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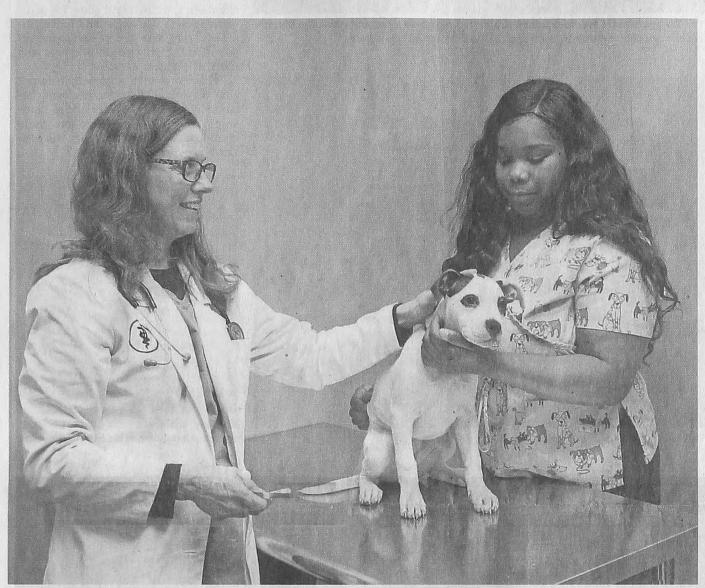
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A new fur-ever home



Tail Waggers veterinarian Dr. Sarah James, left, examines a puppy during a check-up on March 10 with assistance from veterinary technician Dominique Reynolds. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Tail Waggers pet clinic relocates within Livonia

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

It's been a roller coaster of a year for the people behind Tail Waggers 1990.

The people behind the nonprofit that helps serve pets with low-cost vaccines and provides emergency pet food to people all across the region thought they might have to close its doors last year after being hit with credit card scams. But after overcoming that challenge, the organization has kept afloat and has even relocated to a new facility it hopes will better serve its customers.

"After some financial downfalls and bad luck a year-and-a-half ago, basically the community rallied, didn't want us to close our doors, cheered us on and this location kind of fell into our lap," said Laura Kuchinski, the Livonia founder of Tail Waggers 1990. "It was a necessity."

Today, the organization sits at 16322 Middlebelt in a shopping center. Making such a move from 28422 Five Mile not only made financial sense to the organization, but Kuchinski hopes it will allow the program to grow.

"We wanted to be able to add more services, we wanted to be able to expand our volunteer program, we wanted to have a little more comfortable space for our clients," she said.

The clinic opened in its new facility, a former doctor's office, at the beginning of March. The property was easy to transform into a veterinary clinic, Kuchinski said, because the exam rooms



Tail Waggers staff member Susan Krajenke says hello to two chihuahua friends.

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Laura Kuchinski Founder, Tail Waggers 1990
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CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Schools help feed students during closures

From staff reports Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

School districts are scrambling to initiate plans to feed their students over the three-week break prompted by the spread of the coronavirus.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced the state-wide school cancellations through at least April 5.

That leaves school districts to find ways to feed students during that time, including some who may rely on their school lunch as their only daily meal.

Here's what local districts are doing along with community resources people can use:

Livonia Public Schools

Livonia students age 18 and younger can get free breakfast and lunch through the district, whether they are financially in need or not. Students ages 18-26 can also pick up a meal if covered by a Individualized Education Plan.

Pickup will be available on Tuesdays until schools reopen. Students can call 734-744-2763 to get food delivered if they cannot make it to a

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Some parking in downtown Farmington reserved for carryout orders

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
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Those heading to downtown Farmington to pick up meals now have parking saved exclusively for them.

Parking spots along Grand River and Grove Street have been converted into temporary parking for carryout food orders from the downtown eateries as restaurants closed for dine-in services by order of the state to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

Signs have been ordered and are expected to go up as soon as they arrive, said Kate Knight, director of the city's Downtown Development Authority.

"We're gonna go to a delivery/carryout triage downtown," she said. "We're flexing as we navigate through this situation with state public health guidelines."

The move to change parking downtown comes as the region tries to come

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Tail Waggers staff member Susan Krajenke checks on a chihuahua at the Livonia veterinary clinic March 10. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Tail Waggers sells pet supplies, toys and gifts.

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were equipped with plumbing and other needs for patient treatment.

The nonprofit now has a dedicated room for its pet food and office space for its employees.

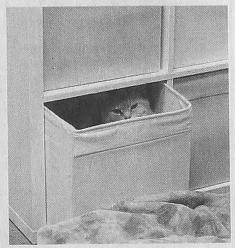
Tail Waggers provides vaccines for cats and dogs, as well as heartworm testing and microchipping services. It eliminated spaying and neutering services back in 2018 due to rising costs and last-minute cancellations, though Kuchinski said she's hopeful that those services could eventually be brought back. More information on their offerings, including prices, can be found at tailwaggers1990.org.

Clinic manager Kelly Robertson said while it's only been a short time since the clinic began operations in its new space, she's already noticing a difference.

"I only have to open one door to get to any of the people I need to get in contact with," Robertson said. "We're all much closer together."

The move will hopefully bring new clients to the clinic and allow for additional growth. Making such a move, Kuchinski said, was due in part to the inspiration from the people and pets who use Tail Waggers' services.

"How do you let these people down? How do you tell them you're closing because of a little bit of financial hardship?" she said. "We've gotten pretty confident that the community will continue to support us."



Bentley, a friend of the office, peeks out cautiously from his hiding place.

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Time to rally

Our news organizations have always had a special relationship with their local business community

Reporters keep tabs on what's moving in and out, chronicling the changing face of Main Street and the stalwart businesses that have spanned generations. Sales representatives work closely with local businesses to help them promote their goods and services, celebrate their successes and offer deals to new customers. We sponsor many community events, and our leaders serve on local business associations.

As America has seemingly shut down overnight with the spreading coronavirus pandemic, our local business community has acutely felt the loss of its customers and its community.

Restaurants that were bustling until just days ago, preparing for patio weather and taking reservations for upcoming birthdays and work events, now sit empty and unsure of when diners will next pass through their doors.

Local gyms and daycare facilities, which increased their cleaning regimens in recent weeks, have made the difficult decision to close in the hopes that it's only temporary

Countless downtown storefronts that relied heavily on foot traffic that isn't there anymore are looking at their bottom lines, wondering how long they can weather the

And so it is at this precipitous time that we're reaching out to implore our communities to offer a strong show of support for their local businesses. Just as we are doing all we can to bring vital news and information to help keep residents safe through this crisis, we feel just



Together, let's support local businesses, the bedrock of our communities

as strongly about supporting the local business community.

The safety measures that have forced us indoors and away from others to help stop the spread of COVID-19 are the right thing to do. We're confident our strength and resilience will carry us through. But we also recognize our small business owners need us more than ever as they take their own precautions.

To emerge from this with our communities strong and intact, we need to ensure that what makes them special — the coffeeshop down the road, the local car dealer-

ship and our neighborhood music teachers — are able to stay afloat.

While we may not be able to give them our patronage in person right now, there is much we can do to show our support.

Visit your favorite restaurant's website and purchase gift cards for yourself and others to keep some money flowing to their bottom lines. If those restaurants are still offering take-out or delivery, make a point to order from them now and again soon. And get gift cards for massage studios, arts and crafts store, local jungle gyms and myriad other busi-

nesses

If your local shops sell their merchandise online, make purchases — even if the goods won't be available right away.

If you're shopping online for things you'll need while in selfquarantine, like home exercise equipment or activities for the kids, seek out local businesses to make these purchases.

If you use a service provider who won't be needed or can't provide that service right now — a dog walker, house cleaner, day care provider, a lawn service or any of the other folks who keep our lives in order and make them better — consider paying the person or company regardless so they'll be there for you again when this is over.

Also, visit the websites of your favorite local businesses, and you'll find that many are offering discounts or telling their customers how they can assist. Many are getting creative and changing their business models already to offer services remotely or shipping their merchandise to their customers.

We're also committed to doing our part and will introduce new tools in the coming days to help facilitate support for the business community.

At a time when much feels out of our control, there's plenty we can do to help our local businesses survive this

In recent days, we've all seen the incredible efforts they've taken for us, from additional cleaning to limited hours to ample hand sanitizer at the checkout. Now, let's do what we can do for them.

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Downtowns continue to support businesses

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While restaurants continue to operate on a carryout basis only, area downtowns are continuing to support businesses and visitors.

Here's what each community is doing in response to life seemingly grinding to a halt for the foreseeable future.

Farmington

The city has decided to make the parking spots along Grand River Avenue and Grove Street temporary parking to better assist restaurants serving carryout food orders downtown. Parking for eateries along Grand River is available along the street for quick trips and additional parking is available in city lots behind several downtown buildings.

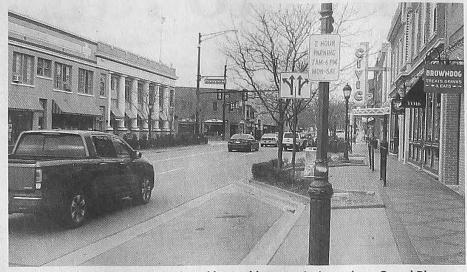
South Lyon

The downtown's Facebook page has been continually sharing updates from the city, as well as sharing posts made by local businesses and restaurants updating customers and tips for supporting local business going forward.

South Lyon city hall is closed to the public.

Milford

The village has suspended parking



Farmington has temporarily relaxed its parking restrictions along Grand River so that local restaurants can bring out food orders to patrons waiting in their cars. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

meter usage for the time being and onstreet parking in downtown Milford along Main Street is free.

The downtown development authority (meetmeinmilford.com) has compiled a full list of restaurants that are serving carryout.

Northville

The Downtown Northville Facebook page is sharing information from local businesses, as well as providing a list of

restaurants serving carryout.

The page has passed along news from other entities such as the Tipping Point Theatre, which canceled its performance of "The Baxter Sisters" set to take the stage in April.

The page is also sharing resources for residents and businesses from the city of Northville and Northville Township.

Plymouth

The Plymouth Downtown Develop-

ment Authority has compiled a list of the activity for many businesses in downtown Plymouth, updating the list on a regular basis with new information as it becomes available.

They've shared the list on Facebook on a daily basis, and have relayed information from local businesses and the city government regarding coronavirus updates.

Livonia

While there's no specific downtown in Livonia; the city's chamber of commerce has put together a list on its website of all the eateries currently providing carryout: livonia.org/restaurants. The list will be updated regularly.

Wayne

The Wayne Main Street Facebook page has shared information from local businesses on changes in hours, as well as the status of area eateries still selling food on a carryout basis.

Garden City

The Downtown Garden City Facebook page has been sharing updates from local businesses on operating hours and openings.

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to grips with the shutdown in response to the coronavirus.

With eateries no longer allowed to serve dine-in patrons, many have begun to get creative in serving their food.

Drew Hundley, general manager at the Basement Burger Bar at 33316 Grand River, said the popular burger spot will serve customers on a carryout basis who call in ahead of time.

"It'll definitely help (to have reserved parking)," he said. "We'll be getting a lot of our local veterans."

Hundley said they'll take orders over the phone and are taking efforts to keep the kitchen and staff safe and clean, including only accepting card payments and limiting the number of people inside.

"We would rather do credit cards and not worry about handling cash," he said. "People can call but we're not allowing them to stay in the building."

Knight said other eateries have also taken steps to continue business, including John Cowley and Sons Irish pub, which served up St. Patrick's Day dinners to-go.

"Many of our restaurants do have

carryout options, they've always been able to do it," she said. "Others are quickly shifting gears to figure it out."

Greg Cowley, one of the owners of the pub at 33338 Grand River, said he had plenty of food ready to serve that had been ordered before the mandated dine-in shutdown.

He said a skeleton crew worked in the restaurant to prepare meals and will accept orders via phone or by online ordering, a service that's gotten more attention, in recent days.

"We're doing the full dinner menu. Today is corned beef and cabbage," he said on St. Patrick's Day. "I've got 400 pounds of corned beef and that's gonna be the special for a while."

The restaurant will be open to take orders from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the time being, though Cowley said that could change in the future depending on how business goes and how long the shutdown lasts.

Other places downtown, including the Farmington Civic Theater, have closed in response to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders limiting the operations of places like restaurants, theaters and gyms.

Cowley asks patrons to come in through the restaurant's back door to pick up their meal orders.

And if you've got a hankering for beer



John Cowley and Sons Irish pub employee Alicia Higgins brings out a meal to Ed Shrum on March 17 in downtown Farmington. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

from the tap, he's ready for that as well: the Irish pub has a takeout license for beer and wine, allowing customers to take home the bar's drinks in a safe, sealed container.

"If anybody's got a growler, I can fill it

up," he said. "We're going to keep the flag flying."

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Schools

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pickup location.

Pickup locations will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, near field house entrance
■ Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, in

Performing Arts Center

Stevenson High School, 33500 Six
Mile, in Performing Arts Center

Wayne-Westland Community Schools

On March 23 and 30, the district will give out three- or five-day supplies of breakfast and lunch food to students 18 years old or younger. Supplies can be picked up from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette.

The district is also encouraging the community to utilize pantrynet.org to find a food pantry near them. Within five miles of each school in the district, there are at least 10 pantries or churches that provide food to those who need it.

Farmington Public Schools

Families in the Farmington district can get five day's worth of breakfast and lunch for kids. Breakfasts will be ready to eat and lunches will be ready to cook.

The district provided food from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday at Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee, near guard shack; North Farmington High School, 32900 W. 13 Mile, far west entrance; and East Middle

School, 25000 Middlebelt, east side of the building.

across the community.

If you need food distributed, as well if you plan to pick up food, district officials

Buses distributed food Thursday

you plan to pick up food, district officials ask you fill out a survey at www.farmington.k12.mi.us.

Personal hygiene items will also be available to those in need at Longacre Elementary, 34850 Arundel; Lanigan Elementary, 23800 Tuck; Beechview Elementary, 26850 Westmeath; Power Middle, 34740 Rhonswood; and the Maxfield Education Center, 32789 West Ten Mile.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

The school district offers breakfast and lunch free to kids. Families can pick up meals on a weekly basis while schools are closed. Families are welcome to pick up free meals for all kids every Wednesday during the school closure period.

Each package contains breakfast and lunch for five days. This program is for all kids 18 and younger, as well as students ages 18 to 26 who are serviced with an Individualized Education Plan in the community.

Curbside pickup programs run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays at:

Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road,
 Canton
 Starkweather Academy, 39750 Joy

Road, Plymouth

Discovery Middle School, 45083
Hanford Road, Canton

■ Liberty Middle School, 46250 Cherry Hill Road, Canton ■ West Middle School, 44401Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

■ Eriksson Elementary, 1275 Haggerty Road, Canton

Redford Union Schools

While schools remain closed, Redford Union will provide free meals to students younger than 18. Children can pick up meals with or without a parent.

Students can pick up breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday. Friday pickup will include enough food to last the weekend. School buses can also deliver meals to students in need.

For more information, call 313-242-5133.

Here's where students can get meals from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.:

Beech Elementary, 19990 Beech

Daly: Behind the building at the small loading dock

Hilbert Middle School, 26440 Puri-

tan: Circle drive on Lexington

Redford Union High School, 17715

Brady: Side entrance facing Curtis

Street

Clarenceville School District

Students can stop by Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to pick up two-day supplies of breakfast and lunch.

The food is available to all students age 18 and younger and will continue until in-person classes resume. For those who cannot physically make it to Clarenceville High, a mobile route will deliver to different locations in the district.

For questions, call 248-919-0400.

Garden City Public Schools

Free food service began Monday for Garden City students. Those in need can pick up breakfast and lunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays at Garden City High School, 1333 Radcliff, or Farmington Elementary, 33411 Marquette.

Students must be present to receive the meals.

South Redford School District

All South Redford students can pickup breakfast and lunch if they need to. Pickup locations will give one day's worth of food for free. Adults can also get the same amount for \$5.

Pickup locations will be open from 9-10:30 a.m. on weekdays:

Thurston High School, 26255 Schoolcraft

Pierce Middle School, 25605 Orangelawn

Addams Elementary School, 14025
Berwyn

Fisher Elementary School, 10000CrosleyJefferson Elementary School,

26555 Westfird

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■ Vandenb g Elementary School, 24901 Cathed al ■ Redford Community Center, 12121

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The district will also drive its school bus routes every morning for those who

cannot get to a pickup location.

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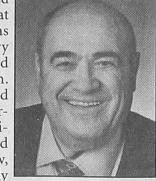
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Abe A. Munfakh

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



Carr, Noelle Carr and Colleen Shaw. Also surviving are his 4 brothers George (Jimmie) Munfakh, Robert (Brooke) Munfa, Nasri (Therese) Munfakh and Nabil Munfakh, his brother-in-law Stephen (Becky) Kali and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Wednesday, 10:30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Tuesday 4-8PM and Wednesday at church 10AM until Funeral Service. Prayers will be held Tuesday 7:30 PM at the funeral home. To leave a condolence www. schrader-howell.com



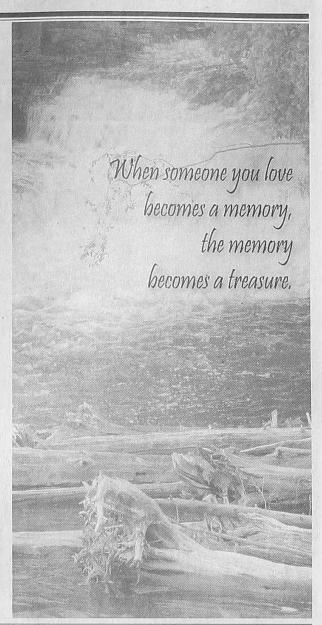
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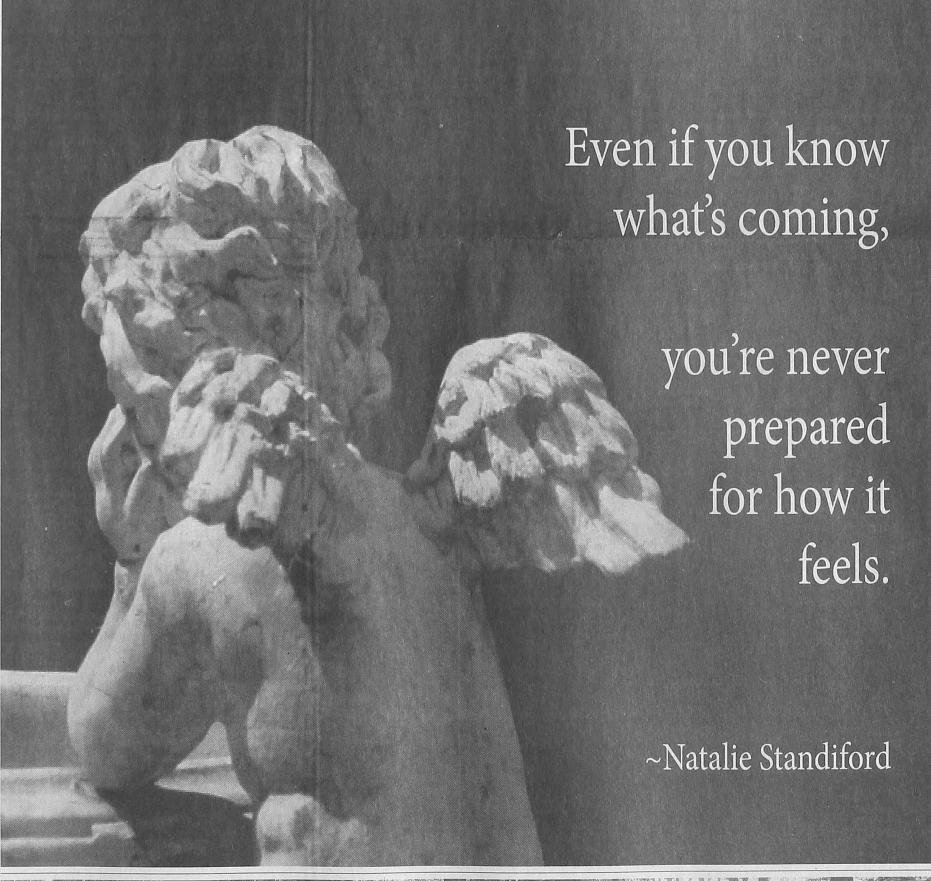
Alden A. Sawyer

Alden A. Sawyer, son of the late Lester and Marguerite Sawyer, born May 3, 1931. Alden lost his long battle with cancer and joined the Lord on March 17, 2020. He attended St. Michael's Catholic school, graduated from Plymouth High School and continued his education at Madonna



University. Alden raised his family of 4 children with the late Mary Sawyer in the house he built on Stamford. He served 5 years in the Navy before beginning his career of 47 years in the city of Livonia as fire fighter, inspector, Fire Marshall and emergency preparedness director. Alden was an active member of Unity Church of Livonia, where he met his current wife, Lynn Sawyer. He is also survived by his children, Stephen (Julie) Sawyer, Charles Sawyer, and Patricia (Rodney) Burling, his step-children Patrick (Sarah) Holtzmann and Carissa (Robert) Mayes, as well as 28 grandchildren and great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and predeceased by brother, Lester Sawyer and son, John A Sawyer. Besides spending time with family and friends, Alden had a passion for spending time outdoors, golfing, fishing, boating, and landscaping. He had a bright personality, loved sweets and was known for his dry sense of humor. Throughout his lifetime he made many friends, touched many lives and was highly respected in his community. A memorial service will be held at a later date.







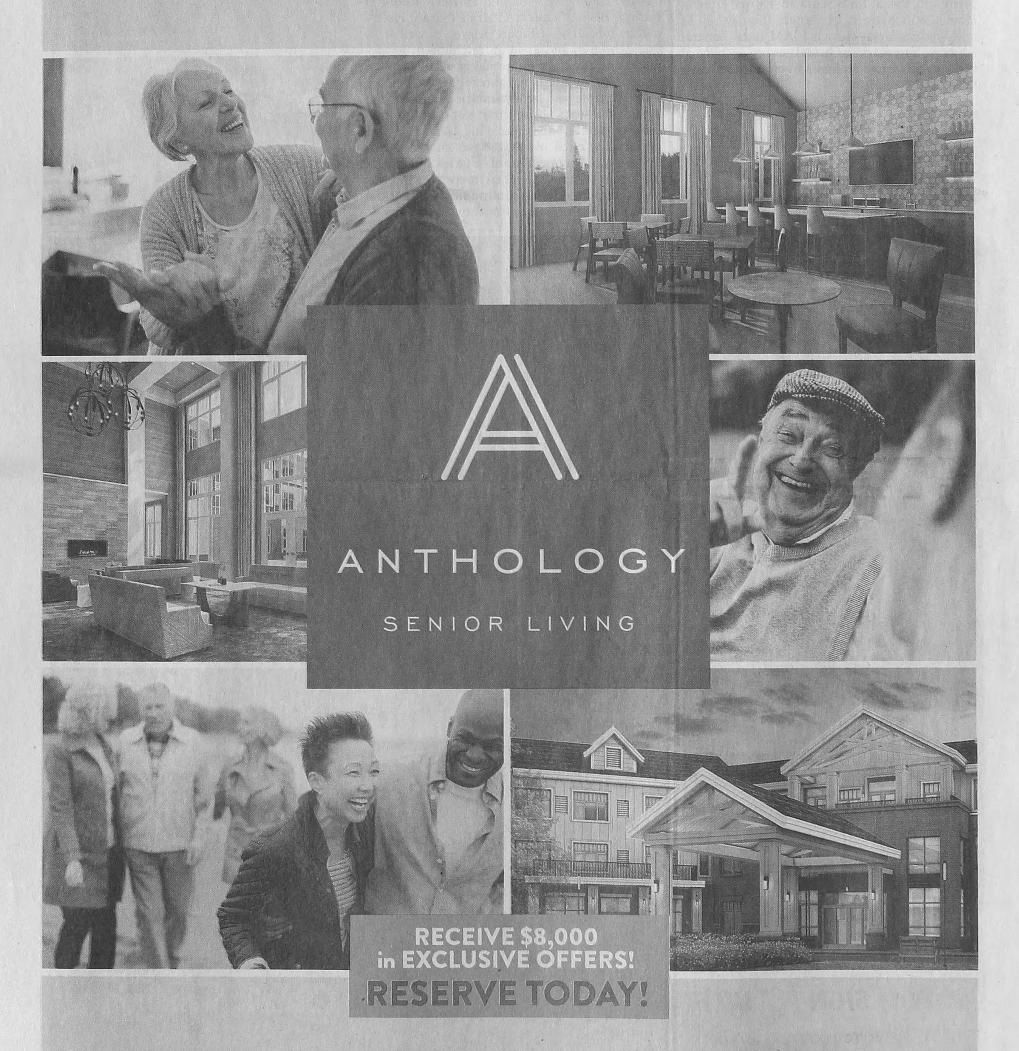
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Ignagni aims to resurrect Salem program

Andrew Vailliencourt

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Rebuilding the Salem football program will be a challenge, but it's one new head coach Patrick Ignagni is ready

Ignagni was hired in mid-December to replace Justin Reed, who was fired after two seasons as head coach. He brings a wealth of coaching experience to the program that he hopes to rebuild.

Ignagni was the defensive line coach at Monroe Ignagni St. Mary Catholic Central

High School for the past five seasons. He won a state championship in No-

vember with St. Mary Catholic Central after it defeated Maple City Glen Lake, 7-0, in the Division 6 final. A few weeks later, he was hired by the Rocks.

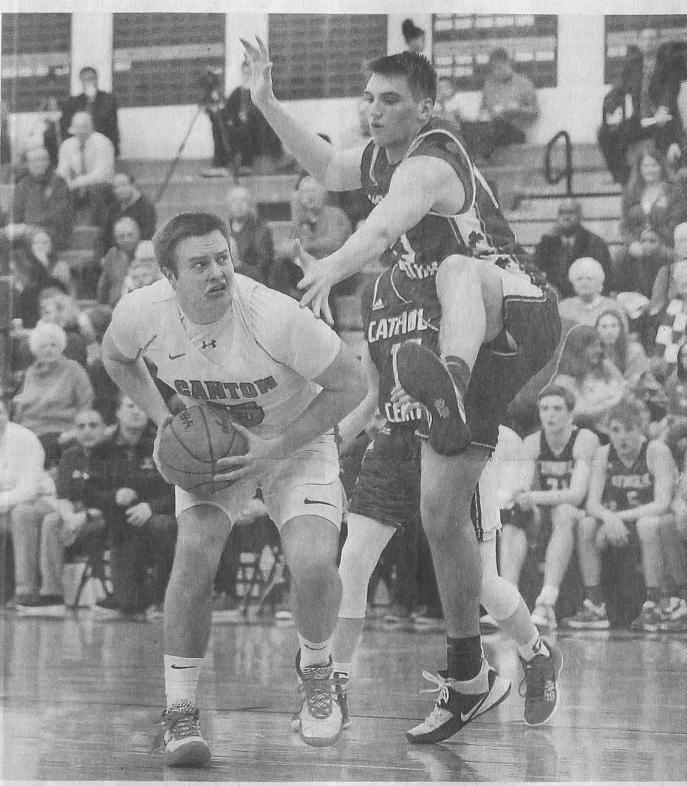
"It was a bit of a whirlwind to be honest with you," Ignagni said. "It's intimidating to be interviewing with (Salem Athletic Director and former Canton coach) Tim Baechler and (former Plymouth coach) Jay Blaylock on the inter-

view committee just because they had so much success at Canton and Plymouth.'

Ignagni is quite familiar with Salem already. He was an assistant coach for the school for eight seasons from the 2008-2015 under coach Kurt Britnell. He was the team's defensive coordinator

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Canton's Jake Vickers, left, is guarded by Catholic Central's Cooper Craggs. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

High school seniors cope with loss of postseason

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A week ago, the sports world continued turning, at least at the high school level.

Teams throughout Michigan took the court. With the emergence of coronavirus in the state of Michigan, conversations about limiting the number of fans

in the gym for the district final and on, possibly leading to teams playing in empty gyms for the remainder of the season had already started.

But for 32 minutes, basketball remained the same.

In the hours that followed, the Michigan High School Athletics Association joined the rest of the world, suspending all postseason tournaments immediately and indefinitely, leaving state titles in boys and girls basketball, hockey, boys swim and dive, and girls gymnastics unfilled.

For three seniors on the Canton, South Lyon East and Northville boys basketball teams, they had no idea that when they stepped off the court

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All-state HS hockey teams announced

Andrew Vailliencourt Hometownlife.com

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The winter sports season has been indefinitely suspended and may not be completed, but that doesn't mean the state's top athletes can't be recog-

The Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association released its list of all-state honorees for all three divi-

The Hometown Life area has a number of honorees in all three divi-

Detroit Catholic Central and Livonia Stevenson lead area teams with six honorees each, while Brother Rice has

Here are the complete teams for all three divisions:

Division 1 — First-team forwards

- Matthew Cole, Saginaw Heritage I Jason Crossland, Dearborn Unit-
- Dylan Dooley, Detroit Catholic Central
- Stefan Frantti, Howell
- Kyle Gaffney, Detroit Catholic Central
 - Devan Grayshaw, Salem Will Jentz, Brighton
 - Luke Metropoulos, Cabrini
- Kaleb Miller, Bay Reps
- Kris Petryla, Orchard Lake St. Ma-
- Brady Rappuhn, Saginaw Heritage
 - Alex Schaumburger, Salem

Division 1 — Second-team forwards

- Matthew Babinski, Midland
- I Joey Gavlinski, Macomb Dakota Benj Bultema, Grand Rapids
- Daniel Bendele, Capital City
- Mason Conner, Lapeer
- Anthony Dimitrievski, Detroit Catholic Central
- Herniman, Matt Muskegon Reeths-Puffer
 - Brady MacDonald, Brighton
- Jack Myers, Rochester United Everett Pietila, Howell
- Michael Schermerhorn, Traverse City West
- Matthew Witt, Midland

Division 1 — Honorable-mention forwards

Ryan Blackburn, Hudsonville

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for six of those seasons.

"I do think the park is a unique place," Ignagni said. "It is a little different when your student-athletes are going to class everyday with their competitors. Working on group projects together, collaborating together. It does make it a unique athletic environment because the rivalries are very fierce when the game starts, but you have to be able to interact with each other off the field.'

One of his first tasks in taking over for a program that went 0-9 last year will be to drum up interest in the student body. Sandwiched between two successful programs in Canton and Plymouth, he needs to convince students that they truly can take Salem to the next level and be on the same level as the other park schools.

"I think the very first thing is getting out and talking to student athletes and letting them know that it's an opportunity for a fresh start," Ignagni said. "I've been very fortunate to be around a great program for the last five years and have learned that what the Salem studentathletes do, it's in their control. The way you work in the weight room, the way you practice on the practice field, the way you prepare yourself through watching film and doing all the right things. It's within their grasp if they choose to take advantage of the opportunity."

This fall, he said the focus will be on becoming competitive and establishing a foundation of hard work. Once that foundation is built, the program can continue to take steps towards making the playoffs.

Salem last made the playoffs in 2017 in Britnell's last year. Since the school had back-to-back 6-3 seasons in 1996-97, Salem has only had two winning sea-

"What greater challenge and what greater victory is there than resurrecting Salem's program," Ignagni said. "That's something you can remember for life."

The KLAA West is one of the most challenging divisions in the state. State runner-up Brighton, defending division champion Plymouth and Canton loom on the schedule, while Howell, Hartland, Northville and Novi also pose a

Ignagni said his teams will focus on running the ball first and playing tough, physical and fundamentally sound football on both sides of the ball. He will run a multiple front defense that adapts to each opponent.

"The long term goal is always to win," Ignagni said. "For better or for worse, everybody is going to measure any football program out there by what happens on Friday nights. The first step in that plan is learning how to work and how to be competitive, but the long range goal is always to win and build a competitive program that opponents have to prepare for and respect."

Outside of football, Ignagni is a social



Patrick Ignagni will be Salem's new football coach. "It was a bit of a whirlwind to be honest with you," he said of the process. COURTESY OF PATRICK IGNAGNI

studies teacher and has taught at Canton for the last 17 years. In January, he switched over to Salem High School where he will continue to teach.

He's excited for the upcoming season and hopes he can make a positive impact on his new student-athletes both on and off the field.

"It's a very special job, being a head football coach," Ignagni said. "Football is an amazing game that requires so many different people to buy in for the good of the team. There are other sports where one supremely talented player

can take over, but football you have to have guys all on the same page. It's a huge challenge to orchestrate and set a vision for a program, but it's a wonderful challenge. You can help so many young men learn how to work hard, how to be self-motivated, self-disciplined. You are truly teaching people how to delay gratification to work for something in their life.'

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Loss

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after their district-semifinal wins were likely the last time they would ever step on a high school court as a player.

'There's no way'

Last Thursday afternoon, Canton senior forward Jake Vickers got a text from his mom saying the playoffs have been suspended.

He looked at it, saying, "There's no

"I thought it was fake at first," Vickers said

Vickers always knew it was a possibility, watching as sports at the college and professional level shut down because of COVID-19.

But when it became a reality, it did

not hurt any less.

"It's tough, man," Vickers said. "Knowing that I might have played my last high school game and I didn't know it at the time just shows that you can't take anything for granted.

"This season was very important to me. We had a chance to do what no other team in Canton history has done. I played with my brother; this was the first time being able to play with my brother, so for it to end so quickly, it's tough.'

Canton had been rolling, winning four of its past five games — falling to Howell in the KLAA tournament final by four points.

In the first practice after the announcement, Vickers, along with the other senior captain Ben Stesiak, made it their priority to boost morale.

Vickers said he wanted to keep his teammates' heads up, encouraging them to stay positive during the time of uncertainty.

Vickers gave the underclassmen a glimpse into what he expects his legacy at Canton will be.

'We've always been built around being hard-working," Vickers said. "We don't always have the biggest guys, the most athletic guys, but we always find a way to get it done.'

Night and day

Nick Branton had just woken up from a midday nap.

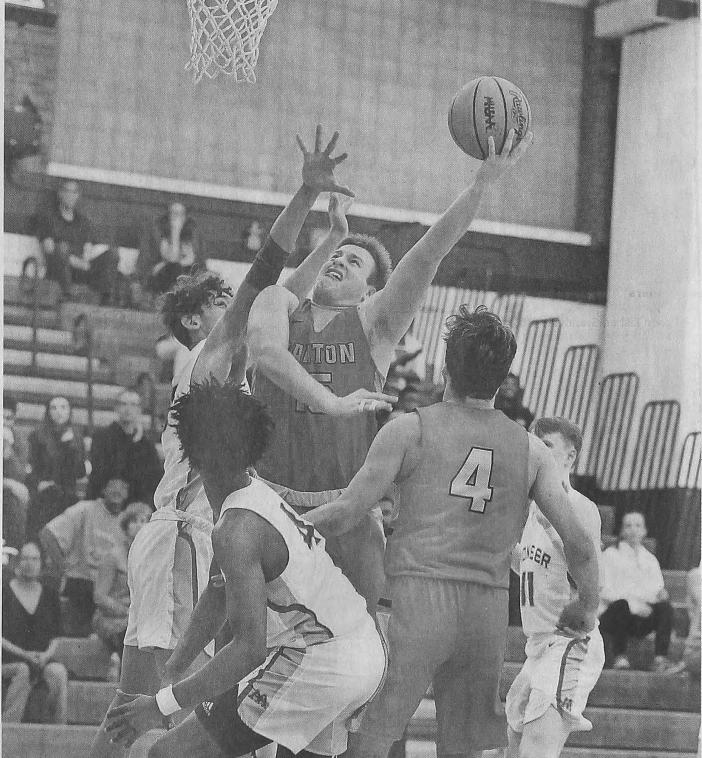
The South Lyon East senior forward had just helped the Cougars beat rival South Lyon in overtime. He remembered the loud student section at Brighton, giving it their best effort to win the season series against the Lions.

But just after waking up, possibly thinking about a district final game against Ann Arbor Skyline, Branton got a call from his teammate.

"I could hear it in his voice, he was pretty distressed about it," Branton said.

The teammate told Branton about the suspension, about how South Lyon East's season — the first winning season in the program's history — could be

"Every other year, we knew when the season was up because we had lost. It really felt as if it was over," Branton said. "This year, I just don't think it has kicked



Canton's Jake Vickers, center, drives in for a basket against Pioneer while teammate Ben Stesiak watches.

in yet because there is a slight possibility. It doesn't feel like it's over."

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When Branton looks back at this team compared to teams' past at South Lyon East, it's a night-and-day difference.

Over the course of his final season with the Cougars, Branton said he helped the senior class set a precedent in terms of playing as a team, caring about the teammates around you, ingraining something that was not evident in the teams of five or six years ago.

With that approach, South Lyon East had the chance to do something no other team had before: win a district title.

But that mentality has defined Branton's time with the Cougars. To him, it's not about building a legacy for the school, but building a legacy for those he played with.

"I just want to be remembered by my teammates, once we have all gone off and done our own things," Branton said. "I'm not striving to be remembered by East."

The future

Zach Shoemaker had all the same feelings as many high school athletes: anger, confusion, sadness.

But when the suspension was called, Shoemaker, along with the rest of the Northville senior class, was called for a meeting with head coach Todd Sander.

They talked about life, about the coronavirus and how it was affecting the

They talked about future plans, about basketball and how it might be

over for this group. More importantly, though, they talked about the future of Northville basketball. They talked about the junior class, how they can be best equipped to succeed next season.

For Shoemaker, it was not about him.

It was about what was coming next. "The juniors, they don't really get to play a lot, but they work hard every single practice, running through different team stuff, defending really well, running their defense really well, giving us a really good look at what teams might play," Shoemaker said.

The six Northville seniors set the ex-

pectation. The Mustangs came into the district final against Canton with an 18-4 record, winning each of their six games.

We were the best team Northville ever had," Shoemaker said. "We were the hardest working group. Like I said, rewrite history: 22 years since the last district title, and I feel like we really

could have had it." But deep down, Shoemaker said, he had a gut feeling that it would be the

So, he shifted the focus on what was next, to continue the trend that he and the other seniors set.

We are just a really tough, knitty group," Shoemaker said. "We work hard,

really all day, every single practice." That's the expectation Shoemaker leaves to the junior class.

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Hockey

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Ethan Bond, Capital City

Austin Douma, Lowell/Caledonia

- Jonathan Dubbink, Grandville
- Josh Dudovitz, M-1 United
- Chris Dundas, Orchard Lake St. Mary's
 - Tyler Esman, Traverse City West Jason Geiger, Utica Eisenhower
 - Ethan Houck, Saginaw Heritage
 - Matt Kanaras, Rochester United
 - Luke Nickolaus, Byron Center Luke Tratar, Dearborn United

Division 1 - First-team defensemen

- Ashton Bol, Grand Rapids, Christian
- Trevor Davis, Byron Center
- I Gordie Husted, Detroit Catholic Central
- Brendan Miles, Detroit Catholic
- Shane Romback, Macomb Dakota
- Dominic Rossi, Howell

Division 1 — Second-team defensemen

- Jeffrey Deriemacker, L'Anse Cruese Unified
- Josh Froysland, Byron Center Chris Hawkins, Muskegon Reeths-
- Sam Militello, Utica Eisenhower
- Evan Taylor, Cabrini

John-Michael Weston, Saginaw Heritgage

Division 1 — Honorable mention

Aaron Ackerson, Bay Reps

defensemen

- Adam Ahmed, Dearborn United
- I Jack Noordeweir, Grand Rapids Christian
 - Keith Pilut, Troy United
 - Josh Reece, Traverse City West
 - Nathan Witt, Midland

Division 1 — First-team goaltenders

- Adam Blust, Detroit Catholic Centra
 - Jack Mastronardi, Macomb Dakota Jacob Winters, Saginaw Heritage

Division 1 — Second-team goaltenders

- Caden Fisher, Grandville
- Chris Wozniak, Brighton
- Bryn Sommerfeldt, Farmington United

Division 1 - Honorable-mention goaltenders

- Salvatore Carabelli, Utica Eisen-
- Judd Lawson, Bay Reps Rem VanWert, Salem

Division 2 — First-team forwards

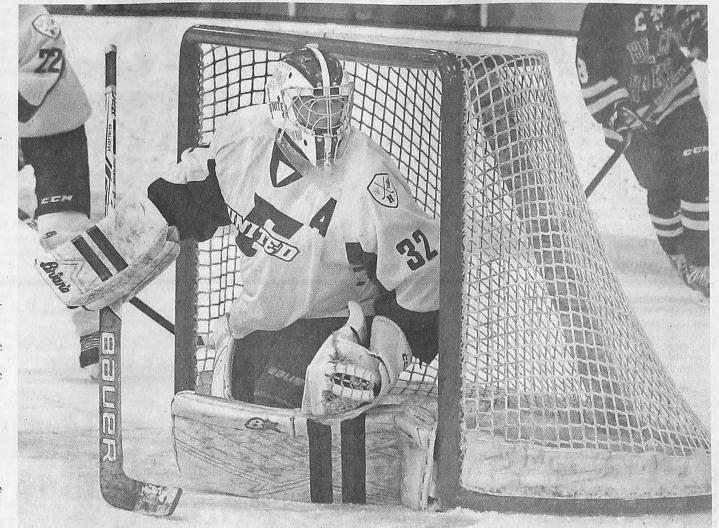
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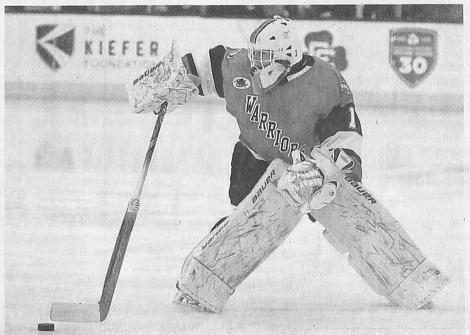
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- Ethan Holt, Trenton
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- Rice
 - Dylan McMullen, Davison
 - Jamie Newton, Ann Arbor Skyline
 - Jeffrey Schmidt, Davison Ethan Silverstone, Escanaba
- Connor Winegar, Muskegon Mona Shores

Division 2 — Honorable-mention forwards

- Cooper Anderson, Marquette
- Jacob Anderson, Livonia Steven-
- Evan Bliss, Brownstown Woodhaven
 - Kieran Carlile, Hartland
 - Will Dawson, Traverse City Central
 - Brendan Dickinson, Port Huron



Farmington United's Bryn Sommerfeldt has been listed as a Division 1 second-team goaltender in the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association's list of all-state honorees. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE PHOTOS



Brother Rice goalie Cooper Duncan has been listed in the Division 2 second team.

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- Brendan Finn, Lake Orion
- Ansel Frosts, Marquette
- Langlois, Muskegon Mona Shores
 - Kade Manzo, Lake Orion
- Hunter Maschke, Portage Central ■ Tyler Nickelson, Forest Hills North-
- ern-Eastern ■ Gabe Partridge, Kenowa Hills
- Mitch Skamiera, South Lyon Unit- goaltenders

Division 2 — First-team defensemen

- Derek Hebner, Petoskey
- Nick Justic, Livonia Stevenson
- Dakota Kott, Hartland
- I Isaac Lippert, Ann Arbor Skyline
- Gregory Obrycki, Trenton
- Jakob Peterson, Marquette

Division 2 - Second-team defensemen

- Ayden Adamic, Livonia Stevenson
- Alex Andoni, Birmigham Brother Rice
 - Casen Faustyn, Okemos
 - Justin Hayward, Portage Central
- Nathan Overton, Brownstown Woodhaven
- Ethan VanderRoest, Traverse City

Division 2 — Honorable-mention defensemen

- Owen Arnold, White Lake Lakeland Andrew Fedrizzi, Marquette
- Nick Haag, Lake Orion
- Caleb Kneiding, Trenton
- Brownstown Moore, Connor Woodhaven
- Justin Winegar, Muskegon Mona Shores
- Matthew Zaremba, White Lake Lakeland

Division 2 - First-team goaltenders

- Liam Beerman, Marquette Joey Cormier, Trenton
- Brenden Stroble, Livonia Steven-
- son

Division 2 - Second-team goaltenders

- Cooper Duncan, Birmingham **Brother Rice**
- Michael Leighton, Ann Arbor Pio-
- Andrew Lowen, South Lyon United

Division 2 - Honorable-mention

- Brenden Cobb, Ann Arbor Skyline
- Jeremy Kahan, Bloomfield Hills Kyler Lowden, Forest Hills Northern-Estern
- Dominic Wendel, Davison

Division 3 — First-team forwards

- Luke Blasy, Midland Dow
- Gavin Holmes, Riverview
- Mason Kelly, Forest Hills Central
- Lucas Krol, Detroit Country Day
- Dean Loukus, Calumet Scott Loukus, Calumet
- Jacob Onstott, Grand Rapids
- Catholic Central Tanner Rowe, Calumet
- Austin Salani, Hancock
- Sebastian Smith, Pinckney
- Keegan Spitz, Grosse Pointe South Nathan Vazquez, Riverview Gabriel

Division 3 — Second-team forwards

- Cam Agnew, Mattawan
- Austin Combs, Milford
- Logan Gotinsky, Detroit Country Day
 - Ryan Herzog, Riverview
- Andrew Hovey, Mount Pleasant Max Marquette, Detroit U-D Jesuit
- Willie McGuire, St. Mary Catholic Central
- Adam Strehlke, Grosse Pointe South ■ Tucker Tapani, Houghton
- Tyler Valik, Chelsea
- I Gabe Vowles, Chelsea
- Doug Wood, Grosse Pointe Liggett

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I Owen Campbell, Jackson Lumen

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■ Cole Beaufait, Forest Hills Central

- J.T. Hazard, Ann Arbor Gabriel
- Ryan Jeffreys Forest Hills Central Brendan Maly, Freeland-Nouvel-Valley
- Nathan Malinowski, East Grand Rapids
- Joey Mocnik, Allen Park
- Brendan Rachfal, Allen Park Ryley Sikkenga, East Grand Rapids
- Billy VanSumeren, Midland Dow Washburn, Flint Powers I Tim

I Jack Wineman, Cranbrook Kingswood

Division 3 - First-team defensemen

- Quinton Gove, Ann Arbor Gabriel
- Richard Ty Halonen, Houghton,
- I Gino Sessa, Detroit Country Day Jake Spitz, Grosse Pointe South Jacob Thomas, Detroit Country
- Brendan Zemke, Detroit U-D Jesuit

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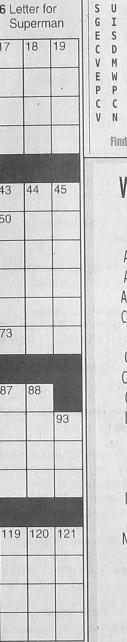
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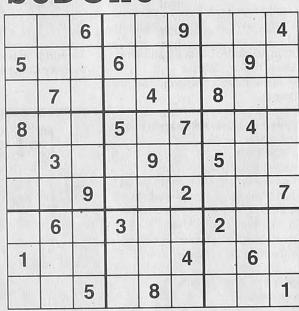
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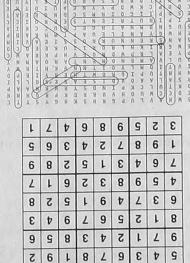
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New decade, new career? How to reinvent in 2020

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A new year and a new decade have arrived. This is a moment that many of us use as an inflection point to take stock of our lives and determine if we're happy with our current course or if a change is needed.

The main area we reflect upon at times of change is our career - our professional fulfillment factors heavily into our self-identity and overall happiness, so it makes sense that we want to do whatever it takes to get things right and steer ourselves onto the right path. It's also one of those key life areas that we exercise a lot of control over: with a solid plan, some focus, and the requisite hard work and determination, we have the power to make significant changes in our career journeys. Even making a complete career reinvention is a possibility if it feels like the right move.

Are you contemplating a career reinvention in 2020? If your levels of professional happiness and satisfaction aren't where you'd like them to be, and your prospects are currently bleaker than you'd hoped, then a course correction just might be a wise strategy. But before diving in headfirst, consider utilizing the following plan of attack to help you make a successful career change.

Commit

Unlike other resolutions for change that many of us make at the onset of a new year like going to the gym or eating healthier, a commitment to making a career change shouldn't be taken lightly - at least not if you truly want it to work out. The truth is, a career reinvention is significantly more challenging than waking up one day and deciding to hit

the treadmill or not to eat junk food, especially if you're looking to jump into a completely different field. If you're sincere and determined to reinvent your career path this year, it's going to take a real commitment of time, energy, and available resources to make it happen especially if you stumble out of the block early on and encounter more failures than successes.

Remember, you're chasing more than just a change in company or a loftier position with more responsibilities, which are challenging enough, especially in today's volatile job market. If you want your career reinvention to ultimately end up in your personal win column, then make sure you're fully committed from the onset.

Plan

Enthusiasm, energy, and motivation are great to have when you're undertaking a new life challenge, but when it comes to one as big as a career reinvention, they'll rarely be enough to get you past the finish line. Like most undertakings in life, success depends on having a plan. Once you fully commit to the notion that you're going to kick off this new decade with a career reinvention, begin building your strategy for bringing this goal closer and closer to reality.

A helpful first step is to make two lists: a list of your interests and a list of your skills and abilities. Don't rush through these. It's in your best interest to dive deep and create comprehensive lists rather than just getting them done quickly. Once these are complete, review them carefully and think about new career fields and positions that may encompass some of your interests and skills. Then, make a new list of these.

Research can be extremely helpful

when thinking about potential new ca-

There's a wealth of information available about every imaginable career online. Just make sure you allow yourself enough time to sift through it all carefully and choose your sources wisely. If possible, ask trusted friends and family for feedback and advice to help you make decisions that are best for you. Once you have a shortlist, start focusing your energy on learning everything you can about what it takes to enter the field and crafting your resume and cover letters accordingly.

When making a careet change, the notion of transferable skills is essential - these are the skills you've acquired in your previous work experience that can be effectively applied to your new target career. When you're on the job hunt and making a case for hiring personnel to take your desire for a career change seriously, demonstrating how your existing skillset can be utilized to their benefit can be a game-changer.

Network

Another key step while embarking upon the first initial steps of your new career journey is to network effectively. Making a career change can be an uphill battle and the competition out there can be fierce, so you need to do everything you can to turn the tide to your favor and getting to know people in your target industry can really help. Start by leveraging your existing network to see if it can expand to include new folks who are in your prospective field. Then think about additional resources that you may have access to, like alumni career services from your alma mater, to help in the effort. Go back online and look for any sites, forums, groups, or in-person

events that you can use to expand your network. Be careful not to appear too desperate or overeager in your efforts here, which can turn people off, but do take things seriously and remember that persistence is key. With a little sincerity and effort, you may open new doors to wonderful new opportunities.

Adjust

It's important to remember that when it comes to hunting for a new job, focus is different from tunnel vision. If things aren't quite working as well as you'd hoped or according to plan, then perhaps your plan needs fixing. A career reinvention can be a long and arduous journey, and it really pays to be patient and humble during the process.

Stay open to the notion that a course correction may be required along the way. Everything from your resumes and cover letters, to how and where you're looking for job openings, to your interviewing approach and style should remain fair game for refining. Remember, no one is perfect, and this is all about helping you achieve your goal, so be open to constructive criticism and positive change. Ask trusted friends and family members for input, and don't be afraid to ask people that have interviewed you for feedback to help you move forward. The bottom line here is that when embarking on your career reinvention, envision it more of a marathon than a sprint and a process of trial and error that - if approached thoughtfully - can help you really learn and

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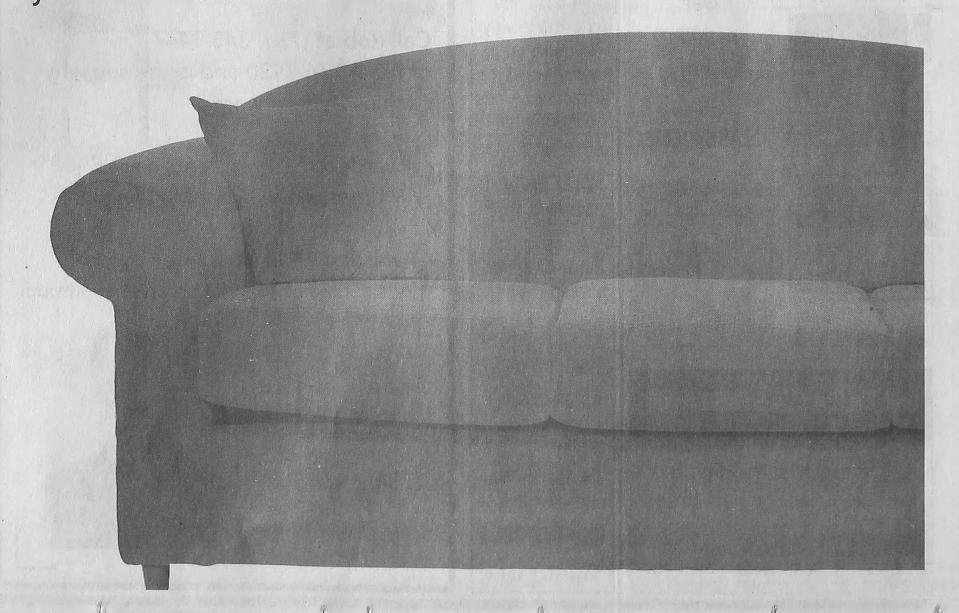
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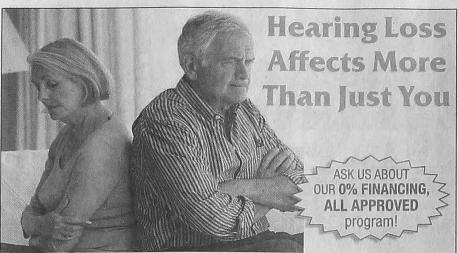
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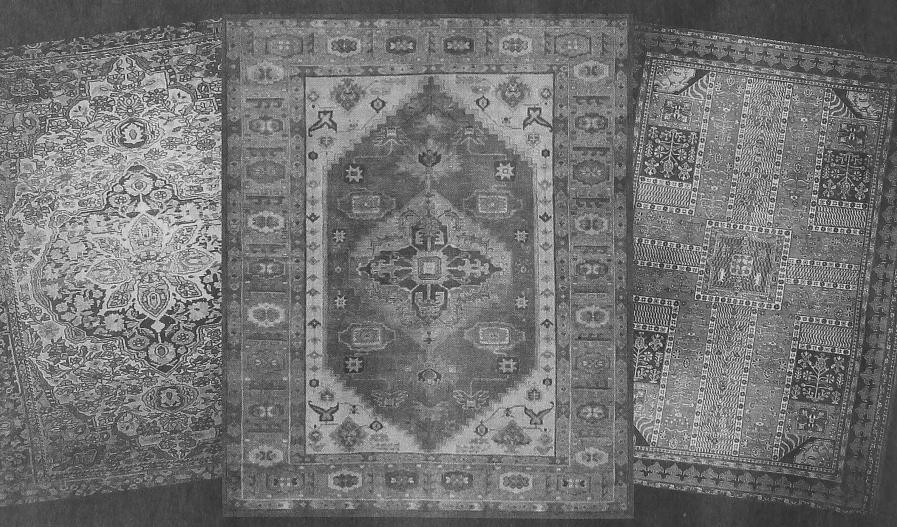
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