry for a way to have conversations about difficult issues that is constructive. I believe we have found that way."

More information about future panels is expected to be posted on the Birmingham Covington School Facebook page by mid-January.



Panelists at the "Diversity in Christianity" forum were invited to consider and share their answers to questions about their faith and its importance in their lives to about 50 people in attendance.

Mike Elia, a Chaldean Catholic panelist, said we are "living in an age of relativism, wanting to redefine the truth in a way that suits 'me,' " and in the process, "erasing the absolute truth of Jesus Christ."

"Obviously, we are all sinners in this room," he said. "You have to confront in a loving way when you see someone doing something that might affect their salvation. ... In this day and age, you need to do it in a delicate way."

Nicole Jones, a Baptist who sat next to her son David, a Covington student, on the panel, said God is not open for interpretation.

"If God tells me something in the Bible, I would rather err on the side of what is there than to be found wrong," she said. "It is good to consider Jesus minis-

"Jesus sat with people who are sinful and outcasts. Those are people who Jesus would sit with and didn't ask to change.'

Peerbolte said in a time when it is perceived there is a "war on Christmas" and the loudest Christian voices seem to be evangelicals and those offended about coffee cups from a corporate organization without religious affiliation, she was grateful for the panel and the opportunity to hear a variety of Christian voices.

"It's great to see diversity and get us into a room to hash it out," she said. "That understanding gets us to a unity place instead of being in our corners comfortably."

Joseph said he saw at the forum a common bond between the 12 panelists - their deep faith and belief in its power, as well as understanding as a Christian value the importance of loving their neighbors. He was

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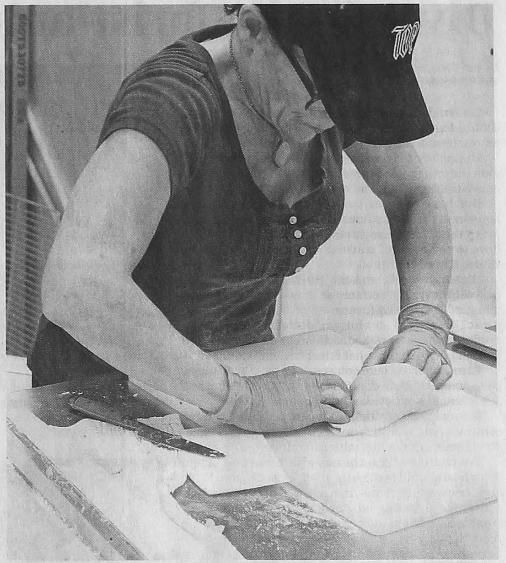
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My Dad Nick's Copper Country Pasty Factory cook Michelle Etienne makes beef pasties Sept. 12. The shop opened in Livonia's Merriman Mall shopping center. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

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We've had plenty of success in 2019. There have been plenty of stumbles, as well. We're planning for more of the former in 2020, and much less of the latter.

Here's the news staff for Hometown Life and some of our most-read stories of the year:

David Veselenak

David Veselenak is one of two reporters who remained on staff after the buyouts. Veselenak has been with Hometown Life since 2012. Currently, he covers business across our footprint, which stretches from Milford to Westland and from Plymouth to Birmingham.

Here are his top stories for 2019:

The Claddagh Irish pub closes in Livonia after 15 years

The Claddagh was a mainstay along the Livonia-Northville Township border for 15 years before it closed abruptly at the beginning of December.

Justin O'Driscoll, operations director for Cleveland-based Claddagh Irish Pubs, said the restaurant's lease was up at the end of the month and they decided not to renew it.

This March story wrapped up the investigation into a missing persons report for Robert Quist, who disappeared several weeks earlier in the Five Mile and Newburgh area. A \$10,000 reward was offered for locating him.

The night he disappeared, a friend called 9-1-1 saying Quist had a medical emergency. When paramedics arrived, they could not find Quist.

Susan Vela

Susan Vela joined Hometown Life in March. The veteran journalist has worked at various newspapers in Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois. She currently covers public safety issues across our footprint in western Wayne and Oakland counties.

Here are her top stories for 2019:

Police investigate after South Lyon High senior found dead in home

A South Lyon High School 17-year-old died by suicide in late May. Rumors swirled at the time of a suicide pact, but the subsequent investigation debunked that story.

Police: Lakeland High teacher was drunk at school with blood alcohol 4 times legal limit

A Lakeland High School teacher arrived at school Sept. 18 intoxicated. White Lake police said Michael Fletcher registered a blood-alcohol content of more than four times the legal .08% limit at about 8 a.m. that morning. He was arrested for that, as well as for a warrant dating back to October 2018 for a similar incident. Fletcher pleaded no contest to the drunken driving charge and told the judge he "absolutely" had a drinking problem before agreeing to enter the sobriety court program, which provides intensive therapy to people who have a drinking problem. Judge sends Floyd Galloway, charged in Stislicki murder case, to circuit court The Danielle Stislicki case has grabbed attention since she disappeared three years ago in Farmington Hills. Police have long suspected Floyd Galloway killed her. He is now on trial for her murder, even though her body has not been found. Galloway, 32, is a convict now behind bars for demonstrating criminal sexual conduct when assaulting a Hines Park runner in Livonia the September before Stislicki's disappearance. He pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit sexual penetration.

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Wayne Hendrickson, of Bloomfield Township decided to follow in his father's footsteps in bringing a little slice of the Upper Peninsula to Livonia.

After a several-month closure, he opened the former Weldon's Pasties in the Merriman Mall shopping center off of Seven Mile. The shop is a new entity, completely separate from the shop his father operated in the same location from 1982 to earlier this year.

Enter My Dad Nick's Copper Country Pasty Factory, a new name to pay homage to his father, affectionately known around town as "Nick."

Steak 'N Shake closes 24-hour restaurant in Livonia

Livonia lost one of its 24-hour businesses back in April, this one affecting those who love a milkshake and hamburger.

. Steak 'N Shake at 17200 S. Middlebelt, just north of Six Mile, has closed. Signs on the door when it closed indicated the closure was not permanent, and the website still indicates the closure is temporary.

World of Beer no more: Canton, Woodhaven restaurants now Maverick's

What's in a name? Apparently, confusion among customers, which has led to a moniker change for a pair of pubs in Wayne County. The World of Beer restaurants in Canton and Woodhaven have changed their names and likeness to Maverick's.

The change, which took effect in mid-November, stems from a desire to have the restaurant be known as just that: a restaurant.

Chad Wilson, one of the owners, said they had many people stop in or call the restaurant, thinking they were a beer store and not a pub. He said they wanted to convey that the restaurant is more than just beer.

Livonia man missing since Feb. 22 found dead

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Birmingham grad goes missing on Lake Michigan

Jacob Sandy, a Birmingham Seaholm High School graduate, disappeared in mid-May during a Lake Michigan kayaking excursion. He was kayaking offshore when a storm blew in.

His body was recovered two weeks later, on May 29.

Four agencies involved in arrest at Kensington Metropark after chase starting in Canton

Cruising through many of our communities, pursuit of a stolen vehicle from Canton to Kensington drew a strong police presence. State troopers tried stopping the vehicle, which fled to the metropark. Officers found the vehicle on the park's bike trail, and the suspects shortly after.

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Ed Wright

Ed Wright first joined Hometown Life in 2004 as a sports writer. He returned in March 2018 as a news reporter and was the other reporter on staff after the early retirements. Currently he covers the Northville, Canton and Plymouth communities.

Here are his top stories for 2019:

What's in those mysterious, policeescorted caravans traveling on Haggerty, Grand River?

For several weeks in late October and early November, surface streets like Haggerty and Grand River were blocked off so 175-foot trucks with police escorts could drive through. Social media was running rampant on what it could be.

Turns out they were compressors for the Lansing Board of Water & Light's new Delta Energy Park site.

They were so big, their route was restricted to surface streets from the Port of Detroit to Lansing. About a dozen trucks came through the area on the way to Lansing.

Canton neighbors ticked off at Pulte for its alleged 'breaking of promises'

With plans for a new development in Canton, a contingent of Canton Township neighbors hope to stop the plans. Residents of the Grandview Estates subdivision turned out in late September in opposition to Pulte's latest plans. Pulte officials have met with residents to listen to concerns, but residents say they are upset Pulte never hinted at the possibility of a second phase to the subdivision development.

As of mid-December, Pulte was still working to receive all of its approvals to continue development.

Canton family wants others to learn from its toxic-mold nightmare

A Canton Township family wanted to warn others in this October story not to take ongoing health concerns lightly.

The family had a series of unexplained health issues for a year; fertility tests eventually led to the discovery the mom had been slowly poisoned by airborne mold, which experts in the field discovered had been living in the unfinished basement and crawl space of the family's home.



Part of the deal with voters approving a tax increase for road projects was transforming Ford Road in to a boulevard. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Here's the latest news on Canton's plans to turn Ford Road into boulevard

Part of the deal with voters approving a tax increase for road projects was transforming Ford Road in to a Boulevard. Just this week, a tentative time line for the project was released. Construction could start as soon as 2021.

Construction coming to superbusy Northville Township intersection

Traffic is always an issue. When there's construction, it's even worse. So when Wayne County announced work on the intersection of Six Mile and Beck roads in Northville Township was starting Sept. 23, people were concerned.

Work is done for now, which included pavement widening and construction of a new traffic-signal foundation. The second phase, which will start in mid-April and last about two months, will include modernizing the existing traffic signal at the intersection.

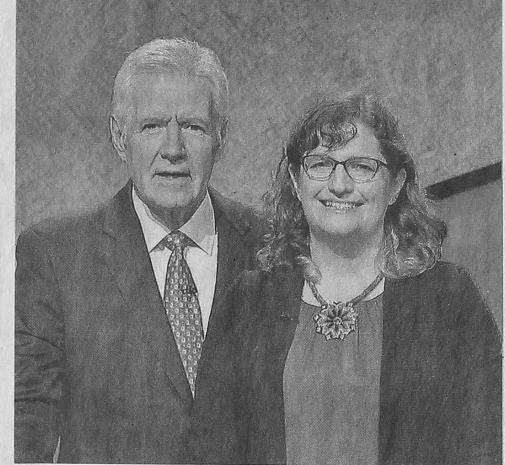
Susan Bromley

Susan Bromley returned to Hometown Life in February, having worked here in 2016 on a part-time basis covering Novi. In her return, she still covers Novi, as well as the South Lyon, Milford and Birmingham areas.

Here are her top stories in 2019:

Former mayor of South Lyon meets former VP Joe Biden while grocery shopping in St. Croix

Former Mayor Tedd Wallace was a snowbird, spending winters in St. Croix



Amanda Holm, of Livonia, stands with Alex Trebek, host of "Jeopardy!" Holm competed on the show's Feb. 15 episode on NBC and won \$13,200. SUBMITTED

as a substitute teacher. In March, he ran into former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden at a local grocery store. The two had a brief exchange, and Biden took time for a selfie with Wallace.

At the time, Biden was still undecided on running for president in 2020. The story was picked up nationally with commentators speculating on whether or not he would reenter the political fray. Wallace died Sept. 10.

South Lyon Pumpkinfest 2019 – parade, pooches, and more

Everyone loves a festival, and our photos from this year's Pumpkinfest were popular among readers, highlighting some of the weekend's fun, including the parade, dog competition and more.

Maureen LaFontaine, beloved matriarch of auto empire and philanthropist, dies

The matriarch of the fast-growing metro Detroit auto empire died Oct. 28.

LaFontaine includes 34 retail franchises, five collision centers and

15 Michigan locations and employs over 1,300 people, many of whom Maureen considered family and who referred to her as "madre."

The LaFontaines are well known for their philanthropic efforts and have donated generously to many local causes and projects through the years. Maureen was most proud of her family and, in addition to her husband and four children, she leaves 15 grandchildren.

Livonia woman wins on 'Jeopardy!' with smarts, timing, nerves of steel Everyone loves a winner.

Alex Trebek butchered the pronun-

Alex Trebek butchered the pronunciation of Livonia, and almost called her a bed wetter instead of a bead weaver, but Amanda Holm still won the day on "Jeopardy!" The Livonia resident was in the episode that aired Feb. 15, making a dramatic comeback in the second round. Although she missed the Final Jeopardy question, she bet wisely and won the game with \$13,200.

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Guernsey Farms Dairy is celebrating its 80th anniversary next year with a \$1 million makeover of its 28,000-square-foot facility on Novi Road. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

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Guernsey Farms Dairy is getting \$1 million makeover, improving restaurant, adding liquor

Guernsey Farms Dairy is celebrating its 80th anniversary next year with a \$1 million makeover. It plans a facelift to both the interior and exterior of the 28,000-square-foot facility that houses a restaurant, ice cream shop and milk processing plant located on three acres at 21300 Novi Road.

A new menu and liquor license are planned, as well as better seating inside.

John McGuire established Guernsey Farms Dairy in 1940 in downtown Northville. In 1966, the business moved to its current location in Novi. It's expanded over the years, including adding a 100-seat restaurant and a store in 1985 to serve construction workers building homes in the area.

Shelby Tankersley

Shelby Tankersley is the most recent hire among the news staff, having started in May. She came to Hometown Life from the Oxford Leader, where she worked after graduating from Oakland University. Tankersley covers Livonia, Westland, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Here are her top stories in 2019:

Madam Mayor: Brosnan wins Livonia's top spot by razor-thin margin

Politics dominated the Livonia landscape for much of 2019. A vocal, at times bitter, race ensued between Maureen Brosnan and Laura Toy to become the city's first female mayor.

Brosnan won by fewer than 200 votes.

MDOT plans massive I-275 improvement project for 2020

Construction can be a challenge, particularly when it's along Interstate 275, one of the region's busiest roads for commuters. The October story invited residents to a meeting to discuss the project that is expected to take the bulk of the 2020 construction season to complete.

The project stretches through Northville, Livonia, Plymouth and Canton and includes pavement and bridge work throughout the area.

Here's the two, maybe three, schools Wayne-Westland will close

Wayne-Westland Community Schools has seen its student population drop in recent years, heavily impacted by school of choice.

That prompted officials to look at consolidating students and closing school buildings.

In May, the school board approved closing Marshall Upper Elementary at the end of the current school year. Hoover Elementary is slated to close following the 2020-21 school year.

Depending on enrollment numbers moving forward, Walker-Winter Elementary may close after the 2021-22 school year. Primary sets up showdown for Livonia's first female mayor

In more Livonia election coverage, we looked at the winners of the primary election among Brosnan, Toy and Bruce Tenniswood for mayor, as well as the top eight candidates seeking a position on city council.

Man buys winning \$2 million lottery ticket in Westland

Christmas came early for a Westland man on Thanksgiving Day when he bought a \$2 million winning Classic Black lottery ticket. The life-changing ticket was bought at the Westland Food Store on 1690 South Venoy Road.

"I said to my wife: 'You're not going to believe this' and showed her the ticket," he told the Michigan Lottery. "Holding the winning ticket makes me feel like I'm in a dream. ... I keep pinching myself expecting to wake up and find out this is a dream, but now that I'm holding the check it all feels real."

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Candice and Brian Hall are among the Grandview Estates residents concerned about Pulte further developing their subdivision. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Top stories

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John Heider

John Heider is a veteran photojournalist who first joined the company in 1996, covering the Novi-Northville area. After a brief break, Heider returned to Hometown Life in late January 2019. Heider handles photographic needs across our coverage area.

Here are his top photo galleries in 2019:

Detroit Catholic Central's 2019 graduation ceremony, May 19th, Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium; Livonia Churchill's June 2nd graduation ceremony; South Lyon High's class of 2019 June 8 commencement ceremony at EMU's Convocation Center

He was quite busy this past spring, running about to cover as many high school graduation ceremonies as possible. Several of the graduation photos resonated with readers; these were the galleries most popular online.

Angela's Ristorante opens in Westland

This photo gallery accompanied a story on the opening of the restaurant, the second for owner Ernesto Magdaleno-Guzman, who wanted to open a spot in western Wayne County. He opened the restaurant Nov. 11 along Joy Road in the space formerly occupied by Good Day Café.

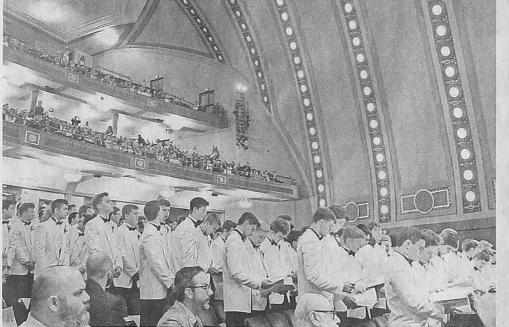
Floyd Galloway Jr. preliminary exam in the disappearance of Danielle Stislicki

Photos accompanying the preliminary exam where prosecutors began building their case alleging Galloway murdered Stislicki were popular.

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Baldwin Public Library employee Rosemary Retford reads "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" by J.K. Rowling. The books are still popular at the library.

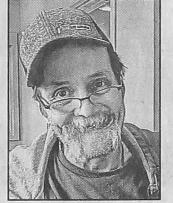


The Detroit Catholic Central class of 2019 graduates in Hill Auditorium on May 19. The class received slightly more than \$10.7 million in scholarship awards.



Students listen to a speaker during the June 2 commencement exercises of Livonia Winston Churchill High at Plymouth Township's USA Hockey Arena.

Obituaries



Dennis R. Hoholik

Dennis (Brusseau) Hoholik, born to Ronald Brusseau & Carol Hoholik passed Dec 17, 2019 in Emmett, ID.

Survived by mother, Carol, step-mother, Barbara, sons; Gerry (Jessica), Joshua (Melody), Raymond (Sarah), & Chris (Jessica), siblings; Janice (Derrick), Gloria (Ron), Ron (Stephanie), Cindy (Ricky), Jacki (Mike), Gail (Don),& Dottie (Dave); 13 grandchildren, 24 nieces/nephews, 9 great nieces/ nephews.

Preceded in death by beloved wife Joanie, father, Ron Brusseau, step-father Ray Hoholik, sister, Tina Alemany.

Cremation rights by Potter Funeral Home in Emmett, ID. Private memorial **Doris Kuhns**

PLYMOUTH - Doris Kuhns, 96, Plymouth. Died peacefully December 2, 2019 with family by her side.

Born in Detroit to the late Wylie and Ada Bridges, Doris spent her young childhood in Columbus, NC, moving back to Detroit at the age of 12. She always considered Columbus NC to be her hometown and missed it dearly. Doris graduated from Western High School in Detroit in 1941. She married Jack Wigley, who was killed in action in WWII. She later married Ted Kuhns. Attending U of D and Eastern Michigan University, Doris went to night school for 15 years while raising 4 children to earn her teaching certificate. She was a teacher in the Plymouth-Canton School District for 20 years. She loved teaching and loved children. After retiring, she studied Shakespeare at Oxford University, Christ Church, in Oxford England twice, always wanting to return.

Doris was a long time and devoted member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth since 1955. In her later years, Doris enjoyed being a member of a chapter of the Plymouth Great Books Club and senior memoir writing groups, volunteering at First Step of Plymouth, and the Literacy Council. She is preceded in death by her husbands, Jack Wigley and Ted Kuhns, her daughter, Grace Wigley Kuhns, grandson, Shawn Fairham, and great granddaughter, Claire Zahm. She is survived by her daughters, Victoria (Kevin) Wheeler of Portland Oregon, Cindy Cox of Plymouth, son, Ted (Kim) Kuhns of Whitmore Lake, 5 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. A memorial service will be planned at the First

United Methodist Church after the new year. Memorial contributions can be made to First Step, non-profit to end domestic violence at firststep-mi.org or the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth mission programs at pfumc.org.

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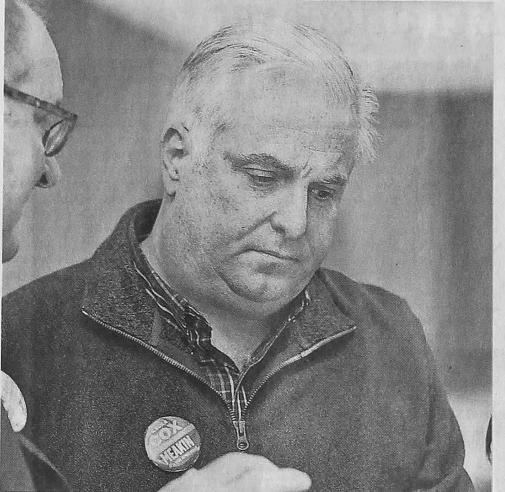


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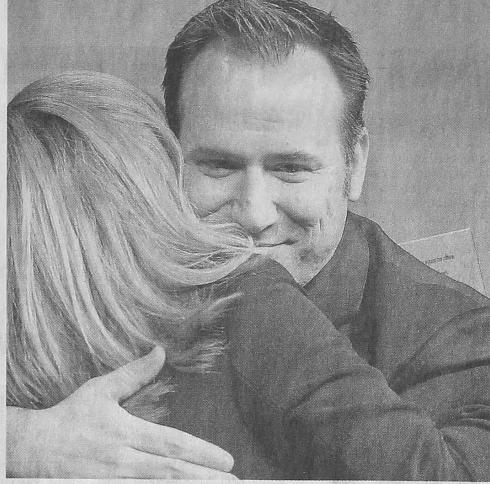


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Livonia Councilman Brian Meakin during a campaign. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE PHOTOS



Brandon Kritzman smiles during his swearing-in ceremony four years ago.

Livonia councilmen Meakin, Kritzman say goodbye

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

As Livonia City Council gets ready to welcome two new, younger councilmen, two veterans are saying goodbye.

Brian Meakin and Brandon Kritzman both served in their final council meeting of the foreseeable future Dec. 16.

The city charter caps politicians at two consecutive terms serving on the council. Since both are ending their second term in office, neither could seek reelection.

Meakin, who has been a face in council on and off since 2004, a candidate for mayor and a candidate for the 19th District state House seat, expressed gratitude to the community and his colleagues. He was presented a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the council by Councilwoman Cathy White.

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"It has been an experience I will never forget," he said.

Meakin also stretched a hand toward Brandon McCullough and Rob Donovic, who will serve on council after the new year.

"I'd like to welcome our newest members to council, Brandon and Rob," Meakin said. "I know they'll do a great job for our community. And to my friend, our first female mayor of Livonia, Maureen Brosnan: The wheel is not broken, but I'm sure you can breathe a breath of fresh air."

Council President Laura Toy, who has long served alongside Meakin, said he'll be missed.

"Brian Meakin has just been an outstanding, understanding council member," she said. "I don't know if that always comes across, but he's certainly just a phone call away and I have great respect for Councilman Meakin and all he's done for this city."

Toy also spoke highly of Kritzman. "We learn so much from him on his architectural ability and just his overall intelligence as well," she said. "He is just

such an additive for this city, for this council." Kritzman also expressed gratitude to

the city and said he's proud to have been part of so much change. He was presented with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of council by council Vice President Jim Jolly.

"I'm struck by how much I've been a part of and how much we've changed the community in my time here," Kritzman said. "I'm grateful for those who believed in me from the outset, and I'm grateful to those who climbed aboard along the way."

Councilwoman Kathleen McIntyre

said she'll miss both of their personalities and knowledge at meetings.

"I could spend the whole night, which I know nobody wants me to, going on with specific times that they came in with a particular suggestion or idea on a project," she said. "Most of all, (thanks) for being great friends. Like any job, you don't get to pick who you work with."

Council also recognized Toy, who is the only person ever to have served as Livonia's council president four times.

During the next council meeting in 2020, McIntyre will take over as president and Councilman Scott Bahr will step up as vice president. McCullough and Donovic will serve alongside Toy, Jolly and White.

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How will the SECURE Act affect retirement?



Money Matters Rick Bloom Guest columnist

With all the childishness and bickering in Washington, it's hard to believe that anything can pass on a bipartisan basis. However, that is exactly what happened this week when Congress finally passed and sent to the president a piece of legislation known as the SE-CURE Act.

The president is expected to sign the legislation, which will be the first major piece of legislation in over a decade that deals with how people save and handle their retirement. The SECURE Act, which stands for Setting Every Community Up For Retirement Enhancement, is mostly designed to make it easier to save for retirement.

Like in every form of legislation, there are some good things and some not so good things. The first major change is that the new law will increase the age of minimum required distributions. In the past, you had to begin withdrawing from your retirement accounts when you turned 70%. Under the new law, the age would be raised to 72.

The SECURE Act also eliminates the age cap for traditional IRA contributions. Under the old law, once you turned 70%, you were no longer eligible to invest in a traditional IRA. Now, as long as you're working, you'll be eligible to contribute into your traditional IRA.

The new legislation has increased the tax credits available to small businesses to offset the cost of retirement plans. In the past, small businesses that started a retirement plan were only able to get a \$500-a-year credit. Now, the maximum is \$5,000. The SECURE Act also allows small businesses to join multiple employer plans. Hopefully, this will lower the administrative cost to small businesses and make it easier for them to offer some sort of retirement savings plan. As with any piece of legislation, there will be parts of it that many people disagree with. 401(k) plan sponsors to offer annuities and other lifetime income options. Having a guaranteed lifetime income could

Stretch IRAs will be eliminated.

Under the old rules, if you inherited a non-spouse's IRA, one of the options that you had with regard to distributions was to take distributions over your life expectancy. This allowed many people to defer the taxes owed on IRAs for decades.

That is no longer going to be an option. According to the SECURE Act, all inherited IRAs must be distributed within 10 years of the IRA owner's death.

The one exception to this is if you were the spouse. The surviving spouse will continue to have available favorable types of distribution options. For those of you who currently have stretch IRAs, you don't have to worry. If you inherited an IRA and you're taking distributions over your life expectancy, there will be no change for you.

Under the new law, it will be easier for

and other lifetime income options. Having a guaranteed lifetime income could be an option that people like. However, the red flag is that annuities offered through 401(k) plans may not be the most consumer-friendly product. Some annuities are notorious for excessive fees that employers may not be overly concerned with. However, you and I as the consumer need to be concerned about these fees. Therefore, my advice is before anyone selects the annuity option in their 401(k) plan, they shop other alternatives. You can't assume that the annuity offered in the 401(k) plan is the best one for you.

On the whole, there are lots of positives to the SECURE Act; however, there are also some landmines that you need to be cautious of.

Good luck!

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Livonia Police say this vehicle was used in a Deering Street drive-by shooting. COURTESY OF THE LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Livonia Police investigating Deering Street drive-by shooting

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Livonia police are investigating a drive-by shooting that happened earlier this month in the 19000 block of Deering Street.

Police said a blue Ford Taurus about 20 years old and having apparent duct tape on the passenger-side front bumper drove along the street around 2 p.m. Dec. 8.

Nearby cameras captured the sounds of several shots being fired. Police said the target was a house but the residents were away. No one was injured.

Those with information are asked to contact Detective Sergeant Scarantino at 734-466-2318 or jayson.scarantino@ livoniapd.com.



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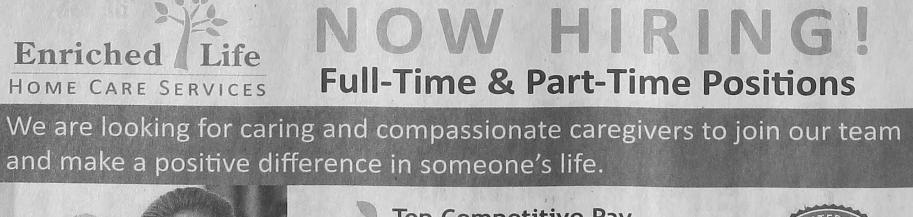
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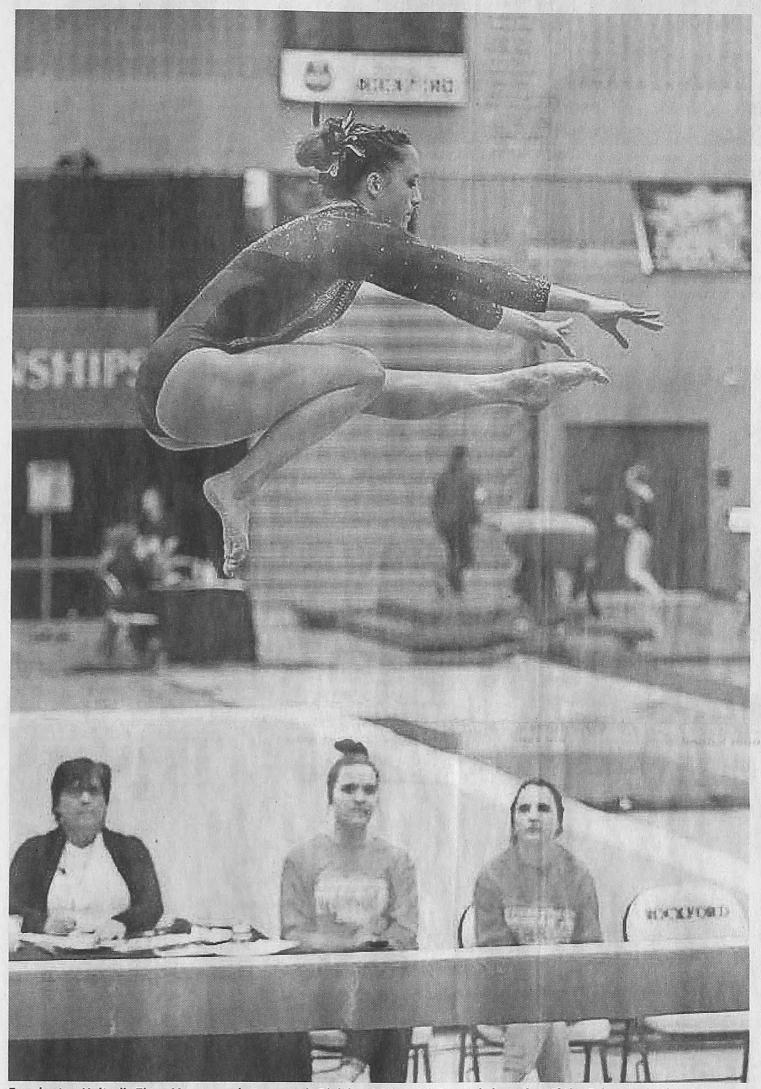




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Aiming for a three-peat



Brother Rice shows its youth in loss to Southfield Christian

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Early in the 2019-20 season, the Brother Rice boys basketball team has not faced much adversity. The Warriors came into their third game of the season with 13- and 41-point wins against Brownstown Woodhaven and Pontiac, respectively.

However, Southfield Christian, the reigning Division 4 state champions and winners of five state titles since 2012, had different ideas.

The Eagles (2-2) got past the Warriors (2-1), defeating Brother Rice, 61-52, on Friday night.

Brother Rice will next take on Macomb Dakota in the Motor City Roundball Classic on Dec. 30.

Here are three takeaways from the Warriors' first loss of the season:

Technical fouls hurt Warriors

Trailing 31-27 in the middle of the third quarter, Brother Rice senior guard Jon Brantley saw an opening, finding Smith Casper in a wide-open lane.

The 6-foot-6 senior forward put down the pass on a dunk, hanging on the rim for a bit longer than the referee liked, handing Casper a technical foul.

While Southfield Christian senior Da'Jion Humphrey hit only one of the two free-throw attempts, the Eagles gained momentum, outscoring the Warriors 9-3 in the final minutes, holding an eight-point lead heading into the fourth quarter.

In the final quarter, momentum seemed to swing back in favor of Brother Rice. The Warriors outscored the Eagles 15-9 to start, as freshman forward Curtis Williams brought the Warriors' deficit to within two points on a corner three.

Farmington United's Elena Vargo was last season's Division 1 State All-Around champion. If the Falcons win the state championship in March, it will be their first time winning three consecutive titles since 2004-06. COURTESY OF ROGER PLAYLE

Farmington hoping for third consecutive state championship

Andrew Vailliencourt Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

championships, the Farmington gym-

nastics team is hungry for another title.

1.3 points in last year's finals to take

the state's top 11, including Plymouth

(third), Livonia Blue (fifth), Northville

(sixth) and Huron Valley United (11th).

home the trophy. They scored 145.55.

The Falcons defeated Rockford by

Several other area teams placed in

Key meets

- Jan. 4 Rockford Invitational
- After winning back-to-back state Jan. 10 vs. Northville
 - Jan. 25 Huron Valley Invitational

Feb. 1 - Canton Invitational

None, however, have been able to knock off Farmington over the last couple seasons.

Should the Falcons earn the threepeat, it would be the first time the school has accomplished that feat since 2004-2006, when Farmington won three years straight.

Farmington coach Jeff Dwyer coached those three championship teams, and now he has a chance to do it again. This year's team is dealing with major losses from last season's squad, but it got off to a good start by posting 141.225 in the first meet of the year against Huron Valley United, which scored 140.475.

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But on the next possession, Brother Rice freshman forward Xavier Thomas attempted a steal, was called with the foul, said something in the direction of an official and was called with the Warriors' second technical foul of the half.

Eagles junior Malcolm King converted on all four free-throw attempts, turning the Warriors' two-point deficit into a six-point deficit Southfield Christian would keep.

"A very talented, immature basketball team got their butts kicked tonight from a very mature, championship culture team," Brother Rice head coach Rick Palmer said. "It's on me and our guys to try and fix that, and that's what we are going to do tomorrow when we walk into practice."

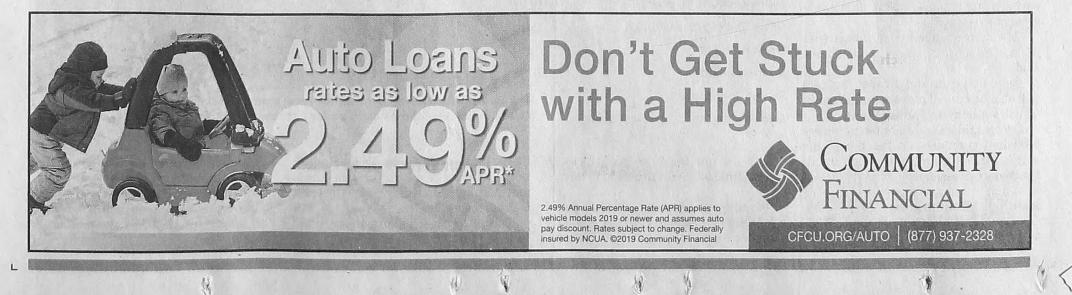
Williams shines in fourth quarter

After recording only one threepoint make in the first three quarters, Williams brought Brother Rice to within striking distance in the fourth quarter.

The 6-foot-5 Williams hit three three-pointers, including the one that brought the Warriors within two points.

"Curt is a very talented player. He's going to be a big-time basketball

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International soccer program coming to Oakland County

Andrew Vailliencourt Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Soccer Shots, an engaging children's soccer program best known for its focus on character development while safely teaching the fundamentals of soccer, announced a signed franchise deal that will soon bring its curriculum-based soccer program to Oakland County.

Under the ownership of Tammy Jozwiak, the program will serve the Oakland County area, including Berkley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Madison Heights, Novi, Rochester Hills, Royal Oak, Troy and West Bloomfield

The new program adds to the 200plus locations of Soccer Shots across nearly 40 states and Canada.

Aimed at positively impacting children's lives, Soccer Shots strives to be the best part of a child's week through best-in-class coaching, communication and curriculum.

Serving children ages 2 through 8, the program features professional coaches in the community, exceptional customer experience, and an expert-approved curriculum that aligns with early childhood education standards. The weekly programs, customized for three age groups, teach children soccer fundamentals and character-building skills. Soccer Shots hosts private ses-



Soccer Shots is coming to Oakland County. The program for children is known for its focus on character development as it teaches the fundamentals of the game. COURTESY OF MADDY VALENTE

sions through local schools and childcare centers as well as public programs.

"Soccer Shots allows me to positively impact children in the community I grew up in and make a difference in their

life the way that I was impacted when I was a kid through soccer," said Jozwiak, a former human resources executive. "Soccer made me the person that I am today and to be able to pass that along to other children is a dream come true."

Looking to fill an opening in the marketplace for quality soccer programs, professional soccer teammates Jeremy Sorzano and Jason Webb launched Soccer Shots in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1999 under the name Soccer Pals. Sorzano and Webb strove to close the gap in the existing programs that did not have the resources or skills to effectively teach children soccer fundamentals.

In 2009, Justin Bredeman, a former college soccer teammate of Sorzano and Webb, became the third Soccer Shots partner. Soccer Shots now serves over 440,000 children annually and continues to grow.

"Tammy shares our passion for creating positive character development through soccer," Bredeman said. "She is the perfect person to help the next generation of Oakland County children gain the skills they need to be successful in soccer and in forming positive social skills. ... we're excited for Tammy to provide a healthy and active experience for the boys and girls in Oakland County."

For more information about Soccer Shots in Oakland County, contact Jozwiak at tjozwiak@soccershots.org.

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Brother Rice

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player, play at a high level," Palmer said. "I thought tonight, he was the most mature guy on the court.

'We've got big plans for Curt."

Williams tied for the team lead with 12 points. Thomas added 12 points for the Warriors as well.

Struggling to finish

After allowing a six-point turnaround in the final seconds of the first quarter, with Southfield Christian senior Noah Rheker hitting a three to bring the Eagles to within one point, Brother Rice imploded at the end of the second quarter.

Leading the game 22-18, a quick layup by Humphrey started an 8-0 run, ending with a buzzer-beating threepoint make that brought the home crowd to a frenzy.

The success late in quarters continued in the third guarter, as the Warriors gave up an 8-0 run to allow the Eagles to take an eight-point lead, one they would not give up for the remainder of the game.



Palmer said Brother Rice faced adversity against Southfield Christian and did not handle it very well.

With the goal of fixing mistakes in future practices, Palmer could not shake how he felt his team looked in its first loss.

"We're an immature and talented basketball team, and that doesn't win many games," he said.

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Brother Rice freshman forward Curtis Williams, left, looks for an open man as a Southfield Christian player tries to block. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Farmington

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"Our first meet we scored a 141, that's a pretty good score this early in the season," Dwyer said. "When you can score, traditionally, in the 140s, you're typically in the top 10 in the state."

He said the team graduated four essential members of last year's championship team and will rely on four key returners this season, including star senior Elena Vargo, who was last season's state champion in the all-around, bars, floor exercise and vault. She also placed seventh on balance beam. She's allstate at every event.

'She's a very talented gymnast who makes the sport look very good," Dwyer said.

Sisters Allison and Sydney Schultz will also be crucial players on the team, as will sophomore Kamini Playle.

Dwyer said he knows he has some established gymnasts on the top of his roster, but isn't sure how much depth the team will have.

"I don't have a real good feel for this team yet. I like the score," Dwyer said. "As far as team chemistry goes, it's always a big deal and I have to see how

Roster

Marnie Jacobs, 9 Zoe Rasico, 11 Grace Spencer, 9 Lily Tyler, 12 Kamini Playle, 10 Sarah Lashbrook, 10 Kristen Fleming, 11 Sara Kurkechian, 12 Peyton Beals, 9 Allison Schultz (captain), 11 Emily Young, 9 Andrea Oullette, 11

Sydney Schultz (captain), 11 Olivia Deming (captain), 12

Sophie Johnson, 9

Elena Vargo, 12

that rides out because every year it takes a little while for the team to develop.'

Farmington will participate in a number of big invitationals in 2020, including the Rockford Invitational, Canton

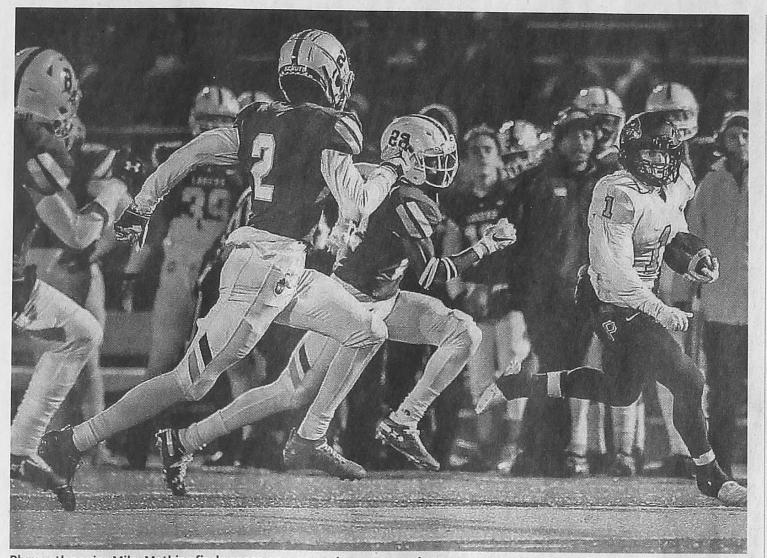


The Farmington United gymnastics team won its second straight state championship in March. It will go for a three-peat in 2020. COURTESY OF ROGER PLAYLE

Invitational and Huron Valley Invitational. Dwyer expects to use these meets as benchmarks for how the team is progressing.

The 2020 state championships will be held March 13-14 in Rockford.

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Plymouth senior Mike Mathias finds space on a second-quarter run last season. COURTESY OF MICHAEL VASILNEK

MHSFCA names 2019 football all-state team

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association has released its all-state team for 2019 football season.

Across the eight divisions, eight Hometown Life area schools are represented on the list. Detroit Country Day leads the way with five players named.

Here is a look at who made the allstate team:

Division 1 All-State team

Ivan Davis, Plymouth, defensive line Mike Mathias, Plymouth, defensive back

Honorable Mention Alec Beshears, Plymouth

Division 2 All-State team

Jake Swirple, Livonia Franklin, offensive line Stephen Singleton, Farmington, de-

fensive line

Jordan Turner, Farmington, linebacker

Honorable Mention

Connor Fracassi, South Lyon Jacob Kelbert, Livonia Franklin Englebert Vela, Farmington Eddie Lenton, North Farmington

Division 3 All-State team

Honorable Mention Luke Newman: Brother Rice

Division 4 All-State team

Marcus Sheppard: Detroit Country Day, wide receiver

Caleb Tiernan: Detroit Country Day. offensive line

William Leggon: Detroit Country Day, offensive line

Owen Bergin: Detroit Country Day, linebacker

Ahlan Mitchell: Detroit Country Day, defensive back

Honorable Mention

Tariq Muhammad: Cranbrook Kingswood

Jake Fairman: Cranbrook Kingswood

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MHSFCA names academic all-state award winners

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association has announced its academic all-state awards for the 2019 season.

Livonia Stevenson was named as a first-team academic all-state school in Division 1. Northville received honorable mention.

Birmingham Seaholm was named as a first-team academic all-state school in Division 2, while Livonia Franklin received honorable mention.

Seaholm senior defensive end Sathya Siddapureddy, Brother Rice senior tight end Brendan Holt and John Glenn senior defensive end/center Caleb Langley were named to the MHSFCA academic dream team.

Here are the area players who made the list for the academic all-state awards:

Division 1/2 First Team

Shadi Beidoun, Livonia Stevenson Alec Beshears, Plymouth Nathan Janke, Plymouth Aidan Hayek, Northville

Honorable Mention

Nicholas Broome, Livonia Stevenson

Andrew Poulos, Livonia Stevenson Nathan Jacobs, John Glenn Jobe Long, John Glenn



Brother Rice TE Brendan Holt scores during the Region 4 predistrict game against Livonia Churchill in 2018. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE







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KLAA announces volleyball all-conference honors

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With volleyball season in the rearview mirror, the Kensington Lakes Activities Association has released its allconference honors, featuring a number of local athletes.

Novi and Livonia Stevenson each lead the way with four honorees. Each team won its respective division, but it was Northville that won the conference tournament title.

KLAA Volleyball All-Conference

Jasmine Jones, senior, middle hitter, Belleville

Denae Shelby, senior, outside hitter, Belleville

Adrianna Lane, freshman, libero, Belleville

Celia Cullen, junior, setter, Brighton Ashley Brown, junior, outside hitter, Brighton

Elaine Halonen, senior, outside hitter, Brighton

Savannah Nelson, senior, outside hitter,Canton

Allison Tanana, senior, libero, Canton

Katie Belaire, sophomore, outside hitter, Dearborn

Lily Grantham, senior, setter/DS, Dearborn

Diana Saleh, senior, middle hitter, Fordson

Madison Candela, senior, outside hitter, Hartland

Vera Storm, senior, libero, Hartland Shannon Eskola, senior, libero,

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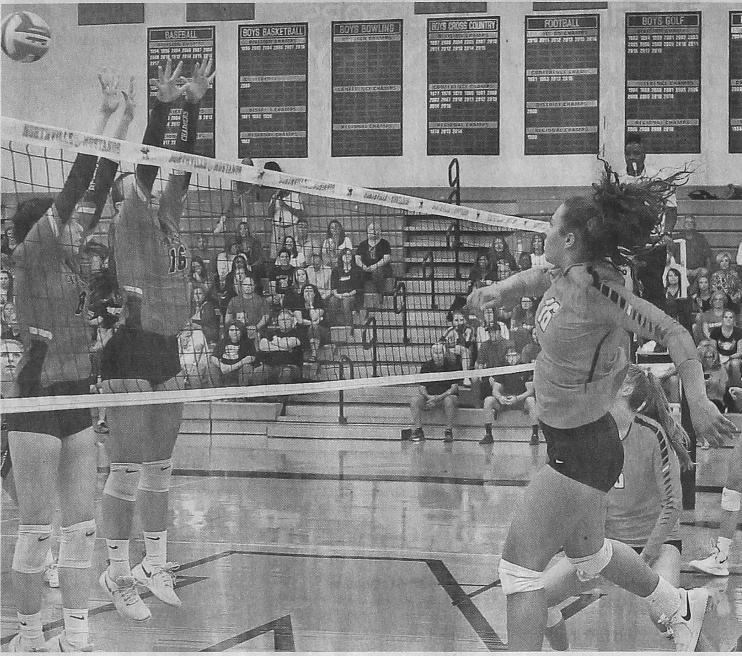
Jessica Maladecki, senior, libero, Livonia Churchill

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Kaitlyn Merrill, senior, outside hitter, Livonia Franklin

Aly Brumm, senior, setter, Livonia Franklin

Koryn Parementere, senior, outside



Northville hosted Livonia Churchill in September. The KLAA has released its all-conference honors. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

hitter, Livonia Stevenson

Rachel Gouin, senior, middle hitter, Livonia Stevenson

Emma Prowse, senior, setter, Livonia Stevenson

Erin Pietruszka, senior, libero, Livonia Stevenson

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Jaden Rice, junior, middle hitter, Northville

Gaby Cummings, junior, outside hitter, Novi

Shannon Jennings, senior, setter, Novi

Rachel Jennings, junior, libero, Novi

Sarah Vellucci, freshman, outside hitter, Novi

Gabi Kuchka, senior, outside hitter, Plymouth

Sophie Paspal, junior, outside hitter, Salem

Kiara McNulty, sophomore, setter, Wayne Memorial

Jessica Florn, junior, outside hitter, Westland John Glenn

Mya Tarrance, junior, outside hitter, Westland John Glenn

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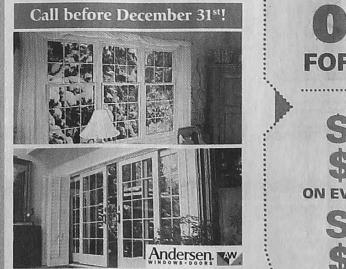
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7 tips for someone who wants to land executive role

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It takes many, many desk workers but only a select few executives to make the corporate world spin on its axis. That imbalance may make an executive position seem virtually unattainable for the average employee. But while elevating to the executive suite does require an exceptional amount of ambition, it's not an unachievable goal.

So, what is stopping you from starting that climb up the corporate ladder? Perhaps you're not sure how to begin your own rise. If so, the following 7 tips for evolving from desk grunt to exec can help you know the route to take.

1. Take a look at yourself

Before beginning your quest for that executive position, you need to take a hard look at yourself to determine if you really have what it takes. If you find that you're lacking in any areas — maybe you don't have a firm grasp on corporate culture, or maybe your knowledge of finances is weak — you can start to focus your efforts on attaining the knowledge and skills you need to bring yourself up to speed.



under a manager who fits this description, he or she may be willing to give you a leg up the corporate ladder.

3. Look the part

A manager will be more willing to champion you for an executive position if you already look the part. Try rebranding yourself so you fit the executive mold better. If the executives are wearing tailored suits, but you usually show up to work in jeans and "nice" tshirts, restyle your look so you're more in line with the higher-ups. metamorphosis. Don't be shy about making your ambitions clear. Take an active role in the office. Speak up during meetings and conferences. Contribute to your company's newsletter. Do whatever it takes to make your name known, because you'll never get promoted if no one knows who you are. late the ways you can help it to profit and grow, which is what you'll be expected to do in that executive position you covet.

6. Welcome responsibility

An exec has a lot of responsibilities, so if you don't have many significant tasks in your current position, you may never be recognized as having the right stuff to make it to the top level. If that's the case, seek out new opportunities to take on more important assignments. Vie for leadership roles in new projects. Volunteer to head a committee. Compile a white paper. If you're successful, upper management may soon recognize your executive potential.

7. Build your network

Merely having a single mentor to champion you or making yourself known to only the people on your team may not be enough to get that executive job. Connecting with current executives, the hiring manager, and other key people at your company will only increase your chances of promotion. Be sure you are always ready to introduce yourself, and always have a business card on hand. Be personable. Get on so cial media and interact frequently. Always be willing and open to meet new people, tell them about yourself, and take part in all conversations with interest and enthusiasm. You never know who may help you achieve your goal of nabbing that executive position. Michael Hoon is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com where this article was originally published. He investigates and writes about current strategies, tips, and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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2. Take advantage of being an insider

Executives are not usually hired from some resume slush pile — most are promoted from within a company's existing staff. One key to becoming that select staff member is finding a manager willing to groom and champion you for an executive position. The ideal mentor is nurturing, able to recognize high performers, and willing to reward great work with promotions. If you're working

4. Make a name for yourself

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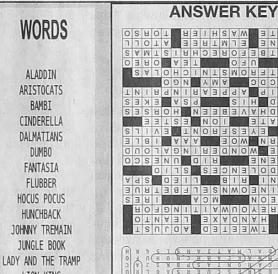
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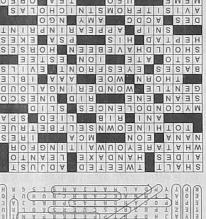
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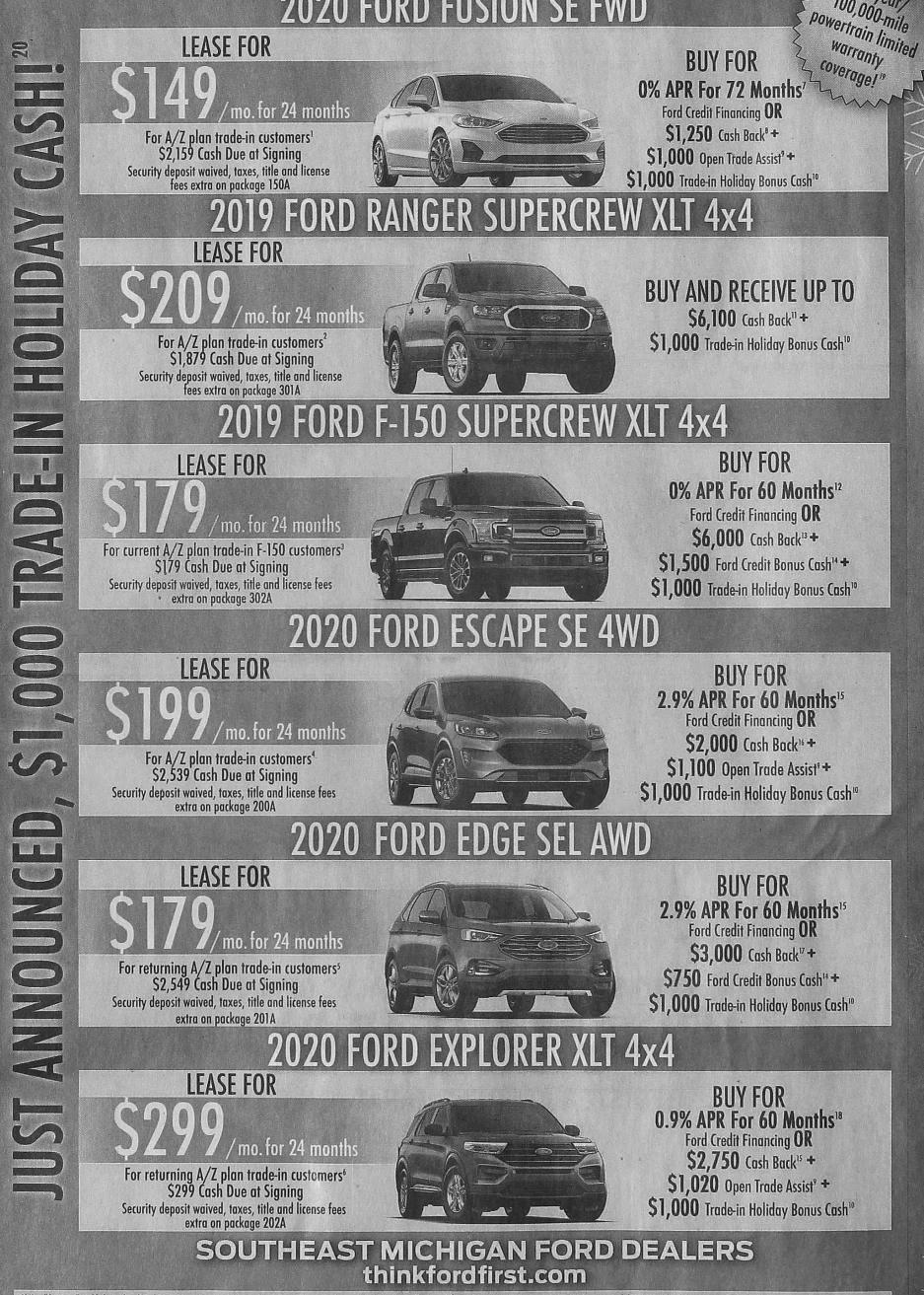
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